



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

CATHOLIC CHURCH

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WELCOME

to Immaculate Conception!

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

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

Sacraments

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, ext. 608 or at edeluca@iccols.org.

ANointing OF THE SICK & 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 & 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.


PARISH

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MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, AUGUST 30
1 Thes 4:9-11; Mt 25:14-30
4:00 p.m. Charles Cull †

SUNDAY, AUGUST 31
Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29; Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a;
Lk 14:1, 7-14
8:30 a.m. For the Deceased of John & Mary Canty Family †
11:00 a.m. For the People of Immaculate Conception Parish

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 1
1 Thes 4:13-18; Lk 4:16-30
8:30 a.m. Living & Deceased Members of the St. Vincent de Paul Society & Those They Serve

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2
1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11; Lk 4:31-37
6:15 p.m. Bill Modry †

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3
Col 1:1-8; Lk 4:38-44
8:30 a.m. Jim Schultheis †

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 4
Col 1:9-14; Lk 5:1-11
8:30 a.m. Anne Grimm †

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 5
Col 1:15-20; Lk 5:33-39
8:30 a.m. For the Living & Deceased Members of the IC Women's Club

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6
Col 1:21-23; Lk 6:1-5
4:00 p.m. Dan Goodrich †

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7
Wis 9:13-18b; Phm 9-10, 12-17; Lk 14:25-33
8:30 a.m. For the Intention of Kristi Ralston
11:00 a.m. For the People of Immaculate Conception Parish † *Deceased*

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LITURGICAL MINISTERS SCHEDULE – SEPTEMBER 6 & 7, 2025

MASS TIMES	4:00 p.m.	8:30 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS	Courtney Hatchel Christine Demko	Chris Atzberger Dam Do	Ron & Patty Bitler
LECTORS	Scott Reing-Hurley	Barb Nini	Emma Eckenrode-Lewis
ALTAR SERVERS	Elliot Reing-Hurley Sophia Reing-Hurley Matthew Silva Declan Schools	Daniel Barnes Brenna Conway Jake Conway Andrew DeLuca	Maleah Young Ava Ackerman Romy Adams Reilly Allen
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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 February 2026.**

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 September, 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 later.

LOW-GLUTEN HOSTS

Using Low-gluten hosts is an available option at Immaculate Conception. If you require Low-gluten hosts, please stop in the Sacristy before Mass and talk to the priest or deacon.

IN OUR PARISH

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

We welcome **Brooke Katherine Devore**, daughter of Weston and Sarah Devore, who was received into the Church through the Sacrament of Baptism. Brooke was baptized on August 23, 2025.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY MATRIMONY:

Congratulations to **Julie Warren** and **Brett Stone**, who were united in marriage on August 23, 2025.

OPEN POSITIONS AT IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Immaculate Conception is hiring a **part-time Parish Bookkeeper**. This person is the primary support for the parish Business Administrator. Duties include assistance in all parish and school financial matters and experience with QuickBooks and Excel. For additional information or to apply, contact John Bernard, Business Administrator, at jbernard@iccols.org. We are also seeking **team members for our After School Childcare Program**. This individual works with the other staff members and assists with program activities. The students range in age from Preschool to Grade 6.

Some of the duties of this important role:

- Assist children with homework and projects
- Plan age-appropriate activities for the children
- Maintain security of the facilities to ensure safety of children
- Ensure all children are supervised by a staff member at all times
- Provide a cheerful, supportive atmosphere

The work calendar follows the school calendar. Staff members must complete BCI&I background check and Protecting God's Children program. Catholics are preferred, but not required. If you are interested in this opportunity, please email your résumé to jbernard@iccols.org.



PRAYER FOR LABOR DAY

*As the sun rises to bring in the new day:
We remember those who descend into the earth,
their work begins in darkness, pulling from the
earth, the resources we steward.*

*We remember those who work inside a building away from the light
and brightness of the day.*

*We remember those who work outside in the harsh elements of our
world, the bitter cold and sweltering heat of extremes.*

*We remember those who do not have a job to go to, who are struggling
to meet the needs of their daily living expenses, for whom the day
becomes long and arduous.*

As the sun sets to bring in the evening of rest:

We remember those who work in the night.

*We remember those who are trying to recover from their labor and
toils of the day.*

We remember those who participate in unsafe and dangerous work.

We pray for a renewed sense of dignity in their lives and in their work.

