



“It was of him that the prophet Isaiah had spoken when he said: “A voice of one crying out in the desert, “Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths.”

Matthew 3:3

## *The Immaculate Conception Church of Darby*



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### **EUCCHARISTIC LITURGIES**

Saturday 4:00 pm @ IC  
Sunday 11:00 am @ IC  
Tuesday 9:00 am @ IC

### **Immaculate Conception Outreach**

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**ALL ARE WELCOME! A MEMBER OF BLESSED TERESA OF CALCUTTA DEANERY**

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Dear People of God,

Today marks the tragic anniversary of the bombing of Pearl Harbor and the entrance of the United States into World War II. The war had been raging since September of 1939 when Germany invaded Poland. Millions had already died, some in battle, far more in death camps. Recently Pope Leo was asked if war is ever justified and his answer was a firm "No." If we look at any recent war, be it WWI or WWII or those now going on, they tend to be initiated by someone who dreams of having more or who has a grudge and wants to get even. That can never be justified. Unfortunately, it often leads to the necessity for other nations to go to war to restore peace and justice. Let us pause from our preparations for the holiday to ask God to prevent humans from doing the same thing again!

Tomorrow is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, the national patroness of the United States. It's a Holy Day of obligation. I took English in high school so I know that an obligation is something we must do; there is no choice, so please take time to celebrate the solemnity by attending Mass and joining your brothers and sisters in asking the Blessed Virgin to watch over our nation. You might want to take the opportunity to visit some other parish for the Holy Day as a means of discovering the bigger picture of the Catholic Church in the United States; after all, we pray at Mass that we may all be one in the Spirit.

Speaking of national patrons, 2026 is the 250th anniversary of the United States. The Bishops at their recent gathering have elected to consecrate this nation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus as part of the celebration of the anniversary. The Sacred Heart is probably the best-known depiction of Jesus in Catholic tradition; many homes still display a portrait of Jesus with his heart aflame with love for his people. Who better to ask for blessings of peace, justice and welcome than the very heart of Jesus the Lord? We can look forward to some guidelines and materials from the USCCB and our diocese as we enter the prayerful aspect of celebrating the United States.

Happy 2nd week of Advent!



Fr Chris

### **The Celebration of Sacraments**

**Infant Baptism:** The Sacrament of Baptism is regularly celebrated during or after the Eucharistic Liturgy. Registered parishioners are asked to arrange for the Baptismal Preparation Class and the Liturgical Celebration by calling the Parish Office.

**Order of Christian Initiation of Adults:** OCIA is the process of growing in your faith and love of God. Weekly gatherings take place from September until Easter. If you are interested in learning about Catholicism and joining us please call the church @ 419-243-1829.

**Penance:** The Sacrament of Penance is celebrated at 3:30 p.m. on Saturday at IC, 9:30 a.m. at HSP and 10:30 a.m. at IC every Sunday or by appointment.

**Matrimony:** Anyone planning to be married must contact the parish at least six months in advance. The exact date and time of your wedding should not be determined until after consultation with a priest or deacon. If either party has previously been civilly or religiously married, the Presider is not permitted to set a date for the wedding without resolving the previous marriage.

**Pastoral Care of the Sick:** When a parishioner is admitted to the hospital, nursing home, or confined to home because of age or infirmity, please call the Parish Office. Parishioners are ready to visit and to bring Holy Communion. When one is seriously ill, the healing Presence of the Lord should be requested in the Sacrament of the Sick.

**Hello!**



Welcome to Immaculate Conception, where all are truly made a welcome part of our parish family, whether in Ministry, Service, or Leadership. Here, all are God's children, their dignity as God's own affirmed and celebrated. If you are interested in becoming a parishioner, please call the parish office at (419)243-1829. You can also find registration forms for new parishioners on the visitor's stand at the back of the church or online at [www.iccatdarby.org](http://www.iccatdarby.org). We hope to see you again soon!

