

Lord, wash away
MY SINS

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

Dear People of God,

I wanted to add a final comment on the Synod on Synodality which issued its final document on 24 October last year. As far as I have been able to determine, the only language currently available is Italian (excerpts in English can be found at several sources) so what follows is based on my reading of the original.

The Synod recognized that “the church is the people of God retelling the story of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ.” The document then calls on the people of God to live out the story in their own way of life, be that the bishop, his priests, vowed religious or those who in the past who have been relegated to sitting in the pews. As I hinted, the document refers often to fulfilling the mandates of the Second Vatican Council, for example, in *Lumen gentium*: the people of God should recognize that they are together a holy people and make it a point to live holy lives in witness to the salvation won for them by Jesus.

Baptism brings us into a relationship with God himself but all too often, writes the Synod, we forget that it also grants to each baptized the role of prophet, the wandering minister of God’s truth or in modern parlance, the missionary so that the Church must always be “missionary.” The term means sent and if sent, then to accomplish something. What each baptized is to accomplish is nothing less than proclaiming in ways typical to their calling in life that they are one with God. To energize this mission, the Synod reminds us that the Eucharist, celebrated every Sunday, is the fundamental obligation of all the baptized (which opens the door to a lengthy discussion of ecumenical activity to return all the baptized to the Eucharist). The Eucharist sheds light on the unity of the church in all its forms, from the family to the universal unity of all people with the world in which we live. As I mentioned in one of my previous letters on this topic, that calls for a new way of thinking about every person who forms the Church, the Body of Christ.

Examining the signs of the times (wars, violence, climate change destroying habitats, etc.), the Synod proposes that on-going reform of our thinking should begin to open the way for all men and women to be actively involved at some level in the work of the Church. For many that means a richer sense of participation in the secular world as missionaries of God’s peace and love for all (a radical shift from most political viewpoints) and for many a much greater use of their gifts and talents in the Church. Admitting that the bishop remains the ultimate authority in his diocese, the synod proposes enhancing the structural role of the laity in the actual management of the parish. That calls for a far greater emphasis on preparing people to (1) recognize their particular gift, (2) prepare themselves to make use of it within the context of the broader mission of the Church and (3) take up leadership roles apt to those talents. It isn’t up to anyone to presume to have some special ability but to recognize that their participation in the life of the parish is a unique calling and then to undertake the necessary preparation to assume that role (that’s the idea behind the call to be a deacon – somebody who is already deeply committed hears the Holy Spirit asking that they take another step).

The Synod envisions a greater role for the Pastoral Council but warns that in order to make this happen, people need to be prepared to undertake some form of special training just as we expect our bishops, priests, vowed religious and deacons to do now. I’ve expended more space than usual for this letter so I’ll quit by inviting you to both keep watch for the English language version of the document as it arrives on the bookshelves of your favorite library or at the new Reger’s and to be alert to your potential to take on a new role in your parish.

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
January 11-19, 2025**

Sat. 3:30 pm Immaculate Conception Confessions
 4:00 pm Immaculate Conception Mass
 Msgr. Chris
Intention: Rose O'Leary

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 Mass
 Msgr. Chris
Intention: Sharon Steele

Tue. 9:00 am IC weekday Mass-statue dedication


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: The Parishioners

Sun. 8:00 am Historic St. Patrick Mass
 Msgr. Chris
 9:30 am Historic St. Patrick Confessions
 10:00 am Historic St. Patrick Mass
 Msgr. Chris
 10:30 am Immaculate Conception Confessions
 11:00 am Immaculate Conception Mass
 Fr. Rudi
Intention: Kathleen Schumann

Upcoming Events

January 12	Finance Committee Meeting
January 14	Blessed Carlo Acutis statue dedication Mass @ 9 AM
January 20	Office closed
January 23	Parish Council 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.

Name _____ Phone # _____

Address _____ E-mail _____

Birthday _____ Anniversary _____



WELCOME TO IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH
“THE DARBY”



Happy Birthday!

1/11 Brigette Bartko


1/12 David Green

1/14 Mary Billman

1/15 Msgr. Chris

1/16 Gary Ortloff
Angelo Flores
Sonye Green

1/17 Dan Streeter
Rick Briggie



Happy Anniversary!



