

Immaculate Conception Parish

PO Box 577, 669 Prince Street, Truro, NS B2N 5C7
Tel: 893-7188; **Fax:** 895-7011;
email: icc.truro@ns.sympatico.ca
Website: <http://www.icc-truro.com>

STAFF DIRECTORY:

Parish Priest: Father Dariusz Miskowicz; ext: 229; dariuszens@hotmail.com
Assistant: Father Joseph Thomas; ext: 223; josephthomas15@gmail.com
Deacon: Brian Smith; ext: 233; briansmith@hotmail.com
Office: Sara Forbes, ext: 221
Religious Ed Director: Helen Lowthers; ext: 222
Caretaker: David Belben; ext: 234

STAFF OFFICE HOURS

Parish Office: Monday thru Friday from 8:30 am – 3:30 pm
 Closed for lunch from 12:00 – 1:00 pm
Father Joseph: By appointment
Father Dariusz: By appointment
Deacon Brian: Tuesdays 1 pm - 4 pm,
 Wednesdays 9am – 4pm, or by appointment
Helen Lowthers: Mon, Wed & Fri 8:30 am – 11:30 am

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time Sunday, October 18th, 2009 MASS TIMES:

Weekday Mass Hours: Monday thru Thursday at 7 pm
 Friday at 8:00 am

Anticipated Lord's Day Masses, Saturday
 6 pm Immaculate Conception, Truro
October 31st – Mass will be at 4:00 pm

Our Sunday Gathering for Eucharist
 9 am Saint Michael's, Brule
 9 am Immaculate Conception, Truro
 11 am Immaculate Conception, Truro
 11:30 am Sacred Heart, Millbrook

Last Sunday of Each Month:
 4:00 pm Saint Ambrose, Londonderry

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:
 Thursdays from 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

Stations of the Cross & Soup
 Friday at 12:10 pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation:
 Monday through Thursday from 6 – 7 pm
 Saturday from 10:30 – 12 noon or by appointment

Mass Intentions

Monday, October 19th – †Mary Marshall
 Tuesday, October 20th – KoC Mass for Vocations
 Wednesday, October 21st - †Isaac Rubio
 Thursday, October 22nd - †Terry Delaney
 Friday, October 23rd – †John Ryan
For anyone who would like to offer a mass offering prayer, we have a variety of Mass cards available for those who have died, for birthdays, healing and special occasions. Mass intention requests and cards are available at the parish office.

Meeting Schedule October 18th to October 24th

Sunday, October 18th – CWL General-Campbell Hall-6:30 pm
Tuesday, October 20th – Women's Bible Study-Martin-9:30am
 - Oil of Gladness-Kinsella 1&2-7:30 pm
 - KoC General-Campbell Hall-7:30 pm
Wednesday, October 21st– Rel.Ed. Committee-Kinsella 2-7:30pm
 - Baptism Preparation-Martin-6:30 pm
Thursday, October 22nd – “Four Encounters with Jesus”-
 7:30pm in Campbell Hall
Saturday, October 24th – Children's Fashion Show-Campbell Hall

Religious Education

This weekend at the 11:00 am Mass, there will be a Rite of Recognition for children preparing for their 1st Communion, with a reception to follow in Campbell Hall. Please pray for these children and their families. Envelopes containing the name of a child preparing for the sacrament may be picked up from the basket at the parking lot entrance. Take it home and pray for this child throughout the year! As pictures are received, you will be able to put a face to your name, as a poster will be displayed with the pictures of our children receiving their 1st Communion. On October 26th, there will be a meeting of the 1st Penance parents at 7:00 pm downstairs in the Martin Room. **The teaching rotation schedules for Levels 1, 4, 5 & 6 are now available to be picked up this weekend during class time. Please remember to stop into the class to get your schedule.**

Confirmation Preparation Program

Year 9: Monday, October 19th
Year 10: Monday, October 26th

Immaculate Conception Cemetery

Our cemetery, located on Robie Street, has lots available for parishioners. For further information, please contact the Superintendent's Office at 893-3304.

Altar Servers Wanted

For anyone interested in serving with us during weekend Masses as an Altar Server, we would love to hear from you. For more information, please contact Fr. Joseph Thomas at 893-7188.

Knights of Columbus

KoC General Meeting is to be held on Tuesday, October 20th at 7:30 pm in Campbell Hall. Our next Cellar to Attic Sale is to be held Saturday, October 31st, in Campbell Hall from 8:00 am to 12:00 noon. We are now accepting donations. For more information, please call Randy Works at 895-0489 or Randy MacDonald at 895.1132. **Do not drop the items at the Parish Office, as we do not have the room to hold these.**

Children's Fashion Show – Girls sizes 4-14

On October 24th from 11 am to 2 pm in Campbell Hall. Lunch and music is provided by the ICC Musical Drama Group. Brand Named, gently used clothing will be sold after the show at great prices. Admission is \$5 for adults and \$2 for children. Call the Parish Office to register your attendance in advance and pay at the door.

Social Card Game

Our weekly game will resume this week, Sunday, October 18th at 7:00 pm. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Reminder of the second collection, to be held at all masses this weekend for World Mission Sunday. You will find envelopes for this collection at the entrances of the church.

