



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

CATHOLIC CHURCH

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www.iccols.org



WELCOME
to *Immaculate Conception!*

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

Celebration of Holy Mass

SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 p.m.
Sunday: 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

DAILY MASSES

Monday: 8:30 a.m.
Tuesday: 6:15 p.m.
Wednesday - Friday: 8:30 a.m.

HOLY DAY MASSES

8:30 a.m., 7:00 p.m., or as announced

Reconciliation

Tuesdays: 5:30 - 6:00 p.m.

Fridays: Following the 8:30 a.m. Mass, 9:15 - 9:45 a.m.
Or by appointment

Sacraments

BAPTISM

For detailed information related to preparation and scheduling, please contact the Parish Office at (614) 267-9241, or at icoffice@iccols.org.

MARRIAGE

Couples should inquire at least 12 months in advance of the intended date. A marriage preparation program is required. For information, contact Elizabeth DeLuca at (614) 267-9241, ext. 608 or at edeluca@iccols.org.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK & PASTORAL MINISTRY TO THE HOMEBOUND

If there is an emergency need for Anointing of the Sick, please call the parish office. If you get the voicemail message, press "1" and leave a message on the sacramental emergency line. For pastoral care needs, please contact the Parish Office at (614) 267-9241, or at icoffice@iccols.org.

FUNERAL & BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY

Family of the deceased loved one should contact the Parish Office at (614) 267-9241, or at icoffice@iccols.org.

OCIA

OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults) is the formation program of inquiry, discernment and instruction for adults. If you are interested in learning more about our faith and becoming Catholic, please contact Mary Ann Rivera at (614) 267-9241, ext. 605 or at marivera@iccols.org.

PARISH

 [immaculateconceptioncolumbus](https://www.instagram.com/immaculateconceptioncolumbus/)

 @ICColumbus

SCHOOL

 [icschool_cbus](https://www.instagram.com/icschool_cbus/)

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MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14

1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34; Mk 8:1-10
4:00 p.m. Alan Sprague †

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15

Sir 15:15-20; 1 Cor 2:6-10; Mt 5:17-37

8:30 a.m. For the People of
Immaculate Conception Parish

11:00 a.m. Louis VĨnh Đ᷑o †

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 16

Jas 1:1-11; Mk 8:11-13

8:30 a.m. Matta Đ᷑o Thị Mánh †

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17

Jas 1:12-18; Mk 8:14-21

6:15 p.m. Jack Butterfield †

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18

Joel 2:12-18; 2 Cor 5:20-6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

8:30 a.m. For the People of
Immaculate Conception Parish

11:30 a.m. Mary Conti †

7:00 p.m. Mary Jane Moloney †

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19

Deut 30:15-20; Lk 9:22-25

8:30 a.m. Eleanor Schaefer †

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20

Is 58:1-9a; Mt 9:14-15

8:30 a.m. Alan Sprague †

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21

Is 58:9b-14; Lk 5:27-32

4:00 p.m. Dr. Frank Sobolewski †

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22

Gen 2:7-9; 3:1-7; Rom 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19; Mt 4:1-11

8:30 a.m. For the People of
Immaculate Conception Parish

11:00 a.m. Grace Messana †

† Deceased

LITURGICAL MINISTERS SCHEDULE – FEBRUARY 21 & 22, 2026

MASS TIMES	4:00 p.m.	8:30 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS	Don Muenz Christine Demko	Chris Atzberger Dam Do	Janet Wilks Jonathan Fortkamp
LECTORS	Scott Reing-Hurley	Colleen O'Brien	Jody Foltyn
ALTAR SERVERS	Matthew Silva Declan Schools Josh Schultheis Ryan Wallace	Dalton King Everett King James Krzyzewski Vince Krzyzewski	Justin Nagy Emelia Ortlieb Ava Pulsinelli
GREETERS	Hatchel Family Schools Family Colleen Kent	Mike Demko Bobby Clark Michele Sapp Tyler Johnston	Sleeper Family Daniels Family Lyden Family
WELCOME DESK	Patty Conway	Suzanne Smith	Anne Campbell