Pray For Those Serving Our Country



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 SSG Joseph Malagon
 SGT Jasmine Hindbaugh
 LCPL Carlos Negrin III, Marines
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Together Let Us Pray

Deacon Tom, James Laberde, Louis Laberde, Charlene Laberde, Stephanie Maggiore, Alexandra Hernandez, Pedro & Pauline Rodriguez, Jane Hutro, Linda Garcia, David Aguilar, Charlene Thomas, Mary Clapp, Nancy Dey, David Wehrmeister, Nancy Samson, Wendy Wehrmeister, Jasmine Martinez, Medoli Martinez, Trey Martinez, Major Martinez, Omari Martinez-Huebner, Rita, Naveah Ruff, Terry Byersmith, Pam Clark, Deacon Paul’s 2 brothers, Pauline Hernandez, Sr. Berneta, Deacon Tom, Deacon Dave, Donna J, Norma H., Jim Veith, Steven Zarn, Stela , Tom Meagher, Joyce Scarbrough, Guadalupe Zarate, Maureen K. Moore, Tom & Pat O’Leary, Derrick Young, Linda Bollin, Brad Decp, Donna Haynes, Kathleen P. Lutheran, Susie Hartford

STEWARDSHIP REPORT
July 1, 2024- June 30, 2025

	<u>LAST WEEK</u>	<u>YEAR TO DATE</u>
Goal	\$ 2,404.00 (x3)	\$ 125,000.00
Sat. Loose	\$ 1,231.00	\$ 9,802.00
Sat. Env.	\$ 2,446.00	\$ 16,115.00
Sun. Loose	\$ 1,030.00	\$ 12,702.00
Sun. Env.	\$ 5,614.00	\$ 28,056.00
Actual	\$ 10,321.00	\$ 64,255.00
Over/(Under)	\$ 3,109.00	\$ (60,745.00)
Preservation	\$ 1,100.00	\$ 18,700.00
General Repair	\$ 81.00	\$ 1,074.00
Candles	\$ 43.00	\$ 360.00
Outreach	\$ 2,155.00	\$ 3,935.00
Christmas Flowers	\$ 25.00	
Christmas	\$ 4,833.00	
Initial Offering	\$ 299.00	
Organ Repair	\$ 110.00	



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:	1,528

November Expenses: \$1,885.35-Thank you for your donations to help keep us running!

Donations needed: blankets, hats & gloves



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH SCHEDULE & ANNOUNCEMENTS



Minister/Lector Schedule

January 11-12, 2025 The Baptism of the Lord	
1st Reading	Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11
2nd Reading	Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7
Gospel Reading	Luke 3:15-16, 21-22
Lector	Saturday: Becky Crabtree Sunday: Anne Boyle
Eucharistic Ministers	Saturday: John Madigan Mary Jo Robinson Sunday: Brenda Degener Dave Degener
Children's Liturgy is on a break!	

January 18-19, 2025 Second Sunday in Ordinary Time	
1st Reading	Isaiah 62:1-5
2nd Reading	1 Corinthians 12:4-11
Gospel Reading	John 2:1-11
Lector	Saturday: John Madigan Sunday: Larry Widmer
Eucharistic Ministers	Saturday: Dan Streeter Georgeann O'Connell Sunday: Barb Marquis Annette Poulson
Children's Liturgy is on a break!	

Sanctuary Lamp



January 12	(Available)	
January 19	(Available)	
January 25	Bill & Stephen Scarbrough	

Altar Flowers



January 12	(Available)	
January 19	(Available)	
January 26	(Available)	



CCD has resumed and the younger grades will be preparing for 1st Communion this semester. It is very important that we receive their Baptism certificates as soon as possible. This shows us that you are eligible for First Communion.



OCIA has resumed! The OCIA classes on Thursday evenings from 7 PM to 9 PM are at Immaculate Conception this semester. Welcome!



Any young people who would like to be trained as servers at mass? We have a student who is willing to teach you! Not long hours with homework, but on the job, walk through, at Mass. See Mary Jo at the weekend Masses if you are interested.



Thanks to all of those who helped make our church so beautiful for the Christmas holidays! It was amazing to see each take a portion, and it all came together.

Thanks to those who continued to care for the flowers through the holidays! They stayed beautiful due to your care. After this weekend, you are invited to "adopt" a plant, and take it home. Thank you for dedicating them to your loved ones.



Today, Sunday, begins the "take down" of Christmas decorations as we return to "Ordinary" time. If you can stay for a bit after Mass to help, it is appreciated!



Our organ is being worked on so we can return to its magnificent sounds. Msgr. will keep you posted.



If you would like a statement of your 2024 church contributions for tax purposes, please call or email Nicole. We will print, mail, or email your statement ASAP.