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul has a need for a caring and compassionate individual to volunteer as a dispatcher. You would be sharing this duty with two other individuals. Training and on-going support will be provided. Please contact Larry O'Hara at 895-2260 for more information.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY-volunteers are needed to help minister to the children at the 9AM Mass. For info, call Ann at 895-7632.

Catholic Women's League

Our next CWL General Meeting is to be held on Sunday, October 18th at 6:30 pm. Dues for 2010 are now being collected. The Christmas Tea and Sale will be upon us before you know it, so please think of making crafts, etc for our tables.

We are in need of volunteers to join our Pastoral Care Group. There are many people in our community who are unable to attend Mass and receive Holy Communion. The goal of our group is to bring Holy Communion to all those wishing to receive, yet are unable to do so on their own. For anyone interested, or for more information, please contact Deacon Brian Smith at 893-7188.

Praying the Rosary-September 23rd to November 1st

Beginning Wednesday, September 23rd, there will be recitation of the Holy Rosary before all Masses. This date marks the start of the 40 Days for Life, when we will continually pray for the protection of all life at all stages, recognizing that every life is a gift from God. If you would like to lead, there is a schedule and sign-up sheet at the Parking Lot Entrance.

A celebration of Music for Organ & Choir with John McElhiney, Linda Wallace and Sr. Choir at St. Andrew's United Church in Truro on Sunday, October 18th at 7:00 pm. Free will offering. Information call 895-6425. Everyone is welcome!

40 Days for Life

Christians of all denominations are invited to join the vigil of *40 Days for Life* from September 23rd to November 1st. We are asking for prayer support during this time; as well God's people are encouraged to take part at the vigil site, on South Park Street outside the Victoria General Hospital, which is the site of 1700 abortions annually. Please note that this is not a demonstration or a protest; we do not enter into discussions with people who pass by; we are simply standing and praying for 12 hours per day for the entire 40 day period. We are turning to God in prayer and fasting, relying upon Him, as He is the only one who can bring about an end to abortion in our land. For further information, please contact Julie Culshaw by phone, (902) 455-3958 or by email, julieculshaw@ns.sympatico.ca.

October 8th Candle Light Dinner

Eighty-five meals were served at the sold out 2nd Candle Light Dinner, resulting in a net donation of \$1,003.94 for our Parish Capital Campaign. Many thanks to those who attended and we hope all enjoyed the meal & evening. The survey completed by all participants provided welcome suggestions for improvement. All comments shall be given every consideration for future undertakings. Special words of appreciation are deserving for the

twenty-two volunteers who helped in the completion of this dinner and to the donations made. Thank you all!!

Office & Mass Hours

The Parish Office will be closed on Wednesday, October 21st, as Sara will be attending “Secretary's Day” at the Pastoral Centre. Due to Halloween falling on a Saturday evening this year, our Saturday evening Mass will be held at 4:00 pm on Saturday, October 31st. Religious Education will be on held at 3:00 pm, prior to Mass and the children are more than welcome to dress up.

Hospital Auxiliary Annual Hubbub

The Hospital Auxiliary's Annual Hubbub is taking place on Saturday, October 31st at the CEC Gym from 9:00 am to 1:30 pm. Donations of jellies, chows, preserves, books, glassware, jewelry, linens and collectibles, can be dropped off at the Gift Shop. Good quality used sweaters may be placed in the Sweater Box, outside the Coffee Shop. Any other baked good items, new-to-used items, candy, crafts, etc, may be dropped off Friday, October 30th at the CEC Gym. There will be a Chowder Luncheon served at the Hubbub at a cost of \$7 per person, which includes tea, coffee or a cold drink, plus Strawberry Shortcake for dessert. Hot dogs will also be sold for \$4. We thank you, in advance, for your continued support in making this Hubbub a success and supporting our hospital.

Knights of Columbus – 4th Degree

On Sunday, October 18th, after the 11:00 AM Mass, the Knights of Columbus 4th Degree will be having the installation of new officers in the Church. Afterwards, the Knights will be sharing a meal together at Smitty's. Everyone is welcome to stay for the installation of the Officers.

There will be a new Book Club starting on October 23rd at 7 PM. For further info, contact Fr. Joseph by phone or email.

Secretary Position – One Year Contract Immaculate Conception Parish

We are currently seeking candidates for the above position, to take Sara's place while she is away on Maternity Leave. The anticipated start date for this position, will be Monday, December 7th, 2009. Knowledge and familiarity with a computer as well as computer programs such as Microsoft Office Suite, QuickBooks, general databases, etc. Accounting (accounts receivable, accounts payable & payroll) and finance skills. Administration strength as well as proven ability to work independently, other jobs skills, etc. Be able to work under pressure in a fast-paced environment. Position provides benefits for 35 hours per week. Please provide your resume to Fr. Dariusz Miskowicz, Immaculate Conception Parish, PO Box 577, Truro, NS B2N 5C7. The deadline to apply for this position is October 30th, 2009.

PARISH OFFERING FOR 2009

	Actual	Budget	Variance Over/(Under)
Weekly Collection for October 11th	\$6,325.72	\$8,381.75	(\$2,056.03)
Amounts Collected from January 1st to October 11th			
Total Collections & Other Income	\$323,969.92	\$339,944.50	(\$15,974.58)
Capital Campaign Income	\$37,546.17	\$40,000.00	(\$2,453.83)
Totals	\$361,516.09	\$379,944.50	(\$18,428.41)