



Jesus summoned the Twelve and began to send them out two by two and gave them authority over unclean spirits.

Mark 6:7

## Church of the Immaculate Conception

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### Mass Schedule

Monday, Wednesday, Friday: 8:00 a.m. at St. Joseph Church  
Tuesday and Thursday: 8:00 a.m. at Immaculate Conception Church

Saturday Vigil: 4:30 p.m. at Immaculate Conception Church  
6:30 p.m. at St. Joseph Church

Sunday: 8:00 a.m. at St. Joseph Church  
10:30 a.m. at Immaculate Conception Church

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

Saturdays: at ICC 3:45 p.m. to 4:15 p.m.; at St. Joseph: 7:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.  
☩ anytime upon request

## CALLED TO MISSION

As baptized Christians, each of us is called to mission. When Catholics hear the word “mission,” most usually think of those who go to foreign countries to serve and share their faith. Some might also think of a parish mission, a time of focused reflection, usually led by a visiting speaker. Remember the often-quoted line from *Mission Impossible*, “Your mission, should you choose to accept it”? Sometimes we use the word mission to describe our purpose or goal, what we have been charged to do. Thinking of mission in this way makes our call as Christians clearer. Our mission is to live as Christian people, to share our faith, to be people of service, and to show Christ’s love to others in the ways that we live our daily lives. The choice to live as people of mission is ours. How do you, or will you, live as a person of mission?

Notice that the disciples in today’s Gospel were sent out two by two. This was not only a practical thing for Jesus to do as he sent the disciples out to preach, teach, and heal. It was also very spiritual, for being sent on mission together with another engenders mutual support. We live and grow in faith in deeper and more lasting ways when we are in community with others. Not only is our relationship with Jesus personal, it is also communal—we are drawn into communion with Christ, through and with the community of faith. Being part of a community offers us the strength and perspective found in relationship with others. We find support, encouragement, and consolation in trying times; we more readily challenge one another to live the gospel call to follow Jesus with our lives. What is your mission? With whom are you called?

# Liturgical Schedule ~ Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Special Prayer Intentions- these are the people for whom we will be praying at Mass:  
(SJC) St. Joseph Church and (ICC) Immaculate Conception Church



## Sat. July 14

4:30 pm (@ ICC) **Bill McElmoyle** (Harry Carroll & sons)  
6:30 pm (@ SJC) **Joseph, Josephine & Louis Huber** (Jim & Loretta Horn)

## Sun. July 15

8:00 am (@ SJC) **Jeanne Herman** (Dorothy Benyo) / **Living & Deceased Parishioners**  
10:30 am (@ ICC) **Joe Nester** (Rasami Nester)

## Mon. July 16

8:00 am (@ SJC) **In Thanksgiving to the Virgin Mary** (Gedeon Family) / **Mary McHugh** (Jim McHugh)

## Tues. July 17

8:00 am (@ ICC) **Al "Butch" Heaney** (Susan Schatz) / **Mary Maliniak** (Stephanie)

## Wed. July 18

8:00 am (@ SJC) **Janice Donnelly** (Judy & Jerry) / **Robert Gavornik, Sr.** (Bob & Lisa Gavornik)

## Thurs. July 19

8:00 am (@ ICC) **Living & Deceased Parishioners** / **Randy Smith** (Mariano Family)

## Fri. July 20

8:00 am (@ SJC) **Agnes Johnson** (Nick & Neen Kuzo) / **Susanna Gilberry** (son, David)

## 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

## Sat. July 21

4:30 pm (@ ICC) **James J. Zurn** (David & Derrick Zurn)  
6:30 pm (@ SJC) **Michael Younghese** (Connie Younghese, Children & Grandchildren)

## Sun. July 22

8:00 am (@ SJC) **Philip G. Rader** (Wife, Betty Ann) / **Living & Deceased Parishioners**  
10:30 am (@ ICC) **David Formica/12<sup>th</sup> Anniv.** (Love, Mom)

Lay Ministers for the Weekend of July 21/22		
Ministries:	Saturday 4:30 p.m.	Sunday 10:30 a.m.
Lector:	Daniel Lisella	Sophie McGinley
E.M.:	G Strubinger, J Niderostek, K Merkel, H Dugan	G Lorenz, C McGinley, R Reese, J Novak
Altar Servers:	Z Zurn	D & J Lorenz, B Goldberg

**RESPONSORIAL PSALMS ~ LORD, LET US SEE YOUR KINDNESS, AND GRANT US YOUR SALVATION.**

**BLESSED MOTHER CANDLE** burns in Loving Memory of *Samuel Conzonerri* (By, Family)

**ST. THERESA CANDLE** burns for a *Special Intention*

**THE SECOND COLLECTION** this weekend is for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe.

The Second collection next week is for Capital Campaign/Improvements.



