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720 Liberty Street
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Mass Schedule

Saturday Evening - 4:00 p.m.

Sunday Morning - 8:30 and 11:00 a.m.

Holy Days - 8:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.

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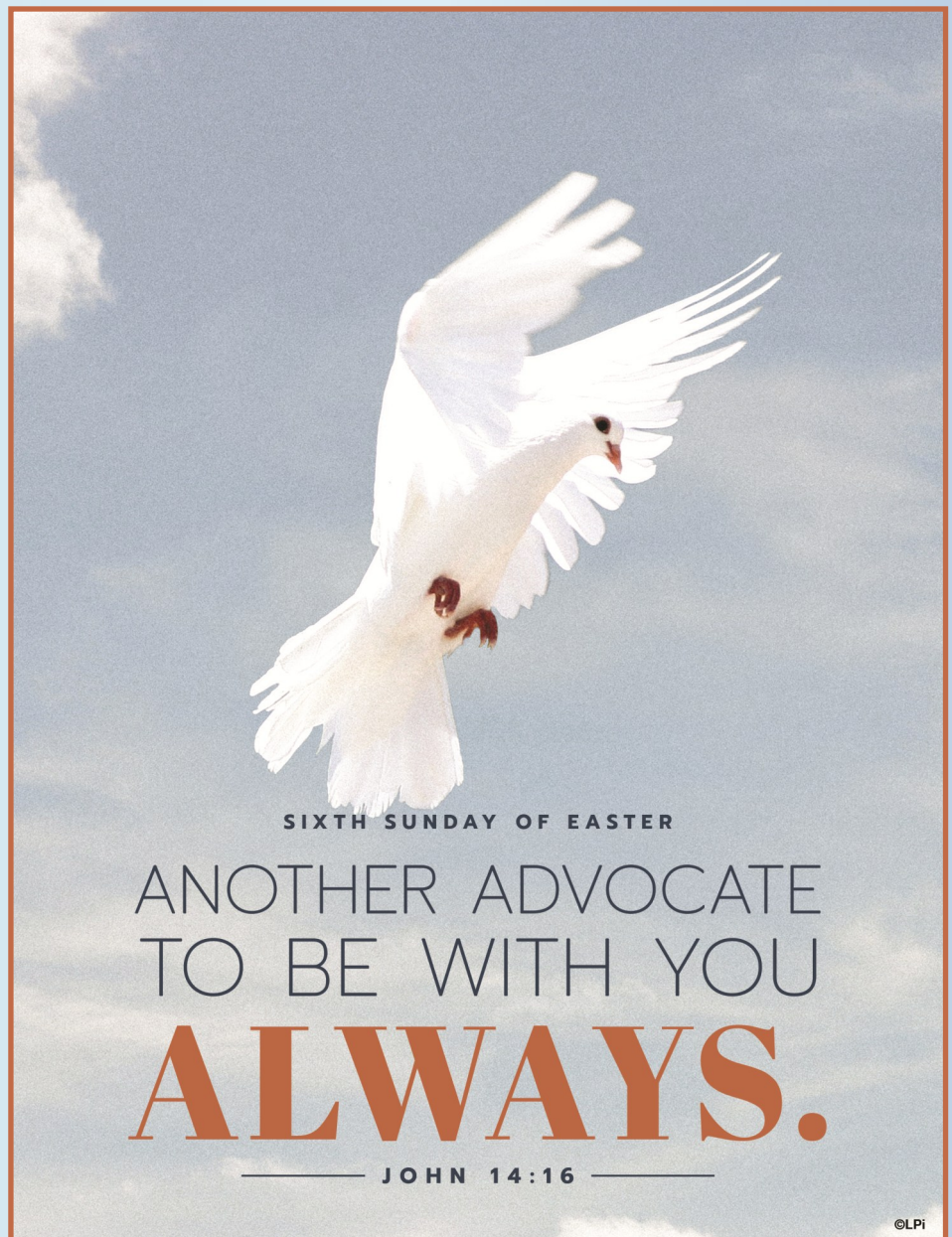
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Membership includes active participation in the sacramental life of the Church, involvement in the activities of the faith community and financial support of the parish.

New members are welcome to register by calling the parish office.



SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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JOHN 14:16

A MESSAGE FROM FATHER JASON – A very blessed and happy Mother’s Day to all mothers of our lives. If your mother is no longer physically with us, please remember them through prayer. But for all our mothers please enjoy your day and thank you for all you do for us as your family members! Say a prayer to Our Lady for all the mothers in her month as well today!

