

WELCOME



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC CHURCH

414 E. NORTH BROADWAY
COLUMBUS, OH 43214

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 18, 2026

PARISH OFFICE
(614) 267-9241
www.iccols.org

SCHOOL OFFICE
(614) 267-6579
www.ic-school.org

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.

PARISH

 @ICColumbus

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 @ICParishCbus

 iccols.flocknote.com

SCHOOL

 @ICRamsColumbus

 [icschool.cbus](https://www.instagram.com/icschool.cbus)

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17
Eph 1:15-23; Lk 12:8-12
4:00 p.m. Jason K. Stover †

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18
Is 45:1, 4-6; 1 Thes 1:1-5b; Mt 22:15-21
8:30 a.m. Karen Murnane †
11:00 a.m. For the People of the Parish

MONDAY, OCTOBER 19
Eph 2:1-10; Lk 12:13-21
8:30 a.m. Mary Kay Mathews †

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20
Eph 2:12-22; Lk 12:35-38
6:15 p.m. Steve & Mary DeVol †

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21
Eph 3:2-12; Lk 12:39-48
8:30 a.m. Christopher Mahler †

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22
Eph 3:14-21; Lk 12:49-53
8:30 a.m. Frank R. Clemens †

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23
Eph 4:1-6; Lk 12:54-59
8:30 a.m. Keith Kidner †

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24
Eph 4:7-16; Lk 13:1-9
8:30 a.m. Sam & Hilda Martin †
4:00 p.m. Floyd Sarff †

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25
Ex 22:20-26; 1 Thes 1:5c-10; Mt 22:34-40
8:30 a.m. For the People of the Parish
11:00 a.m. Joseph Cannon †

† *Deceased* **Incense May Be Used*

PASTORAL STAFF

Pastor Rev. Fr. Seth Keller ext. 606 | skeller@iccols.org
Permanent Deacon Rev. Mr. Christopher Campbell ccampbel@cducation.org
Pastoral Care Coordinator Odee Dammarell ext. 603 | rdammarell@iccols.org

FAITH FORMATION

Director of Sacred Music & Liturgy Adam Fehrenbach, MSM ext. 607 | musicdirector@iccols.org
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Evangelization and Faith Formation for Youth Veronica Dannemiller ext. 609 | vdannemiller@iccols.org

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Facilities Manager Jason Stallkamp
Communications and Social Media Director Tom Berryhill ext. 604 | tberryhill@iccols.org

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Planned Giving Liaison Kelly Noll knoll@gbq.com, 614-352-1655

ADVISORY COUNCILS

Finance Council Chairperson Pro Tem Brian Byrne
Parish Council President Julie Clemens parishcouncil@iccols.org
School Board President Kevin Burns. kevinburns2@hotmail.com

LITURGICAL MINISTERS SCHEDULE – OCTOBER 24 & 25, 2026

MASS TIMES	4:00 p.m.	8:30 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS	Paul Duffy Suzy Westrick	Anne Beharry Dam Do	Ron & Patty Bitler
LECTORS	MaryAnn Grossman	Steven D. Brobst	Jody Foltyn
ALTAR SERVERS	Liam Butcher-Lyden Allie Edwards Noah Edwards Blake Hatchel	Jake Conway Andrew DeLuca Rowan Hand David Jones	Ava Pulsinelli Violet Reineck Kathleen Rogers Evie Sabo
GREETERS	Christine Demko Schools Family Colleen Kent	Peifer Family Walter Family	Griffin Family Willard Family Sleepers Family
WELCOME DESK	Patty Conway	Amanda Torgerson	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 March 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 **October**, the three Sanctuary Candles were donated by **John Mahaffey**. Thank you for your generosity.

DONATIONS TO THE SANCTUARY LAMPS

Parishioners interested in making a contribution to a candle(s) for the Sanctuary Lamps in the Church, please contact Sue Beman at (614) 214-5333 or Beman_sue@yahoo.com to make arrangements. Contributors' names will be included in the Sunday bulletin unless you wish to remain anonymous. The suggested offering is \$25.00. The IC Women's Club thanks you for supporting this ministry. Sanctuary candles from January through December 2027 are available.