MINISTRY SCHEDULES

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

PASTORAL STAFF

<i>Pastor</i>	Fr. Matthew Hoover	icoffice@iccols.org
<i>Permanent Deacon</i>	Rev. Mr. Christopher Campbell.....	ccampbel@cdeducation.org
<i>Weekend Assistant</i>	Msgr. Anthony Frecker	
<i>Pastoral Care Coordinator</i>	Odee Dammarell.....ext. 606	rdammarell@iccols.org

FAITH FORMATION

<i>Music Ministry</i>	Adam Fehrenbach.....ext. 607	musicdirector@iccols.org
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<i>Evangelization and Social Media Director</i>	Veronica Dannemiller.....	vdannemiller@iccols.org
<i>Faith Formation for Youth</i>		

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<i>Parish Business Administrator</i>	John Bernard	ext. 602 jbernard@iccols.org
<i>Ministry Coordinator</i>	Elizabeth DeLuca.....	ext. 608 edeluca@iccols.org
<i>Administrative Assistant</i>	Karen Cannell	ext. 601 icoffice@iccols.org
<i>Facilities Manager</i>	Jason Stallkamp	
<i>Communications and Social Media Director</i>	Tom Berryhill	ext. 604 tberryhill@iccols.org

SCHOOL STAFF Phone: 614-267-6579

<i>Principal</i>	Colleen Kent.....	cokent@cdeducation.org
<i>Office Manager</i>	Marina Hachwa	mhachwa@cdeducation.org
<i>Preschool School Office</i>		mhachwa@cdeducation.org
<i>School Age Child Care</i>	John Bernard	jbernard@iccols.org

PARISH SUPPORT SERVICES

<i>Faith-Based Counselor</i>	Mary Ann Jepsen.....	jepsen.ma@gmail.com, 614-309-2270
<i>Planned Giving Liaison</i>	Kelly Noll	knoll@gbq.com, 614-352-1655

ADVISORY COUNCILS

<i>Finance Council Chairman</i>	Andy MacKinnon.....	amackinnon@horizonio.com
<i>Parish Council President</i>	Rich Viertel.....	parishcouncil@iccols.org
<i>School Board President</i>	Danielle Culbertson	danielle.w.culbertson@gmail.com

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 August 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 February, 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.

THE POPE'S INTENTION FOR FEBRUARY

For children with incurable diseases

Let us pray that children suffering from incurable diseases and their families receive the necessary medical care and support, never losing strength and hope.

IN OUR PARISH

GLITCH IN THE PARISH WEBSITE

We recently discovered a glitch in the parish website which resulted in online parish registrations not coming through to the office. This issue has now been resolved, and we will be reaching out to those who, beginning in late October, tried to register without success. We are mailing welcome packets and will add you to our Flocknote messaging.



NEW PARISHIONERS

We welcome our new parishioners to Immaculate Conception Parish who registered in October & November of 2025: **Zenaida Aguilar Rocha, and Cristobal and Alejandro Rocha; Charlie Stack & Judith Allen; Bruno Botta Alvarado, Klaudia Rudzka, & Alessandra Botta; Nicholas & Maria Hart. We also welcome Peter Torgerson & Pamela Anderson; Caroline, Bobby, TJ & Vinny Cesario.**

We welcome new parishioners in 2026: **Maggie Malone, Connor & Meredith Organ; Robert, Alexandra & Daphne Wirtz; Samuel, Melanie, & Josephine West; Freilimar Sanchez and Luciano Pichardo; Nick, Katie, Charlie & Mack Lannan; Adam, Rachel, Leon, & Noel Smale; Stephanie, Brian, Dominic & Oliver Ames.**

We invite and encourage you to join us as we pray, work, and play together and hope that you find a welcoming and spiritual home here at Immaculate Conception.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY MATRIMONY

Congratulations to **Luke Andracki and Molly Gilligan** who were united in marriage on February 7, 2026.



