

WELCOME



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC CHURCH

414 E. NORTH BROADWAY
COLUMBUS, OH 43214

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 6, 2026

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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

Sun: 7:30-8:15 a.m. Fri: 9:00-10:00 a.m.
Tues: 5:00-6:00 p.m. Sat: 3:00-3:45 p.m.
Thur: 6:15-7:15 p.m. with Eucharistic Adoration

BAPTISM

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

MATRIMONY

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.

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 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.

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MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 5
1 Cor 4:6b-15; Lk 6:1-5
4:00 p.m. Jim Schultheis †

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6
Ez 33:7-9; Rom 13:8-10; Mt 18:15-20
8:30 a.m. Frances, Robert & Bill Greely †
*11:00 a.m. For the People of the Parish

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 7
1 Cor 5:1-8; Lk 6:6-11
8:30 a.m. Charlie Keaney †

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8
Mic 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30; Mt 11:16, 18-23
6:15 p.m. Dorothy & Glenn Jr. Lally †

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9
1 Cor 7:25-31; Lk 6:20-26
8:30 a.m. Kathryn Clark †

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10
1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13; Lk 6:27-38
8:30 a.m. Marilyn Owens †

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11
1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27; Lk 6:39-42
8:30 a.m. Karen Murnane †

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12
1 Cor 10:14-22; Lk 6:43-49
4:00 p.m. Dorothy Hunsinger †

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13
Sir 27:30-28:7; Rom 14:7-9; Mt 18:21-35
8:30 a.m. Keith Kidner †
*11:00 a.m. For the People of the Parish

† Deceased *Incense May Be Used

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LITURGICAL MINISTERS SCHEDULE – SEPTEMBER 12 & 13, 2026

MASS TIMES	4:00 p.m.	8:30 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS	Bobbie Mitch Don Muenz	Rich Viertel Anne Beharry	Jonathan Forkamp Mary Leathley
LECTORS	Jen Grant	Amanda Torgerson	Charles Kielkopf
ALTAR SERVERS	Grant McCallum Isla McCallum Elliot Reing-Hurley Declan Schools	James Kane Dalton King Everett King Kate Krall	Violet Reineck Kathleen Rogers Evie Sabo Hayden Shae
GREETERS	Hatchel Family Schools Family Colleen Kent	Tyler Johnston Walter Family	Sleeper Family Margaret Williams Michelle Gill
WELCOME DESK	Patty Conway	Suzanne Smith	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 February 2027.**

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 September, the three sanctuary candles were donated by the **Pat Kearns-Davis Family**. Thank you for your generosity.

IN OUR PARISH



Death & Funeral Notifications

DEATH & FUNERAL NOTIFICATIONS

Because of the timing of some funerals, parishioners may not find out about the death of a parishioner until after

the funeral. Therefore, we have begun to send brief text messages via Flocknote with details about upcoming funerals. If you would like to be added to the list, please call the Parish Office or contact Tom Berryhill at tberryhill@iccols.org.

THE PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE: THOUGHTS FROM FR. KELLER

Greetings in the Lord!

As we have begun the month of September, we have also begun a new schedule of Eucharistic Adoration and Confessions. I encourage you to take one of the cards with the new schedule, which can be found at the entrances to the Church. Consider how you might make some time for prayer in the Church in your schedule each week, either throughout the day, or at one of the times of Eucharistic Adoration. This is a privileged form of prayer that will draw down from God many graces and blessings in your life and in the life of our parish. I especially ask you to consider attending the weekly holy hour on Thursday evenings from 6:15-7:15 p.m. which will also include Confessions.

I also hope that you will find a convenient time to make a regular sacramental Confession, which the Church asks us to do at least once a year and as soon as we can if we happen to fall into serious sin. We should also avail ourselves of the sacrament regularly in order to grow in the spiritual life and to overcome habits of sin, even if they are only venial. I can't stress enough the benefits of Confession for one's relationship with Christ. I have not only seen its benefits for others as I hear Confessions, but have experienced Christ's pardon and peace in the Confessional many times myself as I go to confess my own sins. This sacrament is Our Lord's remedy for sins committed after Baptism. Here, the power of His Blood shed on the cross cleanses us and makes us new.

