

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 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 †

MONDAY, DECEMBER 29
1 Jn 2:3-11; Lk 2:22-35
8:30 a.m. Emilia Moss †

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 30
1 Jn 2:12-17; Lk 2:36-40
8:30 a.m. Suzanne Lohrer †

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 31
1 Jn 2:18-21; Jn 1:1-18
8:30 a.m. Living & Deceased Members of
the Kaminski Family

4:00 p.m. John & Rita Schultheis †

THURSDAY, JANUARY 1
Num 6:22-27; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21
9:00 a.m. For the Intention of Jeanne Stoker

FRIDAY, JANUARY 2
1 Jn 2:22-28; Jn 1:19-28
8:30 a.m. Living & Deceased Members of
the IC Women's Club

SATURDAY, JANUARY 3
1 Jn 2:29-3:6; Jn 1:29-34
4:00 p.m. Jim Schultheis †

SUNDAY, JANUARY 4
Is 60:1-6; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12
8:30 a.m. For the People of
Immaculate Conception Parish

11:00 a.m. Suzanne Lohrer †

† Deceased

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LITURGICAL MINISTERS SCHEDULE – JANUARY 3 & 4, 2026

MASS TIMES	4:00 p.m.	8:30 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS	MaryAnn Grossman Courtney Hatchel	Ann & Pete Eichel	Mary Leathley Colleen Kent
LECTORS	Layton McCallum	Barb Nini	Sarah Ortlieb
ALTAR SERVERS	Matthew Silva Declan Schools Josh Schultheis Ryan Wallace	Dalton King Everett King James Krzyzewski Vince Krzyzewski	Jackson Sleeper Emerson Sloan Joe Snapp Sam Snapp
GREETERS	Patty Conway Terry Butts Christine Demko Bob & Linda Bauer	Walter Family Sue & Sophia Ruschau Suzanne Smith Martha Bowling	Heather Vaca-Guzman Daniels Family Willard Family
WELCOME DESK	Patty Conway	Diana Marie Winkler	Elizabeth Daniels

MINISTRY SCHEDULES

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

SCHEDULING MASS INTENTIONS

One of the greatest acts of charity is to pray for the living and the dead (a spiritual work of mercy). The greatest and most powerful prayer we have is the Mass since the fruits of the Mass are the very fruits of Jesus' redemption. Mass stipends (offerings) are \$10.00 each with only one intention per Mass. Mass Intentions are scheduled by calling the Parish Office at (614) 267-9241, emailing icoffice@iccols.org, or mailing your request to the Parish Office. We will do our best to honor the dates and times requested, but no day/time can be guaranteed. Currently, we are scheduling Mass Intentions through 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.

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD, THURSDAY, JANUARY 1, 2026

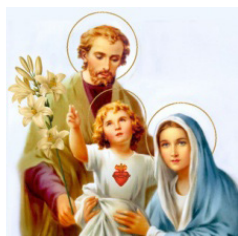
Thursday, January 1 is the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God. This is a Holy Day of Obligation. The Vigil Mass on December 31 is at 4 p.m. Mass on the Feast Day is at 9 a.m.

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

The Parish 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

WORLD DAY OF PEACE

World Day of Peace is January 1, 2026. In addition to the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, the Church commemorates the World Day of Peace each year with a message from the Holy Father. As Mary is known as Our Lady of Peace and the Queen of Peace, what a great day to make a New Year's resolution to work for peace. Pope Leo's message for this new year is "Peace be with you all." He prays for an "unarmed and disarming" peace and he "invites humanity to reject the logic of violence and war, and to embrace an authentic peace based on love and justice." "This peace must be unarmed, that is, not based on fear, threats or weapons," "And it must be disarming, capable of resolving conflicts, opening hearts and generating mutual trust, empathy and hope." "It is not enough to call for peace," "We must embody it in a way of life that rejects every form of violence, whether it be visible or systemic." For the complete message, visit the Vatican website at www.vatican.va.



THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH, SUNDAY, DECEMBER 28, 2025

God, our Father, You are the guardian and guide of our lives. Your word is joy, Your will is life, Your commands bring peace. Watch over and guide us as You did Your Son's earthly family. Through the celebration of this feast, help us to respond to Your word and will, that we may grow together as people of faith and enjoy the peace of Your Kingdom.



PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS AT MASS – JANUARY & FEBRUARY

Please check the schedule to see if there is a weekend **Mass in January or February** that you/your family would like to carry up the offertory gifts. In the offertory procession, the bread and wine are presented (offered) by the faithful to God before they are consecrated. Members of the parish are invited to bring up the gifts at the Mass(es) of their choosing throughout the year. **To participate in this ministry, email the Parish Office at icoffice@iccols.org or go to www.bit.ly/ICPresentationofGifts and sign up for the Mass or Masses at which you and your family wish to carry up the gifts.**

CHRISTMAS MESSAGE 2025

A light has come from Bethlehem that has continued to enlighten the hearts of men and women. The angels message, again and again, gives us new Hope! Centuries have passed since then and so much has happened to make us lose heart – wars and disasters and disappointments of every kind. But that good news, the grace of that child, and the happiness and joy of the mother Mary have continued to help people and nations to free themselves from the night in which they again and again have found themselves.

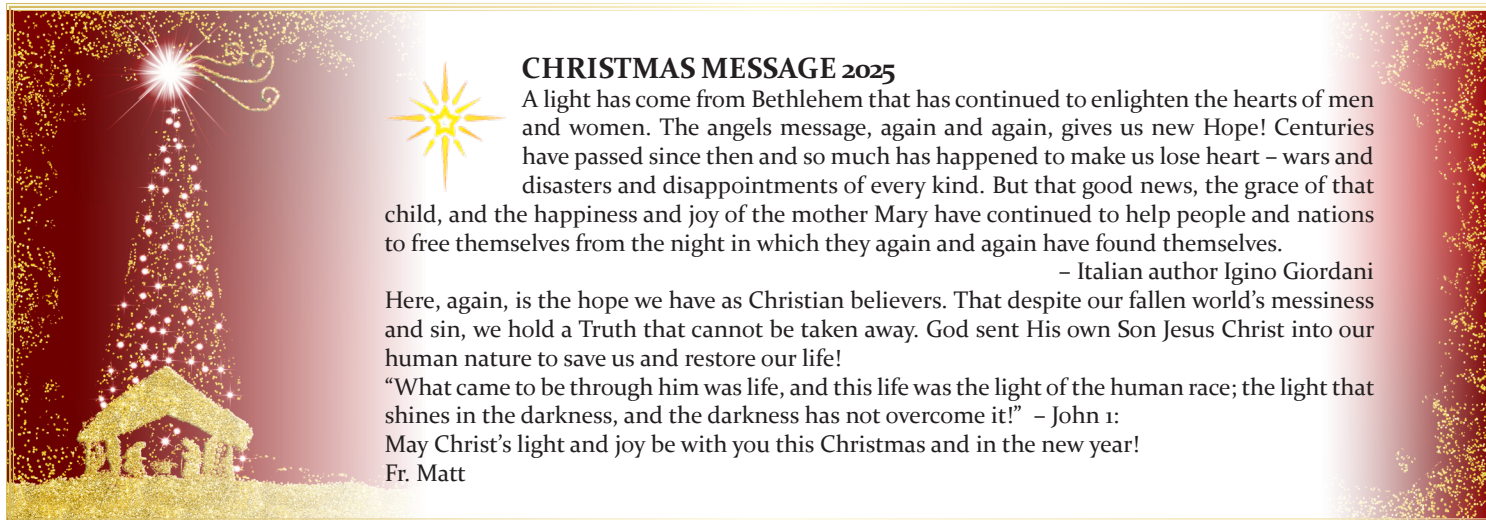
– Italian author Igino Giordani

Here, again, is the hope we have as Christian believers. That despite our fallen world's messiness and sin, we hold a Truth that cannot be taken away. God sent His own Son Jesus Christ into our human nature to save us and restore our life!

"What came to be through him was life, and this life was the light of the human race; the light that shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it!" – John 1:

May Christ's light and joy be with you this Christmas and in the new year!

Fr. Matt



Blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways.



TIME, TALENT & TREASURE

Fostering Stewardship as a Way of Life

Fiscal Year 7/1/2025-6/30/2026 • Offertory Report 12/21/2025

	12/21/2025	YTD 2025/2026
Recorded Envelopes/Checks	\$ 35,934	\$ 632,380
Loose Cash	\$ 886	\$ 21,709
TOTAL RECEIVED	\$ 36,820	\$ 654,089
Weekly Operating Expenses	\$ 27,000	\$ 675,000
Weekly Overage/(<i>Shortage</i>)	\$ 9,820	\$ (20,911)
Families Receiving Envelopes		838
Envelopes Received		108
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)

CHRISTMAS DIOCESAN CHARITIES COLLECTION

This Annual Collection, held during the Christmas season, 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.

