



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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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.

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, MARCH 1

Sir 17:1-15; Mk 10:13-16
4:00 p.m. Wes Walker †

SUNDAY, MARCH 2

Sir 27:4-7; 1 Cor 15:54-58; Lk 6:39-45
8:30 a.m. For the People of
Immaculate Conception Parish
11:00 a.m. Robert Knight †

MONDAY, MARCH 3

Sir 17:20-24; Mk 10:17-27
8:30 a.m. Living & Deceased Members of the
St. Vincent de Paul Society

TUESDAY, MARCH 4

Sir 35:1-12; Mk 10:28-31
6:15 p.m. Robert Hunsinger †

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5

Jl 2:12-18; 2 Cor 5:20-6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
8:30 a.m. For the Intention of John Canty
11:30 a.m. John Bernard, Sr. †
7:00 p.m. Richard & Norma Roll †

THURSDAY, MARCH 6

Deut 30:15-20; Lk 9:22-25
8:30 a.m. Seth Jenkins †

FRIDAY, MARCH 7

Is 58:1-9a; Mt 9:14-15
8:30 a.m. Living & Deceased Members of the
IC Women's Club

SATURDAY, MARCH 8

Is 58:9b-14; Lk 5:27-32
4:00 p.m. Sean Hinton †

SUNDAY, MARCH 9

Deut 26:4-10; Rom 10:8-13; Lk 4:1-13
8:30 a.m. For the People of
Immaculate Conception Parish
11:00 a.m. Ragon Wilks †

† *Deceased*

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LITURGICAL MINISTERS SCHEDULE – MARCH 8 & 9, 2025

MASS TIMES	4:00 p.m.	8:30 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS	Karen & John Groeber	Ann & Pete Eichel	Karen Cannell Margaret Williams
LECTORS	EJ Davis	Zach Klein	Emily Strand
ALTAR SERVERS	Lila Hatem Maren Henderson Nate Henderson Eric Hirsch	Brenna Conway Henry Haggard Naomi Haggard Peter Haggard	Stella Frost Mia Galden Henry Geraghty Will Harris
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MINISTRY SCHEDULES

Ministry schedules are available on the parish website. To see complete schedules, go to 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, 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 March, the three Sanctuary Candles were donated by **Ryan Schwieterman**. Thank you for your generosity.

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 and scroll down to "Mass Schedule," then "See the Mass." Livestreamed Masses are archived and can be experienced at a later time.

THE POPE'S MONTHLY INTENTION FOR MARCH For families in crisis

Let us pray that broken families might discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering each other's gifts, even in their differences.

IN OUR PARISH



NEW PARISHIONERS

We welcome a new parishioner to Immaculate Conception Parish: **Richard Ricketts III**. 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.

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high school hangout

SUNDAY, MARCH 2
6:30-8 P.M. IN ROOM A
TOPIC: FRIENDSHIPS
OPEN TO ANYONE IN
HIGH SCHOOL



Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.



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.



ASH WEDNESDAY

Our Lenten journey begins this Wednesday, March 5, 2025. Ash Wednesday Masses are at 8:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m., and 7 p.m.

ASH WEDNESDAY COLLECTION FOR JOIN

Joint Organization for Inner-city Needs, JOIN, is an agency of the Diocese's Catholic Charities Office, located at 578 E. Main Street in downtown Columbus. Sharing God's love and word through the assistance provided to our brothers and sisters is our daily aspiration. Because of generosity, throughout our Diocese, JOIN is able to help our neighbors with their essential needs such as food, personal care, household items and diapers. We can also assist with more complicated issues such as prescriptions, utilities, birth certificates and transportation. The Ash Wednesday collection of your church and other churches in the diocese is instrumental in our mission to serve our neighbors with these various needs and more. All donations go directly to improve the quality of life for those we serve. You are always welcome to visit JOIN or feel free to call or email me, Lisa Keita, director of JOIN, any time at (614) 241-2530 or lkeita@columbuscatholic.org. God bless you with His grace and Peace! To donate online, go to www.iccols.org, Give Now, Choose JOIN from the dropdown box, or place donations in the Offertory collection on Ash Wednesday.

LENTEN REGULATIONS

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of Fast and Abstinence. Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59 are required to fast, eating one meal along with two lesser meals which together do not equal one full meal. Liquids are permitted between meals. Catholics 14 years of age and older are obligated to abstain from eating meat on Ash Wednesday, as well as on all the Fridays of Lent.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

FRIDAYS
7:30 P.M.