THE POPE'S INTENTION FOR OCTOBER

For mental health ministry

Let us pray that the mental health ministry be established throughout the Church, helping to overcome the stigma and discrimination of persons with mental illnesses.

WEEKLY ROSARY

All people of the IC Community are welcome to come and pray the Rosary at the IC Marian Grotto, Sundays at 8 p.m. Questions? Please contact peterjmccann@sbcglobal.net.

IN OUR PARISH



NEW PARISHIONERS

We welcome our new parishioners to Immaculate Conception Parish: **Katie, Alex, Alexis, Allison, Benjamin and Julia Rybak; Marion Lewandowski; Mark, Emily, and Anne Bugada**. 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.

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

Please remember in your prayers **Karen Laub** and **William "Trey" Schools** who died last week. *Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May Your consoling love be with their family and friends.*



BOOK OF THE NAMES OF THE DEAD

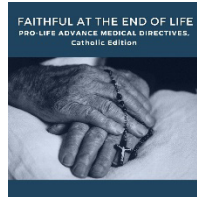
During October, a special Book of the Dead has been placed in the Gathering Space. Parishioners are encouraged to enter the names of deceased friends and loved ones who have died since November 1, 2025. The book will be placed in the Sanctuary during the month of November as we lift up in prayer all the souls listed in the book.



REMEMBERING AND PRAYING FOR THOSE WHO HAVE GONE BEFORE US...

Join us for the All Souls' Day Mass (also known as the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed) on Monday, November 2 at 7 p.m.

All parishioners and the friends and family of those who have passed in the last year (between November 2025-October 2026) are invited to gather in remembrance and prayer for those who have left this world in the hope of the resurrection. Names of your loved ones will be read during the Mass. For your loved one to be included, kindly RSVP to Rhodora (Odee) Dammarell at rdammarell@iccols.org or call the Parish Office no later than Friday, October 23. May all the faithful departed rest in the peace of Christ.



FAITHFUL AT THE END OF LIFE

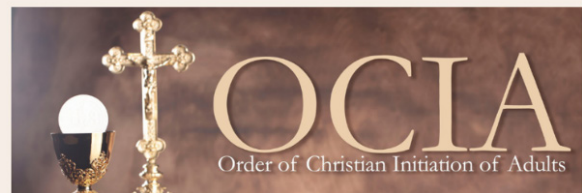
Join Greater Columbus Right to Life at Immaculate Conception's Marian Hall on Thursday, October 22 at 7:30 p.m. for a discussion that will help you understand the foundations of making decisions at end of life that conform with our Catholic Faith. The presentation will also include information about the Faithful at the End-of-Life pro-life

Health Care Power of Attorney and Advanced Medical Directive form, which is a helpful resource for those wishing to adopt a pro-life HCPOA form. This program is geared toward all adults, regardless of age, marital, or health status. Every adult over the age of 18 should have a Health Care Power of Attorney and understand how it is used. Register at www.gcrtl.org/fatel-ic.html.



FOURTH ANNUAL SERRA CLUB PRIESTLY VOCATION ESSAY COMPETITION

The Columbus Serra Club is challenging all eighth grade boys to write an essay of five hundred words or less answering a question about whether God might be calling them to the priesthood. They have October and November to write their essays. Writers of the ten best essays will be awarded a \$1,000 tuition assistance grant to a diocesan Catholic high school. The Catholic school system helps administer the competition for boys in Catholic schools. Eighth grade boys not attending a Catholic school, scan this QR code, text (614) 558-0806 or email vocationessays@outlook.com on how to participate.



Become an OCIA Sponsor!

Our parish is seeking faith-filled parishioners to accompany adults preparing to enter the Catholic Church through the **Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA)**. Sponsors walk with candidates, pray for them, and offer encouragement throughout their journey of faith.

If you feel called to support someone seeking Christ, please contact marivera@iccols.org or call 614 267-9241 x605 for details.



Give the Lord glory and honor.



