

## THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST



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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.  
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or by appointment

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*Alleluia*

*He is Risen!*

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MASS INTENTIONS

**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 †

**MONDAY, MAY 5**  
Acts 6:8-15; Jn 6:22-29  
8:30 a.m. Living & Deceased Members of  
St. Vincent de Paul Society

**TUESDAY, MAY 6**  
Acts 7:51-8:1a; Jn 6:30-35  
6:15 p.m. Louis Đỗ Văn Vĩnh †

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 7**  
Acts 8:1b-8; Jn 6:35-40  
8:30 a.m. Pope Francis †

**THURSDAY, MAY 8**  
Acts 8:26-40; Jn 6:44-51  
8:30 a.m. John Bernard, Sr. †

**FRIDAY, MAY 9**  
Acts 9:1-20; Jn 6:52-59  
8:30 a.m. For the Intention of Diane Hoover

**SATURDAY, MAY 10**  
Acts 9:31-42; Jn 6:60-69  
4:00 p.m. Living & Deceased of the  
Hickey Family

**SUNDAY, MAY 11**  
Acts 13:14, 43-52; Rev 7:9, 14b-17; Jn 10:27-30  
8:30 a.m. For the People of  
Immaculate Conception Parish  
11:00 a.m. For the Intention of Russ Muenz

† Deceased

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LITURGICAL MINISTERS SCHEDULE – MAY 10 & 11, 2025

MASS TIMES	4:00 p.m.	8:30 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS	Christine Demko Bobbie Mitch	Todd Wickerham Anne Beharry	Karen Cannell Margaret Williams
LECTORS	MaryAnn Grossman	Steven Brobst	Daric Galden
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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](mailto:icoffice@iccols.org), or mailing your request to the Parish Office. We will do our best to honor the dates and times requested, but no day/time can be guaranteed. **Currently, we are scheduling Mass intentions through October 2025.**

## CONTRIBUTORS TO THE SANCTUARY LAMPS

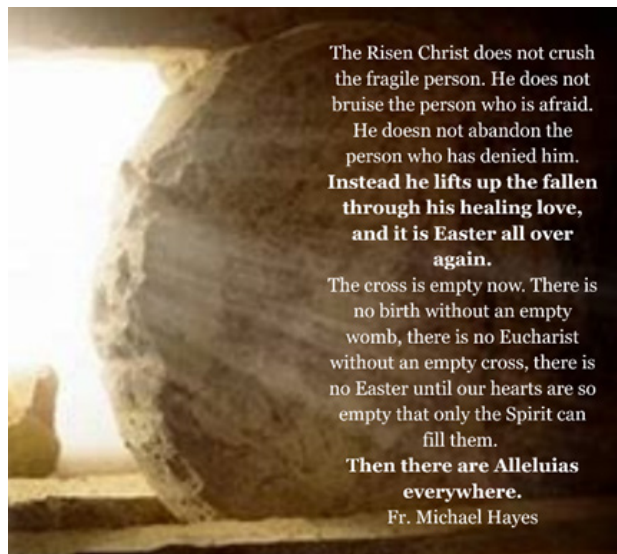
The Sanctuary Lamps in the church burn constantly to proclaim the real presence of Jesus in the Tabernacle. For the month of May, the three Sanctuary Candles were donated by the **Beman Family**. Thank you for your generosity.

## 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](http://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

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.



## THOUGHTS FROM POPE FRANCIS

Pope Francis recently wrote in the preface for a new book by Cardinal Angelo Scola, Archbishop Emeritus of Milan, titled "Awaiting a New Beginning: Reflections on Old Age" the following statement: "It is precisely the conclusion of these pages by Angelo Scola, a heartfelt confession of how he is preparing himself for the final encounter with Jesus, that gives us a consoling certainty: **death is not the end of everything, but the beginning of something. It is a new beginning, as the title wisely highlights, because eternal life, which those who love already begin to experience on earth within the daily tasks of life – is beginning something that will never end.**" *Eternal rest grant unto Pope Francis, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May his soul, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen*



Immaculate Conception Church would like to congratulate our newest members who have been baptized and those coming into full communion with the Catholic Church: Jessica Buescher, Peter Oellermann, Megan Lonegran, Tyler Schook, Merrit Weirick and Randall Schweller. Welcome Home!



