



# IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

CATHOLIC CHURCH  
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# WELCOME

*to Immaculate Conception!*

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

## 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

## Sacraments

### BAPTISM

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


### PARISH

 [immaculateconceptioncolumbus](https://www.instagram.com/immaculateconceptioncolumbus)

 [@ICColumbus](https://www.facebook.com/ICColumbus)

### SCHOOL

 [icschool\\_cbus](https://www.instagram.com/icschool_cbus)

 [@ICRamsColumbus](https://www.facebook.com/ICRamsColumbus)

## Mass Intentions

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15

Gen 3:9-24; Mk 8:1-10

4:00 p.m. Dan Goodrich †

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16

Jer 17:5-8; 1 Cor 15:12, 16-20; Lk 6:17, 20-26

8:30 a.m. Larry Stephens †

11:00 a.m. For the People of

Immaculate Conception Parish

### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17

Gen 4:1-15, 25; Mk 8:11-13

8:30 a.m. Living & Deceased Members of

St. Vincent de Paul Society

### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18

Gen 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10; Mk 8:14-21

6:15 p.m. Mary J. Conti †

### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19

Gen 8:6-13, 20-22; Mk 8:22-26

8:30 a.m. Catalina Renteri †

### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20

Gen 9:1-13; Mk 8:27-33

8:30 a.m. Angeline Fimognari †

### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21

Gen 11:1-9; Mk 8:34-9:1

8:30 a.m. Matta Đố Thị Mạnh †

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22

1 Pet 5:1-4; Mt 16:13-19

4:00 p.m. Nanette Nappi †

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23

1 Sam 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23; 1 Cor 15:45-49;

Lk 6:27-38

8:30 a.m. Chris Mahler †

11:00 a.m. For the People of

Immaculate Conception Parish

† Deceased

## PASTORAL STAFF

<i>Pastor</i>	Fr. Matthew Hoover.....	icoffice@iccols.org
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<i>Coordinator</i>		

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## LITURGICAL MINISTERS SCHEDULE – FEBRUARY 22 & 23, 2025

MASS TIMES	4:00 p.m.	8:30 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS	Bobbie Mitch MaryAnn Grossman	Todd Wickerham Anne Beharry	Mary Leathley Colleen Kent
LECTORS	Jen Grant	Barb Nini	Anne Shea
ALTAR SERVERS	Josh Schultheis Matthew Silva Ryan Wallace Kevin Wilson	Jane Racz Pete Racz Amanda Ruschau Frances Smith	Reilly Allen Mayce Baird Tommy Baird Campbell Byrne
GREETERS	Hatchell Family Edwards Family Colleen Kent	Suzanne Smith Sharon Kendall Inkrot Family	Byrne Family Lyden Family Coleman Family
WELCOME DESK	Patty Conway	Suzanne Smith	Karen Cannell

## MINISTRY SCHEDULES

Ministry schedules are available on the parish website. To see complete schedules, go to [iccols.org](http://iccols.org)>Parish Life>Organization Schedules.



**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](mailto: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 August 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 February, the three sanctuary candles were donated by **Ryan Schwieterman**. Thank you for your generosity.

**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](mailto:peterjmccann64@gmail.com).

**LIVESTREAMED MASSES**

Immaculate Conception Parish livestreams 8:30 a.m. Sunday Masses and 8:30 a.m. Wednesday and Friday morning Masses for individuals who are unable to come to church. Go to [www.iccols.org](http://www.iccols.org) and scroll down to "Mass Schedule," then "See the Mass." Livestreamed Masses are archived and can be experienced at a later time.

**IN OUR PARISH**



**NEW PARISHIONERS**

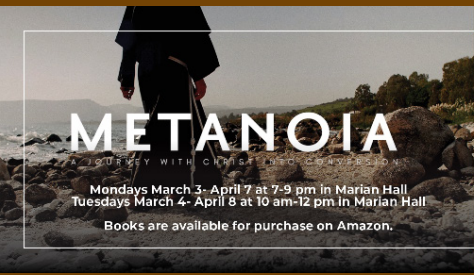
We welcome our new parishioners to Immaculate Conception Parish: **Proscovia Rwegoshora, Kokusilma and Kemilembe Mwemezi; Conor King.**

We invite and encourage you to join us as we pray, work, and play together and hope that you find a welcoming and spiritual home here at Immaculate Conception.