Check out my column next week as I begin to say a few words about the parts of the Mass over the coming weeks.

May God abundantly bless you and your families this week!

In Our Lord and Lady,
Fr. Keller



PARISH COUNCIL

JOIN US!

All members of our faith community are encouraged to attend the monthly Parish Council Commission meetings to learn more about the various ministries in our parish and how you can get involved. Share your ideas and talents and **LET YOUR VOICE BE HEARD!**

**THE NEXT MEETING IS
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9 AT
6:30 P.M. IN MARIAN HALL**

ADDITIONAL ADORATION HOURS

IC Parish is adding an additional hour of Adoration every Thursday from 6:15 to 7:15 p.m. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will also be available during this Adoration hour.

We are also beginning a Children's Half-Hour of Adoration on the 2nd Wednesday of the month from 6 to 6:30 p.m.

ADDITIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

IC Parish has scheduled additional opportunities to receive the Sacrament of Confession.

- Sundays, before 8:30 a.m. Mass, 7:30-8:15 a.m.
- Tuesdays, before 6:15 Mass, 5-6 p.m.
- Thursdays, during evening Adoration, 6:15-7:15 p.m.
- Fridays, after 8:30 a.m. Mass, 9-10 a.m.
- Saturdays, before 4 p.m. Mass, 3-3:45 p.m.



BECOMING A MAN AFTER GOD'S OWN HEART

THE VISION OF MAN FULLY ALIVE

Hi, I'm Tom Rogers, a leader for That Man Is You (TMiy) at Immaculate Conception. We invite every man in our parish to join us for our Fall season starting September 12.

We are a group of men seeking a deeper Catholic faith, meeting early Saturday mornings before the kids wake up. It's a "No Judgment Zone" where we share breakfast, fellowship, and a search for God's grace.

Breakfast: 6:30 AM
Meeting: 7:00 AM
Done by: 8:00 AM

Come experience a new level of understanding of your Faith. We're fishing for men, and we'd love to hook you. God bless you and your family. For more information go to paradisusdei.org or email me at tom4948@sbcglobal.net.



*If today you hear his voice,
harden not your hearts.*



TIME, TALENT & TREASURE

Fostering Stewardship as a Way of Life

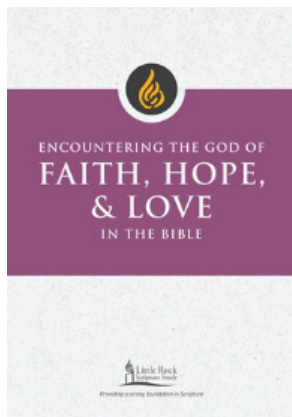
Fiscal Year 7/1/2026-6/30/2027 • Offertory Report 8/30/2026

	8/30/2026	YTD 2026/2027
Recorded Envelopes/Checks	\$ 57,050	\$ 256,127
Loose Cash	\$ 801	\$ 7,912
TOTAL RECEIVED	\$ 57,851	\$ 264,039
Weekly Operating Expenses	\$ 29,500	\$ 265,500
Weekly Overage/(Shortage)	\$ 28,351	\$ (1,461)
Families Receiving Envelopes		838
Envelopes Received		100
Families on EFT		368



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)



ENCOUNTERING THE GOD OF FAITH, HOPE & LOVE IN THE BIBLE

Tuesdays beginning October 6, 10:00-11:30 a.m. or Wednesdays beginning October 7, 6:30-8 p.m. in Marian Hall.

Contact marivera@iccols.org by September 25 to order your book for \$15.

Faith, hope, and love are three vital dimensions of our life with God. Faith is entering into and clinging to a relationship with God. Hope is what we expect from that relationship. And love – the greatest of these – is the very essence of the relationship itself.

In *Encountering the God of Faith, Hope, and Love in the Bible*, award-winning Scripture commentator Fr. George Smiga explores how God is revealed through various stages of salvation history – from the call of

Abraham through the Resurrection of Jesus – and how faith, hope, and love have evolved as our understanding of God grows. Commentary, study and reflection questions, prayers, and access to online lectures are included. Six lessons.