*God, in Your goodness, You have made a home for the worker. Make a
place in our hearts for compassion to the men and women who labor
tirelessly for basic necessities. Ensure a place for the men and women
who are struggling to find work. Grant us Your wisdom to greet and
care for those who are unable to work due to illness or circumstances
that prevent their participation. Be with the children who are not able
to run and play, but instead must put in a hard day's work to help
their family afford to eat, to live. Be with us all, Christ Jesus, as we
go about the busyness of our work. Hold us accountable not only for
our actions, but most importantly to each of our neighbors. May we
continue to work together to bring about Your reign! We ask this in
Your holy name, through the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.*

USCCB

SAVE THE DATE – FALL CLEAN-UP

Please mark your calendar for our fall clean-up on November 8, from 10 a.m. to 12 Noon. Individuals and families are welcome!



IC WOMEN'S BOWLING LEAGUE

The IC Women's Bowling League starts Wednesday, September 3 at 9:30 a.m. at Bowlero Lanes on Sawmill Road. Arrival is at 9:15 a.m. We bowl for 30 weeks, and we have bowlers with averages from the 80s to the 130s, so don't be intimidated! If you would like to join or would like additional information, call Pam Fay at (614) 519-0438 or Pat Luketic at (614) 263-3041.

"THANK YOU" FROM THE PALLOTINES

On behalf of the Pallottine Fathers and Brothers, I wish to extend our heartfelt thanks for the opportunity to share our Mission Appeal at Immaculate Conception Parish on the weekend of July 19/20, 2025.

We are truly grateful to you and the parish community for your warm welcome, generous hospitality, and especially for your sacrificial support of our missionary work. Fr. Sahaya Arul SAC, who preached the appeal, expressed his deep appreciation for the kindness and openness of your parishioners. He was truly touched by the spirit of faith and generosity he witnessed.

Thanks to your support, the mission appeal was a success, and we are deeply encouraged by the response of your faith-filled community. Your generosity makes it possible for us to continue serving the poor and marginalized in our mission territories.

May God bless you, your ministry, and the people of Immaculate Conception Parish in abundance.

With prayerful gratitude,
Fr. Francis Mariadas, SAC
Mission Secretary for USA

“God, in your goodness,
you have made a home for the poor.”

TIME, TALENT & TREASURE

Fostering Stewardship as a Way of Life

Fiscal Year 7/1/2025-6/30/2026 • Offertory Report 8/24/2025

	8/24/2025	YTD 2025/2026
Recorded Envelopes/Checks	\$ 30,754	\$ 213,640
Loose Cash	\$ 992	\$ 7,688
TOTAL RECEIVED	\$ 31,746	\$ 221,328
Weekly Operating Expenses	\$ 27,000	\$ 216,000
Weekly Overage/(Shortage)	\$ 4,746	\$ 5,328
Families Receiving Envelopes		840
Envelopes Received		102
Families on EFT		365



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)

CHILDREN'S FAMILY FAITH OPPORTUNITIES



SIGN UP YOUR KINDERGARTNER OR FIRST GRADER FOR CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

Children's Liturgy will take place on Sundays during the 8:30 a.m. Mass. At the beginning of Mass, the children will be invited to gather at the front of church. They will then process into Marian Hall where the children will listen to the Gospel reading for the week, and they will do a short activity. They will return to Mass before the presentation of the gifts. Register your child here: Children's Liturgy will begin on September 21. If you have any questions or are interested in helping, please contact Katie Bogner at mbogner@cducation.org.



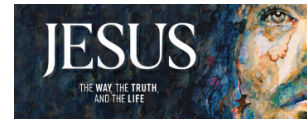
FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

Family Faith Formation is Immaculate Conception's religious education program for families with children in First through Eighth grades who do not attend a Catholic school, though any parish family is welcome to attend. First through Seventh grades use an interactive learning model that enables children of different ages to learn together with their own families and empowers parents to be the ones teaching their children. A catechist plans the lesson, prepares the materials, and is present during each session to guide parents through the day's content. These sessions (including first Communion preparation) will take place on Sundays from 9:30-10:45 a.m., beginning September 7. Contact Veronica Dannemiller at vdannemiller@iccols.org or (614) 267-9241, ext. 609, if you have any questions. Confirmation preparation will take place on Sundays from 12-1 p.m., starting September 14 and will follow a classroom model. For questions, contact Mary Ann Rivera at marivera@iccols.org or (614) 267-9241, ext. 605. Register for Family Faith Formation today on the parish website by going to the "Sacraments and Faith Formation" tab and clicking on "Family Faith Formation Program," by going to <https://gqr.sh/RezQ>, or by scanning the QR code.



