

I am blessed
**WHEN I FOLLOW
YOU 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,

As I acknowledged a few weeks ago, I have often been asked why the Church doesn't preach on important social issues the way many Protestant Churches do. In fact, preaching at Mass is to be drawn from and make relevant the three readings, so all too often issues which might otherwise be timely get overridden by what Jesus has to say. Although some of those topical issues occasionally subtly surface, the three-year cycle of readings make the opportunity to preach about them rare. More often than not, a pastor or bishop will provide written material that shows up in the bulletin but that only touches those who read it. This series is just such an attempt to address some topical concerns.

Because the tragedy of child abuse of all kinds has become rampant all across society, from clergy to coaches to parents and strangers in the park, let's begin with that. In Jesus' era, regardless of the nation, children didn't count for much. They were considered property of the family under the absolute control of the oldest male member who could deal with them as he pleased. Many children born with deformities or health problems were left out in the night for a passing beast to devour or the gods to take in their sleep. Marriages were arranged, often when children were seven or eight; women were literally given away and no longer had any claim against their biological family. Long before Diocletian mandated that children follow the career path of their father, that was the general rule and tradition for the guys; in large families, even in wealthy ones (although many wealthy families chose not to have children who interrupted their idyllic lifestyle), the youngest children were often abandoned, sold, or handed over to wandering teachers like Jesus.

We find very little about children in the gospels and not much more in the Old Testament. However, the central point of these texts is that children are innocents who should be treated as such, with tender care and love. That was really unusual for that time period. The Old Testament suggests that children are close to God and can hear him better than adults. Four of the texts specifically remind adults to bring children to church and two refer to the unborn as being children of God with an identity and purpose from the moment they're conceived. Jesus has a warning for abusers: it would be better to have a millstone around your neck and be thrown in the sea to drown than to offend even one of these little ones.

Given the infrequent references, we should all pay attention to the documents issued by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops reflecting on what is available from Scripture. They have a lot to say about the issue of child abuse of every kind: neglect - emotional, physical, sexual, and more. Many of these official documents have been transformed into program materials on FORMED, but if you don't follow the USCCB or FORMED, you won't know any of this and may conclude that the Church "doesn't care." It does, but you need to go to the official Church to see it. Take time to learn and be informed where your Church stands and what she is doing to address this serious issue.

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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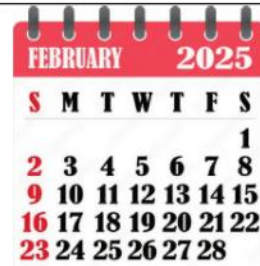
**CALENDAR
February 15-23, 2025**

Sat.	3:30 pm 4:00 pm	Immaculate Conception Confessions Immaculate Conception Mass Msgr. Chris Intention: Jan Miller
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 11:00 am	Immaculate Conception Confessions Immaculate Conception Mass Msgr. Chris Intention: Walter Waclawski
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: Harvey Parker
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10:30 am 11:00 am		Immaculate Conception Confessions Immaculate Conception Mass Fr. Rudi Intention: John Cassidy Jr.

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



Tear here

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.

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Address _____ E-mail _____

Birthday _____ Anniversary _____



WELCOME TO IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH
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Happy Birthday!

2/15 Carmen Vallejo
Alfred Vallejo Sr.

2/17 Deacon Tom

2/18 Gabriella Obregon

2/20 Donald Young

2/21 Marcia Phillips


2/22 Joseph Westmeyer
Guadalupe Zarate



Happy Anniversary!





Pray For Those Serving Our Country



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 LTC Ryan A Schiel, Army
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 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 Laberdee, Louis Laberdee, Charlene Laberdee, 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, Marie Irons, Dawn Adkins

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	\$ 509.00	\$ 12,188.00
Sat. Env.	\$ 475.00	\$ 18,945.00
Sun. Loose	\$ 304.00	\$ 14,163.00
Sun. Env.	\$ 428.00	\$ 31,584.00
Actual	\$ 1,716.00	\$ 76,880.00
Over/(Under)	\$ (688.00)	\$ (48,120.00)
Preservation	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 20,800.00
General Repair	\$ 26.00	\$ 1,279.00
Candles	\$	\$ 463.00
Outreach	\$	\$ 4,102.00
Veterans	\$	\$ 2,403.13
Mass Count	Saturday: 51	Sunday:

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:	54	1,836

January Expenses: \$1,419.65-Thank you for your donations to help keep us running!

Donations needed: blankets, hats & gloves



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH SCHEDULE & ANNOUNCEMENTS



Minister/Lector Schedule

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!	

