



# Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church

Sept 22<sup>nd</sup> & Sept 23<sup>rd</sup>

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## PARISH STAFF:

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## **25<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME -- HATRED FOR CHRISTIANS**

"What you desire you do not obtain, and so you resort to murder." —James 4:2

In the beginning of the book of Wisdom, a group of people decided to beset, revile, and torture a just man (Wis 2:12, 19). They planned to "condemn him to a shameful death" (Wis 2:20). This group opposing the just man believed there was no life after death, "for haphazard were we born, and hereafter we shall be as though we had not been" (Wis 2:2). Therefore, they decided to "eat and drink, for tomorrow we die!" (1 Cor 15:32)

Today, we call this group of people "secular humanists." They believe man is the measure of all things and this world is all we should be concerned about. Secular humanists like to come across as tolerant. They espouse the philosophy that everybody should do their own thing. They accept and even encourage all kinds of deviant behavior, especially sexual perversions.

However, Christians are the one exemption to the secular humanists' policy of tolerance. They become militantly opposed to any expressions of Christian faith. They believe in free speech for everyone but Christians. They revile and torture Christians and conspire to condemn Christianity to a shameful death. However, in doing this, they prove Christianity true and themselves wrong, as Christianity withstands their attempts to destroy it.

***Prayer: Father, may I be worthy of being persecuted for love of You.***

## Masses & Information

Monday, Thursday, Friday.....7:30 a.m.  
Saturday:.....5:30 p.m.  
Sunday:.....8:30 a.m.  
Wednesday:.....6:00 p.m.  
Confession: Saturday.....4:30-5:15 p.m.  
Sunday:.....7:55-8:15 a.m. or by appointment  
First Wednesday Adoration.....7:00 – 10:00 p.m.  
MARRIAGE PREPARATION: Contact Father Raj at least six months in advance.

BAPTISMS: Call the rectory for an appointment.

COMMUNION to shut-ins or the ill, call Fr. Raj at 248.7584 or 316.4146

Anyone who cannot come to the communion rail during Mass should let Father Raj know before Mass.

Those who are ill or shut in should contact Bill Homer, if you would want communion brought to your home during the week or on weekends.

## Masses Intentions

Sunday, Sep. 23 at 8:30 am +Gerald

Dillar By Joan Gulde

Monday, Sep. 24 at 7:30am Clarendon

Church Intentions

Wednesday, Sep 26 at 6pm Clarendon

Church Intentions

Thursday, Sep 27 at 7:30am Clarendon

Church Intentions

Friday, Sep 28 at 7:30am +Johnny Bill

Hermesmeyer by Joan Gulde

Saturday, Sep 29 at 5:30pm +Jerry

Hermesmeyer by Joan Gulde

## Church Cleaning for September

Sandie Hickey, Marcia Conrad, Donna

Barnett, Melanie Britten, Janice Koetting,

Michele Bohr, Rita Lister, Connie Britten,

Susan Britten, Rita Poor, Vanessa Eugea,

Krista Johnson, Marissa Clement, Melanie

King Britten, Lucita Hinson, and Dayna

Britten

## Pray for Our Sick

Brandi Sustaire, John Detten, Emma Detten,  
Tammy Bivens, Celeste Connelly, Schellon Major,  
Shamara Husemann, Bill Becker, Jim Eakin,  
Charleen Weller, Leonard Koetting, Alina Becker,  
Anna Marie Wink, Gary Collins, Willie Mae  
Barnett, Alice Britten, Alan Acker, Dale Brooks,  
Pam Bouse, Shirley Burgin, Matthew Gary Britten,  
and Alice Britten

## Family Chalice Program

Sept 22/23 Pam and Cassie Ashford

Sept 29/30 Alice Kuehler

Oct 6/7 Nick Kuehler Family

Oct 13/14 Mike and Marla Britten

Oct 20/21 Melanie and Jerry Britten

## Birthdays

Sept 22<sup>nd</sup> Tony Moraniec

Sept 23<sup>rd</sup> Janice Koetting

Sept 25<sup>th</sup> Karen Asher, Jackson Connelly, &  
Keith Barkley

Sept 26<sup>th</sup> Adam Britten

Sept 28<sup>th</sup> Alice Britten

## Anniversaries

Sept 25<sup>th</sup> Melvin and Sue Willis

## Stewardship Reports

09/16/18

Individual \$1,750.00

Loose \$ 228.00

Children \$ 9.50

**Total \$1,987.50**

09/16/18 Catholic Charities Appeal

Individual \$ 295.00

Loose \$ 234.00

**Total \$ 529.00**

## *Liturgical Ministers*

### **Saturday, Sept 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2018 at 5:30 p.m.**

Servers: Stephen and Damon  
Lectors: Ron Kuehler  
Extraor. Com. Minister: Jan Britten

