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IS KNOWN BY
ITS OWN FRUIT**

The Immaculate Conception Church of Darby



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Saturday 4:00 pm @ IC
Sunday 11:00 am @ IC
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ALL ARE WELCOME! A MEMBER OF BLESSED TERESA OF CALCUTTA DEANERY

Dear People of God,

Wednesday of this week begins the liturgical season of Lent. The forty days of this season are penitential in nature; that is, we are called to reflect on and consider our role in the presence of sin in the world and how it affects our family, our friends, our work, our church and our nation. We are called to exercise a virtue over these days in excess of how we would ordinarily do that. The virtue is to lead a life of prayer and penance.

Prayer is a conversation with God, a time to talk and to listen. Penance is doing something good to restore what sin has destroyed. It's actually supposed to be the Christian's way of life but in Lent we go beyond the usual because we're approaching the remembrance of Jesus' passion and death.

In the days before II Vatican Council, the Church proposed some things we had to do to live that life. On certain days there was mandatory fasting and abstinence. Since the Council the required practices have given way to a thoughtful invitation to consider what we want to do, not what we must. Our participation in Lent should be generated by our own remorse for sin and what it led Jesus to undertake. However, there are a couple of practices which remain and they're there to remind us we're part of a community so do things together.

The first of these is the fast which is required on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Fasting is an ancient way to focus the mind on things spiritual by denying things physical. Doing without food really does spark the ability of the mind to look beyond to things eternal, especially if done for three or four days in a row. Jesus fasted forty days which I don't recommend because although it opens the mind to the things of the spirit, it's extremely dangerous for contemporaries who are not accustomed to "doing without."

The second practice we are asked to develop as a community is abstaining from meat on the Fridays of Lent. The idea is to show God we can be obedient. Remember, that was the great sin of Adam and Eve who chose to disobey the command "don't eat of the fruit." Most of our own sins are likely touched off by disobedience to expectations of good behaviors. That's why the seven commandments dealing with our relationships with other people are almost all "don'ts" Can we be obedient to them? Most of us can, but at times we all fail. Lent invites us to rebound from those times of failure.

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.icatdarby.org. We hope to see you again soon!

Immaculate Conception

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**CALENDAR
March 1-9, 2025**

Sat. 3:30 pm Immaculate Conception Confessions
4:00 pm Immaculate Conception Mass
Msgr. Chris
Intention: The family of John & Sophie Wesolowski

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: Ramona Flores

NO TUESDAY MASS

Wed. 7:00 am HSP Ash Wednesday Word Service
9:10 am IC Ash Wednesday Mass—Msgr. Chris

Wed. 12:00 pm HSP Ash Wednesday Word Service
5:30 pm IC Ash Wednesday Mass—Msgr. Chris
5:30 pm HSP Ash Wednesday Mass—Fr. Rudi

Sat. 3:30 pm Immaculate Conception Confessions
4:00 pm Immaculate Conception Mass
Msgr. Chris
Intention: Patricia Guzman

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: Dorothy Young, Michelle Young, Helen Steinmetz

Upcoming Events

Monday's Bible Study @ 6 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!

3/2 Drew Kulczak

3/8 Janelle Davis



Happy Anniversary!

Pray For Those Serving Our Country

- Capt. Brian Wood, Army
- Joshua Teneyck First Class Petty Officer E6
- Major Jeremy A. Schiel, Army
- LTC Ryan A Schiel, Army
- SSG Acea Hindbaugh, Army
- SN Trevor Smith, Navy
- SGT Monique Losoya, Army
- SPC Elijah Hindbaugh, Army
- Vincent Caraccio, Army Reserves
- ISG 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, Stephanie Maggiore, Alexandra Hernandez, Pedro & Pauline Rodriguez, 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, 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. Berneta, Larry Schneider, Marie Irons, Dawn Adkins, Pat Foster, Quinn Murray, Gina Briggie, Amanda White, Donna Haynes, Ron & Marlene DeCosi

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	\$ 437.00	\$ 13,112.00
Sat. Env.	\$ 975.00	\$ 20,335.00
Sun. Loose	\$ 193.00	\$ 14,459.00
Sun. Env.	\$ 530.00	\$ 32,571.00
Actual	\$ 2,135.00	\$ 80,477.00
Over/(Under)	\$ (269.00)	\$ (44,523.00)
Preservation	\$	\$ 20,800.00
General Repair	\$ 15.00	\$ 1,294.00
Candles	\$ 14.00	\$ 477.00
Outreach	\$	\$ 4,102.00
Initial Offering	\$ 10.00	
Sunday Rome Collection	\$427.00	
Mass Count	Saturday: 59	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	1,954

February Expenses: \$1,218.72-Thank you for your donations to help keep us running!
Donations needed: dish soap, laundry detergent, fabric sheets, hygiene products, cleaning products



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH SCHEDULE & ANNOUNCEMENTS



Minister/Lector Schedule

March 1-2, 2025
Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading	Sirach 27:4-7
2nd Reading	1 Corinthians 15:54-58
Gospel Reading	Luke 6:39-45
Lector	Saturday: Becky Crabtree Sunday: Mike Young
Eucharistic Ministers	Saturday: John Madigan Georgeann O'Connell Sunday: Annette Poulson

Children's Liturgy is on a break!