HIGH SCHOOL HANGOUT

High School Hangout is Immaculate Conception's high school youth ministry program. Gatherings aim to help teens grow in faith, character, and holy friendships through fun activities and faith topic nights that include guest speakers and group discussion, and service projects. Friends are always welcome regardless of their faith background. High School Hangout meets on Sundays from 6:30-8 p.m., and our big kickoff event will take place on September 21. For more information, go to the "Youth Education" tab on the parish website and click on "IC Youth Ministry" or go to <https://www.iccols.org/ic-youth-ministry/>. For questions, contact Veronica Dannemiller at vdannemiller@iccols.org or (614) 267-9241, ext. 609.



ADULT FAITH OPPORTUNITY

Jesus is our savior, our redeemer, our Lord,

and our God. Our belief in Jesus is what makes us who we are as Catholics, as Christians, but do we really know Him as we should? Is Jesus a part of your life, or is He at the center of your life as He should be? We invite you to make Him the center of your life by joining us for *Jesus: The Way, the Truth, and the Life*, a 10-week video study program that explores the entirety of Jesus' life and what He means for us as Catholics today.

Immaculate Conception will begin the Jesus study on MONDAY September 15 at 7 p.m. and on TUESDAY September 16 at 10 a.m. Participants will meet every week to view an engaging video presentation by Marcellino D'Ambrosio, Jeff Cavins, and Edward Sri, followed by a lively group discussion and fellowship.



For more information or to register, contact Mary Ann Rivera at marivera@iccols.org (Monday night group) or Don Muenz at butsir@columbus.rr.com (Tuesday morning group). We hope you can join us!



- Do you want to learn about the Catholic faith?
- Do you want a deeper understanding of your faith?
- Are you a baptized Catholic yet have not received all the sacraments?
- Do you have a family member or friend you would like to introduce to the Catholic faith?
- Have you been thinking about joining the Church?

ALL ARE INVITED to take the next steps in your faith journey and join the OCIA process which takes place throughout the year on Tuesdays at 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

Interested or want more information?
Contact Mary Ann Rivera at marivera@iccols.org
or call 614-267-9241

ST. MICHAEL FESTIVAL

Friday, August 29, 7-11 p.m.;

Saturday/Sunday, August 30 and 31, 2025 5-11 p.m.

Midway Games * Kiddie Land * Beer & Wine
Bake Sale * Silent Auction * Casino * Toddler Zone
Inflatables * Slides * Face Painting * Photo Booth

Free Entertainment:

Friday

8-11 p.m. The Big Badd

Saturday

5-7 p.m. Joint Rockers

8-11 p.m. Radio City

Sunday

6-7 p.m. Apple Bottom Gang

8-11 p.m. The Wet Bandits

5750 N. High Street
Worthington, OH 43085

Blessed Isidore Bakanja

Isidore became Catholic when he was 18 and loved to learn about the faith. He prayed the rosary often and wore a scapular, which is a brown piece of fabric that shows his devotion and love for Mary. At his job, Isidore would tell others about the Gospel and help others become Christians.

He was martyred for his faith, and before he died, he said that he would pray for the man who had hurt him.