DISPOSAL OF BLESSED PALMS

Baskets for last year's blessed palms are at the east and west doors of the church and in the Gathering Space. Because palms are blessed by a priest and are holy objects, they should be disposed of in the proper manner. Your blessed palms will be burned, and it is the ashes from palms that are used on Ash Wednesday. Blessed Palms will be collected through the end of February



ASH WEDNESDAY

Our Lenten journey begins this Wednesday, February 18, 2026. Ash Wednesday Masses are at 8:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m., and 7 p.m.

LENTEN REGULATIONS

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of Fast and Abstinence. Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59 are required to fast, eating one meal along with two lesser meals which together do not equal one full meal. Liquids are permitted between meals. Catholics 14 years of age and older are obligated to abstain from eating meat on Ash Wednesday, as well as on all the Fridays of Lent.

ASH WEDNESDAY COLLECTION FOR JOIN

Greetings Sisters and Brothers in Christ, we are approaching another Lenten Season, a Holy Season that comforts and guides us all. Thanks to your compassion, generosity, love and faith, JOIN was able to assist many of our sisters and brothers with daily essentials, again in 2025. Through your generosity, over 2400 families received assistance to maintain their lights, heat or water. Through your compassion over 650 families received birth certificates that allowed them to get ID to apply for housing, employment and school enrollment. Once again, because of your love and your faith, we were able to help more than 700 families get to their new jobs, to crucial doctors' appointments and/or maintain their sobriety, by JOIN's transportation program. We are so grateful for all that you have contributed both in resources and in prayers and in physical work.

We are also exploring exciting new ways to expand JOIN's capacity and impact with our parishes and partners this year. We hope to work more closely with parishes and programs throughout the Diocese and share the blessings of our Faith. Your support continues to be vital and we are grateful that your parish will again share your Ash Wednesday collection with JOIN. Your love, faith and compassion are what allow JOIN to share Christ's love with all who connect with us. To donate online, go to www.iccols.org. Give Now, choose JOIN from the dropdown box, or place donations in the Offertory collection on Ash Wednesday.

WOMEN'S CONFERENCE CARPOOLING?

If you are in need of a ride to the Women's Conference, please call the Parish Office or email marivera@iccols.org.



Blessed are they who follow the law of the Lord.



TIME, TALENT & TREASURE

Fostering Stewardship as a Way of Life

Fiscal Year 7/1/2025-6/30/2026 • Offertory Report 2/8/2026

	<u>2/8/2026</u>	<u>YTD 2025/2026</u>
Recorded Envelopes/Checks	\$ 27,895	\$ 823,208
Loose Cash	\$ 977	\$ 29,442
TOTAL RECEIVED	\$ 28,872	\$ 852,650
Weekly Operating Expenses	\$ 27,000	\$ 864,000
Weekly Overage/(<i>Shortage</i>)	\$ 1,872	\$ (11,350)
Families Receiving Envelopes		835
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)



GIVING TUESDAY CHECK PRESENTATION

We again wish to thank all parishioners and visitors for their generous donations to our recommended Giving Tuesday recipient. In January, Fr. Matt presented a check for \$8,000 to Pete and Katie McCann for the Henry McCann Memorial Colorectal Cancer Foundation. Thank you for your generosity.

IC SENIOR MINISTRY – FEBRUARY GATHERING

The IC "Old Faithfuls" (Senior Ministry group) will gather this Thursday, February 19 at Noon in Marian Hall. Besides having lunch and fellowship, some of our members who traveled to Italy last summer will talk about their pilgrimage. We are having sandwiches and salad. We need help with dessert, setup and cleanup. If you can help, please send an email to icoldfaithfuls@gmail.com by February 16.



SOCIAL CONCERNS

YWCA FAMILY SHELTER DINNER – FEBRUARY 20

Immaculate Conception is providing dinner for the YWCA Family Shelter this Friday, February 20. Food donations of apples, green beans, dinner rolls, cupcakes and/or cookies are needed. Volunteers are also needed to help in the preparation and boxing of meals at the Family Center. For more information, or to sign up for food donations or time, go to iccols.org, Quick Links, YWCA Shelter Dinner Sign-up, or sign up in the Gathering Space at the sign-up board.



