

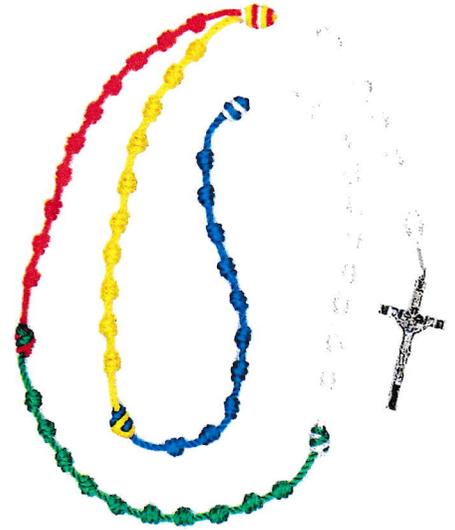
Pray the World Mission Rosary!

What is the World Mission Rosary?

The World Mission Rosary was envisioned by Archbishop John Fulton Sheen, then the national director of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, in 1951. He made the request on a radio show that his listeners "Embrace the world in prayer." To do so he introduced this Rosary.

Its uniqueness is in the five colors represented in each of the decades. Color symbolism in a rosary is a gentle reminder on which to focus our prayers.

This rosary honors the work of mission, our call to be missionaries, and world unity and peace through its special emphasis on each of the Earth's regions, where prayers are needed and our brothers and sisters in Christ live and play and pray just like each of us! Each region is represented by a different color; it is not only a beautiful rosary, but rich in symbolism.



**What are the colors/regions of the Mission Rosary?

- **Green** - for the forests and grasslands of **Africa**
- **Red** - calling to mind the fire of faith that brought missionaries to the **Americas** (US, Canada, Latin America and Native Americans)
- **White** - symbolizing **Europe**, the home of the Holy Father
- **Blue** - for the ocean surrounding the **Islands of the Pacific** (Australia/Oceania)
- **Yellow** - symbolizing the morning light of the East and 'beginning of civilization' for **Asia/ Middle East**

***Note: These colors do not need to go in any particular order in the making of the Rosary; it is the colors, not the order that is of significance and makes this Rosary experience special!*

How do you pray the Mission Rosary?

The Mission Rosary can be prayed in the same way that you would pray any other Rosary, be that in a group, with your family or individually. Begin by praying the Creed, the LORD's Prayer, 3 Hail Mary's and the Glory Be, followed by whichever mysteries you choose to pray at the time and their corresponding prayers for each decade. As you do so, simply keep in mind the area and other people of the world that each decade's color represents, and perhaps offer a special petition relating to that region after you announce the mystery.

The Mission Rosary can also be prayed in an extra special way, using the "**Mission Mysteries**" developed by Maryknoll's mission organization. These mysteries are:

- The 1st Mission Mystery: **The visit of the Magi** (Matthew 2:1,11)
- The 2nd Mission Mystery: **Jesus talks with the Samaritan woman** (John 4:28)
- The 3rd Mission Mystery: **Jesus cures the centurion's servant** (Luke 7:2)
- The 4th Mission Mystery: **The conversion of Paul** (Acts 9:20)
- The 5th Mission Mystery: **Jesus sends out His disciples** (Mark 16:15)

You can purchase Rosary supplies, including World Mission Rosary kits, online or via telephone from Our Lady's Rosary Makers in Kentucky; visit their website: www.olrm.org Their website also has information on how to make Rosaries.



Community Thanksgiving Dinner

(Formerly held at the County Seat Restaurant in Clarion)

**You, your family and friends are invited
for a free and delicious turkey dinner on**

**Thanksgiving Day, November 28, 2019
from 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM**

at the

Immaculate Conception Parish Event Center

**(Enter through the blue doors at
the back of Immaculate Conception Parish School)**

The Tradition Continues!



VISION PLAN TALK – JOE GLOVER
8:30 AM MASS – OCTOBER 6, 2019

Good Morning,

So who is Joe Glover? I am a consulting forester by trade and the bulk of my time is spent alone in the forest counting trees, inspecting logging jobs and doing office work. It is not speaking to large groups of people. Oh, how things seem to change. My wife Jen and I have been parishioners of Immaculate Conception for 20 years. Our daughter, Elizabeth attended Immaculate Conception School and has started her sophomore year at Venango Catholic High School. We have served our parish (in many ways) as catechists, Eucharistic Ministers, lector, Finance Council, Pastoral Council, Buildings and Grounds Committee, Worship and Sacraments, Faith Formation Council, Oh, and I am a permanent deacon candidate in my fourth year. Recently I participated with the Parish Vision Plan Steering Committee.

