

Dear People of God,

Lent is upon us. It's a forty-day period of self-imposed penance, prayer, almsgiving, and good works in thanksgiving for the great gift of salvation offered to us by the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. As I mentioned last week, Lenten practices are a means of improving our loving disposition so we can live the Great Command. What acts of penance we undertake (beyond giving up chocolate for the forty days), what additional prayer we celebrate, what alms we share with the poor, what good works we add to those we ordinarily do are all signs of the depth of our faith and our love of the God who loves us to the point of sacrificing his son on our behalf. These actions are signs as well of our love of the Christ. If we fail to give serious thought to what we can do to say "thanks," do we then have the right to claim we're faithful disciples of Jesus?

Allow me to review the four areas of personal focus for the Lenten period:

Penance - acts or behaviors which counter the sinful behaviors we know exist in our lives. Most sins are habitual (they control us rather than we controlling them) so acts of penance might be developing new behavioral traits which lead us closer to perfection.

Prayer - the conversation with God which reveals our innermost self to the empowering touch of the Holy Spirit. Memorized standard prayers are ok but a real conversation (listening is part of the conversation by the way) can be a life changer.

Almsgiving - Alms is not spare change but a concerted effort to sacrifice from our need to assist those in greater need. It might be time, talent, or treasure.

Good Works - Deliberate actions to affect some moral or temporal good for ourselves and at the same time somebody else.

Remember that all of those four areas are meant to be founded on thanksgiving to God for the gift of salvation. That means they should be serious and not superficial. Electing to make any or all of the Lenten practices a part of your observance of Lent will bring you to a more joyous and meaningful celebration of Easter.



Mary Chris

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 at Historic St. Patrick @ 419-243-6452.

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. at IC every Sunday or by appointment.

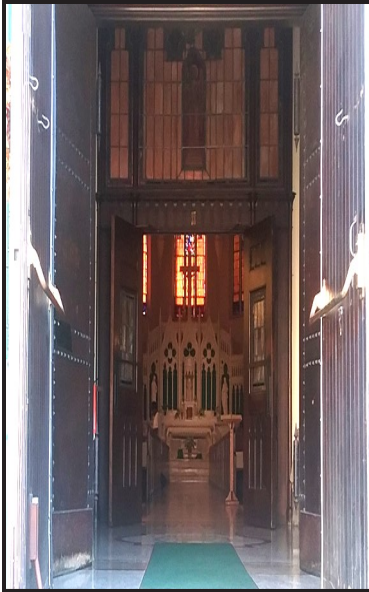
Matrimony: Anyone planning to be married must contact the parish at least six months in advance. The exact date and time of your wedding should not be determined until after consultation with a priest or deacon. If either party has previously been civilly or religiously married, the Presider is not permitted 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. 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.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION TOLEDO, OHIO

February 21, 2021

WELCOME TO IMMACULATE CONCEPTION



Welcome to Immaculate Conception where all are truly made a welcome part of our parish family whether in Ministry, Service or Leadership. Here, all are God's children, their dignity as God's own affirmed and celebrated. If you are interested in becoming a parishioner please call the parish office at 419-243-1829. Registration forms for new parishioners can be found on the visitor's stand in the back of church. Also available on line at www.iccatdarby.org

STEWARDSHIP REPORT July 1, 2020-June 30, 2021

LAST WEEK YEAR TO DATE

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| Goal | \$ 3,010.00 | \$ 99,330.00 |
| Sat. Env. | \$ 615.00 | \$ 18,884.00 |
| Sat. Loose | \$ 518.00 | \$ 10,547.96 |
| Sun. Env. | \$ 2,290.00 | \$ 30,017.75 |
| Sun. Loose | \$ 23.00 | \$ 5,855.07 |
| Actual | \$ 3,446.00 | \$ 65,304.78 |
| Over/(Under) | \$ 436.00 | \$(34,025.22) |
| Preservation | \$ | \$ 8,000.00 |
| General Repair | \$ 60.00 | \$ 1,130.00 |
| Candles | \$ | \$ 391.80 |
| Outreach | \$ 133.00 | \$ 3,824.17 |

CALENDAR February 20-28, 2021

Sat. 11:00 am Funeral for Rachael McHugh
3:30 pm Immaculate Conception Confessions
4:00 pm Immaculate Conception Mass
Fr. Chris

Intention: John Cassidy, Jr

Sun. 9:30 am Historic St. Patrick Confessions
10:00 am Historic St. Patrick Mass
Fr. Chris
10:30 am Immaculate Conception Confessions
11:00 am Immaculate Conception Mass
Fr. Rudi

Intention: John Droney

Tues. 9:00 am Immaculate Conception Weekday Mass
Fr. Chris

Wed. 5:30 pm Historic St. Patrick Weekday Mass
Fr. Chris

Fri. 12:00 pm HSP Stations of the Cross
2:30 pm IC Stations of the Cross

Sat. 10:00 am Reverse Raffle Committee Meeting
3:30 pm Immaculate Conception Confessions
4:00 pm Immaculate Conception Mass
Fr. Chris

Intention: Steve Crabtree

Sun. 9:30 am Historic St. Patrick Confessions
10:00 am Historic St. Patrick Mass
Fr. Rudi
10:30 am Immaculate Conception Confessions
11:00 am Immaculate Conception Mass
Fr. Chris

Intention: Donald Grey

We continue to update/add to our parish data base. Even if you think we have your correct information, please fill out the information below and put it in the offering basket or you can e-mail it to Amy at toldarbyicc73@aol.com

Name _____ Phone # _____

Address _____ E-mail _____

Birthday _____ Anniversary _____



WELCOME TO IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH

"THE DARBY"



Happy Birthday!

