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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

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 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 contact the Parish Office at (614) 267-9241, or at icoffice@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, APRIL 13

Acts 6:1-7; Jn 6:16-21

4:00 p.m. Guise Đào Tiến Thành †

SUNDAY, APRIL 14

Acts 3:13-15, 17-19; 1 Jn 2:1-5a; Lk 24:35-48

8:30 a.m. Jane & Leno Bevilacqua †

11:00 a.m. For the People of

Immaculate Conception Parish

MONDAY, APRIL 15

Acts 6:8-15; Jn 6:22-29

8:30 a.m. Susan Emert †

TUESDAY, APRIL 16

Acts 7:51-8:1a; Jn 6:30-35

6:15 p.m. Seth Jenkins †

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17

Acts 8:1b-8; Jn 6:35-40

8:30 a.m. Barbara Galloway †

THURSDAY, APRIL 18

Acts 8:26-40; Jn 6:44-51

8:30 a.m. Mary Haven †

FRIDAY, APRIL 19

Acts 9:1-20; Jn 6:52-59

8:30 a.m. Sid Lapworth †

SATURDAY, APRIL 20

Acts 9:31-42; Jn 6:60-69

4:00 p.m. Jack & Dorothy Hunsinger †

SUNDAY, APRIL 21

Acts 4:8-12; 1 Jn 3:1-2; Jn 10:11-18

8:30 a.m. For the People of

Immaculate Conception Parish

11:00 a.m. Louis Đỗ Văn Vĩnh †

† Deceased

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LITURGICAL MINISTERS SCHEDULE – APRIL 20 & 21, 2024

MASS TIMES	4:00 p.m.	8:30 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS	Christine Demko Bobie Mitch	Chris Atzberger Diana Marie Winkler	Margaret Williams Mary Leathley
LECTORS	Jen Grant	Jeff Racz	Emma Eckenrode-Lewis
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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, 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 October 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 April, the three sanctuary candles were donated by an **anonymous donor**. 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, May 1. To sign up for a specific hour, go to iccols.org> Parish Life>Adoration.**

THE POPE'S INTENTION FOR APRIL 2024

For the role of women

We pray that the dignity and immense value of women be recognized in every culture, and for the end of discrimination that they experience in different parts of the world.

IN OUR PARISH

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

We welcome **Aurelia Maria Mueller**, the daughter of Brian & Kimberly Mueller, to the church and our parish family. Aurelia was baptized on April 7, 2024.



THE DISCIPLE MAKER INDEX (DMI) PARISH SURVEY

We invite each of our adult parishioners (18 to 110) to participate in the **Disciple Maker Index (DMI)**, which is a survey tool provided by the *Catholic Leadership Institute*. When you participate in this survey, you are invited to reflect and share about your discipleship journey here at IC. The survey allows you to provide your perspective on our parish's efforts to help you grow in relationship with Christ. All responses will be confidential; the parish will only receive information about the community as a whole.



This survey only takes 10-15 minutes to complete and is available through the parish email sent last week, or use the online link bit.ly/IC-DMI-survey, or go to the parish website, or use the QR code. Paper surveys are in the Gathering Space for those who prefer not to

complete the survey online. When completed, please return the paper survey to the parish office. Questions? Please call or email Mary Ann Rivera at (614) 267-9241, ext. 605, or marivera@iccols.org.

As we embrace our call to discipleship, we know how important it is to create a culture of openness; one that practices listening to one another. We want to hear and respond to how we can best serve each other. This is especially true as our parish is growing! We have new families and parishioners joining us and we want to hear from you, too!

We feel an important step in this process involves reassessing our strengths and opportunities as a parish. That is where the **Disciple Maker Index (DMI)** comes in! We participated in this same survey back in February of 2021. We would love to hear how our community has grown and changed since then.



FESTIVAL INVITATION..... JOIN THE FUN & THE TEAM

Please join us for the IC Festival kickoff gathering in Marian Hall this **Wednesday, April 17 at 7 p.m.** We know there are talented people in our parish and community! We would love to have you join us for our first

Festival meeting to see how you can share your talents and help make the 2024 Festival a success. Some immediate needs are Festival co-chairs to shadow us, silent auction chairs, beer ticket chair, kids' games chair, Bingo co-chair to shadow and takeover for next year, Teen/Adult games chair and co-chair, 50/50 chair and co-chair to shadow and take over for next year, and someone to chair a new Alumni area.