It is hard to believe that it is the sixth week of Easter! Once again the Lord invites us to encounter his light and life through the power of his Love. It is his love that overcame everything even death itself. That is why we are called to trust in his Love and live it out in our lives. Further, Easter challenges us to look beyond ourselves and our own lives to love. That is why this weekend and last weekend we have heard these Gospel Passages. How have we been loving one another? If you are looking for a fantastic way to put Easter into practice, this is a great question that we can ask daily in our lives as it can challenge us to live the Easter Message of hope that Saint Paul also talked about in the Second Reading and allows us to further our purpose that God has intended for us.

Further, a great expression of Love in the world is living our Vocation. Perhaps the greatest glimpse of heaven is the Vocation of Marriage. I am blessed to witness many marriages at this stage of my priesthood (*18 this year to be exact*) and I love weddings because they are an opportunity for all of us to give thanks to Almighty God for helping us glimpse and live out in community this powerful witness to the world of his love. Working with, counseling, and walking this journey with couples is a privilege that I do not take lightly and am honored to do! As we continue journeying through the explanation of the Sacraments in this Easter Season this weekend helps us understand the importance of this great Sacrament to live out the call of Love through the importance of the unitive, procreative, and lifelong goods of love. Pray for more holy marriages! (see below)

We still have two weeks left of the Easter Season. How is your prayer life going? Have you had time to keep the good prayer resolutions of Lent? Whether it has been good or challenging, don’t forget about the FORMED App as it is filled with delightful resources for us! Please also stop by the Gathering Space Lobby Shelves as there are some spiritual reading choices for you to have to enhance your prayer life! Speaking of Prayer: This Thursday is **Ascension Thursday (Holyday of Obligation)** and I hope you can join us for Mass at **8:30a or 5:30p.** (Mass will also be offered at St. Eusebius on Wednesday evening at 7pm and at St. Charles Thursday Evening at 7pm.) **All four Masses will have the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) available after.** Also, as you may recall from Easter Sunday (and another reminder a few weeks back), on Pentecost Weekend, we will have another All-Night Eucharistic Vigil that begins with 4pm Mass on Saturday, May 23 and concludes with 8:30am Mass the next morning, Sunday, May 24. **WE ARE IN NEED OF at least TWO COMMITTED ADORERS PER HALF HOUR TIMESLOT.** You are welcome to sign up for as many timeslots as you desire. This is a great opportunity of prayer for families as well. Please spread the word to your neighbors who may not be parishioners as well. **To sign up: Please use the sign up sheet in the Gathering Space Lobby or contact Emily Cunningham at eecunningham@comcast.net or by phone at 814-226-4774.**

Remember to download MyParishApp so that you are receiving the latest notifications. Also, have you been

receiving our emails? If not, we do not have the correct email for you. Please contact the Parish Office as soon as possible as both mediums help us to stay up to date with the latest information for our parish. Please also contact the Church Office if you would like to offer an intention for the Sanctuary Lamp and/or Mass Intentions during the 2026 Calendar year. There are many opportunities still available!

Congratulations again to our Confirmation candidates who received the Sacrament this past Wednesday! It was a great evening to welcome the fullness of the spirit on all. Remember, our May prayer Challenge to pray one Hail Mary as a family per day for one of our Sacramental Grades, RCIA Candidates, and Seminarians by name. Please see some of the exciting events coming up and feel free to share with them any need you may have!

Have you had a chance to sign up for the IC School Golf Outing on June 7? If not, there is still plenty of time. Please see the information on how you can sponsor or participate in the event while having some fun!

Congratulations to the College Graduates from our Parish and the University! It is awesome seeing your accomplishments and the happy faces in the photos! Please email us any photos so we can recognize you on our social media with a brief description of what you will be doing after graduation. Email them to: Courtney Hummel at chummel@clarionichawks.net. We are enormously proud of you and know of our continued prayers as we cannot wait to see the good that you will do in making our world a better place by using the gifts given to you! Also, please pray for all teachers and students this time of year as they wind down their School Years as well!

See you this week for the Holyday!

What are the purposes of marriage? What are the effects of the sacrament?

The marriage covenant, by which a man and woman form with each other an intimate communion of life and love, has been founded and endowed with its own special laws by the Creator. By its very nature it is ordered to the good of the couple, as well as to the generation and education of children. Christ the Lord raised marriage between the baptized to the dignity of a sacrament. —CCC, no. 1660

The *Catechism* teaches that Christ’s grace in the Sacrament of Marriage protects the essential purposes of marriage: the good of the couple and the generation and education of children. These purposes are protected and fostered by the permanence of the marriage bond and the mutual fidelity of the spouses.

“What God has joined together, no human being must separate” (Mk 10:9). We have already noted that God’s plan for marriage involves a permanent covenant embraced by the couple. The Church declares every valid sacramental consummated marriage to be indissoluble, that is, no one can dissolve the marriage bond.

