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V. The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary.

R. And she conceived of the Holy Spirit.

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*Hail Mary,
full of grace.
The Lord is with thee.*

Dear People of God,

Every now and again I'm asked about issues that don't appear in homilies the way they did in the good old days, hell and sin for instance, or other topics which are current but not often mentioned from the pulpit, abortion and violence for instance. As I've said before, the homily is supposed to reflect the readings and these don't often touch on issues which were central to the good old days. So I'll dedicate the next several letters to comment on some of those hot button items with a couple of other topical issues added here and there along the way.

Here's a topical item: *Living Christ*. The diocesan-wide capital campaign is currently in phase two, we're part of it and will be actively soliciting your generosity through the end of the liturgical year. The Campaign is focused on establishing a number of endowments which will provide ongoing funding for many of the ministries which the Diocese wants to provide for all of us. I've mentioned them in previous letters so won't repeat myself today; however, I want to provide an update for all of us so we can, in a sense, pat ourselves on the back for the great effort put forth so far. As of last Thursday (the weekly reporting deadline) when the first part of the in-parish campaign informally ended, the diocese had pledged or donated 70% of the goal of \$65,000,000. Here at the parish we've pledged or donated 48% of our goal of \$145,000.00. Reaching our diocesan goal will enable us to keep \$50,750.00 here in the parish to be channeled toward much needed work projects. I offer thanks to all who have brought us to this point and challenge everyone to make a sacrificial offering at whatever level you might in prayer decide is adequate to your means.

Now for a quick look at hell. Hell is real but we shouldn't think of it so much as a place as a condition of being deprived forever of the goodness of God. Think what that means in the practical sense of what we already know of God's goodness. His first act of good for you and me was the effects of the words: *let there be light*. Thus hell is a condition of being in which there is no light, just eternal, impenetrable darkness. And if there's no light, there's no sun or moon or stars, no clouds or sky nor rain or solid earth on which to stand. There's no pumpkin spice latte because there's no pumpkin patch or spice plants. Nor is there water or milk for that latte. There's nothing from the created order because all that is has been created by God for goodness. Hell is a vast nothingness: no sight or sound, an emptiness of the soul, of the self and of all that surrounds anyone who is foolish enough to "go to hell." Perhaps our fear of the dark is a God-given sense to fear hell and all it stands for.

Given the goodness and love of God for us, hell is a difficult concept to apply to our relationship to the Father. This idea of "darkness" starts our contemplation of hell which will be further addressed in a future letter.

Fr Chris



**Living
Christ**
...
Diocese of Toledo

The Celebration of Sacraments

Infant Baptism: The Sacrament of Baptism is regularly celebrated 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.

Hello!



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. You can also find registration forms for new parishioners on the visitor's stand at the back of the church or online at www.iccatdarby.org. We hope to see you again soon!

Immaculate Conception

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CALENDAR

November 26-December 4, 2022

Sat. 3:30 pm Immaculate Conception Confessions
 4:00 pm Immaculate Conception Mass
 Msgr. Chris
Intentions: Harvey & Alexina Parker


Sun. 8:00 am Historic St. Patrick Mass
 9:30 am Historic St. Patrick Confessions
 10:00 am Historic St. Patrick Mass
 10:30 am Immaculate Conception Confessions
 11:00 am Immaculate Conception Mass
 Fr. Rudi
Intention: Hilde Wilson

Tue. 9:10 am IC Weekday Mass

Wed. 5:30 pm HSP Weekday Mass

Sat. 3:30 pm Immaculate Conception Confessions
 4:00 pm Immaculate Conception Mass
 Fr. Ed Littlemann
Intentions: Jason & Margie Brinkman

Sun. 8:00 am Historic St. Patrick Mass
 9:30 am Historic St. Patrick Confessions
 10:00 am Historic St. Patrick Mass
 10:30 am Immaculate Conception Confessions
 11:00 am Immaculate Conception Mass
 Fr. Rudi
Intention: Ignacio "Nacho" Tagle



Upcoming Events

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| Dec. 3 & 4 | Advent Confessions |
| Dec. 6 | NO Mass |
| Dec. 8 | Feast of the Immaculate Conception, Mass @ 9 am & 5:30 pm |
| Dec. 11 | Homecoming |
| Dec. 17 & 18 | Anointing |



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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 drop off at the office.