Please reach out to **Katie Lewis** at klewis@cdeducation.org if you want to learn more about what any of these leadership opportunities entail.

Thank you, and we look forward to seeing you at the kick-off meeting!

Tim & Kat Wheeler and Dan & Katie Lewis

ASSISTED LISTENING DEVICES ARE AVAILABLE

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.



IC SPRING FAMILY CLEAN-UP DAY!

On Saturday, April 20 from 10 a.m.-noon, parishioners of all ages are invited to help make IC beautiful! This is a great opportunity to meet new parishioners and work side-by-side with friends. The day provides a great opportunity for our kids to volunteer and show their faith through works. Activities will include weeding and cleaning out beds, planting new plants, raking and general yard maintenance. Please bring appropriate tools for this type of work (gloves, clippers, hand shovels, rakes, etc.). Many hands make light work. There will be grilled burgers and hot dogs after! For more information, please contact John Bruzzese at (614) 284-9226. See you on April 20! We meet at the grotto.

TIME, TALENT & TREASURE

Fostering Stewardship as a Way of Life

Fiscal Year 7/1/2023-6/30/2024 • Offertory Report 4/7/2024

	<u>4/7/2024</u>	<u>YTD 2023/2024</u>
Recorded Envelopes/Checks	\$ 31,359	\$ 1,070,473
Loose Cash	\$ 572	\$ 29,070
TOTAL RECEIVED	\$ 31,931	\$ 1,099,543
Weekly Operating Expenses	\$ 26,000	\$ 1,066,000
Weekly Overage/ <i>(Shortage)</i>	\$ 5,931	\$ 33,543
Families Receiving Envelopes		860
Envelopes Received		116
Families on EFT		395



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)*



IN NEED OF PRAYER? 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 podonovan@iccols.org.

If you would like to join the prayer ministry, please contact Peggy.

YOUR PURCHASES CAN BENEFIT THE PARISH

Your Kroger purchases can benefit the Parish!

The Kroger Community Rewards Program allows shoppers to designate a charitable organization to benefit from their purchases at Kroger. The program is simple. You sign up online and every time you check out using your Kroger Plus Card, cash rewards are directed to Immaculate Conception.

To enroll, visit the Kroger secure website, www.krogercommunityrewards.com, click on "Ohio" to sign up for a Kroger.com account or click on "Already enrolled? Sign In" if you already have an account. All participants must have a valid online account at Kroger.com. After creating an account, choose Immaculate Conception or organization 80330. That's it. You are ready to earn cash rewards for Immaculate Conception. Also, any family member linked to your Kroger Plus Card will automatically earn cash rewards for IC. Once you are enrolled, your donation will appear at the bottom of the receipt when you make a purchase. You no longer need to re-enroll each year. Please sign up now!

EARLY BULLETIN DEADLINE

Parish Staff Leadership Immersive Retreat – April 22-26

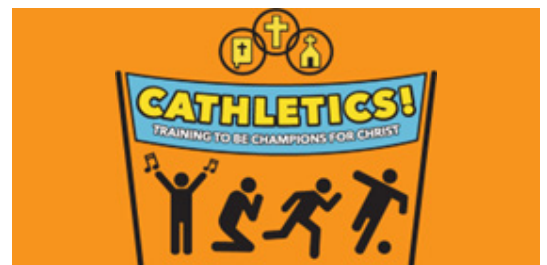
Most parish staff members will be attending a week-long Leadership Immersive retreat, hosted by *Acts XXIX*, which is the same organization that developed *The Rescue Project* with Fr. John Riccardo. This retreat strengthens parish ministry leaders in the mission of serving the Church.

The Parish Office will be minimally staffed that week so the bulletin deadline for the April 27 and 28 bulletin is April 17. Please submit any bulletin requests early.



