

ASH WEDNESDAY

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ALL ARE WELCOME! A MEMBER OF BLESSED TERESA OF CALCUTTA DEANERY

A Clean
Heart
Create
For Me,
GOD;
Renew
Within Me
A Steadfast
Spirit.

Psalm 51:12

Dear People of God,

This week will begin the formal celebration of Lent so I'm again interrupting my series on Dante's description of the levels of hell to take a look at a medicinal gift given by God to prevent our ever having to actually see if Dante was right.

Lent is the only Penitential season still celebrated during the Liturgical Year; its directives and practices are meant to be a kind of spiritual prescription against the ills of the mind and soul which lead to sin and perhaps to the down escalator. The directives are simple: Fast and abstain on the days appointed; offer extra periods of prayer and reflection; perform acts of kindness and sacrifice for those who have less. The practices are the ways and means of fulfilling the directives.

The general rule for fasting and abstaining means that on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, we reduce the intake of food by about a third. For some of us that may mean giving up late night snacks, for others perhaps a mid-day meal but the idea is to deliberately give up some food items and offer that amount of food for the needs of the poor. As a spiritual exercise, fasting is an opportunity to replace eating with some other prayerful exercise, perhaps watching an episode of CHOSEN or tuning in to one of the thousands of great offerings on FORMED, or attending the Stations of the Cross here at the parish or somewhere which might be more convenient to work or home.

Abstaining means deliberately doing without something. As a directive it means not eating meat on the Fridays of Lent and on Ash Wednesday. As a spiritual exercise it means that famous resolution to sacrifice something we enjoy during the entire Lenten period of forty days. While many will sacrifice chocolate, that's not the real intention. Abstinence was developed as a means of supporting a large population of laborers and their families by undertaking the directive to not eat meat. The idea was to eat seafood, an industry in much of the world that was being neglected by the people who had discovered filet mignon. As a spiritual exercise we might want to consider sacrificing something by substituting for it another thing that will help some suffering industry. If we do "give up chocolate," what comparable food item should we then begin consuming to help a struggling sector of the economy? The answer requires us to do some serious research just to find a struggling sector. A year or two ago we might have decided to give up a meal at our own table to support one of many restaurants that were failing because of the Corona virus. Today finding a suitable sector could make for a real Lenten practice.

Above all, Lent is a time to hone our skills at praying, to move away from rote prayer to serious discussions with our God and that means listening as much as it does talking. Quieting our mind so that we're not distracted by the cares and worries of the day in order to open ourselves to the gentle whisper of God is really difficult but well worth the try. The great mystics all discovered that real prayer became much more powerful when they began by listening. Make the most of the opportunities presented by Lent.

Fr Chris



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 the church @ 419-243-1829.

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
February 18-26, 2023**

Sat. 3:30 pm Immaculate Conception Confessions
4:00 pm Immaculate Conception Mass
Msgr. Chris
Intention: Thomas Hernandez

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
Msgr. Chris
Intention: Donald Leck

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
Msgr. Chris
Intention: Harvey Parker Jr.

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
Msgr. Chris
Intention: Patricia Geiner



Upcoming Events

Feb. 22 Ash Wednesday Masses: 9:10 am & 5:30 pm

Feb. 26 First Sunday of Lent
Children's Liturgy resumes
Reverse Raffle ticket money due



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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

"THE DARBY"



Happy Birthday!

2/20 Donald Young
2/21 Marcia Phillips
2/22 Joseph Winter
Guadalupe Zarate



Happy Anniversary!

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 Cutcher

Together Let Us Pray

Deacon Tom, Estella Rosales, James Laberde, Luis Laberde,
Donna J., Michael Rosales, Joseph Flores, Anita Ybarra, Ashley Beers,
Kathy & Mireya Santiago, Ryan & Anita Cooley, Christina, Lynn Fisher,
Michael P. Sheehy, Sandra K. Sheehy, Marta Mata, Terry L. Byersmith,
Mary Bodie, Kodie Paxton, Jan Hurton, Theresa, Pete Byersmith,
Brandy Maples, Janet Mosqueda RIP, Troy Johnson, Lupe Fonseca,
Wendy Wehrmeister, Jane Fonseca, Donna Haynes, Connie Fonseca,
Linda Garcia, Helen Yglesias, Mary Mantey,
Annette Poulson, Annette Gaffney & son,
Jeanette Gaffney-Puckef, John Gaffney & son,
Mrs. John Parker Gaffney, Jeff V. Shlieman,
Rev. Father Sam Saraja & family