## MOTHER'S DAY RECOGNITION NEXT WEEKEND

IC Knights will again be handing out carnations to all Immaculate Conception mothers and grandmothers after each Mass on May 10 and 11. The Knights wish to thank all the mothers and grandmothers of our Parish. May you all have a blessed Mother's Day!

Council 14962

Join the IC Knights for free at

[www.kofc.org/join](http://www.kofc.org/join) or contact [Jim@mpex.com](mailto:Jim@mpex.com).

Men of IC to store up treasures in Heaven – Join us!



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Fiscal Year 7/1/2024-6/30/2025 • Offertory Report 4/27/2025

	4/27/2025	YTD 2024/2025
Recorded Envelopes/Checks	\$ 18,551	\$ 1,067,714
Loose Cash	\$ 751	\$ 39,851
TOTAL RECEIVED	\$ 19,302	\$ 1,107,565
Weekly Operating Expenses	\$ 27,000	\$ 1,161,000
Weekly Overage/Shortage	\$ (7,698)	\$ (53,435)
Families Receiving Envelopes		840
Envelopes Received		92
Families on EFT		386



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



THE APPEAL: TOGETHER IN MISSION

This weekend we kick off the 2025 Appeal with Fr. Matt speaking at all the Masses. We encourage you to support this important campaign. You will receive a mailing this week with more information and how to support the important mission of our Diocese through this Appeal.

Through The Appeal, we are united in faith and stewardship, ensuring that Christ’s presence reaches every home and heart. Your generosity helps sustain four essential ministries:

- Evangelization – Bringing the Good News to our communities
- Vocations – Supporting seminarians, priests, deacons, and religious men and women answering God’s call
- Social Doctrine – Providing aid to the poor, marginalized, and those in need throughout our diocese
- Education & Faith Formation – Strengthening Catholic schools and religious education programs to build a strong foundation in faith and academics.

Your gift will be reflected in the parish’s goal of \$256,384 and our parish will be notified of your generosity.



Please use the following link or QR code to make a pledge or gift to The Appeal: [columbuscatholicgiving.org](http://columbuscatholicgiving.org) or use one of the envelopes provided in the mailing or in the bulletin holders. Thank you!



Congratulations to our parish 2nd graders who received their First Eucharist last weekend: Logan Allen, Annabelle Barwell, Isla Bellas, Miles Butcher-Lyden, Christopher Campbell, Mariastella Chiara, Rita Collins, Isabelle Culbertson, Leo Davis, Rose DeCaria, Mackenna Foltyn, Finley Gilbert, Amelia Gmerick, Whalen Gress, Madeline Griffin, Lewis Hamm, Bradley Hatchel, Jack Hill, Abigail Hirsch, Hadley Holsinger, Elizabeth Konz, Theodore Lynch, Ruby Manning, Theodore McAuliffe, Julian Miller, Emma Nolen, Dominic Noll, Isabella Rice, Mateo San Juan-Lopez, Conor Schools, Paige Seifert, Robbie Shoenfelt, Alexander Shrager, Abigail Smith, Avery Szana, Matthew Talbot, Yessenia Tlahuel Tlaltecatl, Blaise Torgerson, Ellis Trippel, Giovanna Walter, Emery Wishloff and Christopher Wood.

May they always find joy and graces through this important sacrament as we receive the very body and blood, soul and divinity of Jesus Christ. Thank you to all that had a hand in helping make this sacramental day so special.



GARDEN MINISTRY WORK SESSION

Please join the Garden Ministry on Saturday, May 10 as we prepare the grounds to celebrate Mother’s Day and the May Crowning. We will meet at the Grotto at 9 a.m., working until 11 a.m. No experience is necessary. This is a great opportunity for youth

service hours, accompanied by parents, and service to honor our Blessed Mother, as well. We will be planting and weeding. Please bring hand tools, gloves, and drinking water. For more information, contact Chris Atzberger at [tatzberg@columbus.rr.com](mailto:tatzberg@columbus.rr.com); Carol Rodock at [carol.rodock@gmail.com](mailto:carol.rodock@gmail.com); or Janet Wilks at [jwilks123@gmail.com](mailto:jwilks123@gmail.com).

