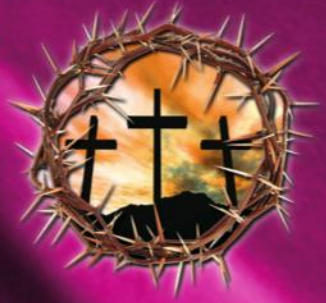




4TH SUNDAY OF *LENT*



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Jesus said to
Nicodemus:
“Just as Moses
lifted up the
serpent in the
desert, so must
the Son of Man
be lifted up, so
that everyone
who believes in
him may have
eternal life.”

John 3:14,15

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Weekend Associate: Reverend Rudi Schwarzkopf, OSFS
Deacon: Thomas S. Carone
Deacon: David E. Smith
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Custodian
Sacristan Walter Schlegel
Organist.....Jim Burns

EUCARISTIC LITURGIES

Saturday 4:00 pm @ IC
Sunday 11:00 am @ IC
Tuesday 9:00 am @ IC

Immaculate Conception Outreach
Director Natalie Fisher
1102 Broadway 419-243-1819

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

Dear People of God,

Darby has been a mainstay of the Old South End since before the Old South End got old! In fact, the emerging Irish community which formed the Body of Christ at Immaculate Conception began settling in the area before the Civil War. They were attracted to Darby by the numerous jobs to be found at the rail yards which at one time burgeoned and bustled in the flats just below the plateau on which the first church was built as a Mission from St. Patrick. No less than four transcontinental lines ran along the drive just below the first parish house.

Darby did not long remain a bastion of Irish settlement. European animosities began seeing German families from nearby Sts. Peter and Paul transfer to the Anglo-friendly Irish parish, changing its demographic and marking it as a house of welcome to all. By the end of the Great War to End All Wars, the largest ethnic group had become German. Further changes have led to the area becoming a haven for numerous Central and South American immigrants who, like the Irish and Germans before, came to America seeking freedom and peace. As has always been the case, they found a warm welcome at Immaculate Conception

Later this week the parish will be sponsoring its annual Reverse Raffle, a wonderful opportunity to share welcome and warmth and yet attend to a much needed infusion of income to address ordinary operating costs of our aging parish. Our diocese is currently engaged in a process of *Intentional Planning* to assure that the sacramental and spiritual needs of the Catholic population are best stewarded. Part of that planning includes a serious examination of *sustainability* of all parishes within the diocese, large and small, old and new. As I have written in previous letters, demographic realities have impacted many of our parishes, especially in the older regions of the cities. Where it was once common to walk to church each weekend, people today live at great distances and drive so that parking, a never-thought-of reality even twenty-five years ago, is now a leading concern of just about every parish.

Our culture has become one of entitlement; people truly believe they deserve a front row parking place just outside the doors. Many do not believe that walking a block is worth what they will “get” from the Church which suggests a grave lack of true faith in the real presence of God himself in what we do so freely “get” at Mass. This mentality also affects another leading cause of concern for parishes: income. Many who don’t come don’t provide anything in thanks for God’s blessings and that harms the ability of the parish to undertake ordinary operations (lights, heat, water, insurance, etc.). Sadly, many who do come, because of that entitlement mentality, believe they don’t need to offer back to God anything for what Gods has provided for them, another rationalization that harms the parish.

Sustainability demands that everyone in the parish do his and her part to invite others to come along for the great gift of God’s love offered on the altar every time we gather for Mass. *Sustainability* demands that everyone in the parish do his or her best to assure a regular income adequate to paying ordinary expenses and putting something aside for those unexpected disasters which can do often occur in an older building. *Sustainability* means welcoming strangers and making them part of the family. Our church community has been and continues to be one capable of fulfilling these sustainability demands.

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

<p><u>Finance Committee</u> Bill Carroll John Madigan Fred Mahaney Tom Meagher Mike Young</p>	<p><u>Parish Council</u> Linda Garcia John Madigan Fred Mahaney Barb Marquis Louann Meagher Mary Jo Pilcher Judy Westmeyer</p>
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**CALENDAR
March 9-17, 2024**

Sat.	3:30 pm 4:00 pm	Immaculate Conception Confessions Immaculate Conception Mass Msgr. Chris Intention: Frank Lenz
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: Estella Rosales
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: Mary Mick
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: Richard Carl

Upcoming Events

- March 14 Reverse Raffle
- March 21 Parish Council Meeting @ 6 pm
- March 29 Good Friday Stations begin at noon



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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!

