



Immaculate Conception CHURCH

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil 6:30 p.m.
 Sunday 7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 Noon
 Weekdays..... 7:30 a.m. Monday thru Friday
 School Mass 9:00 a.m. on Fridays

HOLY DAY SCHEDULE: See Mass Intention Times
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SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays: 11:00 a.m.

Anytime by calling the parish office for an appointment.

BAPTISMS: Presenting a child for Baptism is a serious obligation and requires a faith commitment on the part of the parents and godparents. This commitment is exemplified by being a practicing, active Catholic. Parents are obligated to attend a preparation session before a child's baptism if they have not attended one in the past five years. Sessions are held at 1:15 p.m. on second Sundays of January, March, May, July, September and November, in the Parish Activity Center. Baptisms are at 1:15 p.m. on the third Sunday of January, February, March, April, May, June, August, September, October, November and December and on the second Sunday of July.

WEDDINGS: Please phone the parish office to set-up an appointment with a priest, in order to begin the sacramental preparation. Only after this initial meeting and assessment can a date be set for the wedding. The process requires at least 6 months.

COUNSELING SERVICES: Offered by Bob Skipper at
 Spiritual Center of Maria Stein 1-937-299-9005.

NEW PARISHIONERS ARE WELCOME

Please come to the parish office to register. If you have a change of address, phone number or email, please inform the parish office.

PASTORAL STAFF

Fr. Kenneth Schnipke, C.P.P.S., Pastor
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TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME AUGUST 21, 2016

Dear Fr. Ken & I.C. & St. Teresa Parishioners,

Thanks for all that you did to organize the annual Farm Mass on July 27th. It was a blessing to share in the Prayer and Praise of God! Have a good rest of the summer.

God Bless.

Bishop Joe Binzer

Gospel Reflection

“Behold, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last.” For Jesus' original audience, this reference was meant for those Jews who presumed their salvation while judging others as being unworthy of entering the kingdom of God. Jesus was always quick to teach that believing in him was what mattered, not membership in a certain class or a particular religious circle. Therefore, some of the (last) Gentiles who professed faith in Jesus were ready to enter the kingdom before some of the (first) Jews who rejected the Messiah.

But we should not assume that this Gospel was only for those people in that time and place. Today, there is perhaps a different stratum of first and last. In our Christian era, we can be tempted to have the same presumptuous attitude that afflicted too many of the Jewish contemporaries of Christ. We can think that our salvation is assured just because we bear the title Christian. Likewise, we can fall prey to the idea that we are somehow better or more deserving of Christ's mercy than those who do not “belong” to our Church. This simply isn't true. God's mercy is available to everyone who humbly recognizes one's need for it. The minute we become complacent or overconfident, we close ourselves off to the gift of mercy God offers to the repentant sinner.

Jesus tells us today that we must “strive to enter through the narrow gate.” This means that we must not take the easy road of presumption, assuming that we are in good shape because we look like most of the people around us. On the contrary, Jesus calls us to take the more challenging road of real repentance in order to “recline at table in the kingdom of God.”

✠ Vocation Cross ✠

August 28-September 3 -- Marge Waterman
September 4-10 -- Chris & Katey Wibbenmeyer



Legacies and bequests help continue the faith. Please remember Immaculate Conception Parish in your will and expressions of sympathy.

Mass Intentions For The Week

Monday, August 22

The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7:30 a.m. Bob & Leola Carr Family

Tuesday, August 23

Saint Rose of Lima, Virgin

7:30 a.m. James Willson

10:00 a.m. Mass at The Gardens

Wednesday, August 24

Saint Bartholomew, Apostle

7:30 a.m. Red Everman

Thursday, August 25

Saint Louis;

Saint Joseph Calasanz, Priest

7:30 a.m. Dale & Mary Ellen Hileman

Friday, August 26

7:30 a.m. Frances Knapke

9:00 a.m. Benefactors of the Endowment

Saturday, August 27

Saint Monica

3:00 p.m. Brad Smith and Lindsey Frysinger
Wedding

6:30 p.m. People of the Parish

Sunday, August 28

7:30 a.m. Floyd & Margaret Highley

9:00 a.m. Rita Gibbons (Anniversary)

12:00 noon Randy Griesdorn

RCIA Classes

It's almost time to start our RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation) Program for the coming year. An introductory class is scheduled for Tuesday, August 30, 2016 (7:00-9:00 p.m.), in the Parish Activity Center. If you know of someone displaying an interest in the Catholic church and Catholic way of life, pass on some information about the RCIA program, or contact Fr. Ken Alt (419-586-6648) and he will explore the program with this person.

