

# 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  
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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

# FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT, DECEMBER 18, 2016

Dear Parishioners & Guests,

Welcome to Immaculate Conception Parish as we anticipate our celebration of the feast of Christmas. We pray that you may find warmth and welcome in our community of faith.

In this season of peace and joy, when the warmth of Christ glows in our hearts and our homes, we rejoice with the angels on high and give glory to God for the great gift of Jesus Christ, His Son, Our Lord. As we come together to celebrate His birth, may we remember the true meaning of this holy season.

In the midst of a world in turmoil and so many hearts yearning for inner peace, the only true source for peace and joy is still the Word Made Flesh – Our Infant Savior. Let us pray that this peace may reach the depths of our hearts and to all the ends of the earth.

Along with all the Parish and School Staff, we wish you a blessed and safe holiday season. May the celebration of the birth of Our Lord be cause for great rejoicing for you and your families. Merry Christmas!

**Thank you for supporting senior religious.** A sister from Indiana writes, "Because of your kindness, our elderly sisters will have the comfort, security, and joy of living out their remaining years here in their home. You truly honor them and their many years of service by your generosity." Religious across the United States offer sincere thanks for your generosity to last week's collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious.

*Fr. Ken, Fr. Alt & Staff*

## Advent Reconciliation Opportunities

Thursday, December 22, 7:00 p.m. Individual Confessions.

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



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



## Monday, December 19

7:30 a.m. Floyd and Margaret Highley

## Tuesday, December 20

7:30 a.m. John W. Cron

10:00 a.m. Mass at Celina Manor

## Wednesday, December 21

### Saint Peter Canisius, Priest and Doctor of the Church

7:30 a.m. Don Bertke (Anniversary)

## Thursday, December 22

7:30 a.m. Tom Rable Sr. (Anniversary)

## Friday, December 23

### Saint John of Kanty, Priest

7:30 a.m. Aloys and Sally Weitzel

## Saturday, December 24

4:30 p.m. Wilma Bruns (Anniversary)

7:30 p.m. Liv. & Dec. Quinter Family

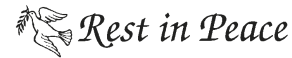
11:00 p.m. Ann Knapke

## Sunday, December 25

### The Nativity of the Lord

8:00 a.m. Floyd & Margaret Highley

10:00 a.m. Liv. & Dec. of the Parish



Remember in your prayers those who have died, especially Bill Vian.

The *Endowment Fund* received \$16,735.82 from a parishioner, \$25.00 in memory of Catherine Hierholzer, \$25.00 in memory of Deacon Thomas Huff and \$100.00 in memory of Rosella C. Braun.

## ✠ Vocation Cross ✠

Dec. 25-31 -- Deb Vogel

Jan. 1-7 -- Beth Vorhees

## Readings for the Week of December 18, 2016

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

Monday: **Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71/Lk 1:5-25**

Tuesday: **Is 7:10-14/Ps 24/Lk 1:26-38**

Wednesday: **Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33/  
Lk 1:39-45**

Thursday: **1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2/Lk 1:46-56**

Friday: **Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25/Lk 1:57-66**

Saturday: **2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89/Lk 1:67-79**

Next Sunday: **Is 9:1-6/Ps 96/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14**

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## I.C. School News

Congratulations to Alexandra Yaney and Taylor Klingshirn (6<sup>th</sup> grade), Jake Knapke and Gavin Pearson (5<sup>th</sup> grade), and Bridget Fullenkamp and Carsen Staugler (4<sup>th</sup> grade) for earning Pizza with the Principal during the last 2 months! We appreciate your hard work, cooperation, and kindness. Keep up the good work!

Lunch Clubs have changed with the new quarter! Our 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders have the choice to learn about the stock market with Craig and Kathryn Kennedy, try their hand at dissection with Mrs. Korte, read a good book with Mrs. Frazier, or learn more about Spanish with Julie Fleck. Thanks to our volunteers who make this opportunity possible for our students!

We would like to offer a special congratulations to this year's Hoop Shoot winners. Eli Schumm, Bria Pearson, Gavin Pearson, Maddie Fleck, Marcus Rable, and Taylor Klingshirn. These students will be competing at Marion Local on Saturday, Dec. 17 at 1:30. Good luck to our shooters!!

### Last Minute Christmas Gifts!

Christmas is fast approaching, and there are not many more days to order your gift cards from the I.C. School Scrip program! The very last order before Christmas will be placed at 9:00 a.m. Monday, Dec. 19, so get out your list, check it twice, and get that order in! We will still be selling cards in stock after weekend Masses Dec. 17 and 18 for last minute gift giving, and will also sell cards the weekend of Dec. 31 and Jan. 1 for those of you planning a New Year's dinner out. There will be no sales on Christmas weekend.

School will be closed from Thursday, Dec. 22 through Monday, Jan. 2, so cards will be sold at the Parish Office except for Dec. 26 and Jan. 2 when the Parish Office will also be closed.

