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.

OCIA
OCIA (Order 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, NOVEMBER 26
Rv 22:1-7 / Lk 21:34-36
4:00 p.m. Floyd Sarff †

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27
Is 2:1-5; Rom 13:11-14; Mt 24:37-44
8:30 a.m. For the People of Immaculate Conception Parish
11:00 a.m. Randy Green †

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 28
Is 4:2-6; Mt 8:5-11
8:30 a.m. Pat Vandagriff †

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 29
Is 11:1-10; Lk 10:21-24
6:15 p.m. Marcia Kuhlman †

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 30
Rom 10:9-18; Mt 4:18-22
8:30 a.m. For the Intention of Lauren Kendall Ferensen

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1
Is 26:1-6; Mt 7:21, 24-27
8:30 a.m. Dean Schaffer †

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2
Is 29:17-24; Mt 9:27-31
8:30 a.m. Hank Nini †

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3
Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Mt 9:35–10:1, 5a, 6-8
4:00 p.m. For the People of Immaculate Conception Parish

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4
Is 11:1-10; Rom 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-12
8:30 a.m. Joan & Andy Andracki †
11:00 a.m. For the Living & Deceased Members of the Hickey Family †

† ***Deceased***

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LITURGICAL MINISTERS SCHEDULE – DECEMBER 3 & 4, 2022

MASS TIMES	4:00 p.m.	8:30 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS	Karen Groeber John Groeber	Ann Eichel Pete Eichel	Sharon Tantes Darlene Dodane
LECTOR	MaryAnn Grossman	Jeff Racz	Emily Strand
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WELCOME DESK	Patty Conway	Diana Marie Winkler	Karen Cannell

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 and times requested, but no day/time can be guaranteed. **Currently, we are scheduling Mass intentions through June 2023.**

CONTRIBUTORS TO THE SANCTUARY LAMPS

The Sanctuary Lamp burns constantly to proclaim the real presence of Jesus in the Tabernacle. For the month of November, a Sanctuary candle in the church was donated by the **Bernard Family** and two candles were donated by the **Pat Kearns-Davis Family.** Thank you for your generosity.

HOW TO DONATE TO THE SANCTUARY LAMPS

Parishioners interested in contributing to a candle for the 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 IC Women's Club thanks you for supporting this ministry.

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. **The next Day of Adoration is December 14.** To sign up for a specific hour, go to iccols.org, Parish Life, Adoration.

THE POPE'S INTENTION FOR NOVEMBER

Children Who Suffer: We pray for children who are suffering, especially those who are homeless, orphans, and victims of war; may they be guaranteed access to education and the opportunity to experience family affection.

IN OUR PARISH

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

We welcome **Maximus Michael Winters,** the son of Andrew and Kathryn Winters, to Immaculate Conception Parish. Maximus was baptized on November 20, 2022.

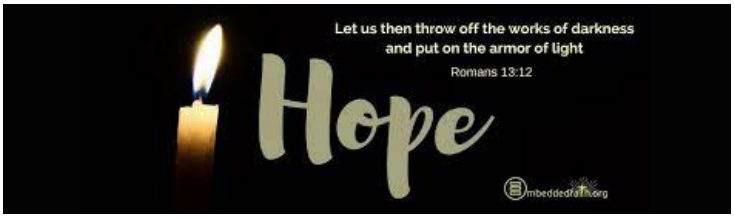
PHISHING MESSAGES FROM THE PASTOR – SCAM ALERT

Christmas is a wonderful season; but it is also a prime time for scammers and porch pirates. This week several parishioners received text requests from someone pretending to be Fr. Matt. Please delete these messages immediately. Father will not reach out to you in a text or email message requesting your assistance. If you have any doubt about a message, do not open it or respond. Be vigilant and call the parish office at (614)267-9241 if you have any questions.

LOOK FOR THE CATHOLIC KIDS BULLETIN

We have begun including the ***Catholic Kids*** **Bulletin** in our parish bulletin each week. Copies are also in the gathering space, along with a coloring page for preschool children who are not yet reading. We hope it blesses you to take it home and share the faith with your children.