Catholic Kids Bulletin

August 31, 2025
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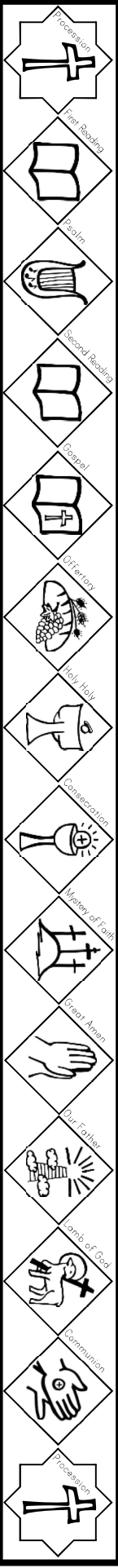
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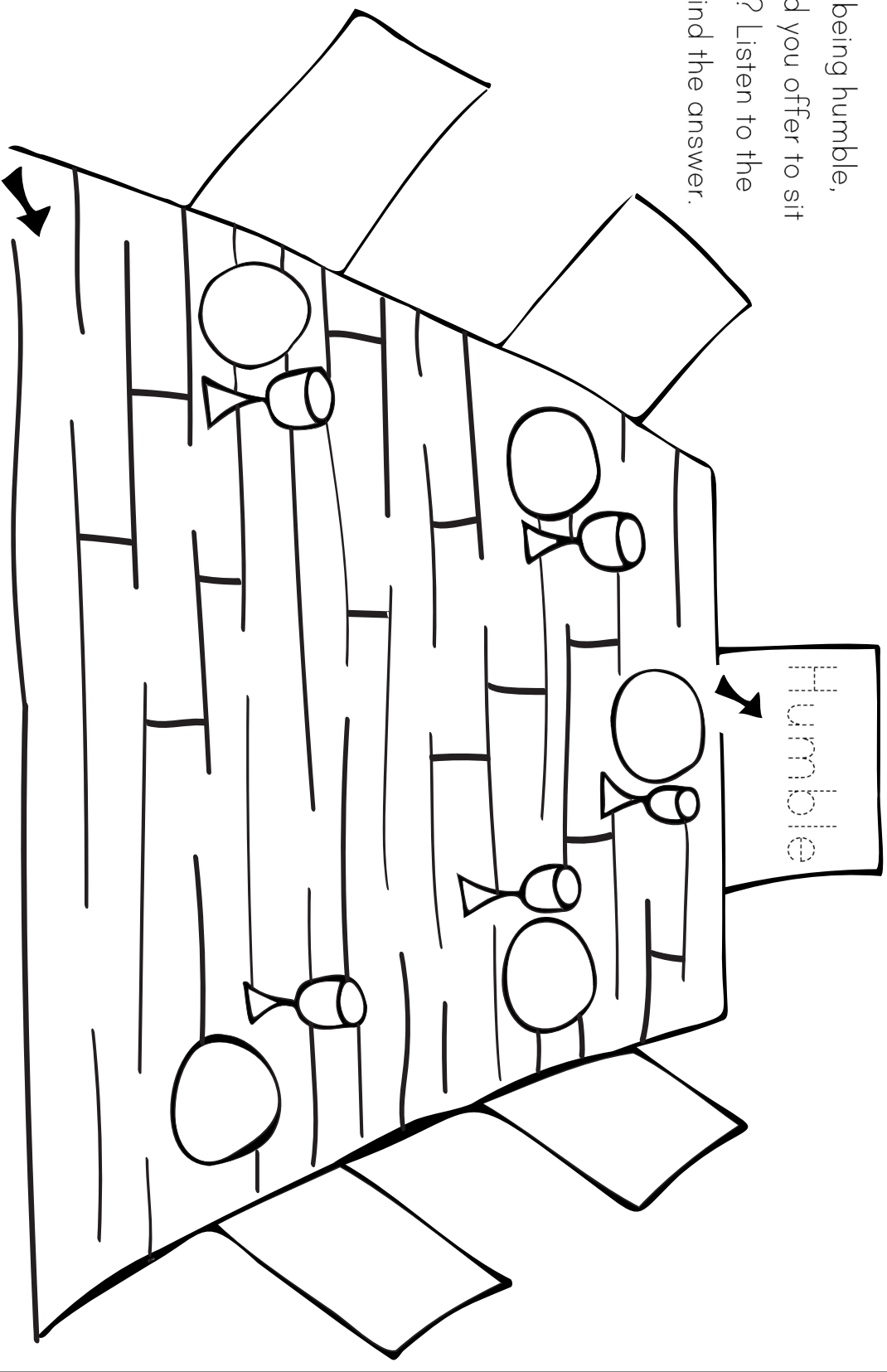
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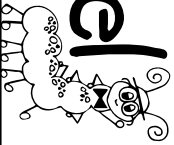
What do people say
when they receive
Communion?



If you are being humble,
where should you offer to sit
at a table? Listen to the
Gospel to find the answer.



Gospel



Jesus went to dinner with the Pharisees. They all wanted to sit in the place of honor at the table. They all thought they were the most important people! Jesus told them to be humble. You can be humble by being kind and generous to your friends and family.



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

September 2025

Immaculate Conception Church

Fr. Matthew Hoover

One Minute Meditations

St. Lawrence Justinian

Born into a noble Venetian family, St. Lawrence Justinian desired sanctity from an early age. He entered the Order of the Augustinian Canons Regular of St. George, where he became known for his zeal, penitential lifestyle, and deep charity—especially toward the poor. He eventually became the general of the order. Recognized for his holiness, he was appointed Bishop, and later Patriarch, of Venice by the pope. He served faithfully until his death at the age of seventy-five.