TIME, TALENT & TREASURE

Fostering Stewardship as a Way of Life

Fiscal Year 7/1/2026-6/30/2027 • Offertory Report 10/11/2026

	10/11/2026	YTD 2026/2027
Recorded Envelopes/Checks	\$ 21,902	\$ 402,730
Loose Cash	\$ 1,304	\$ 13,570
TOTAL RECEIVED	\$ 23,206	\$ 416,300
Weekly Operating Expenses	\$ 29,500	\$ 442,500
Weekly Overage/(Shortage)	\$ (6,294)	\$ (26,200)
Families Receiving Envelopes		836
Envelopes Received		87
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)



AVAILABLE OFFICE POSITIONS IN THE PARISH OFFICE

PARISH ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Status: Full-time (35-40 Hours per week); **Practicing Catholic:** Required
The Parish Administrative Assistant coordinates and facilitates the day-to-day operations of the activities of the Parish. Responsibilities of this position include producing the weekly bulletin; answering parishioners' requests and questions through phone contacts, emails, and office visits; referral of inquiries to the appropriate staff person and coordinating special events. Necessary skills include computer literacy, organization, attention to detail, time management, and good communication and interpersonal skills. If interested, see contact information below.

PARISH BOOKKEEPER

Status: Part-time (15-20 Hours per week); **Practicing Catholic:** Required
The Parish Bookkeeper is the primary support for the Parish Business Administrator. Duties will include assistance in all parish and school financial matters.

Essential Job Functions:

- Reconcile Accounts Receivable and Payable
- Process Invoice Payments
- Experience with financial reports, budgeting and cash management
- Experience with QuickBooks and Excel
- Recording Offertory collections into Parish family accounts
- Reconcile school tuition payments to student accounts
- Assist with contract preparation

Compensation for both positions is commensurate with experience and ability. Benefits are according to Diocesan policy. Send cover letter, resume, references to John Bernard, Business Administrator at jbernard@iccols.org.

Communications Survey



In an effort to improve communication with our parishioners, we are conducting a survey. If you receive texts/emails, follow IC on social media, read the bulletin, etc., this is your chance to help us communicate more effectively.

All responses are anonymous. The survey should take about five minutes to complete.

Thank you for your time.



WOMEN'S RETREAT

All women of the parish are invited to attend a morning of reflection, rest and renewal.

Date: October 24

Time: 8:30 a.m.

The day will begin with Mass, followed by a light breakfast.

Confessions will be available.

Presentation by Fr. Seth Keller:

"Secrets of Joy: Living the Abundant Life in Christ in Today's World"

Looking forward to seeing you and a friend.

Register via
Flocknote



Register by using the QR code, call the Parish Office, or email marivera@iccols.org.



*Feast of St. Francis of Assisi
Pet Blessing*

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY COLLECTION

World Mission Sunday is this weekend and we encourage you to donate to help the missions around the world. This collection grants funds to mission dioceses, which help to underwrite the basic physical footprint that keeps missionary life going: where priests live, where sisters live, where children are catechized, where formation and pastoral work can happen, and where Holy Mass can be celebrated, often for the first time. In an average year, WMS helps to fund over 1,900 infrastructure-related projects for the Church! You may donate at any time by putting your donation in the offertory collection or going to iccols.org>Give Now>Diocesan Collections>Sub Fund>World Mission Sunday.