**Immaculate Conception**

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**CALENDAR  
December 6-14, 2025**

**Sat.** 3:30 pm Immaculate Conception Confessions  
 4:00 pm Immaculate Conception Mass  
 Msgr. Chris  
**Intentions: Dick & Loretta Schrader**

**Sun.** 8:00 am Historic St. Patrick Mass  
 Fr. Kidd  
 9:30 am Historic St. Patrick Confessions  
 10:00 am Historic St. Patrick Mass  
 Fr. Kidd  
 10:30 am Immaculate Conception Confessions  
 11:00 am Immaculate Conception Mass  
 Msgr. Chris  
**Intention: Virginia Marquis**

**Mon.—Feast of The Immaculate Conception**  
 5:30 pm Historic St. Patrick—Fr. Rudi  
 6:00 pm Immaculate Conception—Msgr. Chris


**Tue.** 9:10 pm IC Weekday Mass—Msgr. Chris

**Wed.** 4:00 pm HSP—Adoration

**Sat.** 3:30 pm Immaculate Conception Confessions  
 4:00 pm Immaculate Conception Mass  
 Msgr. Chris  
**Intentions: The deceased members of the Joseph & Flora Wilson family**

**Sun.** 8:00 am Historic St. Patrick Mass  
 Msgr. Chris  
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 10:00 am Historic St. Patrick Mass  
 Msgr. Chris  
 10:30 am Immaculate Conception Confessions  
 11:00 am Immaculate Conception Mass  
 Fr. Rudi  
**Intention: Gregory Wojciechowski**

**Upcoming Events**

December 18	QoA Christmas program @ 6 PM	
December 24-January 3	Office closed	
January 1	New Years Day Mass @ 9 AM	

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We continue to update/add to our parish data base. Even if you think we have your correct information, please fill out the information below and put it in the offering basket or drop off at the office.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Birthday \_\_\_\_\_ Anniversary \_\_\_\_\_



**WELCOME TO IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH**  
**“THE DARBY”**



Happy Birthday!

12/6 Analicia Juarez

12/8 Mary Jo Robinson

12/13 Estella Rosales

Happy Anniversary!

- Pray For Those Serving Our Country
- Capt. Brian Wood, Army
  - Joshua Teneyck First Class Petty Officer E6
  - Major Jeremy A. Schiel, Army
  - LTC Ryan A Schiel, Army
  - SSG Acea Hindbaugh, Army
  - SN Trevor Smith, Navy
  - SGT Monique Losoya, Army
  - SPC Elijah Hindbaugh, Army
  - Vincent Caraccio, Army Reserves
  - 1SG Charles Hindbaugh, II
  - SSG Joseph Malagon
  - SGT Jasmine Hindbaugh
  - LCPL Carlos Negrin III, Marines
  - AO Alicia Negrin, Navy
  - PVT Damian Cutcher

**Together Let Us Pray**

James Laberde, Louis Laberde, Deacon Dave, Marie Irons, Pedro & Pauline Rodriguez, Maya Bautista, Amy Meagher, Linda Garcia, Chris C. Carter, Jenny O'Connor, Gabe, Sherrie, Allie, Torda, John Suleski, Beth Diddion, Terry Byersmith, Lonnie Baum, Roberta Soto, Connie Fonseca, Janessa Cervantes Carrington, Krista Cervantes, Mary Hauke, Jayleen Cervantes-Carrington, Cash Monpetiit, Billy Glanders, Donald J. Pierce, Jeremy & Jan Schiel, Mary E. Pierce, Emery J & Pauline Toth, Charles & Giare Pierce, James J. Toth, Edward & Caroline Pierce, Patricia Sue Pierce, Georgeann O'Connell, Dawn Dennis, Robert Mosqueda, Jailynn Price, Santana Calderon, Angelo Cervantes, Martin Calderon, Jayleen Cervantes Carrington