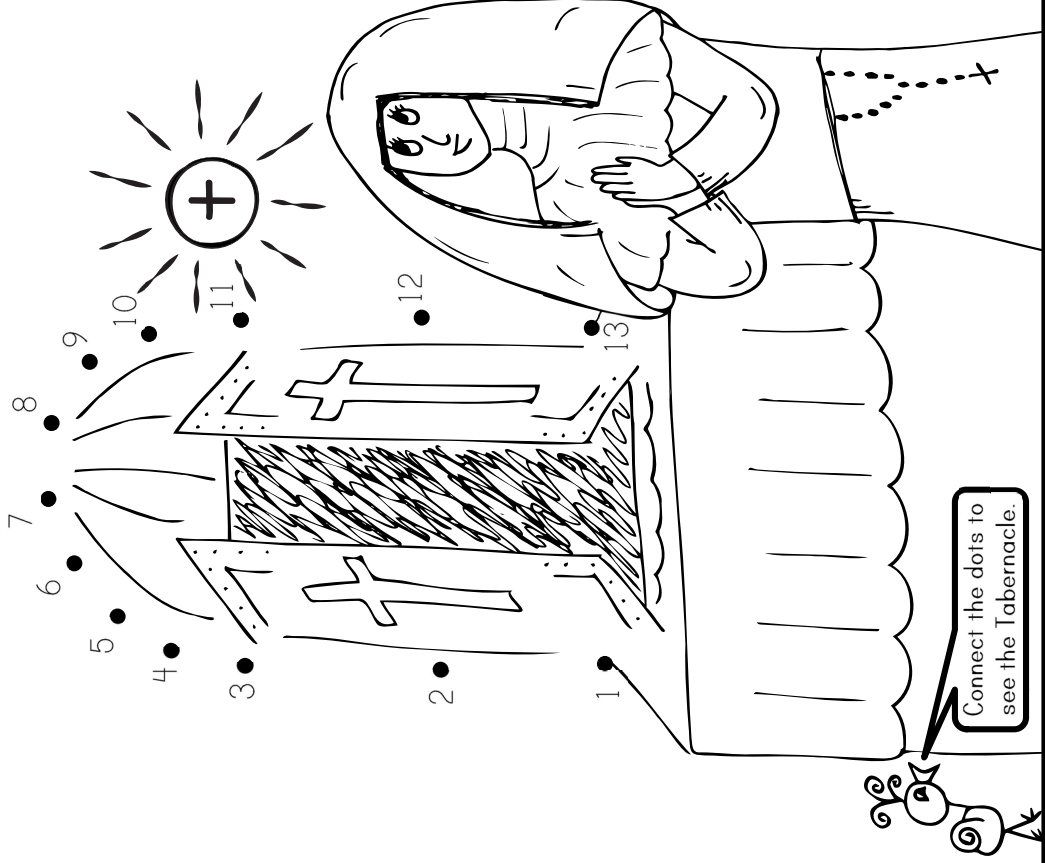


PARISH MAY CROWNING

All parishioners, including our First Communicants, are invited to join us for our parish May Crowning to honor the Blessed Mother next Sunday, May 11 at the Grotto following the 11 a.m. Mass. The brief ceremony will begin with a procession from the church to the Grotto. We encourage our second grade First Communicants to participate wearing their special dresses or suits and there will be reserved seating for them during Mass.

# Blessed Imelda Lambertini

Blessed Imelda Lambertini wanted to receive the Holy Eucharist, but she was too young. She knelt by the Tabernacle and prayed that God would let her receive Communion. The Eucharist miraculously floated out of the Tabernacle for her First Communion!



# Catholic Kids

Bulletin

May 4, 2025

Easter

Color: White

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I will praise

you, Lord, for

you have

rescued me.

KWEYOULORDPWKFE

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Find the Tabernacle at your church. Before you enter and exit the pew, remember to genuflect toward the Tabernacle.

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Procession

First Reading

Gospel

Second Reading

Offering

Holy Holy

Consecration

Mystery of Faith

Great Amen

Our Father

Prayers of the Faithful

Communion

Procession

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# Gospel

Peter, Thomas, and Nathanael went fishing, but they didn't catch any fish! Jesus told them to cast the net one more time, and they caught so many fish that they couldn't pull in the net!