OLD FAITHFULS MONTHLY MEETING

Do you qualify for AARP? Then you are eligible for the IC Old Faithfuls Senior Ministry group. Please join us on September 17 in Marian Hall for a pizza lunch and fellowship. Contact Molly at mollydodane@yahoo.com.



COLLECTION FOR DIOCESAN FLOOD VICTIMS

Thank you to all who have so generously donated to the collection for local flood victims. At the time of this printing, the parish has received \$11,143.00 in donations. **If you have not yet had the opportunity to help local families who have been devastated by the mud and water coming into their homes, you may still do so.**

Please donate by making a check to the parish, with "SPIRIT OF HOPE" in the memo line. You can also give online, directly on the Diocesan website, (columbuscatholic.org), or use the QR code to take you to the parish website iccols.org>Give Now>Diocesan Collections>Sub Fund>Spirit of Hope Disaster Fund.



IC GARDEN MINISTRY AT WORK – JOIN US!

Please join the IC Garden Ministry in helping to beautify the Parish grounds on Saturday, September 12, from 9 to 11 a.m. We will meet at the Grotto. This is a great service project for students and their parents. Please bring gloves, hand tools, and water. Questions: contact Chris Atzberger at tatzberg@columbus.rr.com; Carol Rodock at carol.rodock@gmail.com or Janet Wilks at jwilks123@gmail.com.

SOCIAL CONCERNS

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL 5TH SUNDAY COLLECTION

Immaculate Conception receives many requests from individuals and families who are having financial difficulties e.g. shut-off notices, eviction notices, past-due rent, furniture. These requests are given to our St. Vincent de Paul Conference. Two members make home visits to assess the situation and see if we can help. Your donations provide the funds to help these families.

You may donate at any time. Please consider helping our conference to help neighbors in financial crisis or in need. The need is great. **To donate, you can use your special envelope from your packet, put your clearly marked donation in the offertory collection, or go to iccols.org>Give Now>St. Vincent de Paul.**

FRIENDS OF THE POOR WALK

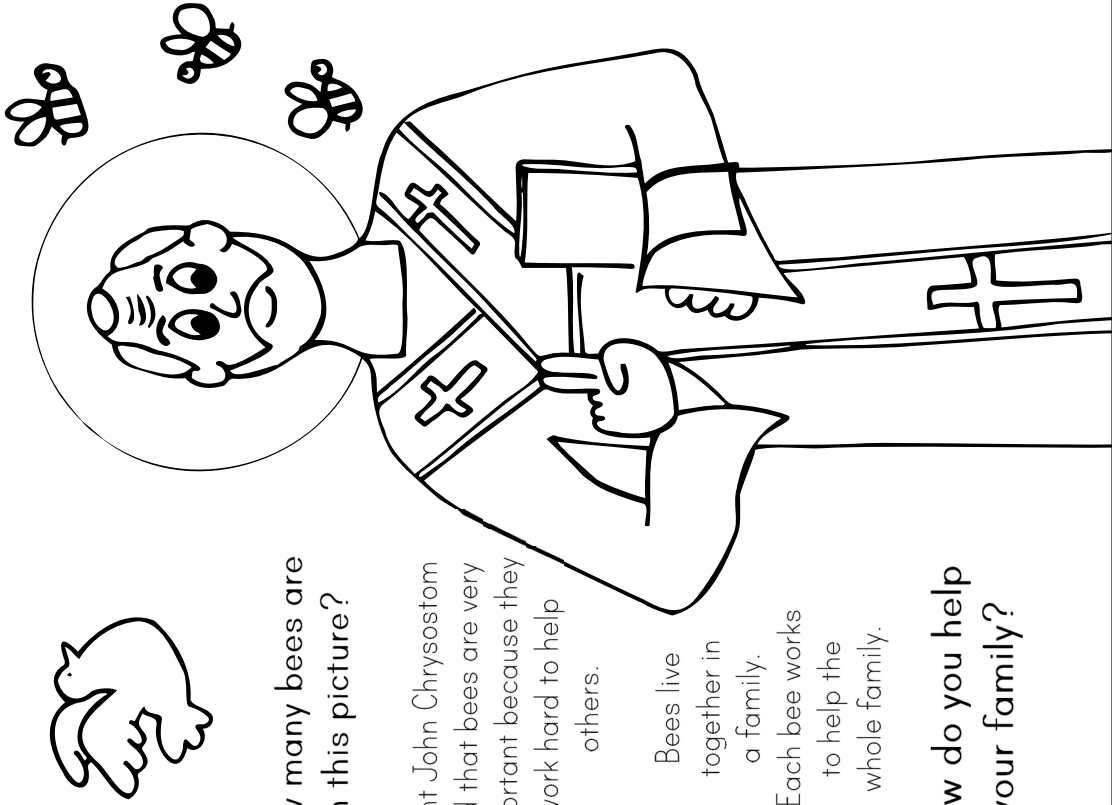
The IC Society of Saint Vincent de Paul invites you to walk with us on **Saturday, September 19, 2026**, at St. Francis Desales High School. Registration is free! The walk is one mile, symbolizing walking a mile in the shoes of someone in need. The purpose of the walk is to raise funds to support our work, assisting our neighbors in need. We provide help with rent, utilities, food, shelter, car repairs, and more, bringing hope to our neighbors during difficult times.