THE COLLECTION FOR THE CHURCH IN CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE

Your donation to the Collection for the Church in Central & Eastern Europe helps restore the Church and build the future in more than 25 countries still struggling to recover from former communist rule and now the war in Ukraine. Funds from this collection support reconstruction, education, formation, and poverty outreach. You can use the designated envelope in your packet, place your donation in a clearly marked envelope, or go to iccols.org>Give Now>Diocesan Collection>Sub Fund>Churches in Central & Eastern Europe. For more information, go to www.usccb.org/ccee.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL – REGISTER NOW

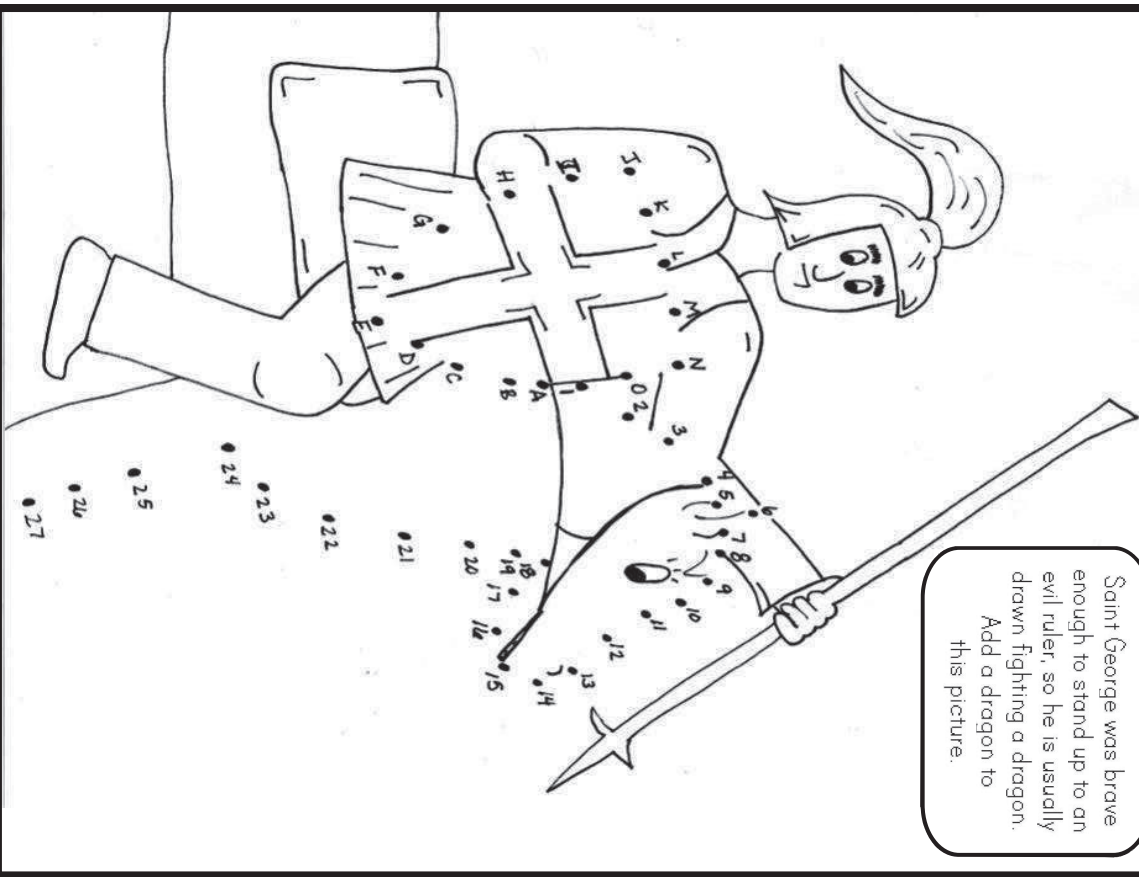
VBS 2024, July 15-19 from 9 a.m. to Noon

Registration is now open and will remain open until June 1, 2024 or until we reach capacity. This year, we have "Cathletics" as our theme, a week training to become a Champion for Christ. To register your child/children, go to the parish website>Youth Education>VBS – Vacation Bible School. We need many volunteers; if you are interested in helping, please contact Elizabeth DeLuca at edeluca@iccols.org or Clare Heim cheim@cducation.org.

Saint George

Saint George was a brave soldier in the Roman army. The Emperor, Diocletian, hated Christians! Saint George stood up to him and told Diocletian that he was wrong.

Saint George was brave enough to stand up to an evil ruler, so he is usually drawn fighting a dragon. Add a dragon to this picture.