IC YEAR-END GIVING DEADLINE

- With the celebration of Christmas, we receive the ultimate gift from God – the gift of His only Son, Jesus Christ. This season and year's end is a spiritual opportunity to make a return to God of His many blessings, while also positively impacting your taxes.
- If you wish to make a donation to Immaculate Conception Parish this season to be applied to the 2025 tax year, we kindly ask that you do so as soon as possible. Gifts of cash or checks must be received in the Parish Office by close of business (4 p.m.) on January 5, 2026. Please be sure the check is dated in 2025.



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 4-7. Pictures will be taken in Room A of the rectory from February 10-14 (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.

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.

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.

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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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>.

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.

Feast of the Holy Family

Today is the Feast of the Holy Family. We celebrate Jesus' family and your family! Thank God for the wonderful gifts in your family.

Draw a picture of
your family.



Catholic Kids

Bulletin

December 28, 2025
Holy Family
Color: White



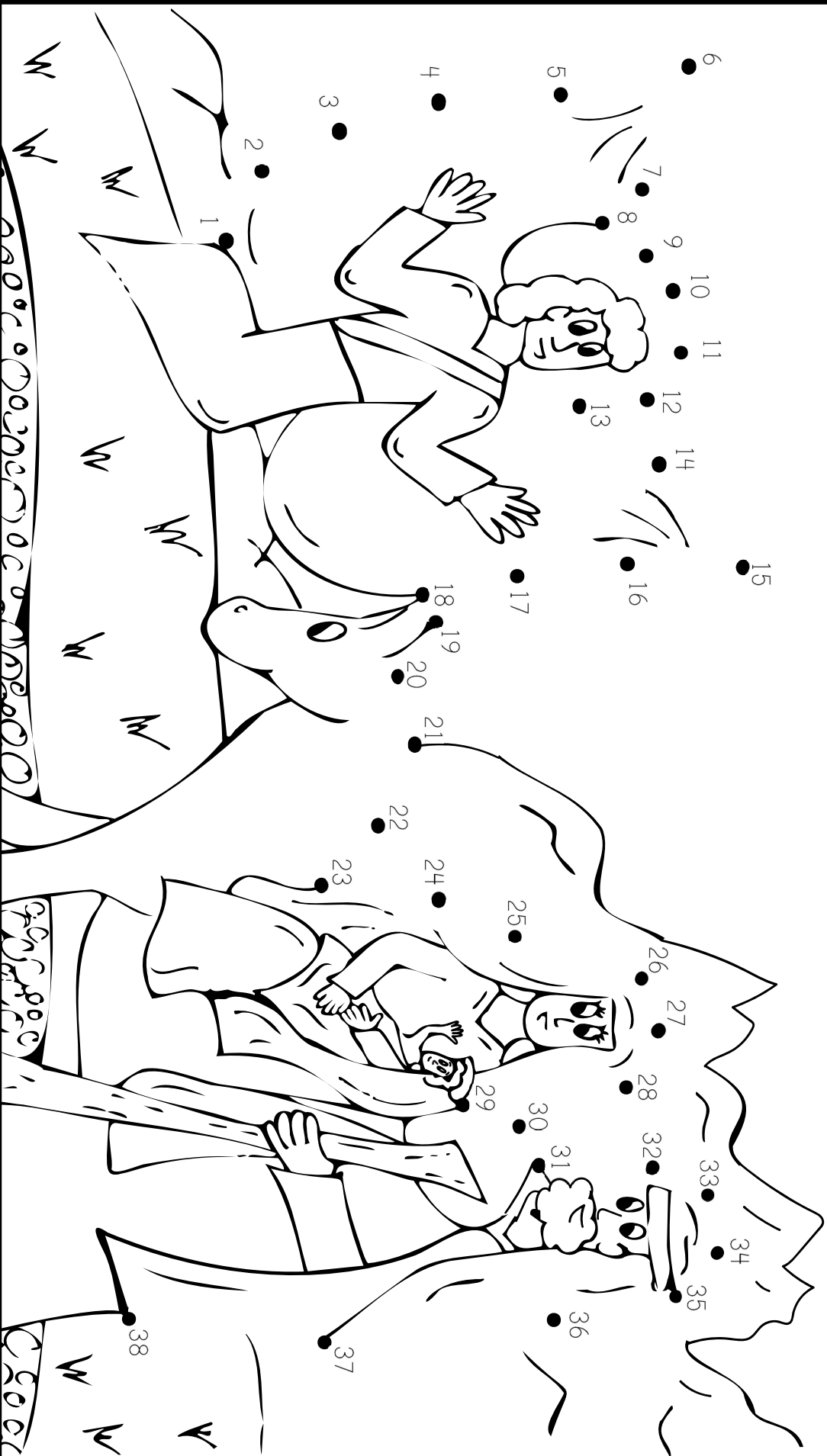
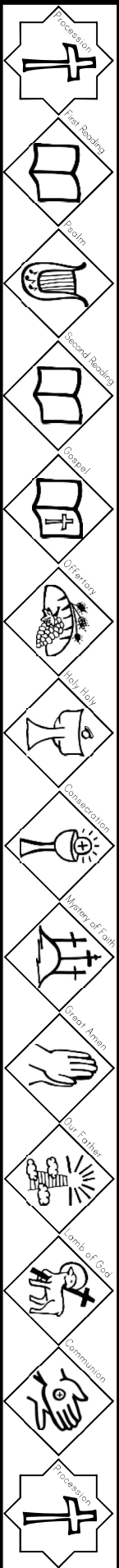
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Blessed are
those who
fear the Lord
and walk in
his ways.