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

May 2025

Immaculate Conception Church

Fr. Matthew Hoover

## One Minute Meditations

### St. Augustine of Canterbury

St. Augustine was an Italian Benedictine monk who, with forty other monks, was sent to re-evangelize England. The Celtic population had already accepted Christ, but the incoming Anglo-Saxons hadn't. St. Augustine and his companions arrived at Ebbsfleet in 597, and were, thankfully, welcomed by King Ethelbert of Kent, who gave them permission to preach the Gospel. He also later converted. St. Augustine and his companions successfully converted southern England. He is called the "Apostle of England."

### Happy Pentecost!

On Pentecost, the Holy Spirit descended on the Blessed Mother and the Apostles in the Upper Room, in a display of divine glory. The Holy Spirit continues to guide the Church, just as He inspired the first Apostles to go preach to the ends of the earth. How might He be guiding you? (We celebrate Pentecost on June 8, this year.)

### "Be the one"

"Be with Jesus. ... I always write that sentence, 'I looked for one to comfort Me, but I found no one.' Then I write, 'Be the one.' So now you be that one. Try to be the one to share with Him, to comfort Him, to console Him. So let us ask Our Lady to help us understand."

Mother Teresa

## "Be not afraid"

What God wants most for each of us is to be happy with Him in Heaven. He uses the world to shape us and give us qualities that will help us get there untainted by sin. *"Indeed, like clay in the hand of the potter, so are you in my hand ..."* (Jeremiah 18:6). Sometimes that means allowing us to undergo trials that cleanse and strengthen us.

**Don't judge a gift by its ugly wrapping paper.** Some virtues can only be acquired through hardship. Avoiding discomfort will cause you to miss out on experiences God wants you to have. While they may be uncomfortable, God would remove them at once if they weren't good for your soul.

**"Pray, hope and don't worry."** This famous advice from St. Pio of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio) is both comforting and practical. Many of tomorrow's troubles exist only in our minds. Live your trust in God by refusing to think about what might

happen and instead deal with what is happening right now. Refuse to worry. *"Can any of you by worrying add a single moment to your life-span?"* (Matthew 6:27).

*"Fear not, for I am with you, be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my victorious right hand"* (Isaiah 41:10).

**Accept aid.** When overwhelmed, we may overlook the help God is already providing, mistakenly believing we must face challenges alone. This mindset can lead to pride — the temptation to act without God.

Instead, stay open to help from others, seek guidance in Scripture and Church teachings, and remain rooted in prayer and the Sacraments, especially the Eucharist. Once your storm passes, you'll be prepared to support others through theirs.

## Why Do Catholics Do That?

In the well-known Marian apparitions approved by the Church — Guadalupe, Lourdes, Fatima, and Kibeho — the Blessed Virgin Mary's appearance seems to adapt to the local culture of those to whom she appears, while her central message remains consistent: a call to prayer, repentance and renewed devotion to the Faith.

For example, the miraculous image

## Why do Catholics have different images of the Blessed Mother?

of Our Lady of Guadalupe features symbolic elements that the Aztec people would have understood, communicating the Gospel message in a way that resonated within their cultural context. This adaptation of Mary's appearance underscores her closeness to the communities she visits, reflecting the profound truth of her spiritual motherhood of all Christians.



# The Ascension brings us closer to Jesus

The Ascension might have felt like a moment of separation to Jesus' disciples, but in reality, it brought them closer to Him in a deeper spiritual connection. Through His Ascension, Jesus became spiritually present everywhere, continually interceding on our behalf. He is always thinking of us, presenting our needs to the Father. When we pray, we are never alone—Jesus Himself is praying with us and for us.

**Prayer "power-up."** Prayer doesn't have to feel good to be good prayer. It can be a real struggle to pray throughout the day, to stay focused on God, and not get distracted. That's when we can lean on Jesus' perfect prayer to the Father. We

can join our prayers to His, and know they are pleasing to God.

**Offer it up.** Whether it involves suffering, fulfilling a necessary duty, or performing an act of charity, when we unite these actions with Jesus' self-offering on the Cross, they gain profound spiritual significance and immeasurable value for souls — especially our own.

**Mass intentions.** During Holy Communion or right after Mass, take a moment to present your concerns, and your desires to God, dedicating them to the service and glory of His love. Remember, God is never outdone in generosity!

