



THE SEASON OF LENT + PRAYER + FASTING + ALMSGIVING



**IMMACULATE  
CONCEPTION**  
CATHOLIC CHURCH

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PARISH OFFICE  
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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  
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MARRIAGE  
Couples should inquire at least 12 months in advance  
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### ANOINTING 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  
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sacramental emergency line. For pastoral care needs,  
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### FUNERAL AND BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY

Family of the deceased loved one should contact  
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### 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  
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\*Painting: The Expulsion of Adam and Eve from Paradise by Benjamin West (National Gallery of Art)

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**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 †

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23**

*Lev 19:1-2, 11-18; Mt 25:31-46*  
8:30 a.m. Jolene Kienle †

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24**

*Is 55:10-11; Mt 6:7-15*  
6:15 p.m. Barbara Galloway †

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25**

*Jon 3:1-10; Lk 11:29-32*  
8:30 a.m. Magdaleno Santos †

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26**

*Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Mt 7:7-12*  
8:30 a.m. Cory Hayes †

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27**

*Ez 18:21-28; Mt 5:20-26*  
8:30 a.m. Grace Messana †

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28**

*Deut 26:16-19; Mt 5:43-48*  
4:00 p.m. For the Intention of Joseph  
and Cecilia Rivera

**SUNDAY, MARCH 1**

*Gen 12:1-4a; 2 Tim 1:8b-10; Mt 17:1-9*  
8:30 a.m. For the People of  
Immaculate Conception Parish  
11:00 a.m. Ted Erkman †

† **Deceased**

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**LITURGICAL MINISTERS SCHEDULE – FEBRUARY 28 & MARCH 1, 2026**

MASS TIMES	4:00 p.m.	8:30 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
<b>EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS</b>	Bobbie Mitch Paul Duffy	Diana Marie Winkler Jean Durbin	Mary Leathley Colleen Kent
<b>LECTORS</b>	MaryAnn Grossman	Steven Brobst	Jonathan Fortkamp
<b>ALTAR SERVERS</b>	Kevin Wilson Lillian Wilson Liam Butcher-Lyden Lila Hatem	Caden Mangini Casey Mangini Samie Miller Andrew Noll	Violet Reineck Kathleen Rogers Evie Sabo Jackson Sleeper
<b>GREETERS</b>	Joyce Francis Jeanne Stoker Molly Edwards	Walter Family Sue & Sophia Ruschau Suzanne Smith Martha Bowling	Coleman Family April Byrne Inkrott Family
<b>WELCOME DESK</b>	Patty Conway	Diana Marie Winkler	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](mailto: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](http://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



### NEW PARISHIONERS

We welcome our new parishioners to Immaculate Conception Parish: **Jack, Ellery, and Grace Wheeler; Victorino Sabina, Jan and Jaden Loreto; Thomas, Bridget, Madeline and James Harmon; Dominique, Mila, and Eleena Marcum.** 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 BAPTISM

We welcome **Benjamin Gilchrist Graves**, the son of Garrison Graves and Margaret Rusnak, who was received into the Church and our parish through the Sacrament of Baptism on February 15, 2026.



### CONFIRMATION PARENT MEETING – SAVE THE DATE – PARENTS OF CHILDREN IN GRADES 5-8

Join us on Thursday, March 5 at 7 p.m. in Marian Hall for an important parent meeting as we share plans for our upcoming Confirmation classes. This will be of particular interest to parents of children in fifth through eighth grade.

## TO KEEP A TRUE LENT by Robert Herrick

Is this a fast, to keep The larder lean? And clean From fat of veals and sheep?	No; tis a fast to dole Thy sheaf of wheat, And meat, Unto the hungry soul.
Is it to quit the dish Of flesh, yet still To fill The platter high with fish?	It is to fast from strife, From old debate And hate; To circumcise thy life.
Is it to fast an hour, Or raggd to go, Or show A downcast look and sour?	To show a heart grief-rent; To starve thy sin, Not bin; And thats to keep thy Lent.

