



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

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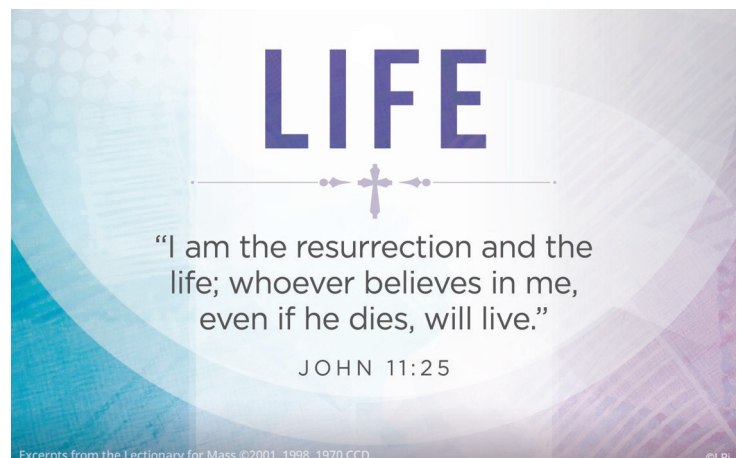
FINANCE COMMISSION

Harry Coy, Chairperson

COUNSELING SERVICES

Offered by Bob Skipper at Spiritual Center of Maria Stein

1-937-299-9005



FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT, MARCH 29, 2020

Please remember in your prayers Emeritus Archbishop Daniel E. Pilarczyk who died on March 22, 2020. Archbishop Pilarczyk served as a priest for more than 60 years, led the Archdiocese of Cincinnati for 27 years and was the nation's longest serving bishop when he retired in 2009. A Mass of Christian Burial was held Friday, March 27, 2020 at the Cathedral of Saint Peter in Chains, Cincinnati and can be viewed via live streaming at www.stpeterinchainscathedral.org. "Well done, good and faithful servant," Mt 25:23. May he rest in peace.

Spiritual Communion

Since you are unable to receive Holy Communion during this time, you can make this prayer of Spiritual Communion, a source of grace in the midst of difficulty:

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

Prayer During an Epidemic

Our Sunday Visitor

Lord Jesus,
Hear our pleas, our good shepherd and divine physician.
We implore your mercy in the wake of an outbreak of serious illness and disease.
Guide our efforts to prevent contagion and prepare to care for those most vulnerable.
Assist all professionals and volunteers who work to eradicate the epidemic now spreading.
May our actions be marked by your steadfast love and self-less service and never by panic or fear.
Bestow your comfort and healing to the sick, sustain and strengthen them by your grace.
May they know your closeness as they carry the cross of illness.
And may all you have called from this life come to worship you eternally
with all the saints as you grant consolation and peace to their mourners. Amen.

Holy Mary, Health of the Sick, pray for us.
St. Joseph, Hope of the Sick, pray for us.
St. Rocco, protector against epidemics, pray for us.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, March 30

Closed Door 8:00 a.m. Carmen Voskuhl

Tuesday, March 31

Closed Door 8:00 a.m. Liddy Leugers

Wednesday, April 1

Closed Door 8:00 a.m. Jim, Kathy, Jack and Barb

Thursday, April 2

St. Francis of Paola, Hermit

Closed Door 8:00 a.m. Luella Laux

Friday, April 3

Closed Door 8:00 a.m. Clarence Eckstein Sr.

Saturday, April 4

St. Isidore, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Closed Door 5:00 p.m. People of the Celina Cluster



Congratulations to Wesson Christopher, son of Andy & Samantha Sutter and Wallace Henry, son of Andy & Taryn Waesch who were recently Baptized.

Your continued financial support is critical to each of our parishes even in this time of crisis. Offertory envelopes can be dropped off or sent to our respective parish offices or online contributions can be made to each of the parishes at <https://celina-ic.weshareonline.org/index.aspx>. Legacies and bequests help continue the faith. Please remember Immaculate Conception Parish in your will and expressions of sympathy.

Readings for the week of March 29, 2020

Sunday: Ez 37:12-14/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 [7]/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45
Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [4ab]/Jn 8:1-11
Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9/Ps 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21/Jn 8:21-30
Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/Jn 8:31-42
Thursday: Gn 17:3-9/Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [8a]/Jn 8:51-59
Friday: Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7 [cf. 7]/Jn 10:31-42
Saturday: Ez 37:21-28/Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13 [cf. 10d]/Jn 11:45-56
Next Sunday: Mt 21:1-11/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 [2a]/Phil 2:6-11/Mt 26:14-27:66 or 27:11-54
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Fifth Sunday of Lent

As we stay in our homes, we too wait with many others. Hospitals wait for protective medical supplies and ventilators. Businesses wait for customers to keep open. Those out of work or reduced work wait for some help to make it through this time. And we all wait for some word that tests are available, the spread is not as extensive, that the “curve is flattening,” that perhaps a cure is in the future.