JOIN US FOR CRS RICE BOWL'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY!

CRS Rice Bowl is celebrating 50 years of helping Catholic faith communities bring Lent to life and encounter God through our global family. During the 40 days of Lent, let us journey together through CRS Rice Bowl to meet people in Nigeria, Guatemala and Bangladesh who are rising above the challenges of hunger and malnutrition. Pick up your rice bowl box from the bulletin boxes or in the gathering space. Donations can also be made through the parish website. Visit crsricebowl.org/join to share your Lenten prayer intentions.

TIME, TALENT & TREASURE

Fostering Stewardship as a Way of Life

Fiscal Year 7/1/2024-6/30/2025 • Offertory Report 2/23/2025

	2/23/2025	YTD 2024/2025
Recorded Envelopes/Checks	\$ 25,475	\$ 858,738
Loose Cash	\$ 651	\$ 30,956
TOTAL RECEIVED	\$ 26,126	\$ 889,694
Weekly Operating Expenses	\$ 27,000	\$ 918,000
Weekly Overage/ <i>(Shortage)</i>	\$ (874)	\$ (28,306)
Families Receiving Envelopes		840
Envelopes Received		112
Families on EFT		385



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)

FORMED – NEW PROGRAMS FOR LENT

Dive deep into the mystery of Christ this Lent with two brand new series on Formed and a mini journal to help guide you! Log in to watch. Formed.org to watch the two new series - *How to Lent* and *Foretold*.

Formed is free to all IC parishioners and provides amazing content 24/7 for you to grow in your faith. It's EASY to register!

- Visit <http://iccols.formed.org> using your favorite web browser
- Register for access by creating your own free account
- Explore and Study, Watch, Listen and/or Read

MUSIC MINUTE – CALLING VOICES!

I have two questions for you to ponder.

- *What is the role of liturgical music in Roman Catholic Worship?*
- *How do you see yourself contributing to that role?*

Simply stated, the role of liturgical music in Roman Catholic worship allows the congregation another way to actively participate in the Liturgy. Liturgical music is also described as complimenting and enhancing a certain liturgy or rite. The goal of the music within the Mass is to put the spoken word into song and provide another way of hearing God's message. We come together as a community of faith to pray and worship as one, in turn we sing as a community glorifying Him through song.

As Lent approaches, I invite you to really listen to see where God is calling you in how you participate at Mass. Is He calling you to use your voice in another way to glorify Him? I invite you to join our music ministry. It does not have to be in its entirety, it can be seasonal. You can join the choir and/or you can be a cantor. Lent is the perfect time to join us to celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord. It takes an army to make this vibrant parish successful. With the demands of this faith-filled parish, it is going to take more voices to meet the requirements of our many liturgies. Ash Wednesday is March 5, and rehearsals resume Wednesday, March 12 at 7 p.m. in the choir loft.

I invite you to come to rehearsal on March 12 or contact me, Adam Fehrenbach, at musicdirector@gmail.com.

Hope to see you there!

Adam Fehrenbach, M.S.M.



EVERY Friday during Lent!

(March 7 - April 11)

5:00 - 7:30 p.m. in Marian Hall



\$16 Adults
\$6 Kids Meals
(Fish/Pizza/M&C)
Carryout Available

MENU

Fried or Baked Fish, French Fries, Cole Slaw, Vegetable, and Roll. Complimentary Beverages, Adult Beverages & Dessert Available.

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS!

Sign up to volunteer or donate desserts at: bit.ly/IC-Fish-Fry



NEW THIS YEAR

← Reserve a table \$200
Event Sponsor \$500 →
(includes table, signage & announcement)



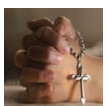
The first Lenten Fish Fry starts March 7! We need your generous support of volunteer time and dessert donations. It is a truly enjoyable experience. Sign up on the church website under Quick Links or use the QR code above. New this year is the ability to Reserve a table or Sponsor. Questions, call John Bruzzese at (614) 284-9226.

SAVE THE DATE
July 14-18 9am-12pm

The Easy VBS®

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VBS Registration opens in April



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.

Saint David

Saint David was a bishop. A bishop's hat is called a **miter**, and the staff he carries is called a **crozier**.

A dove sat on Saint David's shoulder to show that the

Holy Spirit was with him. A hill grew under his feet so that people could see him.

