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

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SUNDAY MASSES Saturday Vigil: 4:00 p.m.

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Tuesday: 6:15 p.m.

Wednesday-Friday: 8:30 a.m.

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or as announced

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Tuesdays: 5:30-6:00 p.m.

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For detailed information related to preparation and scheduling, please contact the parish office at (614) 267-9241 or at icoffice@iccols.org.

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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

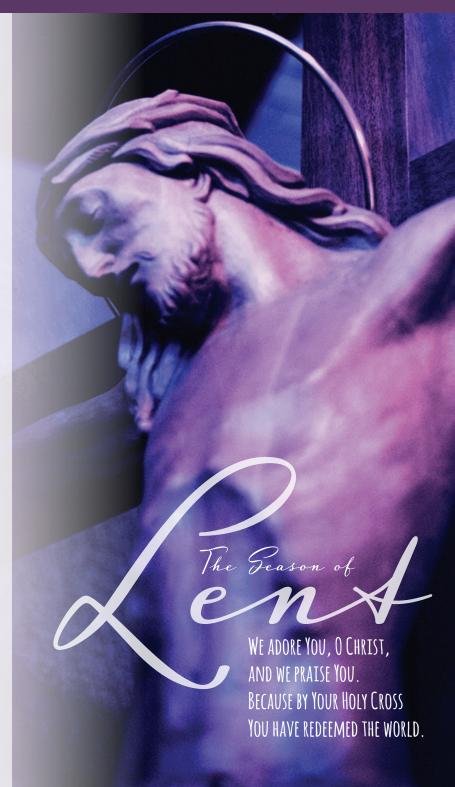
If there is an emergency need for Anointing of the Sick, please call the parish office. If you get the voicemail message, press "1" and leave a message on the sacramental emergency line. For pastoral care needs please contact the parish office at (614) 267-9241 or at icoffice@iccols.org.

### FUNERAL AND BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY

Family of the deceased loved one should please contact the parish office at (614) 267-9241 or at icoffice@iccols.org.

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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.











Immaculate Conception School





### MASS INTENTIONS

### SATURDAY, MARCH 11

Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32 4:00 p.m. For the People of

Immaculate Conception Parish

### SUNDAY, MARCH 12

Ex 17:3-7; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn 4:5-42 8:30 a.m. Jane Bevilacqua † 11:00 a.m. Naja Culp †

### MONDAY, MARCH 13

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

8:30 a.m. Annelies McBride †

### TUESDAY, MARCH 14

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

6:15 p.m. For the Sons & Daughters Who Have Gone Before Us †

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15

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

8:30 a.m. Mike O'Connor +

### THURSDAY, MARCH 16

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

8:30 a.m. Louis Đ@ Văn Vĩnh †

### FRIDAY, MARCH 17

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

8:30 a.m. Algy & Annelies McBride +

### **SATURDAY, MARCH 18**

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

4:00 p.m. Richard & Clara Lee Ricketts +

### SUNDAY, MARCH 19

1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41

8:30 a.m. For the People of

Immaculate Conception Parish

Ray & Dorothy Winters † 11:00 a.m.

+ Deceased

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### LITURGICAL MINISTERS SCHEDULE - MARCH 18 & 19, 2023

MASS TIMES	4:00 p.m.	8:30 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
EXTRAORDINARY	Bob Steinbauer	Anne Beharry	Jonathan Fortkamp
MINISTERS	Bobbi Mitch	Chris Atzberger	Mary Leathley
LECTOR	EJ Davis	Steven Brobst	Jody Foltyn
ALTAR SERVERS	Matthias Wenning	Sam Rogers	Annika Braam
	Angie Bean	Amanda Ruschau	Finn Braam
	Ben Stauffer	Audrey Ruschau	Campbell Byrne
	Noah Stauffer	Mia Abens	James Byrne
GREETERS	Patty Conway	Mike Demko	April & Campbell Bryne
	Christine Demko	Bobby Clark	Lyden Family
	Terry Butts	Michele Sapp	Anna Laurent
WELCOME DESK	Patty Conway	Michele Sapp	Sue Beman

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### **SCHEDULING MASS INTENTIONS**

One of the greatest acts of charity is to pray for the living and the dead (a spiritual work of mercy). The greatest and most powerful prayer we have is the Mass since the fruits of the Mass are the very fruits of Jesus' redemption. 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 September 2023.

