



“This is the one about whom it is written:  
‘Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you;  
he will prepare your way before you.’”

Matthew 11:10

## *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,

As we dive deeper into Advent, the period of watchful waiting for the arrival of the Messiah, consider the ordinary "advent" celebration all of us go through each week – at least I hope we do! What I'm thinking of is how we look forward to our regular participation in the arrival of Jesus the Christ into our very being as we receive the Body and Blood of Christ.

Perhaps we don't think of the Mass as the fulfillment of the promises of God throughout the Old Testament to personally come and rescue his people and dwell with them; however, that is one of the things that Eucharist is about: Jesus, for whom we have waited all week long, comes to the altar and invites us to come forward and partake of his being so that we enter into partnership with the divine. The hope here is that we understand the richness of what that means in terms of our behaviors and actions over the next few days.

If we genuinely believe that what we take in our hands or on our tongue is really God, shouldn't that get us thinking how to live in that reality? Here are a few thought questions for the weekend: Do we take time to reflect on the dignity to which we have been raised by accepting Jesus into our lives? Not a quick Our Father, Hail Mary and Glory Be but a sincere effort to allow the divine presence to be felt within our being. Do we transform the way we think about family, work, and leisure because we have taken God himself into our lives? Shouldn't the presence of God change us so that we're kinder, more thoughtful of self and others and open to the Spirit moving us forward toward the Kingdom?

If we truly believe in the real presence and come up to the altar to receive the Body and Blood of Jesus, how can we then say hurtful things to anyone? How can we do things that cause harm to God's creation, especially God's image and likeness in all other people regardless of who they are or where they come from?

Perhaps if we spent more time in a personal advent, hopeful and watching and preparing for the coming of the Messiah at Mass, we would better grasp the consequences which should follow our "going to communion." During these closing days of the Advent, why not give it a try? Spend four or five minutes each day anticipating what your encounter with God himself will be like, what it will accomplish and what miracles you can do with God as your faithful partner. You might be surprised at what a difference those four or five minutes can make in who you are, where you go and what you can do for others.

*To 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 13-21, 2025

**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  
9:30 am Historic St. Patrick Confessions  
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**

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


**Wed.** 4:00 pm HSP—Adoration  
5:30 pm HSP Weekday Mass—Msgr. Chris

**Sat.** 3:30 pm Immaculate Conception Confessions  
4:00 pm Immaculate Conception Mass  
Msgr. Chris  
**Intention: Marty Hollister**

**Sun.** 8:00 am Historic St. Patrick Mass  
Msgr. Chris  
9:30 am Historic St. Patrick Confessions  
10:00 am Historic St. Patrick Mass  
Fr. Joe  
10:30 am Immaculate Conception Confessions  
11:00 am Immaculate Conception Mass  
Msgr. Chris  
**Intentions: Dan & Dorothy Haack**

**Upcoming Events**

December 18	QoA Christmas program @ 6 PM
December 20-21	Anointing
Dec. 22-Jan. 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!

12/13 Estella Rosales 🦋

12/14 Patricia Winter  
Santana Calderon  
Lianna Carrington

12/15 James Parish  
Nicole Magaña  
Garris Martin

12/16 Zenaida Cannon

12/17 Mike Young  
Candy Fisher

12/18 Timothy Holmes  
Connie Strabley  
Stephanie Schnipke

12/19 Martina Nino  
Hilda Wojciechowski  
Gabriel Calderon  
Demonte Wiggins

12/21 Loretta Schrader 🦋



### Pray For Those Serving Our Country

Capt. Brian Wood, Army  
Joshua Teneyck First Class Petty Officer E6  
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SN Trevor Smith, Navy  
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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,  
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, Jailyann Price, Jeanette Duleba,  
Teresa Flowers, Kaitlyn, Anda Guerrero, Julia R. Humason,  
Christian James R., Romeo, Gary Time,  
Pam Clark, Bill Caster, Judy Place,  
Janessa Cervantes Carrington, Jayleen Cervantes  
Carrington, Krista Calderon, Marty Calderon,  
Lianna Carrington, Santana Calderon,  
Angelo Cervantes, CJ Cervantes Calderon



### STEWARDSHIP REPORT

July 1, 2025- June 30, 2026

	<u>LAST WEEK</u>	<u>YEAR TO DATE</u>
Goal	\$ 2,693.00	\$ 61,939.00
Sat. Loose	\$ 294.82	\$ 11,060.82
Sat. Env.	\$ 690.00	\$ 14,366.00
Sun. Loose	\$ 1,095.00	\$ 8,818.50
Sun. Env.	\$ 950.00	\$ 20,102.00
Actual	\$ 3,029.82	\$ 54,347.32
Over/(Under)	\$ 336.82	\$ (7,591.68)
Preservation	\$	\$ 7,691.00
General Repair	\$ 13.00	\$ 801.00
Candles	\$	\$ 286.00
Outreach	\$	\$ 2,989.00
Thanksgiving	\$ 55.00	
Christmas	\$ 65.00	
Christmas Flowers	\$ 275.00	
Initial offering	\$ 5.00	