**LENT IS AROUND THE CORNER  
DISPOSAL OF BLESSED PALMS**

Baskets for last year's blessed palms are at the east and west doors of the church and in the Gathering Space. Because palms are blessed by a priest and are holy objects, they should be disposed of in the proper manner. Your blessed palms will be burned, and it is the ashes from palms that are used on Ash Wednesday.



**METANOIA**

A JOURNEY WITH CHRIST INTO CONVERSION

We are inviting all parishioners to join us for this transformative series

METANOIA: video and study with Fr. Dave Pivonka.

This Lent allow yourself to go on a journey with Christ into Conversion.

If you need help with purchasing the book or about the study please contact [marivera@iccols.org](mailto:marivera@iccols.org)

Mondays March 3- April 7 at 7-9 pm in Marian Hall  
Tuesdays March 4- April 8 at 10 am-12 pm in Marian Hall  
Books are available for purchase on Amazon.



**FISH FRY**

IC Lenten Fish Fry will soon be here! We need your generous support of volunteer time and dessert donations. It is a truly enjoyable volunteer experience! Volunteer signups and dessert donation signups are on Sign-Up Genius (QR codes below). Contact John Bruzzese 614-284-9226 with any questions.




**Volunteer**



**Donate**

**TUITION GRANT AWARDED TO IC STUDENT**

The Columbus Serra Club has awarded Immaculate Conception student Justin Nagy a \$1,000 tuition assistance grant for a Catholic high school. Justin merited the award by submitting one of the ten best essays in the Serra Club's second annual priestly vocation essay competition. For the competition, an eighth-grade boy writes an essay of 500 words or less on whether or not he thinks God might be calling him to be a priest. Bishop Fernandes will present the award and a medal to Justin on May 4 during the Serra Club's Altar Server Award ceremony at St. Pius X Church. Information on helping the Serra Club promote vocations is available by emailing Club president Mary Girard at [marygirard44@gmail.com](mailto:marygirard44@gmail.com).



**IN NEED OF PRAYER? THE IC PRAYER MINISTRY IS READY TO PRAY FOR YOU!**

We believe in the power of intercessory prayer! According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church, "Since Abraham, intercession – asking on behalf of another – has been characteristic of a heart attuned to God's mercy." (CCC 2635). If you would like the Immaculate Conception Prayer Ministry to offer prayers for you or someone you know, please call Peggy O'Donovan in the Parish Office at (614) 267-9241, ext. 606. Prayer intentions will be sent to the prayer ministers using first names only, unless we have permission to use the full name. If you'd like to be part of this prayer ministry, please contact us.

**THE CATHOLIC TIMES SUBSCRIPTIONS**

It's not too late to sign up for *The Catholic Times* or give the publication as a gift during Catholic Press Month. For a minimum donation of \$26 for a one-year subscription, Catholic news from the diocese will be delivered right to your home. Sign up or renew online at [catholictimescolumbus.org](http://catholictimescolumbus.org) under the Subscribe tab. This is the preferred method to subscribe or renew. You need *The Catholic Times* to keep up on all the news throughout the diocese and the Catholic world!

“ *Blessed are they who hope in the Lord.* ”

**TIME, TALENT & TREASURE**

*Fostering Stewardship as a Way of Life*

**Fiscal Year 7/1/2024-6/30/2025 • Offertory Report 2/9/2025**

	<u>2/9/2025</u>	<u>YTD 2024/2025</u>
Recorded Envelopes/Checks	\$ 27,019	\$ 811,489
Loose Cash	\$ 770	\$ 29,736
<b>TOTAL RECEIVED</b>	<b>\$ 27,789</b>	<b>\$ 841,255</b>
Weekly Operating Expenses	\$ 27,000	\$ 864,000
Weekly Overage/ <i>(Shortage)</i>	\$ 789	<b>\$ (22,755)</b>
Families Receiving Envelopes		839
Envelopes Received		109
Families on EFT		385



Manage your electronic contributions online! Visit [www.iccols.org](http://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)*



