



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

CATHOLIC CHURCH

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PARISH OFFICE

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SCHOOL OFFICE

(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

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MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18
2 Tim 4:10-17b; Lk 10:1-9
4:00 p.m. The Living & Deceased Members of
the Hickey Families

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19
Ex 17:8-13; 2 Tim 3:14-4:2; Lk 18:1-8
8:30 a.m. For the People of
Immaculate Conception Parish
11:00 a.m. Ben Kaminski †

MONDAY, OCTOBER 20
Rom 4:20-25; Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75; Lk 12:13-21
8:30 a.m. Ernest Cronin †

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21
Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21; Lk 12:35-38
6:15 p.m. Sam & Hilda Martin †

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 22
Rom 6:12-18; Lk 12:39-48
8:30 a.m. Chris Mahler †

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 23
Rom 6:19-23; Lk 12:49-53
8:30 a.m. For the Intention of the Sherer and
Billingsley Families

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24
Rom 7:18-25a; Lk 12:54-59
8:30 a.m. For the Intention of
Megan & M. Matthew Spillers
Family

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25
Rom 8:1-11; Lk 13:1-9
4:00 p.m. For the Intention of Mary Bernard

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26
Sir 35:12-14, 16-18; 2 Tim 4:6-8, 16-18; Lk 18:9-14
8:30 a.m. For the People of
Immaculate Conception Parish
11:00 a.m. For the Intention of Kathy Muenz
† Deceased

PASTORAL STAFF

Pastor Fr. Matthew Hoover icoffice@iccols.org
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Coordinator

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Faith Formation for Youth

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LITURGICAL MINISTERS SCHEDULE – OCTOBER 25 & 26, 2025

MASS TIMES	4:00 p.m.	8:30 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS	Bobbie Mitch Paul Duffy	Anne Beharry Diana Marie Winkler	Andy MacKinnon Janet Wilks
LECTORS	MaryAnn Grossman	Tim Geraghty	Jonathan Fortkamp
ALTAR SERVERS	Josh Schultheis Ryan Wallace Kevin Wilson Lillian Wilson	Jack Zilly Jack Abens Mia Abens Daniel Barnes	Violet Reineck Kathleen Rogers Evie Sabo Jackson Sleeper
GREETERS	Joyce Francis Christine Sapp Jeanne Stoker Molly Edwards	Walter Family Sue and Sophia Ruschau Suzanne Smith Martha Bowling	Margaret Williams Michelle Gill Sara Konz
WELCOME DESK	Patty Conway	Tara Hummer	Karen Cannell

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 during October 2025 through March 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 October, the three sanctuary candles were donated by **Dennis and Paula Mong**. 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

Grace Hetterscheidt and Carlos Munoz De Veyra
Wedding date – November 11, 2025

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

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

Please remember in your prayers **Cecilia Bruzzese** who died last week. We also remember **Mary Hadley** who died recently. Eternal rest grant onto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May your consoling love be with their family and friends.

BOOK OF THE DECEASED



During October, we have a special Book of the Deceased in the Gathering Space. Parishioners are encouraged to enter the names of deceased friends and loved ones who have died in the past year. The book will be placed in the Sanctuary during the month of November as we lift up in prayer all the souls listed in the book.



REMEMBERING THOSE WHO HAVE GONE BEFORE US...

Join us for the **All Souls Remembrance Mass** on Tuesday, November 4, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. Friends and family are invited to gather for this time of reflection, remembrance, and prayer. Names of loved

ones who passed away in this past year (November 2024 – October 2025) will be read during the Mass and there will be an opportunity for a family member to light a votive candle in their remembrance. **For your loved one to be included, kindly RSVP to Rhodora (Odee) Dammarell at rdammarell@iccols.org or call the Parish Office no later than Friday, October 24, 2025.**

To Do This Fall:

- Spend time with family!
- Go apple picking!
- Visit a pumpkin patch!
- Have fun!
- Read a good book and sip on a PSL!
- Simplify my life and donate extra stuff to the SVdP Thrift Store!
- Call 614-377-1065 to arrange a furniture pick up.
- Drop off small items at the store – and stop in to shop!



