



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, 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

MONDAY, OCTOBER 27
Rom 8:12-17; Lk 13:10-17
8:30 a.m. Claribel Tweed †

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 28
Eph 2:19-22; Lk 6:12-16
6:15 p.m. Robert & Geneva Smith †

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 29
Rom 8:26-30; Lk 13:22-30
8:30 a.m. Mary Hadley †

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 30
Rom 8:31b-39; Lk 13:31-35
8:30 a.m. Frances & Bill Muenz †

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 31
Rom 9:1-5; Lk 14:1-6
8:30 a.m. For the Intentions of Deacon Campbell

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1
Rev 7:2-4, 9-14; 1 Jn 3:1-3; Mt 5:1-12a
9:00 a.m. For the People of Immaculate Conception Parish
4:00 p.m. For the People of Immaculate Conception Parish

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2
Wis 3:1-9; Rom 5:5-11 or Rom 6:3-9; Jn 6:37-40
8:30 a.m. For All IC Parishioners Who Have Died Since November 2024 †
11:00 a.m. Jim Schultheis †

† Deceased

PASTORAL STAFF

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LITURGICAL MINISTERS SCHEDULE – NOVEMBER 1 & 2, 2025

MASS TIMES	4:00 p.m.	8:30 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS	MaryAnn Grossman Courtney Hatchel	Ann & Pete Eichel	Jonathan Fortkamp Mary Leathley
LECTORS	Jen Grant	Colleen O'Brien	Sarah Ortlieb
ALTAR SERVERS	Liam Butcher-Lyden Allie Edwards Noah Edwards Lila Hatem	Brenna Conway Jake Conway Andrew DeLuca Rowan Hand	Emerson Sloan Joe Snapp Sam Snapp Olivia Starkey
GREETERS	Patty Conway Terry Butts Christine Demko	Mike Demko Bobby Clark Michele Sapp Tyler Johnston	Lyden Family Coleman Family April Byrne Inkrott 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 during November 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.



SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

We welcome **Anthony Ross Strayer**, the son of Madison and Zachary Strayer, to the Church and to Immaculate Conception Parish. Anthony was baptized on October 19, 2025.



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.

ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM, O LORD

We remember our deceased parishioners who have died, beginning November 2024 until now.

Marguerite Rooney	Irene Nagy	Bridie Lyons
Christopher Mahler	John Fadley	Frances Walker
John Nantz	Daniel Fuchs	Rose Spaith
Matthew Shannon	Timothy Ortman	Erin Rice
Mary Hadley	Cecilia Bruzzese	
Elizabeth Hart	Richard Corrigan	

We also remember Monsignor David Funk, Deacon Klaus Fricke, Deacon Richard Krick and Deacon John Elam.

All Saints' Day

Saturday, November 1 – Mass at 9 a.m.
 On Wednesday, October 29 our first graders will dress up as their favorite saint at the school Mass and relics will be displayed for veneration.

RELICS IN THE CHURCH



As part of our All Saints Day celebration, relics of The True Cross, St. Blaise, St. Gaspar, St. Teresa of Avila, St. Pius X, St. Ignatius of Loyola, St. Francis Xavier, St. Aloysius Gonzaga, and St. Donatus Martyr, will be displayed in the sanctuary for veneration of the faithful. **The relics will be available for veneration from 8:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. on Wednesday, October 29.** The custom of offering relics for veneration is very old and can be traced back to the Early Church when the Eucharist was celebrated over the tombs of the martyrs.

There are 3 classes of relics: A **First Class Relic** is an item associated with Christ's life (Cross, Manger, etc.) or physical remains of a saint. A **Second Class Relic** may be an item that a saint wore (shirt, glove, etc.). Also included in this class would be an item once owned or used by a saint such as a crucifix, book, or rosary. A **Third Class Relic** is an object that has been touched to a First Class Relic. Most Third Class Relics are a small piece of cloth.

