

CHRISTMAS + THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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

Sacraments

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

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 or at edeluca@iccols.org.

ANOIDTING OF THE SICK AND

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 AND 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.

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 20

Is 7:10-14; Lk 1:26-38
4:00 p.m. Phil Pollick †

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21

Is 7:10-14; Rom 1:1-7; Mt 1:18-24
8:30 a.m. For the People of
Immaculate Conception Parish
11:00 a.m. Ronald J. Packard, Jr. †

MONDAY, DECEMBER 22

1 Sam 1:24-28; Lk 1:46-56
8:30 a.m. Bill Muenz †

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 23

Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Lk 1:57-66
8:30 a.m. Hank Nini †

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24

2 Sam 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Lk 1:67-79
4:00 p.m. Deceased of the Joe Conti Family †
7:00 p.m. For the Living & Deceased Members
of the Rodenfels and
Hanratty Families
10:00 p.m. For the People of
Immaculate Conception Parish

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 25

Is 52:7-10; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18
10:00 a.m. Kellie Kirkpatrick †

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 26

Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Mt 10:17-22
8:30 a.m. Mike Hill †

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 27

1 Jn 1:1-4; Jn 20:1a and 2-8
4:00 p.m. Dan Goodrich †

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 28

Sir 3:2-6, 12-14; Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17; Mt 2:13-15, 19-23
8:30 a.m. For the People of
Immaculate Conception Parish
11:00 a.m. Adelbert & Rose Marie Fraise †

† Deceased

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LITURGICAL MINISTERS SCHEDULE – DECEMBER 27 & 28, 2025

MASS TIMES	4:00 p.m.	8:30 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS	Bobbie Mitch Paul Duffy	Todd Wickerham Rich Viertel	Ron & Patty Bitler
LECTORS	EJ Davis	Colleen O'Brien	Jonathan Fortkamp
ALTAR SERVERS	Grant McCallum Isla McCallum Elliot Reing-Hurley Sophia Reing-Hurley	Rowan Hand John Hangen Michael Hangen Nate Hangen	Ava Pulsinelli Violet Reineck Kathleen Rogers Evie Sabo
GREETERS	Joyce Francis Jeanne Stoker Molly Edwards	Mike Demko Bobby Clark Michele Sapp Tyler Johnston	Lyden Family Coleman Family April Byrne Inkrott Family
WELCOME DESK	Patty Conway	Suzanne Smith	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 through July 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 December, the three Sanctuary Candles were donated by an **anonymous donor**. 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 **Oliver Bernard Johnston**, the son of Tyler and Regina Johnston, who was received into the Church through the Sacrament of Baptism on December 14, 2025.



"Lord, in this holy season of prayer and song and laughter, we praise You for the great wonders You have sent us: for shining star and angel's song, for infant's cry in lowly manger. We praise You for the Word made flesh in a little Child. We behold his glory, and are bathed in its radiance."

MASS TIME CHANGE ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 23

The Mass on Tuesday, December 23 will be at 8:30 a.m. instead of an evening Mass. This change allows us to begin preparing for our Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Masses.



Christmas & New Year MASS SCHEDULE

Wednesday, December 24

- 4:00 p.m. Vigil of the Nativity of the Lord
(Overflow seating in Marian Hall once the church has reached capacity)
- 7:00 p.m. Vigil of the Nativity of the Lord
- 10:00 p.m. Vigil of the Nativity of the Lord

Thursday, December 25

- 10:00 a.m. The Nativity of the Lord

Wednesday, December 31

- 4:00 p.m. Vigil of the Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God

Thursday, January 1

- 9:00 a.m. Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God

Preludes begin before Christmas Masses
on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day!



THANK YOU, COOKIE BAKERS

The IC Women's Club would like to thank all the cookie bakers and those who delivered cookies or poinsettias to homebound members of the parish.

Thanks to those who graciously received the visitors.