St. Vincent de Paul
5969 East Main St., Columbus 43213
614-377-1065
svdpthriftstores.com
Easy on & off I-270 @ East Main St.

SVDP THRIFT STORE TRAILER

WILL BE ON IC CAMPUS ON OCTOBER 18TH
HOURS: 9AM TO 3PM



AND OCTOBER 19TH
HOURS: 1PM TO 5PM

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

IC Fall Family Clean-up

SATURDAY NOV 8, 10 A.M. TO NOON

Join With Fellow Parishioners to Keep IC Beautiful

Great Family Activity and Volunteer Opportunity
*Faith through works**

Cook-Out After the Event

Please meet at the grotto at 10 a.m. to sign-in.

Bring tools and attire for trimming, weeding, pruning and general gardening work.

**"OUR HELP IS FROM THE LORD,
WHO MADE HEAVEN AND EARTH."**

Evangelization Corner

Many years ago, Marie, a woman of very little means sent frequent cards of prayerful encouragement for the last two difficult years of my father's life. They often included belly laughing humor, as well. Recently, I became aware of several people with long term illnesses or ongoing challenges. I was moved to pass her gift of prayerful encouragement laced with chuckles to those who know God's love and to those who have yet to discover our Lord's loving presence in their lives. Four of those recipients have graduated to the next life. Cards continue to support the ones they left behind.



*Encourage
ONE ANOTHER
AND BUILD EACH
OTHER UP* to Missionary 511

Submitted by Martha Bowling who made this her "Reach More" mission after completing the Reach More training here at I. C.

TIME, TALENT & TREASURE

Fostering Stewardship as a Way of Life

Fiscal Year 7/1/2025 – 6/30/2026 • Offertory Report 10/12/2025

	10/12/2025	YTD 2025/2026
Recorded Envelopes/Checks	\$ 21,925	\$ 376,357
Loose Cash	\$ 919	\$ 13,293
TOTAL RECEIVED	\$ 22,844	\$ 389,650
Weekly Operating Expenses	\$ 27,000	\$ 405,000
Weekly Overage/(Shortage)	\$ (4,156)	\$ (15,350)
Families Receiving Envelopes		840
Envelopes Received		103
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)



WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

United in Prayer with the Missions As World Mission Month continues, we are invited not only to give but to pray for the Church in mission territories. One powerful way to do this is by praying the World Mission Rosary, introduced by Venerable Archbishop Fulton Sheen in 1951. Each decade is a different color, representing a region of the world. In

Evangelii Nuntiandi, St. Pope Paul VI reminds us that prayer is the soul of all mission: "It is the Holy Spirit who, today just as at the beginning of the Church, acts in every evangelizer" (75). Through our prayers, we unite ourselves with missionaries bringing the Gospel to the ends of the earth. Let us offer our rosaries and Masses this week for those who bring Christ's love to the margins, often at great personal cost. And let us ask the Holy Spirit to rekindle the fire of hope in our own hearts, that we may also be missionaries, wherever we are. **To donate to the Pontifical Mission Societies, use the special envelope in your packet or at the doors, or go to iccols.org>Give Now>Diocesan Collections> Sub Fund>World Missions.**

YOUNG ADULTS ARE INVITED TO JOIN US ON THIS MONDAY



Young adults, join us Monday, October 27 from 7:00-9:00 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 Dominic Rivera at drivera3000@gmail.com.



BOX OF JOY

Send a Box of Joy to a Child Who Wishes for Just One Gift
Join in on Immaculate Conception's support of Cross Catholic Outreach's Box of Joy Ministry! This ministry allows you the opportunity to make a difference in the lives of children across the world who typically receive little, if anything for Christmas. Our parish goal is to have 100 boxes fulfilled! IC School has a goal of 300 boxes.

Details are available in the gathering space to participate. Now through November 2 – Fill you're a shoebox using the guidelines and return it to the Gathering Space with the donation envelope. Any questions? Please contact Veronica Dannemiller at vdannemiller@iccols.org. Thank You for kicking off the holiday season with this joy-filled project!

SCHOOL NEWS & ACTIVITIES

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On Friday, October 10, IC school celebrated Grandparents Day. Our church was filled to the brim with happy children and their grandparents/special friends. Thank you to all who worked so hard to make this a special day, and to our weekday Mass goers who made room in the parking lot and church for all who attended.