Jesus turns sorrow into joy

Each September, the Church celebrates the Exaltation of the Holy Cross—not because we glorify suffering, but because the Cross reveals a Love that is total, faithful, and fearless. Christ embraced suffering, rejection, and death—and triumphed over them. His Cross is the ultimate sign that love is stronger than pain. When we bring our trials and sorrows to Jesus, He transforms them—through a kind of divine alchemy—into strength, healing, joy, and even glory. In Him, suffering is never the end of the story.

"Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart; and you will find rest for yourselves. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light" (Matthew 11:28-30).

Holiness in everyday life

Pier Giorgio Frassati — to be canonized on September 7 — was known for blending intense spirituality with fun—he loved mountain climbing, practical jokes, and friendship. He taught that holiness can be simple, joyful, and practical, woven into daily life. In a 1923 address to young people, he summed up the Christian life: "Our religion is based on charity, which is nothing other than the most perfect Love." He proposed three ways to live that love: by example, through compassion, and by joyful invitation.

By example: Blessed Pier believed that our lives should reflect our faith without needing words. "We Catholics must strive to have our whole life guided by Christian moral law," he said. That includes building our schedules around the Eucharist, practicing reverence, treating others with dignity, and living generously. These everyday choices silently proclaim who we are—and whose we are.

With compassion: Blessed Pier encouraged personal, thoughtful acts of

love: visiting the lonely, offering a kind word, or putting others first. He reminded us that holiness begins with small, intentional acts of compassion.

By joyful invitation: Blessed Pier's faith was magnetic, marked by laughter,

"Jesus is with me. I have nothing to fear."

Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati

adventure, and prayer. He urged others to draw people to Christ with warmth and sincerity: "Persuade [those who are far from the Church] to follow the ways of God." A quiet chapel visit or simple prayer can be a powerful invitation to grace.

He urged Catholics to stay rooted in the Eucharist: "Approach the Eucharistic Table as often as possible... from which you will draw strength." His life reminds us that sainthood is not about perfection, but about choosing love—daily, faithfully, and joyfully.

Why Do Catholics Do That?

Why do Catholics believe in angels?

In the Nicene Creed, professed at every Sunday Mass and solemnity, we affirm belief in "all things visible and invisible"—a direct reference to spiritual beings, including angels. Throughout Scripture, angels appear as messengers, protectors, and servants of God's will. Jesus' words in Matthew 18:10,

referencing angels who "behold the face of [His] Father"—form the basis for the Church's belief in guardian angels. These faithful spirits, who remained loyal to God, continue to watch over and guide us. Belief in angels is not optional but a vital part of Catholic teaching and tradition.

Hearing God's voice in the everyday

Discernment isn't limited to religious vocations—it's a way of seeking God's will in all areas of life. Whether you're considering a marriage, a job change, or a move to a new city, discernment helps you respond to God's loving plan with clarity and peace. Here are three tips to avoid common pitfalls:

Learn to recognize His voice: It's difficult to discern God's will if we don't know His character. A healthy relationship with God—nurtured through prayer and Scripture, especially the Gospels—helps us become familiar with His voice. The more time we spend with Him, the easier it becomes to distinguish His promptings from fear, pressure, or personal bias.

Take a practical step: Discernment requires action. You can't always think your way to clarity. Take the interview, visit the new city, introduce your intended to your family. These steps don't commit you for life—they give you real-world experience that sharpens your perspective and brings peace to your decision-making.

Narrow your focus: Too many options can paralyze progress. At some point, discernment involves commitment and trust. Begin by eliminating options that clearly don't fit. The path may shift as you go, but each step—taken prayerfully—leads you closer to the right destination. God's guidance is often gradual but unmistakable.

from Scripture

Luke 16:19-31, Doing the good we ought to do

In this Gospel passage, Jesus tells a parable aimed at those who are indifferent to the suffering around them. A rich man enjoys daily luxury while Lazarus, a poor and sick man, lies just outside his gate, starving and ignored. Though the rich man likely passed by Lazarus often—and even knew his name—he offered no help.

After death, their roles are reversed. Lazarus is carried to the side of Abraham, a place of comfort and honor. The rich man finds himself in torment and pleads for relief. He asks Abraham to send Lazarus with water,

and later to warn his brothers. Both requests are denied.

Jesus' parable does not condemn wealth but the failure to love. The rich man's sin was not what he did, but what he refused to do. He saw suffering and remained unmoved.

This passage challenges us to examine our own hearts. Do we see those in need and look away?

True Christian living means turning prayer into mercy, and faith into action. When we love as Christ commands, the reward is eternal joy.

Q & A Why do Catholics display crucifixes instead of crosses?

