



IMMACULATE  
CONCEPTION

CATHOLIC CHURCH

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SCHOOL OFFICE  
(614) 267-6579

[www.iccols.org](http://www.iccols.org)

*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](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 at (614) 267-9241, ext. 304 or at [edeluca@iccols.org](mailto: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](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

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).

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## MASS INTENTIONS

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 8

1 Jn 5:14-21; Jn 3:22-30  
4:00 p.m. Liz Roehrer †

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 9

Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Acts 10:34-38  
or Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7; Lk 3:15-16, 21-22  
8:30 a.m. Liz Roehrer †  
11:00 a.m. For the People of the Parish

### MONDAY, JANUARY 10

1 Sm 1:1-8; Mk 1:14-20  
8:30 a.m. Julie Accetta †

### TUESDAY, JANUARY 11

1 Sm 1:9-20; Mk 1:21-28  
6:15 p.m. Tina VonVille †

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 12

1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20; Mk 1:29-39  
8:30 a.m. Mary Ellen Murtha †

### THURSDAY, JANUARY 13

1 Sm 4:1-11; Mk 1:40-45  
8:30 a.m. The Haidet Family †

### FRIDAY, JANUARY 14

1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a; Mk 2:1-12  
8:30 a.m. Living & Deceased Members  
of the IC Women's Club

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 15

1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a; Mk 2:13-17  
4:00 p.m. John Bernard, Sr. †

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 16

Is 62:1-5; 1 Cor 12:4-11; Jn 2:1-11  
8:30 a.m. Eric Bowen †  
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
<i>Permanent Deacon</i>	Rev. Mr. Christopher Campbell..... ccampbel@cducation.org
<i>Weekend Assistants</i>	Msgr. Anthony Frecker
<i>Pastoral Care</i>	Barbara Fortkamp ..... bfortkamp@iccols.org
<i>&amp; Bereavement Ministry</i>	

## FAITH FORMATION

<i>Music Ministry</i>	Adam Fehrenbach..... musicdirector@iccols.org
<i>Permanent Deacon</i>	Rev. Mr. Christopher Campbell..... ccampbel@cducation.org
<i>PSR Coordinator</i>	icpsr@iccols.org
<i>Evangelization</i>	Mary Ann Rivera ..... marivera@iccols.org
<i>and Faith Formation</i>	

## PARISH OFFICE STAFF Phone: (614) 267-9241

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## SCHOOL STAFF Phone: (614) 267-6579

<i>Principal</i>	Colleen Kent..... cokent@cducation.org
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## PARISH SUPPORT SERVICES

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## ADVISORY COUNCILS

<i>Finance Council Chairman</i>	Brian Byrne..... bbyrne@horizon10.com
<i>Parish Council President</i>	Beth Mahler..... parishcouncil@iccols.org
<i>School Board President</i>	Mandy Mangini..... amandasucuro@yahoo.com

### 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 January 12 and February 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.

“ O bless the Lord, my soul. ”



## IN OUR PARISH



### PLEASE GIVE YOUR FEEDBACK!

We would like your feedback about the Immaculate Conception Triduum that took place December 6-8. Please complete this brief survey by Monday, January 17, 2022. The survey should take 5 minutes or less to complete. Go to the home page of the parish website or go to <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/9M5VB9zri>



### SCAM EMAIL ALERT

We want to alert you to scam emails that have been circulating throughout the Columbus Diocese. They appear to be from Fr. Matthew Hoover or other clergy. **DO NOT BUY GIFT CARDS**, as these emails instruct! We would not send an email to any of our

parishioners requesting you purchase anything on our behalf. If you receive an email and are unsure if it is legit or not, please call the office to verify with us. The same goes for any email from someone else, or any phone call from someone, such as a grandchild, asking for your financial help. Always verify by calling our office, or your friend, or relative that the email or phone call you received is legitimate.

### REAL PRESENCE, REAL FUTURE NEW PRAYER CARDS ARE AVAILABLE

As we begin this new year of 2022, we are reminded of the continuing Real Presence, Real Future movement taking place in our diocese and church. Please keep this initiative in prayer, especially in front of the Eucharist. We now begin to pray our new *Real Presence, Real Future* Prayer for Mission Renewal.