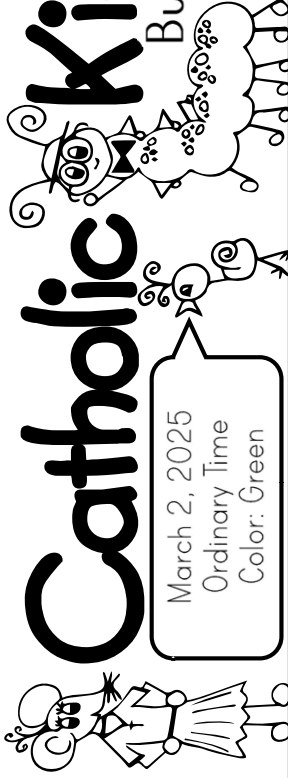


Saint David is the patron saint of Wales. He is often pictured with a dragon because the dragon is a symbol of Wales.

Catholic Kids

Bulletin

March 2, 2025
Ordinary Time
Color: Green



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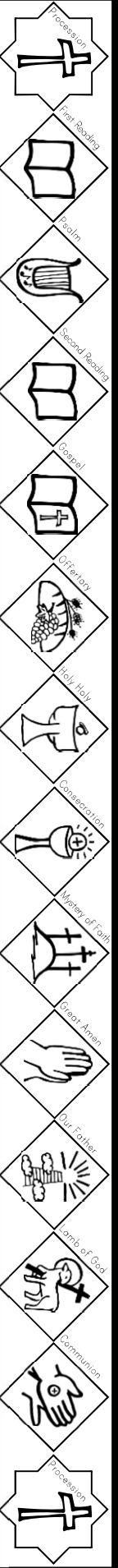
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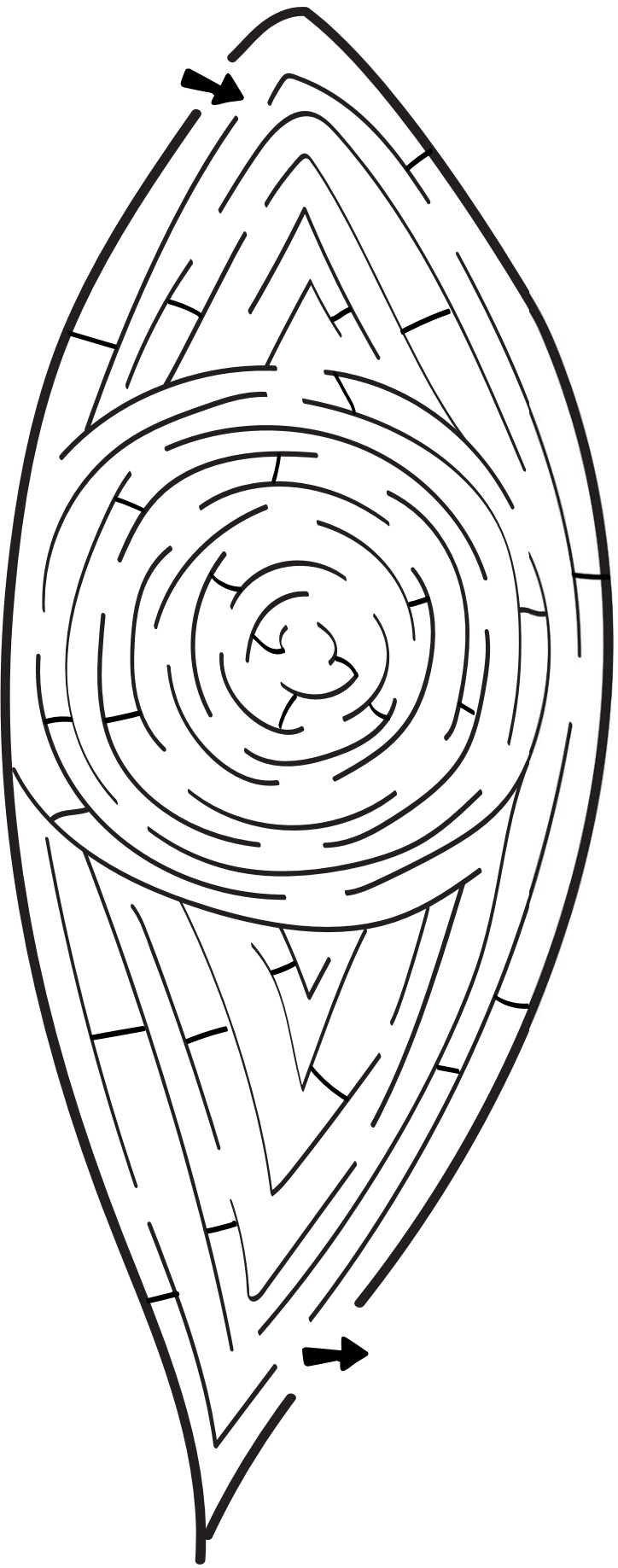
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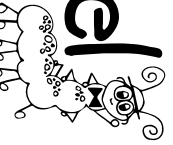
The word "Eucharist" means "Thanksgiving." During Communion, take time to be thankful for the gift of Jesus in the Eucharist.



