SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME JULY 23, 2023

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Holy Ghost Parish

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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Weekday Masses
8:15 am Tuesday / Thursday (IC)
8:15 am Wednesday / Friday (HG)
Weekend Masses
Saturday – 4:00 pm (IC)
Sunday – 8:00 am (HG) / 10:00 am (IC)

SACRAMENTS

Private Reconciliation
Saturday - 3:15-3:45 pm (IC)
Sunday - 7:15-7:45 am (HG) / 9:15-9:45 am (IC)
Anytime by request.
Baptism and Marriage
Call rectory office at 608-568-7519.

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Angela Snyder, Coordinator - 608-732-6329

DICKEYVILLE GROTTO

Nicole Felder, Director
608-568-3119

BULLETIN DEADLINE

Tuesday at 10:00 am

Immaculate Conception Parish

3685 County HHH, PO Box 57
Kieler, WI 53812

HEARING LOOP INSTALLED
Switch hearing aid to T-coil

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Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

Tuesday, July 25 – Saint James, Apostle
8:15 am IC – Al & Bernie Droessler
Wednesday, July 26 – Saints Joachim & Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary
8:15 am HG – Larry, Don and Kalee Osterhaus
Thursday, July 27 – Weekday
8:15 am IC – Donald Kunkel
Friday, July 28 – Weekday
8:15 am HG – Ed & Pat Dreessens
Saturday, July 29 – Vigil: 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:00 pm IC – Johnny Droessler
Sunday, July 30 – Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 am HG – Jerry & Nancy Ames
10:00 am IC – Ray Crippes

GIFT BEARERS @ HG NEXT WEEKEND

Sunday 8:00 am Porter & Chris Wagner Family

MASS SERVERS NEXT WEEKEND

Saturday @ IC 4:00 pm Winnie and Everett Schroeder
Sunday @ HG 8:00 am Victoria and Gabrielle Schulz
Sunday @ IC 10:00 am Hailey Timmerman, Eva and Virginia Vaassen

MAZZUCHELLI MUSINGS

We have the gift of having Venerable Fr. Samuel Mazzuchelli in our Pastorate at St. Patrick's in Benton. I would like to invite families or individuals to sign up for the three or one day walking pilgrimage, August 12-14 or August 13th. You can register at www.madisondiocese.org/mazzuchelli. For someone to become a saint devotion has to naturally grow and two verified miracles have to be attributed to the person's intercession. Pilgrimage is an ancient form of devotion and a spiritual exercise of walking with the Lord. I would like to see some members of the pastorate participate in it.

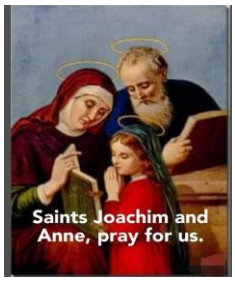
Diocese of Madison Eucharistic Congress is happening September 29-October 1, 2023 at St. John the Baptist in Waunakee. Three days packed with speakers, breakout sessions, Eucharistic Adoration, Confession, Prayer Experiences, invitations to deeper conversion and opportunities to dive more deeply into the Lord's Eucharistic Presence. Please consider attending even if it is only for one day, we will have sign-ups available in August in each Church. Learn more at www.blessedbrokenandgiven.com.
As we continue Into the Deep, the spiritual growth of each of us is very important.

God bless,
Fr. Greg Ihm

We are one in the Spirit.

WEEKLY HAPPENINGS

Sunday, July 23
Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:15-7:45 am Private Confessions @ HG
8:00 am Mass @ HG
9:15-9:45 am Private Confessions @ IC
10:00 am Mass @ IC



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Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:15-7:45 am Private Confessions @ HG
8:00 am Mass @ HG
9:15-9:45 am Private Confessions @ IC
10:00 am Mass @ IC

HOLY GHOST PARISH

291 Households
HG Sacrificial Giving – July 16, 2023

Envelopes	$1,630.00
Offertory	$258.00
Decorating & Repair Fund	$60.00

Thank you for your generosity!

From the Desk of Fr. Bernie…

Thought for the Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
We find it all too easy to judge others, to be intolerant toward those who bore or threaten us. Our God, however, practices great forbearance and mercy toward us. He asks us to adopt more open and generous attitudes toward those we tend to exclude from our love.

CELEBRATING OUR FAITH
Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 30, 2023
1 Kings 3:5,7-12 Romans 8:28-30 Matthew 13:44-52
Like the new king, Solomon, when God entrusts us with great opportunities and responsibilities, he gives us what we need to succeed. This relationship of trust with God is a reassure of love beyond price and compare; it is the kingdom of heaven.

GROTTO NEWS

The Heritage Restoration & Design team arrived last week and has started work on the next phase of the Grotto Restoration project. Currently, this six-man crew is focusing first on the garden fencing – rebuilding, refooting, and repairing, as needed. Expect to see them here weekdays for the foreseeable future. The grounds will remain as open as possible during this time. Thank you to everyone for their patience in the process. Stop by regularly to see their progress!

HOLY GHOST-IMMACULATE CONCEPTION SCHOOL

SCRIP UPDATE

Scrip Profit Week of June 26..... $226.27
Scrip Profit 07-01-2022 to 6-30-2023.....$14,714.18

June ends our fiscal year and we had another great year, with an increase in our profit of over $600.00! We would like to thank everyone for your continued support of the Scrip Program, as well as our local businesses for all of your support and contributions to our Program! It is greatly appreciated!