Remember, our Scrip Rewards Program is an ongoing promotion, so you can earn free gift cards all year long! For every \$1000.00 worth of purchases, you earn a \$10.00 gift card to the establishment of your choice. We keep track of each of your purchases, and when you get to \$1000.00, we contact you to see what gift card you would like to choose. By giving you a 1% reward, we are encouraging you to use I.C. School's gift card program instead of a credit card. Your savings should be the same, and you will be helping I.C. School at the same time. Thanks for your support!



Christmas decorations will go up Sunday, Dec. 18 beginning at 2:30 p.m. Any and all help is appreciated even if you can only help for a short time. This is also a great opportunity for couples and families to become involved. Confirmation students can use the time towards service hours.

Thank you for your willingness to give a small portion of your time to beautify our church for the season of Christmas.

### Liturgical Ministers Needed

Altar servers, commentators, lectors, Eucharistic ministers and ushers are needed for the Christmas and New Year Masses. Please call the Parish Office, 419-586-6648, or email [ann@celinatic.org](mailto:ann@celinatic.org) if you can volunteer.

### Holy Hour

St. Sebastian Catholic Church Holy Hour will be held on Monday, Dec. 19, at the Church starting at 7:00 p.m. What a wonderful experience to grow deeper in our love relationship with our precious Savior Jesus Christ preparing for His Most Holy Birth this month. Here in the Most Blessed Sacrament Jesus gives us the most beautiful proof of His love. Let us come and adore Jesus giving Him all the glory, honor, and praise He deserves. Everyone is welcome including children. We ask God's Blessings upon you and your families during this Advent Season as we prepare for Jesus' birth at Christmas. May everyone enjoy a truly Blessed and Merry Christmas!

### Athenaeum of Ohio Lay Tuition Reduction

The Athenaeum, the Archdiocesan seminary and school of theology, continues the 50% lay tuition reduction for spring semester! We will offer three courses: Jesus, the Christ of Faith, Social Media & Evangelization, and Morality & Justice in Catholic Life on Saturdays at Dayton's Pilarczyk Center, January through May 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. Give yourself the gift of knowledge this season! There will never be a better time to learn more about your faith and prepare for new opportunities. For information about Dayton classes, call Deacon Hal Belcher, 419-305-5486. For Cincinnati options, call Dr. Susan McGurgan, 513-231-1200. We will move to McCartyville in August, 2017.

**The deadline for the Jan. 1 bulletin is 9:00 a.m. on Dec. 23.**



## Calendar of Events for the Week

### Saturday, December 24, 4:30 p.m.

Servers: Emma Homan & Zach Hirsch  
 Commentator: Karen Stahl  
 Lector: Kelly Stahl  
 Gifts: Herb Grieshop  
 E. M.: Joyce Johnson, Kylie Johnson, Tara Homan,  
 Pending, Pending  
 Ushers: Jeremy Homan, Bob Kovar, Ken Art, Pending

### Saturday, December 24, 7:30 p.m.

Servers: Logan Binkley & Taylor Binkley  
 Commentator: Pending  
 Lector: Charlie Mescher  
 Gifts: Ken Herman  
 E. M.: Jane Mescher, Mike Braun, Pat Hull, Ann Hull,  
 Pending  
 Ushers: Pending, Pending, Pending, Pending

### Saturday, December 24, 11:00 p.m.

Servers: Pending  
 Commentator: Pending  
 Lector: Gerald Vian  
 Gifts: Charles Heckler  
 E. M.: X Pending, Pending, Lori Vian, Rhett Snyder,  
 Pending, Pending  
 Ushers: Matt Heckler, Rob Heckler, Charles Heckler,  
 Joe Bruns

### Sunday, December 25, 8:00 a.m.

Servers: Pending  
 Commentator: Trish Baucher  
 Lector: Lynn Locke  
 Gifts: Dr. Ken Schmiesing  
 E. M.: Denny Marbaugh, Freda Lochtefeld, Pending,  
 Pending, Pending  
 Ushers: Dave Cron, Joe Cron, Pending, Pending

### Sunday, December 25, 10:00 a.m.

Servers: Pending  
 Commentator: Nicole Schumm  
 Lector: Pending  
 Gifts: Jon Schumm  
 E. M.: Becky Lipp, Margaret Flaute, Sharon Griggs,  
 Pending, Pending  
 Ushers: Steve Seibel, Dale Albers, Pending, Pending

### Nursery, December 25, Closed

### 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

### Tuesday, December 20

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

### Thursday, December 22

7:00 p.m. Reconciliation

### Saturday, December 24

No Reconciliation

### Sunday, December 25

No 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.

### 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](mailto:hiwilker@mercy.com).

### Stewardship Offering December 11

Envelopes/online (262)	\$ 14,435.00
Loose	<u>2,982.00</u>
Total Received	\$ 17,417.00
Weekly Offering:	\$ 17,417.00
Week Budgeted:	<u>14,304.00</u>
Over/Short:	\$ 3,113.00
YTD Total Collection:	\$340,345.02
YTD Total Budgeted:	<u>343,296.00</u>
Over/Short to date:	(\$ 2,950.98)

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.

### Our Sponsors for the Week

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