



# 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  
 Fr. Kenneth Alt, C.P.P.S., Parochial Vicar  
 Polly Muhlenkamp, School Principal  
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## PASTORAL COUNCIL

Mike Robinson, President

## SCHOOL ADVISORY BOARD

Kevin Riesen, Chairperson

## RELIGIOUS ED. COMMISSION

Lynn Locke, Chairperson

## FINANCE COMMISSION

Harry Coy, Chairperson

# SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT, DECEMBER 4, 2016

## Feast of the Immaculate Conception, December 8

Thursday, December 8 is a holy day of obligation celebrating the patronal feast of our country and I.C. parish. Masses will be celebrated on Wednesday, December 7 at 6:30 p.m. and Thursday, December 8 at 7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. (St. Teresa Wednesday, December 7 at 7:00 p.m.)

**Your donation works for aging religious.** "I read that roughly 95 percent of donations to the Retirement Fund for Religious aid senior religious," a donor writes. "That's wonderful when we truly want our donations to *work*." Your gift works for elderly religious by helping to furnish medications, nursing care, and more. Please support next week's collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious, and give to those who have given a lifetime.

*Fr. Ken & Fr. Alt*

## Advent Reconciliation Opportunities

Thursday, December 15 & 22, 7:00 p.m.

Individual Confessions

Saturdays at 11:00 a.m. (No Confessions Saturday, December 24)

## Christmas & New Year Masses

Saturday, Dec. 24 - 4:30 p.m., 7:30 p.m. & 11:00 p.m.

Sunday, Dec. 25 - 8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.

Saturday, Dec 31 - 6:30 p.m.

Sunday, Jan. 1 - 7:30 a.m., 9 a.m. & 12 Noon

## Christmas Flowers

If you wish to have loved ones remembered with flowers during the Christmas Season, please submit your donation by Dec. 20. Donations in thanksgiving are also welcome. The names of those remembered will be placed in frames and set among the Christmas flowers. An envelope is in your December packet.



## Readings for the Week of December 4, 2016

Sunday: **Is 11:1-10/Ps 72/Rom 15:4-9/Mt 3:1-12**

Monday: **Is 35:1-10/Ps 85/Lk 5:17-26**

Tuesday: **Is 40:1-11/Ps 96/Mt 18:12-14**

Wednesday: **Is 40:25-31/Ps 103/Mt 11:28-30**

Thursday: **Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38**

Friday: **Is 48:17-19/Ps 1/Mt 11:16-19**

Saturday: **Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Ps 80/Mt 17:9a, 10-13**

Next Sunday: **Is 35:1-6a, 10/Ps 146/Jas 5:7-10/**

**Mt 11:2-11**

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## Mass Intentions For The Week

### Monday, December 5

7:30 a.m. Jerry Rutledge

### Tuesday, December 6

7:30 a.m. Liv. & Dec. Dorothy J. Krupp family

### Wednesday, December 7

#### Saint Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

7:30 a.m. All Souls

6:30 p.m. Joan Pleiman

### Thursday, December 8

#### The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7:30 a.m. Rita Buening

9:00 a.m. Don Uhlenhake

6:30 p.m. Liv. & Dec. Hull & Beyke family

### Friday, December 9

7:30 a.m. Linda Kanney

### Saturday, December 10

6:30 p.m. People of the Parish

### Sunday, December 11

7:30 a.m. Alice Schulte

9:00 a.m. Michael Carroll

12:00 noon Red Everman (Anniversary)

The *Endowment Fund* received \$230.00 in memory of John & Katie Hierholzer, \$100.00 in memory of Marlene Winner, \$20.00 in memory of Linda Kanney and a \$1,000.00 donation.

## ✠ Vocation Cross ✠

Dec. 11-17 -- Rick & Janet Ramsey

Dec. 18-24 -- Mary Studer

## Attention Ushers

Plan "B" will be in effect for all Masses for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. When you arrive at church check and see if there are enough ushers. If you are the first one there start the prep work and secure enough ushers to help you. Thank you.

Local hospitals do not release names of parishioners who are admitted. To request a hospital visit, call the parish office. If you anticipate surgery, the Anointing of the Sick is a comfort and source of healing. Please call the parish office in advance to schedule the Anointing.

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

### **Dinner Auction Thanks**

Thank you for all of the wonderful items that were donated to the I.C. Dinner Auction. We also appreciate all who attended or donated their time setting up for the evening. Our profit this year was \$45,626.88! It was a wonderful evening and we appreciate the support we received from so many businesses and individuals. Please mark your calendar for November 4, 2017.