We also thank the children in our School Age Child Care program who made Christmas ornaments to go with the cookie plates.



THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. Therefore the child to be born will be called holy, the Son of God.

On the fourth week of Advent, we light the final purple candle to mark the final week of prayer and penance as we wait for the birth of our Savior. This final candle, the "Angel's Candle," symbolizes peace and love. It reminds us of the message of the angels: "Peace on Earth, Good Will Toward Men."



Let the Lord enter; he is the king of glory.



*All the ends of the earth
have seen the saving power of God.*



TIME, TALENT & TREASURE

Fostering Stewardship as a Way of Life

Fiscal Year 7/1/2025-6/30/2026 • Offertory Report 12/14/2025

	<u>12/14/2025</u>	<u>YTD 2025/2026</u>
Recorded Envelopes/Checks	\$ 26,834	\$ 596,446
Loose Cash	\$ 591	\$ 20,823
TOTAL RECEIVED	\$ 27,425	\$ 617,269
Weekly Operating Expenses	\$ 27,000	\$ 648,000
Weekly Overage/(<i>Shortage</i>)	\$ 425	\$ (30,731)
Families Receiving Envelopes		838
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)

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

The Parish Office will be closed on December 24 and December 25. The office will be open on Friday, December 26, 2025. The office will be closed on January 1, 2026, the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God and a Holy Day of Obligation. The office will reopen on Friday, January 2, 2026.

CHRISTMAS DIOCESAN CHARITIES COLLECTION

This annual collection, held each Christmas, allows the Diocese of Columbus to meet a variety of basic needs directly and through diocesan agencies and diocesan-sponsored organizations including J.O.I.N. (Joint Organization for Inner-City Needs), the St. Francis Evangelization Center in McArthur, Catholic Social Services, and St. Vincent Family Services. You can help share in this important work by generously supporting the Diocesan Charities collection this year. You may use the special envelope in your packet, place your donation in an envelope marked "Diocesan Charities" and place it in an offertory basket, send it to the Parish Office, or you can donate through the parish website at iccols.org. Give Now, Fund, Diocesan Collections, Diocesan Charities.

EMMAUS ROAD SCHOLARSHIP FUND

GIVE THE GIFT OF AN AUTHENTIC CATHOLIC EDUCATION AT IMMACULATE CONCEPTION SCHOOL AND RECEIVE A TAX CREDIT!

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THE BIG PUSH IS ON! GIVE A CHRISTMAS PRESENT TO IC SCHOOL FAMILIES BY DIRECTING YOUR OHIO TAX DOLLARS TO THE EMMAUS ROAD SCHOLARSHIP

Help make Catholic education more accessible for our families! Through the Emmaus Road Scholarship Fund, your Ohio tax dollars can be directed to Immaculate Conception School at no added cost. Find out how you can take part in this incredible opportunity today! If you do this before December 31, 2025, IC will be able to use those funds for the 2026-2027 school year. Visit <https://emmausroadscholarship.org/gift>.

SAVE THE DATE - NEW PARISH PICTURE DIRECTORY OPPORTUNITY COMING SOON

In February 2026, Immaculate Conception will begin taking pictures for our new Parish Picture Directory. This is a great opportunity to have family photos taken and get a head start on next year's Christmas card picture. Individuals/Families who have their picture taken will receive a free 8 x 10 picture of your choosing and a free directory.

Pictures will be taken in Marian Hall from February 4 thru 7. Pictures will be taken in Room A of the rectory from February 10 through 14 (stairs to the lower level). To sign up for your time slot, use the QR code or go to ucdir.com. So, mark your calendars for February 4-7 and 10-14. Watch for additional details after Christmas.



