



IMMACULATE
CONCEPTION

CATHOLIC CHURCH
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Leading people to Jesus through Worship, Community, Service, and Devotion to Mary

Celebration of

Holy Mass

SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 p.m.

Sunday: 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

DAILY MASSES

Monday: 8:30 a.m., Tuesday: 6:15 p.m.

Wednesday-Friday: 8:30 a.m.

HOLY DAY MASSES

8:30 a.m., 7:00 p.m. or as announced

Sacraments

RECONCILIATION

Tuesdays: 5:30-6:00 p.m.

Fridays: Following the 8:30 a.m. Mass,
9:15-9:45 a.m., or by appointment

BAPTISM

For detailed information related to preparation and scheduling, please contact the Parish Office at (614) 267-9241, or at icoffice@iccols.org

MARRIAGE

Couples should inquire at least 12 months in advance of the intended date. A marriage preparation program is required. For information, contact Elizabeth DeLuca at (614) 267-9241 or at edeluca@iccols.org.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK AND PASTORAL MINISTRY TO THE HOMEBOUND

If there is an emergency need for Anointing of the Sick, please call the parish office. If you get the voicemail message, press "1" and leave a message on the sacramental emergency line. For pastoral care needs, please contact the Parish Office at (614) 267-9241, or at icoffice@iccols.org.

FUNERAL AND BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY

Family of the deceased loved one should contact the Parish Office at (614) 267-9241, or at icoffice@iccols.org.

OCIA

OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults) is the formation program of inquiry, discernment and instruction for adults. If you are interested in learning more about our faith and becoming Catholic, please contact Mary Ann Rivera at (614) 267-9241, ext. 605 or at marivera@iccols.org.

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MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7
1 Cor 4:6b-15; Lk 6:1-5
 4:00 p.m. For the People of
 Immaculate Conception Parish

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8
Is 35:4-7a; Jas 2:1-5; Mk 7:31-37
 8:30 a.m. Charlotte Grabosky †
 11:00 a.m. Donald Myers †

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9
1 Cor 5:1-8; Lk 6:6-11
 8:30 a.m. Kathryn Clark †

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10
1 Cor 6:1-11; Lk 6:12-19
 6:15 p.m. Deceased of the Sewickley Family †

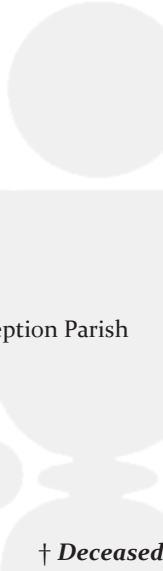
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11
1 Cor 7:25-31; Lk 6:20-26
 8:30 a.m. Cathy McClary †

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12
1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13; Lk 6:27-38
 8:30 a.m. Mike Johnson †

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13
1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27; Lk 6:39-42
 8:30 a.m. Danny Sextro †

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14
Nm 21:4b-9; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17
 4:00 p.m. For the People of
 Immaculate Conception Parish

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15
Is 50:5-9a; Jas 2:14-18; Mk 8:27-35
 8:30 a.m. Claribel Tweed †
 11:00 a.m. Michael Sharkey



† Deceased

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LITURGICAL MINISTERS SCHEDULE – SEPTEMBER 14 & 15, 2024

MASS TIMES	4:00 p.m.	8:30 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS	Paul Duffy MaryAnn Grossman	Ann Eichel Pete Eichel	Jonathan Fortkamp Mary Leathley
LECTORS	Michelle Lang	Beth Mahler	Sarah Ortlieb
ALTAR SERVERS	Maren Henderson Nate Henderson Eric Hirsch John Hoffman	Sam Rogers Amanda Ruschau Frances Smith Owen Smith	Carter Leber Michael MacKinnon Grant McCallum Isla McCallum
GREETERS	Joyce Francis Christine Sapp Jean Stoker	Martha Bowling Alison King Tyler Johnston	Margaret Williams Michelle Gill Sara Konz
WELCOME DESK	Patty Conway	Diana Marie Winkler	Sue Beman