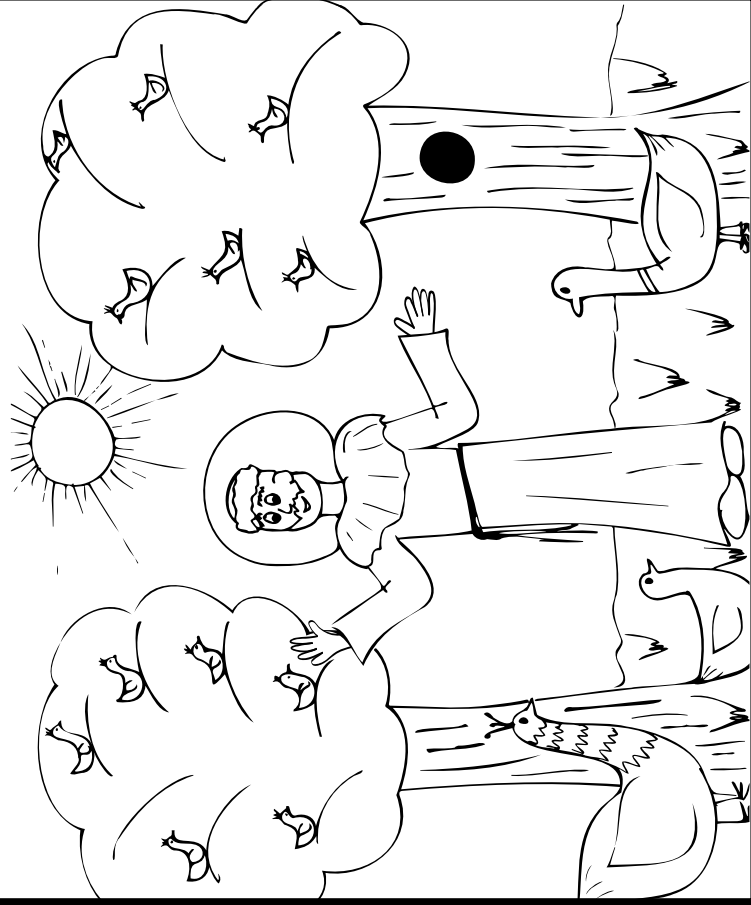
Saint Francis of Assisi

Saint Francis of Assisi was a monk who gave away everything he had. He was very cheerful and helped others be happy. What can you do to make someone happy today?



How many birds are listening to Saint Francis?

He was a great preacher; even the birds listened when he talked about God.



Year A: Twenty ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Catholic Kids Bulletin

October 18, 2026
Ordinary Time
Color: Green

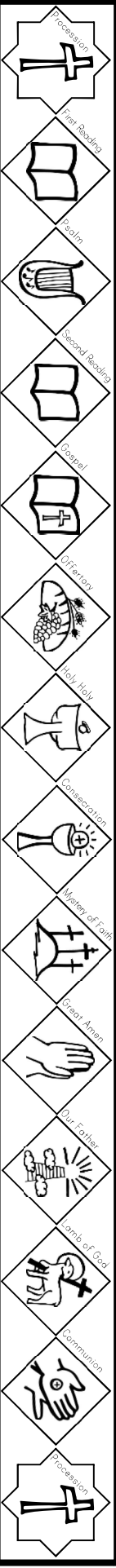
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Give the Lord glory and honor.

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Bow your head while you pray to help you focus on being humble before God.



Circle the gifts that you have.

Use those gifts to help people

learn about God!

Sports

Music

Friendship

Kindness

Sharing

Listening

Cooking

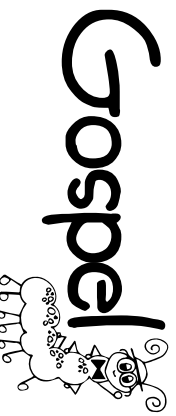
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Helping

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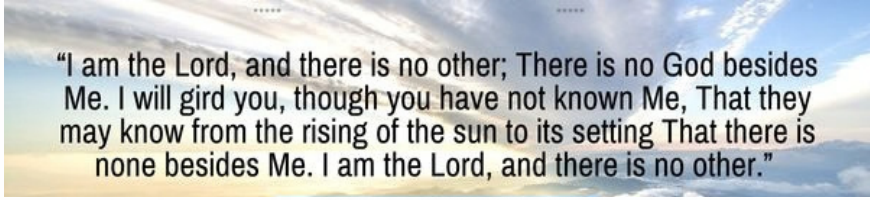
Jesus is teaching his disciples to give to Caesar what is Caesar's and give to God what is God's. What gifts do you have to give to God?

