

Immaculate Conception

Pastor

Rev. Robert W. Wardenski

Weekend Priest

Rev. John P. Mack

School Principal

Mr. Scott Kapperman

Director of Religious Education

Sr. Judith Beiswanger, OSF

Director of Youth Ministry

Mrs. Denise York

***Check out our website
for parish and school information:
www.icchurchea.org***

Immaculate Conception Church



Ministry Directory

520 Oakwood Avenue
East Aurora, New York 14052
Phone: (716) 652-6400
www.icchurchea.org

Dear Parishioners and Friends of Immaculate Conception Parish,

We sincerely welcome you to our Church and to our faith community. All of us belong to the Catholic 'universal' Church and you, in particular, can bring tremendous gifts to our parish. If you are new to us, we invite you to join one of our many ministries.

Our parish is where Word and Sacrament come alive. That is evidenced by all of our efforts, especially the giving of our time, our talents and our treasures. There is much to accomplish, and it will require the dedication and generosity of all our parishioners. In what way can you offer your time, talent and treasure for the honor and glory of our Lord? We encourage you to set aside some time in your busy day to look through this Ministry Directory. We ask that everyone give this prayerful consideration.

The ministries listed in this directory reach out to all members of our church community. Christ asks all of us to help grow the church. Our growth is flourishing; however it takes many volunteers to keep our momentum going. Once you begin to get involved in our church community you will find that you will make some wonderful new friends who share your Catholic beliefs and values.

Stewards of our Time . . .

Make Mass the top priority on Sunday
Spend time in prayer each day
Pray with family and loved ones

Stewards of our Talent . . .

Use our gifts to help build the kingdom
Remain active in our parish ministries
Remain open to new ministries
Teach our children to serve the Church

Stewards of our Treasure . . .

We are called to look at our giving as a
Response for the blessings God has given us
Make an intentional gift each week
To help build the kingdom of God
Use offertory envelopes and
Support the Annual Catholic Charities Appeal

Immaculate Conception Church

If you are interested in learning more about any of these ministries, please fill in the form below and return it to the Rectory Office or Sunday Collection Basket.



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PHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____

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Rectory

520 Oakwood Avenue
East Aurora, New York 14052
Phone: (716) 652-6400
Fax: (716) 652-7168

Office Hours:

Monday--Friday 8:30 am—3:30 pm
Parish Secretary: Gay Ann McEwen
Bulletin Announcements: Rectory
(Bulletin submissions should be in by 1pm Friday the week before)
Website: www.icchurchea.org

Faith Formation

510 Oakwood Avenue
East Aurora, New York 14052
Phone: (716) 655-0067

Office Hours:

Monday & Wednesday 9:00 am - 3:00 pm
Tuesday & Thursday 1:00 pm - 8:30 pm (during school year)
Friday - Closed
Saturday 8:30 am - 11:00 am (during school year)
Secretary: Diane Baker

School

510 Oakwood Avenue
East Aurora, New York 14052
Phone: (716) 652-5855
Fax: (716) 805-0192

Office Hours:

Monday—Friday 8:00 am—4:00 pm
School Secretary: Phyllis Harmon
Tuition Secretary : Sue McDonnell
Website: www.icschoolea.org

Youth Ministry

520 Oakwood Avenue
East Aurora, New York 14052
Phone: (716) 652-6400
Website: www.icyouthea.org

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Children's Liturgy

Children's Liturgy of the Word, celebrated during the **9:30 am Mass**, is a parallel celebration to the Liturgy of the Word portion of the Mass, geared for children aged 5-12. Children attend Mass with their families, then leave after the gathering rite to their own sacred space. The children then hear the Scripture readings for the day in a simpler form and take part in an age appropriate reflection on God's Word. They return to the assembly to celebrate Eucharist with their families.

Parents are welcome to accompany their children anytime. Parents are also encouraged to accompany the very young ones. New parent helpers are always welcome!

Contact: Sally Bourne - 655-5331



Community Life

Social Committee

Our social committee plans and hosts events such as monthly coffee socials, the annual St. Joseph's Table, and summer ice cream social. Our committee also hosts parish receptions for special celebrations, such as Confirmation.

Contacts: Donna Bodekor - 655-0483
Martha Librock - 652-7039



Youth Ministry

Mission Statement:

*Moving forward together
in faith through service,
community and leadership.*

Service and Justice

Being a disciple requires acts of service and advocating for justice. Service opportunities are offered throughout the year for young people. Adult chaperones and drivers are always needed.