Catholic Kids
Bulletin

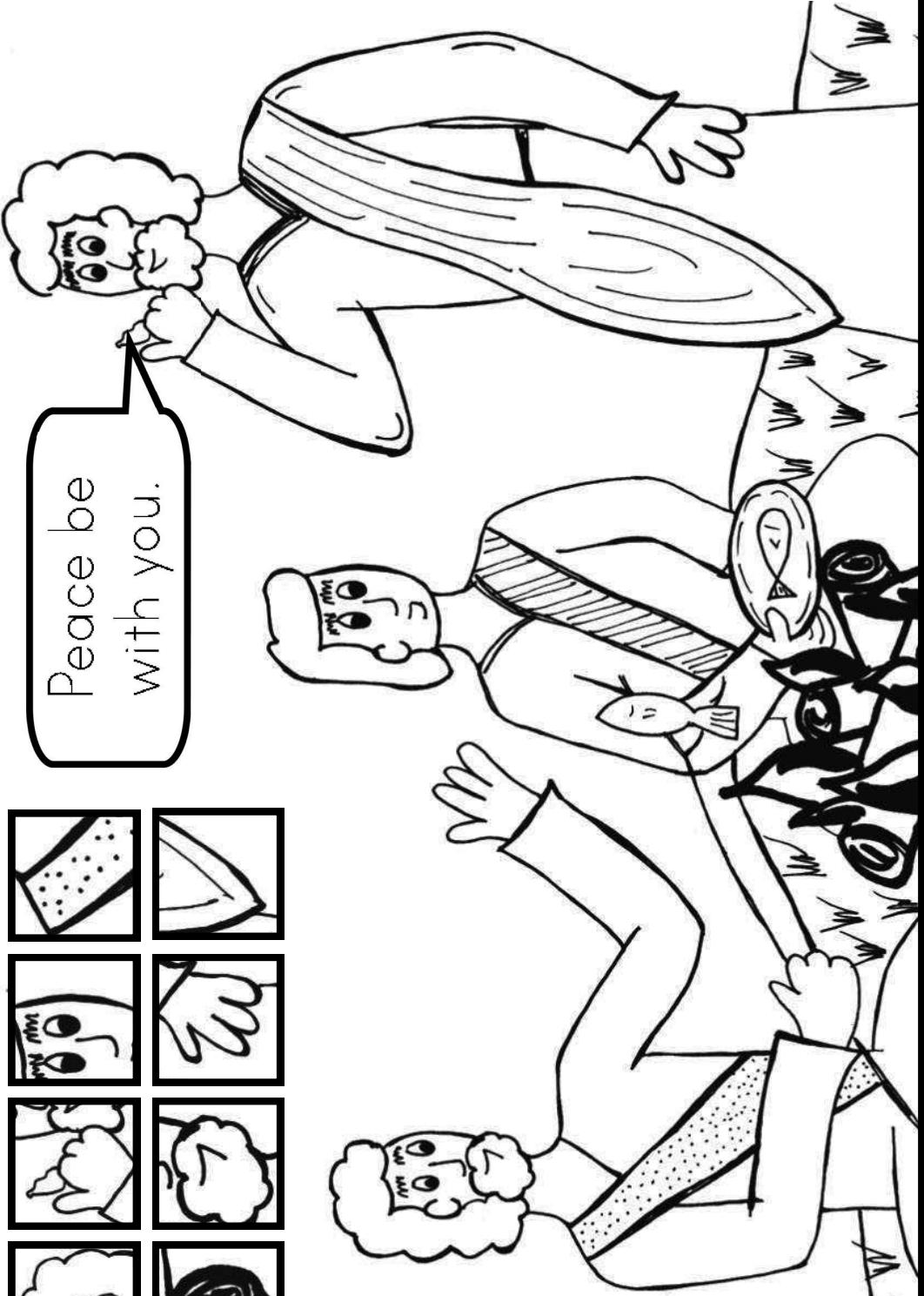
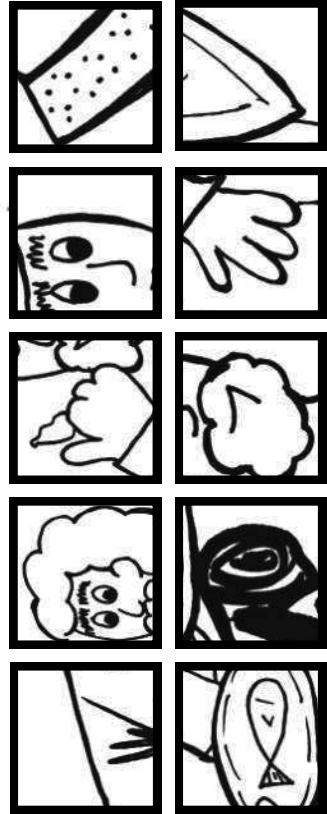
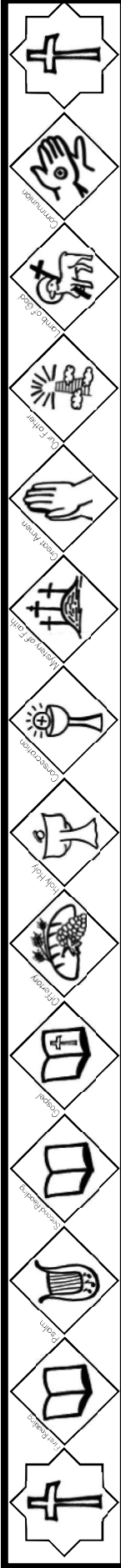
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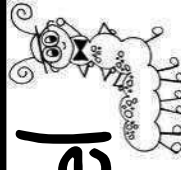
Lord, let
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We pray the Gloria during the Easter season. Pray it with the Congregation. Listen for everyone to say, "...and peace to His people on earth."



