Dear People of God,

It’s hard to believe but the Easter Season is almost over. That’s a timely observation because somebody asked me the other day after Mass why we have the various seasons of the liturgical year. The answer to that is part history and part a prayerful attempt to get us to focus our attention on the meaningful events of our own salvation. The history of the seasons goes back to an era when the Church wanted to celebrate the real seasons of the year - summer, fall, winter, spring (who some of us old timers will recall was the princess on the Howdy Doody show). The various liturgical seasons more or less kept pace with the environmental season, beginning with winter-Advent/Christmas followed by Easter-Spring and then Ordinary time-Summer and finally Autumn/Christ the King. To some extent the major holy days were determined by other calendar concerns, for instance, Christ’s birth was pegged to the Greco-Roman observance of the winter solstice in order to ‘hide’ Christian celebration within Saturnalia the larger public holidays being celebrated. Easter was known to have occurred in the spring around the time of Passover which is a movable feast so Easter also moves around through springtime, officially on the first Sunday following the first full moon following the spring equinox which occurs on March 21. This year Easter was about as early as it could be and next year it will be almost a month later and that’s because the moon and planet earth move at different speeds as they travel through space. On the other hand, all of the liturgical seasons either move toward or flow from the high water mark of the Christian’s life: Easter. No other celebration anywhere on the liturgical calendar comes close to the importance or vitality of Easter which marks the events of our own salvation through the works of Jesus the Christ at the Last Supper, on the cross and in the moment of the resurrection. From Advent, which begins the liturgical year, everything is moving toward Easter; and following Easter everything moves away toward the ‘end times’ being recalled a the Solemnity of Christ the King. The seasons allow us to take time to enjoy and reflect upon the key events of our salvation, be it the birth of the redeemer, his death/resurrection, or his eventual coronation as king of both heaven and earth. That means there’s a flavor to each of the seasons, a tempo and a thematic development of the sacred scriptures to provide ample material on which to do that reflecting. There’s a week or two left before we transition out of the Easter Season and the readings are always posted in the bulletin so there’s time to do some personal reading and reflecting before we dive into Ordinary Time which begins with Pentecost.

Meyer Christ

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**The Celebration of Sacraments**

**Infant Baptism:** The Sacrament of Baptism is regularly celebrated on Sunday during or after the Eucharistic Liturgy. Registered parishioners are asked to arrange for the Baptismal Preparation Class and the Liturgical Celebration by calling the Parish Office.

**Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults:** RCIA is the process of growing in your faith and love of God. Weekly gatherings take place from September until Easter. If you are interested in learning about Catholicism and joining us please call Deacon Tom at the rectory.

**Penance:** The Sacrament of Penance is celebrated at 3:30 p.m. on Saturday at IC, 9:30 a.m. at HSP and 10:30 a.m. IC every Sunday or by appointment.

**Matrimony:** Anyone planning to be married must contact the parish at least six months in advance. The exact date and time of your wedding should not be determined until after consultation with a priest or deacon. If either party has previously been civilly or religiously married, the Presider is not permitted to set a date for the wedding without resolving the previous marriage.

**Pastoral Care of the Sick:** When a parishioner is admitted to the hospital, nursing home, or confined to home because of age or infirmity, please call the Parish Office. The Parishioners are ready to visit and to bring Holy Communion. When one is seriously ill, the healing Presence of the Lord should be requested in the Sacrament of the Sick.
Welcome Visitors!

We would like to welcome our visitors to Immaculate Conception Church. If you are interested in becoming a parishioner please call the parish office at 419-243-1829 or fill out the registration form in the back of church or on the web-site and return to the parish office.