**ITALY PILGRIMAGE JUBILEE YEAR 2025 WITH FR. MATT AND FR. DANIEL COLBY**

**Only 5 spots left!** – This once-in-a-lifetime pilgrimage in June 2025, led by Fr. Matt Hoover and Fr. Daniel Colby, 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. For amazing trip details and registration information, please call or email Peggy O'Donovan in the Parish Office at [podonovan@iccols.org](mailto:podonovan@iccols.org). (Pictured – Pope Francis, after knocking on the Holy Door of St. Peter's Basilica at the Vatican on December 24, 2024, waits for aides to open it as he inaugurates the Holy Year 2025.) (CNS photo/screen grab, Vatican Media)

**LOST & FOUND**

Have you lost a **ring**, hat, glove, reading glasses, sunglasses, umbrella, rosary, child's book, toy or lovey, etc.? Please check the lost and found area in the ushers' room at the back of the church. Unclaimed items will eventually be donated.

**SOCIAL CONCERNS**

**YWCA FAMILY SHELTER DINNER – FEBRUARY 21**

Immaculate Conception is providing dinner for the YWCA Family Shelter on Friday, February 21. 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](http://iccols.org), Quick Links, YWCA Shelter Dinner Sign-up, or sign up in the Gathering Space.

The Immaculate Conception Parish BREAD Social Justice Team Invites You to:

**"Walking & Living Your Faith: Fair Rental Practices and Safe, Decent & Affordable Low-Income Housing"**

**Tuesday, February 25, 2025, 7-8:30 p.m., Room A**

Keynote Speakers: Joe Maskovyak, formerly of COHHIO and

Cindy Flaherty, BREAD Affordable Housing Committee

Come and Be Part of the Solutions!

Contact [Icbread43214@gmail.com](mailto:Icbread43214@gmail.com) or MaryAnn at (614) 530-5872 for more information.

All are welcome!

**Immaculate Conception Athletic Association**



**SPRING SPORTS SIGN UPS**



**SOCCER**

grades K - 3



**SOFTBALL**

grades 4 - 8



**BASEBALL**

grades 4 - 8



**TRACK & FIELD**

grades 4 - 8

**REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!**



Scan the QR Code or visit [ic.doodlio.com](http://ic.doodlio.com) for more information

Please note that practices and competitions may take place at a location outside of Immaculate Conception

Need assistance? Have a question? Email [icathleticshelp@gmail.com](mailto:icathleticshelp@gmail.com)

IC Rams spring sports registrations are now open! Parish children in grades K-8 are eligible to play IC sports. *Parents* – Interested in being a head coach this spring? Save the following dates below for Play like a Champion Coaches Training classes: Saturday, March 1, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at St. Catharine of Siena; Saturday, March 22, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. location TBD.

**A CATHOLIC EDUCATION IS NOW MORE AFFORDABLE THANKS TO EDCHOICE**

The Ohio EdChoice Expansion Scholarship program now offers ALL Ohio students the opportunity for a scholarship to attend a Catholic school! With the EdChoice Expansion Scholarship, a family of four making \$140,400 per year is eligible for a full scholarship for each child in the amount of \$6,166 (K-8) and \$8,408 (grades 9-12). Families above that income level are eligible for scholarships awarded on a sliding scale based on income and household size, with no less than \$616.60 awarded per child. Visit [ohiocathconf.org/edchoice](http://ohiocathconf.org/edchoice) to learn how EdChoice scholarships can help you send your child to a Catholic school near you.

**MANGIA! ST. TIMOTHY'S ANNUAL SPAGHETTI DINNER**

One of the oldest (and most delicious) traditions at St. Timothy returns from 12 to 6:30 p.m. Sunday, March 2 with homemade marinara, meatballs, pasta and desserts. Dine in and be served by our fabulous staff of volunteers or visit our carry-out crew in the cafeteria. Cost is \$15 for adults, \$10 for seniors and \$7 for children. All are welcome to this Lenten tradition! More information: <https://sttimsevents.com/event/spaghetti-dinner/>.

# Saint Valentine

Saint Valentine was a kind man in Rome. The emperor made a rule that young men couldn't marry. Valentine knew this was wrong, so he helped couples get married in secret. The emperor found out and put Valentine in jail.

Even in jail, Valentine was kind. He wrote letters to the jailer's daughter, signed "From your Valentine." This is why people give Valentine's cards to their friends! Saint Valentine showed that love and kindness are powerful. His story reminds us to be brave and spread love.

