

Jesus rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Quiet! Be still!" The wind ceased and there was great calm.

MARK 4:39



## WHO IS THIS?

Though we re-enter Ordinary Time already knowing that Jesus is the Son of God (see the centurion's words at the end of the Palm Sunday Passion reading from Mark's Gospel), the long succession of Sundays confronts us again with the question that each Christian community, each individual Christian faces continually throughout life: "Who is this?" (Mark 4:41), and prompts an "examination of conscience" regarding the practical consequences of our response. This year's Gospel readings from Mark suggest that we find our answer in the cross and in the Eucharist. Today's stark challenge of Jesus' call to discipleship is, thankfully, balanced by the comfort we can take in relating—perhaps only too well—to the disciples' fears. Though we welcome Jesus in Word and Eucharist Sunday after Sunday, don't we all, from time to time during our lives' "ordinary time," experience Jesus' "real absence"?

## SEA AND WIND

As always in Ordinary Time, today's Old Testament sets the stage for the Gospel. God, who in Jesus will "rebuke the wind" and "command the sea to be still" (Mark 4:39), "addresses Job out of the storm" (Job 38:1), speaking to the turmoil in Job's heart, calling to mind the primal chaos of creation's untamed sea, reminding Job that God's mighty word then was enough to command order and bring forth life. In today's Gospel, the disciples' fear, even near despair, takes center stage. Are any of us strangers to such emotions? Squall-force winds buffet their boat, waves break over it, and Jesus might as well not be there. Mark's account is especially grim. Alone among the evangelists, he tells us that Jesus is in the stern, the very back of the boat, not just asleep—sound asleep! Only Mark adds the detail, "on a cushion" (4:38).

## AWAKEN CHRIST

Though we welcome Jesus in Word and Eucharist Sunday after Sunday, haven't we all, from time to time, experienced Jesus' "real absence"? This personal application should comfort us, as it has generations of disciples before us. Though the "boat" is, primarily, a symbol of the Church, never forsaken by Christ, carried safely across time's stormy waters, Saint Augustine preaching on this very Gospel sixteen hundred years ago noted that, since each of us is a temple of God, each one's heart is a sailing boat. Consider any temptation, says Augustine, as "the wind, the surging of the sea," and do what the disciples did: wake up Christ, "the sleeper in your heart," by recalling his words and commands. Then be like the wind and the sea: "The sea obeys him, the wind is still." Whenever emotions make our hearts turbulent, whenever Christ seems absent or at least asleep, "let us not despair but awaken Christ, so that we may sail in quiet waters, and reach at last our heavenly homeland."

### *SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES*

Sun: Father's Day; World Refugee Day  
Mon: St. Aloysius Gonzaga  
Tues: St. Paulinus of Nola; Ss. John Fisher and Thomas More  
Thurs: The Nativity of St. John the Baptist  
Sat: Blessed Virgin Mary



# Immaculate Conception Parish

## Immaculate Conception Church & St. Joseph Church

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*St. Joseph Church side entrance is open daily for private prayer*

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:** Tues. & Thurs. after 8 a.m. Mass @ SJC; Wednesdays, 6:30pm @ ICC

Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator: Wendy S. Krisak, MA, NCC, LPC Direct Phone: 800-791-9209; Diocesan Secretary for Youth Protection: Pamela J. Russo, MSW, MS Phone: 610-871-5200, Ext. 2204; If you have an allegation of abuse against a bishop, please contact the Catholic Bishop Abuse Reporting Service [ReportBishopAbuse.org](http://ReportBishopAbuse.org) or by calling 800-276-1562.

## The Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time



### **Sat. June 19**

4:30 pm (ICC)

**Mary "Sis" McElmoyle**, *bday* (Ned) / **Agnes Johnson** (Family)

### **Sun. June 20**

9:00 am (SJC)

**All Fathers, Living & Deceased**

### **Mon. June 21**

8:00 am (ICC)

**Jack Dever**, *bday* (Roush Family) / **Gwen Gillespie** (Helena Shaffron)

### **Tues. June 22**

8:00 am (SJC)

**Theresa & Joe Svetik** (Carol & Ed Gernavage) /  
**All Our Parishioners, Living & Deceased**

### **Wed. June 23**

*private*

**Eleanor Stoneback** (Roush Family) / **Elizabeth Morgans** (Carol Binder)

### **Thurs. June 24**

8:00 am (SJC)

**Intentions of Robert Pekarik & Family** (Cousin, David Gilberry) /  
**Joan Cronin** (Michael & Katherine Plebani)

### **Fri. June 25**

8:00 am (ICC)

**Jim Cimms** (Dan & Marcia Evans) / **Al Frankowski** (Dan Boyle)

## The 13<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

### **Sat. June 26**

9:00 am (SJC)

*Rosary for Life*

4:30 pm (ICC)

**Agnes Johnson** (Tom & Jean Kuchynski) /  
**Bernard "Dub" Gillespie** (Joseph Krebs & Family)



### **Sun. June 27**

9:00 am (SJC)