*God Our Father,  
We entrust **Real Presence, Real Future** to Your Providence.  
Through Your Holy Spirit inspire us for Mission and Evangelization.  
Make us disciples after the Heart of Your Son. In times of uncertainty, grant firm resolve. When we are unsettled, provide peace. When we are timid, make us courageous.  
With our ears may we hear Your promptings. With our eyes may we see Your handiwork. With our mouths, may we share the Gospel. And with our hands may we serve You.  
Replace our hesitation with holy enthusiasm so that in drawing strength from the Eucharist every endeavor of ours may be for Your glory.  
We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen*

**Please pick up a new prayer card from the bulletin holders at the doors of the church!**



### ARE YOU LOOKING FOR A NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION? YOU GROW SPIRITUALLY WITH EACH MOMENT YOU SPEND WITH JESUS!

Commit to spend at least one hour a month in adoration before the Lord. We will have Adoration with Exposition on January 12 and February 16 from 7 a.m. until 6 p.m. To sign up for a specific hour, go to [iccols.org](http://iccols.org), Parish Life, Adoration.

*"The best time you will spend on earth is the time you spend with your best Friend, Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament" (St. Teresa of Calcutta).*

*Do you want to grow in Intimacy with the Lord?  
Do you seek a deeper prayer life with Jesus?*

*All women of Immaculate Conception and Our lady of Peace are invited to attend a retreat at Immaculate Conception:  
January 21 and January 22.  
Friday @ 6p.m. -Join us for Adoration and Confession / Wine and Cheese gathering afterwards  
Saturday @8 a.m. — A light lunch will be provided at the end of the day.  
The day will conclude approximately at 1:00 p.m.  
A free will donation will be taken at the retreat.  
Any questions please contact Mary Ann Rivera [marivera@iccols.org](mailto:marivera@iccols.org)*

*To register for this retreat, go to [https://bit.ly/2022\\_WomensRetreat](https://bit.ly/2022_WomensRetreat).*



**American Red Cross**

### IC WOMEN'S CLUB ANNUAL MLK BLOOD DRIVE

The IC Women's Club Annual Martin Luther King Blood Drive will be held in Marian Hall from 12-6 p.m. on Monday, January 17. If you last donated on or before Monday 11/22/21 you may be eligible to donate. To schedule an appointment, visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org): sponsor code: IC, or call 1-800-RED CROSS. If you have any questions, please call Sue Beman at (614) 214-5333.



### DIAPER DRIVE! JANUARY 22-23

The Knights of Columbus are collecting diapers on the weekend of January 22-23 to benefit families who have chosen life over abortion. Please prayerfully consider donating diapers for January Right for Life month. 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 online 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 in the church or gathering space.



### IC SCHOOL IS HIRING

**School Office Secretary:** This full-time position has work hours from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday during the school year and reduced hours during the summer months. Applicants must be proficient with Microsoft Office and must be outwardly kind, welcoming, and have a heart for serving others. If interested, please send a resume to principal Colleen Kent at [cokent@cducation.org](mailto:cokent@cducation.org).  
**Educational Aide:** This is a part-time position assisting students in our younger and middle grade levels. If interested in this position, please send a letter of intent to principal, Colleen Kent at [cokent@cducation.org](mailto:cokent@cducation.org).

### TORNADO RELIEF COLLECTION THANK-YOU

Thank you to those who donated to the Tornado Relief Collection. So far, we have collected \$5,336 to assist parishes and families affected by the tornados. If you would still like to donate to Catholic Charities U.S.A, you may do so by marking an envelope "Tornado Relief" and placing it in an offertory box, sending it to the parish office, or donating through the parish website at [iccols.org](http://iccols.org), Give Now, Fund, Tornado Relief.

