



*Alleluia!*  
HE IS RISEN

*Easter*  
2026

**The Immaculate Heart of the  
Blessed Virgin Mary Parish**

5170 Winchester Southern Road NW, Canal Winchester, OH 43110  
614-920-1563 · [www.ihbvm.org](http://www.ihbvm.org)

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Sunday, April 5, 2026 – Resurrection of the Lord, Easter Sunday**

**8:00 a.m.** Repose of the Soul of Terry Moore  
by Greg & Michele Michaels

**9:30 a.m.** Repose of the Soul of Tom Paulus by Jenn Steube

**11:00 a.m.** Deceased Members of the Bettah Family by Family

**Monday, April 6, 2026**

**8:30 a.m.** Living and Deceased Members of the Lawson, Kinkead & Mustard Families by Steve & Cathy Mustard

**Tuesday, April 7, 2026**

**6:00 p.m.** Repose of the Soul of Rosemary Longo by Jennifer Hess

**Wednesday, April 8, 2026**

**12:00 p.m.** Intention of Fred Minkemeyer  
by Barbara Ann & Paul Hajdin

**Thursday, April 9, 2026**

**8:30 a.m.** Repose of the Soul of Nancy Bebe  
by Melissa & Joe Conway

**Friday, April 10, 2026**

**8:30 a.m.** Repose of the Soul of Ralph Martin  
by Steve & Cathy Mustard

**Saturday, April 11, 2026**

**4:00 p.m.** Repose of the Soul of Tom Paulus  
by Lou & Martha LaGuardia

**Sunday, April 12, 2026 – Divine Mercy Sunday**

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

**11:00 a.m.** Repose of the Souls of the Herb Family  
by the Herb Family

**COLLECT [Renewal]**

*O God, who on this day, through Your Only Begotten Son, have conquered death and unlocked for us the path to eternity, grant, we pray, that we who keep the solemnity of the Lord's Resurrection may, through the renewal brought by Your Spirit, rise up in the light of life. 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 11:00 a.m. Mass.

**WELCOME TO THE FAMILY:**  
*David John Elrich  
and  
Benedict Richard Rybicki*

**PARISH INFORMATION**

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Website: IHBVM.org

**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.

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CONTACT INFORMATION**

Phone: 614-626-9221 | Email: svdp@ihbvm.org

**UPCOMING PARISH MEETINGS/EVENTS**

WEEK of April 5, 2026 Easter Week <i>Resurrection of the Lord</i>	MASS & PARISH EVENT TIMES
<b>Sunday, April 5</b> <i>Easter Sunday</i> <i>Resurrection of the Lord</i>	8:00 a.m. – Mass 9:30 a.m. - Mass 11:00 a.m. – Mass Parish Office Closed - Happy Easter
<b>Monday, April 6</b>	8:30 a.m. – Mass <i>Parish Office Closed</i>
<b>Tuesday, April 7</b>	<i>Parish Office Closed</i> 10:00 a.m. – Grief Share Support Group 6:00 p.m. – Mass
<b>Wednesday, April 8</b>	<i>Parish Office Closed</i> Noon – Mass 6:00 p.m. – Holy Hour & Confessions 7:00 p.m. – Grief Share Support Group
<b>Thursday, April 9</b>	<i>Parish Office Closed</i> 8:30 a.m. – Mass 11:00 a.m. – Women's Ministry 6:00 p.m. – No Pathways today
<b>Friday, April 10</b>	<i>Parish Office Closed</i> 8:30 a.m. - Mass
<b>Saturday, April 11</b>	3:00 p.m. - Confessions 4:00 p.m. –Mass
<b>Sunday, April 12</b> <i>Divine Mercy Sunday</i>	8:30 a.m. – Mass 11:00 a.m. – Mass 3:00 p.m. – Divine Mercy Chaplet, Holy Hour & Confessions until 4:00 p.m. 4:00 p.m. – Ice Cream Sundae Social

**CONDOLENCES**

We offer our sincerest sympathy to the family and friends of Kathleen Sturges and Edwin Beck. Please pray for the repose of Kathleen's and Edwin's soul and for the souls of all the faithful departed, may they rest in peace.



