



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, May, June, July, August, September, October, November and December and on the fourth Sunday of April.

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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FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, JANUARY 29, 2017

Our Catholic Faith is a series of responses to questions being raised in our local faith community. We hope these responses will help deepen your understanding of our Catholic faith, strengthen your commitment and draw you closer to Jesus himself. (See www.celina-ic.org for additional responses.)

Experiencing the Lord Jesus through the tradition of the Catholic Church. The word tradition comes from Latin and Greek words that mean transmission. Tradition refers to the transmission of beliefs, doctrines, rituals and entities such as sacred scripture. It is the way that we pass on what is truly important in the Catholic Church.

While many Protestant churches claim that the Bible is the only rule of faith, the Catholic Church has always held that both sacred Scripture (the Bible) and sacred Tradition (the teaching authority of the Church) are necessary for transmitting or passing on the gift of faith. Jesus not only gave us His words and actions to know faith and share faith (sacred Scripture), he also gave us His apostles, entrusted with the responsibility of helping us understand faith throughout time and how to pass that gift along (sacred Tradition). The Catechism of the Catholic Church tells us that “sacred Tradition is the true Faith itself, given to the Apostles by Christ and faithfully transmitted to each new generation.”

Part of our Catholic tradition is the way we worship, the prayers that we say, the gestures that we use, the devotions that we follow. The Mass is our primary form of worship fulfilling God’s command to keep holy the Sabbath and the command of Jesus spoken in Luke 22:19-20: “This is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” And likewise the cup after supper, saying, “This cup which is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood.” Jesus himself has given us his very body and blood and calls us to join in the great prayer of thanksgiving, the Eucharist that we do in memory of him. The Mass is a perfect blend of sacred Scripture and sacred Tradition.

Truly, Jesus is present in the tradition of the Catholic Church, in sacred Scripture and sacred Tradition, in the way that we transmit the gift of faith and in the way that we worship. Each Eucharist, God calls us to holiness, strengthens our faith, nourishes and sends us, in order to grow in communion, in unity, with one another and with God. May the Eucharist draw us more closely to Jesus himself and send us forth to be his heralds of faith and hope in the world.

Courageously Catholic is coming Wednesday, February 22, 2017, at 7:00 p.m. Watch for details.

Mass Intentions For The Week

Monday, January 30

7:30 a.m. Carl Kessler

Tuesday, January 31

Saint John Bosco, Priest

7:30 a.m. Denny Dues

Wednesday, February 1

7:30 a.m. Richard Buckner Sr.

Thursday, February 2

The Presentation of the Lord

7:30 a.m. Ernest Buening

Friday, February 3

Saint Blaise, Bishop and Martyr; Saint Ansgar, Bishop

7:30 a.m. Leon & Antoinette Schoch

9:00 a.m. Jack Gentry

Saturday, February 4

6:30 p.m. Liv. & Dec. Linn, Cron & Boeckman Families

Sunday, February 5

7:30 a.m. Liv. & Dec. of John Schulte Family

9:00 a.m. Susan Schmit

12:00 noon People of the Parish

2017 Catholic Ministries Appeal (CMA)

Next weekend is Commitment Weekend for the 2017 Catholic Ministries Appeal. Please join with Catholics in every parish throughout our archdiocese who are Providing a Path through local, Catholic ministries for people right here in our communities. These ministries depend on our help each year! You can mail your pledge card or bring it to Mass next weekend. For more information about the CMA, visit CatholicAppeal.info. *Thank you!*

The Endowment Fund received \$50.00 in memory of Susan Schmit and \$60.00 in memory of Lucy Link.

Readings for the Week of January 29, 2017

Sunday: **Zep 2:3; 3:12-13/Ps 146/1 Cor 1:26-31/ Mt 5:1-12a**

Monday: **Heb 11:32-40/Ps 31/Mk 5:1-20**

Tuesday: **Heb 12:1-4/Ps 22/Mk 5:21-43**

Wednesday: **Heb 12:4-7, 11-15/Ps 103/Mk 6:1-6**

Thursday: **Mal 3:1-4/Ps 24/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32**

Friday: **Heb 13:1-8/Ps 27/Mk 6:14-29**

Saturday: **Heb 13:15-17, 20-21/Ps 23/Mk 6:30-34**

Next Sunday: **Is 58:7-10/Ps 112/1 Cor 2:1-5/**

Mt 5:13-16

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Feb. 5-11 -- Janeen Braun

Feb. 12-18 -- Larry & Michelle Braun

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

Altar Rosary Society

All of the ladies of the parish are considered members of the Altar Rosary Society. In the January collection envelope is the pink envelope designated as "Altar Rosary Dues." This \$5.00 donation helps our Society to continue its work in providing for some of the needs of our church. In the past, we have purchased vestments for our priests, replated chalices, replaced glass on the altars, and made donations toward parish celebrations. Most recently we purchased a new refrigerator and a new freezer for the PAC. The dues contribution from both active and inactive members continues to help us do these kinds of things for our church and it is very much appreciated. Please return the donation in the collection basket.