FAITH FORMATION

Immaculate Conception Church

October 18, 2026

To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God; turn your ear to me; hear my words. Guard me as the apple of your eye; in the shadow of your wings protect me. Entrance Antiphon



"I am the Lord, and there is no other; There is no God besides Me. I will gird you, though you have not known Me, That they may know from the rising of the sun to its setting That there is none besides Me. I am the Lord, and there is no other."

Why does the liturgy celebrate St. John Paul II on October 22?

October 22 is the Optional Memorial of St. John Paul II. Some Catholics might wonder why the Church marks his feastday in October. Isn't it usual for the Church to honor a saint on the day of his death, i.e., his dies natalis, his "birthday" into heaven?

The Church celebrates the memory of St. John Paul II on October 22 because that day was the solemn Mass for the beginning of his pontificate (1978-2005). Pope Wojtyla was the third longest-serving Pastor in history (26 years and five months), traveled to 129 countries, wrote 14 encyclicals, and accompanied the Church into the third millennium. The Polish Pope celebrated the Mass of inauguration of his pontificate on October 22, after being elected Successor of Peter on the 16th of the same month. That is why the liturgy celebrates him on this day. He immediately pronounced a phrase that became emblematic: "Do not be afraid! Open wide the doors to Christ".



"THERE IS NO PLACE FOR SELFISHNESS AND NO PLACE FOR FEAR! DO NOT BE AFRAID, THEN, WHEN LOVE MAKES DEMANDS. DO NOT BE AFRAID WHEN LOVE REQUIRES SACRIFICE"

ST. JOHN PAUL II
TAMORAMBHALL.COM

Pope Leo in Lourdes: Pray Rosary in October for peace



As he prays the Angelus in Lourdes, France, Pope Leo XIV urges Christians to pray the Holy Rosary for the intention of peace in the world and an end to conflict. Concluding Mass in Lourdes, on the third day of his Apostolic Journey to France, Pope Leo XIV launched an appeal that he said was "particularly close to my heart, here in this place."

Just as the Blessed Virgin Mary appeared to St. Bernadette in the Grotto of Lourdes and a Rosary and guided her in prayer, the Pope said he hopes all Christians will pray the Rosary especially during the month of October. He called for them to pray the Rosary "with the particular intention that wars may cease and that peace may be established among peoples in conflict."

"Let us accompany this prayer with concrete acts of penance and mercy, committing ourselves always to fostering dialogue and conciliation," he said. [vaticannews.org](https://www.vaticannews.org)

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY OCTOBER 18

"One in Christ, United in Mission"



World Mission Day was first established by Pope Pius XI, beginning in October 1927. This year the Church celebrates the 100th World Mission Day on Sunday, October 18, 2026. As the Church prepares to celebrate this day, Pope Leo XIV calls us to unity in Christ, love, and renewed missionary commitment "with joy and zeal in the Holy Spirit" in his first World Mission Sunday Message: **"One in Christ, united in mission."**

Pope Leo reminds us that "being a Christian is not primarily about practices or ideas; it is a life in union with Christ, in which we share in his filial relationship with the Father in the Holy Spirit. It means abiding in Christ, like branches on the vine (cf. Jn 15:4), immersed in the life of the Trinity." Citing the words of St. Paul—"we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord" (2 Cor 4:5)—Pope Leo explains, "This process of genuine evangelization begins in the heart of every Christian in order to reach all of humanity. Therefore, the more united we are in Christ, the better able we will be to carry out everything the mission that he entrusts to us."

The Holy Father exhorts us, "Let us all commit to contributing to the great mission of evangelization — which is always a work of love" USCCB

