

THE IMMACULATE HEART OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY PARISH

November 16, 2025 • Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time



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OFFICE HOURS

St. John XXIII CW Church

Monday: Closed

Tuesday-Friday: 9:00 am-4:30 pm

Sunday: 9:00 am-12:45 pm

MASS SCHEDULE

All Masses held at Saint John XXIII CW Church

Weekend Mass

Weekday Mass

Saturday 4:00 pm

Monday 8:30 am

Sunday 8:30 am

Tuesday 6:00 pm

11:00 am

Wednesday 12:00 pm

Thursday 8:30 am

Friday 8:30 am

*Holy Days of Obligation will be listed
in the bulletin, as they occur.*

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MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, November 16 – 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 a.m. Intention of the People of The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish

11:00 a.m. Intentions of the Rackett Sisters by Family

Monday, November 17

8:30 a.m. Repose of the Souls of Herb Family by the Herb Family

Tuesday, November 18

6:00 p.m. Repose of the Soul of Irene Fagan by Anna Smith

Wednesday, November 19

12:00 p.m. Repose of the Soul of Jim Wollenberg by Steve & Cathy Mustard

Thursday, November 20

8:30 a.m. Intentions of Katherine Therese Stedman by Barbara Hajdin

Friday, November 21

8:30 a.m. Repose of the Soul of Carrie Billiter by her parents

Saturday, November 22

4:00 p.m. Intention of the People of The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish

Sunday, November 23 – *Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe*

8:30 a.m. Repose of the Soul of Tom Paulus by the Keller Family

11:00 a.m. Repose of the Souls of Joe & Donna Lesko by Kathy Lesko Frank

COLLECT [Glad Devotion]

Grant us, we pray, O Lord our God, the constant gladness of being devoted to You, for it is full and lasting happiness to serve with constancy the author of all that is good. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever. Amen.

SACRAMENTAL EMERGENCY LINE

For Sacramental Emergencies call the Parish Office at **614-920-1563** and if we are closed, or on another call, **the greeting will prompt you to dial 102** to be directed to the Sacramental Emergency Line directly. If you call during regular business hours, Heather is always able to get in touch with Father O'Connor for sacramental emergencies. When the office is closed, the greeting will prompt you to dial 102 for sacramental emergencies and your call will go directly to Father O'Connor. He will receive your message if he is unable to answer your call immediately. We hope you find this to be an improved process!

BAPTISMS

Baptismal Preparation is needed if you are expecting or have a child who you wish to have baptized here. Please call or stop into the Parish Office to learn more about the process. The Parish Office phone number is 614-920-1563 or email the Parish Office at office@ihbvm.org for details. Baptisms can be scheduled following the 11:15 a.m. Mass.

PARKING ALERT!!!

We are excited that our Sunday Masses are filled to the brim! Although we may not have space available in the church's parking lot, we do have permission to use the Tri-County lot each weekend. There are 125 spaces available there, as well as the walkway between their upper lot and our parking lot. Feel free to park there if we do not have any open parking spots. Thank you.

BOOK OF THE DEAD

The Church dedicates the month of November to the Holy Souls in Purgatory; we are especially reminded to pray for the dead – family, friends, acquaintances, enemies, leaders, stars, etc. It reminds us of their presence and their connection with us. We have the parish *Book of the Dead* next to the crucifix in the Narthex, next to the elevator. Feel free to enter the names of those who you wish to include in our prayers.

MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA – EVERY MONDAY

Every Monday, we will have the opportunity to gather and recite the Miraculous Medal Novena after daily Mass.

PARISH INFORMATION

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RECONCILIATION

Tuesdays, 5:30-6:00 p.m.

Wednesdays, 6:00-7:00 p.m. or by appointment.

Saturdays, 3:00-3:45 p.m. or by appointment.

BAPTISMS, WEDDING:

Contact Fr. O'Connor

SACRAMENTAL EMERGENCIES ONLY

Please call Father at 614-920-1563, ext. 102.

UPCOMING PARISH MEETINGS/EVENTS

NOVEMBER 16, 2025	MASS & EVENT TIMES
Sunday, November 16 <i>33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	8:30 a.m. – Mass 9:30 a.m. – Pathways MEND 9:30 a.m. – Lector Training 10:00 a.m. – St. Vincent de Paul Meeting 10:00 a.m. – Safety Team Meeting 11:00 a.m. – Mass Noon – Lector Training 6:00 p.m. – Youth Ministry
Monday, November 17	8:30 a.m. – Mass Parish Office Closed Every Monday
Tuesday, November 18	5:30 p.m. – Confessions 6:00 p.m. – Mass 6:30 p.m. – Altar Rosary Society Meeting
Wednesday, November 19	10:30 a.m. – Women's Ministry: Going Deeper 12:00 p.m. – Mass 6:00 p.m. – Holy Hour & Confessions 7:00 p.m. – Lessons & Carols Choir Rehearsal
Thursday, November 20	8:30 a.m. – Mass 11:00 a.m. – Women's Ministry 6:00 p.m. – Pathways MEND
Friday, November 21	8:30 a.m. – Mass
Saturday, November 22	8:00 a.m. – Sandwich Saturday 10:00 a.m. – Grief Share Support Group – Surviving the Holidays 3:00 p.m. – Confessions 4:00 p.m. – Mass 5:00 p.m. – Sacristan Training
Sunday, November 23 <i>Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe</i>	8:30 a.m. – Mass 9:30 a.m. – NO PATHWAYS THIS WEEK 9:30 a.m. – Sacristan Training 11:00 a.m. – Mass Raffle ticket drawing following 11:00 a.m. Mass today Noon – Sacristan Training 6:00 p.m. – Youth Ministry

