



IMMACULATE
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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 the Parish Office at (614) 267-9241, or at icoffice@iccols.org

MARRIAGE

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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, 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.

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Family of the deceased loved one should 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.

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MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, MARCH 2
Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
4:00 p.m. James France †

SUNDAY, MARCH 3
Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17; 1 Cor 1:22-25; Jn 2:13-25
8:30 a.m. For the People of Immaculate Conception Parish
11:00 a.m. Mike Hill †

MONDAY, MARCH 4
2 Kgs 5:1-15ab; Lk 4:24-30
8:30 a.m. Living & Deceased Members of the IC St. Vincent de Paul Society and those they serve

TUESDAY, MARCH 5
Dn 3:25, 34-43; Mt 18:21-35
6:15 p.m. Robert Hunsinger †

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6
Dt 4:1, 5-9; Mt 5:17-19
8:30 a.m. Seth Jenkins †

THURSDAY, MARCH 7
Jer 7:23-28; Lk 11:14-23
8:30 a.m. Tom McGowan †

FRIDAY, MARCH 8
Hos 14:2-10; Mk 12:28-34
8:30 a.m. Patricial Brennan †

SATURDAY, MARCH 9
Hos 6:1-6; Lk 18:9-14
4:00 p.m. Kathleen MacKinnon †

SUNDAY, MARCH 10
2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23; Eph 2:4-10; Jn 3:14-21
8:30 a.m. For the People of Immaculate Conception Parish
11:00 a.m. Jim & Nancy Kearns †

† Deceased

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LITURGICAL MINISTERS SCHEDULE – MARCH 9 & 10, 2024

MASS TIMES	4:00 p.m.	8:30 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS	Karen Groeber John Groeber	Ann Eichel Pete Eichel	Ron Bitler Patty Bitler
LECTORS	Michelle Lang	David Lyons	Emily Strand
ALTAR SERVERS	Connor Havens Eric Hirsch Cecilia Keller Isla McCallum	Andrew Miller Jocie Miller Sammie Miller Frances Smith	Evie Sabo Jackson Sleeper Joe Snapp Sam Snapp
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WELCOME DESK	Patty Conway	Suzanne Smith	Anne Campbell

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 August 2024.**

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 February, the three sanctuary candles were donated by the **Jenkins Family**. 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 Wednesday, March 6. To sign up for a specific hour, go to iccols.org> Parish Life>Adoration.**

IN OUR PARISH



NEW PARISHIONERS:

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

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
 Knights of Columbus Lenten Fish Fry

EVERY Friday during Lent!

(February 16 - March 22)

5:00 - 7:30 p.m. in Marian Hall

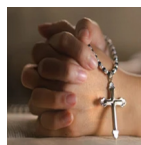
\$14 Adults
\$6 Kids Meals
 (Fish/Pizza/M&C)
 Carryout Available

MENU

Fried Beer-Battered Cod or Baked Tilapia, French Fries, Cole Slaw, Green Beans, and Roll. Complimentary Beverages, Adult Beverages & Dessert Available.

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS!

Sign up to volunteer or donate desserts at: bit.ly/IC-Fish-Fry



THE IC PRAYER MINISTRY IS HERE TO PRAY FOR YOU!

We believe in the power of intercessory prayer! If you would like the Immaculate Conception Prayer Ministry parishioners to offer prayers for you or someone you know, please call Peggy O'Donovan in the Parish Office at (614) 267-9241 or e-mail at podonovan@iccols.org. Prayer intentions will be sent to the prayer ministers using first names only unless we have permission to use the full name. If you would like to be a prayer warrior and join the Prayer Ministry, please reach out to Peggy.

RICE BOWL – WEEK 3 –

RAISING CHICKENS TO SUPPORT HER FAMILY

Rice Bowl donations can be made at any time at iccols.org>Give Now>Choose Rice Bowl in the dropdown menu.

Nowadays, in Morazán, El Salvador, it is very difficult to know when the rainy or dry seasons will be. The unpredictable weather puts the livelihood of Sandra's family in jeopardy. Despite the challenges, Sandra and her husband, Santos, remain dedicated to ensuring their children grow healthy and succeed in school. Sandra learned about preparing food for chickens and how to vaccinate them. Sandra began to apply her knowledge with the chickens provided by the CRC project. Now her family has access to their own eggs, saving them money on food. Sandra wants to support other families, so she teaches them everything she has learned. Her determination has helped her family and community. **Rice Bowl boxes are in the bulletin holders at the doors of the church.** Visit csrricebowl.org to learn more.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

FRIDAYS

7:30 P.M.

