



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 each month except in April when Baptism will be held on the second Sunday.

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. Ken Schnipke, C.P.P.S., Pastor
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TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, AUGUST 25, 2019

Gospel Meditation

Have you ever seen a celebrity? Have you ever met a political representative? Did the encounter leave you with newfound acting or musical abilities? Did it give you a grasp of the intricacies of the latest city ordinance or controversial law? Talents, expertise, and skill are hard-won traits, not rewards that spread by contact. Our life of faith is also not so easy.

"We ate and drank in your company and you taught in our streets!" In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus notes that it requires moral strength to enter the kingdom of God. It's not mere proximity to righteousness that saves. Rubbing elbows with the righteous is not the same as being truly holy ourselves. Unfortunately, we can have this attitude in many areas. It's easy to see who may seem "first" in the eyes of the world. This occurs in our workplaces and among our public figures. It can also happen in our schools, local parishes, and the larger Church. For some of us, the temptation to have the popularity and prestige rub off on us can be fairly strong. If only we are in the right place with the right people, surely others will associate us with what they possess!

But salvation is worked out in each individual life. It is our task not merely to show up, but to be transformed. And the truly transformed may not be everyone we expect. "People will come from the east and the west and from the north and the south... some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last." Some who seem first in reputation now may be last in the kingdom of God. Others who appear now on the furthest fringes of society - but better imitate the lowly holiness of Jesus - will be first in his kingdom. What are your concerns? Proximity and reputation? Or prayerful righteousness?

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The *Endowment Fund* received \$1,436.00 in memory of Mark Klosterman and \$5,000.00 in memory of Martha Kittle.

✠ Vocation Cross ✠

August 25-31 -- Karen Albers
September 1-7 -- Janeen Braun



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

Mass Intentions

Monday, August 26

7:30 a.m. Bob Bertke

Tuesday, August 27, St. Monica

7:30 a.m. Floyd & Margaret Highley

10:00 a.m. Don Stahl at Celina Gardens

Wednesday, August 28, St. Augustine, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

7:30 a.m. Aloys & Sally Weitzel

Thursday, August 29, The Passion of St. John the Baptist

7:30 a.m. John Knapke

Friday, August 30

7:30 a.m. Jim Rohler

9:00 a.m. Liddy Leugers

Saturday, August 31

3:00 p.m. Jacob Schwinn & Lindsey Walls
Wedding

6:30 p.m. Paul Jones (Anniversary)

Sunday, September 1

7:30 a.m. Liv. & Dec. of the Parish

9:00 a.m. Paul Stachler

12:00 noon Randy Griesdorn

RCIA Sessions

Do you know someone who has been asking about the Catholic Church or considering becoming Catholic? The RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) is an opportunity for them to learn more about our Catholic faith. Sessions for I.C., Our Lady of Guadalupe & St. Teresa will be held on Tuesdays at the I.C. Parish Activity Center, Room 102 and generally last 1½ hours. An introductory session will be scheduled for early September!! The RCIA process concludes with the Easter Vigil, Saturday, April 11, 2020. If you know someone who may be interested in joining the RCIA process, contact the Parish Office at 419-586-6648.

Readings for the week of August 25, 2019

Sunday: **Is 66:18-21/Ps 117:1, 2, [Mk 16:15]/Heb 12:5-7, 11-13/Lk 13:22-30**

Monday: **1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/Mt 23:13-22**

Tuesday: **1 Thes 2:1-8/Ps 139:1-3, 4-6 [1]/Mt 23:23-26**

Wednesday: **1 Thes 2:9-13/Ps 139:7-8, 9-10, 11-12ab [1]/Mt 23:27-32**

Thursday: **1 Thes 3:7-13/Ps 90:3-5a, 12-13, 14 and 17 [14]/Mk 6:17-29**

Friday: **1 Thes 4:1-8/Ps 97:1 and 2b, 5-6, 10, 11-12 [12a]/Mt 25:1-13**

Saturday: **1 Thes 4:9-11/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9 [9]/Mt 25:14-30**

Next Sunday: **Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29/Ps 68:4-5, 6-7, 10-11 [cf. 11b]/Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a/Lk 14:1, 7-14 ©LPi**

School Carnival Fun!!