YOUTH MINISTRY

Our parish Youth Ministry invites all middle school and high school students to come together for faith, fun, and fellowship! We meet on Sunday evenings from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Each gathering includes prayer, activities, and conversation that help us grow closer to Christ while building lasting friendships. This is a time where teens can share their faith, ask questions, serve others, and enjoy time with friends in a supportive and welcoming community. Whether you've been involved before or are brand new, you are always welcome! Please feel free to reach out to Andrea at 614-920-1563 or at amaier@ihbvm.org for any questions or to get involved.

SANDWICH SATURDAY DATE CHANGE FOR NOVEMBER

We are back to making sandwiches at IHBVM. We will now be providing them to the Holy Family Soup Kitchen! **Please join us at 8:00 a.m. on the third Saturday**, where we gather in the basement. Everyone is welcome to come and help us prepare sandwiches for the less fortunate. You do not need to bring anything but a helping hand. You may bring sandwich supplies including wrapped individual slices of cheese, baloney, bread loaves, and zip-seal sandwich bags. You can also bring side items (individual bags chips, crackers, granola bars) and bottled water for the homeless to have with their sandwiches. But we usually have plenty, so come as you are. Our next **Sandwich Saturday will be Saturday, November 22**. Thanks so much for caring for the less fortunate and please contact Sean Cleary at 740-503-5636 if you have any questions.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT WEEKLY HOLY HOUR

Eucharistic Adoration is offered every Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. for one hour at IHBVM Parish. Fr. O'Connor is available for Confessions during this hour. Please know that you may come for the full hour or a brief period to pray before our Lord Jesus Christ. All are welcome! Please join us as we continue to grow as a parish who prays together. Please come when you can and leave when you must. It is so wonderful to sit and pray, talking and listening to Jesus.

“The Holy Eucharist is the perfect expression of the love of Jesus Christ for man.” – St. Maria Goretti

LITURGICAL MINISTRY TRAININGS IN NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER

We will once again hold a refresher and training session for all the Liturgical Ministries of the parish. These are to refresh those who currently serve and instruct those who are interested in serving the parish in this way. The sessions/trainings will be conducted by Father O'Connor after Masses in the month of November and December. Each weekend he will work with a different ministry. We will hold an Usher/Greeter training at a later date. Watch the bulletin for more information. The only ministry that will have only one session is the Altar Servers. If your child is interested in becoming an Altar Server, they **MUST** attend the session/training that will be held on December 7th following the 11:00 a.m. Mass. Mark your calendar!

Lector (Reader)	Following every Mass the weekend of November 15 and 16
Sacristan (prepare the Altar for Mass)	Following every Mass the weekend of November 22 and 23
Altar Server (must have received 1st Holy Communion and in the 3rd Grade – High School Senior)	Following the 11:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday, December 7th ONLY

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE TICKETS – NOW AVAILABLE FOR PICKUP

We're excited to kick off our Annual Christmas Raffle! As in previous years, tickets will not be mailed out. Instead, we invite you to pick up your ticket packs in the Narthex or from the Parish Office. Each pack contains six tickets and costs \$25.00. You may also sell or purchase individual tickets for \$5.00 each. Families typically receive two packs (12 tickets total), but feel free to take as many as you're confident you can sell. Tickets must be returned before the drawing on November 23. This Raffle is our parish's only annual fundraiser, and your support makes a big difference. Thank you for helping us continue this tradition!

Important Details:

- Drawing Date: Sunday, November 23rd, after the 11:00 a.m. Mass
- Need not be present to win
- Be sure to clearly write your full name and phone number on each ticket you return
- No need to cut the tickets – just drop the entire ticket into the ticket drum located in the Parish Office
- Prize list: First ticket drawn will receive \$1,500.00, second prize is \$750.00, and third prize is \$375.00.

Let's make this year's Raffle a joyful success!



Enter the season of Advent with joyful anticipation and intention! In *How to Advent*, we will discover the rich traditions that mark this season and how they aid us in preparing our hearts for the birth of the child Jesus at Christmas.



