

We welcome all visitors and thank you for worshipping with us.  
 If there is anyone who is moving to the area and would like to become a member of our parish,  
 please call the parish office at 906-643-7671 to register.

## ***This week in our Parishes....***

**Immaculate Conception & St. Ignatius Loyola**

***Monday***

***Tuesday***

Daily Mass 5:30 p.m.

***Wednesday***

Daily Mass 8:30 a.m.

***Thursday***

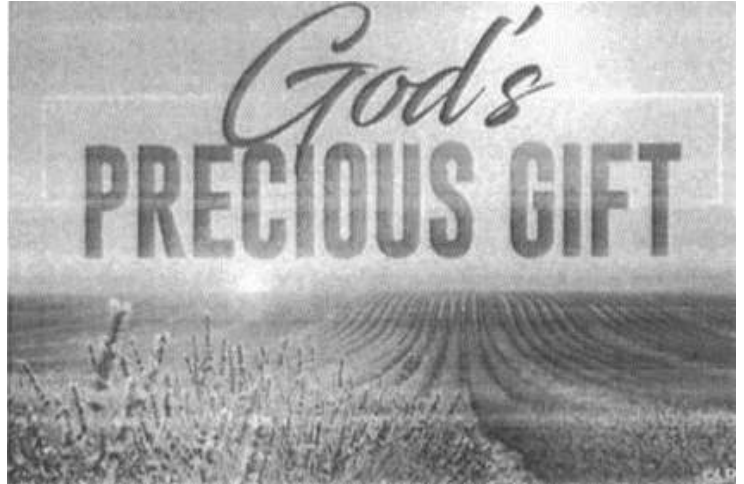
Daily Mass 8:30 a.m.

***Friday***

Daily Mass 8:30 a.m.

***Saturday***

Adoration at St. Ignatius 11:00 a.m.



**GOSPEL MEDITATION**

**Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture**

God gives us the gift of His very self and asks us to invest it. Investing God's greatest gift of Himself wisely, allows God's kingdom to grow and flourish. God trusts us with this pearl of great price in hopes that it will produce abundant fruit. While God's gift of self is realized in the gifts of faith, hope, and love, they are not meant to be solely for personal benefit. They are intended to be shared and are at the heart of Jesus' blueprint for happiness, the Beatitudes.

When we properly invest God's greatest gift, His most treasured possession, we invest in the wellbeing of all of our brothers and sisters and the world in which we live. We take up most seriously our call to be stewards and properly manage, not only our own affairs, but the affairs of those around and before us. God has put tremendous confidence in us. Do we have that same confidence in God?

We often go the extra mile and put in the additional effort when it comes to those concerns closest to us: our families, friends, careers, home, and securities. But when it comes to things that are not as close to us, we can become lax and less conscientious. Tending to God's treasure requires a great deal of focus and persistent hard work. It demands that I see the bigger picture, God's picture, in which self sacrifice is a given as we labor for the establishment of God's kingdom, God's vision. Fear and a lack of trust can loom large, however. We are afraid of letting go of what is "mine" and apprehensive of jeopardizing what we have in order to venture into something bigger and more promising.

Fear and a lack of trust serve no purpose in God's kingdom. They benefit neither the person nor God. What is required is a courageous resolve that produces the fortitude necessary to stay the course and do what God is asking. Doing all in our power to cultivate the seeds of faith, hope, and love in the world, working diligently to pull all of our relationships in proper order, becoming attentive to systems and ideologies that hurt and oppress people, being mindful of injustice, and laboring on behalf of the poor and the needy are at the core of what each of us is asked to do. It is how we invest God's most precious gift wisely. If persistent, alert and attentive, then life will gradually improve around us, there will be greater peace and we will experience joy.

**The change in your pocket is making a difference for the children of Ghana!**

To date we have collected \$6,620.39 to help the children of Ghana. Please continue to put change in the container in the back of the church as we give it to Fr. Edward to send to his former parish in Ghana to help the children. Fr. Edward is very grateful and expresses his thanks!

**EXERCISE DAILY**

Run from the Devil and  
Walk with Jesus.



