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a virgin will conceive and bear a son,

- Isaiah 7:14

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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

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

PARISH

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Sacraments

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, ext. 608 or at edeluca@iccols.org.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK & 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 & 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, DECEMBER 7

Is 30:19-21, 23-26; *Mt* 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8 4:00 p.m. For the People of Immaculate Conception Parish

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8

Bar 5:1-9; Phil 1:4-6, 8-11; Lk 3:1-6 8:30 a.m. Jim France † 11:00 a.m. Walt & Jody Holden †

MONDAY, DECEMBER 9

Gn 3:9-15, 20; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38 8:30 a.m. Elizabeth Shannon Canty † 11:30 a.m. For the People of Immaculate Conception Parish 7:00 p.m. MarLou Brown †

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10

Is 40:1-11; Mt 18:12-14 6:15 p.m. Vespers, followed by Mass James Tippett †

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11

Is 40:25-31; Mt 11:28-30 8:30 a.m. Robert & Joan Poirier †

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12 *Zec 2:14-17; Lk 1:26-38* 8:30 a.m. Andrea Palazzo †

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13 *Is* 48:17-19; *Mt* 11:16-19

8:30 a.m. Bill Muenz †

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14

Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Mt 17:9a, 10-13 4:00 p.m. Living & Deceased of the Hickey Family

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15

Zep 3:14-18a; Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18 8:30 a.m. Ralph & Martha Mong † 11:00 a.m. For the People of Immaculate Conception Parish

+ Deceased

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LITURGICAL MINISTERS SCHEDULE – DECEMBER 14 & 15, 2024

MASS TIMES	4:00 p.m.	8:30 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS	Karen Groeber John Groeber	Todd Wickerham Rich Viertel	Karen Cannell Margaret Williams
LECTORS	EJ Davis	Barb Nini	Anne Shea
ALTAR SERVERS	Lila Hatem Maren Henderson Nate Henderson Eric Hirsch	Caden Mangini Cat Mangini Casey Mangini Jude Potokar	Luca Wilamowski-Gualtieri Maleah Young Ava Ackerman Romy Adams
GREETERS	Bob & Linda Bauer Patty Conway Terry Butts Christine Demko	Mike Demko Bobby Clark Michele Sapp	Anne Campbell Sleeper Family Heather Vaca-Guzman Daniels Family
WELCOME DESK	Patty Conway	Michele Sapp	Anne Campbell

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 from January through June 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 December, the three Sanctuary Candles were donated by an **anonymous donor**. Thank you for your generosity.

IC CHURCH OPEN DAILY/ADORATION

The church is open weekly on Monday, Wednesday-Friday from 6:30 a.m. until 3 p.m. for prayer. 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. Our next Day of Adoration is Wednesday, January 8. To sign up for a specific hour, go to iccols.org>Parish Life>Adoration.

ROSARY AT THE GROTTO

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

IN OUR PARISH

JOIN US FOR A TRIDUUM CELEBRATION FOR The Feast of the Immaculate Conception DECEMBER 8, 9, AND 10

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8:

"Immaculate Conception and Grace" talk given by guest speaker, **Fr. Thomas Blau** at 7 P.M. in the church, followed by a Rosary prayer

MONDAY, DECEMBER 9:

Feast Day Masses at 8:30 A.M., 11:30 A.M., and 7 P.M.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10:

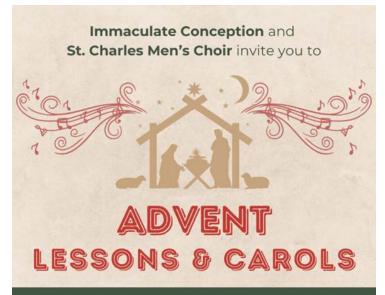
Advent Vespers beginning at 6:15 P.M. in the church, followed by evening Mass



THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

Once again, Immaculate Conception parishioners and friends generously donated to our #GivingTuesday Initiative. As of Friday, December 6, we have received donations of \$10,811 for the Brian Muha Foundation/Run the Race Club. To donate, go to our website at iccols.org or bit.ly/IC-Giving-Tuesday.

The Run the Race Club is an after school and summer program for inner city young people. It provides a safe haven so children aren't on the streets doing things they really don't want to do. Everything offered is free of charge to the children, so they can grow up healthy and become good citizens.



Sunday, December 15, 2024

7:00 p.m. at Immaculate Conception Church

SCAM ALERT

Scammers are very busy this time of year! They may pose as a grandchild, who desperately needs money. They may say you have won a prize and they need your financial information to pay a processing fee so they can send it to you.