2/22 Joe Westmeyer
2/22 Guadalupe Zarate
2/27 Angelo Cervantes

The guidelines for Lent are the same: Fasting (one main meal with two smaller meals) happens on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Abstinence (no meat) happens every Friday and Ash Wednesday. These small sacrifices bring us closer to sharing in Our Lord's great sacrifice for us!

Three Lenten focuses: Prayer, fasting, and almsgiving! We've heard that before, right? We have so many opportunities to live these Lenten goals. We have our black books, our rice bowls, our gathering for mass. Let us walk together through Lent to the joy of Easter and the Resurrection!

We as a parish family, would like to express our deepest sympathy to the family of Rachael McHugh for the loss of their loved one. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family as they go through this tough time. We pray for Rachael as she enters into eternal life with our loving and merciful God.

Let's pray for our parishioners and families going through health issues and surgeries! We pray that Our Lord's healing love will bring them back to good health soon.

Minister/Lector Schedule

February 20-21, 2021
First Sunday of Lent

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| 1st Reading: | Genesis 9:8-15 |
| Responsorial Psalm | Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant. |
| 2nd Reading: | 1 Peter 3:18-22 |
| Gospel Reading: | Mark 1:12-15 |
| Lector | John Madigan (Saturday) Mike Young (Sunday) |
| Eucharistic Minister | Mary Jo Pilcher (Saturday) Emily Young (Sunday) |

February 27-28, 2021
Second Sunday of Lent

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| 1st Reading: | Genesis 22:1-2,9a,10-13, 15-18 |
| Responsorial Psalm | I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living. |
| 2nd Reading: | Romans 8:31b-34 |
| Gospel Reading: | Mark 9:2-10 |
| Lector | Becky Crabtree (Saturday) Kerry Gibson (Sunday) |
| Eucharistic Minister | Mary Jo Robinson (Saturday) Louann Meagher (Sunday) |



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS



OUTREACH CENTER

For donation drop off only

Tuesdays 10:00 am -1:00 pm

**Pantry
Wednesdays 10:00 am—1:00 pm**

At this time, Outreach cannot use ANY clothing donations! Since clients are not permitted into the building, we will not be giving out anything but requested items until Spring, when items can be placed outside. Thanks for your understanding.

| <u>OUTREACH</u> | <u>LAST WEEK</u> | <u>YTD</u> |
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| Families served | 26 | 1,127 |

Pray For Those Serving Our Country

: Capt. Joseph Andrew Garcia, Marines
 : Capt. Brian Wood, Army
 : STGSN Joshua J. Teneyck
 : St. Sgt. Tom, Army
 : MSGT Chuck Hindbaugh, Army
 : Major Jeremy A. Schiel, Army
 : Major Ryan A Schiel, Army
 : SSG Acea Hindbaugh, Army
 : SN Trevor Smith, Navy
 : SGT Monique Losoya, Army
 : PRVT Elijah Hindbaugh, Army
 : Vincent Carraccio, Army Reserves



Sanctuary Lamp

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| February 21 | (available) |
| February 28 | (available) |
| March 7 | Dorothy Young Helen Steinmetz |
| March 14 | (available) |



Altar Flowers

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| February 21 | not available |
| February 28 | not available |
| March 7 | not available |
| March 14 | not available |



Countless lives are touched by every contribution to the 2021 Annual Catholic Appeal. Children, seminary students, the sick and aged, the needy—they all depend on our generosity. Faith, hope and love come alive through the Annual Catholic Appeal, making our faith community a place Where Charity & Love Prevail. Thank you for pledging today to help meet our parish goal of \$7,032.00 and assure the continuation of these programs and services. For more information on ministries funded by the appeal visit <https://www.acatoleado.org/>

Together Let Us Pray

Joyce Mason, Jan Schiel, Francisco Villagomez, Janet Madigan, Elaine Wojciechowski, Fred Garcia Sr., Terry Byersmith, Anna Rose Dunn, Mary Jane Anderson, Bill Kistner, Loretta Schrader, Kay McHugh, Georgeanne Hobson, Jean Voegeli, Robert Ochoa, Eric Stallkamp, Tom and Teri Wagner, Sr. Patricia Snyder, Dave Vrooman, Sharon Steele, Lupe Contreras, Georgeann O'Connell, Nacho Tagle, Dave Wehrmeister, Judy Hindbaugh, Pam and Jim Clark, Terrance Mohler Family, Dominic and Mandy Mendoza, Louis Escobar Family, Ron Brewer, Amy Meagher, Estella Rosales, Diane Hernandez, Donna Haymer, Dion Perry, Connie Fonseca, Chris Valesquez, Romy Fonseca, Gizzie Fonseca, Billy Fonseca, Mary Bodie

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WATCH

THE WILD GOOSE: EPISODE 10 THE SPIRIT AND THE DESERT

Sometimes we might feel like we're stuck in spiritual deserts. In this episode of The Wild Goose, Fr. Dave Pivonka shares how the Holy Spirit is present even in these times of desolation.



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LEARN

LISTEN

LOVE, SACRIFICE, TRUST: HE SHOWED US THE WAY BY FR. MIKE SCHMITZ

In this talk, Fr. Mike Schmitz shares with us the need to pick up our crosses and embrace Christ in our own suffering. He reminds us that love often means sacrifice!



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