March 8-9, 2025
First Sunday of Lent

1st Reading	Deuteronomy 26:4-10
2nd Reading	Romans 10:8-13
Gospel Reading	Luke 4:1-13
Lector	Saturday: John Madigan Sunday: Bill Carroll
Eucharistic Ministers	Saturday: Linda Garcia Georgeann O'Connell Sunday: Cathy Carroll Louann Meagher

Children's Liturgy is on a break!

Sanctuary Lamp



March 2 (Available)
March 9 (Available)
March 16 (Available)

Altar Flowers



March 2 (Available)



Our Genesis bible study has begun and will continue on Mondays at 6 pm in the kids' liturgy room. If you are interested in joining or for more information call Mary Jo at 419-343-8489.



Stations will take place on Friday's through Lent at 2:20 PM, 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.



Various Lenten booklets are available at our information stations, front and back. Please feel free to take what you want. We also have the Black booklets for our Lenten reflections.



Thanks to all who helped fill baby bottles. They have been returned to Heartbeat. We were able to collect \$138.10!



Still looking for any who might be interested in taking Eucharist to the homebound. Instructions will be given. Your service is appreciated. Call Nicole in the parish office or let Mary Jo know at weekend masses.



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.



The Neuestra Gente sponsored Health Fair will be visiting us on April 27th, the Sunday after Easter, from 10 AM (before mass) until 1 PM. We will have a delicious hospitality following Mass and you can get current data on blood pressure, blood sugar, and cholesterol. Thank you Linda, for arranging this!



Due to the large response no additional dinner tickets are available. Thank you for everyone's support!



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



Next weekend there will be a second collection. This collection is to help offset the cost of our Veterans Mass. This collection should take place the second weekend of every other month.



Eucharistic Ministers & Lectors

The schedule for **April-June** is going to begin being worked on. Please inform Louann or Nicole by **March 16th** if there are dates that you will not be available during those months or holiday masses that you are wanting to be scheduled for. 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.



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 (419-243-1829).



The office will be closed Thursday, March 6th and Friday, March 7th. All emails and voicemails will be checked on Monday, March 10th.

If you need immediate assistance please call Sherri, Historic St. Patrick, 419-243-6452 ext.3.



Health News for March 2, 2025



Five Benefits You Can Apply for Online at ssa.gov. We continue to make it easier for you to access our programs and benefits. Our website – ssa.gov – offers a convenient way to apply online for benefits. You can apply for: **Retirement or Spouse's Benefits.** You must be at least 61 years and 9 months and want your benefits to start in no more than 4 months. Apply at ssa.gov/retirement or call 1-800-772-1213 or call TTY 1-800-325-0778 if you're deaf or hard of hearing.

Source: Social Security Connection;
www.ssa.gov

Parish Nurse Ministry of Central Toledo: Kathy Jeffery, RN, 419-242-1598



Outreach is collecting any Easter items that can be used to make baskets. They would like to give out 40 baskets this year.

Items needed: baskets, candy, any little stuffed animals, bubbles, etc.

If you have any questions feel free to call Natalie at (419)481-0858.



Only 2 weeks left to get your side board spots! See a seller after Mass before they are all gone.



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.



There will be students, past & present, from Queen of Apostles school selling 50/50 raffle tickets after Mass the first two weekends of the month. All money raised is put towards the cost of the student pilgrimage this summer. Please clearly write your name and phone number on the back of the tickets. The winner will be announced the third weekend! Thank you & good luck!



Are you interested in scheduling a Mass intention and not sure how to do so? Give Nicole a call in the office, 419-243-1829, and she will be glad to assist you!



This Week on Formed

Week of March 02, 2025



How to Lent

Lent is right around the corner. In How To Lent, you will be guided by priests and religious in the disciplines of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving so that you can make this your best Lent yet.



Foretold

From the beginning, God had a plan to save man from sin. With Jesus, that plan was fulfilled. But he also has a specific plan for you. Watch Foretold to rediscover God's providential love for you.



Whole 40

Sit down with Dr. Ben Akers and Dr. Elizabeth Klein to discuss the purpose of the season of Lent, how to prepare for it, and why it is such a fruitful season in our life of faith.

Our parish has a FORMED subscription.
Visit signup.formed.org and select our parish name.

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. \$2 each or 3/\$5
-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/

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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