Peace be with you.



Gospel

Two disciples spoke of all the wonderful things they had seen during Easter. As they rested, Jesus walked toward them and said, "Peace be with you." They were afraid and thought Jesus was a ghost but He ate with them and showed that He was

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One Minute Meditations

St. Gemma Galgani

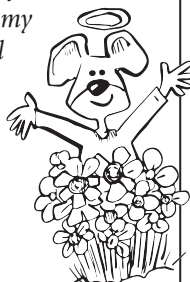
Born in Tuscany to a devout family, St. Gemma was attracted to prayer early on, mystically conversing with Jesus, Mary, and her Guardian Angel. Although she was hard working, kind, and a good student, her ecstasies earned her ridicule. She received the stigmata (wounds of Christ) in her body. She lost half her family to tuberculosis and struggled with poor health herself. Although this prevented her from entering the Passionist Order, she was posthumously accepted by them. .



We are one Body

On the road to Damascus, Jesus told Saul that when he attacked Christians, he attacked Jesus. "I am Jesus whom you are persecuting" (Acts 26:15). Our Lord cannot be separated from the members of his Body. We stand united with all who suffer for Christ.

"He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day." John 6:84).

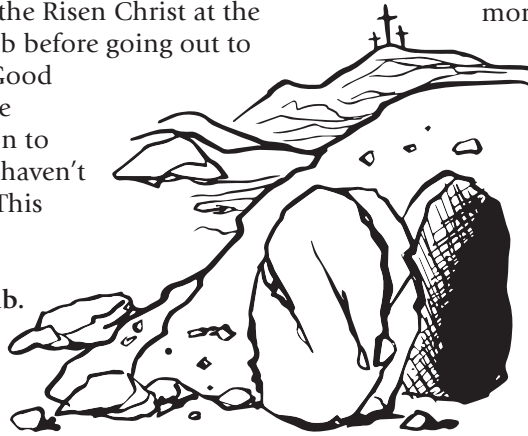


This Easter, meet Christ at the empty tomb

The Resurrection, more than Jesus' other miracles or teachings, shows His divinity and His Lordship over creation, and His victory over death. Every Easter Sunday, we're called to encounter the Risen Christ at the empty tomb before going out to bring the Good News of the Resurrection to those who haven't yet heard. This Easter:

Visit the empty tomb.

Scripture is "living and active" (Hebrews 4:12), so the events of Jesus' life can still impact us today when we pray with them. During the Easter season, read through John 20:1-18, and picture yourself there. Read with an open heart. No one who meets the Risen Christ remains unchanged.



