

I am not afraid
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THE LORD**

The Immaculate Conception Church of Darby



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

Dear People of God,

A couple of items this week: First, we recently celebrated the memorial of St. Agnes, a name meaning “lamb.” A martyr of the early Church, on that memorial day lambs are shorn in northern Italy and the wool is woven into cloth that will become the pallia (a collar or stole-like garment worn by the Metropolitan of an ecclesiastical province; Ohio’s Metropolitan is the Archbishop of Cincinnati). The finished pallia (pallium in the singular) will be blessed by the Holy Father on the Solemnity of Sts. Peter and Paul (June 29) and presented to newly installed archbishops. It’s a wonderful tradition which ties our modern Church to its ancient origins.

My second point is to mention that we are in Year III of the three-year cycle of readings, now focusing on the Gospel of Luke. The general theme of Luke’s first volume (the second is the Acts of the Apostles) is that in Jesus, God constitutes a New Covenant with his people, a covenant sealed by the presence of Jesus in the community, primarily in the Eucharist and all the other sacraments. When you listen to the readings as we move through the next thirty four weeks, you’ll hear this theme over and over. Today, for example, the gospel reminds us that Jesus didn’t waste any time in letting people know that the Old Testament is over. He boldly says “today this passage is fulfilled in your midst,” and it’s in him that the fulfillment occurs.

According to tradition, Luke was a physician and as such, he had access to women who were not permitted to mingle with men. Another interesting facet of this gospel is the enhanced inclusion of stories told by or about women. We heard one of the most important a few weeks ago in the birth narrative. Note that in Luke's gospel, the angel appears to Mary, not Joseph as in Matthew’s account of the birth of Jesus which is oriented toward the Old Testament model. Luke not only records the angelic greeting to Mary but then recounts her trek to see another woman, Elizabeth, who is the first person to openly proclaim the presence of the Messiah: "Who am I that the mother of my savior should come to me?"

The longest parables are also part of the Gospel of Luke, as for example the prodigal son or the Samaritan “good neighbor” story. Tradition tells us that while Paul was in Jerusalem defending the conversion of the gentiles before the Apostolic college, Luke was wandering around collecting stories from witnesses to the life and times of Jesus. That would suggest that while Luke’s version was the last of the three synoptic (from the same point of view) gospels, it’s also the one which includes some of the most memorable of Jesus’ stories told by people who knew him.

Listen carefully over the next weeks and hear about that wonderful new Covenant of which you form an important part.

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 8-16, 2025**

Sat.	3:30 pm 4:00 pm	Immaculate Conception Confessions Immaculate Conception Mass Msgr. Chris Intention: Rachel McHugh
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 Mass Fr. Rudi Intention: Donald Wortketter
Tue.	9:10 am	IC weekday Mass—Msgr. Chris

Wed.	5:30 pm	HSP weekday Mass—Msgr. Chris
Sat.	3:30 pm 4:00 pm	Immaculate Conception Confessions Immaculate Conception Mass Msgr. Chris Intention: Jan Miller
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 Mass Msgr. Chris Intention: Walter Waclawski

Upcoming Events

February 15-16	ACA Speaker
March 5	Ash Wednesday Mass @ 9:10 AM & 5:30 PM
March 7-Lent	Stations of the Cross every Friday @ 2:10 PM
March 13	Reverse Raffle @ 7 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
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Happy Birthday!

2/8 Antonio Vallejo

2/9 Timothy Winter
Amanda Vargas

2/10 Raquel Williams
Susan Rufenacht

2/11 Alijah Beltran

2/12 Kristin Tighe

2/14 Ethan Knopp

2/15 Carmen Vallejo
Alfred Vallejo Sr.

Happy Anniversary!

2/8 Robert & Kelly Gregory
16 years

2/11 John & Pat Mason
64 years

2/14 Brenda & Dave Degener
38 years

Pray For Those Serving Our Country

Capt. Brian Wood, Army
 Joshua Teneyck First Class Petty Officer E6
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 SSG Acea Hindbaugh, Army
 SN Trevor Smith, Navy
 SGT Monique Losoya, Army
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 Vincent Caraccio, Army Reserves
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 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, Stephanie Maggiore, Alexandra Hernandez, Pedro & Pauline Rodriguez, Rita, Naveah Ruff, Terry Byersmith, Deacon Paul’s 2 brothers, Pauline Hernandez, 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, Linda Obney, Bennie Esparza Jr., Steven Ibarra, Rachael Moore, Pam Clark, Janie Caster, Joyce Scarbrough, Samuel William Harper, Delfina Mora, Sr. Bermeta, Larry Schneider