Immaculate Conception Parish



Fiscal Year 2025-26 Annual Report

Dear Parishioners,

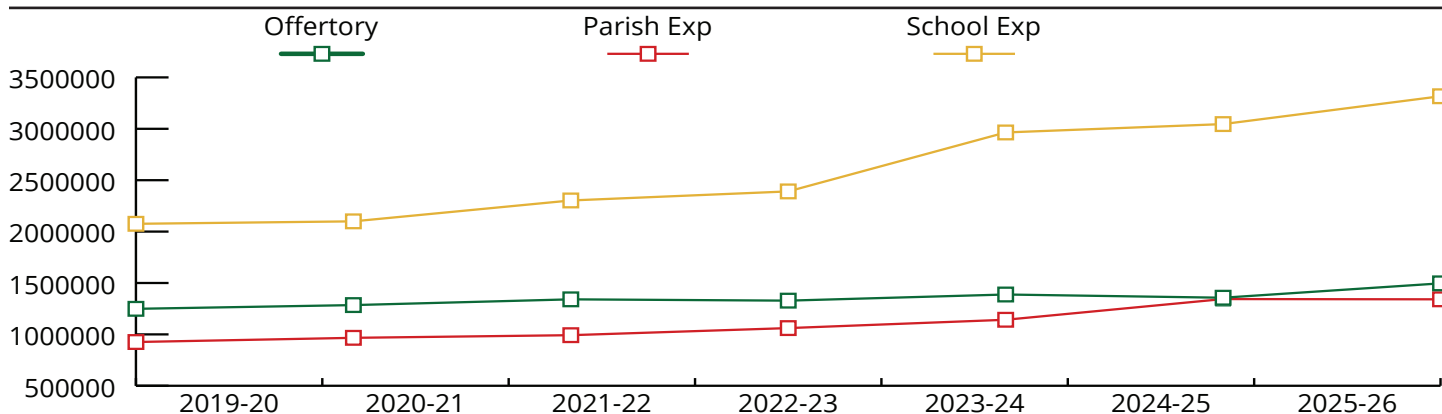
On behalf of the Finance Council, I am pleased to present you with the Immaculate Conception Parish Annual Report for the fiscal year ending **June 30, 2026**.

We share this report with parishioners each year to demonstrate our fiscal responsibility and good stewardship. In making disciples of Jesus Christ, every sacrament received, every faith formation program hosted, every ministry and activity that brings others to experience Jesus' love, we fulfill the mission of the Catholic Church. I am so appreciative of the gifts you bestow on the Immaculate Conception community and extend a heartfelt "thank you" for your time, talent and financial support. If you have any questions or want more details, please contact the Business Office.

—Fr. Seth Keller, Pastor & John Bernard, Business Manager

FY 2025-26 Financial Snapshot

Total Income	\$4,949,963
Expenses	(\$4,686,869)
Capitalized Projects	(\$225,810)
Fiscal Year Cash Surplus	(\$41,284)



1,351
registered
households



3,841
members



796

2026 Weekend Mass
Count average
(Up from 794 last year)

\$225,810

dollars spent on IC campus projects
last year including roofing on
Marian Hall, flooring in classrooms,
repainting the gym, tree trimming
and parking lot maintenance.



PARISH STATISTICS

A snapshot of our faith community and giving in the last year



630 (47%)

of 1,351 total parish households
contributed to the offertory



36

Baptisms

12

Funerals

470

young people enrolled in our
parish education programs
including preschool, grades
K-8 and Family Faith Formation
programs



SOCIAL CONCERNS



St Vincent de Paul

Thrift Store Trailer

NOVEMBER 14th 9AM TO 3PM

NOVEMBER 15th 1PM TO 5PM

SAVE THE DATE

St Vincent de Paul Thrift Store donation trailers on
Immaculate Conception campus for your convenience.



WOMEN'S CLUB FALL POTLUCK – THIS MONDAY

All women of IC parish are considered members of the IC Women's Club. Fall is here! Let's gather for food, friendship and fun! We will enjoy Raising Cane's Chicken Fingers and ask those coming to bring a side dish or dessert to share. Join us in Marian Hall this Monday, October 19 at 5:30 p.m. We will collect \$10 dues and update emails when you arrive. New friends are always welcome!!

WINTER SPORTS REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!

ATTENTION – NEW REGISTRATION PROCESS FOR WINTER SPORTS – All parish children of the appropriate age are eligible to participate in IC and Diocesan sports.

New Sports Registration Platform: Beginning with winter sports, IC will use **Team Sideline** instead of Doodlio for all diocesan and non-diocesan sports registrations.