MISSAL ORDER PICKUP

If you preordered your 2026 Missal through the Parish Office, they will be ready for pickup starting Sunday, October 26th following each Mass. Each Missal is \$6.00 that you will need to pay when you pick up the book. Please have exact change or write a check made payable to IHBVM. **If you ordered a Missal and have not picked up your Missal or informed the Parish Office to hold it for you, we will allow others to purchase them starting November 23rd, the start of the new Liturgical Year.** If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. You may stop in the office during regular business hours, call Heather at 614-920-1563 or email office@ihbvm.org. Thank you!

ADVENT – ENCOUNTERING EMMANUEL

While our world moves fast, we are encouraged to pull back from the hustle and create space for our Savior to come into every area of our life – to transform and heal it through His love. This Advent, we will be using the book, *Encountering Emmanuel* by Heather Khym. She will show the unique ways God can come into your life each day as we journey deeper into the meaning of Advent with a meditation, stunning art, reflection questions, a prayer, and journaling space. Please join us this Advent season! You are welcome to attend either our Thursday morning sessions from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. or our Thursday evening sessions from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. We will meet on the following Thursdays: November 20, December 4, 11, and 18. Please contact Andrea at amaier@ihbvm.org or 614-920-1563 for information.



GARDENING TEAM MONTHLY MEETING

Gardening Team Updates – Monthly meetings will be held on the 2nd Tuesday of each month. We will discuss status and needs of our garden and continue development of plans for next season.

For those not able to attend this meeting, summary notes will be provided via Flocknote. Newcomers to the Gardening Team (both individuals and families) are always welcome. Please sign up for the Gardening group on Flocknote to receive email notifications regarding our activities.

JOIN US – SAFETY TEAM MEETING

We are excited to announce the formation of our **Parish Safety Team**, dedicated to ensuring a safe and secure environment for all who worship, work, and visit our parish. You are warmly invited to attend our **Safety Team Meeting**, where we will discuss the purpose and goals of the team, safety priorities and concerns, and planning for future training and preparedness: **November 16, 2025, 10:00 a.m. (in between Masses), IHBVM lower-level.** Whether you have experience in safety, security, emergency response – or simply a heart for helping – your presence and input will be invaluable.

ALTAR ROSARY SOCIETY MEETING

The Altar Rosary Society will hold its next meeting on Tuesday, November 18, 2025, following the 6:00 p.m. Mass. Members will pray the Rosary together, gather for discussion, and enjoy snacks. The agenda includes talking about the future of ARS and providing an update on donations made to organizations at October's meeting.

SCAMMERS ALERT

The scammers are constantly trying to impersonate the clergy throughout the Diocese of Columbus. Please know, Bishop Fernandes, Father O'Connor, or other priests will never contact you via email, text or phone call to request anything from you. If you receive an email, or a text or phone call impersonating anyone asking you for your help or to purchase something on their behalf, please consider it a scam. Remember, any message from Father O'Connor will come from Flocknote, and he will not ask you for such a thing via Flocknote. Call the Parish Office at 614-920-1563 to report such an incident. This is happening all over, please stay alert of these fraudulent schemes. Thank you!

NEW GRIEF SHARE SUPPORT GROUP

The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish is hosting a 13-week Grief Share Support Group. This program is led by caring people who have experienced grief. It offers hope and healing for people who have lost a loved one either recently or long ago. Classes will be every Tuesday from 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. and every Wednesday from 7:00-8:30 p.m., starting January 13 and 14th through April 7 and 8, 2026. Join us for "Surviving the Holidays" on Saturday, November 22, 2025, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 noon. Encouragement, support and valuable tools to navigate the challenges of the season. Join us for this holiday event. These meetings/events will be held here at IHBVM in the lower level. For further information, please contact Andrea at 614-920-1563 or go to GriefShare.org.

PARISH EVENT - EVERYONE IS ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND

♪♪ SING FOR THE SEASON! ♪♪

The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish is preparing a beautiful "Lessons and Carols" celebration this Advent.

Rehearsals:

When: Every Wednesday following Holy Hour (7:00 p.m.)

Where: IHBVM Church

Lessons and Carols Service:

Date: Sunday, December 14, 2025 Time: 3:00 p.m.

Location: IHBVM Parish

Let's make this a joyful and prayerful part of our Advent Season together!

Contact: Lisa Leonard, Music Director

614-738-9830 Lisaleonard22@aol.com

SUNFLOWER MINISTRY

GET A STORK

BE A STORK

Ongoing | Sunflower Storks -

Support Growing Parish Families

Last month, we launched our Sunflower Storks program! This program provides essential items and prayerful support

to families at IHBVM welcoming a new child - whether through birth, adoption, foster care, or other sacred ways. We're excited to welcome the newest little members of our church family, and we'd love for you to help spread the word or sign up to be part of the team! Please see the QR Codes to either sign up to receive support (Get a Stork) if you are expecting or sign up to provide support (Be a Stork) to growing families. Note - You are eligible to sign up for a Stork if you recently had a baby. Please sign up if you are interested and we will reach out! For more information on Sunflower Ministries or to become a part of the team, please reach out to Victoria Tucker at thefuckers2020@gmail.com.

