



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

CATHOLIC CHURCH

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PARISH OFFICE

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(614) 267-6579

www.iccols.org

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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SCHOOL

 [icschool_cbus](https://www.instagram.com/icschool_cbus)



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MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20
1 Tim 6:13-16; Lk 8:4-15
4:00 p.m. Bill Modry †

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21
Am 8:4-7; 1 Tim 2:1-8; Lk 16:1-13
8:30 a.m. Gracie Fawcett †
11:00 a.m. For the People of
Immaculate Conception Parish

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 22
Ezra 1:1-6; Lk 8:16-18
8:30 a.m. Repose of the Soul
of Harry J. Neiner †

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23
Ezra 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20; Lk 8:19-21
6:15 p.m. Evening Prayer and Rosary

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24
Ezra 9:5-9; Lk 9:1-6
8:30 a.m. For the Intention of Casey Edwards

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 25
Hg 1:1-8; Lk 9:7-9
8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer and Rosary

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 26
Hg 2:1-9; Lk 9:18-22
8:30 a.m. Jim Clark †

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27
Zech 2:5-9, 14-15a; Lk 9:43b-45
4:00 p.m. Johnny Clark †

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28
Am 6:1a, 4-7; 1 Tim 6:11-16; Lk 16:19-3
8:30 a.m. For the People of
Immaculate Conception Parish
11:00 a.m. Mike Bruzzese

† Deceased

PASTORAL STAFF

Pastor Fr. Matthew Hoover icoffice@iccols.org
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LITURGICAL MINISTERS SCHEDULE – SEPTEMBER 27 & 28, 2025

MASS TIMES	4:00 p.m.	8:30 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS	Courtney Hatchel Christine Demko	Ann & Pete Eichel	Janet Wilks Jonathan Fortkamp
LECTORS	Michelle Lang	David Lyons	Emily Strand
ALTAR SERVERS	Lila Hatem Maren Henderson Nate Henderson Eric Hirsch	Dalton King Everett King James Krzyewski Vince Krzyewski	Arden Frost Stella Frost Henry Geraghty Dylan Hernandez
GREETERS	Hatchel Family Schools Family Colleen Kent	Walter Family Sue & Sophia Ruschau Suzanne Smith Martha Bowling	Margaret Williams Michelle Gill Sara Konz
WELCOME DESK	Patty Conway	Michele Sapp	Tara Hummer

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 at a later time.

LOW-GLUTEN HOSTS

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

IN OUR PARISH



BANNS OF MARRIAGE

Gabrielle Quesnell and Jacob Poe

Wedding date – October 4, 2025

Michaela Cummins – Jeffrey (Tate) Hughes

Wedding date – October 10, 2025

We wish both couples God's blessings, love, and guidance for their new life together.



PRIEST CONVOCATION 2025

This week, more than 120 priests in our diocese will gather for a bi-annual priest convocation. Please join us in covering our priests in prayer so that their time together may be fruitful and inspired. Sign up to spend an hour in prayer praying for our priests by going to

<http://bit.ly/3Vb8yWV> or use the QR code to sign up.

MASS SCHEDULE AT IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Due to the Priest Convocation, our Mass schedule this week has changed. We will have weekday Masses on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday as usual. We invite parishioners to come and pray on Tuesday evening with Evening Prayer and the Rosary, and Thursday morning for Morning Prayer and the Rosary. We will not have the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Tuesday evening, and for only a limited time on Friday morning following Mass.



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!



**IMMACULATE
CONCEPTION**

Engage @ IC



Grow your gifts at IC by engaging in a ministry to:

- Deepen your relationship with God and live as His disciple.
- Come together as a stronger family to serve each other and the broader community.
- Participate in social justice education and advocacy related to Catholic social teaching.

Visit the Marian Hall gathering space this weekend and pick up a brochure to learn more about the many ministries at our parish that span interests and abilities, and how you might add to this great work. You WILL make a difference! To let us know your interest, or if you want additional information, add your name to a sign-up sheet, use the QR code, or call the Parish Office.



**IC WOMEN'S RETREAT DAY –
"BRINGING THE GOSPEL TO
OTHERS THROUGH FRIENDSHIP"**
"I no longer call you servants but friends."
John 15:15

The Fall Women's Retreat Day will be Saturday, October 11 from 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., in Marian Hall. Our retreat begins with Mass followed by a

light breakfast. Our retreat speaker is Fr. Anthony Baetzold, OFM Cap from Christ the King Church in Columbus. To register, use the QR code, or go to iccols.org>News & Events>Women's Retreat Day. Questions, email Mary Ann at marivera@iccols.org. Registration fee is \$10.



