

# The Season of LENT

THIS IS THE TIME  
OF FULFILLMENT.  
THE KINGDOM  
OF GOD IS AT HAND.  
REPENT,  
AND BELIEVE  
IN THE GOSPEL.

MARK 1:15

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



IMMACULATE  
CONCEPTION  
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## 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](mailto: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](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. Pastoral Care needs contact Barb Fortkamp at (614) 267-9241, ext. 307 or at [bfortkamp@iccols.org](mailto:bfortkamp@iccols.org).

**FUNERAL AND BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY** Family of the deceased loved one should contact Barb Fortkamp at (614) 267-9241, ext. 307 or at [bfortkamp@iccols.org](mailto:bfortkamp@iccols.org).

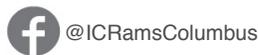
**RCIA** (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) is the formation program of inquiry, discernment and instruction for adults. If you are interested in learning more about our faith and becoming Catholic, Please contact Mary Ann Rivera at (614) 267-9241, ext. 293 or at [marivera@iccols.org](mailto:marivera@iccols.org).

## FIND US ON SOCIAL MEDIA

**Immaculate Conception Parish**



**Immaculate Conception School**



## MASS INTENTIONS

### SATURDAY, MARCH 6

Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

4:00 p.m. Ted & Alicia Hatzo, Sam & Mary Moffitt, & Skip Hatzo †

### SUNDAY, MARCH 7

Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17; 1 Cor 1:22-25;

Jn 2:13-25

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

11:00 a.m. Robert Carlisle †

### MONDAY, MARCH 8

2 Kgs 5:1-15ab; Lk 4:24-30

8:30 a.m. For the Living & Deceased Members of the St. Vincent de Paul Society

### TUESDAY, MARCH 9

Dn 3:25, 34-43; Mt 18:21-35

6:15 p.m. Dick McCann †

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10

Dt 4:1, 5-9; Mt 5:17-19

8:30 a.m. For the Intention of Trevor Crawford

### THURSDAY, MARCH 11

Jer 7:23-28; Lk 11:14-23

8:30 a.m. Joe & Eleanor Andres †

### FRIDAY, MARCH 12

Hos 14:2-10; Mk 12:28-34

8:30 a.m. Aaron Fox †

### SATURDAY, MARCH 13

Hos 6:1-6; Lk 18:9-14

4:00 p.m. For the People of the Parish

### SUNDAY, MARCH 14

2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23; Eph 2:4-10; Jn 3:14-21

8:30 a.m. Patty Raphael †

11:00 a.m. Adrienne & Dick McCann †

† Deceased

## MARCH CONTRIBUTORS TO THE SANCTUARY LAMPS

The Sanctuary Lamp burns constantly to proclaim the real presence of Jesus in the Tabernacle. For the month of March, the Sanctuary candles in the Church are donated by the **Cotter Family**. Thank you for your generosity.

## DONATIONS TO THE SANCTUARY LAMPS

Parishioners interested in contributing to a candle for one or more of the three Sanctuary Lamps in the Church, 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.

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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 (iccols.org). Mass stipends (offerings) are \$10 each. Mass Intentions can also be requested for special intentions.

## IN OUR PARISH

### MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

Please remember in your prayers **Fr. Justin Reiss** who died this week. Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May your consoling love be with his family and friends.

### SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

We welcome these new members of the parish: **Atticus Kai Miles** and **Bodhi Kairose Miles**, who were baptized on February 27, 2021.

## The Call to Continuing Conversion and the RITE OF ELECTION

Immaculate Conception Parish would like to continue to pray for our Catechumens who celebrated the Rite of Election at St. Catharine Church and our Candidates who celebrated the Call to Continuing Conversion on February 21, 2021.



### PLEASE COMPLETE THE SURVEY

**We need 100% Participation:** Parishes are participating in the diocesan-wide Disciple Maker Index (DMI) Survey between now and March 22. This nationally recognized survey has been administered at parishes around the United States and Canada since 2013. As part of the Diocese of Columbus Real Presence Real Future planning process, we are asking that all participate in this survey during Lent. The results from our parish surveys will not only be used for information and planning for each parish, it will also be included in the national results which track trends, growth, and Church-related opportunities nationwide. Parishioners can take the survey online on the parish website, or at <https://www.catholicleaders.org/columbusdmi>, or via a paper copy available through March 22. This is an exciting opportunity for all of us, and we hope everyone will participate.

