



*The Immaculate Conception Church of Darby*



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“All this will be yours, if you worship me.”  
 Jesus said to him in reply,  
 “It is written:  
 ‘You shall worship the Lord, your God, and him alone shall you serve.’”

*Luke 4:7, 8*

Pastor: Reverend Monsignor Christopher P. Vasko, JCD, Ph.D.  
 Weekend Associate: Reverend Rudi Schwarzkopf, OSFS  
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 Deacon: Thomas S. Carone  
 Deacon: David E. Smith

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**EUCCHARISTIC 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,

Last week I mentioned the required prayer and penance expected of us during Lent. Today I want to look at some of the other practices which we might wish to cultivate in a particular way during Lent. Each of these is something we should be doing all the time but during Lent, we pay special attention to them.

Of course, the first of these is prayer. As I mentioned last week, prayer is a conversation, a two-way street on which each of us says something to God and God responds. We commonly think of our part as presenting petitions. We ask God for something and we wait for him to do it. That is prayer but perhaps not the conversational style we ought to be thinking of. A real conversation calls for sharing something, perhaps some good news about Uncle Joe and Aunt Mary having a new grandchild. We expect an answer, perhaps a remark about who the little one looks like. And that gets things started so that a conversation moves along from topic to topic and subject to subject. Because we're very good at asking God for things, we don't generally pray conversationally so rarely listen for the response which should keep things moving along. During what remains of lent, why not share with God some good news in your own life and then quietly listen (you might try doing that here on Wednesday during Eucharistic Adoration). You might be surprised at what God has to say about your good news!

Another key Lenten Practice is almsgiving. Almsgiving is thoughtful donation from our resources to some specific need in the community or Church. It may be a huge amount or a small one, but the idea is to give after thinking. If you like the Humane Society, give thought to what you can do financially to support its important work. If you like the pantry, give thought to how you can assist its work via a financial gift. The idea is to put thought and action together when we make a donation, not just dump in a few dollars without really knowing what it's for or what it can accomplish.

Another behavior is good works. We do plenty of them all the time but during Lent the idea is once again to think about them, not just automatically do them. There's two ways to accomplish this. One is to think about the day ahead and choose to do some specific good work we might not ordinarily do. The other is to reflect at day's end on good works we did and why we did any of them.

Prayer, alms, good works: The Lenten practices invite us to think and then do.

*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](http://www.iccatdarby.org). We hope to see you again soon!

**Immaculate Conception**

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**CALENDAR  
March 8-16, 2025**

**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  
**Intentions: Dorothy Young,  
 Michelle Young, Helen Steinmetz**

**Tue.** 9:10 am IC Weekday Mass

**Wed.** 5:30 pm HSP Weekday Mass

**Sat.** 3:30 pm Immaculate Conception Confessions  
 4:00 pm Immaculate Conception Mass  
 Msgr. Chris  
**Intention: The deceased family members of  
 the Joseph & Flora Wilson family**

**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: Irene Wacławski**

**Upcoming Events**

Monday's Bible Study @ 6 PM  
 All 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**  
**“THE DARBY”**



Happy Birthday!

3/8 Janelle Davis  
 3/10 Dorothy Haack  
 3/12 Jeff Streeter  
 3/14 Wanda Robles



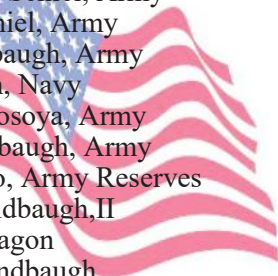
Happy Anniversary!

3/9 Alfred & Elvira Vallejo  
 46 years





Pray For Those Serving Our Country

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 LTC Ryan A Schiel, Army  
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 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. Bermeta, Larry Schneider, Marie Irons, Dawn Adkins, Pat Foster, Quinn Murray, Gina Briggie, Amanda White, Donna Haynes, Ron & Marlene DeCosi, Lupe Contresai, Pam Wilson-Adams

**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	\$ 461.00	\$ 13,573.00
Sat. Env.	\$ 1,722.00	\$ 22,057.00
Sun. Loose	\$ 246.00	\$ 14,705.00
Sun. Env.	\$ 1,165.00	\$ 33,736.00
Actual	\$ 3,594.00	\$ 84,071.00
Over/(Under)	\$ 1,190.00	\$ (40,929.00)
Preservation	\$ 100.00	\$ 20,900.00
General Repair	\$ 75.00	\$ 1,369.00
Candles	\$ 15.00	\$ 492.00
Outreach	\$ 200.00	\$ 4,302.00
Initial Offering	\$ 5.00	
Ash Wednesday	\$ 45.00	
Mass Count	Saturday: 66	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:	51	2,005

**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 8-9, 2025 First Sunday of Lent	
<b>1st Reading</b>	Deuteronomy 26:4-10
<b>2nd Reading</b>	Romans 10:8-13
<b>Gospel Reading</b>	Luke 4:1-13
<b>Lector</b>	Saturday: John Madigan Sunday: Bill Carroll
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Saturday: Linda Garcia Georgeann O'Connell Sunday: Cathy Carroll Louann Meagher
Children's Liturgy is on a break!	

