



# 4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF *LENT*



## *The Immaculate Conception Church of Darby*



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Then let us  
 celebrate  
 with a feast,  
 because this  
 son of mine  
 was dead,  
 and has come  
 to life again,  
 he was lost,  
 and has  
 been found.

*Luke 15:23, 24*

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### ***EUCCHARISTIC LITURGIES***

Saturday 4:00 pm @ IC  
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 Tuesday 9:00 am @ IC

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Director Natalie Fisher  
 1102 Broadway 419-243-1819

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

Dear People of God,

As we make our way through Lent, we should take time each week to reflect on how well we've made use of the famous old "Lenten Practices" (1) to assist the needs of others and (2) to perfect our own style of life to make it more like that of Jesus. In case you've forgotten them, they are almsgiving, prayer, good works, and fasting and abstaining on the days appointed. Each of these activities is meant to provide a focus for our thoughtful approach to day-to-day behaviors during the forty days leading up to Easter so they will have become the good habits which guide our lives the rest of the year.

In the Church, habits (the good ones anyway) are called rituals and are meant to assure that some particular blessing of God is passed on through us to the world. In many ways, our lives are all ritual, repeated actions and behaviors which make life easier and reduce stress by leading us along familiar pathways. Think of the pattern you follow each morning when you get up; then mix things up some morning and you'll find that the entire day goes wrong. Most of us will drive the same route to work or to our vacation cottage without thinking about it and we resist the kids asking to go some other way.

Human beings love rituals because we are built to be ritualistic. In fact, this is the result of the way we think or try not to. A habit or ritual reduces the energy required to get things done and we're nothing if not efficient in our use of the energy expended by our brain. God took advantage of that when he gave us the sacraments, all of which invite us to begin the good habits of our faith. Unfortunately other habits intrude and begin to erode those faith habits; during Lent we try to bring them back up to full speed.

By way of an example, as children we all learned a few basic prayers but over time distractions like the television, texting, and social media take away the time we used to use honing the habit of saying those prayers. I've actually met people who have forgotten the Lord's Prayer and others who don't recall ever learning the Glory Be which, as I recall, was one of the Sisters' expectations given that it puts us in the presence of the Trinity.

Picking up a prayerbook during Lent revives our knowledge and perhaps revives the habit of when and how to make use of that prayer and others we may have allowed to slip out of common use. To grow beyond those simple rote prayers and develop the habit of dialogue with God, we can use some excellent devices like the Little Black Book which has a thoughtful and brief entry for each day of the season.

We learn from the gospels that Jesus had good habits and we can as well if we truly undertake the Lenten Practices.

*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.

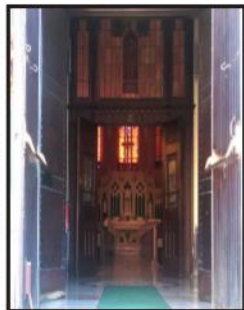
**Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults:** RCIA is the process of growing in your faith and love of God. Weekly gatherings take place from September until Easter. If you are interested in learning about Catholicism and joining us please call the church @ 419-243-1829.

**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!

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**CALENDAR  
March 29-April 6, 2025**

**Sat.** 3:30 pm Immaculate Conception Confessions  
4:00 pm Immaculate Conception Mass  
Msgr. Chris  
**Intention: Mary Lininger**

**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: Patricia Foster**

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

**Wed.** 4:00 pm HSP Adoration

**Sat.** 3:30 pm Immaculate Conception Confessions  
4:00 pm Immaculate Conception Mass  
Msgr. Chris  
**Intention: Kathy Gallagher**

**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: Mary Ann Oess**

**Upcoming Events**

Monday's Bible Study @ 6 PM  
Friday's All Lent Stations of the Cross every Friday @ 2:10 PM  
March 29th & 30th Confessions



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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!

3/30 Lisa Bland  
3/31 Kathy Laberdee  
Elvira Vallejo  
4/1 Jacob Nester  
4/2 Robert Billman  
April Flynn  
Osvaldo Ramirez



### 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 Laberdee, Louis Laberdee, Charlene Laberdee,  
Pedro & Pauline Rodriguez, Deacon Tom, Deacon Dave, Stela ,  
Tom Meagher, Joyce Scabrough, Guadalupe Zarate, Maureen K. Moore,  
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Terry Byersmith, Judy Place, Sylvia Gonzales,  
Mike Johnson, Maya Bautista



### 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	\$ 448.00	\$ 14,749.00
Sat. Env.	\$ 490.00	\$ 23,706.00
Sun. Loose	\$ 451.00	\$ 16,638.00
Sun. Env.	\$ 623.00	\$ 36,550.00
Actual	\$ 2,012.00	\$ 91,643.00
Over/(Under)	\$ (392.00)	\$ (33,357.00)
Preservation	\$	\$ 20,900.00
General Repair	\$ 21.00	\$ 1,494.00
Candles	\$ 37.00	\$ 529.00
Outreach	\$	\$ 4,421.00
Ash Wednesday	\$ 6.00	
Easter Flowers	\$ 15.00	
Mass Count	Saturday: 89	Sunday: 137