Location: St. Francis DeSales High School Track – 4212 Karl Road, Columbus, OH 43224; **Registration:** 9–9:45 a.m. (Registration is free) Donations gratefully accepted. Please designate the IC St. Vincent de Paul as the recipient of your donation. **Prayer, announcements, pictures:** 9:45–10 a.m.; **Walk starts:** 10 a.m.

Even if you are unable to join us on the day of the walk, please consider supporting us with a donation.

Saint John Chrysostom

Saint John Chrysostom was known as "Golden Mouthed" because he was a great speaker. He talked to people about Jesus.



How many bees are in this picture?

Saint John Chrysostom said that bees are very important because they work hard to help others.

Bees live together in a family. Each bee works to help the whole family.

How do you help your family?

Catholic Kids Bulletin

September 6, 2026
Ordinary Time
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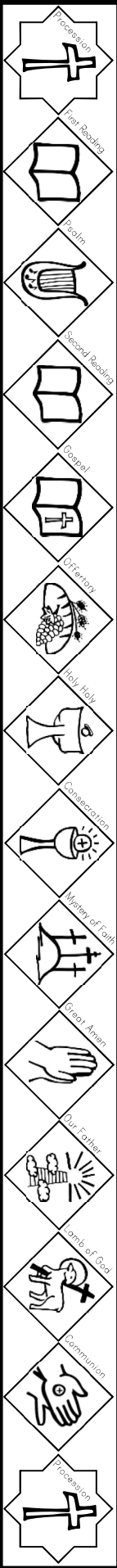
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If today you
hear his voice,
harden not
your hearts.

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The candles in the church are
made from beeswax.
How many candles are
in your church?



Use the coordinates to finish the sentence.

Jesus said,

"Where two or three are gathered..."

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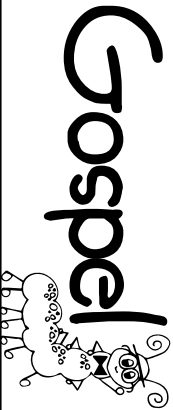
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Jesus is teaching the disciples about the church. The church isn't just the building—it's all the people that worship God.



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

September 2026

Immaculate Conception Church

Rev. Seth Keller, Pastor

One Minute Meditations

St. Hildegard of Bingen

Born in 11th-century Germany to a noble family, St. Hildegard of Bingen experienced mystical visions from childhood, which she eventually embraced as a call to serve God and the Church. A Benedictine nun and later abbess, she became an influential spiritual leader, composer, writer, and scholar of the natural world. Popes, clergy, and political leaders sought her counsel. Recognized for the enduring depth of her theological writings, she is one of four women named Doctors of the Church.

Stay anchored in the storm

A change of seasons often brings new routines, shifting schedules, and unexpected demands. When plans change before lunch, an urgent project lands on your desk, or your to-do list grows faster than you can manage, pause. Remember that our lives, our future, our peace, and our hope rest securely in the hands of the One who calmed the storm.

