



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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PASTORAL COUNCIL

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RELIGIOUS ED. COMMISSION

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THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT, DECEMBER 11, 2016

Dear Parishioner,

You may be wondering what is happening under the church, especially with the plywood enclosure and large white piece of equipment on the North side that looks like a feed bin. It's actually a very large vacuum cleaner.

Part of our energy efficiency plan includes insulating the outside walls of the church crawlspace. In the process of preparing the crawlspace for the insulation crew, our I.C. volunteers found what looked like asbestos. They halted work and we brought in a certified asbestos abatement contractor to investigate the crawlspace and provide an estimate. Although asbestos abatement occurred in the church crawlspace in 2001, prior to the church renovation, all the asbestos was not removed at that time. LEPI Enterprises, INC., provided a quote of \$16,930.00 for asbestos abatement and \$850.00 for clearance air sampling. The I.C. Finance Commission and Pastoral Council approved this quote in October 2016. The process of abatement includes removal of asbestos covering on pipes, removal of pipes no longer being used and sweeping the entire crawlspace with the large white vacuum cleaner. It was estimated that the job would take approximately one week. We recently learned that the asbestos mixed in the dirt under the church is more extensive than anticipated. We do not have an exact estimate on the time frame for removing all the asbestos, nor what the additional costs will be. However, it is our intention to make sure the asbestos abatement is done completely this time.

Since the discovery of the asbestos was due to energy efficiency measures being taken, we will be using part of the return funds from the One Faith, One Hope, One Love campaign to pay for the asbestos abatement. The estimate for completing our energy efficiency plan is considerably less than originally estimated, so there are funds to cover the asbestos abatement.

Thanks for your continued support of I.C. parish and the One Faith, One Hope, One Love campaign. These are important efforts that are helping us provide financial stability in the present and also safe and viable facilities for future generations.

Fr. Ken & Fr. Alt

The St. Vincent de Paul Society collected \$953.15 the weekend of December 3 & 4. Your ongoing generosity will help us to make Christmas a little better for some local families.

Mass Intentions For The Week

Monday, December 12

Our Lady of Guadalupe

7:30 a.m. John Gibbons (Anniversary)

Tuesday, December 13

Saint Lucy, Virgin and Martyr

7:30 a.m. Donald Novogradac

1:30 p.m. Mass at Miller House

Wednesday, December 14

7:30 a.m. Raymond "Ric" Zanglin

Thursday, December 15

7:30 a.m. Eugene Crouch (Anniversary)

Friday, December 16

7:30 a.m. Nancy Sommer and Dale Miller
(Anniversary)

9:00 a.m. Carl Buehler

Saturday, December 17

6:30 p.m. Joe Vian

Sunday, December 18

7:30 a.m. Liv. & Dec. of the Parish

9:00 a.m. Bernadette Adams (Anniversary)

12:00 noon John Gibbons

Aging religious need your help.

Senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests have offered their lives in service to others—educating the young, comforting the sick, seeking justice for the oppressed. Today, many are frail, elderly, and in need of assistance. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious helps to furnish medications, nursing care, and other necessities. Please give generously to today's second collection.

The *Endowment Fund* received \$50.00 in memory of Jerry Rutledge.

Immaculate Conception School received \$500.00 in memory of Jerry Rutledge.

Readings for the Week of December 11, 2016

Sunday: **Is 35:1-6a, 10/Ps 146/Jas 5:7-10/Mt 11:2-11**

Monday: **Zec 2:14-17/Jdt 13/Lk 1:26-38**

Tuesday: **Zep 3:1-2, 9-13/Ps 34/Mt 21:28-32**

Wednesday: **Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21b-25/Ps 85/Lk 7:18b-23**

Thursday: **Is 54:1-10/Ps 30/Lk 7:24-30**

Friday: **Is 56:1-3a, 6-8/Ps 67/Jn 5:33-36**

Saturday: **Gn 49:2, 8-10/Ps 72/Mt 1:1-17**

Next Sunday: **Is 7:10-14/Ps 24/Rom 1:1-7/Mt 1:18-24**

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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., 9:00 a.m. & 12:00 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.



✠ Vocation Cross ✠

Dec. 18-24 -- Mary Studer

Dec. 25-31 -- Deb Vogel

Free Gift Cards!

Earn FREE gift cards by joining our Scrip Rewards program! You will earn a Free \$10 gift card to the establishment of your choice each time you reach a total of \$1000 in Scrip purchases!

You will be getting a rebate of 1% of your purchases just like you would if you were using your credit card. Just by using scrip for Walmart, Chief or Friendly, gas stations, or restaurants, you will earn your free \$10 gift card in no time! This will be an ongoing program, so you can earn free gift cards all year long.

Gift cards can be purchased through the I.C. School office, at I.C. Church after weekend Masses, or online at www.shopwithscrip.com. You can sign up for this program at school or Church.

Scrip cards are available for over 750 retailers nationwide. They can be purchased as physical gift cards or ecards (great for online shoppers!) - and they make excellent gifts!

Do your Christmas shopping the easy way by ordering gift cards and earn while you shop!

If you were enrolled in the Scrip program online previously, but have not ordered within the last year, you need to register again at shopwithscrip.com. I.C. School's enrollment code is 929EDD2421654.

