



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.

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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.

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MASS INTENTIONS

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 Deceased Souls
of IC Parish †
11:00 a.m. Jim Schultheis †

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 3
Rom 11:29-36; Lk 14:12-14
8:30 a.m. Bill Modry †

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4
Rom 12:5-16ab; Lk 14:15-24
7:00 p.m. For All Who Have Died
Since November 2024 †

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 5
Rom 13:8-10; Lk 14:25-33
8:30 a.m. Susan & Bill Stoker †

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 6
Rom 14:7-12; Lk 15:1-10
8:30 a.m. Lisa Messmer †

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7
Rom 15:14-21; Lk 16:1-8
8:30 a.m. Dan Goodrich †

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8
Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27; Lk 16:9-15
4:00 p.m. John & Garnett Huntsinger †

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9
Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17; Jn 2:13-22
8:30 a.m. For the People of
Immaculate Conception Parish
11:00 a.m. Deceased of the Homonnay Family †

† Deceased

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LITURGICAL MINISTERS SCHEDULE – NOVEMBER 8 & 9, 2025

MASS TIMES	4:00 p.m.	8:30 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS	Christine Demko Don Muenz	Molly Dodane Jean Durbin	Karen Cannell Colleen Kent
LECTORS	Michelle Lang	Barb Nini	Charles Kielkopf
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MINISTRY SCHEDULES

Ministry schedules are available on the parish website. To see complete schedules, go to iccols.org>Parish Life>Organization Schedules.

SCHEDULING MASS INTENTIONS

One of the greatest acts of charity is to pray for the living and the dead (a spiritual work of mercy). The greatest and most powerful prayer we have is the Mass since the fruits of the Mass are the very fruits of Jesus' redemption. Mass stipends (offerings) are \$10.00 each with only one intention per Mass. Mass Intentions are scheduled by calling the Parish Office at (614) 267-9241, emailing icoffice@iccols.org, or mailing your request to the Parish Office. We will do our best to honor the dates and times requested, but no day/time can be guaranteed. **Currently, we are scheduling Mass Intentions 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 November, the three sanctuary candles were donated by the **Pat Kearns Davis Family**. 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 **Cecilia Elyse Kuss** and **Charlotte Cynthia Kuss**, the daughters of Andrew and Lauren Kuss, to the Church and to Immaculate Conception Parish. Cecilia and Charlotte were baptized on October 26, 2025.



BOOK OF THE DECEASED

During November, the Book of the Deceased will remain in the sanctuary as we pray for deceased friends and loved ones who have died in the past year. During the month of November, we lift up in prayer all the souls listed in the book.

MASS TIME CHANGE – TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 7 P.M.

The Tuesday evening Remembrance Mass on November 4 will take place at 7 p.m. rather than the usual 6:15 p.m. Mass time.

ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM, O LORD

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

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

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

TOGETHER IN MISSION

Leading people to Jesus through Worship, Community, Service, and Devotion to Mary

HOW TO GIVE



- Online at iccols.org
Select Give Now at the top of the page.
Or scan the QR code.



- Complete an Offertory Commitment Card.
Drop it in the collection at Mass.
Or return it to the Parish Office:
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The Offertory is the largest source of parish income. Without your generous contributions, we could not enjoy the various ministries and services, social events and outreach, education and evangelization that makes Immaculate Conception such a wonderful place to worship and learn.



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.

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.



*The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.*



TIME, TALENT & TREASURE

Fostering Stewardship as a Way of Life

Fiscal Year 7/1/2025-6/30/2026 • Offertory Report 10/26/2025

	10/26/2025	YTD 2025/2026
Recorded Envelopes/Checks	\$ 22,876	\$ 418,177
Loose Cash	\$ 954	\$ 15,106
TOTAL RECEIVED	\$ 23,830	\$ 433,283
Weekly Operating Expenses	\$ 27,000	\$ 459,000
Weekly Overage/(Shortage)	\$ (3,170)	\$ (25,717)
Families Receiving Envelopes		838
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)

NATIONAL VOCATION AWARENESS WEEK

Please welcome seminarian Andrew Nouanesengsy, who will be speaking at all our Masses this weekend.

Today begins National Vocation Awareness Week, an annual weeklong celebration of the Catholic Church in the United States dedicated to promoting vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and consecrated life through prayer and education, and to renew our prayers and support for those who are considering one of these particular vocations.