PLATINUM CLUB NEWS

Join the Platinum Club and travel via the Fun Bus, to experience a "Christmas Vacation" on Wednesday, November 19, departing from the church parking lot at 7:30 a.m. We will travel to the house from the movie, "A Christmas Story," in Cleveland. From there, we arrive at the Westside Market for lunch, visit the B.A. Sweetie Candy Co., and finish the day visiting Castle Noel in Medina. We will stop for dinner before heading home, arriving back to church at 8:00 p.m. The cost is \$140.00 per person. Call Sheryl at 740-215-8226, if you are interested.

SECOND BREAKFAST CLUB: A CATHOLIC FICTION BOOK GROUP

You are invited to join fellow parishioners in a study of Catholic fiction. New members welcome! The Second Breakfast Book Club will meet monthly on Saturday, at 10:00 a.m. Watch the bulletin for the next date or go to The Second Breakfast Book Club Flocknote. We will discuss A Canticle for Leibowitz, by Walter M. Miller, Jr. Hope you can join us! *Please note the date change. We have shifted the dates for our next two meetings to accommodate the upcoming holidays. Sign up on The Second Breakfast Book Club Flocknote to receive regular updates.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

All women of the parish are invited to join us as we grow together in faith, deepen our hope in Christ, and build a Christ-centered community.

Sisters in Christ: This group meets on Thursday mornings at 11:00 a.m. in the lower level of IHBVM as we grow spiritually through prayer and study. This fall, we will be reading and discussing Does the Bible Really Say That? by Patrick Madrid.

Going Deeper: Are you seeking to grow closer to God? If so, we invite you to join us in exploring spiritual readings and practices rooted in a biblical understanding of God's wisdom and guidance. We will work on cultivating interior peace to be able to hear the voice of God. This group will meet in the lower level of IHBVM on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday mornings from 10:30 a.m. and conclude in time for those who would like to attend Noon Mass beginning Wednesday, October 1, 2025. We will start this exploration by reading and discussing Fr. Jacques Philippe's book Time for God, followed by Searching for and Maintaining Peace through January. For more information about either group, please reach out to Andrea at amaier@ihbvm.org or 614-920-1563.

NATIONAL VOCATIONS AWARENESS WEEK

We are still accepting donations for the special collection for the Diocese's Vocations. The Office of Vocations has a good and growing need by virtue of an increase of young men interested in the priesthood. An ongoing or one-time contribution from you will support the funding of future priests throughout the Diocese of Columbus. You may give by scanning the QR code below or go to https://www.columbuscatholicgiving.org/seminarian-support-fund to make your donation. You may also leave your monetary donations in the basket labeled "Vocations Fund" in the Narthex. You can donate anytime by using the QR code or go to the website. We will also take donations, but they will need to be clearly marked "Seminarian Fund" on an envelope with the donation enclosed. You may place this in our regular offertory baskets.

Jersey Mike's Subs logo, OSU vs Michigan November 29, 2025, Giant Pre-Pay Sub Sandwich Sale. Proceeds to benefit the Knights of Columbus St. Angelo Giuseppe Roncalli Council 16561 General Fund. Buy Subs for the BIG GAME (OSU vs Michigan) Make Cooking and Clean up Easy! Save money and help the Knights of Columbus Council 16561. Two Jersey Mike's Giant Subs are available: (SORRY NO SPECIAL ORDERS - WHOLE SUBS ONLY) #13 The Original Italian - Provolone, ham, prosciuttini, cappacuolo, salami and pepperoni. #8 Club Sub - Turkey, ham, provolone, applewood smoked bacon and mayo. TWO WAYS TO ORDER: 1. Order online using the QR Code (convenience fees apply) https://kofc16561.square.site/product/jersey-mike-s-sub-sale/5 (convenience fees apply) 2. Complete the order form (located in the Narthex). Attach cash or check (in an envelope) payable to the K of C Council 16561 (place in K of C mailbox at church) or simply hand the form to a Knight. Questions- Kevin Luckhaupt (kluckhaupt@ameritech.net) Orders must be received by Sunday, November 23 after 11:00 a.m. Mass. PICK UP at the Church Parking Lot on Game Day, Saturday November 29, between 10:15 am to 11:30am.