Jesus is risen in glory, having conquered sin and death. Yet we, though united to Him in Baptism, remain on our earthly journey, still vulnerable to temptation and suffering. The Crucifix stands as a powerful reminder of the cost of sin and the price of our redemption.

More than a symbol of pain, the Crucifix reveals the depth of God's mercy and love: *"God so loved the world that He gave His only Son"* (John 3:16). It reminds us that Jesus is *"a compassionate high priest"* (Hebrews 4:15) who knows human suffering firsthand—rejection, sorrow, and even death (cf. Psalm 22:14; 69:20).

In every Catholic church, the Crucifix also points to the reality of the Eucharist. The sacrifice of the Mass is not separate from Calvary—it is the same sacrifice, made present to us (*Catechism*, 1545). Christ offers Himself to the Father, and we receive the fruits of that offering: grace, healing, and strength.

The Crucifix is not just a symbol—it is the visual proclamation of love that saves, heals, and invites us into deeper communion with Christ.

Feasts & Celebrations

September 12 – The Holy Name of Mary. Mary has many titles. Begun in Spain in 1513, this feast celebrates her as the Blessed Virgin and is the counterpart to the Feast of the Holy Name of Jesus. Pope Innocent XI extended this feast to the entire Church after the King of Poland, with Mary's protection, defeated an advancing Muslim army in Vienna in 1683.

September 14 – The Exaltation of the Holy Cross (c. 326). St. Helena (mother of Emperor Constantine) discovered what is believed to be the True Cross while on pilgrimage in Jerusalem. On that site, Constantine built the Basilica of the Holy Sepulcher.

September 16 – Saints Cornelius and Cyprian (c. 253). A renowned theologian and orator, he was ordained a priest and served as the bishop of Carthage. He helped Pope St. Cornelius defend the Church against the Novatian heretics. Pope Cornelius was exiled and died from harsh treatment in 253. Cyprian was arrested for refusing to worship idols. He was exiled and subsequently beheaded.

September 19 – St. Januarius (c. 305). Not much is known about this saint, except that he was the Bishop of Benevento, Italy, and that he was martyred with six companions under the Diocletian persecutions. For reasons unknown, a vial of his blood has miraculously liquified annually, several times a year, since at least 1389.

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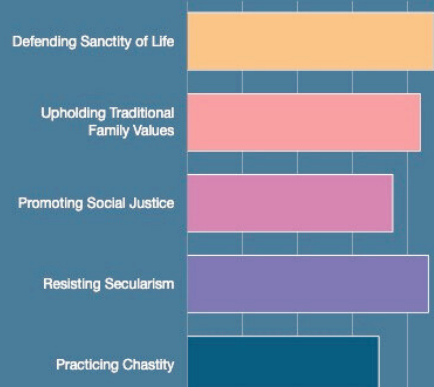
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August 31, 2025

THE VIRTUE OF FORTITUDE

In short, fortitude is the ability to choose what is right even when everything inside of us and outside of us is telling us to run away in fear. It is the ability to stand firm in pursuing good in the face of danger and potential suffering. Fortitude flows naturally from faith, hope, and charity. When we believe the promises of God (faith), and have confidence not in ourselves but in the strength of Christ (hope), and we are motivated by love (charity), we will find ourselves filled naturally with the virtue of fortitude.

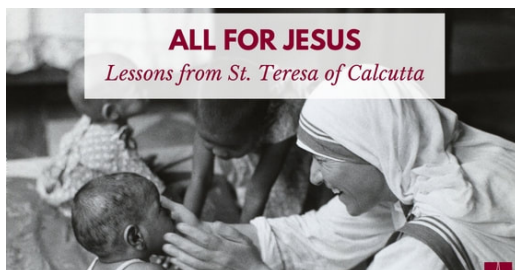
While few are called to martyrdom, all Christians are called to exercise fortitude daily. This means standing for Catholic teaching on life, marriage, and justice in a culture that is often indifferent or hostile. It is the courage to be a witness in our families, workplaces, and communities.



How to Cultivate Fortitude

- † **Prayer & Sacraments:** Regularly receive the Eucharist and Reconciliation to gain the grace needed for spiritual strength.
- † **Small Acts of Courage:** Practice standing for the truth in small, everyday situations to build the habit of virtue.
- † **Study the Saints:** Learn from the lives of those who have gone before us. Their example provides inspiration and intercession.
- † **Know Your Faith:** A deep understanding of why the Church teaches what it does provides the confidence to defend it.