Contact: Denise York - 652- 400

Email: icyouthea@gmail.com

ICY

ICY (Immaculate Conception Youth) are gatherings where young people experience Christian community with fun, friends and faith.

- **Senior High (Grades 9-12):** Gathers on the second and fourth Sunday of every month from 6 - 8pm in the school gymnasium.

Contact: Denise York - 652-6400

Email: icyouthea@gmail.com

- **Junior High (Grades 7 & 8):** Gathers on the first and third Saturday of every month from 6 - 8pm in the school gymnasium.

Contact: Denise York - 652-6400

Email: icyouthea@gmail.com

Youth Ministry Planning Team

Members of the Youth Ministry Planning Team collaborate with each other to design the parish's ministry with youth. Planning team members conduct ongoing needs assessments, set goals, plan strategies to address needs, and recruit and develop other parish leaders.

Contact: Denise York - 652-6400

Email: icyouthea@gmail.com

Service Organizations

Respect Life

The Respect Life Committee is dedicated to advocating the dignity and sacredness of all human life from the moment of conception until natural death. Our intent is to promote a culture of life. We seek to affirm the dignity of life through four main activities: Public Information, Pastoral Care, Public Policy, and Prayer and Worship.

The Committee typically meets once a month from the fall to the spring. We encourage you to join us and become an apostle for the Gospel of Life.

Contact: Flo Hoffman - 655-4748

Soup Kitchen

A group from Immaculate Conception Church volunteers at the South Buffalo Community Table on the second Sunday of every month. The Table is located at 185 Southside Ave., Buffalo. If possible, we try to carpool. We start at 1:30pm and finish by 5:30pm. We prepare and serve food for about 60-80 people and then wash dishes and clean up the kitchen and dining room.

Contact: Kelly McNeight – 655-1519

St. Vincent de Paul Society

Inspired by Gospel values, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, a Catholic lay organization, leads men and women to join together to grow spiritually by offering person-to-person service to those who are in need or suffering. Some activities include: bread delivery to the soup kitchen, nursing home/hospital visits, distribution of food collected from the parish, annual clothing drive, and our Christmas gift giving program. The spiritual growth of our members is addressed at each meeting. Meetings are held monthly, usually the second Tuesday of the month at 7:00pm in the school Conference Room.

Contacts:

Tony Rozak, President - 652-7389

Terri Soullier, Secretary - 329-7528

Mary Hagen, Treasurer - 652-4037

Or the Rectory - 652-6400

Faith Formation

Children's Faith Formation

Grades 1-5: Elementary school children attend classes held on Saturday mornings during the school year.

Grades 6-9: Middle and high school students meet one night per week (Tuesdays or Thursdays) during the school year.

Grade 10: Meet Thursdays during the school year.

Preparation for the Sacraments of First Reconciliation, First Eucharist and Confirmation are the focus of the program in grades 2, 3 and 10 respectively.

Volunteers are most needed in classroom grades 1-10 as teachers and teachers' aides. The Religious Education program also relies on parent volunteers for hall monitoring, office help and parking lot supervision.

Contact: Sister Judy - 655-0067

Adult Faith Formation

Adult Faith Formation will be offered in the Fall and Spring. Opportunities will be provided for both learning and sharing your faith.

Contact: Sister Judy - 655-0067

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

Classes which prepare candidates for membership into the Catholic faith, are offered yearly in our parish.

Classes are held on Tuesday evenings, beginning in the fall and ending in early spring, when new members are welcomed into full membership in the Church at the Easter Vigil Mass.

Contact: Fr. Bob - 652-6400

Jennifer Kreutzer 574-0771



Liturgical Ministries

Liturgical Ministries

Please contact the rectory if you are interested in any of these ministries:

- **Altar Servers**
 - Boys and girls in grades 5-12 may serve.
- **Eucharistic Ministers and Sacristans**
 - Sacristans set up host, wine, water, paten and chalice before Mass.
 - Must be Confirmed to serve.
- **Greeters** • **Lectors** • **Ushers**

Liturgical Environment Committee

This committee coordinates and creates the environment for liturgical celebrations. Responsibilities include ensuring that fresh flowers are in the church for weekend services. In addition, members are responsible for decorating the church for the liturgical seasons of Advent, Christmas, Lent and Easter.