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Saint Valentine is the patron saint of love.



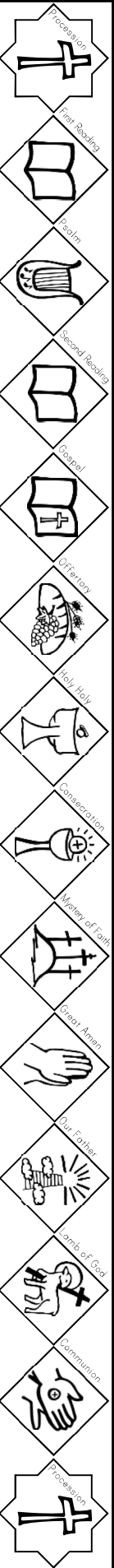
# Catholic Kids Bulletin

February 16, 2025  
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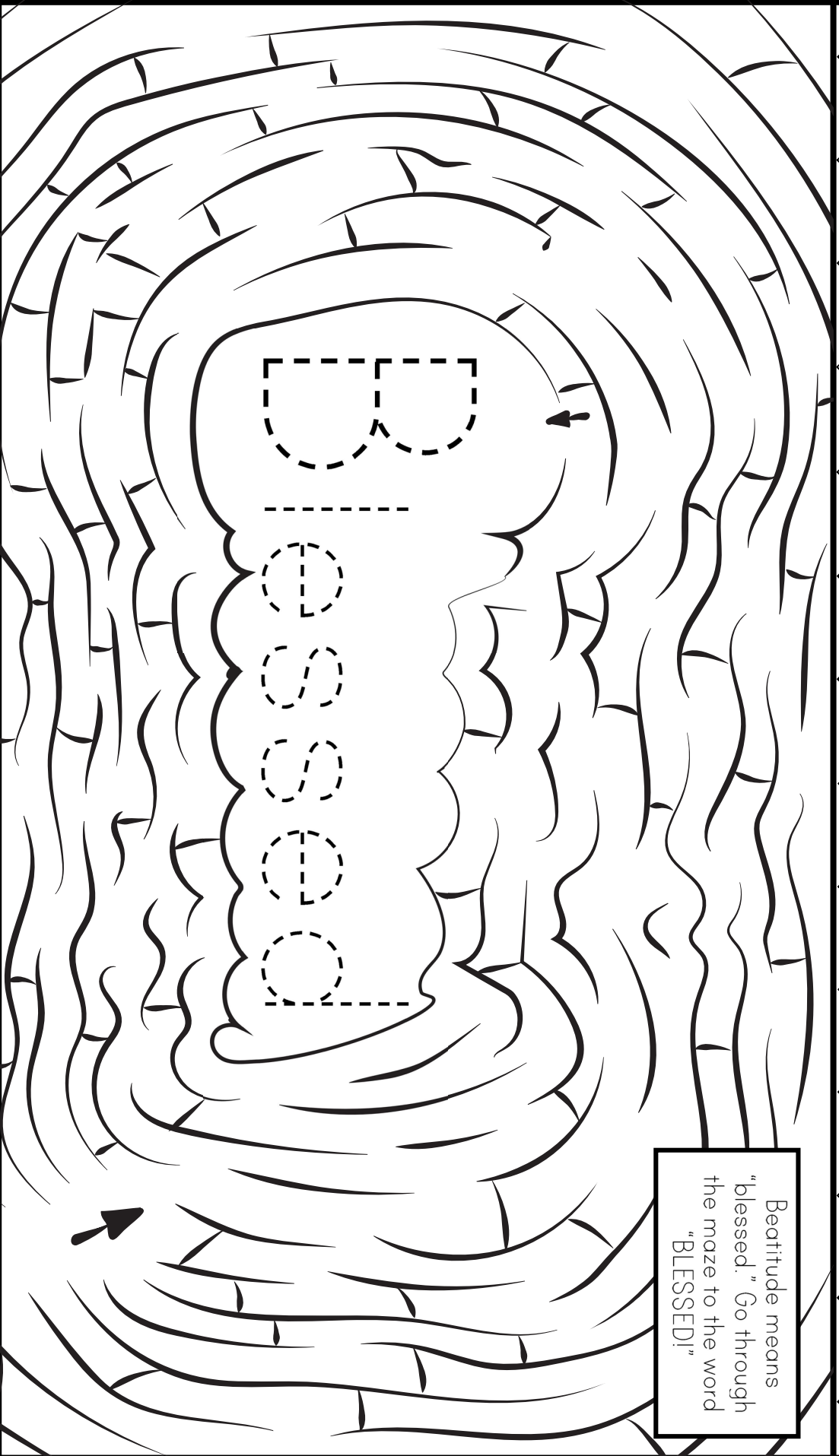
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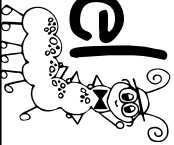
When we say, "And with your spirit," we remember that God is working through the priest to offer the Mass.



