

THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST



**IMMACULATE
CONCEPTION**
CATHOLIC CHURCH

414 E. NORTH BROADWAY
COLUMBUS, OH 43214

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(614) 267-9241

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(614) 267-6579
www.iccols.org

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

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. 605 or at marivera@iccols.org.

Alleluia

He is Risen!

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*Stained glass window: The Resurrection, Immaculate Conceptions Church, Columbus

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, APRIL 26
Acts 4:13-21; Mk 16:9-15
4:00 p.m. Adelbert & Rose Marie Fraise †

SUNDAY, APRIL 27
Acts 5:12-16; Rev 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19; Jn 20:19-31
8:30 a.m. Alex & Isabelle Timko †
11:00 a.m. For the People of
Immaculate Conception Parish

MONDAY, APRIL 28
Acts 4:23-31; Jn 3:1-8
8:30 a.m. Kathryn & Jim Clark †

TUESDAY, APRIL 29
Acts 4:32-37; Jn 3:7b-15
6:15 p.m. Pope Francis †

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30
Acts 5:17-26; Jn 3:16-21
8:30 a.m. Pope Francis †

THURSDAY, MAY 1
Acts 5:27-33; Jn 3:31-36
8:30 a.m. For the Living & Deceased Members
of the IC Women's Club

FRIDAY, MAY 2
Acts 5:34-42; Jn 6:1-15
8:30 a.m. Mary DeVol †

SATURDAY, MAY 3
1 Cor 15:1-8; Jn 14:6-14
4:00 p.m. Wes and Fran Walker †

SUNDAY, MAY 4
Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41; Rev 5:11-14; Jn 21:1-19
8:30 a.m. For the People of
Immaculate Conception Parish
11:00 a.m. Mike Hill †

† Deceased

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LITURGICAL MINISTERS SCHEDULE – MAY 3 & 4, 2025

MASS TIMES	4:00 p.m.	8:30 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS	Karen & John Groeber	Chris Atzberger Dam Do	Ron & Patty Bitler
LECTORS	Scott Reing-Hurley	Barb Nini	Anne Shea
ALTAR SERVERS	Sydney Collver Lila Hatem Maren Handerson Nate Henderson	Jack Zilly Daniel Barnes Mia Abens Jack Abens	Romy Adams Reilly Allen Alayna Devlin Brooks Devlin
GREETERS	Hatchel Family Edwards Family Colleen Kent	Mike Demko Bobby Clark Michele Sapp	MacKinnon Family Anna Laurent Willard Family
WELCOME DESK	Patty Conway	Needed	Anne Campbell

MINISTRY SCHEDULES

Ministry schedules are available on the parish website. To see complete schedules, go to iccols.org>Parish Life>Organization Schedules.

SCHEDULING MASS INTENTIONS

One of the greatest acts of charity is to pray for the living and the dead (a spiritual work of mercy). The greatest and most powerful prayer we have is the Mass since the fruits of the Mass are the very fruits of Jesus' redemption. Mass stipends (offerings) are \$10.00 each with only one intention per Mass. Mass Intentions are scheduled by calling the Parish Office at (614) 267-9241, emailing icoffice@iccols.org, or mailing your request to the Parish Office. We will do our best to honor the dates and times requested, but no day/time can be guaranteed. **Currently, we are scheduling Mass Intentions through September 2025.**

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 **Sharon Kendall**. Thank you for your generosity.

LIVESTREAMED MASSES

Immaculate Conception Parish livestreams 8:30 a.m. Sunday Masses and 8:30 a.m. Wednesday and Friday morning Masses for individuals who are unable to come to church. Go to www.iccols.org and scroll down to "Mass Schedule," then "See the Mass." Livestreamed Masses are archived and can be experienced at a later time.

ASSISTED LISTENING DEVICES ARE AVAILABLE FOR MASS

Assisted listening devices are available for use during Mass. If you are interested in using one of these devices, please go to the sacristy before Mass.