SCHEDULING MASS INTENTIONS

One of the greatest acts of charity is to pray for the living and the dead (a spiritual work of mercy). The greatest and most powerful prayer we have is the Mass since the fruits of the Mass are the very fruits of Jesus' redemption. Mass stipends (offerings) are \$10.00 each with only one intention per Mass. Mass Intentions are scheduled by calling the Parish Office at (614) 267-9241, emailing icoffice@iccols.org, or mailing your request to the Parish Office. We will do our best to honor the dates and times requested, but no day/time can be guaranteed. **Currently, we are scheduling Mass Intentions through February 2025.**

CONTRIBUTORS TO THE SANCTUARY LAMPS

The sanctuary lamps in the church burn constantly to proclaim the real presence of Jesus in the Tabernacle. For the month of September, one sanctuary candle was donated by **Carol Goodrich** and two candles were donated by **Dennis and Paula Mong**. Thank you for your generosity.

IC CHURCH OPEN DAILY/ADORATION

Immaculate Conception Church is open daily from 6:30 a.m. until approximately 5 p.m. for prayer and Adoration. On Tuesdays, the church remains open for the Sacrament of Reconciliation from 5:30 until 6 p.m., followed by Mass at 6:15 p.m. One Wednesday a month, we have Eucharistic Adoration with Exposition from 7 a.m. until 6 p.m. **The next Day of Adoration is Wednesday, October 2. To sign up for a specific hour, go to iccols.org> Parish Life>Adoration.**

ROSARY AT THE GROTTTO

Please join us each Sunday evening to pray the Rosary at the IC Marian Grotto at 8 p.m. All are welcome! Questions? Please contact peterjmccann64@gmail.com.

POPE'S INTENTION FOR SEPTEMBER

We pray that each one of us will hear and take to heart the cry of the Earth and of victims of natural disasters and climactic change, and that all will undertake to personally care for the world in which we live.

IN OUR PARISH

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

We welcome this new member to the church and our parish family: **Margo Julia Dorman**, the daughter of Joseph and Karina Dorman, who was baptized on August 31, 2024.



IC WELCOMES THE BROTHERS OF THE SACRED HEART – MISSIONARY COOPERATIVE APPEAL

Each year, missionary representatives visit churches in our Diocese to share the stories of the work they do in missions around the world. Brother Henry Gaither of the Brothers of the Sacred Heart is speaking at all the Masses this weekend. The Brothers, who staff schools and other establishments in over thirty countries, are asking for your prayers and financial assistance. Your contributions will benefit schools and needy students in the countries of Kenya, Lesotho, Mozambique, Uganda, Zambia, Zimbabwe. You may still donate at any time by going to iccols.org, Give Now, Select Missionary Coop from the drop-down box, or by placing your donation marked "Missions" in the Offertory basket. **Please make checks payable to Immaculate Conception and mark MCP in the memo section.** Please be generous.

FR. JERRY AWAY FOR A BRIEF TIME

Fr. Jerry, our Pro-Tem Parish Administrator, left on Friday, September 6 for a preapproved vacation to Myrtle Beach. He will be back in the office on September 24. While he is away, Fr. Tony and several retired priests will be celebrating weekend Masses. Fr. Tony will say Monday Masses and Fr. Thomas Blau, O.P. from St. Patrick Parish, will be celebrating Tuesday-Thursday Masses and Confessions.



THE ROAD TO SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA

Fr. Matt and Fr. David Sizemore continue their journey on the Camino de Santiago pilgrimage. Walking about 10 miles each day, they travel through the countryside and small towns in this deeply spiritual experience, while making a genuine connection with nature. "Stopping at wayside chapels. We have arrived at Fromista, a canal town. These are mostly small towns but very hospitable."

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High School Hangout

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- 9/15/24: IC OLYMPICS**
(athletic and non-athletic events)
6:30 -8:00 pm at Room A
**Parents welcome - we will have an info session*
- 09/22/24: SCAVENGER HUNT**
6:30-8:00 pm at Room A
- 09/29/24: TOPIC NIGHT**
6:30-8:00 pm at Room A
- 10/06/24: MINUTE TO WIN IT GAME NIGHT**
6:30-8:00 pm at Room A

Questions? Contact Heather MacKinnon at:
mackinnonhf@gmail.com or 330-842-1931

“ I will walk before the Lord in the land of the living. ”