Students invited their families into their classrooms, played Bingo in the gym, and shared stories in Marian Hall while enjoying donuts and watching

a slideshow highlighting their school learning experiences.

BISHOP WATTERSON

Mother's Club Fall Dinner – All Bishop Watterson moms – past, present and future – are invited to Mothers' Club's annual Fall Dinner on Thursday, November 6 at Brookside Country Club. The fun begins at 6:00 p.m. with a social hour and raffles, followed by dinner at 7:00 p.m. For more information or to register, go to bishopwatterson.com.

BWHS Trick-or-Treat – Parents! Bring the little ones for a fun trick-or-treat event at Bishop Watterson on Sunday, October 26 from 3:00-4:30 p.m.! It's free and open to children 10 and under. Register at bishopwatterson.com.



BW Fall Sub Sale
– Help support the Bishop Watterson Marching Eagles & Watterson Band program. Subs can be purchased through individual band members or via our weblink. Subs will be student made and ready for pickup in the Bishop

Watterson School Cafeteria on November 15 between 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. Thank you for your support. GO EAGLES!

Bishop Watterson Open House – Save the date for Bishop Watterson's Annual Open House for prospective students on Sunday, November 23 from 1:00-3:00 p.m.

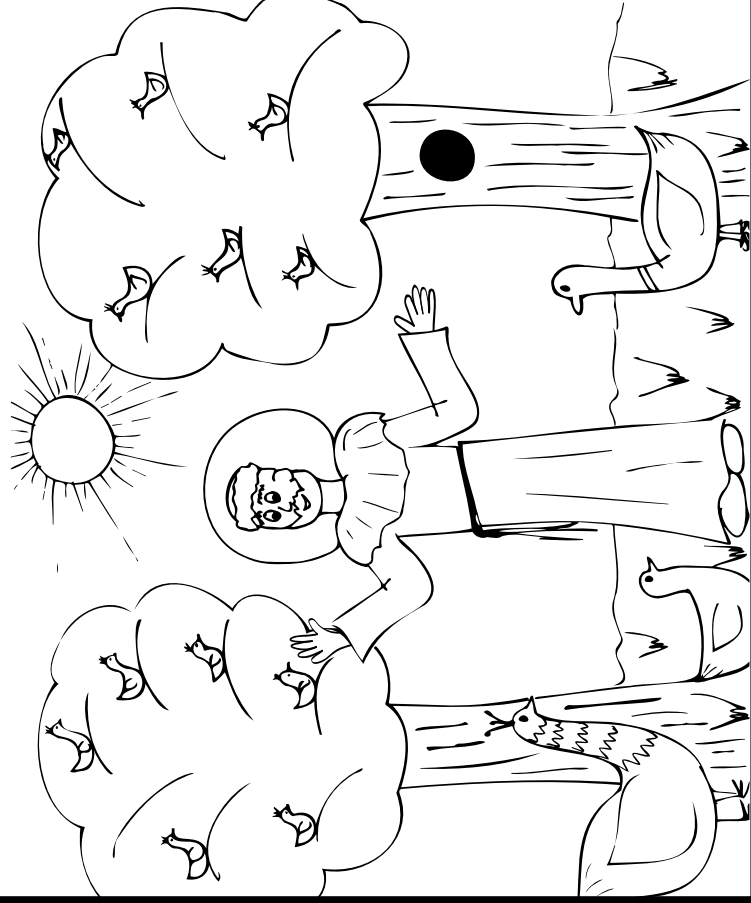
Saint Francis of Assisi

Saint Francis of Assisi was a monk who gave away everything he had. He was very cheerful and helped others be happy. What can you do to make someone happy today?



How many birds are listening to Saint Francis?

He was a great preacher; even the birds listened when he talked about God.