SUPPORT VOCATIONS. GIVE, PRAY, DISCERN. FATHER MICHAEL HAEMMERLE DIRECTOR OF VOCATIONS. For more information, please contact the OFFICE OF VOCATIONS 614.221.5565 vocations@columbuscatholic.org www.vocationscolumbus.org. O God, hear our prayer and let our cry come to You. Bless the Diocese of Columbus with many vocations from our families to the priesthood, sacramental marriage, and consecrated life. Give Your sons and daughters the confidence to accept Your call, and the love to follow you always in the footsteps of Your Beloved Son, with courage and faithfulness to Your Divine Will. Amen. LEARN MORE ABOUT VOCATIONS AT VOCATIONSCOLUMBUS.ORG

2025 ANNUAL APPEAL UPDATE

The Appeal brings our entire diocesan community together in stewardship and sacrifice, enabling us to support vital ministries, educate future priests, care for the vulnerable, and keep Christ present in every home and heart. Our parish has been asked to raise \$90,706.55 and we are elated to share that we have \$94,720.55 pledged toward that goal. We have 104% of our goal in pledges. This is outstanding! Every gift matters. Every act of generosity, no matter the size, has the power to transform lives. **Thank you to everyone who contributed, you may still contribute, and all donations will be returned to the parish untaxed. It isn't too late!** If you have not had the chance to give, please prayerfully consider making a pledge today. Pledge cards are available in the Narthex, or you can give securely online at columbuscatholicgiving.org and scroll down to The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Canal Winchester) to donate one time or set up a regular payment. Let us show our gratitude for the blessings we've received by sharing with others. Together in mission, we can make a profound difference. Thank you for your support.

KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS POSTER CONTEST

As we approach the Season of Advent, our Knights of Columbus Council 16561 is hosting the Annual Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest! As in past years, each poster must reflect the "Keep Christ in Christmas" theme with a visual image. Each poster should be the original work (including concept, layout, slogan and any visual images) of the entrant and fit on to a single 11"x17" size poster. If pastels, chalk or charcoal are used, the poster must be laminated or covered with clear plastic. There is no limit to the number of posters each contestant may submit. Awards will be given in the following elementary and middle school age groups and winners will be submitted to the District and State Council for K of C Regional and State contests:

Grades 1/2 **Grades 5/6** **Grades 9-12***
Grades 3/4 **Grades 7/8**

**(Although this group will not qualify for the official contest mentioned above, our council will be providing a special award for this age group!)*

Blank posters and contest entry forms (required for each poster) can be found in the Narthex in the brown envelope on the information table. Once the entrant's poster is ready for submission, please place it in the same brown envelope in the Narthex along with the completed entry form attached to the poster. **All entries are due by 12:00 Noon on December 14, 2025.** If you have any additional questions, please contact Andrew Ortiz at andrew@agortiz.com.

THE ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION (O.C.I.A.)

Is an educational and spiritual program developed to engage and instruct non-Catholics who may want to join the Catholic Church AND Catholics who are interested in learning more about or returning to the Catholic faith. O.C.I.A. acts as the compass for individuals who would like to come into full communion with the Catholic Church. If you would like to learn more, call the Parish Office 614-920-1563.



LOWER YOUR 2025 TAXES. STRENGTHEN IMMACULATE HEART OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY FOREVER.

Give to one of the Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary's endowment funds and watch your impact multiply. Managed by The Catholic Foundation, these funds are invested to generate income for our parish forever – not just this year, but for generations to come. While weekly offerings meet today's needs, your endowment gifts create a perpetual source of support for our ministries, programs, and community. Contribute before December 31 with cash, appreciated stocks, or IRA assets. Cash gifts provide immediate tax deductions. Stock donations help you avoid capital gains taxes while claiming full market value. IRA rollovers (for donors 70½+) allow tax-free transfers up to \$108,000.00. Whatever you choose, you'll cut your 2025 tax burden while creating lasting change. Some assets take longer to process, so now is the time to start your year-end giving. For more information, please contact Julie Barber, Development Officer at The Catholic Foundation, at 614-443-8893, ext. 1190 or jbarber@catholic-foundation.org.



OUR GIFT TO YOU – FREE ACCESS TO FORMED.ORG

The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish has renewed our subscription to Formed.org for 2025. Please take advantage of the multitude of resources available to you through this site. There are videos for individuals, families, couples, sacraments, children, life as a Catholic, etc. We purchased this for YOU, our parish family, to be able to grow even more like Christ. Just go to the site Formed.org and select "Sign Up" on the top of the page. In the box, type in Immaculate Heart of the BVM. Make sure you choose the one with our parish address. This will give you free access.



SIGN UP FOR OUR ONLINE GIVING

Follow the QR code to sign up for one-time or recurring contributions to IHBVM Parish. We also have the convenience of automatic withdrawal from your checking or savings account. If you would like to start auto withdrawal, please see Heather in the Parish Office. To set up online giving via our website, scan the QR code to take you directly to the giving setup page. God bless! We also have forms in the Parish Office if you prefer to give automatically, but not through our website. Stop in after Mass on Sunday and ask for a form.

EARN MONEY FOR OUR PARISH WITH KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS

Do you shop at Kroger? If so, you can join the Kroger Community Rewards Program and earn money for our church without incurring any additional cost on your part.

Here are the steps to sign up for the Kroger Community Rewards: To use the Kroger Community Rewards Program, simply visit <http://www.kroger.com>. Once logged in to your Kroger account, you can search for The Immaculate Heart of BVM either by name or NR343, and then click "Enroll." New users will need to create an account which requires some basic information, a valid email address and a Rewards card.