Sung Vespers & Penance Service

Wednesday, March 6

7:00 p.m. in the Church

Experience the Lord's Healing and Reconciliation as part of your Lenten Spiritual Preparation.



Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.



TIME, TALENT & TREASURE

Fostering Stewardship as a Way of Life

Fiscal Year 7/1/2023-6/30/2024 • Offertory Report 2/25/2024

	2/25/2024	YTD 2023/2024
Recorded Envelopes/Checks	\$ 26,781	\$ 912,857
Loose Cash	\$ 683	\$ 24,254
TOTAL RECEIVED	\$ 27,464	\$ 937,111
Weekly Operating Expenses	\$ 26,000	\$ 910,000
Weekly Overage (<i>Shortage</i>)	\$ 1,464	\$ 27,111
Families Receiving Envelopes		858
Envelopes Received		126
Families on EFT		395
2nd Collection for Seminarian Support		\$ 5,005



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)



RADIO FUN THAT WILL LEAVE YOU SMILING (MARCH 6-8) LISTEN TO DEACON CAMPBELL ON CATHOLIC RADIO

Join the St. Gabriel Radio AM 820 – **March Spirit Drive** as we welcome 31 local deacons for a live, three-day radio event from

Wednesday, March 6 through Friday, March 8.

Dcn. Chris Campbell will be on the radio on **March 7, 2024** from **3-3:45 p.m.** He will be playing on a team with two other deacons, in a basketball tournament to see which Deacon Team will win the gold medal! For every donation made in his name prior to or during the **AM 820** radio event, Dcn. Campbell's team will receive additional shots. To make a donation call **(614) 459-4820** or go online to **StGabrielRadio.com**.



New Boiler!

Thanks to the generosity of our parishioners, we were able to purchase and install a brand new boiler in the church! There are two boilers in the basement of the church which are used to heat the building. Both have been in need of replacement. Your recent donations were used to cover the majority of the cost of replacing the first boiler! Any new donations will be used to finish paying for the first boiler and

will then be put towards replacing the second one. You can mark your donation as "Boiler Fund." Thank you for your generous contributions!

DAUGHTERS OF HOLY MARY OF THE HEART OF JESUS

D.O.Y.M.A.R. Discipleship Prayer Group for Girls and Young Women – Join the Daughters of Holy Mary of the Heart of Jesus for prayer, formation and community as Prayerful Marian-Apostolic Disciples of the Redemption!

Saturday, March 9, 2024: Girls 1st-10th grade, 10 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Beginning with Mass at 10 a.m. Please bring your journal, colored pencils, and packed lunch! LOCATION: St. Therese Shrine, 5277 E. Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43213.

Friday, March 8, 2024: High school junior and senior girls, college-aged and young adult women, 7-9 p.m. LOCATION: St. Therese Shrine, 5277 E. Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43213.

To RSVP or for more information, contact the Daughters of Holy Mary of the Heart of Jesus by phone at (614) 986-7007 or email columbus@hsmcj.org

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

WEDNESDAY
MARCH 6
7 A.M. – 6 P.M.

Sign Up for a Holy Hour at:
bit.ly/IC_Adoration or call the parish office.



HOW CAN WE HELP CHRISTIANS IN THE HOLY LAND?

#1 Olive Wood Carvings for Sale



Holy Land

Olive Wood Carvings

Sale in Marian Hall

March
2 & 3

after all Masses

Sales will support Christians in the Holy Land whose livelihood depends on sale of artworks, especially at this time when current conflict has decreased tourism.

#2 Pontifical Good Friday Collection – Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land. Your support helps the Church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools and offer religious education. The Pontifical Good Friday Collection also helps to preserve the sacred shrines. The pandemic hit particularly hard the Christians in the Holy Land. Most of them depend on pilgrimages to work. In these times of crisis, the Pontifical Good Friday Collection is also necessary to meet the basic needs of the People of God still living in this Land where the Church was born. When you contribute to the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, you become an instrument of peace and join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land. PLEASE BE GENEROUS! For more information about Christians in the Holy Land, visit www.myfranciscan.org/good-friday Please place your well-marked donation in the offertory collection, send to the Parish Office, or go to iccols.org > Give Now > Select Diocesan Collections in the dropdown menu > then Sub Fund > Holy Land – Good Friday.