TIME, TALENT & TREASURE

Fostering Stewardship as a Way of Life

Fiscal Year 7/1/2024-6/30/2025 • Offertory Report 9/1/2024

	<u>9/1/2024</u>	<u>YTD 2024/2025</u>
Recorded Envelopes/Checks	\$ 22,567	\$ 198,065
Loose Cash	\$ 725	\$ 7,370
TOTAL RECEIVED	\$ 23,292	\$ 205,435
Weekly Operating Expenses	\$ 27,000	\$ 243,000
Weekly Overage/ <i>(Shortage)</i>	\$ (3,708)	\$ (37,565)
Families Receiving Envelopes		862
Envelopes Received		93
Families on EFT		394



Manage your electronic contributions online! Visit www.iccols.org and click "Offertory & Stewardship" under the Giving menu. Alternatively, text "Give" to (614) 953-6436, or scan the QR code to the left. Thank you for your financial support of our Catholic faith here in our parish. We are grateful for your generosity.

"For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also." (Matthew 6:21)

SURVIVING DIVORCE – HEALING FROM SEPARATION AND DIVORCE

Saint Peter Saint Joan of Arc Parish is starting a video series titled "Surviving Divorce" this fall. Surviving Divorce is for men and women seeking healing from separation and divorce. This twelve-week series can help bring healing for newly separated and those still struggling with issues years later. The first session will be on Wednesday, September 18 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. We will gather at the Saint Joan of Arc Campus in Rooms 11 and 12. For more information or to sign up, please contact Angelita Salyers at asalyers@spsjoa.org.



GARDEN MINISTRY INVITATION

Come join volunteers of the IC Garden Ministry Saturday, September 14, from 9 to 11 a.m. as we continue to care for our parish grounds. No gardening experience needed. All are welcome. This is a great project for parents and children together. Bring hand tools, gloves, a hat, and water. For more information, contact Chris at tatzberg@columbus.rr.com, Janet at jwilks123@gmail.com, or Carol at carol.rodock@gmail.com.



CHILDREN'S CHOIR INVITATION

If your IC student/s wish to join the Children's Choir, send a note to their teacher to advise them that your child is joining the choir. The Children's choir rehearses on Tuesdays and Fridays at noon and new members will be welcomed until Friday, September 20. This is a great opportunity for them to understand what it is to be in an active ministry. The Children's choir sings during the Wednesday school Mass at 8:30 a.m. and enhances the prayer life of our community in amazing ways. If you have any questions, contact Mr. Adam Fehrenbach at musicdirector@iccols.org.

CALLING ALL ADULT CHORISTERS – INCLUDING HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS!!!

The choir resumes for the fall and is looking for some new voices. These voices also include students who are in high school. If you have an interest, our rehearsals are every Wednesday at 7 p.m. and the choir Mass is at 11 a.m. on Sunday. If you have any questions, contact Mr. Adam Fehrenbach at musicdirector@iccols.org.



ITALY PILGRIMAGE 2025: BOOK YOUR TRIP NOW! DEADLINE EXTENDED!

Place your deposit now, only 20 spots left! Early Booking Discount extended through September 30, 2024. This once-in-a-lifetime pilgrimage, led by Fr. Matt, includes the serene countryside of Assisi, the famous vineyards of Montepulciano, the hilltop city of Orvieto and the amazing city of Rome! In Rome, you will attend a Papal Audience, experience the beauty of the Sistine Chapel and Vatican Museums, travel back in time in the catacombs, and partake in the solemn act of walking through the Holy Doors during this Jubilee Year. If you are interested in more information, please call the Parish Office or email podonovan@iccols.org.

PDHC "HERE AM I. SEND ME!" GALA

For over 43 years, Pregnancy Decision Health Centers (PDHC) has been providing life-saving services for mothers, fathers, and babies in our community. Please join us in celebrating LIFE at our upcoming "Here Am I. Send Me!" Gala on September 19, 2024 at Villa Milano. Visit supportlifepdhc.org for more information and to register! There are no tickets or fees to attend... all seats are complimentary! For questions or to host a table, please contact Director of Development, Kate Hamrick, at KateH@PDHC.org or (614) 888-8774, ext. 6117.