1. Get a Kroger Plus Card, if you don't already have one. If you do not yet have a Kroger Plus Card, they are **available at the customer service desk at any Kroger**. Click on "Sign In/Register." If you are a new online customer, click on SIGN UP TODAY in the "New Customer?" Box.
2. Go to kroger.com
3. Click on the person icon in the upper-right-hand screen area
4. Go to "My Account" and scroll down to the Community Rewards tab
5. Once there, scroll down to sign up for Immaculate Heart of BVM or NR343.
6. Once you are enrolled, Kroger will donate a small percentage of the total cost of your purchase to our church. The next time you shop at Kroger, look at the bottom of your receipt, and it will indicate that they are contributing to the church.

AROUND THE DIOCESE

ADVENT WREATH CRAFTING WITH THE DOMINICAN SISTERS OF PEACE

On **Thursday, November 20, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.**, the Dominican Sisters of Peace are having an evening of prayer, crafting Advent wreaths, and communal fun for single Catholic women. Guests will be able to create their own Advent Wreath to pray with during the season and enjoy a Hot Cocoa Bar with light refreshments. Due to limited space, an RSVP is required to participate. To RSVP, email Sister Ana Gonzalez, OP, ana.gonzalez@oppeace.org. Address details and parking information will be provided upon receiving the RSVP but the event will take place at the Dominican Sisters of Peace House of Welcome. The cost is FREE. Participants will receive materials for their crafting project at the event. RSVP is required by **Tuesday, November 18, 2025** as space is limited. This event is part of the Sacred Season & Creative Expressions: Liturgical Craft Night with the Dominican Sisters of Peace and is made possible with the support of a Columbus Catholic Foundation Grant.

EMMAUS ROAD SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Did you know you can turn your **Ohio state tax dollars into scholarships** for students at **no additional cost to you**? Through the **Emmaus Road Scholarship Fund**, Ohio taxpayers can receive a **100% state tax credit** (up to **\$750.00 for individuals** or **\$1,500.00 for couples filing jointly**) when they direct their tax dollars to the Emmaus Road Scholarship Fund. Every dollar stays right here in our community, helping families access a strong Catholic education. Thanks to generous supporters, dozens of families have already benefited, but the need continues to grow. To make your gift, visit emmausroadscholarship.org and select the Catholic school of your choice. Thank you for helping strengthen Catholic education and supporting our students!



YCP EXECUTIVE SPEAKER SERIES ON HEALTHY RELATIONSHIP HABITS

Young Catholic Professionals or YCP is having a meeting on **Wednesday, November 19, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.** located at The Catholic Foundation,

257 E. Broad Street, Columbus 43215. There will be networking, free food, beverages and an insightful talk delivered by Michael Loschke on "Healthy Relationship Habits: How Catholics Build Business, Happiness and Spiritual Strength." Michael Loschke is a professional Speaker, Writer, Advisor & Facilitator with over 25 years of experience in senior management, business development, and marketing experience. Pizza, sides and drinks are provided. For questions, contact Naomi del Guidice at naomi.delguidice@ycpcolumbus.org.



TALK ON THE REAL PRESENCE OF JESUS IN THE EUCHARIST BY FATHER BRIAN BEAL

Mark your calendar for Sunday, December 7 at 5:30 p.m. for a talk by Father Brian Beal on the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist, followed by a Holy Hour of Adoration and Confessions. The event is located at St. Timothy at 1088 Thomas Lane, Columbus 43220. For questions, contact Kitty Quinn at quinnlitty52@gmail.com.

D.O.Y.M.A.R. DISCIPLESHIP PRAYER GROUP FOR GIRLS AND YOUNG WOMEN

Join the Daughters of Holy Mary of the Heart of Jesus for prayer, formation and community as **Prayerful Marian-Apostolic Disciples of the Redemption!** **FRIDAY, November 21st, 2025: College-age and young adult women, 7:00-8:30 p.m.** Please bring your prayer journal for a talk by the Sisters, Eucharistic Adoration, prayer and fellowship! **LOCATION: Sisters' Convent Chapel, 352 Harrogate Loop N, Westerville, Ohio 43082.**

SATURDAY, November 22nd, 2025: girls 1st-10th grade, 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Please bring your journal, colored pencils, and packed lunch! Be prepared for prayer (Rosary and Eucharistic Adoration), games, crafts and fun with the Sisters! **LOCATION: St. Paul the Apostle Church, 313 N. State Street, Westerville, Ohio 43082.**

To RSVP or for more information, contact the Daughters of Holy Mary of the Heart of Jesus by phone at **614-392-1188** or email columbus@hsmcj.org.