### **Sunday, Sept 23<sup>rd</sup> 2018 at 8:30 a.m.**

Servers: K'leigh and Carrigan  
Lectors: Kay Britten  
Extraor. Com. Minister: Michelle Bohr,  
Melanie K Britten and Tabbitha Eggemeyer

### **Saturday, Sept 29<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 5:30 p.m.**

Servers: Madison and Ali  
Lectors: Jason Eugea  
Extraor. Com. Minister: Vanessa Eugea

### **Sunday, Sept 30<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 8:30 a.m.**

Servers: Kate and Wesley  
Lectors: Nick Kuehler  
Extraor. Com. Minister: Barbara Homer,  
Kay Britten, & Susan Britten

### **Saturday, Oct 6<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 5:30 p.m.**

Servers: Derek & Ryan  
Lectors: Kay Britten  
Extraor. Com. Minister: Kevin Brown

### **Sunday, Oct 7<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 8:30 a.m.**

Servers: Madison and Ali  
Lectors: Cliff Britten  
Extraor. Com. Minister: Joanie Kling, Marla  
Britten & Tabitha Eggemeyer

### **Saturday, Oct 13<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 5:30 p.m.**

Servers: Phineas and Saffron  
Lectors: Jason Eugea  
Extraor. Com. Minister: Vanessa Eugea

### **Sunday, Oct 14<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 8:30 a.m.**

Servers: Hope and Kate  
Lectors: Marcia Conrad  
Extraor. Com. Minister: Sandie Hickey,  
Nicole Kuehler, & Barbara Homer

## *Announcements:*

### **Second Collection:**

Oct 14<sup>th</sup> Building fund  
Oct 21<sup>st</sup> Word Missions

Please think about donating to the Cemetery fund for maintenance and up keep. Make check payable to the Catholic Cemetery fund, thank you for your blessing in advance.

**Contact:** Cara Ashford at  
[ashfordcar@gmail.com](mailto:ashfordcar@gmail.com), if you have  
information for the bulletin.



### **Announcements:**

\*Our Bishop is coming to Groom to celebrate Rural Life Mass for Groom and Clarendon on Wednesday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2018. Kindly reserve the date and participate in the Mass.

\*Each Friday from September 14, 2018 until Friday November 30,2018 will be a day of Fasting, Abstinence and prayer for Healing and Reconciliation for all victims of sexual abuse of minors. This is not to be under the penalty of sin; as a sign of our solidarity with all victims of abuse and our continued pledge to bring This scourge of evil to an end.

\*Sep 29, STS. MICHAEL, GABRIEL AND RAPHAEL, ARCHANGELS (FEAST)

Prayer: St. Michael, St. Gabriel, and St. Raphael, please be with me today. Please hear and answer my prayers with your divine grace, intervention, and kindness, I love you all, please help me so that my prayer requests all come true quickly, Amen. [mention your request here.....]

Heavenly Father, you have given us archangels to assist us during our pilgrimage on earth. Saint Michael is our protector, I ask him to come to my aid, fight for all my loved ones, and protect us from danger. Saint Gabriel is a messenger for the Good News, I ask him to help me clearly hear your voice and to teach me the truth. Saint Raphael is the healing angel, I ask him to take my need for healing and that of everyone I know, lift it up to your throne of grace and deliver back to us the gift of recovery. Help us O Lord to realize more fully the reality of the archangels and their desire to serve us.

\*JOHN THE APOSTLE: John is sometimes called “the beloved disciple” or “John the Evangelist.” He was the only one of Jesus’ apostles who did not leave him during his crucifixion and death. In the gospel Jesus even asks John to take care of Mary, the Blessed Mother, after his death. John’s brother was also an apostle, St. James. Both were called by Jesus early in his public ministry, and like their father, Zebedee, they were fishermen. John witnessed many of Jesus’ miracles. He may have been the youngest of the apostles. We know that after Jesus’ ascension, John traveled to Asia Minor, telling people about Jesus and founding many new churches. Along with Matthew, Mark, and Luke, John is one of the four Gospel writers. He also wrote three epistles and is believed to have written the Book of Revelation. When you see St. John portrayed in art, you will often see an eagle in the artwork. A story about John claims that an emperor who persecuted Christians ordered him to be thrown into a pot of boiling oil, but the apostle was left unharmed and without even a mark on his skin when he was pulled out of the pot. The emperor then banished him to an island, where he lived to a very old age and died around the year 100.