



Weekly NEWS

September 15th, 2024

Important Dates

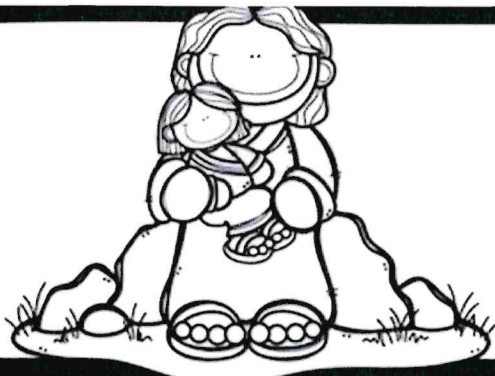
- **Sept 15th Blessing of Teen Drivers all Masses**
- **Sept 29th Confirmation Declaration 11am**
- **Oct 20th Reconciliation Parent Meeting**

Reminders

IMMEDIATE OPENING: Immaculate Conception Parish seeks a **Director of Music & Liturgy** who will answer God's call to lead worship music and coordinate liturgical celebrations. This full time position includes managing coverage for weekend and holy day Masses, up to three weekday Masses with school children, as well as funerals, weddings and special occasions (be present or delegate). The position calls for a love of God and Church, the ability to play and lead choirs and congregational music, a spirit of collaboration, independent judgement and initiative, and liturgical experience. The ideal candidate will be proficient on piano and organ, and a strong cantor. To request a complete job description, contact Kara Dell-Hunt, parish business manager, at 618-281-5105 or mail kdell-hunt@iccmil.org.

What Are We Learning?

- **1st** In class we discussed the creation of all living things, and the story about Adam and Eve. All are born with Original Sin, but through baptism we are forgiven and given the path to heaven.
- **2nd** Last week, the second grade learned about the Bible. They know it is God's Word and that it is divided into the Old Testament and the New Testament. The Old Testament tells stories before Jesus was born and the New Testament is written about Jesus, his life and His teachings. They also know that Matthew, Mark, Luke and John wrote the Gospels and that we hear from one of them each week at Mass!
- **3rd** We celebrated mass together and from there we launched into our class to learn about what a magnanimous God we have. We drew pictures of the God we envision. We recited the Nicene Creed and started conversation regarding why this is such an important prayer to learn. This is a statement of our faith.



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Faith Reflection

Isaiah 50:5-9a

James 2:14-18

Mark 8:27-35

Today's gospel reminds us that discipleship comes with a cost. Following Jesus includes a cross, yet through the cross, God saves us. The cross of Jesus is not only a cross of death, but of life, salvation, healing, redemption, joy, and freedom. May we express our gratitude to the Lord for the call to demonstrate our faith in all we do, as followers of the Risen Christ.

Good News!

We had an amazing Bible blessing Mass! Thank you to everyone who attended.

Ss. Peter & Paul Parish invites everyone to join them at their church (in Waterloo) for the next XLT Adoration, Wednesday, September 25, from 7 – 8 pm. This form of Adoration includes contemporary Christian music, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Eucharistic procession in church, reflection/witness talk on the Eucharist, a brief period of quiet Adoration, and Benediction.

What Are We Learning?

We have a Confirmation Date! Thursday May 22, 2025.