Readings for the Week of August 21, 2016

Sunday: **Is 66:18-21/Ps 117:1-2/Heb 12:5-7, 11-13/
Lk 13:22-30**

Monday: **2 Thes 1:1-5, 11-12/Ps 96:1-5/Mt 23:13-22**

Tuesday: **2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17/Ps 96:10-13/Mt 23:23-26**

Wednesday: **Rv 21:9b-14/Ps 145:10-13, 17-18/Jn 1:45-51**

Thursday: **1 Cor 1:1-9/Ps 145:2-7/Mt 24:42-51**

Friday: **1 Cor 1:17-25/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 10-11/Mt 25:1-13**

Saturday: **1 Cor 1:26-31/Ps 33:12-13, 18-21/Mt 25:14-30**

Next Sunday: **Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29/Ps 68:4-7, 10-11/
Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a/Lk 14:1, 7-14**

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I.C. School Fundraising Update Fundraising for the 2017-18 School Year

Funds raised January 1 – July 31, 2016

I.C. School Appeal (parishioners & Century Club members	\$ 41,628.62
I.C. School Appeal (Alumni)	1,685.00
Miscellaneous Fund Raisers	27,734.88
Carryover from 2015	<u>68,545.31</u>
Total for 2017-18 School Year	\$139,593.81
Goal for 2017-18 School Year	\$200,000.00
Adopt-A-Student	\$595.00

I.C. School Carnival

The 7th annual I.C. School Carnival will be held on Sunday, September 11 from 1:00-5:00 p.m. Our raffle this year will consist of 1st prize \$500.00 gas card; 2nd prize a pizza a month for a year from Celina Wine Store; 3rd prize \$200.00 gas card; 4th prize Bella's Italian Grille gift basket; and 5th prize \$25.00 New Avenue Salon gift card. Tickets are \$10.00 each or 2 for \$15.00. Raffle tickets will be on sale outside the main doors of church after all masses next weekend August 27 & 28. Tickets can also be purchased in the School Office once school starts. Please call Kati Heckler at 419-963-8829 with any questions.

Don't Miss Out!

Reservations are now being accepted for the 6th annual All Saints Dinner Auction. Please join us on October 29 at the Galleria. Call the school office at 419-586-2379 to reserve your seats. We are also accepting new items at the office if you wish to donate.

Back-to-School Prayer

God of all knowledge, you knew us when we were still in our mother's womb.

You know our comings and our goings.

Grant us wisdom to act on the knowledge we have of you, and humility to admit when we do not know what to do.

Bless our minds with the knowledge of you and how you sent your Son into the world to show us the way to you.

Bless all students who are preparing to go back to school.

Bless their teachers and aides that help them to learn.

In addition, give us who are parents the ability to be the first teachers in the faith we have received from our parents.

We ask all this through Christ our Lord and brother. Amen.

Religious Education Registration

It is time to start thinking of going "back to school"! Religious Education classes for grades 1-9 will begin September 7 while Confirmation class begins on September 11. Registration for preschool-10th grade is underway. Registration forms are available online at www.celina-ic.org, in the Parish Office, at the entrances to the church, and in the Religious Ed Office. They may be returned to the office during regular office hours which are 8:30 – 5:30 Monday Wednesday and 8:30-5:00 on Thursday, to the Parish Office, or dropped into the collection on Sundays. The Religious Ed Office is closed on Fridays.

Michael James Mette Concert

Mark your calendar for an evening at a Michael James Mette concert. The concert will be on Wednesday, August 31 at the Spiritual Center from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. We are asking that everyone who attends, to please bring \$1.00. Michael James Mette is a Catholic performing artist who blends music, technology, and testimony. He has spent much of the past 3 years touring the country with his wife and six young children. Together, they have visited 44 states and shared their ministry with countless parishes on their journey. His music is passionate like a Friday night and reverent like a Sunday morning. Please visit his website at www.michaeljamesmette.com for more information.

First Saturday Devotions will be held at St. Charles Center main chapel on September 3 at 2:00 p.m. This includes an hour of prayer with adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, the rosary & other devotions followed by Benediction. Father Louis Schmit will officiate. All are welcome to attend.

Magnificat Women's Conference

The annual Magnificat Women's Conference will be hosting Fr. Nathan Cromly, a favorite on Radio Maria as well as at the Mom's Retreat. He is also the founder of Eagle Eye Ministries for youth. This year's program, "Mercy Acts", will be held on Saturday, September 17 at St. Charles Center, Carthagena, Ohio. The day will begin at 8:00 a.m. with the Rosary and Mass and end at 3:00 p.m. Cost is \$25.00, which includes breakfast and lunch. To register, make check payable to Coldwater Holy Trinity Church. Mail to: Rene Klosterman at 912 W. Vine St., Coldwater, Ohio 45828, or call her at 419-678-4700. Or call Ginny Gehret at 419-942-2473. Registration deadline is September 14.

