

**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
CHURCH DINNER AND PICNIC
Kieler, Wisconsin**

TUESDAY, JULY 4TH, 2023



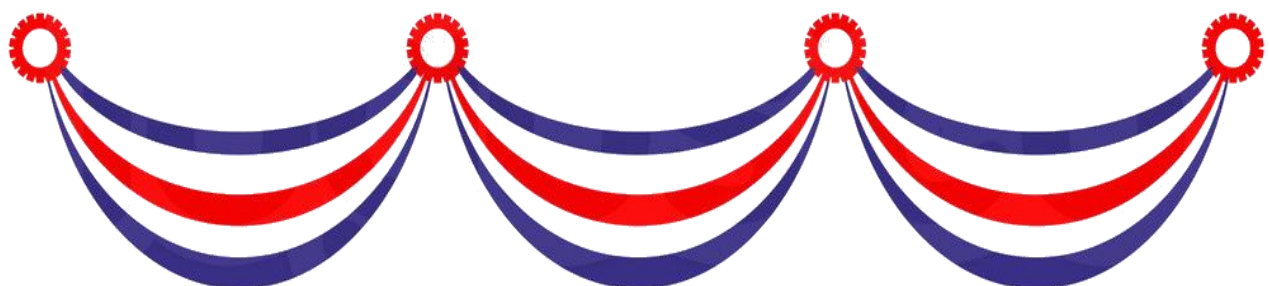
**Chicken & Ham Dinner
Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Corn,
Coleslaw, Bun and Pie
*Carry-Out Only (With Drive Up)**

11:00 am – 4:00 pm

Meal Cost: \$16.00

**Ample outdoor seating and limited
indoor seating will also be available.**

**Bingo and other Games, Refreshments and Music
Free Parking ★ Held Rain or Shine**



Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

Tuesday, July 4 – Weekday – Independence Day

8:15 am IC – For the success of the IC 4th of July Picnic

Wednesday, July 5 – Weekday

8:15 am HG – Pauline and Eula Droessler

Thursday, July 6 – Weekday

8:15 am IC – Gerry Kunkel

Friday, July 7 – Weekday

8:15 am HG – Roger & Jean Sisler and Paul & Esther Berning

Saturday, July 8 – Vigil: 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 pm IC – Living and Deceased Members of Bernard Kruser Family

Sunday, July 9 – Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am HG – Gertrude Gantenbein

10:00 am IC – Kurt Richard

GIFT BEARERS @ HG NEXT WEEKEND

Sunday 8:00 am Gantenbein Family



MASS SERVERS NEXT WEEKEND

Saturday @ IC 4:00 pm Meg and Kashton Kuepers

Sunday @ HG 8:00 am Victoria and Gabrielle Schulz

Sunday @ IC 10:00 am Laney Ehrlich, Charlee Kaiser and Ava Kuhl

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

From the Desk of Fr. Bernie...

Thought for the Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Firm and fast guidelines would give us emotional security in discerning God's presence. But the Lord is all around us. How can we ignore him? It is better to be always hospitable than sometimes neglectful.

CELEBRATING OUR FAITH

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 9, 2023

Zachariah 9:9-10 Romans 8:9,11-13

Matthew 11:25-30

Many Jews expected a military song messiah who would lead them into battle to be free of the Romans. Instead, Jesus humbly submitted to the will of his Father, even unto death. Yet he said his burden was light. Motivated by love of God and neighbor, our burdens can be lighter when carried with Jesus.

PRAYER OF TRUST

TRUST IN THE LORD WITH ALL YOUR HEART

Lord, I entrust to You the many storms and struggles of my life. I know You can do all things, so I beg for Your peace and calm in my heart, mind and soul. Help me to always turn to You with total trust and complete surrender, knowing You are always with me.

Jesus, I trust in You. Amen

We are one in the Spirit.

WEEKLY HAPPENINGS

Sunday, July 2

Thirteenth 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

Tuesday, July 4

8:15 am Mass @ IC

11:00 am Fourth of July Picnic @ IC

Wednesday, July 5

8:15 am Mass @ HG

5:00 pm IC CCW Memorial Golf Outing Meeting in the IC Parish Center

Thursday, July 6

8:15 am Mass @ IC

Friday, July 7 – First Friday

8:15 am Mass @ HG with Adoration to follow

9:00 am-4:00 pm Bake Sale & Garage Sale in HG Church Basement with proceeds to the Grotto

9:45 am Benediction @ HG

Saturday, July 8

9:00 am-4:00 pm Bake Sale & Garage Sale in HG Church Basement with proceeds to the Grotto

3:15-3:45 pm Private Confessions @ IC

4:00 pm Mass @ IC

Sunday, July 9

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:15-7:45 am Private Confessions @ HG