Name _____ Phone # _____

Address _____ E-mail _____

Birthday _____ Anniversary _____



WELCOME TO IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH
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Happy Birthday!

11/27	Hildegard Wilson
11/28	Terry Cook Jessica Gonzalez
11/29	Cindy Morrin
11/30	Jon Decair Joyce Scarbrough
12/1	Mary Flores Taylor Knopp Loyal Williams
12/2	Isaiah Greener Peggy Reilly



Happy Anniversary!

11/28	Scott & Marcia Phillips 41 years
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PRAY FOR THOSE SERVING OUR COUNTRY

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 Capt. Brian Wood, Army
 STGSN Joshua J. Teneyck
 Major Jeremy A. Schiel, Army
 Major Ryan A Schiel, Army
 SSG Acea Hindbaugh, Army
 SN Trevor Smith, Navy
 SGT Monique Losoya, Army
 SPC Elijah Hindbaugh, Army
 Vincent Caraccio, Army Reserves
 1SG Charles Hindbaugh, II
 SSG Joseph Malagon
 SGT Jasmine Hindbaugh
 LCPL Carlos Negrin III, Marines
 AO Alicia Negrin, Navy
 PVT Damian Cutchner



Together Let Us Pray

Deacon Tom, Francisco Villagomez, Sue Rufenacht, Buddy Carter, Doris Margaret Widmer, Mike Boyle, Estella Rosales, Johnny Pauls, Family of Janet Mosqueda, Joseph Kappouta, Tim Huebner, Troy Huebner, Tia Frazier, Tanae Gregory, Tre’ Gregory, Terrence Gregory, Tevin Gregory, Robert Gregory, Chris Huebner, Terry Huebner, Ashley Huebner, Dale Klar, Robert & Carmen Martinez, Rose Garcia, Lola Garcia-Tomachek, Frank Garcia, Riley Faith, Donna J., Michael Rosales, Joseph Flores, Kathy & Mireya Santiago, Ryan & Anita Cooley, Anita Ybarra, Ashley Beers, Michael P. Sheehy, Christina, Sandra K. Sheehy, Rylee Faith, Lynn Fisher

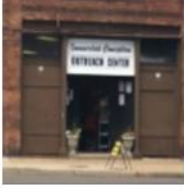

STEWARDSHIP REPORT
July 1, 2022- June 30, 2023

	<u>LAST WEEK</u>	<u>YEAR TO DATE</u>
Goal	\$ 2,020.00	\$ 105,000.00
Sat. Loose	\$	\$ 5,948.32
Sat. Env.	\$ Due to the holiday	\$ 13,623.00
Sun. Loose	\$ and bulletin	\$ 5,277.25
Sun. Env.	\$ deadlines the	\$ 18,142.25
Actual	\$ stewardship report	\$ 43,172.82
Over/(Under)	\$ will be updated in the next bulletin.	\$ (61,827.18)
Preservation	\$	\$ 5,000.00
General Repair	\$ Thank you for your	\$ 818.00
Candles	\$ understanding!	\$ 347.00
Outreach	\$	\$ 6,385.00
Thanksgiving	\$	\$

OUTREACH CENTER

Tuesdays 9:00 am - 11:30 pm
 *For donation drop off only

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

	<u>LAST WEEK</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Families served	63	914

Donations needed: men’s clothing, hats, gloves, mittens, new or slightly used winter coats (all sizes),

***Outreach will be closed Nov. 22 & 23 in observance of Thanksgiving**



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH SCHEDULE & ANNOUNCEMENTS



Minister/Lector Schedule

November 26-27, 2022 First Sunday of Advent	
1st Reading	Isaiah 2: 1-5
2nd Reading	Romans 13: 11-14
Gospel Reading	Matthew 24: 37-44
Lector	Saturday: Dan Streeter Sunday: Larry Widmer
Eucharistic Ministers	Saturday: Mary Jo Robinson John Madigan Sunday: Tom Meagher Louann Meagher
Children's Liturgy	Marcia Phillips

December 3-4, 2022 Second Sunday of Advent	
1st Reading	Isaiah 11: 1-10
2nd Reading	Romans 15: 4-9
Gospel Reading	Matthew 3: 1-12
Lector	Saturday: Mary Jo Pilcher Sunday: Guadalupe Zarate
Eucharistic Ministers	Saturday: Mary Jo Robinson Michele Miller Sunday: Barb Marquis Marie Irons
Children's Liturgy	Judy Westmeyer

Sanctuary Lamp



November 27 (available)
December 4 (available)
December 11 (available)

Altar Flowers



November 27 (available)
December 4 (available)
December 11 (available)



We are now meeting for CCD on Tuesday evenings at 6:00 in the church. If you know of anyone that may need instruction before receiving the sacraments is welcome to join. Call the office, or see Mary Jo after one of the weekend Masses.



