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

Celebration of

Holy Mass

SUNDAY MASSES Saturday Vigil: 4:00 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

Sacraments

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

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 at (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. For pastoral care needs contact Barb Fortkamp at (614) 267-9241, ext. 307 or at 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.

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.

Find us on **SOCIAL MEDIA**



Immaculate Conception Parish

Immaculate Conception School



MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 11 *1 Tm 1:15-17; Lk 6:43-49 4:00 p.m.* For the People of the Parish

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12 *Is 50:4c-9a; Jas 2:14-18; Mk 8:27-35* 8:30 a.m. Bob Carlisle † 11:00 a.m. Robert Carlisle †

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 13 *1 Tm 2:1-8; Lk 7:1-10* 8:30 a.m. Dennie Wilcox †

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14 *Nm 21:4b-9; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17* 6:15 p.m. Anne Campbell †

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15 *1 Tm 3:14-16; Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35* 8:30 a.m. Henry McCann †

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 16 *1 Tm 4:12-16; Lk 7:36-50* 8:30 a.m. Wesley Walker †

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 17 *1 Tm 6:2c-12; Lk 8:1-3* 8:30 a.m. William Stoker †

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 18 *1 Tm 6:13-16; Lk 8:4-15 4:00 p.m.* For the People of the Parish

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19 *Wis 2:12, 17-20; Jas 3:16–4:3; Mk 9:30-37* 8:30 a.m. Claribel Tweed † 11:00 a.m. Karl & Marian Irwin †

+ 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 Sanctuary candles in the Church were donated by **the Ruschau Family**, **the Hernandez Family** and the **Griffin Family**. Thank you for your generosity.

THE POPE'S INTENTION FOR SEPTEMBER 2021

An Environmentally Sustainable Lifestyle We pray that we all will make courageous choices for a simple and environmentally sustainable lifestyle, rejoicing in our young people who are resolutely committed to this.



I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living.

PASTORAL STAFF

| Pastor | Fr. Matthew Hoover | icoffice@iccols.org |
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| Permanent Deacon | Rev. Mr. Christopher Campbell | ccampbel@cdeducation.org |
| Weekend Assistants | Msgr. Anthony Frecker | |
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FAITH FORMATION

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PARISH SUPPORT SERVICES

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ADVISORY COUNCILS

| Finance Council Chairman | Brian Byrne | bbyrne@horizon10.com |
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| Parish Council President | Beth Mahler | parishcouncil@iccols.org |
| School Board President | Katie Lewis | lewisk9@me.com |

IN OUR PARISH

LOW-GLUTEN HOSTS

Using low-gluten hosts is an available option at Immaculate Conception. If you require a lowgluten host, please stop off in the Sacristy before Mass and talk to the priest or deacon.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

We welcome these new members of the parish: **Adeline Marie Hartley**, the daughter of Frank and Sarah Hartley, who was baptized on September 4, 2021; **August Janem Schwitzgable**, the daughter of Gregory and Katie Schwitzgable, who was baptized on September 5, 2021.

ASSISTED LISTENING DEVICES ARE AVAILABLE

Assisted listening devices are available for use during Mass. If you are interested in using one of these devices, please go to the sacristy before Mass.

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COME & SEE: HELP SHAPE IC'S FUTURE SEPTEMBER 28 & 30

Immaculate Conception is encouraging all parishioners to attend the Fall Sessions for the *Real Presence, Real Future*, where they can get their questions answered about the survey results that were released this past summer. Every parishioner in the Diocese is encouraged to attend.

The Diocese of Columbus will be leading these Fall Sessions for Immaculate Conception. Participants can attend either session in-person or via Zoom video-conferencing. Parishioner participation in these sessions is critical to helping shape the future of the Diocese of Columbus and Immaculate Conception. Fall Sessions Schedule:

- 6:30-8:30 p.m. | Tuesday, September 28 | Marian Hall
- 6:30-8:30 p.m. | Thursday, September 30 | Marian Hall
- If attending in-person, you are strongly encouraged to bring your laptop or phone though it is not required.

Registration:

Additionally, **registration is required for in-person AND Zoom video-conferencing**, which can be done via www. **realpresencerealfuture.org**. **Registration opened on August 30.** All registrants will receive a link to the recording via email after the session.

The Fall Sessions are a vital part of the planning process that encourages parishioners to offer insights and perspective on the future planning of their parish. The feedback provided during these sessions will be used to draft new models for review by parishioners in early 2022. The consultation process will continue throughout 2022 until final models are approved. **No decisions have been made regarding Immaculate Conception, and none will be made until feedback is gathered directly from parishioners through the consultation process.**

Contact: For any questions, please contact Mary Ann Rivera via marivera@iccols.org.