New Account Required: Family information will **not transfer from Doodlio**, so every family will need to create a new Team Sideline account before registering.

Winter Registration Deadline: Families participating in winter sports must register by **October 23**. No late registrations will be accepted.

Visit our school's Team Sideline page to create an account and sign up: <https://columbuscyo.teamsidelinesite.com/immaculate-conception-columbus>

Basketball: Boys & girls, grades 4–8

Cheerleading: Girls, grades 7–8

Pee Wee Pep Squad: Girls, grades 1–3

Additional Opportunities (not offered through IC but part of the Columbus Diocese feeder school programs)

Swimming: Green Wave Swim Team, diocesan boys & girls, grades 6–8. **More information can be found by visiting** <https://greenwaveswimteam.mystrikingly.com/>.

Wrestling: Little Eagles Wrestling Club, diocesan boys & girls, grades K–8. **More information can be found by visiting** <https://eaglewc.com/>. Additional questions? Email ICAthleticsHelp@gmail.com.

SCHOOL NEWS

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Archive and Trophy Case – Immaculate Conception School wants to organize and gather some memorabilia to update our trophy case. We would like to add IC and ICAA items to turn the case into an Archive instead of just trophies.

We are looking for items from alumni, parishioners and staff. Vintage RAMS gear, old decorations, uniforms, pennants, programs, photos, etc. If you have something you'd like to share with the school, Mrs. Kyla Burns is in charge of this great project. If you have anything, please email her a photo at kylakruse@hotmail.com.

ST. CHARLES HIGH SCHOOL

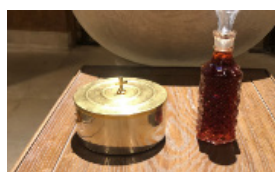
St. Charles Annual Open House – November 1 for Prospective Students – Prospective students and their families are invited to discover all that St. Charles has to offer at our Annual Open House on Sunday, November 1. The event will feature a brief presentation, guided campus tours, and opportunities to meet students, faculty, coaches, and representatives from our many clubs, activities, and athletic programs. Enjoy refreshments while connecting with fellow future Cardinal families and learning more about the St. Charles experience. To learn more and register, visit stcharlesprep.org/admissions. We look forward to welcoming you to campus!

BISHOP WATTERSON HIGH SCHOOL

Mother's Club Fall Dinner – All Bishop Watterson moms – past, present and future – are invited to Mothers' Club's annual Fall Dinner on Thursday, November 5 at Brookside Country Club. The fun begins at 6 p.m. with a social hour, raffles and a silent auction, followed by dinner at 7 p.m. For more information or to register, go to bishopwatterson.com.

BWHS Trick-or-Treat – Parents! Bring the little ones for a fun Trick-or-Treat event at Bishop Watterson on Sunday, October 25 from 3–4:30 p.m.! It's free and open to children 10 & under. Register at bishopwatterson.com.

Bishop Watterson Open House – Save the date for Bishop Watterson's annual Open House for prospective students on Sunday, November 22 from 1–3 p.m.



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.

THE MELCHIZEDEK PROJECT:

DISCERNING A PRIESTLY VOCATION

The Melchizedek Project invites young men (in 8th–12th grade) to encounter Jesus Christ, listen for His call, and discover the vocation God has prepared for them, especially as they prayerfully discern a possible call to priesthood. The first meeting at **St. Brendan the Navigator Parish** (4475 Dublin Road, Hilliard) is **Monday, October 19 at 6–7:30 p.m.** in the **School Library**. Dinner will be provided. Please email Fr. Sam Severance to let him know if you plan to attend. Future meeting dates scheduled are November 30, 2026, January 25, February 22, March 15 & April 26, 2027.



