



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: 4:00 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.

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MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, JANUARY 22

2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27; Mk 3:20-21
4:00 p.m. Wes Walker †

SUNDAY, JANUARY 23

Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10; 1 Cor 12:12-30 or 12:12-14, 27;
Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21
8:30 a.m. For the People of the Parish
11:00 a.m. Ann Baker †

MONDAY, JANUARY 24

2 Sm 5:1-7, 10; Mk 3:22-30
8:30 a.m. Rita Thomas †

TUESDAY, JANUARY 25

Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22; Mk 16:15-18
6:15 p.m. Maureen Laugherty †

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 26

2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5; Mk 4:1-20
8:30 a.m. Gene Sapp †

THURSDAY, JANUARY 27

2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29; Mk 4:21-25
8:30 a.m. Fr. Dennis Stevenson †

FRIDAY, JANUARY 28

2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17; Mk 4:26-34
8:30 a.m. Patricia Douglas †

SATURDAY, JANUARY 29

2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17; Mk 4:35-41
4:00 p.m. Maureen Laugherty †

SUNDAY, JANUARY 30

Jer 1:4-5, 17-19; 1 Cor 12:31-13:13 or 13:4-13;
Lk 4:21-30
8:30 a.m. Mary Ellen Murtha †
11:00 a.m. For the People of the Parish

† Deceased

JANUARY CONTRIBUTORS TO THE SANCTUARY LAMPS

The Sanctuary Lamp burns constantly to proclaim the real presence of Jesus in the Tabernacle. For the month of January, the Sanctuary candles in the Church were donated by an **anonymous donor**. Thank you for your generosity.

THE POPE'S INTENTION FOR JANUARY 2022

For true human fraternity – We pray for all those suffering from religious discrimination and persecution; may their own rights and dignity be recognized, which originate from being brothers and sisters in the human family.

LOW-GLUTEN HOSTS

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

PASTORAL STAFF

<i>Pastor</i>	Fr. Matthew Hoover icoffice@iccols.org
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IC CHURCH OPEN DAILY/ADORATION

Immaculate Conception Church is open daily from 6:30 a.m. until 5 p.m. for prayer and Adoration. On Tuesdays, the church remains open for the Sacrament of Reconciliation from 5:30 until 6 p.m., followed by Mass at 6:15 p.m. One Wednesday a month, we have Eucharistic Adoration with Exposition from 7 a.m. until 6 p.m. Upcoming dates are February 16 and March 16. **To sign up for a specific hour, go to iccols.org, Parish Life, Adoration.**

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 & times requested, but no day/time can be guaranteed. At this time, we are scheduling Mass intentions up through July 2022.

“Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life.”

IN OUR PARISH

NEW PARISHIONERS

We welcome new parishioners to Immaculate Conception Parish: **Margaret, Garrison and Gianna Graves; Richard, Aileen and Rylie Parks; Dan, Ellen and Margot Rapp.** 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.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

We welcome these new members of the parish: **McKenna Marie Rudy**, who was baptized on January 15, 2022, and **Samuel Anthony DeCaria**, who was baptized on January 16, 2022.

TAX STATEMENTS

Tax statements for 2021 can be picked up in Marian Hall after all Masses this weekend. Any statements not picked up will be mailed by January 31, 2022.



IC WOMEN'S CLUB BLOOD DRIVE RESULTS

The Women's Club annual Blood Drive successfully collected 58 units of blood yesterday in Marian Hall in spite of the snow. Thank you to the volunteers who baked all the goodies and the three Red Cross volunteers who helped organize the Drive.



DIAPER DRIVE! JANUARY 22-23

The Knights of Columbus are collecting diapers this weekend to benefit families who have chosen life over abortion. All donations will serve the Pregnancy Decision Health Center in Columbus, Ohio. **Diaper sizes 3 and 4 are the greatest need. For cash donations please see the QR code or give on-line at the IC website.** 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. Due to COVID, we will have a drive-through drop-off after 4 p.m., 8:30 a.m., and 11 a.m. Masses at the IC garage. Follow the signs. Please do not drop-off in the church or gathering space.



SCOUT SUNDAY IS FEBRUARY 6, 2022

All Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts and Girl Scouts are invited to celebrate the birthday of scouting by attending 8:30 Mass together. All scouts and scout leaders both past and present are requested to join us for the Mass. Please come in uniform early and we will try to sit toward the front of the church with our families.

