



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 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 p.m. or as announced

Sacraments

RECONCILIATION

Tuesdays: 5:30-6 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 Barb Fortkamp at (614) 267-9241, ext. 307 or at bfortkamp@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 (614) 267-9241, ext. 304 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. Pastoral Care needs contact Barb Fortkamp at (614) 267-9241, ext. 307 or at bfortkamp@iccols.org.

FUNERAL AND BEAVEMENT MINSITRY

Family of the deceased loved one should contact Barb Fortkamp at (614) 267-9241, ext. 307 or at bfortkamp@iccols.org.

RCIA

RCIA (Rite 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. 293 or at marivera@iccols.org.

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MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

Eccl 11:9-12:8; Lk 9:43b-45

4:00 p.m. Jim & Johnny Clark †

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

Ez 18:25-28; Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5; Mt 21:28-32

8:30 a.m. For the People of the Parish

11:00 a.m. Michael Bruzzese †

4:00 p.m. For Fr. Matt Hoover and for
Vocations to the Priesthood
and Diaconate

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

Jb 1:6-22; Lk 9:46-50

8:30 a.m. Mr. & Mrs. Matt & Nancy Davies †

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a; Jn 1:47-51

6:15 p.m. Mary Theresa Fox †

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

Jb 9:1-12, 14-16; Lk 9:57-62

8:30 a.m. Elizabeth Canty †

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1

Jb 19:21-27; Lk 10:1-12

8:30 a.m. Sr. Mary Melinda Burkhart, O.P. †

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2

Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5; Mt 18:1-5, 10

8:30 a.m. For the Living & Deceased Members
of the IC Women's Club

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3

Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17; Lk 10:17-24

4:00 p.m. Bob Roehrer †

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4

Is 5:1-7; Phil 4:6-9; Mt 21:33-43

8:30 a.m. Michael Bruzzese †

11:00 a.m. For the People of the Parish

† **Deceased**

SEPTEMBER CONTRIBUTORS TO THE SANCTUARY LAMPS

The Sanctuary lamp burns constantly to proclaim the real presence of Jesus in the Tabernacle. For the month of September, the three Sanctuary candles in the Church were donated by the **Haulund and Spinosi family**. Thank you for your generosity.

DONATIONS TO THE SANCTUARY LAMPS

Parishioners interested in making a contribution to a candle for one or more of the three Sanctuary Lamps in the Church or the candle in the Adoration Chapel, please contact Sue Beman at (614) 214-5333 or Beman_sue@yahoo.com to make arrangements. Contributors' names will be included in the Sunday bulletin. The suggested offering is \$25.00 per candle. The I.C. Women's Club thanks you for supporting this ministry.

PASTORAL STAFF

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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. You can schedule a Mass intention for deceased friends and loved ones by calling the parish office at (614) 267-9241, or by turning in a written request. Mass stipends (offerings) are \$10 each. Mass intentions can also be requested for special intentions.

IN OUR PARISH

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: We welcome this new member of the parish: **Theodore James Good** who was baptized on September 20, 2020.

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE: Please remember in your prayers **Marian Irwin, Theresa Bowers, and Edward Douglas**, who died this week. Eternal rest grant onto them, oh Lord, and may your consoling love be with their family and friends

NEW PARISHIONERS: We welcome new parishioners **Terrence Burns and Mary Ellen McAllister Burns** to Immaculate Conception parish. 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.



Fr. Matt's 25th Ordination Anniversary



June 24, 1995-2020



Congratulations to Fr. Matt as we celebrate the 25th Anniversary of his ordination to the holy priesthood. He asks only for your prayers for him, for IC parish, and for vocations to the priesthood and diaconate.

Drive-thru Reception: Fr. Matt will hold a drive-thru "reception" this Sunday following the 11 a.m. Mass at approximately 12 p.m. Drive

through the IC lot towards the Grotto exit, and Fr. Matt will greet you with a gift of ice cream, one of his favorite foods!

