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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

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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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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.

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MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, APRIL 5

Jer 11:18-20; Jn 7:40-53

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

SUNDAY, APRIL 6

Is 43:16-21; Phil 3:8-14; Jn 8:1-11

8:30 a.m. Frank Atzberger †
11:00 a.m. Pete Reichley †

MONDAY, APRIL 7

Dan 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62; Jn 8:12-20

8:30 a.m. For the Living & Deceased Members
of St. Vincent de Paul Society

TUESDAY, APRIL 8

Nm 21:4-9; Jn 8:21-30

6:15 p.m. Cynthia Mancini †

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9

Dan 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Jn 8:31-42

8:30 a.m. Louis Đỗ Văn Vĩnh †

THURSDAY, APRIL 10

Gen 17:3-9; Jn 8:51-59

8:30 a.m. For the Intention of the Priests
of the Diocese of Columbus

FRIDAY, APRIL 11

Jer 20:10-13; Jn 10:31-42

8:30 a.m. For the Intention of the
Msgr. William Dunn

SATURDAY, APRIL 12

Ez 37:21-28; Jn 11:45-56

4:00 p.m. Charles & Irene Cull †

SUNDAY, APRIL 13

Lk 19:28-40; Is 50:4-7; Phil 2:6-11; Lk 22:14-23:56

8:30 a.m. For the People of
Immaculate Conception Parish
11:00 a.m. JoAnn Dodds †

† Deceased

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LITURGICAL MINISTERS SCHEDULE – APRIL 12 & 13, 2025

| MASS TIMES | 4:00 p.m. | 8:30 a.m. | 11:00 a.m. |
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| EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS | Bobbie Mitch MaryAnn Grossman | Ann & Pete Eichel | Janet Wilks Jonathan Fortkamp |
| LECTORS | Holy Week | Holy Week | Holy Week |
| ALTAR SERVERS | Cecilia Keller Elliot Reing-Hurley Sophia Reing-Hurley Josh Schultheis | Jude Potokar Jane Racz Pete Racz Sam Rogers | Emerson Sloan Joe Snapp Sam Snapp Elise Stratton |
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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.

THE POPE'S INTENTION FOR APRIL

For the use of the new technologies.

Let us pray that the use of the new technologies will not replace human relationships, will respect the dignity of the person, and will help us face the crises of our times.

IN OUR PARISH



NEW PARISHIONERS

We welcome new parishioners to Immaculate Conception Parish: **James Dorio and Angelo, Kayleeania and Carter Beam; Shawn and Dylan Walsh**. 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.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

We welcome **Esther Jane Ghiloni**, the daughter of Nathaniel and Kendra† Ghiloni, who was received into the Church through the Sacrament of Baptism. Esther was baptized on March 30, 2025.



EQUIPPING THE FAMILY: HAVING CRITICAL CONVERSATIONS

The constant flood of influence that comes through the internet and social media in all of its various forms, along with social pressures from peers make it difficult for children to live virtuous and holy lives. In the digital age, it's not a matter of if your child will see something inappropriate online. It's only a matter of when. And regrettably, internet pornography is teaching our children how and what to think about sex and marriage. Therefore, the Diocese of Columbus is setting aside this weekend as Safe Haven Sunday. The most powerful tool we have when it comes to teaching our children about the beauty of their sexuality in the digital age is conversation. Real, honest, "look them in the eyes" conversations about their deep questions. In the digital age, passive parenting is not an option – the internet never rests! Celebrating through prayer and reflection within the context of the Mass, we will begin sharing free resources to give you confidence for how to talk to your children about internet dangers, as well as their personal online and offline choices.

Safe Haven Sunday is an initiative sponsored by Covenant Eyes that provides parents with guidance on how to form and protect their children in the internet age. **Scan the code to get your copy of Confident: Helping Parents Navigate Online Exposure.**



LENTEN THOUGHTS....

Forgive our sins as we forgive,
You taught us, Lord, to pray,
But you alone can grant us grace
To live the words we say.
How can your pardon reach and bless
The unforgiving heart
That broods on wrongs and will not let
Old bitterness depart?
In blazing light your cross reveals
The truth we dimly knew:
What trivial debts are owed to us,
How great our debt to you!
Lord, cleanse the depths within our souls
And bid resentment cease.
Then, bound to all in bonds of love,
Our lives will spread your peace.