Year C: Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Catholic Kids

Bulletin

October 19, 2025
Ordinary Time
Color: Green

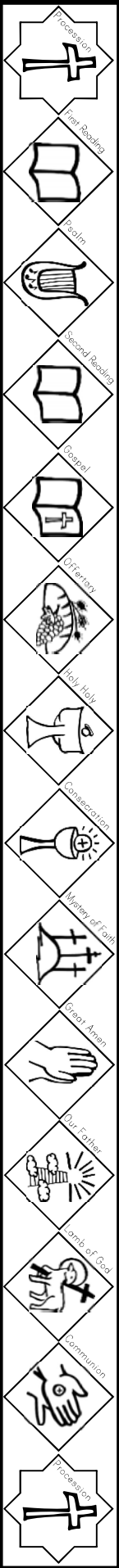
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Our help is
from the Lord,
who made
heaven and
earth.

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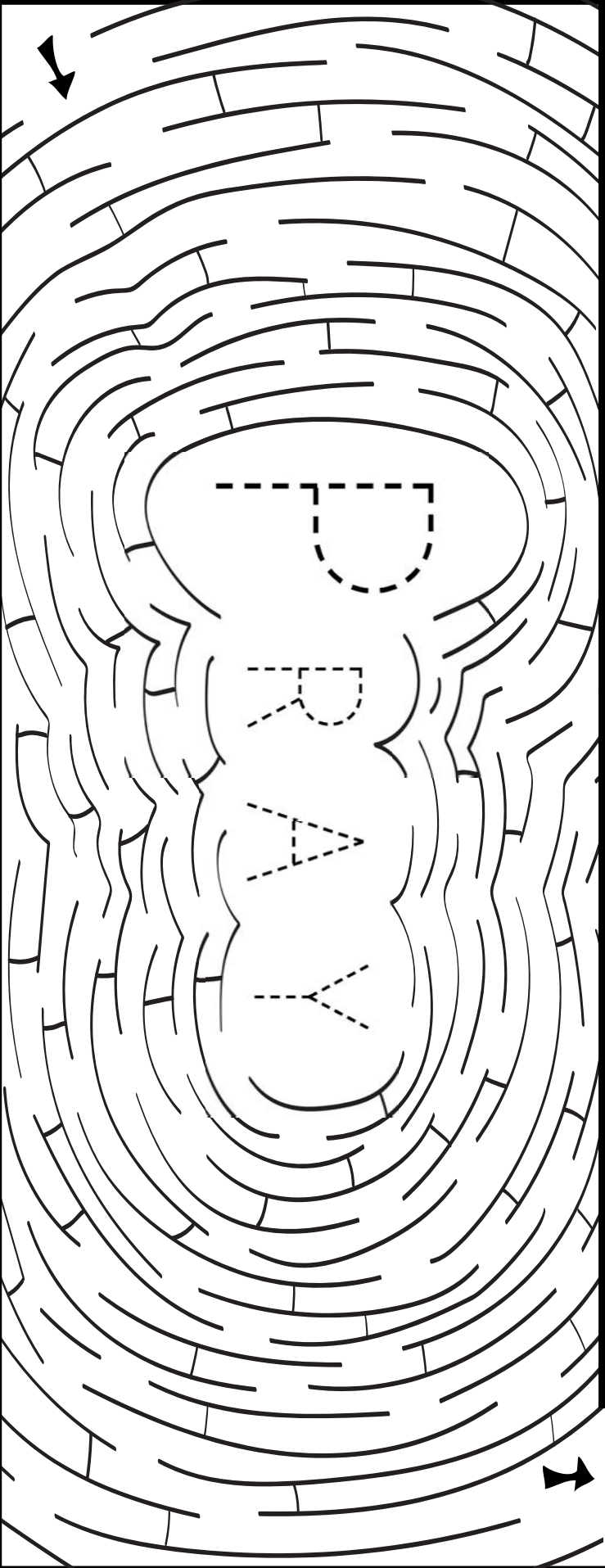


Bow your head while you pray to help you focus on being humble before God.



A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R
10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z	
19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	

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Jesus tells a parable about prayer. He tells you to pray to Him all the time!
He loves you and wants you to share your life with Him.