Retirement Fund for Religious

**Please give to those who
have given a lifetime.**

retiredreligious.org

THEY GAVE THEIR LIVES IN SERVICE - NOW THEY NEED YOUR HELP

A lifetime of service deserves care in return. "Thanks to your generosity, we can provide the very best care to the sisters in our community," says Sister M. Stephanie Belgeri, 73, a member of the Sisters of St. Francis of the Martyr St. George in Alton, Illinois. Donations to the Retirement Fund for Religious provide housing, medical assistance, and essential support for thousands of aging religious.

You can donate to the Retirement Fund by putting your designated donation in the offertory or going to iccols.org, Give Now> choose Diocesan Collections from the dropdown box>Sub Fund>Retirement Fund.

"Thank you very much for your donations, always," says Sister Olivia Bellegante, 93, a member of the Franciscan Sisters of Our Lady of Perpetual Help in St. Louis, Missouri. Your gift directly impacts thousands of senior religious, providing the support they need in their later years.

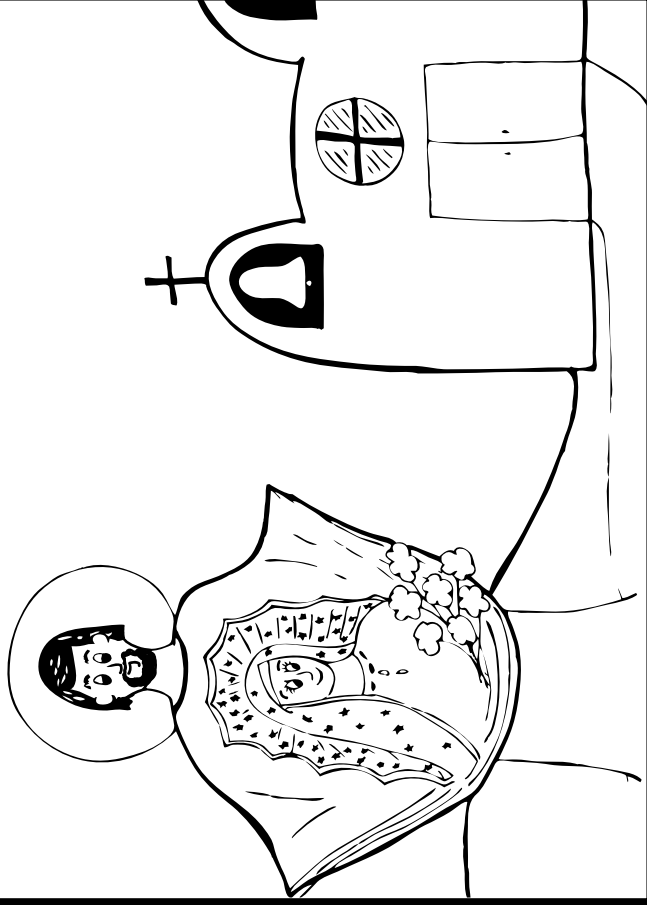
Learn more at retiredreligious.org.

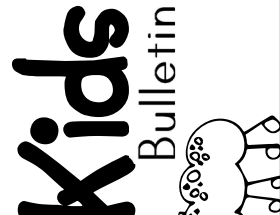
Saint Juan Diego

Mary, the Mother of Jesus, appeared to Saint Juan Diego and asked him to build a church. Saint Juan Diego went to the bishop for help, but the bishop wanted proof that Juan Diego had truly seen Mary. Mary told him to gather roses for the bishop. This didn't seem special—except that it was snowy outside. Roses don't grow in the snow!

Saint Juan Diego carried the roses in his tilma, or coat. When he showed them to the bishop, a beautiful picture of Mary appeared on his tilma! That picture is a special image of Mary called...