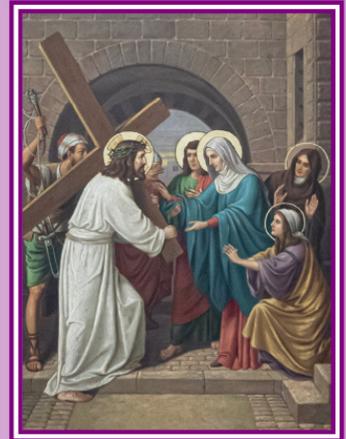


## DISPOSAL OF BLESSED PALMS

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. Palms will be collected through the end of February.

## STATIONS OF THE CROSS

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



## CRS RICE BOWLS ARE AT THE DOORS

CRS Rice Bowl invites Catholic families in the United States to encounter God and our global family throughout Lent by practicing the pillars of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. As you and your family experience deeper communion with the Eucharist during this sacred season, may this encounter with the Bread of Life lead you to share bread for life with our sisters and brothers most in need around the world. This Lent, CRS Rice Bowl will journey to Ghana, Guatemala and Timor-Leste, where families are partnering with Catholic Relief Services to break the cycle of hunger. Don't forget to watch the bulletin each week for stories of hope to share and reflect on or go to [www.crsricebowl.org](http://www.crsricebowl.org). **Rice Bowl boxes are in the bulletin holders and in the Gathering Space.**

## ASH WEDNESDAY COLLECTION FOR JOIN

You can still donate to JOIN, the Joint Organization for Inner-City Needs. Last year, JOIN was able to assist many of our sisters and brothers with daily essentials and assistance to maintain their lights, heat or water. To donate online, go to [www.iccols.org](http://www.iccols.org). Give Now, choose JOIN from the dropdown box.



*Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.*



**TIME, TALENT & TREASURE**

*Fostering Stewardship as a Way of Life*

**Fiscal Year 7/1/2025-6/30/2026 • Offertory Report 2/15/2026**

	<u>2/15/2026</u>	<u>YTD 2025/2026</u>
Recorded Envelopes/Checks	\$ 34,834	\$ 858,042
Loose Cash	\$ 940	\$ 30,382
TOTAL RECEIVED	\$ 35,774	\$ 888,424
Weekly Operating Expenses	\$ 27,000	\$ 891,000
Weekly Overage/ <i>(Shortage)</i>	\$ 8,774	\$ (2,576)
Families Receiving Envelopes		835
Envelopes Received		100
Families on EFT		365



Manage your electronic contributions online! Visit [www.iccols.org](http://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)*

**RETIRE WITH PURPOSE:**

**LET YOUR CATHOLIC FAITH LEAD THE WAY**

How will Catholic teaching shape your retirement planning? As you prepare for this life transition, consider how Church wisdom about stewardship, community, and service can guide your decisions. Catholic retirement planning goes beyond financial security – it involves discerning how God is calling you to use your accumulated resources, experiences, and time. It also provides an opportunity to reflect on how you can be part of the legacy that shapes Immaculate Conception.

You are cordially invited to a Your Catholic Retirement™ gathering on Wednesday, March 4, 2026, at 6 p.m. in Marian Hall. You'll learn about the endowments already blessing Immaculate Conception and discover how you can strengthen our ministries and church life for years to come. Loren Brown, President & CEO of The Catholic Foundation, will share helpful tools and insights to support your planning. Light refreshments and food will be provided, creating a meaningful opportunity for faith and fellowship. This is an excellent opportunity for our parishioners to come together – all are welcome! **Please RSVP by scanning the QR code or contacting Kelly Noll at (614) 352-1655 or [knoll@gbq.com](mailto:knoll@gbq.com) or calling the Parish Office.**



**IT'S FESTIVAL TIME!**

Planning for the 2026 IC Parish Festival is officially underway, and we want YOU to be part of it! We are blessed with so many talented, creative, and generous people in our parish community, and this is your chance to help make this year's Festival the best one yet. Join us on Tuesday, February 24 at 7 p.m. in Marian Hall for light refreshments, great conversation, and a chance to share your ideas. We are also looking to fill a few key leadership roles. If you've ever thought about getting more involved, now is the perfect time! Come hang out, meet new friends, and help us build something amazing together. We can't wait to see you there!

