

LENT

40 DAYS

The Immaculate Conception Church of Darby



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Saturday 4:00 pm @ IC
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Tuesday 9:00 am @ IC

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Prayer

Fasting

Almsgiving

Dear People of God,

I had hoped to provide a somewhat extended study of the current Eucharistic Renewal; however, since we've arrived at Ash Wednesday and Lent, I will take a diversionary roadway for a few weeks to examine our only remaining penitential season. Lent is forty days, a number with great significance throughout sacred history. You may be surprised to learn that the number forty (40) occurs over one-hundred and fifty times from Genesis through Revelations. A few of those occurrences are familiar: for example, Jesus' forty days in the desert, the forty-day rainfall of Noah, the forty years' trek from Egypt to the Promised land and you may remember that Moses spent forty days on the mountain in the presence of God. Each of those events should provide a key to understanding our own forty days of Lent.

Comparing these biblical references, you'll note that all of them have to do with some kind of purification or renewal. Each of those events presages some action to be undertaken on behalf of God. Jesus' forty days prepare him for the beginning of his public ministry, Noah's forty days afloat prepare him and his family to repopulate the earth, Moses' forty days get him ready to bring the Law down to the people and the forty-year pilgrimage certainly prepared the Israelites for being God's holy people in the promised land. These inspire us to think of Lent as a time of purification and renewal.

The Church understands the days of Lent as a time for penance as penance is traditionally meant to be: the inward spiritual purification of the individual to undertake God's unique plan for that individual. Each of us exists because God wants us here to do something on his behalf. Coming to grips with our spiritual purpose is more difficult than discovering our purpose in life. Most of us have a career or are on our way to achieving one and that gives us a temporal or secular purpose which we fulfill by doing our job well. Getting in touch with God's plan for our spiritual mission requires that we stand back from the material/secular and contemplate God's "bigger picture" and where any of us fits into that broader canvas of God's will.

Lent provides, if used wisely, just that opportunity by immersing us in the traditional Lenten practices: almsgiving (awareness of the needs of others), works of charity (acts of love and concern for others), prayer (with an emphasis on just being quiet and listening to God), and acts of self-sacrifice (penance – what we give up for the good of the larger community). None of these is easy these days because our culture has trained us to put ourselves before others: rather than do good for them, we wait impatiently for them to do good for us. Bill Maher recently did a piece on the popular songs our children are singing these days. The lyrics are directly opposed to the Lenten practices and focus instead on wanting, having, holding, keeping, demanding and otherwise being served by everyone else. If the song doesn't feature those notions, it will often call on the singer and its audience to be sad that they didn't have, grab, hold, keep, etc.

Rather than be concerned about getting to the parking lot before all the greedy selfish people who take our preferred spot close to the door, Lent invites us to think about maybe, just maybe, finding a space a little farther away so that on the way in, we can think about how we fit into God's plan to accomplish something good for somebody else before they even think to do anything for us. Consider trying this mental approach as you come to mass.

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

Finance Committee Bill Carroll John Madigan Fred Mahaney Tom Meagher Mike Young	Parish Council Linda Garcia John Madigan Fred Mahaney Barb Marquis Louann Meagher Mary Jo Pilcher Judy Westmeyer
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CALENDAR
February 17-25, 2024

Sat.	3:30 pm 4:00 pm	Immaculate Conception Confessions Immaculate Conception Mass Msgr. Chris Intention: Anna Rose Dunn
Sun.	8:00 am 9:30 am 10:00 am 10:30 am 11:00 am	Historic St. Patrick Mass Msgr. Chris Historic St. Patrick Confessions Historic St. Patrick Mass Fr. Rudi Immaculate Conception Confessions Immaculate Conception Msgr. Chris Intention: Thomas Hernandez
Tue.	9:10 am	IC Weekday Mass

Wed.	5:30 pm	HSP Weekday Mass
Sat.	3:30 pm 4:00 pm	Immaculate Conception Confessions Immaculate Conception Mass Msgr. Chris Intention: Harvey Parker Jr.
Sun.	8:00 am 9:30 am 10:00 am 10:30 am 11:00 am	Historic St. Patrick Mass Msgr. Chris Historic St. Patrick Confessions Historic St. Patrick Mass Msgr. Chris Immaculate Conception Confessions Immaculate Conception Fr. Rudi Intention: Luis Alberto Silva Gaona

Upcoming Events

February 17 & 18	Anointing
February 18	Finance Committee Meeting @ 12 pm
February 24 & 25	Blest Art
March 2 & 3	Lenten Confessions
March 7	Parish Council 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!