Rosamond Herklots

"Let us sacrifice ourselves to God; further, let us go on every day offering ourselves and all our activities. Let us accept everything literally; let us imitate the passion by our sufferings; let us reverence the blood by our blood; let us be eager to climb the cross."

Gregory of Nazianzus, Fourth Century

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
 Knights of Columbus Lenten Fish Fry

EVERY Friday during Lent!

(March 7 - April 11)

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

MENU

Fried or Baked Fish, French Fries, Cole Slaw, Vegetable, and Roll. Complimentary Beverages, Adult Beverages & Dessert Available.

\$16 Adults

\$6 Kids Meals

(Fish/Pizza/M&C)

Carryout Available

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS!

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

NEW THIS YEAR

← Reserve a table \$200
Event Sponsor \$500 →
(includes table, signage
& announcement)

“The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.”

TIME, TALENT & TREASURE

Fostering Stewardship as a Way of Life

Fiscal Year 7/1/2024-6/30/2025 • Offertory Report 3/30/2025

| | 3/30/2025 | YTD 2024/2025 |
|-----------------------------------|------------|---------------|
| Recorded Envelopes/Checks | \$ 21,226 | \$ 974,707 |
| Loose Cash | \$ 838 | \$ 35,300 |
| TOTAL RECEIVED | \$ 22,064 | \$ 1,010,007 |
| Weekly Operating Expenses | \$ 27,000 | \$ 1,053,000 |
| Weekly Overage/ <i>(Shortage)</i> | \$ (4,936) | \$ (42,993) |
| Families Receiving Envelopes | | 841 |
| Envelopes Received | | 86 |
| Families on EFT | | 385 |



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 – A RECOMMITMENT TO END HUNGER

A story of hope from Bangladesh

Shahadat Hossain lives on Manpura Island in Bangladesh. A few years ago, Shahadat's family struggled to pay for basic household expenses like food and school fees. His father

worked as a motorbike driver but only earned a small income. His mother grew vegetables, but without much success. Their village, and much of Bangladesh, is located on flat lowlands. The intense rainy season causes flooding that often destroys farms and crops.

He and his mother joined a Catholic Relief Services' project – implemented in partnership with Caritas Bangladesh – that helps families reduce their risk from natural disasters like flooding, cyclones and river erosion. They learned how to protect their crops from floodwaters by planting on raised garden beds. They also learned how to make organic fertilizer to grow healthier crops. With their new skills, Shahadat and his mother boosted their vegetable harvest in just one year. "With the CRS training, my family can grow vegetables with less money. The vegetables I sell at the market help me to provide financially for my family," Shahadat says.

Visit crsricebowl.org/week-4 to read the complete Story of Hope.

Water pump tools and training cost \$235. A hand washing station costs \$30. Donate by using your Rice Bowl box or by going to iccols.org > Give Now > Choose Rice Bowl from the dropdown menu.



HIGH SCHOOL HANGOUT

Join us on April 6 and April 13 from 6:30-8 p.m. in Room A of the rectory. All high school students welcome!

Holy Week Schedule

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|----------------------------|--|
| Monday, April 14 | Daily Mass • 8:30 a.m. Confessions • 5:30 - 7:00 p.m. |
| Tuesday, April 15 | Daily Mass • 8:30 a.m. |
| Wednesday, April 16 | Daily Mass • 8:30 a.m. |
| Holy Thursday, April 17 | Mass of the Lord's Supper • 7:00 p.m. |
| Good Friday, April 18 | Liturgy of the Passion • 1:00 p.m. • 7:00 p.m. |
| Holy Saturday, April 19 | Easter Vigil • 8:45 p.m. |
| Easter Sunday, April 20 | Mass • 8:30 a.m. • 11:00 a.m. |



PARISH COUNCIL

JOIN US!

All members of our faith community are encouraged to attend the monthly Parish Council Commission meetings to learn more about the various ministries in our parish and how you can get involved. Share your ideas and talents and LET YOUR VOICE BE HEARD!

THE NEXT MEETING IS
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9 AT
6:30 P.M. IN MARIAN HALL

Evangelization Corner

Some of our parishioners have been involved in small faith sharing groups led by those that have gone through mission training. Here is how it has impacted a parishioner:

If you could list 3 things that have been transformative for your faith/relationship with Jesus since attending, what would they be?