MESSAGE FROM ANA GALUZY

It has been such a blessing to be able to teach Catechesis of the Good Shepherd here at Immaculate Conception this year for children in the parish. Due to my personal life, still being in college, and after praying about where I feel the Lord is asking me to give of myself, I have discerned that I will not be returning. I hope and pray that the Lord will allow CGS to bear much fruit in this parish.

In Christ,
Ana Galuzny

DIVINE
MERCY

Sunday

April 27, 2025

Our Lady of Peace
Catholic Church & School
301 East Columbus Blvd
Columbus, Ohio 43214
(614) 267-9241 | www.ic-parish.org

1-3:30pm
Exposition of the
Blessed Sacrament

2-2:30pm
Confessions
Available

3-3:30pm
Singing of the
Divine Mercy Chaplet
followed by Benediction

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY, APRIL 27

The Divine Mercy Message and Devotion

The message of The Divine Mercy is simple. It is that God loves us – all of us. And, He wants us to recognize that His mercy is greater than our sins, so that we will call upon Him with trust, receive His mercy, and let it flow through us to others. Thus, all will come to share His joy.

In addition to the services at **Our Lady of Peace, St. Christopher Church**, 1420 Grandview Avenue, Columbus, 43212 will have a Divine Mercy hour from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. with the Chaplet and other prayers, followed by a Mass at 3 p.m. with Fr. William Hahn. **St. Michael Church**, 5750 N. High Street, Worthington, OH 43085, will have the Sacrament of Confession and Exposition of the Eucharist from 1:30 to 4 p.m. with the sung Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3 p.m. To learn more about Divine Mercy, the devotion and prayers, please visit <https://www.thedivinemercy.org/>.

SCHOOL ADVISORY BOARD NOMINATIONS

The School Advisory Board is seeking candidates for the upcoming 2025-2026 school year. The School Advisory Board exists to give the Catholic Lay Community a voice in education decision-making. Regular meetings are typically held on the second Thursday of the month, except for the summer months as well as December. Additional committee meetings may also be scheduled. This is a 3-year term commitment. Interested candidates should submit their photo and short biography to the School Advisory Board Vice President, Danielle Culbertson at danielle.w.culbertson@gmail.com by **Monday, April 28**. Feel free to reach out to Danielle directly via email with any questions regarding this opportunity.

Evangelization Corner

Growing in my Prayer Life

Prior to receiving this booklet I had a sporadic prayer life, now I pray every morning using this method. Initially, I was hesitant because I don't like to journal, but once I started, I realized it's like writing a letter to Jesus. The five steps help me to stay focused and are easy to remember and follow. I like that it's so comprehensive in that I both talk to God in greeting, sharing and worship as well as listen to God through scripture reading and meditation. I've been using this method for two years and I am so grateful for my deepening relationship with God.

Olivia Fetko

How to have a Personal Prayer Time by André Regnier
We recently distributed these booklets prior to Lent, if you did not receive a copy and are interested please contact mariveraeiccols.org

New Movie on Saintly Carlo Acutis to Hit Theaters Highlighting his Devotion to the Eucharist!

Though his canonization is now delayed, check out local listings to watch this movie about Carlo Acutis.



Carlo Acutis features Carlo's family and friends sharing their firsthand experiences and his impact on their lives. The documentary film also features well-known voices in the Catholic Church and technology experts who offer a model for young people to engage in the digital world.

In a world losing itself to screens, teenage mystic Carlo Acutis saw beyond the social media-addicted society we live in and offered an answer... if we're willing to listen.



IC PARISH FESTIVAL 2025

FIRST PLANNING SESSION MAY 1st 7PM

Summer is just around the corner and it's festival season again! Did you love the festival and want to help out? Have ideas to make it even better?

We are seeking people that have ideas and want to lead or understudy in a variety of areas: Silent Auction, Beverages, Entertainment, Games, and more.

Please attend our first meeting on May 1st in Marian Hall or reach out to Eric @ etorger2@gmail.com (740-505-9084) with any thoughts or questions!