> ***Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.***



FOOD DRIVE THANK-YOU

Where there is a NEED there is a KNIGHT

Thanks to IC Parishioners, your Knights delivered over 4 thousand pounds of food to our IC Pantry and Bishop Griffin Center.

Join your IC Knights Council 14962; Join the IC Knights free www.kofc.org/join *or* ***contact Jim@mpex.com***

TIME, TALENT & TREASURE

Fostering Stewardship as a Way of Life

Fiscal Year 7/1/2022-6/30/2023 • Offertory Report 11/20/2022

	11/20/2022	YTD 2022/2023
Recorded Envelopes/Checks	$ 21,863	$495,867
Loose Cash	$ 391	$ 11,920
TOTAL RECEIVED	$ 22,254	$507,787
Weekly Operating Expenses	$ 27,200	$571,200
Weekly Overage *(Shortage)*	($ 4,946)	($ 63,413)
Families Receiving Envelopes		967
Envelopes Received		100
Families on EFT		398

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.

"For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also."

– Matthew 6:21

HELP THE WOMEN'S CLUB ASSEMBLE CHRISTMAS COOKIE PACKAGES

Women of the parish are invited to help assemble cookie packages for shut-in members of the parish. Please bring one or two dozen homemade cookies to Marian Hall at 7 p.m. on Monday, December 5. Questions, call Marilynne Poirier at (614) 261-1261.

WHY SHOULD YOU GIVE TO THE OFFERTORY?

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
GROWING THE CATHOLIC FAITH ONE SEED AT A TIME

- **Your offertory gifts transform lives by providing us with the funds to make faith formation resources available to you!**
- **The parish pays for a subscription to FORMED, The Catholic Faith on Demand. This allows our parishioners to access free Catholic materials to watch, listen, read, or study on an online platform featuring content from providers like Augustine Institute, Ignatius Press and Catholic Answers.**

"I first started checking out Formed several years ago when Father initiated the program for our parish. Sometimes I forget about the program, but recently I picked up the Formed card and have it parked by my computer. I enjoy watching programs about the saints and others that had an impact on our faith. Sometimes I like using the programs of audio prayers I can pray along with which helps me be less distracted when praying. This week I listened to a discussion about Sacred Art: Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, which I thought to listen to after Fr. Tony's homily about the Feast of Christ the King. I also watched a video "The Jeweler's Shop: A modern mystery by Pope John Paul II. There are so many resources on Formed and for all ages." – Patricia Sharkey

To begin donating, or to increase your donation, complete your pledge card or call the parish office and we can assist you. Or you can visit our website, click "Give Now," and sign up for online giving. Thank you for your support of IC and its mission of saving souls and transforming lives!!

SUPPORT MOMMIES MATTER ON GIVING TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 29!

Immaculate Conception Parish has chosen Mommies Matter as the charity for this year's 2022 Giving Tuesday campaign on November 29! Mommies Matter is a faith-based nonprofit organization in Columbus that provides group and one-on-one mentoring support, as well as housing, educational, employment, and financial assistance to brave, single, pregnant moms. Mommies Matter is built on the principle that life is better when we do it together.

You can start advance giving today through the parish website, by going to https://bit.ly/GivingTuesday_2022 or by putting your clearly marked donation in the collection, or by sending it to the parish office.

COLLECTION FOR THE ARCHDIOCESE FOR MILITARY SERVICES, "SERVING THOSE WHO SERVE"

We continue to accept donations for the Archdiocese for Military Services, USA. This collection makes it possible to provide the Gospel, the sacraments, and other forms of spiritual support to the men and women of the United States Armed Forces wherever they serve, no matter the circumstances. Please prayerfully consider a generous contribution to this collection which only occurs every three years. **Special envelopes are available at the doors of the church.** You may also place your contribution in an envelope marked Military Services, designate "Military" in the memo section of a check, or donate through the parish website – Give Now, Fund, Archdiocese for Military Services.