**BANNS OF MARRIAGE** are being announced for the third time for James McElmoyle & Brittney Althouse.

### WCC Question of the Week

Gospel: Mark 6: 7-13

What good news of Jesus can you share with others this week?

**FAMILY ACTIVITY:** As a family, look at the Bible, discuss the Old and the New Testaments. Find your favorite Bible story and read it to the other members of your family.

**THIS WEEK, OUR SECOND COLLECTION** will be for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. Your donation today helps restore the Church and build the future in over 25 countries still struggling to recover in the aftermath of communist rule. Funds from this collection help support reconstruction, education, formation, and poverty outreach. For more information, please visit [www.usccb.org/ccee](http://www.usccb.org/ccee). Thank you for your generosity.

**REMINDER - WCC CLASSES BEGIN THIS MONDAY**, at 9:00am in St. Joseph Church!

**ST. JOSEPH JIM THORPE PRESCHOOL – OPEN HOUSE!!** Come One, Come All!! Join us for an OPEN HOUSE Wednesday, August 1, from 6:30-8:00 pm. Meet the teachers and see the classrooms. If you are trying to decide on a preschool, please join us or email [kdmerkel@ptd.net](mailto:kdmerkel@ptd.net) for more information. Full day and half day classes are available for 3, and 4 year olds along with a transitional kindergarten program. Before and After school care are available. Cost for the 3 day/week (Tues, Wed, Thurs) program from 9- 11:30 am is \$36/week. The full day program is \$21/day. Extended care is \$4/hour.



**SAVE THE DATE!** Our Parish Picnic will be held on Sunday, Sept. 16<sup>th</sup>! A planning meeting will be held in August- watch the bulletin for more info and help to make it another successful event!



**SHRINE CHOIR** – The Shrine of St. Therese of Lisieux in Nesquehoning invites everyone interested in joining the newly formed Shrine Choir. Our goal is to be a composition of members from all surrounding Catholic parishes. If you are interested in sharing your gift of music ministry please contact Sheree Strauss, at [straussrv@hotmail.com](mailto:straussrv@hotmail.com) or 570-669-6075.



**RED, WHITE, & BLUE MASS:** All Police, Firefighters, First Responders, Legal Professionals, Health Care Workers, & their Families are invited to join Bishop Alfred A. Schlert as he celebrates the First Red, White, & Blue Mass Tuesday, Sept. 11, 2018 at 6:30pm, Cathedral of Saint Catharine of Siena, Allentown. Please wear your uniforms Reception to follow in the Parish Activities Center RSVP: [rwbmass@gmail.com](mailto:rwbmass@gmail.com)

**GENERATIONS OF LOVE! NATIONAL NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING AWARENESS WEEK** – July 21-27. Every year, the Church celebrates God's design for married love, the gift of life and raises awareness of Natural Family Planning. Over and over, couples practicing NFP reveal dramatic improvements to their marriage including communication, spiritual growth, and deeper intimacy. Furthermore, NFP maintains and supports the natural dignity of women's reproductive health and fertility without dangerous drugs or devices. Celebrate God's gift of married love! For more information visit [allentowndiocese.org/NFP](http://allentowndiocese.org/NFP)

**BLESSINGS AND GLORY**~The second reading from Ephesians is rather long and with only six sentences, it is not easy to follow. To put it simply, he is giving a description of the many blessings God has given us.

First is Redemption, meaning that Christ saved us from punishment for our sins by forgiving them instead. Second is the plan of God for saving everyone, by making Christ ruler of the universe. We have to accept these gifts by letting go of the temptations around us and holding on to the love we have received from God. We then share that love with others, so that they know God loves them, too. As our experience of God's love grows, we begin to understand the mystery of how God lives in all people.



Paul also reminds us that we are chosen and destined to help God bring his plan, his Kingdom, to completion. When we teach children how to love and share, when we are honest with customers or suppliers, when we are not ashamed to show our faith in Jesus, when we are respectful of the poor, elderly, or disabled, we are slowly building the Kingdom of God.

Paul mentions three times in this reading about "the praise of God's glory." (Eph 1:14) When we are able to help or forgive, or just be a good example to others, we want them to know that God is in all the good we do. Instead of taking credit for the results, we give God the glory. No, you don't have to take off your glasses and put on a red cape before helping others. Just mention that God does the real work, we just try not to get in his way.

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**REGISTER RECEIPTS:** Keep saving your register tape from both Jim Thorpe Market and Redner's. Tapes can be placed in boxes at both entrances to church. This is an easy way to raise money for your parish!! **PLEASE NOTE!!** For the church to receive credit for your **REDNER'S receipts** you must use your **Save-A-Tape** card for your purchase! Stop in the Customer service desk at any Redner's to activate your card at your next visit. By using this card each time you purchase merchandise at Redner's Warehouse Markets, your receipt will be designated as a Save-A-Tape customer receipt. **Thank you to all who continue to support this fundraiser!!**