Bulletin articles are due in writing by 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday. You may e-mail article to: ann@celina-ic.org.

Saturday, August 27, 6:30 p.m.

Servers: Ashley Robinson and Zoe Cox
 Commentator: Judie Braun
 Lector: Gerald Vian
 Gifts: Nancy Hammitt
 E. M.: Cindy Shaffer, Mike Shaffer, Kathy Schmiesing,
 Dr. Ken Schmiesing, Tom Drexler, Katey Wibbenmeyer,
 Dave Cron, Jane Cron, Betsy Houts, Lori Vian,
 Marge Waterman
 Ushers: Team I, Anna Garman, Captain

Sunday, August 28, 7:30 a.m.

Servers: John Robinson and Nathan Robinson
 Commentator: Janet Ramsey
 Lector: Bud Schoenleben
 Gifts: Sara Schlarman
 E. M.: Pat Brookhart, Hannah Heckler, Janet Stachler,
 Patty Schoenleben, Larry Sielschott
 Ushers: Team J, Charles Heckler, Captain

Sunday, August 28, 9:00 a.m.

Servers: RJ Muhlenkamp and Paige Noll
 Commentator: Jean Giesige
 Lector: Trish Baucher
 Gifts: Jeff Schott
 E. M.: Lisa Schott, Harry Coy, Carol Coy, Pat Hoying,
 Tim Heckler
 Ushers: Team K, Tony Grilliot, Captain

Sunday, August 28, 12:00 Noon

Servers: Ian Darras and Carly Fullenkamp
 Commentator: Bev Korte
 Lector: Alli Darras
 Gifts: Chris Fullenkamp
 E. M.: Mary Ann Laughlin, Myra Hileman,
 Ruth Knapke, Janie Stammen, Paul Maxwell
 Ushers: Team L, Chip Felter, Captain

Nursery August 28, *Ann and Pat Hull

Stewardship Offering August 21

Envelopes/online (285)	\$ 14,206.00
Loose	<u>1,621.25</u>
Total Received	\$ 15,827.25
Weekly Offering:	\$ 15,827.25
Week Budgeted:	<u>14,304.00</u>
Over/Short:	\$ 1,523.25
YTD Total Collection:	\$ 99,082.25
YTD Total Budgeted:	<u>100,128.00</u>
Over/Short to date:	(\$ 1,045.75)

To give electronically for fiscal year July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017 visit www.celina-ic.org and click Donate.

Calendar of Events for the Week

Sunday, August 21

9:00 a.m. Nursery available in the PAC
 1:15 p.m. Baptism
 7:00 p.m. Bingo at the K of C Hall

Tuesday, August 23

6:00 p.m. Rosary
 7:00 p.m. Bingo at the K of C Hall

Wednesday, August 24

First Day of School

Saturday, August 27

11:00 a.m. Reconciliation

Sunday, August 28

9:00 a.m. Nursery available in the PAC
 7:00 p.m. Bingo at the K of C Hall

Bingo

Chairperson August 28 and 30: Bob McKirnan

Crew Captain August 28: Bob Stover

Workers August 28: Elden Heckler, Dave Hut,
 Tom & Rose Drexler, Linus Jutte, Steve Dzendzel,
 Joe Pecharich, Helen Stover

Crew Captain August 30: Tony Schindler

Workers August 30: Dave Frenzer, Don Springer,
 Mark or Diane Klosterman, Jan Dues, Dorothy Springer,
 Dave Cron, Eric Sudhoff

Retreat for Widowed and Divorced

“Beginning Experience”, a peer ministry for people who have lost a spouse through separation, death or divorce, will hold its fall weekend retreat Sept. 23-25 at Our Lady of the Holy Spirit Center, 5440 Moeller Ave., in the Norwood area of Cincinnati. It's a healing weekend, addressing topics such as grief, anger, trust and forgiveness. Founded by a Catholic nun and rooted in the Christian tradition, the ministry has an open, ecumenical spirit that serves people of all faiths. The cost for the weekend is \$175.00 with lodging, meals and retreat materials included. For information, see beginningexperiencecincinnati.webs.com; email BEcincinnati@fuse.net or leave a message at 513-684-1196.

Divorced Or Separated?

The Catholic's Divorce Survival Guide 12-week group begins Thursday, September 1 from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. at the Parish Office Center (old rectory next to St. Michael Church), Ft. Loramie. Cost of \$25.00 per person includes a “Personal Survival Guide,” and materials for 12 weeks. Find comfort and counsel consistent with Catholic teachings. Call Rose Meyer at 937-295-2891 or rosem@nflregion.org to find out more information or to register.

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