3/10 Dorothy Haack



3/12 Jeff Streeter

3/14 Wanda Robles




Together Let Us Pray

Deacon Tom, James Laberdee, Louis Laberdee, Charlene Laberdee, Wally Ibarra, Lucy Jaso, Jane, Oliver Hernandez, Lupe & Lola Fonseca, Sister Lawrence, Pam Clark, Liliana Parga, Emiliano Padilla, Rodrigo Padilla, Dakota, Mary Bodi, Josaria Manzanarez, Alonso Pratt, 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, Pam Clark, Dave Wehrmeister, Alexandra Hernandez, Nicole Magaña, Judy Place, Bob Mick, Mary Burns, Ramona Flores, Adam B., Connie Fonseca, Donna Haynes, Jane Hurtado

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	\$ 387.00	\$ 15,130.00
Sat. Env.	\$ 510.00	\$ 22,477.00
Sun. Loose	\$ 421.00	\$ 12,059.00
Sun. Env.	\$ 2,858.00	\$ 39,709.10
Actual	\$ 4,176.00	\$ 89,375.10
Over/(Under)	\$ 2,060.00	\$ (20,625.90)
Preservation	\$	\$ 9,000.00
General Repair	\$ 130.00	\$ 2,036.00
Candles	\$	\$ 585.00
Outreach	\$ 189.00	
Ash Wednesday	\$ 25.00	
Good Friday	\$ 25.00	
Holiday Flowers	\$ 150.00	
Mass Attendance	Saturday:62	Sunday:121




Happy Anniversary!

3/9 Alfred & Elvira Vallejo
45 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

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	39	1,757

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

March 9-10, 2024 Fourth Sunday of Lent	
1st Reading	2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23
2nd Reading	Ephesians 2:4-10
Gospel Reading	John 3:14-21
Lector	Saturday: Becky Crabtree Sunday: Kerry Gibson
Eucharistic Ministers	Saturday: John Madigan Georgeanne O'Connell Sunday: Tom Meagher Louann Meagher
Children's Liturgy is back!	

March 16-17, 2024 Fifth Sunday of Lent	
1st Reading	Jeremiah 31:31-34
2nd Reading	Hebrews 5:7-9
Gospel Reading	John 12:20-33
Lector	Saturday: Mary Jo Pilcher Sunday: Joyce Scarbrough
Eucharistic Ministers	Saturday: Mary Jo Robinson Dan Streeter Sunday: Brenda Degener Dave Degener
Children's Liturgy is back!	

Sanctuary Lamp



March 10	Michelle Young
March 17	Helen Steinmetz
March 24	(Available)

Altar Flowers



Lectors, please remember the new guidelines by the USCCB. Thanks for being adaptable, and great proclaimers of the Word!



Pray for those who are taking Religious education and preparing to receive sacraments in our parish!



Our special Lenten service of Soup and Such continues on Fridays during Lent beginning with lunch at 12:30 pm, followed by an episode of The Chosen. (I apologize that I have NOT mastered the tech part, but this week will be better) We will then be led in the Stations of the Cross by some of our Queen of Apostles kids. Lent isn't only about "giving up". It counts when you do something special too, maybe giving up a little of your time!



Even though we are early in Lent, we are thinking ahead to Easter. Flower envelopes are in our pack, or can be found in the front pews. Thank you!



Prayers for those of our parishioners who are undergoing serious health issues right now! Our prayers are working, but don't stop!



Don't forget to Spring ahead this weekend! Well, it means nice weather is closer at hand... so maybe we won't miss that hour as much.



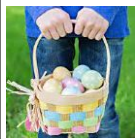
Thank you SO much to those who were able to help clean our altar sanctuary! Our volunteers are the backbone of our parish! We haven't had a permanent cleaning person for a couple years...so some things are hit and miss. You made our sanctuary shine for Easter!