**UPCSA**

**PLEASE RETURN YOUR UPCSA PLEDGE CARDS.** Thank you to everyone who turned in a pledge card! Your help is still needed. If you have not already done so, please complete and return your pledge as soon as possible by placing it in the offertory basket or bringing it to the parish office. Thank you for your support of UPCSA.

**If you have not received a pledge card, please call the parish office and one will be mailed to you. Thank you!**

**Our goals are:**

**St. Ignatius Loyola:** \$40,297  
**PLEGGED:** \$29,739

**Immaculate Conception:** \$ 7,326  
**PLEGGED:** \$ 5,487

## Reflections with Pope Francis

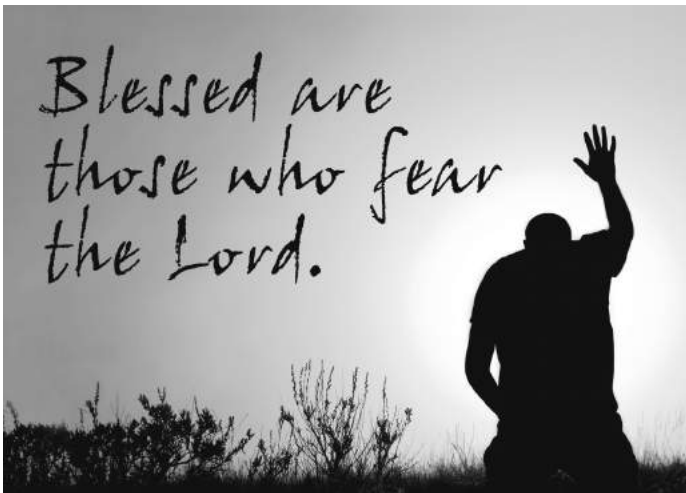
### Forward Without Fear



We must not grow weary, then, of keeping watch over our thoughts and our attitudes, in order that we may be given even now a foretaste of the warmth and splendor of God's face—and this will be beautiful—which in eternal life we shall contemplate in all its fullness.

Forward, thinking of this judgment which begins now, which has already begun. Forward, doing so in such a way that our hearts open to Jesus and to his salvation; forward without fear, for Jesus' love is greater and if we ask forgiveness for our sins, he will forgive us. This is what Jesus is like. Forward then with this certainty, which will bring us to the glory of heaven.

*Reflection: Benedictine Abbot Boniface Wimmer once said: "Forward, always forward, everywhere forward! We must not be held back by debts, bad years or by difficulties of the times. Man's adversity is God's opportunity." Where is God asking you to move forward to be more merciful? What is holding you back?*



### Bishop Frederic Baraga's Words of Wisdom

**November 15:** Fr. Baraga located at L'Anse Bay, a distance by trail from Fond-du-Lac of about two hundred and fifty miles, heard of the great sufferings there and that one family in particular, a widow with her children, were all sick. He provided himself with such medicines as could readily be had and set out on snowshoes to make the journey in the dead of winter, with the snow several feet deep.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE CAUSE OF SAINTHOOD FOR BISHOP BARAGA, FIRST BISHOP OF THE DIOCESE OF MARQUETTE.**

## Garden of Prayer Bricks Forms in the entrance of the church

Please consider purchasing a **Memorial Brick** for a loved one, family or organization.

Sizes to consider:

21 x 14 - \$300

14 x 14 - \$250

7 x 14 - \$200

These size bricks will be placed in front of the Pavilion in the cemetery.

4 x 8 - \$100

These bricks will be placed in the Rosary Walk.



## The month of November is dedicated to the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

Our Lord told St. Gertrude the Great that the following prayer would release 1,000 Souls from Purgatory each time it is said. The prayer was later extended to include living sinners as well.

**Eternal Father,  
I offer thee the most Precious Blood  
of Thy Divine Son, Jesus,  
in union with the Masses said  
throughout the world today,  
for all the Holy Souls in Purgatory,  
for sinners everywhere,  
for sinners in the universal Church,  
those in my own home,  
and within my own family.  
Amen.**