Sign up — bit.ly/Chalice_Cup

Chalice Cup Ministry

Pray for vocations! Families are asked to sign up to bring a Chalice Cup home with them from a Weekend Mass, and commit to praying for one week.

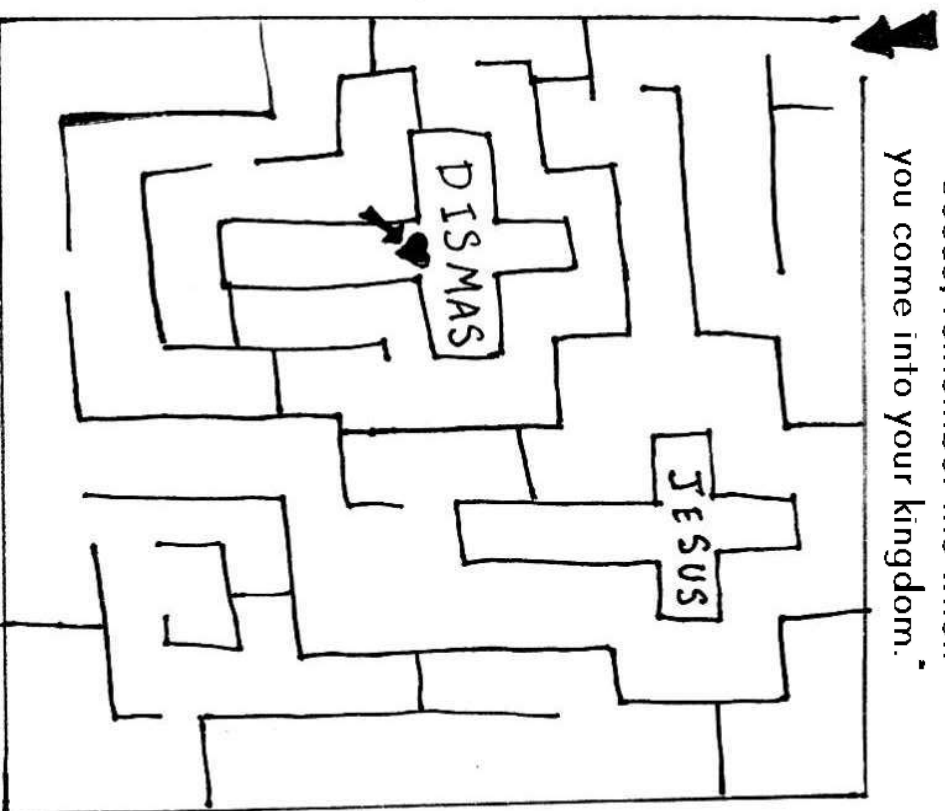


Saint Dismas

Saint Dismas was crucified on the cross next to Jesus. Saint Dismas was a criminal, but he asked for forgiveness before he died.

Saint Dismas said,

"Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom."