"God is the friend of silence...The more we receive in silent prayer, the more we can give in our active life. We need silence to be able to touch souls. The essential thing is not what we say, but what God says to us and through us." – Mother Teresa of Calcutta

Living the Faith, sharing the Light

Jesus tells us to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world (Matthew 5:13-15). These images show two aspects of living our faith: preserving the distinctiveness of our faith and making that faith visible in our actions. Both communicate God's love.

Keep the flavor: In the ancient world, salt preserved what was valuable and gave food its flavor. Jesus warns that salt can lose its distinctiveness. Our faith can, too, when distraction, compromise, or indifference weakens our relationship with Him. Prayer is not another obligation to complete. It is time invested in the relationship that gives everything else its meaning.

Light the lamp: Faith is meant to illuminate, offering direction, warmth, and hope. But like a lamp, faith needs fuel. Through the Mass and the sacraments, we are continually renewed in Christ and strengthened by His grace. Nourished by Him, we are called to carry His light beyond the church and into our homes, workplaces, parishes, and communities through lives of

compassion, courage, and service.

Share your gifts: God gives each of us different strengths. It can be tempting to keep these gifts to ourselves, yet true humility isn't hiding our gifts but using them to glorify God and serve the Church.

Serve in mercy: The Works of Mercy make our faith concrete. When we are attentively present to those lonely

"Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven" (Matthew 5:16).

("hungry") for love, support our parish's charitable outreach, or choose goodness over retaliation, we reflect God's love in personal, immediate, and practical ways.

Remember your first love: God calls us to live in His love, and to share it with others. Living in God's love is the secret to preserving the faith and living it well. Our starting and ending point is always God's love for us.

Why Do Catholics Do That?

What is the Confiteor?

The Confiteor is a prayer of repentance we offer at the beginning of Mass to acknowledge our sins and ask for God's mercy. The word Confiteor means "I confess," reflecting the prayer's opening words: "I confess to almighty God." As we say "through my fault," we strike

our breasts as a physical expression of sorrow and responsibility for our sins. This gesture reminds us that we worship God with both body and soul and helps prepare our hearts to participate more fully in the Eucharist.

Look closely; God is at work

We often expect God to work through dramatic signs or unmistakable miracles. Yet His providence frequently unfolds quietly and gradually. Pope Leo points to Jesus' parables of the Kingdom (Matthew 13:24-43) as an answer to an enduring question: Where is God, and how is He at work?

God's providence is constant, even when hidden: When events do not unfold as we hoped, we can assume God is absent or inactive. Jesus' parables invite us to trust that He is always at work, especially when His purposes are not immediately visible.

God works through what is small and ordinary: "God favors smallness, a sign of his discreet love, by which he

leaves us free to accept or reject him." For Pope Leo, wheat growing among weeds, yeast leavening dough, and a tiny mustard seed reveal a Kingdom that often advances quietly, patiently, and steadily.

We are called to imitate God: "God's way with us must also become the way in which we live." Building the Kingdom rarely requires extraordinary gestures. It begins with patience in difficulty, resisting rash judgment, fulfilling our responsibilities faithfully, and choosing love when it costs us. These ordinary acts become seeds through which God's Kingdom takes root and grows.

from Scripture

Matthew 21:28-32, The "yes" that matters

In this Gospel passage, Jesus tells of a father who asks his two sons to work in his vineyard. The first refuses but later repents and goes; the second readily agrees but fails to act. Jesus' point is clear: doing the Father's will matters more than merely professing obedience.

The parable challenges the religious complacency of the Pharisees, whose outward observance did not always reflect a heart open to God. By contrast, tax collectors and public sinners, though once far from God, responded to His mercy with repentance and conversion. Their former "no" became a genuine "yes," demonstrated not simply in words

but in a changed way of life.

This distinction remains essential for Christian discipleship. Faith cannot be reduced to appearances, good intentions, or religious language. A sincere "yes" to God takes concrete form through obedience, charity, repentance, and fidelity to our responsibilities. The parable is therefore both a warning against empty profession and a message of profound hope: our past does not determine our future. Whenever we turn back to God, He receives us with the joy of the shepherd who recovers the lost sheep (Luke 15:4-7).

sufferings with the same steadfast love.

