

Teach me wisdom and knowledge,
for in your commandments I trust.
Psalm 119:66

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Tuesday 9:00 am @ IC

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

Dear People of God,

I return to the topic of abortion and the arguments often employed by those who seek to popularize it. Today we need to look at two arguments which are inextricably associated with one another. The first part goes something like this: "Well, we don't know if it's really a human person before it's born" and then "and besides, it's not viable outside the womb." These two arguments aren't all that common today because they're so obviously specious (full of holes).

Let's look at viability first. If nothing else the Webb telescope's amazing discoveries out in the vast universe remind us that all of us humans are not viable outside a very carefully crafted environment which we have not thus far discovered anywhere in the explored universe. If we ever want to personally explore some of those exo-planets so far discovered (or even go to Mars which despite being similar to earth cannot support you and me), we'd better take the environment with us or we'll not be at all viable. In fact, we need not even go to the moon or Mars to know we humans need something very like a "womb" to keep us alive because without taking along a very carefully controlled environment to the south pole, we wouldn't last long there either. We humans aren't very viable anywhere so have created artificial "wombs" which protect us in the desert, at the bottom of the ocean, flying to Florida and just about anywhere we choose to build a house or office building or factory. Consider the clothes you're wearing and compare them to the womb providing the unborn child with the same things we expect from our clothes. Even the notion of the unborn not being viable outside the womb is falling apart in neo-natal ICU's all across the world as premature babies younger and younger are being cared for and often survive quite nicely outside the womb.

The argument that we don't know what the unborn is is laughable. Take a look at the newspaper and you'll see all kinds of "gender reveal" notices but not one "species reveal" celebration. People generate other people and nothing else. Ultra sounds, even those taken very early, don't reveal anything but a human form, a very small one to be sure, but human nonetheless. Indeed, many families treasure the first ultrasound as the first formal photograph of the soon-to-be born child. I was at a wedding reception which featured a bulletin board of photos of the parties and in a prominent position was an ultra-sound of the bride.

A variation on the theme goes like this: "well, we don't really know when it's a real human." Of course we do. It's always a human. What else could it possibly be? I recall using two videos for my Senior Marriage and Family course which were developed by PBS anchor station WGBH; it showcased when the various hallmarks of a real person can be detected; let's be quite clear- his heart beats, her brain functions, his sensory system senses, her body moves like a real body. "Well, it's just a mass of cells." So is the finger of the carpenter who loses it in a power saw incident. Is it not a human finger? Have the cells suddenly become something else? Do we treat it as anything but a human finger and part of a human person with a name, address and social security number? Regardless of our age, from conception to death and beyond, we are all a mass of cells and all of them contribute to the same thing: a human being with rights and ensuing obligations. Tragically, far too many fall into the trap of entitlement so will object to and resist those obligations.

When I started this series, I called abortion a hot-button issue. Nothing has changed that assessment; sadly, many of the buttons being pushed replace any serious consideration with flawed reasoning and catchy phrases trying to justify a choice inconsistent with an inalienable right to life, the expectation that obligations accompany the exercise of rights, and an understanding that your faith and your love of God and God's love for you should determine behavior.

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
September 2-10, 2023**

Sat. 3:30 pm Immaculate Conception Confessions
4:00 pm Immaculate Conception Mass
Msgr. Chris
Intention: Harvey Parker Sr.

Sun. 8:00 am Historic St. Patrick Mass
Msgr. Chris
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
Msgr. Chris
Intention: Mark Humanski

Tue. 9:10 am IC Weekday Mass
Msgr. Chris

Wed. 5:30 pm HSP Weekday Mass
Msgr. Chris

Sat. 3:30 pm Immaculate Conception Confessions
4:00 pm Immaculate Conception Mass
Msgr. Chris
Intention: William Wiedemann Jr.

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

Upcoming Events

September 7 Parish Council Meeting @ 6 pm
September 10 Hospitality Cookout
September 21 Finance Committee Meeting @ 6 pm



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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!