Relics in our main altar: An altar stone is a piece of natural stone containing relics in a cavity and intended to serve as the essential part of an altar for the celebration of Mass in the Roman Catholic Church. Consecration by a bishop is required. **The relics in the altar stone of our main altar at Immaculate Conception are of St. James the Apostle and Martyr, and Blessed John, Priest and Martyr.**

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

Missionaries of Hope among the peoples.

"We Christians must not abandon almsgiving. It can be done in different ways, and surely more effectively, but it must continue to be done. It is always better at least to do something rather than nothing. Whatever form it may take, almsgiving will touch and soften our hardened hearts. It will not solve the problem of world poverty, yet it must still be carried out, with intelligence, diligence and social responsibility. For our part, we need to give alms as a way of reaching out and touching the suffering flesh of the poor" (119).

There is still time 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.



The Lord hears the cry of the poor.



TIME, TALENT & TREASURE

Fostering Stewardship as a Way of Life

Fiscal Year 7/1/2025-6/30/2026 • Offertory Report 10/19/2025

	10/19/2025	YTD 2025/2026
Recorded Envelopes/Checks	\$ 18,944	\$ 395,301
Loose Cash	\$ 859	\$ 14,152
TOTAL RECEIVED	\$ 19,803	\$ 409,453
Weekly Operating Expenses	\$ 27,000	\$ 432,000
Weekly Overage/ <i>(Shortage)</i>	\$ (7,197)	\$ (22,547)
Families Receiving Envelopes		838
Envelopes Received		78
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)

LOST AND FOUND

It is very easy to leave items in the pews when you are ready to leave. We have recently found: a New American Bible, somewhat gold and olive green in color; a round pill container with medication; and a hearing-aid holder that shows the charge level. These items are in the parish office. Please check the ushers' room for children's books, sunglasses, jewelry and various other items.



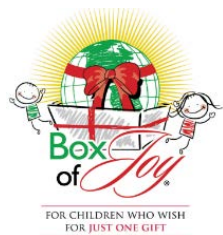
YOUNG ADULTS ARE INVITED TO JOIN US ON THIS MONDAY

Young Adults, join us this Monday, October 27 from 7-9 p.m. in IC Church for an evening set apart to praise Jesus and grow in fellowship with other young adults (age 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.

SEND A BOX OF JOY TO A CHILD WHO WISHES FOR JUST ONE GIFT



Thank you to everyone who has committed to supporting Cross Catholic Outreach's Box of Joy Ministry! It was absolutely astounding to have run out of boxes to distribute the very first weekend they were made available...and before the 11am Mass even began! We have since put out more boxes (and instructions) in the Gathering Space, but a standard shoe box (approx. 12" long x 6" wide x 4" tall) works as well. Filled boxes can be dropped off in

the parish office or the Gathering Space through November 2, and we've already received the first ones! For questions, contact Veronica Dannemiller at vdannemiller@iccols.org.

EMAILS FROM SCAMMERS, NOT FR. MATT

Several parishioners have recently received emails indicating Fr. Matt needed help with purchasing gift cards as a surprise for staff. **Please note:** Fr. Matt will never send a request in an email or text asking for your assistance in purchasing items. Scammers have developed many ways of tricking people into spending/sending money/gift cards. Please block the senders and delete the email or text. (Hint - the email address of the sender will be very different from emails you receive from the parish office.)

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

WEDNESDAY
NOVEMBER 5, 2025
7 A.M. TO 6 P.M.

[HTTPS://BIT.LY/IC_ADORATION](https://bit.ly/ic_adoration)

THE LORD IS WAITING, WILL YOU COME?

Scheduling a specific hour with the Lord helps us know there will always be someone in church spending time in His presence during our day of Adoration. To sign up for a specific hour, go to iccols.org > Parish Life > Adoration.

Keeping Kids Safe Online A Parent's Guide to Digital Safety

Parents of Elementary & Middle School Students:
Join us for an essential presentation on protecting your children in today's digital world.