### CONTRIBUTORS TO THE SANCTUARY LAMPS

The sanctuary lamps in the church burn constantly to proclaim the real presence of Jesus in the Tabernacle. For the month of March, two sanctuary candles were donated by the **Bernard Family**. The **Hunsinger** and **Warrick Families** provided funds for the remaining sanctuary candle. Thank you for your generosity.

### 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 April 12. To sign up for a specific hour, go to iccols.org, Parish Life, Adoration.

### ASSISTED LISTENING DEVICES ARE AVAILABLE FOR MASS

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.

### THE POPE'S INTENTION FOR MARCH

**For victims of abuse:** We pray for those who have suffered harm from members of the Church; may they find within the Church herself a concrete response to their pain and suffering.

### IN OUR PARISH

### **SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

We welcome **Roy Emmett Koester**, the son of Russell and Mary Koester to the church and our parish family. Roy was baptized on March 4, 2023. We also welcome **Leo John Litzinger**, the son of Thomas and Alyssa Litzinger. Leo was baptized on March 5, 2023. Congratulations to both families.

### MARCH IS THE MONTH OF ST. JOSEPH

### Let us pray:

Be with me today as I offer my requests to the Father. St. Joseph, let me recognize God's will as I open my hands to accept what God bestows in loving kindness. With tenderness, God fills creation with life and love. Open my eyes to the wonders that God works without ceasing. Amen. St. Joseph, pray for us.!

Welcope TO OUR CHURCH

### **NEW PARISHIONERS**

We welcome **Rachel Sapp** to Immaculate Conception Parish. We invite and encourage you to join us as we pray, work, and play together and hope you find a welcoming and spiritual home here at Immaculate Conception.



### RICE BOWL BOXES – FROM FARMING TO FISHING

Raul and Rhodora were coconut farmers in their town in the Philippines, but it took a lot of work before they made money. They participated in a Catholic Relief Services program that helped them build their own fishpond to raise and sell fish. The fish provide nutritious food for their family and more accessible income, enabling Raul and Rhodora's granddaughters to attend school. What changes have you made in your professional, personal or spiritual life that have benefited others? **Suggestion: Giving to the Rice Bowl** 

initiative, allows those with an abundance to help those living with scarcity. Let your Lenten sacrifices benefit others who struggle every day. Visit crsricebowl.org to learn more.





7:30 P.M.



### CORRECTION: ST. GABRIEL FUNDRAISER

Due to a conflict, Deacon Campbell is unable to participate!

The Columbus Catholic community has a lot of great things happening so let's celebrate it and have some fun. Join over 35 deacons for a live, three-day marathon radio event from Wednesday, March 15 through Saturday March 18 during the St. Gabriel Catholic Radio AM 820 Spring Spirit Drive. Your donations during their visit will give them additional chances to increase their Basketball score and win a medal. For more information about the Spirit Drive, or to donate to your local Catholic radio station, go to StGabrielRadio.com or call (614) 459-4820.



### FOURTY DAYS OF ADORATION

Every day for 40 days, a different parish throughout the Diocese will host Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament for Adoration throughout the day. This week in our area:

**Monday, March 13 – St. Mary Magdalene**, 473 S. Roys Avenue, Columbus 43204-2598; 8:30 a.m. to 6:45 p.m.

Thursday, March 16 - Our Lady of Peace, 20 E. Dominion Boulevard, Columbus 43214-2796; 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Friday, March 17 - Our Lady of Victory,

1559 Roxbury Road, Columbus 43212-2723; 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

For a listing of other parishes' dates, and times of Adoration during Lent, please visit the Diocesan website https://columbuscatholic.org/40days.