*Give thanks to the Lord
for he is good,
His love is everlasting.*

TIME, TALENT & TREASURE

Fostering Stewardship as a Way of Life

Fiscal Year 7/1/2024-6/30/2025 • Offertory Report 4/20/2025

	4/20/2025	YTD 2024/2025
Recorded Envelopes/Checks	\$ 29,374	\$ 1,049,163
Loose Cash	\$ 2,165	\$ 39,100
TOTAL RECEIVED	\$ 31,539	\$ 1,088,263
Weekly Operating Expenses	\$ 27,000	\$ 1,134,000
Weekly Overage/(Shortage)	\$ 4,539	\$ (45,737)
Families Receiving Envelopes		840
Envelopes Received		194
Families on EFT		386
Good Friday Collection for the Holy Land		\$ 2,185

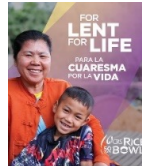


Manage your electronic contributions online! Visit www.iccols.org and click "Offertory & Stewardship" under the Giving menu. Alternatively, text "Give" to (614) 953-6436, or scan the QR code to the left. Thank you for your financial support of our Catholic faith here in our parish. We are grateful for your generosity.

"For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also." (Matthew 6:21)

RICE BOWL – LAST CALL FOR RICE BOWL DONATIONS!

There's still time to return your Rice Bowl box/donation. You can give the box to an usher, convert your donation to cash or a check and place it in the Offertory collection, or donate online by going to iccols.org>Give Now> Choose Rice Bowl from the dropdown menu.



IC SPRING FAMILY CLEAN-UP DAY!

On Saturday, May 3 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, work side-by-side with friends and also 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 May 3! We meet at the grotto.

HIGH SCHOOL HANGOUT

UPCOMING EVENTS

INCOMING FRESHMEN ARE INVITED TO JOIN THE HIGH SCHOOLERS FOR OUR FINAL EVENTS OF THE SCHOOL YEAR!

NAVIGATING HIGH SCHOOL

MAY 4TH, 6:30-8PM IN ROOM A

GRAND FINALE!

MAY 18TH, 6:30-8PM IN ROOM A
FOOD, FRIENDS, AND FUN

**FOR QUESTIONS, CONTACT VERONICA
AT VDANNEMILLER@ICCOLS.ORG**

SOCIAL CONCERNS

OPEN SHELTER MEAL

MONDAY, MAY 5, 2025

The Open Shelter meal for homeless and marginally housed individuals is next Monday, May 5, 2025. We need donations of sloppy joes, mac & cheese, cookies, lunch-size chips, snacky desserts, bottled water and sturdy, clean to-go containers (can be recycled ones). Cash donations are welcome. Arrangements can be made to pick up your donations on that Monday or earlier in the week or weekend if Monday by 10 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.

SCHOOL NEWS & ACTIVITIES

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE ANNUAL IC ART SHOW! The Art Show will take place **May 2-4** in the IC gym. The show will be open to teachers and students during the school day on Friday, May 2. The show will be open to the public Friday, May 2, 3-4 p.m., Saturday, May 3, 5-6 p.m., Sunday, May 4 from 9:30-10:30 a.m. and 12-1 p.m. The theme is **Exploring Art Supplies through Environments (EASE)**. The students have been exploring all the facets of God's creation for inspiration in their artwork. They are excited to show you their masterpieces.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PRESCHOOL

CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD



"Help me to draw close to God by myself."

"The atrium is a space to spend time with Jesus."



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RESERVE YOUR SPOT!

