

LENT

40 DAYS

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

Prayer

Fasting

Almsgiving

Dear People of God,

It seems a long time ago that I began a series on a topic someone said needed more attention from the Church: hell. Hell is real and is the eternal destination for those who sin gravely against God and God's creation. It is the deprivation of all that is good, a severe, lonely, arid waste. Again, it's real and over the centuries many have attempted to glean some sense of what all that means. For many ancient civilizations the underworld was dark, filled with monsters eager to devour anyone foolish enough to go there. Among the more famous authors who delved into the topic was Dante Alighieri, the Italian poet/author whose work *The Divine Comedy* includes a lengthy section devoted to the levels of hell to which particular sinners are destined by those sins.

After introducing the idea of Limbo, the following levels all deal with actions which go beyond ordinary human behavior, sins of excess and self-absorption. We've looked at the first levels in previous letters (Lust, Gluttony and Greed) so let's descend now to level five which is reserved for Wrath.

As with the previous levels, this one is marked by both commission (hateful angry acts) and omission (harboring hateful, angry thoughts). Dante uses the old Roman notion of the river Styx which formed the barrier between life and death in Roman mythology. However, for Dante the river is shallow, slimy and foul. Those who hated and gave in to anger in life struggle at the surface of this morass to endlessly wrangle with one another in an eternal pointless battle without purpose or limit. Dante again names a few names of people whose temper got the best of them in life and are now destined to deal with that temper forever. At this level it is hopelessness which is the burning flame that perpetually afflicts the doomed sinner.

Of course, the slime can accommodate those who harbored evil thoughts but never acted on them (omission): they can be found deep in the sloppy goop of the Styx, unable to move or function. These sinners are held captive by their inability to surface the interior anger that wraps them completely. Not only is this crowd hopeless, having no means of escaping the condition for which they are being punished, but the inner forces of their sins constantly threaten to consume them. Anger that eats away at the soul is the sin which leads to this state.

Lust, Gluttony, Greed and Wrath are all behaviors which, as Dante repeatedly states, are taking the good and making it evil by hoarding it to oneself at an extreme level. He will now enter into a different realm of the circles of hell, sins which are not ordinary human behaviors. He believes these are far more difficult to commit and are therefore far more harmful to the sinner and the society in which these sins are committed. In fact, the lower levels are separated from the ones we've seen so far because the sins and the punishments are themselves extraordinary. We'll look at them as we continue our descent into the pits of hell.

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 25– March 5, 2023**

Sat. 3:30 pm Immaculate Conception Confessions
4:00 pm Immaculate Conception Mass
Msgr. Chris
Intention: Harvey Parker Jr. & Luis Alberto Silva Gaona

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

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: Janice Winkle

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
Intentions: Dorothy Young, Michelle Young & Helen Steinmetz



Upcoming Events

Feb. 26 Reverse Raffle ticket money due
March 9 Reverse Raffle
March 19 Finance Committee Meeting



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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.

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Address _____ E-mail _____
Birthday _____ Anniversary _____



WELCOME TO IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH

"THE DARBY"



Happy Birthday!

2/27 Angelo Cervantes

3/2 Drew Kulczak



Together Let Us Pray

Deacon Tom, Estella Rosales, James Laberdee, Luis Laberdee, 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, Vickie Sawyers, Charlene Laberdee



STEWARDSHIP REPORT

July 1, 2022- June 30, 2023

Happy Anniversary!

LAST WEEK

YEAR TO DATE

Goal	\$ 2,020.00	\$ 105,000.00
Sat. Loose	\$ 433.00	\$ 10,234.32
Sat. Env.	\$ 555.00	\$ 22,381.00
Sun. Loose	\$ 170.00	\$ 10,467.66
Sun. Env.	\$ 660.00	\$ 29,278.88
Actual	\$ 1,818.00	\$ 72,361.86
Over/(Under)	\$ (202.00)	\$ (32,638.14)

Preservation	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 11,000.00
General Repair	\$ 68.00	\$ 1,383.00
Candles	\$	\$ 523.57
Outreach	\$	
First Offering	\$ 5.00	
Ash Wednesday	\$ 170.00	



PRAY FOR THOSE SERVING OUR COUNTRY

Capt. Joseph Andrew Garcia, Marines
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

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	50	1,461

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 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!	

March 4-5, 2023
Second Sunday of Lent

1st Reading	Genesis 12:1-4
2nd Reading	2 Timothy 1:8b-10
Gospel Reading	Matthew 17:1-9
Lector	Saturday: Linda Garcia Sunday: Larry Widmer
Eucharistic Ministers	Saturday: Mary Jo Pilcher Becky Crabtree Sunday: Tom Meagher Louann Meagher
Children's Liturgy is back!	

Sanctuary Lamp



February 26 (available)
March 5 Dorothy Young, Michelle Young & Helen Steinmetz
March 12 (available)

Altar Flowers

February 26 (available)
March 5 (available)
March 12 (available)



Our study group meets on Fridays at 12:30 for a light lunch, discussion and video to follow.
Our topic: Eternal Rest....the art of dying well. There are 4 sessions to this study, so please join us if you are able!