OR

They may message you posing as Reverend Matthew Hoover at Immaculate Conception, asking, "If you have a moment I have a request I need you to handle discreetly. I am currently busy in a prayer session; no calls, so just reply to my email." This is a definite scam which you should delete immediately. Fr. Matt will never make a request like this. If you have any doubts, please call the Parish Office to confirm if a request is legitimate.

> The Lord has done great things for us, we are filled with joy.

TIME, TALENT & TREASURE

Fostering Stewardship as a Way of Life

	<u>12/1/2024</u>		YTD 2024/2025	
Recorded Envelopes/Checks	\$	24,229	\$	521,230
Loose Cash	\$	878	\$	17,950
TOTAL RECEIVED	\$	25,107	\$	539,180
Weekly Operating Expenses	\$	27,000	\$	594,000
Weekly Overage/(Shortage)	\$	(1,893)	\$	(54,820)
Families Receiving Envelopes				857
Envelopes Received				123
Families on EFT				383



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)



IC SENIOR MINISTRY DECEMBER GATHERING

December's IC Senior Ministry's meeting is this Thursday, December 12 at Noon in Marian Hall. Please note that this is a week earlier than our usual date. Come and enjoy a potluck (with main dish provided), music, and conversation. Please bring a game to play with others too if you want. If you are interested in the group, please contact Peggy O'Donovan in the Parish Office at podonovan@iccols.org.





SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15

BREAKFAST WITH THE KNIGHTS

AFTER 8:30 & 11 A.M. MASSES



KNIGHTS WILL BE SERVING PANCAKES, EGGS, BACON, SAUSAGE, OATMEAL & DONUTS WITH **BEVERAGES TO THANK THE IC** PARISH COMMUNITY FOR DONATING 4,000 LBS. FOR THE THANKSGIVING FOOD COLLECTION.

COME JOIN US!

SOCIAL CONCERNS

YWCA FAMILY SHELTER DINNER - DECEMBER 20

Immaculate Conception is providing dinner for the YWCA Family Shelter Friday, December 20. Food donations are needed. Volunteers are also needed to help in the preparation and boxing of meals at the Family Center. For more information, or to sign up for food donations or time, go to iccols.org, Quick Links, YWCA Shelter Dinner Sign-up.



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL 5TH SUNDAY COLLECTION

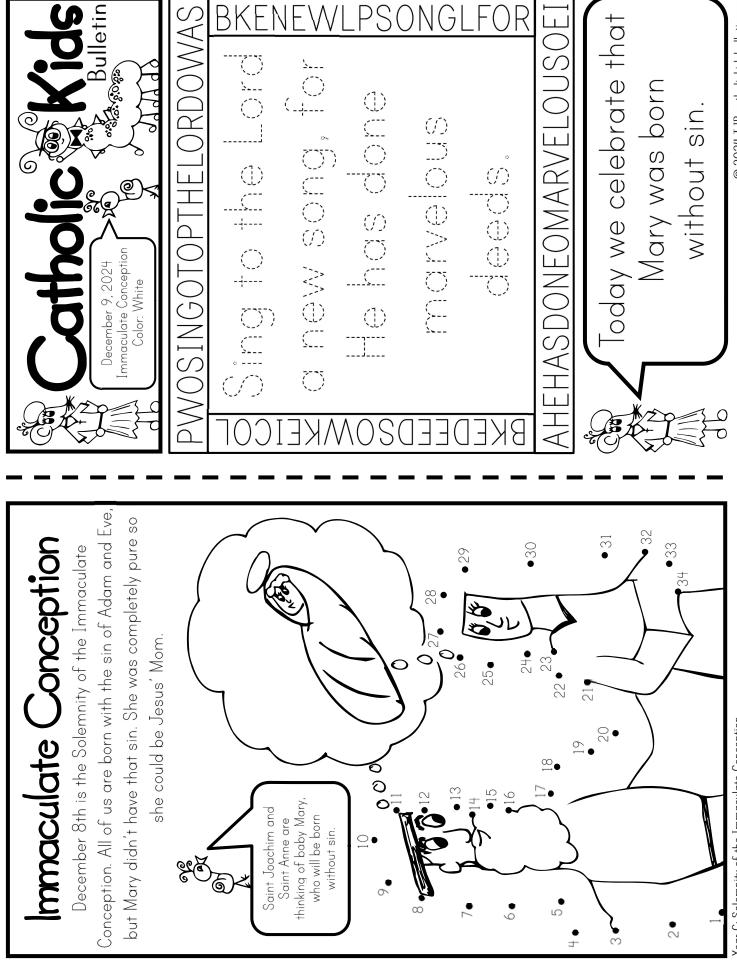
December 28/29 is the 5th Sunday collection when parishioners are asked to donate to the IC St. Vincent de Paul Conference so our IC Vincentians can help families in crises. Sometimes people need food; but more often now they need help with rent, and utilities. Our Vincentians make home visits to assess the needs of an individual or family and help if appropriate and resources are available. The demand has been ongoing, and resources are low.