Please join us for Hospitality Sunday after Mass.

DINE OUT/ORDER IN & BENEFIT HASA

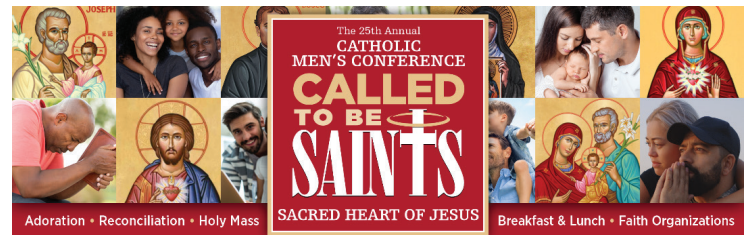
Dine out with HASA (IC Home & School) once a month at these local restaurants and they will donate a portion of the bill back to the IC Home and School Association. Mention you are with IC when calling in, put Immaculate Conception Fundraiser in the notes when ordering online.

February 9 – Papa Giorgio's 4-9 p.m. – 3027 Indianola Ave.
 March 22 – Jersey Mike's 11 a.m.-9 p.m. – 4249 N High Street
 April 12 & 13 – Rodos European Grill 11 a.m.-9:30 p.m. –
 3369 Indianola Ave.



CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

Register Now! In-person and Livestream options available! Reconnect, Rekindle and Rejoice in the Lord! Register Now at www.columbuscatholicwomen.com for the Columbus Catholic Women's Conference on Saturday, February 19, 2022, from 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. at the Ohio Expo Center, Columbus, Ohio. \$45 per person / students \$35 / Livestream \$15. Come give thanks and rest in Jesus with Holy Mass, Reconciliation, Adoration, inspiring speakers, food and fellowship! Invite family and friends to join you for this amazing one-day retreat to reconnect, rekindle and rejoice in the Lord!



THE CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE

The Catholic Men's Conference is on February 26 at the Ohio Expo Center. This year's theme is Called to be Saints, Sacred Heart of Jesus. For more information go to www.catholicmensministry.com.



BULLETIN DEADLINE

The deadline for all articles for the Sunday bulletin is Friday afternoon, (9) days before the article appears in the bulletin. Please include contact information with a phone number and email address. Your written submission may be sent to the parish office or emailed to ic.bulletin@iccols.org. All bulletin items and flyers must be approved by the parish office. Notices for bulletin boards must also be approved by the parish office before posting.

TIME, TALENT & TREASURE*Fostering Stewardship as a Way of Life***Fiscal Year 7/1/2021-6/30/2022 • Offertory Report 1/16/2022**

	<u>1/16/2022</u>	<u>YTD 2021/2022</u>
Recorded Envelopes/Checks	\$ 26,591	\$ 726,119
Loose Cash	\$ 228	\$ 6,131
TOTAL RECEIVED	\$ 26,819	\$ 732,250
Weekly Operating Expenses	\$ 29,000	\$ 841,000
Weekly Overage (<i>Shortage</i>)	(\$ 2,181)	(\$ 108,750)

Families Receiving Envelopes	980
Envelopes Received	96
Families on EFT	393



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.

Gracious and loving God, You call us to be stewards of Your abundance, the caretakers of all You have entrusted to us. Help us to always use Your gifts wisely and teach us to share them generously. Send the Holy Spirit to work through us, bringing Your message to those we serve.

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

The Nativity of Mary Scholarship Fund is offering 4 scholarships for the 2022-2023 school year (at \$2,000 each). Candidates do not have to attend a Catholic elementary school but do need to be an active parishioner of a Catholic parish. For more information, please contact Dan Kurth at The Catholic Foundation: (614) 443-8893 or dkurth@catholic-foundation.org.

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENTS IN THE CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF COLUMBUS

The Catholic Foundation is pleased to announce its online scholarship application period will open on January 31, 2022. The Foundation has made it easy to apply online with a complete listing of available scholarships, qualifications, and applications on its website. The scholarship deadline is February 28, and the recipients will be notified in May. There are 26 scholarships available to students in the Catholic Diocese of Columbus. Last year, The Catholic Foundation awarded over \$220,000 in scholarships. To date, the Foundation has granted more than \$1.3 million empowering over 225 young people to continue their academic and vocational studies. For detailed information, including the full list of scholarships with criteria, please visit www.catholic-foundation.org/scholarships. If you have any questions about a particular scholarship or the application process, please contact Dan Kurth, VP of Grants, at (614) 443-8893 or dkurth@catholic-foundation.org.

