

# THE IMMACULATE HEART OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY PARISH

June 28, 2026 • Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



## PARISH STAFF

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## OFFICE HOURS

Monday: Closed  
Tuesday-Friday: 9:00 am-4:30 pm  
Sunday: 9:00 am-12:45 pm

## MASS SCHEDULE

<i>Weekend Mass</i>		<i>Weekday Mass</i>	
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, June 28, 2026 – 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
 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 Soul of Lee Strait by Steve & Cathy Mustard

**Monday, June 29, 2026**  
 8:30 a.m. Repose of the Soul of Father Stephen Trzeciecki by Susan McAndrews

**Tuesday, June 30, 2026**  
 6:00 p.m. Repose of the Soul of Cain & Julia O'Connor and Jim & Peig Shackelford by the Shackelford Family

**Wednesday, July 1, 2026**  
 Noon Repose of the Soul of Jen Richards by Tom Richards

**Thursday, July 2, 2026**  
 8:30 a.m. Repose of the Soul of David Richter by Dave & Marcie Kossler

**Friday, July 3, 2026**  
 8:30 a.m. Repose of the Soul of Mike Newton by the Messmer-Frame Family

**Saturday, July 4, 2026**  
 4:00 p.m. Repose of the Soul of Butch Bauer by Lissie Scherer

**Sunday, July 5, 2026 – 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
 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 Soul of Rob Hartman by Elaine Hartman

**COLLECT**

[Children of Light]

*O God, who through the grace of adoption chose us to be children of light, grant, we pray, that we may not be wrapped in the darkness of error but always be seen to stand in the bright light of truth. 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.

**MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA – EVERY MONDAY**

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

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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 June 28, 2026	MASS & PARISH EVENT TIMES
<b>Sunday, June 28</b> <i>13th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	<b>8:30 a.m.</b> – Mass <b>11:00 a.m.</b> – Mass <i>Mission Appeal Weekend</i>
<b>Monday, June 29</b>	<b>8:30 a.m.</b> – Mass <b>9:00 a.m.</b> – Miraculous Medal Novena <i>Parish Office Closed</i>
<b>Tuesday, June 30</b>	<b>10:00 a.m.</b> – Grief Share Support Group <b>6:00 p.m.</b> – Mass
<b>Wednesday, July 1</b>	<b>10:30 a.m.</b> – Women's Ministry – Going Deeper <b>12:00 p.m.</b> – Mass <b>6:00 p.m.</b> – Holy Hour & Confessions <b>7:00 p.m.</b> – Grief Share Support Group
<b>Thursday, July 2</b>	<b>8:30 a.m.</b> – Mass <b>11:00 a.m.</b> – Women's Ministry
<b>Friday, July 3</b>	<b>8:30 a.m.</b> – Mass
<b>Saturday, July 4</b>	<b>3:00 p.m.</b> – Confessions <b>4:00 p.m.</b> – Mass
<b>Sunday, July 5</b> <i>14th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	<b>8:30 a.m.</b> – Mass <b>11:00 a.m.</b> – 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 in the church lot. Thank you.**

**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.

**NO 24-HOUR ADORATION FOR JULY 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**

**ATTENTION, FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN – FAMILY FAITH FORMATION FOR STUDENTS IN GRADES 1-8**

If you are new to Family Faith Formation at Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish, welcome!

Rather than following a traditional weekly PSR model for religious education, we view faith formation as a journey the entire family takes together. In support of parents as primary educators in the faith, our parish is pleased to offer Pathways, a Family Faith Formation program. This program is used for sacramental preparation and ongoing faith formation. During these sessions, families come together for prayer, learning, and hands-on activities that help both parents and children grow in their understanding of the Catholic faith and deepen their relationship with God and one another. It is designed to assist families in nurturing and passing on the Catholic tradition while giving busy families a program designed with flexibility.

All families with children in Grades 1–8 are invited and strongly encouraged to participate in this enriching family faith formation program. Registration for the program starts with a required visit with Father O’Connor and Andrea. Information regarding this required visit along with upcoming registration information will be posted in the bulletin and on Flocknote.

**Be sure to subscribe to the Pathways group through our parish Flocknote.** This is a valuable way to stay informed about important announcements, upcoming events, and resources for your family throughout the year.

For more information about our program, please contact Andrea at amaier@ihbvm.org or 614-920-1563.