SUPPORTING VOCATIONS THROUGH PRAYERS AND FINANCIAL GIVING

Please ask Our Lord for more dedicated, holy priests, deacons, and consecrated men and women. May they be inspired by Jesus Christ, supported by our faith community, and respond generously to God's gift of vocation. Each week, a parish family/parishioner is asked to take Our Chalice Cup Vocations Box and pray for vocations for a short time each day. You may sign up to take the vocations box by going to iccols.org>Parish Life>Chalice Cup Ministry. Pick up a prayer card from our vocations table in the Gathering Space and pray for a specific seminarian/s who is in formation for the Diocese of Columbus.



Please contribute to the Seminarian Support Fund and help support seminarians in our Diocese. There will be a second collection at all weekend Masses.

Send your donation to the Parish Office, or go to iccols.org>Give Now>under Offertory select Diocesan Collections>Seminarian Support Fund. You may also use the QR code or donate at <https://columbuscatholicgiving.org/seminarian-support-fund>.

IS JESUS CALLING YOU TO BECOME A PRIEST?

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.

PRAY FOR PRIESTS SERVING IN OUR DIOCESE

Please join Our Lady of Peace parish in praying for a different priest or seminarian of our diocese each day of the month. The calendar for November can be found at <https://olp-parish.org/pray-for-priests>.



PLEASE WELCOME DANIEL TO THE PARISH

My name is Danielraj Arulnathan, and I am currently in the Pre-Propaedeutic Year at Immaculate Conception Parish. This year is devoted to discernment – deepening my prayer life, growing in human and spiritual formation, and engaging more fully with our parish community. I am from Marysville, Ohio, where I have lived for more than ten years, though I have also spent time in Dallas, Texas; Tallahassee, Florida; and Edison, New Jersey. I am the eldest of two children, and my faith was nurtured by my father's constant love for Jesus. Over time, I have come to find my true purpose in God, learning to trust in His plan rather than my own. As I continue this journey of formation and discernment, I look forward to serving the parish community, learning from its rich faith life, and growing closer to Christ through daily prayer and Mass. I carry a large notebook for prayer requests, so if you see me, please come say hello and I would be honored to pray for your intentions.

Please keep me, and all seminarians discerning the priesthood, in your prayers.

Danielraj Arulnathan
Pre-Propaedeutic Seminarian
Diocese of Columbus

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

WEDNESDAY
NOVEMBER 12, 2025
7 A.M. TO 6 P.M.

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

DATE CHANGE FOR DAY OF ADORATION – THE LORD IS WAITING, WILL YOU COME?

Our monthly day of Adoration has been rescheduled and is now on November 12. 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.

The Archangels Michael, Raphael, and Gabriel

Archangels are very special angels
that each have different jobs.

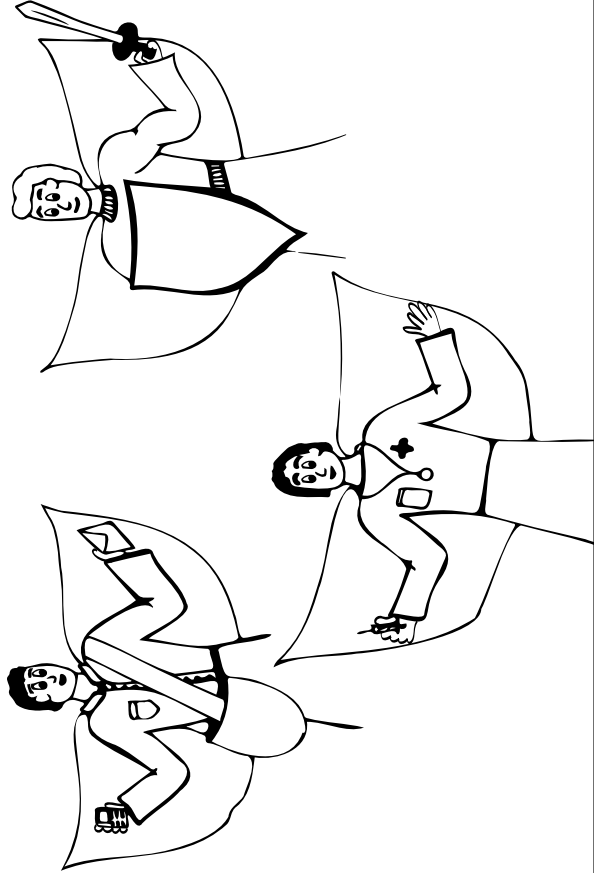
Saint Michael is a warrior, Saint Raphael is a
healer, and Saint Gabriel is a messenger.

