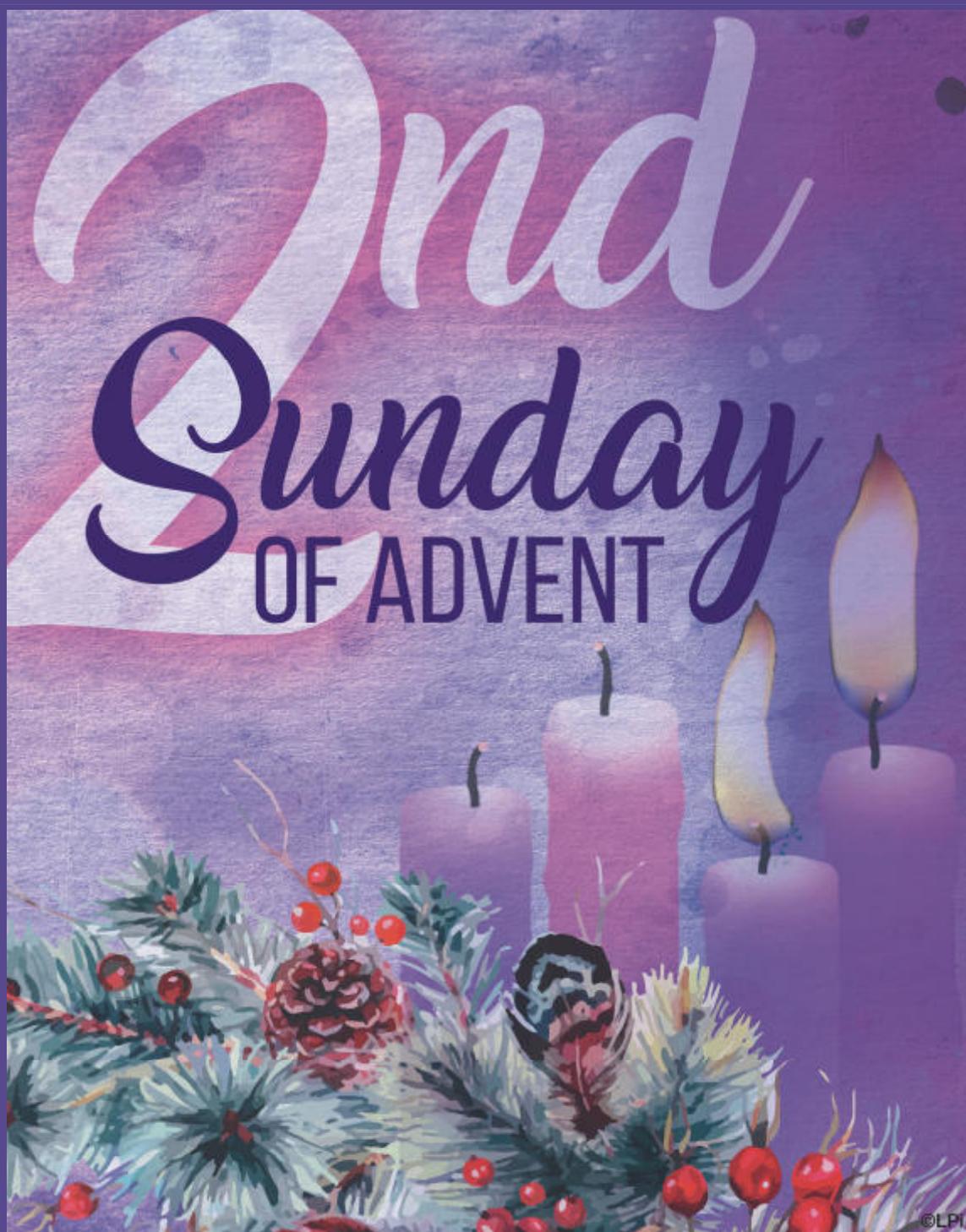
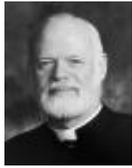


Mission Statement: We seek to create mature disciples through prayer, education, love and service as Jesus Christ proclaimed.