IC SENIOR MINISTRY SEPTEMBER GATHERING

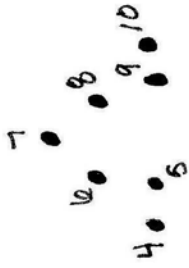
IC Senior Ministry's next meeting is **Thursday, September 19 in Marian Hall at Noon**. We will enjoy lunch together and have our very own Deacon Campbell as our guest speaker! Lunch will be provided. Please come and join us! If you are interested in this group, but unable to attend this meeting, please contact Peggy O'Donovan in the Parish Office at podonovan@iccols.org. No RSVP needed.

Saint Gregory the Great

Saint Gregory the Great was a Pope.

Do you remember the name of our current Pope?

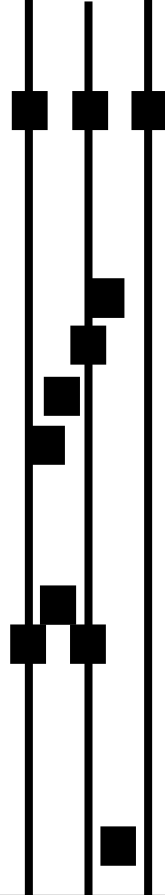
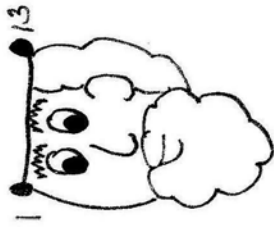
Pope Francis



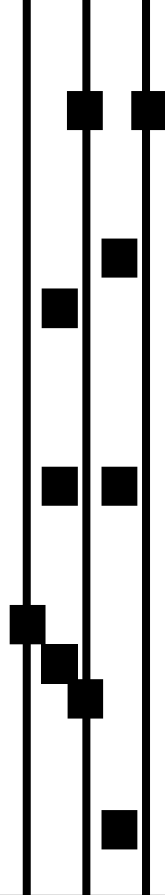
Follow the dots to draw the Papal Crown worn by Pope Gregory. It looks like three crowns stacked together.



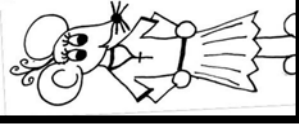
Gregorian Chant is music named after Saint Gregory. The squares tell people what notes to sing. The words are in Latin. It means, "Pray for us to God. Alleluia."



Ara pro Nobis Deum

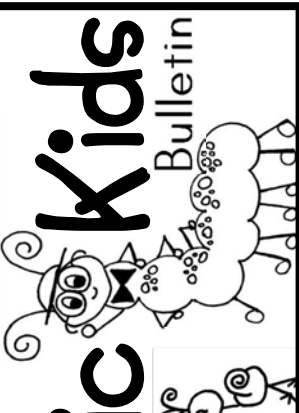


Alleluia



Catholic Kids Bulletin

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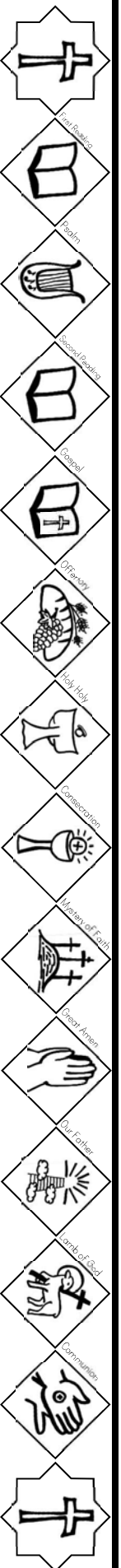
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Praise the
Lord, my
soul!



Practice the psalm before church so you can sing with the congregation during Mass.



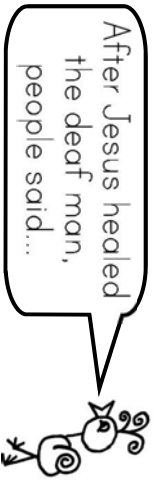
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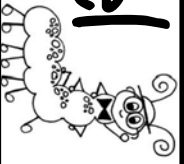
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Gospel



A man who couldn't hear asked Jesus for help. Jesus put his fingers in the man's ears, talked to God, and the man could hear!