YOUNG CATHOLIC
PROFESSIONALS
Working in Witness for Christ™

BISHOP FERNANDES

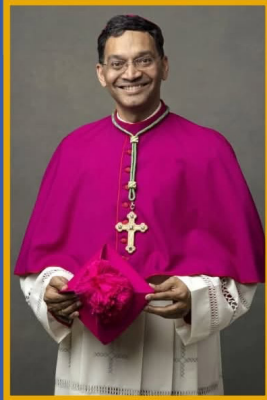
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REGISTRATION
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OCTOBER ESS – YCP ON ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

Join YCP Columbus on **Wednesday, October 21, 2026**, at St. Joseph Cathedral at 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. as we welcome **The Most Reverend Earl K. Fernandes**, Bishop of Columbus, for a conversation on Pope Leo XIV's encyclical on artificial intelligence and what it means for Catholics navigating a rapidly changing world. With a doctorate in moral theology and extensive experience in Catholic education, doctrine, bioethics, and Church leadership, Bishop Fernandes will help us explore AI through the lens of faith, human dignity, and Catholic moral teaching. Food and drinks on us. Register for the event at <https://ycp.glueup.com/event/october-ess-bishop-fernandes-189752>.

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You are invited to a discernment retreat with the Daughters of Holy Mary of the Heart of Jesus, October 23-25, 2026 at the Novitiate, 700 Lovers Lane, Steubenville, Ohio 43952. It will include Mass, Adoration, Talks, and Testimonies. Come and discover the infinite love of the Sacred Heart in union with Our Lady and God's plan for your life. For more information and to register, call (740) 346-2625 or email novi-usa@hsmcj.org. You can also learn more about us at www.hsmcj.org.

FALL LECTURE AT THE JOSEPHINUM

The Pontifical College Josephinum's 2026-2027 lecture series will begin with a presentation by Mary Rice Hasson, JD, Kate O'Beirne Senior Fellow at the Ethics and Public Policy Center in Washington, DC. Hasson will present, "The Human Person and Gender Ideology: What's Next and What Does It Mean for the Church?" on Wednesday, October 28 at 7 p.m. in the Jessing Center. Free admission and parking; reservations not required. For more information, please visit pcj.edu/lecture. **About the lecture:** For over a decade, gender ideology has driven sweeping changes to U.S. law, culture, and social norms, challenging parental rights and religious freedom and harming the vulnerable. At stake is the truth about the human person, and the future of humanity. Recent polls and legal victories raise questions about what's next. Has the truth won? Have we changed direction as a country? What does this all mean for the Church and for ordinary Catholics? This talk takes stock of where we are and what the future may hold.

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Any questions? Please contact Veronica Dannemiller at vdannemiller@iccols.org

Thank You for kicking off the holiday season with this joy-filled project!

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INVITATION TO THE BISHOP'S ANNUAL RED MASS

Everyone of any faith, or no particular faith, in the entire diocese is invited to the annual Red Mass. It will be on Thursday, October 29 at 5:15 p.m. in St. Joseph Cathedral, located at 212 East Broad Street in Columbus. Some parking is available behind the Cathedral. The Mass is a special prayer to the Holy Spirit for guidance for all persons involved in any branch of government, even the electorate. It is sponsored by the Diocese's association of lawyers named after the Great Patron Saint of Lawyers: St. Thomas More. The celebrant will be our Bishop Earl K. Fernandes. All are welcome and urged to attend the Mass and a reception to follow.

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CATHOLIC MEN'S LUNCHEON

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6

SPEAKER: FATHER MICHAEL HARTGE

Join us Friday, November 6 at St. Patrick Church in downtown Columbus for a luncheon featuring Father Michael Hartge, Diocese Vicar General, Moderator of Mission Advancement and Moderator of the Curia who will speak about the Pastoral Planning Initiative. The Serra Clubs of Columbus are sponsoring the November meeting. Learn more about this Catholic organization committed to promoting and supporting vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and religious life within the Diocese of Columbus at <https://serracolumbus.org/>. If you are interested in sponsoring a luncheon, contact Dave Kilanowski at dkilano@aol.com. Holy Mass (optional) begins at 11:45 a.m., followed by lunch at 12:10 p.m. and Father Hartge's presentation. No reservations are necessary. \$12 covers lunch and the meeting. Bring a friend! John Paul Munhall will speak at our luncheon on Friday, December 4, 2026 about "Calling Homeless Men to Manliness." Please mark your calendar to attend!

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