



**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*

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Tuesdays: 5:30-6:00 p.m.  
Fridays: Following the 8:30 a.m. Mass, 9:15-9:45 a.m.,  
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For detailed information related to preparation  
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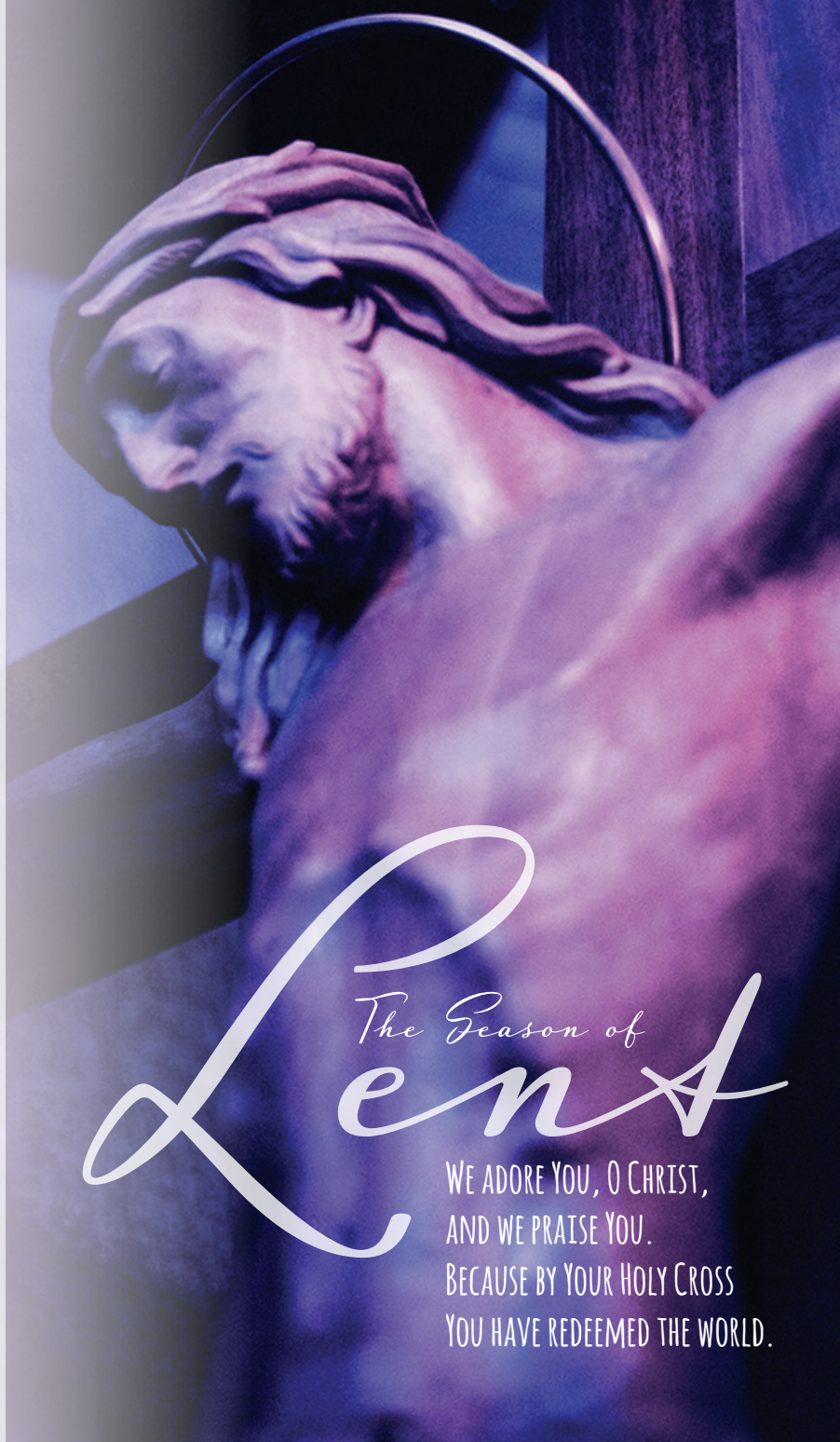
If there is an emergency need for Anointing of the Sick,  
please call the parish office. If you get the voicemail message,  
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*The Season of*  
**Lent**