Social Media Safety

Learn the latest facts about social media platforms, age-appropriate usage, and how to protect your child from online risks.

Digital Footprint

Understand what a digital footprint is and how your child's online activity can impact their future.

Parental Controls

Discover practical tools and protections available to monitor and safeguard your child's digital experiences.

AI Safety Basics

Get informed about artificial intelligence tools you children may encounter and how to ensure safe interaction.

October 29, 7pm in Marian Hall

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**

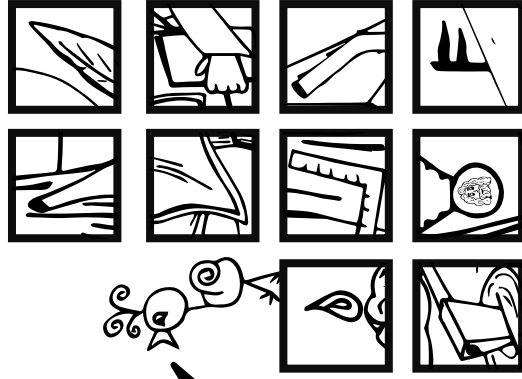
Cook-Out After the Event

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

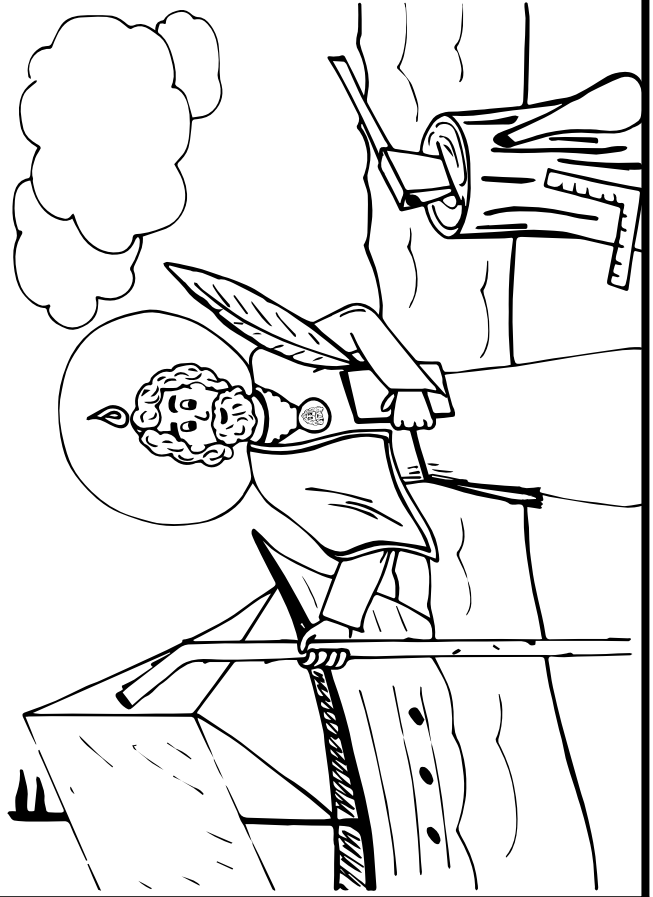
Bring tools and attire for trimming, weeding, pruning and general gardening work.

Saint Jude

Saint Jude is the patron saint of lost causes. He helps out when nothing else seems to work. Pray to Saint Jude when you have a bad day.



Can you find all the symbols of Saint Jude?