## TIME, TALENT & TREASURE

*Fostering Stewardship as a Way of Life*

### Fiscal Year 7/1/2021-6/30/2022 • Offertory Report 1/2/2022

	<u>1/2/2022</u>	<u>YTD 2021/2022</u>
Recorded Envelopes/Checks	\$ 25,570	\$ 673,071
Loose Cash	\$ 220	\$ 5,743
<b>TOTAL RECEIVED</b>	<b>\$ 25,790</b>	<b>\$ 678,814</b>
Weekly Operating Expenses	\$ 29,000	\$ 783,000
Weekly Overage ( <i>Shortage</i> )	<b>(\$ 3,210)</b>	<b>(\$ 104,186)</b>

Families Receiving Envelopes	980
Envelopes Received	128
Families on EFT	393



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. 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.*

### OBLIGATION TO ATTEND MASS ON SUNDAYS AND HOLY DAYS WAS REINSTATED IN JUNE OF 2021

"Together, the Bishops of Ohio have decided that the general obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation (including the Saturday/Vigil Mass) is to be reinstated (CIC, can. 1247). This will take effect in each of the Dioceses of Ohio the weekend of June 5-6, 2021. As has always been the case, those who have a serious reason are exempt from attending Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 2181). This includes those who are ill, have significant health risk factors or care for someone who is immuno-compromised or ill. Masses that are broadcast through various media are not intended as a substitute nor do they fulfill the obligation for the persons who are able to gather for a Sunday celebration and other Holy Days of Obligation. Instead, they are intended for the sick, homebound, the imprisoned, etc., who are unable to attend Mass in person. Kindly consult your pastor with any specific questions regarding the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation." Reprinted from *The Catholic Times*, May 13, 2021

### WELCOMING PARISHIONERS AND VISITORS!

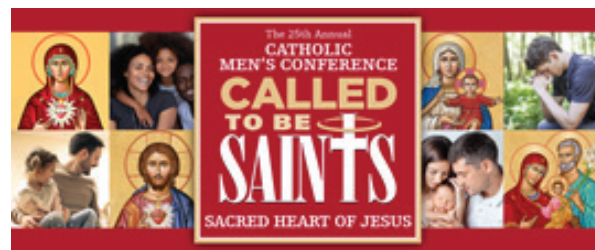
***Greeters Needed!*** If you're looking for a fun and easy way to fulfill your volunteer obligation, or if you just want to contribute to our parish in some way, this is the job for you! All the job requires is for you to show up for the Mass you usually attend, stand at a door, and greet your friends, acquaintances and visitors as they arrive to church. Currently, this is a twice monthly commitment. Interested? Contact the parish office or Christine Demko at (614) 506-4202.

***Welcome Desk Volunteers!*** The parish Welcome Desk is open after weekend Masses to assist parishioners and visitors who have questions, would like to register, need a Baptism or Marriage information form, need additional information about the parish, etc. We are looking for volunteers to help assist with this important ministry. Training is available. Please call the parish office at (614) 267-9241 for more information.

### CATHOLIC MEN'S AND WOMEN'S CONFERENCES



**Save the Date! The Catholic Women's Conference** is scheduled for February 19 at the Ohio Expo Center in Columbus. The theme of this year's conference is "REKINDLE...the gift of God that is within you." For more information go to <https://www.columbuscatholicwomen.com/>.



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](http://www.catholicmensministry.com).

### 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.





THE DIOCESE OF COLUMBUS



## The Office of Catholic Schools


OHIO NOW OFFERS A PROGRAM TO RECEIVE A 100% TAX CREDIT FOR TUITION ASSISTANCE CONTRIBUTIONS UP TO \$750.

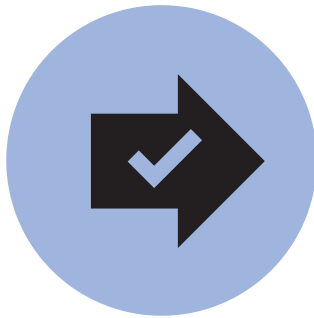
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***Our Catholic Schools*** in the Diocese of Columbus have made **tuition assistance a philanthropic priority**. And now, our Diocesan Education Corporation is the first organization in the State of Ohio to be **certified as a Scholarship Granting Organization (SGO)** by the Ohio Attorney General.

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## ABOUT THE SGO CERTIFICATION

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- The SGO program was created in 2021 for the State of Ohio.
  - A tax credit for gifts in support of tuition assistance is an **investment with immediate and long-term benefits**.
  - **No forms** are needed to make a gift.
  - Donor receipts will be generated in accordance with **tax credit and charitable gift qualifications**.
  - Although the tax credit is limited to \$750 per person, there is no minimum or maximum donation amount. **No gift is too big or too small.**



### HOW DO I BENEFIT?

- A **100%** tax credit up to **\$750** per person per year (**\$1,500** for those married filing jointly).
- Those who itemize may still claim additional charitable donations on state and federal taxes and receive the Ohio **tax credit**.