**“CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF OBUASI, GHANA, IS CALLING!”**

Once again, as part of the Missionary Cooperation Plan of the Diocese of Columbus, a diocese in need, the Catholic Diocese of Obuasi, Ghana, West Africa will be our guest on this weekend of June 27/28, 2026. The Diocese of Obuasi was created 30 years ago; it is about twice the size of Rhode Island. It’s a rural diocese with lots of challenges: the formation of the lay leaders; supporting youth programs; training seminarians, building schools, and medical clinics. Most serious of our challenges – potable water sources for our people. It is a serious need!

On June 27/28, 2026, our missionary, Fr. Lawrence Tabi, who is doing a long-term missionary work here in Columbus Diocese, will be speaking in all the weekend Masses about his Diocese, Obuasi. Please, let us welcome him and respond generously to his appeal for his Diocese back in Ghana. Together with you, we can bring hope to the hopeless. May God richly bless you all!

**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. **The 13-week session of grief share 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.

**YOUTH MINISTRY**

Our Youth Ministry gatherings will break for the summer months. We are grateful to all the teens, families, and volunteers who made this past year so meaningful! We look forward to resuming Youth Ministry in the fall with new opportunities to grow in faith, friendship, and community. More details will be shared as the new year approaches. Wishing everyone a safe, joyful, and blessed summer!

**ST. ISIDORE’S GARDENING GUILD**

Our next monthly meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 11 at 6:30 p.m. (following daily Mass), in the lower level. We will not be meeting in the month of July.

Our spring and summer gardens are doing well, and we have already begun harvesting and delivering to the Greater Groveport Food Pantry. The first crop to mature is broccoli, with cabbage shortly after. We expect to begin harvesting other items in mid to late July.

For those unable to attend meetings, summary notes will be provided via Flocknote. Newcomers to the Gardening Guild (both individuals and families) are always welcome. We are especially in need of individuals/families willing to water and weed, even a day or two a month. Please sign up for the St. Isidore’s Gardening Guild group on Flocknote to receive email notifications regarding our activities. Monthly meetings are normally held on the 2nd Tuesday of each month.

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

You are invited to join fellow parishioners in a study of Catholic literature. New members welcome! Due to summer vacation, the Second Breakfast Book Club will not meet in June or July. We will meet again on **Saturday, August 1, at 10:00 a.m.**, when we will discuss “The Extraordinary Life of Sam Hell,” by Robert Dugoni. We hope you can join us! Please sign up on The Second Breakfast Book Club Flocknote to receive regular updates.

**AMERICAN RED CROSS – IHBVM PARISH BLOOD DRIVE – SATURDAY, JULY 11**

**Help Save Lives – Your Blood Donation Matters** – The need for blood is constant and more urgent now than ever! Our next Blood Drive here (managed by our Knights of Columbus Council #16561) is Saturday, July 11th from 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. To make an appointment, visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) and search for Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary Canal Winchester or call Troy Kahrig at 614-506-6842.

**THE SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL  
SERVING CHRIST IN OUR NEIGHBORS**

The St. Vincent de Paul Society of Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary is here to help our neighbors in need. We assist anyone who lives within our parish boundaries who is struggling – regardless of their faith, background, or the nature of their need. As our founders have always reminded us, “no work of charity is foreign to the Society.”

Through home visits and personal accompaniment, our members bring both concrete aid – food, financial assistance, and other essential support – and the comfort of the Gospel to those who are suffering. Every visit is rooted in friendship, respect, and the love of Christ.

**Support This Ministry**

Your generosity makes this work possible. Consider setting up electronic monthly giving to the St. Vincent de Paul Society through our Parish Office or website – a simple way to provide steady, reliable support to our neighbors throughout the year.

*“Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind regain their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have the good news proclaimed to them.”*

**Matthew 11:4-5**

**The Appeal**  
*Rooted in Christ, Growing in Mission*  
**2026**

*“A good tree bears good fruit.” (Mt 7:17)*

Your gift supports vocations, education, evangelization, and care for those in need across our Diocese.

Learn more. Make a gift.

**THE APPEAL 2026 – ROOTED IN CHRIST, GROWING IN MISSION**

The 2026 Appeal is making a profound impact across the Diocese of Columbus, strengthening faith, serving those in need, and building up the Church for future generations. With a diocesan goal of **\$8,250,000.00**, every dollar raised goes directly to support critical ministries, programs, and services that bring Christ’s love to life in our communities.