Catholic Kids Bulletin

October 26, 2025
Ordinary Time
Color: Green

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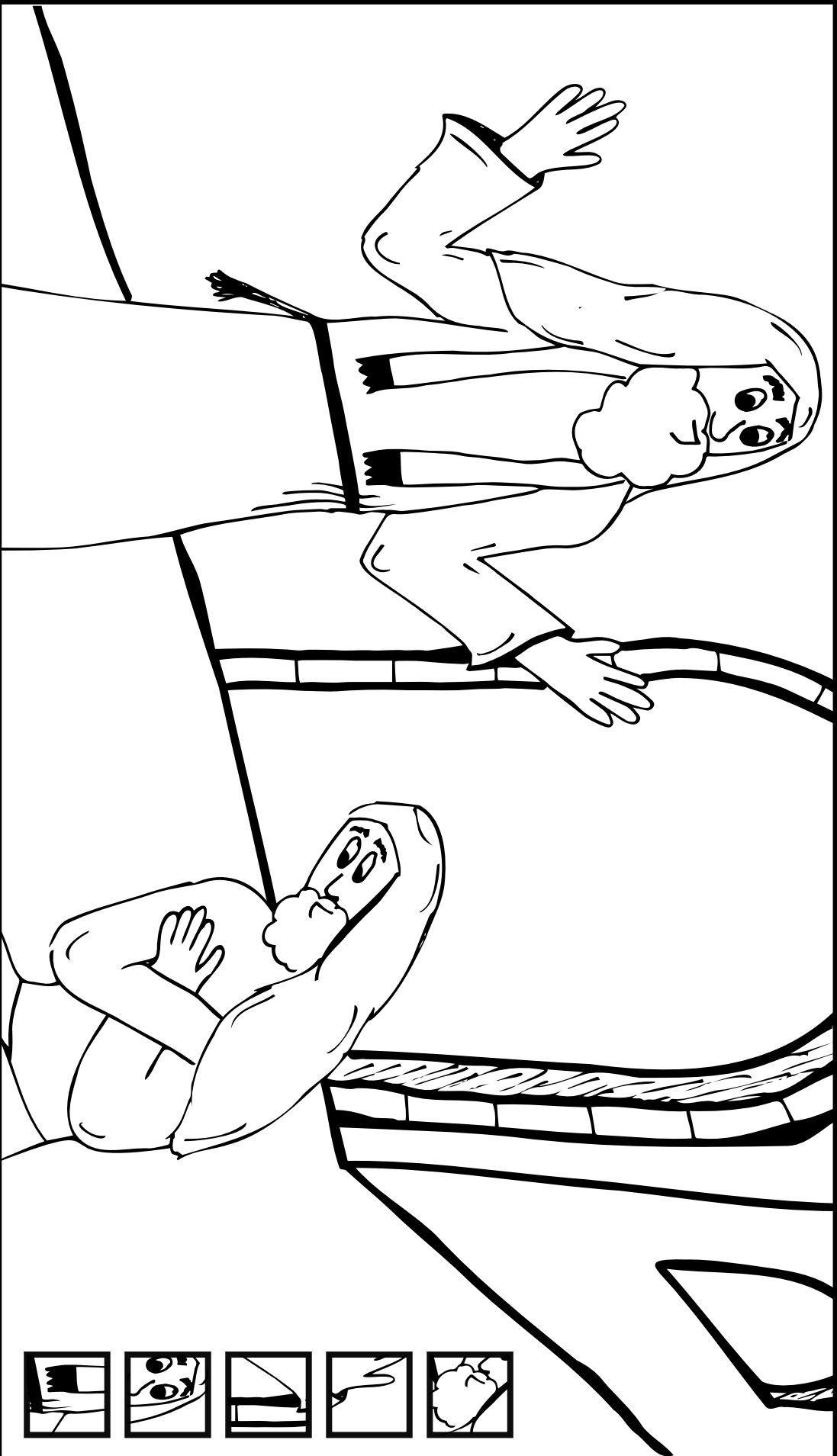
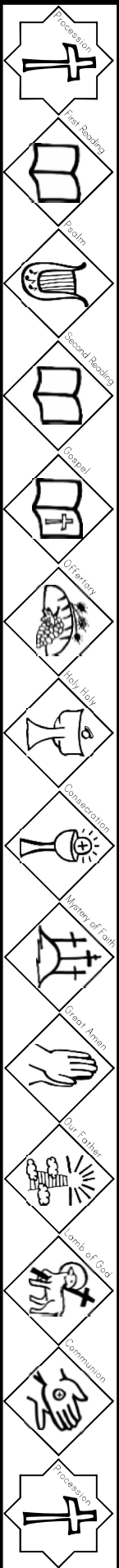
The Lord

hears the cry

of the poor.