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Gospel



Jesus told parables to His disciples. Parables are stories that teach a lesson.
 One story teaches that we should work on being our best before we correct other
 people. Listen for more lessons.

Growing in FAITH™

Discovering **hope** and **joy** in the Catholic faith.

March 2025

Immaculate Conception Church

Fr. Matthew Hoover

One Minute Meditations

St. Agnes of Bohemia

Imagine refusing marriage proposals from two kings and the Holy Roman Emperor.

For Agnes, daughter of Queen Constance and King Ottokar I, none but the King of Heaven could win her heart. In 1236, after financing the construction of a Poor Clare monastery in Prague, she entered this monastery with seven other noblewomen. Elected abbess, she continued to perform the lowliest tasks in the community. She exchanged letters with St. Clare of Assisi, which survive today.

Scripture is God's love letter

Sacred Scripture isn't just a record of events that happened long ago but is intended for us today. When we read the Bible through the lens of Church teaching, we see God revealing the ways of the love of His heart for each of us, "back then" and still today.

"And what is the secret of perseverance? Love.

Fall in Love, and you will not leave him." —St.

Josemaría Escrivá

Cultivate a heart for Lent

Just as an experienced gardener prepares the soil before planting to ensure healthy growth, we must prepare the "soil" of our hearts during Lent. This season invites us to clear away obstacles that hinder our relationship with God and nourish our spirits through prayer and the Sacraments. By doing so, we cultivate the "good fruits" that lead to a renewed and vibrant spiritual life.

Uproot the Weeds: Studies suggest that forming a new habit takes at least three weeks, depending on its nature. Begin by uprooting unhealthy habits and replacing them with holy, life-giving practices. Start small but be consistent — like waking up just five or ten minutes earlier to pray. Even small acts of self-discipline build the spiritual strength needed to face greater

challenges, including temptations.

Nourish the Soil: Spiritual growth isn't possible without grace. Mother Teresa, despite her incredible work, insisted on a daily Holy Hour, affirming, "How can we last even one day living our life without hearing Jesus say, 'I love you' — impossible." Follow her example by creating and following a routine of daily prayer, weekly Mass, and monthly Confession.

Preserve the Fruits: Commit to practices that bring new life, like choosing kindness over gossip, and prayer over screen time. By nurturing these habits, you'll encounter Jesus' love more deeply and reflect that love to others.

As we journey through Lent, may our hearts become fertile ground where faith, hope, and love can blossom abundantly.

Why Do Catholics Do That?

Why do Catholics give something up for Lent?

Catholics around the world make sacrifices during Lent to remind us that God is greater than anything the world can offer. By giving up small comforts or practicing acts of self-denial, we acknowledge that every good gift comes from Him. The sacrifice serves to remind us.

True love requires sacrifice. God demonstrated this perfectly by giving His only Son for our salvation (John 3:16). Our Lenten sacrifices help us imitate this divine love. By uniting our sacrifices with Christ's ultimate sacrifice on the Cross, we become more like Him.

The virtue that leads to a balanced life

Prudence is the virtue of wise decision-making, guiding us to apply moral principles in everyday life with clarity and integrity. It empowers us to navigate complex situations with fairness and sound judgment.

Act justly and fairly by treating others with justice, free from favoritism or prejudice. For example, when caring for children, prudence ensures we give equal attention to each child, fostering an atmosphere of respect and equality.

Balance courage and caution by finding the middle ground between fear and recklessness. Prudence empowers us to make bold yet responsible choices. For

example, taking out a mortgage for a comfortable home is a prudent investment, whereas going into excessive debt to impress others is not.

