

THE IMMACULATE HEART OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY PARISH

July 26, 2026 • Seventeenth 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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Canal Winchester, Ohio 43110

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MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, July 26, 2026 – 17th 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 Souls of the Deceased Members of the Knights of Columbus Council #16561 by the Knights of Columbus Council #16561

Monday, July 27, 2026

8:30 a.m. Repose of the Soul of Tom Paulus by Greg & Michele Michaels

Tuesday, July 28, 2026

6:00 p.m. Repose of the Soul of Terry Moore by Albert Roehrenbeck

Wednesday, July 29, 2026

Noon Intentions of Cathy Mustard

Thursday, July 30, 2026

8:30 a.m. Repose of the Soul of Ron Muetzel by The Muetzel Family

Friday, July 31, 2026

8:30 a.m. Repose of the Soul of Carole Marshall by Tom Richards

Saturday, August 1, 2026

4:00 p.m. Repose of the Soul of Gail Richards by Tom Richards

Sunday, August 2, 2026 – 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

11:00 a.m. Intentions of the People of The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish

COLLECT

[Enduring Things]

O God, protector of those who hope in You, without whom nothing has firm foundation, nothing is holy, bestow in abundance Your mercy upon us and grant that, with You as our ruler and guide, we may use the good things that pass in such a way as to hold fast even now to those that ever endure. 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 in 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:

Cecilia Louise Cain
Leia Samiyah Jean Mary
Nathan Jean Mary

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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Phone: 614-920-1563 | Email: office@ihbvm.org

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 JULY 26, 2026	MASS & PARISH EVENT TIMES
Sunday, July 26 <i>17th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	8:30 a.m. – Mass 11:00 a.m. – Mass
Monday, July 27	8:30 a.m. – Mass 9:00 a.m. – Miraculous Medal Novena <i>Parish Office Closed</i>
Tuesday, July 28	10:00 a.m. – GriefShare Support Group 6:00 p.m. – Mass
Wednesday, July 29	12:00 p.m. – Mass 6:00 p.m. – Holy Hour & Confessions 7:00 p.m. – GriefShare Support Group
Thursday, July 30	8:30 a.m. – Mass 11:00 a.m. – Women's Ministry
Friday, July 31	8:30 a.m. – Mass
Saturday, August 1	3:00 p.m. – Confessions 4:00 p.m. – Mass
Sunday, August 2 <i>18th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	8:30 a.m. – Mass 9:45 a.m. – St. Vincent de Paul Society Meeting 11:00 a.m. – Mass



SUPPORT OUR PARISH THROUGH ONLINE GIVING

Giving to our parish is easier than ever with our secure Online Giving process. Parishioners can make a **one-time gift** or set up **recurring donations** to support the parish on a schedule that works best for them. Recurring giving is a convenient way to maintain your stewardship commitment, even when traveling or unable to attend Mass. As we have in the past, you may

use your debit or credit card, and we now also have the ability to use your checking account through **ACH withdrawal**.

To get started, visit our parish website ihbvm.org and click on the **Giving** link at the top of the page. For your convenience, you may scan the QR code to be taken to the page as well.

Thank you for your continued generosity and support of our parish mission!
"But who am I, and who are my people, that we should have the means to contribute so freely? For everything is from you, and what we give is what we have from you." 1 Chronicles 29:14

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 for one hour at IHBVM Parish every Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. 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

GARDENING TEAM UPDATES: 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.

Our spring and summer gardens are doing well, and we have already begun harvesting and delivering to the Greater Grovetown 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.

PLATINUM CLUB NEWS:

The Platinum Club will hold its Annual Picnic on Wednesday, August 19, 5:00 p.m., at the Slate Run Metro Park, Shady Grove area. The club will provide brats, hot dogs and buns, along with condiments and table service. Please bring your drinks and a side dish or dessert to share. If you plan to join us, please contact Anita Hippler at 614-580-9945 by August 12.

ATTENTION FAMILIES WITH SCHOOL-AGE 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.

**FAMILY FAITH FORMATION – GRADES 1-8**

As they do each year, Father O'Connor and Andrea invite all families to schedule their **required** family visit to register for the upcoming faith formation sessions that start in September. This visit is the first step in registering for the 2026–2027 Family Faith Formation program. Registration information will be provided at the end of your visit. These visits are brief – no more than 30 minutes – and focus on your family's faith journey, experiences with faith formation, and how we can best support and pray for you. Our goal is to accompany your family in faith, and we believe that begins by personally connecting with each of you. While at least one parent must attend, if possible, we warmly encourage your whole family to join us for this meaningful visit together. To schedule a time for your family's visit, please call Heather at the Parish Office at **614-920-1563**. Please make sure to schedule this visit soon, so you can register for the upcoming fall sessions.