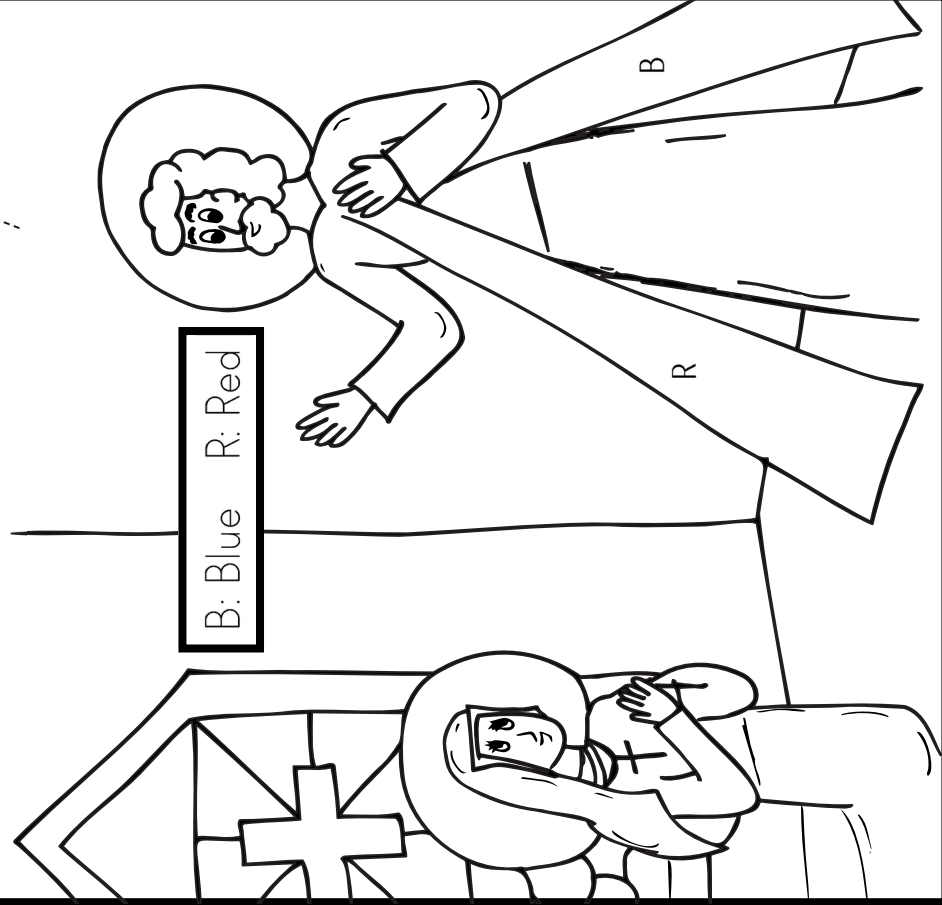
Saint Faustina

Jesus appeared to Saint Faustina and asked her to paint a picture of Jesus with the words, "Jesus, I trust in You."

She taught people about Divine Mercy.

Divine means God. Mercy means forgiveness.