REBOOT

Reboot! is the fun, inspiring and practical experience for all ages (12+) of applying the beauty and genius of the Gospel to every aspect of your life. Featuring internationally acclaimed speaker, author, and TV host Chris Stefanick, this is an event you don't want to miss. Invite your friends and family! Purchase tickets now to reserve your spot! Invite friends and family to come with you to take advantage of special pricing for groups of 4 or more and save \$9 per ticket!

Saint Paul the Apostle Catholic Church, 313 N. State Street, Westerville, OH 43082 on Wednesday, February 9, 2022, from 7 p.m.-9 p.m.

THREE-DAY EUCHARISTIC MISSION AT ST. MATTHEW THE APOSTLE CHURCH BEGINS JANUARY 30, 2022

Sunday, January 30, 2022 – Doors open at 6:00 p.m. for the Eucharistic Miracles Display in the Gathering Space and pizza in the St. Anthony Room; 6:30 p.m. Confessions begin; 7 p.m. Fr. Joseph Tuscan OFM Cap. "The Greatest Threat to Holiness Today," childcare provided.

Monday, January 31, 2022

Doors open at 6 p.m. for the Eucharistic Miracles Display in the Gathering Space and pizza in the St. Anthony Room; 6:30 p.m. Confessions begin; 7 p.m. Messy Family Project (Mike and Alicia Hernon) will present on being a faith filled leader of your family, rooted in prayer and Adoration. Childcare provided.

Tuesday, February 1, 2022

Doors open at 6 p.m. for the Eucharistic Miracles Display in the Gathering Space and pizza in the St. Anthony Room; 6:30 p.m. Confessions begin; 7 p.m. Fr. Joseph Tuscan, OFM Cap. "Healing the Spiritual Wound of our Culture" and "Forgiveness," childcare provided. Go to stmatthew.net for additional information.

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 continue our IN-PERSON sessions of Seasons of Hope Bereavement Ministry, sponsored by the North High Deanery. The six consecutive sessions will take place at Our Lady of Peace Church, located at 20 E. Dominion Blvd., 43214, and will meet from 2-4 p.m. The dates for this six-week session will be January 23, 30, February 6, 13, 20, and 27. Appropriate COVID protocols will be followed during this time. To register, please call Karen Droll at (614) 582-8848, or e-mail Karen at ksdroll@gmail.com. Registrations will be taken through Sunday, January 30. All are welcome!!

ODU INSTANT ADMISSION DAY

Ohio Dominican will host Instant Admission Day on Monday, February 21. Students who are interested in enrolling at or transferring to Ohio Dominican University for the fall 2022 semester will have an opportunity to begin and complete the admission process during ODU's Instant Admission Day on Monday, February 21. The free event will take place from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Bishop James A. Griffin Student Center, located on ODU's campus at 1216 Sunbury Road, Columbus, Ohio 43219. Register today by visiting ohiodominican.edu/AdmissionDay.

WHAT IS PIETRA?

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 Pietra classes! Saturdays 7-8 a.m. at St. Michael Church (through May 21); 1st and 3rd Sundays 7-8 p.m. at St. Michael School (through May 15). \$10.00/class. Contact Maria Elliott at maria@viribuswellness.com for more information and to sign up!

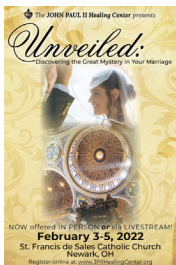
CATHOLIC MEN'S LUNCHEON CLUB – FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2022.

The 2022 Catholic Man of the Year will be honored at the Catholic Men's Luncheon Club on Friday, February 4, 2022. Please join us Friday, February 4 at St. Patrick Church in downtown Columbus for lunch where we will honor the 2022 Catholic Man of the Year. The Catholic Man of the Year luncheon is sponsored by Jim and Chris Vonau of the law firm Decker & Vonau, LLC. More information about Decker & Vonau is available at www.decker-vonau.com. If you are interested in sponsoring a luncheon, please contact Jim Gernetzke at jimgernetzke@noslumine.com.