We also are preparing adults for sacraments in RCIA. If you have some interest in our Catholic faith, and would like to learn more, please call the office for more information.

Eucharistic Ministers & Lectors

The schedule for Jan.-March is going to begin being worked on. Please inform Louann or Nicole **before Dec.11** if there are dates that you will not be available during those months. A sheet will be in the Chapel for you to write it down. You may also call Louann at (419) 277-2650, if she doesn't answer leave a message. Feel free to call the office and leave a message.



Advent booklets and kids Advent calendars are in the pews front and back. Our time of waiting for the birth of our Savior is commemorated during these 4 weeks before Christmas. It really is a good thing to remember the true meaning of Christmas and keep Christ in Christmas!



The Giving Tree for Outreach families Christmas gifts will be appearing soon. Remember, if you take a tag, register which one you took in the notebook on the rail with your name, phone number, and number on the tag. Gifts are to be returned, wrapped, with tag attached by Dec. 17/18 **or before**. Thanks so much for your generosity!



When you shop at AmazonSmile, Amazon will donate to Immaculate Conception Church. Support us every time you shop! Use the link below or search for us while on Amazon.

<https://smile.amazon.com/ch/34-4455667>



Envelopes for Christmas flowers in memory of loved ones are available in the pews.



Please keep Deacon Tom in your thoughts and prayers!



We are looking for a proactive, efficient, part-time church custodian. The custodian will ensure that all areas of the church are clean and ready for other staff members and the congregation to use. The custodian will be responsible for minor repairs, vacuuming/sweeping/scrubbing floors, cleaning, sanitizing, restocking items, lawn maintenance, snow removal, and event preparation.

To be a successful custodian, they must be able to lift 50 lbs, successfully pass a background check, and be observant, respectful, motivated, and committed to providing church members, visitors, and staff with a clean, orderly place to worship and congregate.

For a more detailed list of responsibilities and requirements or to submit your resume, please email Nicole at nicole@iccatdarby.org.



Parish Office Hours
Mon.– Fri. 8 - 3:30

*Please call the office before stopping in. Thank you!

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Immaculate Conception is pleased to provide a free opportunity for parishioner, their families, and friends. If you haven't signed up, here's the information.

To subscribe:

1. Go to <https://signup.formed.org/>
2. Enter parish zip code: 43604 (Historic St. Patrick)
3. Enter your name and email address
You're in!

After you signup, download the FORMED app by searching "FORMED Catholic" in your app store.



Living Christ

Diocese of Toledo

WE NEED YOUR PARTICIPATION

Since August of this year, Immaculate Conception Parish has been actively participating in the *Living Christ* Campaign. This diocesan-wide campaign will raise significant resources to enhance our ministries and to create endowments that will support our clergy, Catholic charitable outreach, youth, and young adult ministry, lay leadership initiatives, and Holy Rosary Cathedral. This historic campaign will empower the people and parishes of the Diocese of Toledo to foster holy families, holy vocations, and holy disciples.

Here at Immaculate Conception Parish, our 35% parish share will be used to develop and improve our parking lot, maintain the beauty of our glass windows, and make our parish more ADA accessible.

We currently have the opportunity to pass on the blessings we have received as members of this wonderful parish. Just as God blessed previous generations of parishioners with the ability to give generously, so we have been blessed to give the most that we can. This is our chance to participate in the generosity that God has shown us. It is an opportunity to pass on the blessings you have received, to bless future generations.

With prayer leading our way, there are three additional items that will make our campaign a success.

1. Participation:

We need every family in Immaculate Conception Parish to participate. Our goal is \$145,000...every gift counts and each gift matters. We will be successful in this journey of faith only if we all embrace this campaign and make it our own.

2. Pledges:

Gifts and pledges to the *Living Christ* Campaign may be paid over a five-year period to allow everyone in our parish family to participate as fully as possible. This flexibility will help us accommodate individual circumstances so that everyone can prayerfully consider making a substantial and sacrificial gift.