March 15-16, 2025 Second Sunday of Lent	
<b>1st Reading</b>	Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18
<b>2nd Reading</b>	Philippians 3:17-4:1
<b>Gospel Reading</b>	Luke 9:28b-36
<b>Lector</b>	Saturday: Mary Jo Pilcher Sunday: Guadalupe Zarate
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Saturday: Mary Jo Robinson Georgeann O'Connell Sunday: Barb Marquis Doug Grey
Children's Liturgy is on a break!	


<u>Sanctuary Lamp</u>	
	March 9 (Available)
	March 16 (Available)
	March 23 (Available)




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.




You are still able to join us for our Bible Study on Genesis. Meetings are Monday nights at 6 PM.




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.




Please check this bulletin for information on Lenten devotions. Stations and more may be posted in the bulletin.



Do you or a family member or friend have difficulty attending mass? Call the parish office or Mary Jo Pilcher for information, to arrange to have Eucharist brought to the home.



SEEMS LIKE WE'RE ALWAYS ASKING; we'd like to do our Easter Sunday kids egg hunt this year! If you could donate some plastic eggs, and maybe a bag of that candy you're giving up for Lent, it would be appreciated. Please check with Mary Jo for this donation...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 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).



Remember to “Spring Forward!” this weekend (Night of Saturday, March 8th).



Thanks so much to all who donated wine bottles and gift cards to our Reverse Raffle! Our goal has been reached thanks to you.



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.



This is the last weekend to purchase sideboard chances! Thanks to Mahaney's for their loyal service this last month in making chances available to all here at church!



There will be students, past & present, from Queen of Apostles school selling 50/50 raffle tickets ( \$2 each or 3/\$5) 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!



### Health News for March 9, 2025



#### **Benefits You Can Apply for Online at ssa.gov:**

**Disability Benefits.** You can use our online application at [ssa.gov/disability](https://ssa.gov/disability) to apply for disability benefits if you: — Are age 18 or older. — Are unable to work because of a medical condition that is expected to last at least 12 months or result in death. — Have not been denied disability benefits in the last 60 days. If your application was recently denied, you can appeal our decision online and request a review of the determination we made. Please visit [ssa.gov/apply/appeal-decision-we-made](https://ssa.gov/apply/appeal-decision-we-made).

**Source:** Social Security Connection;  
[www.ssa.gov](https://www.ssa.gov)

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



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!



### Mercy Health Ask the Expert

March is National Kidney Month. Join us as Leah Adams, National Kidney Foundation Program Director, helps us understand what kidneys do, how to stay healthy & protect your kidneys, how kidney disease impacts people, kidney health & much more. Thursday, March 20th, 12:30-1:30pm. Free to join & participate.  
Phone number: 1-646-931-3860; Zoom meeting ID: 975-5220-8436. No need to pre-register.



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 March 09, 2025



**Week One | Restore**

In the Week One video for the Restore Lent series, Sr. Miriam James Heidland, SOLT, reflects on the theme of the week—the desert. She explains that Jesus is inviting you to move beyond your comfort zone and into the deepest places of your heart with him. It is Jesus who helps you root out the sin, sickness, and self-hatred in your life. Sr. Miriam assures us that we can look to him for comfort, love, and healing.



**St. Frances**

Join the Tierney family as they celebrate the feast of Saint Frances of Rome, patroness of homemaking! Learn about practicing the corporal works of mercy in the home, the very Catholic Lenten history of pretzels and beer, and watch Kendra and three-year-old Barbara make something they like to call "trash can soup." Find this episode's feature recipes and more about liturgical living in the home at Catholic All Year: <https://catholicallyyear.com/at-home/>.



**Living Lent as a Family**

Dr. Ben Akers sits down with Augustine Institute Graduate School Professor Dr. Sehorn and his wife, Sarah Sehorn, to discuss liturgical living during Lent.

Our parish has a Formed subscription.  
Visit [signup.formed.org](https://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.

**Jubilee 2025**

**CATHOLIC SISTERS WEEK 2025 // MARCH 8-14**

**FOOD DRIVE**



**FRIDAY, MARCH 14TH // 6 AM - 6 PM**

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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/](https://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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