



Immaculate Conception CHURCH

*Served by the Missionaries of the
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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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SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, FEBRUARY 12, 2017

World Marriage Day and Valentine's Day

...provide an opportunity to celebrate the gift and blessing of marriage and to affirm and support engaged and married couples. May these upcoming observances be occasions to affirm ever more deeply the gift of marriage and family life, and may the Lord continue to bless all that we do to witness to the beauty and gift of marriage and the family.

Fr. Ken & Fr. Alt

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.)

What is Christian unity? One of the profound affirmations shared by many of those who participated in the dialogue sessions between St. John Lutheran and Immaculate Conception last November is that there was a deep respect and reverence for one another's faith traditions. It was not a time to dismiss the beliefs and practices of the other as somehow wrong or less, but to lift up our similarities, respect our differences and affirm our common journey toward the fulfillment of Jesus' prayer at the Last Supper "that they all may be one." (cf. John 17:21)

The big word for seeking Christian unity is ecumenism. Ecumenism, meaning "the whole inhabited world," is the promotion of cooperation and unity among Christians. The Ecumenical movement today has been brought about by the conviction that a divided Christianity is a scandal to the world. Underlying the Catholic Church's pursuit of ecumenism is its recognition that holiness and truth are also found in other churches (Second Vatican Council, Lumen Gentium 8).

Dialogue is the way to Christian unity. Such dialogue is not only among the leaders of religions such as when Pope Francis prayed with the bishops of the Lutheran World Federation in Lund, Sweden last October, but also among people in everyday life. Dialogue of social action occurs when people of different religions work together toward greater social justice and unity, where the needs of all are met. IC parishioners working with St. John's Builder's on homes for the poor or numerous churches coming together to support the CALL Café and the CALL food pantry are a couple examples of dialogue through social action. Ecumenical dialogue occurs when we pray together such as the Prayer Service for Christian Unity that was held at IC in January. And ecumenical dialogue happens in everyday life, when we encounter one another in the grocery store, at sporting events and other community gatherings that are shared by people of all different faith traditions. What we often find in those every day encounters is that there is usually more that unites us than divides us.

Ecumenism is never to be confused with proselytism. Proselytize means to convert or attempt to convert someone from one religion, belief, or opinion to another. True Christian unity seeks to respect and reverence one another's faith traditions, practices and beliefs. While there are people who convert to other faith traditions for very good reasons, the goal of ecumenism is to promote cooperation and unity among all Christians.

May all Christians find our unity and strength in Christ Jesus, and be drawn closer to him

Contagiously Catholic is coming Wednesday, February 22, 2017, at 7 PM in the Parish Activity Center. See the bulletin for more details.

Mass Intentions For The Week

Monday, February 13

7:30 a.m. Lucy Link

Tuesday, February 14

Saints Cyril, Monk, and Methodius, Bishop

7:30 a.m. Becky Braun (Anniversary)

1:30 p.m. Mass at Miller Place

Wednesday, February 15

7:30 a.m. Steve Gray

Thursday, February 16

7:30 a.m. Respect for Life

Friday, February 17

The Seven Holy founders of the Servite Order

7:30 a.m. Jon Jones

9:00 a.m. Burnell Kellermeyer

Saturday, February 18

6:30 p.m. People of the Parish

Sunday, February 19

7:30 a.m. Alvira Sudhoff

9:00 a.m. Norb & Mary Kohnen

12:00 noon Shirley Langenkamp

✠ Vocation Cross ✠

Feb. 19-25 -- Kent & Ginny Bryan

Feb. 26-March 4 -- Rex & Joan Carr

Readings for the Week of February 12, 2017

Sunday: Sir 15:15-20/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34/1 Cor 2:6-

10/Mt 5:17-37 or 5:20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37

Monday: Gn 4:1-15, 25/Ps 50:1, 8, 16bc-17, 20-21/Mk 8:11-13

Tuesday: Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10/Ps 29:1a, 2, 3ac-4, 3b, 9c-10/
Mk 8:14-21

Wednesday: Gn 8:6-13, 20-22/Ps 116:12-15, 18-19/Mk 8:22-26

Thursday: Gn 9:1-13/Ps 102:16-21, 29, 22-23/Mk 8:27-33

Friday: Gn 11:1-9/Ps 33:10-15/Mk 8:34--9:1

Saturday: Heb 11:1-7/Ps 145:2-5, 10-11/Mk 9:2-13

Next Sunday: Lv 19:1-2, 17-18/Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13/
1 Cor 3:16-23/Mt 5:38-48