Holy Mass (optional) begins at 11:45 a.m. followed by lunch at 12:10 p.m. and the celebration of the 2022 Catholic Man of the Year. Free parking available in the Columbus State Grant Avenue parking lot (25-S) across the street from St. Patrick. No reservations are necessary. \$10 covers the lunch and meeting. Bring a friend! For information on Catholic Men's Luncheon Club, visit www.catholicmensministry.com/cmlc.

SR. JOAN FRANKS TO PRESENT ODU'S ST. THOMAS AQUINAS LECTURE ON JANUARY 27

Ohio Dominican University's Center for Dominican Studies and Office of Academic Affairs will host its annual St. Thomas Aquinas Convocation at 11 a.m. on Thursday, January 27, 2022. The convocation will take place in the Matesich Theatre, located inside Erskine Hall on ODU's campus, 1216 Sunbury Road, Columbus, 43219. The lecture is free and open to the public. The keynote speaker, Sr. Joan Franks, OP, Ph.D. will present, "St. Thomas and the Common Good."



UNVEILED: DISCOVERING THE GREAT MYSTERY IN YOUR MARRIAGE

Now offered in-person AND virtually via livestream! Discover how the great mystery of Christ's love can restore passion, purpose, and intimacy in your marriage. In Unveiled, a retreat led by the John

Paul II Healing Center, you'll engage topics grounded in Church teaching such as:

- Discovering True Love
- A Whole New Look at Your Wedding Day
- Cultivating Intimacy and Unity in Your Marriage
- Understanding Your Marital Conflict
- Healing and Reconciliation in Your Marriage
- Restoring Sexual Passion and Intimacy in Your Marriage

This retreat is open to singles discerning marriage, dating and engaged couples, and couples who have been married for many years! St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church is hosting this Unveiled retreat February 3-5, 2022. Learn more and register for this amazing experience at: www.jpiihealingcenter.org. Scholarships available. Email UnveiledNewarkOH@gmail.com for more information. This event is sponsored by the Diocese of Columbus Marriage & Family Life Office and St. Gabriel Radio.

SCHOOL NEWS & ACTIVITIES

IC SCHOOL

*Celebrating our Catholic Schools 2022
January 29 thru February 4*

Saturday/Sunday– Celebrating Our Parish

- Kickoff Celebration to CSW / Students wear uniforms to Mass
- Student Speakers at each Mass

Monday – Celebrating Community

- Make handprints for schoolwide display in the gymnasium
- Crazy Sock Day (funding benefits community)
- Collect items for schoolwide service project

Tuesday – Celebrating Love of Learning

- Spelling Bee for Grades 4-8 (9 a.m.)*
- Guest Principal and Guest Teachers for a day

Wednesday – Celebrating Faith

- School Mass (8:30 a.m.)
- Sharing Special Religious Items
- Praise and Worship Singalong (2 p.m.)

Thursday – Celebrating Academic Excellence

- Catholic Trivia Game Show (1:30 p.m.)*

Friday – Celebrating Immaculate Conception School

- Spirit Wear Day (wear blue and/or white)
- 8th Grade vs. Teachers Volleyball Game (1:30 p.m.)*

*These events will be live streamed on the school website at ic-school.org.

Registration for the 2022-2023 school year is now open for all new, incoming students for our preschool, or our K-8 school. All registrations are completed online through our website. To register, follow the instruction on our school website (www.ic-school.org), or request additional information by contacting our Enrollment Specialist, Mrs. Brittany Byrley at bbyrley@cdeeducation.org, or call (614) 267-6579.

We are happy to give in-person tours of the school again during school hours. If interested in scheduling a tour, please contact Mrs. Byrley at the contact information above.

ST. CHARLES

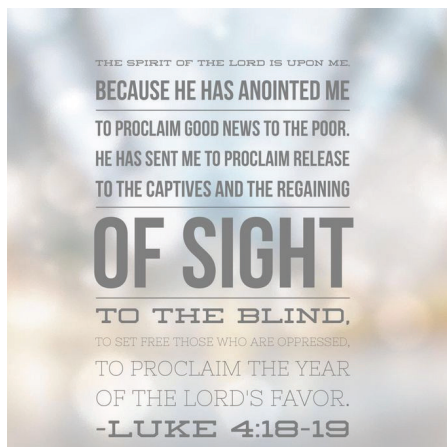
St. Charles Holding 8th Grade Scholarship Exam January 29 at 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. St. Charles Preparatory School will hold its annual Academic Scholarship Exam for current 8th grade boys on Saturday, January 29, 2022, with opportunities to sit for the exam at either 9 a.m. or 1 p.m. The annual scholarship test is an opportunity for 8th grade students to earn significant four-year and one-year academic scholarship towards their St. Charles tuition.

