



Immaculate Conception Church

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CLUSTER SCHEDULE

Saturday Masses

Immaculate Conception (IC) 5:00 PM

Our Lady of Guadalupe (OLG)..... 7:00 PM

Sunday Masses

Immaculate Conception 8:00 AM & 11:00 AM

Our Lady of Guadalupe 9:00 AM

St. Teresa 10:00 AM

Weekdays Masses/Communion Services

Monday Immaculate Conception..... 7:30 AM

OLG Communion Service 8:00 AM

Tuesday IC..... 7:30 AM

OLG 8:00 AM

Wednesday IC Communion Service 7:30 AM

OLG 7:00 PM

St. Teresa 7:00 PM

Thursday IC 7:30 AM

Friday OLG..... 8:00 AM

IC 9:00 AM (7:30 AM if no 9:00 AM

School Mass)

RECONCILIATION

IC Saturday 11:00 AM

OLG Saturday 6:15-6:45 PM

St. Teresa Wednesday 6:30 PM

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 12:15 p.m. on second Sundays of January, March, May, July, September and November, in the Parish Activity Center. Please call the Parish Office to register. Baptisms are at 12:15 p.m. on the third Sunday of each month except in July 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.

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

Fr. Tim McFarland, C.P.P.S., Parochial Vicar

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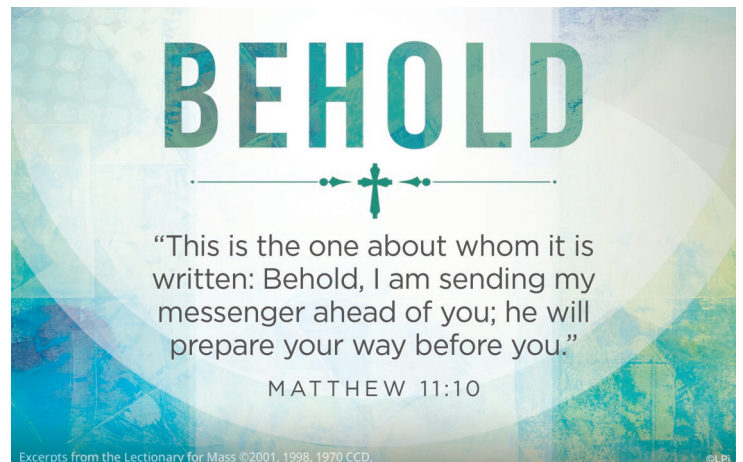
FINANCE COMMISSION

Harry Coy, Chairperson

COUNSELING SERVICES

Offered by Bob Skipper at Spiritual Center of Maria Stein

1-937-299-9005



MATTHEW 11:10

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT, DECEMBER 15, 2019

Gospel Meditation

Who did you come to see? A version of this question is posed by Jesus many times in the Gospels. He asks it of Andrew and John when they begin to follow him. He asks it of Mary Magdalene in the garden of the resurrection. He asks it in today's Gospel. "What did you go out to the desert to see?" There is something innately human about "seeing." Animals have eyes — some with much more powerful vision than our own — but that's not the kind of seeing Jesus is talking about. We could phrase the question several other ways. "What are you looking for?" "What are you longing for?" "Whom do you seek?"

It is in seeing for ourselves that our suspicions or hypotheses are confirmed, that our desires discover their fulfillment, and that we can rest for a moment in certainty. John the Baptist sought certainty of Jesus' identity. "Are you the one who is to come, or should we look for another?" Jesus sends word to him based on the testimony of sight, observations of the mighty deeds Jesus has begun to work. "Go and tell John what you hear and see."

God recognizes our desire to see. In the Incarnation, the Word is made flesh. The invisible is made visible. The supernatural is made manifest in an infant who can do little more than the most natural of movements as he feeds, cries, sleeps. We don't need to wait for Christmas to see God. The work of God is all around us. Those blinded by sin "regain their sight." People overcome backgrounds of poverty and violence to make world-changing contributions. Addicts grow and heal. Truth is spoken, and people listen. ©LPi

Advent Reconciliation Opportunities

- Saturdays 11:00 AM IC; 6:15 PM OLG
- Wednesdays 6:30 PM St. Teresa
- Dec. 19th - 7:00 PM - IC confessions
- By appointment

Celina Cluster Christmas Mass Schedule

- St. Teresa - Christmas Eve - 10:00 PM
- OLG - Christmas Eve 7:00 PM;
Christmas Day - 8:00 AM & 10:00 AM
- IC - Christmas Eve 4:30 PM, 7:30 PM, 11:00 PM;
Christmas Day - 9:30 AM

Celina Cluster New Year's Mass Schedule

- St. Teresa - New Year's Eve - 5:00 PM
- OLG - New Year's Eve - 7:00 PM;
New Year's Day - 9:00 AM
- IC - New Year's Eve - 5:00 PM;
New Year's Day - 9:00 AM

Mass Intentions For The Week

Monday, December 16

7:30 a.m. Lucy Kramer

Tuesday, December 17

7:30 a.m. Raymond "Ric" Zanglin

Wednesday, December 18

7:30 a.m. Communion Service

Thursday, December 19

7:30 a.m. Dorothy Brandewie

Friday, December 20

9:00 a.m. John W. Cron

Saturday, December 21

St. Peter Canisius, Priest & Doctor of the Church

5:00 p.m. Thomas J. Rable (Anniversary)

Sunday, December 22

8:00 a.m. Mort Heckler,

Don Bertke

11:00 a.m. People of the Parish

Rest In Peace

Remember in your prayers those who have died, especially George Romer.