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AND WE PRAISE YOU.  
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## MASS INTENTIONS

### SATURDAY, MARCH 4

*Dt 26:16-19; Mt 5:43-48*

4:00 p.m. For the People of  
Immaculate Conception Parish

### SUNDAY, MARCH 5

*Gn 12:1-4; 2 Tim 1:8-10; Mt 17:1-9*

8:30 a.m. Seth Jenkins †  
11:00 a.m. Donald Jones †

### MONDAY, MARCH 6

*Dn 9:4b-10; Lk 6:36-38*

8:30 a.m. Algy & Annelies McBride †

### TUESDAY, MARCH 7

*Is 1:10, 16-20; Mt 23:1-12*

6:15 p.m. Robert Hunsinger †

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8

*Jer 18:18-20; Mt 20:17-28*

8:30 a.m. Robert LaFramboise †

### THURSDAY, MARCH 9

*Jer 17:5-10; Lk 16:19-31*

8:30 a.m. Katie Ann Cleary †

### FRIDAY, MARCH 10

*Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17-28; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46*

8:30 a.m. Deceased Members of  
the Dézsi Family †

### 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 †

† Deceased

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## LITURGICAL MINISTERS SCHEDULE – MARCH 11 & 12, 2023

MASS TIMES	4:00 p.m.	8:30 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS	Don Muenz Paul Duffy	Molly Dodane Jean Durbin	Sue Beman Darlene Dodane
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WELCOME DESK	Patty Conway	Diana Marie Winkler	Tara Hummer

## 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](mailto: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 March 8.** To sign up for a specific hour, go to [iccols.org](http://iccols.org), Parish Life, Adoration.

## 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 **Shiloh Lazarus Eisner**, the son of Christopher and Mariah Eisner to the church and our parish family. Shiloh was baptized on February 26, 2023.



**Immaculate Conception will host Adoration with Exposition this Wednesday, March 8 from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.** Please, go to [iccols.org](http://iccols.org), Parish Life to sign up for a specific hour.

You can visit other parishes in our Diocese during 40 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 6 – St. Christopher**, 1420 Grandview Ave., Columbus 43212; 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- **Thursday, March 9 – St. Margaret of Cortona**, 1600 N. Hague Ave., Columbus 43204-1606; 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- **Friday, March 10 – St. Patrick**, 280 N. Grant Ave., Columbus, 43215-2193

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

*Lord, let Your mercy be on us,  
as we place our trust in You.*

## LENTEN LITURGIES AND DETAILS



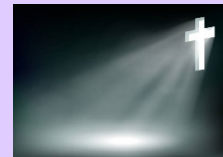
### RICE BOWL BOXES: SOCCER AND A BROKEN RESERVOIR

In the Dry Corridor of Honduras, climate change causes persistent drought, making farming nearly impossible. With

support from Catholic Relief Services, Rony, a farmer, repaired an old reservoir and installed a new irrigation system to improve his harvests. Now, Rony can send his son to a soccer academy to pursue his dream of becoming a professional player. How can you work like Rony to support others' needs and dreams? Visit [crsricebowl.org](http://crsricebowl.org) to learn more. **Suggestion: When you fast during Lent, place a donation in your Rice Bowl box so that others may have enough to eat!**

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Stations of the Cross are held each Friday in Lent beginning at 7:30 p.m. IC School also holds Stations of the Cross on Friday afternoons in Lent.



