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IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC CHURCH

414 E. NORTH BROADWAY
COLUMBUS, OH 43214

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 4, 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

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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.

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3
Job 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17; Lk 10:17-24
4:00 p.m. Charles McKinley †

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4
Is 5:1-7; Phil 4:6-9; Mt 21:33-43
8:30 a.m. For the People of the Parish
11:00 a.m. Mike Hill †

MONDAY, OCTOBER 5
Gal 1:6-12; Lk 10:25-37
8:30 a.m. Jerry Moeggenberg †

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6
Gal 1:13-24; Lk 10:38-42
6:15 p.m. For a Special Intention

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7
Gal 2:1-2, 7-14; Lk 11:1-4
8:30 a.m. John Grossman †

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8
Gal 3:1-5; Lk 11:5-13
8:30 a.m. Adelbert Fraise †

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9
Gal 3:7-14; Lk 11:15-26
8:30 a.m. For the Intention of the
Kidner Family

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10
Gal 3:22-29; Lk 11:27-28
4:00 p.m. Glennadean Alberini †

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11
Is 25:6-10a; Phil 4:12-14, 19-20; Mt 22:1-14
or Mt 22:1-10
8:30 a.m. Mary Kay Mathews †
11:00 a.m. For the People of the Parish

† Deceased *Incense May Be Used

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LITURGICAL MINISTERS SCHEDULE – OCTOBER 10 & 11, 2026

MASS TIMES	4:00 p.m.	8:30 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS	Tina Keller MaryAnn Grossman	Chris Atzberger Jean Durbin	Jonathan Fortkamp Mary Leathley
LECTORS	Layton McCallum	Tim Geraghty	Emily Strand
ALTAR SERVERS	John Hoffman Jamie Kirkpatrick Grant McCallum Isla McCallum	Arden Smith Josie Smith Henry Smith Owen Smith	Arden Frost Stella Frost Dylan Hernandez Ellie Hockett
GREETERS	Bob & Linda Bauer Terry Butts Christine Demko	Sue & Sophia Ruschau Suzanne Smith Martha Bowling	Michelle Gill Sara Konz Lynden Family
WELCOME DESK	Patty Conway	Tara Hummer	Anne Campbell

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.

IN OUR PARISH



NEW PARISHIONERS

We welcome our new parishioners to Immaculate Conception Parish: **Hope Cuppett and Max McCann**. 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.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

WEDNESDAY
OCTOBER 7, 2026
7 A.M. - 6 P.M.

THURSDAYS, 6:15-7:15 P.M.
CONFESSION AVAILABLE

Sign Up for a Holy Hour at:
iccols.org>Parish Life>Adoration or call the parish office.

We have also begun a Children's Half-Hour of Adoration on the 2nd Wednesday of the month from 6 to 6:30 p.m. Our next opportunity for children's Adoration is October 14, 2026.

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.

“The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel.”

THE PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE: THOUGHTS FROM FR. KELLER

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

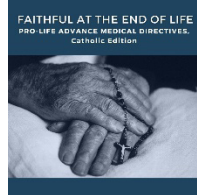
Greetings in the Lord! As we begin the month of October, which is dedicated to both the Holy Rosary as well as Respect Life month, Pope Leo XIV has just extended an important invitation to the entire Church. He has been visiting France recently and one of the places he went was Lourdes, where Our Lady appeared to St. Bernadette in 1858 (note that we have a statue of Our Lady of Lourdes in the Northwest side chapel as well as a stained glass window of St. Bernadette on the East side of the Church). In his comments, the Pope said the following: “I invite all the faithful and all Christian communities to pray the Holy Rosary throughout the coming month of October, 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 reconciliation.” I encourage you to take up this call of the Holy Father during this month. Consider doing this as a family or inviting some friends over for a social and include the Rosary. It's a beautiful way to live our faith outside of the walls of the Church building. When we draw close to the Mother of God, she draws us close to God. We can never love her too much because we can never love her more than Jesus does.

