



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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Epiphany of the Lord, January 8, 2017

Reflection

"And behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was." In our day and age, the star of Christmas has become a kind of decorative symbol that adorns manger scenes and Christmas trees. It suggests something good and bright and holy, a visual indicator that the "Light of the world" has appeared. But today, on the feast of the Epiphany, we recall that originally, this star was not just a pretty symbolic ornament. This star was a sign from God that intervened in the operations of the physical universe. The Magi understood that this star was sent from God to indicate where his Son would be born.

Of course it should not surprise us in this season of all seasons that God should choose to order the universe according to his purposes. Jesus has just been born of a virgin! God has just taken on human flesh. These events in themselves are extraordinary divine interventions--miracles that defy the standard operation of things. Why shouldn't God choose to send a luminous star where he wants it, when he wants it? Why shouldn't he reveal his plan through the things that he created in the first place?

The beauty of today's feast is found, in part, in the fact that the Magi were able to recognize this sign from God. They waited for it, they saw it, and they rejoiced in it: "They were overjoyed at seeing the star." We too should be overjoyed in this season of God's special revelation to us. We may need the eyes to recognize it, but truly we have waited for a Savior, we have seen his appearance at Christmas, and now it is time to celebrate! God is at work in our physical world. He has come here, now to save us. This is cause for rejoicing!

Readings for the Week of January 8, 2017

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

Monday: **Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Acts 10:34-38/Ps 29/
Mt 3:13-17**

Tuesday: **Heb 2:5-12/Ps 8/Mk 1:21-28 or Heb 1:1-6
and 2:5-12/Ps 8/Mk 1:14-20 and 1:21-28**

Wednesday: **Heb 2:14-18/Ps 105/Mk 1:29-39**

Thursday: **Heb 3:7-14/Ps 95/Mk 1:40-45**

Friday: **Heb 4:1-5, 11/Ps 78/Mk 2:1-12**

Saturday: **Heb 4:12-16/Ps 19/Mk 2:13-17**

Next Sunday: **Is 49:3, 5-6/Ps 40/1 Cor 1:1-3/
Jn 1:29-34**

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, January 9

Baptism of the Lord

7:30 a.m. Becky Braun

Tuesday, January 10

7:30 a.m. Linda Kanney

1:30 p.m. Mass at Miller Place

Wednesday, January 11

7:30 a.m. Bob Kleinhenz

Thursday, January 12

7:30 a.m. Mary Lou Thobe-Homan

Friday, January 13

Saint Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

7:30 a.m. Othmar Schnipke

9:00 a.m. Joan Pleiman

Saturday, January 14

3:00 p.m. Aaron Crouch & Amy Zender
Wedding

6:30 p.m. Elmer Lange

Sunday, January 15

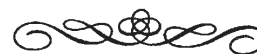
7:30 a.m. People of the Parish

9:00 a.m. Ann Knapke

12:00 noon Unrast Family

Prayer Service for Christian Unity

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.



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

The *Endowment Fund* received \$500.00 in memory of Louis & Irene Otte, \$50.00 in memory of Deacon Tom Huff, \$240.00 in memory of Patty McGee, \$270.00 in memory of Colleen Heckler, \$244.00 in memory of Lori Hayes and \$500.00 in memory of Bill & Marge Glaser.

✠ Vocation Cross ✠

Jan. 15-21 -- Chris & Katey Wibbenmeyer

Jan. 22-28 -- Dale & Karen Albers



Fellowship

There will be a Parish Coffee in the PAC on Sunday, January 15 after the 9:00 Mass. Start 2017 off with sharing coffee, sweet rolls and fellowship with your Parish family. There will be juice and milk for the youngsters.



Ladies, just a reminder that the first Altar Rosary meeting of 2017 will be on January 16 at 7:00 p.m. in the PAC. All Ladies 18 years and older are members and are invited to attend. Come and enjoy an evening with other ladies of the parish. Hope to see some new faces.

Mercer County Students for Life will hold their next meeting on Monday, January 9, at Fish-Mo's Restaurant in St. Henry at 7:30 p.m. Dr. Michelle Winner, D.O. will be speaking on Natural Family Planning and Contraception: The Facts. Due to the nature of this topic, this meeting will be for high school students and adults.

Is Your Marriage Hurting In Anyway?

Has your marriage grown cold, distant, unloving or uncaring? Then please consider Retrouvaille (ret' ro-vi)-a program designed to help heal and renew marriages. Retrouvaille is for marriages that have lost some of their spark, for marriages having difficulties in communication and even those marriages on the edge of separation or divorce. The next program begins January 13, 14 & 15. For more information call 800-470-2230 or internet address is Retrouvaille.org. Other weekends and location are available. Please call for details.