Would the members of the Vision Plan Steering Committee who are present, please stand and be recognized as I call your name? The committee members are Maureen Allen, Lori Cratty, Deb Everett, Teresa Frederick, Matt Hummel, Kim Kroh, Ann Liska, Theresa McMillen, Joe Polito, Father Monty, Dave Staab, Linda Summerville, Stephanie Wilshire, and myself. Thank you for your efforts. We have met over the last 6 months to develop the Parish Vision Plan you received this week.

The Parish Vision plan grew out of the mission statement that the Faith Formation Council developed last year. “Inviting, Uniting, Igniting”. Inviting people to Christ. Uniting people with Christ. Igniting people for Christ. The parish wide survey that you participated in this spring helped us to take a close look at what you felt were needs to be addressed to help move our parish forward. Your overwhelming participation in the survey has helped us take an in-depth look at what you feel will grow Immaculate Conception Parish for years to come. We as a committee took that information and summarized those thoughts into four categories.

There are 4 key areas that were identified through the survey. Each area will help our parish to be inviting, igniting and uniting. These areas are:

1. Liturgy and Music
2. Ministry to Children, Youth, and Young Adults
3. Community Building Activities
4. Adult Formation

Our mission for Liturgy and Music is the following:

- We will invite people to Christ with vibrant liturgies.
- We will unite people with Christ in the celebration of the Sacraments.
- We will ignite each other for Christ in the way we pray, sing, celebrate, and in the way we love and serve the Lord with our lives.

Through liturgy and music, we have two goals: To strengthen, grow, and enrich the liturgical life of the parish. We also have the desire to increase the attendance at Mass by 5 percent each year from the annual October counts. This will be based on the 2018 attendance numbers as a benchmark.

Ministry to Children, Youth, and Young Adults has this as their mission:

- We will invite children, youth and young adults to become lifelong disciples of Christ.
- We will unite children, youth and young adults with Christ by active engagement in parish life.
- We will ignite children, youth and young adults to invite others to a lifelong Christ-centered faith.

This mission to Children, Youth, and Young Adults has a goal to develop a Youth and Young Adult Ministry program rooted in discipleship with 70% of youth in attendance engaging in faith, fun, and fellowship.

Our mission for Community Building Activities is the following:

- We will invite inactive Catholics to return to active participation in parish life.
- We will unite people with Christ, “sharing their grief and pain, their joy and hope.”
- We will ignite people for Christ to carry forth the good news of salvation.

Our goal to help meet this mission is to reach out as a more visible and inviting presence in the community.

Our final area of focus from the survey is Adult Formation

- We will invite people to Christ on a journey of life-long faith formation.
- We will unite people with Christ with a variety of spiritual opportunities.
- We will ignite each other by sharing our faith, growing our relationship with the Lord and spreading the good news.

Creating engaging faith formation opportunities is the goal of our Adult Formation focus.

So, this is what you as a parish want. To get here, you have actions to perform now. To achieve these goals, we all need to work together to accomplish these things to help all of us to be more “Inviting, Uniting, Igniting”. In the vision plan, under each of the goals that were just outlined, there are actions to take on for the next 3 years of the program. Here is where the rubber meets the road. If you want your parish to be the things that you want in the survey, you need to do them. You don’t need to do them all, but each of us needs to look at the list and say, I can and I will do that.

Look at the goals for each of the four areas. For Liturgy and Music we plan to provide education on the Mass, invite inactive Catholics to participate once again at Advent and Easter. You can encourage those you know to come back as well.

Our focus for Children, Youth, and Young Adults involves forming small groups for the youth of our parish. The Sunday morning classroom model of catechesis does not form lifelong disciples. You were forced to do it as a teenager, and you didn’t like it either. This new mentoring small groups model requires us to spread our faith in a new way. Would you consider opening your home to a small group of young people?

We have taken a bold step in Community Building Activities already this year. Many of you know that we will be hosting the Clarion Community Thanksgiving Day Dinner. Have you volunteered to help with setup, serving, or tear down? Have you thought about participating in our Community stewardship days?

The Parish Survey and the Vision Plan also see a tremendous need to provide ongoing faith formation for Adults. Bad Girls of the Bible meets weekly. We have also formed a Men’s Prayer Group that meets and discusses the upcoming weeks Gospel Reading. This month, the Faith Formation Team began a series on rediscovering the Mass program. Have you come forward to participate in any of these programs? These are great ways to help to deepen your faith.

As I have spelled these things out, there are many more described in the vision plan. Please take the time to read it and pray about where you need to put your time and talents to help invite, ignite, and unite our parish community. If you have any questions, members of the Steering Committee will be in the Lobby following Mass to help you. Thank you and have a blessed Sunday filled with holy moments.