Master desires and avoid greed to keep from becoming enslaved by life’s pleasures. This virtue helps us avoid excessive consumption. Prudence allows us to appreciate good food, fine entertainment, or the latest technology without falling into excessive consumption.

Prudence brings us practical wisdom. When we practice prudence, we not only make better decisions but also move closer to living a balanced, fulfilling life.

from **S**cripture

John 9:1-41, Faith gives us true sight

In this Gospel reading, Jesus cured a blind man on the Sabbath by making mud and smearing it on the man’s eyes. This cure was two-fold; the man received both physical sight and the sight of faith. As he was being questioned by the Pharisees, his understanding of who Jesus was moved from knowing Him as simply a man, to acclaiming Him as a prophet, and finally, to worshipping Him as the Son of God.

While the faith of the cured man progresses, the spiritual sight of

the Pharisees does the opposite. In their anger, they were blinded to the truth—that the curing of the blind man was God’s work. Furious that Jesus failed to observe the Sabbath, they refused to believe that the man had been blind from birth and had been healed by Jesus.

In Baptism, we are given the gift of faith—the ability to “see” God and our life in relation to him. The longer we follow Jesus and learn from Him, the better we understand Him. However, through sin, we can become spiritually blind.

Q & A Why don’t I feel better after Confession?

After Confession, many feel lighter, more peaceful. Other times, we may feel no change, or even sadness. Still, we are forgiven. Here’s how to find peace.

Make amends: That lingering unease might be God’s gentle nudge to make things right. Forgiveness is given in the Sacrament of Reconciliation, but healing continues through restitution. If you confessed to stealing \$20, you’re forgiven—but you still need to return it. Making amends completes the reconciliation process.

Reject false guilt: “Healthy” guilt alerts us to sin, like a burglar alarm. Once you’ve confessed, the alarm should turn off. If guilt lingers, recognize it as a temptation to doubt God’s mercy. God doesn’t hold grudges and neither should you. If you’re struggling, seek help from a priest, counselor, or trusted Catholic friend.

Then do what pleases Him most – be still and let Him love you.

Feasts & Celebrations

March 6 - St. Colette (1447). St. Colette was born in Corbie, France. She was orphaned at seventeen and gave her inheritance to the poor. She later became a Franciscan Tertiary and later reformed the Poor Clares. She founded seventeen convents under the reformed rule.

March 17 – St. Patrick (493). Born in Scotland, St. Patrick was kidnapped and brought to Ireland as a slave. He escaped but later returned to become the bishop of Ireland and is credited with establishing the Church there.

March 19 – St. Joseph, Husband of Mary. Jesus’ earthly foster father and husband to the Blessed Mother, St. Joseph is a model of fatherhood and protector of families.

March 20 – St. Cuthbert (687). St. Cuthbert joined the Benedictines at the Melrose Abbey. For his holiness, fervor and charity, he was made abbot of the Lindisfarne Abbey. He retired to be a hermit.

March 25 – the Annunciation. The angel Gabriel visited the Blessed Virgin Mary with the extraordinary news of her role as the mother of God. Even at her young age, she had complete confidence in God’s grace and trusted in his wisdom.

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FAITH FORMATION

Immaculate Conception Church
March 2, 2025

5 Ideas for Lenten Penance

It's time to move beyond just giving up chocolate!



“What are you giving up for Lent?”

It's the question we are all asking each other right about now. And yes, giving up something we enjoy such as sweets, coffee, or our favorite TV show is a great start. These external penances are a necessary part of the season—and should be a part of our lives in some way throughout the year.

But what else can we do to actively cultivate virtue and really target our faults this Lent? How can we take our penances to the next level? Here are 5 ideas that might prove a bit challenging—but try ‘em out and you’ll be enjoying some sweet spiritual fruit soon!