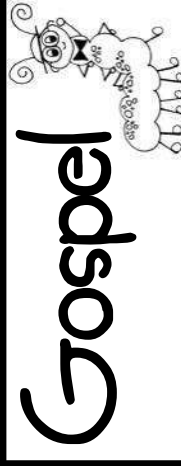
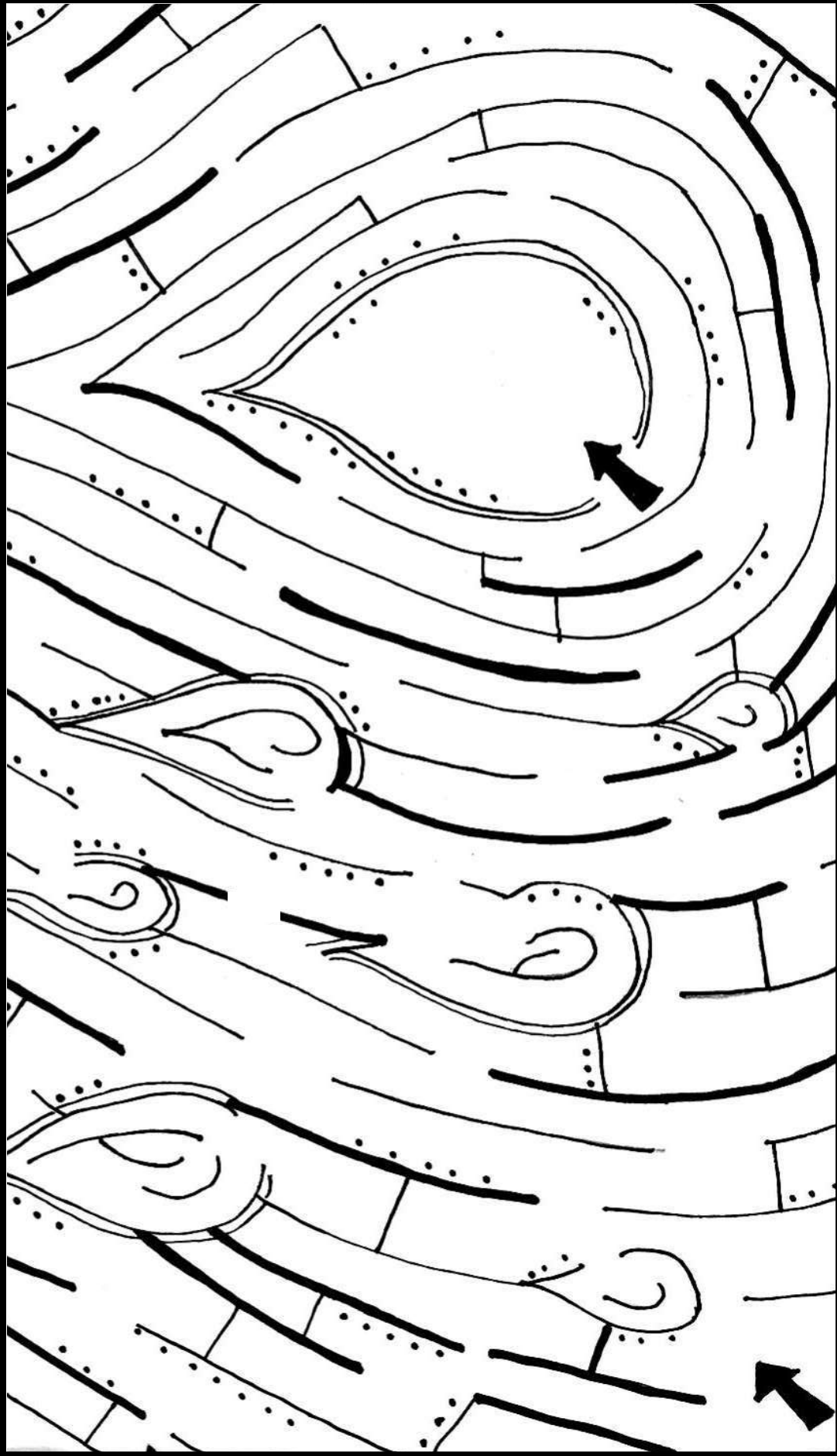
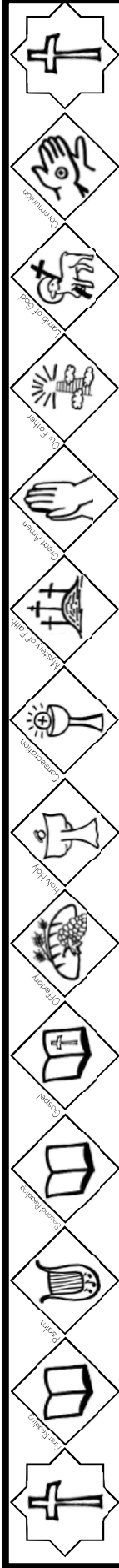


Catholic Kids Bulletin

March 3, 2024
Lent
Color: Purple

W O I F P W T O D A Y W P Y O U R P W K	<p>BPWY YOUR P W HEARTS</p> <p>If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.</p> <p>B K H E A R O W H I S P W V O</p>	<p>VOICE P W L H A R D E N S O A N O T P E W K</p>
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We don't say, "Alleluia," during Lent. What do you sing before the Gospel instead of the Alleluia?