How many times do you say "Amen" during Mass today?



Gospel

Jesus talks about two men praying. One man stands up and tells God about his own greatness. The other man bows his head and asks God for help, praying about God's greatness. The second man is humble. Jesus asks us to be humble.

FAITH FORMATION

Immaculate Conception Church
October 26, 2025



Luke 18:9-14 This story would have shocked Jesus' hearers. Jesus illustrates God's great mercy in a dramatic reversal of expectations. Echoing today's reading from Sirach, the Gospel from Luke reminds us that sincerity of heart and humility before God is what gets God's attention, not externals and a heart filled with pride, judgment, and arrogance. The tax collector knew himself to be a sinner, but he had the courage to plead for God's mercy. Humility exalts our prayer; self-exaltation crushes our prayer.

1. How can you tell the difference in prayer between humility and self-exaltation in yourself?
2. Can you think of another parable in Luke's Gospel which shows God's mercy in the same way as this one?
3. What forms of prayer speak to your heart, how do you pray and fall deeper in love with God?

LIVING THE WORD What is God's challenge to me this coming week?

PRAYING THE WORD Intercession: We pray for both Pharisees and tax collectors in our own faith community, for those whose exemplary lives tempt them into haughtiness and for those who feel too unclean in heart and soul to even come to church, that all may be united in the kingdom of God. [Diocese of Saskatoon](#)



Pope Leo XIV celebrates Mass for the canonization of seven new Saints, and reminds Christians of the need to pray to God fervently and trustingly, even as we face trials and tribulations.

The New Saints

Ignatius Maloyan (1869–1915)

Armenian Catholic Archbishop and martyr during the Armenian genocide, he was killed for refusing to renounce his faith. He symbolizes fidelity to the Gospel even unto death and forgiveness toward his persecutors.

Peter To Rot (1912–1945)

Lay catechist from Papua New Guinea, imprisoned and killed for continuing to witness to the Gospel and defend Christian marriage under Japanese occupation. He is an example of courage and faithfulness in times of persecution.

Vincenza Maria Poloni (1802–1855)

Italian religious sister, founder of the Sisters of Mercy of Verona. She dedicated her life to serving the sick, the poor, and the most vulnerable, with a humble and quiet charity.

María Carmen Rendiles Martínez (1903–1977)

Venezuelan religious sister, founder of the Handmaids of Jesus. She was a woman of deep prayer and apostolic dedication, with strong educational and social commitment, especially toward women.

Maria Troncatti (1883–1969)

Italian Salesian missionary among the Shuar people in Ecuador. She worked as a nurse, educator, and peacemaker, combining medical skill with evangelizing witness in the most remote areas of the Amazon. [vaticannews](#)

SCHOOL NEWS & ACTIVITIES

ST. CHARLES

St. Charles Annual Open House for Prospective Students

Attention all young men and their families interested in learning more about St. Charles Preparatory School: You are invited to attend our Annual Open House on Sunday, November 2nd. We will begin promptly at 1:00 p.m. in the Walter Student Commons with a presentation by Principal Rick Ey, followed by guided tours of the school's 26-acre campus. You'll have the opportunity to talk to current students about our sports teams, clubs, and organizations and to enjoy refreshments, while meeting faculty, staff, coaches, and alumni. This is also a great opportunity to connect with other future Cardinal families. Register for the Open House today at stcharlesprep.org/admissions.

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 p.m. with a social hour and raffles, followed by dinner at 7 p.m. For more information or to register, go to 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 a.m. and 1 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 1-3 p.m.