Prayer for Vocations: *O Father, you desire all of us to be happy. Stir up the grace of a religious vocation in the hearts of many men and women. Grant to them the willingness and generosity, to give of themselves, their lives, their time and their talents to the service of Jesus Christ, Your Son, Our Lord and Savior, and to His Holy Church. May more men and women go forth as priests, deacons, brothers and sisters to bring the truths of our Catholic faith to all others so that soon they, too, may know You better and love You more... and serving You, be truly happy. Amen.*

PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION (PSR) REGISTRATION

The PSR program will be using the online Damascus Alive Faith Formation program. This is an on-line family based program that can be done at home. The program will provide you with a weekly 45 minute video and parent preparation sheet for family catechesis (more information including a FAQ can be found at <http://alive.damascus.net/>). It is structured for all age levels so will allow you to coordinate a time that works for your family's weekly schedules. If you have any questions and need to register your child for our PSR program (PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION), please contact icpsr@iccols.org.

RCIA STARTING AT IMMACULATE CONCEPTION ALL ARE WELCOME TO EXPLORE THE RICHNESS OF THE CATHOLIC FAITH

WHEN: September 29, 2020 at 7 p.m.

WHERE: Marian Hall

Questions please email marivera@iccols.org or call (614) 267-9241, ext. 293

MANY SPONSORS are needed for the R.C.I.A. process. Companion Sponsors are those who journey with a participant in the process. A sponsor's role is to be a companion – a personal contact from the parish - and to experience the RCIA journey with a particular candidate. Sponsors encourage and support the candidate throughout the RCIA journey, and afterwards, to help them integrate into the parish community. Please prayerfully consider joining this ministry.

For more information, contact Mary Ann Rivera at marivera@iccols.org or call (614) 267-9241, ext. 293.



LIVE-STREAM UPDATE – NEW LINK

Immaculate Conception transitioned to a new live-stream platform. To continue viewing the Mass, please go to the parish website at www.iccols.org and click on the link under "View the Mass" on the Home Page OR go to the following link: <https://www.iccols.org/icmass/>

COLLECTION FOR HURRICANE LAURA AND WILD-FIRE RELIEF

You may still donate to the Catholic Bishops special collection for Hurricane Laura and wildfire relief. Your donations should be turned designated as "Relief Fund".

WOMEN'S BOWLING LEAGUE

Would you like some fellowship and exercise? Please consider joining the IC Women's Bowling League on Wednesday mornings at 10:30 a.m. at Sawmill Lanes. Call Elaine Holcomb at (614) 268-9170. Bowlers of any level of ability are welcome. The group is Covid-19 compliant with masks and social distancing.

FAMILY ROSARY DAY

Family Rosary Day is Sunday, October 11, 2020 at 3 p.m. at Saint Joseph Cathedral. The event will be broadcast via livestream. Go to the Cathedral website at <https://saintjosephcathedral.org>.

SEASONS OF HOPE BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY ZOOM MEETINGS BEGIN SOON

Are you suffering the loss of a loved one? Are you looking for friends to share in your grief and healing? Please join us as we resume our Seasons of Hope Bereavement Ministry, sponsored by the North High Deanery. The six sessions will take place via Zoom, and will meet on six consecutive Sundays from 2-4 p.m. The dates for this six-week session will be October 11, 18, 25, November 1, 8, and 15.

Anyone interested in attending MUST register in order to guarantee the security of all who participate in the Zoom group. To register, please call Karen Droll at (614) 582-8848. All are welcome!!

SEASON OF HOPE

Message from Bishop Brennan: "In this time of pandemic, many of our people are experiencing a poverty of hope as they grapple with the troubles and the issues of the day. They look to the Church for hope and help. Remembering that Christ is our hope and that we as believers have something to offer them, I invite you to join me in sharing that hope with those in need. The Diocesan HOPE Task Force is developing resources to support our prayer, reflection, action, and accompaniment. Please make use of these resources to share our hope and help with others who are struggling." To read the full text of Bishop Brennan's message and for monthly resources, visit www.columbuscatholic.org/season-of-hope.

SEASON OF HOPE MONTHLY TOPIC

Fostering Hope Through Listening

In order to overcome a poverty of hope that is experienced by many of our brothers and sisters during these challenging times, the Diocesan HOPE Task Force has developed resources on fostering hope through the art of listening, visit www.columbuscatholic.org/season-of-hope.

OCTOBER IS RESPECT LIFE MONTH

As part of the Building a Culture of Life Series, please join us for an extraordinary virtual series. Topics include Raising the Next Pro-Life Generation, Walking with Moms in Need: A Year of Service, Making End of Life Decisions, and a Respect Life Mass celebrated by Bishop Brennan. Sponsored by the diocesan Office for Social Concerns, Marriage & Family Life Office, and Greater Columbus Right to Life. No Cost. To register and for speaker details go to www.bcll.life.