- 9/2 Fred Garcia
Dianne Mahaney
- 9/3 Nikolas Mahaney
- 9/4 San Juanita Caster
Karley Ramirez
- 9/6 Gloria Flores
- 9/8 Annette Paulson
Michael Reese
- 9/9 Scott Hayes



Happy Anniversary!

- 9/7 Robert & Emma Mendoza
67 years
- 9/8 William & Tamra Woolridge
5 years



PRAY FOR THOSE SERVING OUR COUNTRY

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, James Laberde, Louis Laberde, Charlene Laberde,
Annette and Duane McGorty, Annette Poulson, Jeff Woodhech,
Jane Fonseca, Antia C., John Mason, Pete (Thomas) Byersmith, Jenny,
Sherrie, Allie, Jordan, Rick Garreio, Terry Lynn Byersmith, John Gaffney,
John Parker Gaffney, Jeanette & Annette Gaffney & family,
Linda Mason Berry Garcia, Fred S. Garcia Jr., Fred S. Garcia Sr.,
Ruth Gonzalez Garcia, Sylvester Gonzalez, Sylvester Jr., Ken Grove,
Ken Grove Jr., Donna Haynes, Lupe C., Connie Fonseca,
Jane H., Amy & Claire Lepkowski,
Wally & Donna Ibarra, Lonnie Baum,
Troy Huebner, Tim Huebner, Tanee Gregory,
Dimond Perry, Mr. Weldon Doughty,
Chris Velasquez, Helen Yglesias



STEWARDSHIP REPORT

July 1, 2023- June 30, 2024

	<u>LAST WEEK</u>	<u>YEAR TO DATE</u>
Goal	\$ 2,116.00	\$ 110,000.00
Sat. Loose	\$ 388.00	\$ 3,630.00
Sat. Env.	\$ 415.00	\$ 6,147.00
Sun. Loose	\$ 268.00	\$ 3,106.00
Sun. Env.	\$ 793.00	\$ 8,639.00
Actual	\$ 1,864.00	\$ 21,522.00
Over/(Under)	\$ (252.00)	\$ (88,478.00)
Preservation	\$	\$ 3,000.00
General Repair	\$ 10.00	\$ 431.00
Candles	\$ 10.00	\$ 173.00
Outreach	\$	



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	407

**Donations needed: household items (dishes, utensils, gadgets),
grocery bags (the ones you brought your groceries home in)**

Please NO WINTER clothing at this time



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH SCHEDULE & ANNOUNCEMENTS



Minister/Lector Schedule

September 2-3, 2023
22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading	Jeremiah 20:7-9
2nd Reading	Romans 12:1-2
Gospel Reading	Matthew 16:21-27
Lector	Saturday: John Madigan Sunday: Larry Widmer
Eucharistic Ministers	Saturday: Mary Jo Robinson Becky Crabtree Sunday: Cathy Carroll Barb Marquis

Children's Liturgy is on summer break!

September 9-10, 2023
23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading	Ezekiel 33:7-9
2nd Reading	Romans 13:8-10
Gospel Reading	Matthew 18:15-20
Lector	Saturday: Dan Streeter Sunday: Guadalupe Zarate
Eucharistic Ministers	Saturday: John Madigan Georgeanne O'Connell Sunday: Louann Meagher Tom Meagher

Children's Liturgy is on summer break!

Sanctuary Lamp



September 3 (available)
September 9 John Wiedemann
September 16 Gretchen Wiedemann
O'Laughlin

Altar Flowers

September 3 (available)
September 10 (available)
September 17 (available)



Welcome back Monsignor Chris! We hope your travels were great.



Our parish family would like to send condolences to the family of Sharon Hickey, who passed away on Aug. 19, 2023. Sharon spent most of her years involved at OLP, but, for many years, was a regular at the 4 pm Mass at Immaculate Conception.



Eucharistic Ministers & Lectors

The schedule for **October-December** is going to begin being worked on. Please inform Louann or Nicole **by September 10th** 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.



We will be offering CCD/RCIA classes beginning October 3rd!

Anyone needing sacramental prep or continuing religious education can register September 16th-24th. See Mary Jo Pilcher for a registration form or contact the office.