24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, SEPTEMBER 12, 2021

Openness to God's Ways:

Deacon Steve Petrill, St. Joan of Arc Parish

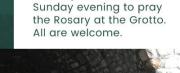
Today, we witness the great confession of Peter, who tells Jesus: "You are the Christ." What an extraordinary and beautiful expression of faith. Peter has come far, but he remains a work in progress. We can empathize because, like Peter, it is often easier to defend our preconceived notions than to be truly open to God's transformative love and the sacrifices that love requires. As we go forward with *Real Presence, Real Future,* we turn to St. Peter with hope. Through his intercession, may we grow in our ability to listen to God, to His Church, and to one another so that we may increase His Presence in our diocese.

To read more about how we are growing together in the life of faith and discipleship in the Diocese of Columbus, visit www. RealPresenceRealFuture.org.

PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK

Due to privacy laws, the parish office is not notified by the hospital that an I.C. parishioner has been admitted. Parishioners wishing to have a home, hospital or nursing home visit for themselves or a family member should contact the parish office at (614) 267-9241 or email Barb Fortkamp at bfortkamp@iccols.org.

ROSARY AT THE GROTTO



Please join us each

Every Sunday at 8 p.m.



CALLED TO THE CATHOLIC CHURCH? RCIA STARTS SEPTEMBER 21 AT 7 P.M.



Do you want to share the Catholic faith with others? Do you enjoy seeing others grow in their faith? Do you have a passion for ministry with children? If so, Immaculate Conception Parish would love to hear from you! Please contact Mary Ann Rivera at marivera@iccols.org or call the parish office at (614) 267-9241.

OUR FAMILY FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM BEGINS ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

AFTER THE 11:00 a.m. MASS IN MARIAN HALL.

All families who have children in grades 1-8 in public school or are homeschooled should register. Please make sure to register by September 19 on the Parish website at iccols.org under Faith Formation or stop by the parish office so we are able to order materials. Registration fees are \$100.00 per student/\$150 maximum per family.

Scholarships are available. Please call the parish office for additional information. We are looking forward to meeting all of our families on Sunday, September 26.

TIME, TALENT & TREASURE

Fostering Stewardship as a Way of Life

| | <u>9</u> | /5/2021 | YTD | 2021/2022 |
|------------------------------|----------|---------|-----|-----------|
| Recorded Envelopes/Checks | \$ | 20,130 | \$ | 207,658 |
| Loose Cash | \$ | 240 | \$ | 2,199 |
| TOTAL RECEIVED | \$ | 20,370 | \$ | 209,857 |
| Weekly Operating Expenses | \$ | 29,000 | \$ | 290,000 |
| Weekly Overage (Shortage) | (\$ | 8,630) | (\$ | 80,143) |
| Families Receiving Envelopes | | | | 1,011 |
| Envelopes Received | | | | 110 |
| Families on EFT | | | | 395 |



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.

"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



SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR VICTIMS IN HAITI

EARTHQUAKE – TROPICAL STORM GRACE To donate, please put a clearly marked envelope in an offertory box, send it to the parish office, or donate online at iccols.org – Give Now, Choose A Fund, Haiti Relief Fund.

We have been asked this weekend to support the people of Haiti in the aftermath of the earthquake that struck on August 11, 2021. It caused immense damage and substantial loss of life on an island already challenged by social unrest and still rebuilding after a major 2010 earthquake. Tropical Storm Grace followed, adding devastation to an already reeling population. As a result of both disasters, many Church properties, along with homes and businesses, have been severely damaged or destroyed. The impact will be long-lasting.

Our partners at Catholic Relief Services are on the ground providing humanitarian relief and will be with the community over its extended recovery. But much more support will be needed. Please be generous.

RCIA BEGINNING ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21 COULD THIS BE YOU? ARE YOU SOMEONE, OR DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO...

- Has experienced an interest in learning more about the Catholic Faith? Or becoming Catholic?
- Has been Catholic yet never celebrated all the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation)?
- Have been away from the Church... and now returned, and you want to know more?

If any of these questions apply to you or someone you know, come and join RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults). We invite you to explore the Catholic Faith and begin this journey of Faith with our community. RCIA meetings start in September. For more information, contact Mary Ann Rivera at marivera@iccols.org or call (614) 267-9241, ext. 293.