STEWARDSHIP REPORT
July 1, 2024- June 30, 2025

	<u>LAST WEEK</u>	<u>YEAR TO DATE</u>
Goal	\$ 2,404.00	\$ 125,000.00
Sat. Loose	\$ 387.00	\$ 11,679.00
Sat. Env.	\$ 675.00	\$ 18,470.00
Sun. Loose	\$ 288.00	\$ 13,859.00
Sun. Env.	\$ 1,395.00	\$ 31,156.00
Actual	\$ 2,745.00	\$ 75,744.00
Over/(Under)	\$ 341.00	\$ (49,256.00)
Preservation	\$ 100.00	\$ 19,800.00
General Repair	\$ 101.00	\$ 1,253.00
Candles	\$ 5.00	\$ 463.00
Outreach	\$ 167.00	\$ 4,102.00
Initial Offering	\$ 5.00	
Mass Count	Saturday: 52	Sunday: 125



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:	60	1,782

December Expenses: \$829.03-Thank you for your donations to help keep us running!

Donations needed: blankets, hats & gloves



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH SCHEDULE & ANNOUNCEMENTS



Minister/Lector Schedule

February 8-9, 2025 Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time	
1st Reading	Isaiah 6:1-2a, 3-8
2nd Reading	1 Corinthians 15:1-11
Gospel Reading	Luke 5:1-11
Lector	Saturday: Mary Jo Pilcher Sunday: Guadalupe Zarate
Eucharistic Ministers	Saturday: Dan Streeter Georgeann O'Connell Sunday: Linda Garcia Fred Mahaney
Children's Liturgy is on a break!	

February 15-16, 2025 Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time	
1st Reading	Jeremiah 17:5-8
2nd Reading	1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20
Gospel Reading	Luke 6:17, 20-26
Lector	Saturday: John Madigan Sunday: Anne Boyle
Eucharistic Ministers	Saturday: Becky Crabtree Mary Jo Robinson Sunday: Dave Degener Brenda Degener
Children's Liturgy is on a break!	

Sanctuary Lamp



February 9	Donald Wortketter
February 16	(Available)
February 23	(Available)

Altar Flowers



February 9	(Available)
February 16	(Available)
February 23	(Available)

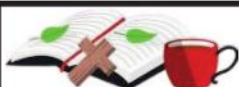


A special thank you to all that helped a little old lady get to her blue car, clear it of snow for her, and make sure she was comfortable driving home and waved her off.
-Nancy-



Hospitality STILL has one dish left behind from Homecoming in December! Don't you miss your white ceramic quiche pan?

Thank you to all of you who donate goodies to our hospitality brunches! Gives us cause to pause and visit!



Great news! We will begin a bible study group on Monday, Feb. 24th at 6 PM in the kids Liturgy room. The topic: "Genesis; seven life-changing encounters with the God of new beginnings." We would like to have you register for this, as there are printed materials and a book needed for each person. Please let Mary Jo know, or call the parish office and Nicole can pass it on. We are very excited to begin this journey.....from the beginning!



Are you or someone else you know planning on having a Quinceañera at Immaculate Conception in 2025 or 2026? If so, plan on attending a mandatory retreat on April 26th. This MUST be attended to hold a Quinceañera anytime from April 2025-May 2026 at Immaculate Conception. This retreat will also have a parent component. More details, including price will be shared once available. Questions? Please contact Nicole in the office.



Are you interested in taking Jesus to the homebound or those in hospital or nursing homes? Sometimes the separation from church and sacrament when someone is ill, is almost as difficult as the illness itself! Requirement? You should be a Eucharistic minister, and a caring spirit! A class will be given to let you know the usual format. We have more of our parish family needing our connection, and fewer that are able to assist! Let Mary Jo know if you are interested, please (419-343-8489).



Get your side board spots today! See a seller after Mass before they are all gone.



The Reverse Raffle committee is 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.



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

2025 Vibrancy Initiative Applications Due March 5

The Vibrancy Initiative is a collection of programs designed to support revitalization efforts that create jobs, reduce blight, and preserve and improve structures in our community.



Interested in applying? Visit the website for additional information and the application.