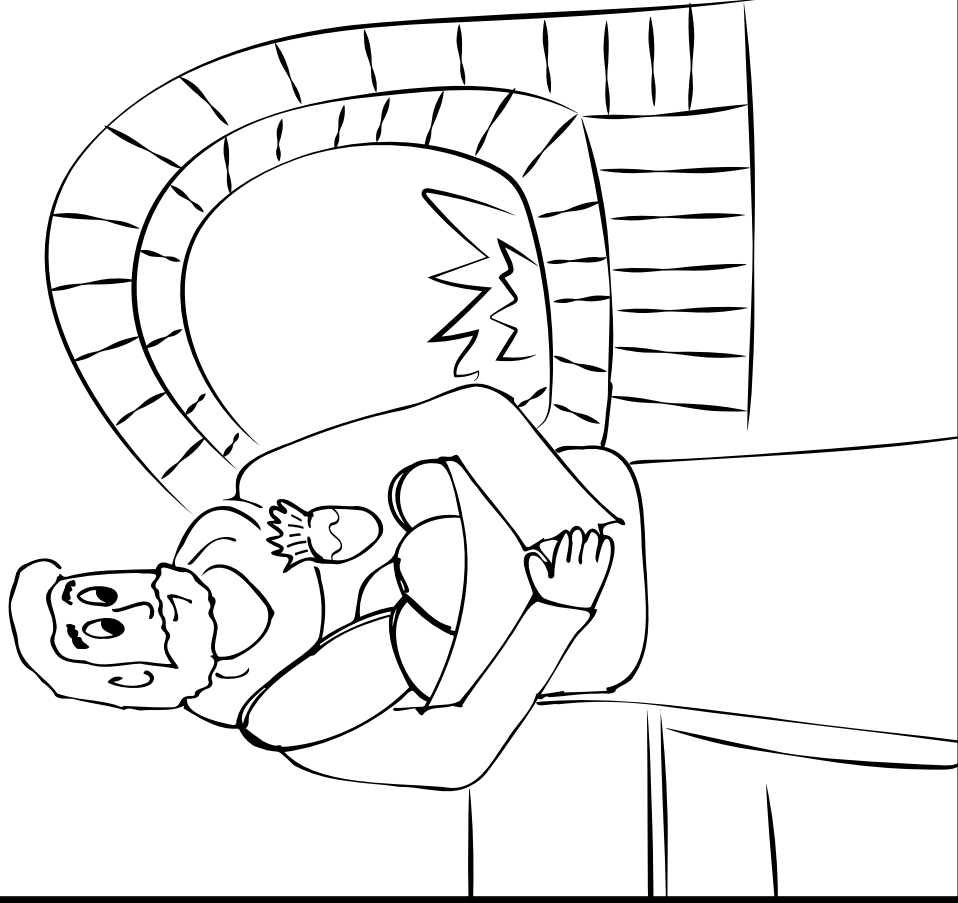
- I pray more
- I have found new ways to grow in my faith
- I discuss my faith with my spouse



If you want to learn more or are interested in this, please contact marivera@iccols.org

Saint Benedict of Palermo

Saint Benedict worked as a shepherd when he was young and gave his money to the poor. He was often teased, but stayed calm and kind even when others weren't kind to him. When he grew up, he joined the Franciscan Order of monks. Saint Benedict didn't know how to read, but he memorized a lot of the Bible and used scripture to build his faith. He loved to cook and gave away food to the poor. Even when there didn't seem to be enough food, miracles helped him feed everyone.



Catholic Kids

Bulletin

April 6, 2025

Lent

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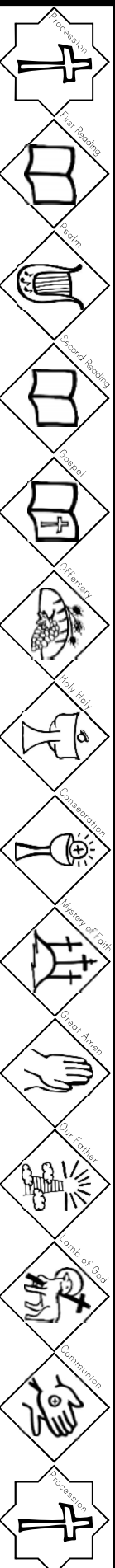
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with joy.