CHANGES WITH THE CATHOLIC TIMES

The cost of producing *The Catholic Times* has risen significantly, while having a limited reach. The digital sphere has antiquated waiting for news to arrive at your doorstep, as information is available at our fingertips 24/7. The time is right to refocus diocesan monies, resources, and staff to a more dynamic, cost-effective, and far-reaching platform. In mid-February, *The Catholic Times* will be moving to a solely digital platform. We are proud of the publication, the contributors, and the hard work of our staff. Now, we can amplify the good news of the 23 counties of our diocese to an even greater degree. Scan the QR code to read more about this exciting change in *The Catholic Times*



THANK YOU

The IC Knights thank all those who donated diapers to our annual Diaper Drive. Based on your donations, we were able to deliver almost 19,000 diapers and over 5,000 wipes to Pregnancy Decision Help Centers. Since they help over 400 families, this will last two months. For more information about this ministry, go to <https://www.pdhc.org/>.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS



**FRIDAYS
7:30 P.M.**



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
Knights of Columbus Lenten Fish Fry

Fridays during Lent!

(February 20 - March 27)

5:00 - 7:30 p.m. in Marian Hall



MENU

**\$16 Adults
\$6 Kids Meals
(Fish/Pizza/M&C)
Carryout Available**

Fried or Baked Fish, French Fries, Cole Slaw, Vegetable, and Roll. Complimentary Beverages, Adult Beverages & Dessert Available.

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS!

Sign up to volunteer
or donate desserts at:
bit.ly/IC-Fish-Fry



NEW THIS YEAR

← Reserve a table \$200
Event Sponsor \$500 →
(includes table, signage & announcement)





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Blessed are
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When we say, "And with your spirit," we remember that God is working through the priest to offer the Mass.

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Saint Valentine

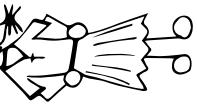
Saint Valentine was a kind man in Rome. The emperor made a rule that young men couldn't marry. Saint Valentine knew this was wrong, so he helped couples get married in secret. The emperor found out and put Saint Valentine in jail.

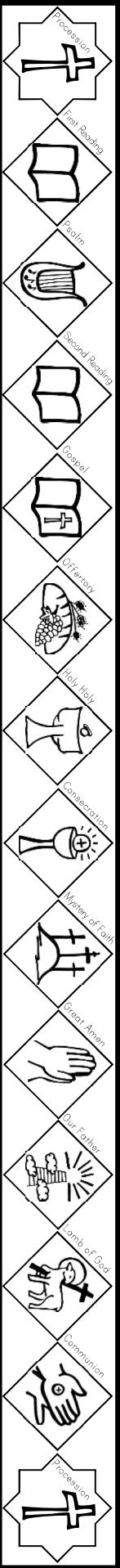
Even in jail, Saint Valentine was kind. He wrote letters to the jailer's daughter, signed "From your Valentine." This is why people give Valentine's cards to their friends! Saint Valentine showed that love and kindness are powerful. His story reminds us to be brave and spread love.

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Saint Valentine is the patron saint of love.





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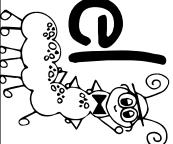
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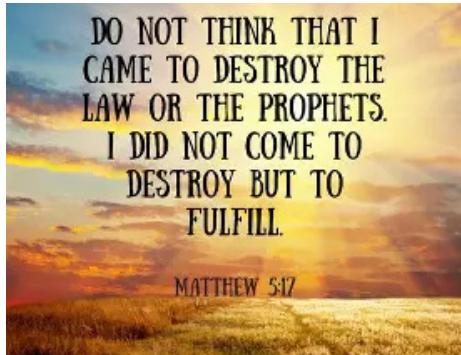
Jesus taught his disciples to follow the commandments.

Commandments are rules that God asks us to follow.