February 22-23, 2025 Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time	
1st Reading	1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23
2nd Reading	1 Corinthians 15:45-49
Gospel Reading	Luke 6:27-38
Lector	Saturday: Dan Streeter Sunday: Bill Carroll
Eucharistic Ministers	Saturday: Linda Garcia Mary Jo Pilcher Sunday: Cathy Carroll Doug Grey
Children's Liturgy is on a break!	

Sanctuary Lamp



February 16 (Available)
February 23 (Available)
March 2 (Available)

Altar Flowers



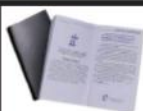
February 16 (Available)
February 23 (Available)
March 2 (Available)



We will begin a new bible study on Feb 24th! We're very excited about this series on Genesis, that takes us to the beginnings, and hope you can join us. We need registration, since books are needed for each person, so see Mary Jo if you want to sign up. Sessions will be on Monday nights at 6 PM in the kids liturgy room. The side parking lot door will be the only door open. Think about this prayerful entry into Lent.



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 May 2025-May 2026 at Immaculate Conception. This retreat will also have a parent component that **must** be attended. Contact Nicole to get registered.



Lent is fast approaching. Seems like the infant was just born, right? Various Lenten booklets are available at our information stations, front and back. Please feel free to take what you want. We will again have the Black booklets for our Lenten reflections.



Some of our parishioners are ill or recovering, but do not make it into our book of intentions. Please include a prayer for ALL of our parish family who need prayer and healing in your daily prayer.



Just a reminder...Masses will NOT be cancelled unless we are in a Level 3 situation. However, use your judgement and if YOU feel unsafe please stay home.



Lots of colds and flu going around! Masks are available if you need one!



Join us on March 1st at 3:30 pm as Dan Streeter leads us in the Holy Rosary.



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>



Health News for February 16, 2025



Winter Skin Care: Cleanse and Exfoliate. Cleansers and exfoliators help to keep skin clean and prevent breakouts and clogged pores. But over exfoliating can break the skin's barrier and cause inflammation or irritation. During winter months, it is recommended to use a mild cleanser and to exfoliate two to three times per week. Apply using gentle, circular motions with your fingertips or a washcloth to rid your skin of dead skin cells and help to stimulate blood flow to your skin, giving it a bright and healthy glow. Protect Your Skin from the Environment. Just because you may not feel the sun's warmth in the winter months, doesn't mean your skin is not enduring it's harmful UV rays. In fact, on a clear sunny day in winter, snow can reflect up to 90% of UV rays back onto you. This means you could be exposed to twice as many harmful rays while enjoying the outdoors. Always include a sunscreen with a minimum of SPF 30 protection in your daily skin care routine. In addition, consider wearing a scarf and hat to protect your exposed skin from the elements, including sunlight.

Source: U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

Parish Nurse Ministry of Central Toledo:

Kathy Jeffery, RN, 419-242-1598



Snow Emergency

Whenever a county/city within the Diocese of Toledo is placed under a Level 3 Snow Emergency during which all roadways are closed to nonemergency personnel, the Catholic Churches within that geographic region will cancel the scheduled Saturday Vigil, Sunday, or Holy Day Masses.

Roman Catholics in that region, therefore, are dispensed from the obligation to attend Mass. If Masses are cancelled, Catholics are encouraged to participate in Holy Mass via television, radio or internet, making a spiritual Communion. When Mass is cancelled, all other diocesan, parish, or school events in the geographic area are also cancelled.



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 16, 2025



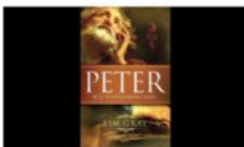
Personal Apostolate

Every Catholic is called to share their faith – and there are simple, easy ways to do this. No megaphones needed. Just start the journey of discipleship with two friends. This episode's focus is sharing our faith with others.



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.



Peter: Keys to Following Jesus by Tim Gray

Renowned scholar Dr. Tim Gray masterfully guides you through the tumultuous and inspiring life of Peter—from his call to discipleship to his eventual martyrdom in Rome. Using Sacred Scripture and tradition, Dr. Gray highlights important lessons from Peter's life.

Our parish has a FORMED subscription.
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An offering from the AUGUSTINE INSTITUTE

Msgr. Christopher P. Vasko will be leading a group on a Pilgrimage to Italy! This group will include past and present students of Queen of Apostles School.

To help cover the cost of this experience multiple fundraisers will be held. If you find it in your heart please help support, thank you!

MONTHLY 50/50 Drawings

-Each month from March-July students will be selling 50/50 tickets after Mass.

-Tickets will be sold the first 2 weeks of each month and the winner will be announced on the third week.

-If you have any questions please contact Nicole at Immaculate Conception, 419-243-1829.

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Important Dates

November
Online scholarship applications are available for all opportunities.

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
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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.christchildsofityoftoledo.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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