8:00 am Mass @ HG

8:00 am IC CCW Golf Outing and Luncheon @ Birchwood Golf Course, Kieler

9:00 am-4:00 pm Bake Sale & Garage Sale in HG Church Basement with proceeds to the Grotto

9:15-9:45 am Private Confessions @ IC

10:00 am Mass @ IC



HOLY GHOST PARISH

291 Households

HG Sacrificial Giving – June 25, 2023

Envelopes \$2,262.00

Electronic Funds Transfer \$1,132.50

Offertory \$269.00

Decorating & Repair Fund \$135.00

Thank you for your generosity!



welcome

We welcome Fr. Gregory Ihm to our parishes and wish him many blessings as our new Parochial Administrator. Also, we would like to thank Fr. Bernie and the parishioners of Holy Ghost and Immaculate Conception Parishes for their patience and understanding during this transition to Pastorate 2.

BLESSING SONG

*May the blessing of the Lord be upon you,
We bless you in the name of the Lord.
May the blessing of the Lord be upon you,
We bless you in the name of the Lord.*



HOLY GHOST-IMMACULATE CONCEPTION SCHOOL**SCRIP UPDATE**

Scrip Profit Week of June 19..... \$206.95

Scrip Profit 07-01-2022 to date.....\$14,479.66

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.

HOLY GHOST SUMMER GARAGE SALE

Thank you to all who have brought items to our Summer Garage Sale, to all who have purchased items and to all who have and are continuing to work it. As of this date, we have made approximately \$16,000.00.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Set off your own fireworks by giving your spouse the gift of a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend! Strengthen, renew and rekindle your marriage sacrament by attending an upcoming Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience in person or virtual in Madison/Milwaukee/Appleton on August 5-6; in Mundelein, IL on September 9-10 or virtual (Thursday Nights) October 5 to November 16. Visit our website at: alifetimeoflove.org or call (888) 574-5653.

FOURTH OF JULY PRAYER

On this Independence Day I am reminded of all those who have sacrificed for my freedom, following the example of your Son, Jesus Christ.

Let me not take my freedom, both physical and spiritual, for granted. May I always remember that my freedom was purchased with a very high price. My freedom cost others their very lives.

Lord, today, bless those who have served and continue to give their lives for my freedom. With favor and bounty meet their needs and watch over their families.

Help me to live my life in a way that glorifies you, Lord. Give me the strength to be a blessing in someone else's life today, and grant me the opportunity to lead others into the freedom that can be found in knowing Christ. Amen.

**Holy Ghost Bake Sale and Garage Sale**

Holy Ghost Church Basement, Dickeyville
Friday, Saturday and Sunday, July 7-9, 2023
9:00 am-4:00 pm

Proceeds to the Dickeyville Grotto.

Holy Ghost Parishioners are asked to donate baked goods and garden produce. Thank you!

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

367 Households

IC Parish Finances – June 25, 2023

Envelopes	\$3,680.00
Offertory Loose Change	318.25
June EFT	\$1,780.00
Kieler Campus School Upgrades	\$0.00

Thank you for your generosity!

**IC ROSE FOR LIFE**

In Memory of Deceased Members of IC Parish

KIELER CAMPUS SCHOOL UPGRADES

Amount of project	\$250,000.00
Total amount received to date	-\$205,503.74
Amount needed yet for project	\$44,496.26

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.

**MEMORIAL GOLF OUTING AND LUNCHEON FUNDRAISER**

The IC Parish CCW will be sponsoring their annual Memorial Golf Outing and Luncheon again this year on Sunday, July 9 at Birchwood Golf Course (held rain or shine). **A Four Person Best Shot** golf outing will be held with tee times between 8:00 and 11:30 am. Please call Birchwood at 608-748-4743 for tee times. **A Luncheon** will be held from 10:30 am until 1:00 pm. Cost: \$30 per person (Birchwood members - \$15) which includes nine holes, luncheon, flag and tournament prizes. Golf cart rental is not included. The Luncheon only is \$10.

There will be a **50/50 Golf Ball Raffle** prizes drawing at 2:00 pm. You could win up to \$599.00. Tickets are \$5.00 each and will be sold at the weekend Masses and at the IC 4th of July Picnic.

Sign-up sheets for bringing food and helping are posted at the IC Church entrances.

Recognition of a loved one at a hole may be sponsored with a \$50.00 donation. An 8x10 poster with a picture and short message will be displayed on the golf course and in the clubhouse. If you would like to sponsor a memorial, please call Maureen Pickel at 608-568-7276 or Linda Schwinn at 608-568-3255.

There will be a **Golf Outing Meeting** in the IC Parish Center on Wednesday, July 5, 2023 @ 5:00 pm.