Immaculate Conception Parish

Fiscal Year 2024-25 Annual Report



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CONCEPTION**

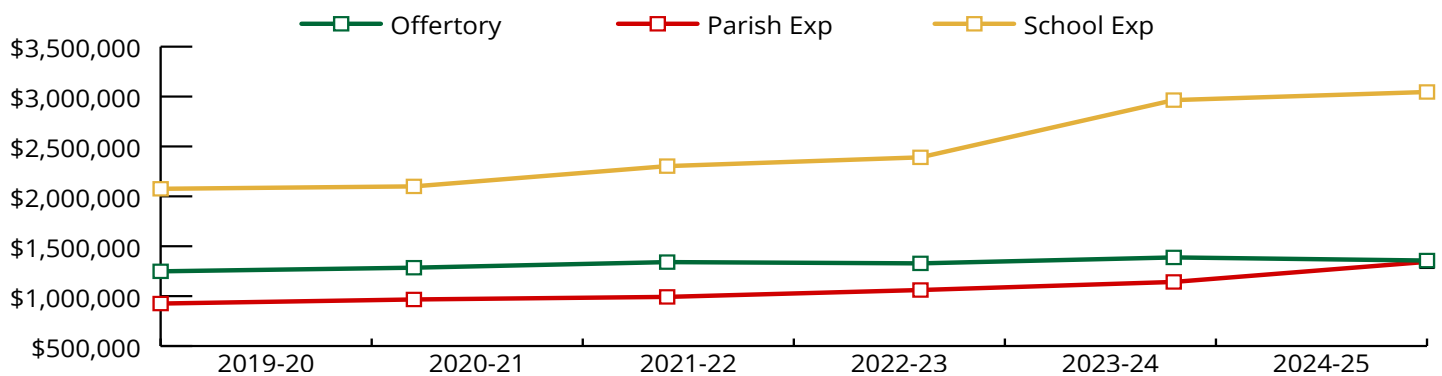
Dear Parishioners,

On behalf of the Finance Council, I am pleased to present you with the Immaculate Conception Parish Annual Report for the fiscal year ending **June 30, 2025**.

We share this report with you each year to demonstrate our fiscal responsibility and good stewardship. In making disciples of Jesus Christ, every sacrament received, every faith formation program hosted, every ministry and activity that brings others to experience Jesus' love, is fulfilling the mission of our Catholic Church. I am so appreciative of the gifts you bestow on the Immaculate Conception community and extend a heartfelt thank you for your time, talent and financial support. If you have any questions or want more details, please contact the Business Office.

FY 2024-25 Financial Snapshot

Total Income	\$4,821,041
Expenses	(\$4,372,110)
Capitalized Projects	(\$558,447)
Fiscal Year Cash Deficit	(\$109,516)



1,335

registered
households



3,795

members



794

2025 Weekend
Mass Count average
(Up from 746 last year)

\$558,447

Dollars spent on IC Campus projects last year including School Lower Level Restrooms, Gym & hallway painting, flooring in 3 classrooms, Gathering Space roofing repairs and parking lot maintenance.



PARISH STATISTICS

A snapshot of our faith community and giving in the last year



708 (53%)

of 1,335 total parish households
contributed to the offertory



45

Baptisms

16

Funerals

449

young people enrolled in our
parish education programs
including preschool, grades
K-8 and Family Faith
Formation program



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH

FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2024 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2025

PARISH RECEIPTS

Offertory	\$1,356,684
Other Parish Income - Rentals, Gifts and School Age Childcare Center	149,200
Employee Retention Credit	198,524
The Appeal Refund	31,542
Net Parish Activities (Festival)	<u>55,901</u>
TOTAL	\$1,791,851

PARISH EXPENDITURES

Salary Costs (Lay & Clergy)	\$480,112
Employee Benefits (Lay & Clergy)	151,267
Rectory & Household Expense	12,114
Office Supply & Expense	65,768
Church Supply & Expense	35,011
Parish Charities	4,738
Parish Utilities	49,887
Maintenance Supply & Expense	97,709
Property Insurance	17,174
Property Tax	7,004
Diocesan Assessment & Interest	142,967
Depreciation Expense	<u>139,382</u>
TOTAL	\$1,203,133

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION COSTS

Youth Programs	\$9,085
Adult Education	10,267
Less Religious Education Income	<u>(7,051)</u>
TOTAL	\$12,301