Beatitude means "blessed." Go through the maze to the word "BLESSEDI"



# Gospel



Jesus taught His disciples how to live a good life. This lesson is called the Sermon on the Mount.



# FAITH FORMATION

Immaculate Conception Church  
February 16, 2025

The Gospel Reading today is part of the Sermon on the Plain in Luke's Gospel and His account of the Beatitudes. In the Beatitudes, we discover what the core of the

Christian message is all about and how our Master wants us to live. In the Beatitudes we discover the clearest signs of those who trust in the Lord. Their lot is indeed happiness, eternal happiness! They are happy because their attitude of trust has fetched them an eternal possession of the Kingdom of God. They are satisfied and joyful because what seemed displeasing in the eyes of the world became the very things that made them pleasing before God.

It only takes a soul that places her trust in God, and not in the riches and in the transient things of this world, to live the Beatitudes. It is this same trust that illumines us to live and work with our eyes fixed on our eternal inheritance by the power of the resurrection. Such a soul will surely glory in the light of the resurrection. The resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ is the climax of the mysteries of our faith in which

God manifested Himself to us as supremely and absolutely trustworthy. Faith in the resurrection is the manifestation of our trust in God, the trust that we will also share in its merits for "if Christ has not been raised, we are still in our sins" (1 Cor 15:12, 16-20).

[www.catholicforlife.com/6th-sunday-homily-in-the-ordinary-time-year-c](http://www.catholicforlife.com/6th-sunday-homily-in-the-ordinary-time-year-c)



## Do You Struggle with Prayer? Take Advice from the Saints

There are many definitions of prayer, but they all point to one thing: love. Prayer is a relationship that tends toward ever closer union with the loved one. In his Catechism on Prayer, Saint John Vianney used a striking image to describe the union that prayer brings about: "Prayer is nothing else but union with God.... In this intimate union, God and the soul are fused together like two bits of wax that no one can ever pull apart."

While there isn't a secret technique for praying better, there is a wisdom that the saints knew well: pray as you are able, trust in the unconditional love of God, and take the next best step to deepen your relationship with God.

If you're struggling with prayer right now, be gentle with yourself. Turn to the counsel of these saints to get your prayer back on track. [eucharisticrevival.blog](http://eucharisticrevival.blog)

### When You Feel Bored or Distracted While Praying

**Saint Alphonsus de Liguori** (1696-1787), founder of the Redemptorists, was given the title "Doctor of Prayer." Saint Alphonsus was a brilliant preacher and writer, yet he was masterful at presenting holiness as something within everyone's reach. He understood the particular struggles lay people have in praying and devoted much of his preaching and writing to helping them grow in the spiritual life. In his *Spiritual Treatises* (no. 385), he offers this simple encouragement: "This, then, is your answer whenever you feel tempted to stop praying because it seems to be a waste of time: 'I am here to please God.'"

**Praying before the Eucharist: "Where should I pray?"**

**"In that little Host is the solution to all the problems of the world." St. Pope John Paul II**

**"Do you realize that Jesus is there in the tabernacle expressly for you - for you alone? He burns with the desire to come into your heart."** St. Therese of Lisieux

Ultimately, we can find God in any situation. And we should create a space in our homes that is designated for prayer. A chair and a side table that we set aside for our time with God. Every disciple should have a sacred space in their homes where we regularly turn our hearts to God.

But we should also seek the Lord out in his eucharistic presence. Jesus is truly present - body, blood, soul and divinity - in the Eucharist. In every tabernacle, in every Catholic church - Jesus is present so that he can be close to you. St. John Paul II and St. Therese of Lisieux had a great love for Jesus in the Eucharist.