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If you have struggled with your
Lenten goals, this is a good
time to start again with your
fasting, prayer, and almsgiving.



Gospel



The Pharisees brought a woman to Jesus because she had sinned. Jesus said, "Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her." All of the Pharisees left, and Jesus forgave the woman for her sins.



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

April 2025

Immaculate Conception Church

Fr. Matthew Hoover

One Minute Meditations

St. Catherine of Siena

Born in 1347, St. Catherine began having divine visions as a young girl, and after much resistance from her family, she became a member of the Third Order of St. Dominic. She lived a life of solitude, prayer, poverty, mortification, and acts of charity. Her reputation for holiness spread and people began seeking her advice, especially to resolve political feuds peacefully. She is a Doctor of the Church for her works of doctrine and spiritual inspiration.

"Silent Saturday"

On Holy Saturday, also called "Silent Saturday," we recall Mary's silent waiting for Jesus' Resurrection. Waiting is part of God's plan, and He uses that time to heal and prepare our hearts for the next stage. Thank God for the seasons of waiting, as you prepare your heart and home to celebrate the joy of Easter Sunday.

Celebrate Mercy

Divine Mercy Sunday, established by Pope St. John Paul II in 2000, fulfills Jesus' request to St. Faustina Kowalska in the 1930s, calling the world to trust in His infinite mercy. It is celebrated on April 27 this year.

"If I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also" (John 14:3).

Anointed for a Mission

Living as Priest, Prophet, and King

In ancient Israel, priests and kings were anointed with oil as a sign that they were set apart for a sacred mission. In baptism, we too were anointed, marking us as belonging to Christ and sharing in His threefold office as priest, prophet, and king. As we approach our new life at Easter, we can take our proper place in His kingdom:

Priest

A priest serves as a bridge between God and humanity, offering sacrifices and interceding for others. We embrace our baptismal priesthood when we pray for others, make sacrifices on their behalf, and fully participate in the Mass with devotion and joy.

Prophet

A prophet is God's messenger, speaking the truth and calling people to conversion. A prophet's words have power because they flow from a holy life. We share in Christ's prophetic mission by living out our faith, teaching

others about God's love, and spreading the Gospel.

"But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, that you may declare the wonderful deeds of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light" (1 Peter 2:9).

King

A true king protects, leads, and serves as a model of virtue. We fulfill our royal calling when we guide and educate others in the faith, resist sin, and strive to lead others to Christ. We are servant leaders when we build up the Church, defend what is right, and help others on their path to salvation.

By fully living our faith, actively participating in the Church, and embracing the Sacraments, we do more than follow Christ—we become His hands and voice in the world. This is our calling and our mission.

Why Do Catholics Do That?

Why do Catholics venerate the Cross on Good Friday?

Veneration of the Cross is a devotion, traditionally observed during the Good Friday liturgy. The Church invites the faithful to bow, kneel, or in some other way venerate the image of the crucified Christ.

While physically kissing a statue may seem unusual, the act is not about the

object itself but about honoring the One it represents. Much like observing a moment of silence before a war memorial, we pause to remember and revere the greatest act of love. In this gesture, we express sorrow for sin, love for Christ, and gratitude for His saving victory.

Keep watch with Jesus

A Holy Thursday invitation

On Holy Thursday night, Jesus went to the Mount of Olives to pray. In His anguish, He turned to His disciples and asked, *"And he came to the disciples and found them sleeping; and he said to Peter, 'So, could you not watch with me one hour?'"* (Matthew 26:40). Yet, they slept.

That same night, Jesus instituted the Eucharist, ensuring His presence would remain with us always. This Holy Thursday, set aside an hour to stay with Him.

Enter the Garden: Meditate on Matthew 26:36-46 or Luke 22:39-46. Listen to Jesus' prayer of surrender: *"Thy will be*

done" (Matthew 26:42). Make it your own, trusting that God will bring all things to fulfillment in His perfect way.

Make a spiritual Communion: St. Thomas Aquinas described this as a prayer of longing for the Eucharist when receiving it physically isn't possible. Though it cannot replace the Mass, it is deeply pleasing to God and nourishes the soul.