**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*.



Join us February 23, 7-9 p.m. for an evening set apart to praise Jesus and grow in fellowship with other young adults (aged 18-35 and no longer in high school). Exalt is a space to lift high the name of Jesus together, encounter His presence, and connect with others who are pursuing Him. This is a night to find a community centered on Jesus, powerful worship, and time to hang out afterward. Come expectant – He is worthy to be exalted! For more information, contact Dominic Rivera at [drivera3000@gmail.com](mailto:drivera3000@gmail.com).

**SOCIAL CONCERNS**

**OPEN SHELTER DINNER – MARCH 2, 2026**

The Open Shelter meal for homeless and marginally-housed individuals is Monday, March 2, 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.



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

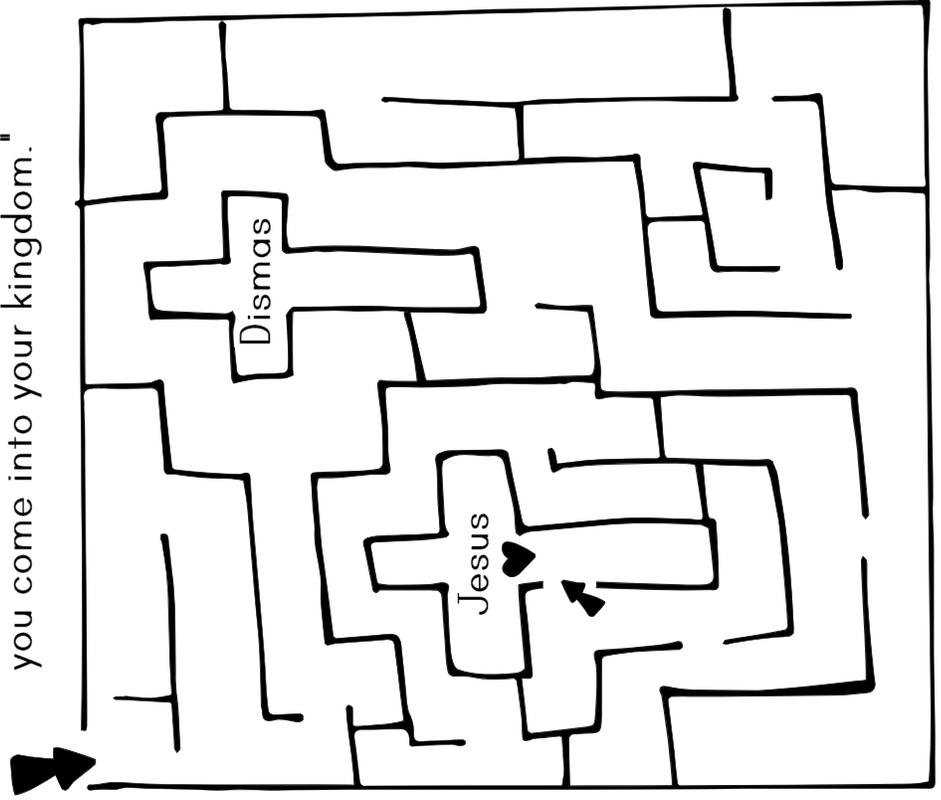


Dave VanVickle

# Saint Dismas

Saint Dismas was crucified on the cross next to Jesus. Saint Dismas was a criminal, but he asked for forgiveness before he died.

Saint Dismas said,  
"Jesus, remember me when  
you come into your kingdom."



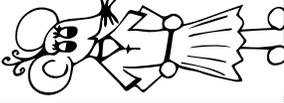
# Catholic Kids

Bulletin

February 22, 2026

Lent

Color: Purple



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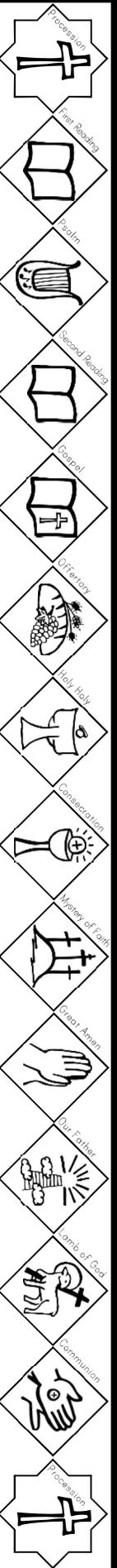
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Be merciful,  
O Lord, for  
we have  
sinned.

