



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, 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

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8
Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30; Mt 1:1-16, 18-23
8:30 a.m. Edward Plank †

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9
Col 2:6-15; Lk 6:12-19
6:15 p.m. In Thanksgiving for God's Blessings

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10
Col 3:1-11; Lk 6:20-26
8:30 a.m. In Thanksgiving for God's Blessings

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 11
Col 3:12-17; Lk 6:27-38
8:30 a.m. Bill Stoker †

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 12
1 Tim 1:1-2, 12-14; Lk 6:39-42
8:30 a.m. Repose of the Soul of
Harry J. Neiner †

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13
1 Tim 1:15-17; Lk 6:43-49
4:00 p.m. Dorothy Hunsinger †

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14
Num 21:4b-9; Phl 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17
8:30 a.m. For the People of
Immaculate Conception Parish
11:00 a.m. David Galden † *Deceased*

PASTORAL STAFF

Pastor Fr. Matthew Hoover icooffice@iccols.org
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LITURGICAL MINISTERS SCHEDULE – SEPTEMBER 13 & 14, 2025

MASS TIMES	4:00 p.m.	8:30 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS	Don Muenz Paul Duffy	Todd Wickerham Anne Beharry	Mary Leathley Colleen Kent
LECTORS	MaryAnn Grossman	Steven Brobst	Anne Shea
ALTAR SERVERS	Josh Schultheis Ryan Wallace Kevin Wilson Lillian Wilson	Henry Haggard Naomi Haggard Rowan Hand David Jones	Mayce Baird Tommy Baird Campbell Byrne Mia Galden
GREETERS	Joyce Francis Christine Sapp Jeanne Stoker Molly Edwards	Walter Family Sue & Sophia Ruschau Suzanne Smith Martha Bowling	Anne Campbell Heather Vaca-Guzman Daniels Family Sleeper Family
WELCOME DESK	Patty Conway	Suzanne Smith	Elizabeth Daniels

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

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

We welcome **Charlotte Irene Atkinson**, daughter of James and Katherine Atkinson, who was received into the Church through the Sacrament of Baptism on August 30, 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.

IC SENIOR MINISTRY SEPTEMBER GATHERING

Now that our summer break is over, the IC Senior Ministry group (IC "Old Faithfuls") will gather **Thursday, September 18 at Noon in Marian Hall**. In addition to our guest speaker from the Catholic Foundation, we will be discussing our activities for the coming year and how the group operates. Please come with your ideas and enjoy lunch and conversation.

BANNS OF MARRIAGE

Gabrielle Quesnell and Jacob Poe

Wedding date – October 4, 2025

Michaela Cummins and Jeffrey (Tate) Hughes

Wedding date – October 10, 2025

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



SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR GAZA

As the situation in Gaza continues to leave families and civilians struggling to survive, protect their children, and live with dignity in dire conditions, the U.S. Bishops have requested that Catholic parishes support a special collection for this humanitarian crisis.

Your donations can still be made through the parish website at iccols.org > Give Now > choose Gaza Relief from the dropdown box. **So far, we have collected \$1,840.** The funds need to be sent as soon as possible, so please make your donation by Wednesday, September 10 through the website or Parish Office. **Pictured: Catholic Relief Services bringing water to adults and children in Gaza.**



PLEASE JOIN THE IC GARDEN MINISTRY FOR ITS MONTHLY GARDENING SESSION

Please join us on Saturday, September 13 from 9 to 11 a.m. as we continue to beautify the IC grounds. We will be weeding and watering. Please bring gloves, hand tools, a hat, and especially, personal water. This is a great service project for students and parents together.

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 members. This is for grades 4 through 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. 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. 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.



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



*In every age, O Lord,
you have been our refuge.*



TIME, TALENT & TREASURE

Fostering Stewardship as a Way of Life

Fiscal Year 7/1/2025-6/30/2026 • Offertory Report 8/31/2025

	8/31/2025	YTD 2025/2026
Recorded Envelopes/Checks	\$ 17,805	\$ 231,445
Loose Cash	\$ 809	\$ 8,497
TOTAL RECEIVED	\$ 18,614	\$ 239,942
Weekly Operating Expenses	\$ 27,000	\$ 243,000
Weekly Overage/(Shortage)	\$ (8,386)	\$ (3,058)
Families Receiving Envelopes		840
Envelopes Received		88
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.

