



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 scheduled)

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.

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

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COUNSELING SERVICES

Offered by Bob Skipper at Spiritual Center of Maria Stein

1-937-299-9005



SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, FEBRUARY 16, 2020

Gospel Meditation

People are not property. We cannot exchange them at will or simply use them for our own designs and purposes. What does the word “commitment” mean to you? We can begin to understand its meaning by looking at some synonyms: dedication, devotion, allegiance, loyalty, faithfulness, fidelity, and bond. Commitment is primarily about relationship, and Jesus is all about relationships. How our lives affect others, how we treat our brothers and sisters, how we resolve conflict, and how we view the vows of marriage. Jesus’ teachings on obeying the commandments, murder, reconciliation, marriage, divorce, and adultery all stem from the sacredness of commitment. All of this has a God connection.

We can easily see one another as interchangeable and dispensable. We treat so much of our lives this way. What works today may not be what I want tomorrow. We search and search for the right thing only to find our hearts still restless in the end. Is real happiness achievable this side of the grave? Sometimes we expect too much out of others and want our relationships to fill a hole that we must figure out how to fill ourselves. Any seasoned married couple will tell you that their love for one another changes as time passes. Even though the understanding of romance changes as life changes, the dedication, devotion, allegiance, loyalty, faithfulness, and fidelity all remain and even deepen.

Some relationships can be hurtful, and God does not want us to live with abuse or pain. Also, how a relationship develops is sometimes out of our control, and we become the victim of someone else’s decision. But we can’t be self-focused in our relationships and see them exclusively as self-fulfilling ends. We are companions on life’s journey with varying depths of relationships being enjoyed by all who are with us along the way. We have the freedom to choose. God asks us to do so wisely, with right judgment and thinking.

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2020 Catholic Ministries Appeal (CMA)

We thank everyone who has participated in the 2020 Catholic Ministries Appeal. Our pledges let us impact the stories of thousands through six important Catholic ministries right here in our archdiocese. Additionally, 50% of all pledges in excess of our parish goal will be used to expand our outreach to the local needy, so please be as generous as you can. For more information or to donate online, please visit CatholicAppeal.info. Thank you!

✠ Vocation Cross ✠

February 16-22 -- Chris & Cathy Fullenkamp

February 23-29 -- Tom & Donna Hartke

Mass Intentions For The Week

Monday, February 17

The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order

7:30 a.m. Doris Grieshop

Tuesday, February 18

7:30 a.m. Clarence Eckstein Sr.

10:00 a.m. Mass at Celina Manor

Wednesday, February 19

7:30 a.m. Communion Service

Thursday, February 20

7:30 a.m. Elaine Braun

Friday, February 21

St. Peter Damian, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

9:00 a.m. Janet Ruef

Saturday, February 22

5:00 p.m. Purcell Grilliot

Sunday, February 23

8:00 a.m. Floyd Highley,

11:00 a.m. Shirley Mertz,

Katherine Zehringer,

People of the Parish

Reminder

If we have a funeral on a day with a morning mass, the morning mass is cancelled, not including IC School Mass. If IC School is delayed or closed due to weather, the 9:00 a.m. Mass is still held.

595 food items were donated for our February Food For All collection. The food will go towards feeding many local families. Thank you for your generosity!



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

Readings for the week of February 16, 2020

Sunday: **Sir 15:15-20/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34 [1b]/1**

Cor 2:6-10/Mt 5:17-37 or 5:20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37

Monday: **Jas 1:1-11/Ps 119:67, 68, 71, 72, 75, 76 [77a]/**

Mk 8:11-13

Tuesday: **Jas 1:12-18/Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 18-19 [12a]/**

Mk 8:14-21

Wednesday: **Jas 1:19-27/Ps 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5 [1b]/Mk**

8:22-26

Thursday: **Jas 2:1-9/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [7a]/Mk 8:27-33**

Friday: **Jas 2:14-24, 26/Ps 112:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [cf. 1b]/Mk**

8:34—9:1

Saturday: **1 Pt 5:1-4/Ps 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6 [1]/Mt 16:13-19**

Next Sunday: **Lv 19:1-2, 17-18/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-**

13 [8a]/1 Cor 3:16-23/Mt 5:38-48

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The next Altar Rosary Society meeting will be held on Monday, Feb. 17 at 7:00 p.m. in the PAC, Room 104. All ladies 18 years and older are members, and are welcome to attend.