**The survey asks you to reflect** on your own spiritual growth and enables you to provide feedback on our parish's efforts to help you grow. All responses are confidential and the parish will only receive information about the community as whole.

**We are trying to get the highest response rate possible.** This information will be invaluable to Fr. Matt, our ministries, and our Diocese as we plan for the future and strive to be the best disciples we can be. We will receive the results this spring/summer at which time we will share what we have learned with the entire parish.

To make special arrangements for getting a paper copy, please contact Mary Ann Rivera at (614) 267-9241 or [marivera@iccols.org](mailto:marivera@iccols.org). Thank you for helping with this important project!



### KNIGHTS' DIAPER DRIVE THIS WEEKEND

The IC Knights' Diaper Drive drop off will be open after the 4 p.m. Mass on Saturday from 4:45 to 6 p.m. and Sunday morning from 9:15 to 10:30 a.m. and 11:45 to 1 p.m. Diaper sizes 3 and 4 are the greatest need. Many families face challenges and hardships with a pregnancy and having a child. By providing this service, we not only lighten their burden, but also show our support for life. Follow the signs

after Mass. **Please do not leave them in the church or gathering space. Diaper donations only please.**



*If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.*



## LENTEN OPPORTUNITIES

### MASS INTENTIONS

#### AS PART OF YOUR LENTEN OBSERVANCE

This Lent, consider helping to spread the Gospel around the world by giving the gift of a Mass to be offered by a missionary priest for your loved ones and friends – living or deceased. In doing so, your almsgiving will benefit many; the person for whom the Mass is offered, the missionary priest who will celebrate the Mass, and people in the missions. Request your Mass Intentions online at [www.columbuscatholic.org/request-a-mass](http://www.columbuscatholic.org/request-a-mass). Your loved ones and friends will receive a beautiful Mass card (if requested) informing them of your generous spiritual gift.

### DAILY MASS

One of the ways we grow spiritually through the season of Lent is to increase attendance at daily Mass. Our Tuesday evening Mass creates an increased opportunity for Mass attendance for those who are unable to attend morning Mass.

**Monday: 8:30 a.m., Tuesday: 6:15 p.m., Wednesday-Friday: 8:30 a.m. Rosary follows the 8:30 a.m. Mass.**

### FORMED, THE CATHOLIC FAITH ON DEMAND

Access FREE Catholic materials to watch, listen, read or study with FORMED: podcasts, movies, eBooks, youth programming, Catholic audio talks, video-based studies and Spanish programming. Visit <http://iccols.formed.org> and register for access by creating your own free account.



Stations in the Church are at 7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross, recorded at IC on the first Friday of Lent, are also available on the home page of the parish website. Go to [iccols.org](http://iccols.org) to pray the Stations from home.



### LENTEN CHALLENGE

#### "LISTEN TO CATHOLIC RADIO AM 820 DURING LENT."

Try something new this Lent and consider listening to Catholic Radio AM 820! Listening to AM 820 is a good way to deepen your knowledge and love of the Catholic faith. Download the free St. Gabriel Radio mobile app.

### RECONCILIATION MONDAY

In a special way this Lent, the parishes of the Diocese of Columbus are celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation whereby Christ's forgiveness is extended to repentant sinners who confess their sins to a priest. On the Monday of Holy Week, March 29, priests will be available at Immaculate Conception, and in most of the churches of the diocese, between 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. for the Sacrament of Reconciliation or Confession. Churches where the Sacrament will be available will have a special notice outside to promote the event. This special time for Confession is in addition to the parish's normal Lenten Confession times.