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St. Teresa of Calcutta Feast Day September 5

St. Teresa of Calcutta taught us that God is in every living thing. She wrote, "Seeking the face of God in everything, everyone, all the time, and his hand in every happening; This is what it means to be contemplative in the heart of the world. Seeing and adoring the presence of Jesus, especially in the lowly appearance of bread, and in the distressing disguise of the poor" (St. Teresa of Calcutta, *In the Heart of the World: Thoughts, Stories and Prayers*).

Furthermore, St. Teresa of Calcutta taught us to seek Christ in every person we encounter. She recognized that each human being is created uniquely and beautifully. Each person is the face of God calling us to serve God by serving them. As Jesus said, "I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me" (Matthew 25:34-36).

When we love through the corporal and spiritual works of mercy as St. Teresa of Calcutta did, we are better able to see God more clearly in others. Imitating Christ by practicing the works of mercy also invites us to and see him more clearly in the Eucharist. Receiving Jesus in the Eucharist was essential for St. Teresa of Calcutta, as she knew Jesus was the fuel to teach her how to love others better and bring more souls into God's embrace. She recognized that Christ's love lives on in his humility of becoming our Eucharistic food and in the hearts of the poor, which includes the physically, mentally, and spiritually poor.

Bringing souls to Christ was a deep mission of St. Teresa of Calcutta. She consistently reflected over two of Jesus' last words of his Passion – "I thirst" – and had them written next to the crucifixes in the chapels of the Missionaries of Charity (the religious order St. Teresa of Calcutta established in 1950) to remind her sisters that their mission was to satiate Christ's thirsts for souls. When going to Jesus at the Cross,

St. Teresa of Calcutta wanted us to feel his thirst and love for us. She believed that Christ wants us to rest in his love.

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MUSIC MINUTE

Children's Choir:

It is that time of year again! Children's Choir is starting up! I am calling back those who were in it previously and recruiting new Immaculate Conception students. This is for Grades 4-8 and we sing Wednesday School Masses and some parish liturgies. This is a great way to get involved in a ministry glorifying God and bringing those who come to Mass closer to Christ. We rehearse on Tuesdays and Fridays from 12-12:30 and our first rehearsal is September 2. Students will learn some very valuable vocal skills and learn how to cantor in front of the church assembly. This is a great way to build confidence and learn how to do things in front of people. Any questions, please contact Mr. Fehrenbach via email at musicdirector@iccols.org.

Adult Choir:

Please join our Adult Choir. Our first rehearsal is Wednesday, September 3 at 7 p.m. in the church. Contact Adam Fehrenbach, Director of Music Ministries, at musicdirector@iccols.org.



Pedals, Pipes, and Pizza!

Saturday, September 20, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Pedals, Pipes, and Pizza is a program designed to introduce children and youth (ages 7-16) to the pipe organ and its music! Members of the American Guild of Organists will teach participants about the two organs at St. John Dublin, guide participants through assembling the Orgelkids kit (a real, working pipe organ model!), and demonstrate the variety of sounds the organ can make. Children and parents are welcome to attend a free pizza lunch and enjoy some time at the organ console, assisted by our volunteers. This event will be most beneficial to those with some piano experience. We encourage parents to stay and observe. Register for free at <https://stjohndublin.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/3062364>. St. John Dublin | 6135 Rings Road.

BOY SCOUT POPCORN – GET IT NOW

Our Lady of Peace's Cub Scout Pack includes boys from OLP, Immaculate Conception, and other Catholic parishes. Their fall popcorn sale is their major source of fundraising. If you'd like to support them, they will be at Our Lady of Peace Fall Festival on Friday, September 19 and Saturday, September 20, and Weiland's Market on Saturday, October 18 and Sunday, October 19 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT CONFERENCE

Together in Holiness Marriage Conference – Married and engaged couples are invited to the first annual Together in Holiness Marriage Conference on October 4, 2025 from 10:30 a.m.-6 p.m. at St. Matthew the Apostle Catholic Church in Gahanna, OH. This one-day Conference will help you strengthen your relationship with your spouse and discover God's plan for your family. Registration: \$64/couple and \$5/child for onsite childcare. Scholarships are available upon request. This Conference is presented by the St. John Paul II Foundation and the Diocese of Columbus. For more info, visit togetherinholiness.org/columbus or email nancy@forlifeandfamily.org. Questions? Email Conference Coordinator Nancy Ariza at nancy@forlifeandfamily.org.