2/17 Deacon Tom

2/20 Donald Young

2/21 Marcia Phillips

2/22 Joseph Westmeyer
Guadalupe Zarate



Happy Anniversary!

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, Wally Ibarra, Terry Lynn Byersmith, Connie Fonseca & family, Denise W., Sheryl Doggett, Jesus & Caroline P., Ruth Esparza, Lucy Jaso, Donna Haynes, Jane, Oliver Hernandez, Adam B., Lupe & Lola Fonseca, Sister Lawrence, Pam Clark, Liliana Parga, Emiliano Padilla, Rodrigo Padilla, Dakota, Mary Bodi, Josaria Manzanarez, Alonso Pratt, Alexandra Hernandez, Nicole Magaña, Kathleen Yates, Tom Yates, Sylvia & Roman Gonzales & family, Mike Leroux, Bridget Caranza, Maria Ochoa, Bobby Ochoa, Tia Frazier, Fr. Mike Brown, Wendy Wehrmeister, Debra Coon, Dave Smith, Tom Carone, Cindy Gray, Mary Bodie, Fred & Linda Garcia



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	\$ 401.00	\$ 13,571.00
Sat. Env.	\$ 585.00	\$ 20,980.00
Sun. Loose	\$ 237.00	\$ 10,954.00
Sun. Env.	\$ 471.00	\$ 35,354.00
Actual	\$ 1,694.00	\$ 80,859.00
Over/(Under)	\$ (422.00)	\$ (29,141.00)
Preservation	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 9,000.00
General Repair	\$ 56.00	\$ 1,889.00
Candles	\$	\$ 573.00
Outreach	\$ 60.00	
First Offering	\$ 5.00	

THANK YOU!

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	1,592

Donations needed: men's clothing, food items, household items (dishes, utensils, gadgets), grocery bags (the ones you brought your groceries home in)



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH SCHEDULE & ANNOUNCEMENTS



Minister/Lector Schedule

February 17-18, 2024
First Sunday of Lent

1st Reading	Genesis 9:8-15
2nd Reading	1 Peter 3:18-22
Gospel Reading	Mark 1:12-15
Lector	Saturday: Mary Jo Pilcher Sunday: Guadalupe Zarate
Eucharistic Ministers	Saturday: Dan Streeter Georgeanne O'Connell Sunday: Cathy Carroll Doug Grey

Children's Liturgy is back!

February 24-25, 2024
Second Sunday of Lent

1st Reading	Genesis 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18
2nd Reading	Romans 8:31b-34
Gospel Reading	Mark 9:2-10
Lector	Saturday: John Madigan Sunday: Mike Young
Eucharistic Ministers	Saturday: Becky Crabtree Mary Jo Robinson Sunday: Marie Irons Garis Martin

Children's Liturgy is back!

Sanctuary Lamp



February 18 (available)
February 25 (available)
March 3 (available)

Altar Flowers



Welcome to our journey through Lent! Please try to take advantage of the black books for daily meditation, and for as many of our Lenten devotions as you are able. The Friday Soup and Such with our presentation of the episodes of The Chosen and discussion are open to all beginning at 12:30 pm. Stations will follow at around 2:20, led by the Queen of Apostles students for most sessions. It is good to remember how much God loved us, to send His only Son to save us and walk through the journey of the stations with Him!



Lectors quick review of what we may have forgotten takes place after each Mass on Feb. 24th and Feb. 25th. We just want to make sure we are all doing the same thing at each Mass....just in case we get a visit from the Bishop! You never know...



Kids' Liturgy of the Word continues on Sundays! Encourage your little ones to take advantage of this activity and learn more about God.



Our Lenten Rice Bowls are in the front and back pews for your use during Lent.



View this bulletin online at www.DiscoverMass.com



For our students who are candidates for Confirmation, please remember that Confirmation is your entry into Catholic faith as an adult. Confirmation is not just a fancy ceremony, but is your acceptance of the role as a Catholic; You are therefore expected to attend weekly Mass, and all sessions of CCD in preparation for the sacrament.

It is also good to know that our education in our faith is a lifelong journey. Even if you are not preparing for a sacrament, you should be attending Tuesday classes at 6 pm here at the church in the Childrens' Liturgy room.



Thanks to all who helped fill baby bottles! They have been returned to Heartbeat, and they will let us know what our total donation was. If you accidentally forgot to turn your bottle in, you're not too late.



Pray for our parishioners who are going through serious health issues. Most times, this is the most powerful help!