3. Personal Sacrifice:

We invite you to participate in this capital campaign in thanksgiving for the blessings God has bestowed upon Immaculate Conception Parish. Again, your participation is crucial...every gift counts and each gift matters. This campaign is our opportunity to be generous as God has been generous to us.

HOW TO TURN YOUR SACRIFICIAL PLEDGE?

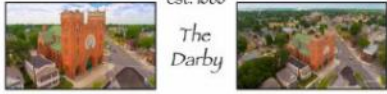
1. Return your pledge form to the offertory basket during Mass.
2. Drop your pledge form to the Parish Office.

"Yet all good things together came to me in her company,
and countless riches at her hands." Wis 7:11





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The
Darby

Homecoming

**Join us for The Darby
Homecoming Mass and
celebration on
Sunday, December 11, 2022
at 11 am.**

**Reception and fellowship following
Mass.**

Feel free to bring an appetizer or dessert to share.

THIS WEEK ON FORMED

Week of November 27, 2022



Adventus: A Spiritual Pilgrimage

This Advent, make a spiritual pilgrimage to the Holy Land. Uncover the beauty of the place where Christ was born, preparing your heart for Christ's coming so you can enter more deeply into this season.



Advent through the Centuries

Dr. Bronwen McShea, an Associate Professor at the Augustine Institute, shares an exciting and thorough presentation on the celebration of Advent throughout the centuries.



Making Advent Great for Kids

Advent is a time where we seek to grow in intimacy and relationship with the Lord. But this does not have to only be for adults! Join Dr. Tim Gray and Paul McCusker as they discuss different ways you can make Advent great for your kids.

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ADVENT LESSONS *and* CAROLS



Ponder the wonder and beauty of the Incarnation through an evening of sacred music, Scripture, and prayer.

December 3rd at 7:30pm, St. Michael Parish
312 N Broad Street, Kalida, OH 45853

December 4th at 3:00pm, St. Mary Parish
414 Madison Street, Decatur, IN 46733

December 10th at 7:00pm, St. Vincent de Paul Parish
1502 E. Wallen Road, Fort Wayne, IN 46825

December 11th at 4:00pm, Monastery of the Visitation
Followed by Evening Prayer with the sisters at 5pm
1745 Parkside Blvd, Toledo, OH 43607

ALL EVENTS ARE FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

FREE HEALTH CLINIC

The Community Care Free Medical Clinic



To protect the staff, the staff will wear full personal protective equipment. We ask that all patients wear facemasks and maintain social distancing.

Volunteer doctors, nurses, pharmacists, translators, and church personnel provide all of the medical care and free medications. In addition, the newly minted medical doctors from the University of Toledo College of Medicine will also be providing their services. We ask that patients bring their medication bottles and wear facemasks along with maintaining safe social distancing.

For more information, patients or those in the community looking to help can contact us at 419-482-8127 or find us online at utcommunitycare.org

New Free Clinic Schedule

**Cedar Creek Church
West Toledo Campus**
2600 W. Sylvania Ave.
Every Tuesday
5:30 pm – 9:00 pm

**All patients
registered within
the first 2 hours
of each clinic will
be seen.**

**Cedar Creek Church
South Toledo Campus**
2150 S. Byrne Rd.
Every Thursday
5:30 pm – 9:00 pm
Every Saturday
10:00 a.m. – 2:00 pm

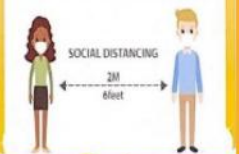
Labre Street Clinic

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CCFMC will continue working with St. John's Jesuit, St. Ursula Academy, and Catholic Charities to provide free medical care to the low income and homeless through the **Labre Street Clinic every Monday evening (except Level 3 snow emergencies):**
5:30pm-8:30pm at 235 Courtland Ave.
In the parking lot behind Queen of Apostles School

6:30pm – 7:30pm
In the parking lot of St. Louis Helping Hands 443 Sixth Street.
A permanent hand washing station will also be set up at this location.



Diocese of Toledo Prayer for Vocations

Almighty God, make me an instrument to encourage others to give of themselves and challenge me to do the same. Inspire men and women to respond generously to your call to service and leadership in your church as priests, consecrated religious and deacons. Amen

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