Parish Life Commission

There will be a Parish Life Commission meeting on Thursday, February 2 at 7:00 p.m., in Room 103 of the PAC. We will be reviewing the Christmas Bazaar and discussing plans for the Mardi Gras celebration. We urge all Commission members to attend. Bring a friend or neighbor who may be interested.

First Eucharist Parent Meeting

First Eucharist is approaching us quickly! May 7 will be here before we know it! Parents of all of those planning to receive their First Eucharist are requested to attend one of two meetings being held on Wednesday, February 1. The first meeting will be at 10:00 a.m. in the Religious Education Office located in the old part of the school, while the second will be held that evening at 7:00 p.m. in the Lourdes Room of the school. Please plan on attending one of those meetings. If there is a conflict, please contact Joyce in the Religious Education Office at 419-586-2370 to make special arrangements.

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

Food For All Collection



Food For All Initiative: Be Multiplied is our response to Pope Francis' challenge to end hunger by 2025. The next collection for this monthly food drive will be held February 4 & 5. 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.

Learn to Crochet

Are you interested in learning to crochet or renew your old skills? Interested adults will meet on Wednesdays, starting on February 1, from 1:00 to 3:30 p.m., in the sewing room of I.C. School. For those who attended last year, we will be learning some new stitches and attempt a small project. For the new members we will start with the basics and give you time to work on them. Come join us for an afternoon of fun!

Free Throw Contest

The annual K of C free throw contest will be held Saturday February 4 at 1:00 p.m. in the I.C. PAC gym. Boys and girls ages 9-14 are eligible to participate. Winners will receive a basketball and a chance to participate in the district contest the following weekend.

Mission Fund Breakfast

Our Lady of Guadalupe, Montezuma, Mission Fund Breakfast will be held on Sunday, February 5 from 9:00 a.m. to noon in their handicap accessible church basement. The cost is a free will offering. Proceeds to benefit various mission projects.

Explore Life as a Priest or Brother

Men age 18 or older who are thinking about life as a priest or religious brother are invited to a discernment retreat on March 10-12 at St. Charles Center in Carthage, Ohio, sponsored by the Missionaries of the Precious Blood, the Congregation that serves this parish. The retreat is an opportunity to learn about discernment to the consecrated life, spend time in prayer, and get to know the Missionaries of the Precious Blood. If you've been wondering if God is calling you to serve Him and the Church, this is a chance to explore that call in a friendly and informative atmosphere. The retreat begins with dinner on Friday and ends with lunch on Sunday. Take time away to pray, to listen, and to gather information. Space is limited. To reserve your place at the retreat or to learn more, contact Fr. Steve Dos Santos, C.P.P.S., director of vocation ministry, at vocation@cpps-preciousblood.org or 937-228-9263.

Mercer County Students For Life are going to pray outside of the Kettering Abortion Clinic on February 17. Meeting location will be at TSC, on the corner of State Route 219 and Highway 127. Estimated time of departure from TSC to be 8:30 a.m. and time of return will be 2:30 p.m. Students, please bring money for lunch at McDonalds on the way home. Chaperones and students are needed. All students will need a waiver form. Please e-mail janellepoeppelman@hotmail.com with an interest of being a chaperone and for the student waiver forms.

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

Catholic Schools Week, January 29 – February 4, 2017

The Catholic Schools Week 2017 theme, “Catholic Schools: Communities of Faith, Knowledge and Service” highlights one of the most beautiful and powerful truths about Catholic education: the heart of the mission of Catholic schools is not merely good teaching, but the formation of the whole child.

During this week, we celebrate the reality that while high test scores are important, they aren’t the final goal (heaven is!). The three components of faith, academics, and service are constantly and inseparably linked together. As our children study the world God gave us, we come to know and love our Creator, and we learn to use our skills to express and extend that love through service.