### JOIN US – DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY – 3:00 P.M.

In the Diary of St. Faustina, Jesus asked that the Feast of Divine Mercy, known today as Divine Mercy Sunday, be preceded by a Novena to The Divine Mercy. A Novena is nine days of prayer in preparation for a feast. In the case of the Novena to The Divine Mercy, we pray the Chaplet of The Divine Mercy each day for a specific intention. Our Lord told St. Faustina, “I desire that during these nine days you bring souls to the fountain of My mercy, that they may draw... strength and refreshment and whatever grace they need in the hardships of life, and especially at the hour of death” (Diary, 1209). The Chaplet can be said anytime, but the Lord specifically asked that it be recited as a Novena. He promised, “By this Novena (of Chaplets), I will grant every possible grace to souls.” Booklets for the Novena can be found in the Narthex. The Novena starts on Good Friday, April 3rd and ends on April 12th followed by the Feast of Divine Mercy Sunday.

Sunday, April 12 is Divine Mercy Sunday. As a parish, we recognize this feast day with an hour of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, reciting the *Divine Mercy Chaplet*, Confessions are available during Adoration and an ice cream sundae social following Adoration.

Adoration will start at 3:00 p.m. with the Divine Mercy Chaplet. Confessions will start following the chaplet. Adoration will continue until 4:00 p.m. After Holy Hour, join us downstairs for an ice cream sundae in the lower level at IHBVM. All are welcome and encouraged to attend!

### MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA – EVERY MONDAY

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

### JANITOR NEEDED – PART-TIME

Immaculate Heart Parish is seeking a Part-time Janitor to provide routine, high-quality commercial cleaning throughout the parish facilities. We are looking for someone who has janitorial experience, takes pride in their work, and can commit to 15–20 hours per week. If you or someone you know may be interested, please stop in the Parish Office or contact Heather for more information at 614-920-1563 or [office@ihbvm.org](mailto:office@ihbvm.org).

### GUIDANCE ON PANHANDLING

From time to time, individuals may approach people on parish grounds asking for money. To keep everyone safe and to offer help in an appropriate way, please follow this practice:

- **Kindly decline giving money.**  
A simple: “I’m sorry, I’m not able to give cash.” is enough.
  - **Be respectful and calm.**
  - **Direct them to the Parish Office** if they need assistance or provide them our bulletin which has our number and the number for the St. Vincent de Paul Society.
  - **If you feel unsafe or unsure, notify parish staff or call 911 immediately.**
- Thank you for helping us maintain a compassionate and safe environment for all.

### 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.

### SIGNING UP FOR OUR EXTENDED ADORATIONS – YOUR PRESENCE MATTERS

When you sign up for an hour with the Blessed Sacrament, you are making a beautiful commitment – not just to prayer, but to ensuring that Jesus is never left alone. **Your presence matters.** Our Adoration depends on each scheduled adorer. By faithfully keeping your hour, you help maintain a prayerful, safe, and uninterrupted atmosphere where others can encounter Christ. If you are unable to attend, please arrange a substitute or notify the Parish Office. Your faithfulness supports the entire parish community.

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

### 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 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](mailto:amaier@ihbvm.org) for any questions or to get involved.

### PLATINUM CLUB NEWS:

The Platinum Club (and guests) will carpool to Mansfield, Ohio on April 22nd to attend a leisurely self-guided interactive stroll through the Bible Walk Wax Museum Complex. During the tour, visitors press buttons that trigger sound effects and dialogues. We will tour the Miracles of the Old Testament, the Life of Christ and Museum of Christian Martyrs exhibits! There are some other areas to view such as a rare Bible collection. For additional information, you can access their website at [www.Biblewalk.us](http://www.Biblewalk.us). We should meet at the facility at 10:00 a.m. There are benches all along the walk and wheelchairs are available. On the return trip, we will stop at the Der Dutchman restaurant in Bellevue, Ohio for a late lunch. Please contact Cathy Mustard by April 15th at 614-607-1744 if you are able to attend.

### GARDENING TEAM UPDATES: ST. ISIDORE’S GARDENING GUILD

**Our next monthly meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 14 at 6:30 p.m. (following daily Mass), in the lower level.**

**We are working on the following tasks:**

- Implementation of our plans for the 2026 growing season.
- Planning for the blessing of our gardens following Mass on Saturday, April 25 (the Major Rogation Day, as well as the Feast of St. Mark).
- Planning for the celebration of St. Isidore’s Feast Day on May 15, including a Potluck for members of the Guild and anyone wishing to know more about the Guild.
- Development of plans for a spring fundraiser following Mass on May 23 and 24, with the intent of offsetting some of our gardening expenses.