### SUNG VESPERS AND PENANCE SERVICE AT IC THIS TUESDAY – GOD'S MERCY IS OVERFLOWING

Immaculate Conception will have Vespers (a liturgy of evening prayer) and a Penance Service at 7 p.m., following the 6:15 p.m. Mass this Tuesday, March 7, 2023. Lent is the time of year when God obligates us to prepare our hearts and to purify our souls so that we are ready to receive Our Lord in His glorious coming at Easter. There's no time to delay. The Bible says, "Behold, now is the acceptable time; behold, now is the day of salvation" (2 Cor. 6:2).

### LENTEN REGULATIONS

Catholics 14 years of age and older are obligated to abstain from eating meat on the Fridays during Lent.

### DEACON CHRIS CAMPBELL WILL BE ON THE RADIO

The Columbus Catholic community has a lot of great things happening, so let's celebrate it and have some fun. Join over 35 deacons, **including Deacon Campbell** 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. **Deacon Chris Campbell's radio visit will be on Wednesday, March 15 from 10 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.** 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](http://StGabrielRadio.com) or call (614) 459-4820.

### SPRING SPORTS AT IC PARISH

Registration is open! IC offers the below sports in the spring. All parish children in these grades are eligible to participate. Deadline is **March 10**. <https://immaculateconceptionaa.sportngin.com/page/show/7119718-registration>

- Baseball (boys): grades 4-8
- Softball (girls): grades 4-8
- Soccer (boy & girls): grades K-3
- Track and Field (co-ed): grades 4-8

# TIME, TALENT & TREASURE

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Fiscal Year 7/1/2022-6/30/2023 • Offertory Report 2/26/2023		
	2/26/2023	YTD 2022/2023
Recorded Envelopes/Checks	\$ 26,948	\$872,093
Loose Cash	\$ 604	\$ 21,915
<b>TOTAL RECEIVED</b>	<b>\$ 27,552</b>	<b>\$894,008</b>
Weekly Operating Expenses	\$ 27,200	\$952,000
Weekly Overage ( <i>Shortage</i> )	352	(\$ 57,992)
Families Receiving Envelopes		878
Envelopes Received		111
Families on EFT		397



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.

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

- Matthew 6:21

# SOCIAL CONCERNS



**OPEN SHELTER MEAL –  
MARCH 6 –  
THIS MONDAY**

The next Open Shelter meal is this Monday, March 6, 2023. We need donations of sloppy joes, mac & cheese, cookies, **lunch size chips**, and or snacky desserts and bottled water. Cash donations are welcome. Arrangements can be made to get your donations earlier in the weekend if Monday by 9:15 a.m. is not a convenient drop-off time. Please contact Cheryl Costello at (614) 774-8879 to coordinate. Thank you for your support of this ministry.

## SPRING INTO LENT

Lent comes from an old English word for "spring," and this origin indicates both its placement in time and its purpose in our lives as Christians. Lent falls during that time of year when nature emerges from its winter dormancy with the promise of a brighter and warmer future. This timing fits the character of Lent, when we perform spiritual disciplines of penance and preparation – disciplines that prepare us to welcome new members into the faith at Easter and to renew our own Baptismal promises.

Here at Immaculate Conception, you'll notice a few changes to the music at Mass that help us mark the season and make it meaningful. First, we'll take it down a few notches, with less music, fewer instruments, and a quieter, more reflective tone. For example, we'll "fast" from musical preludes and even from the Glory to God during Lent. We do this not because we don't want to give glory to God but to make it all the more special and important when we sing it again for the first time on Holy Thursday. Second, the ritual music we sing during Mass will be chanted. This style of singing has an ancient heritage in our Church, and chanting the Eucharistic prayer acclamations (Holy, Memorial Acclamation, Amen, Lamb of God) places us in continuity with the many Christians who have come before us in praise of God, gathered around the altar of Christ's Paschal Mystery. Employing this style of music during Lent is especially suitable given its simple, solemn character and given the fact that it can be sung without musical accompaniment. This year, we'll sing these chants in English rather than Latin in the hope that the Immaculate Conception school children (the youngest of whom are pre-literate, even in English!) can learn to sing this style of music at Wednesday school Masses without too great a learning curve.