“Remember your mercies, O Lord.”

TIME, TALENT & TREASURE

Fostering Stewardship as a Way of Life

Fiscal Year 7/1/2020-6/30/2021* Offertory Report 9/20/2020

	9/20/2020	YTD 2020/2021
Recorded Envelopes/Checks	\$ 19,201.00	\$ 255,037.00
Loose Cash & Checks	\$ 227.00	\$ 1,777.00
TOTAL RECEIVED	\$ 19,428.00	\$ 256,814.00
Weekly Operating Expenses	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 300,000.00
Weekly Overage (<i>Shortage</i>)	(\$ 5,572.00)	(\$ 43,186.00)

Families Receiving Envelopes	1,037
Envelopes Received	109
Families on EFT	365

Manage your electronic contributions online! Visit www.iccols.org and click "Offertory & Stewardship" under the Giving menu. Thank you for your financial support of our Catholic faith here in our parish.

"As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace."

- 1 Pt 4:10

SCHOOL NEWS & ACTIVITIES

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION SCHOOL

Students and staff are becoming well-adjusted to the new school environment and protocols needed to keep Immaculate Conception School a safe place to learn and grow closer to Christ every day. Having the ability to work with and educate the children in person is a privilege we do not take lightly. We are truly grateful for the opportunity to be live and in person with the children as we work and learn together. We sincerely thank all the parents for your diligence in helping make sure your children are healthy prior to sending them to school. It isn't always easy, but it is greatly appreciated. Please continue to keep the staff and students at IC in your prayers.

Meet the Teacher: We will have our annual Meet the Teacher on Thursday, October 1. Staff members will develop a brief video explaining activities/curriculum for their classroom this year. We will then have two open Zoom options for parents to meet the teacher and ask any additional questions. We look forward to having all parents meet the wonderful educators that are in our building this year.

Our Preschool is thriving this fall. We still have openings in our 4/5's class that meets five days a week. The hours are 8:15-11:45 a.m. every day, with the option of staying for the full day with our extended care until 2:30. If you are interested in finding out more information, please call the school office at (614) 267-6579.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE PRAYER VIGIL

Greater Columbus Right to Life is sponsoring the local 40 Days for Life Campaign again this year. The 2020 vigil will be held from September 23 to November 1 in front of the Planned Parenthood abortion clinic at 3255 East Main Street in Whitehall. To sign up for an hour of prayer, and for more information, please visit www.GCRTL.org. For information on the international, peaceful prayer vigil for life visit www.40daysforlife.com.

SOCIAL CONCERNS

OPEN SHELTER MINISTRY – OCTOBER MEAL

Due to COVID, we will be delivering the Open Shelter food on Monday, October 5 at 9:30 a.m. **Donations should be dropped off directly at the Shelter.** We will be donating hotdogs and buns (to be cooked at the Open Shelter office) along with items that can be included in sack lunches i.e. chips, water, fruit snacks, desserts, etc. Please text or call Cheryl Costello at (614) 774-8879 for more information. Your donations should not be left at the rectory. Thank you!

SAVE THE DATE!!

Thursday October 15, 2020, from 7-8:30 p.m.
I.C. BREAD's Listening Event for Catholic Action and Social Justice

BREAD (Building Responsibility, Equality, and Dignity) is I.C.'s ministry for justice! It is ecumenical in its membership, non-political/non-partisan in its action, and serves to fulfill our Catholic call to do Justice in addition to charitable works.

NEXT YWCA DINNER, FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2 – FOOD DONATIONS NEEDED

Sign up for the next YWCA Family Shelter dinner by going to the parish website at www.iccols.org, clicking on Quick Links on the blue bar, then the YWCA Shelter Dinner Sign-up. Many items are still needed.

Those who donate are to deliver donations directly to the shelter at 900 Harvey Court, Columbus, OH 43219. When you drop off donations at the YWCA directly, please call the front desk when you arrive at (614) 253-3910, ext. 3910, and a staff member will meet you at your car.

THE CATHOLIC MEN'S LUNCHEON OCTOBER MEETING CANCELED

Due to the restrictions in place because of the coronavirus, there will be no Catholic Men's Luncheon on Friday, October 2, 2020.