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

### TIME, TALENT & TREASURE

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### Fiscal Year 7/1/2022-6/30/2023 • Offertory Report 3/5/2023 YTD 2022/2023 3/5/2023 Recorded Envelopes/Checks \$ 28,564 \$900,657 \$ 718 \$ 22,633 Loose Cash TOTAL RECEIVED \$ 29,282 \$923,290 \$ 27,200 \$979,200 Weekly Operating Expenses Weekly Overage (Shortage) 2,082 (\$ 55,910) Families Receiving Envelopes 868 Envelopes Received 127 Families on EFT 397



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



### SOCIAL CONCERNS

### YWCA FAMILY SHELTER DINNER – MARCH 17

Immaculate Conception is providing dinner for the YWCA Family Shelter on Friday, March 17. 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, Quick Links or call the parish office.



### IC ST. VINCENT DE PAUL – JOIN US HELPING OTHERS!

"We feel the Spirit of Christ at work – in the work ... we are moving a bit closer to Him, to His spirit, in the things we do." – Dorothy Day

Come to a Meeting! Second Monday of each month following the 8:30 a.m. Mass in Room A. (NEXT Meeting this Monday, March 13, 2023) Fourth Monday of each month following the 6 p.m. sandwich making session in Marian Hall (next March 27, 2023). ImmaculateConceptionSVdP@gmail.com

"Vincentians... draw nearer to Christ, serving Him in the poor and one another. They grow more perfect in love by expressing compassionate and tender love to the poor and to one another...Their journey towards holiness will be all the more fruitful if the members' personal lives are characterized by prayer, meditation on the Holy Scriptures and other inspirational texts and devotion to the Eucharist and to the Virgin Mary, and to the teachings of the church." – SVdP Rule



### IC KNIGHTS HELPING FAMILIES IN E. PALESTINE, OH

Your IC Knights delivered requested supplies, which included bottled water, food, and cleaning products to

and cleaning products to East Palestine last Monday, March 7. Our Knights are working with the Knights from Our Lady of Lourdes & St. Jude Parish in East Palestine, Ohio. After further discussion in person with the their council, we will make another delivery ASAP.

IC men join us! www.kofc.org/join or contact Jim@mpex.com Council #14962

### **LOST AND FOUND**

Items in our Lost & Found, located in the ushers' room, include a pair of sunglasses, rosaries, winter hats, a ball cap, children's stuffed animals, a pink child's coat, toys, etc. and a sudoku book. Please check the box and shelves in the ushers' room for your missing item. All items left behind will be donated if not retrieved by March 31. A small, silver crucifix from a rosary or necklace is in the parish office.

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### TURN YOUR TAX DOLLARS INTO SCHOLARSHIPS!

Thanks to a state law passed in late 2021, as an Ohio taxpayer, when you make a donation to the Emmaus Road Scholarship Fund, you receive a dollar-for-dollar credit (not a deduction) on your Ohio income tax liability.\*

Why give? The Emmaus Road Scholarship Fund was established by the Office of Catholic Schools to create much-needed scholarship dollars for the schools in our Catholic Diocese; dollars to support our schools' efforts to lead children to an encounter with Jesus Christ. What's more, you can earmark your gift for scholarships to Immaculate Conception! It's a win-win for everyone involved as, if you pay taxes to the State of Ohio – and you probably do – you can benefit from this great incentive. See the flyer included in this bulletin.

\*Tax credit is limited up to \$750 per person, or \$1,500 if married filing jointly. Consult your tax advisor for quidance. It's true!

### SCHOOL NEWS

### **IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**



### ICAA SPRING PLANT SALE HAS ALREADY BEGUN

All orders are online! Contact your nearest and dearest IC student to place your order! Sale ends Wednesday, March 22! Plant Delivery Day is Saturday, May 13, 9 a.m.-noon (Day before Mother's

Day ③) Thank you for supporting Immaculate Conception Athletic Association. Questions? Email: kwinland2@gmail.com.

Immaculate Conception
Art Show
2023

### Art Through The Ages

\*Friday March 31st 1:30-2:30 pm and 5:30-7:30 pm

\*Saturday April 1st 5:00-6:00 pm

\*Sunday April 2nd 9:30-10:30 \( \) am and 12:00-1:00 pm





Date: Thursday, March 23 Time: 8:00 - 11:30 a.m.

Students are invited to bring their grandparents to school for the morning of Thursday, March 23! Grandparents will attend Mass with students, visit classrooms, have a light breakfast, play games, crafts, and take photos with your grandchild(ren).