September 21 – St. Matthew the Evangelist (1st Century). Also known as Levi, he was a notorious tax collector (Mark 2:14). Working for the Romans would have made him unpopular but very rich. Yet St. Matthew left everything when Jesus called him. He wrote the Gospel according to Matthew, addressed to Jewish converts to Christianity.

September 26 – Saints Cosmas and Damian (c.303). These saints were Arab brothers who studied medicine in Syria and lived their Christian faith by treating people without charge. They were martyred for their faith. Even in heaven, they continued to care for the sick and poor, as healing miracles were attributed to their prayerful intercession.

Feasts & Celebrations

September 4 – St. Rose of Viterbo (1251). Born to poor parents in Viterbo, Italy, Rose used her gift of preaching to catechize her village. Though very young, she also spoke out in support of the pope against the anti-papal Ghibellines. The Poor Clares refused to accept her but allowed her burial there. She died at age eighteen.

September 15 – Our Lady of Sorrows. In Luke 2:35, Simeon predicted Mary's sufferings would be a sword piercing her soul. In her sorrow, Mary stood at the foot of the Cross, dignified and fearless while others ran away. Today, we can look to her to accompany us in our

Q & A How can I go to Confession after a long time away?

The Church encourages regular Confession (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1458), but travel and changing routines can make good spiritual habits easy to neglect. If it has been a while, come home to Reconciliation. Like the father in the Parable of the Prodigal Son, God waits to welcome, forgive, and restore us.

Prepare your heart: An examination of conscience is more than listing failures. Consider where you have fallen short in loving God and your neighbor. Recognizing what sin has damaged helps begin the work of repair.

The priest will help: Feeling nervous is normal. The priest can guide you through the Sacrament, offer counsel, and help you receive God's mercy with confidence.

Penance begins healing: Penance helps repair the harm caused by our sin and directs us toward conversion and renewed faithfulness.

Grace offers a new beginning: Confession does more than forgive the past. Through absolution, we are reconciled with God and strengthened by grace to resist sin, grow in virtue, and begin again with greater freedom and hope.

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FAITH FORMATION

Immaculate Conception Church

September 6, 2026

The Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary September 8



"Let us celebrate with joy the birth of the Virgin Mary! Her birth constitutes the hope and the light of salvation for the whole world.... Her image is light for the whole Christian people"
-The Liturgy

The present Feast forms a link between the New and the Old Testament. It shows that Truth succeeds symbols and figures and that the New Covenant replaces the Old. Hence, all creation sings with joy, exults, and participates in the joy of this day.... This is, in fact, the day on which the Creator of the world constructed His temple; today is the day on which by a stupendous project a creature becomes the preferred dwelling of the Creator. ~Saint Andrew of Crete

The birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary is one of three liturgical feasts in which we celebrate a birth: Christmas, the Birth of Saint John the Baptist, and the Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Only the three most consequential figures in the Bible receive the honor of a liturgical celebration to commemorate their births.

The actual feast we celebrate today is believed to have been first celebrated in the fifth or sixth century in the East and was tied to the dedication of a Byzantine church near the Pools of Bethesda in the Old City of Jerusalem. The church was built over what was believed to be the birthplace of Mary and the home of Joachim and Anne, just a short distance from the Temple.

Saint Andrew of Crete beautifully relates that on this day, the "Creator of the world constructed His temple..." Mary is that temple, that Arc of the New Covenant, the tabernacle and first dwelling place of God Incarnate. Her soul was born pure, spotless, and holy. As she grew, she manifested every virtue perfectly. All who knew her as a child would have been deeply impressed by her sanctity.

As we celebrate the birthday of the Mother of God, spend time pondering her soul. Though much of her earthly life has remained hidden from our eyes, she is the greatest saint to ever live and the holiest daughter of God this world has ever known. In Heaven, we will be in awe of her virtues and will forever rejoice in the great things God did in and through her. Begin that rejoicing today by prayerfully honoring her and pondering her, seeking her prayer for your life and for the whole world. mycatholiclife.com



The month of September is dedicated to the Seven Sorrows of Mary.

The feast of Our Lady of Sorrows, observed on September 15, commemorates the seven great sorrows which Mary lived in relation to Her Son, as they are recorded in the Gospels or through Tradition.

