



# 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

Deacon Charlie Salway - [csalway@celina-ic.org](mailto:csalway@celina-ic.org)

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## PASTORAL COUNCIL

Mike Braun, President

## SCHOOL ADVISORY BOARD

Kevin Riesen, Chairperson

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION COMMISSION

Kylie Johnson, Chairperson

## FINANCE COMMISSION

Harry Coy, Chairperson

## COUNSELING SERVICES

Offered by Bob Skipper at Spiritual Center of Maria Stein

1-937-299-9005



# EPIPHANY OF THE LORD, JANUARY 5, 2020

**T**hey were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. Mt 2:10-11

## Gospel Meditation

We may walk many roads when we search for God, and He leads us all the while. The men we honor today were not Jews. The Messiah wasn't coming for them, not in the minds of Jesus' contemporaries. These men were astrologers. They were adept at reading portents in the sky, a practice condemned in the Mosaic covenant. Still, to the best of their knowledge and awareness, they were seeking the truth. This truth led them to journey from their own homeland to honor a king they'd never met, one they couldn't be sure truly existed. "We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage." Who do you know seeks God so tenaciously?

"Magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem," the Gospel tells us. Who are the seekers in your own life? Maybe it's your cautiously curious co-worker, the neighbor who unexpectedly found peace on a yoga retreat, or your desperately angry child who has chosen, for now, to go their own way. Perhaps they're not overtly headed for Jesus now, not yet. But they may well be seekers of truth in ways we didn't expect. Our invitation is to listen, inquire, and give directions when appropriate.

The magi and modern-day seekers can inspire us as well. When is the last time you sought God's truth so tenaciously? As believers, it can perhaps be easy to become desensitized to the Christmas season and to the miraculous reality we recently celebrated. Mass may have been lovely, but so was the succulent roast beef, the crisp smell of evergreen, and the warm glow of family. Consider asking yourself, "God, do I know you as well as I should? Would I journey as far as the magi to meet You, if I could? Do I journey to meet You daily in prayer? What do those answer say about me, and about our relationship?" Perhaps we, like the magi, can once again be "overjoyed" at seeing the Light of the World.

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

## Mass Intentions For The Week

**Monday, January 6**

**St. André Bessette, Religious**

7:30 a.m. Margaret Winans

**Tuesday, January 7**

**St. Raymond of Peñafort, Priest**

7:30 a.m. Beatrice Schmit

**Wednesday, January 8**

7:30 a.m. Communion Service

**Thursday, January 9**

7:30 a.m. Priscilla Garman

**Friday, January 10**

9:00 a.m. Janet Ruef

**Saturday, January 11**

5:00 p.m. Lucy Berning

**Sunday, January 12**

**The Baptism of the Lord**

8:00 a.m. People of the Parish

11:00 a.m. Mary Lou Homan

The *Endowment Fund* received a \$5,000.00 donation.

## Calendar Thanks

Thank you to Lehman-Dzendzel Funeral Home and W.H. Dick & Sons ~ Hellwarth Funeral Homes for their generous donation of 2020 Calendars. The calendars are always appreciated.

## ✠ Vocation Cross ✠

January 5-11 -- Beth Vorhees

January 12-18 -- Janeen Braun

## Readings for the week of January 5, 2020

Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf. 11]/  
Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

Monday: 1 Jn 3:22—4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a [8ab]/  
Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8 [cf. 11]/  
Mk 6:34-44

Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13 [cf. 11]/  
Mk 6:45-52

Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17  
[cf. 11]/Lk 4:14-22a

Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20 [12a]/Lk  
5:12-16

Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b  
[cf. 4a]/Jn 3:22-30

Next Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 [11b]/  
Acts 10:34-38/Mt 3:13-17

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## Thank You!

Thank you to the parishioners that donated gifts so generously to the Angel Tree Program this year. Again, over 300 gifts were donated by our parish to this program which is administered by O.U.R. Home. The toys along with many other items for those in need were distributed on December 12 at the Church of God. Through your generosity, many children had a "Merry Christmas"!

Thanks also go out to the Confirmation Class for coordinating the drive to collect socks and underwear for the Angel Tree Program and all those who donated! Well over 200 children will benefit from this!

## Religious Ed Classes

There is no Confirmation class today. Our next class is January 12. There will be no Religious Ed classes this week, January 8 due to an in-service for our catechists. Our next class will be on January 15. We look forward to a "new year" of sharing the "Good News" of Jesus Christ with the youth of our parish!

## Teacher In Service

There will be a Religious Educator In-Service training session on Wednesday, January 8<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **Stewardship Spotlight: Bereavement**

*I.C. parishioners are the Hands and Feet of God by bringing comfort to the sorrowing.* Members of the IC Bereavement committee bring comfort and consolation to families who have lost loved ones by assisting with funeral planning, offering support during the funeral, preparing a funeral luncheon and offering continued support in the months to follow. Each year, around All Souls Day, a Mass of Remembrance is offered for families to gather once again in prayer and worship to remember their loved ones. In these and many other ways, IC parishioners bring comfort to the sorrowing.

## K of C Free Throw Competition

Girls and Boys from ages 9 through 14 are able to compete in this Free Throw Competition. The contest will begin at 1:00 p.m. on Sunday, January 19, 2020, at the PAC gym. Practice shooting begins at 12:30. Winners advance to district competition.