THIRD ANNUAL SERRA CLUB PRIESTLY VOCATION ESSAY COMPETITION

The Columbus Serra Club is challenging all Eighth-grade boys to write an essay of five hundred words or fewer, answering a question about whether God might be calling them to the priesthood. They have the month of November to write their essays. Writers of the ten best essays will be awarded a \$1,000.00 tuition assistance grant to a diocesan Catholic high school. The Catholic school system will administer the competition for boys in Catholic schools. Eighth-grade boys not attending a Catholic school, scan the QR code, text 614-558-0806 or email kielkopf.1@osu.edu for how to participate.

A RORATE CAELI MASS AT ST. MARY MAGDALENE CHURCH

St. Mary Magdalene Church will celebrate a Rorate Mass on Saturday, December 6 at 6:30 a.m. A Rorate Caeli Mass is celebrated just before dawn in Advent as a devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary. The Mass is only lit by candles, representing Mary's role in bringing the Light of the World into the darkness of the world. Mass begins in darkness before sunrise, with only candles lighting the church to remind us of a world in darkness and sin that is anticipating the coming of the "Light of the World." As Mass progresses, the church becomes brighter until the risen sun fills it with the light of day. A light breakfast will be served following Mass. The Mass will be located at St. Mary Magdalene Church at 473 S. Roys Avenue, Columbus, Ohio 43204. For questions, contact Alice via cell at 614-274-1121 or email acarrier@saintmarymag.org.

CATHOLIC MEN'S LUNCHEON - FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2025 - SPEAKER: FATHER SAM SEVERANCE

Join us Friday, December 5 at St. Patrick Church in downtown Columbus for a luncheon featuring newly ordained Father Sam Severance, Parochial Vicar at St. Brendan the Navigator Parish in Hilliard. As is our custom in December, Father Severance who was ordained last May will share with us his vocation story and experiences as a newly ordained priest. The December luncheon is sponsored by the Serra Club of Columbus. The Serra Club is a Catholic organization committed to promoting and supporting vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and religious life within the Diocese of Columbus. With two active chapters - Downtown and North - their mission is to create a culture where young people are encouraged to hear and respond to God's call. If you are interested in sponsoring a luncheon, contact Dave Kilanowski at dkilano@aol.com. Holy Mass (optional) begins at 11:45 a.m., followed by lunch at 12:10 p.m. and Father Severance's presentation. No reservations are necessary. \$12.00 covers lunch and the meeting. Bring a friend! There will be no luncheon in January 2026 as we prepare for selection of the 2026 Catholic Man of the Year. Watch the bulletin for more about the nomination process for CMOY. Our luncheon on Friday, February 6, 2026, will feature a presentation by Ismael Rodriguez who is the Founding Headmaster of the Chesterton Academy of St. Benedict, an independent Catholic high school in the Columbus Diocese. Please mark your calendar to attend!

HELPING YOU FIND PEACE AFTER YOUR DIVORCE...

The Basilica of St. Mary of the Assumption Lancaster is providing a ministry that will bring hope and healing to men and women who have experienced the pain and loneliness of a broken marriage. The 12-week Surviving Divorce program by Ascension Press is based on the teachings of the Catholic Church and is for the newly separated and divorced and those still struggling with issues many years later. The program will be facilitated by Rebecca Hubert and Kristin Garrabrant. The cost of the program is \$20.00, which covers the cost of the Surviving Divorce Personal Guide. For an optimal program experience, there will be a minimum of 4 and maximum of 10 participants. The program will take place every Thursday, January 8-March 26, from 6:30-8:00 p.m. in the St. Mary Spirit Center. For inquiries and to register, email Kristin Garrabrant at kcgarabrant@gmail.com. The registration deadline is January 2, 2026.

PDHC NEEDS - URGENT

The Lancaster Center is experiencing some HIGH NEEDS, especially for baby equipment. If you would like to donate, please visit the Amazon link at https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/2Z7BD917Z2JSG?ref_=wl_share. You can also choose an option for these items to be shipped to the Center at no charge.

If you are not purchasing from Amazon, the following are HIGH-NEED items: Infant body carriers, baby monitors, strollers, diaper bags, Tummy Time play mats, highchairs, baby swings, and baby bouncers (we also accept *gently used of these items*).

As we navigate our cultural challenges, hold close to His promises: "And the One who was sitting upon the throne, said, 'Behold, I make all things new.' And he said to me, 'Write, for these words are entirely faithful and true.'"

~Revelation 21:5

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR ESL TUTORING

We are excited to welcome four new Deacons and three new Fathers to our community, coming from Haiti, Italy, and Mexico. All seven are in need of English as a Second Language (ESL) tutors, with particular focus on preparing and delivering their homilies with clarity and confidence. We ask volunteers to commit to a weekly tutoring session (approximately two hours each week). Tutoring sessions can be scheduled around your availability and The Dominican Learning Center provides all training and materials. If you are interested in helping the newest members of our community, please call Alyssa Angle at 614-444-7330, ext. 11105, or email alyssa.angle@oppeace.org for more information.

