

SUNDAY, AUGUST 11, 2019
NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

- 11:00 AM—Mass (Duane Clark)

MONDAY, AUGUST 12, 2019
 Weekday (19); *Saint Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious*

Tuesday, August 13, 2019
 Weekday; *Saints Pontian, Pope, and Hippolytus, Priest, Martyrs*

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 14, 2019

Weekday: Saint Maximilian Kolbe, Priest, Martyr

- 6:00 PM, The Vigil Mass for the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary at Immaculate Conception

THURSDAY, AUGUST 15, 2019

THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY (holy day of obligation)

- 12:05 PM, Sacred Heart, Newton, Mass for the Assumption
- 7:00 PM, Sacred Heart, Newton, Mass for the Assumption

FRIDAY, AUGUST 16 2019

Weekday; *Saint Stephen of Hungary*

SATURDAY, AUGUST 17 2019

Weekday



"Gird your loins and light your lamps and be like servants who await their master's return from a wedding, ready to open immediately when he comes and knocks."
 Luke 12:35-36

SCRIPTURE FOR THE WEEK

Monday
 Dt 10:12-22
 Ps 147:12-15, 19-20
 Mt 17:22-27

Tuesday
 Dt 31:1-8
 (Ps) Dt 32:3-4, 7-9, 12
 Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

Wednesday
 Nm Dt 34:1-12
 Ps 66:1-3a, 5, 8, 16-17
 Mt 18:15-20

Thursday
 Rv 11:19; 12:1-6, 10ab, 11-12, 16
 Ps 45:10bc, 11-12ab, 16
 1 Cor 15:20-27
 Lk 1:39-56



Friday
 Jos 24:1-13
 Ps: Ps 136:1-3, 16-18, 21-22, 24
 Mt 19:3-12

Saturday
 Jos 24:14-29
 Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 11
 Mt 9:13-15

Sunday
 Jer 38:4-6, 8-10
 Ps 40:2-4, 18
 Heb 12:1-4
 Lk 12:49-53

Some Dates to Note

- Aug. 15—Feast of the Assumption
- Aug. 15—Finance Council
- Aug. 20—Social Action Committee meeting



SUNDAY, AUGUST 18, 2019
TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

- 11:00 AM—Mass (Bill Bell)

"I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing! There is a baptism with which I must be baptized, and how great is my anguish until it is accomplished!"
 Luke 12:49-50

The Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Thursday, August 15, is the Solemnity of the Assumption. It is a holy day of obligation. All are obligated to attend mass. Mass in Colfax will be on Wednesday, August 14 (the vigil) at 6:00 PM. Mass in Newton will be on August 15 at 12:05 PM and 7:00 PM.



No Communion Service Wednesday

Because of the vigil mass on Wednesday evening for the Assumption, there will be no communion service and coffee on Wednesday morning.



Coffee and Donuts

Thank you to Rich and Mercy Meador for hosting donuts and coffee last week. If you would like to host in the future, please let Dc. Joe know.

School Supply Drive
 Sponsored by Social Action Committee

The Immaculate Conception Social Action committee is sponsoring a school supply drive again this year. We will be dividing whatever comes in between the PCM food bank and Colfax-Mingo school districts. The supply list for each school will eventually be in the paper. A contribution of anything listed will be appreciated. However, I have selected a items that are common to both lists and many classes that you may choose from.

One of the best ways to stop the cycle of poverty is through education. The proper supplies help students attain that education. Contributions should be brought to the church by Sunday August 11.

Students at C-M also need earbuds if you have any spares that you aren't using.

- 24 ct. Crayola crayons
- #2 pencils, plain yellow
- Blunt 5" Fiskar scissors
- Sharp 5" Fiskar scissors
- 160 ct. boxes of Kleenex
- Small Elmer's glue sticks
- Large Elmer's glue sticks
- Pink beveled eraser
- Supply box (9x5)
- Highlighters
- 12 ct. Crayola colored pencils
- 4-pack dry erase markers
- Pocket only folders
- 70 ct. spiral notebook/wide rule
- Wide rule notebook paper

The full list is available at the school web sites.



Give and it shall be given to you, good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over...
 Thank you for your gifts.

Envelopes	\$1,660.00
(\$65.00 in auto tithing)	
Diocesan Works of Charity	\$5.00
Food Pantry	\$437.00



FROM THE DEACON'S DESK

RESTORE SUNDAY

After the Christian religion obtained its freedom under the Roman emperor Constantine in the fourth century, civil laws were passed to limit unnecessary work on Sunday. The greatest beneficiaries were the poor who otherwise worked long hours every day of the week. Centuries later, at the height of the Industrial Revolution, sweatshops were established in large cities where men, women, and children worked fifteen hours a day, often on Sundays.