OHIO DOMINICAN TO HOST "GRACE IN THE AGE OF ANXIETY"

SEMINAR ON OCTOBER 24

Ohio Dominican University's Master of Arts in Theology Program will host a free daylong seminar on Saturday, October 24, that will address topics, issues and concerns related to faith, recent instances of social unrest, and the current COVID-19 global health crisis. "Grace in the Age of Anxiety" will take place from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the Bishop James A. Griffin Student Center, located on ODU's campus at 1216 Sunbury Road, Columbus, 43219. There also will be an option for participants to attend virtually. For more information or to register for this seminar, visit ohiodominican.edu/FaithSeminar.

FAITH FORMATION

Immaculate Conception Church September 27, 2020

World Day of Migrants and Refugees is September 27



This year’s theme is “Forced like Jesus Christ to flee.” In his 2020 message, Pope Francis reminds us, “If we encounter them, we will get to know more about them. And knowing their stories, we will be able to understand them. We will be able to understand, for example, that the precariousness that we have come to experience as a result of this pandemic is a constant in the lives of displaced people.”

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“In each of these people, forced to flee to safety, Jesus is present as he was at the time of Herod. In the faces of the hungry, the thirsty, the naked, the sick, strangers and prisoners, we are called to see the face of Christ who pleads with us to help (cf. Matthew 25: 31-46).”

— Pope Francis, “Like Jesus, Forced to Flee. Welcoming, Protecting, Promoting, and Integrating Internally Displaced Persons,” 2020 World Day of Migrants and Refugees, September 27, 2020

FEAST OF THE ARCHANGELS

SEPTEMBER 29



ST. MICHAEL ARCHANGEL

MEANS “WHO IS AS GOD?”

He is one of the main angels. His name is a battle cry; both shield and weapon in the struggle against the enemy.



ST. RAPHAEL ARCHANGEL

MEANS “DIVINE HEALER”

He is friend of the walkers and doctor of the sick both physically and spiritually.



ST. GABRIEL ARCHANGEL

MEANS “STRENGTH OF GOD”

He had one of the most important missions: announcing Virgin Mary that she would be the Mother of the Messiah.

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the Devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan, and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen. O glorious prince St. Michael, chief and commander of the heavenly hosts, guardian of souls, vanquisher of rebel spirits, servant in the house of the Divine King and our admirable conductor, you who shine with excellence and superhuman virtue deliver us from all evil, who turn to you with confidence and enable us by your gracious protection to serve God more and more faithfully every day.

SACREDNESS OF HUMAN LIFE

“In *Rejoice and Be Glad* [Gaudete et Exsultate], Pope Francis writes: The call to holiness requires a “firm and passionate” defense of “the innocent unborn.” “Equally sacred,” he further states, are “the lives of the poor, those already born, the destitute, the abandoned and the underprivileged, the vulnerable infirm and elderly exposed to covert euthanasia, the victims of human trafficking, new forms of slavery, and every form of rejection.”

[Introductory Letter](#), *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship*, 2019

APPLYING A CONSISTENT MORAL FRAMEWORK

“Pope Francis has continued to draw attention to important issues such as migration, xenophobia, racism, abortion, global conflict, and care for creation. In the United States and around the world, many challenges demand our attention.

The threat of abortion remains our preeminent priority because it directly attacks life itself, because it takes place within the sanctuary of the family, and because of the number of lives destroyed. At the same time, we cannot dismiss or ignore other serious threats to human life and dignity such as racism, the environmental crisis, poverty and the death penalty.”

[Introductory Letter](#), *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship*, 2019



PRUDENTIAL DISCERNMENT

“The Church’s teaching is clear that a good end does not justify an immoral means. As we all seek to advance the common good—by defending the inviolable sanctity of human life from the moment of conception until natural death, by promoting religious freedom, by defending marriage, by feeding the hungry and housing the homeless, by welcoming the immigrant and protecting the environment—it is important to recognize that not all possible courses of action are morally acceptable. We have a responsibility to discern carefully which public policies are morally sound. Catholics may choose different ways to respond to compelling social problems, but we cannot differ on our moral obligation to help build a more just and peaceful world through morally acceptable means, so that the weak and vulnerable are protected and human rights and dignity are defended.”