Happy shopping and Merry Christmas!

Altar Rosary Christmas Party!

Don't forget the Altar Rosary Christmas Party on Dec. 12. The doors open at 6:00 p.m. with the meal served at 6:30 and entertainment provided by Mike Bruns and Weston Thompson. Please bring a canned good for CALL Food Pantry.

Christmas Bazaar Raffle Winners

Handmade Harvest Wagon--Judy Nietfeld

\$100.00 gas cards--Sharon Griggs

\$100.00 grocery cards--Sara Schlarman

Santa Claus decoration--Pat Hay

Thirty-one Clutch/Bag--Ria Schroeder

Thank You!!

The Christmas Bazaar Committee says a giant Thank You to all who helped to make this year's event such a success. Thank you to the bakers, cooks, crafters, workers and shoppers. Every one of you is appreciated. We hope to see you again next year.

The Longest Night

The candlelight service is one of healing and hope for when the holiday season reminds us of loved ones lost or the transitions and uncertainties of life. Remembering the hope we have in God's presence in the world. The date is December 21 at 7:00 p.m. in St. John Lutheran Church Traditional Sanctuary, Celina. The service is open to all. For more information contact 419-586-2332.

GriefShare Sessions

The Marion Catholic community will be offering GriefShare Sessions to local communities. The program consists of 13 weekly DVD sessions for people grieving the loss of someone close. It's a place where you can be around people who understand how you are feeling and are able to offer you encouragement. The DVD seminars are combined with support group discussions of the material presented during the DVD. The sessions will be held in the Precious Blood Rectory, 35 S Maple St., Chickasaw. Sessions will begin Jan. 10, 2017 from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. All materials are donated by Hogenkamp Funeral Homes. To register or for more information or questions contact Herb Wilker at 419-953-5398 or email hiwilker@mercy.com.

Bulletin articles are due in writing by 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday. You may email article to: 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 17, 6:30 p.m.

Servers: Michelle Noll and Paige Noll
 Commentator: Nicole Schumm
 Lector: Cindy Shaffer
 Gifts: Charlie Hileman
 E. M.: Ruth Knapke, Margaret Baskett, Sandy Sielschott,
 Larry Sielschott, Mike Shaffer, Jane Mescher,
 Charlie Mescher, Judie Braun, Diane Wagner,
 Becky Lipp, Joe Hoyng
 Ushers: Team F, Steve Alig, Captain

Sunday, December 18, 7:30 a.m.

Servers: Thomas Stoner and Kevin Stoner
 Commentator: Karen Stahl
 Lector: Rhett Snyder
 Gifts: Rick Ramsey
 E. M.: Rita Prenger, Hannah Heckler, Rita Snider,
 Janet Stachler, Pat Hoyng
 Ushers: Team G, Dave Cron, Captain

Sunday, December 18, 9:00 a.m.

Servers: Justin Bruggeman and Maddy Luebke
 Commentator: Diane McLaughlin
 Lector: Tom McLaughlin
 Gifts: Mary Dirksen
 E. M.: Larry Braun, Charlie Salway, Cissy Muntzinger,
 Joe Pecharich, Janie Stammen X Tim Heckler
 Ushers: Team H, Joe Bruns, Captain

Sunday, December 18, 12:00 Noon

Servers: Maddie Fleck and Amelia Adams
 Commentator: Dennis Hirt
 Lector: Molly Moorman
 Gifts: Tom Staley
 E. M.: Bev Korte, Jeanne Braun, Mary Ann Laughlin,
 Janet Smith, Tom Drexler
 Ushers: Team I, Anna Garman, Captain

Nursery December 18, *Kathy Coon and Jeanette Walls

Stewardship Offering December 4

Envelopes/online (281)	\$ 12,157.00
Loose	<u>889.20</u>
Total Received	\$ 13,046.20
Weekly Offering:	\$ 13,046.20
Week Budgeted:	<u>14,304.00</u>
Over/Short:	(\$ 1,257.80)
YTD Total Collection:	\$322,928.02
YTD Total Budgeted:	<u>328,992.00</u>
Over/Short to date:	(\$ 6,063.98)

Thanksgiving \$2,894.00

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

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

Tuesday, December 13

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

Wednesday, December 14

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

Thursday, December 15

7:00 p.m. Reconciliation

Saturday, December 17

11:00 a.m. Reconciliation

Sunday, December 18

9:00 a.m. Nursery available in the PAC
 10:15 a.m. Confirmation Class
 1:15 p.m. Baptism
 7:00 p.m. Bingo at the K of C Hall

Bingo

Chairperson December 18: Bob McKirnan

Crew Captain December 18: Chuck Mertz

Workers December 18: Wilfred Albers, Andrew Darras,
 Carol Mertz, Eric Guggenbiller, Doug Drexler,
 Greg Homan, Jane Homan

Chairperson December 20: Jerry Stachler

Crew Captain December 20: Mary Kay Gehle

Workers December 20: Mike Gehle, Tom Sanders,
 Jerry Stachler, Lou Ann Knapke, Joe Voss, Lori Vian,
 Carol Fisher

Newspaper Signature Ad Campaign

To commemorate the 44th 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.

Our Sponsors for the Week

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