Contact: Martha Librock - 652-7039 or the Rectory

Music Ministry

If you wish to share your gift as a singer or musician at our Masses, you are encouraged to join one of the following groups. An audition or ability to read music are not required! We are always seeking new members.

Folk Group— provides music for the 9:30 Mass. Practices are held on Mondays at 7:00 pm in the church.

Adult Choir— provides music for the 11:15 Mass. Practices are held Wednesdays at 7:00 pm in the church.

Contact: Anthony Kalinowski (585) 535-0488
Email: yellowstoner@prodigy.net

Adult Funeral Altar Servers

Adults are needed to assist with set-up and provide altar service at Funeral Masses. Funerals usually take place in the morning on weekdays and Saturdays.

Contact: Christine Peters - 655-5108
Email: cpetersea@roadrunner.com

Service Organizations

Knitting Ministry

Makes items to donate to various charities. Meets the second Monday of the month September—June @ 7pm in the school.

Contact: Liz Raleigh - 863-9601

Marriage Ministry

Our parish offers Pre-Cana in a program called Marriage Ministry. Pre-Cana is required for all couples wishing to be married in the Catholic Church. Sponsor couples work with engaged couples using a format provided by the Diocese of Buffalo. We welcome married couples who are willing to share their experiences with engaged couples to join us.

Contact: Kim and Donna George - 655-0483

Parish Nurse Ministry

This is a new ministry being formed. The purpose is to offer supportive help for the sick parishioners on a limited basis. They will offer a resource for health care needs for the parish.

Contact: Suzanne McDonnell - 573-6772

Peace & Justice

This committee uses prayer, study and action to respond to the Gospel. Guided by prayerful reflection on the Church's tradition of social teaching, the committee enlightens the parish community on issues of social justice, organizes peace and justice activities within the parish, and can direct parishioners looking for information about social justice volunteer opportunities and organizations in WNY.

Contact: Rick Cich – 655-1060
Email: rjcich@aol.com

Service Organizations

Gardeners

The gardens around the church are lovingly planted and maintained by parishioners. Plans are made in the spring.

Contacts: Donna Hofer - 523-2538

Holy Name Society

The Holy Name Society is a men's service organization within the parish. The group sponsors organizations such as the parish Boy Scout troop and supports other projects through fundraising activities. Meetings are held the second Sunday of the month after the 8:00 am Mass. New members are always welcome.

Contact: Joe Blind, President - 655-5681

Email: blindathome@yahoo.com

Knights of Columbus

The Knights of Columbus is a Catholic men's fraternal benefit society that was formed to render financial aid to members and their families. Social and intellectual fellowship are also promoted among members and their families. Our mission is to foster Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism. Additionally our goal at Christ the King of Aurora Council is to promote religious vocations and assist the Seminary in making priestly formation a pleasant and rewarding experience. To become a member, an applicant must be a practicing Catholic gentleman of at least 18 years of age.

Contact: Jim Grubka - 652-3892

Food Collection for Thanksgiving

During Thanksgiving season, we are reminded that there is no season for hunger and need. The food collection is a parish wide effort to feed and give drink to those in need at Thanksgiving—and to live the Gospel.

This parish outreach project collects over a ton of food which is distributed to local organizations.

Contact: Christine Peters - 655-5108

Email: cpetersea@roadrunner.com

Parish School

Immaculate Conception School

Our parish school is highly ranked among area public and private schools. ICS is Middle States Accredited and currently serves more than 200 students in grades K-8. Our close-knit school community of 140 families hail from several area parishes.

Our academic curriculum, including daily religious education classes, is enhanced with weekly physical education, art, and music programs. The school is also equipped with a computer lab, library and science lab. As a STREAM (Science, Technology, Religion, Engineering, Arts and Math) school we provide a terrific program of inquiry in all grades.

We proudly support our successful, parent-coached, sports programs, often winning Diocesan Championships. Sports offered include: boys baseball, boys basketball, girls basketball, girls volleyball, and co-ed track & field.

The school requires that parents volunteer their time and talent in various programs, activities and fundraisers throughout the year, which not only helps to keep tuition costs down, but also helps to foster a sense of community.

For questions or an application, contact our principal, Mr. Scott Kapperman - 652-5855.