I'll aim to continue the mini catechesis on the parts of the Mass next week. But that's all for now.

May God pour out His abundant blessings on you and your families this week!

In Our Lord and Lady,
Fr. Keller

FAITHFUL AT THE END OF LIFE

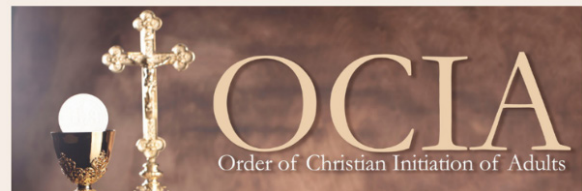


Join Greater Columbus Right to Life at Immaculate Conception's Marian Hall on Thursday, October 22 at 7:30 p.m. for a discussion that will help you understand the foundations of making decisions at end of life that conform with our Catholic Faith. The presentation will also include information about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

Scan the QR code to register at www.gcrtl.org/fatel-ic.html



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.

TIME, TALENT & TREASURE

Fostering Stewardship as a Way of Life

Fiscal Year 7/1/2026-6/30/2027 • Offertory Report 9/27/2026

	9/27/2026	YTD 2026/2027
Recorded Envelopes/Checks	\$ 21,559	\$ 352,676
Loose Cash	\$ 881	\$ 11,399
TOTAL RECEIVED	\$ 22,440	\$ 364,075
Weekly Operating Expenses	\$ 29,500	\$ 383,500
Weekly Overage/(Shortage)	\$ (7,060)	\$ (19,425)
Families Receiving Envelopes		836
Envelopes Received		91
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)



IC GARDEN MINISTRY INVITATION

Please join the IC Garden Ministry for its regular monthly work session, Saturday, October 10, 9 to 11 a.m. We will be trimming and transplanting. This is a good service project for students and parents. Meet at the Grotto.

Questions: Contact Chris Atzberger, tatzberg@columbus.rr.com; Carol Rodock at carol.rodock@gmail.com; or Janet Wilks at jwilks123@gmail.com.



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.



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.



BOOK OF THE NAMES OF THE DEAD

During October, we place a special Book of the Dead 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.

SOCIAL CONCERNS

OPEN SHELTER MEAL ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 5

IC will be providing meals for the Open Shelter this Monday, October 5. We need donations of sloppy joes, mac & cheese, cookies, lunch-size chips, and/or snacky desserts and bottled water. Cash donations are welcome. Arrangements can be made to get your donations earlier in the week if this 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.



IC BREAD JUSTICE MINISTRY INVITES YOU TO THE JUSTICE

LISTENING PROCESS EVENT

Thursday, October 8, Room A, 7:15-8:30 p.m.

BREAD: an ecumenical, faith-based, non-political ministry of 30 Columbus congregations. **Our Mission:** identify important local, injustice issues in the community, research solutions, and make non-partisan policy suggestions to the proper local government agency. **Our Invitation:** Come, share your perspective or personal story about a livable wage **and/or** concerns related to effects of clear-cutting trees in our Columbus community. Come, help give your voice and live out our call as Catholics to "... love justice" (Micah 6:8) and build justice in Columbus. Contact Icbread43214@gmail.com or MaryAnn, (614) 530-5872, for more information. ALL ARE WELCOME!