Gospel A woman gave water to Jesus and He taught her about eternal life in heaven.



Discovering **hope and joy** in the Catholic faith.

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One Minute Meditations

Pope St. Zachary

Born to a Greek family in Calabria, Italy, St.

Zachary was deacon

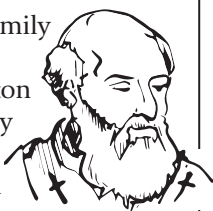
to Pope Gregory III before succeeding him as pope in 741.

As pope, St. Zachary skillfully negotiated peace for Italy several times, most notably with the Lombards and the Franks. St. Zachary supported St. Boniface's German mission, ransomed slaves sold by Venetian merchants, and supported the restoration of churches. He carried the Church through troubled times with charity, prudence, and skillful leadership.

Trust

St. (Mother) Teresa of Calcutta refused donations beyond the current needs of her community. Accepting such help would mean she didn't trust God to provide for their needs. When we rely on God, we demonstrate our faith, just as Mother Teresa did.

"God is faithful and will not let you be tried beyond your strength; but with the trial he will also provide a way out, so that you may be able to bear it"
(1 Corinthians 10:13).



Finish Lent strong

The last weeks of Lent can feel like the last yards of a marathon. We're just pushing ourselves to reach the finish line of Easter. Instead, think of Lent as a time of silence, simplicity, and sacrifice that helps us become the people God wants us to be. That's the real point of Lent.

Silence:

Prayer is oxygen for the soul. It is during prayer when God speaks to our hearts. Lent done right removes distractions so that our prayer is richer and our focus more attentive. It is critical to find time to be with Him in attentive silence each day.

Simplicity: Avoid material clutter. Consider the six month rule – if you haven't worn it or used it in the last

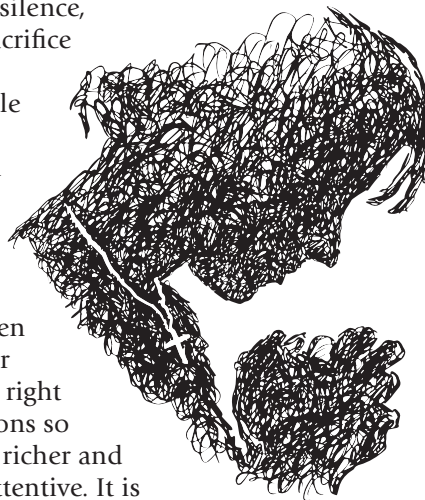
six months – give it away. Not only will you help those in need, decluttering creates room in our homes and hearts for God.

Sacrifice: Through sacrifice we give back to God what we owe Him. While we can't repay Him for His gifts in equal measure, we can express gratitude with small sacrifices that show our return back to Him in gratitude and love.

Sacraments:

Sacraments are the fuel for fighting evil. During Lent, these spiritual battles intensify. Weekly

Mass and monthly Confession keep up our spiritual strength. Don't fight on fumes. Fuel up with the Sacraments.

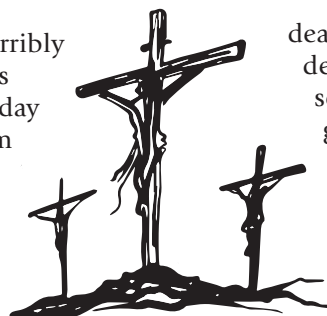


Why Do Catholics Do That?

Although it recalls a terribly sad event, Good Friday is "good" because it is the day when Jesus saved us from our sins, reconciled us with God, and reopened Heaven. Out of what seemed like defeat, God brought victory. By His

Why do Catholics call Good Friday "good"?

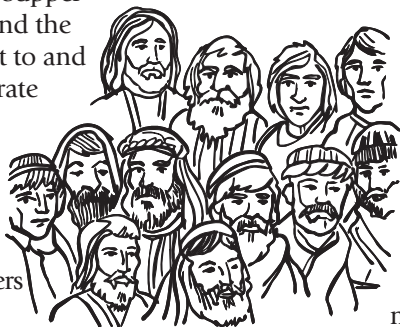
death, Jesus conquered sin and death. On Good Friday, we see more clearly God's goodness, justice, wisdom, power, and love. *"God proves his love for us in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us"* (Romans 5:8).