Simply be present: Prayer is not about many words or devotions but about being with Him. This Holy Thursday, offer Jesus your silent presence—attentive, open, and watchful—for He is always present to you.

from Scripture

The two Resurrection appearances of Jesus to His disciples in this passage highlight God's merciful love. The first appearance was on Easter Sunday. He could have abandoned them, just as they had abandoned Him in the Garden of Gethsemane, but He didn't. Instead, Jesus appeared to them and gave them His peace, His Spirit, and the power to forgive sins in His name.

The second visit was for St. "Doubting" Thomas, who wasn't there the first time. He refused to believe that Jesus was really risen, despite the evidence of several eyewitnesses.

John 20:19-31, "Doubting" Thomas believes

He demanded physical proof. Jesus appeared in the Upper Room and invited him to touch Him. St. Thomas, moved to faith, cried out, *"My Lord and my God!"* (John 20:28).

This passage reminds us we can always bring our doubts, fears, and need for forgiveness to God, especially on this Sunday — Divine Mercy Sunday. To the disciples who abandoned Him, Jesus extended His peace and forgiveness. For St. Thomas who had been struggling with doubt, Jesus came in person to strengthen his faith. "Jesus, I trust in You!"

Q & A

How can I be sure that I am discerning God's will in prayer?

God calls all of us to greater holiness, deeper intimacy with Him and greater charity for others. If you feel God is calling you, consider the "roots and fruits" more carefully before responding.

While the Holy Spirit often works through our "holy imagination," not everything that pops into our heads is from Him. God will never tell us to sin or contradict Church teachings, and His voice is always gentle (if firm) and brings a deep peace that remains, even when our emotions and situations change.

Assuming the "roots" are good, you can take the first steps in answering the call. Examples of "good fruits" would be an increase in virtue, greater attraction to the Sacraments, a concrete change in how we treat others, and even a change of heart in others.

It's always good to find a good spiritual director when discerning "big" decisions, e.g., a vocation. Be at peace: if you are seeking God's will in good faith, He will direct you where you need to be.

Feasts & Celebrations

April 13 – Palm Sunday. On Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion, we recall Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem, when He was greeted by crowds waving palms and cheering, *"Hosanna to the Son of David!"* (Matthew 21:9). This Sunday marks the beginning of Holy Week.

April 16 – St. Joseph Benedict Labré (1783). Nicknamed "the poor man of the Forty Hours (Eucharistic devotion)," St. Benedict lived most of his life as a poor pilgrim. When he wasn't in church, he lived on the streets, in poverty and absorbed in prayer.

April 25 – St. Mark the Evangelist

(First Century). St. Mark wrote the second Gospel based on St. Peter's perspective and accompanied Saints Paul and Barnabas on their missionary journey in Cyprus. He is credited with founding the Church of Alexandria.

April 27 – Divine Mercy Sunday. Jesus promised St. Faustina that those who receive the Sacrament of Confession and the Eucharist on this day will receive complete forgiveness of sins and punishment—a grace akin to baptism. This extraordinary gift highlights God's desire to wipe away our past and renew us in His love.

April 28 – St. Louis de Montfort (1716). A French priest with a passion for preaching the Gospel, St. Louis had a special devotion to the Blessed Mother, and his True Devotion to Mary is widely popular today.

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FAITH FORMATION

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In Jesus we begin to understand the wonder contained in the words of the prophet Isaiah: “Remember not the events of the past; see, I am doing something new.” That wonder takes on a personal face in the woman caught in adultery.

Her recent past is all too evident; she was caught in her sin. Now it’s time for punishment. Jesus silences the accusing voices around her when he tells them: “Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her.” And we’re told they leave one by one. Imagine how surprised the woman must have been when Jesus speaks to her: “Is there no one to condemn you? Neither do I condemn you. Go, and from now on do not sin anymore.” God is certainly doing something new here.

The truth is: Jesus knows our sins better than anyone, even us. But he chooses not to condemn us. Jesus doesn’t ignore our sins. He fully agrees with his Father that sin must be punished. But Jesus loves us so much that he freely decides to take our punishment on himself. On the cross, every penalty for all the sins ever committed was placed on Jesus. He chose to suffer for us and never blamed us.