SCHOOL & PRESCHOOL RECEIPTS

Tuition (Families, EdChoice & J Peterson)	\$2,976,732
Net Student Service (Café, field trips, etc)	(124,944)
State Administrative Cost Reimbursement	<u>170,351</u>
TOTAL	\$3,022,139

SCHOOL & PRESCHOOL EXPENDITURES

Salary Costs	\$1,937,792
Employee Benefits	731,410
Office Supply & Expense	31,513
Central Administration Fees	15,421
Secular Instruction Supply & Expense	28,147
Religious Instruction Supply & Expense	32,033
Library & AV Supply & Expense	151
Maintenance Supply & Expense	167,131
Utilities	97,250
Marketing	3,163
Technology Costs	72,340
Staff Development	16,100
Insurance	<u>17,174</u>
TOTAL	\$3,149,625

SUMMARY

RECEIPTS

Parish	\$1,791,851
School & Preschool	3,022,139
Religious Education	<u>7,051</u>
TOTAL	\$4,821,041

EXPENSES

Parish	\$ 1,203,133
School & Preschool	3,149,625
Religious Education	19,352
Capitalized Projects	<u>558,447</u>
TOTAL	\$4,930,557

Cash Shortage for Fiscal Year **(\$109,516)**

Parish Aid Reserves (Some Restricted)	\$1,691,907
Endowment Fund (Church)	\$173,275
Endowment Fund (School)	\$188,987

FAITH FORMATION

Immaculate Conception Church
October 19, 2025



World Mission Sunday (WMS) is a special day celebrated by the Catholic Church around the world to recognize and support the Church's missionary work. Each year, the Pope chooses a theme for World Mission Sunday. For 2025, the theme is: "Missionaries of Hope Among the Peoples" This theme calls all Catholics — young and old — to be messengers of hope, just as missionaries bring Christ's love to people around the world.

'Here I think especially of those of you who are missionaries *ad gentes*. Following the Lord's call, you have gone forth to other nations to make known the love of God in Christ... In this way, you are signs of the universal vocation of the baptised to become, by the power of the Spirit and daily effort, missionaries among all peoples and witnesses to the great hope given us by the Lord Jesus.'

Pope's Message for World Mission Sunday 2025

Being a disciple means being constantly ready to bring the love of Jesus to others, and this can happen unexpectedly and in any place: on the street, in a city square, during work, on a journey.

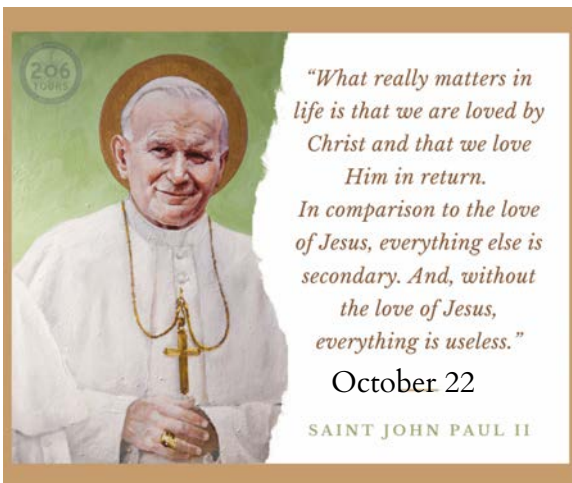
EVANGELII GAUDIUM OF HOLY FATHER FRANCIS

Jesus the Missionary

Excerpt from *To the Ends of the Earth: A Pastoral Statement on World Mission*.

Jesus was a missionary. As the Word of God, he is the light of all nations. As the Word made flesh, he brought God's own life into our midst. Before returning to the Father, he sent the Church to continue the mission given him by the Father and empowered her with his Spirit: "As the Father has sent me, so I send you" (Jn 20:21).

The Cost of Proclaiming Christ: the Message of St. Pope John Paul II



What is the cost of proclaiming Christ? We will call the first three duties and the fourth an opportunity, as follows:

The **first duty** of a person who calls himself a Roman Catholic is to know the truth revealed by Jesus Christ.

The **second duty** is to realize how desperately the modern world needs Christ.

The **third duty** is to proclaim what Christ has revealed.