CALENDAR
April 30—May 8, 2016

Sat  4:00 pm  IC Mass (Msgr. Chris/D. Tom)
    Intention: Deceased IC Parishioners

Sun 9:30 am  HSP Rosary & Confessions
    10:00 am  HSP Mass (Msgr. Chris/D. Dave)
    10:30 am  IC Confessions
    11:00 am  IC Mass (Fr. Rudi/D. Tom)
    Intention: Pauline English

Tues 8:50 am  Weekday Mass (Msgr. Chris)

Wed  HAPPY BIRTHDAY FR. RUDI!!!
    6:30 pm  Pints with the Pastor @ The Blarney

Sat  4:00 pm  IC Mass (Msgr. Chris/D. Tom)
    Intention: Mabel, Frank, & Robert Hundsrucker

Sun 9:30 am  HSP Rosary & Confessions
    10:00 am  HSP Mass (Fr. LeJuene/D. Tom)
    10:30 am  IC Confessions
    11:00 am  IC Mass (Msgr. Chris/D. Dave)
    Intention: Michael H. Winter
              May Crowning

Immaculate Conception

Finance Council
Bill Carroll
Mike Young
Linda Miller
Fred Mahaney
Linda Garcia
Maria Ochoa
John Madigan

Pastoral Council
Liz Weiser
Fred Garcia
Linda Garcia
Maria Ochoa
John Madigan

Facilities Committee
Fred Mahaney (Fin. Rep.)
TJ Green
Bill Carroll
Louann Harrison
Joe Westmeyer
Judy Westmeyer

STEWARDSHIP REPORT
July 1, 2015 thru June 30, 2016

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Thank You for helping us reach beyond our goal. Anything over our goal will come back to IC.

Thank You!

IC OUTREACH REPORT
July 1, 2015–June 30, 2016

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THANK YOU!!!

Can you help your church with projects? Please see the sign up sheets in the back of church or call the parish office @ 419-243-1829
Welcome to our New Parishioner

Jeffery Streeter

Sanctuary Lamp
May 1 (available)
May 8 Michael H. Winter
May 15 Jose Flores
May 22 (available)

Altar Flowers
May 1 (available)
May 8 (available)
May 15 (available)
May 22 (available)

IC Birthdays
5/2 Louie Laberdeee
5/4 William Woolridge
5/5 Marina Fullwood
5/6 Michael Viertlbeck


Pray For Those Serving Our Country
Capt. Joseph Andrew Garcia, Marines
Second Lt. Brian Wood, Army
STGSN Joshua J. Teneyck,
SPC George “Joey” O’Connell Jr., Army,
St. Sgt. Tom, Army,
Stg. 1st Class Chuck Hindbaugh, Army,
Capt. Jeremy A. Schiel, Army,
Capt. Ryan A Schiel, Army,
PFC. Celia Malagon, Army,
PFC. Acea Hindbaugh, Army,
Cold Steel Family
SN Trevor Smith, Navy
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH
ANNOUNCEMENTS

May is almost here, and so we thought some “coming events” might be helpful!

Friday, May 6th at 1:00PM we will be assembling our flowers to give to the special women in our lives on Mothers’ Day! Anyone who is willing to help with this, please come. We will be assembling the flowers in church, back in the hospitality area!

May Crowning will be at the Sunday Mass on May 8th. We invite the recent First Communicants to participate…another chance to wear your special clothes, as we honor Mary, our Patroness on this special day!

There will be no hospitality on Mothers’ Day, but we will be hosting a bake sale! Stop and get a treat for your special lady! (any who would like to donate a baked treat are welcome!) Proceeds will go to hospitality!

The Pancake Guys are ready for one more opportunity to “flip” for you! Sunday, May 15th will be a pancake breakfast! Come hungry! As always, your donations are accepted, but this event is open to all!

Mothers Day Memorial Flowers

You should have envelopes in your packs for donations for Mothers’ Day flowers, but if you don’t, envelopes will be available in the pews for your convenience!

WEDDING PHOTOS

We are looking for wedding photos (5 x 7 or 8 x 10) of couples that were married at Immaculate Conception to dress up the wall of the brides room in the back.

If you are willing to be a part of that wall please call the parish office @ 419-243-1829 or bring in or send a photo of your special day with your name and date of marriage on it. If you have parents or grandparents photos those are also welcome. It may or may not be framed.

We as a parish family, would like to express our deepest sympathy to the families of John Lynch, Mary Ann (O’Connell) Nopper and Ruthie Manning who passed away last week. Our thoughts and prayers are with you as you go through this tough time. We pray for them as they enter into eternal life with our loving and merciful God.