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Do you remember that the priest wore purple during Advent? That was when we were waiting for Jesus to be born at Christmas. The priest is wearing purple again as we wait for Jesus to rise at Easter.



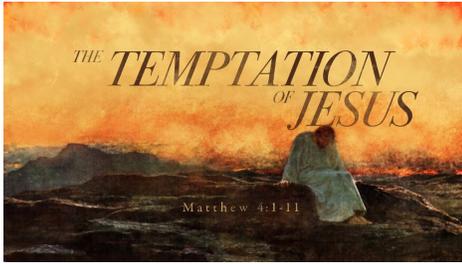
# Gospel

Jesus lived in the desert for 40 days! The devil tried to tempt Him to turn the rocks into bread when He was hungry. Jesus got help from the angels and knew that He could wait. He didn't listen to the devil.

# FAITH FORMATION

Immaculate Conception Church

February 22, 2026



Our Gospel reading this First Sunday of Lent is always an account of the temptations of Jesus in the desert. In the stark desert setting Jesus fasted for 40 days and 40 nights. Here Jesus calls us to do the same, to reserve this special time each year for a time of fasting and prayer. But, like many paradoxes in the spiritual life, fasting and prayer (and giving of our time, talent and treasure) can be a time of deep inner peace and joy as we seek the help of the Holy Spirit. There's something about "changing it up" that has a transformative power, especially when it's done in the name of Jesus Christ, His passion and His mercy.

Scripture scholars believe that one of Matthew's central purposes is to portray Jesus as the "New Moses." In the Old Testament Moses leads the people of God through the desert for 40 years, delivering them from exile and sin toward Jerusalem and the Promised Land. This Gospel draws a full picture of Jesus as the "New Moses" as He experiences a 40-day fast and multiple temptations from Satan, which ultimately draws us toward the New Jerusalem. The temptation of turning stones into bread help us recall both the manna God fed the people in the wilderness as well as the Eucharistic bread. The true nourishment that sustains our Lenten journey is the loving promise of God's mercy: "one lives... by every word that comes from the mouth of God." The second and third temptations teach us that God is sovereign. Because Jesus is both God and man, He struggles in His humanity yet triumphs over temptation. In reflection, we are called to reflect on our own temptations and struggles. Our moment of inspiration comes as we realize that through grace we are sustained in our Lenten journey, and that is triumph and victory we look forward to. In Jesus' victory over temptation and sin, as in ours, Satan departs and the urge for temptation abates. In our journey we are lifted in a moment of illumination, filled us with joy as we enter the sanctuary of the heart, sustained and comforted by our own angel. As we reflect and pray on this yearly observances of holy Lent, may we grow in understanding of the riches hidden in Christ, and be drawn to pursue their effects. **A clean heart, create for me, O God. O, Lord open my lips and my mouth shall proclaim your praise. (Ps 51)**

Fr. David Rosenberg Institute for Spiritual Direction

## **How to Live Lent in Today's World?**

In a society marked by immediacy, consumerism, and a lack of spirituality, Lent becomes an urgent call to recover what is essential. Here are some concrete ideas:

- Less social media, more real presence: We can fast from what steals our time and inner peace. Why not reduce phone usage and dedicate more time to prayer or family?
- Practice gratitude and generosity: Instead of focusing on what we lack, we can thank God for what we have and share with those who have less.
- Forgive and ask for forgiveness: Lent is a perfect time to reconcile with God and others. A good examination of conscience and a sincere confession can transform our lives.
- Read the Word of God: Meditating on Scripture helps us better understand the meaning of Christ's sacrifice and allow ourselves to be guided by His teachings.



## **Lent as a Path of Hope**

Lent is not a time of sadness but a journey of hope. It is not just about giving up but about gaining: gaining in holiness, in love, in communion with God. St. Paul encourages us in his letter to the Romans:

"The night is far gone; the day is at hand. So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light" (Rom 13:12).