The **fourth** is to pay the price of this proclamation.

If there is one theme that stands out in documents and addresses of Pope John Paul, it is his insistence on the faithful knowing what God has revealed in the person of Jesus Christ.

Make Christ known where His name has not been heard before. Make Him better known where He is only dimly understood. Above all proclaim Him in circles and among people who were once believers and because they had not been nourished with the bread of Christian truth, have become estranged even from the God who made them.

St. John Paul II discovered the secret of true joy in this world. It is the joy that comes to those who are convinced that Jesus is God; who are convinced that so many are deprived of this knowledge of Christ; who are compelled by their faith to share Christ with everyone even with those who may not be willing to listen, and above all, who are committed to proclaim the Master at no matter what cost to themselves. hardonsj.org

CATHOLIC CEMETERIES OF COLUMBUS INVITES YOU TO OUR ANNUAL CEMETERY SATURDAY EVENT ON OCTOBER 25.

On October 25, 2025, we will begin the day at 9:00 a.m. with Mass and prayers for the dead in the chapels at St. Joseph, Resurrection, and Holy Cross Cemeteries. Following the services, our staff will be available to assist with locating gravesites, explaining our decoration guidelines, and answering any questions you may have. We will also be collecting damaged sacramentals for proper and respectful disposal.

For more details, please visit catholiccemeteriesofcolumbus.org.

ST. BRENDAN INVITING CATHOLICS HOME MINISTRY – NOVEMBER SESSIONS

Do you know anyone who has been away from the Catholic Church but are asking questions or have expressed an interest in coming back? Please help us to spread the word about the upcoming Inviting Catholics Home Ministry's "Come Home for Christmas" sessions taking place every Monday in November at St. Brendan Parish (4475 Dublin Road, Hilliard). These four informative Catholic faith refresher classes will be held every Monday in November from 6:30-8:00 p.m. in Wellnitz Hall (light refreshments provided) and are tailored to benefit those who have not attended Mass for some time and may feel apprehensive about returning. For questions about the sessions or for those interested in attending, please contact Janet Walsh at jlwalsh1@gmail.com or Deacon Jim Morris at deaconmorris@stbrendans.net. More details can be found at www.bit.ly/back2mass.

GOLD MASS

The 4th Annual Gold Mass for Diocesan Priests and Parish Musicians will be held on **Sunday, November 16 at 5:15 p.m.** at Saint Joseph Cathedral. All are invited to participate. Bishop Earl K. Fernandes will celebrate. At this Mass, we ask the Holy Spirit to bless all those who work in music ministry, both professionally and as volunteers, a truly important labor for the glory of God and the sanctification of souls. Performers and church musicians are frequently called upon to bring musical inspiration to the liturgy, audiences, as well as classrooms. This is a day to unite our voices and to support each other in these unique endeavors. Most importantly, we come to acknowledge and praise the Source of all inspiration, the Author of art. The rehearsal will be on Monday, November 10 from 7:00-9:00 p.m. at Saint Joseph Cathedral. Please RSVP to Dr. Fitzgerald at richardkfitzgerald@gmail.com or by calling 614-241-2526.

THE MELCHIZEDEK PROJECT SESSIONS AT ST. BRENDAN IN HILLIARD

Is Jesus calling you to become a priest? Every young Catholic man should ask themselves that question and The Melchizedek Project can help you to discern the answer. Sessions are 6-7:30 p.m. at St. Brendan Church (4475 Davidson Road, Hilliard) and are held on the last Monday each month. Learn more about The Melchizedek Project at www.vocationscolumbus.org or email Fr. Severance at frseverance@stbrendans.net.

GRATITUDE & TRUST: LESSONS FROM THE COMMUNION OF SAINTS

The Dominican Sisters of Peace invite all Catholic, single women ages 18-45 to join them on Sunday, November 9, 2025 to reflect on the lives of Dominican Saints and learn from their deep reliance and friendship with God. This free virtual mini-retreat will be from 2-5 p.m. and will include presentations, prayer, and faith sharing. For more details, please email Sr. Mai-dung Nguyen, OP at mai-dung.nguyen@opeace.org or call or text her at (405) 248-7027. To register for this mini-retreat, go to <https://opeace.org/2025-november-mini-retreat-registration-form/>.