Today in some places in our country, those seven-day sweatshops have returned. This is both an injustice to the poor and also an abuse of Sunday rest, and we need to find ways to correct this. "God's action is a model for human action. If God 'rested and was refreshed' on the seventh day, man too ought to 'rest' and should let others, especially the poor, 'be refreshed'" (CCC, no. 2172).

Millions of people in our culture deny themselves a day of rest. Exceptions are made for those who must work for the public good, but this is not the problem. Too many people are just as busy and exhausted on Sundays as they are on weekdays. For many, Sunday is neither a day of rest nor a time for worship.

Sunday rest puts our whole life into perspective. It helps us stand back from material concerns and reflect on spiritual values. Sunday rest allows us to look again at the wonders of nature and experience the harmony and peace placed there by God. It is a precious time for rediscovering the fundamental goodness of creation as it comes from God's providential hand.

Sunday also provides the opportunity for families to be together and to engage in common activities. Weekday schedules often require members of the family to spend much time away from each other. Participation in the Eucharist and other activities can renew the bonds of love and unity.

Athletic events for young people have sometimes interfered with the Sunday Mass observance of Catholic youth. Until recently, Sunday morning was a sacred time in most communities Restore Sunday neighborhoods, set aside for church attendance. Before this is abandoned on behalf of sports activities or other unexpected intrusions, it is hoped that Catholic pastors and other Christian religious leaders, with the support of their congregations, may prevail on sponsors of athletic events to adapt their programs to the religious needs of youth.

A proper observance of Sunday can thus be a prophetic stance in our culture, offering a witness that is both wholesome and healing for the great number of people who need to be less frantic and more willing to let go and settle down to what best corresponds to their spiritual nature and yearnings. *This article is an excerpt from the United States Catholic Catechism for Adults (Washington, DC: USCCB, 2006) 367-369 Copyright © 2006, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, WashDC. All rights reserved. Used with permission.*

God's blessing

Dc. Joe

100 Year Celebration, Sunday, Sept. 22

100 Year Celebration for our current location and church building. September 22. The bishop will be here to say mass and help us celebrate. There will be a lunch and program following mass. Be sure to save the date and join us.

The 100 Year Celebration Committee needs your pictures and memories. Please lend us pictures from the past 100 years. Dig out those pictures of events that took place at the church in years past - weddings, first communion, baptisms, church events/celebrations, pictures of the inside or outside of the church through out the years. Please identify who is in the picture and approximate date if possible. We'll return all the pictures. Also, we'd really like for people to write about their memories of the church throughout the years. We'll put together a booklet of these. There will be a box in the gathering space to put items or in or you can email items to imcolfax@msn.com. If you have questions you can talk to Peggy Dvorak or Mary Dell Flattery.

Help Wanted, Office Manager and Director of Faith Formation

Immaculate Conception is looking for a part-time **office manager**. This is a paid position and would be about 20 hours a week. Computer skills needed. Position will include creating and printing the bulletin, light bookkeeping, and other office duties. Please check out website: immaculateconceptioncolfax.org for an application.

Director of Faith Formation. Responsibilities to run the k-8 Religious Ed program. This is a paid position approximately 6-8 hours per week, nine months a year. Summers off. Applications are available on line at immaculateconceptioncolfax.org.

These two positions could be combined.

SAINT OF THE WEEK

St. Jane de Chantal: January 28, 1572 – December 13, 1641
Feast Day: August 12

At 20, Jeanne-Francoise Fremyot of Dijon, France, married Baron Christophe de Rabutin-Chantal. They were happy, but after eight years she was widowed and left with four children. In 1604 St. Francis de Sales became her spiritual director; they collaborated on the founding of the Order of the Visitation of Holy Mary, designed for women unsuited for the more rigorous life of other religious communities. At her death there were about 80 Visitation convents. St. Vincent de Paul, a contemporary, called her "one of the holiest people I have ever met on this earth." *Copyright ©2019 Catholic News Service—United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, Washington, DC. All rights reserved. Used with permission.*



Twenty Volunteers Needed

Meals from the Heartland Meal Packaging Saturday, August 31, 9:30 AM

The social action committee is looking for 20 people to help package meals on Saturday, August 31. We will car-pool and leave the church parking lot at 8:00 AM. We will package meals from 9:30 to 11:30 and return a bit after noon. Youth are welcome to join us. High school youth should be able to get service hours for this. Sign-up sheet in the gathering space or you may call the office or send an email to sign-up. This is the fourth year we have helped package the meals and it has always been a good experience, a blessing, and fun too.