Divine Mercy



Catholic Kids

Bulletin

April 27, 2025
Divine Mercy
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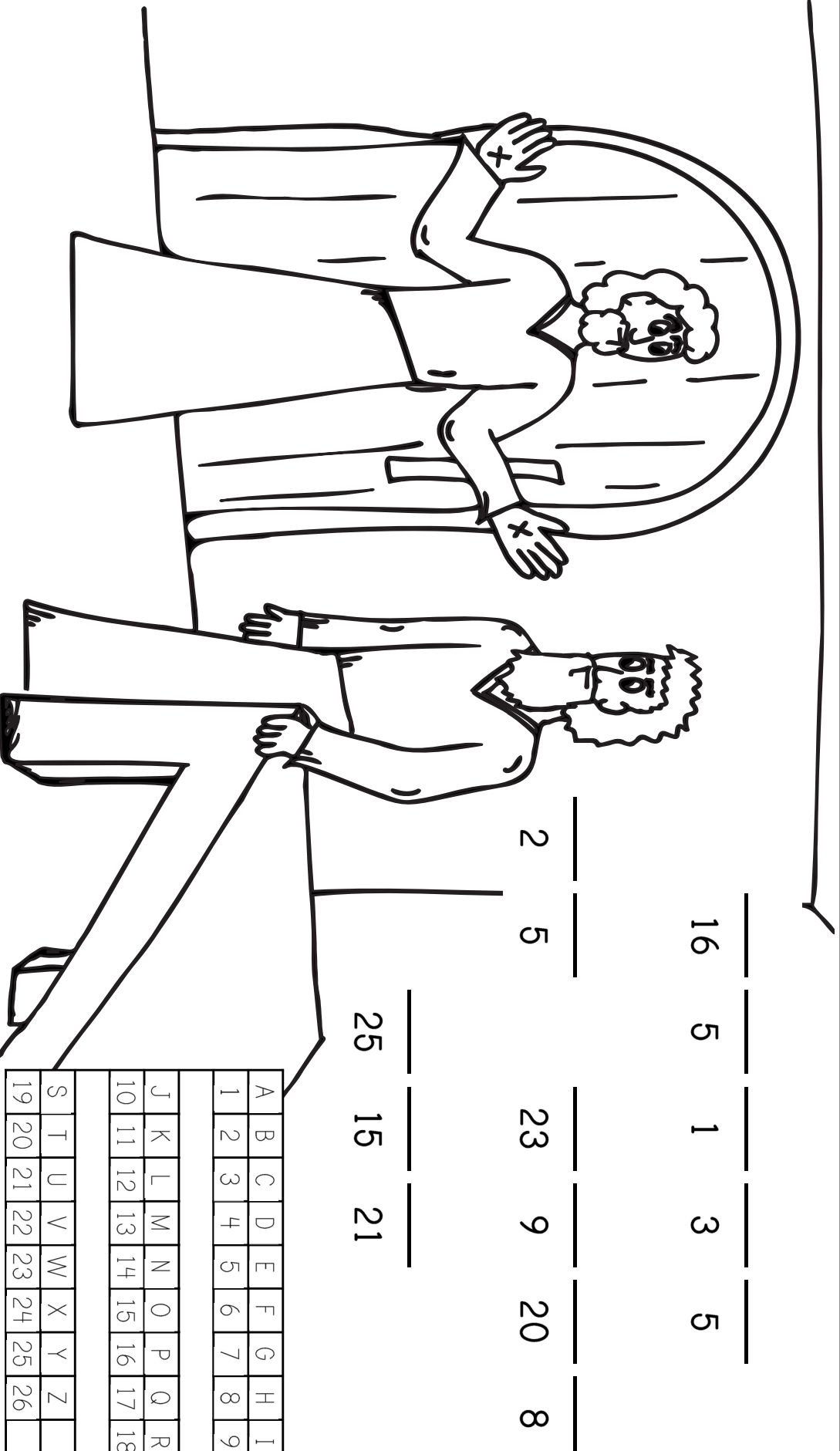
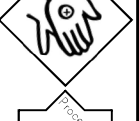
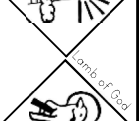
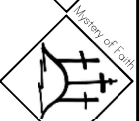
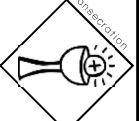
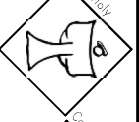
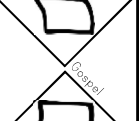
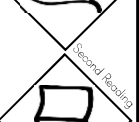
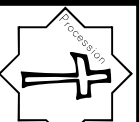
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Give thanks to
the Lord for He
is good, his
Love is
everlasting.



Learn part of the Divine Mercy Chaplet. "For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world."



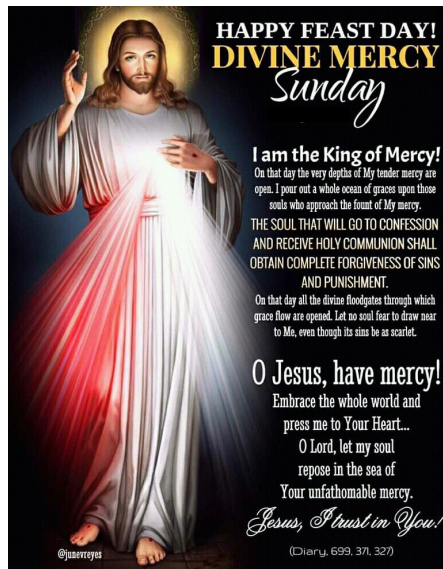
Gospel

Jesus rose from the dead and visited the disciples. Thomas didn't believe his friends when they told him about it. Jesus appeared to Thomas and said, "Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed."