**14TH ANNUAL
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Saturday, November 8, 2025

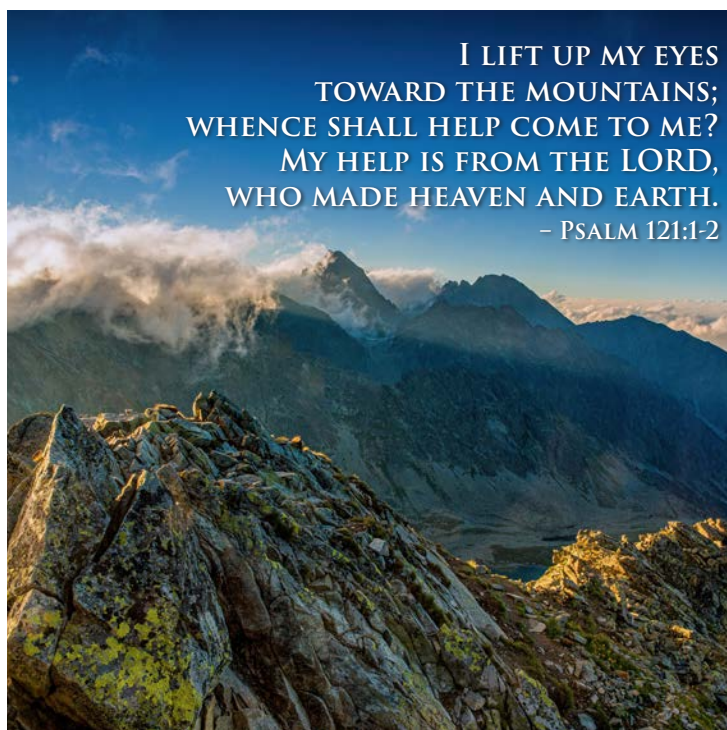
Theme: Cultivating a Heart on Fire with the Sacred Heart

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.

**I LIFT UP MY EYES
TOWARD THE MOUNTAINS;
WHENCE SHALL HELP COME TO ME?
MY HELP IS FROM THE LORD,
WHO MADE HEAVEN AND EARTH.**

– PSALM 121:1-2



SAINT JOHN PAUL II

Saint of the Day: October 22

Patron Saint of young Catholics and families

Born in Wadowice, Poland, Karol Jozef Wojtyla had lost his mother, father, and older brother before his 21st birthday. Karol's promising academic career at Krakow's Jagiellonian University was cut short by the outbreak of World War II. While working in a quarry and a chemical factory, he enrolled in an "underground" seminary in Kraków. Ordained in 1946, he was immediately sent to Rome where he earned a doctorate in theology.

Back in Poland, a short assignment as assistant pastor in a rural parish preceded his very fruitful chaplaincy for university students. Communist officials allowed Wojtyla to be appointed auxiliary bishop of Kraków in 1958, considering him a relatively harmless intellectual. They could not have been more wrong!

Appointed as archbishop of Kraków in 1964, he was named a cardinal three years later. Elected pope in October 1978, he took the name of his short-lived, immediate predecessor. Pope John Paul II was the first non-Italian pope in 455 years. In time, he made pastoral visits to 124 countries, including several with small Christian populations.

The Great Jubilee of the Year 2000, a key event in John Paul's ministry, was marked by special celebrations in Rome and elsewhere for Catholics and other Christians. Relations with the Orthodox Churches improved considerably during his papacy.

In his 27 years of papal ministry, John Paul II wrote 14 encyclicals and five books, canonized 482 saints and beatified 1,338 people. In the last years of his life, he suffered from Parkinson's disease and was forced to cut back on some of his activities.

Pope Benedict XVI beatified John Paul II in 2011, and Pope Francis canonized him in 2014.

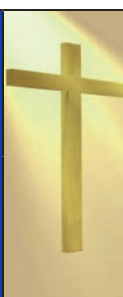
Read the full article: "Saint John Paul II" Franciscan Media, Franciscan Friars, <https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saint-john-paul-ii/> (Accessed October 6, 2025).

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