Jesus Christ does not call us to sterile sorrow but to a joy that comes that comes from conversion. The Resurrection is the goal, and Lent is the path that purifies us to reach it with renewed hearts.

## **Conclusion: Lent is an Opportunity, Not an Obligation**

Living Lent does not mean simply following external rules but embracing an inner commitment. God offers us this time as an opportunity of grace, to return to Him with sincere and repentant hearts.

This year, how do you want to live your Lent? Will it be just a ritual or a true journey of conversion? Let us not waste this divine gift, because at the end of these 40 days, Christ awaits us with open arms in the glory of Easter.

May this Lent be a time of renewal, love, and encounter with the Lord for you! catholicus.eu



# 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](http://bit.ly/IC-Fish-Fry)



### NEW THIS YEAR

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





For over a century, Immaculate Conception has been a cornerstone of the Clintonville community—a legacy we cherish as we continue to grow and welcome new families into our parish family. Our vibrant faith community of nearly 1,500 families demonstrates the living heart of the Church through active participation in more than 50 organizations and essential ministries. From our thriving parish grade school, which nurtures young souls from preschool through eighth grade, to countless ministries serving our neighbors near and far, Immaculate Conception remains a dynamic force for good. **As we honor this remarkable 100-year journey, we are called to be architects of the future, ensuring that the flame of faith continues to illuminate paths of hope for generations to come.**

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Fr. Matthew Hoover invites you to a special **Your Catholic Retirement™** gathering  
**Wednesday, March 4, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. | Marian Hall**

*Your Catholic Retirement™ brings together Church wisdom with practical retirement planning—helping you build a future that's financially secure and faithfully fulfilling.*

Presentation by Loren Brown, President & CEO of The Catholic Foundation

Bring your spouse or a friend. Refreshments will be served.

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RSVP by February 23 by scanning the QR code or contacting Kelly Noll at 614-352-1655 or [knoll@gbq.com](mailto:knoll@gbq.com)



Contact Loren Brown at 614-443-8893 or [lbrown@catholic-foundation.org](mailto:lbrown@catholic-foundation.org) with questions about *Your Catholic Retirement™*



## SCHOOL NEWS & ACTIVITIES



### IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

**Lenten Ladders** – Climbing to Easter: Beginning Ash Wednesday, our school will build “Lenten Ladders” by recording daily

acts of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving as we journey toward Easter. Students, faculty, and parish staff will all participate.

We invite families to join us by creating a Lenten Ladder at home and climbing toward Easter together!

**Stations of the Cross with the School** – Parents & Parishioners are invited to join us on Fridays at 2 p.m., in the church for Stations of the Cross.

#### Upcoming Events:



Wednesday, February 25: First Communion Parent Retreat Night (6:30-8:30 p.m.)

Friday, February 27: Father/ Daughter Dance (6:30-8 p.m.)

Saturday, February 28: Mother/ Son Dance (6:30-8 p.m.)

Thursday, March 5: New Confirmation Parent Meeting – All current 3rd-7th grade parents (7 p.m.)

School Penance Service

**Now Enrolling for 2026-2027** – Families considering Immaculate Conception for preschool-8th grade are encouraged to submit online applications as soon as possible. Scholarship deadlines for Kindergarten-8th grade are approaching, and space is limited. A few preschool spots remain. Apply on our website today or schedule a tour. Contact our Admissions Director, Mrs. Katie Lewis at (614) 267-6579 for more information.

**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.



### PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS IN MARCH

Please check the schedule to see if there is a weekend **Mass in March** 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](mailto:icoffice@iccols.org) or go to [www.bit.ly/ICPresentationofGifts](http://www.bit.ly/ICPresentationofGifts) and sign up for the Mass or Masses at which you and your family wish to carry up the gifts.**

### MANGIA! ST. TIMOTHY'S ANNUAL SPAGHETTI DINNER

One of the oldest (and most delicious) traditions at St. Timothy returns from 12 to 6:30 p.m. Sunday, March 1 with homemade marinara, meatballs, pasta and desserts. Dine in and be served by our fabulous staff of volunteers or visit our carry-out crew in the cafeteria. Cost is \$15 for adults, \$10 for seniors and \$7 for children. All are welcome to this Lenten tradition! More information: <https://sttimsevents.com/event/spaghetti-dinner/>.