The Sacrament obliges marital fidelity between the spouses. Love has a definitive quality about it. It is more than a practical arrangement or a temporary contract. Marital intimacy and the good of the children require total fidelity to conjugal love. This flows from Christ’s own fidelity to the Church, which he loved so much that he died for her. By their mutual fidelity, the spouses continue to make present to each other the love of Christ and lead each other to greater holiness through the grace they receive from the Sacrament.

Married love is ordered to the good of the spouses and to the procreation and education of children. These are the unitive and procreative purposes of marriage. "By its very nature the institution of marriage and married love is ordered to the procreation and education of the offspring and it is in them that it finds its crowning glory" (CCC, no. 1652; GS, no. 48). The fruitfulness of married love includes the moral, spiritual, and faith life the parents hand on to their children. Parents, as principal educators of their children, are at the service of life.

Together with their children, parents form what the Second Vatican Council called the domestic church. The Church lives in the daily life of families, in their faith and love, in their prayers and mutual care. The *Catechism* notes that "All the members of the family exercise the priesthood of the baptized in a privileged way" (CCC, no. 1657).

Not all married couples are able to have children. "Spouses to whom God has not granted children can nevertheless have a conjugal life full of meaning. . . . can radiate a fruitfulness of charity, of hospitality and of sacrifice" (CCC, no. 1654).

The first effect of the Sacrament of Matrimony is the gift of the bond between the spouses. "The consent by which the spouses mutually give and receive one another is sealed by God himself" (CCC, no. 1639). "The marriage bond has been established by God himself in such a way that a marriage concluded and consummated between baptized persons can never be dissolved" (CCC, no. 1640).

The grace of this Sacrament perfects the love of husband and wife, binds them together in fidelity, and helps them welcome and care for children. Christ is the source of this grace and he dwells with the spouses to strengthen their covenant promises, to bear each other's burdens with forgiveness and kindness, and to experience ahead of time the "wedding feast of the Lamb" (Rev 19:9).

<https://www.archspm.org/what-are-the-purposes-of-marriage-what-are-the-effects-of-the-sacrament/>

Immaculate Conception Parish School's 8th Annual Golf Outing Clarion Oaks Golf Course

Join us on **Sunday, June 7th**
Check-in at 8:00 a.m. — Shotgun Start at 9:00 a.m.

There are 18 open slots for teams of 4
The cost is \$320.00 per team

The price includes a round of golf, competing for cash prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd places
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MASS Intentions

Monday, May 11

7:30 a.m. Gary Shay (Mary Lou Zacherl)

Tuesday, May 12 – Saints Nereus and Achilleus and

Saint Pancras

8:30 a.m. Deb Andreas
(Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court of St. Thomas #1483)

6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Wednesday, May 13 – Our Lady of Fatima

7:30 a.m. Deceased Members of the Clark and Mohney Families (Jane Mohney Family)

Thursday, May 14 – The Ascension of the Lord (holy day of obligation) and Saint Matthias

CONFESSION FOLLOWING BOTH MASSES

8:30 a.m. Father Monty (Yvonne Perry)

5:30 p.m. Tom Bolents (Jacky Bolents)

Friday, May 15 – Saint Isidore

7:30 a.m. George A. Ditz (Debbie and Sid Miles)

Saturday, May 16 – Armed Forces Day

3:00 p.m. to 3:40 p.m. CONFESSIONS

4:00 p.m. Walt and Celia Schaeffer and Clinton McCall (Mary Jane McCall)

Sunday, May 17 – Seventh Sunday of Easter

World Communications Day

CONFESSIONS following the 11:00 a.m. Mass

8:30 a.m. For the People

8:30 a.m. **RADIO MASS** – Karen Hulings and Larry Reed (Katherine Reed)

11:00 a.m. Betty Hepinger (John Hepinger)

Sanctuary Candle in Honor of Military and First Responders (by Gary and Sue Wolbert)

*Times for Mass and Confession are subject to change.
Please read any emails and check the website for changes.*

Readings for the week of May 10, 2026

Monday: Acts 16:11-15/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b
/Jn 15:26-16:4a

Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34/Ps 138: 1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8
/Jn 16:5-11

Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22-18:1/Ps 148: 1-2, 11-12, 13, 14/Jn 16:12-15

Thursday: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Ps 113: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8
/Jn 15:9-17

Friday: Acts 18:9-18/Ps 47:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Jn 16:20-23

Saturday: Acts 18:23-28/Ps 47: 2-3, 8-9, 10/Jn 16:23b-28

Next Sunday: Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47: 2-3, 6-7, 8-9
/Eph 1:17-23/Mt 28:16-20

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