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	\$ 117.00	\$ 10,234.32
Sat. Env.	\$ 575.00	\$ 22,381.00
Sun. Loose	\$ 286.00	\$ 10,467.66
Sun. Env.	\$ 665.00	\$ 29,278.88
Actual	\$ 1,643.00	\$ 72,361.86
Over/(Under)	\$ (377.00)	\$ (32,638.14)
Preservation	\$	\$ 10,000.00
General Repair	\$ 117.00	\$ 1,383.00
Candles	\$ 13.00	\$ 523.57
Outreach	\$ 1,096.00	



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	43	1,411

Donations needed: cleaning products, hygiene products, diapers (size 4, 5 & 6)

Please NO WINTER clothing at this time



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH SCHEDULE & ANNOUNCEMENTS



Minister/Lector Schedule

February 18-19, 2023
Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading	Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18
2nd Reading	1 Corinthians 3:16-23
Gospel Reading	Matthew 5:38-48
Lector	Saturday: Becky Crabtree Sunday: Bill Carroll
Eucharistic Ministers	Saturday: Mary Jo Pilcher John Madigan Sunday: Cathy Carroll Monica Phillips

Children's Liturgy will return Sunday, Feb.26th!

February 25-26, 2023
First Sunday of Lent

1st Reading	Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7
2nd Reading	Romans 5:12-19
Gospel Reading	Matthew 4:1-11
Lector	Saturday: Dan Streeter Sunday: Kerry Gibson
Eucharistic Ministers	Saturday: Beck Crabtree Georgeanna O'Connell Sunday: Brenda Degener Dave Degener

Children's Liturgy is back!

Sanctuary Lamp



February 19 (available)
February 26 (available)
March 5 Dorothy Young, Michelle Young & Helen Steinmetz

Altar Flowers

February 19 (available)
February 26 (available)
March 5 (available)



We all want to get to heaven, right?! The thought of dying is sort of hard to deal with. Our Lenten series topic is "Eternal Rest- the Art of Dying Well".

Join us, if you will, for the 4 sessions of this topic. We will begin on Friday, Feb. 24th at 12:30 with a light lunch, then discussion and video, and will pray the Stations of the Cross around 2 pm. Some weeks, the school will participate in praying the stations, other weeks, it will be us.

Please come join us!



On Sunday we celebrate the Baptism of some of our CCD students at the 11:00 Mass! Keep them in your prayers as they continue their journey through the sacraments.

Congratulations:

Annabella Swartzlander

Fernando Martinez

Anthony Hernandez

Angelo Swartzlander

It's Reverse Raffle time!

Mark your calendars for Thursday, March 9th at 6 pm at Gesu Sullivan Center.

-If you haven't already, be sure to purchase your ticket by Sunday, February 26th.

-Are you interested in putting an ad in the Reverse Raffle program? Interested in making a monetary, wine or gift card donation? Contact Louann or the office.

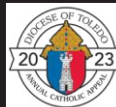
-Side boards are for sale! Be sure to claim your spot before they are gone!



Did we mention dessert donations for the Reverse Raffle? If you are attending, you could bring a dessert with you. If not, let Mary Jo know, and I will pick it up on that day, Thurs. Mar. 9th.
THANK YOU AGAIN!



CCD class will now be meeting
EVERY Tuesday at 6 pm.



Countless lives are touched by every contribution to the Annual Catholic Appeal themed This Is The Day.

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. Thank you for pledging today to help meet our parish goal and assure the continuation of these programs and services. For more information on ministries funded by the appeal, visit acatoledo.org. Thank you!



Hospitality attendance has been growing! Thanks for the many delicious donations to our "brunch", and for your monetary donations also!



Thank you, for your generous response to the Baby Bottle campaign for Heartbeat!

We have the best folks in the world!