Pray for Priests December

Our Lady of Peace Catholic Church

1st
Fr. Richard Metzger
Retired

2nd
Fr. Robert Jager
Columbus, St. John Chrysostom Byzantine Church

3rd
Fr. Robert Kitsmiller
Columbus, St. Joseph Cathedral

4th
Fr. Robert Penhallurick
Hilliard, St. Brendan

5th
Fr. Rodney Damico
Retired

6th
Fr. Ronald Aubry
Retired

7th
Fr. Ryan Schmit
Dresden, St. Ann & St. Mary Mattingly Settlement

8th
Sam Severance
Seminarian

9th
Fr. Sean Dooley
Columbus, Our Lady of Peace

10th
Fr. Seth Keller
Marion, St. Mary Cardington, Sacred Hearts

11th
Shane Gerrity
Seminarian

12th
Fr. Stanley Benecki
Retired

13th
Fr. Stash Dailey
Pontifical College Josephinum

14th
Fr. Stephen Alcott, OP
Columbus, St. Patrick

15th
Fr. Stephen Dominic Hayes, OP
Columbus, St. Patrick

16th
Fr. Stephen Krile
Logan, St. John

17th
Fr. Stephen Metzger
Retired

18th
Fr. Stephen Ondrey
Pickerington, Seton Parish

19th
Fr. Stephen Smith
Johnstown, Church of the Ascension

20th
Fr. Steven Beseau
Rector, Pontifical College Josephinum

21st
Fr. Sudhakar Reddy Thirumalareddy
Columbus, St. Elizabeth

22nd
Fr. Theodore Machnik
Circleville, St. Joseph

23rd
Fr. Theodore Sill
Gahanna, St. Matthew

24th
Fr. Thomas, Blau, OP
Columbus, St. Patrick

25th
Fr. Thomas Buffer
Marion, St. Mary Cardington, Sacred Hearts

26th
Fr. Thomas Gardner
Coshocton, Sacred Heart Millersburg, St. Peter Glenmont, Ss. Peter & Paul

27th
Fr. Thomas Kamau

28th
Fr. Thomas Petry
Columbus, St. Anthony

29th
Fr. Thomas W. A. Herge
Wellston, Ss Peter & Paul Jackson, Holy Trinity Zaleski, St. Sylvester

30th
Fr. Timothy Hayes
Chillicothe, St. Peter & St. Mary Waverly, St. Mary

31st
Fr. Todd Lehigh
Perry County Consortium

Immaculate Conception Church

Fr. Matthew Hoover

2022 Advent Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27 **November** Buy or make an Advent wreath. Light the first violet candle for Hope.	28 Decide how to prepare for Jesus' birth during Advent: deeper prayer, acts of charity, fasting.	29 Make a playlist of music appropriate for Advent that anticipates Christ's birth. Listen and meditate to it until Christmas.	30 **St. Andrew the Apostle** St. Andrew answered Jesus' call and led others to Him. Pray for those discerning the priesthood or religious life.	1 **December** Ask God to reveal what's keeping you from fully experiencing His love. Resolve to deal with it by Christmas.	2 **First Friday Devotion** Attend Mass or visit Jesus in the Eucharist in church (find the red candle). Give thanks for His blessings.	3 Set up a nativity. Leave it empty and add the figures slowly through the weeks.
4 Read *Matthew 3:1-12.* Tonight, light one violet candle and a second one for Faith.	5 Pray the Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary. Ask Mary, who received Christ perfectly, to help you welcome Him.	6 **St. Nicholas of Myra** Perform a simple act of kindness in honor of this generous saint.	7 Singing is praying twice. Play some Advent hymns to get into the season and sing along.	8 **The Immaculate Conception of Mary** To honor the Blessed Virgin Mary, attend Mass and pray for the Church in the United States.	9 Contact Catholic Relief Services (877-HELP-CRS or www.catholicrelief.org) to see how you can help.	10 Attend Confession and experience God's mercy. Find an examination of conscience here, under "Prayers": https://www.usccb.org
11 ***Gaudete Sunday*** Read *Matthew 11:2-11.* Light two violet candles and the rose one for Joy.	12 **Our Lady of Guadalupe** Display flowers at home to honor Mary. Pray for expectant mothers and their babies.	13 At the half-way point of Advent, renew your resolutions for change.	14 Set out an empty box. Add gently used clothes, starting today. When it's full, bring it to a clothing drive.	15 Christmas is a busy time for parishes. Stop by your parish office and offer your services.	16 Eat a simple, meatless meal and donate the money you saved to the poor box at church.	17 Pray one of the seven "O Antiphons" daily, found in the hymn, "O Come, O Come Emmanuel."
18 Read *Matthew 1:18-24.* Light all the candles and the last one for Peace.	19 Visit your parish and light a candle for anyone traveling this week.	20 Write down all your worries and entrust them to God, "Jesus, I trust in You."	21 Straighten up the house and make any final preparations. The King is coming!	22 Read *Luke 2:1-7* and place yourself in the scene. Imagine how you'd react if you were there.	23 Think of the Advent resolutions you want to keep year-round.	24 ***Christmas Eve!*** Tonight, place Jesus in the manger and rejoice! Offer thanks to God for sending His Son for us.