Scrip Profit Week of July 10..... $189.32
Kwik Trip Rebate..... $23.51
Scrip Profit 07-01-2023 to date..... $319.23

Thank you for your continued support of our Scrip Program!

HG-IC School is currently looking for a **PE/Technology teacher**. If interested, please contact Mrs. Megan Muller at 608-568-7220 or email mullerm@hgicschool.com.

TELEVISION MASS AND DAILY ROSARY

Sunday Mass–WISC, Channel 3 – 6:00 am
Sunday Mass–Charter and Direct TV Channel 14–7:00 am
Daily Masses on EWTN, Channel 39 – 7 and 11 am, 6 pm

SAVE THE DATE!

Immaculate Conception Parish Barn Dance Fundraiser
Saturday, August 19, 2023
More information to follow.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be held on Sunday, October 22, 2023 at 2:00 pm at St. Mary's in Platteville.

Baptism

Brooklyn Jane Hoffman, daughter of Dillon & Danielle
We welcome you to our parish community!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Immaculate Conception Cemetery Board is looking for volunteers to help with the Cemetery Committee. If you would like more information or would be willing to help, please contact Bob Skemp at 608-778-3061.

Volunteers are needed to work the HG Garage Sale on Saturday, July 29, 2023. If you can help, please call Kathy Wagner at 563-590-6086.

UPCOMING BAKE SALE

The Holy Ghost Council of Catholic Women (CCW) will host a Bake Sale in conjunction with the HG Summer Garage Sale in the Holy Ghost Church Basement on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, August 11, 12 and 13, 2023. Mark your calendars now!

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

355 Households

IC Parish Finances – July 16, 2023

Envelopes	$3,820.00
Offertory Loose Change	$219.00
July EFT	$1,780.00
Kieler Campus School Upgrades	$7,100.00

Thank you for your generosity!

IC ROSE FOR LIFE

In Memory of Bernard Kruser Family

KIELER CAMPUS SCHOOL UPGRADES

Amount of project	$250,000.00
Total amount received to date	-$234,936.68
Amount needed yet for project	$15,063.32

We have made great progress in our fundraising campaign which started last October. As the improvements are well under way, we are reaching out to everyone and to see this Campaign reach its goal. These improvements will greatly improve our environmental conditions inside Immaculate Conception School making a better learning environment for our children and our tremendous teachers and staff.

Donations would be greatly appreciated and may be put in the collection basket or mailed to: Immaculate Conception, PO Box 57, Kieler, WI 53812.

Natural Family Planning awareness week is July 23rd - 29th. Prayerfully discern how NFP can or does benefit your marriage and empowers a couple to know each other better. If you have any questions about NFP, please contact NFP liaison Erica Wiederholt at 608-568-3687 or cell 402-841-3500.

“Be her Joseph!”

By
Tom Mealey

When we first married, my wife, Misty, and I were the typical secular couple. We relied on hormonal contraception. Due to bad side effects, that didn’t last long. Misty found out about Natural Family Planning (NFP) through a Catholic friend. Admittedly, I was suspicious of all the “hocus pocus” involving thermometers at o’ dark-thirty in the morning and observations written down in cryptic symbols on the NFP chart. That would all change in surprising ways once we got into living the NFP lifestyle.

Before having children, Misty had been an atheist and I had been an agnostic. With our first child, the miracle of life spurred a spiritual awakening in us. We realized the Holy Spirit had already led us into a Catholic life. Even after our conversion, however, NFP grew our relationship with each other and with God in ways we never expected.

We studied Pope John Paul II’s “theology of the body” and became excited about living out our faith and sharing it. It was thrilling to learn the compelling reasons behind the Church’s beautiful teachings on sex and marriage.

Much to my surprise, I also learned how grateful my wife was that I was willing to learn how her body worked. Sharing the family planning responsibility, as well as finding non-sexual ways of expressing affection and intimacy when we had good reasons to postpone pregnancy, strengthened our marriage and made me a better husband and father.

When we became Catholic, I knew I wanted to be the spiritual leader of our family, but I didn’t understand what that entailed besides herding our children to church on Sundays. Through NFP and Scripture, I discovered that I had a choice in the kind of man—the kind of husband—I was going to be.

We often blame Eve for eating the forbidden fruit. But in Genesis, we learn that after taking a bite, she turned and offered the fruit to Adam, who was with her. Adam didn't stop her and say, "This is a bad idea, let's go." He did not protect his wife, but stood by silently while the serpent convinced her to surrender her holiness and damage her relationship with God.

Then there was St. Joseph. When Joseph obeyed the angel who told him to bring Mary into his home, he was accepting the public shame and embarrassment of a pregnant fiancée. He sacrificed his personal honor and reputation to obey God and protect Mary and Jesus.

The choice for a husband is clear: he can be his wife's Adam or he can be her Joseph. A man can stand by silently and allow his wife to suffer the physical and spiritual consequences of contraception. Or he can defend her virtue, body, and soul by using NFP. Today, contraception is accepted and expected. Any man who forgoes it for NFP will likely be exposed to ridicule and criticism. But as St. Joseph taught us, there are some things more important than the opinion of others. May we husbands choose to be Joseph to our wives!

Tom and Misty Mealey have four children and live in the Diocese of Richmond.

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