Family Fun Night

Wednesday, July 19, 2023 * 4:30-7:30 pm

Dickeyville Community Park

Update on Park @ 6:15 pm/Games/Food/Music/Raffle

**Knights of Columbus Council #765 Cuba City, Dickeyville, Kieler, Benton
Charity Donations 7-1-2022 to 12-31-2022**

Benton and Hazel Green Food Pantry	\$1,000.00
KC Council 2137 ASAP (Aid and Support After Pregnancy)	\$100.00
Clarity Clinic	\$500.00
Two Divine Word Seminarians - \$500 each	\$1,000.00
St. Rose – Carpet and Hearing Loop	\$500.00
Holy Ghost Parish Picnic	\$100.00
Trophies for Punt, Pass and Kick	\$23.25
Lift rental for pro-life sign replacement	\$300.00
Holy Name Society for Mulligan	\$50.00
Family Hardship	\$400.00
Cuba City Lioness – for needy families during the holidays	\$300.00
Clergy and Deacon Christmas donations	\$300.00
St. Rose and HG-IC teachers' Wish List	\$800.00
Christmas Party for kids with Santa	\$666.66
Apostolate for Persons with Disabilities	\$996.83
Badger Camp	<u>\$996.83</u>
Total	\$8,033.57



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**Knights of Columbus Council #765 Cuba City, Dickeyville, Kieler, Benton
Charity Donations 1-1-2023 to 6-30-2023**

Benton and Hazel Green Food Pantry	\$1,000.00
Divine Word Seminarian	\$500.00
Family Hardship	\$250.00
Holy Ghost Parish remodel	\$500.00
Youth Bibles for HG-IC and St. Rose	\$500.00
Wisconsin Pro-Life	\$50.00
Boy Scout Project	\$200.00
St. Rose Youth Group/trip project	\$150.00
Family Hardship	\$200.00
Kieler Campus School heat pumps and remodel	\$500.00
Holy Name IC Church Picnic/July 4 th	\$100.00
Holy Ghost/Immaculate Conception Bibles	\$184.24
St. Rose Parish Auction	\$200.00
Dickeyville Grotto donation from cookout	\$500.00
Trophies for Free Throw and Knowledge Contests	<u>\$235.00</u>
Total	\$5,069.24

The KCs would like to personally thank all the parishioners and friends who make it possible to accomplish so much through your generous donations. It goes to the heart.

The Knights of Columbus was founded on the principles of charity, unity and fraternity. Our mission is empowering Catholic men to live their faith at home, in their parish, at work and in their community.

Please consider joining Council #765 by calling one of the four members listed below:

Joe Timmerman	Mike Plear	Gerald Leifker	Terry Hefel
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July 2023

Holy Ghost and Immaculate Conception Parishes

Father Bernard E. Rott, Pastor

One Minute Meditations

Room for God

"Make room therefore for Christ, and refuse entrance to all others. When you have Christ, you are rich and have need of (nothing) else." Thomas À Kempis

Give love

One way to give thanks to God for all the gifts He has bestowed on you is to work for the poor and vulnerable. Sharing your gifts with those less fortunate is how God intends you to use what He gives you. *"Much will be required of the person entrusted with much, and still more will be demanded of the person entrusted with more"* (Luke 12:48).

Say, "Amen!"

The proper form when receiving Communion is to reply "Amen" when the Eucharistic minister raises the Host or Chalice and pronounces it, "The Body (or Blood) of Christ." By responding this way, you openly state your belief in the presence of Christ in the Eucharistic bread and wine, as well as in His Body, the Church.



Respond to the gift of the Holy Spirit

God loves us so much, He gives us what He values most – His only Son (John 3:16) and His Holy Spirit in Baptism (Romans 5:5) so we can have access to God's divine life and love.

The Holy Spirit's presence with the entire Church throughout the centuries is as a comfort, consolation, leader and guide. To accept this gift, we can ...

Listen for Him: Spending time with Scripture can help tune our hearts to hear the "still small voice" (1 Kings 19:12) of the Holy Spirit. The better we are attuned to God's voice, the more likely we'll hear Him amidst the noise of the world.

Consult Him: Jesus promised to send

the Holy Spirit, the Counselor, to lead His disciples to truth (John 14:6). He helps us to see, evaluate, and choose like Christ. Call on the Holy Spirit when you're facing a difficult situation or decision.

Take refuge in Him: Every day, entrust yourself to the Holy Spirit and dedicate your day to His service. Let Him guide your actions.

Actualize Confirmation graces: Upon our Confirmation, the Holy Spirit fortified and empowered our souls with His seven Gifts:

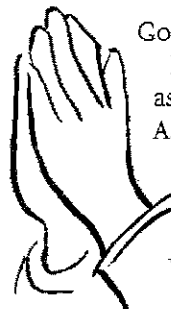
Wisdom, Understanding, Counsel, Fortitude, Knowledge, Piety, and Fear of the Lord (Isaiah 11:2). When we rely on the Holy Spirit, we can overcome temptations to fear, distrust, and selfishness with His powerful gifts.