St Vincent de Paul

Thrift Store Trailer

NOVEMBER 14th 9AM TO 3PM

NOVEMBER 15th 1PM TO 5PM

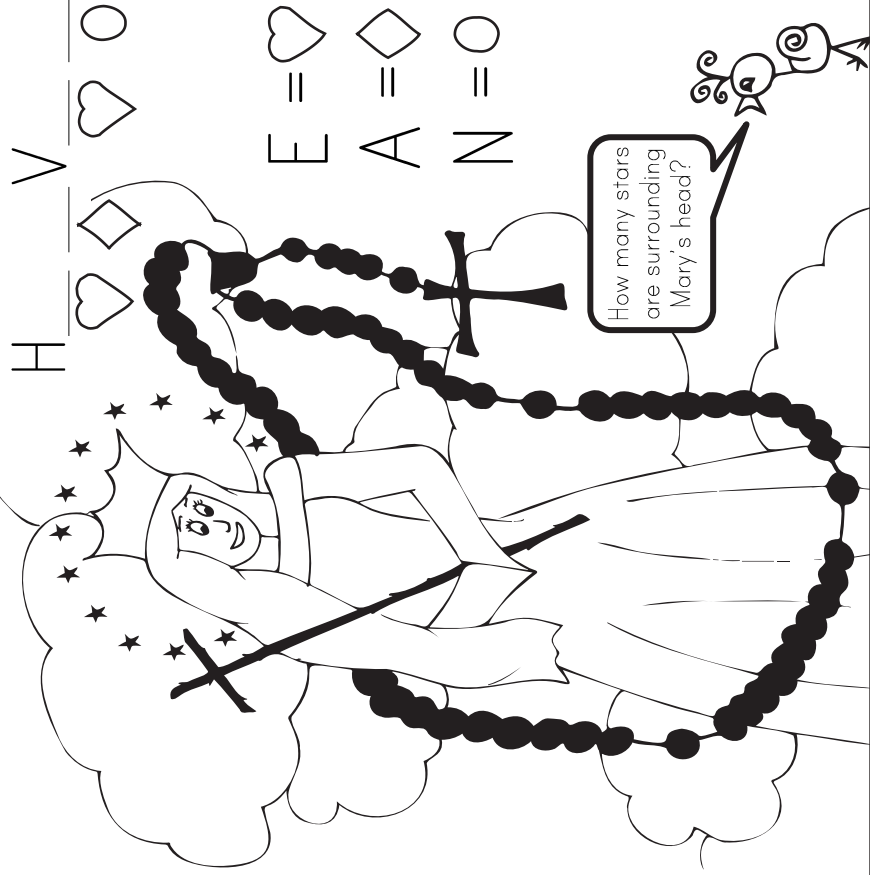
SAVE THE DATE

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

Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary

The Rosary is a beautiful prayer made up of many smaller prayers.
Ask an adult to help you pray the Rosary.
Solve the puzzle to learn another name for Mary.

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Catholic Kids

Bulletin

October 4, 2026
Ordinary Time
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The vineyard
of the Lord
is the house
of Israel.

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Before Mass starts, kneel
and pray, thanking
God for His blessings.