Vision Statement:

Immaculate Conception Church is a group of Catholic Christians who are in the process of becoming a vibrant Eucharistic people by deepening and expanding their faith. We accomplish this through prayer, the grace of the sacraments and the process of continuous conversion. With the prayerful leadership of the pastor and the work of many ministries and programs designed to educate, evangelize and support our parishioners and greater community, ICC is a shining example of how a parish uses the gifts of faith, hope and charity for the glory of God and in service to others.



From the Pastor Who is the Immaculate Conception?

If you were asked to paint a picture of the *Immaculate Conception*, what would you paint? Many great artists have already done so. One such artist is Bartolomeo Estaban Murillo. Murillo produced several such paintings. Fr. Mulholland, the pastor who erected this church in 1953, saw to it that a prominent spot would be given to Murillo's painting. The painting is a handmade copy of the original. Looking at the painting, what does the artist depict? He painted the Blessed Mother (not Jesus). And he painted her in glory. What does this have to do with the Immaculate Conception? The answer is that the Immaculate Conception is not Jesus (He is the Son of God). The Immaculate Conception is Mary.

Everyone (certainly every Catholic) should have a special place in his heart for the Blessed Mother. She gave the world Jesus. Without her there would be no Christmas. There would be no Church. We would have no hope. Do not fall for the claim that Mary somehow competes with Jesus. The two go together very well. This is certainly fitting, because sin entered the world due to the fall of a man and a woman. The world is redeemed because of a man and a woman: The new Adam and new Eve: Jesus and Mary.

In calling Mary the Immaculate Conception or "full of grace", she reminds us that our vocation is to be holy. This is not to suggest that we will be as holy as she is, or that we are conceived in a state of holiness, but only that we have access to grace and should maintain ourselves accordingly: through prayer, use of the sacraments, acts of charity, penance, etc. When someone commits a mortal sin, he has lost his holiness (which he received through baptism). A Catholic in this position must go to confession to recover the life of God that he lost through sin.

How many Catholics are there who are not concerned about maintaining their baptismal holiness. This is Our Lady's specialty. She helps us to stay on the right path. We need to rely on her as our Advocate before the Lord. Pray the rosary each day. Be a saint, now and in the life to come.

SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY "Immaculate Mary, your praises we sing." From the beginnings of the Church, spiritual writers and theologians have acknowledged the innocence and holiness of Mary. St. Irenaeus called her the "new Eve." Both faced with the pure freedom to accept or reject God, Mary began with work of redemption with her yes to Christ! The Church began to celebrate the feast of Mary's conception in the early Middle Ages. In 1854, Pope Pius IX infallibly declared that Mary was free of original sin from the first moment of her conception. On this feast day, we celebrate the beauty and goodness of Our Lady!

**Please join us for our Feast Day on Tuesday, December 8 at 8:30am & 7:00 pm.
Music played by our organist Dawn Slike.**



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Rev. Ralph V. Coletta



Advent Bible Study

Mondays at 7:00PM to 8:00Pm on Zoom

**The access code will be the same as the previous bible study.
Call the parish office if you want to join in and do not have the access code.**

Readings for the week of December 6, 2020

Sunday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 [8]/2 Pt 3:8-14/Mk 1:1-8
Monday: Is 35:1-10/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14 [Is 35:4f]/Lk 5:17-26
Tuesday: Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [1]/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38
Wednesday: Is 40:25-31/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10 [1]/Mt 11:28-30
Thursday: Is 41:13-20/Ps 145:1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13ab [8]/Mt 11:11-15
Friday: Is 48:17-19/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [cf. Jn 8:12]/Mt 11:16-19
Saturday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Jdt 13:18bcde, 19 [15:9d]/Lk 1:26-38
Next Sunday: Is 61:1-2a, 10-11/Lk 1:46-48, 49-50, 51-54 [Is 61:10b]/1 Thes 5:16-24/Jn 1:6-8, 19-28





A time to heal...In your prayers, please remember those in need of healing,

Especially: Kay Balash, Chris Barbian, Stefani Birman, Samantha Boggs, Diane Broberg, Ron Gall, Clare Julian, Irene Klag, Elaine Raab, Tara Reynolds, Connie Ribinskas, Annette Rinyo, Bruce Romano, Norma Scott, Rosemary Wayman, Leo Wirfel, Greg Womack, Rich Zapp, Andy Merrill, Nancy Hearn, Rich and Barb Tarajcak, Ralph Johnson, Stephanie Lamunyan, Barb Leskovic.