Hospitality resumes this weekend. Thanks for all who donate so willingly!



Did you forget to get your Girl Scout Cookies? Did you run out of Girl Scout Cookies? Don't you worry! Support the Girl Scout troop that will be here on Sunday by purchasing 1, 2, or even 5 boxes!



Offerings for the Easter egg hunt may be put in the back green bucket by the usher station. And thanks to all of YOU!



Outreach is hoping to make about 40 Easter baskets for kiddos ages 2-10. They are seeking candy donations to help make this happen. Feel free to drop off candy donations directly to Outreach or contact Natalie to coordinate a time to get your donation to them, (419)481-0858.



Outreach is in need of both non-perishable food items and women sanitary products. Any and all donations can be placed in the big brown rolling box at the back of Church, taken directly to Outreach, or you may coordinate a time with Natalie to get your donation to them.
Thank you!



As some of you may or may not know I am working remotely as I accompany my cousin, Alexandra, who has been in the hospital and was recently transferred to Cleveland Clinic. I appreciate your patience and everyone that has stepped in to lend a helping hand! If you need something, please still send me an email or leave a message on the church phone and I will get back to you ASAP.



One more weekend for sideboards! Visit the Mahaney family who has done a tremendous job with this endeavor for lots of years. Help make our fundraiser successful! And thanks to all who have taken a part in the various parts of this event. All are important in completing the whole night!



Offerings for the Reverse Raffle? Desserts? If you're not coming, I can meet you here at church on Wednesday...let me know what time. Or if you prefer a lovely drive, you could deliver that to Sullivan Center at Gesu on Thursday morning between 9:30-10:30 am.
Contact Mary Jo at 419-343-8489.



Eucharistic Ministers & Lectors

The schedule for **April-June** is going to begin being worked on. Please inform Louann or Nicole by **March 24th** 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 as well.



Health News for March 10, 2024



Medical Scans Explained: X-Rays. X-rays have been used for more than 120 years. X-ray imaging works by passing an energy beam through a part of your body. Your bones or other body parts will block some of the X-ray beams from passing through. That makes their shapes appear on the detectors used to capture the beams. The detector turns the X-rays into a digital image for a radiologist to look at. They're useful for looking at bones and finding problems in certain types of tissues, like pneumonia in the lungs. X-ray beams use radiation. Radiation is energy that's released as invisible particles or waves. Being exposed to very large amounts of radiation can damage cells and tissues. It may also increase your risk of developing cancer. But modern X-ray tests use a very small dose of radiation. People are naturally exposed to radiation from many sources, such as the sky, rocks, and soil.

Source: newsinhealth.nih.gov
Parish Nurse Ministry of Central Toledo: Kathy Jeffery, RN, 419-242-1598



THIS WEEK ON FORMED

Week of March 10, 2024



Fear and Spiritual Warfare w/ Fr. Chad Ripperger | Fearless | Episode 5
Exorcist Fr. Chad Ripperger joins Chris to discuss fear and spiritual warfare. God calls us to walk confidently in his victory over the Evil One, not be slaves to fear. Reject fear's lies and live in the full freedom that comes from claiming the truth of Jesus Christ. Learn from Chris and Fr. Chad how to let Christ's power unshackle your heart and overcome sin in your life.



Week Four | Restore: Lent with Sr. Miriam James Heidland, SOLT
In week four of Restore, Sr. Miriam James Heidland, SOLT, reflects on almsgiving and how it heals your relationships with others. One of the most powerful ways to heal your brokenness is to give—not only money or clothing, but also your presence and love—to those whom God has placed in your life, even those who have wounded you.



Where are You?
This captivating series explores Catholic themes of redemption, grace, and forgiveness through compelling storytelling and thought-provoking narratives. It offers a profound understanding of the transformative power of forgiveness and its significance in personal growth and spiritual renewal.

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



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

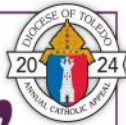
Sunday, February 18—8:00 am—Historic St. Patrick
Sunday, February 18—10:00 am—Historic St. Patrick

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

Yesterday, Today, & Forever



"Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever." - Hebrews 13:8



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your will and financial planning!



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



toledodiocese.org/congress

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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