First Reading



Psalm



Second Reading



Gospel



Offertory



Holy Holy



Consecration



Mystery of Faith



Great Amen



Our Father



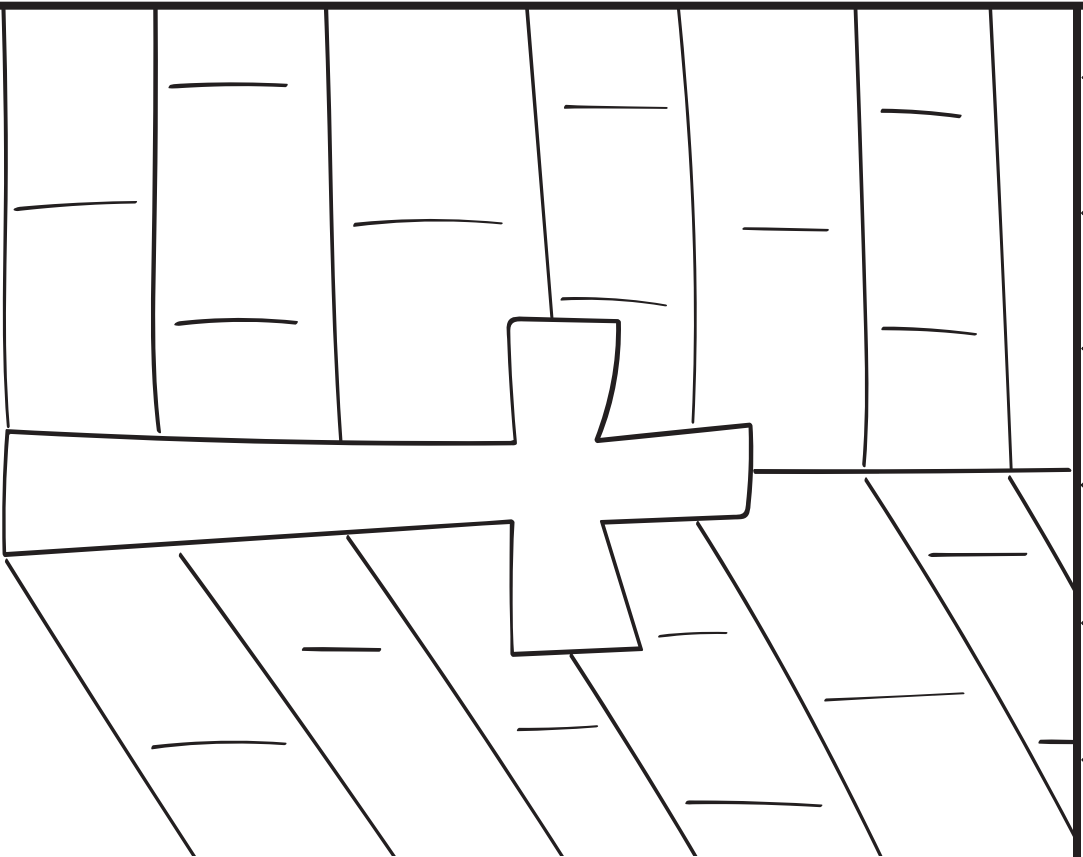
Lamb of God



Communion



Procession



The stone that the
builders rejected
has become the
cornerstone;
by the Lord has
this been done,
and it is wonderful
in our eyes.



Jesus tells a parable about a vineyard. The people who were working at the vineyard killed the owner's son. This parable helps us remember that God sent his son, Jesus, to save us from our sins when he was killed on the cross.



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

October 2026

Immaculate Conception Church

Rev. Seth Keller, Pastor

One Minute Meditations

St. John Henry Newman

St. John's path to Roman Catholicism began when he read the Church Fathers while tutoring at Oxford University. After much prayer, study, and the guidance of a Passionist priest, he converted in 1845. He was ordained a priest in 1847 and founded an Oratory of St. Philip Neri in Birmingham. In 1879, he was nominated cardinal. His famous works include *A Grammar of Assent* and his *Apologia*. He spent his office writing and offering spiritual advice.

God is closer than you think

It's easy to take God's presence for granted because we already know He is everywhere. Yet His presence is personal and relational. He is with us because He wants to be with us. We see this throughout salvation history: in the Incarnation, His earthly ministry, the Cross, the Resurrection, and the sending of the Holy Spirit.

God seeks us, draws near to us, and remains with us. So whether your "today" feels like Good Friday, Easter Sunday, or an ordinary Tuesday, God is with you. And in the Eucharist, He invites you to draw near and be with Him.

"I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in me, and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing"
(John 15:5).

5 Ways St. Francis can help deepen your love for God

People often associate St. Francis with nature, peace, and simplicity. Yet his entire life was centered on God, His mysteries, and His love. His example offers five ways to encounter God's love more deeply:

Christ-centered life: St. Francis was a man deeply in love with God. He put honoring God first. He embraced radical poverty yet gladly accepted the finest vestments, altar linens, and vessels for the Mass. In imitation, we can ask ourselves often: "Does this honor God? Is it aligned with the Gospel?"

Seeing the person: Captivated by the Incarnation, St. Francis sought to treat each person as "another Christ," regardless of health, wealth, or status. We follow his example when we learn to see every person as a beloved child of God.