### HOW IS MY GIFT STEWARDED?

- Tuition assistance is provided to low income students and families demonstrating increasing and substantial need in each of our 52 schools.
- Gifts make a high-quality Catholic education accessible and affordable for all of our school families.



### HOW DO I GIVE?

- Donate **online** at [columbuscatholicgiving.org/tuition-assistance](https://columbuscatholicgiving.org/tuition-assistance).
- Donate by **check** made payable to "Diocesan Education Corporation" and **mail** to Office of Catholic Schools, 197 East Gay St., Columbus, OH 43215.
- Donors will receive documentation confirming their donation for **2021** tax purposes.

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Donations received or postmarked by December 31 will be receipted for that tax year. The Diocesan Education Corporation and/or the Office of Catholic Schools, each a 501(c)3 organization, are headquartered in Columbus, Ohio.

They do not administer the SGO program. They do not provide tax advice on credit eligibility. Please consult your tax advisor for more information.

**SOCIAL CONCERNS**  
**YWCA FAMILY CENTER DINNER –**  
**JANUARY 21**

Immaculate Conception is providing dinner for the YWCA Family Shelter on January 21. Food donations are needed. Volunteers are also needed to help in the preparation and boxing of meals at the Family Center. The staff will deliver meals to residents' rooms. For more information, or to sign up for food donations or time, go to [iccols.org](http://iccols.org), Quick Links.

**ESL TUTORS ARE NEEDED**

Our neighboring parish, St. James the Less, offers English as a Second Language (ESL) classes. They need volunteer tutors who are willing to offer their time and talent to help with this project. Training, teaching materials and ongoing assistance is provided. The classes are held every Wednesday from 6 to 8 p.m. in the St. James the Less School. If interested, please contact the St. James the Less office at (614) 262-1179. Thank you.

**PLEASE HELP US KEEP YOUR RECORDS CURRENT!**

The parish sends out weekly Flocknote messages and if you are not receiving email communications from the parish office, we may not have your email address. You may call the parish office at (614) 267-9241 or email updated information to [icoffice@iccols.org](mailto:icoffice@iccols.org).

In an effort to ensure that our Parish database stays current, we are requesting that you notify the parish office when you have a life event change such as change of address, marital status, birth of a child, etc.

Many families have also discontinued the use of a land line for phone calls. If you have done this in the last few years, please call the office to update your phone number and/or update your email address.

**SCHOOL NEWS & ACTIVITIES**

**IC SCHOOL**

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](http://www.ic-school.org)), or request additional information by contacting our Enrollment Specialist, Mrs. Brittany Byrley at [bbyrley@cducation.org](mailto:bbyrley@cducation.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 with the contact information above.

**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 (January 8-May 21); 1st and 3rd Sundays, 7-8 p.m. at St. Michael School (January 16-May 15). \$10/class.

Contact Maria Elliott at [maria@viribuswellness.com](mailto:maria@viribuswellness.com) for more information and to sign up!



OPEN HOUSE

**KINDERGARTEN**  
**PREVIEW**

Potential students will meet the kindergarten teachers and their new classmates.

**WEDNESDAY, JAN. 19**  
**9 A.M. & 7 P.M.**  
**IC SCHOOL**

Parents will learn about the day in the life of a kindergartner!



**Dr. Alan Mostrom:**  
***Why Don't Catholics Evangelize?***  
**February 1, 2022 – 7 p.m.**

Join us at 7 p.m. at Our Lady of Peace Church on Tuesday, February 1, 2022 for speaker, Dr. Alan Mostrom. The topic: *Why Don't Catholics Evangelize?*

Dr. Mostrom was raised in Tacoma, Washington in the Pentecostal tradition. He has received a BA degree in philosophy from Nyack College in New York, a Master

of Arts degree in New Testament from Asbury Theological Seminary in Kentucky, and a PhD in Theological Studies from the University of Dayton. His dissertation was on Yves Congar and his theology of the laity. In 2009, Alan and his wife Sarah converted to Catholicism. Dr. Mostrom currently teaches at the seminary in Cincinnati – the Athenaeum of Ohio. He teaches classes on Christian Anthropology, Christology, Ecclesiology, Fundamental Dogma, as well as Evangelization.