### **“WHEN I WAS HUNGRY, YOU GAVE ME FOOD.”**

Reflecting the generosity of I.C. parishioners, 925 food items were donated over the Thanksgiving holiday weekend to the Church’s “Food for All” initiative. The items were delivered to CALL and OUR Home food pantries and will be distributed to help feed the hungry of our area. Thank you to everyone who donated the items and helped load and deliver them. I.C. parish continues to work toward Pope Francis’s goal to end world hunger by 2025. Thank you for doing your part.

### **Christmas Party**

The Ladies Auxiliary of the Knights of St. John will have their Christmas party at the Orchard Tree on Dec. 5 starting at 4:30 p.m. Please RSVP to Dianna at 419-586-6136 or Rosie at 419-586-5366 by Dec. 4. Please bring a food item to donate to the local food pantry.

### **Angel Tree Program**

Immaculate Conception Parish is participating in the Angel Tree Program. A Christmas tree decorated with tags has been set up in the back of church. Remove a tag or a couple of tags from the tree and purchase the gift(s) described. **Return the gift(s) to the tables at the doors of church, along with the tag attached to the gift, by Dec. 5.** Please DO NOT wrap the gifts. Thank you for helping to make Christmas a little brighter for some area families!

### **Altar Rosary Christmas Party**

Ladies mark your calendar! The Altar Rosary Christmas party will be held Monday, Dec. 12. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. and we will be eating at 6:30 p.m. Our entertainment will be Mike Bruns from Rockford and Weston Thompson from Van Wert. Come enjoy the Christmas music with Mike on guitar and Weston playing the saxophone. Mike is a member of the band “Blind Date” and Weston is the latest addition to the group. Have a fun filled evening of good food, great entertainment and fellowship with other ladies from the parish. If you wish to attend please call Mary Butturini at 567-279-4753 for reservations. Please call by Dec. 8.

### **The Athenaeum of Ohio Lay Tuition Reduction continues for Spring Semester 2017**

The Athenaeum, the Archdiocesan seminary and school of theology, will continue the 50% lay tuition reduction for spring semester as part of the *One Faith, One Hope Capital Campaign* commitment. The non-Degreed Certificate Option will meet on Saturdays in Dayton at the Pilarczyk Center January through May 2017, and then move to Sacred Heart of Jesus, McCartyville, for two years in August, 2017. Graduate programs are available at the main campus in Cincinnati. All options are designed for busy adults with an outstanding faculty, supportive staff and flexible components. There will never be a better time to see how lay Catholic studies through the Athenaeum can transform your life. For information about Dayton classes, call Deacon Hal Belcher, 419-305-5486. For Cincinnati options, call Dr. Susan McGurgan, 513-231-1200.

### **National Night of Prayer for Life**

The 27<sup>th</sup> annual National Night of Prayer for Life will be held at the Spiritual Center chapel, Maria Stein, Ohio starting at 9:00 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 8 to 1:00 a.m., Friday, Dec. 9. Four hours of Eucharistic Adoration and prayers of reparation for the sin of abortion will be offered. Each hour will begin with a hymn & prayers including the rosary and the Divine Mercy chaplet. This Night of Prayer again will unite over 600 parishes across the nation to end the callous acceptance of abortion in our country and the world. Father Tim Ralston will be available for confession during adoration and will close with Benediction. All are welcome and participants may come for all or part of the event.

### **Newspaper Signature Ad Campaign**

To commemorate the 44<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Supreme Court’s decision legalizing abortion, the Mercer County Right to Life Chapter will once again purchase a full-page ad in the Daily Standard. For a \$5.00 donation, your name, along with several hundred others, will be included in the Pro-Life Ad. If you wish to participate in this year’s Ad Campaign, please send \$5.00 along with the name or names as you wish it to appear in the newspaper to Pat Pottkotter, 5158 State Route 119, Saint Henry, OH 45883 by Jan. 7, 2017. Make checks out to Mercer County Right to Life. Please don’t wait until the last minute to turn in your name. This ad will appear in the newspaper Monday, Jan. 23, 2017.