We are looking forward to meeting with you and your family soon!

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

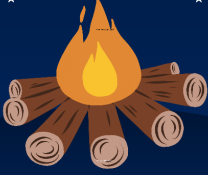
Sisters in Christ: Join us as we explore *Lectio: Eucharist with Dr. Brant Pitre*, a rich and engaging study of the Eucharist. Together, we will discover how Christ's Body and Blood are central to God's plan of salvation by examining the biblical foundations of the Eucharist through Sacred Scripture and the teachings of the Church.

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.

Youth Ministry
BONFIRE
Night



SAT AUGUST 1ST
6:30 - 9:00 PM

The Immaculate
Heart of the Blessed
Virgin Mary

Join us for some fun!

Youth Ministry will be having a
Bonfire on
Saturday August 1, 2026,
from 6:30 to 9:00 PM.
Please sign up
using the QR code.



We hope to see you there!

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!

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.

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 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.** with 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.

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL IMMACULATE HEART CONFERENCE

Special Collection – Weekend of August 8th and 9th

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul, Immaculate Heart Conference, will hold a special collection after all Masses the weekend of August 8th and 9th. Your generosity directly supports our neighbors facing hunger, eviction, utility shutoffs, and other hardships right here in our community. Every gift, no matter the size, helps us respond to a family in crisis with dignity and compassion – often the very same day they reach out.

Give Electronically

Prefer to give online? Visit our parish's electronic giving portal and select "St. Vincent de Paul" from the fund list to make a one-time or recurring gift.

Please prayerfully consider what you can give to support this vital ministry. Thank you for your continued kindness to those in need.

For questions about the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, contact Mack Blankenship at 614-381-0254 or mack.blankenship95@gmail.com.

THE ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION (OCIA)

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. OCIA 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.



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

Thank You for Supporting the 2026 Appeal – Thank you to everyone who has supported The 2026 Appeal. The Appeal is our parish family's opportunity to reach beyond our own community and help our brothers and sisters throughout the Diocese of Columbus. Your gift supports the ministries, programs, and services that strengthen our Catholic faith and assist those in need across the Diocese. It also supports our pastor, **Fr. O'Connor**, and Bishop Earl Fernandes as they lead and serve the people of the Diocese of Columbus. As Bishop Fernandes has shared: *"The Appeal is absolutely vital to the continued growth of the Diocese of Columbus. Rooted in the faith that was planted here by early settlers, our Church continues to grow in mission! 'Every good tree bears good fruit.' Christ, the Sower, has planted good seed on fertile soil, and the Diocese of Columbus is rapidly growing in its mission."*

Thanks to your generosity, we have raised \$ **58,951.72** toward our parish goal of \$ **92,817.66**. **This is about 64% of our goal with only 10% of the parish having pledged so far.** While we have made great progress, **we still need everyone's participation to reach this important goal.**

Every dollar donated beyond our parish goal will be returned directly to **IHBVM** to support our growing parish. This is a wonderful opportunity to support both the Diocese and our local parish community with one gift.

If you have not yet made a gift, please prayerfully consider doing so. Donations can be made using the pledge cards available in the narthex or by making a secure online gift at columbuscatholicgiving.org. No gift is too small, and every gift makes a difference. Together, we can reach our goal and continue the important work of sharing Christ's love throughout our Diocese and parish. Thank you for your generosity and support!

GET A STORK**BE A STORK****SUNFLOWER MINISTRY**

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.

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.



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.

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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.

AROUND THE DIOCESE**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.

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

**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!

A 4-Day Pilgrimage to St. Louis, Missouri

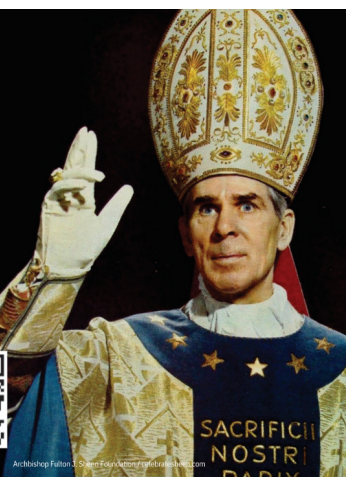
THE BEATIFICATION OF FULTON J. SHEEN

Led by Fr. Jonathan Wilson

September 22-25, 2026

ST. CHARLES
Catholic Pilgrimages

Register at:
stcharlespilgrimages.com/sheen

**PILGRIMAGE FOR THE BEATIFICATION OF FULTON SHEEN**

Join Father Jonathan Wilson for a pilgrimage to St. Louis from September 22–25 for the Beatification of Fulton J. Sheen. This four-day journey includes daily Mass, visits to sacred sites, and participation in the historic Beatification Mass at The Dome at America's Center. Go to <https://stcharlespilgrimages.com/sheen> for all the details and to register or use the QR code on the graphic. Spots are limited.