Stations of the Cross will follow the study group at 2:20 pm each Friday during Lent. Sometimes, giving something up for Lent isn't as difficult as DOING something extra. Could the weekly stations of the cross be your EXTRA?



Please join us Saturday, March 4th at 3:40 pm as Dan Streeter leads us in the Rosary.



Holy Hour at The Monastery of The Visitation

All are welcome to Holy Hour that includes Evening Prayer (vespers), the Rosary, Homily and Benediction.

Sunday, March 5, 2023
4 pm
1745 Parkside Blvd., Toledo

Eucharistic Ministers & Lectors

The schedule for **April-June** is going to begin being worked on. Please inform Louann or Nicole **before March 12th** 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, too. 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.



Congratulations to our CCD kids who were baptized this past Sunday! Pray for them as they continue their faith journey and receive Penance next month, Confirmation for Annabelle at the Easter Vigil, and First Communion for her brothers in May. Welcome to the family of Immaculate Conception and our Catholic Church.



Sympathy to the family of Anna Rose Dunn, a long time parishioner of our parish who recently died. Pray for her family and for the repose of her soul. Anna Rose's family actually owned the building that now houses Outreach, so she remains among us.



We are blessed to have the Holy Saturday Vigil Mass here at I.C. this year. The Mass is a very special one, leading us through the history of our faith. Please plan on attending on Holy Saturday, at 8:30 pm for this wonderful liturgy.

It's Reverse Raffle time!

Mark your calendars for Thursday, March 9th at 6 pm at Gesu Sullivan Center.
-It's the last weekend to purchase your ticket! See Doug or Louann with any questions.
-Are you interested in making a monetary, wine or gift card donation?
Contact Louann or the office.
-Side board spots are for sale! Be sure to claim your spot before they are gone!



This Is The Day!
Through our contributions, we can assure the continued existence of many important programs that help tens of thousands in our diocese each year, including supporting the education of our seminarians, caring for the sick and needy, and providing faith formation for our youth. We ask you once again for your help. Please respond generously. For more information, visit acatoledo.org. Thank you!



CCD will expand to every Tuesday evening from 6 pm to 7 pm... so much to learn! Thanks to Guadalupe Zarate who is working with Mary Jo in leading these kids on their journey to Penance and Eucharist.



Health News for February 26, 2023

Keep Your Eyes Healthy: Protect your eyes. Every day, you can take simple steps to keep your eyes healthy. Use these tips to protect your eyes from things that can harm them:

- **Wear sunglasses.** Protect your eyes from the sun by wearing sunglasses — even on cloudy days! Be sure to look for sunglasses that block 99 to 100 percent of both UVA and UVB radiation.
- **Wear protective eyewear.** Safety glasses and goggles are designed to protect your eyes during certain activities, like playing sports, doing construction work, or doing home repairs. You can buy them from most eye care providers and some sporting goods stores.
- **Give your eyes a rest.** Looking at a computer for a long time can tire out your eyes. Rest your eyes by taking a break every 20 minutes to look at something about 20 feet away for 20 seconds.
- **If you wear contacts, take steps to prevent eye infections.** Always wash your hands before you put your contact lenses in or take them out. Be sure to disinfect your contact lenses and replace them regularly.

Source: National Eye Institute
Parish Nurse Ministry of Central Toledo: Kathy Jeffery, Rn, 419-242-1598



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.

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.

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



LENTEN WEEKDAY

9:10 am **Tuesday** Mass @ Immaculate Conception
4:00 pm **Wednesday** Adoration @ Historic St. Patrick
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
2:20 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—8:00 am—Historic St. Patrick
Sunday, March 26—10:00 am—Historic St. Patrick

**THIS WEEK ON
FORMED**

Week of February 26, 2023



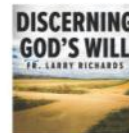
Father Michael McGivney: An American Blessed

In May 2020, Pope Francis approved a miracle attributed to the intercession of Fr. Michael McGivney, paving the way for his beatification. This documentary highlights Fr. McGivney's fraternal charity, evangelization, and empowerment of the laity.



Session 1: Jesus: Model and Master of Prayer

In this episode of his course on the Our Father, Dr. Ben Akers teaches us what we can learn from the perfect model and master of prayer: Jesus himself.



Discerning God's Will by Fr. Larry Richards

Discovering the will of God can be an intimidating challenge in the spiritual life. Join Fr. Larry Richards as he guides us in this task through practical advice and personal stories! Discovering the will of God can be an intimidating challenge in the spiritual life. Join Fr. Larry Richards as he guides us in this task through practical advice and personal stories!

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Catholic Sisters Week 2023 | March 8-14

FOOD DRIVE

Friday, March 10 | 6 am - 6 pm

Walt Churchill's Market

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All proceeds will benefit the Toledo SeaGate Food Bank



URGENT ITEMS NEEDED:

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RICE, BEANS, SEASONINGS**

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

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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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