Our Lady of Guadalupe






Catholic Kids

Bulletin

December 21, 2025
Advent
Color: Purple



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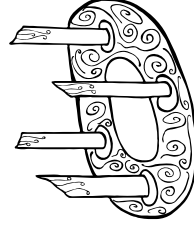
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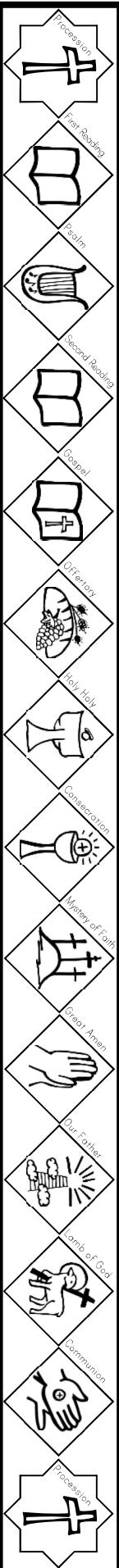
Let the Lord
enter;
he is king of
glory.

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Which candles are lit today
on the Advent wreath?
Color this wreath to match
the one at your church.





You are to
name him

10 5 19 21 19

Countdown
to Jesus'
Birthday...

1
Sunday!

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
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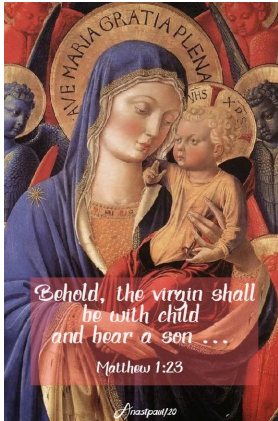
Gospel

An angel visited Joseph in a dream.
The angel told him that Mary would have a son.
Listen to the Gospel to hear the angel's message.

FAITH FORMATION

Immaculate Conception Church

December 21, 2025



Try to imagine Joseph's dilemma. He loved Mary, but suddenly she was pregnant. And Joseph knew that he was not the father. So his first thought was not to chastise her, question her, or ridicule her. Instead, the Gospel says that Joseph was "unwilling to expose her to shame." This is a beautiful statement about the mercy and goodness of Saint Joseph. Instead of being self-concerned, his concern was for Mary not to experience shame at this unexpected pregnancy.

But of course the story goes much further. The angel appeared to Joseph in a dream, explaining to him that "it is through the Holy Spirit that this child has been conceived in her" and that this Child "will save his people from their sins." Joseph's response, as quoted above, was to then do "as the angel of the Lord had commanded him" and to take Mary and her new child into his home. Therefore, this Gospel passage for today reveals to us the mercy of Joseph as well as his fidelity to the will of God, no matter what God asked of him. These two qualities will greatly assist our lives, also, if we can strive to imitate Saint Joseph. mycatholiclife.org

The Nativity of the Lord

We gather this morning in silence and prayer to contemplate the center event of God's creation.

This is the Christ event. All creation leads to Jesus Christ. All creation takes its meaning from Jesus Christ, and the Christ event begins with the Nativity of the Lord, Christmas, and concludes with His sharing His Spirit and the Spirit of the Father on Pentecost.

My brother, my sister, Jesus Christ enters into our world to draw us into His Presence. Shepherds and Kings, pagans and Jews are drawn into the Presence, the Presence in Bethlehem. And, we, whether we be rich or poor by the world's standards, whether we be weak or powerful by the world's standards, we are drawn into His Presence. This is simply wonderful.

Today, Christmas day, we are separated from the emptiness of a world that rejects God. We are called away. We are called to holiness; for to be holy is to be separate for the Lord. Yes, you and I can be holy. We can be His People. The Divine Presence that gives meaning to our lives also gives us the power, the courage, the strength to live for others. When we choose to put others before ourselves, we choose lives that reflect the Presence of Love Incarnate, the Presence of Jesus Christ. thepastorsbench.blogspot



A walk through the Christmas Season Think Christmas is over on Dec. 25? Think again.