New this year is the addition of the St. Charles Charism Award Essay Scholarship program. To register and learn more about these scholarship opportunities, we invite you to visit the St. Charles website at stcharlesprep.org and clicking on the Homepage's "Admissions" menu tab.

St. Charles will host its annual Spaghetti Dinner on Sunday, February 6 in the school's Walter Student Commons. Dinner, being prepared by the Susi Family and their Berwick Manor staff, will be served from 1 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. In addition, the SC Concert & Jazz Band will perform from 2:15-3:15 p.m. and 4-5 p.m. Guests will enjoy a bountiful meal of spaghetti with meatball, salad, rolls, ice cream, and a beverage. \$12.00 for Adults; \$9.00 for Senior Citizens; \$6.00 for Children 4-12; and a \$45 Family rate (dine-in, up to 6 immediate family members). Carry out orders will be available. We look forward to seeing you there!

FAITH FORMATION

Immaculate Conception Church
January 23, 2022



The second part of today's Gospel fittingly relates Jesus' returning to His home town of Nazareth and His public ministry to His fellow town folks. What is particularly interesting is the pattern of events in the synagogue service: the Word of GOD is proclaimed, Jesus (the presider) explains how the passage relates to the people, and the people respond. (Today we are only given the people's immediate response and not their later response after Jesus continues to proclaim the Good News. That will be next Sunday's Gospel.)

The Word of GOD (both all the writings of the Hebrew [Old Testament] and Christian [New Testament] scriptures) are GOD's revelation to the people whom GOD has chosen to manifest the Truth. They all point to the Word of GOD Incarnate, Who is the ultimate revelation ("epiphany") of the Truth of GOD. Jesus is the Word of GOD. He is the Truth. What He has come to proclaim is the Good News that GOD desires us to be one with Jesus, in proclaiming GOD's glory. It is only when we join fully and are united completely with the Word of GOD (Jesus, the Head of the Body) that we can experience the Life which GOD wants us to have.
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Today is Sunday of the Word of God

Pope Francis has asked that the Church observe the 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time as the Sunday of the Word of God. As he wrote: "Devoting a specific Sunday of the liturgical year to the word of God can enable the Church to experience anew how the risen Lord opens up for us the treasury of his word and enables us to proclaim its unfathomable riches before the world."

The Sunday of the Word of God, instituted by Pope Francis in 2019, is meant to encourage among all Catholics interest in knowing the sacred Scriptures and their central role in the life of the church and the Christian faith. The theme for the 2022 celebration is "Blessed are those who hear the word of God," a verse which comes from the Gospel of St. Luke. "Therefore, since everything asserted by the inspired authors or sacred writers must be held to be asserted by the Holy Spirit, it follows that the books of Scripture must be acknowledged as teaching solidly, faithfully and without error that truth which God wanted put into sacred writings (5) for the sake of salvation. Therefore "all Scripture is divinely inspired and has its use for teaching the truth and refuting error, for reformation of manners and discipline in right living, so that the man who belongs to God may be efficient and equipped for good work of every kind" (2

Tim. 3:16-17, Greek text).

DEI VERBUM



Conversion of St. Paul January 25

Since the 8th century the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul has been set apart by the Church to return thanks to almighty God for His act of grace in bringing the future apostle to the Faith. After the miracle of Christ's Resurrection no other wonder in the history of the early Church is a stronger proof of the divine origin of Christianity than the marvellous conversion of St. Paul.

Points of Interest From the Conversion of Paul:

After his conversion, Saul changed his name to Paul.

The conversion of Paul shows that Jesus himself wanted the gospel to go to the Gentiles and that it was no human being's idea. That would quash any argument from the early Jewish Christians that the gospel was only for the Jews.

The men with Saul did not see the risen Jesus, but Saul did. This miraculous message was meant for one person only, Saul. Saul witnessed the risen Christ, which fulfilled the qualification for an apostle (Acts 1:21-22). Only those who had seen the risen Christ could testify to his resurrection.

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