[#20 Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship](#)

SERVE AS MODELS OF CIVIL DIALOGUE

“Our commitment as people of faith to imitate Christ’s love and compassion should challenge us to serve as models of civil dialogue, especially in a context where discourse is eroding at all levels of society. Where we live, work, and worship, we strive to understand before seeking to be understood, to treat with respect those with whom we disagree, to dismantle stereotypes, and to build productive conversation in place of vitriol.”

[Introductory Letter](#), *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship*, 2019

What is the candidate’s commitment to protect all human life, from conception to natural death?

What is the candidate’s commitment to addressing threats to marriage and family, as understood by the Church, as well as other serious threats to human life and dignity such as racism and other unjust discrimination, the use of the death penalty, resorting to unjust war, the use of torture, war crimes, the failure to respond to those who are suffering from hunger or a lack of health care, or an unjust immigration policy?

How does the candidate measure up in both words and actions with the totality of Catholic Social Teaching?

What would be morally grave reasons to support and/or oppose a candidate? (Please refer to the U.S. Bishops document *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship*, [paragraphs 34 through 37](#)).

What is my assessment of the candidate’s personal integrity, governing philosophy, performance and ability to influence a given issue?

Has the candidate demonstrated sufficient competency to hold such an elected position?

**We encourage prayerful reflection upon reading the entire *Faithful Citizenship* statement which can be found at:
www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/faithful-citizenship**

HEALING RETREAT

Healing Retreat – Life-Giving Wounds, a Catholic apostolate dedicated to the spiritual healing of adult children of divorce or separation, will host an online retreat this fall. Taking place over seven Thursday evenings, from October 1 to November 12, the retreat will include six live presentations, guided small group discussions, and an evening of live-streamed Eucharistic Adoration with live music. Retreatants will also receive a Retreat Guide and Retreat Journal. \$75 early bird, \$100 after September 20, \$50 college students. More information and registration here: <https://www.lifegivingwounds.org/onlineretreat>.



JUBILEE OF MARRIAGE ANNIVERSARIES MASS

The Jubilee of Anniversaries 2020 will take place on Sunday, October 25, at St. Paul the Apostle Church in Westerville. Bishop Brennan will celebrate Mass at 2:30 p.m. (there will not be a reception this year due to the pandemic). Parishioners who are celebrating significant wedding anniversaries (25th, 30th, 35th, 40th, 45th, 50th, 55th, 60th, and every year thereafter) are encouraged to register. All registered couples, whether attending or not, will receive a personalized certificate in the mail. The Mass will also be live-streamed for family members and couples who prefer to attend virtually. For additional information go to <https://columbuscatholic.org/marriage-enrichment>

BIRTHRIGHT OF COLUMBUS

Birthright of Columbus, a pregnancy support service, will have their annual luncheon virtually this year. Please like the Birthright Columbus, Ohio Facebook page to see the raffle and silent auction items. No tickets to buy!!! Bidding begins at noon October 10 and closes at noon on October 17. Click on the link on the Facebook page to bid, buy raffle tickets and make donations. Birthright will be live on their Facebook page October 17, 2020 from 11 a.m. to noon. Please join us for a tour of the Mound Street office. Raffle item tickets will be drawn during this hour. A silent auction will be in process. Auction items will be shown during the hour of Facebook live. Grab your lunch and join us. Donations will gladly be accepted. Instead of buying a luncheon ticket, your donation of \$40 will pay for one week of diapers for a client. For more information, please call Barb McMullen at (614) 203-1847. To purchase raffle tickets, please call Mary Jo Mayhan (614) 668-6421.

PATIENT ADVOCATE NEEDED AT WOMEN'S CARE CENTER

The Women's Care Center is hiring for the role of Patient Advocate. The Women's Care Center is a pregnancy resource center that serves pregnant women in vulnerable situations. They are looking for someone to work with their patients full-time to help them choose life and to journey with the women through their pregnancy. Ideal candidates are bilingual, pastoral and passionately pro-life. For more information, email inquiries and a resume to Will Panagakos at will.p@missionadv.org.

ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

Pope Francis, after reciting a livestreamed Angelus prayer March 15, told people, "United to Christ we are never alone, but instead form one body, of which he is the head. It is a union that is nourished with prayer and also with spiritual communion in the Eucharist, a practice that is recommended when it isn't possible to receive the sacrament."

Here is the Act of Spiritual Communion written by St. Alphonsus de Liguori:

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

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