"By this all men will know that you are my disciples..."

Each Triduum begins by recalling the Last Supper during which Jesus gave us the priesthood and the Eucharist as His means of remaining present to and in His Church. On Holy Thursday, we celebrate discipleship and are all asked to renew our commitment to following Jesus.

Disciples act with love. "By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another" (John 13:35). True followers of Jesus know that how we treat others proves that we know Him and follow Him.



Disciples answer the call. God chooses us first, but we must answer the call. If Peter had not dropped his nets and followed Jesus, he would not have been a disciple. Discipleship involves a choice to drop everything for Him.

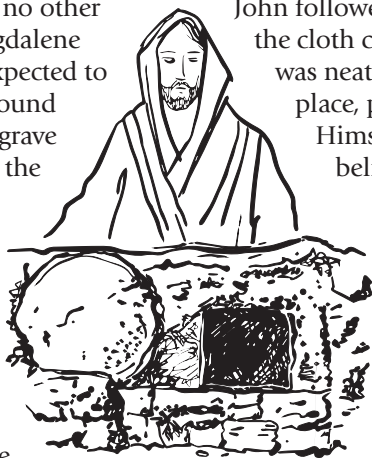
Disciples make other disciples. Ultimately, we need to do what Jesus did, which is to make more disciples. This was His final command, "Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations" (Matthew 28:19). The Catholic Church's mission is to make disciples who make disciples.

from Scripture

John 20:1-9, Jesus - not death - has the last word

The Resurrection is the keystone of our Faith, making a claim no other faith can. When Mary Magdalene arrived at the tomb, she expected to find a body. Instead, she found the stone rolled back, the grave clothes neatly folded, and the tomb empty. She concluded, wrongly, that thieves had taken the Lord's body, and she ran to tell Peter and John.

When Peter and John arrived, Peter entered first and also saw that the grave clothes had been left behind, not left in a heap, but neatly arranged. No grave robber would have taken the



body and left the clothes behind. John followed Peter and saw that the cloth covering Christ's face was neatly folded in a separate place, perhaps by Christ Himself. He saw and believed.

The Resurrection proves that Christ is who He says He is. Therefore, we must give Him our final allegiance. Because Jesus rose from the dead in glory, we also have the hope of rising

in glory with Him on the Last Day. Christ - not death, sin, or evil - has the last word.

Q & A What are the Corporal Works of Mercy?

As followers of Christ, we're encouraged to care for each other. Jesus' parable of the judgment of the sheep and the goats (Matthew 25:31-46) lists the ways we can care for those in physical need: "For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me..." (Matthew 25:35).



These are the Corporal Works of Mercy: to feed the hungry and give drink to the thirsty, to clothe the naked, to visit the sick and imprisoned, to shelter the homeless and to bury the dead. Essentially, "it is by what they have done for the poor that Jesus Christ will recognize His chosen ones" (Catechism of the Catholic Church #2443).

The Corporal Works of Mercy are about being aware of others' needs and responding to them. Living the Corporal Works of Mercy is how we can make our love for God and others visible and effective. "Whatever you did for one of these...you did for me" (Matthew 25:40).

Feasts & Celebrations

March 8 - John of God (1550). Moved to repentance by a homily of St. John of Ávila, St. John left his career in the Portuguese military to establish a hospital for the sick and poor. After his death, his assistants formed the Brothers Hospitallers.

March 19 - St. Joseph, Husband of Mary (1st century). Jesus' earthly father and husband to the Blessed Mother, St. Joseph is a model of fatherhood and a protector of families.

March 24 - Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion (1st Century). On

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion, we recall Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem, when He was greeted by cheering crowds waving palms. This Sunday marks the beginning of Holy Week.

March 26 - St. Margaret Clitherow (1586). St. Margaret converted to Catholicism soon after she married, when Catholicism was illegal in England. Margaret continued to practice her faith, even hiding priests in her house so they could say Mass. She remained joyful, faithful, and peaceful until her martyrdom.