Draw a line to connect each
Archangel to his name.

Saint
Michael

Saint
Gabriel

Saint
Raphael



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Bulletin

November 2, 2025

All Souls' Day

Color: Purple/White/Black



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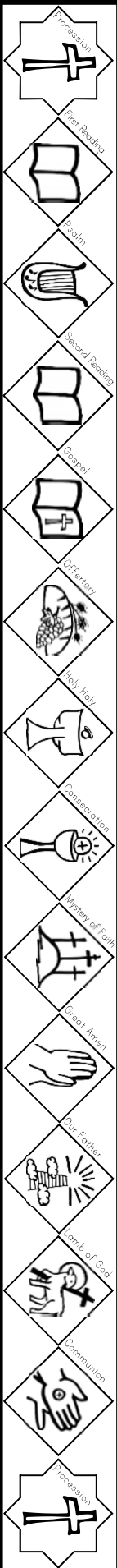
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The Lord is
my shepherd;
there is
nothing I shall
want.

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On All Souls' Day, we pray for
everyone who has died and ask
them to pray for us.





For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who sees the Son...

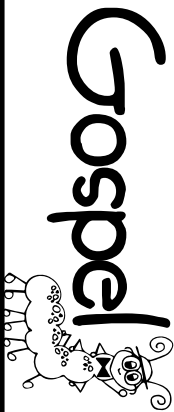
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In the Gospel, Jesus talked about being the Son of God.
Jesus did God's will and will be raised on the last day.



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

November 2025

Immaculate Conception Church

Fr. Matthew Hoover

One Minute Meditations

St. Albert the Great

Possibly one of the Church's greatest intellectuals, St. Albert was the eldest son of a powerful German military official. Despite opposition from his family, he joined the Dominican Order. Being well educated, St. Albert desired to make all the learning of the East available to the Latin-speaking West. He earned his doctorate at the University of Paris in 1245 and taught at Paris and Cologne. He is best known as the master of St. Thomas Aquinas.

Praying for the dead

Catholics see Purgatory as an expression of God's mercy — a place where souls who die in His grace, but need further purification, are prepared for Heaven. This month, we pray for our departed loved ones, asking God to bring them quickly into His presence.

One tradition is to request a Mass on the anniversary of a loved one's death. If that soul is already in Heaven, the graces benefit others still in need. In God's mercy, nothing is ever wasted.

"Forgiveness comes...through the soul's desire to be united to me [i.e., to God], the infinite Good, according to the measure of love attained by the recipient's desire and prayer. A person receives as much of my goodness as he gives to me." St. Catherine of Siena, *The Dialogue*

Christ as King of our hearts

When we proclaim, "Christ is King," we're not making a poetic or symbolic statement. We're declaring a truth that shapes every part of our lives. To live under Christ's rule is to give Him authority over what we believe, how we worship, how we act, and how we spend our time.

What we believe: At the center of our faith is a relationship. Knowing Jesus personally — through the Gospels, through prayer, through the lives of the saints — transforms abstract belief into living faith. When someone asks, "Why are you Catholic?" our answer should come from experience, not just theology.

How we worship: Imagine a king hosting a free, lavish banquet every week for all his subjects. Every Sunday, we're invited to a banquet — not of food, but of grace. To say, "Christ is King" is to obey His words: "*Do this in remembrance of me*" (Luke 22:19). The

Mass is not just a weekly routine; it's a divine encounter.

How we act: Our actions, especially the small ones, speak volumes. Reverence, patience, honesty, integrity,

"You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I have come into the world, to bear witness to the truth."
John 18:37

and generosity are everyday ways of making Christ visible through us. These aren't just virtues — they're signs of loyalty to our true King.

How we spend our time: Daily prayer proclaims that Christ reigns not only over Sunday, but over our entire lives. Whether prayer feels powerful or dry, it anchors us in Him. No time given to Christ is ever wasted.

To say "Christ is King" is to surrender everything to Him. It's a declaration that He reigns not just in Heaven, but here, now, in us.

Why Do Catholics Do That?