We are grateful for all those who are part of the I.C. School family and who give so generously of their time, talent and treasure. We are blessed with exceptional teachers; knowledgeable in their field, passionate in their commitment and devoted to continuing the gift of faith. We have a dedicated support staff providing gifts and abilities in finance, administration and maintenance. We have a gifted School Advisory Board, Marketing and Enrollment Committees, PTO and countless other volunteers who amass an amazing pool of talents and resources that guide and enrich I.C. School. We are blessed by the financial and prayerful support of many generous parishioners and alumni who believe in continuing the gift of faith at I.C. School. And we have amazing children and supportive families who value the gift of education, and the personal and spiritual growth that I.C. School provides.

Knowing that all this is made possible through the goodness of God, we continue to pray that God will watch over and bless our I.C. School family and the mission we are about.



Catholic Schools Week themes 2017 Archdiocese of Cincinnati

Sunday: Celebrating Our Parish – Parishioners sharing their time, talent and treasure, as well as offering prayerful support, are critical to the success and viability of any Catholic School. On this day, we thank parishioners who generously support Catholic Education and you are deeply concerned about passing on the gift of faith.

Monday: In Our Community - A central aspect of Catholic education is learning the importance of service to others. When students take part in service activities—both local and beyond—they demonstrate the values and faith they gain through their Catholic education and learn how to make the world a better place.

Tuesday: Celebrating Your Students - Schools celebrate students during National Catholic Schools Week by planning enjoyable and meaningful activities for them and recognizing their accomplishments.

Wednesday: Celebrating the Nation - On National Appreciation Day for Catholic Schools, students, families, educators and other Catholic school supporters communicate the value of Catholic education to government leaders. They share information with leaders on the significant contributions Catholic schools make to the nation and their role in preparing students to be good citizens. They pray for the nation and recognize all those who serve it.

Thursday: Celebrating Vocations - By focusing on faith, knowledge and service, Catholic schools prepare children to use their God-given talents to the fullest later in life. National Catholic Schools Week offers an opportunity for students to explore the many life paths that enable them to use their talents well in the service of God and others — by answering the call to a religious vocation, by nurturing a family through sacramental marriage, by volunteering in church activities and charities, and/or by pursuing a career that makes the world a better place.

Friday: Celebrating Faculty, Staff and Volunteers - On this day, schools will honor teachers and principals as well as administrators and staff who support them in their important work and thank the parents, grandparents, alumni, parishioners and school board members who provide volunteer service.

Saturday: Celebrating Families - Parents, guardians and other family members play a vital role in Catholic education. Not only do they volunteer at the school, they instill values and expectations for academic excellence in their children at home. We acknowledge the role of families in Catholic education and celebrate their contributions to the success of our schools on the last day of National Catholic Schools Week and all year long.

TUITION ASSISTANCE - Initial tuition assistance flowing from the One Faith, One Hope, One Love campaign is being made available through the Catholic Education Foundation. \$10 million will be expendable tuition assistance over the first 5 years (\$2 Million per year) - beginning in school year 2017-18. Eventually, \$40 million will be endowed.

World Day for Consecrated Life

Since 1997 the universal Church celebrates World Day for Consecrated Life close to the feast of the Presentation of the Lord, February 2. Next Sunday we will observe this day with a special emphasis on the call to consecrated life in today's world. Let us pray for an increase of young men and women answering the call to religious life as a priest, brother or sister.

Fr. Ken & Fr. Alt

I.C. School News

Congratulations to Gavin Pearson (grade 5) and Eli Schumm (grade 3) who won their respective age groups at the Mercer County Hoop Shoot! We are very proud of you!

The 5th and 6th grade students have started rehearsals for the spring musical *James and the Giant Peach* under the direction of our new music teacher Miss Klosterman. Performances will be held on Thursday, March 16 and Friday, March 17. Stay tuned for more details!

Welcome back to our 6th grade class! They spent a week in nature at Glen Helen in Yellow Springs. We hope you had a great trip getting in tune with the nature around you!

I.C. School will be holding its annual open house on January 29, 2017 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. All are welcome to come and tour the school, participate in fun activities, speak with teachers and obtain information on enrollment and financial aid. Kindergarten and preschool parent information meetings will be held at 10:45 (childcare will be available). A door prize drawing will be held and refreshments provided. We hope to see you there!