This morning, Jesus is telling us once again: have confidence in God’s mercy and forgiveness. How will we respond? Are we willing to bring our sins humbly to the Lord and ask forgiveness? Where else can we experience a love that forgives so freely? Then, in our gratitude, let us heed the words of Jesus: “Go and sin no more,” and know that Jesus makes that possible with the help of his grace. May our gratitude express itself in our willingness to forgive others. <https://www.oblates.org/>

THE MONTH OF APRIL: DEVOTION TO THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

The Holy Eucharist, also known as the Blessed Sacrament, is the real presence of Jesus Christ's body and blood under the appearances of consecrated bread and wine. It is the central mystery of the Catholic faith and the source and summit of the Christian life.

Pope John Paul II designated April as the Month of the Eucharist in 2003. He chose April because it is the month when Catholics celebrate important feasts and solemnities related to the Eucharist.



The most significant event is Holy Thursday, which commemorates the Last Supper when Jesus instituted the Eucharist on the night before his crucifixion. Holy Thursday begins the Easter Triduum, the three-day celebration of Christ's passion, death, and resurrection.

This month, why not make a special effort to spend some time in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament? It doesn’t need to be long or elaborate: You can start simply by making the Sign of the Cross and uttering a short profession of faith, such as “My Lord and my God!” as you pass a Catholic church. If you have the time to stop for five minutes, all the better.

<https://blessedbegodboutique.com/>

SCHOOL ADVISORY BOARD NOMINATIONS

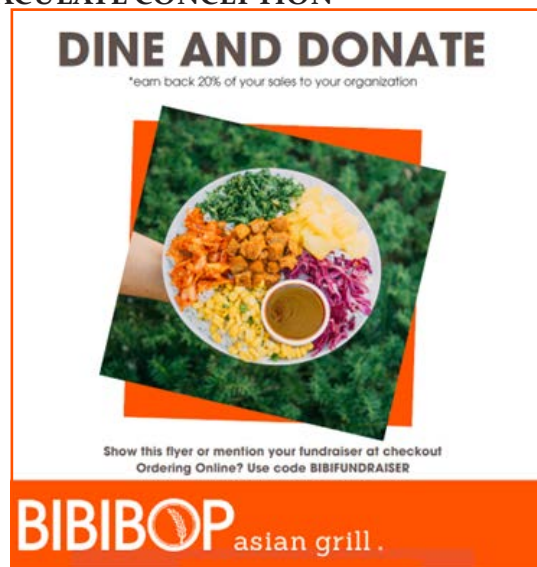
The School Advisory Board is seeking candidates for the upcoming 2025-2026 school year. The School Advisory Board exists to give the Catholic Lay Community a voice in education decision-making. Regular meetings are typically held on the second Thursday of the month, except for the summer months as well as December. Additional committee meetings may also be scheduled. This is a three-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 7. Feel free to reach out to Danielle directly via email with any questions regarding this opportunity.

INVITATION FROM THE IC GARDEN MINISTRY

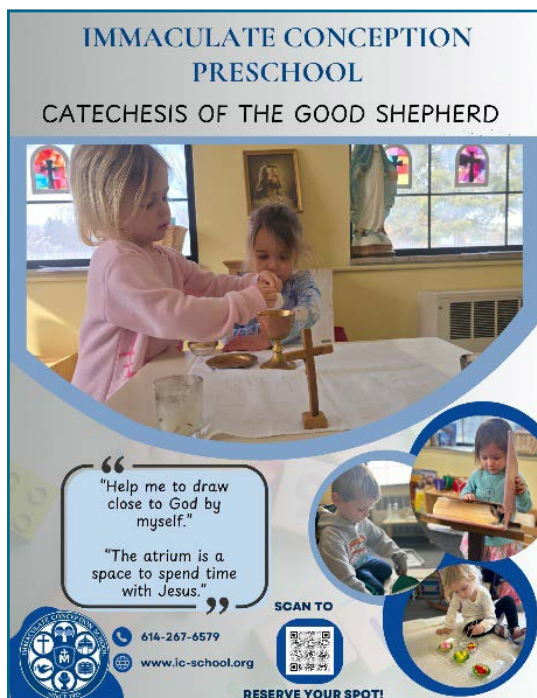
Please join the IC Garden Ministry, Saturday, April 12, 9 to 11 a.m., to prepare the flower beds for Easter. We will be weeding and planting around the grounds. Please add your effort and strength to our efforts. No experience needed. Bring hand tools, gloves, and a water bottle. Questions? Contact Chris Atzberger at tatzberger@columbus.rr.com, Carol Rodock at carol.rodock@gmail.com; or Janet Wilks at jwilks123@gmail.com.