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Scan the QR code below to make a gift online or simply learn more about the Emmaus Road Scholarship Fund and thank you, in advance, for your support!





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### MAKING AN Authentically Catholic Education ACCESSIBLE AND AFFORDABLE for All Families



In late 2021, the Ohio Legislature passed a law creating a tax credit

for qualified donations to scholarship granting organizations certified by the OH Attorney General.



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**Fund** receive a dollar-for-dollar reduction of their Ohio tax liability upon filing in the next calendar year (equal to the amount of the gift up to \$750 or \$1,500 if married and filing injusted)



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GIFT! Parents,
grandparents,
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– anyone with
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making Catholic education accessible and affordable for all. Only Ohio residents will receive the tax credit, but anyone has the potential to realize a Federal tax savings for their contribution.



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Donations

also may be directed to a specific school in our diocese! In December 2021, the Diocesan Education Corporation (dba



Emmaus Road

**Scholarship Fund**) was certified as the first SGO in the state of Ohio.

NO GIFT IS TOO LARGE OR TOO SMALL, but the Ohio



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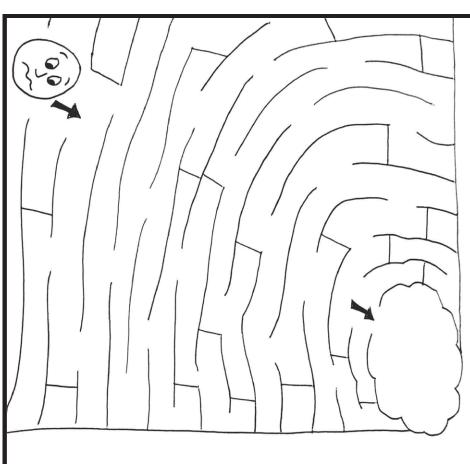
www.emmausroadscholarship.org

## Saints Perpetua and Saint Felicity

Saint Perpetua and Saint Felicity were best friends. They learned about God together and became Christians.

Ask them to pray for your friends.

God asks us to search for good friends. Find a way through the maze and draw a saint as a friend in Heaven.



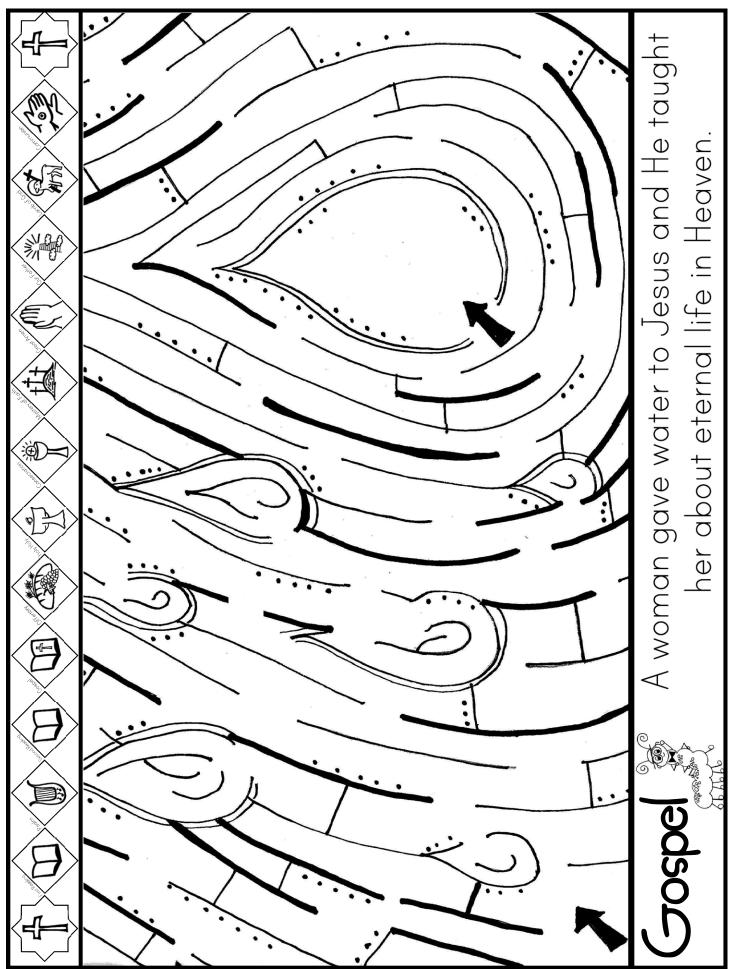


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Are you saying extra prayers for Lent? Lent is a time to get closer to God. Prayer will help you get closer to Him.