## SCHOOL NEWS

### IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

# JOIN US TODAY

*Now accepting Applications*

2025-2026 Academic Year  
Preschool to Grade 8



Apply Today!



**Immaculate Conception School**

*As a Catholic community, we form disciples of Christ through faith, academics, and character.*

#### Applications Are Open for the 2025-2026 School Year!

We are excited to announce that our applications are open for the 2025-2026 school year. If you are considering a spot in our preschool program, please complete an online application as soon as possible. These classes do tend to fill up quickly.

If you're considering applying to IC School for 2025-2026 and would like to come in and learn more before applying, please email our admissions director, Mrs. Katie Lewis at [klewis@cducation.org](mailto:klewis@cducation.org) and she would be happy to schedule a school tour for you.

#### IC SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Immaculate Conception School has opportunities for students to receive scholarships. Applications can be found at <https://bit.ly/25-26Scholarships>.

Available scholarships are:

Monsignor A. Anthony Frecker Scholarship  
Herbst HASA Service Scholarship  
Dick and Patty Cleary Family Scholarship  
Missimi Christian Athletic Scholarship  
John & Mary Ryan Scholarship

#### ST. CHARLES

**St. Charles Drama Department to present its winter musical, *The Old Man and The Old Moon*** – The St. Charles Preparatory School Drama Department will present its winter musical, *The Old Man and The Old Moon* by the PigPen Theatre Co. on February 27, 28, and March 1 at 8 p.m., and Sunday, March 2 at 3 p.m. Adult Tickets are \$15, students \$10. Tickets may be purchased by reserving online at [scprep.org](http://scprep.org) and clicking the “buy tickets” button on the top left. Tickets will not be sold at the door. *The Old Man and The Old Moon* tells the epic tale of an old man who must abandon his duties of filling up the moon with liquid light to cross the seas in search of his missing wife. A glorious musical for every generation to enjoy.

#### ASK A PRIEST NIGHT

Do you have questions you've always wanted to ask a priest? The Museum of Catholic Art and History will host Ask a Priest Night on Friday, February 28, 2025, from 6-8:30 p.m., at the museum, 257 E. Broad Street. Email your questions to [info@catholicmuseum.org](mailto:info@catholicmuseum.org). Questions will be placed in a basket for anonymity. Cost is \$25 per person and includes a wine and cheese reception. RSVP by February 27 by emailing [info@catholicmuseum.org](mailto:info@catholicmuseum.org).



#### HOMESCHOOLING IN CENTRAL OHIO

Opus Domini, the Works of Our Lord, is a Catholic homeschool support community in Central Ohio. We exist to help home educators connect with each other, plan classes, activities, and social gatherings with other Catholic homeschoolers. This is also the perfect place to ask questions, request prayers, and seek encouragement for your homeschooling journey. Need a local homeschool group? Visit our website to request membership at <https://opusdomini.groups.io>. Considering homeschool or have questions? Contact our board by emailing [main+owner@OpusDomini.groups.io](mailto:main+owner@OpusDomini.groups.io).

#### ST. TIMOTHY NIGHT OF GIVING: DANCING THROUGH THE DECADES

Join us from 7-10 p.m. Saturday, March 22 in the St. Timothy gym (1070 Thomas Lane) as we groove to hits from the 1950s and beyond with music, a costume contest, and decades-themed activities. Money raised will be used for playground repairs and improvements. Admission is \$25 per person and includes appetizers and music from Columbus Blue Jackets DJ Matty Sexton. A cash bar will be available. More information: <https://sttimisevents.com/event/night-of-giving/>. See you there!



#### DON'T MISS DINNERS & DIAPERS: A DRIVE FOR CHANGE

Join Us for the 2025 World's Largest Diaper Drive™ Kickoff Banquets!

Be part of the historic movement to support families in need at the 2025 World's Largest Diaper Drive™, an initiative of Bottoms Up Diaper Bank. Celebrate with us at one of our kickoff banquets in Chillicothe (March 4), Columbus (March 6), or Lancaster (March 11)! Together, we provide diapers and hope to those who need it most. To register or learn more about Bottoms Up Diaper Bank, visit [www.bottomsup.life](http://www.bottomsup.life). See you there!