### 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:	40	2,132

**March Expenses: \$1,585.90**-Thank you for your donations to help keep us running!

**Donations needed: Easter Candy, dish soap, laundry detergent, fabric sheets, hygiene products, cleaning products**



# IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH

## SCHEDULE & ANNOUNCEMENTS



### Minister/Lector Schedule

March 29-30, 2025  
Fourth Sunday of Lent

<b>1st Reading</b>	Joshua 5:9a, 10-12
<b>2nd Reading</b>	2 Corinthians 5:17-21
<b>Gospel Reading</b>	Luke 15:1-3, 11-32
<b>Lector</b>	Saturday: John Madigan Sunday: Guadalupe Zarate
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Saturday: Mary Jo Pilcher Georgeann O'Connell Sunday: Fred Mahaney Kelly Mahaney

Children's Liturgy is on a break!

April 5-6, 2025  
Fifth Sunday of Lent

<b>1st Reading</b>	Isaiah 43:16-21
<b>2nd Reading</b>	Philippians 3:8-14
<b>Gospel Reading</b>	John 8:1-11
<b>Lector</b>	Saturday: Dan Streeter Sunday: Mike Young
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Saturday: Mary Jo Robinson John Madigan Sunday: Louann Meagher Tom Meagher

Children's Liturgy is on a break!

### Sanctuary Lamp



March 30 (Available)  
April 6 (Available)  
April 13 (Available)



In our attempts to pray for vocations, here's a thought...there is a prayer for vocations on the back of our Missalette. When we come into church and pick up our missalette, let's make the FIRST thing we do, be saying that prayer. As we know, prayers are answered!



In a time of preparation for Easter, there are many devotions that have been offered over the years. Many movies have been made portraying the last days of Christ before His death and resurrection. On Wednesday evenings at 6PM beginning April 2nd, we will present the following movies:

Wednesday, April 2nd: **Godspell**  
Wednesday, April 9th: **Jesus Christ, Super Star**  
Wednesday, April 16th (Holy Week):

**Mel Gibsons, The Passion of the Christ**

We invite Jr. High and High School kids to attend these movies, and see how the teens of the 1980s were introduced to these greatest acts of love by our Lord!

The side parking lot door will be open for your entry. There is no charge, but donations may be made to the teens trying to get to Italy. I hope you can join us!

Tear here

To best update our Veteran Plaque information we kindly ask that you fill out the information below and put it in the offering basket or drop it off at the office. Please print clearly. Thank you!

Name (first & last): \_\_\_\_\_

Military Ranking: \_\_\_\_\_





Join us on April 5th at 3:30 pm as Dan Streeter leads us in the Holy Rosary.



Easter will soon be here. The beauty of Spring awaits us! We have Memorial flower donation envelopes in the front and back church locations. Please indicate your family member to be honored, and thanks, once again for your generosity in helping to celebrate Our Lord's resurrection!



The Nuestra 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!



Thank you Barb Marquis and Diana Schwind-Gray for organizing the collection of seasonal decorations that have found their way to our church "attic". You guys are appreciated!



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.



We have some beautiful First Communion dresses and veil that were donated by a kind parishioner! Let Mary Jo know if you'd like to see them. We'll try to get them into the church soon so you can see them.



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. The cost of the retreat is \$50. Contact Nicole to get registered (419-243-1829).



Have you moved? Have you gotten a new phone number? If yes, contact Nicole! 419-243-1829



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.



### Health News for March 30, 2025



**Benefits You Can Apply for Online at ssa.gov: Extra Help with Medicare Prescription Drug Costs.** The Extra Help program helps Medicare beneficiaries with prescription drug costs, like deductibles and copays. People on Medicare who need assistance with the cost of their medications can apply for Extra Help at [ssa.gov/medicare/part-d-extra-help](https://ssa.gov/medicare/part-d-extra-help). Please share this information with those who need it.

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

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

## A WILL IS NOT ALWAYS THE WAY

**Getting Your Affairs in Order 2025**

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## This Week on Formed

Week of March 30, 2025



### The Boy from Milan

You may have heard of him, the sneaker-wearing, computer-loving "gamer saint" of our time. But beyond the headlines and hashtags, the real story of Carlo is something deeper, something the world desperately needs to hear. Known for his deep love of God, devotion to the Eucharist, and quiet acts of charity, Carlo's life was a testament to everyday holiness.



### Metanoia

In the Gospel of Mark, the first words of Jesus are an invitation to metanoia, to repent, to change, to be converted. Join Fr. Dave Pivonka in this incredible series as he preaches on conversion.



### Lent and New Life in Christ

What is the importance of almsgiving? Dr. Michael Barber discusses the transformative power of almsgiving for your life.

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## Easter Flowers

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## Executive Speaker Series

### INTEGRATING THE CATHOLIC FAITH IN THE WORKPLACE



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7-9PM

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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



## 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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