Did you know that when an engaged couple attends a retreat in preparation for marriage, the Appeal is at work? When a catechist receives training to teach religious education, the Appeal is at work. When a baby’s life is saved from abortion or a homeless person receives a warm meal, the Appeal is at work. These are examples of ministries at work every day throughout the Diocese of Toledo supported by your donations to the Annual Catholic Appeal. You know many of them—St. Francis Outreach Center, Helping Hands of St. Louis, La Posada Emergency Family Shelter, H.O.P.E. Food Pantry, Youth, Young Adult and Campus Ministry, and support for those men who have been called to the Priesthood.

It is your donations that make possible the continuation of these ministries. If you have already made a pledge to the Annual Catholic Appeal, thank you! If not, please take a moment to prayerfully consider a gift to the 2016 Annual Catholic Appeal. You will make a difference in the lives of the many touched within the Diocese of Toledo.

Have you thought about including the Annual Catholic Appeal in your will? It’s easy! Your bequest will create a lasting legacy which assures that our diocesan ministries will continue to make an impact in the lives of our Faith Family.
Dear Parishioners at Immaculate Conception Parish,

   We from the sixth grade class of Queen of Apostles School would like to thank you for participating in our fundraiser. Since the Andersons helped each one of us to participate five days at Camp Storer, we decided to have a fundraiser from “Great American Coupons” to raise money to “Pay It Forward” for someone in need of our help. Also, with a raffle at school we made $125.00 to add to our total amount.

   During our stay at Camp Storer, the Director of Camp Catch A Rainbow came to meet with us. Our presentation of a check for $1,375.00 was given to the needs of the children with cancer or those who are now in remission to participate in the joys, adventures and experiences of Camp!

   God bless each of you for being a great part of our fundraiser!

   Our prayers are for and with your special needs.

   YOU ARE OUR NUMBER ONE PARISH!

   WE LOVE YOU!

   Gratefully,

   Sister Frances Marie and Grade 6

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Safe Environment Regulations

If you’ve ever experienced any misconduct against you by parish staff or a priest contact Mr. Frank DiLallo @ 419-244-6711 Ext.122 at the Pastoral Center downtown.

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Immaculate Conception Outreach

Plastic bags, toiletries, cereal, aluminum foil, spaghetti sauce, peanut butter, tuna, canned fruits & vegetables, spaghetti o’s, non perishable items baby cereal, baby food & diapers (assorted sizes) Simalac & Enfamil formula, strollers, baby walkers, crib, toddler bed, air mattress, portable washer/dryer, blankets. Also looking for Children’s reading, activity, coloring, and learning books.

Household items and small appliances.

Needed are woman’s coats any size and woman’s Shoes in sizes 11 or 12.

URGENT NEED

Looking for some strong men to volunteer to help with loading at the food bank and unloading at the Outreach site once a month. Also need volunteers to help with bagging groceries on Tuesdays once a week. Call the Outreach office @ 419-243-1819 and talk to Maria or Terry.

THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU DO FOR OUR OUTREACH

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American Table Family Restaurant

3026 Glendale Ave

Please continue to patronize American Table Family restaurant. For every original receipt turned in, American Table will give back 10% to Immaculate Conception. You can drop them off at the parish office or put them in the collection basket.

Thank You!

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It is time to re-enroll in Kroger Community rewards for the coming year. Parish/family members may re-enroll at www.krogercommunity.rewards.com. Select Immaculate Conception or #60332. Rewards money will go to Outreach.

Thanks to all who are already involved.

If you need help registering call the parish office and we will be happy to help you register your card.
The Little Flower Church
Texas Hold’em Poker Tournament,

May 13th, at the church’s O’Grady Community Center, 5522 Dorr St at Olimphia Rd. Registration 6-6:45pm-Play starts at 7pm. Initial buy in is $25 for $1500 in chips with re-buys up to 9pm. Free food and drink to participants. Prize money based on number of players. Must be 18 or over to register.

Call Dick for more information at 419-536-5612