FAITH FORMATION

Immaculate Conception Church

February 15, 2026



Living a life of a disciple of Jesus, the Master-Teacher, is challenging. Jesus asks us to do more than just keep the commands and the law. In the Gospel, Jesus emphatically announces that He has not come to do away with the Law and the Prophets (Hebrew Scriptures) but to bring them to fulfillment and raise the bar even higher. In the Gospel, Jesus remarks that He has not come to replace the Jewish regulations but to fulfill them. He lifts the bar higher and makes the commandments produce what they were meant to produce: a closer relationship with GOD. Not only are people called to avoid murder, adultery, testifying falsely; but they also are to work toward positive relationships with others, enhancing their marital relationships, and speaking well of others.

One important example that Jesus describes in the Gospel is that before we come to the altar to worship GOD and present our gifts, if we realize that someone has something against us, we must go out and be reconciled. Notice that Jesus doesn't say that if we have something against someone else, but if someone is out of sorts with us. We may be totally okay with the other person, but if we sense that another person may be at odds with us, we need to go to them. This goes beyond the golden rule of doing to others what we want them to do to us. It requires that we put ourselves in other people's shoes and see how they might be feeling and reach out to them because they might not be ready to be in relationship with us, or open to reaching out to us. We must be pro-active in all our relationships. We must not just try not to upset other people, we must work toward establishing a positive relationship with them. This may not always work, but we must make the effort to build or re-establish a relationship.

Being a disciple of the Master-Teacher demands more than just not breaking rules and commandments. It requires that we do all we can to bring the Good News of the Lord Jesus' love to each person so they can share in the joys of GOD's love, now and forever.

- *The personal question/action for today: Do I see laws and rules as hoops to jump through or as guides to lead me to better relationship with GOD and with others? Am I willing to take Jesus' invitation to go above and beyond the mere requirements of the commandments and seek to do whatever enhances the lives of others and my own life in the eyes of GOD? What can I do to help others move beyond legalism to enjoy the fullness and freedom of GOD's plan for them and others?*

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Ash Wednesday, the Beginning of Lent: February 18

The time has now come in the Church year for the solemn observance of the great central act of history, the redemption of the human race by our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. In the Roman Rite, the beginning of the forty days of penance is marked with the austere symbol of ashes which is used in today's liturgy. The use of ashes is a survival from an ancient rite according to which converted sinners submitted themselves to canonical penance. The Alleluia and the Gloria are suppressed until Easter.

Meditation—An Itinerary of Conversion

The rediscovery of the baptismal character of Lent, the ancient penitential season that precedes Easter, and the restoration of the Paschal Triduum—Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil—as the apex of the Church's liturgical year are two of the most important accomplishments of modern Catholicism.

Over the centuries, the summit of the Church's year of grace—the celebration of Christ's passing over from death to life, for which the Church prepares in Lent—had become encrusted with liturgical barnacles that gradually took center stage in the drama of Holy Week. And while some of them had a beauty of their own, such as the Tenebrae service, celebrated early in the morning of Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday, the overall effect was to diminish the liturgical richness of the Triduum; the Easter Vigil's essential character as a dramatic night-watch, when the Church gathers at the Lord's tomb to ponder the great events of salvation history while awaiting the bright dawn of the Resurrection, was almost completely obscured. Similarly, Lent, which had an intensely baptismal character centuries ago, became almost exclusively penitential: a matter of what Catholics must not do, rather than a season focused on the heart of the Christian vocation and mission—conversion to Jesus Christ and the deepening of our friendship with him.

To make the pilgrimage of Lent is to follow an itinerary of conversion. Lent affords every baptized Christian the opportunity to reenter the catechumenate, to undergo a "second baptism," and thus to meet once again the mysteries of God's mercy and love....

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Lenten Parish Mission
Immaculate Conception Church

THE LOVE OF GOD & THE CROSS OF JESUS CHRIST
SUNDAY, MARCH 8
7:00-9:00 PM
For the Lord is a Sun & Shield

MONDAY, MARCH 9
7:00-9:00 PM
Indeed Our God Is a Consuming Fire

HOLY MASS
TUESDAY, MARCH 10
6:15 PM

PARISH PENANCE SERVICE
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11
7:00 PM


Dave VanVickle



PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS IN FEBRUARY

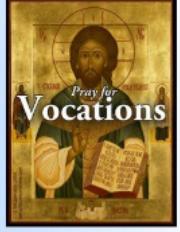
Please check the schedule to see if there is a weekend **Mass in February** that you/your family would like to carry up the offertory gifts. In the offertory procession, the bread and wine are presented (offered) by the faithful to God before they are consecrated. Members of the parish are invited to 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.