For those not able to attend this meeting, summary notes will be provided via Flocknote. Newcomers to the Gardening Guild (both individuals and families) are always welcome. Please sign up for the St. Isidore’s Gardening Guild group on Flocknote to receive email notifications regarding our activities. Monthly meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month.

**GRIEFSHARE SUPPORT GROUP**

The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish is hosting a 13-week GriefShare 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. **The next 13-week session of GriefShare classes will be May 5-July 29. Classes will be every Tuesday from 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. and every Wednesday from 7:00-8:30 p.m.** Encouragement, support and valuable tools to navigate the challenges of the season. Join us for this event. These meetings/events will be held here at IHBVM in the lower level. Go to [GriefShare.org](http://GriefShare.org)

**SECOND BREAKFAST CLUB: A CATHOLIC FICTION BOOK GROUP**

You are invited to join fellow parishioners in a study of Catholic literature. New members welcome! Our next meeting will be April 25, at 10:00 a.m., in the IHBVM Lower Level. We will be discussing "Come Rack! Come Rope!" by Robert Hugh Benson. We hope you can join us! Please sign up on The Second Breakfast Book Club Flocknote to receive regular updates.

**WOMEN'S MINISTRY**

All women of the parish are invited to journey with us as we deepen our faith, renew our hope in Christ, and build a supportive Christ-centered community.

**Sisters in Christ:** For the Easter season, our group will be reading the book, "Holy Moments" by Matthew Kelley. Join us as we discover what are the holy moments in our lives and how can we cooperate with God to create them? This group meets on Thursday mornings from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., in the lower level of IHBVM, to grow spiritually through study and prayer.

**Going Deeper:** Do you desire to recognize and respond to God? If so, we invite you to join us as we explore spiritual readings and practices rooted in Scripture and God's wisdom. We are reading and discussing Fr. Jacques Philippe's *Searching for and Maintaining Peace*. Together, we will learn how to become more attentive to God's presence and cultivate an interior peace that allows us to listen more deeply for His voice and respond more faithfully to His call. The group meets in the lower level of IHBVM on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month. Our gatherings begin at **10:30 a.m.** and conclude in time for anyone who wishes to attend **Noon Mass**.

For more information about either group, please reach out to Andrea at [amaier@ihbvm.org](mailto:amaier@ihbvm.org) or 614-920-1563.

**NEWS FROM SVDP**

The next meeting will be Sunday, April 12, 2026 after the 8:30 a.m. Mass, at 9:45 a.m. Because Easter is the first Sunday, April 5, we have moved it to the 2nd Sunday in April. Also, there will be another meeting on Tuesday, April 21, 2026, after the 6:00 p.m. Mass.

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY – CONTINUE LENTEN GOOD WORKS**

How can you carry the lessons of Lent into the rest of the year? One possibility is to continue the Lenten practice of almsgiving. The St. Vincent de Paul Society is here to give you an opportunity to do just that. Their truck will be at our Parish the weekend of April 25th and 26th to make it easy for you. They can take items such as clothing, most non-consumable household items (no mattresses or non-flat screen TVs), furniture, appliances, etc. that you are willing to part with. All donated items should be clean, undamaged, and in working condition (the Society has limited resources to make repairs). The truck will be available for donations from 1:00 through 5:30 p.m. on Saturday afternoon, and from 8:00 a.m. through 12:30 p.m. on Sunday morning. You can contact Steve Lukezich at 614-271-3040 with questions. If you have items too large to bring to the truck (furniture or appliances), they can still help out. Just give the Society a call at 740-653-6037 and they can come to your house. Home pickups are scheduled on Wednesday mornings. We thank you in advance for what we are sure will be a typical outpouring of the generosity of our Parish!

**GET A STORK BE A STORK****SUNFLOWER MINISTRY****Ongoing | Sunflower Storks – Support Growing Parish Families**

Last September, 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 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 [thetuckers2020@gmail.com](mailto:thetuckers2020@gmail.com).