A HAPPY HEALTHY HEART

Lunch N' Learn. Don't miss this life-saving presentation and enjoy a heart healthy lunch during National Heart Month! Speaker: Lisa-Graves-Austin, MD, FACP. This will be an informal presentation you won't want to miss and will include time for you to "Ask the Doctor" your heart related questions. Tuesday, February 27, 2024, 11:30am – 1:00pm at The Toledo Clinic Maumee Cancer Center, 1200 Medical Center Pkwy, Maumee. Cost: \$5.00 per person. Payable via check or cash at the door. Seating is limited. RSVP to Karen at kculler@toledoclinic.com or call 419-304-5062.



Join our Padre Pio Prayer Group (PPPG-CK) each FIRST Saturday (3/2/24) monthly for the 7:30 AM Rosary, 8 AM Mass, Anointing of the Sick, Discussion, at Christ the King Church, 4100 Harvest Lane, Toledo, OH 43623. Access 'pppg.org' for info. Contact Magdalena Skiles (419.356.4208 or email: magdalena@magdalenaskiles.com). Who do you know that needs healing? With our International Padre Pio Prayer Groups exceeding 3,000 active groups, memberships exceed 300,000, we welcome your intentions in your time of need. Come and join us.



Please join us the Saturday, March 2, 2024 at 3:30 pm as Dan Streeter leads us in the Rosary!



The Sideboard Raffle squares are available in the back of the church at both the Saturday and the Sunday masses. Thanks to the Mahaney's for their care of the sideboard raffle!



Mar. 14th (Raffle Day) is a little bit off, but Mary Jo Pilcher will be asking for your baked goods to supply desserts for the dinner. Darby bakers are the best!



Still looking for some regular church cleaning teams! Could you and a family member or friend (or two) volunteer one weekday or weekend a month? "How can I make a return to the Lord for all the good He has done for me?" (Psalm 116:12) Check with Mary Jo or call the office to volunteer.

CATHOLIC SISTERS WEEK 2024 // MARCH 8-14

FOOD DRIVE

FRIDAY, MARCH 8TH // 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, MONETARY DONATIONS

The women religious congregations invite you to come together during Catholic Sisters Week to help end hunger in northwest Ohio.

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THIS WEEK ON FORMED

Week of February 18, 2024



Saint Peter

Watch the epic story of the spread of Christianity during the early years of the Church. This film follows the journey of St. Peter through his martyrdom on a cross.



The Afterlife | Eternal Rest | Episode 2

What happens after the moment of our death? Once the soul has been separated from the body, then what? What is heaven, hell, and purgatory? This session looks at the truth about what awaits the human person on the other side of death.



Week One | Restore: Lent with Sr. Miriam James Heidland, SOLT

In the Week One video for the Restore Lent series, Sr. Miriam James Heidland, SOLT, reflects on the theme of the week—the desert. She explains that Jesus is inviting you to move beyond your comfort zone and into the deepest places of your heart with him. It is Jesus who helps you root out the sin, sickness, and self-hatred in your life. Sr. Miriam assures us that we can look to him for comfort, love, and healing.

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An offering from the AUGUSTINE INSTITUTE and GRACIOUS PRICES



Blest Art will be visiting our church on Saturday, February 24 and Sunday, February 25, 2024.

This is a great opportunity to purchase some gifts for Confirmation, Easter or First Communion.



Immaculate Conception and The Historic Church of St. Patrick 2024 LENTEN SCHEDULE



LENT

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 in the Rectory
2:20 pm @ Immaculate Conception Stations of the Cross

HSP & IC ANOINTING

Saturday, February 17—4:00 pm—Immaculate Conception
Sunday February 18—11:00 am—Immaculate Conception

Sunday, February 18—8:00 am—Historic St. Patrick
Sunday, February 18—10:00 am—Historic St. Patrick

HSP & IC PENANCE SERVICE

Saturday, March 2—4:00 pm—Immaculate Conception
Sunday March 3—11:00 am—Immaculate Conception

Sunday, March 3—10:00 am—Historic St. Patrick



Diocese of Toledo Pilgrimage Wednesday, July 17 - Sunday, July 21, 2024 Indianapolis, Indiana

As part of the National Eucharistic Revival, Bishop Daniel E. Thomas invites you to join him to witness what God has in store for his Church in the U.S. through the National Eucharistic Congress in July 2024! The Diocese of Toledo is forming a delegation to represent our local Church in this historic event at the Lucas Oil Stadium in Indianapolis, IN, where 80,000 Catholics are expected to gather to deepen our understanding of, love for, and living out the great mystery of the Eucharist.


*"I am the living bread that came down from heaven;
whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread
that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world."*
-John 6:51



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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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