**Alice Rita Mulligan** (Rick & Mary Alice Kuhn) / **Glenn Derkosh** (Frank & Debbie Flizack)

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM ~GIVE THANKS TO THE LORD, HIS LOVE IS EVERLASTING.**

### IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH

SANCTUARY CANDLE burns for Blessings on *Fr. Ronald Minner, as he begins his ministry leading our Parish* (From, Immaculate Conception Parish Parishioners)

BLESSED MOTHER CANDLE burns for Blessings on *Fr. Ronald Minner as he leads our Parish Family* (From, ICC Choir)

BLESSED MOTHER CANDLE burns in Honor & Blessings on *Fr. Ronald Minner* (From, The Women's Club & Picnic Committee)

BLESSED MOTHER CANDLE burns in Loving Memory of *Mom, Rose Zurn, 89<sup>th</sup> Birthday* (Love & Missed, Children & Grandchildren)

BLESSED MOTHER CANDLE burns in Honor of *Mom, Rita O'Donnell on her 89<sup>th</sup> Birthday* (Love, Leo, Jane & Family)

SACRED HEART CANDLE burns for Blessings on *Fr. Ronald Minner as he leads our Parish Family* (From, ICC Choir)

Flowers on the Main Altar are in Loving Memory of *Jack Dever* (From, Roush Family)

Flowers on the Blessed Mother Altar are in Honor & Blessings on *Rev. Ronald Minner* (From, Immaculate Conception Parish Parishioners)

### ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

SAINT JOSEPH: In Loving Memory of *my dad, Robert J. Lauer* (Requested by Jessica)

SACRED HEART: *Special Intention*

## Welcome Fr. Ronald Minner!

This weekend we extend a warm welcome to Father Ronald Minner as pastor of Immaculate Conception Parish. Ordained in 2001, Fr. Minner comes to us from Holy Cross Church in New Philadelphia, having been pastor there since 2012. Please pray for him, and all the priests of our Diocese as they begin their new assignments and retirements.



**REST IN PEACE:** Kindly pray for the soul of **Gerard DiGilio**. Please remember him and his loved ones in your prayers. May his soul, and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.

**PARISH STEWARDSHIP:** 5/30/21: \$ 3,932.00  
*Thank you for your continued support & generosity.*

**DON'T MISS IT!!** Our Garage Sale will be **next Saturday, June 26** from 9am-1pm behind St. Joseph Church. Many new furniture items available! Stop over and checkout the many knick knacks, dishes, microwaves, glassware, games, children's toys, fishing poles, golf clubs & books that are available!



**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION RECTORY PHONE ISSUE:** The phone system at the Rectory on Broadway is fairly old (*from Msgr. Chizmar's time!*), and has started to have issues with quality and noise during calls, and connection problems. We are working on replacing the system but it may take a few weeks. Please have patience with us if there is an issue during a call, or if you have a problem contacting us. You can email us at [iccjt@ptd.net](mailto:iccjt@ptd.net) anytime. Thank you for your understanding.



**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION UPDATE:** There will not be a summer WCC program this year. Please watch the bulletin for future updates concerning the fall Religious Education Program!

## Happy Father's Day!

to all Dads and to all who have loved & taken on the role & responsibility for someone who needed a Father.



## THE PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION

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**CLOTHING GIVEAWAY AT ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH,** 319 South Avenue, Jim Thorpe. Clothing will be available on the following days and times: Thursday, June 24, 9am-3pm, Friday, June 25, 9am-7pm, and Saturday, June 26, 9am-1pm.

## THANK YOU!

*Thank you to all those who surprised me with the farewell muffins and cupcakes after the weekend Masses. Thank you to the Choirs, the Parish Picnic Committee, the Women's Club, the Catholic Daughters of America, and all those who assisted. I sincerely appreciate all the kind words, cards, and gifts.*

*~ Father Ward*

## THE WIND AND THE SEA ~

Living along the shores of Lake Superior—the "big lake," as the locals call it—you can often hear the advice, "Respect the lake; don't take it for granted." People who know Lake Superior respect its power and watch out for its many moods. Sunken ships and boats crushed into kindling are testimonies to what the lake can do. The readings of this Sunday evoke our memories of the lake, of the mighty Mississippi River, or of the ocean itself. Who but God can control these mighty waters and set limits to their advance? The lake described in today's Gospel was a body of water subject to sudden storms and churned into dangerous waves by terrible winds. But these mighty agents are subject to God. The sailor and the fisher all respect the water. Even more, they respect the awesome power of the Maker of wind and sea. © J. S. Paluch Co.



## WEEK AT A GLANCE EVENTS

Wed, 6/23: Baptism Class, 6:30-8pm  
Friday, 6/25: Flame of Love, 1pm  
Sat, 6/26: Wedding-Brisbane/Marzen @ SJC, 2pm