Thanks to the teachers and staff who were able to join us on this past Sunday to welcome the new school year! We look forward to seeing the kids at the regular Tuesday morning Masses at 9:10 am. Come pray with us!



The Pilcher family thanks all of the friends who made Diana's 50th birthday celebration one that will not be forgotten....by any of us! God is so good in showing His love through people who care!



Back to Hospitality picnic on Sept. 10th! Guys will be grilling, and any donations for side dishes are welcome. Say a little prayer for nice weather, and please stay and share the meal!



We have recently had many asking about becoming Eucharistic Ministers or Lectors for our Masses. Thanks for your interest in these ministries! Our "official" registration with the Diocese is every two years, and we are still a year away. HOWEVER, we will be holding a training and lessons in September for those interested in being put on the schedule at this time. This would include the why and how things are done, and you could then be assigned a day. Talk with Mary Jo after the weekend Masses, or call Nicole at the parish office for more information!



Prayer cards for the Eucharistic adoration are front and back in the usual stations. This gift given to us by Christ, His very presence in the Eucharist, is something we are blessed to receive. Let's pray the prayer daily!



Queen of Apostles is now enrolling for the 2023-2024 school year! If your child(ren) are already enrolled, refer a new student between grades K-5 and receive \$200! For any questions or to schedule a time to enroll call the school office at (419)241-7829.



2023 Diocesan Celebration of Wedding Anniversaries

Our Lady, Queen of the Most Holy Rosary Cathedral
October 22, 2022 | 3:00 p.m.

If you are celebrating a milestone wedding anniversary in 2023 – 25, 40, 50, 60, or 60+ years – plan to join Bishop Daniel E. Thomas for the Order of Blessing Married Couples within Holy Mass.

Registered couples receive a commemorative certificate and are invited to a reception following mass. To register visit:

www.toledoanniversarymass.org.



Health News for September 3, 2023



Mammography Matters: What is a Mammogram?

A mammogram is a low-dose X-ray image (picture) of the breasts. A specially trained technologist takes several images of your breasts. A radiologist then examines the images. Nearly all mammograms in the United States are performed using digital mammography equipment. Both two-dimensional (2D) and three-dimensional (3D) digital mammography are currently cleared by the FDA. Women should speak with their healthcare provider to see what type of mammography is right for them.

Source: Pink Ribbon Guide, www.fda.gov

Parish Nurse Ministry of Central Toledo:

Kathy Jeffery, RN, 419-242-1598



Immaculate Conception Outreach is looking for Volunteers, that own a truck, to occasionally be able to pickup and bring items to Outreach. Contact Natalie (419)243-1819, thank you!



Have you moved? Have you gotten a new phone number? Contact Nicole to get your information updated!



Our temporary church cleaner returns to her primary profession as a teacher. Volunteers needed to help tidy up after Masses. Call the office if you are able to help. Thank you!



Isn't this a beautiful set? Get your 5-piece set today for a small \$5 donation. That's right!! Just \$5!! See Mary Jo today to get yours.



Are you a winner?

Watch the Ohio State Lottery each night at 7:30 pm to see if your ticket number matches the Pick 3 number for that night. Did you miss it? No worries! Check out our Facebook page for the number each evening.

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NAME _____ ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ PHONE _____

If you have the winning ticket someone from the committee will contact you to claim your prize.

THANK YOU for your support!

THIS WEEK ON
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Week of September 03, 2023



The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary | Sacred Art
 By studying Sacred Art, we fuel our prayer and contemplation. In this episode, Dr. Ben Akers sits down with Taylor Kemp to examine the theological nuances contained in Bartolome Murillo's depiction of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary.




Mother Teresa: No Greater Love
 Mother Teresa: No Greater Love is a soaring tribute to a spiritual icon, a powerful witness of authentic Christian charity, and a guidepost for all who seek hope in our turbulent times: Mother Teresa of Calcutta. This film reveals not just who Mother Teresa was, but how her singular vision to serve Christ in the poor continues to be realized through the Missionaries of Charity today.



Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
 In this episode, Dr. Tim Gray and Dr. John Sehorn discuss the birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

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Diocese of Toledo Prayer for Vocations

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