JOIN US FOR THE IC WOMEN'S CLUB POTLUCK

All women of IC Parish are considered members of the IC Women's Club and are invited to our Fall Potluck dinner this Wednesday, September 24 beginning at 5:30 p.m. in Marian Hall. We will enjoy Raising Cane's Chicken Fingers and ask those coming to bring a side dish and/or dessert to share. Dues will be collected, which are \$10, to help with

our various ministries. The Women's Club ministries include funeral lunches, Blood Drives, shut-in ministry, hosting sacramental receptions for OCIA, First Communion and Confirmation, dessert and cake booths at the Festival, etc. Come to the potluck and meet other women in the parish and find out how you can be involved. **We will need to know how many will be coming, so please RSVP to Paula Mong at (614) 302-7294.**



Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor.



TIME, TALENT & TREASURE

Fostering Stewardship as a Way of Life

Fiscal Year 7/1/2025-6/30/2026 • Offertory Report 9/14/2025

	9/14/2025	YTD 2025/2026
Recorded Envelopes/Checks	\$ 24,216	\$ 282,548
Loose Cash	\$ 888	\$ 10,124
TOTAL RECEIVED	\$ 25,104	\$ 292,672
Weekly Operating Expenses	\$ 27,000	\$ 297,000
Weekly Overage/(Shortage)	\$ (1,896)	\$ (4,328)
Families Receiving Envelopes		840
Envelopes Received		101
Families on EFT		365



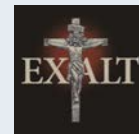
Manage your electronic contributions online! Visit www.iccols.org and click "Offertory & Stewardship" under the Giving menu. Alternatively, text "Give" to (614) 953-6436, or scan the QR code to the left. Thank you for your financial support of our Catholic faith here in our parish. We are grateful for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

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



HIGH SCHOOL HANGOUT BEGINS TONIGHT

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, 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.



YOUNG ADULTS ARE INVITED TO JOIN US ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

Young adults, join us Sunday, September 29 from 7-9 p.m. in IC church for an evening set apart to praise Jesus and grow in fellowship with other young adults (aged 18-30). Exalt is a space to lift high the name of Jesus together, encounter His presence, and connect with others who are pursuing Him. This is a night to find a community centered on Jesus, powerful worship, and time to hang out afterward. Come expectant – He is worthy to be exalted! For more information, contact Mary Ann Rivera at marivera@iccols.org.

FAMILY FAITH FORMATION & SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

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) take place on Sundays from 9:30-10:45 a.m. Contact Veronica Dannemiller at vdannemiller@iccols.org or (614) 267-9241, ext. 609 if you have any questions. Confirmation preparation takes place on Sundays from 12-1 p.m. and will follow a classroom model. For questions, contact Mary Ann Rivera at marivera@iccols.org or (614) 267-9241, ext. 605.

You may still register for Family Faith Formation 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.



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.

SUPPORT THE NEXT GENERATION OF CATHOLIC LEADERS

Forming Minds. Strengthening Faith. Founded in 1887 by the U.S. bishops, The Catholic University of America is the national university of the Catholic Church in the United States, educating seminarians, religious, bishops, and laity to advance the dialogue between faith and reason. As a comprehensive institution of higher education, Catholic University seeks to impart the truth through excellence in teaching and research, in service to the Church, the nation, and the world. With five Catholic University alumni up for canonization, the University embraces the mandate of Pope Leo XIII at its founding to "give to the Church and the nation her best citizens." To support the Catholic University, go to iccols.org/GiveNow>Diocesan Collections>Sub Fund>Catholic University of America or <https://engage.catholic.edu/giving/how-give/national-collection>