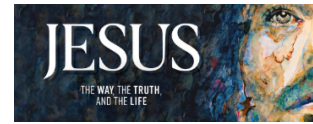
FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

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. 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.



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, 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.



DIVE DEEPER IN YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD

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.

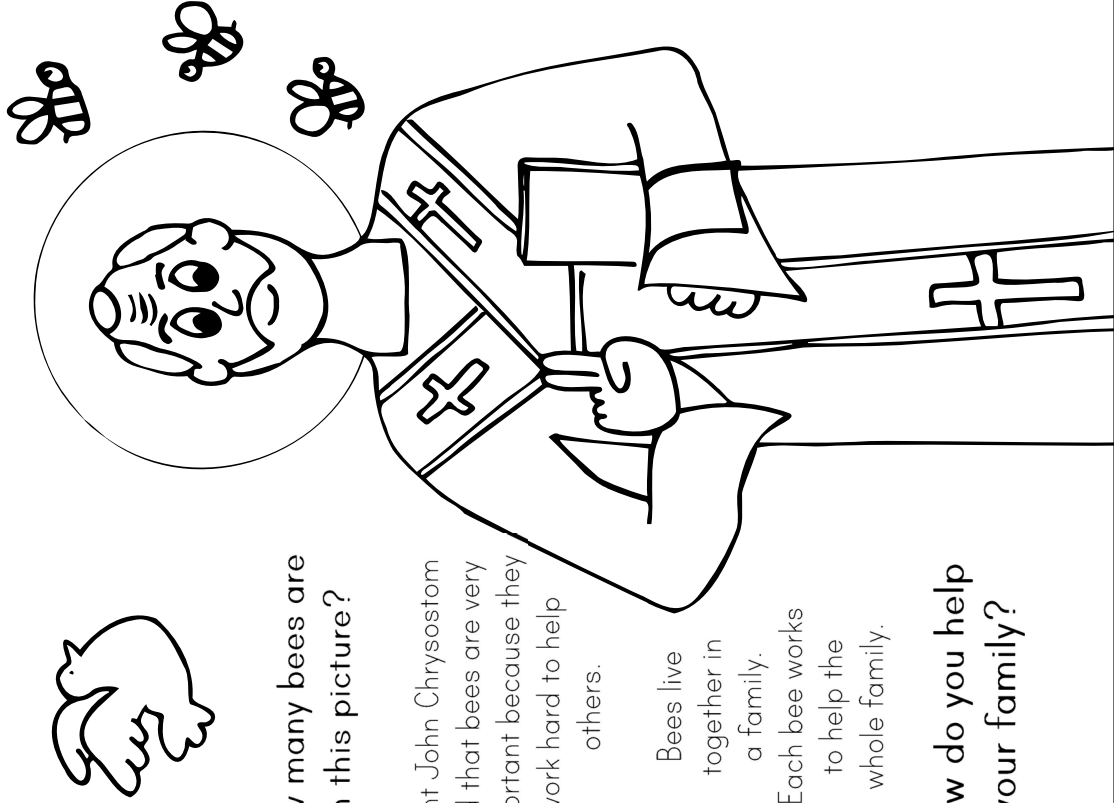
Interested or want more information?
Contact Mary Ann Rivera at marivera@iccols.org
or call 614-267-9241

RADIO FUN THAT WILL LEAVE YOU SMILING!

Join the St. Gabriel Radio AM 820 – Fall Spirit Drive as we welcome local priests, and some of your favorite national EWTN hosts for a live, three-day radio event from **Wednesday**, September 17 through **Friday**, September 19. Each participating priest is grouped with two other priests as they compete in a live radio game. You may help your favorite priest team by making a donation before or during the Spirit Drive. If you donate prior to September 17, you will be entered into a special pre-event drawing to win **two (2) OSU Football Tickets!** Call (614) 459-4820 or go online to StGabrielRadio.com to support your live local Catholic Radio Station!