Finally, we'll conclude Mass a bit differently than usual—the deacon will dismiss us to go forth, and we will respond "Thanks be to God." But we won't add on a concluding song as we usually do, instead observing reverent silence as the ministers depart. In that moment of silence, we allow our gratitude to God to ring in our ears, reminding us of our unity and our mission to bring this sense of gratitude to the world. (The word "Eucharist," after all, means "thanksgiving.") There is no real "conclusion" to the Mass, as a concluding song might unintentionally imply. As we depart in silence this Lent, the Mass continues, and we go forth, bringing Christ to the world.

- Adam Fehrenbach and Emily Strand,

IC Music Ministry




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5:00 - 7:30 p.m.  
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# Growing in FAITH™

Discovering hope and joy in the Catholic faith.

March 2023

Immaculate Conception Church

Fr. Matthew Hoover

## One Minute Meditations

### Fasting to detach

*"Their God is their stomach; their glory is in their 'shame.'*

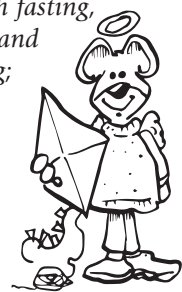
*Their minds are occupied with earthly things"*

(Philippians 3:19). We tend to eat and drink so freely that we forget God, who gives us that which we eat and drink. Fasting, especially during Lent, helps us to detach from the things of this world and remember Him. Catholics are required to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, and to abstain from meat on Fridays.

### Believe in God

Believing in God means more than just saying He exists. Believers serve God, give time to Him, and put Him first. Spend more time in prayer this Lent, shed some possessions, perform works of charity and you will act on your baptismal promises.

*"Yet even now,' says the LORD, 'return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; and rend your hearts and not your garments'"*  
(Joel 2:12).



## Preparing hearts for Easter joy

Lent is the Church's gift to us to help prepare our hearts for Easter by purifying our hearts, opening up to love, and putting love into action.

**Purifying our hearts:** Every heart yearns for love, yet only God's love can truly satisfy that yearning. The goal of Lenten penance is to purify ourselves of whatever blocks us from God's love or closes our heart to others. This can include excessive social media, materialism, gossip, or sinful habits like lust or deceit. From what does your heart need to detach so there's room for God and others?

**Opening up to love:** Mother Teresa

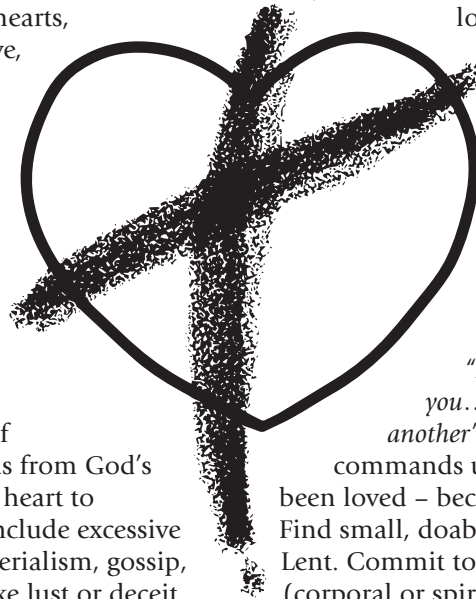
wrote, "Have you seen...how [Jesus] looks at you with love?... Have you heard the

loving words He speaks to you?" Strive to know God's heart. Seek Him, not just His gifts. Only by receiving God's love first, beginning with prayer, can we share it with others.

**Put love in action:**

*"Even as I have loved you...you also love one another"* (John 13:34). God

commands us to love as we've been loved – because we are loved. Find small, doable ways to serve during Lent. Commit to a Work of Mercy (corporal or spiritual). Practice patience. Give the gift of listening. True joy at Easter comes from loving Christ and imitating Him. Strive to do this throughout Lent and beyond.