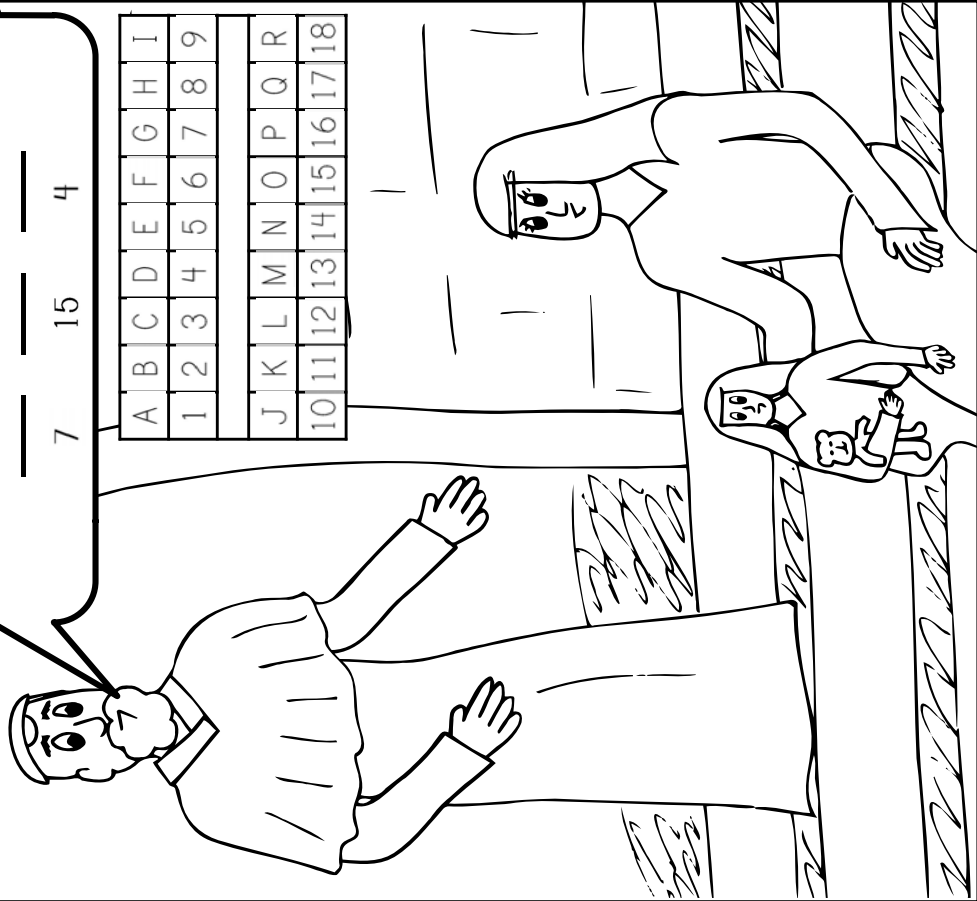
Saint Vincent de Paul

Saint Vincent de Paul spent his life helping poor people. He brought toys and food to children in need and helped to bring them closer to God.