Delight in God's creation: St. Francis famously delighted in and cared for creation, praising it as God's handiwork. Even a sunset, flower, or beautiful landscape can become an invitation to

praise God and grow closer to Him.

Simplicity of life: Most of us aren't called to literally "leave everything" to follow Jesus. But we can declutter our homes, make room for silence, or limit digital distractions, freeing more of our attention for God and neighbor.

Humility of heart: St. Francis' humility flowed from his desire to love

"At all times and seasons, in every country and place, every day and all day, we must have a true and humble faith." –St. Francis of Assisi

the person before him. He wanted people to walk away knowing, "God loves me!" When we're with others, do we make the conversation about elevating ourselves, or about loving them?

St. Francis experienced God's love deeply and wanted everyone else to experience that same Love. His radical life points us back to the extravagant love of God and the life we're called to live in response.

Why Do Catholics Do That?

Sacramentals are sacred signs instituted by the Church to praise God for His works and gifts and dedicate them to His service. While sacramentals take different forms, they involve the Church's prayer and often a blessing of a person, place, event, or object according to an approved rite. For example, wedding

Why do Catholics have items blessed?

rings are sacramentals; marriage is the Sacrament. The rings don't make the marriage sacramental but remind and encourage spouses to live their vocation faithfully. Sacramentals deepen our devotion, support us on the path to salvation, and prepare our hearts to receive God's grace.

Climb the mountain. Bring Jesus along.

Time in prayer is not a luxury or secondary to service, mission, or productivity. Nothing we do all day is more important than spending time with Jesus. Prayer gives life to our mission, and mission draws us back to prayer. We need both.

Climb the mountain: People may rightly say, "My work is my prayer." Yet spouses would struggle to stay close if they only met to divide the chores. In the same way, we need time with God apart from our work. Following Christ requires knowing Him. We sit at His feet and let Him teach us. In His presence, we learn to see as He sees, value what He values,

and love as He loves.

Return to the plains: We aren't meant to stay on the mountain. Jesus sends us back into ordinary life carrying what we received in prayer: a peaceful presence, a new insight, a kind word at the right moment. Some even begin the day by asking God to place in their path the people He wants them to encounter.

The Christian life moves between the mountain and the plain: drawing close to Jesus in prayer, then carrying His presence into the world. And in both places, He remains at our side.

from Scripture

Matthew 22:34-40, The Two Greatest Commandments

The Pharisees sought to test Jesus with a difficult and much-debated question. Jewish tradition identified 613 commandments in the Torah, and a lawyer asked Jesus to name the greatest. Of all the commandments governing Jewish life, which mattered most?

Jesus answered by going to the heart of them all: love God with your whole being, and love your neighbor as yourself. Everything begins and ends with love. And loving God means learning to love what, and whom, He loves. Jesus taught that these two

commandments are the foundation of the entire Law.

Loving God may seem easier than loving our neighbor. Loving others means welcoming people we might naturally exclude, dismiss, or avoid. Jesus drew near to sinners, outcasts, the sick, and even those who opposed Him. Our love of neighbor is tested especially in how we treat the poor, the vulnerable, the difficult, and even our enemies. This is how God loves, and He calls us to love the same way.

Q & A

What is the Franciscan Crown?

The Franciscan Crown is a devotion that meditates on seven joys in Mary's life: the Annunciation, the Visitation, the Birth of Jesus, the Adoration of the Magi, the Finding of Jesus in the Temple, the Resurrection, and Mary's Assumption and Coronation as Queen of Heaven and Earth. The devotion is prayed using seven decades of Hail Marys and is also known as the Franciscan or Seraphic Rosary.

According to Franciscan tradition, the devotion began with a young man named James, who regularly wove crowns of roses to honor the Blessed Mother. After joining the Franciscans, he could no longer continue the practice and became so discouraged that he considered leaving the Order. Tradition holds that Mary appeared to James and gave him a new way to honor her: the Franciscan Crown.