MOMMIES MATTER FUNDRAISER

You're invited to a **Tipsy Tea Party!** Mommies Matter is excited to introduce a **first-of-its-kind** fundraising event – Our inaugural Tipsy Tea, taking place on **Tuesday, August 4, 2026**, at Asterisk Supper Club in Uptown Westerville, Ohio from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.

Join us as we raise funds to support the ever-growing housing needs for single, pregnant mothers in Central Ohio. With your support, we can provide funding that helps offset rental costs and secure stable housing for the moms we serve. For more information, visit <https://mommiesmatter.org/tipsy-tea-party>. Mommies Matter is a charitable organization that provides group and one-on-one mentoring support, as well as housing, educational, employment and financial assistance to brave, single, pregnant moms.

Together, our Mommies find the encouragement and support they need to thrive as they realize they are not alone.

**CRADLING CHRISTIANITY BANQUET**

Cradling Christianity is a Columbus-based group that supports the Christian presence in the Holy Land. Its signature event is the annual banquet which raises funds for the education of Christian students, so that they will be encouraged to remain in The Holy Land. If nothing is done to stem the alarming exodus of our Christians from the Holy Land, then within 50 years, Christianity will

disappear from the very land where Christ founded the Church.

On Thursday, September 17, 2026, at Our Lady of Victory Church, Bishop A. Elias Zaidan, Chairperson of the USCCB Committee on Internal Justice and Peace, will be the keynote speaker. An optional Mass is being offered at 5:00 p.m. An elegant reception of beverages, hors d'oeuvres, fine dinner, and program will follow. RSVP via the QR code or call Dee at 614-271-0213.



A CATHOLIC MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT CONFERENCE

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

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**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 8:30-4:00 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



2026 BREAKFAST WITH THE BISHOP
SAVE THE DATE

Friday, September 11th, 2026
 The Renaissance Hotel Grand Ball Room

Featuring Key Note Speakers:

Fr. Leo Patalinghug and Bishop Fernandes



PLATING GRACE



Enjoy an exclusive evening of cooking, conversation, and dining with Fr. Leo Patalinghug on Thursday, September 10 available with select sponsorship levels.

Contact: jnaporano@colscss.org

SAVE THE DATE: BREAKFAST WITH THE BISHOP

Being graciously hosted by Catholic Social Services, enjoy an exclusive evening of cooking, conversation, and dining with Fr. Leo Patalinghug and Bishop Fernandes on Friday, September 11, 2026. Breakfast with the Bishop will be held at The Renaissance Hotel Grand Ballroom.

For questions, contact Julie Naporano at jnaporano@colscss.org.

PONTIFICAL COLLEGE JOSEPHINUM

Get your walking (or running) shoes ready! **The Josephinum 5K Run/Walk is set for Saturday, October 3, 2026.** The Friends of the Josephinum 5K/Walk is back for its eighth year and features a one-loop course that will take participants on a tour of the Pontifical College Josephinum campus and the surrounding neighborhood. The 2026 event will again offer a virtual option for supporters from around the nation.

Go to <https://m3ssports.com/events/josephinum-5k/> to register. Register three or more participants at the same time and get \$15.00 off (discount is automatically applied upon checking out if three or more registrations are in the cart).

Event parking will be at Crosswoods Center I and II office park at 100-150 E. Crosswoods Boulevard. Participants will receive a unisex event shirt, an official Finisher's Medal, FREE race photos, a bottle of wine (21 and over) or a Trappist Monastery Jam (under 21), fresh breakfast burritos and White Castle sliders.

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 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 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 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.

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!

**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*.

MONTHLY OFFERTORY/EXPENSES REPORT

Offertory for June for IHBVM Parish	\$46,581.01
Expenses for June for IHBVM Parish	\$45,662.81

MASS ATTENDANCE

Total for the Month of June for IHBVM Parish	2,627
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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 614-444-7330, ext. 4, or email alyssa.angle@opeace.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 on 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.votervoice.net/OHCATHOLIC/Register>.

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. 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:



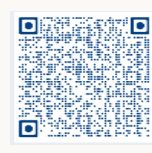
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