**IHBVM Easter Tea****LADIES***and***LASSES****SAVE THE DATE**

**Sunday, May 17th, 2026**  
**12.00 PM**

As we get closer to the event a Flocknote will be sent about how you may get involved & help

**SAVE THE DATE | ANNUAL IHBVM EASTER TEA – ALL LADIES OF THE PARISH INVITED!****Who:** Ladies and Lasses of the Parish**When:** Following the 11:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday, May 17th**What:** Easter Tea

More information will follow. Watch for a Flocknote with more information coming soon!

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**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 2026. 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 purchase 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.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SPRING EUCHRE PARTY  
REGISTRATION IS OPEN**

Registration is now open for the Spring Euchre Tournament. You can grab a registration form from the table outside the Parish Office in the Narthex. The event is on Saturday, April 11th starting at 7:00 p.m. You may come a little early (6:30 p.m.) if you would like to have a tutorial on the game. All monies received will be donated to Joseph's Coat or another charity supported by the Knights of Columbus Council 16561. Registration deadline is Monday, April 6th. You may return your form to any Knight or drop it in the Parish Office “Knights of Columbus” mailbox. If you have any questions, please contact Ernie Winnestaffer at 614-735-9131.

**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 at 614-920-1563.

**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](http://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.

**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 at 614-920-1563 to report such an incident. This is happening all over; please stay alert of these fraudulent schemes. Thank you!

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**PREPARE FOR RETIREMENT LIVING,  
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How will Catholic teaching shape your retirement planning? As you prepare for this life transition, consider how Church wisdom about stewardship, community, and service can guide your decisions. Catholic retirement planning goes beyond financial security – it involves discerning how God is calling you to use your collected resources, experiences, and time to live out your faith more fully. Your Catholic Retirement™ provides guidance on essential topics – from Catholic pro-life directives and sacramental considerations to proper practices for Catholic funerals and burials. Beyond planning for your own needs, it helps you discover how your financial resources can support our parish endowment funds. Whether through a cash donation, appreciated stocks, a life insurance policy, or a retirement distribution, your contribution will strengthen The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish far beyond the weekly offertory, creating an enduring legacy that sustains our parish's mission for generations to come. It's never too soon to start a conversation.

Contact Julie Barber, Development Officer at The Catholic Foundation, at 614-443-8893, ext. 1190, or [jbarber@catholic-foundation.org](mailto:jbarber@catholic-foundation.org) to learn more about the resources available to help you start planning today!

# AROUND THE DIOCESE

## CATHOLIC SCHOOLHOUSE

Catholic Schoolhouse is a local homeschool program that is currently registering students for the 2026-2027 school year. Catholic Schoolhouse is a structured program for homeschoolers through high school that includes classroom instruction, science experiments, art projects, and opportunities for socializing after class. More than an academic co-op, we have a focus on community and growing in virtue. The Catholic Schoolhouse meets weekly at The Basilica of St. Mary of the Assumption Emerald Campus. For more information, please contact us at [lancasteroh@catholicschoolhouse.com](mailto:lancasteroh@catholicschoolhouse.com).



### THE CATHOLIC TIMES – DIGITAL ONLY

For more than a decade, there has been ongoing discussion regarding the sustainability of *The Catholic Times* newspaper. The cost of producing *The Catholic Times* has risen significantly, while having a limited reach. The digital sphere has antiquated waiting for news to arrive at your doorstep, as information is

available at our fingertips 24/7. The time is right to refocus diocesan monies, resources, and staff to a more dynamic, cost-effective, and far-reaching platform. *The Catholic Times* has now moved to a solely digital platform. We are proud of the publication, the contributors, and the hard work of our staff. Now, we can amplify the good news of the 23 counties of our diocese to an even greater degree. Scan the QR code to read more about this exciting change in *The Catholic Times*.



**Bid O'Luck**  
NIGHT  
at the RACES  
April 25, 2026

## YOU ARE INVITED!

### Fisher Catholic Bid O' Luck Dinner Auction

## Saturday, April 25, 2026

Join us for our annual dinner auction! Bid on a wonderful assortment of items in the Silent, Super Silent and Grand Auctions.

**Registration opens soon!**

We are currently accepting NEW item donations for the auctions and have Corporate Sponsorship levels available.