**TIME, TALENT & TREASURE***Fostering Stewardship as a Way of Life***Fiscal Year 7/1/2020-6/30/2021 • Offertory Report 2/28/2021**

	<u>2/28/2021</u>	<u>YTD 2020/2021</u>
Recorded Envelopes/Checks	\$21,182.00	\$ 842,766.00
Loose Cash	\$ 245.00	\$ 5,594.00
<b>TOTAL RECEIVED</b>	<b>\$21,427.00</b>	<b>\$ 848,360.00</b>
Weekly Operating Expenses	\$25,000.00	\$ 875,000.00
Weekly Overage ( <i>Shortage</i> )	(\$ 3,573.00)	(\$ 26,640.00)
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Families Receiving Envelopes		1,011
Envelopes Received		119
Families on EFT		365



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. To scan the QR code, open the camera icon on your cell phone and point it at the code. After a few seconds, you should see a pop-up browser directing you

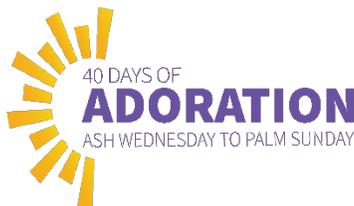
to our giving page. Thank you for your financial support of our Catholic faith here in our parish. We are grateful for your generosity.

*"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*

**MASS OF ANOINTING AT IC ON SATURDAY, MARCH 20**

A special Mass that will offer the Sacrament of Anointing will take place on Saturday, March 20 at 4 p.m. Following the closing prayer, those who are in need of the Sacrament will be invited to come forward to receive Anointing. Anyone in need of this Sacrament is encouraged to attend this Mass.

This Sacrament is for those who suffer from emotional, mental or physical challenges such as illness, upcoming surgery etc. In the Anointing of the Sick, the focus is on the possibility of a spiritual and/or a physical healing. The prayers address the sick person as a whole, which includes all aspects of our human life. So, while a physical or psychological ailment may be the most obvious cause of the person's suffering, other aspects of the person's health are also taken into consideration. Many times, the spiritual healing is far more dramatic than the physical, and sometimes this takes the form of an increased ability to accept the physical illness and its suffering.

**IC DAY OF ADORATION – MARCH 19**

At Immaculate Conception, our day of Adoration will be March 19. To sign-up for a specific hour, go to the parish website at [iccols.org](http://iccols.org) and click on the scrolling tab titled Eucharistic Adoration

Bishop Robert Brennan calls upon the Diocese of Columbus to celebrate Jesus Christ's Real Presence in Eucharist in a special way this Lent. Every day for 40 days, a different parish throughout the Diocese will host Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament for Adoration throughout the day.

The people of the church of Columbus are invited to visit and spend time with Jesus in the Eucharist at many different host parishes on their day of Adoration. The schedule of host parishes is available at [columbuscatholic.org/40days](http://columbuscatholic.org/40days).

**SOCIAL CONCERNS****I.C. BREAD****PARISH NETWORK MEETING**

Thursday, March 11 at 7 p.m. via Zoom

BREAD answers our call as Catholics to do social justice. We research and identify evidenced based actions for real change in areas of affordable housing for families, reducing gun violence, supporting positive coping skills for our youth, police reform, care for creation, wealth building in underserved neighborhoods, municipal ID, and care for our elderly. Join us and be part of the solutions. Contact [ICBREAD43214@gmail.com](mailto:ICBREAD43214@gmail.com) with questions and for the Zoom link.

**REACHING OUT TO PARISHIONERS**

It has been our goal to reach out to as many homebound parishioners as possible during the pandemic. If you are a parishioner that has been unable to return to church during this time or you have a family member, who is a parishioner that would like to receive a weekly bulletin, cards of encouragement or a call, please contact: Barb Fortkamp at (614) 267-9241 x307 or [bfortkamp@iccols.org](mailto:bfortkamp@iccols.org).

**SUSTAINABILITY IN EL SALVADOR**

Drought has become a big problem across El Salvador, making it difficult for farmers to produce enough crops to support their families. But new farming techniques—and a new generation of young farmers—are making a difference. What would you do if your livelihood was threatened? How can you support young people in your community and around the world?

Visit [csrricebowl.org](http://csrricebowl.org) to learn more.