Also, please mark your calendars for our first pie sale of the year. We will be selling pies during the first K of C Fish Fry on Feb. 28. We appreciate all who are willing to bake or bring a pie. Fruit Pies go over very well. You may deliver pies between 4:00 and 5:00 p.m. the day of the sale at the K of C Hall. All proceeds from the pie sale go to support the good works of the Altar Rosary Society for I.C. Church.

Stewardship Spotlight: Ushers

I.C. parishioners are the Hands and Feet of God by welcoming and helping the people of God.

We see ushers when we come into church at the beginning of Mass, and when we leave after Mass and an usher hands us a bulletin. But they are there, alert and helpful, throughout the weekend liturgies, helping everything flow smoothly and watching for people who may need extra help. Ushers see their ministry as service to the Lord. They take care of practical matters during Mass—taking up collection, safeguarding the monetary gifts of the faithful, helping with second collections and elections. They also help behind the scenes in other ways. In the fall, ushers carefully count all the people who attend the weekend Masses, helping the parish and larger Church with accurate figures on Mass attendance. It’s a ministry that sometimes is handed down from generation to generation. May God bless our ushers, who are the helping hands of the parish during Mass!



Did you know? Mardi Gras means Fat Tuesday. Fat Tuesday is celebrated on the Tuesday before Ash Wednesday with lots of food in anticipation of the fasting that comes with the Lenten season.

Did you know? The first Mardi Gras in North America took place in Mobile, Alabama in 1703. New Orleans later became famous for Mardi Gras.

Did you know? IC Parish will celebrate our own Mardi Gras on Tuesday, February, 25 in the PAC from 5:00-7:00 p.m.

Did you know? You are invited to join in the food and fun.

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

Family Fun Night

Sponsored by St Teresa Parish on Saturday, March 14
Dinner/DJ beginning at 5:30 p.m.
Rockford Community Building
Wedding Style Dinner – PRESALE TICKETS ONLY
Contact St Teresa office at 419-363-2633
before March 1

Menu: chicken, roast beef, mashed potatoes/gravy, noodles, green beans, coleslaw, roll, dessert & drink \$8.00 per meal (5↓free) “Family deal” \$40/max/family
Basket raffles, 50/50 raffle, cake walk & fancy stand
Great prizes to win for children and adults
Open to the public

Mercer County Right To Life Oratory Contest

Mercer County RTL will again facilitate their annual Oratory Contest; all juniors and seniors in Mercer County are eligible. Contestants are to research, write, and present an original pro-life speech on abortion, infanticide, euthanasia, or stem cell research that is 5-7 minutes in length. Contestants are asked to submit a video entry of their speech by Sunday, Feb. 23 to prolifegeneration.mercercounty@outlook.com. All contestants who submit a video entry will receive a 100 dollar participation prize! The top 6 video entries will be invited to present on March 8, at 1:00 p.m. at the Coldwater Hospital Meeting Room. The prize amounts for the top 6 finalists who present on March 8 are as follows: 1st place: \$1,000, 2nd place: \$750, 3rd place: \$500, 4th – 6th place: \$250. All interested contestants email prolifegeneration.mercercounty@outlook.com for further details.

Housing Application

St. John Builders will be building a house this summer at 732 Hierholzer St. in Celina. If you are or know of a needy family, you can pick up a St. John Builders housing application at IC Parish Office or St. John Lutheran Church Office at 1100 N. Main St., Celina. Application deadline is Feb. 28, 2020.

Ft. Loramie Men’s Conference

The 2020 Catholic Men’s conference is being offered here in the North and is set for Saturday, March 7, 7:30 a.m.–3:00 p.m. at St. Michael Hall in Ft. Loramie. This is a great day for all men, from high school age to 100. Please come enjoy the day and expand the growth of your faith. The theme this year is “Men’s Eve of Redemption”.

Tickets are available for \$25 each. This includes 2 meals, books & materials. Featuring Keynote Fr. Nathan Cromley, along with several other great speakers, Jeff Banks, Paul Fullenkamp, and Dr. Virgil Brown.