Pray for Priests September

1st

FR. BRETT
GARLAND

*Philosophy
Studies in
Rome*

2nd

FR. BRIAN
BEAL

*Zanesville,
St. Nicholas;
Zanesville,
St. Thomas;
Chaplain,
Bishop
Rosecrans HS*

3rd

FR. BRIAN
O'CONNOR

*Canal
Winchester/
Groveport
The Immaculate
Heart of the
Blessed Virgin
Mary*

4th

FR. CARLOS
QUIJANO, OP

*Dominican
Sisters of
Peace
Motherhouse*

5th

FR. CHARLES
COTTON

6th

FR. CHARLES
KLINGER

7th

CHRISTOPHER
DIXON

Seminarian

8th

FR.
CHRISTOPHER
TUTTLE

*Chillicothe
Our Lady,
Queen of the
Apostles*

9th

FR.
CHRISTOPHER
YAKKEL

*Military
Service
Outside the
Diocese*

10th

COLIN LEE

Seminarian

11th

FR. CRAIG
EILERMAN

*Lancaster,
The Basilica of
St. Mary of the
Assumption*

12th

FR. CYRUS
HADDAD

*Washington
Court House,
St. Colman of
Cloyne*

13th

FR. DANIEL
BOWEN,
O. DE. M.

*Columbus,
Holy Family*

14th

FR. DANIEL
COLBY

*Marion,
St. Mary
Cardington,
Sacred Hearts*

15th

FR. DANIEL
DURY

*Sunbury,
St. John
Neumann*

16th

FR. DANIEL
MILLISOR

*Chaplain,
Ohio
Dominican
University*

17th

FR. DANIEL
OCHS

18th

FR. DANIEL
OLVERA

*Lancaster,
St. Bernadette*

19th

FR. DANIEL
SWARTZ

*Military
Service
Outside the
Diocese*

20th

FR. DAVID
ORROYO-
ALONSO, C.R.

*Vicar for
Hispanic
Ministry*

21st

FR. DAVID E.
YOUNG

*Zaleski,
St. Sylvester*

22nd

FR. DAVID
GLOCKNER,
GHM

*Portsmouth,
St. JPII Scioto
Catholic
Parish*

23rd

FR. DAVID
GWINNER

*Westerville,
St. Paul the
Apostle*

24th

FR. DAVID J.
YOUNG

*Zanesville,
St. Nicholas;
Zanesville,
St. Thomas*

25th

FR. DAVID
JOHNSTONE

*Worthington,
St. Michael
Chaplain,
St. Francis de
Sales HS*

26th

FR. DAVID
KENEHAN,
OSFS

*The Villas at
St. Therese
Independent
Living*

27th

FR. DAVID
POLIAFICO

*Columbus,
St. Timothy*

28th

FR. DAVID
SCHALK

*Powell/
Columbus,
St. Joan of
Arc, St. Peter*

29th

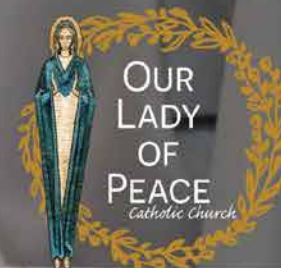
CANON
DAVID SILVEY

*Columbus,
St. Leo
Oratory*

30th

FR. DAVID
SIZEMORE

*Newark,
St. Francis
de Sales
Heath,
St. Leonard*



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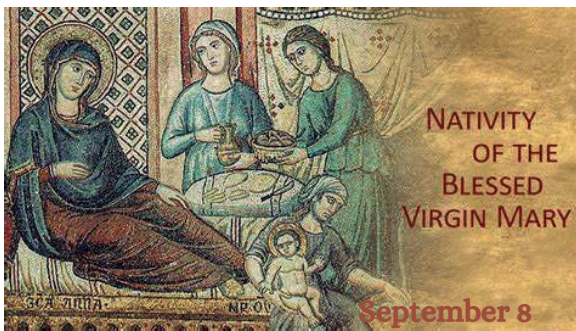
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Today's Gospel presents Jesus healing a man who was deaf and who had a speech impediment. Jesus took him off by himself away from the crowd, put his finger into the man's ears, touched his tongue and looking up to heaven in prayer said, **"Ephphathah." Be opened.** Ephphatha is an Aramaic word, the language of the every day Hebrew person. It was the language that Jesus spoke. He certainly also had a working knowledge of Hebrew, he read from the Hebrew scriptures. As a carpenter's son, and himself sometimes called a carpenter, he may have had a knowledge of the language of trade, Greek. Perhaps, he spoke Greek to Pilate. He probably didn't speak Latin, although we don't know that. The Aramaic word, Ephphatha, became part of the Rite of Baptism from the days of the primitive Church to our own times.