Why Do Catholics Do That?

The custom of folding our hands comes from ninth century Europe where folded hands symbolized obedience by those subordinate to the lord or king. This gesture was also used by priests to show respect to bishops. The faithful adopted it to signify obedience to

Why do Catholics fold their hands when they pray?



God's will.

In some cultures today, such as India and other parts of Asia, clasped hands are also a sign of reverence. In fact, Mother Teresa was often photographed greeting people with this gesture.

Use the Bible well

There's a saying, "Bibles that are falling apart usually belong to people who aren't." The Church wants us to read the Bible daily because it contains everything we need to know to live a full, Christian life. Try these ideas to use your Bible well.

Choose the right version. We hear the New American Bible during Mass but any of the approved Catholic translations will do. Most important is having a modern edition that you can understand. If you need advice, ask your pastor or priest.

Use the aids. The Bible contains customs and terms that are foreign to us. Read the introductions and footnotes for helpful explanations.

Focus on passages. The Bible will make more sense if you read the sections that are grouped together rather than sentence by sentence.

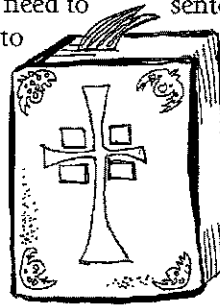
Mark it up. Underline passages and make notes in the margins as you read to make your book more useful.

Read aloud. The Bible began as an oral tradition. Hearing the passages may help them become clearer than just reading them.

Read slowly. Let the words sink in.

Place yourself in the scene. What would you do? How would you react?

Put it to use. What you read in the Bible will help you find strength to meet the challenges of life. Don't just read it. Live it.



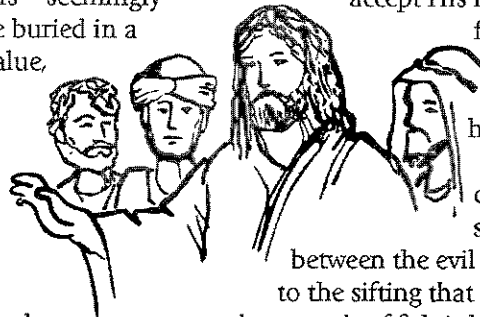
from Scripture

Matthew 13:44-52, The only thing worth everything

Jesus used the parables in this Gospel passage to emphasize the life-changing value of the Kingdom. In the first parable, a man discovers – seemingly by accident – a treasure buried in a field. Recognizing its value, he sells everything he has to buy the field. In the second story, a merchant finds a valuable pearl after diligent searching. He also sells everything to possess the precious pearl.

By these parables, Jesus taught that being part of God's Kingdom – accepting His love for us and loving others as He loves – is the only way

to live that will completely fulfill our hearts. God's unconditional love is worth everything we have. If we accept His invitation (He forces no one), our lives may change as our hearts change. Finally, Jesus compared the separation between the evil and righteous to the sifting that happens when a large catch of fish is brought ashore. When we put our whole life in service to God's love, then the individual pieces fall into place around that love, and anything contrary to it falls away.



Q & A Is there a special prayer I can pray for healing of a serious illness?

Jesus knew that sickness can bring misery and isolation, and He dedicated much of his ministry to healing every kind of illness – physical or spiritual. He wanted us to see in His healing ministry God's saving power and concern for His children.

The Church continues Jesus' concern for the sick in the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. It is administered by a priest to a baptized person who may be in danger of death because of illness or old age, through prayer and the anointing of the body with special oil. The effects of the sacrament include a special grace of healing and comfort, and the forgiving of the person's sins.

Anyone baptized Catholic, regardless of age, can receive the sacrament if his or her health is seriously impaired. It can also be administered before surgery and can be received more than once if the original illness gets worse or if another serious sickness is diagnosed. Please see your pastor or parish priest to receive this important Sacrament.

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Feasts & Celebrations

July 16 – Our Lady of Mt. Carmel (1251). The Blessed Mother appeared to St. Simon Stock in England, carrying the brown scapular, a sign of her favor of the Carmelite Order, and promised whoever wore the scapular until death would avoid the fires of hell.

July 23 – St. Bridget of Sweden (1373). Born in Uppland, Sweden to nobility, she was a wife, mother, reformer, and mystic. She is known for founding the Order of the Most Holy Savior, which was approved in 1370.

July 25 – St. James the Apostle (1st

Century). When Jesus called St. James and his brother, St. John, to become apostles, they promptly left their father in a fishing boat. He was one of the three apostles to witness Jesus' Transfiguration.

July 29 – Saints Martha, Mary, and Lazarus (1st Century). These holy siblings often hosted Jesus at their house in Bethany. Although Martha was corrected for being anxious about many things, Jesus rewarded her tremendous faith by raising Lazarus from the dead.





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