Like the traditional Rosary, the Franciscan Crown is addressed to Mary but centered entirely on Jesus. By meditating on Mary's seven joys, we contemplate the joyful and miraculous events of Christ's life through the eyes of His mother. Rooted in the Gospel and marked by Franciscan simplicity, the Crown offers a distinctly Franciscan way to draw closer to Christ through Mary.

Feasts & Celebrations

October 2 – Feast of the Guardian Angels. All of us have a guardian angel in charge of protecting us and watching over us: *"For I tell you that in heaven their angels always behold the face of my Father who is in heaven"* (Matthew 18:10). Remember to thank the Guardian Angels for the work they have done in helping us.

October 7 – Our Lady of the Rosary. Pope Gregory XIII named this feast because it was believed that Christians won a critical victory at the Battle of Lepanto after praying the Rosary.

October 15 – St. Teresa of Ávila (1582). Teresa joined the Carmelites, against her father's wishes. In 1563, she was inspired to reform her order. Despite serious opposition, she founded more than 17 convents of Discalced Carmelites

and helped reform the Carmelite friars.

October 16 – St. Margaret Mary Alacoque (1690). Margaret joined the Sisters of the Visitation at Paray-le-Monial when she was twenty-four. In 1674, she began having visions of Jesus Christ, in which He asked for a feast dedicated to His Sacred Heart to acknowledge His love for us and to encourage reparation for sins.

October 18 – St. Luke the Evangelist (First century). St. Luke was a Christian physician from Antioch. His Gospel and Acts of the Apostles were probably written between 70 and 85 A.D.

October 19 – Saints John de Brebeuf, Isaac Jogues, and Companions (1649). Six Jesuits and two laymen became missionaries to Native American tribes in North America. After spending more than 20 years in a difficult ministry, St. John de Brebeuf won the Iroquois' respect by his valor in death. St. Isaac Jogues escaped only to return to his ministry but was also murdered.

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FAITH FORMATION

Immaculate Conception Church

October 4, 2026

Liturgical Reflection for 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time



It was not and still is not easy to be a community. The letter of St. Paul is an invitation to the community to live in harmony; to focus on Jesus Christ. During his time, many of the philosophers would exhort their listeners to live out the virtues to avoid the destructive forces of vices. It was easier to have an orientation towards vices due to man's fallen nature. The call to live virtuous lives is constant as the lure to vices is relentless. The raw power of anger and envy is often felt stronger compared to the softer but even more powerful force of love. It is easier for a person who has been wounded to live only from the perspective from the wounds and to incessantly see this state as a never changing lot in one's own life.

In the parable, the relationship between the land owners and the tenants is soured by the economic conditions of the tenants. The tenants would have to keep aside their earnings for religious purposes, like the tithe that they had to pay, the taxes of the government, to buy materials for the farming. They had to keep something for their existence as well. Then added to all these is the rent that they had to pay the landowner. Looking at this situation, we would say it is only just that the tenants pay what is due. Do we pay what is due to God our Father? Do we live a life of nurturing virtues through the graces given by Him who called us? Are we making due returns to the Lord or do we see the good life, the good talents, the good timing of activities as our lot in life and has nothing to do with God our Father? stmichaelcathol.sg

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY OCTOBER 7



This Feast was instituted to commemorate the victory of Christianity over the forces of Islam at the battle of Lepanto on 7 October 1571. The victory was brought about through the recitation of the Rosary. In thanksgiving for another victory over the same foes in Hungary in 1715, the Feast was extended to the entire Church. In the course of centuries the Rosary has been a source of abundant blessings. In her apparitions at Lourdes, France, in 1858 and again at Fatima, Portugal, in 1917, Mary urged Catholics to pray the Rosary daily in order to bring about the conversion of sinners and a lasting world peace.

We should resolve to say the Most Holy Rosary everyday. Besides being a beautiful tribute of love and filial piety, to our Heavenly Mother, it will be our support and joy in life and our consolation at the hour of death.