FAITH FORMATION

Immaculate Conception Church

April 27, 2025



Divine Mercy is the heart of the Gospel. If we really look at how God has revealed Himself in Scripture and Church Tradition, we discover afresh how mercy is essential to understanding His message of love and salvation. Mercy even reveals His very identity. With this understanding of God and His revelation to us, we can ask for His mercy, be merciful to others, and strive to completely trust in His Son, who is Divine Mercy Incarnate.

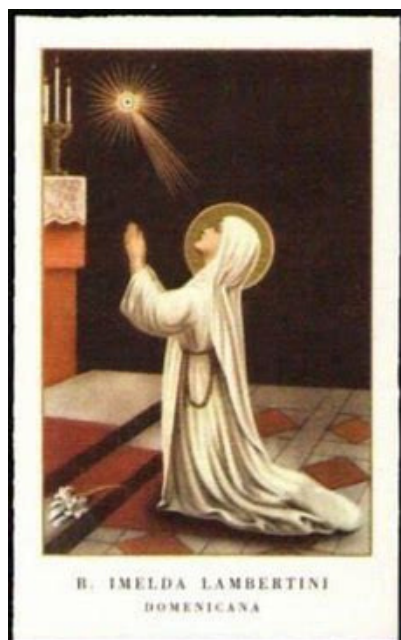
God Is Mercy

The merciful love of God is the central theme of the Bible. In the Old Testament, God solemnly declared to Moses that He is "a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness" (Ex 34:6). In fact, the whole story of God's

Chosen People, Israel, shows how the Lord taught them more and more of His faithfulness to His merciful love for them, and His compassion for their plight. As Pope John Paul II wrote in his encyclical *Rich in Mercy*: "In the course of [Israel's] history, this people continuously entrusted itself, both when stricken with misfortune and when it became aware of its sin, to the God of mercies" (4).

The great mystic St. Catherine of Siena found the mercy of God expressed through all of His acts of creation and redemption, so that she finally exclaimed, "O Mercy! My heart is engulfed with the thought of You! For wherever I turn my thoughts, I find nothing but Mercy!" (The Dialogue, 30).

What then is the meaning of Divine "Mercy"? God's very nature is love (see Jn 4:8): infinite, eternal, self-giving love among the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. But "mercy" is the form that God's love takes when it overflows His divine life and pours out upon His creatures. This Divine Mercy is compassionate love - a love that seeks to meet the needs and relieve the miseries of others.



Who is the patron saint of First Communicants?

Blessed Imelda Lambertini had one lifelong desire: to receive Jesus in Holy Communion.

Little Imelda was just five years old when, one day in 1327, she went to her parents and expressed her greatest desire: to receive her First Holy Communion immediately. You can imagine the joy and surprise Imelda's parents felt upon hearing such a request from so young a child. But Imelda had to wait. At that time, laity received communion only on special occasions, and children made their First Communion after their twelfth year. For the next few years, Imelda spent most of her time contemplating Jesus in the Eucharist and the ecstasy of one day receiving Him into her soul. Periodically, she asked again to make her First Communion. Even though the answer was always the same, she never stopped asking. Two years later, on the Feast of the Ascension, she made her request again. The answer came back the same: "No, Imelda, not yet. Soon, but not yet." After Mass, all the sisters left the chapel. Soon they found that Imelda was not with them and hurried back to find her. There she was kneeling before the tabernacle and gazing with sparkling eyes upon a Eucharistic host miraculously suspended above her. Seeing this, the priest gave her her First Holy Communion. Imelda received Jesus with keen joy and adoration. Her communion with Him was so complete that He called her soul to be in heaven with Him immediately.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

July 14 -18, 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Open to children age 4 through upcoming 5th graders (for Fall 2025) Cost: \$40/child, with a maximum fee of \$80 per family. Put your trust in Jesus and let Him guide the way; He is our True North! Registration is open now. Register at www.iccols.org/vacation-Bible-school/. For questions, contact Veronica at vdannemiller@iccols.org.