Year A: Third Sunday of Lent

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT MARCH 12, 2023

### **ACTION ALERT - SENATE BILL 11**

As a decades-long champion of parental choice in education, the Catholic Conference of Ohio is urging legislators to support SB 11 (Enact the Parental Education Freedom Act) and allow every student in the state of Ohio the opportunity to receive an EdChoice Scholarship. This support adheres to the Catechism of the Catholic Church, which states, "As those first responsible for the education of their children, parents have the right to choose a school for them which corresponds to their own convictions. This right is fundamental" (CCC 2229).

Let's continue to advocate for this fundamental right and to allow students of all backgrounds and income levels to attend Catholic schools. Ask your Ohio Senator to support SB 11 and uphold the family as the central social institution of society. To learn more or voice your opingion go to https://www.votervoice.net/OHCATHOLIC/Campaigns/101143/Respond.



### DISPENSATION FOR SAINT PATRICK'S DAY

The obligation to abstain from meat on the Fridays of Lent is an important element of the Church's observance of the penitential nature of this holy season.

This year, March 17, the Friday of the Third Week of Lent, corresponds with Saint Patrick's Day, traditionally an occasion for joy-filled celebrations in this diocese, especially

among those of Irish heritage. Bishop Fernandes, taking into consideration both past practice and present circumstances, has granted to the faithful of the Diocese of Columbus, as well as to any visitors or travelers who may be physically present within the territory of this diocese, a dispensation from the obligation of abstinence from meat on March 17, 2023, **provided that the member of the faithful taking advantage of this dispensation, undertakes one of the following works:** 1) makes a pilgrimage or visit to any church in the Diocese of Columbus named in honor of St. Patrick (Columbus, London, Junction City); 2) assists at Mass at any church, chapel, or oratory on March 17; 3) prays the "Breastplate of St. Patrick," attributed to St. Patrick; 4) engages in some pious devotion such as the Rosary, the Stations of the Cross, or Eucharistic Adoration; or 5) performs an act of comparable penance (such as abstinence from meat) on some other occasion during the Third Week of Lent.



### Memorial Easter Flowers

This year we will continue to decorate our church and Sanctuary with Easter lilies and flowers in memory of our deceased loved ones. If you would like to contribute to our Easter lilies/flowers you may do so by placing your donation, including the name(s) of the deceased, in an envelope marked "Easter Lilies" in the collection basket or by sending it to the Rectory OR you can go to Home Page of the parish website (iccols.org). Your \$10.00 donation will not only honor someone special in your life, but it will enhance the beauty of our worship space during the Easter season.

The names of those remembered will be published in the Easter bulletin. Please submit all names by Friday, March 31, 2023.

1.)
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Requested by:
Phone #

You can also go to bit.ly/2023-easter-flowers to donate in memory of your loved ones.

### VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY: CHANGE A LIFE, INSPIRE YOUR OWN... BECOME A TUTOR!

Tutors are greatly needed for adults seeking ESL (English as a Second Language), GED preparation, and Basic Education skills. Please contact Annette Cohn at the Dominican Learning Center, (614) 444-7330, ext. 2 or Annette.Cohn@oppeace.org for more information on this rewarding opportunity. Visit https://domlearningcenter.org/volunteer/.



### WHAT CATHOLIC COUPLES CAN DO DURING LENT

Logan and Jen from "Surprised by Marriage" share a wonderful list of things that Catholic couples can do together during Lent to enrich their marriage and their faith. These are wonderful suggestions for

couples to become closer to God and to each other. You can find suggestions at https://surprisedbymarriage.com/2021/01/22/lent/.