<https://toledo.oh.gov/business/vibrancy>



2024-2025 Semester 1 Honor Roll

Francisco Olvera, 12, Class Honors
Isaiah Cantu, 10, First Honors

All students who have a 4.20 GPA or higher receive Class Honors. Students who achieve a GPA of 3.50 to 4.19 receive First Honors. Those with a GPA between 3.00 and 3.49 are awarded Second Honors.



Caregiving Smarts Resource Guide Now Available! 10th Edition Available digitally on our website (areaofficeonaging.com/programs) or call the Caregiver Support Program to request your FREE copy at: 419-382-0624.



Health News for February 9, 2025



Winter Skin Care. To protect your skin health this winter, consider adding the following steps to your skin care routine: Stay Hydrated. Water is a key component of a good skin care routine year-round, but it's especially important during the winter months when your environment becomes drier. Dehydrated skin is more prone to irritation and may become rough, itchy and flaky. Consuming the recommended 8 glasses of water a day can keep your skin supple and smooth and reduce the appearance of wrinkles. When you shower or wash your face or hands, you strip your skin of the natural oils it needs to lock in moisture. It's important to apply a moisturizer immediately after bathing and before dressing, to replenish your skin barrier with oils that can lock in moisture throughout the day. During the winter months, a heavier, cream-based moisturizer with emollients is recommended in place of lighter, gel-based moisturizers or lotions. Because emollients are heavier, they can take longer to absorb into the skin. Overnight treatments are a great way to allow emollients to replenish your skin with oils and nutrients it needs.

Source: U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs
Parish Nurse Ministry of Central Toledo: Kathy Jeffery, RN, 419-242-1598



Due to the extreme cold temperatures in the office at times, I may be working from home. Please call the office before stopping by or send me an email. I check both throughout the day. Thank you!



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



This Week on Formed

Week of February 09, 2025



Sts. Benedict

A pair of holy twins, a cave, and a group of naughty monks... this is the story of Saint Benedict and Saint Scholastica.



The Bible (Part 2)

Join Dr. Mark Giszczak as he answers some of the Internet's most popular questions about the Bible. What is the difference between the Old Testament and the New Testament? Do Catholics read the Bible? Find out in this episode of What Catholics Believe.



Catholic Community

Based on the historical records and the personal testimony of his fellow friars, this is the amazing true story of the life of the famous stigmatic monk, St. Padre Pio, a contemporary saint who died in 1968.

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Important Dates

November
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February 11
Deadline for all of our Universal Scholarship opportunities, as well as the Edith Franklin Pottery Scholarship.

April 15
Deadline for Junior Achievement Scholarship.

June 8
Deadline for Summer scholarship applications.



Visit toledocf.org/scholarships/



An invitation to join!

CHRIST CHILD SOCIETY OF TOLEDO

WHERE LOVE LEADS TO ACTION

The Christ Child Society of Toledo (CCS Toledo) is welcoming new members to their all-volunteer, non-profit organization. The Christ Child Society founder, Mary Virginia Merrick, advocated that personal contact with the needy for the love of Christ develops true charity and gives it vital force. The number of children in our community living in poverty and in need of resources is growing. We invite you to consider becoming a member to help us reach out to more children here in northwest Ohio. We currently have over 200 members who donate over 10,000 service hours annually.

CCS Toledo volunteer members can choose to participate in a variety of programs and projects that we offer to serve the needs of underserved children. CCS Toledo's largest program is **CLOTH-A-CHILD**. Each Fall the organization purchases and distributes over 2,000 new winter coats, hats and gloves to children from birth to eighth grade. We work with local schools and social service agencies to identify the kids in need. Each child also receives an age-appropriate new book with their coat to promote literacy. Last year we included a hygiene bag to the school children from fourth to eighth grade who received a coat. The bag contains essentials such as toothbrush & toothpaste, soap, deodorant, lip balm, wash cloths, shampoo, laundry detergent sheets and more.

Our **LAYETTE** program supplies a newborn layette package full of essential items for underserved new mothers to take home with their newborns. We supply over 1,000 layettes each year to local hospitals and social service agencies for distribution to moms in need of these resources. Tutoring students in Reading and Math skills at four local elementary schools is a favorite program for CCS Toledo members. Running and staffing the school libraries at two of the schools is also a CCS Toledo program.

CCS Toledo offers additional programs that volunteer members are involved in. There is something for everyone! Our motto is "Nothing is ever too much to do for a child". CCS Toledo members joyfully make this a reality! For more information on joining the Christ Child Society of Toledo, visit <https://www.christchildsof Toledo.org/contact-us>.



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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