Go to the poor: you will find

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Catholic Kids

Bulletin

September 21, 2025

Ordinary Time

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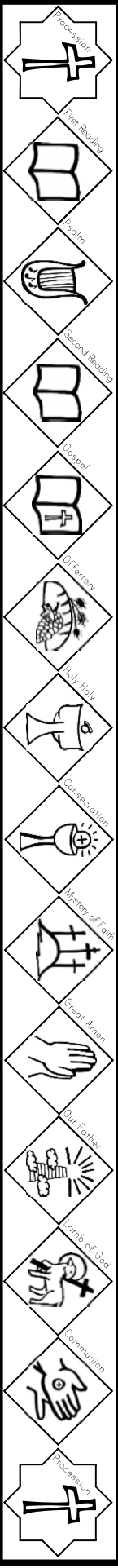
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Praise the
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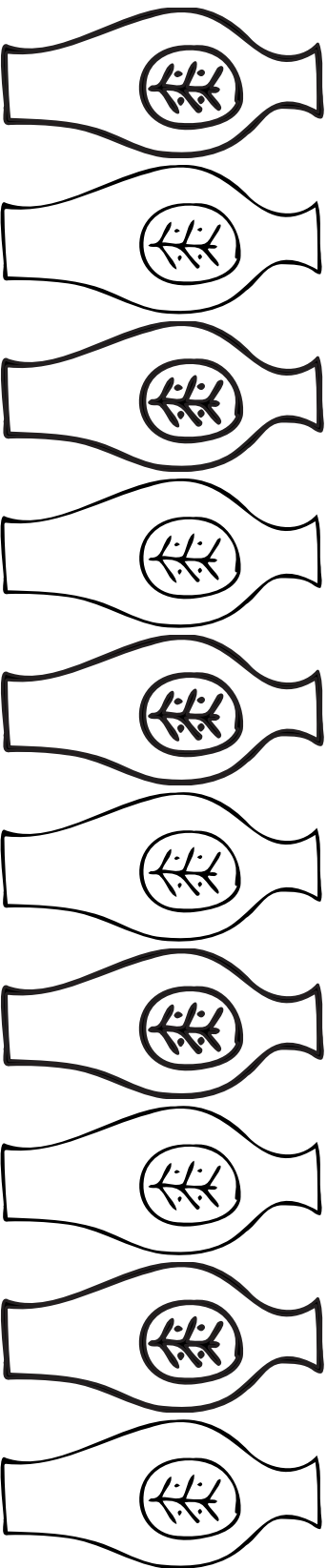
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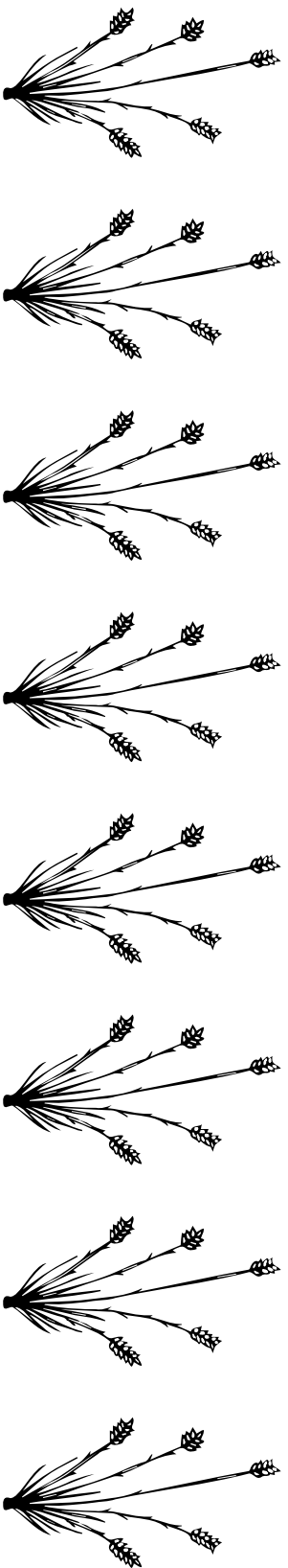


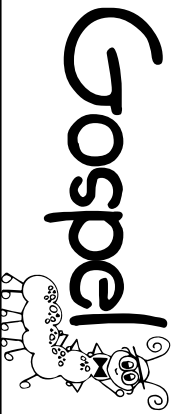
During Mass, the whole church celebrates together. Your participation in Mass is connected to everyone else who is praying in Heaven and on Earth.



How Many?







Jesus tells a parable today. Do you remember what "parable" means? It's a story that Jesus uses to teach a lesson. Today's lesson is about a man who was dishonest with money. Jesus reminds us that we should always be honest!

FAITH FORMATION

Immaculate Conception Church
September 21

Finding Faith in Troubled Times: How Catholics Can Respond to Tragedy with Hope

In recent months, the world has witnessed a surge in tragic events—wars, natural disasters, violence, and suffering that seem to stretch across every corner of the globe. For Catholics, it can be difficult to process such devastation. We may find ourselves asking, “**Why does God allow such suffering?**” or “**How can I hold on to hope when everything seems so dark?**” Yet, our faith reminds us that even in the darkest of times, God’s light continues to shine. We are called not to despair but to trust in His divine providence and act as His hands and feet in a broken world.

Christ’s Example in Suffering

Jesus Himself was no stranger to suffering. From His humble birth in a manger to His brutal death on the Cross, He experienced the full weight of human pain. Yet, He did not run from suffering—He embraced it for the salvation of the world.

His Passion teaches us that suffering is not meaningless. God can bring immense good from even the worst of tragedies.

As St. Paul reminds us, “We know that all things work for good for those who love God, who are called according to His purpose” (Romans 8:28). While we may not always understand His ways, we can trust that He is always at work, even in the midst of chaos.