Please Contact Greg Stang 937-538-6239 for tickets, or can be purchased online at: <https://qrqo.page.link/K7Azu>.

Saturday, February 22, 5:00 p.m.

Sacristans: Doug Shema and Toni Shema
 Servers: Emma Homan and Brooke Faber
 Commentator: Andrea Faber
 Lector: Gerald Vian
 Gifts: Mike Shaffer
 E. M.: X Tim Heckler, Mike Wallace, Toni Shema,
 Rita Prenger, Elizabeth Steele, Lori Vian, Tara Homan,
 Deacon Charlie Salway, Jane Cron, Dave Cron, Joan Carr,
 Diane Wagner
 Ushers: Team D, Stephen Seibel, Captain

Sunday, February 23, 8:00 a.m.

Sacristans: Dale and Paulette Sommer
 Servers: Reeves Black and Crofford Black
 Commentator: Dale Sommer
 Lector: Paulette Sommer
 Gifts: Bill Bruggeman
 E. M.: Karen Albers, Janie Stammen, Kathy Schmiesing,
 Dr. Ken Schmiesing, Rhett Snyder, Jim Miller,
 Deacon Charlie Salway, Larry Braun, Hannah Heckler,
 Diane Hunt, Pat Hoyng
 Ushers: Team E, Richard Carlin, Captain

Sunday, February 23, 11:00 a.m.

Sacristans: Lindsey Lunz and Lily Lunz
 Servers: Taryn Wibbenmeyer and Ryan Wibbenmeyer
 Commentator: Lindsey Lunz
 Lector: Ali Darras
 Gifts: Pat Adams
 E. M.: Tom Drexler, Katey Wibbenmeyer,
 Chris Wibbenmeyer, Liz Muether, John Schmidt,
 Ann Hull, Pat Hull, Ruth Knapke, Mary Ann Laughlin,
 Jeanne Braun, Janet Smith
 Ushers: Team F, Steve Alig, Captain

Bingo

Chairperson & Crew Captain February 23: Rob Luebke
Workers February 23: Carey Luebke, Bob Schroeder,
 Ann Vorhees, Pat Adams, Elizabeth Luebke, Jerry Albers,
 Mark or Christie Binkley, Mike & Becky Garwood

Stewardship Offering February 9

Envelopes/online (288)	\$ 14,737.00
Loose	<u>1,235.50</u>
Total Received	\$ 15,972.50
Weekly Offering:	\$ 15,972.50
Week Budgeted:	<u>14,600.00</u>
Over/Short:	\$ 1,372.50
YTD Total Collection:	\$476,680.16
YTD Total Budgeted:	<u>467,200.00</u>
Over/Short to date:	\$ 9,480.16

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

Sunday, February 16

11:00 a.m. Adult Choir
 11:00-1:00 Chili Luncheon in PAC
 12:15 p.m. Baptism
 7:00 p.m. Bingo at the K of C Hall

Monday, February 17

7:00 p.m. Altar Rosary Meeting in PAC

Wednesday, February 19

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

Saturday, February 22

11:00 a.m. Reconciliation
 5:00 p.m. Adult Choir

Sunday, February 23

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

Is Your Marriage Struggling?

Life can be difficult, and so can the challenges you face in marriage. Does the distance between you seem wide? 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. Retrouvaille is Christian-based, and Catholic in origin, but welcomes couples of all faiths. Retrouvaille can help get your relationship back on track. For more information about our upcoming Retrouvaille of Cincinnati/Tri-State weekend March 27-29 contact www.cincyretrovaille.org or www.retrovaille.org or call 513-456-5413.

Young Adults Are Invited

All young adults aged 18-27 are encouraged to come to the next Quo Vadis Night (pronounced kwovahdees, which is Latin for "Where are you going?") on Sunday, February 23 at 7:00 p.m. at the Maria Stein Shrine featuring guest speaker Fr. Alexander Witt from Coldwater! The topic will be on the Catholic view of same sex attraction and transgenderism. Come on out for a very insightful evening & bring a friend! The Shrine is located at 2291 St. Johns Rd., Maria Stein, Ohio 45860.

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