Here’s how your generosity makes a difference:

- **Evangelization:** Supports outreach and formation on college campuses, marriage preparation, hospital chaplaincy, ethnic ministries, and spiritual renewal across the Diocese.
- **Vocations:** Helps educate and form seminarians, deacons, and future priests who will shepherd our parishes and bring the sacraments to the faithful.
- **Catholic Education & Formation:** Ensures that our schools and religious formation programs provide the best foundation in faith and academics.
- **Social Outreach:** Places our Faith in Action through ministries led and expanded by Catholic Social Services, including J.O.I.N. and the St. Francis Evangelization Center, as well as diocesan ministries such as Respect Life initiatives, prison outreach, and service-centered retreats that foster justice, strengthen spiritual growth and inspires compassionate service to others.

At IHBVM our parish goal is **\$92,817.66** and the amount pledged as of June 17 is **\$58,601.72** thanks to the generosity of many. But we still need your help to reach our goal – and to do our part in supporting the wider mission of our Church. If you haven’t yet made a gift, please consider doing so today. Pledge envelopes are available in the Narthex or you can give securely online at [columbuscatholicgiving.org](http://columbuscatholicgiving.org). **No gift is too small. Every gift matters.**

Your faithful dedication to this effort reflects your commitment to our diocesan family. Together, as one Church, we can accomplish something extraordinary. Thank you for your support and generosity.

Please continue to pray for the success of The Appeal and for all those who benefit from its mission. If you have questions or would like assistance with making a gift or pledge, contact Heather in the Parish Office at 614-920-1563 or come in-person, or email [office@ihbvm.org](mailto:office@ihbvm.org).

**SUNFLOWER MINISTRY**

**GET A STORK**

**BE A STORK**



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).*

SUNFLOWER MINISTRIES PRESENTS:

**Faith & Fertility: A Catholic  
Conversation on IVF and  
Modern Medicine**

**JULY 19TH, 2026**

**2:00PM - 4:00PM**



RSVP HERE

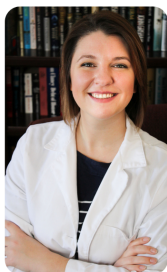


**IMMACULATE HEART OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY,  
CANAL WINCHESTER - PARISH LOWER LEVEL**

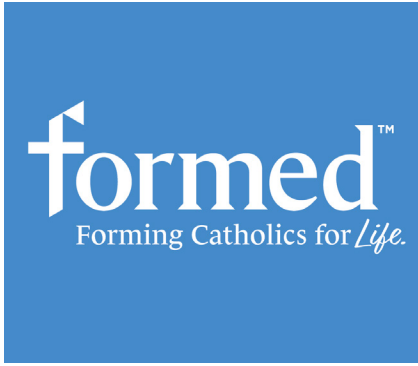
Join us for an afternoon dedicated to understanding God’s design for life, marriage, and fertility. We will delve into the moral and ethical questions surrounding IVF and surrogacy, and contrast these methods with restorative, pro-life medical alternatives. Come hear from Ohio-based Family Nurse Practitioner, Hannah McKee, as she shares her professional expertise and personal testimony of overcoming infertility through evidence-based, cooperative health science. A Q&A session will follow. *\*Please note that this event will cover the topic of IVF and the associated loss of life. Parents are encouraged to use discretion if bringing their children.*

**Guest Speaker: Hannah McKee**

**HANNAH’S BACKGROUND & BIO**



**Hannah McKee, MSN, APRN, FNP-BC, NFPMC**, is a Board-Certified Family Nurse Practitioner and the founder of a fertility care center, where she specializes in the Creighton Model FertilityCare System and NaProTechnology. Driven by her own personal experience overcoming unexplained infertility through these methods, she is dedicated to providing women with cooperative, evidence-based reproductive healthcare. Alongside her fertility practice, Hannah brings extensive medical expertise to her role as a Cardiac Nurse Practitioner at Avita Heart. She holds a Master of Science in Nursing from Otterbein University and is passionate about empowering women and families in her community.



# This Week on Formed

## Week of June 28, 2026

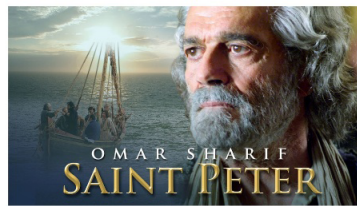
### OUR GIFT TO YOU - FREE ACCESS TO FORMED.ORG

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.



### Pier Giorgio Frassati: If I Didn't Have Love

This is a classic Italian film that celebrates the life of Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati (1901–1925), re-released in honor of his 2025 canonization. Frassati was a joyful, athletic young man from a wealthy Italian family who gave his life in service to the poor, the sick, and the marginalized as a powerful witness of Christian charity. An avid mountain climber and leader in Catholic youth and social action, he died of polio at 24, leaving a lasting legacy of faith and joy.