The purpose of **the rosary** is to help us meditate on the great mysteries of our salvation. Pius XII called it a compendium of the gospel. The main focus is on Jesus—his birth, life, death, and resurrection. The “Our Fathers” remind us that Jesus’ Father is the initiator of salvation. The “Hail Marys” remind us to join with Mary in contemplating these mysteries. They also make us aware that Mary was and is intimately joined with her Son in all the mysteries of his earthly and heavenly existence. The “Glory Bes” remind us that the purpose of all life is the glory of the Trinity. fransiscanmedia.org

St. Faustina Kowalska October 5

Saint Faustina's legacy is a message of hope and trust in God. She taught that God's mercy is infinite and that He is always willing to forgive us, no matter how great our sins may be. She also showed us that we should allow Him to work in our lives. Her message of Divine Mercy is a message of hope and love that is needed now more than ever.

St. Faustina Kowalska Quotes

- “Proclaim that mercy is the greatest attribute of God. All the works of My hands are crowned with mercy.”
- “I realize more and more how much every soul needs God's mercy throughout life and particularly at the hour of death. This chaplet (of Divine Mercy) mitigates God's anger, as He Himself told me.”
- “Suffering is the greatest treasure on earth; it purifies the soul. In suffering, we learn who our true friend is.”
- “The past does not belong to me; the future is not mine; with all my soul I try to make use of the present moment.”



PICK UP YOUR BOX OF JOY NEXT WEEKEND

Our parish and school are participating in Cross Catholic Outreach's Box of Joy ministry. Bishop Fernandes has strongly encouraged all schools to participate, and last year we included the parish, which greatly boosted our total giving.

Next week, we will have shoebox-sized boxes available for parishioners to take home and fill for those in developing countries such as Peru, Guatemala, and Malawi who may have never received a Christmas gift before. Each box is thoughtfully filled with toys, clothing, school supplies, a rosary, and The Story of Jesus, making each gift a tangible expression of Christ's love.

IC CHOIR SINGING AT THE ITALIAN FESTIVAL

The Choir of Immaculate Conception has been invited to sing for the Italian Festival at St. John the Baptist Parish, 720 Hamlet Street, Columbus, OH 43215. The festival is October 9, 10 and 11 and there are a series of concerts taking place. The IC choir will be performing on October 10 at 6 p.m. Our feature piece will be the Ave Maria by Rossini. Come hear us sing and then enjoy the festivities of the Italian Festival.

ARE YOU MOURNING THE LOSS OF A LOVED ONE?

Are you looking for support as you journey through grief? Join us for the Fall session of Seasons of Hope. This five-week session will begin on Sunday, October 11, and will run for a total of five Sundays on the following dates: October 11, 18, 25 and November 1, 8. These sessions will be held from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at St. Michael Catholic Church. Each session is centered on Jesus Christ, and explores mourning through Scripture, prayer, faith sharing, and reflection activities. For more information, and to register for the session, please contact Debbie Kennedy at (614) 937-0516, or email Debbie at kennedydeborah@yahoo.com. **THE DEADLINE TO REGISTER IS SUNDAY, October 4.**

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.

**WOMEN'S CLUB FALL POTLUCK – SAVE THE DATE**

Fall is here! Let's gather for food, friendship and fun! Bring a dish to share and join us in Marian Hall on Monday October 19 at 5:30 p.m. We will collect \$10 dues and update emails when you arrive. New friends are always welcome!!

**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.

LOST AND FOUND

Found – long, silver necklace with clip - Contact the Parish Office.
Items left behind in the church – check in the ushers' room for glasses, clothing, children's items.