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The gospel for the 3rd Sunday of Lent takes place in the temple. We must understand that the temple in Jerusalem was considered the most holy place for the Jewish people, and it was a place where they would come to offer sacrifices and worship God. The Israelites believed God was really present in the temple. The sales going on there enabled people traveling from afar to purchase animals for sacrifice. This was a great convenience. However, the presence of the merchants and money changers had turned the temple into a marketplace, which was not only disrespectful but also a distraction from the true purpose of the temple. Jesus, as the Son of God, recognized this and was filled with a righteous anger that compelled him to drive out the merchants and money changers. In this gospel Jesus demonstrates the importance of having a pure heart through his actions in the temple. By driving out the merchants and money changers, Jesus was purifying the temple of all that was contrary to God's will. He was removing the distractions and impurities that had taken over the temple and restoring it to its intended purpose as a place of worship and prayer. As Catholics, we are called to follow in Jesus' footsteps and strive to purify our own hearts and minds. This means being mindful of our thoughts, words, and actions, and ensuring that they are aligned with God's will. We must be honest with ourselves and acknowledge our own weaknesses and faults, and be willing to ask God for forgiveness and guidance.

Personal Lenten Commitment: *Lent calls us to introspection and conversion. Reflect on areas of your life that may be overshadowing your relationship with God. Are there specific habits, such as excessive use of technology, certain lifestyle choices, or even negative thought patterns, that you feel called to change? Identify concrete actions you can take to simplify your life and focus more on God, such as fasting from certain foods, dedicating specific times for prayer, or engaging in acts of service. How can these practices help you to turn back to God with your whole heart this Lent?* youngcatholic.com

Praying with Scriptures this Lent. What is Lectio Divina?

Prayer is a necessity for living an authentic Christian life. In fact, prayer is not only essential—it is also our primary means of communicating with God. Of all the Church's treasures, there is nothing more rich and varied than its prayer, both communally and in the individual lives of its members.

Pope Benedict XVI referred to the ancient tradition of *lectio divina* as a “prayerful listening to the Word of God.”

The Four Steps of Lectio Divina

The USCCB has provided a helpful summary on how to pray with Scripture using this four-step method of *lectio divina*, which we will quote here:

1. Read

The first element of this type of prayer is **reading** (*lectio*): you take a short passage from the Bible, preferably a Gospel passage and read it carefully, perhaps three or more times. Let it really soak-in.

2. Meditate

The second element is **meditation** (*meditatio*). By using your imagination enter into the Biblical scene in order to “see” the setting, the people, and the unfolding action. It is through this meditation that you encounter the text and discover its meaning for your life.

3. Pray

The next element is **prayer** (*oratio*) or your personal response to the text: asking for graces, offering praise or thanksgiving, seeking healing or forgiveness. In this prayerful engagement with the text, you open yourself up to the possibility of contemplation.

4. Contemplate

Contemplation (*contemplatio*) is a gaze turned toward Christ and the things of God. By God's action of grace, you may be raised above meditation to a state of seeing or experiencing the text as mystery and reality. In contemplation, you come into an experiential contact with the One behind and beyond the text.

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SCHOOL NEWS

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Order dinner to support Immaculate Conception Home & School Association from The Berwick's

TASTE OF ITALY TOUR 2024

Pick up your dinner curbside:
Thursday, March 7th
5pm to 6pm
@ 366 E North Broadway Ave.
Columbus OH 43124

Pre-order online at
<https://the-berwick.com/taste-of-italy-tour-menu>

Order by Tuesday 3/5 by 11:59pm

10% of order totals will go to Immaculate Conception Home & School Association



BISHOP WATTERSON

BWHS Men's Night – Bishop Watterson's 2024 Men's Night will be held on Saturday, April 6 at 6 p.m. in Marian Hall at Immaculate Conception, 414 E. Broadway, Columbus. Our speaker is MSG (Ret.) Sean Clifton, a special operations training consultant who served as a U.S. Army Green Beret and was wounded in combat. Tickets are \$100 per person, with proceeds benefiting the Msgr. Grimes Scholarship Fund for tuition assistance. Ticketing and sponsorship opportunities can be found at bishopwatterson.com. All are welcome!

ST. CHARLES

St. Charles Auditions – St. Charles Preparatory School Drama Department will hold high school women's auditions for its spring production, *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time* on Tuesday and Wednesday, March 5 and 6 at 4 p.m. at the St. Charles Campus Theater, 2010 East Broad Street (You need only attend one of the two days.) Auditions are open to all area high school women in Central Ohio. Production Dates: April 25-28, 2024. For more information, email Doug Montgomery at dmontgomery@scprep.org.