While our waiting may seem idle, the Lord is never idle in our midst. The Lord is always present and active, helping us in many ways. Part of our call and challenge is being able to see and trust that the Lord is indeed working in our midst. The Lord is helping us in our hour of need. We see that powerfully witnessed in the lives of Martha & Mary, and especially Lazarus.

In this Sunday’s gospel Jesus experiences and responds to the death of his dear friend Lazarus in both his human and divine nature. The name Lazarus means “God helps,” Bethany means “house of affliction.” Martha and Mary felt affliction in Bethany. Their brother Lazarus was deathly ill, so they sent word to Jesus hoping that he would come quickly and save their brother just as he had healed and saved many others. Jesus receives word that “the one you love is ill.” If we received a call like that about a loved one today, most of us would want drop everything and go, even in the midst of the coronavirus. But what does Jesus do? He remains in the place where he was for two more days. Seems an odd response – was he about something too important to leave? Was there some fear or apprehension? Jesus likely knew that Lazarus would die, but he had a more powerful message to proclaim than mere healing – Jesus would raise Lazarus from the dead.

Jesus finally arrives in Bethany and emotions and reactions are all over the board – as is often the case in difficult moments, especially the death of a loved one. Mary stayed at home – perhaps overwhelmed with grief and turning all the pain inwards. Martha runs out to Jesus and expresses her disappointment and perhaps anger – “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.” Why does the Lord let people die? Why do accidents happen? Why do plagues like the coronavirus afflict so many? Why do people die of terminal illness, violence or too young?

Martha questions Jesus, she is hurt and maybe angry, yet she still believes in Jesus, his power and the resurrection. Jesus assures her, “Your brother will rise. I am the resurrection and the life, whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live.” Then Jesus asks Martha and each of us: Do you believe this? Do we believe in the words we profess each week, in the resurrection of the body and life everlasting? We do believe that our loved ones who have died still live; that they live with God and they live in our memories and in our hearts.

Then Mary comes out of the house and greets Jesus with the same disappointment and hurt, “Lord if you had been here my brother would not have died.” We each must experience grief at the death of loved ones; we each need to process our own feelings, our struggles and losses and the experience of death.

While Jesus is the son of God, we also proclaim that he was human. When Jesus saw Mary and the whole town weeping, Jesus too wept. Jesus loved Lazarus. The scriptures also tell us he was perturbed and deeply troubled. Perturbed means to be agitated, unsettled, disquieted. Death can cause many emotions to rise within us. The consolation is that Jesus too experienced such emotions. He knows what it is like to feel overwhelmed by things, to experience the death of a loved one and he walks with us in all that we experience and feel especially at the death of a loved one.

Jesus finally arrives at the tomb and commands that the rock be moved away. Martha cautions that it has already been four days and surely there will be a stench. The point is that Lazarus was clearly dead – this would not merely be resuscitation, CPR to bring someone back from near death. Jesus prays to the Father that those gathered and all of us, may know that Jesus was sent by God and has ultimate power over death. He cries out in a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out.” He comes out bound in burial cloths. And Jesus says “untie him, and let him go.” Jesus wants to free Lazarus and each of us from the power of death. He wants us to believe in the resurrection of the body and everlasting life with God. He also invites us to not forget, but to let go of those who have died, that we also may be free.

So what are messages of hope that we may glean from today’s gospel, especially as we live in these uncertain and uncharted times of the coronavirus? Like Martha and Mary, we too may want Jesus to come quickly to this time of great need. We may wonder why this affliction, if Jesus knows all the emotions rising within us and how agitated, unsettled and disquieted we may feel? The powerful assurance is that in life and death “God helps.” Jesus is indeed present and active in our midst. He understands all that is happening in our world and our lives, the fears and worries, the anxiety of what tomorrow may bring, and he assures us that he is with us and helping us. Sometimes we are able to see and trust the way God helps by looking to the past, by recalling difficult moments that God helped us through in the past and how God is still helping us today. As we wait in our homes during in this time of affliction, may we see and trust that God is helping us all.

The *Endowment Fund* received \$25.00 in memory of Bob Francis.

Rest In Peace

Remember in your prayers those who have died, especially Terry Moorman.

CALL Food Pantry is in need of monetary donations for their outside garden to help offset the cost of garden tools, produce plants, compost etc. Please send donation to : CALL Food Pantry, 450 N. Brandon Ave., Celina OH 45822. Please designate donation for outside garden. Thank you!

Stewardship Offering March 15

Envelopes/online (195)	\$ 9,698.00
Loose	<u>1,429.50</u>
Total Received	\$11,127.50
YTD Total Collection:	\$541,085.83
YTD Total Budgeted:	<u>540,200.00</u>
Over/Short to date:	\$ 885.83

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