August 11, 2019—11:00 AM

Lectors: Brad Hagarty & Lisa Bussan
Eucharist Ministers: Irma Bell, Rita Krueger, Elizabeth Birkenholtz, & Susan Heggen
Servers: Matthew Holmes & Meta Hill
Greeters: Joann Carrothers & Karen Van Dusseldorp.

August 18, 2019—11:00 AM

Lectors: Joann Carrothers & Mary Dell Flattery
Eucharist Ministers: Claire Williams, Sharon Jones, John Heggen, & Linda Barnum
Servers: Dane Owens & Rita Krueger
Greeters: Bill & meta Hill



Pray for God's Peace and Joy

Please pray for:
Diane Wood
Michael John Nelson, cousin of Mike Wood, nephew of Diane Wood
James and Edward cousins of Janette Baldwin and Claire Gillan
Mary Swauger
For Wes Koebrick (Father of Linda Barnum) and all who have died.
For vocations, our parish, and our faith formation program.



Are You Registered in a Parish

If you have not registered with this parish, please do so. It is important that everyone be registered in a parish for the parish is the way the universal church serves the individual. Registration forms are available in the gathering space if you have not yet registered with the parish.

Prayer for Vocations

Compassionate God, You speak your word to us through prophets of long ago and you continue to reveal your message of love today. With great expectation we look to your Spirit empowering us to serve you as Jesus did.

May we listen for your word and respond generously to your call. Renew in us the grace of our baptism. Strengthen married couples, single men and women, deacons, priests, sisters, and brothers as they seek to serve you by sharing their love and compassion.

Grant wisdom to those who are discerning their call. With gratitude we proclaim the Good News of Jesus in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.©2006NCCV www.nccv-vocations.org

Food for Food-Insecure Kids

The Churches of Colfax a providing food this summer for food-insecure kids. **We will be distributing food to the kids on Monday, August 19.** If you would like to help, you may donate either money or food. Items needed:

Spaghetios	Granola bars
Ravioli	Ramen noodles
Instant Potatoes	Boxes of cereal
Microwaveable rice packets	Mac and cheese
Soup	Peanut butter
Tuna Salad packs	Chicken Salad packs
Boxes of individual crackers	Fruit, pudding, Jello cups
Chips	Individual raisins
Cans of green beans, corn or fruit	Fruit snacks
	Any non-perishable food

THE LORD'S LAUGHTER

“The One whose throne is in heaven sits laughing.” Psalm 2:4
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Undeniable Adult Truths

1. I'm always slightly terrified when I exit out of Word and it asks me if I want to save any changes to my ten-page technical report that I swear I did not make any changes to.
2. I keep some people's phone numbers in my phone just so I know not to answer when they call.
3. I think the freezer deserves a light as well.
4. I have a hard time deciphering the fine line between boredom and hunger.
5. How many times is it appropriate to say "What?" before you just nod and smile because you still didn't hear or understand a word they said?
6. I love the sense of camaraderie when an entire line of cars team up to prevent a jerk from cutting in at the front. Stay strong, brothers and sisters!
7. Sometimes I'll look down at my watch 3 consecutive times and still not know what time it is.
8. Even under ideal conditions people have trouble locating their car keys in a pocket, finding their cell phone, and Pinning the Tail on the Donkey - but I'd bet everyone can find and push the snooze button from 3 feet away, in about 1 .7 seconds, eyes closed, first time, every time.



Looking for something different on the radio. Try KWKY, a Catholic radio station out of Des Moines. For a line-up and more information go to www.kwky.com.

A Stewardship Moment

August 11, The Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

In today's Gospel reading, Jesus concludes his teaching about those who are “faithful and prudent stewards” with that classic stewardship teaching: “Much will be required of the person entrusted with much, and still more will be demanded of the person entrusted with more.” Christian stewards recognize that God is the ultimate source of their gifts, talents, resources and aptitudes, and that God wants them to use these varied gifts in his service. This week might be a good time to reflect on our God-given gifts. Are we using those gifts to serve the Lord? If Christ came back to us unexpectedly tomorrow would we be able to give a full accounting of how we have exercised stewardship over these gifts?

Wounded by Abortion? Project Rachel Can Help:

Project Rachel understands the emotional pain that follows an abortion. Please call the Helpline: 563-333-4107 or 1-888-456-HOPE. Calls are answered personally and confidentially Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Voice messaging is available all other times. Calls will be returned promptly and directly.

PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN

To report child abuse contact: Iowa Department of Human Services Child Abuse Hotline: 800-362-2178 and if it involves clergy or church personnel also notify Alicia Owens, the Victim Assistance Coordinator, 563-349-5002; vac@diodav.org or PO Box 232, Bettendorf, IA 52722-0004.