Birthdays Dec 6th—12th

“Thank the Lord for the gift of human life, and please pray for all the people on the list, especially for their well being: temporal and eternal.”

Marian	Grace	Heidi	Franz
Michael	DiFrancesco	Karen	Radkowski
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Tina	Delligatti	Paul	Widlits
Tammie	Wollschleger	Sherrie	Wright
Gael	Porras	Casey	Merrill
Stanley	Lovsin	Amy	Mollohan
Linda	Chesney	Tessa	Canfield
Isabella	Federici	James	Yager
Mary	McCluskey	Robert	De Mell
Lawrence	Menosky	Carol	Hoover
Mary	Niederer	Phillip	Gibbons
Benjamin	Mozek	Sara	Marcelli
Paul	Nowakowski	Natalie	Moran
Randy	Owoc	Ashley	Elder
		Paige	Jeschelnig



The Week Ahead

Mon Dec 7	8:30am	Fr. Mulholland
Tue, Dec 8	8:30am	For the People of the Parish
	7:00pm	Rose & Joe DeRubertis
Wed, Dec 9	8:30am	William Donlin
Thu, Dec 10	7:00pm	Richard Fier
Sat, Dec 12	4:00pm	Toth Family
Sun, Dec 13	8:00	Marge CZ
	10:00	For the People of the Parish
	12:00	Lisa Sandoval



Offertory for week 11/16-11/22/20

Offertory \$ 5180.16
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Offertory for the week of 11/23- 11/ 29/20

Offertory. \$5333.00
IC Charities. \$610.00

PSR News

The Catechism of the Catholic Church states “Education in the faith by the parents should begin in the child’s earliest years. This already happens when family members help one another to grow in faith by the witness of a Christian life in keeping with the Gospel. Family catechesis precedes, accompanies, and enriches other forms of instruction in the faith. Parents have the mission of teaching their children to pray and to discover their vocation as children of God”. In our PSR classes, we have focused on different types and ways of praying with the children. For example, First graders took a prayer box home to their families for a week filled with prayer options, a statue of Mother Mary, a cross, a candle, and holy water. They were encouraged to pray with their family at least once a day. Fourth graders were given evening meal prayer cubes to use at dinner nightly where they would roll the cube and say the prayer that it landed on. Third graders had a bedtime prayer they said, etc. We encourage all families to set up a prayer table at home. Find a surface or table. Cover it with cloth. Arrange religious objects, pictures, books and a candle on the table. Place cushions or chairs next to the table. There are quite a few videos on Youtube regarding setting up prayer tables. (How to Prepare a Home Altar In 5 Easy Steps!) by LIHM Sisters or How to Make a Home Altar! Immaculate Conception-Monmouth, IL are two good examples. For families not attending Mass due to the pandemic, it is even more important to bring prayer into you and your children’s lives. Prayer is a discipline that brings calm to unrest. Give your children and yourself this gift of peace and connection to God. “It is essential that children actually see that, for their parents, prayer is something truly important. Hence moments of family prayer and acts of devotion can be more powerful for evangelization than any catechism class or sermon.” Pope Francis, Amoris Laetitia.

Jill Chiro



ICC Christmas Concerts of the Past

Since the ICC Music Ministry will not be able to perform a live concert this year, look for our archived concerts on ICC's YouTube channel. They will be uploaded gradually throughout the Advent and Christmas seasons. *Jim Slike*

Parish Support

Envelopes can be placed in the baskets at all the entrances of the church.

Envelopes can be mailed to the Parish Office or dropped off in the mailbox by office door. Immaculate Conception also offers online giving at www.iccmadison.com

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT TO THE PARISH COMMUNITY OF IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH

Do you miss being at Mass? Missing Father Donnelly's Homilies? Immaculate Conception Church Masses are available to view:

- Go to the ICC Website: www.iccmadison.com
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- ICC's YouTube Channel : IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH-MADISON OHIO
- Weekday Mass, Monday and Wednesday, will be available at 10:00am the same day
- Tuesday and Thursday Masses will be available by 10:00am the next morning.
- The Weekend Mass will be available by 10:00 Sunday morning.