**Bulletin articles are due in writing by 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday. You may email article to: [ann@celina-ic.org](mailto:ann@celina-ic.org).**

**Please note that the deadline for the Dec. 25 bulletin is 9:00 a.m. on Dec. 16. The deadline for the Jan. 1 bulletin is 9:00 a.m. on Dec. 23.**



## Calendar of Events for the Week

### Saturday, December 10, 6:30 p.m.

Servers: Zach Hirsch and Cayden Hirsch  
 Commentator: Bud Schoenleben  
 Lector: Joshua Muhlenkamp  
 Gifts: Joseph Prenger  
 E. M.: Heather Henry, Chris Henry, Patty Schoenleben,  
 Sue Siebert, Dan Siebert  
 Ushers: Team G, Dave Cron, Captain

### Sunday, December 11, 7:30 a.m.

Servers: Ashley Robinson and Reeves Black  
 Commentator: Trish Baucher  
 Lector: Jim Poepelman  
 Gifts: Leroy Felver  
 E. M.: James Poepelman, Joan Carr, Jane Mescher,  
 Charles Mescher, Myra Hileman  
 Ushers: Team H, Joe Bruns, Captain

### Sunday, December 11, 9:00 a.m.

Servers: Adam Faber and Maddicyn Brumbaugh  
 Commentator: Paulette Sommer  
 Lector: Dale Sommer  
 Gifts: Sue Osterholt  
 E. M.: Jim Miller, Joan Wurster, Harry Coy, Carol Coy,  
 Karen Stolly, X Ron Hoyng  
 Ushers: Team I, Anna Garman, Captain

### Sunday, December 11, 12:00 Noon

Servers: Ariel Musgrave and Hannah Koester  
 Commentator: Lindsey Lunz  
 Lector: Jan Dues  
 Gifts: Dick Miller  
 E. M.: Donna Hartke, Liz Muether, Kylie Johnson,  
 Gerard Ahrens, Joan Stelzer, Mike Braun, John Schmidt,  
 Marge Waterman, Sharon Griggs, Margaret Flaute,  
 Craig Lunz  
 Ushers: Team J, Charles Heckler, Captain

### Nursery December 11, Teresa Hoyng & Karen Riesen

#### Bingo

**Chairperson & Crew Captain December 11:** Rob Luebke  
**Workers December 11:** Carey Luebke, Chris Henry,  
 Todd or Stacey McGohan, Ann Vorhees, Pat Adams,  
 Elizabeth Luebke, Jerry Albers, Erik or Libby Newell  
**Chairperson & Crew Captain December 13:** Pat Hull  
**Workers December 13:** Jo Pryer, Marge Zwiebel,  
 Bryan Klingshirn, Cathy Vian, Dan Dirksen, Ann Hull,  
 Dave Frenzer

### Sunday, December 4

9:00 a.m. Nursery available in the PAC  
 9:00 a.m. Sunday School  
 10:15 a.m. Confirmation Class  
 7:00 p.m. Bingo at the K of C Hall

### Tuesday, December 6

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

### Wednesday, December 7

7:00 p.m. Religious Education Grades 1-9

### Saturday, December 10

11:00 a.m. Reconciliation

### Sunday, December 11

9:00 a.m. Nursery available in the PAC  
 9:00 a.m. Sunday School  
 10:00 a.m. Sunday School Program in Gym  
 10:15 a.m. Confirmation Class  
 7:00 p.m. Bingo at the K of C Hall

### Nativities Exhibit

Now through Jan. 9 (with the exception of Dec. 23-26, 31 and Jan. 1 & 2) come visit the Maria Stein Shrine to view and enjoy the "Christmas Traditions Nativities Exhibit". These displays are from the collection of Tim & Kathleen Nealeigh and include a variety of Nativities and St. Nicholas figurines from many different cultures.

### Stewardship Offerings

#### November 20

Envelopes/online (287)	\$ 14,376.00
Loose	<u>1,248.50</u>
Total Received	\$ 15,624.50
Weekly Offering:	\$ 15,624.50
Week Budgeted:	<u>14,304.00</u>
Over/Short:	\$ 1,320.50

YTD Total Collection:	\$ 298,350.06
YTD Total Budgeted:	<u>300,384.00</u>
Over/Short to date:	(\$ 2,033.94)

#### November 27

Envelopes/online (255)	\$ 9,744.00
Loose	<u>1,787.76</u>
Total Received	\$ 11,531.76
Weekly Offering:	\$ 11,531.76
Week Budgeted:	<u>14,304.00</u>
Over/Short:	(\$ 2,772.24)

YTD Total Collection:	\$309,881.82
YTD Total Budgeted:	<u>314,688.00</u>
Over/Short to date:	(\$ 4,806.18)

To give electronically for fiscal year July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017 visit [www.celina-ic.org](http://www.celina-ic.org) and click Donate.

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