Renew your commitment to Him. Can you remember a moment when Christ called your name and invited you to follow Him? Renew your commitment to follow Christ more faithfully this Easter.

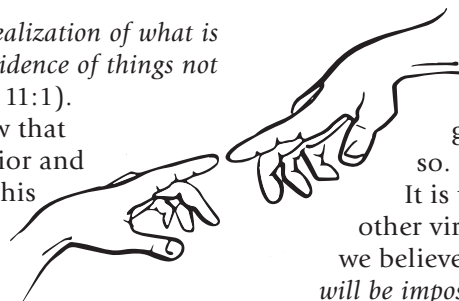
Commit to daily prayer. Offer your errands for the souls in Purgatory. Resolve to go to Confession more often. Don't let anything get in the way of weekly Mass.

"Go to my brothers and tell them" (John 20:17). Our job is to make more disciples for Jesus

(Matthew 28:19). Invite someone to Mass, pass on inspiring spiritual reading, answer questions about our Faith, be ready to talk about your love for God and your hope for eternity (1 Peter 3:15).

Why Do Catholics Do That?

"Faith is the realization of what is hoped for and evidence of things not seen" (Hebrews 11:1). Christians know that Jesus is our Savior and our lives are in his hands. We also know that by suffering, death, and Resurrection, we have hope of sharing in his glory in Heaven. He said so.



It is through faith that all the other virtues flow. Through faith we believe, "For with God, nothing will be impossible" (Luke 1:37).

3 Ways to be a better communicator

When people encountered Jesus, they knew they were heard, seen, known, and loved by the Father. A large part of this was how He conversed with them. As Christ's disciples aiming to convey the same message, we can become better communicators with these three skills:

Know which conversation you're having. There are three types of conversations: social, emotional, and practical. Maybe someone offered a solution in which a listening ear was needed or made a corny joke at the wrong time. When in doubt, say something like: "Do you want me to fix this or just listen?"



Ask good questions. Jesus asked questions about people's values, past experiences, and perceptions.

Ask open-ended questions, find out what interests them, ask their opinion on a given topic. Seek to understand them. You don't have to agree.

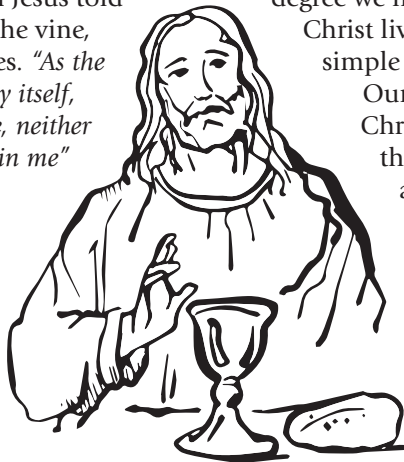
Really listen. Recall the rich young man whom Jesus looked at with love before challenging him to follow Him (Mark 10:21). Avoid checking your phone or thinking about your next response. Give the gift of your full attention.

from Scripture

John 15:1-8, Bearing fruit that will last

This Gospel passage takes us back to the Last Supper, when Jesus told His disciples that He is the vine, and they are the branches. "As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me" (John 15:4). This shows the closeness of the friendship and intimacy Christ wants to draw us into.

Yet, this isn't just a luxury for the few, but a vital necessity for all. "For apart from me you can do nothing" (15:5). As Jesus is who He says He is (God), then we can only have a truly fulfilling,



meaningful, fruitful life to the degree we live in Christ and Christ lives in us. It really is as simple as that.

Our connection with Christ is nourished through daily prayer and the Eucharist, and is healed in Confession. We are part of the Vine when we humbly obey Christ's commands, carry out our duties and acts of kindness with love, and offer our sufferings to God. Only then will our lives bear lasting fruit.

Q & A What is a Spiritual Communion?

Pandemic lockdowns that prevented us from attending Mass in person prompted the rediscovery of Spiritual Communion, the "ardent desire to receive Jesus in the Holy Sacrament and a loving embrace as though we had already received Him" (St. Thomas Aquinas). Thankfully, we have returned to in-person Mass

attendance, but we can still benefit from this devotion. Spiritual Communion keeps us connected to Christ and deepens our awareness of His love throughout the day. Best friends don't only see or speak to each other once a week or when they need something. They stay in contact daily. Certainly, we have no closer friend than God.