Turning Fear Into Action

Instead of allowing sorrow to paralyze us, Catholics are called to respond with love, prayer, and service. Here are three ways we can turn our faith into action during these troubling times:

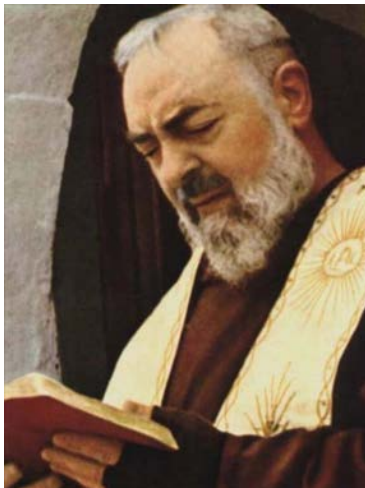
1. **Prayer and Intercession** – The most powerful response to tragedy is prayer. Offer Mass intentions, pray the Rosary, or spend time in Eucharistic Adoration, asking for God’s mercy on those who are suffering. Pray also for leaders and decision-makers, that they may act with wisdom and justice.
2. **Acts of Charity** – Jesus calls us to care for the least among us. Support Catholic relief organizations such as Catholic Relief Services or local charities that provide aid to victims of disasters and conflicts. Even small acts of kindness—checking on a neighbor, donating food, or writing letters of encouragement—can make a difference.
3. **Spreading Hope and Encouragement** – In a world overwhelmed with bad news, Catholics are called to be bearers of hope. Share uplifting messages, offer words of comfort, and remind others that God’s love never fails. **As St. Teresa of Calcutta said, “Not all of us can do great things. But we can do small things with great love.”**

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St. Peter Damian instructs us to keep our eyes forward in hope to the joy that awaits us, “In serenity look forward to the joy that follows sadness. Hope leads you to that joy and love enkindles your zeal. The well-prepared mind forgets the suffering inflicted from without and glides eagerly to what it has contemplated within itself.”

“May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.” – Romans 15:13

“But now, Lord, what do I look for? My hope is in you.” – Psalm 39:7



Padre Pio – St. Pio of Pietrelcina – Feast Day – September 23

Why Saint Padre Pio Matters Today

Saint Padre Pio reminds us that holiness is possible, even in the midst of suffering, misunderstanding, and spiritual warfare. He shows us the power of prayer, the beauty of the sacraments, especially confession, and the importance of trusting God in all things.

“Pray, hope, and don’t worry.”

This simple phrase continues to echo in the hearts of the faithful.

SOCIAL CONCERNS

OPEN SHELTER DINNER – OCTOBER 6

The Open Shelter meal for homeless and marginally-housed individuals is Monday, October 6, 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.



BOYS AND GIRLS

BASKETBALL REGISTRATION

ICAA Basketball Registration for boys and girls in Grades 4–8 will run from **September 22 through October 15**. Please note that due to a new diocesan registration plan, **late registrations cannot be accepted**. Registration is online at ic.doodlio.com. Questions may be directed to icathleticshelp@gmail.com. Additional winter sports opportunities will be announced later this fall through both the school and church bulletin.

THE ADULT CHOIR IS WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS

Please join our adult choir. We rehearse on Wednesdays at 7 p.m. in the church. New members are welcome. Contact Adam Fehrenbach, Director of Music Ministries at musicdirector@iccols.org.

FALL LECTURE AT THE JOSEPHINUM

The Pontifical College Josephinum's 2025-2026 lecture series will begin with a presentation by Russ Breault, President and Founder of the Shroud of Turin Education Project, Inc. In his image-focused presentation, "Shroud Encounter," Mr. Breault will cover key findings of the scientific investigation of the Shroud, relate new dating techniques, and explore the Crucifixion and Resurrection based on the Shroud image. The lecture will be held Monday, September 29, at 7 p.m. in the Jessing Center. Free admission and parking; reservations not required. For more information, please call (614) 985-2274 or visit www.pcj.edu/lecture.

ANNUAL MOMMIES MATTER FALL FUNDRAISER!

Join Mommies Matter on Thursday, October 9 for an unforgettable evening of fun while also making a difference for a good cause! This night of comedy, music, auctions, raffles and MORE supports pregnant, single mothers in our community! The event takes place at Villa Milano starting at 5 p.m. and features live music by Blue Spectrum (Zayne Harshaw) and comedy and entertainment by Steve Simeone. Early-bird pricing ends Sunday, September 21 and includes heavy appetizers and your first drink on us! Go to www.mommiesmatter.org

MASS FOR LIFE

Friday, October 3 at 9:00 am

St. Joseph Cathedral
Columbus, OH

OHIO MARCH for LIFE
to follow at 11:00 am



OHIO MASS & MARCH FOR LIFE – FRIDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2025

Join thousands of Ohioans in Columbus on Friday, October 3, 2025 to pray and march for the respect of human life in all stages and circumstances.