When you brought your babies to be baptized, one of the rites after the baptism is the priest touching the baby's ears and mouth and praying, "The Lord Jesus made the deaf hear and the dumb speak. May he soon touch your ears to receive his word, and your mouth to proclaim his faith to the praise and glory of God the Father." Your ears to receive His Word. May our ears be open to receive the Word of God. May we allow our ears to be open. To do this we have to move away from the crowd. We have to have quiet time. We need to find some way to build quiet time into our lives, even if it is only for fifteen minutes or so. We need to move away from the distractions of life and focus on what the Lord is saying to us. We need to make time to listen.

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This is one of the most ancient Marian feasts. It is thought that this feast originated in connection with the Feast of the dedication of a church dedicated to Mary, now the Church of St. Ann, in Jerusalem in the 6th century. Tradition holds that this is where the house of Mary's parents, Joachim and Ann, stood and where she would have been born.

The primary event in Mary's life always remains the Annunciation. The Church looks on her as the Mother of God, but even more so as the disciple who can best offer us an example and model of the Christian life. In her faith, in her obedience to her Son, in the way she made herself a neighbor toward her cousin Elizabeth and to the couple in Cana on their wedding day, Mary is the woman to imitate especially in the trust shown during the darkest moments in the life of Jesus, her Son. www.vaticannews

"God calls man first. Man may forget his Creator or hide far from his face; he may run after idols or accuse the deity of having abandoned him; yet the living and true God tirelessly calls each person to that mysterious encounter known as prayer. In prayer, the faithful God's initiative of love always comes first; our own first step is always a response. As God gradually reveals himself and reveals man to himself, prayer appears as a reciprocal call, a covenant drama. Through words and actions, this drama engages the heart. It unfolds throughout the whole history of salvation." -

CCC 2567

The Holy Father has asked that 2024 be marked as the Year of Prayer in preparation for the 2025 Jubilee year. This year, there should be a great emphasis on promoting opportunities for individual and communal prayer. The only way that any of us can grow closer to Christ is by spending time with him in prayer and worship. We need to pray "always" and "all ways".



You are invited to join us on either Monday evening at 7 p.m. **September 9** or Tuesday **September 10** at 10 am. for our book study on **"When You Pray"**. please contact marivera@iccols.org

Growing in FAITH™

Discovering hope and joy in the Catholic faith.

September 2024

Immaculate Conception Church

Fr. Matthew Hoover

One Minute Meditations

St. Peter Claver

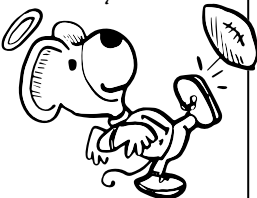
Born into a farming family in Spain in 1580, St. Peter joined the Jesuits at the age of twenty and was ordained in 1615. While serving in Colombia in 1610, he was horrified by the slave trade. Rushing to meet each arriving slave ship, he brought water, medicine, food, and clothing to the enslaved people on board. He taught them about God and baptized nearly 300,000 individuals. St. Peter lived humbly and penitentially, in solidarity with those he served.



Don't delay to seek Love

Don't wait to become perfect before seeking God's love, or you never will. The good news is, we don't have to. God already loves us — infinitely. When we accept His love and grace with open hands, it will transform our hearts.

"My steadfast love shall not depart from you, and my covenant of peace shall not be removed, says the LORD, who has compassion on you" (Isaiah 54:10).