## 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](mailto: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.

## If Your Marriage Needs Help... Retrouvaille...A lifeline

Is your marriage going down the right road... or is it a little off track? Life can be difficult, and so can the challenges you face in marriage. Does the distance between you seem wide? Have you or your spouse become unloving or uncaring? Are you already separated or divorced or even thinking about it? Looking for a better way? Retrouvaille can help and offers hope for a better relationship. Retrouvaille is a confidential peer ministry of volunteer couples that can help you learn the tools of healthy communication, build intimacy and healing, just as they have done in their own marriages. Retrouvaille is Christian-based, and Catholic in origin, but welcomes couples of all faiths as well as non-religious couples. Retrouvaille can help get your relationship back on track. No couple is ever denied the chance to heal and renew their marriage because they face financial difficulties. For more information about our upcoming Retrouvaille of Cincinnati/Tri-State weekend on January 10, 11 & 12, 2020 contact: [www.cincyretrouvaille.org](http://www.cincyretrouvaille.org), [www.retrouvaille.org](http://www.retrouvaille.org), [helpourmarriage.org](http://helpourmarriage.org) or 513-922-6045.

**"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](http://www.drray.com) and "Evening for Married Couples" on Facebook. Hosted by the St. Henry Cluster.

**Saturday, January 11, 5:00 p.m.**

Sacristans: Doug & Toni Shema  
Servers: Kaitlyn Muhlenkamp & Mischa Snow  
Commentator: Dennis Hirt  
Lector: Bud Schoenleben  
Gifts: LeRoy Felver  
E. M.: Toni Shema, Patty Schoenleben, Dr. Ken Schmiesing, Kathy Schmiesing, Tim Heckler, Paulette Sommer, Deacon Charlie, Dale Sommer, Mike Wallace, Kylie Johnson, Joan Stelzer  
Ushers: Team J, Charles Heckler, Captain

**Sunday, January 12, 8:00 a.m.**

Sacristans: Tom & Diane McLaughlin  
Servers: Carly & Blake Fullenkamp  
Commentator: Tom McLaughlin  
Lector: Diane McLaughlin  
Gifts: Dale Hunt  
E. M.: Larry Braun, Larry Sielschott, Sandy Sielschott, Ron Hoying, Freda Lochtefeld, Janet Stachler, Deacon Charlie, Hannah Heckler, Diane Hunt, Pat Hoyng, Mary Bruggeman  
Ushers: Team K, Del Kramer, Captain

**Sunday, January 12, 11:00 a.m.**

Sacristans: Dee & Jeremy Uhlenhake  
Servers: Avery & Zoe Cox  
Commentator: Allison Bruns  
Lector: Claire Giesige  
Gifts: Ned Pryer  
E. M.: Ruth Knapke, Eric Clausen, Kelli Clausen, Chris Wibbenmeyer, Katey Wibbenmeyer, Mike Braun, Jim Miller, Tom Drexler, Dee Uhlenhake, Mary Ann Laughlin, Liz Muether  
Ushers: Team L, Tim Wenning, Captain

**Bingo**

**Chairperson January 12:** Bob McKirnan  
**Crew Captain January 12:** Joe Pecharich  
**Workers January 12:** Elden Heckler, Tom Drexler, Rose Drexler, Linus Jutte, Steve Dzendzel, Duretta Beckstedt, Diana Russell, Lori Vian

**Stewardship Offering December 22**

Envelopes/online (276)	\$ 25,181.00
Loose	<u>1,478.30</u>
Total Received	\$ 26,659.30
Weekly Offering:	\$ 26,659.30
Week Budgeted:	<u>14,600.00</u>
Over/Short:	\$ 12,059.30
YTD Total Collection:	\$364,617.48
YTD Total Budgeted:	<u>365,000.00</u>
Over/Short to date:	(\$ 382.52)

To give electronically for fiscal year July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020 visit [www.celina-ic.org](http://www.celina-ic.org) and click Donate.

**Sunday, January 5**

8:00 a.m. Adult Choir  
11:00 a.m. Children's Choir  
7:00 p.m. Bingo at the K of C Hall

**Saturday, January 11**

11:00 a.m. Reconciliation

**Sunday, January 12**

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

**Register Now for Empty Bowls Mercer County  
"Create A Bowl" Event**

Empty Bowls Mercer County 2020 will kick-off with a marathon "Create A Bowl" painting party on Sat., Jan. 18, at Brew Nation/Potters House on Main where community members will come together to create hand-painted bowls for the "Empty Bowls Dinner & Auction" that will be held this Spring.

By joining us at "Create A Bowl", you will become part of an effort to make a difference. Many of our Mercer County neighbors -- average people who are facing hard times -- will be able to find safe shelter, keep a roof over their heads, put food on their tables, and mend relationships with their children because someone created a bowl and someone else bought it!

To join "Create A Bowl", call Our Home Family Resource Center at 419-586-4663 and reserve a time to paint. Painting will begin at 8:00 a.m. and end at 6:00 p.m. Participants register in advance for a 2-hour session. Registration is limited to 30 participants per time slot.

Each painter is asked to donate or collect funds for the event (\$25 minimum) and will paint two bowls. Individuals with donations of \$50.00 or more will be entered into a raffle for a chance to win prizes.

All the unique, hand-painted creations will then be gifted to folks who purchase tickets to the "Empty Bowls Dinner & Auction" (April 4) as a reminder of both the empty bowls in this county that need to be filled, and the commitment this community has made to fill them.

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