### CATHOLIC MEN'S LUNCHEON – FRIDAY, MARCH 6

#### 2026 CATHOLIC MAN OF THE YEAR: JIM GERNETZKE

Join us Friday, March 6 at St. Patrick Church in downtown Columbus for a luncheon honoring Jim Gernetzke, the 2026 Catholic Man of the Year. The Most Reverend Earl K. Fernandes, Bishop of Columbus, will preside and present **Jim Gernetzke the 2026 Catholic Man of the Year Award**. We will hear remarks from supporters of Jim as the Catholic Man of the Year followed by comments from Jim. Please plan on joining us to celebrate the 2026 Catholic Man of the Year. The Catholic Foundation is our sponsor for the CMOY luncheon. If you are interested in sponsoring a luncheon, contact Dave Kilanowski at [dkilano@aol.com](mailto:dkilano@aol.com). Holy Mass (optional) begins at 11:45 a.m., followed by lunch at 12:10 p.m. and our program. No reservations are necessary. \$12 covers lunch and meeting. Bring a friend!

### LAGHI CHAIR LECTURE AT THE JOSEPHINUM

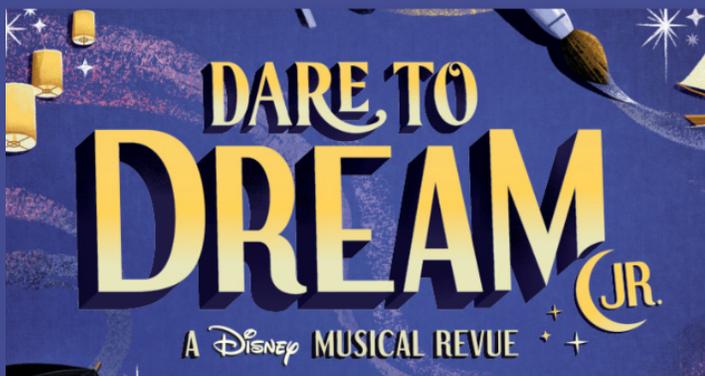
The Pontifical College Josephinum's 2026 Pio Cardinal Laghi Chair Lecture will feature a presentation by Mary Healy, STD, Professor of Scripture at Sacred Heart Major Seminary (Detroit), best-selling author, and international speaker. She will present “Reclaiming the Kerygma in the Power of the Holy Spirit” on Tuesday, March 17, at 7 p.m. in the Jessing Center. Free admission and parking; reservations not required. For more information, visit [pcj.edu/lecture](http://pcj.edu/lecture). About the presentation: The present time is a critical moment for the Church. In a world wounded by the empty promises of the sexual revolution and wearied by divisions, there are signs of a new openness to faith, even among those far from God. Are we ready? In this talk, Dr. Healy will explain how the Church is called to rediscover the apostolic proclamation of the Gospel in all its purity and in a radical reliance on God.

### BEYOND GIVING THINGS UP:

#### DOMINICAN LENTEN DISCERNMENT RETREAT

Calling all Catholic, single women ages 18-45! What Are You Giving Up For Lent? Feeling stuck in the same Lenten routine? Join us, the Dominican Sisters of Peace, to discover a transformative spiritual practice that deepens your prayer life, sharpens your discernment, and opens your heart to God's presence in everyday moments. This will be a two-day Zoom event, February 27-28, 2026, giving you an opportunity to grow closer to Christ and experience Lent like never before. For more information, visit: [opeace.org/become-a-sister](http://opeace.org/become-a-sister) or contact Sr. Ana Gonzalez, OP, ([ana.gonzalez@opeace.org](mailto:ana.gonzalez@opeace.org)) or call/text (475) 224-0519.

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The Salt & Light 5K is a fundraising race to support the ODU Campus Ministry group Salt & Light as well as a local nonprofit organization. This year we are partnering with Asia's Hope.

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