## from Scripture

**John 14:23-29, "I am with you always."**

This Gospel reading comes from Jesus' farewell discourse at the Last Supper. As He prepared to face His Passion, death, Resurrection, and Ascension, Jesus sought to strengthen His disciples, a close-knit group who had followed Him for three years. In this poignant moment, He reassured them of His continued presence, even after His departure. Before ascending to Heaven, Jesus promised, "I am with you always" (Matthew 28:20).

Jesus' message was clear: although His followers would no longer see Him physically, He would remain invisibly but powerfully present. If they kept His word, both He and the Father would

dwell within them through grace. Furthermore, He promised to send the Holy Spirit as a guide and comforter, granting them the gift of His peace and the assurance of His return.

It is natural to feel that being faithful would be easier if we could see and hear Jesus directly. Yet, He remains present in His Church—in her worship, prayer, sacraments, and acts of charity.

Above all, Jesus is profoundly present in the Eucharist, where His Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity are truly present (CCC, #1374). We do not need to look back in time; we encounter Jesus at every Mass.

## Q & A How can I make a consecration to Mary?

The Marian Consecration, or *Total Consecration to Mary*, is a devotion dating back to the 1700s, introduced by St. Louis de Montfort. It involves entrusting one's life to Jesus through the Blessed Mother. This practice has been highly praised by many saints and popes, including Pope St. John Paul II.

Marian consecration does not involve worshipping Mary or treating her as divine. Instead, it acknowledges that Mary, as Christ's mother, always leads us to her Son. Mary serves as a bridge, guiding us closer to Jesus by the safest and most direct route.

On the Cross, Jesus gave His mother to humanity, saying, "Behold your mother" (John 19:26-27). St. John Paul II saw this as an invitation to deeper intimacy with Christ by drawing closer to the one closest to Him on earth.

Many who practice the consecration experience a deeper, more transformative prayer life, drawing closer to both Mary and Jesus. (Note: Catholic websites like EWTN and the National Shrine of St. Louis de Montfort provide free downloadable versions and instructions.)

## Feasts & Celebrations

**May 3 – Sts. Philip and James (First Century).** St. Philip was born in Bethsaida and followed John the Baptist before he followed Christ. After the Ascension, St. Philip preached in Asia Minor, where he was martyred. St. James, the son of Alphaeus, was also one of the twelve Apostles.

**May 12 – Sais Nereus and Achilleus (d.c.100).** Little is known about the early lives of Saints Nereus and Achilleus. They were Roman soldiers of the Praetorian Guard but converted to Christianity. They resigned the army, refusing to serve the Emperor. They

were exiled from Rome to the island of Terracina and were beheaded.

**May 29 – Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord (1st Century).** Today marks the completion of Jesus' mission of salvation and his triumphant entry into Heaven. *Note: In many dioceses, observance of Ascension has been moved to the following Sunday.*

**May 29 – Pope St. Paul VI (1978).** Born in 1897, near Brescia, Italy, Giovanni Battista Montini spent most of his priesthood working for the Vatican. He was elected pope in 1963 and concluded the Second Vatican Council, went on many apostolic missions, and wrote several significant encyclicals. He died in 1978.

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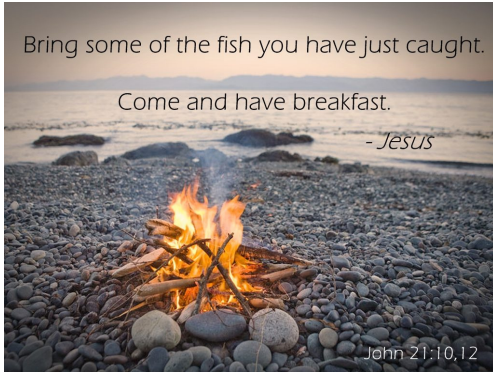
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# FAITH FORMATION

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May 4, 2025



Today's Gospel tells the story of how Peter, in affirming his commitment of love to Jesus, is called to nurture Jesus' flock. St. Francis de Sales urges us to be disciples like the apostles and bring God's Word to others: Three times Jesus asked Peter if he loved Him. Peter's heart was completely filled with love for His Master. Peter was lifted up again by God's providence. Love is the universal means of our salvation. God's love must always hold first place in our hearts. Let us waste no time and place ourselves entirely in the arms of Divine Providence. So loving is God's hand as it handles our hearts!