MEN'S DAY OF REFLECTION

*Catholic Seminaries:
The Antidote for What Ails Society*

Led by Father Thomas Blau, OP, STL

Saturday, August 2, 2025

9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Pontifical College Josephinum

7625 N High St | Columbus, OH

pcj.edu/mensdayofreflection

MARRIED COUPLES WEEKEND RETREAT

May 2-4, 2025, 5361 S. Milford Road, Milford, OH 45150
(513) 248-3500

The Jesuit Spiritual Center at Milford is offering a Married Couples Weekend Retreat. Renew, refresh and recommit on this weekend retreat for married couples. Take some time to catch your breath, rest, relax, pray, and enjoy each other as you deepen your love and friendship with one another. Sean and Leah Reynolds will guide you through seven essential building blocks for healthy, happy, and holy marriages that can make a positive difference back home. Visit www.jesuitspiritualcenter.com for more information.

ANNUAL MOTHER'S DAY CAMPAIGN FOR MOMMIES MATTER!

With a vision of every mother embracing her dignity and value as a woman, Mommies Matter journeys with single, pregnant mothers from all over Central Ohio, from their pregnancy to the birth of their child, and beyond. This Mother's Day, you're invited to join Mommies Matter in their efforts by making a donation between May 4-11 in honor of the special mother in your life. Those who become a monthly donor (or increase their monthly donation) of \$9 or more, or who make a one-time donation of \$40 or more, will receive a Mommies Matter T-shirt. All donors in these amounts will also be entered into a drawing to win a microfacial at The Spa at River Ridge in Dublin.

For more information, visit www.mommiesmatter.org/mothers-day. Mommies Matter is a charitable organization that provides group and one-on-one mentoring support, as well as housing, educational, employment and financial assistance to brave, single, pregnant moms. Together, our Mommies find the encouragement and support they need to thrive as they realize they are not alone.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION HOME AND
SCHOOL ASSOCIATION
PRESENTS

FOOD TRUCK Festival



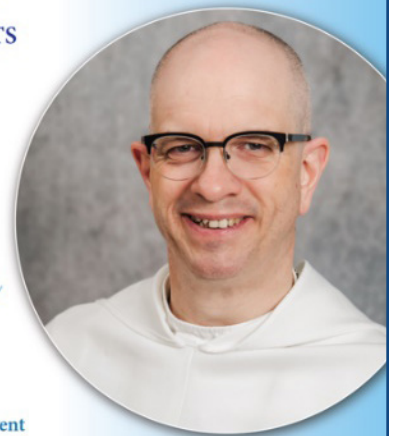
Friday, May 16th, 5-8 PM

**Immaculate Conception
Parking Lot
366-414 E. North Broadway
43214**

JOIN US

BRIDGETTINE SISTERS' WOMEN'S MINI RETREATS

*Power of
Mary's
Intercession*



Saturday, May 3rd, 9 am-12 pm
9am Mass at Holy Family Church
Light Breakfast at Bridgettine Convent
Suggested donation \$40

with FATHER DANIEL BOWEN, O. DE M.



Scan QR Code to RSVP
by APRIL 30TH or email
BridgettineSisters1@gmail.com

MAY 3RD

WOMEN'S
MINI RETREAT
9AM to 12PM

WHERLE CLASS OF 1975 REUNION

Wehrle High School Class of 1975 will hold a 50-year reunion on Friday, August 8, 2025 at 6 p.m. at the Shamrock Club, 60 W. Castle Road, Columbus, Ohio 43207. For more information, contact Sheri Baumann Bellmore at Sheri.bellmore@yahoo.com, cell number (614) 701-7102.