Today we are invited to reflect on Mary's deep suffering:

1. At the prophecy of Simeon: "You yourself shall be pierced with a sword - so that the thoughts of many hearts may be laid bare." (Luke 2:35).
2. At the flight into Egypt: "Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt." (Mt 2:13).
3. Having lost the Holy Child in Jerusalem: "You see that your father and I have been searching for you in sorrow." (Luke 2:48).
4. Meeting Jesus on his way to Calvary;
5. Standing at the foot of the Cross: "Near the cross of Jesus there stood His mother." (John 19:25).
6. Jesus being taken from the Cross;
7. At the burial of Christ.

This feast is dedicated to the spiritual martyrdom of Mary, Mother of God, and her compassion with the sufferings of her Divine Son, Jesus. In her suffering as co-redeemer, she reminds us of the tremendous evil of sin and shows us the way of true repentance. May the numerous tears of the Mother of God be conducive to our salvation; with which tears You, O God, are able to wash away the sins of the whole world.

Symbols: heart pierced with a sword; heart pierced by seven swords; winged heart pierced with a sword; flowers: red rose, iris (meaning: "sword-lily").

Prayer

O Mary, Mother of Sorrows, I beseech you, by the bitter agony you did endure at the foot of the Cross offer to the Eternal Father, in my name, your Beloved Son, Jesus, all covered with Blood and Wounds, in satisfaction for my sins, for the needs of Holy Church, the conversion of sinners, the relief of the Souls in Purgatory and for the special grace I now implore. Mention your request. Amen.



CARRY UP THE GIFTS AT A WEEKEND MASS

We invite all individuals and/or families to carry up the Offertory gifts at a weekend Mass. Register for a particular Mass or check with the ushers when you arrive to see if a family is still needed.

To sign up for a specific date and time, go to the parish website at iccols.org>Parish Life>Presentation of Gifts Ministry. Or call the Parish Office and we will add you to the calendar.



CALLING ALL CHORISTERS!

Our choir season begins this coming week with our first rehearsal on September 9 at 7 p.m. If you sing, think you can sing, or sound great in the shower, we would love to have you!

Any questions, please contact our Director of Sacred Music via email at musicdirector@iccols.org.

Let's make a joyful noise!

REMEMBRANCE OF 9/11

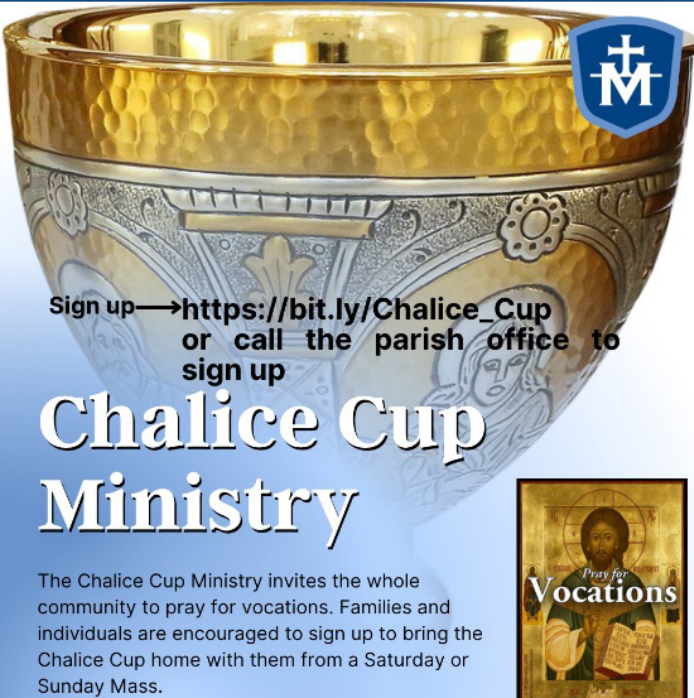
The Catholic Cemeteries invite you to join us at Resurrection Cemetery as we pray the Stations of the Cross on September 11 at 3 p.m. We will pray as we walk through our stained-glass Stations section and will conclude with a special prayer honoring the lives lost on 9/11.