## Why Do Catholics Do That?

## Why do Catholics cover statues during Lent?

Many churches cover statues and crucifixes in red or purple cloth for the final weeks in Lent, traditionally known as "Passiontide." The veils are visual cues that we're entering into a solemn time and remind us that sin separates us from God.



This helps to build anticipation for Easter when the statues are unveiled and we are restored to Him. Lastly, the veils symbolize that heavenly glories are hidden in this life, but will be revealed when we enter eternity.

# Cultivating a “holy hospitality”

Jesus asked us to make others feel welcome, seen and loved while they’re with us. “Holy hospitality” is vital to building community around Christ. Try these tips:

**Sit and listen:** When Jesus visited with his dear friends, Martha, Mary, and Lazarus, He observed that Martha was so distracted and focused on her own concerns that she merely served Jesus instead of connecting with Him personally (Luke 10:41-42). Prepare for guests like Martha did, but enjoy them like Mary – with complete attention.



**Fill your conversations with faith:** A “holy hospitality” is a faith-informed one. The Samaritan woman’s life changed when she encountered Christ (John 4:14-15) because He told her the Good News of salvation. Ensure your conversations are uplifting and reflect your hope and optimism for eternity.

**Open your circle:** Jesus ate with tax collectors and public sinners – those considered unpleasant. “Holy hospitality” means your social circle is open to the socially awkward, the frustrating coworker, the elderly neighbor who lives alone, because Christ is in all we serve (Matthew 25:40).

## from Scripture

### John 11:1-45, Generous trust, generous faith

In this Gospel passage, a beloved friend of Jesus’ was fatally ill and his sisters sent urgent word to Jesus to come immediately. Jesus delayed, and Lazarus died, but this would not be His ultimate fate. Jesus had something else in mind for Lazarus and his family.

When He finally arrived, Martha didn’t demand Jesus raise Lazarus from the dead, although she acknowledged His power to do so. Even though her brother’s body had been in the tomb for days and the decay had begun in earnest, her trust in Jesus was complete. She knew that God’s love



is more powerful than death and left the outcome in His hands.

God never leaves us in our troubles but uses them to draw us closer to Him.

Martha’s generous trust in God’s will rested on her close friendship with Christ. Whatever He thought would be best

was best. God’s timing is not ours, yet everything He does – even when He does it – is for our good. Martha’s trust in Jesus was rewarded in the most magnificent way. Ours will be, too.

## Q & A How can I overcome the temptations in my life?

Jesus knows that the battle for holiness is challenging in a fallen world, so He gave St. Faustina Kowalska twenty-five strategies to help (*Divine Mercy in My Soul*, #1760). Here is a sample:

**“Do not bargain with any temptation; lock yourself immediately in My Heart.”**



Don’t assume you are strong enough for a “little” temptation. Run immediately to the refuge of Jesus’ sacred heart for protection.

**“Bear with yourself with great patience.”** Saints aren’t made overnight. See yourself as God does – beloved. Be patient and keep trying.

**“Do not neglect interior mortifications.”** Withhold a biting remark, give up a luxury for the day, cut down on screen time. Sacrifices for love are powerful.

**“Shun murmurs like a plague.”** Gossip is never in God’s service. False accusations and rumors that hurt reputations are Satan’s favorite tools. Don’t indulge.

**“Always fight with the deep conviction that I am with you.”** Our courage comes from being rooted in God (John 15:5). Recall God’s loving presence throughout the day: “Jesus, I trust in you!”

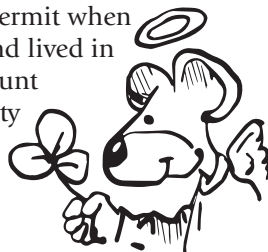
## Feasts & Celebrations

**March 9 – St. Frances of Rome (1440).** Although she preferred a life of service, St. Frances’ wealthy parents required that she marry. With her sister-in-law, Vannoza, St. Frances formed a group of women dedicated to serving the poor, all while caring for her family.

