



# 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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# SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD, JANUARY 1, 2017

## Reflection

“And Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart.” Supernatural communication was nothing new for Mary. The angel Gabriel had already appeared and spoken to her when she agreed to bear God's Son. Her husband Joseph also had a kind of divine intervention in the dream where the angel told him to go ahead and marry her. When she was first pregnant, her cousin Elizabeth had been led by the Holy Spirit to know the secret that Mary was “the mother of my Lord” (Lk 1:43). Now, Jesus has just been born and a crew of earthy shepherds appears at her door with a message from heaven: that the Savior has been born. And Mary believed them. She did not doubt their sincerity or the authenticity of their message. She took the words to heart, and meditated upon the meaning of it all.

What might strike us as peculiar in all of this is that God chose to speak to Mary in a variety of ways. This holy and immaculate woman, this Mother of God, did not always receive direct communication from on high. Sometimes, God chose to speak to her through other people. Sometimes, he revealed himself to them in order to reveal himself to her. And God does the same with us.

It's easy to daydream about having our own personal revelation from God, to hear his voice loud and clear, directing, encouraging, and supporting us in our times of need and confusion. But this isn't the standard pattern of God's operation. Mary was tuned in enough to hear God's voice all around her instead of expecting it to always sound the same. We can imitate this same kind of openness by seeking to discover how God may be speaking to us through the voices of others.



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

## Readings for the Week of January 1, 2017

Sunday: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

Monday: 1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98/Jn 1:19-28

Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:29--3:6/Ps 98/Jn 1:29-34

Wednesday: 1 Jn 3:7-10/Ps 98/Jn 1:35-42

Thursday: 1 Jn 3:11-21/Ps 100/Jn 1:43-51

Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147/Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:23-28 or 3:23, 31-34, 36, 38

Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149/Jn 2:1-11

Next Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

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## Mass Intentions For The Week

**Monday, January 2**

**Saints. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church**

7:30 a.m. Norbert & Mary Kohnen

**Tuesday, January 3**

**Most Holy Name of Jesus**

7:30 a.m. Oscar Borgerding

**Wednesday, January 4**

**Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious**

7:30 a.m. Schwegman, Bertke & Hoelscher Families

**Thursday, January 5**

**Saint John Neumann, Bishop**

7:30 a.m. Laux & Hole Families

**Friday, January 6**

**Saint André Bessette, Religious**

7:30 a.m. Jan Luthman

9:00 a.m. Liv. & Dec. Gaerke & Keller Family

**Saturday, January 7**

**Saint Raymond of Penyafort, Priest**

6:30 p.m. Priscilla Garman

**Sunday, January 8**

7:30 a.m. People of the Parish

9:00 a.m. Robert Schott

12:00 noon Brittany Laux

The *Endowment Fund* received \$40.00 in memory of Don Uhlenhake.

## ✠ Vocation Cross ✠

Jan. 8-14 -- Marge Waterman

Jan. 15-21 -- Chris & Katey Wibbenmeyer

People of all faith traditions are invited to A **Prayer Service for Christian Unity on Thursday, January 19 at 6:30 p.m. at Immaculate Conception Church, Celina.** This dynamic worship service is titled “*Reconciliation – The Love of Christ Compels Us*” and is based upon 2 Corinthians 5:14-20. It is being hosted by I.C. and St. John Lutheran and continues our efforts toward a future where all may truly be one in Christ. The prayer service has been developed internationally for all Christian churches as part of Christian Unity Week that goes from January 18-25, 2017. Along with the Prayer Service, we will provide daily scripture commentaries and prayers developed for Christian Unity that will be available at the entrances of Church beginning the weekend of January 8. We hope you will join us for this unique opportunity in the Celina faith community and beyond.





Congratulations to the following who were recently Baptized: David Lynn, son of Adam & Maria Cron; Ellea June, daughter of Elizabeth Van Tilburg; Oliver Eugene, son of Andrew & Dianna Palequin; and Dylan Christina, daughter of Cortland & Caroline Miller.



Food For All Initiative: Be Multiplied is our response to Pope Francis' challenge to end hunger by 2025. The next food drive collection will be held January 7 & 8. Tables will be at the entrances of church. Food pantries are not permitted to distribute food items with expired dates so please check expiration dates on all items.

Collection boxes for St. Vincent de Paul will be placed at the church doors next weekend.

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).