Donations can be made at any time by using the St. Vincent envelope in your packet, by putting your clearly marked gift in any envelope and place it in the offertory collection or one of the candle boxes. You may also mail it to the Parish Office or donate online at iccols.org, Give Now, One-Time or Recurring, Fund, then St. Vincent de Paul. Thank you for your generosity.



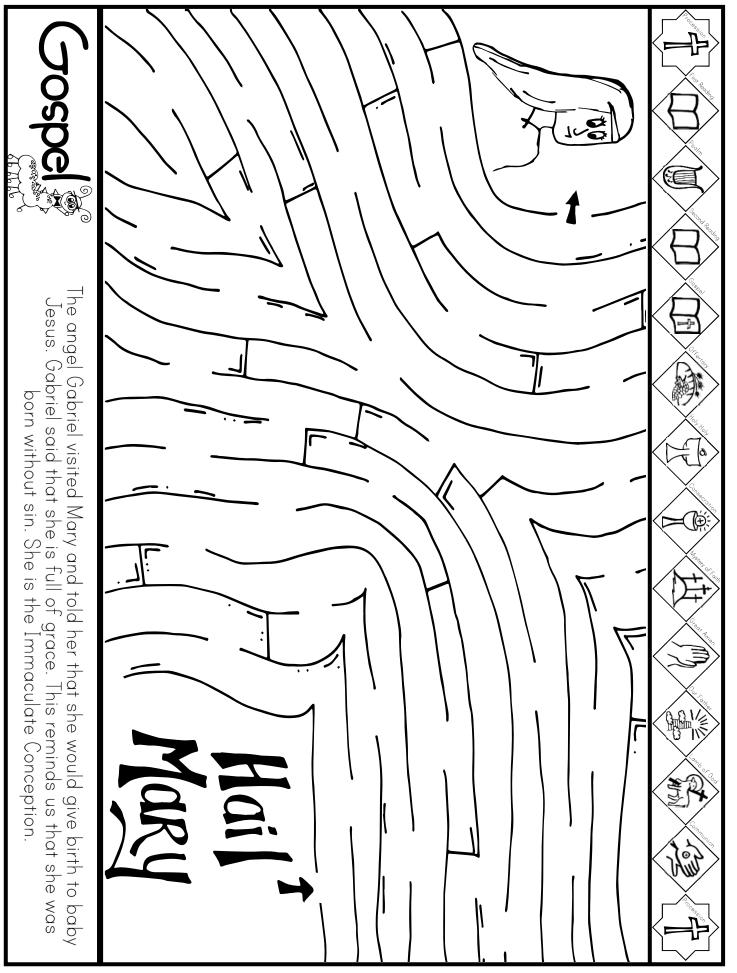
Wednesday, December 18 at 7:00 p.m. in the church

Take the time to experience healing and reconciliation as part of your preparation for the birth of the Lord!



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Year C: Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception



FAITH FORMATION

Immaculate Conception Church December 8, 2024

Immaculate Conception solemnity moved to December 9



What is the Immaculate Conception? The Catechism of the Catholic Church explains it this way: 490 To become the mother of the Saviour, Mary "was enriched by God with gifts appropriate to such a role." The angel Gabriel at the moment of the annunciation salutes her as "full of grace". In fact, in order for Mary to be able to give the free assent of her faith to the announcement of her vocation, it was necessary that she be wholly borne by God's grace.

491 Through the centuries the Church has become ever more aware that Mary, "full of grace" through God, was redeemed from the moment of her conception. That is what the dogma of the Immaculate Conception confesses, as Pope Pius IX proclaimed in 1854:

Does this mean Mary never sinned?

Yes. Because of the way redemption was applied to Mary at the moment of her conception, she not only was protected from contracting original sin but also personal sin. The Catechism explains:

493 The Fathers of the Eastern tradition call the Mother of God "the All-Holy" (Panagia), and celebrate her as "free from any stain of sin, as though fashioned by the Holy Spirit and formed as a new creature". By the grace of God Mary remained free of every personal sin her whole life long. "Let it be done to me according to your word..." EWTN

We invite everyone in the parish to join in the triduum celebration of the Immaculate Conception

The Miraculous image of Our Lady of Guadalupe

Here are a few interesting facts about the Our Lady of Guadalupe image:

