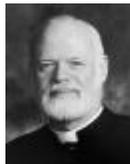


**Mission Statement:** We seek to create mature disciples through prayer, education, love and service as Jesus Christ proclaimed.



**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 .... From the Pastor... What is the Source of Joy?

“Rejoice always!” These words were written by a man who was beaten numerous times, put in jail, faced angry mobs, had gone without eating or sleeping for protracted periods, was shipwrecked, came close to death, and faced treachery from others. Who am I speaking about? St. Paul. How could Paul even speak about joy under these circumstances?

He was not speaking about any kind of joy, but the deepest and most enduring kind: the joy that comes from having a relationship with God. It is a joy that the world cannot give, nor is it dependent on external circumstances. It is even possible to be sustained by this joy in time of pain or sorrow. (I can think of St. Therese, smiling through her tears.)

In another place (Gal 5), Paul tells us that this kind of joy is a fruit of the Holy Spirit: “Love, joy, peace, patience, etc.” Here, he advises people, “Pray constantly, in all circumstances give thanks.... Do not quench the Spirit.” Prayer opens people up to the Holy Spirit. Joy is an indicator that one is living a “spiritual life”.

And what would you think a young woman’s attitude would be if her husband were considering separating from her, just at the time she had conceived a child? The responsorial “psalm” contains her sentiments. It is a hymn of praise to God amid difficult circumstances. Who is the woman? The Blessed Virgin Mary.

The world has its share of counterfeits and substitutes for joy. Do not be misled. Recreational drug use, alcohol dependency, and various forms of escaping from the demands and challenges of life do not make anyone joyful. What is St. Paul’s solution? It is a spiritual one. He says, “Pray always.” In another place (Galatians 5), he says that joy is a fruit of the Holy Spirit. The point is, only God can make us happy. It begins in this life when a person cultivates the practice of the faith, forgives others, seeks forgiveness for himself, is prayerful and exercises detachment from the world.

## Collections

### Retirement Fund for the Religious: 12-13 December 2020

The annual Retirement Fund for Religious donation and collection will be on Saturday, December 12 and Sunday, December 13, 2020. Funding to support aging religious communities this year is critical, as donations go directly for medications, nursing care and other cost of living needs.



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## Pray for Priests

## Readings for the week of December 13, 2020

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

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

Tuesday: Zep 3:1-2, 9-13/Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19 and 23 [7a]/Mt 21:28-32

Wednesday: Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21c-25/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14 [Is 45:8]/Lk 7:18b-23

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

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

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

Next Sunday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29 [2a]/Rom 16:25-27/Lk 1:26-38



**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.



**A Time to Mourn...**

Our loving prayers are extended to the family of: **Gayle Carroll and Judith Brown** who were called to their eternal rest. Please pray for them and all our faithful departed relatives and friends.



**The Week Ahead**

Mon, Dec 14	8:30am	Tom Zimcosky
Tue, Dec 15	7:00pm	Lisa Varga
Wed, Dec 16	8:30am	Keith Barrish
Thu, Dec 17	7:00pm	Marge CZ
Sat, Dec 19	4:00pm	Ann Harmon
Sun, Dec 20	8:00	For the People of the Parish
	10:00	Robert Morgan
	12:00	Mary Ryan



**PSR News**

This time of year, many of our holiday memories are centered around traditions. Traditions are woven into our lives by the little things we do over and over again that brings honor to our families and something steady into our ever-changing world. In the church, we have ways of habitually doing things as well. They too help us grow closer to Christ. Catholic Tradition (with a capital T) is considered something different. *This is Our Faith* states "Tradition is described as the process of handing on the faith as well as that which has been handed on. Tradition can be found in the scriptures, church, doctrine, writings of the church fathers, the liturgy of the church, and the living and lived faith of the church through the centuries." Tradition is about the truth of Jesus and we have been given the task of teaching and witnessing as the apostles did. Tradition of our church is a way of saying we have always believed in this. It is how our faith has been lived out over the centuries. Tradition in either sense, is important to help increase our faith. As a family, look for ways to build precious memories together, while you continue to follow the Tradition of our church. **Jill Chiro**

**Birthdays Dec 13th—19th**

"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."

Mary Ann	Woodworth	Laura	Travers
Thomas	Grist	Kyle	Hrutkay
John	Kelly	Nathaniel	Sakacsi
Richard	Guenther	Hannah	Newton
Daniel	Beemiller	Patricia	Varga
Craig	Elder	Christine	Nosse
Tyler	Karran	John	Cales
Nicholas	Swinarski	Sydney	Patrone
Alice	Sency	James	Polak
Deborah	Bracale	Mary Jane	Paquin
Stephanie	Snopel	Stephen	Smith
Barbara	Smith	Cecelia	Stark
Jeffrey	McQuinley	Jessica	Mickle
Amy	Harlan	Margaret	Russ
Brayson	Baucco	Carol	Mileusnich
Dianne	Broberg	Jacob	Molchen
Michael	Cahill		
Joseph	Hrutkay		



**Offertory for the Week 11/30-12/6/20**

Offertory \$7843.00  
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### 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](http://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](http://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.



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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  
Beth Martin.....Parish Secretary  
Marianne Repinski.....Business Manager  
Alan Carroll.....Pastoral Council President  
Chuck Hughes.....Finance Council Chairman  
Bulletin.....Beth Martin.....bulletin@iccmadison.com

### PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION:

Jill Chiro.....Parish Catechetical Leader

### TELEPHONES:

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Healing Team Prayer Chain Request:  
Shelley Meade.....(440) 428-1016  
Home Visitations .....Call 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](mailto: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

### ALTAR SERVERS

Deacon Ken Meade .....428-1016

### 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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