"COME AND SEE" WEEKEND AT THE JOSEPHINUM

The Pontifical College Josephinum, in Columbus, Ohio, has scheduled a "Come and See" Live-in Weekend for March 7-10, 2024. The Weekend has been set aside to allow young men (high school juniors, seniors, and college-aged students) to visit the seminary for a few days. Live-In participants will experience seminary prayer life, classes, communal worship, and interaction with current seminarians, faculty and staff. Live-in Weekends include introductory presentations on discernment, student life, and the college seminary formation program. The Weekend begins with arrival at 4 p.m. on Thursday, March 7, and concludes with departure at noon on Sunday, March 10. All meals and recreation are included. There is no charge to participate. For more information, contact the Vocations Office, (614) 221-5565, or email vocations@columbuscatholic.org or contact your parish priest.

PARISH COUNCIL COMMISSION MEETINGS

Thank You!

to those who attended the last Parish Council Commission Meeting! For anyone who could not attend, you can stay up-to-date and read the meeting minutes found here:

bit.ly/2024-minutes

The next meeting is:

**Wednesday,
March 20
6:30-7:30 P.M.
in Marian Hall**

WHAT DO YOU WANT OF ME, LORD?

If you have ever pondered this question and whether God is calling you to become a Sister, we encourage you to join us for a Come and See Retreat, **March 15-17, 2024**. You can join us either in-person at the Dominican Sisters of Peace Motherhouse in Akron, OH, or via Zoom. We invite you to give yourself the gift of some time to PRAY with our Sisters, to share with other women of FAITH who are discerning God's call, to discover God's PURPOSE for your life, to enjoy a behind the scenes experience of COMMUNITY LIFE, and to explore RELIGIOUS LIFE lived out as a Dominican Sister of Peace. Visit our website at opeace.org for more information and to register for this event. Or, send an email to me at june.fitzgerald@opeace.org or call or text (570) 336-3991 to let me know that you are interested, and I'll get back to you with more details about this great retreat opportunity!

SOCIAL CONCERNS



OPEN SHELTER MEAL – MARCH 4

The next Open Shelter meal is this Monday, March 4, 2024. We need donations of sloppy joes, mac & cheese, cookies, lunch-size chips, bottled water, and/or snacky desserts. 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.

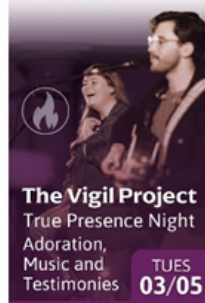


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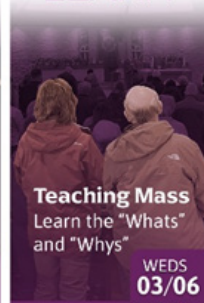
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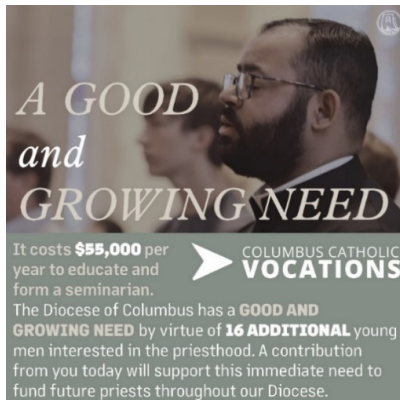
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The names of those remembered will be published in the Easter bulletin. **Please submit all names by Wednesday, March 20, 2024.**

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Ignatian Weekend Retreat with Dr. Nicki Verploegen, March 8-10, 2024 (starts at 5:45 p.m.). The Jesuit Spiritual Center in Milford invites you on a 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. St. Ignatius encourages the development of awareness of God within all aspects of life. We can cultivate our awareness with simple spiritual practices that awaken us to the incarnation of God all around us. This weekend, we will take time to slow down and contemplate God's presence through practices that lead us to deeper spiritual connection with Him and our world. The retreat fee is \$310 which includes a private room and meals during your stay. Please call (513) 248-3500, ext. 10 or visit jesuitspiritualcenter.com/retreats

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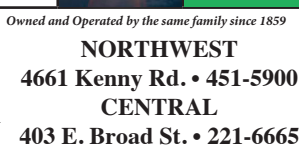


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