### LENTEN MORNING REFLECTION AT THE JESUIT SPIRITUAL CENTER IN MILFORD

"Be Still and Know that I am God." During this sacred season, take time for yourself to slow down, pray and listen to God's Word. Join us on Tuesday, March 28, 2023 from 10 a.m.-12 p.m. in our Arrupe Retreat House as you find peace in community, reflection, and prayer. The morning will include Lectio and Visio Divina. Come and experience the "peace of Christ that surpasses all understanding" – Phil 4:6. All are welcome. To register, please call (513) 248-3500, ext. 10 or email reservations@jesuitspiritualcenter. com. Freewill offering.

### FAITH FORMATION

Immaculate Conception Church March 12, 2023

### Living Water for a Thirsty Soul

Jesus came to a town of Samaria called Sychar, near the plot of land that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there. Jesus, tired from his journey, sat down there at the well. It was about noon. A woman of Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink."

John 4:5-7



Jesus at the Well by Alessandra De Gaspari

**THE GRACE I SEEK:** to believe that Jesus will quench my thirst for eternal life.

IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER, AND OF THE SON, AND OF THE HOLY SPIRIT. Jesus, the Lord of Life, has given himself to you in the Eucharist. He is gazing upon you, his beloved child, with great love at this very moment. Pause for a few moments and wonder at his gift for you. Allow yourself to rest in his loving gaze. Thank Jesus for the gift of himself in the Eucharist.

ASK FOR THE GRACE: Jesus, help me believe that you will quench my thirst for eternal life.

SCRIPTURE MEDITATION — Read slowly, 3-4 times. Again, allow the words of Scripture to wash over your mind and heart. Let the Holy Spirit speak to you through this passage. "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again; but whoever drinks the water I shall give will never thirst; the water I shall give will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life.' The woman said to him, 'Sir, give me this water, so that I may not be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water." (John 4:13-15)

REFLECTION QUESTION — Allow yourself to sit with these questions for a while, being attentive to how the Lord is speaking in your heart. Jesus has a gift like none other: he offers living water. This is the water that washes our wounds, cleanses our sins, and draws us into new life as a beloved child of God. It was first offered to us through the waters of Baptism, welling up from Jesus and flowing from his side on the cross. Gazing upon Jesus in the Eucharist, ask him to help you open your heart to this life-giving water. Remain in silence with the Lord. Allow him to speak in the silence, in your heart. Receive his presence. If it helps, write down what you sense the Lord communicating to you during this time of prayer.

**SUNDAY MASS CONNECTION** — At every Mass, Jesus offers himself to the Father for us. We can always join our own offerings with Jesus at Mass. This Sunday, offer your spiritual thirst and desire for the life-giving water of Jesus, that you may be satisfied and allow this living water to well up in you and be a source of life for others

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### **CONVERGING ROADS CONFERENCE:** CATHOLIC MEDICINE IN A SECULAR SOCIETY

Saturday, April 22, 2023, at the Pontifical College Josephinum. This regional conference offers continuing education for health care professionals that equips them to practice the highest ethical and medical standards of their profession. Clergy, religious, students, and the general public are also welcome to attend. Presented by the St. John Paul II Foundation, the Diocese of Columbus, and the Catholic Medical Association of Central Ohio. For registration and CME/CNE information, visit https://forlifeandfamily.org/ converging-roads.

### SUPPORT HOPE HOLLOW WITH A GREAT DAY OF GOLF!

Hope Hollow's mission is to offer welcome, hospitality and hope by providing lodging, meals, transportation assistance and emotional support ...at no cost... to cancer patients and their loved ones, who are financially in need, while receiving cancer treatment in Columbus, Ohio. Hope Hollow was founded in 2009 by Jane Jacquemin-Clark (a Bishop Watterson teacher) and her husband Kevin Clark as a way to "live the gratitude" for Jane being a two-time cancer survivor.

We would like to invite you to join us on June 26, 2023 for our first golf fundraiser as a sponsor, golfer or both. It will take place at the Medallion Golf Club, 5000 Club Drive, Westerville, Ohio 43082. Registration begins at 7 a.m. and play begins with a shotgun start at 9 a.m. with a silent auction throughout the day and an afternoon lunch buffet. To learn more, become a sponsor, or register, go to https://hopehollow.com/about/events/fore-hope/.

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