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2017 Catholic Ministries Appeal (CMA)

Archbishop Schnurr sends his thanks to everyone from I.C. who has pledged to the 2017 Catholic Ministries Appeal. If you have not yet made your pledge, please consider doing so this week. These important local ministries depend on our help each year. You will find extra pledge envelopes in the main entrance of church for your convenience this weekend. To make a pledge securely online, please visit CatholicAppeal.net. Thank you!



Practical Ways to Share your Faith with Sean Ater is coming to Immaculate

Conception, Wednesday, February 22, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Activity Center.

Evangelization is a scary word. It is often misunderstood and misapplied. Discover the Church's vision for evangelization and learn practical ways to share your faith with your family and friends. This energizing & exciting evening is sure to warm the heart and remind us all what makes us proud to be Catholic. Sean Ater is the Director of the Office for the New Evangelization for the Archdiocese of Cincinnati.

The *Endowment Fund* received \$750.00 in memory of Jon Jones, \$50.00 in memory of Paul Billerman and \$100.00 in memory of Susan Schmit.

The St. Vincent de Paul Society would like to thank everyone who donated to the collection the weekend of February 4 & 5. A total of \$981.27 was collected.

Lent 2017 Faith Discussions

Join us for the second phase of our Catholic-Lutheran dialogues which began last Fall. During Lent 2017, St. John Lutherans and I.C. Catholics will continue to explore and discuss what our two faith communities have in common and how we can dismantle the walls that have separated us for nearly 500 years. Discussions will spring from the book *One Hope: Re-Membering the Body of Christ*, a collection of essays written collaboratively by three Catholic and three Lutheran scholars and pastoral leaders. The essays explore experiences and activities that both faith communities share and that can help us better communicate with each other and understand and appreciate the richness of both faith traditions.

Discussion groups will meet for five weeks on Thursdays starting on March 9 at I.C. To better accommodate work and family schedules, two group sessions are planned for each day, one starting at noon and a second at 6:00 p.m. (Both sessions will begin with a light meal for those interested, discussions begin at 12:30 and 6:30 p.m.) Meeting places will again alternate between St. John's and I.C. For more information and/or to reserve a book, call Charlie Mescher at 419-586-5618 or via email: meschercj@bright.net. More details will be forthcoming soon.

St. Vincent de Paul Society meeting Thursday, February 16 at 7:00 p.m. in the PAC, Room 103. All members are encouraged to attend.

Altar Rosary meeting on February 20 in the PAC at 7:00 p.m. All ladies our welcome to attend. The parish is enriched by the workings of the Altar Rosary. I.C. needs each and every one of you so why not get involved. Snacks and refreshments will be served. Bring a friend and enjoy a night out with the other ladies of the Parish.

Food For All Collection

Thank you to everyone who donated food for our local food pantries. Last weekend 206 food items were collected.

Helping Hands Needed

The I.C. School Cafeteria is in great need of volunteers. If you have a hour every other week to spare, we sure could use you. Or maybe you would consider the sub list where volunteers could call you if they had something come up at the last minute. Our Florida Birds have gone south and several volunteers are on sick leave. If interested in volunteering please call Karen at I.C. School 419-586-4987 9:00 a.m.-noon or 419-942-1311 2:00-8:00 p.m. You may also call the Parish Office 419-586-6648 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Men's Night: Ready to Ignite

The Case for Life: The Pro-Life Movement

Join us for a night to prepare you to speak intelligently and graciously on the issue of abortion on Thursday, February 23, 7:00-8:15 p.m. at the Celina K of C Hall, 129 N. Vine St. Guest Speaker Mike Spencer is a gifted and much sought after communicator who brings a compassionate heart to the often emotional and divisive issue of abortion.

Come for fellowship, food and new information on this very important issue. Sponsored by I.C. Men's Group and Celina K of C Council 1800. No charge.

Discernment Retreat Coming Up

There's still time to register for a discernment retreat sponsored by the Missionaries of the Precious Blood on March 10-12 at St. Charles Center in Carthage, Ohio. If you or someone you know is hearing a call to life as a priest or religious brother, this weekend is a great way to learn more. The retreat, for men age 18 or older, is an opportunity to learn about discernment to the consecrated life, spend time in prayer, and get to know the Missionaries. 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. 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.