The *Endowment Fund* received \$200 in memory of Jon Jones, \$200 in memory of Paul Jones, \$120.00 in memory of Mark Klosterman and \$160.00 in memory of Bob Martens.

\$1,850.46 was collected by St. Vincent de Paul Society last weekend. Thank you for your ongoing generosity to help the local people in need.

✠ Vocation Cross ✠

December 15-21 -- Rick & Janet Ramsey

December 22-28 -- Deb Vogel

Readings for the week of December 15, 2019

Sunday: Is 35:1-6a, 10/ Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10 [Is 35:4]/
Jas 5:7-10/Mt 11:2-11

Monday: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc,
8-9 [4]/Mt 21:23-27

Tuesday: Gn 49:2, 8-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17 [cf. 7]/
Mt 1:1-17

Wednesday: Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19 [cf. 7]/
Mt 1:18-25

Thursday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17
[cf. 8]/Lk 1:5-25

Friday: Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. 7c and 10b]/
Lk 1:26-38

Saturday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3,
11-12, 20-21 [1a: 3a]/Lk 1:39-45

Next Sunday: Is 7:10-14/ Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [7c, 10b]/
Rom 1:1-7/Mt 1:18-24

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Last Minute Christmas Gifts!!

Christmas is quickly approaching, and there are not many more days to order your gift cards from the IC School Scrip program! The very last order before Christmas will be placed at 9:00 a.m. Monday, December 16, so get out your list, check it twice, and get that order in! We will still be selling cards in stock after weekend Masses December 21 and 22 for last minute gift giving, and will also sell cards the weekend of December 28 and 29 for those of you planning a New Year's dinner out.

If you are a business owner, and are in a dilemma about what to give your employees for Christmas, GIFT CARDS can be the answer!

School will be closed from Monday, December 23 until Monday, January 6, so cards will be sold at the Parish Office except when it is closed for the holidays.

There have been 1892 Scrip cards sold for the IC Children's movie contest, so they're VERY CLOSE to earning their extra recess. Hopefully, next week's sales will get them over the goal of 2000 cards sold, so remember them if you have any last-minute gift cards to buy!

Remember, our Scrip Rewards Program is an ongoing promotion, so you can earn free gift cards all year long! For every \$1000 worth of purchases, you earn a \$10 gift card to the establishment of your choice. We keep track of each of your purchases, and when you get to \$1000, we contact you to see what gift card you would like to choose. By giving you a 1% reward, we are encouraging you to use IC School's gift card program instead of a credit card. Your savings should be the same, and you will be helping IC School at the same time. Thanks for your support and have a Very Blessed Christmas!

Sunday School & Children's Liturgy of the Word

Sunday, December 15 will be our last Sunday School class and the last gathering for Children's Liturgy of the Word until Sunday, January 12, 2020. Thank you for sharing your children with us! We look forward to seeing you in the new year!!

Christmas Bazaar

Congratulations to the following winners of the Christmas Bazaar Raffle: Susan Vantilburg - Doll bed and doll; Janet Ramsey - \$100 VISA card; Carol Puthoff - lantern; Helen Bergman - large wreath; Stephanie Braun - Cross; Marce Nietfeld - Small decorated Christmas Tree; Susan Muhlenkamp - Nativity Set; Kelly Clausen - Christmas Train.

Thanks to everyone who donated their Time, Talent, and Treasure to make this year's Christmas Bazaar a success!

Ushers

Please don't forget to sign up to usher the Christmas mass of your choice. The sign-up sheet is in the ushers' pew on the north side of the main aisle of Church.

Christmas Flowers

If you wish to have loved ones remembered with flowers during the Christmas Season, please submit your donation by December 23. Donations in thanksgiving are also welcome. The names of those remembered will be placed in frames and set among the Christmas flowers. An envelope is in your December packet.

Grief Support Group

The Marion Catholic Community is offering GriefShare Sessions every Tuesday, Jan. 7, through March 31, 2020. The sessions will be held in Precious Blood Rectory, 35 S. Maple St., Chickasaw, Ohio from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

The program consists of 13 weekly DVD sessions for people grieving the loss of someone close. It's a place where you can be around people who understand how you are feeling and are able to offer you encouragement. The DVD seminars are combined with support group discussions of material presented during the DVD. All materials are donated by Hogenkamp Funeral Home.