SAVE THE DATE: On March 13, 2025 we will be hosting our annual Reverse Raffle. Ticket information coming soon!



Thank you to all that have grabbed their 2025 offering envelopes. Those that have not picked theirs up can find them on the counter in the Chapel.



Have you moved? Have you gotten a new phone number? If yes, contact Nicole!



The Reverse Raffle committee is now accepting donations of bottles of wine (for the wine pull) and gift cards (prizes/raffles). If you have any questions please contact Louann or the office.



Side boards, for the Reverse Raffle, will begin selling spots on February 1.



Health News for January 12, 2025



Consuming energy drinks raises important safety concerns.

Between 2007 and 2011, the number of energy drink-related visits to emergency departments doubled. In 2011, 1 in 10 of these visits resulted in hospitalization.

About 25 percent of college students consume alcohol with energy drinks, and they binge-drink significantly more often than students who don't mix them.

The CDC reports that drinkers aged 15 to 23 who mix alcohol with energy drinks are four times more likely to binge drink at high intensity (i.e., consume six or more drinks per binge episode) than drinkers who do not mix alcohol with energy drinks.

Drinkers who mix alcohol with energy drinks are more likely than drinkers who do not mix alcohol with energy drinks to report unwanted or unprotected sex, driving drunk or riding with a driver who was intoxicated, or sustaining alcohol-related injuries.

In 2011, 42 percent of all energy drink-related emergency department visits involved combining these beverages with alcohol or drugs (such as marijuana or over-the-counter or prescription medicines).

Source: National Center for Complimentary and Integrative Health

Parish Nurse Ministry of Central

Toledo: Kathy Jeffery, RN, 419-242-1598



I want to give a huge shout out to all those who donated this year to the Christmas giveaway. It was a huge success. We provided toys to almost 70 children!! We also handed out hats, gloves, socks and coats. We also were able (due to the generosity of wonderful people) to hand out hygiene items. It was truly a huge success. Thank you for making Immaculate Conception Outreach the greatest pantry ever!
Thank you, Natalie Fisher (Director)



Immaculate Conception would like to send a very big thank you to the late Donald Wortketter and his family. Donald was a member of Immaculate Conception Church for many years and a Darby Alumni. Donald was extremely gracious to have left Immaculate Conception a portion of his estate. The generosity of him and his family is greatly appreciated.



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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Are you interested in scheduling a Mass intention? Give Nicole a call in the office, 419-243-1829, and she will be glad to assist you!



Want to join the parish? Look for registration forms by our visitors book as you enter through the main doors of the church. Can't find one? Check with one of the ushers, Mary Jo, or contact the office. We'd love to have you as part of our family!



Parish Office Hours:
Monday—Friday
9:00 AM—3:00 PM



THIS WEEK ON FORMED

Week of January 12, 2025



The Bible (Part 1)

Join Dr. Mark Giszczak as he answers the Internet's most-asked question about the Bible.



Interior Life

We all worship something, whether we know it or not. We are called to put God first, and that means giving him our time in prayer. The focus of this episode is developing a consistent prayer life.



A New Creation: The Mystery of Baptism

This week, as we contemplate Jesus' Baptism, dive into the mystery of the Sacrament of Baptism! Through our Reborn series, you will come to understand the deeper meaning behind your Baptism!

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You are invited!



Blessed Carlo Acutis statue dedication

Tuesday, January 14, 2025

at the 9:00 AM Mass

Immaculate Conception Church, Toledo

Please join us as we celebrate the addition of this beautiful piece of art that was designed by the 2024 8th Grade Class of Queen of Apostles. These students undertook to become familiar with the two patrons of the Universal Church's Eucharistic Renewal and immediately were drawn to Blessed Carlo Acutis, a young teen who by the age of fifteen when he died had researched and developed two magnificent poster collections, one focused on the Eucharistic Miracles and another on Mary's numerous apparitions. Wanting to share their interest and love of the Eucharist, the students then began raising funds to design and have fabricated a statue of Blessed Carlo as seen through their eyes. Everything in the photo above was planned by the students as part of the overall image of a young teen who loved Jesus and who enjoyed life.



HOLY + SOCIAL HOUR

Date: January 15th

Time: 7:00-9:00pm

Location: Corpus Christi
University Parish

For more
info & to
RSVP



YCP is a professional networking
group for those in their 20-30s.

Spaghetti Dinner

Saint Patrick of Heatherdowns

4201 Heatherdowns Blvd.

Saturday, January 18th

5:00-7:30pm at the
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Dinner
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Dinner
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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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