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



Calendar of Events for the Week

Saturday, February 18, 6:30 p.m.

Servers: Chris Anderson & Emma Homan
 Commentator: Joshua Muhlenkamp
 Lector: Dennis Hirt
 Gifts: Jerry Hirsch
 E. M.: Mary Ann Laughlin, Dan Siebert, Sue Siebert,
 Joan Carr, Tara Homan
 Ushers: Team L, Chip Felver, Captain

Sunday, February 19, 7:30 a.m.

Servers: Matthew Albers and Nathan Albers
 Commentator: Trish Baucher
 Lector: Cindy Shaffer
 Gifts: Gary Goettemoeller
 E. M.: Pat Brookhart, Karen Albers, Freda Lochtefeld,
 Mike Shaffer, Joan Koontz
 Ushers: Team M, Jeff Schott, Captain

Sunday, February 19, 9:00 a.m.

Servers: Nolan Liggett and Reagan Liggett
 Commentator: Cissy Muntzinger
 Lector: Molly Moorman
 Gifts: Bob Linn
 E. M.: X Paulette Sommer, Dale Sommer, Charlie Salway,
 Pat Hoyng, Lynn Locke, Joan Stelzer
 Ushers: Team A, Steven Byrley, Captain

Sunday, February 19, 12:00 Noon

Servers: Taylor Binkley and Logan Binkley
 Commentator: Judie Braun
 Lector: Alli Darras
 Gifts: John Hileman
 E. M.: Becky Lipp, Donna Hartke, Mike Braun,
 John Schmidt, Sharon Griggs, Elden Heckler,
 Myra Hileman, Marge Waterman, Ann Hull, Kylie Johnson,
 Tom Drexler
 Ushers: Team B, Mike Everman, Captain

Nursery February 19, *Pat & Ann Hull

Sunday, February 12

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

Tuesday, February 14

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

Wednesday, February 15

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

Thursday, February 16

7:00 p.m. St. Vincent de Paul Meeting in PAC

Saturday, February 18

11:00 a.m. Reconciliation

Sunday, February 19

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

Bingo

Chairperson & Crew Captain February 19: Rob Luebke
Workers February 19: Carey Luebke, Chris Henry,
 Todd or Stacey McGohan, Ann Vorhees, Pat Adams, Elizabeth
 Luebke, Jerry Albers, Erik or Libby Newell
Chairperson February 21: Joe Bruns
Crew Captain February 21: Bill Cook
Workers February 21: Shelley Shrock, Jeff Schott,
 Lisa Schott, Edie Nuding, Ginny Zumberge,
 Trish Baucher, Janie Stammen

Oratory Contest

Mercer County RTL Oratory Contest will be held Sunday,
 March 12 at 1:45 at Father Yaus Center in Coldwater. Top prize is
 \$1000. For more info contact your school guidance counselor or
 Esther Beyke at 419-678 4107. Deadline to apply is March 1.

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 janellepoeppelman@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
janellepoeppelman@hotmail.com.

The door is open...will you walk in?

The Sisters of the Precious Blood invites young adult
 woman to learn more about life as a Precious Blood Woman. Come
 and See Retreat will be held Friday, March 10 from 5:00 p.m. to
 Sunday, March 12 at 12:00 p.m. at Salem Heights, 4960 Salem
 Ave., Dayton, Ohio. Please register by March 3 by contacting Sr.
 Patty Kremer, C.P.P.S. coordinator of Vocation Ministry, 937-609-
 0653 or vocations@cppsadmin.org.

Stewardship Offering February 5

Envelopes/online (298)	\$ 13,112.23
Loose	<u>1,222.00</u>
Total Received	\$ 14,334.23
Weekly Offering:	\$ 14,334.23
Week Budgeted:	<u>14,304.00</u>
Over/Short:	\$ 30.23
YTD Total Collection:	\$439,749.50
YTD Total Budgeted:	<u>443,424.00</u>
Over/Short to date:	(\$ 3,674.50)

To give electronically for fiscal year July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017 visit
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Our Sponsors for the Week

International Coffee
 Chapman's Body Shop
 Briarwood Village