MARY'S MEALS DOCUMENTARY PREMIERE

On September 13, 2025, at 7 p.m. the Founder of Mary's Meals, Magnus MacFarlane-Barrow, will make an appearance at ODU for the premiere of the organization's documentary *On the Frontlines of Hunger*. The event will include a Q&A with Magnus, and light refreshments will be served. Matesich Theatre, Erskine Hall, Ohio Dominican University, 1216 Sunbury Road, Columbus, OH 43219

SOCIAL CONCERNS

OPEN SHELTER MEAL, MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

The Open Shelter Meal for homeless and marginally housed individuals is Monday, September 8, 2025. We need donations of Sloppy Joes, mac & cheese, cookies, lunch-size chips, snacky desserts and 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.



5TH SUNDAY COLLECTION – THE TIME IS NOW!

What do you do when you have little money for food and your children are hungry? How do you cook or light your home when the utilities will be shut off soon, or you've been ill and haven't been able to work? St. Vincent de Paul Conferences in the diocese are here to help individuals and families in dire circumstances. You, too, can help by praying for those we serve and by donating your time and/or resources to assist. Our funds are low and your financial assistance and prayers are requested. **Donations to the IC St. Vincent de Paul can be made at any time. Donations can be placed in the offertory basket, sent to the Parish Office, or made online at iccols.org>Give Now>choose St. Vincent de Paul from the dropdown box.**

JOIN US

If you seek to live your faith through works to "love God" as St. Vincent de Paul said, "with the strength of your arms." please consider joining us. We meet for spiritual fellowship and organization twice each month: on the **Second Monday**, following the 8:30 a.m. Mass and on the **Fourth Monday**, following a 6 p.m. sandwich-making session in Marian Hall. Attendance at all meetings is not required. Email immaculateconceptionsvdp@gmail.com to join our IC St. Vincent de Paul Conference, or for more information.



COME & SEE WOMEN'S DISCERNMENT RETREAT: PILGRIMS OF HOPE, STEPPING OUT IN FAITH

Calling all Catholic, single women ages 18-45! Come and explore what it means to be a Pilgrim of Hope, hearing God's call, stepping out in faith and exploring what it means to follow Jesus as a religious sister with the Dominican Sisters of Peace. At this free weekend retreat, from September 12-14, you will also have the opportunity to speak with other discerning women and our Sisters, who will share their experiences of religious life, answer your questions, and provide helpful tools for discernment. For more information, visit: opeace.org/become-a-sister or contact Sr. June Fitzgerald, OP, at june.fitzgerald@opeace.org; call/text (570) 336-3991.

"NIGHT OF CHAMPIONS"

The Brian Muha Foundation memorializes Brian Muha, a graduate of St. Charles Preparatory School and student at Franciscan University, who was killed in a random act of violence at the age of 19, twenty-six years ago. The Foundation honors his kind and charitable spirit by helping others who are in need. The Run the Race Club (RTR) was started by Brian's mother, Rachel Muha, and the Foundation. RTR offers a safe and loving atmosphere on Columbus' West Side (The Hilltop) where children can go to play, learn and study. RTR provides education, clothing, food, furniture, toys and more to families in our community, at no cost. The Muha Foundation is able to help others continue to "Run the Race" through its generous donors and fundraising events, such as the Annual "Night of Champions" on September 20, 2025. "Night of Champions" will be held at St. Charles Preparatory School. Doors open at 5:30. To purchase tickets, donate, or view auction items, visit <https://one.bidpal.net/nightofchamps25>. To learn more, visit <https://brianmuhafoundation.org>.

HERITAGE DAY CELEBRATION AT MARIA STEIN

Sunday, September 21, 12-4 p.m. The Heritage Day Celebration is a free, family-friendly event held annually at the Maria Stein Shrine to help support operating costs. Faith: Come enjoy the beautiful grounds and relic chapel presentations. Food: Lunch and/or supper, burgers, hot dogs, drinks, chips, and Sweet Tooth Booth Pie Baking Contest and Auction and new this year, Harvest Sale and Chili Cook off (register at mariasteinshrine.org). Free Family Fun: Pony rides, face painters, games, FFA petting zoo, tractor show and BIG BUBBLES! Live Music by Hannah Schneible; \$1,000 Prize Raffle Tickets, \$25 each ticket and a Basket Raffle, \$2 each ticket. Visit the Shrine through September 21st to purchase your Basket Raffle Tickets. Purchase \$1,000 Raffle Tickets online or at the Shrine. The Shrine is located at 2291 St. Johns Road, Maria Stein, Ohio.





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