### 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:	48	1,113

**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 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!

December 20-21, 2025  
Fourth Sunday of Advent

<b>1st Reading</b>	Isaiah 7:10-14
<b>2nd Reading</b>	Romans 1:17
<b>Gospel</b>	Matthew 1:18-24
<b>Lector</b>	Saturday: Dan Streeter Sunday: Larry Widmer
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Saturday: Mary Jo Pilcher Georgeann O'Connell Sunday: Doug Grey Barb Marquis

Children's Liturgy will take place on the second Sunday of the month.

### Sanctuary Lamp



December 14 (Available)  
December 21 Fr. Paul Kwiatkowski  
December 28 (Available)

### Altar Flowers



December 14 (Available)  
December 21 (Available)  
December 28 (Available)



Kids Liturgy this weekend during the 11:00 Mass. Bring a child to church and teach them what the real meaning of Christmas is!



Volunteers will be decorating for Christmas on Sunday, Dec. 21st, after the 11:00 AM Mass. If you can stay and lend a hand, please do. Thank you!

--- Tear here ---

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.

If you need to send an email to the parish please begin using [parish@iccatdarby.org](mailto:parish@iccatdarby.org)

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



We will try to post Mass times on the information board outside regarding the Christmas Masses. Keep your bulletin and refer to it also, so you don't miss.

The Mass on Christmas Day will be at Historic St. Patrick at 9 AM.



Calendars furnished by Coyles are in the front pews. Please take just one, and thanks Coyles for continuing this donation!



No hospitality on Dec. 21st or Jan. 4th. Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



Queen of Apostles Christmas program will be held here at church on Dec. 18th. All are welcome to this event starring the students!



### 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.



So many of our parishioners seem to need extra prayers at this time. Please check the prayer intentions in the bulletin and include them in your daily prayers.



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.

We kindly ask that all donations be made by December 20th.

If you have any questions please feel free to call Natalie at (419) 481-0858.

Thank you, Natalie Fisher and all the outreach volunteers



Want to join the parish? Look for registration forms by our visitors book as you enter through the main doors of the church. Can't find one?

Check with one of the ushers, or contact the office. We'd love to have you as part of our family!



We thank you for your patience and understanding as we transition Amanda into the office. Please call ahead and leave a message if you need to visit to be sure she can accommodate you. Voicemails and emails are being checked and answered during this transition.

Please begin using the parish email, [parish@iccatdarby.org](mailto:parish@iccatdarby.org) for communications with the office. You may also want to add it to your list of contacts to ensure you receive the bulletin.

## HOLIDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

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



## This Week on Formed

Week of December 14, 2025



### Adventus: A Spiritual Pilgrimage

This Advent, make a spiritual pilgrimage to the Holy Land. Uncover the beauty of the place where Christ was born, preparing your heart for Christ's coming so you can enter more deeply into this season.



### 30 Minutes BC

30 Minutes BC creatively explores the profound emotions and intimate struggles of Mary and Joseph during the final 30 minutes before the birth of Jesus. As the clock ticks down, the couple navigates a whirlwind of hope, joy, and uncertainty, turning to God amidst it all.



### Is Christmas Pagan? What Catholics Believe About Christmas

Dr. Michael Barber answers some of the Internet's most asked questions about Christmas. Is Christmas a pagan holiday? Why is Christmas celebrated on December 25? What happened at the "first Christmas"? Find out the answers to these and more!

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## ECCE YOUNG ADULT CHOIR PRESENTS

# ADVENT LESSONS *and* CAROLS



Ponder the wonder and beauty of the Incarnation through sacred music, Scripture, and prayer.

**December 6th at 7:00pm**

St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church ~ Fort Wayne, IN

**December 7th at 3:00pm**

St. Joseph Catholic Church ~ Maumee, OH

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

Most Precious Blood Catholic Church ~ Fort Wayne, IN

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

The Monastery of the Visitation ~ Toledo, OH

ALL EVENTS ARE FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

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**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2026**  
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*Almighty God, make me an instrument to encourage others to give of themselves and challenge me to do the same. Inspire men and women to respond generously to your call to service and leadership in your church as priests, consecrated religious and deacons. Amen*

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