The Christmas season soon will be upon us. We are still planning to have our traditional schedule of Christmas Masses in the church. The Ohio bishops have extended their dispensation from the obligation to attend Sunday and holyday Masses.



Because of social distancing, seating is limited.

Please indicate below and return in the offertory basket as to what Mass you might attend for Christmas this year. The Diocese recommends that we get some input from parishioners prior to making a final decision about the Christmas Mass schedule.

Indicate the Mass you most likely would attend for Christmas:

December 24

- _____ 4:00 Christmas Eve
- _____ 7:00 Christmas Eve
- _____ 10 pm Christmas Eve

December 25

- _____ 9 am. Christmas Day
- _____ 11 am. Christmas Day
- _____ I will watch a live streamed Mass in my home

COVID-19 Safety Guidelines

- **If you feel sick**, or have a fever, stay at home.
- **Bring and wear a mask** or other face covering while in the Church and during the celebration of Mass, except for the brief moment of receiving Holy Communion.
- **Wash or sterilize your hands** upon entering the church. Plan use hand sanitizer.
- **Maintain a 6' social distance** from other groups in the church. We will only be using every other pew. Seat your family group at least 6' away from other groups.
- **Do not sing.** Congregational singing is discouraged as it can contribute to the spread of the virus.
- If you pick up a bulletin or other literature, take it with you. Do not leave it in the pew or replace it in the stack at the entrance.
- Donations may be placed in the marked basket inside the main church.
- The exchange of the sign of peace will be omitted.
- Please come up to communion via the center aisle, allowing at least 6' social distance, and observing the marked lines on the floor. Please keep mask on while receiving communion. Move to side and lower mask and consume host.
- An Usher will guide and alternate sides. Please stay on the side you are sitting.
- Remember to wash or sterilize your hands following Mass.

PASTORAL STAFF:

Reverend Sean J. Donnelly, MA, D. Min, MSCM.....Pastor
Fr. Conrad Wald, OSB,Weekend Ministry
Reverend Mr. Thomas Hupertz.....Deacon
Reverend Mr. Richard Kuhlman.....Deacon
Reverend Mr. Kenneth Meade.....Deacon
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Chuck Hughes.....Finance Council Chairman
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PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION:

Jill Chiro.....Parish Catechetical Leader

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Healing Team Prayer Chain Request:
Shelley Meade.....(440) 428-1016
Home VisitationsCall the Parish Office
Knights of Columbus Contact Information
Nick Spano, Grand Knight.....Call the Parish Office

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Commissions and Ministries submit your bulletin announcements by e-mail to bulletin@iccmadison.com or to the Parish Office in writing by 12:00 noon on the Monday prior to the publication date.

NEW PARISHIONERS

Welcome to ICC! If you wish to join our parish community, kindly register at the parish office.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

If your address has changed please let the parish secretary know so we can make the necessary changes in the parish records.

Moving?

Please notify the Parish office if you are moving out of the area

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Deacon Ken Meade428-1016

MASS TIMES:

Saturday:.....4:00 p.m. (Vigil Mass)
Sunday:8:00am, 10:00am and 12 noon
Holy Days & Holidays:Consult the Bulletin
Weekday Masses 8:30am Monday and Wednesday
7:00pm.....Tuesday & Thursday

EUCCHARISTIC EXPOSITION

Jesus waits for us in this sacrament of love. Eucharistic Exposition begins Wednesday after the 8:30 a.m. Mass until 5:00 p.m. Please sign up for an hour. Call the Parish Office

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

(CONFESSIONS):

Saturday:3:00-4:00pm and 7:30pm—8:00pm
Sunday:11:00—11:45am

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

To have your child baptized please contact the parish office.

FUNERALS:

Contact the parish office before publicizing funeral arrangements in the newspaper.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY:

Contact the parish office at least six months before your desired wedding date.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Sacramental Anointing of the sick will be celebrated at the 4:00 p.m. Mass on the last Saturday of each month. Phone the Parish Office for a home visitation or hospital visit.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (R.C.I.A.):

Those desiring to enter the Catholic Church should contact the parish office or a member of the pastoral staff.

ROSARY:

Rosary is prayed daily (8:00 a.m.) before the weekday 8:30 a.m. Mass.

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