**HOLY ROSARY-ST. JOHN CHURCH CELEBRATES**  
**THE LIFE OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.**

**WITH ANDREA PANNELL, OPA**

Holy Rosary-St. John is hosting its annual Martin Luther King Day celebration on Monday, January 17, 2022 from noon to 1:30 p.m. at 660 South Ohio Avenue, Columbus, Ohio. The guest speaker is Andrea C. Pannell, OPA.

Andrea Pannell is the Vice President of Stewardship for The Catholic Foundation. She is a Dominican Sisters of Peace Associate and a Spiritual Director. Andrea believes "Your ability to love and to be loved is key to having it all" and credits "our 'Love Limits' as sizing us for the cement boots that keep us stuck in places of disappointment, disengagement and dysfunction."

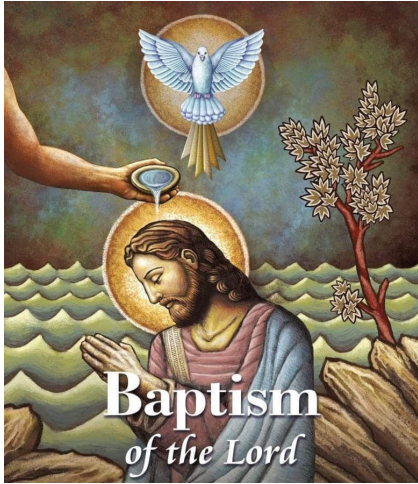
Vernon Hairston will be directing the Gospel choir. For additional information, email [hrrsevents@gmail.com](mailto:hrrsevents@gmail.com) or call (614) 252-5926, ext. 7.



# FAITH FORMATION

Immaculate Conception Church

January 9, 2022



*"As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, 'I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.' Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'" [Lk. 3:15-6, 21-22]*

In this particular passage, a great importance was given to the Holy Spirit. Throughout the Holy Bible, many amazing manifestations were credited to the presence of the Spirit, as the life and power of God. Such is seen in the creation [Gen. 1:2] and the warriors. [Judges 3:10, 11:29, 1 Sam. 11:6] But now, the Holy Spirit is identified as a separate Divine Presence in the Blessed Trinity. While the voice of the Heavenly Father was heard from Heaven, the Holy Spirit descended upon Jesus in bodily form like a dove.

When we hear that "all the people were baptized," we perceive a new episode, a whole community advancing towards the new and most joyful promised land, the spiritual Kingdom of God on earth. So great was the Divine Presence of God in the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, that all the people were touched, repented of their sins and were baptized. There was no space left for doubters.

**The voice of God from Heaven echoes the Heavenly Father's desire and determination to save His people.**

Through the Words, "You are my Son," the Heavenly Father confesses the Divinity of Jesus. Jesus is God incarnated in human form. It should be noted that Jesus did not get baptized because He needed to repent of His sins. Being God, He was without sin! Why then was He baptized? Because from the moment of His birth to the moment when He began His ministry on earth, Jesus completely submitted Himself in obedience to the customs of His people. By submitting Himself to the Baptism of John the Baptist, He placed His seal of approval that we all need to repent of our sins.

But there was more to it than could be perceived at that time. Jesus' example of being baptized was to tell us that the Sacrament of Baptism is the Way to the new life, to being born again of water and spirit. As Jesus said, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the Kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit." [Jn. 3:5]

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## What is Ordinary Time?

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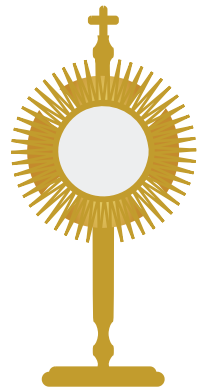
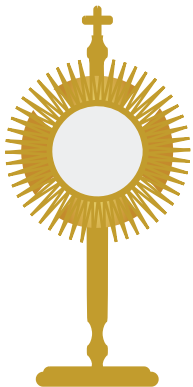
*After the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, Ordinary Time begins. "Besides the times of the year that have their own distinctive character, there remains in the yearly cycle thirty-three or thirty-four weeks in which no particular aspect of the mystery of Christ is celebrated, but rather the mystery of Christ itself is honored in its fullness, especially on Sundays. This period is known as Ordinary Times. (Universal Norms, 43)*

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