The saints encouraged frequent Spiritual Communion because the practice opens us to much-needed graces. St. Alphonsus Liguori encouraged making three Spiritual Communions during Mass – at the beginning, during the consecration, and at the end – even when we receive the Body and Blood.

Spiritual Communion isn't a substitute for Sacramental Communion. Instead, making frequent Spiritual Communion can enrich our experience when we do receive Communion in person.



Feasts & Celebrations

April 2 – St. Francis of Paola (1507). St. Francis founded the Minim Friars who lived an ascetic life. Known as a miracle-worker, he also had the gift of prophecy. He died in Plessis, in a monastery built for him by the king.

April 8 – 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. She had confidence in God's grace and trusted His wisdom.

April 24 – St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen (1622). In his native Prussia, St. Fidelis became a lawyer and championed the poor and oppressed. He joined the Franciscans. During the Protestant Reformation, St. Fidelis worked hard to bring people back to the Catholic faith, until his martyrdom.

April 27 – St. Zita (1271). Born in Monsagrati, Italy, St. Zita became the servant of the wealthy Fatinelli family. Famous for her miracles in helping the sick, the poor, and the imprisoned, she is the patroness of domestic workers.



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YOU ARE WITNESSES OF THESE THINGS LUKE 24:48

“Friends, Christ is risen from the dead, and heaven and earth have collided! Despite this grand, reorienting truth, our culture seems to miss the point of the Resurrection. The world tries to domesticate Easter, but this is impossible. There’s no other reaction than to accept the life-changing reality that Jesus of Nazareth rose bodily from the dead.” Bishop Robert Barron

Living out Resurrection Joy

Do we really believe the truth of the Resurrection? If so, are we imitators of the first apostles? Have we become witnesses of these things? Do we boldly accept the challenge of living our Resurrection joy? How do we joyfully and fearlessly seek His face and His presence, and sometimes in the midst of difficulties? We are always being invited to seek Him in the Scriptures and in the Eucharist, and in so doing bring about the joy and truth of the Easter Resurrection to those we know and meet.

We hear in the gospel how Jesus was made known to them in the breaking of the bread. Are we truly a Eucharistic people? Archbishop Charles Thompson in an interview regarding the Eucharistic Revival, states, “Only if Christ stays at the center will everything else fall into place. We can only do it if we are Christ-centered. I think that’s why the Eucharist and the Eucharistic Revival and Congress are so important, both for us as Catholics and for the world. The Revival is rooting us in a Christ-centered awareness and appreciation not only for ourselves as Catholics but for what we are called to be **as witnesses to the rest of the world: called to bring about healing, to proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ the Savior of the world, to offer reconciliation, to display the beauty, truth, and goodness of God to the center of the human family.**”

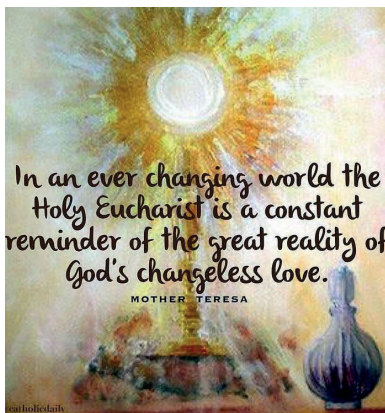
We also hear in the scriptures “then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures”, and we acclaim this when we say *Lord Jesus, open the Scriptures to us: make our hearts burn as you speak to us.*

As Saint John Chrysostom said, “**The Holy Scriptures were not given to us that we should enclose them in books, but that we should engrave them upon our hearts.**”

This Easter let us run with abandon and without fear to spread the joy of the Resurrection, to tell others where our joy comes from.

As Pope Francis said on Easter Monday, “**Brothers, sisters, the joy of the Resurrection is not something far away. It is very close; it is ours because it was given to us on the day of our baptism.**”

To be witnesses of the Resurrection, is the whole mission of our baptismal calling, to share our Lord Jesus Christ that we have met in the Scriptures and at the Eucharistic table. May we ask for the grace to be witnesses to all these things not only during this Easter season but throughout the year.



