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



THE EPIPHANY *of the Lord*

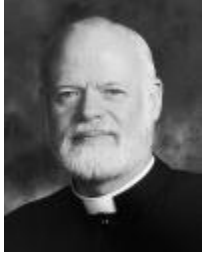
*"Since from you shall come a ruler,
who is to shepherd my people Israel."* - Mt 2:6b

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD

Sunday, January 2, 2022

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... Were the Three Wisemen “Astrologers”?

The older *New American Bible* translation refers to the wisemen as “astrologers from the east”. This translation is not accurate and has been changed. The correct word is “magi”. (The word “magi” is the root of our word “magician”.) The “magi” were more like scientists and philosophers. They studied planetary tables but were apparently familiar with the Jewish religious traditions about a Messiah. To their credit they sought Him out, using all the means at their disposal, including the use of planetary tables. (Remember, they were not Jews. They were foreigners. They did not have the training in the true religion of the day.)

But isn't it true that they followed the “wandering star” which took them to Bethlehem? The “star” (probably a conjunction of two planets) only took them so far. It took them to King Herod, who was greatly disturbed at the news of a newborn king. Herod's counselors informed the king of the precise whereabouts of the infant- Messiah. The counselors used the Bible to pinpoint Bethlehem as the place. The Book of the prophet Micah contains the famous prophecy of our Lord's birth in Bethlehem. Once arrived at Bethlehem, the Magi discarded the tools of their trade: gold, frankincense, and myrrh, and returned to their country changed men (we would suppose).

With the revelation of Jesus as the Son of God and the Locus of all true worship, we must reject all forms of false religion. For example, divination, which seeks to learn hidden knowledge about the future via means such as: horoscopy, palm-reading, tarot card reading, recourse to mediums and “psychics”. Divination is an offense against God. The fortunes of men are not determined by the stars.

The Magi teach us something about the place of Jesus Christ in true worship: “they prostrated themselves (before Jesus) and did Him homage.” The verb used connotes recognizing Jesus as divine. And so He is. Even today, all true worship goes through Jesus (the Eucharist, liturgical prayers, Our Father). The Magi's gifts: gold (for Jesus's Kingship). We must acknowledge Him as our King and remain detached from the material wealth that we have. To what use do we put our resources in the service of God's kingdom? Frankincense: a life of prayer (represented by the smoke going up to heaven) and goodness (the aroma of Christ). Myrrh: He was offered wine mingled with myrrh, on the cross. His body was also anointed with this substance in death. It represents sacrifice and renunciation (mortification) and reminds us of the place of penance in the Christian life....

PSR News: Please note:

NEW TIMES FOR SUNDAY PSR STARTING JANUARY 9TH

Grades K-4th, Sunday 10:45 –12:00noon

Grades 5-8 Edge: Wednesdays 6:30-7:45PM

Christmas Break: No classes on Jan 2

8th Grade Confirmation Parent Meeting, January 5th at 6:30pm

8th Grade Confirmation Class, January 9th



Pray for Priests

Bishop Roger W. Gries

Rev. Eric Garris

Rev. Joshua Cochrac

Rev. James Mayer OdeM

Rev. Leonard M. Bacik

Rev. Christopher Cox

Rev. Jared P. Orndorff

Rev. Neil D. O'Connor

Rev. Robert F. Wenz

Rev. Hilary Khanh-Kai Nguyen

Rev. Louis A. Pizmoht



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

Especially: Diane Broberg, Clare Julian, Annette and Joe Rinyo, Bruce Romano, Norma Scott, Rosemary Wayman, Nancy Hearn, Dolores Juist, Lynn Zgodinski, Maura Stanko, Louis Wojciechowski, Martin Vick, Jerry Browning, Christine Welch, Fran Elmore, Mike Connor.



The Week Ahead

Mon, Jan 3 8:30am Rose Ann Crofoot
 Tues, Jan 4 7:00pm Howard Hutchinson
 Wed, Jan 5 8:30am Fran Moore
 Thu, Jan 6 7:00pm Helen Jeris
 Fri, Jan 7 8:30am For the People of the Parish
 Sat, Jan 8 4:00am Mary Kay Gersin
 Sun, Jan 9 8:00am Leo Wirfel
 10:00am Joe & Mary Meiers
 12:00am For the People of the Parish

Collection Report: Week 12/13 –12/19/21

Offertory.....\$7272.00
 IC Charities.\$318.00
 Priest Retirement.....\$2405.00
 Thanksgiving\$1026.00

Thanks to the generosity of the parish and through the Madison Ministerial Association, \$1026 was donated to help the local community for Christmas.

All are Welcome!!

8:00am....Rosary: Monday, Wednesday & Friday
 6:30pmRosary: Tuesday & Thursday
 9:00am.....Wednesdays: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. 4:00pm Benediction.
 3rd Wednesday of the month until 5:00PM

Thank you to those who can commit an hour. Those who can not are welcome to come anytime.

Birthdays Jan 2– Jan 8

“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.”