**March 22 - St. Deogratias of Carthage (456):** As Bishop of Carthage, St. Deogratias is best known for aiding slaves captured by the Vandal king, Geiseric. He ransomed hundreds of captives and sheltered them in two large cathedrals.

**March 25 – The Annunciation of the Lord (1st century).** The angel Gabriel visited the Blessed Virgin Mary with the extraordinary news of her role as the mother of God. Even at her young age, she had confidence in God’s grace and trusted in His wisdom.

**March 30 - St. John Climacus (606):** Born in 525 near Syria, St. John became a hermit when he was sixteen and lived in the region of Mount Sinai. A community of monks formed around him and elected him abbot.



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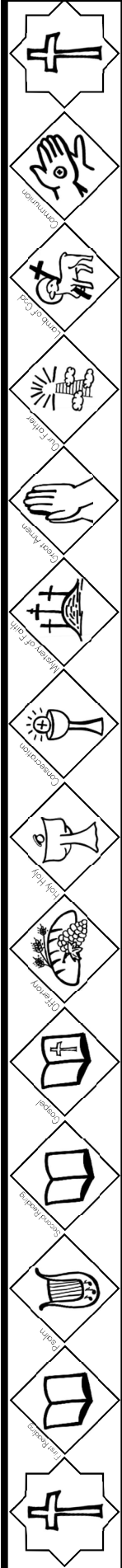
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# Saint Patrick

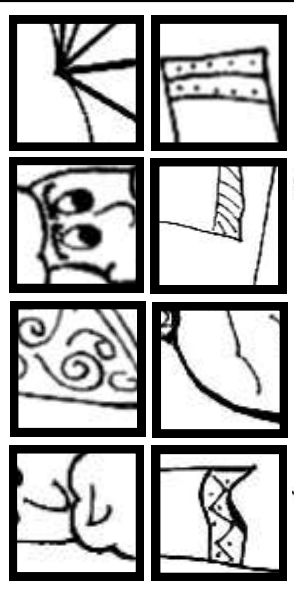
Saint Patrick is the patron saint of Ireland. He was a Bishop and helped a lot of people learn about the Catholic Church.

W O L O R D P W L E T L Y O U R K W O S	<p>Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.</p>	O M E R C Y P R O M I S E R I C I T A T Q U E R E
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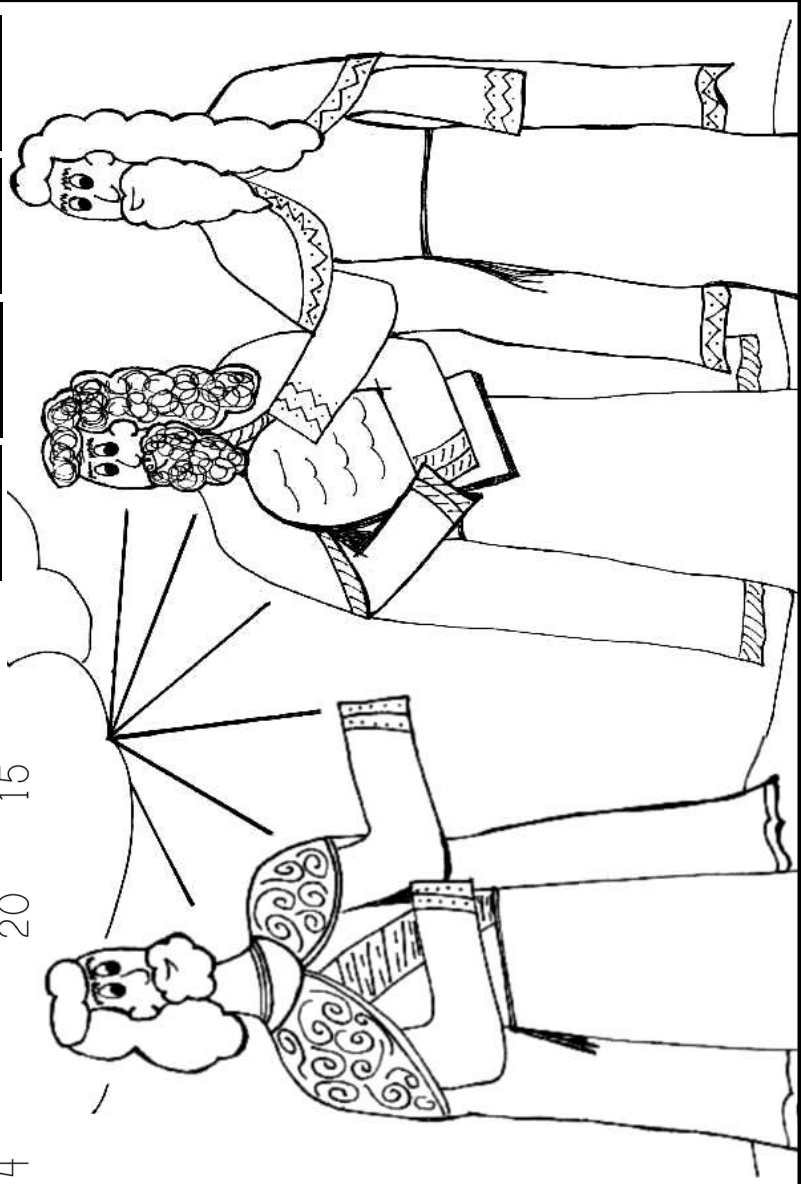
What did you give up for lent? Ask your family to help you with your sacrifice.