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Saint Nicholas

Saint Nicholas knew that a family needed help so he dropped gifts into the window of their home! We can celebrate his feast day by putting treats and gifts in people's shoes on December 6th.

Draw a picture of a gift that you would like to give to your family

Catholic Kids Bulletin

November 27, 2022
Advent
Color: Purple

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Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

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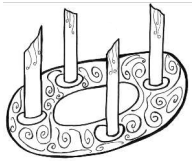
Find the advent wreath in your church.



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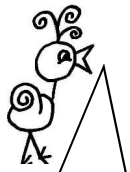
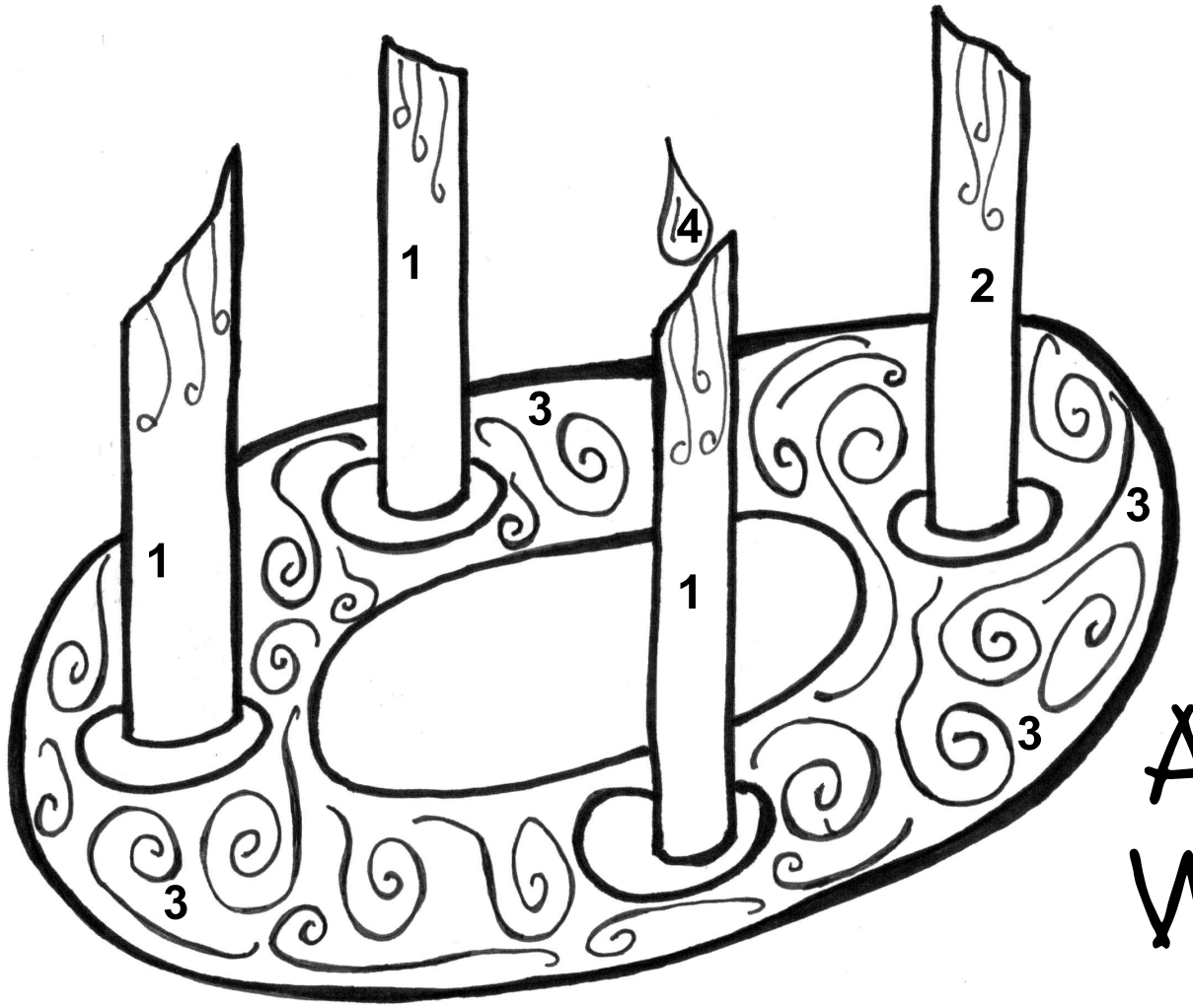