An indulgence is "the remission before God of the temporal punishment due to sins whose guilt has already been forgiven" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*). This "temporal punishment" refers to the purification the soul undergoes before entering Heaven.

The power of indulgences flows from Christ's sacrifice and is applied through

Why does the Church offer indulgences?

the merits of the saints and prayers of the Church. Indulgences are not shortcuts to Heaven or "free passes"; they require repentance and conversion of heart.

To obtain an indulgence, conditions must be met: sacramental Confession, reception of Holy Communion, prayer for the Holy Father's intentions, and performance of the indulgenced act.

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

There's a common lesson in driver's education: "Your vehicle goes where your eyes go." Spiritually, the same is true — our lives follow what we focus on. What we treasure most lays claim to our hearts. The challenge is to set our hearts on what truly lasts.

"*You cannot serve two masters*" (Matthew 6:24). What treasure do you set your heart on? A desire for holiness requires us to examine how we live day to day. Are we cultivating trust in God, or grasping for control? Realignment often begins with small, intentional acts: spending time in prayer instead of mindless scrolling; reading the Gospel before the news; choosing simplicity over indulgence and

giving generously to those in need. These are daily decisions that reflect where our heart truly lies.

Trust instead of worrying. Jesus does not condemn wealth, hard work, or responsible planning. Instead, He calls us to live as sons and daughters of God. That means trusting His love, accepting His timing, and offering our lives in service to His Kingdom. Ask yourself: Do I invite God into my decisions, or do I act alone? Am I content to wait on His timing, or do I insist on my own?

When we prioritize the things of God, we invest in a treasure that does not fade — one that shapes who we are now, and endures into eternity.

from Scripture

Matthew 24:37-44, Preparing hearts for Christ's coming

In this Gospel reading, Jesus reminds us that we do not know the day or the hour when He will come for us. "*At an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come.*" His message is clear: live each day prepared to meet Him.

Next month, we celebrate His first coming at Christmas. But Christ will come again — at our death, and at the end of time. Advent invites us to ask: "What must I do to be ready?"

Begin by striving to remain in a state of grace. If you are aware of having committed mortal sin, seek God's mercy without delay through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Even if you are not conscious of serious sin,

aim to go to Confession regularly — every four to six weeks, if possible. Examine your conscience honestly, and choose one or two areas of sin to actively work on.

Attend Sunday Mass faithfully, make more time for prayer, and look for opportunities to serve others with love and humility. These practices not only prepare us to welcome Christ when we finally meet Him face-to-face, but they also draw us closer to Him now.

When Christmas arrives, may you greet the Lord not with fear, but with joy — knowing your heart is open, your hands are ready, and your soul is at peace.

Feasts & Celebrations

November 2 – All Souls Day. On this day we pray for the dead, especially our loved ones and the souls in Purgatory. Our prayers and sacrifices can help them get to Heaven faster.

November 4 – St. Charles Borromeo (1584). Born into a wealthy family in 1538 in Lombardy, Italy, St. Charles was chosen for the priesthood to follow in the footsteps of his uncle, Giovanni Angelo de Medici, the future Pope Pius IV. After earning doctorates in civil and canon law by the age of 21, Charles was named cardinal and bishop of Milan. He worked to reform his diocese of

corruption and cared for the poor and sick when a plague struck Milan.

November 23 – Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ the King. God promised his people a king who would be triumphant over their enemies. Jesus is our King, who triumphed over the enemies of sin and death. In Baptism and Confirmation, we are brought under His kingship.

November 30 – 1st Sunday of Advent. During this four-week season, we anticipate the Messiah's birth, remembering the time when He was awaited. During Advent we also look forward to Christ's reign and His coming on the Last Day. We light candles in an Advent wreath each night of the season to signal the coming of the true light of Christ.

Q & A Do Catholics practice tithing?

Tithing is the practice of giving ten percent of your income to the Church. In fact, the word itself comes from an Old English word meaning, "one-tenth." It was based on Jewish tradition in the Old Testament and its first recorded practice was Abraham's offering of a tenth of all he had as a "thank offering" to God for his victory in battle (Genesis 14:18-20). It's still practiced by the Mormon Church.

The Catholic Church does not require tithing; there is no "fixed sum" that God requires of us. Catholics are, however, required to support the material needs of the Church (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, #2043). How much — or little — is between you and God and in light of the needs of your state in life.