What does God expect from you if not what was asked of the Apostles. It was nothing else than what Our Lord himself came to do in this world: to give life to all so that they may live a more abundant life. He did it by giving them His grace. Grace has the power, not to overpower, but to entice our hearts to consent to the movements of God's love in us. [oblates.org](http://oblates.org)

## EASTERTIDE 50 DAYS OF EASTER



For most people, Easter is only one weekend in the year that begins with Good Friday and ends with Resurrection Sunday; or for more secular people, it is a long weekend to enjoy to the fullest – since many countries Good Friday and Easter Monday are public holidays. Unfortunately, what many do not understand (even some Catholics) is that Easter is not just one day or one weekend, it is a whole season. In fact, Eastertide or Paschal time as it is also known lasts a full 50 days, from Resurrection Sunday till the Pentecost. This makes it the longest liturgical season in the liturgical year, longer than both Christmas or Lent. This year the Easter season will end on June 8, Pentecost.

### **What can I do to connect more closely with God during this time?**

Attending church throughout this time is important. One way the Church welcomes this period, and reflects more deeply on it is through reading the Acts of the Apostles at Masses all through Eastertide. These readings of course tell the story of the church's earliest days, and the struggles and strife as it persevered in spreading the faith throughout the ancient world. We celebrate the stories of heroism, contention, miracles and persecution as a testament to the presence of a Risen Christ in the world, and the actions of the Holy Spirit, operating through the lives of his disciples. [catholic365.com](http://catholic365.com)



### 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/](http://www.iccols.org/vacation-Bible-school/). For questions, contact Veronica at [vdannemiller@iccols.org](mailto:vdannemiller@iccols.org).

### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

WEDNESDAY

MAY 7

7 A.M. - 6 P.M.

Sign Up for a Holy Hour at:  
[bit.ly/IC\\_Adoration](http://bit.ly/IC_Adoration) or call the parish office.

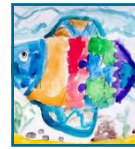


### OPEN SHELTER MEAL MONDAY, MAY 5, 2025

The Open Shelter meal for homeless and marginally housed individuals is this 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 **this weekend after all Masses** in the IC gym. The show will be open to the public Saturday, May 3, 5-6 p.m., and 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.

**BISHOP WATTERSON CLASSES OF 1965, 1975 AND 1985 REUNIONS** – Bishop Watterson Classes of 1965 (60th), 1975 (50th), and 1985 (40th) will have reunions this year. For more information, go to <https://www.bishopwatterson.com/alumni/upcoming-events/>.

**BISHOP HARTLEY CLASS OF 1965 REUNION** – The Bishop Hartley High School Class of 1965 will celebrate its 60th class reunion on Sunday, August 17, 2025 from 5-8 p.m. at the Paddock Pub & Grill, 1005 Richardson Road, Groveport, Ohio. Cost is \$45.00 per person. For more information, email [jjloeffler3@gmail.com](mailto:jjloeffler3@gmail.com) or call (614) 284-0434; or contact Mary Al Hollern Fricke at (740) 973-8189 or [twaman4947@aol.com](mailto:twaman4947@aol.com). Reservations due by July 15, 2025. Family and Friends of '65 graduates, please pass information on.

**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](mailto:Sheri.bellmore@yahoo.com), cell number (614) 701-7102.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION PRESENTS

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## 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

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## IC SCHOOL SERVICE PROJECT - CANCER AWARENESS

Do you know somebody that's been affected by cancer? Students from IC School are currently learning about how to help and support those individuals and families who have cancer. This past week, students learned how cancer can be extremely challenging for families in many different ways. IC is doing a fundraiser this week to help those individuals and families. The proceeds will be sent to the Diocese of Columbus' St. Peregrine Fund in memory of former

Immaculate Conception student Seth Jenkins. The St. Peregrine Fund provides opportunities to connect acts of kindness along with monetary needs. If you would like to contribute to the St. Peregrine Fund to help others who are challenging cancer, please go online to [iccols.org](http://iccols.org), Give Now, in the dropdown box select St. Peregrine Fund **OR** write a check, made out to IC, with "St. Peregrine Fund" on the memo line and drop it in the collection basket.



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## 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, MAY 14 AT  
6:30 P.M. IN MARIAN HALL**

## NEW DEVOTIONAL PRAYER GROUP FOR MENTAL HEALTH

A new monthly Exposition of the relic of St. Dymphna and devotional prayer hour will begin 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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