COURAGE APOSTOLATE

Are you experiencing same-sex attraction and seeking to live a life of faith and chastity? The *Courage Apostolate* offers support through prayer, fellowship, and spiritual guidance in alignment with the teachings of the Catholic Church. Meetings are confidential. For more information, visit courageorg.org or contact couragecolumbus@columbuscatholic.org.

ENCOURAGE


While Courage is for those who experience same-sex attraction themselves, EnCourage provides support for the family members and friends of those who experience same-sex attraction. Rooted in prayer, fellowship, and the teachings of the Catholic Church, EnCourage offers a compassionate community for those seeking to better understand and love their loved ones while remaining faithful to Church teaching. For more information, visit courageorg.org/encourage or contact encourage@columbuscatholic.org.

CONNECTED THROUGH CHRIST

Connected Through Christ is a support group for family and friends of those who suffer from gender confusion. The goal is to help to treat with compassion those with gender confusion without denying a Christian understanding of male and female as articulated in science, Sacred Scripture, and the teachings of the Catholic Church. While CTC is a Catholic apostolate, non-Catholic Christians are welcome to join (with the understanding that the group functions as a Catholic group). For more information, contact ctc@columbuscatholic.org.

PLAN FOR FEBRUARY!

Take steps toward a better relationship! Attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend will give you and your spouse all the tools for a stronger and more loving marriage. "But some seed fell on rich soil and produced fruit, a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold." Help your marriage be like the rich soil and attend an upcoming Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience on February 6th-8th, 2026. Get away from jobs, kids, chores, and phones and focus only on each other. Location: Procter Camp and Conference Center – London, OH. Other weekend dates are available on our website. Apply at WWME.org Early registration is recommended.

 **FIND A MELCHIZEDEK PROJECT NEAR YOU**
The Melchizedek Project is a spiritual discernment group that helps high school and college-age men consider a vocation to the Priesthood. All participants will enjoy a free meal at each meeting and a discussion on vocation discernment. Scan the QR code to find an event near you!

MONTHLY OFFERTORY/EXPENSES REPORT

Offertory for October for IHBVM Parish	\$ 48,141.76
Expenses for October for IHBVM Parish	\$ 49,585.85
MASS ATTENDANCE	
Total for the Month of October for IHBVM Parish	2,773



SEEK26 IN COLUMBUS

The Diocese of Columbus has a mission to work toward a fuller realization of God's reign on earth by celebrating Christ's presence in worship and sacraments. Bishop Fernandes and the Diocese of Columbus are excited to host SEEK26, allowing attendees to experience the truth, beauty, goodness, and vitality of our Church, the parishes in our diocese, and the relationships we form together. The Annual Catholic Conference organized by FOCUS will be held in Columbus, January 1-5, 2026. The Conference invites attendees from all over the country, showcases SEEK's structure of prayer, fellowship, and inspiration, and aligns with our shared goals of strengthening our faith community and living out the mission of Jesus. It is Bishop Fernandes' desire to have a robust presence at SEEK26, saying, "It will be a tremendous opportunity for our young people to encounter Christ and other young people from around the country. It is another sign of the commitment of the Diocese of Columbus to college students, young adults, and their families. Together, we will proclaim the joy of the Gospel." **We invite you to learn more about SEEK by visiting <https://seek.focus.org/registration/> or scanning the above QR code.** SEEK's website: seek.focus.org.


STAY INFORMED ON OHIO LEGISLATION FROM THE CATHOLIC CONFERENCE OF OHIO (CCO)

The Conference works on behalf of the Ohio bishops as an official voice of the Catholic Church in Ohio, primarily in public policy matters. At the end of each month, they send a newsletter summarizing key legislation, action alerts, and relevant information that empowers Catholics across the state to uphold the Church's beliefs and values. Sign up to receive important updates on legislation and help inform your parishioners to engage as Faithful Citizens. Visit <https://www.voterveice.net/OHCATHOLIC/Register>.

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What is Flocknote? A communication tool that we hope will provide our parish a wonderful way to help you grow your faith and be aware of the different events and opportunities we provide here at The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary, in addition to the weekly bulletin. Our monthly newsletter will have faith formation content emailed to you via our Flocknote Newsletter to help you and your family grow in your relationship with Jesus Christ. There are several groups you can join as well to receive information about specific groups straight to your email or text! Please join us! You may simply scan this QR code to sign up right now! If you would like additional information, please email office@ihbvm.org. If you need assistance with signing up for Flocknote, please see Heather, and she will be happy to help get you signed up to receive our notes.




MOBILE APPS FOR CATHOLICS


You may have heard there are numerous Catholic apps you can upload on your smartphone or mobile device. A couple we like to use are iBreviary and Laudate. They each have the Missal for all Masses, so you always have it handy and can follow along. There are countless prayers, readings, rites, and other Catholic resources. These are available for both Apple and Android users. Here are QR codes for you to scan – choose either the Apple App or the Android App:




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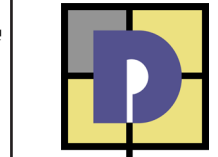
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