April: Month of the Holy Eucharist

Did you know that for each month of the year, the Church celebrates a particular devotion? For April, the devotion is on the Holy Eucharist. Make yourself notes, write them on your calendar, and pray a specific prayer each day of the month to remember. You could use a prayer already associated with the devotion or pray a personal one. You can make a holy hour in front of the Blessed Sacrament. Pray for an increase to love Jesus in the Most Blessed Sacrament.

Suggestions To Reflect on the Eucharist In April for Catholics:

- How do you thank the Lord for His sacrifice on the cross?
- What does it mean to you to receive the Eucharist reverently?
- How do you feel God’s love in adoration? catholiclink.



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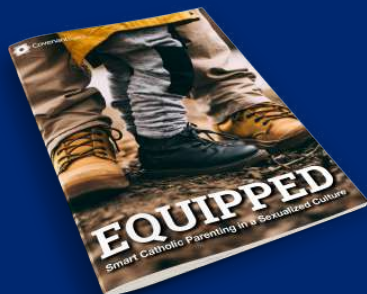
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COME TO THE BREAD RALLY!!

Monday, April 15, 2024, 7-8:30 p.m.
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IC Carpool leaves the Parish Office Parking lot at 6:30 p.m. Learn the latest on how putting your faith in action through BREAD's current issues is making Columbus a more just and pleasant place to live and raise your family. For more information, contact MaryAnn at (614) 530-5872 or Ed at (614) 202-7012. ALL are welcome!

YWCA FAMILY SHELTER DINNER – APRIL 19

Sign-up board available in the Gathering Space

Immaculate Conception is providing dinner for the YWCA Family Shelter this Friday, April 19. Food donations are needed. Volunteers are also needed to help in the preparation and boxing of meals at the Family Center.

For more information, or to sign up for food donations or time, go to iccols.org, Quick Links, YWCA Shelter Dinner Sign-up. Also, a sign-up board is now available in the Gathering Space near the welcome desk.

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Art Show - Bishop Watterson will hold its annual Art Show on Thursday, April 18 from 4-7 p.m. Artwork by students from Bishop Watterson and its feeder schools will be featured. All are welcome!

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SAFE HAVEN SUNDAY

Inspired by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) formal statement, *Create in Me a Clean Heart: A Pastoral Response to Pornography*, Safe Haven Sunday is a weekend set aside within the liturgical calendar by dioceses and parishes to directly address the societal harms of pornography.

This year, Safe Haven Sunday is observed April 13 and 14 throughout the Diocese of Columbus, having a special focus on awareness and prevention of human trafficking. *Dignitas Infinita* Article 41 states, "Human trafficking must also be counted among the grave violations of human dignity."

In the bulletin, you will find an insert that gives parents access to a free digital resource to help make your home a *safe haven* for all. Additionally, you can find links with more information on the USCCB's Anti-trafficking program and child abuse prevention resources at columbuscatholic.org/safe-haven-Sunday.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Your IC Knights thank parishioners for their support of the Fish Fry. Funds raised for charity will go to storm victims of Indian Lake and Russell's Point, Ohio. Support of our seminarians and many other Charities benefit from our works. Faith with Works of Charity. MEN of IC- Join us! If you volunteered or enjoyed the Fish Fry and are not a Knight, join us - Council 14962. Join your IC Knights! Use this QR code or contact Jim@mpex.com.




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.

Vocations

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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, April 20, 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.
 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.

CANCER PRAYER SERVICE AT MARIA STEIN SHRINE

The Shrine is pleased to be able to offer the St. Peregrine Relic for prayer and veneration. Three times per year a prayer service is held for those who are on a journey with cancer, whether it be as a patient or as a caregiver. The next service will be held on Sunday, April 21 at 2 p.m. in the Shrine's Adoration Chapel. This event is free and open to the public. All who have been affected by cancer are encouraged to attend. The Shrine is located at 2291 St. Johns Road, Maria Stein, OH. For those battling cancer, you can submit your name or a loved one's name for prayer. Please contact Caleb Gaier at c.gaier@mariasteinshrine.org or call (419) 925-4532.



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Please check the following link for more information, to register and/or to sponsor: <https://www.supportlifepdhc.org/golf>.

For any other questions, please reach out to Anne Marie Weakley at annemarie@pdhc.org. Thanks for partnering with us to love, serve and support those whom God brings in contact with PDHC.

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