**STEWARDSHIP REPORT**  
**July 1, 2025- June 30, 2026**

	<u>LAST WEEK</u>	<u>YEAR TO DATE</u>
Goal	\$ 2,693.00 (x2)	\$ 59,246.00
Sat. Loose	\$ 907.00	\$ 10,766.00
Sat. Env.	\$ 1,030.00	\$ 13,676.00
Sun. Loose	\$ 531.00	\$ 7,723.50
Sun. Env.	\$ 1,017.00	\$ 19,152.00
Actual	\$ 3,485.00	\$ 51,317.50
Over/(Under)	\$ (1,901.00)	\$ (7,928.50)
Preservation	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 7,691.00
General Repair	\$ 21.00	\$ 788.00
Candles	\$ 41.00	\$ 286.00
Outreach	\$ 55.00	\$ 2,989.00
Thanksgiving	\$ 190.00	
Mass Count	Saturday:	Sunday:



**OUTREACH CENTER**

**Tuesdays 9:00 am - 11:30 pm**  
**\*For donation drop off only**

**Wednesdays 10:00 am - 1:00 pm**  
**\*Pantry**

	<u>LAST WEEK</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Families served:		1,065

**October Expenses: \$999.08**-Thank you for your donations to help keep us running!

**Donations needed:** unwrapped toys for boys or girls of all ages and gift cards from McDonald's, Taco Bell, Kroger, or Walmart



# IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH SCHEDULE & ANNOUNCEMENTS



## Minister/Lector Schedule

December 6-7, 2025 Second Sunday of Advent	
<b>1st Reading</b>	Isaiah 11:1-10
<b>2nd Reading</b>	Romans 15:4-9
<b>Gospel</b>	Matthew 3:1-12
<b>Lector</b>	Saturday: Mary Jo Pilcher Sunday: Guadalupe Zarate
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Saturday: Dan Streeter Georgeann O'Connell  Sunday: Tom Meagher Louann Meagher Back: Fred & Marty
Children's Liturgy will take place on the second Sunday of the month.	

December 13-14, 2025 Third Sunday of Advent	
<b>1st Reading</b>	Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10
<b>2nd Reading</b>	James 5:7-10
<b>Gospel</b>	Matthew 11:2-11
<b>Lector</b>	Saturday: Dan Streeter Sunday: Mike Young
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Saturday: John Madigan Mary Jo Robinson  Sunday: Annette Poulson Garris Martin
Children's Liturgy will take place this weekend!	

### Sanctuary Lamp



December 7	(Available)
December 14	(Available)
December 21	Fr. Paul Kwiatkowski

### Altar Flowers



December 7	(Available)
December 14	(Available)
December 21	(Available)



**Homecoming!!**  
This weekend... those who established good old Darby, and those of us who have worked at maintaining it, come together to celebrate. Come and join the celebration on Sunday!



Holy Day Mass on Monday Dec. 8th, at 6:00 PM. It is the feast of our parish Patroness and also our nation's patroness. Come join in prayer!

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To best update our Veteran Plaque information we kindly ask that you fill out the information below and put it in the offering basket or drop it off at the office. Please print clearly. Thank you!

Name (first & last): \_\_\_\_\_

Military Ranking: \_\_\_\_\_



Please help us welcome Amanda Steedman as our new Administrative Assistant!

Amanda will be going through some untraditional training so you may not see her in the office quite yet, but if you do please welcome her to our wonderful parish.

Nicole will still be answering messages and emails for now.

We thank all of you for your patience during this transition.



Kids Liturgy of the word will be next Sunday during our 11:00 Mass. Lets encourage our parents to bring their children to learn more about Jesus!



Join our Padre Pio Prayer Group at The Historic St. Patrick Church (PPPG-HP) each **SECOND SUNDAY** (12/14/2025) for 9:30 AM Rosary & Confession, 10 AM Mass, 11 AM Meeting (at St. Joseph's side altar pews), 130 Avondale Avenue, Toledo, OH 43604. Access: 'pppg.org'. Contact Magdalena Skiles (419.356.4208 or email: [magdalena@magdalenaskiles.com](mailto:magdalena@magdalenaskiles.com)). Who do you know that needs healing? With our International Padre Pio Prayer Groups exceeding 3,000 active groups, memberships exceed 300,000\*. We welcome your intentions in your time of need. Come and join us.