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:

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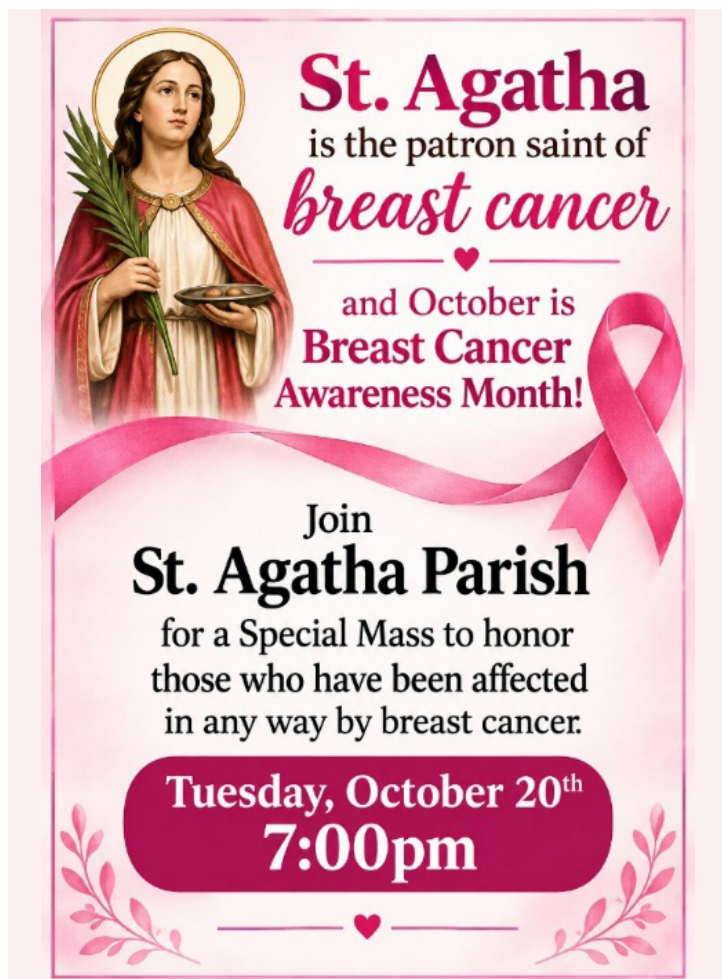
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WHITE MASS

All are invited to join us on the **Saturday, October 17, 2026, at 6 p.m.** at the St. Thomas More Newman Center at 64 W. Lane Avenue, Columbus, Ohio 43201 for the Annual White Mass. Celebrant and Homilist, Bishop **Earl Fernandes**. Talk given by **Sister Mary Diana Dreger, OP MD**, an amazing physician and Dominican sister speaking on end-of-life issues in the Catholic tradition. Reception to follow.



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**Tuesday, October 20th
7:00pm**

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.



IMMACULATE CHEF COOKOFF PAUSED

The Immaculate Chef Event, scheduled for Saturday, October 17, is being **PAUSED** for this year. We've had difficulty finding chefs in our community who can participate, and without them, it is hard to hold a Cookoff. We greatly appreciate your interest in this event in recent years, and we will keep our options open to bring it back in the future when the time is right. Thank you for your understanding.

WANT TO HELP ADULT LEARNERS?

Assisting adult learners on their academic journeys is one way to improve self-confidence and break the cycle of poverty. The Dominican Learning Center, a ministry of the Dominican Sisters of Peace, is seeking volunteer tutors to help adult learners in our community with GED preparation, Adult Basic Education, and English as a Second Language (ESL). No prior teaching experience is required – just a willingness to walk alongside someone as they learn. Training and all materials are provided, and tutoring can take place in person or remotely.

Visit domlearningcenter.org for more information or to learn how to support the ministry financially. You can also contact me at drew.archer@opeace.org or (614) 444-7330, ext. 0.

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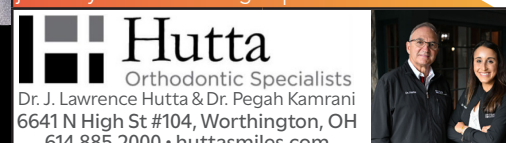
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