God spoke from Heaven and said, "This is my beloved son..."

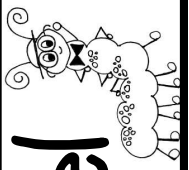


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# Gospel

Today's Gospel story is called the Transfiguration. Jesus went to the top of a mountain with some of His disciples and He suddenly looked different. His clothes were bright white! Elijah and Moses appeared on the mountain with Jesus.



**BLACK AND INDIAN MISSION COLLECTION**

We thank those who have already donated to the collection for Black & Indian Missions. There is still time to donate to help these ministries. This collection helps impoverished communities among the Black, Indian, Eskimo, and Aleut peoples in our country. These communities exist in almost every archdiocese and diocese in the United States. Missionary priests, religious brothers and sisters, catechists, and devoted lay people work tirelessly in parishes, missions, and reservations to bring the light of Christ to these communities. Your donation marked "B & I" can be put in the offertory, sent to the parish office, or you can donate through the parish website at [iccols.org](http://iccols.org), Give Now, Fund, Diocesan Collections, then Black & Indian Missions. Thank you for your generosity.

**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.

**ST. TIMOTHY SPAGHETTI DINNER**

St. Timothy invites everyone to their spaghetti dinner this Sunday, March 5 from 12-6:30 p.m. Dinner includes: All-You-Can-Eat spaghetti, homemade meatballs & sauce, salad, roll, beverage and dessert.

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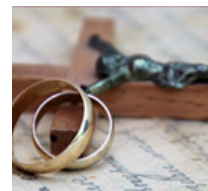
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**OHIO DOMINICAN ANNOUNCES SPRING PREVIEW DAY ON SATURDAY, MARCH 18**

Ohio Dominican University invites all future Panthers to attend its Preview Day from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, March 18. The free event will take place in the Bishop James A. Griffin Student Center, located on ODU's campus at 1215 Sunbury Road, Columbus, 43219. During Preview Day, students can take a tour of campus, explore available majors, discuss financial aid options, enjoy a complimentary meal, learn about student clubs and honors programs, meet with professors, and talk with current students about what life is like as a Panther. Interested high school students and their families can register for the event by visiting [ohiodominican.edu/PreviewDay](http://ohiodominican.edu/PreviewDay).

