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LOWELL, MA

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Pastoral Associate

Director of Religious Education Gr. 1-10

Catherine Fiorino, School Principal

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Sacraments

Baptism – On an individual basis by appointment.
Please contact the Rectory Office.

Reconciliation – By appointment

Matrimony – Arrangements must be made at least six months in advance.

Ministry to the Sick – Please inform the Staff about anyone confined in your home or in a Nursing Home. Communion is brought regularly to the homebound.



Bulletin Deadline: Friday at Noon

Parish Meetings

St. Vincent de Paul: 7:00 p.m. Monday in rectory

Adult Choir: 2:00 p.m. Tuesday in church

Religious Education: Sundays, bi-monthly from 10:00 a.m. to 12 noon

Mass Schedule

Weekends:

Saturday 4:00 p.m.

Sunday 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION MISSION STATEMENT

**We at Immaculate Conception Church
are a welcoming community of faith
that strives to carry out the mission of Jesus
by journeying in faith, sharing in joy,
and living in hope. Come join us.**

Adoration and Holy Hour

**First Wednesday of each month 8:00 a.m.-6:00
p.m.**

Divine Mercy Chaplet 3:00 p.m.

**Rosary 6:00 p.m. followed by Benediction and
Mass**

Parish Membership

**All new families are welcome to the parish and
are encouraged to become actively involved.
New parishioners should register at the Rectory
as soon as possible.**



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MISSION STATEMENT

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Students in a
Catholic community with a
Highly dedicated staff, centered on
Outstanding academic excellence
Ongoing commitment to service, and a
Love for learning.



August

**24 Mandatory Parent Meeting
6 PM**

**30 Faculty Meeting
9 AM**

**31 First Day for Students
(Grades 1-8)
Half Day
Dismissal 11:30
NO BUSSING
KIDS CLUB BEGINS
TODAY AT 11:30**



Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

Judgment tends to have a bad reputation.

We often associate it with condemnation,
and in the Gospels, we associate it with the Pharisees.

Today's Gospel features the Pharisees
doing exactly what we expect.

"They observed that some of his disciples ate their meals
with unclean, that is, unwashed, hands."

The Jewish people had strict purification laws
that applied to all areas of life.

The Pharisees attempt to accuse Jesus
of not following the ancestral traditions.

Jesus doesn't take offense at their judgments per se.

He instead points out the hypocrisy of their words.

"You hypocrites? This people honors me with their
lips, but their hearts are far from me."

From there,

Jesus turns his attention to the concerns of the heart.

"The things that come from within are what defile."

He lists off a number of sins,
including some the Pharisees were likely struggling with,
including evil thoughts, envy, and arrogance.

When we examine the list,
perhaps we're reminded of our own trips to the
confessional! As we strive to follow Jesus
and live with integrity, we must be aware of our hearts.

We must judge our own actions.

Are they leading us closer to God or away from Him?

Are we growing in love of our neighbor,
or are we becoming more closed in on ourselves?

As we move into this week,
consider the state of our own heart.

Perhaps you are overly scrupulous
in less important areas.

Perhaps there are large areas of overlooked sin
that you've excused for too long.

Whatever it is,
the judgment of God need not cripple us. He offers us a
share in His mercy

as soon as we turn to Him.

This week, allow your heart to be transformed!

CORI TIME 2022 CORI FORM

to be completed by all volunteers
MA State law mandates that any person 17 years of age and older, who serves as a volunteer in any parish ministry, must complete a CORI form (Criminal Offense Record Info.).
This form requires verification of identity with a photo document (e.g. MA Driver's License or passport)
There are no exceptions to this requirement.
The CORI form is available at the Rectory Office Monday-Thurs. 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM beginning 8/16 to 9/30, 2018.

The St. Vincent de Paul Society members need to speak to Mr. Peter Richards to arrange to fill the Cori form
Know that we are truly grateful that you are willing to serve our parish community as a volunteer.

This is our way of showing you that we are committed to protect all our parishioners and all who visit with us...especially the children and the elderly.

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Free Hospice Volunteer Training

Immaculate Conception Religious Education Calendar 2021-2022

Sundays listed below from
9:00 am to 11:00 am

Immaculate Conception School

SEPTEMBER

26th First Class



OCTOBER:

03, 17, and 31



NOVEMBER:

14 and 21



DECEMBER:

12



JANUARY 2022

09 and 23



FEBRUARY:

06 and 13



MARCH:

06 and 20



APRIL:

03

MASS INTENTIONS

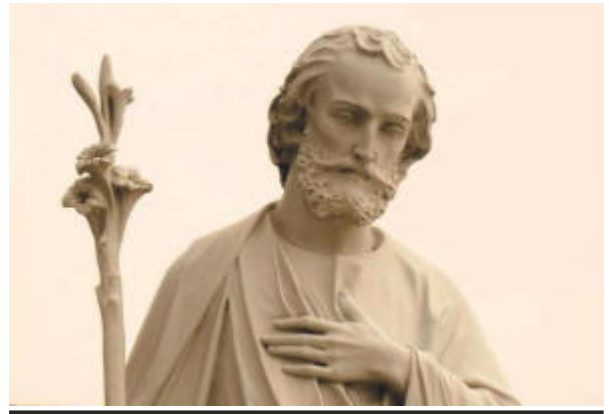
SATURDAY–August 28, 2021

4 pm John W. Mahoney, Jane F. Kulik

SUNDAY August 29, 2021

8 am George Sweeney and
Miriam Sweeney

10 am David Beauchemin, 5th Ann.



THE YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH

PRAYER TO ST. JOSEPH

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer.
Spouse of the Blessed
Virgin Mary.

To you God entrusted his
only Son;
in you Mary placed her trust;
with you Christ became man.

Blessed Joseph, to us too,
show yourself a father
and guide us in the path of life.
Obtain for us grace,
mercy and courage,
and defend us from every evil.

Amen

*Pope Francis' Apostolic letter PATRIS CORDE
(With a Father's Heart)*

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PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL
OUR ARMED FORCES

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