ANNUAL HOLIDAY BAZAAR

St. Andrew Parish is having their **Annual Holiday Bazaar** on **November 8 from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.** in Nugent Parish Hall (1899 McCoy Road, Columbus, Ohio 43220) where you'll find one-of-a-kind, handcrafted gifts made with heart by local artisans and crafters. There's something for everyone on your list (and maybe a little something for you, too). Bring your family and friends to shop and enjoy a boxed lunch. And don't forget to leave room for delicious baked goods, including buckeyes! For more information, visit www.standrewparish.cc or call the parish office at (614) 451-4290. For questions, please contact Mary Beasecker at mbeasecker@standrewparish.cc.

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 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.

EVANGELIZATION LEADERSHIP SUMMIT

Join the Office of Evangelization and Catechesis for the 5th Annual Evangelization Leadership Summit. **Saturday, November 15, 2025, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.** at **Ohio Dominican University**. More information and registration can be found at <https://columbuscatholic.org/disciple>. Contact Liz Christy at echristy@columbuscatholic.org for questions.

HANDMADE GOODS AT ST. MARY'S DELAWARE

Join us in Delaware, OH, for a festive day of Christmas shopping on **Saturday, November 15 from 9 a.m.-2 p.m.**! Discover unique, handcrafted gifts and artisan treasures perfect for everyone on your list. All proceeds benefit Special People in Catholic Education (S.P.I.C.E.), a program that supports children with diverse learning needs. Come shop, prepare for the season, and make a difference!

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 7-9 p.m. at Saint Joseph Cathedral. Please RSVP to Dr. Fitzgerald at richardkfitzgerald@gmail.com or by calling (614) 241-2526.



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.

GRATITUDE & TRUST:

LESSONS FROM THE COMMUNION OF SAINTS

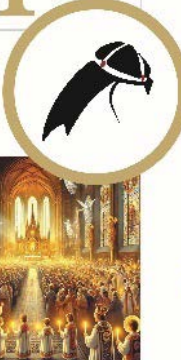
The Dominican Sisters of Peace invite all Catholic, single women ages 18-45 to join them on Sunday, November 9, 2025 to reflect on the lives of Dominican Saints and learn from their deep reliance and friendship with God. This free virtual mini-retreat will be from 2-5 p.m. and will include presentations,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

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.

**WOMEN'S
MINI RETREAT
9AM to 12PM**

NOV 1ST



BRIDGETTINE SISTERS
AUTHENTIC CATHOLIC FORMATION
with FR. ANDREW LESKO

Living with the
SAINTS

Saturday, November 1st, 9 am-12 pm
9am Mass at Holy Family Church
Light Breakfast at Bridgettine Convent
Suggested donation \$40

RSVP is Required by OCTOBER 28th to
BridgettineSisters1@gmail.com or 614-314-4887
Bridgettines.com • 40 N. Grubb Street 43215



Scan to RSVP



4,000+
Parishioners and
Lay Leaders

ENCOUNTER, COMMUNITY, TRANSFORMATION SEEK26 – REGISTER NOW

The Diocese of Columbus has a mission to work toward a fuller realization of God's reign on earth by celebrating Christ's presence in worship and sacraments. Bishop Fernandes and the Diocese of Columbus are excited to host SEEK26, allowing attendees to experience the truth, beauty, goodness,

and vitality of our Church, the parishes in our Diocese, and the relationships we form together.

The Annual Catholic conference organized by FOCUS will be held at the Columbus Convention Center from January 1-5, 2026. The conference invites attendees from all over the country, showcases SEEK's structure of prayer, fellowship, and inspiration, and aligns with our shared goals of strengthening our faith community and living out the mission of Jesus.

It is Bishop Fernandes' desire to have a robust presence at SEEK26, saying, "It will be a tremendous opportunity for our young people to encounter Christ and other young people from around the country. It is another sign of the commitment of the Diocese of Columbus to college students, young adults, and their families. Together, we will proclaim the joy of the Gospel."

We invite you to learn more about SEEK by visiting SEEK's website: seek.focus.org. **The early registration deadline, which includes a small discount, ends October 29, 2025.**

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