Sign up → https://bit.ly/Chalice_Cup

Chalice Cup Ministry

The Chalice Cup Ministry invites the whole community to pray for vocations. Families and individuals are encouraged to sign up to bring the Chalice Cup home with them from a Saturday or Sunday Mass.



VOCATIONS PRAYER MINISTRY

Sign up for a particular week by going to iccols.org>Parish Life>Chalice Cup Ministry. Receive the Chalice Cup box at a weekend Mass and return it to the Parish Office on Friday or to the sacristy before the Saturday 4 p.m. Mass.



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES AT BOTTOMS UP DIAPER BANK

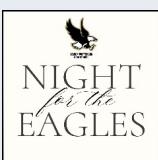
Do you want to be part of the amazing volunteer crew at Bottoms Up? Bottoms Up Diaper Bank is a non-profit organization founded in 2018 by Tim and Jo Welsh with a mission to provide clean, dry diapers to families in need in central Ohio. We are looking for kind and caring people who want to get involved. We have opportunities for people of all ages! One of the easiest ways to get involved is to like and share our media posts or become a monthly donor! If interested in learning more, or to register for orientation, please email rachel@bottomsup.life.



Upcoming Events:

Thursday, March 5: New Confirmation Parent Meeting (7 p.m.) School Penance Service

Referral Credit - One of the best parts of our school is our families and we are grateful when you help us grow our community! For the 2026-2027 school year, we're offering a \$300 Referral Tuition Credit for any new family you refer who enrolls. Contact our Admissions Director, Mrs. Katie Lewis at (614) 267-6579 for more information.



BISHOP WATTERSON

Bishop Watterson will host Night for the Eagles on Saturday, February 21 from 6-11 p.m. at Ohio Brewing Company. All are welcome to join us for this elegant, high-energy, cocktail-style gathering dedicated to uplifting and expanding opportunities for the Bishop Watterson student body and supporting tuition assistance. The evening includes a DJ and silent auction with heavy hors d'oeuvres and a full bar included. Register by February 12 at bishopwatterson.com.

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

The Nativity of Mary – This scholarship provides a four-year \$2,000 per year scholarship to any rising 9th grade student (current 8th grader) who will attend a Catholic High School next school year. The link to apply for the Nativity of Mary Scholarship can be found at <https://catholic-foundation.org/grants/scholarships/the-nativity-of-mary-scholarship/>. The Nativity of Mary Scholarship was established for the propagation of the Catholic faith and devotion to Our Blessed Mother. A letter of recommendation, short essay on the applicant's devotion to our Blessed Mother, and financial need will be used to evaluate the potential applicants. Provided the student remains in good standing and continues to attend a Catholic high school in the Diocese of Columbus, the scholarship will be renewed all four years until that student graduates.

The Hands and Feet of Christ Scholarship – This scholarship provides an \$800 scholarship to a student who will attend a Catholic High School next school year at any grade level. The link to apply for the Hands and Feet of Christ Scholarship can be found at <https://catholic-foundation.org/grants/scholarships/the-hands-and-feet-of-christ-scholarship/>. A letter of recommendation from a community leader (clergy, youth minister, teacher, etc.) attesting to the applicant's active involvement in his or her own Catholic faith formation and demonstrated financial need (via FACTS Tuition Assistance) will be used to evaluate the potential applicants. This is a single year scholarship.

The Catholic Foundation's applications for scholarships are currently open with a **deadline for submission of February 27**. For more information and to apply, please visit www.catholic-foundation.org/scholarships. If you have any questions about our scholarship process, please feel free to contact Dan Kurth, VP of Grants, at (614) 443-8893 or dkurth@catholic-foundation.org.

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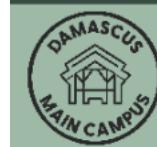
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