*For young people in El Salvador and the entire world, that they might find training and job opportunities to thrive and transform their communities.*

*We pray to the Lord ...*

*For our community, that we invest in and support our young people, who work to promote positive change for our human family, especially its most vulnerable members.*

*We pray to the Lord ...*

During this pandemic year, the 25% of the donations that stay in the diocese have supported 25 grants for local hunger programs (totaling nearly \$100,000). This year's CRS Rice Bowl donations are critical for these grants to continue as the fund's account is nearly depleted. Please support CRS Rice Bowl during Lent. Visit [www.csricebowl.org](http://www.csricebowl.org) for details.

# Growing in FAITH™

Discovering hope and joy in the Catholic faith.

March 2021

Immaculate Conception Church

Fr. Matthew Hoover

## One Minute Meditations

### The Eucharist is now

During the celebration of the Eucharist, the past action of

Jesus becomes present. It is a liturgical

representation of His sacrifice. Not merely a commemoration, Mass makes the sacrifice truly present. When we participate in the Eucharist, the past becomes present to us and we are present at the saving event.



### Live generously

In a world that judges people based on their accumulated wealth, it is easy to notice what we don't have and to wish for it. Lent, however, invites us to live in gratitude for what we do have. Gratitude then gives rise to generosity – sharing God's love and gifts with others. Generous people are encouraging, positive, and appreciative. During Lent, notice and appreciate God's gifts and share them with others.

### Always ready

"God never tires of forgiving us; we are the ones who tire of seeking his mercy" (Pope Francis).



## Refocus in the desert

Lent may be a time of penance and sacrifice but it doesn't have to be a time of sadness. In fact, the season brings an opportunity to become the people God created us to be.

This time in our spiritual desert can be a chance to simplify, focus, and concentrate.

**Simplify.** Look for areas in your life where there are excesses. When we have too much of something, it can take extra time to sort, store, and maintain the supply beyond what we need. For example, is your clothes closet packed too tightly? Is your pantry overstocked? Can you clean out and give some gently used items to the poor? You'll spend less mental and physical energy

if you keep only what you need.

**Focus.** During Lent, we are called to spend more intentional time with God. To help, consider fasting from

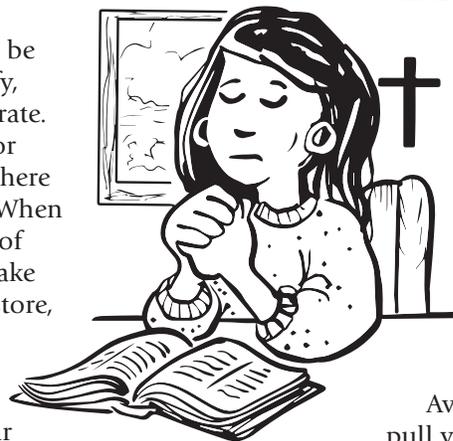
distractions. Limiting social media exposure,

controlling time spent working, or turning off the cell phone for periods of time can help you find space to add more prayer and Scripture reading to your day.

**Concentrate.**

Avoid influences that pull you away from God.

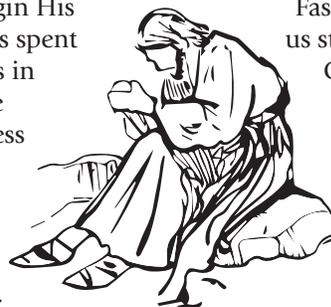
"... But worldly anxiety, the lure of riches, and the craving for other things intrude and choke the Word, and it bears no fruit" (Mark 4:19). Resolve to live a life that pleases God.



## Why Do Catholics Do That?

## Why do Catholics fast and abstain?

In preparing to begin His public ministry, Jesus spent forty days and nights in the wilderness of the desert. In the starkness of the desert, He strengthened His connection to his Father. God's love was all Jesus needed.