Please feel free to contact Bonnie Garrison at 419-733-8223 or 419-925-4831, by email garrisonbonnie@hotmail.com or the parish office at 419-925-4775, if you have any questions or would like more information about the GriefShare sessions.

Teacher In Service

There will be a Religious Educator In-Service training session on Wednesday, January 8th at the Montezuma Spiritual Center (6731 State Route 219, Montezuma, OH 45866) from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. All catechists in the St. Marys and Sidney Deaneries are encouraged to attend, and receive credits for Catechist certification. Fr. Tom Dorn will discuss the "True Presence in the Eucharist" and educators will participate in small group discussions on the presentation and sharing ideas. Please register for this event with Joyce Johnson, 419-586-2370.

Bulletin Deadline Changes

Please take note of the deadline changes for the following bulletins:

- Friday, Dec. 13 for the Dec. 22 bulletin
- Thursday, Dec. 19 for the Dec. 29 bulletin
- Thursday, Dec. 26 for the Jan. 5 bulletin.

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

Saturday, December 21, 5:00 p.m.

Sacristans: Lindsey & Lily Lunz
Servers: Matthew Albers & Lily Lunz
Commentator: Judie Braun
Lector: Dennis Hirt
Gifts: Joe Bruns
E. M.: Karen Albers, Myra Hileman, Judy Eblen, Kylie Johnson, Joe Hoying, Dave Cron, Jane Cron, Marge Waterman, Lindsey Lunz, Tara Homan, Bev Korte
Ushers: Team A, Steve Byrley, Captain

Sunday, December 22, 8:00 a.m.

Sacristans: Tom & Anita Muhlenkamp
Servers: Ava & Alex Knapke
Commentator: Janet Ramsey
Lector: Gerald Vian
Gifts: Rick Ramsey
E. M.: Kathy Schmiesing, Dr. Ken Schmiesing, Hannah Heckler, Anne Knapke, Joan Wurster, Lori Vian, Anita Muhlenkamp, Tom Muhlenkamp, Larry Braun, Janet Stachler, Jane Homan
Ushers: Team B, Mike Everman, Captain

Sunday, December 22, 11:00 a.m.

Sacristans: Janet Smith
Servers: Madison Muntzinger & Jonathon Lutz
Commentator: Staci Clutter
Lector: Allison Darras
Gifts: Adam Clutter
E. M.: Donna Hartke, Christine Carney, Janet Smith, Ann Hull, Joe Pecharich, Cissy Muntzinger, Deacon Charlie, Abby Gehle, Joanie Koontz, Harry Coy, Carol Coy
Ushers: Team C, Ken Art, Captain

Stewardship Offering December 1

Envelopes/online (257)	\$ 11,587.00
Loose	<u>1,924.00</u>
Total Received	\$ 13,511.00
Weekly Offering:	\$ 13,511.00
Week Budgeted:	<u>14,600.00</u>
Over/Short:	(\$ 1,089.00)
YTD Total Collection:	\$310,336.59
YTD Total Budgeted:	<u>321,200.00</u>
Over/Short to date:	(\$ 10,863.41)

Thanksgiving \$2,159.00
Campaign for Human Development \$3,021.00

To give electronically for fiscal year July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020 visit www.celina-ic.org and click Donate.

Sunday, December 15

9:15 a.m. Confirmation Class
11:00 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Children's Liturgy of the Word
11:00 a.m. Adult Choir
12:15 p.m. Baptism
7:00 p.m. Bingo at the K of C Hall

Monday, December 16

5:30 p.m. Altar Rosary Christmas Party
7:00 p.m. Adult Education

Tuesday, December 17

7:00 p.m. RCIA

Wednesday, December 18

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

Thursday, December 19

7:00 p.m. Reconciliation

Saturday, December 21

11:00 a.m. Reconciliation

Sunday, December 22

No Bingo

St. John the Baptist Church, Maria Stein, Ohio will begin repainting their church Monday, January 6. The last Mass at St. John will be Wednesday, January 1 at 10:30 a.m. The Masses will be moved to Precious Blood starting the weekend of January 4 and 5. Mass times will be Saturday, 5:00 p.m., Sunday, 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Painting will take approximately 3 months. The plan is to be open by Easter.

"Laughter: The Sanity of the Family" with Dr. Ray Guarendi, Sat. Feb. 8, 2020, at St. Henry American Legion. With humor and real-life examples, Dr. Ray addresses widespread myths, cultural influence, and the daily challenges of family life and parenting. Enjoy a very entertaining evening filled with practical advice and proven techniques to build stronger, happier, healthier families. \$35/couple. Doors open 6:00 p.m. Dinner and drinks and more. Engaged couples welcome. Call or text 419-790-8093 for tickets. Visit www.drray.com and "Evening for Married Couples" on Facebook. Hosted by the St. Henry Cluster.

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