The 10th annual I.C. School Carnival will be held on Sunday, September 8 from 1:00-4:00 p.m. Our raffle this year includes 1st prize \$500 gas card donated by Asset Allocation, 2nd prize Pizza a month for a year from Celina Wine Store, 3rd prize \$200 gas card donated by Pax Machine, 4th prize Bella's Italian Grille gift basket, and 5th prize \$25 gift card donated by Farm Credit Mid-America. Tickets are \$10 each or 2 for \$15. Raffle tickets will be on sale outside the main doors of the Church after all masses this weekend August 24 & 25. Tickets can also be purchased in the school office. Please call Kati Heckler at 419-963-8829 with any questions.

Adult Volunteers

VIRTUS Child Protection Sessions

All new staff and **new** volunteers who wish to work with or around youth in the parish, including cafeteria volunteers, chaperones for field trips, assisting with activities such as COSI on Wheels, CCD, coaches or other similar roles, must attend a VIRTUS orientation session. A session for the 2019-20 school year will be held on Thursday, September 5, at 6:00 p.m.

You may sign up online at virtusonline.org or call Joyce Johnson at 419-586-2370. If you wish to attend a session, but none of these work, please contact Joyce Johnson or Polly Muhlenkamp for alternate sessions you might attend at another parish. The training has no cost and will take place in the Parish Activity Center, Room 102.

Dinner Auction

Mark your calendars for the 9th annual I.C. School Dinner Auction. This is going to be held at Romers on October 26, 2019. If you are interested in donating a new item please contact the School Office at 419-586-2379. Please help spread the word and join us for a fun evening of silent and live auctions, a chance for a trip to Cancun, Mexico and many more raffles and prizes.

2019 Festival Wrap Up Meeting

Festival Steering Committee and Booth Chairperson meeting will be on Tuesday, August 27 in the PAC, Room 104 at 6:00 p.m. Dinner will be served. Please plan to attend for wrapping up 2019 festival items and looking ahead to the 2020 festival schedule. Hope to see you there.

Jeff Schott, Festival Chairman

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

Religious Education Classes

It is "Back to School" time! Religious Education classes for grades 1-9 will begin September 11 while Confirmation class begins on September 22. Registration for 1st-10th grade is underway! Registration forms are available in the Parish Office, at the entrances to the church, on our parish website, and in the Religious Ed Office. They may be returned to the Religious Education Office during regular office hours which are 8:30-5:00 Monday-Thursday, to the Parish Office, or dropped into the collection on Sundays. The Religious Ed Office is closed on Fridays. We are excited to start another faith-filled year with the youth of our parish!

Sunday School Registration is Open!

Our Sunday School classes will be held in the I.C. School first floor classrooms every Sunday during the 9:00 a.m. Mass starting on September 15, 2019 and ending on April 5, 2020. Classes are open to children ages 3 & 4. Registration forms are available in the back of church, the Religious Ed Office, and the Parish Office. Please return all completed forms to the Religious Ed Office or you may drop in the Offertory basket. If you have any questions or would like to help volunteer with Sunday School, please contact Tiffany Pierstorff at the at 419-586-2370 or by email tpierstorff@celina-ic.org. All adult volunteers must be VIRTUS trained.

Monthly Collections

Our monthly Food For All collection will be held next weekend. 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.

St. Vincent de Paul boxes for monetary donations will also be at the entrances of church next weekend.

Stations of the Cross

Stations for Vocations Service on September 5 at 6:30 p.m. will begin in the Maria Stein Shrine's Adoration Chapel for devotions and veneration of the St. Teresa of Calcutta relic in honor of her feast day. We will then proceed to the courtyard for Stations. Refreshments immediately following. Sponsored by the Serra Club of the St. Marys & Sidney Deaneries. Led by Fr. Dan Schmitmeyer. Contact Mary Ann Kinsella at 937-693-3511 for more information.