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It is still the Christmas season,
so the church still has
Christmas decorations, and we
still sing Christmas carols.



FAITH FORMATION

Immaculate Conception Church
December 28, 2025

What Does the Holy Family Teach Us? Learning from their school of virtue.



They Follow God's Lead.

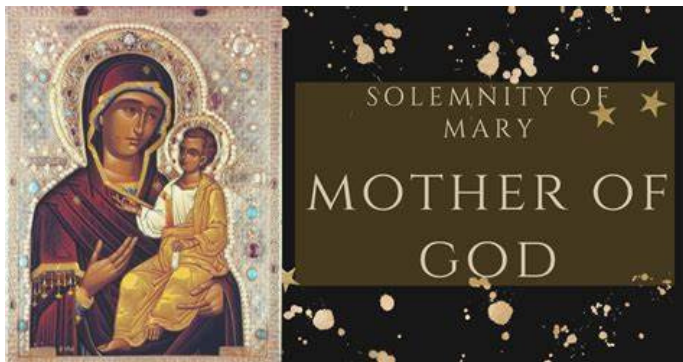
The Scriptures paint the early life of the Holy Family as God calls them to a special mission. With the angel Gabriel, we greet Mary and learn of her calling to become the Mother of God. Our introduction to St. Joseph consists of him deciding to divorce Mary quietly, believing she brought shame and dishonor upon him and his family. But an angel invites Joseph to change his mind and take Mary into his home, to become the guardian of Mary and Jesus, the husband of Mary and foster-father of Jesus.

In that home at Nazareth we meet a couple who shows an openness to allowing God to lead their life together. Mary surely had other plans for her life; as many believe, she took a vow of virginity at an early age, so becoming a physical mother was something she did not anticipate.

Yet, she heard God's invitation, and knew that His plans were better for her life; therefore, she gives her fiat — that is, her “yes” to God. St. Joseph opens his heart to the messenger sent by God and takes Mary into his home. This would not be the first or last time that St. Joseph followed God's lead in his life as he protected the Holy Family. After Jesus' birth in Bethlehem, they follow the prompting of an angel to flee into Egypt for safety and wait there until another angelic message leads them back home. The Holy Family is a great example for families everywhere to always be open to whatever God's will might be and to always be listening for God to speak.

www.simplycatholic.com

The octave of Christmas ends with the celebration of the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God on January 1.



In an address given to pilgrims at his general audience on November 27, 1996, Pope St. John Paul II spoke about the origins of this special title for Mary:

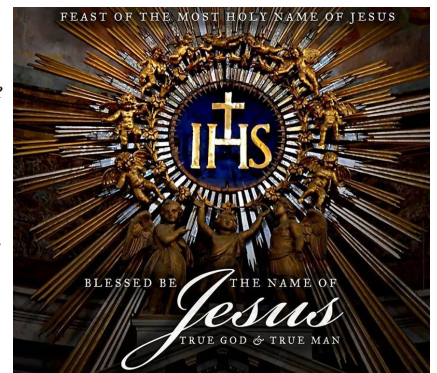
Already in the third century, as can be deduced from an ancient written witness, the Christians of Egypt addressed this prayer to Mary: ‘We fly to thy patronage, O holy Mother of God: despise not our petitions in our necessities, but deliver us from all evil, O glorious and blessed Virgin’ (from the Liturgy of the Hours). The expression *Theotókos* appears explicitly for the first time in this ancient witness.