The front doors are finally being completed. The plan is to have the door on the right of the main doors, when entering, in working order for front door access. Thank you for your patience!



We are looking for a proactive, efficient, part-time church custodian. For a more detailed list of responsibilities and requirements or to submit your resume, please email Nicole at nicole@iccatdarby.org.



Health News for February 19, 2023



Keep Your Eyes Healthy: Take care of your health. Protecting your overall health can go a long way toward keeping your eyes healthy! It's important to make healthy choices and take good care of yourself. Keep in mind that healthy habits like eating well and being active can lower your risk for diseases and conditions that can lead to eye or vision problems, like diabetes or high blood pressure.

Follow these tips for healthy vision:

- Eat healthy foods. Be sure to have plenty of dark, leafy greens like spinach, kale, and collard greens. Eating fish that are high in omega-3 fatty acids — like salmon, tuna, and halibut — is good for your eyes, too.
- Get active. Being physically active helps you stay healthy. It can also lower your risk of health conditions that can cause eye health or vision problems — like diabetes, high blood pressure, and high cholesterol.
- Quit smoking. Smoking isn't just bad for your lungs — it can hurt your eyes, too! Smoking increases your risk of diseases like macular degeneration and cataracts — and it can harm the optic nerve. If you're ready to quit, call 1-800-QUIT-NOW (1-800-784-8669) for free support.

Source: National Eye Institute

Parish Nurse Ministry of Central Toledo: Kathy Jeffery, RN, 419-242-1598

FORMED FAITH AT HOME

Immaculate Conception is pleased to provide a free opportunity for parishioners, 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.



Parish Office Hours

Mon. – Fri. 8 - 3:30

***The office will be closed on Monday, February 20, 2023 in observance of Presidents' Day.**



**Immaculate Conception and
The Historic Church of St Patrick
2023 LENTEN SCHEDULE**



ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES—February 22

7:00 am Prayer Service w/ Distribution of Ashes @ HSP
9:10 am Mass w/ Distribution of Ashes @ IC
12 Noon Prayer Service w/ Distribution of Ashes @ HSP
5:30 pm Mass w/Distribution of Ashes @ IC
5:30 pm Mass w/Distribution of Ashes @ HSP

ALL ARE WELCOME!

LENTEN DAILY MASSES

9:10 am **Tuesday** Mass @ Immaculate Conception
5:30 pm **Wednesday** Mass @ Historic St. Patrick

**FRIDAY STATIONS OF THE CROSS
(during Lent)**

12:00 pm @ Historic St. Patrick followed with Soup & Bread
2:25 pm @ Immaculate Conception Stations of the Cross

HSP & IC PENANCE SERVICE

Saturday, March 18—4:00 pm—Immaculate Conception
Sunday March 19—11:00 am—Immaculate Conception

Sunday, March 19—10:00 am—Historic St. Patrick

HSP & IC ANOINTING

Saturday, March 25—4:00 pm—Immaculate Conception
Sunday March 26—11:00 am—Immaculate Conception

Sunday, March 26—10:00 am—Historic St. Patrick

Catholic Sisters Week 2023 | March 8-14

FOOD DRIVE

Friday, March 10 | 6 am - 6 pm

Walt Churchill's Market

3320 Briarfield Blvd., Maumee, OH 43537

All proceeds will benefit the Toledo SeaGate Food Bank



URGENT ITEMS NEEDED:

**CANNED FRUIT &
VEGETABLES, CANNED
TUNA, CANNED MEAT,
PEANUT BUTTER, JELLY,
RICE, BEANS, SEASONINGS**

The women religious congregations invite you to come together during Catholic Sisters Week to join the movement to help end hunger.

Let's make a difference together!

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Week of February 19, 2023



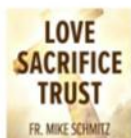
Whole 40: Making a Spiritual Plan for Lent

Sit down with Dr. Ben Akers and Dr. Elizabeth Klein to discuss the purpose of the season of Lent, how to prepare for it, and why it is such a fruitful season in our life of faith.



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.



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!

FREE HEALTH CLINIC

**The
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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

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5:30pm-6:30pm 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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