**CREATE IN ME A CLEAN HEART**

**Ignatian Weekend Retreat with Fr. Pat Fairbanks, SJ**  
**March 14-19, 2023.** The Jesuit Spiritual Center in Milford invites you on a men's and women's retreat this Lenten season as we seek to know how best to respond to the call of Jesus Christ and to follow Him in daily life. This retreat is a renewal through the study and intercession of Saints Ignatius Loyola, Francis Xavier and Pedro Arrupe. Conferences are grounded in the Spiritual Exercises and encourages you through prayer, reflections on Scripture, and the **sacraments**. **Retreat fee is \$275** which includes a private room and meals during your stay. Please call 513-248-3500, ext. 10 or visit [jesuitspiritualcenter.com/retreats](http://jesuitspiritualcenter.com/retreats).

**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 opportunities would be great to share with the couples in your parish and ministries. You can find suggestions at <https://surprisedbymarriage.com/2021/01/22/len/>.

**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>.

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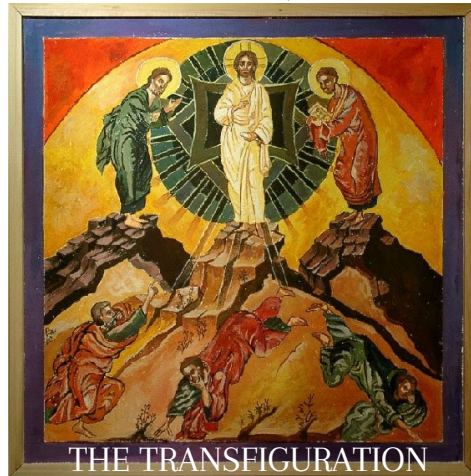
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# FAITH FORMATION

Immaculate Conception Church  
March 5, 2023



## Second Sunday of Lent: Clothed in Light

**THE GRACE I SEEK:** to believe that Jesus will transform my whole being in himself.

IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER, AND OF THE SON, AND OF THE HOLY SPIRIT. AMEN. 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 to trust you to envelop me daily with your light and grace.

**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. “Jesus took Peter, James, and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light. [...] Then Peter said to Jesus in reply, ‘Lord, it is good that we are here.’” (Matthew 17:1-2, 4)

**REFLECTION QUESTION** – Allow yourself to sit with these questions for a while, being attentive to how the Lord is speaking in your heart. The Lord leads us to a place of intimacy with himself, and in that intimacy he transforms us in his light and goodness. Gazing upon the Eucharist, ask Jesus to lead you to intimacy with his heart. Rest in that heart, and say with the disciples, “Lord, it is good that I am here.” 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.

**CLOSING PRAYER** – O God, who have commanded us to listen to your beloved Son, be pleased, we pray, to nourish us inwardly by your word, that, with spiritual sight made pure, we may rejoice to behold your glory. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. (Collect, Second Sunday of Lent) eucharistic revival/blog

## Lent: A time for Conversion

“Do you really want to be converted? Are you willing to be transformed? Or do you keep clutching your old ways of life with one hand while with the other you beg people to help you change? Conversion is certainly not something you can bring about yourself. It is not a question of willpower. You have to trust the inner voice that shows the way. You know that inner voice. You turn to it often. But after you have heard with clarity what you are asked to do, you start raising questions, fabricating objections, and seeking everyone else's opinion. Thus, you become entangled in countless often contradictory thoughts, feelings, and ideas and lose touch with the God in you. And you end up dependent on all the people you have gathered around you.

**Only by attending constantly to the inner voice can you be converted to a new life of freedom and joy.**

Excerpt from: *The Inner Voice of Love From Anguish to Freedom* by Henry Nouwen”

# 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 ☺). Thank you for supporting Immaculate Conception Athletic Association. Questions? Email: kw inland2@gmail.com



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**GRANDPARENTS DAY 2023**

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).

More details and registration to come on March 1. Stay tuned!

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