SCHOOL NEWS



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

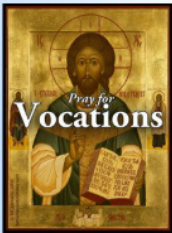
The Pfeifer family, an IC parish and school family, visited the Shrine of Our Lady of Champion near Green Bay, WI recently! It is the only officially approved apparition of Mary in the US! "James and the preschoolers with Mrs. Heim had a special devotion to them last year and we thought we would make a special trip since we were near the area for vacation. It was beautiful and so glad we went! The kids prayed for a great school year with new friends and for Father Seth to lead them in helping others to know Mary better."



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or call the parish office to sign up

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.



Save the Date

WOMEN'S RETREAT

All women of the parish are invited to attend a morning of reflection, rest and renewal.
When: October 24, 2026
Where: Marian Hall

The day will begin at 8:30 am with Mass, followed by a light breakfast. Confessions will also be provided.
Presentation by Fr. Seth Keller.
Looking forward to seeing you and a friend.
Questions: contact marivera@iccols.org



THE BLUE MASS ON SEPTEMBER 11, 2026

St. Timothy Church and St. Timothy Knights of Columbus Council 14345 will host The Blue Mass on Friday, September 11, 2026 at 5 p.m. The Blue Mass is an opportunity to honor and pray for all active, retired and deceased police, firefighters, and emergency medical services personnel. In addition, it is an occasion to remember the 2,973 who lost their lives in the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks. All active and retired police, fire, and emergency medical services personnel in the greater Columbus area, and their families are invited. Let us all join together to honor our police, firefighters, and emergency medical services personnel, to ask for God's blessing, to keep them safe, and to guide them in their duties. Thank you.

SUPPORT LOCAL CATHOLIC RADIO THROUGH THE PRIEST AXE THROWING CHALLENGE!

Priests of our Diocese will be taking aim in the St. Gabriel Radio AM 820 Priest Axe Throwing Challenge on September 16-18 to support Catholic radio throughout central Ohio. **Fr. Jacob Stinnett, a son of IC Parish, will be taking aim on Thursday, September 17 from 5:15-6 p.m.** Every early donation earns participating priests' additional throws. Help support the mission of sharing the Catholic faith across our community by making a gift today at StGabrielRadio.com. Your generosity keeps faithful Catholic programming on the air and helps the priests take their best shot at the bullseye!

OPEN POSITION AT THE JOSEPHINUM

The Pontifical College Josephinum seminary seeks a full-time housekeeping staff member. Duties include cleaning offices, classrooms, common areas, restrooms, and other campus facilities. Hours are Monday-Friday, 6 a.m.-2 p.m. and are non-negotiable. Find out more about qualifications, physical requirements, responsibilities, and how to apply at pcj.edu/openposition-housekeeper.



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Sept. 24 at 6 p.m. at Villa Milano

QR code for registration: <https://www.oppeace.org/>

PIONEERS FOR OUR TIMES

The Dominican Sisters of Peace invite single Catholic women ages 18-45 to a prayerful retreat from Friday, October 2, through Sunday, October 4, 2026. Through prayer, reflection, and fellowship, participants will have the opportunity to listen for God's voice and explore what it means to be called to live with courage, humility, and hope as a Dominican Sister of Peace. There is no cost to attend, but registration is required. To register, use the QR code or for more information, visit: oppeace.org/becomeasister or contact Ana Gonzalez, OP, at Ana.gonzalez@oppeace.org, or call/text (475) 224-0519.



JOSEPHINUM 5K RUN/WALK

Get your walking (or running) shoes ready! The Josephinum 5K Run/Walk is set for **Saturday, October 3, 2026**. The Friends of the Josephinum 5K/Walk is back for its eighth year and features a one-loop course that will take participants on a tour of the Pontifical College Josephinum campus and the surrounding neighborhood. The 2026 event will again offer a virtual option for supporters from around the nation. Register three or more participants at the same time and get \$15 off (discount is automatically applied upon checking out if three or more registrations are in the cart). Event parking will be at Crosswoods Center I & II office park at 100-150 E. Crosswoods Boulevard. Participants will receive a unisex event shirt, an official Finisher's Medal, FREE race photos, a bottle of wine (21 and over) or a Trappist Monastery Jam (under 21), fresh breakfast burritos and White Castle sliders.




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