Scrip Update

A big THANK YOU goes to all of you who purchased Scrip cards for the holidays and throughout the year! You really rallied and made our Christmas season almost as profitable as last year. Our gross sales for the year were still down about \$30,000, which translated to about \$1500 less in net profit. So a great New Year's Resolution would be to start buying gift cards every month, maybe just in one category such as gas, grocery, Walmart, or fast food restaurants, for YOUR OWN shopping. Remember, there is no extra cost to you, and EVERY order helps I.C. School! AND with our rewards program, you will earn 1% cash back in the form of gift cards! For every \$1000 you spend, you are eligible for a \$10 gift card of your choice!

“We Are God’s Holy Boys and Girls – We Believe in Miracles!”



Calendar of Events for the Week

Saturday, February 4, 6:30 p.m.

Servers: Lauren Schroeder and Adam Faber
 Commentator: Dennis Hirt
 Lector: Joshua Muhlenkamp
 Gifts: Norm Moeller
 E. M.: Richard Carlin, Becky Lipp, Sue Siebert,
 Dan Siebert, Diane Wagner
 Ushers: Team A, Steven Byrley, Captain

Sunday, February 5, 7:30 a.m.

Servers: Ashley Robinson and Reeves Black
 Commentator: Trish Baucher
 Lector: Joan Koontz
 Gifts: Rex Carr
 E. M.: Bev Korte, Judie Braun, Joan Carr, Myra Hileman,
 Elden Heckler, Dave Cron, Jane Cron, Sharon Griggs,
 John Schmidt, Mike Braun, Donna Hartke
 Ushers: Team B, Mike Everman, Captain

Sunday, February 5, 9:00 a.m.

Servers: Shaun and Rachael Olberding
 Commentator: Cissy Muntzinger
 Lector: Jean Giesige
 Gifts: Jeff Schott
 E. M.: X Lisa Schott, Kylie Johnson, Larry Braun,
 Jane Mescher, Charles Mescher, Lindsey Lunz
 Ushers: Team C, Ken Art, Captain

Sunday, February 5, 12:00 Noon

Servers: Geordan Muether and Mason Muether
 Commentator: Cindy Shaffer
 Lector: Thomas Rable
 Gifts: Bob Laughlin
 E. M.: Kelli Clausen, Eric Clausen, Mike Shaffer,
 Margaret Flaute, Liz Muether
 Ushers: Team D, Stephen Seibel, Captain

Nursery February 5, *Angie Fleck & Dianne Smith

Sunday, January 29

9:00 a.m. Nursery available in the PAC
 9:00 a.m. Sunday School
 10:00-12:30 I.C. School Open House
 10:15 a.m. Confirmation Class
 7:00 p.m. Bingo at the K of C Hall

Tuesday, January 31

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

Wednesday, February 1

10:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m. Second Grade Parent Meeting
 1:00 p.m. Crocheting in Sewing Room
 7:00 p.m. Religious Education Grades 1-9

Thursday, February 2

7:00 p.m. Parish Life Commission Meeting in PAC

Saturday, February 4

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

Sunday, February 5

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

Bingo

Chairperson February 5: Mike Shaffer

Crew Captain February 5: Don Springer

Workers February 5: John & Marie Sacher,
 Tom & Donna Hartke, Dorothy Springer, Tony Schindler,
 Joe Langenkamp, Elizabeth Rodriguez, Nick Fleck

Chairperson & Crew Captain February 7: Pat Hull

Workers February 7: Jo Ann Pryer, Marge Zwiebel,
 Bryan Klingshirn, Cathy Vian, Dan Dirksen, Ann Hull,
 Dave Frenzer

First Saturday Devotions will be held at St. Charles Center main chapel on Saturday, February 4 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. All are welcome to attend.

Essay Contest for Freshmen and Sophomores

Mercer County Students for Life will again be facilitating their Essay Contest for all 9th and 10th graders. The essay is to be 500-800 words on the topic, "Why I Am Pro-Life" and must be submitted to janellepoepelman@hotmail.com by Monday, March 6. All contestants will receive a pro-life t-shirt to wear for National Pro-Life T-Shirt Week. Cash prizes: \$150.00 for first, \$100.00 for second, and \$50.00 for third. For an essay application please e-mail janellepoepelman@hotmail.com.

Stewardship Offering January 22

Envelopes/online (303)	\$ 12,515.00
Loose	<u>1,400.00</u>
Total Received	\$ 13,915.00
Weekly Offering:	\$ 13,915.00
Week Budgeted:	<u>14,304.00</u>
Over/Short:	(\$ 389.00)
YTD Total Collection:	\$412,708.63
YTD Total Budgeted:	<u>414,816.00</u>
Over/Short to date:	(\$ 2,107.37)

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