Color the Advent Wreath.

1: Purple
2: Pink
3: Green
4: Yellow



Countdown to Jesus' Birthday...

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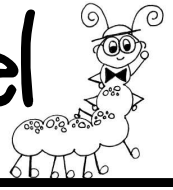
Sundays!

Advent Wreath

Gospel



Jesus told the disciples that He will come back to earth! We should always be ready for Jesus to come back. We practice waiting during Advent while we wait for Christmas.

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PRAY FOR VOCATIONS NEXT MONTH

Open weeks are available in December. We invite individuals, families, and the whole community to pray for vocations. To sign up to take the Chalice Cup home for a week, go to https://bit.ly/Chalice_Cup, to the parish website, Parish Life, Chalice Cup Ministry.

REAP THE MOST TAX BENEFIT WHILE SUPPORTING IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Maximize your giving dollars before the ball drops on New Year's Eve by using funds in your retirement account to support Immaculate Conception. The **IRA Charitable Rollover** allows donors who are 70.5 years or older to transfer up to $100,000 from a traditional or Roth IRA to a qualified charity like The Catholic Foundation. In doing so, donors keep their IRA distribution from impacting their gross income and possibly avoid being bumped into a higher tax bracket. The IRA charitable rollover can also count toward your required minimum distribution (RMD), which starts at age 72.

All transfers must be made directly from an IRA custodian to The Catholic Foundation by December 15 to qualify as a 2022 rollover and be excluded from the donor's taxable income. If you would like to support Immaculate Conception through an IRA, please contact Jim Hahn at (614) 443-8893 or jhahn@catholic-foundation.org.

RELICS ON DISPLAY

St. Joseph Cathedral: As part of the National Eucharistic Revival, the Relics of St. Manuel Gonzalez Garcia and Blessed Carlo Acutis will be on display for the public. **Friday, December 2, at St. Joseph Cathedral**, displayed during the 7:30 a.m. and 12:05 p.m. Masses, with Confession at 10:45 a.m. An evening with Bishop Fernandes begins at 5 p.m. with a talk, Vespers, and Holy Hour.

Creator of the Stars at Night – An Advent Evening with the Saints: Join the St. Thomas More Newman Center on December 3 for a night of Adoration, music, and community. Available for venerating will be the relics of Blessed Carlo Acutis, St. Manuel Gonzalez Garcia and St. John Henry Newman. The evening will start with Mass at 5:30 p.m. with Bishop Earl K. Fernandes, followed by Adoration with music by the Newman choir at 6:45 p.m. and a reception to follow.

ARE YOU MOURNING THE LOSS OF A LOVED ONE DURING THIS HOLIDAY SEASON?