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.

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.

A Weekend of Discovery... A Lifetime of Love!!

You're invited to attend a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend, where married couples can get away from jobs, kids, chores, and phones—and focus only on each other. If you'd like greater depth, growth, and enrichment in your relationship, you'll like the difference a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend can make! The upcoming Marriage Encounter weekends are:

January 27-29 at Ft. Wayne, Indiana contact Greg & Jennifer Richard at 260-422-0803

February 17-19 at Holy Spirit Center, Norwood, Ohio. For more information or to register, contact Dave or Jan Stockelman, 513-251-1940 or dj2378@fuse.net or www.esharing.org

March 31 to April 2 at Lima, Ohio contact Brian & Chris Schroeder at 419-538-7210

Did you know that couples who attend a WWME Weekend:

- ♥ Experience only a 2% divorce rate
- ♥ Live the true meaning of the Sacrament of Marriage
- ♥ Become more involved in their church
- ♥ Renew the Church through discipleship with other couples
- ♥ Support and appreciate their parish and their parish priests

Join us for *An Evening to Celebrate Marriage* which will be held on Saturday, February 4 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, 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.



Calendar of Events for the Week

Saturday, January 14, 6:30 p.m.

Servers: Collin Williams & Carly Fullenkamp
 Commentator: Bev Korte
 Lector: Bud Schoenleben
 Gifts: Bob Kovar
 E. M.: Chris Henry, Heather Henry, Patty Schoenleben,
 Mary Ann Laughlin, Charlie Salway
 Ushers: Team D, Steve Seibel, Captain

Sunday, January 15, 7:30 a.m.

Servers: Brian Williams & RJ Muhlenkamp
 Commentator: Trish Baucher
 Lector: Janet Hoyng
 Gifts: Dale Albers
 E. M.: Larry Braun, Diane Wagner, Donna Hartke,
 Larry Sielschott, Sandy Sielschott
 Ushers: Team E, Richard Carlin, Captain

Sunday, January 15, 9:00 a.m.

Servers: Paige & Michelle Noll
 Commentator: Joshua Muhlenkamp
 Lector: Jean Giesige
 Gifts: Jerry Moeder
 E. M.: X Janet Smith, Jon Yost, Christine Carney,
 Jim Miller, Joan Wurster, Myra Hileman,
 Paulette Sommer, Dale Sommer, Joan Stelzer,
 Tom Drexler, Pat Hoyng, Jeanne Braun
 Ushers: Team F, Steve Alig, Captain

Sunday, January 15, 12:00 Noon

Servers: Alicia & Ava Knapke
 Commentator: Judie Braun
 Lector: Alli Darras
 Gifts: Bob Hoyng
 E. M.: Elden Heckler, Becky Lipp, Anne Knapke,
 Liz Muether, Shaun Olberding
 Ushers: Team G, Dave Cron, Captain

Nursery, January 15 Cindy Miller, Alexis Hall and
 Terry Rammel

Bingo

Chairperson January 15: Bill Stover
Crew Captain January 15: John Schmidt
Workers January 15: Kathy Mescher, JoAnn Shough,
 Mike Robinson, Eric Clausen, Kent Phares
Chairperson January 17: Bob McKirnan
Crew Captain January 17: Dan Siebert
Workers January 17: Duretta Beckstedt,
 Dale & Mary Ann Guingrich, Bob & Joyce Linn,
 Sue Siebert, Linda Noll

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Sunday, January 8

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

Tuesday, January 10

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

Wednesday, January 11

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

Saturday, January 14

11:00 a.m. Reconciliation

Sunday, January 15

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

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. at the Maria Stein Shrine for reflections and prayer with the relic of St. Dymphna. Maria Stein Shrine is located at 2291 St. Johns Rd., Maria Stein, OH 45860. For questions about this event, please call Matthew Hess at 419-925-4532.

Stewardship Offering Christmas

Envelopes/online (393)	\$ 22,833.50
Loose	<u>5,835.08</u>
Total Received	\$ 28,668.58

Stewardship Offering January 1

Envelopes/online (244)	\$ 16,854.50
Loose	<u>776.35</u>
Total Received	\$ 17,630.85

Weekly Offering:	\$ 17,630.85
Week Budgeted:	<u>14,304.00</u>
Over/Short:	\$ 3,326.85

YTD Total Collection:	\$371,488.87
YTD Total Budgeted:	<u>371,904.00</u>
Over/Short to date:	(\$ 415.13)

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