WORLD'S LARGEST DIAPER DRIVE

Bottoms Up Diaper Bank envisions a community where every baby has a sufficient supply of diapers to remain clean, dry, and healthy. Through partnerships with local social service agencies, we provide free diapers to low-income families and work tirelessly to raise awareness about the essential health needs for diapers.

This May, join us in our most ambitious project yet: the World's Largest Diaper Drive™. Our goal is to collect more than 1,000,000 diapers to meet the growing demand and make a tangible difference in the lives of those in need. You can hold a Diaper Drive, volunteer, be a sponsor, or donate. To learn more, go to <https://worldslargestdiaperdrive.org/>.

NEW DEVOTIONAL PRAYER GROUP FOR MENTAL HEALTH HELD IN CATHEDRAL ON 2ND WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH

Are you or someone you know struggling with depression or other mental health maladies? Have you or a family member survived the loss of a loved one who took his/her own life? St. Dymphna, an Irish Virgin & Martyr, is the Roman Catholic patron saint for Mental Health and those troubled with mental and nervous disorders. The only North American shrine to St. Dymphna is in Massillon, Ohio. Official Church Patronage: "against depression, epilepsy, for victims of incest, insanity, loss of parents, rape, trauma, PTSD, help for those afflicted with mental disorders, support for mental health professionals and mental health caregivers, psychiatrists, those afflicted by nervous disorders, neurological disorders, sleep disorders."

A new monthly Exposition of the relic of St. Dymphna and devotional prayer hour will be held at St. Joseph Cathedral on the 2nd Wednesday of each month, immediately following the 5-6 p.m. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. Litanies and prayers for intercession will be led by Cathedral Lector, Miss Josie Gonot, OPA, who holds a Perpetual Membership at the National Shrine and is also an Associate of the Dominican Sisters of Peace. Afflicted people of all faiths and their loved ones are welcome to beg the healing intercession of this young Irish martyr. Contact Miss Josie Gonot at (614) 209-3337 with questions.

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Pope Francis, who died April 21 at the age of 88, gave new energy to millions of Catholics as he transformed the image of the papacy into a pastoral ministry based on personal encounters and strong convictions about poverty, mission and dialogue. U.S. Cardinal Kevin J. Farrell, chamberlain of the Holy Roman Church, announced that Pope Francis had died at 7:35 a.m. "His whole life was dedicated to the service of the Lord and His Church," Cardinal Farrell said in a video announcement broadcast from the chapel of the Domus Sanctae Marthae, where Pope Francis lived.

Promoting peace, solidarity and respect for the Earth, the pope insisted people needed to recognize each other as brothers and sisters and issued an encyclical about that, "Fratelli Tutti, on Fraternity and Social Friendship." He signed the text at the tomb of St. Francis of Assisi on the saint's feast day, October 4, 2020.

Pope Francis spent much of the first nine years of his pontificate pursuing two ambitious projects: revitalizing the Church's efforts at evangelization – constantly urging outreach rather than a preoccupation with internal church affairs – and reforming the central administration of the Vatican, emphasizing its role of assisting bishops around the world rather than dictating policy to them.

On March 19, 2022, the ninth anniversary of the inauguration of his papacy, he finally promulgated "Praedicate Evangelium" ("Preach the Gospel"), his complete restructuring of the Roma Curia, highlighting its mission to serve the Church's evangelization efforts at all levels.

"Go out" was Pope Francis' constant plea to every Catholic, from curial cardinals to the people in the pews. More than once, he told people that while the Bible presents Jesus as knocking at the door of people's hearts to get in, today Jesus is knocking at the doors of parish churches trying to get out and among the people.

Read the full article: "Global pastor: In word and deed, pope preached mercy, outreach" by Cindy Wooden, Catholic News Service <https://www.usccb.org/news/2025/global-pastor-word-and-deed-pope-preached-mercy-outreach> (Accessed April 21, 2025).