- The image is proven to not be painted by human hands
- The image and fabric have miraculously lasted in the original condition for nearly 500 years
- The weak cactus fiber, of which the tilma was made, should have decomposed within 15-20 years of being woven
- No natural or animal mineral colorings, or paint, are found on the image
- The image itself is iridescent, and cannot be produced by hand
- Mary stands on a crescent moon, the same crescent moon that was in the sky on the day of her apparition
- Mary's mantle is a constellation map, the same constellations that were in the sky as on the day of her apparition
- The constellations tell the story of the Gospel with the arrangement of "Leo" in the womb of "Virgo"
- Our Lady's garment is a topographic map of the geographic location of her apparition
- On Mary's neck is a small black cross, identifying her with the Catholic missionary priests
- · Over her womb on her dress is a four-petal flower-the Aztec symbol of life and divinity
- In the image Mary is "clothed with the sun" with "the moon at her feet" as described in Revelation 12:1
- A doctor once heard a heartbeat coming from the image when he placed a stethoscope over the womb
- The eyes on the image have the refractory characteristics of human eyes
- Mary's eyes, when examined through a microscope, reflect the images of the witnesses present at the *tilma's* unveiling, including Juan Diego and the bishop. www.catholiccompany.org





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SUPPORTING THOSE WHO HAVE GIVEN A LIFETIME

Women and men religious have dedicated their lives to service-praying, teaching, and caring for those in need-usually for little to no pay. Today, their religious communities do not have enough retirement savings. Your donation provides for the essential care, medicine, and daily needs of thousands of senior women and men religious. Please give generously by using the special envelope in your packet, a clearly marked donation in the offertory collection, or go to iccols.org>Give Now>Diocesan Collections>Retirement Fund.



REMINDER FROM OUR KNIGHTS ABOUT THE CHRISTMAS SEASON

The Christmas Season is here. The IC Knights of Columbus do many charitable works during the Christmas season, including our Keep Christ in Christmas billboard on Olentangy River Road, facing south above Roosters. For more information about our council, contact jim@ mpex.com or (614) 563-6022. Go to kofcohio.org and click on "Join Us."

SACRED MUSIC OF ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS

Join the St. Paul Adult Choir at 7 p.m. on Saturday, December 14 as they tell the story of the fall of humanity, the promise of the Messiah, and the birth of Jesus. This concert will include Scripture readings, choral pieces, and familiar carols for all to sing! 313 North State Street, Westerville, Ohio.





IMMACULATE CONCEPTION IS LAUNCHING ITS OWN SPRINGS OF LOVE TEAM! Springs of Love creates communities of support for

those touched by fostering, kinship care and adoption. It also encourages, educates and equips Catholics to discern and live out the call to foster and adopt. The IC Springs of Love Team hopes to offer support to foster, kinship and adoptive families through educational programming, small groups, and parish care teams. We hope that Springs of Love will be a place for support and encouragement.

One of the most powerful ways that the Church can support vulnerable

children in foster care is by offering practical faith-based support to families through Springs of Love. Please contact Stephanie Baird at sksccc@yahoo.com, if you know of a family who could use support or if you would like to help.



NOMINATIONS NOW OPEN FOR THE 2025 CATHOLIC MAN OF THE YEAR.

The Catholic Men's Luncheon Club is now accepting nominations for the Diocese of Columbus 2025 Catholic Man of the Year. The Catholic Man of the Year is awarded to one layman who, through his daily actions, words, and prayers, exemplifies the "good and faithful servant." Nomination instructions and the *required* online nomination form are at https://www.catholicmensministry. com/catholicmanoftheyear. Submit your nomination and let us know why your husband, father, grandfather, son, uncle, brother, or friend is the Catholic Man of the Year! Nominations will be accepted through January 15, 2025. Bishop Earl K. Fernandes will present the 2025 Catholic Man of the Year at a luncheon on Friday March 7, 2025, at St. Patrick Church in downtown Columbus. Holy Mass (optional) begins at 11:45 a.m., followed by lunch at 12:10 p.m. and Bishop Fernandes' presentation of the 2025 Catholic Man of the Year. No reservations are necessary. \$12 covers the lunch. Bring a friend and help us honor the 2025 Catholic Man of the Year.



MEMORIAL POINSETTIAS

Every Christmas season, we decorate our church and sanctuary with poinsettias in memory of our deceased loved ones. If you would like to contribute to our Christmas flowers, you may do so by ordering through the parish website at iccols.org, online at https://bit.ly/3zrDRC7_Poinsettias or by placing your order in the offertory collection, or mail or drop it off at the Parish Office. Your \$10.00 donation will not only honor someone special in your life, but it will enhance the beauty of our worship space during the Christmas season.

IN ORDER TO PUBLISH THESE NAMES IN THE CHRISTMAS BULLETIN, NAMES AND DONATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN MONDAY, DECEMBER 16. (Please print.)

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