Saint John Chrysostom

Saint John Chrysostom was known as "Golden Mouthed" because he was a great speaker. He talked to people about Jesus.



How many bees are in this picture?

Saint John Chrysostom said that bees are very important because they work hard to help others.

Bees live together in a family. Each bee works to help the whole family.

How do you help your family?

Catholic Kids

Bulletin

September 7, 2025
Ordinary Time
Color: Green

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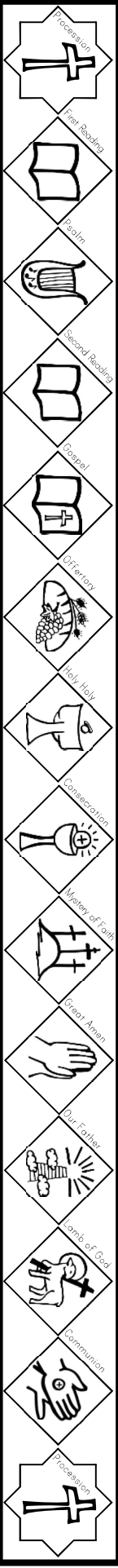
In every age,
O Lord, you
have been our
refuge.

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The candles in the church are made from beeswax.
How many candles are in your church?

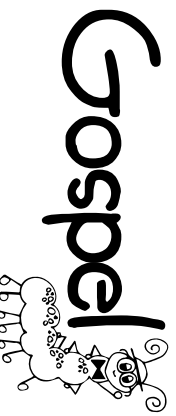
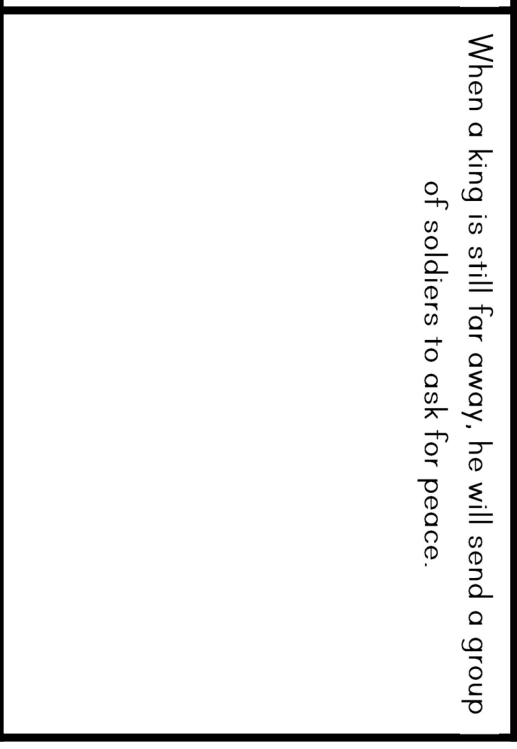
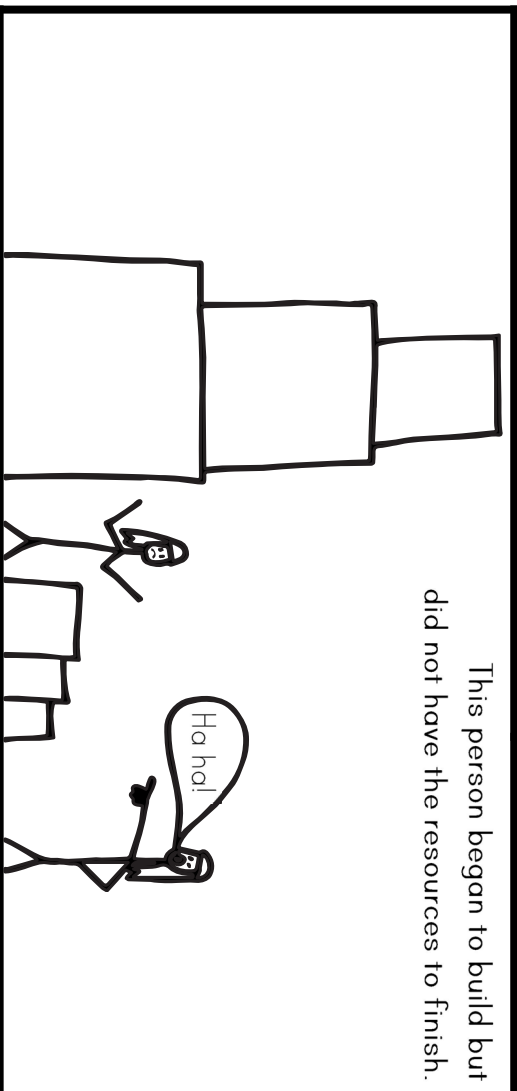


Help me finish this comic about the Gospel. Listen to the Gospel to help you draw pictures.

Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple.

This person began to build but did not have the resources to finish.

When a king is still far away, he will send a group of soldiers to ask for peace.



Crowds of people followed Jesus to hear His teachings. In today's Gospel, we hear Jesus teaching them how to become His disciples. We can all be disciples by listening to Jesus' teachings.

FAITH FORMATION

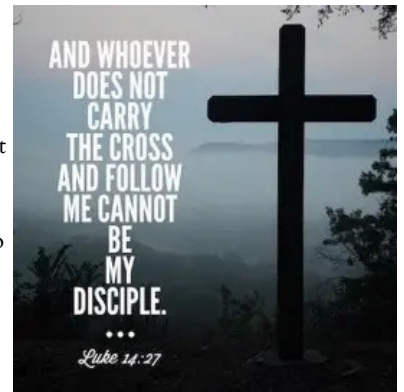
Immaculate Conception Church
September 7, 2025

Travel With Jesus or Follow Him?

Today's gospel reading starts out by telling us that "*large crowds were traveling with Jesus.*" They have made the choice to *travel* with him. But have they made the choice to *follow* Jesus? That's a little different, isn't it?

When we travel with someone, we are still in control, right? We can still decide whether to take that next step, whether to go to that next destination. It is a pretty casual way of being with someone. There is not a lot of commitment there. Jesus didn't give up his divinity and come to earth to have people travel with him. He came to die for us, and to invite us to follow him. And if we are going to follow him, it won't always be easy. We won't be in control anymore. Jesus will. Our priorities will have to change. And Jesus makes that very clear in this reading.

That is the context for today's passage; and it's important to remember it when we get to his teachings. Jesus is inviting the crowds to make a choice – travel with him, until they get bored or frustrated or disappointed; or, follow him, all the way to the cross and the tomb. Which will it be, travel with Jesus, or follow him?



It is a life-changing decision, and Jesus knows it. He wants to make sure that those who follow him have considered the cost. Before building a tower, make sure you have enough money to complete it. Before going to war, make sure you have enough soldiers to win the victory.

And before following Jesus, make sure you are willing to do everything he asks.

Being a Christian, Jesus reminds us today, is not a hobby. It isn't something we can do just when we want to, or feel like it. We are either all in, or we're not. And so, for the crowds traveling with Jesus, it's time to decide. Do they want to travel with him? Or do they want to follow him? And that same question comes to us today, and actually comes to us over and over again in our lives. We are here, in church today. But are we here because we want to travel with Jesus? Or are we here because we have made the choice to take up our cross and follow him? And if we are ready to follow him, then he must come first. Nothing else can be more important to us than Jesus. Not our families. Not our possessions. Not even our life.

So, when Jesus tells us that we must hate our families in order to follow him, he simply means that we can't put our families first. He must come first. It is a question of priorities. Which comes first, Jesus or our family? It can't be both. To follow Jesus, everything must take a backseat to this priority.

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SEPTEMBER DEVOTION:

Our Lady of Sorrows



Unite Our Suffering With Our Lady of Sorrows

Before sharing some ways to unite our sufferings with our Lady's suffering, let me share the seven sorrows of Our Lady:

1. **The First Sword of Sorrow:** Simeon announces the suffering destiny of Jesus (Luke 2:34-35)
2. **The Second Sword of Sorrow:** Mary escapes into Egypt with Jesus and Joseph (Matt 2:13-15)
3. **The Third Sword of Sorrow:** Mary seeks Jesus lost in Jerusalem (Luke 2:41-51)
4. **The Fourth Sword of Sorrow:** Mary meets Jesus as He carries His Cross to Calvary (cf. Luke 23:26-31)
5. **The Fifth Sword of Sorrow:** Mary stands near the Cross of her Son Jesus (John 19:25-27)
6. **The Sixth Sword of Sorrow:** Mary receives into her arms the body of Jesus taken down from the Cross (cf. John 19:38)
7. **The Seventh Sword of Sorrow:** Mary helps place the body of Jesus in the tomb (cf. John 19:39-42) [2]

Why Meditate Upon the Seven Sorrows of Mary?