24th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME





"Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me." Mark 8:34

Living a stewardship lifestyle means not only being responsible for my own life, but for the lives of others as well. We realize that our gifts are not intended for ourselves, rather they are meant to be shared with others. "Taking up my cross" means doing things when someone else needs me and not when it's convenient for me.

Learn how you can share your gifts to support your parish and contact The Catholic Foundation. Visit www.catholic-foundation.org/development for more information.

IC PRAYER MINISTRY

The I.C. prayer ministry is dedicated to praying for parishioners, or friends of our parish and their families, who have physical, financial, emotional, or other special needs. The prayer ministry strengthens the community through intercessory prayer and provides prayer support for those in need. Members of the ministry have a commitment to pray for the requests daily. If you have a request or would like to join the prayer ministry, please contact Jean Carter at jccarter@computer.org or at (614) 263-8776.

SOCIAL CONCERNS

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL COLLECTION "THANK YOU"

Thank you from the St. Vincent de Paul Society for your generosity in our regular "Fifth Sunday" collection. Your contributions help in our efforts to aid those in need.

You may still donate by using the envelope in your packet, placing your clearly marked donation in an offertory box, dropping it off at the parish office, or donating through the parish website using the Give Now tab.

SIGN UP FOR YWCA DINNER – SEPTEMBER 17, 2021

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. **Those who donate are to deliver donations directly to the shelter at 900 Harvey Court, Columbus, OH 43219.** Please do not drop off your donations at Immaculate Conception. 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.

SCHOOL NEWS & ACTIVITIES

IC SCHOOL

First School Advisory Board Meeting will take place on Thursday, September 16 at 7 p.m. in the school library. Our school and parish families are well represented on this year's board and we thank them for their commitment to helping make our Catholic school the best it can possibly be. We welcome the members of our 2021-2022 School Advisory Board:

| Mrs. April Byrne |
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| Mrs. Liz Geraghty |
| Mrs. Mandi Mangini |
| Mr. Patrick Ortlieb |
| Mrs. Kristina Ross |

Mr. Jon DeLuca Mrs. Becky Henderson Mr. Ian McAuliffe Mrs. Michelle Potokar

Band Parent Meeting – Instrumental Music is an option for all students in grades 5-8 at Immaculate Conception School. We will host a parent meeting on Wednesday, September 15 at 7 p.m. in Marian Hall. Your son or daughter is invited to attend and try out their favorite band instrument. These "fittings" can help determine which instrument is best suited for them. If you have questions, please contact our band director, Mr. Jim Swanson (jswanson@cdeducation.org). We look forward to seeing you there.

School Picture Day is Friday, September 17. Watch for more details regarding this important event. If you are absent, retake day is scheduled for Thursday, October 21.

Home and School Association (HASA) will have their first meeting on Tuesday, September 21 at 7 p.m. in the school library. We welcome all parents to our monthly meetings, typically held on the third Tuesday of each month. Parents are automatically a member of this organization by virtue of being a parent of an IC student. Get involved, meet people, and help make our school community as active and vibrant as possible.

First Reconciliation Parent Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 22 at 7 p.m. in the church. All families planning on having their child receive this sacrament for the first time, should plan to attend this important sacramental meeting.

BIRTHRIGHT OF COLUMBUS ANNUAL LUNCHEON

Birthright of Columbus, a pregnancy support center, will hold its annual luncheon September 18, 2021 at Mozart's, 4784 N. High Street.

The event will start at 11 a.m. and will include a silent auction and raffle. The raffle tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5, and luncheon tickets are \$35 each. Tickets are available by calling Mary Jo Mayhan at (614) 668-6421. The featured speaker will be a mother of quadruplets who received support from Birthright. Thank you for your continued support of Birthright of Columbus.

PIETRA –

FITNESS WITH PRAYER & MEDITATION

Experience Pietra... A whole-person fitness class that stretches and strengthens the body while refreshing the soul with prayer and meditation. In one hour, you will feel calmer, stronger, refreshed and renewed! Join our Autumn Pietra classes! Saturdays 7-8 a.m. at St. Michael Church (September II-December II); Thursdays

12:30-1:30 p.m. outdoor class at Fields behinds St. Peter Church (September 9-October 14). \$10/class. Contact Maria Elliott at maria@ viribuswellness.com for more information and to sign up!

TUTORS NEEDED

Did you know that Saint Vincent Pallottiano is the patron saint of tutors and those whom they teach? You can be a saint in our community by becoming a tutor at the Dominican Learning Center (DLC), a ministry of the Dominican Sisters of Peace. The DLC is seeking tutors for English as a Second Language (ESL) and GED prep programs. As a tutor, you will be assigned a learner and meet at least once a week for a two-hour session. You can work with your learner online, at a library near you, or at the DLC on Stewart Avenue. The DLC will supply all the training and materials. For more information, call Denise Hilliard, Director of the Dominican Learning Center, at (614) 444-7330, ext. 8, or email her at Denise.Hilliard@oppeace.org.