1. **Mortify your will through the practice of obedience.** Obedience takes different forms depending on our state in life. Those in religious life must obey their religious superiors, and children their parents. As lay adults, we can do it by cheerfully serving our spouse and children, fulfilling our assigned tasks at work, or simply allowing others to go first in the buffet line!
2. **Attend especially to the tasks you don't like doing.** Padre Pio was once visited by the soul of a young friar who had worked in the sacristy. The soul revealed that he suffered in purgatory because he'd been careless and negligent with his work. Complete every task meticulously, no matter how small and insignificant.
3. **Embrace annoyances.** Annoyances abound in this life. Little flaws in other people especially provoke us to fixate on our aggravation. Very often the flaws are faults that we also are guilty of, but which we tolerate in ourselves. Over the next few weeks, when something in another person annoys you, examine yourself and discern how you, too, act or feel or think in that way.
4. **Impose a strict watch on your tongue.** Innumerable, mundane complaints escape our mouths daily, fostering ingratitude—so guard your tongue and inspect what you want to say before speaking.
5. **Check impulsive actions.** Be intentional in all that you do, asking yourself, “Do I really need to shoot off this text? Will this comment help anyone? Will I benefit from thoughtlessly popping snacks in my mouth?” www.catholiccompany.com



Pilgrims of Hope Jubilee 2025

There are four pilgrimage sites in the Diocese of Columbus for the faithful to visit:

St. Joseph Cathedral, Columbus

The Basilica of St. Mary of the Assumption, Lancaster

Shrine to Our Lady of Guadalupe, Star of the New Evangelization at Holy Name Church, Columbus

St. Joseph Catholic Church, Somerset

A plenary indulgence is available under the usual conditions.

What is a Plenary Indulgence?

Out of a desire to bring complete healing to every sinner, the Church grants indulgences to encourage the faithful in their ongoing journey toward the fullness of God's love. Indulgences can be for oneself or a soul in Purgatory. Giving of indulgences is like a medicine that heals over time, and a sign of the Church's vast treasury of grace.

A plenary indulgence is granted once each day of the Jubilee Year to Christ's faithful when they:

Visit a pilgrimage site, including outside our diocese.

Offer prayers at the site.

Pray for the Holy Father's intentions by offering at least 1 Our Father, 1 Hail Mary, 1 Glory Be, and recite the Creed.

Have an interior disposition of complete detachment from all sin, even venial sin.

Be truly penitent and compelled by charity as part of your pilgrimage.

For those unable to make a pilgrimage, a plenary indulgence may be obtained by doing works of mercy and penance, including the other conditions above. Diocese of Columbus

THE BLACK AND INDIAN MISSION COLLECTION

We are now accepting donations for the Black and Indian Mission Collection. This collection exists to help local African American and Native American Diocesan Communities throughout the United States spread the Good News of Jesus Christ and respond to real and pressing needs on the ground. To learn more, go to <https://blackandindianmission.org/>. To donate, use the specified envelope in your envelope packet, place your donation in well-marked envelope in the offertory collection, or donate at iccols.org>Give Now>Diocesan Collections>Sub Fund>Black & Indian Mission. Please be generous.



Eucharistic Adoration is simply the act of being in Christ's real presence while the Eucharist is on the altar. Adorers may schedule a specific hour or stay as briefly or as long as they would like. Adoration concludes at 5:45 p.m. with Benediction. Make time to be in Christ's presence and open yourself to the graces that flow from the Eucharist. To schedule a specific hour, go to www.iccols.org>Parish Life>Adoration.

SCHOOL NEWS

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Have you filed your 2024 state taxes yet?

Did you have an opportunity in 2024 to help provide tuition assistance to IC students via the Emmaus Road Scholarship? If not, there is still time! Donations made until April 15 can be claimed on your 2024 taxes.

- Donate to Immaculate Conception, Columbus via Emmaus Road Scholarship.
- When filing your Ohio state taxes, note your donation amount on the appropriate line.
- See your donation amount credited back to you as a dollar-for-dollar tax credit.

Join the many Ohio taxpayers who have experienced the benefits of this state law, which gives you the power to direct your tax dollars to support Catholic education.

SOCIAL CONCERNS

OPEN SHELTER MEAL THIS MONDAY, MARCH 3, 2025

The Open Shelter meal for homeless and marginally housed individuals is this Monday, March 3, 2025. We need donations of sloppy joes, mac & cheese, cookies, lunch size chips, snacky desserts, bottled water and sturdy, clean to-go containers (can be recycled ones). Cash donations are welcome. Arrangements can be made to pick up your donations on that Monday or 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.