Dec. 26: Feast of St. Stephen

Within the octave are various feast days that have rich histories and traditions. It is interesting to note that the first feast day after Christmas — the very next day, Dec. 26 — is the feast of a martyr. Recalling the purpose for which Christ came and the assignment of his divine mission, Christians are reminded, at this early stage of the celebrations of the Christmas season, of the Lord's exhortation that anyone who wishes to follow after him must take up his cross. St. Stephen, the first martyr of the Christian faith, is held up as a living witness of what it means to proclaim that Christ is savior without counting the cost.

Dec. 27: Feast of St. John

Dec. 27 is the feast of the apostle and evangelist St. John. Regarded as the disciple closest to Jesus, St. John — believed to be the author of a Gospel, the Book of Revelation and three New Testament letters — is the one who teaches us that "God is love" (1 Jn. 4:8). Because St. John's Gospel alone includes the miracle at the Cana wedding feast, when Jesus miraculously changes water into wine, this feast has long been associated with the blessing of wine.

Dec. 28: Feast of the Holy Innocents

The Holy Innocents celebrated on Dec. 28 were martyrs killed as the result of Herod's murderous rage, resulting in his desire to eliminate any threats to his power by killing anyone who fit the profile of the newborn king he learned about from the Magi (see Mt. 2:13-18). Taking no chances for the babe's survival, he ordered the murder of all boys in or around Bethlehem under the age of 2. Christ, of course, survives thanks to the heavenly intervention manifested by the angelic admonition to St. Joseph to flee with Mary and Jesus in the middle of the night to Egypt. The Gospel proclaimed on this day, referenced above, evokes two major issues about which the Church is concerned today: immigration and abortion. www.simplycatholic.com



Our church is beautifully decorated for the holiday season by donations from our parishioners for poinsettias in memory of deceased family members, loved ones and friends. We offer prayers for our loved ones in a special way as we recall the beautiful memories of their time with us.

Helen & Henry Addison
Albin & Glennadean Alberini
Allen Family
Atzberger Family
Ranjitham B.
Kelly Barile
Bauer Family
Peter W. Bell
Jane & Leno Bevilacqua
George Brauner
George J. Brauner
Mary E. Brauner
Frank & Marlou Brown
Charles Burleson
Bush Family
Murdith & Dorothy Byrne
Brent Cahill
John Campbell
Campbell Family
Jean & Denny Clark
Jim, Kathryn, Jimmy & Johnny Clark
Sue Winters Clark & Dane Clark
Frank B. Clemens
Frank R. Clemens
A. James Coleman
Alicia Coleman
Douglas "Grandpa" Conkle
Joseph Conti Family
James Crawford
Katherine Crawford
Miles Kelly Crawford
Charles & Irene Cull
Ruth & Eddie Cull
Don Davis
Megan DeVendra
Mary & Steve DeVol
Anna Dobyns
Helyn & Bookie Donahue
John Donnelly
Mary Jo & Russell Dooley
Tom Drawdy
George & Genevieve Durbin
John & Delores Eagle
Robert & Mary Eagle
Bob Echenrode
Mary Echenrode
Susan Echenrode

John T. Fallon
Marie & Jack Fallon
Michael Fallon
Shayne Flaherty
Mason Fisher
Flood Family
Adelbert & Rose Marie Fraise
Vincent & Betty Gagliardo
Darius Galden
Lorraine & David Galden
Deceased Members of the Galden & Carco Families
Beatrice Galimberti
John "Grandpa" Gamble
Joe Gantner
Brian Lee Girard
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Girard
Mr. & Mrs. Nicholas Girardi & Family
Dr. Donald Gleason
Tom & Irene Goettemoeller
Dan Goodrich
Deceased Members of the Goodrich Family
Sal Graci
Paul & Eileen Grady
Dorothy Grant
Ralph Grant
The Grassbaugh Family
Benjamin Grayem
Mike Grayem
John M. Griga
In Memory of Hartkes & Wittmans
Rita Heitkamp
Walter Heitkamp
In Memory of the Hickey Family
Charles & Dalia Higgins
Joe & Clara Hill Family
Mike Hill
Vincent & Marie Hoersten
Lari Hummer
Noah Hummer
Hunsinger & Smith Families
Teresa Huter
Keith Jenkins
Seth Jenkins
Anne Jerviss
Treva Jerviss
Debbie & Larry Jones
Tom, Virginia & Louis Julian