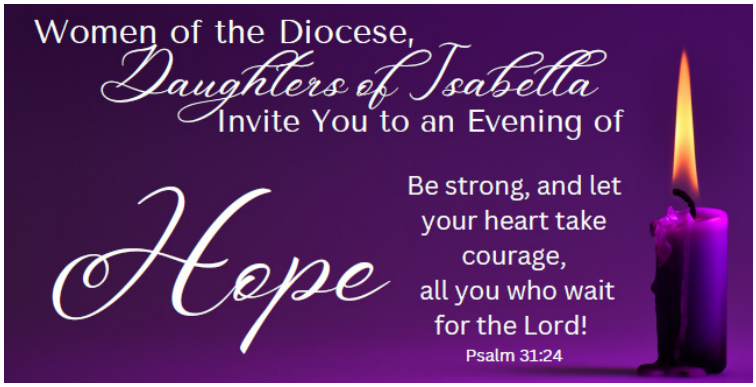
Then you are cordially invited to attend a special session on "Coping with Grief over the Holidays," presented by the Seasons of Hope Bereavement Ministry and sponsored by the North High Deanery. The session will be held on Sunday, December 4, from 2-4 p.m. at St. Michael Church, located at 5750 N. High Street in Worthington.

To register, please contact Karen Droll at ksdroll@gmail.com, or by phone at (614) 582-8848. All are welcome! Come and be comforted.

SCHOOL NEWS

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Enrollment for the 2023-24 school year will begin soon. IC families currently enrolled in our parish school and preschool can re-enroll for the 23-24 year before open enrollment for new students occurs. Continue to follow the school news, watch the school website, and parish bulletin for the most up-to-date information.



ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT

Thursday, December 1 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at St. Agatha Parish Hall. **All Attendees – Bring a Heavy Hors d'Oeuvre or Dessert to share with your table. Speaker – Emily Jaminet presents "Welcome His Heart." Join Our Advent Basket Raffle – Cash Tickets Only ($5.00 for 1 ticket, $12.00 for 3 tickets, and $20.00 for 5 tickets).** No Registration Fee. In preparation of the event, please kindly RSVP by November 28 to Maggie Zink at magzink63@gmail.com or (614) 537-3558. **Upon RSVP: Please indicate if you want to be a table hostess and we will help you fill your table!** As a hostess, we ask that you arrive at 6 p.m. to set up your table, bring your own "candled" centerpiece and optional – table decor and adult spirits to share with your table. Linens and tableware are provided.

NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL

To stay informed of the initiatives for the National Eucharistic Revival, please visit www.eucharisticrevival.org and sign up for their Heart of Revival Newsletter. You will receive weekly information and resources about the national movement.

LEARN MORE ABOUT IC ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

One of the hallmarks (charisma) of the Saint Vincent de Paul Society is not just giving, but assisting those in need face-to-face. We deliver food, we arrange to meet at grocery or thrift stores, and most importantly members and associates conduct home visits as often as possible. These home visits always involve two (members or associates) as a team and can be conducted anytime of day, but with consideration of the neighbor's time and opportunity. There is a great need for volunteers to perform these visits. If you are open to any of these activities, but find membership participation too much, please consider being an associate. If you are currently an associate, revoice your interest by contacting the conference at (614) 500-3893 leaving a voice or text message. Or email: ImmaculateConceptionSVDP@Gmail.com. In the month of October, we were able to assist **7 families** to avoid eviction; **3 to avoid utility shut-offs**; **1 parishioner family with furniture needs**, **2 families with grocery needs**; **1 with gas**; and **16 direct food deliveries**. Your support made all this possible, showing the face of Christ to our brothers and sisters in need. Consider being a part of the charisma of encountering Him in the needy among us.

OHIO DOMINICAN CHOIRS' CHRISTMAS CONCERTS

The Ohio Dominican University Choirs will offer two public performances of their Christmas concert, "*Pretty Little Baby.*" Under the direction of Sheila Cafmeyer, this concert features 7 university musicians and graduate/accompanist Tessa Wigal. This 60-minute concert of lullabies, Scripture readings, poetry, and songs of praise to the newborn King is sure to lift your heart and prepare you to receive Him once again. The first opportunity is Sunday, November 27, St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church, 386 Buttles Avenue, Columbus, at 3:00 p.m. or St. Anthony Catholic Church, 1300 Urban Drive, Columbus, at 7 p.m. Attend the on-campus performance at 7:00 p.m. Monday, November 28 in the Christ the King Chapel in Sansbury Hall, 1216 Sunbury Road, Columbus. Admission is free and all are welcome. (Freewill offering)

FAITH FORMATION

Immaculate Conception Church
November 27, 2022

The season of Advent itself is a preparation for us to welcome the Christmas, the coming of Jesus Christ. The word Advent is coming from the Latin word "Adventus" that simply means "arrival." The dominant liturgical color will be purple that signifies hope and joyful expectation of the coming of our Savior.