Home & School Association Dine Out- Taste of Italy from Berwick -Wed, March 19th

Order a dinner to help support Immaculate Conception Home & School from The Berwick's **Taste of Italy Tour 2025**

Go online to see menu and pre-order your meal at <https://the-berwick.com/taste-of-italy-tour>

Place your order by Tuesday 3/18 at 7am

Pick up

When: Wednesday, March 19, 2025
Curbside pick up between 5pm to 6pm at Immaculate Conception Church & School 2867 E Livingston Ave, Columbus, OH 43209

10% of order totals will go to the Immaculate Conception HOME & School

Junior High Students: Save the Date- April 27th

LAGHI CHAIR LECTURE AT THE JOSEPHINUM

The Pontifical College Josephinum's 2025 Pio Cardinal Laghi Chair Lecture will feature a presentation by Peter K. Kilpatrick, PhD, President of The Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C. He will present "Beauty in Science" on Wednesday, March 12, at 7 p.m. in the Jessing Center. Free admission and parking; reservations not required. For more information, please call (614) 985-2274.

The Pio Cardinal Laghi Chair was inaugurated at the Josephinum in 1992 in honor of Pio Cardinal Laghi, then Prefect of the Congregation for Catholic Education. American cardinals and presidents of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops promoted the funding of this chair in recognition of Cardinal Laghi's dedicated service to the Catholic Church in the United States.

ST. PEREGRINE PRAYER SERVICE

The Maria Stein Shrine of the Holy Relics is pleased to be able to offer the St. Peregrine Relic for prayer and veneration. Three times per year a prayer service is held for those who are on a journey with cancer, whether it be as a patient or as a caregiver. The next service will be held on Sunday, March 30 at 2 p.m. in the Shrine's Adoration Chapel. This event is free and open to the public. All who have been affected by cancer are encouraged to attend. The Shrine is located at 2291 St. Johns Road, Maria Stein, Ohio.

For those battling cancer, you can submit your name or a loved one's name for prayer. Please contact Caleb Gaier at c.gaier@mariasteinshrine.org or call (419) 925-4532.

BETHESDA HEALING MINISTRY

A SIGN OF HOPE

Bethesda Healing Ministry is a Catholic ministry of healing and hospitality for those seeking healing from an abortion experience. As Pope Francis opened the Holy Door for this Jubilee Year, he has called Catholic Christians to be a sign of hope to a world in need. Bethesda Healing Ministry seeks to do that through its ministry. "Please join us for this important fundraiser. Be a sign of hope and help Bethesda carry out its mission of healing."

Saturday, March 8, 2025
St. Andrew Church Nugent Parish Hall
1899 McCoy Road, Columbus, Ohio 43220

9:00 AM – Parish Mass
10:00 AM – Brunch & Program
\$35.00/Person

Guest Speaker:
Reverend Michael Lumpe
Very Rev. Michael Lumpe, Priest of the Diocese of Columbus, Vicar for Senior and Infirm Priests, Vicar for Hospital Ministry, Chaplain for Mother Angeline McCrory Manor and Villas of St. Therese.

Registration Online:
bethesdahealing.org/events
Or Call: Bethesda Healing Ministry (614) 718-0277

**MILLIONS OF MONICAS PRAYER MINISTRY
AT ST. ANDREW CATHOLIC CHURCH**

Women are welcome to join us in prayer for our children, family members, and friends who struggle with the Catholic faith or have left the faith entirely. St. Andrew's Millions of Monicas Prayer Ministry meets the second Monday of each month. The next prayer meeting is Monday, March 10, from 6 to 7 p.m. in the church. For information about this prayer ministry, contact Amy Tague at amyliiss14@gmail.com.

**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. this 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! For more information, visit <https://sttimsevents.com/event/spaghetti-dinner/>.

GUARDIAN ANGEL PROJECT

An "adopt a sailor" program for the crew of the USS Harry S. Truman while deployed. Guardian Angels represent those who wish to show appreciation and support, or just want to boost the morale of one of our deployed servicemembers. An aircraft carrier is a veritable city with nearly **6,000** onboard! Diocese of Columbus' own **Fr. Daniel Swartz** is the Navy Chaplain aboard the Truman.


If you would like to volunteer to become a Guardian Angel and support a sailor aboard the Truman with letters and care packages, please send the following fields of information to the program coordinator at gaven.hills@cvn75.navy.mil:

- Your Name or point of contact
- Organization (if you represent one or are a part of one, like a class or volunteer group)
- Preferred email (They will naturally default to the email used to respond.)
- Physical mailing address you will be sending from (They use this to identify mail, they will send nothing to you.)
- Phone number (If email should fail this is a secondary contact, communication is primarily through email.)
- How many sailors would you like to sponsor? (Individuals or families are limited to one sailor but larger groups, like churches, schools or volunteer groups, can take multiple.)

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