Find true peace

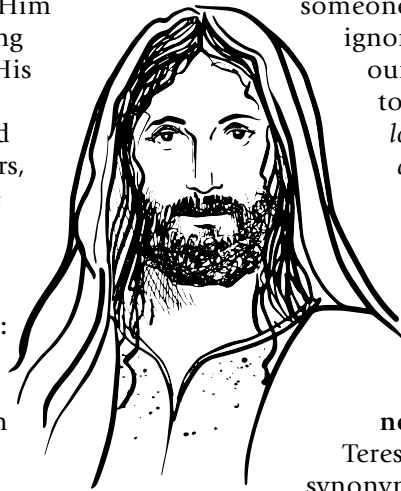
As Catholics, we understand that the key to true happiness and peace lies in proclaiming Christ as our Lord and following Him faithfully. By knowing Jesus, experiencing His love, keeping His Commandments, and serving Him in others, we will find genuine joy, fulfillment, and peace.

Know Jesus and experience His love: God invites each of us to enter into a deep friendship with Him (John 15:15). This friendship is characterized by mutual respect, intimacy, and cooperation. Jesus reveals His love for us through the Scriptures, the Sacraments of the Church, and especially through the Mass. In prayer, ask God to reveal His personal, everlasting love for

you. That's a prayer He is eager to answer.

Love Him back: Do you know someone who claims to care but ignores what you say? Jesus, our greatest Friend, asks us to listen to Him. *"If you love me, you will keep my commandments"* (John 14:15). By living the Ten Commandments and the Eight Beatitudes (see Matthew 5:3-ff), we demonstrate our love for Jesus.

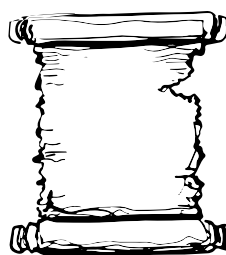
Serve Him in our neighbors: For Mother Teresa, serving the poor was synonymous with serving Jesus (Matthew 25:40). She prepared their beds and treated their wounds as if He were the next to use them. By performing ordinary tasks with love and intentionality, we can experience true and lasting happiness.



Why Do Catholics Do That?

Why are there Church's precepts?

Just as families have household rules guiding how each member contributes to supporting the home, the Catholic Church has issued rules, called precepts, that act as the principal obligations of every Catholic. These are: attend Mass every Sunday



and Holy Day of Obligation, receive Communion and attend Confession at least once annually, study Catholic teaching, observe the Church's marriage laws, give children religious training, to strengthen and support the parish community, do penance, and join in the Church's mission.

Mistakes can be blessings

Do you dread making mistakes and feel remorse when you do? Instead, realize that mistakes are simply outcomes we didn't expect and can lead to growth.

Start by admitting your mistake. You can only learn from a mistake if you admit you made one. Acknowledging the error takes the focus away from assigning blame and moves it toward understanding a future course of action.

Enlist help. Talking to someone else about what happened gives you the benefit of another's experience. He or she may have made a similar mistake

or know of a solid solution. Plus, describing the event forces you to think it through and may even help you see opportunities you didn't know were there.

Decide on change. Ask, "What will I do better next time?" Real growth and change happen when you see possibilities for improvement.

Benefit from mistakes. If you can learn from the current error, you may be able to avoid a future one. Remember, God is the only one you know who doesn't make mistakes.

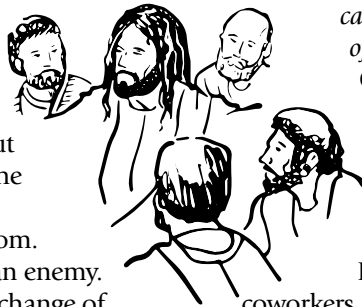


from Scripture

Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48, The demands of discipleship

In this Gospel passage, the disciples hear about an unfamiliar man who healed in Jesus' name. Their initial reaction was one of jealousy. They seemed more concerned about losing the spotlight than the healing itself. Jesus put things into perspective. The man shared their goal of building up God's Kingdom. They gained an ally, not an enemy.

Discipleship requires a change of heart, lifestyle, and habits. Jesus was very clear: if we choose to follow Him, we cannot harbor private sins on the side. If our sins lead others into sin, our responsibility is even greater.



These are serious words, but the opposite is great news: "Whoever obeys and teaches these commandments will be called greatest in the kingdom of heaven" (Matthew 5:19).

God rewards us for the good we do for others.

Our example holds powerful influence.

Being a faithful disciple isn't easy.

Embracing unfamiliar

coworkers, rooting out sin, and setting a good example can be challenging, but we are not alone, nor are we without grace. Whatever God asks us to sacrifice, the reward will be infinitely greater.