#### LENTEN PRAYER SERIES AT THE MARIA STEIN SHRINE

Wanting to grow in your prayer life this Lent? Ever feel stuck in your prayer life? Not sure of what personal prayer is supposed to look like? A five-week series on prayer will be offered at the Maria Stein Shrine on the following Thursdays during Lent:

March 13 – A Journey in Prayer 7-8:15 p.m.

March 20 – Who is God? 7-8:15 p.m.

March 27 – Battle in Prayer 7-8:15 p.m.

April 3 – Communion of the Saints 7-8:15 p.m.

April 10 – Your Journey in Prayer 7-8:15 p.m.

We will have the opportunity to engage in a different form of prayer at each session and address the challenges and possible misconceptions about prayer. If you are interested or have any questions, please contact Caleb Gaier via email at [c.gaier@mariasteinshrine.org](mailto:c.gaier@mariasteinshrine.org) or call (419) 925-4532.

#### MENTAL HEALTH SUMMIT:

#### OUR CATHOLIC RESPONSE TO MENTAL HEALTH

As we face a growing mental health crisis in our society, what should we do? As Catholics, we are called to respond to the signs of the times. Join in a public conversation on the topic and together create our local response. The summit will be held at St. Brendan the Navigator Church, March 28, 2025, from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Daily Mass is available at 8 a.m., followed by a light breakfast. Lunch is also included. Registration is limited! You may register at [onecau.se/mentalhealthsummit](http://onecau.se/mentalhealthsummit).



**D.O.Y.M.A.R. DISCIPLESHIP PRAYER GROUP FOR GIRLS AND YOUNG WOMEN**

Join the Daughters of Holy Mary of the Heart of Jesus for prayer, formation and community as Prayerful Marian-Apostolic Disciples of the Redemption!

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2025:** High school junior and senior girls, college-age and young adult women, 7-8:30 p.m.

LOCATION: Sisters' Convent Chapel, 352 Harrogate Loop N., Westerville, Ohio 43082.

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2025:** girls 1st-10th grade, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Please bring your journal, colored pencils, and packed lunch!

LOCATION: St Paul the Apostle Church, 313 N. State Street, Westerville, Ohio 43082.

To RSVP or for more information, contact the Daughters of Holy Mary of the Heart of Jesus by phone at (614) 392-1188 or email columbus@hsmcj.org.

**HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES**

**New Scholarship Opportunity – The Nativity of Mary** – This scholarship provides a four-year, \$2,000 per year scholarship to any rising 9th grade student (current 8th grader) who will attend a Catholic High School in the 2025-2026 school year. The link to apply for the Nativity of Mary Scholarship can be found at: <https://catholic-foundation.org/grants/scholarships/the-nativity-of-mary-scholarship/>.

The Nativity of Mary Scholarship was established for the propagation of the Catholic faith and devotion to Our Blessed Mother. A letter of recommendation, a short essay on the applicant's devotion to our Blessed Mother, and financial need will be used to evaluate the potential applicants. Provided the student remains in good standing and continues to attend a Catholic high school in the Diocese of Columbus, the scholarship will be renewed all four years until that student graduates.

**New Scholarship Opportunity – The Hands and Feet of Christ Scholarship** – This scholarship provides an \$800 scholarship to a student who will attend a Catholic High School in the 2025-2026 school year at any grade level. The link to apply for the Hands and Feet of Christ Scholarship can be found at: <https://catholic-foundation.org/grants/scholarships/the-hands-and-feet-of-christ-scholarship/>.

A letter of recommendation from a community leader (clergy, youth minister, teacher, etc.) attesting to the applicant's active involvement in his or her own Catholic faith formation and demonstrated financial need (via FACTS Tuition Assistance) will be used to evaluate the potential applicants. This is a single year scholarship.

**The Catholic Foundation's applications for scholarships are currently open with a deadline for submission of February 28.** For more information and to apply, please visit [www.catholic-foundation.org/scholarships](http://www.catholic-foundation.org/scholarships). If you have any questions about our scholarship process, please feel free to contact Dan Kurth, VP of Grants, at (614) 443-8893 or [dkurth@catholic-foundation.org](mailto:dkurth@catholic-foundation.org).

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