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ST. CHARLES

St. Charles Offering 33 Summer Programs, Camps, and Classes

This June and July, St. Charles will host 33 exciting camps and classes for students of all ages and interests. Options include co-ed camps in Robotics, Volleyball, Ice Hockey, and Basketball, for those as young as incoming 1st graders! Students can also participate in *Camp Cardinal*, a fun-filled day camp exploring the best of St. Charles, along with Baseball, Basketball Shooting, Football, Lacrosse, Soccer, and Speed camps. For incoming freshmen, St. Charles also offers readiness courses in Latin, Algebra, English Preparation, and Study Skills. To register or learn more, visit www.scprep.org and select "Summer Programs" under the "Admissions" section. For questions, contact Ned Gruber at (614) 804-7230 or ngruber@scprep.org.

ST. FRANCIS DESALES

Stallion Boys Basketball Summer League – The Stallion Summer League is open to boys entering grades 5-9 in the fall of 2025. All games are played at DeSales and St. Matthias. Games are on Tuesdays and Thursdays in June. Contact Pat Murphy for any questions at patmurphy@desales.co.

Lady Stallions Girls Basketball Summer League – The Lady Stallions Summer League is open to girls entering grades 5-9 in the fall of 2025. All games are played at DeSales and St. Matthias. Games are on Mondays and Wednesdays in June. Contact Kevin Weakley for any questions at girlsbasketball@desales.co.

The registration deadline for both leagues is May 1. Please visit <https://www.stallionpride.com/stallion-summer-league> for information and registration. Registration by May 1 is \$200; after May 1 it is \$250.

St. Francis DeSales High School Summer Camps – Join us... starting June 2025! Sign up for a Stallion Camp (or two!). Our camps are a great way to meet new friends while improving your skills on the court or the athletic field. Check out the camps taking place this summer at <https://www.stallionpride.com/camps>.

BISHOP WATTERSON

Summer Camps – Registration is open for Bishop Watterson's summer art, sports, theatre, dance, and woodshop camps!

Sports offered are baseball, boys basketball, girls basketball, cheerleading, field hockey, football, boys soccer, girls soccer, softball, track & field, boys volleyball and girls volleyball. Go to bishopwatterson.com for dates, registration and other details.

7th Grade Parent Information Session – Bishop Watterson will host an information session for parents of 7th graders interested in attending Bishop Watterson High School on Wednesday, April 23 at 6 p.m. in Dominican Hall. This session will cover: the admissions process for 2026-2027, financial aid and scholarship opportunities and curriculum and course offerings. Tours will be available. Preregister at bishopwatterson.com, registration is not required. Bishop Watterson is located at 99 East Cooke Road.

Memorial Easter Flowers

This year we will continue to decorate our church and Sanctuary with Easter lilies and flowers in memory of our deceased loved ones. If you would like to contribute to our Easter lilies/flowers you may do so by placing your donation, including the name(s) of the deceased, in an envelope marked "Easter Lilies" in the collection basket or by sending it to the Rectory OR you can submit your donation online at <https://bit.ly/2025EasterFlowers>. Your \$10.00 donation will not only honor someone special in your life, but it will enhance the beauty of our worship space during the Easter season.

The names of those remembered will be published in the Easter bulletin. **Please submit all names by Monday, April 7, 2025.**

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Sunday 1 p.m. - 5 p.m.

BREAD RALLY

Monday, April 7, 6:40-8:30 p.m.

Tifereth Israel, 1354 E. Broad Street

Carpool leaves IC east parking lot at 6:20 p.m.

Hear personal experience testimonies and latest updates on BREAD's campaigns for more affordable housing, fair rental practices and the tree canopy in Columbus. Prepare for the big Nehemiah Action event in May. Contact ICbread43214@gmail.com or MaryAnn at (614) 530-5872 for more information. All are welcome!

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