### Eucharistic Ministers & Lectors

The schedule for **January-March** is being worked on.

Please inform Nicole by **December 14th** if there are dates that you will not be available during those months or holiday Masses that you are wanting to be scheduled for. A sheet is in the Chapel for you to write it down. You may also call the office or send her an email.



If you are a lector and have not yet picked up the lector workbook, it is in the chapel. Please sign your name to the paper clipped on top.



Our Blue meditation books for Advent are in the front and back near the missalettes. Take one, and maybe even another for a friend.



Please keep your bulletins handy, as so many events are happening in this short time! Don't forget, the Advent blue books help us prepare for the celebration of the birth of Christ...the REAL reason for the season!



It's Christmas time already! How fast this year has gone. Thanks to everyone's generosity, the Outreach was able to hand out 35 Thanksgiving baskets, thank you!

I'm hoping we can help some of the neighborhood children that are in need this Christmas. We are asking for unwrapped toy donations for either boys or girls of all ages and gift cards between \$10-\$25. You may also pick a paper bulb off the tree and donate a gift that way.

Anything is very much appreciated! The gifts should range between \$10-\$25 dollars. However; any amount is appreciated. If you have any questions please feel free to call Natalie at (419) 481-0858.

Thank you, Natalie Fisher and all the outreach volunteers

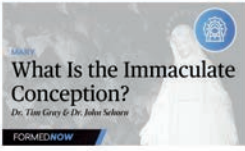


We thank you for your patience and understanding as we worked to fill Nicole's position. The office hours will still be altered for a little longer. For now the office will be open on Tuesdays from 8:30-1. Please call ahead and leave a message if you need to visit at a different time and we will do our best to accommodate you. Voicemails and emails ([nicole@iccatdarby.org](mailto:nicole@iccatdarby.org)) will continued to be checked and answered during this transition.

## HOLIDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

<b>November 29</b>	<b>Confessions @ IC</b>	<b>3:30 pm Before Mass</b>
<b>November 30</b>	<b>Confessions @ HSP</b>	<b>10:00 am During/After Mass</b>
<b>November 30</b>	<b>Confessions @ IC</b>	<b>11:00 am During/After Mass</b>
<b>December 20</b>	<b>Anointing @ IC</b>	<b>4:00 pm Mass</b>
<b>December 21</b>	<b>Anointing @ HSP</b>	<b>10:00 am Mass</b>
<b>December 21</b>	<b>Anointing @ IC</b>	<b>11:00 am Mass</b>
<b>December 24</b>	<b>Christmas Eve @ IC</b>	<b>4:00 pm Children's Mass</b>
<b>December 24</b>	<b>Christmas Eve @ HSP</b>	<b>6:00 pm Christmas Eve Mass</b>
<b>December 24</b>	<b>Christmas Eve @ HSP</b>	<b>11:30 pm Carols/Midnight Mass</b>
<b>December 24</b>	<b>Christmas Eve @ IC</b>	<b>12:00 am Midnight Mass</b>
<b>December 25</b>	<b>Christmas Day @ HSP</b>	<b>10:00 am Mass</b>
<b>December 31</b>	<b>New Year's Eve @ HSP</b>	<b>5:30 pm Vigil Mass</b>
<b>January 1</b>	<b>New Year's Day @ IC</b>	<b>9:00 am Mass</b>
<b>January 4</b>	<b>Epiphany @ HSP</b>	<b>8:00 am &amp; 10:00 am Mass</b>
<b>January 4</b>	<b>Epiphany @ IC</b>	<b>11:00 am Mass</b>

**This Week on Formed**  
Week of December 07, 2025



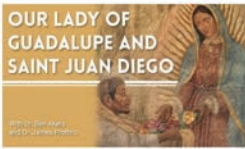
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**December 13th at 2:30pm**

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**December 14th at 4:00pm**

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