The Church has always taught that there are two comings of Jesus. The first coming was two thousand years ago in Bethlehem, when Jesus was born into the simple family of Joseph and Mary. The second coming will be at the end of time, and nobody knows when it will be. It is the secret of God, and anybody who attempts to predict it is bound to fail.

Particularly, the first Sunday of Advent focuses on the second coming of Jesus, the coming will be utterly unexpected like the day of Great Flood in the time of Noah and his family or like a thief at the night.

The purpose of Advent is truly to remind us that God will definitely come, and we are prepared for that coming. How are we going to prepare for Jesus' coming then? **The answer is unbelievably simple: be holy and keep holy**.

St. Therese of the Child Jesus who spent her quiet and simple life inside a convent once wrote, "Miss no single opportunity of making some small sacrifice, here by a smiling look, thereby a kindly word; always doing the smallest right and doing it all for love." They are many things we can offer sacrifice in our daily life, like our addiction to cellphone, our obsession to be workaholic, our time for our hobbies, and our tendency to complain. While St. Martin de Porres, a Dominican brother, who spent his life cleaning the convent and serving the poor, shows us that the path of holiness is not always grand, "Everything, even sweeping, scraping vegetables, weeding a garden and waiting on the sick could be a prayer, if it was offered to God."

The way to prepare Jesus' second coming is by being, and living a holy life can be done in doing ordinary things in love and for God.

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St Andrew Christmas Novena

Hail and blessed be the hour and moment in which the Son of God was born of the most pure Virgin Mary, at midnight, in Bethlehem, in piercing cold. In that hour, vouchsafe, O my God! to hear my prayer and grant my desires (your intentions), through the merits of our Savior Jesus Christ, and of His Blessed Mother. Amen.

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Why is Advent the beginning of the liturgical year?

The liturgical year is one of the ways the church remembers and celebrates the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. The prayers and Scripture readings of Advent help us to prepare for Christmas, when Christ's first coming is celebrated, and also for Christ's final coming at the end of time. What a celebration that will be!

Around the year 1000, the Mass prayers for the Advent season began to be placed first in the Missal, and Advent came to be seen as the beginning of the liturgical year.

While Advent is the first of the liturgical seasons in chronological order, it is not the first in theological significance. That preeminence belongs to the Paschal Triduum: "the sacred Paschal Triduum of the Passion and Resurrection of the Lord shines forth as the high point of the entire liturgical year" ("Universal Norms for the Liturgical Year and the Calendar," No. 18). | Fr. Michael Kwatera

What is the St. Andrew Novena

It is a devotion, also known as the Christmas Anticipation Prayer, that starts on the feast day of St Andrew the Apostle, November 30, and ends on Christmas Eve. It consists in reciting the prayer 15 times each day of the novena period. This is a very meditative prayer that brings about graces, increases our awareness of the real focus of Christmas and prepares us spiritually for His coming. ewtn.com

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CATHOLIC MEN'S LUNCHEON CLUB – FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2022 – SPEAKER: BISHOP EARL FERNANDES

Please join us Friday, December 2 at St. Patrick Church in downtown Columbus for lunch and Bishop Fernandes' talk. This will be Bishop Fernandes' first appearance at the Catholic Men's Luncheon Club since his ordination and installation as the 13th Bishop of Columbus. The December luncheon is sponsored by Bottoms Up Diaper Bank. 1 in 3 single mothers struggle to buy diapers for their children. The average baby needs 6-10 diapers per day. More information about Bottoms Up Diaper Bank is available at https://www.bottomsup.life/. Holy Mass (optional) begins at 11:45 a.m. followed by lunch at 12:10 p.m. and Bishop Fernandes' talk. Overflow parking is available in the Columbus State Grant Avenue parking lot (25-S) across the street from St. Patrick. No reservations are necessary. $12 covers the lunch and meeting. Bring a friend! **There will be no luncheon in January 2023. Please mark your calendar for Friday, February 3, 2023, when Bishop Fernandes will return to honor the 2023 Catholic Man of the Year.**

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