Ben Kaminski
Lawrence A. Kendall
Lawrence G. Kendall
George H. Kielkopf
Lawrence & Ann Kielkopf
James R. Kielkopf
Jolene Mary Kienle
Frances Kijowski
Brian Lange
Little & Rarick Families
Kay & Tom Litzinger
James & Suzanne Longenbaker
Katey Bell Lump
Charlie & Anna Lynch
Joseph Lynch
Ivy Macioce
Tom (Doc) & Kathleen MacKinnon
Deceased Members of the MacKinnon Family
Chris Mahler
Members of the Mahler & Greely Families
Francis & Anna Maple
Ronald Marks
Sam & Hilda Martin
Rich Mayo
James & Dorothy McCoy
Robert McGarry
Ed & Lorraine McMahon and Family
Ralph & Martha Mong
Phyllis Morton
John Nantz
Hank Nini
Helen & Florence Noon
Mary Louise Nugent
Robert Overman
Harold & Florence O'Connor
Members of the O'Neil Family
Patzner/Dersch Families
Mary Paulraj
Elizabeth Jeanne Peifer
John Petry
Theresa Phelan
Robert & Joan Poirier
Mary Pokropski
Zigmund Pokropski
John & Mary Pollick
Philip Pollick
James I. Porter
Marjorie F. Porter

Charles & Betty Priest
Patricia Regan
Deceased Members of the Regan Family
Mary Rettemyer
Kathleen Richardson
Piedmont Road Neighbors
Elizabeth Roehrer
Louis Rzymek
Mary Rzymek
The Salamony Family
Christine Sapp
Floyd H. Sarff
Paul & Dorothy Sauer
James & Marion Schlegel
Jim Schultheis
John, Rita, John Jr. & Dan Schultheis
David & Linda Schweller
Margaret & Charles Scott
Michael Scott
Connie & Joseph Sedita
Sara Sheeran
Virginia Sheeran
Mary & George Smith
Michal Smith
Michael Malone Smith
Myron & Louise Spazzarini
Theresa Ball Starner
Sylvia & Steve Stephens
Jason K. Stover
Tom & Mary Strain
Marilyn & Joe Swackhammer
Vincent Tantes
Patricia Taylor
E.J. & Lucy Teatino
Marilyn Testa
Edward Trippel
Teresa Turner
Bruce Viertel
Marge Viertel
Sandra Weaver
Margie Weber
Marvin Weber
In Memory of Wheelers & McGaritys
Nicholas Willard
Orville Williamson
Henry & Lois Wornoff
Deceased Members of the Wornoff Family



SCHOOL NEWS & ACTIVITIES

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Join The IC School Family! - We are now accepting applications for preschool through 8th Grade. Our **three-day preschool class has ONE opening left**, and limited spots remain across our other grade levels. All preschool programs offer the option to extend the school day until 2:30 p.m. To learn more or schedule a visit, reach out to **Katie Lewis, Admissions Director** at (614) 267-6579.

OPPORTUNITY TO PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

Please join us every first Thursday at parishes around the diocese to pray for an increase in priestly vocations. The first one will be held on Thursday, January 1, 2026 at St. Catharine Church in Bexley. It begins with Mass at 10 a.m. followed by a Holy Hour at 11 a.m.

SOCIAL CONCERNS

OPEN SHELTER DINNER - JANUARY 5, 2026

The Open Shelter meal for homeless and marginally housed individuals is Monday, January 5, 2026. We need donations of sloppy joes, mac & cheese, cookies, lunch size chips, snacky desserts, bottled water and sturdy, clean to-go containers (can be recycled ones). Cash donations are welcome. Arrangements can be made to pick up your donations on that Monday or earlier in the week or weekend if Monday by 10 a.m. is not a convenient drop-off time. Please contact Cheryl Costello at (614) 774-8879 to coordinate. Thank you for your support of this ministry.