First Saturday Devotions will be held at St. Charles Senior Living Community main chapel on Saturday, September 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. All are welcome to attend.

Saturday, August 31, 6:30 p.m.

Servers: Matthew Albers & Nathan Albers
 Commentator: Tom Leininger
 Lector: Jim Poeppelman
 Gifts: Jon Schumm
 E. M.: Karen Albers, Becky Lipp, Diane Wagner,
 Toni Shema, James Poeppelman
 Ushers: Team E Richard Carlin, Captain

Sunday, September 1, 7:30 a.m.

Servers: Marshall Williams & Collin Williams
 Commentator: Vern Bergman
 Lector: Rhett Snyder
 Gifts: Doug Wolters
 E. M.: Rita Prenger, Larry Sielschott,
 Sandy Sielschott, Diane Hunt, Pat Brookhart
 Ushers: Team F, Steve Alig, Captain

Sunday, September 1, 9:00 a.m.

Servers: Justin Bruggeman & Lillyan Byer
 Commentator: Cissy Muntzinger
 Lector: Claire Giesige
 Gifts: Ed Behm
 E. M.: Paulette Sommer, Craig Lunz, Harry Coy,
 Carol Coy, Janie Stammen
 Ushers: Team G, Dave Cron, Captain

Sunday, September 1, 12:00 Noon

Servers: Mason Muether & Elise Muether
 Commentator: Carol Wenning
 Lector: Jan Yackey
 Gifts: Chet Fleming
 E. M.: Liz Muether, Myra Hileman, Sharon Griggs,
 Joanie Koontz, John Schmidt, Judie Braun,
 Mike Braun, Bev Korte, Donna Hartke, Gerard Ahrns,
 Christine Carney
 Ushers: Team H, Joe Bruns, Captain

Sunday, August 25

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

Tuesday, August 27

6:00 p.m. Rosary & Chaplet of Divine Mercy

Saturday, August 30

11:00 a.m. Reconciliation

Sunday, September 1

No Bingo at the K of C Hall

Pilgrimage

Pastor Jeff Gramza, of the Purple Door Church, is inviting us on two pilgrimages. Next Summer, 2020, he is leading a pilgrimage to Greece, following the footsteps of St. Paul. In the Winter of 2021, he is leading a pilgrimage to the Holy Land. There will be a discussion and question/answer session for both spiritual journeys on Wednesday, August 28 at 7:00 p.m. at the Purple Door Church.

Date With Fr. Nate

Married & engaged couples are invited to relax, laugh, and learn together. Father Nathan Cromly shares a message of hope and love that strengthens marriages and families. Saturday, September 14 at the Maria Stein Spiritual Center. Drinks (beer, wine, other) hors d'oeuvres, music, registration at 6:00 p.m. Program at 7:00. Tickets \$65 per couple. Register at www.datewithfrnate.com. Contact Annette Moore at Datewithfrnate@gmail.com or 937-541-5776.

Local Support Group

Surviving Divorce, a 12-week support group, begins Monday, September 9 from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. at the Parish Office Center (old rectory next door to St. Michael Church), 33 Elm St., Ft. Loramie. Cost of \$25 per person includes a "Personal Survival Guide," and materials for 12 weeks. Find comfort and counsel consistent with Catholic teachings. Call Rose Meyer at 937-295-2891 or rosem@nflregion.org to find out more information or to register.

Stewardship Offering August 18

Envelopes/online (220)	\$ 8,420.00
Loose	<u>1,452.25</u>
Total Received	\$ 9,872.25
Weekly Offering:	\$ 9,872.25
Week Budgeted:	<u>14,600.00</u>
Over/Short:	(\$ 4,727.75)
YTD Total Collection:	\$ 91,216.78
YTD Total Budgeted:	<u>102,200.00</u>
Over/Short to date:	(\$ 10,983.22)

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