Does that prayer sound familiar? The one cited by John Paul II? That's because it's the prayer that preceded the Memorare.

“Called in the Gospels “the mother of Jesus”, Mary is acclaimed by Elizabeth, at the prompting of the Spirit and even before the birth of her son, as “the mother of my Lord” (Lk 1:26-38). In fact, the One whom she conceived as man by the Holy Spirit, who truly became her Son according to the flesh, was none other than the Father’s eternal Son, the second person of the Holy Trinity. Hence the Church confesses that Mary is truly “Mother of God” (Theotokos).” – (CCC, No. 495) www.goodcatholic.com

We give honour to the Name of Jesus, not because we believe that there is any intrinsic power hidden in the letters composing it, but because the Name of Jesus reminds us of all the blessings we receive through our Holy Redeemer. To give thanks for these blessings we revere the Holy Name, as we honor the Passion of Christ by honoring His Cross (Colvenerius, “De festo SS. Nominis”, ix). In the Name of Jesus we obtain every blessing and grace for time and eternity, for Christ has said: “If you ask the Father anything in my name he will give it you.” (John, xvi, 23) Therefore the Church concludes all her prayers by the words: “Through Our Lord Jesus Christ”. At the name of Jesus, every knee should bend, of those in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.” Philippians 2:10-11

www.gotomary.com



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.

Scan the QR code to visit the Diocese of Columbus Safe Environment webpage for more details.



SCAN ME



Catholic Leadership INSTITUTE

We want to hear from our parishioners!

Complete the Disciple Maker Index survey today. The survey assesses our unique strengths and opportunities. Share your perspective now to help strengthen Immaculate Conception and better prepare us for the future!

The ten to fifteen-minute survey can be accessed online at portal.catholicleaders.org/dmi/survey/c621xc (or scan the QR code).

Paper surveys are available in the Gathering Space. Drop your completed paper survey in the collection at Mass, or in the mail slot at the front of the rectory.

All responses are confidential, and the parish will only receive information about the community as a whole.



Please Join Us for the 4th Annual Immaculate Chef



Cook Off 2026

Saturday, January 17th

600 PM - 1100 PM in Marian Hall



Scan QR code for presale tickets.
\$40 in advance until January 14
\$45 at the door

PRAY FOR PRIESTS

Please join Our Lady of Peace Parish in praying for a different priest or seminarian of our diocese every day of the month. The calendar for January can be found at www.olp-parish.org/pray-for-priests. For questions, contact Katy Wyatt at kw Wyatt@olp-parish.org.



CLERGY WHO COOK!

Support Our Pontifical College Josephinum Seminarians by "voting" for your favorite Clergy Chef. On Friday, January 30, 2026 at 6 p.m. at the Pontifical College Josephinum, Clergy from around the Diocese are stepping into the kitchen for

the Clergy Who Cook competition – a fun and delicious way to support the seminarians of the PCJ! Sponsored by the Friends of the Josephinum, Clergy Who Cook is a friendly competition where clergy showcase their culinary skills. You "vote" for your favorite dishes and chefs by donating dollars – each dollar equals one vote! Every penny raised directly supports seminarians' education, housing, and formation. Vote early and often! You can help by (1) Vote for our Clergy Chefs: Visit www.pcj.edu/clergywhocook/ to see who's competing and to donate and cast your votes and by (2) Join the Friends of the Josephinum: This group hosts events like Clergy Who Cook, supporting seminarians with scholarships, medical care, and more. For questions, contact Katy Wyatt at kw Wyatt@olp-parish.org.



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.



ST. JOHN'S HERMITAGE: A PLACE OF REST, PRAYER AND SPIRITUAL RENEWAL FOR PRIESTS

The mission of the Hermitage is to provide a peaceful and prayerful environment where our priests can rest and

be renewed in their vocation – an experience fully funded by generous donors. We invite you to prayerfully consider a gift to sustain this sacred space, which is located in Mt. Vernon, OH. Together, let us honor and care for those who have dedicated their lives to the service of Christ and His people. To make a contribution, please scan the QR code, or visit www.stjohnshermitage.org.




A GIFT FOR YOUR SPOUSE

Give the gift of a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend providing you and your spouse the tools for a stronger and more loving marriage! "But some seed fell on rich soil and produced fruit, a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold." Help your marriage be like the rich soil

and attend an upcoming Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience, February 6-8, 2026. Get away from jobs, kids, chores, and phones and focus only on each other. Location: Procter Camp and Conference Center – London, OH. Other weekend dates are available on our website. Apply at WWME.org or scan QR code. Early registration is recommended.

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