DO YOU VOLUNTEER IN CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES, IC SPORTS, OR ANY PROGRAM INVOLVING CHILDREN? BCI UPDATE DEADLINE - JANUARY 2

Our parish is blessed with many generous volunteers who help make our ministries, programs, and liturgies possible. As we continue our commitment to providing a safe and welcoming environment for all children and vulnerable persons, we are preparing for the Diocese of Columbus' updated Safe Environment requirements.

All volunteers are asked to be **fully compliant with Protecting God's Children training and complete the required background checks by January 2, 2026. If you are currently volunteering, your background check must have been completed during the last 5 years.** These steps help ensure that our parish remains a place of trust, protection, and faith for every member of our community.

Background Check Requirements

To meet diocesan policy, the following background checks are required for volunteers:

- **BCI (Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation) background check** - required for all volunteers.
- **FBI background check** - in addition to BCI, FBI is required for volunteers who have lived outside the state of Ohio at any point in the past five years.

If you are currently volunteering, or plan to volunteer in the future, we warmly encourage you to check that your VIRTUS account is active and up to date, and that your background checks have been completed within the required timeframes.

Please contact the Parish Office with any questions or for assistance completing your background check or VIRTUS requirements. Our staff is happy to help guide you through the process. Thank you for your faithful service and continued commitment to protecting God's children.

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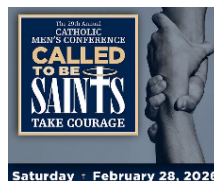
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COLUMBUS CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CONFERENCE - FEBRUARY 21, 2026

Give Yourself the Gift of Time with Jesus and Your Sisters in Christ at the Columbus Catholic Women's Conference. Inviting All Women! Please mark your calendar now for the Columbus Catholic Women's Conference on Saturday, February 21, 2026, from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. at the Ohio Expo Center. Our theme is "Look to Him and Be Radiant," (Psalm 34:6) Register now at columbuscatholicwomen.com.

Come ready to rest, refresh, and renew with the Lord. You'll be joined by sisters in Christ from around the diocese and beyond. Don't miss this uplifting, annual event for women to grow in faith, hope, and love. Early registration discount ends December 31, 2025.



COLUMBUS CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE: TAKE COURAGE

The Catholic Men's Conference is February 28 at the Ohio Expo Center. This year's Conference theme, "Take Courage," reminds men that the path to sainthood requires strength, perseverance, and trust in Christ. In a world that

often discourages faith, Catholic men are called to rise above fear and doubt, rooted in the courage that comes from the Holy Spirit. Take Courage invites every man to face life's challenges with confidence that Christ goes before us. As part of our ongoing Call to be Saints, the theme helps men recognize that true courage is not the absence of struggle, but the willingness to follow Jesus boldly, no matter the cost. To register or find out more, go to CatholicMensMinistry.com. Early registration discount ends December 31, 2025.



THE MUSEUM OF CATHOLIC ART AND HISTORY NATIVITY DISPLAYS

Come and celebrate the season of Advent with a tour of various nativity displays at the Museum of Catholic Art and History. The museum is open every week, Tuesday through Saturday, from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. The last tour of every day will be held at 2:30 p.m. Admission is \$10.00 for adults, \$5.00 for children (ages 4-18) and seniors (65+), and \$30.00 for a family of four or more. The museum is located on the 1st floor of The Catholic Foundation, located at 257 E. Broad Street in Columbus. For more information or to contact the museum directly, you can call (614) 618-4030. Check out their Museum of Catholic Art & History – Catholic Diocese of Columbus website or Facebook page.



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