## We Need You

Christmas decorations will come down next Sunday, January 8 after the 12:00 noon mass. ***No poinsettias will be left in the church***, so if anyone would like to take one/some home, please remove the cover and plastic liner, and you can take them with you.

If anyone can spare a few minutes to help take down decorations, your time would be most appreciated. Many hands make light work.

## Book Club at the Shrine

Join us at the Maria Stein Shrine, 2291 St. Johns Rd., on January 19 at 1:00 p.m. to discuss the book, *Silence: Everyday Living & Prayer* written by Sr. Joyce Ann Zimmerman. For additional information call 419-925-4532 or email [m.hess@mariasteinshrine.org](mailto:m.hess@mariasteinshrine.org).

## Saint Dymphna Prayer Service

St. Dymphna is the patron of those suffering from mental illness, Alzheimer's Disease and epilepsy. Please join us on Sunday, January 22 at 2:00 p.m. for reflections and prayer with the relic of St. Dymphna at the Maria Stein Shrine, 2291 St. Johns Rd., Maria Stein.





## Calendar of Events for the Week

### Saturday, January 7, 6:30 p.m.

Servers: Lauren Schroeder & Maddie Fleck  
Commentator: Cindy Shaffer  
Lector: Gerald Vian  
Gifts: Carl Braun  
E. M.: Kylie Johnson, Lori Vian, Dan Siebert, Sue Siebert, Mike Shaffer  
Ushers: Team E, Richard Carlin, Captain

### Sunday, January 8, 7:30 a.m.

Servers: Matthew & Nathan Albers  
Commentator: Charles Mescher  
Lector: Joan Koontz  
Gifts: Chris Fullenkamp  
E. M.: Karen Albers, Jane Mescher, Pat Brookhart, Freda Lochtefeld, Diane Hunt, Jane Homan, Margaret Baskett, John Schmidt, Ruth Knapke, Gerard Ahrns, Ron Hoying  
Ushers: Team F, Steve Alig, Captain

### Sunday, January 8, 9:00 a.m.

Servers: Samantha Jenkins & Ariel Musgrave  
Commentator: Lindsey Lunz  
Lector: Tom Muhlenkamp  
Gifts: Mary Schott  
E. M.: X Denny Marbaugh, Lisa Schott, Anita Muhlenkamp, Lynn Locke, Craig Lunz, Katey Wibbenmeyer  
Ushers: Team G, Dave Cron, Captain

### Sunday, January 8, 12:00 Noon

Servers: Chris Anderson & Marcus Rable  
Commentator: Tom Rable  
Lector: Jan Yackey  
Gifts: Ryan Muhlenkamp  
E. M.: Sharon Griggs, Margaret Flaute, Mike Braun, Jim Poeppelman, James Poeppelman  
Ushers: Team H, Joe Bruns, Captain

**Nursery, January 8:** Kati & Matt Heckler

### Bingo

**Chairperson January 8:** Mike Shaffer  
**Crew Captain January 8:** Bob Stover  
**Workers January 8:** Elden Heckler, Dave Hut, Tom & Rose Drexler, Linus Jutte, Steve Dzendzel, Joe Pecharich, Helen Stover  
**Chairperson January 10:** Jeremy Homan  
**Crew Captain January 10:** Nick Fleck  
**Workers January 10:** Pam May, Carol Wenning, Ken & Carolyn Gaerke, Jerry Hirsch, Tom & Anita Muhlenkamp

Christmas offerings will be listed in the bulletin next week.

### Sunday, January 1

No Bingo at the K of C Hall

### Tuesday, January 3

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

### Wednesday, January 4

7:00 p.m. Religious Ed Teacher In Service

### Saturday, January 7

9:00-11:00 Scout Paper Drive, 435 W. Wayne St.  
11:00 a.m. Reconciliation

### Sunday, January 8

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

**First Saturday Devotions** will be held at St. Charles Center main chapel on Saturday, January 7 at 2:00 p.m. This includes an hour of prayer with adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, the rosary and other devotions followed by Benediction.

### The Athenaeum of Ohio Lay Tuition Reduction

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.

Join us for *An Evening to Celebrate Marriage* which will be held on Saturday, February 4, 2017 at the Spiritual Center of Maria Stein. The evening includes a candlelight dinner at 5:30 p.m. followed by Mass, Marriage Renewal, Guest Speaker and fun and games. Cost is \$50.00 per couple. To register or for more information, call Connie Buschur at 419-678-8644 or 419-305-3058.

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