"The purpose of the Devotion of the Seven Sorrows is to promote union with the sufferings of Christ through union with the special suffering that Our Lady endured because she was the Mother of God. By uniting ourselves with both the Passion of Christ and His holy Mother, we enter into Jesus' Heart and honor Him greatly; He is more honored because we have so honored His Mother.

www.gracefulblog/ourladyofsorrows.

SOCIAL CONCERNS



The IC St. Vincent de Paul Conference invites you to walk with us on Saturday, September 20 at the Friends of the Poor Walk. The Walk is one mile, symbolizing "walking a mile in the shoes of someone in need" and the purpose of the walk is to raise funds to help our ministry in assisting our neighbors in need. We provide help with rent, utilities, food, shelter, car repairs, and more, bringing hope to our neighbors during difficult times. Even if you can't join us on the day of the walk, please consider supporting us with a donation. Make check payable to Immaculate Conception – SVdP and send to the IC Parish Office or give through the parish website. No need to register, Come, Walk, Donate, Enjoy! 😊 The walk takes place at the DeSales High School track, 4212 Karl Road, Columbus 43229. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m., followed by prayer, announcements and pictures from 9:30-10 a.m. The walk starts at 10 a.m.

OPEN SHELTER MEAL THIS MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

The Open Shelter Meal for homeless and marginally housed individuals is this 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? The IC St. Vincent de Paul Conference strives 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. **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.**

THE BLUE MASS, THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

St. Timothy Church, 1088 Thomas Lane, Columbus, OH 43220 St. Timothy Church and St. Timothy Knights of Columbus Council 14345 will host The Blue Mass on Thursday, September 11, 2025 at 5 p.m. The Blue Mass is an opportunity to honor and pray for all active, retired and deceased police, firefighters, and emergency medical personnel. In addition, it is an occasion to remember the 2,973 who lost their lives in the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks. All active and retired police, fire, and emergency medical personnel in the greater Columbus area, and their families are invited. The Celebrant and Homilist for The Blue Mass will be The Most Reverend Earl K. Fernandes, Bishop of Columbus. Let us all join together to honor our police, firefighters, and emergency medical personnel, to ask for God's blessing, to keep them safe, and to guide them in their duties.

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.

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.

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 Cookoff (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 August 20-September 21 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.

The poster features logos for Women2Women... Empowering Communities, Franklin County Board of Commissioners, and Mount Carmel. The main title is "Faces of Courage Human EMPOWERMENT CONFERENCE" with "EMPOWERMENT" in large pink letters. Below the title is "Saturday, September 13, 2025". A QR code is shown in the bottom left. The bottom right features a woman's profile and the text "Countdown to Empowerment Begins! Limited seats. Life-changing experience. Pre-Registration Opens Soon! Scan the QR code to join our Interest List today." The website women2women68.org is listed at the top right.

On September 13, 2025, the Women2Women Faces of Courage Human Empowerment Conference will be held at Columbus State Community College. For additional information, visit www.women2women68.org.

SAVE THE DATE:

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. Tickets go on sale August 31 for early-bird pricing and include heavy appetizers and your first drink on us! Go to mommiesmatter.org/fall-fundraiser for more details. Mommies Matter is a charitable organization that provides group and one-on-one mentoring support, as well as housing, educational, employment and financial assistance to brave, single, pregnant moms. Together, our Mommies find the encouragement and support they need to thrive as they realize they are not alone.

"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 p.m. To purchase tickets, donate, or view auction items, visit <https://one.bidpal.net/nightofchamps25>. To learn more, visit <https://brianmuhafoundation.org>.

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