### Saint Peter

Watch the epic story of the spread of Christianity during the early years of the Church. This film follows the journey of St. Peter through his martyrdom on a cross.



### Paul the Apostle | The Bible Collection

The church's greatest enemy became Christ's most prolific messenger. Beautifully shot in the Moroccan desert, Paul the Apostle is a sweeping saga of the man who brought the Gospel to the Western world.

### WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Using *The Heart of Prayer* video study on Formed, we are exploring the meaning of prayer and its place in our daily spiritual lives. Drawing from Scripture and the wisdom of the saints, Bishop Cozzens offers practical, relatable guidance to help us recognize and respond to God's voice as He calls to us in prayer.

Our 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:** We are currently reading *The Practice of the Presence of God*, by Brother Lawrence. If you desire to grow in a deeper relationship with the Lord alongside other women seeking the same, we invite you to join us as we meet twice a month 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 contact Andrea at amaier@ihbvm.org or 614-920-1563.

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

OCIA 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.



Ask me about YOUR Catholic RETIREMENT

### PREPARE FOR RETIREMENT LIVING - FINANCIALLY AND FAITHFULLY

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 to learn more about the resources available to help you start planning today.

**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.

**AROUND THE DIOCESE**

**PEOPLE OF HOPE: STORYTELLING MUSEUM**

Catholic Social Services (CSS) of Columbus is joining Catholic Charities agencies across the United States to host People of Hope: Faith-Filled Stories of Neighbors Helping Neighbors, a nationwide storytelling museum designed to amplify the profound impact of Christian service. Sunday, July 12-Monday, July 13, 2026. The museum will be located on the street of N. 5th and E. Broad (next to St. Joseph Cathedral) and is free and open to the public 10:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. both days.

**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](http://emmausroadscholarship.org) and select the Catholic school of your choice. Thank you for helping strengthen Catholic education and support our students!

*Springs of Love*  
**FAMILY MASS & PICNIC**  
5-8PM  
**SATURDAY JULY 25**

Scan to register or visit [springsoflove.org/events](http://springsoflove.org/events)

*Celebrating foster, adoptive, and kinship families, families exploring foster care or adoption, and all who want to support them.*

Join us for the 5pm Vigil Mass at St. Matthew the Apostle, followed by games, a picnic, and more!

**SPRINGS OF LOVE FAMILY MASS & PICNIC CELEBRATING FOSTER, ADOPTIVE, AND KINSHIP FAMILIES**

Join us Saturday, July 25, at St. Matthew's for a joyful evening celebrating foster, adoptive, and kinship families. The evening will begin with the 5:00 p.m. Vigil Mass, followed by a picnic dinner, family-friendly activities, and a preview of *Building Belonging*, Springs of Love's Catholic small-group program. Families considering foster care or adoption and all who want to support these families are warmly invited. Register at [springsoflove.org/events](http://springsoflove.org/events) before July 17.

**TOGETHER IN HOLINESS™**  
CONFERENCE SERIES

**A CATHOLIC MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT CONFERENCE**  
SEPTEMBER 19, 2026 | 8:30 AM - 4:00 PM  
ST. CATHARINE CATHOLIC CHURCH | COLUMBUS, OH

PRESENTED BY SJ JOHN PAUL II FOUNDATION and DIOCESE OF COLUMBUS

**TOGETHER IN HOLINESS MARRIAGE CONFERENCE**  
Married and engaged couples are invited to the second annual Together in Holiness marriage conference on September 19, 2026, from 8:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m. at St. Catharine Catholic Church in Columbus. This one-day conference will help you strengthen your relationship with your spouse and discover God's plan for your family. Registration is \$64.00 per couple and \$5.00 per child for on-site childcare. An Early Bird discount is available through August 3, as well as scholarships upon request. This conference is presented by St. John Paul II Foundation and the Diocese of Columbus. For more information or to register, go to <https://forlifeandfamily.org/events/th26-cmoh/>.  
**September 19, 2026 | Columbus, OH | Together in Holiness - St. John Paul II Foundation**

**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

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



**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*.

**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**

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 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).

**MONTHLY OFFERTORY/EXPENSES REPORT**

Offertory for May for IHBVM Parish	\$ 58,135.17
Expenses for May for IHBVM Parish	\$ 97,580.11

**MASS ATTENDANCE**

Total for the Month of May for IHBVM Parish	3,613
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**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>.



**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!

*Keep in touch with us!*

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**JOIN OUR FLOCK - NEW GROUPS HAVE BEEN ADDED**

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 the QR code to sign up right now! If you would like additional information, please email [office@ihbvm.org](mailto: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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