Money isn't the only way to support your parish, diocese, or the Church. Giving of your time to volunteer in your parish, donating some of what you don't need to the poor, and even devoting prayers specifically for the needs of your parish priests are all praiseworthy ways to give back.

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FAITH FORMATION

Immaculate Conception Church
November 2, 2025



Why is November Dedicated to the Souls in Purgatory?

November starts with the beautiful Feast of All Saints, a special occasion to honor all the faithful departed who have reached heaven. These saints comprise The Church Triumphant because they have attained victory over all sin and enjoy the Beatific Vision. They remain in close communion with us, assisting us with their prayers and interventions during our earthly journey. As St. Therese said, “I will spend my heaven doing good upon earth.” Many saints share this mission.

The day after All Saints is All Souls Day and shifts from a celebratory tone to one of prayer and penance. The rest of the month is dedicated to them. Why is this?

Because Sacred Scripture, the Church Councils, the Catechism, and the saints all teach that it is a good and pious practice to pray and do penance for the dead (2 Maccabees 12:45, Council of Trent, Canon 13, Catechism #1032). And when we die, we will likely need the same charity shown to us. The Church knows we are prone to become lax in our devotions and so, in Her wisdom, She sets aside a month for this important spiritual work of mercy. And in her generosity, the Church has given us a special opportunity in the first 8 days of November. On each of the first 8 days, the faithful can gain a plenary indulgence for the poor souls, under the usual conditions, by visiting a cemetery and saying prayers for the dead. A plenary indulgence cancels out all the temporal punishment due to sin! We can free a poor soul every day from November 1st through the 8th.

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Holy Smokes: Why Do Catholics Use Incense?

At Mass and other liturgical services, priests and altar servers swing censers that send clouds of incense wafting through the air.

Everything in Catholic liturgies symbolizes a theological truth—nothing is superfluous or “just for show.”

Incense has been used in Christian liturgy from its earliest days. In fact, it continued the Jewish tradition that came before it—a tradition that was commanded by God Himself and recorded in Sacred Scripture. For example, God commanded Moses to make an Altar of Incense for worship in the Tabernacle. God gave these specific instructions to Moses because the worship of God by Israel in His earthly Tabernacle was a pattern of the worship of God by the angels in His heavenly throne; that is, worship on earth was intended to be united with the worship taking place in heaven.

We derive our use of incense from Scripture. Psalm 141:2 reads, “Let my prayer be incense before you; my uplifted hands an evening offering.” Also, in Revelation, John describes incense as a symbol of the prayers of the saints in heaven.

We use incense in the Mass and at Adoration to symbolize our prayers rising to heaven, and how the grace of the Mass purifies and sanctifies us. Also, when the burning incense rises into the air, representing our prayers going to heaven, we’re reminded of the spiritual connection as earth and heaven meet in the sacrifice of the Mass.

Incense is required for Benediction and may be used at certain points in the Mass, including during the entrance procession, at the proclamation of the Gospel, at the offertory, and at the consecration. Priests may also burn incense at funerals around the coffin to represent our prayers to heaven for the deceased person, and also to commemorate that this person’s body was holy as a temple of the Holy Spirit.

And another angel came and stood at the altar with a golden censer; and he was given much incense to mingle with the prayers of all the saints upon the golden altar before the throne; and the smoke of the incense rose with the prayers of the saints from the hand of the angel before God.

Revelation 8:3-4 goodcatholic.com

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.**)

SCHOOL NEWS & ACTIVITIES

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION



Our Preschool children really enjoyed the visit from Fr. Matt to bless our classrooms and Atrium spaces. It was a special time for the children. Fr. Matt blessed our pictures of Bishop Fernandes and Pope Leo. The children loved singing and saying special prayers together. Our year is off to a great start!

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.

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 crafts. 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.

BULLETIN DEADLINE

The deadline for all articles for the Sunday bulletin is Friday afternoon, (9) days before the article appears in the bulletin. Please include contact information with a phone number and email address. Your written submission may be sent to the Parish Office or emailed to ic.bulletin@iccols.org. All bulletin items and flyers must be approved by the Parish Office. **Notices for bulletin boards must also be approved by the Parish Office before posting.**

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/>.



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.

HANDMADE GOODS AT ST. MARY 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.

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.



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SACRED HEART CONGRESS

Saturday, November 8, 2025

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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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