LAGHI CHAIR LECTURE AT THE JOSEPHINUM

The Pontifical College Josephinum invites you to its annual Pio Cardinal Laghi Chair Lecture. Dr. Jonathan Reyes, Senior Vice President for Communications and Strategic Partnerships for the Knights of Columbus, will present "Addressing Poverty and Injustice in the Light of Christ: A Response to the Utopian Temptation of Our Age" on Wednesday, September 29, 2021, at 7 p.m. in the Jessing Center. Free and Open to the Public; reservations not required. For more information, please visit www.pcj.edu or call (614) 985-2274.

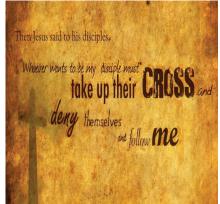
The Pio Cardinal Laghi Chair was inaugurated at the Josephinum in 1992 in honor of Pio Cardinal Laghi, then Prefect of the Congregation for Catholic Education. American cardinals and presidents of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops promoted the funding of this chair in recognition of Cardinal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



For more than four decades, Pregnancy Decision Health Centers has been rescuing lives and impacting families for generations in the community. Celebrate PDHC's 40th anniversary by attending one of our upcoming Celebration for Life Galas, in Lancaster on September 16 and in Columbus on September 23. Hear inspirational stories of lives saved, enjoy being entertained by our humorous guest speaker, and celebrate the evening with PDHC founders and friends, Mike and Peggy Hartshorn. Your support will provide life-saving ultrasounds and pregnancy support to thousands of women and families in Central Ohio. To become a sponsor, donate or reserve your seats, go to SupportLifePDHC.org.

FAITH FORMATION

Immaculate Conception Churcl September 12, 2021



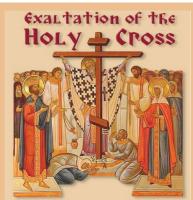
"If anyone wishes to come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me." This is not a Bible passage that is very easy to follow and fully comprehend. Especially when we come to the section "For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will save it." And then I stop, and I think, am I willing to lose my life? While some people may state that they are willing to lose their life for Jesus, the actions they display are not reflective of someone who will sacrifice the very character of their humanness. Jesus, the Son of God, was our living, walking example on this earth of what encompasses complete sacrifice. If we are honest with ourselves, we can probably understand how difficult it is for us to accomplish this command of our Savior.

How can we lose our life and take up our cross daily to follow Jesus? For me, it begins with a change of attitude, which can be easier said than done. The attitude that is needed is one of dropping to my knees and crying out loud that I need God in every aspect of everything I ever do. While my morning prayers include me asking God to use me to be the light that others might see Him through my daily actions, this is where I get stuck, I get stuck in my own thoughts and it's at that moment I realize that I ar not that light I want others to see. It's easier said than done! Lord, give us the grace to deny ourselves and take up our cross.

"Today, looking at this woman by the Cross, steadfast in following her Son in His suffering to learn obedience, looking at her we see the Church and look at our Mother. And also, we look at our little soul that will never be lost, if it continues to be a woman close to these two great women who accompany us in life: Mary and the Church. And just as our fathers left Paradise with a promise, today we can go forward with a hope: the hope that our Mother Mary, steadfast at the Cross, and our Holy Mother, the hierarchical Church, give us." Pope Francis



The Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows falls on September 15. This feast commemorates the sorrowful Mother and the sufferings she experienced in union with her Son and dates back to the 12th century. The feast was extended to the universal Church in 1817 by Pope Pius VII and fixed officially in the calendar for September 15 in 1913 by Pope Pius X. This feast reminds us of the spiritual martyrdom of Our Blessed Mother and her compassion with the sufferings of her divine Son. Through her great sufferings as co-redeemer, she also helps to show us the true evil of sin and thereby leads us to repentance and salvation. From the Roman Missal



We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you, because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world!

The feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross celebrates two historical events: the discovery of the True Cross by Saint Helena, the mother of the Emperor Constantine, in 320 under the temple of Venus in Jerusalem, and the dedication in 335 of the basilica and shrine built on Calvary by Constantine, which mark the site of the Crucifixion. However the feast, more than anything else, is a celebration and commemoration of God's greatest work: his salvific death on the Cross and His Resurrection, through which death was defeated and the doors to Heaven opened.