Would you rather our committee choose an item to be auctioned off? We will gladly accept CASH donations to purchase items. Goods and services are wanted for the Silent and Grand Auctions.

Raffle tickets are available to win the \$10,000 Pot-of-Gold prizes (one \$7,500 and five \$500 payouts).

Contact Erin Ellis at 740-654-1231 or [eellis@cdeeducation.org](mailto:eellis@cdeeducation.org).





### 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!

# EDUCATION JOB FAIR



**April 11, 2026**  
10 a.m. - Noon



**Newman Center @ OSU**  
64 W. Lane Ave., Columbus

Join us to discover a fulfilling career  
in Catholic education!



On-site interviews available!

### CATHOLIC SCHOOLS' EDUCATION JOB FAIR

Discover a fulfilling career in Catholic education at the Office of Catholic Schools' 2026 Education Job Fair! Whether you're a recent graduate, a seasoned educator, or seeking a career change, we invite you to learn more about the many opportunities available in Our Catholic Schools across the diocese.

**Saturday, April 11, 2026, from 10:00 a.m. to noon**

**St. Thomas More Newman Center at Ohio State University**

Visit our website at [education.columbuscatholic.org/careers](http://education.columbuscatholic.org/careers) to learn more about positions available for the 2026-2027 school year!

### ST. CHARLES OFFERING SUMMER PROGRAMS, CAMPS, AND CLASSES

This June and July, St. Charles will host 35 exciting camps and classes for students of all ages and interests. Options include co-ed camps in Track & Field, Robotics, Volleyball, and Ice Hockey! Students can also participate in Camp Cardinal, a fun-filled day camp exploring the best of St. Charles, along with Baseball, Basketball, Borromeo Project, Engineering, Football, Lacrosse, Quiz Bowl, Soccer, Speed Camp, Ultimate Frisbee, and Wrestling camps. For incoming freshmen, St. Charles also offers readiness courses in Latin, Algebra, English Preparation, and Study Skills.

To register or learn more, visit [www.scprep.org](http://www.scprep.org) and select "Summer Programs" under the "Admissions" section. For questions, contact Ryan Aiello at 380-209-2248 or [raiello@scprep.org](mailto:raiello@scprep.org).



### PDHC NEEDS – URGENT

We have several HIGH needs at the Lancaster Center, especially for items listed below. The link and the QR code can be used to purchase needed items. From the Amazon list, you can choose an option to have the items shipped at no cost directly to the Lancaster Center or use the list as a guide to purchase items elsewhere: [https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/2Z7BD917Z2JSG?ref\\_=wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/2Z7BD917Z2JSG?ref_=wl_share). If not purchasing from Amazon, here are HIGH NEED items: Size 4 diapers, wipes, 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

**MONTHLY OFFERTORY/EXPENSES REPORT**

Offertory for February for IHBVM Parish	\$ 51,509.65
Expenses for February for IHBVM Parish	\$ 45,613.20
<b>MASS ATTENDANCE</b>	
Total for the Month of February for IHBVM Parish	3,351

**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 support our students!

**SALT AND LIGHT 5K**

The Salt & Light Campus Ministry at Ohio Dominican University is hosting its 3rd Annual Salt & Light 5K on April 18th at 10:00 a.m. This event supports Salt & Light's mission to foster faith, service, and community among students through service projects, worship nights, and retreats, while also benefiting Asia's Hope, a nonprofit dedicated to providing care and education for at-risk children in Southeast Asia. We invite the ODU and the greater Catholic community to join us in supporting students and a meaningful global cause.

**COURAGE APOSTOLATE**

Are you experiencing same-sex attractions 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 [couragec.org](http://couragec.org) or contact [couragecolumbus@columbuscatholic.org](mailto:couragecolumbus@columbuscatholic.org).

**ENCOURAGE**

Where 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 attractions. 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 [couragec.org/encourage](http://couragec.org/encourage) or contact [encourage@columbuscatholic.org](mailto: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](mailto:ctc@columbuscatholic.org).

**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 [alysa.angle@oppeace.org](mailto:alysa.angle@oppeace.org) for more information.


**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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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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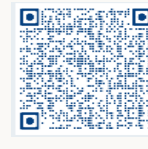


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