Patricia Masters	Natalie Wilks
Charles Cummings	Kathy Forster
Sara Foss	Alecia Scimenes
Angel Lewis	John Slike
Glen Benedict	Liadan Nelson
Ann Fleischer	John Bukys
Charles Fedele	Cindy Oelbracht
Frankie Billings	James Powell
Carl Lindberg	Anthony Cardilli
Roberto Mascia	Marina Varga
Alison Todd	Colten Hager
Sophia Robinson	Bethany Debevc
Russell Bojack	Joseph Oelbracht
Edward Van Hoy	Diane Bruening
Maria Zunt	Christine Biggins
Jacob Rothlisberger	Nayeli Barron

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton | January 4

The patron saint of Catholic schools, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton (August 28, 1774 – January 4, 1821) was born in New York City to a prominent family of the Episcopal faith. When she turned 19, she married a wealthy businessman with whom she had five children. He later died of tuberculosis in 1803, leaving her a young widow. After discovering the Catholic faith in Italy, where her husband had died, she returned to New York and converted to Catholicism in 1805.

After several years struggling as a single mother, Elizabeth moved in 1809 to Emmitsburg, Maryland, where she founded the Sisters of Charity of St. Joseph, the first community for religious women established in the United States. She also began St. Joseph’s Academy and Free School, which started a chain reaction of Catholic-based education in the United States that continues today.

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton was canonized September 14, 1975 in St. Peter’s Square by Pope Paul VI and was the first citizen born in the United States to be given the title of “saint.” ©LPi

ICC “Live Stream!”. Monday - Friday Masses and one of the weekend Masses will now be live streamed. If you miss the live streamed Mass, you can still see the video at a later time.

• **Go to the ICC Website: www.iccmadison.com, click on the “Live Stream Box”**

• **Or go to**



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**Bible Study by Zoom will resume on
January 10th, 2022**

Call the parish office for the zoom log-in information



Avila's Prayers: First Fridays, January 7th at 7:30 a.m. Join us every first Friday of the month for Avila prayers. We pray the Rosary and celebrate Mass with intentions for an increase in vocations to the Priesthood, Diaconate and Religious Life. New members are welcome.

First Friday Fellowship: Join Spiritual Development Ministry Friday, January 7th, after Avila prayers and morning Mass for a continental breakfast and card crafting or coloring. We will meet in Goebel hall.

Neo Cat Mass: Saturday, January 8th at 7:00PM. Anyone is welcome to attend. The Mass will be in Fagan Hall (basement of the church)

Project Hope

The ICC Advent Charity Project was a huge success! Due to the generosity of the parish, two truck loads of items were delivered to Project Hope on Monday, Dec 20.

Project Hope is a Home Shelter in Painesville, Ohio that has been in business since 1993. More than 8,000 children and adults experiencing homelessness in Northeast Ohio and have received shelter, care, and guidance through Project Hope for the Homeless, which is the only emergency shelter in Lake County. In 2020, they served 280 guests including 39 children.



A message of prayer and hope from Bishop Malesic following the deadly tornado outbreak across several states

We have all been deeply saddened by the images of destruction and devastation brought by the tornadoes that tore through the South and Midwest Friday night into Saturday morning. I add my voice to the voices of Archbishop José H. Gomez of Los Angeles, president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, and Archbishop Paul S. Coakley of Oklahoma City, chairman of the Committee on Domestic Justice and Human Development asking for prayers for all those who have been injured, for those who have lost their lives, and for their grieving families and communities. May those whose lives have been torn apart by these storms find peace, comfort, and hope in our faith and in God's endless love. We also pray for the emergency responders and those who have begun the work of providing for the needs of the affected in these communities in the recovery efforts. We entrust all our brothers and sisters in harm's way to our Blessed Mother, and we ask for her continued protection and for her intercession in comforting those who are suffering.

Catholics and all people of good will may help our brothers and sisters in their recovery by supporting the work of Catholic Charities USA.

For direct donations go to: Catholic Charities USA at <https://www.catholiccharities.us/campaign/ccusa-disaster-relief/c353051>

A special collect will be taken up at each Mass on the weekend of January 1 & 2

Christmas Flowers are in Memory of:

Mandy Wallace
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T & F Shipley
Leo Wirfel
Rose Ann Crofoot



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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
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Healing Team Prayer Chain Request:
Shelley Meade.....(440) 428-1016
Home VisitationsCall the Parish Office
Knights of Columbus Contact Information
David Zundel, Grand Knight.....Call the Parish Office
Christ Child Society, Connie Furmanek.. 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

ALTAR SERVERS

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 8:30amMonday, Wednesday & Friday
7:00pm.....Tuesday & Thursday
Friday Morning Mass at 8:30am during Lent

EUCCHARISTIC EXPOSITION

Jesus waits for us in this sacrament of love. Eucharistic Exposition begins Wednesday after the 8:30 a.m. Mass until 4:00 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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Note: Use of this form does not automatically register you with the church. You will be contacted to arrange an appointment. Thank you.

CHECK ONE

New Registration For:

- Immaculate Conception Church
- Change of Address
- Moving out of Parish
- Want Envelopes
- Endowment