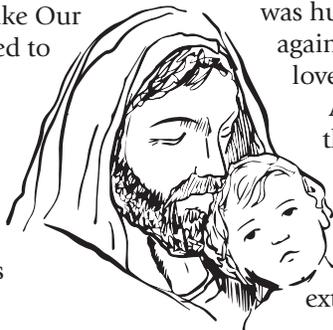


Fasting and abstinence also help us strengthen our connection to God. They are ways of expressing sorrow for the ways we stray from God's friendship. By denying ourselves material comforts, we increase our dependence on God and our appreciation for His gifts.

# St. Joseph – ordinary or extraordinary?

Why did Jesus choose Joseph to be His father on Earth? St. Joseph wasn't rich, powerful, or even sinless like Our Lady. Born ordinary, virtue and grace combined to make Joseph remarkable. In fact, by choosing him, Jesus gave us a model we can follow.

**A man of faith.** In spite of persecution and societal pressure, Joseph answered the call to live the two greatest commandments. He put God first and did all that He asked, no matter how incredible. And, Joseph put his family's needs before his own.



**A husband.** He respected that his primary vocation was husband to Mary. In fact, public opinion was against him when he took pregnant Mary as his wife. He loved her anyway.

**A father.** As a devout Jew, he knew the psalms and the law of Moses. He didn't just teach his son a trade, Jesus was taught to be a faithful Son of God.

Like us, St. Joseph began ordinary but cooperated with God's grace to become extraordinary. That is possible for us, too.

## from Scripture

**Mark 14:1-15, 47, Make Jesus' Passion our own.**

It's even more important to share in his suffering and great love during his Passion. St.

Paul said, *"We hold this treasure in earthen vessels ... always carrying about in the body the dying of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be manifested in our body"* (2 Corinthians 4:7-10).

He means that everything that happens in our lives – the good and the bad – can be part of our bond with Jesus.

Every day our frustrations, our fears, our loneliness and temptations can become ways in which we share in the

suffering and death of Christ.

Likewise, our joys, our good health, our family and friends are all important ways to share in the joy of his Resurrection.

The point is to offer everything

to Christ.

St. Alphonsus wrote, "We should consider not so much the sorrows Jesus suffered as the love with which he bore them." Disciples of Jesus can have the same attitude toward suffering as he did and can share in his joy of Resurrection.



## Q & A What is Eucharistic Adoration?

Wouldn't it be amazing to be face to face with Jesus? Imagine sitting with Him, talking together, thanking Him for His gifts, asking for favors. In many churches throughout the world,

Catholics are able to do just that in Perpetual Adoration. Adoration is a Eucharistic devotion that offers the opportunity to be in the presence of Jesus, under the appearance of the Eucharistic Host – the Blessed Sacrament.

Placed in a monstrance for display, all can see and pray in the presence of Our Lord. Parishes with Perpetual Adoration chapels are able to host adoration twenty-four hours a day. Other parishes offer periods of time adorers can worship in person.

"Adoration is the first attitude of man acknowledging that he is a creature before his Creator. It exalts the greatness of the Lord who made us and the almighty power of the Savior who sets us free from evil" (CCC, #2628). There are many ways to adore God, but in Adoration, we are truly in Jesus' presence adoring him in person.



## Feasts & Celebrations

**March 1 – St. David of Wales (c. 600).** St. David is the patron saint of Wales. He was born into Welsh nobility, but instead chose to become a priest. He was later consecrated a bishop. He is best known for founding an ascetic monastery and ridding the area of the Pelagian heresy.

**March 17 – St. Patrick of Ireland (c.461).** 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 for having

established the Church there.

**March 19 – St. Joseph, Husband of Mary (1st Century).** Jesus' earthly father and husband to the Blessed Mother, St. Joseph is a model of fatherhood and a protector of families.

**March 28 – Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion (1st Century).** On Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion, we recall Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem, when he was greeted by crowds waving palms and cheering. This Sunday marks the beginning of Holy Week.