Q & A How can I get better at defending my beliefs?

One good way to be sure you can explain what you believe is to have solid information at your fingertips.

To start, keep a copy of the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* handy. It summarizes what we believe and why, with an excellent glossary to help navigate. Your library may have one or you can buy it from the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (www.usccb.org, 800-235-8722).

Read some common questions and answers about Catholic faith and practices by Church experts. For example, a helpful resource, *Catholic Answers to Catholic Questions*, by Paul Thigpen, Ph.D., is available at Our Sunday Visitor books (www.osv.com, 800-348-2440). Or, ask your priest for a Church-approved recommendation.

Know the common misconceptions. There are many misunderstandings about the Catholic Faith. Knowing what the Church actually teaches on topics like the Eucharist, Mary, the Saints, and salvation will prepare you to clarify these points.

Don't forget to ask for help from the Holy Spirit. In fact, just let the Spirit do the talking.

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Feasts & Celebrations

Sept. 3 - St. Gregory the Great (604). St. Gregory resigned as chief prefect of Rome to become a monk at the Abbey of St. Andrew. As Pope, he used his political skills to make peace with the invading Lombards, save Rome from famine, and restore order within the Church itself.

Sept. 15 - Our Lady of Sorrows. In Luke 2:35, Simeon predicted Mary's sorrows as "a sword piercing" her soul. Despite her sorrow, Mary stood at the foot of the Cross, dignified and fearless while others ran away.

Sept. 27 - St. Vincent de Paul (1660). St. Vincent de Paul was devoted to the spiritual and physical relief of the poor and sick. He founded several hospitals and ransomed over 1,200 galley slaves from North Africa.

Sept. 29 - The Feast of the Archangels Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael. Three archangels entrusted with important missions to mankind, such as St. Gabriel's visit to the Blessed Mother, announcing she was to be the Mother of God.



SCHOOL NEWS



Save the Date!

GRANDPARENTS DAY 2024

Date: Friday, October 11
Time: 8:00 - 11:00 a.m.

Grandparents will attend Mass with students, visit classrooms, have a light breakfast, play games, crafts, and take photos with your grandchild(ren).

More details and registration to come Stay tuned!

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OPEN SHELTER MEAL ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9
 (delayed due to holiday)

The next Open Shelter meal for homeless and marginally housed individuals is this Monday, September 9, 2024. We need donations of sloppy joes, mac & cheese, cookies, lunch size chips, and/or snacky desserts and bottled water. Cash donations are welcome. Arrangements can be made to get your donations earlier in the week or weekend if Monday by 10 a.m. is not a convenient drop off time. Please contact Cheryl Costello at (614) 774-8879 to coordinate. Thank you for your support of this ministry.

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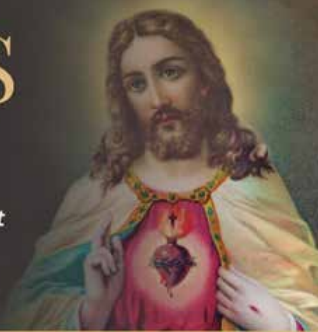
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"Encountering the Sacred Heart of Jesus So You Can Claim the Promises in Your Life"



Saturday, October 12, 2024

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- Friendship with Christ and Others - Embracing Your Season in Life

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iTHIRST CERTIFICATION TRAINING

A new program, called iTHIRST, is an international initiative that aims to help dioceses, parishes, and communities provide vital support and resources for individuals and families who are impacted by various addictions. iTHIRST (which is an acronym for The Healing Initiative – Recovery, Spirituality, and Twelve Steps), was originally commissioned by Cardinal O’Malley of Boston, and is coming to the Diocese of Columbus. The iTHIRST certification program will train lay people, priests, religious, and deacons to offer spiritual support to those in our diocese impacted by addiction, ensuring that these individuals and their families do not have to face their struggles alone. The certification, offered through Seton Hall University, begins on Monday, September 16, and will take place via Zoom every Monday and Wednesday evening for eight weeks. There is no homework, other than prayer and reflection! If you are interested in learning more about becoming a spiritual companion for the diocese, please contact Katy Wyatt at ktbw Wyatt@outlook.com.

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