MASS for LIFE at 9 a.m.

St. Joseph Cathedral, 212 E. Broad Street, Columbus, OH, 43215

MARCH for LIFE

10 a.m. Concert

11 a.m. Rally

12 p.m. March – Ohio Statehouse,

1 Capitol Square, Columbus, OH, 43215

REUNIÓN DEL ROSARIO

ROSARY GATHERING

Sábado, 11 de
octubre de 2025

Centro de
Columbus, Ohio

Oración por la paz
• Testimonio
público de fe

Más información:
More information:

Saturday,
October 11, 2025

Downtown
Columbus, Ohio

Pray for peace
Public witness of faith

614-398-6952

Bring rosaries, family & friends



ST. CHARLES HOSTING COMBINED CLASS REUNION OCTOBER 3-5

St. Charles is hosting the 2025 Combined Class Reunion Weekend October 3 through 5 for the Classes of 1955, 1960, 1965, 1970, 1975, 1980, 1985, 1990, 1995, 2000, 2005, 2010, 2015 & 2020. Activities include...Friday Night (3rd): STAG Beer-N-Brats Night and Homecoming Football Game; Saturday (4th): Family Campus Tour (3 p.m.) and Mass (4:30 p.m.). Classes are holding their own Private Class Events that night; and Sunday (5th): St. Charles Golf Outing (5th) (this event is open to everyone, not just alumni) at Bent Tree Golf Course with an 8 a.m. shotgun start. Questions? Contact Alumni Director Louis J. Fabro '83 at lfabro@scprep.org. To RSVP, scan the QR code.

CELEBRATION OF LIFE GALA

We are thrilled to invite you and your parish to Pregnancy Decision Health Centers' Annual Celebration for Life Galas. These impactful evenings will be anchored in truth and hope as we celebrate the gift of life and the impact of our mission. The Columbus Gala is on Thursday, September 25, 2025, beginning at 6 p.m. at Villa Milano, Columbus. The featured speaker is Toni McFadden, international pro-life speaker and author of *Redeemed: My Journey After Abortion*. Register online now at: <https://www.supportlifepdhc.org/gala>.

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 on-site 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.

CANCER PRAYER SERVICE TO BE HELD AT MARIA STEIN SHRINE

The Shrine is pleased to be able to offer the St. Peregrine Relic for prayer and veneration. Three times per year a prayer service is held for those who are on a journey with cancer, whether it be as a patient or as a caregiver. The next service will be held on Sunday, October 12 at 2 p.m. in the Shrine's Adoration Chapel. This event is free and open to the public. All who have been affected by cancer are encouraged to attend.

For those battling cancer, you can submit your name or a loved one's name for prayer. Please contact Caleb Gaier at c.gaier@mariasteinshrine.org or call (419) 925-4532.

The Maria Stein Shrine of the Holy Relics provides faith nourishment and spiritual renewal through opportunities for prayer and pilgrimage and inspiration from the lives of the saints. People from around the world visit the shrine to explore and enjoy this environment rich in holiness and history. The Shrine is located at 2291 St. John's Road in Maria Stein. For more event information, visit <https://mariasteinshrine.org>.

SACRED HEART CONGRESS


Saturday, November 8, 2025

Theme: Cultivating a Heart on Fire with the Sacred Heart

Join us at St. Paul Catholic Church for the annual Sacred Heart Congress! The day begins with the Rosary at 7:30 a.m. led by the Sisters, followed by Holy Mass at 8:15 a.m. with Bishop Earl Fernandes. Enjoy inspiring talks on the Sacred Heart by Fr. James Kubicki and Alicia & Mike Hernon from the Messy Family Project podcast, along with fellowship, prayer, and much more. This is a wonderful opportunity to grow closer to the Heart of Jesus and be renewed in faith. All are welcome! Sign up and register at <https://welcomehisheart.com/sacred-heart-congress>. Any questions? Reach out to Emily@welcomeHisHeart.com.

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