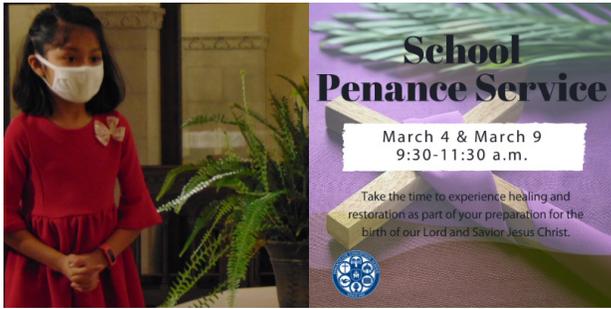


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## SCHOOL NEWS AND ACTIVITIES

### IMMACULATE CONCEPTION SCHOOL



**Fourth Grade Pioneer Day is Thursday, March 11.** If you see children dressed as pioneers, you'll know why. This is a wonderful tradition and culmination of many class lessons stretching across the curriculum. We look forward to this each year. We won't end the day with traditional full class dancing, but most all other activities will take place in a COVID safe classroom.

**No School for students on Friday, March 12** due to a Staff Religious Retreat.

**Tuesday, March 16 – HASA Dining Out Night at Donato's (3489 N. High Street).** Mark your calendars.

**Registration for our K-8 school and our Preschool is open.** We are currently accepting applications for both schools. Registration materials are located on our school website ([www.ic-school.org](http://www.ic-school.org)). If you are highly interested in an individual, in person tour, please contact the school office for after school hours. (614-267-6579). We will conduct these on a limited basis.

**Our preschool is filling quickly.** We have a growing waiting list for our three year old Tuesday/Thursday class as that is currently full. We have a few remaining spots in our 3 day class of 4/5's and in our 5 day class of 4/5's. Please submit all application materials to the school's main office.

### 20 & 30 YEAR OLDS ARE INVITED

Columbus Frassati Society is hosting a faith talk at Gressos Bar (961 South High Street) 7 p.m. on Thursday, March 11. Fr. Norbert Keliher will present on the topic "The Spirit and the Flesh: Growing in Virtue by the Exercise of Faith." 20's and 30's are invited to attend. RSVP appreciated but not required to Sarah Spaulding at [columbusfrassatisociety@gmail.com](mailto:columbusfrassatisociety@gmail.com) or (937) 212-1614.



The St. John Paul II Foundation, in collaboration with the Diocese of Columbus and the Catholic Medical Association of Central Ohio, invite all health care professionals to the first **Converging Roads medical ethics conference held in person and online on Saturday, April 24, 2021 from 8:30 a.m.-7:30 p.m. at the Pontifical College Josephinum in Columbus, OH.**

The conference theme is **Health Care and Human Dignity**, and continuing education credits for healthcare professionals will be offered.

**Topics include:** Access to Health Care for the Poor, Addiction and the Opioid Crisis, Medicine and Morals in Making Clinical Decisions, and more! For more information, please visit [convergingroads.com](http://convergingroads.com) or email [sara@forlifeandfamily.org](mailto:sara@forlifeandfamily.org).

### NOMINATIONS NOW OPEN FOR THE 2021 CATHOLIC MAN OF THE YEAR

The Catholic Men's Luncheon Club is accepting nominations for the Diocese of Columbus 2021 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." For details, nomination instructions and the required online nomination form, go to [www.catholicmensministry.com/cmlc](http://www.catholicmensministry.com/cmlc). Submit your nomination and let us know why your husband, father, son, uncle, brother or friend is the Catholic Man of the Year! Nominations will be accepted through March 31, 2021. Bishop Robert J. Brennan will announce the 2021 Catholic Man of the Year on May 7, 2021.

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Reflect, today, upon those parts of your life that Jesus wants to cleanse. Allow Him to speak directly and firmly to you so that you will be able to see your need of repentance. The Lord loves you with a perfect love and desires that all sin in your life be cleansed. Lord, I know that I am a sinner who is in need of Your mercy.

**Every Lent an invitation is given from the Holy Spirit, acting through the Church, the Body of Christ, inviting us into forty days of prayer, repentance, fasting, interior house cleaning, conversion and charity. It is a time to begin anew, in the Lord.**



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### PREPARE FOR PRAYER:

*Acknowledge the thoughts and feelings that you are bringing with you, and offer them to God. Seek to leave them in His keeping until you finish your prayer.*

*Ask the Holy Spirit to help you quiet your mind, and to teach you how to pray.*

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