

THE IMMACULATE HEART OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY PARISH

May 17, 2026 • The Ascension of the Lord



PARISH STAFF

Fr. Brian J. O'Connor
Pastor

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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, May 17, 2026

The Ascension of the Lord

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 Jerry Shremshock by Roger & Kathy Klise

Monday, May 18, 2026

8:30 a.m. Repose of the Souls of the Herb Family by the Family

Tuesday, May 19, 2026

6:00 p.m. Repose of the Soul of Robin Townsend by Sharon Townsend

Wednesday, May 20, 2026

12:00 p.m. Repose of the Soul of Rob Hartman by Elaine Hartman

Thursday, May 21, 2026

8:30 a.m. Repose of the Soul of Judy Noble by Kevin & Sharon Davis

Friday, May 22, 2026

8:30 a.m. Intentions of Madelyn Hajdin by Paul & Barbara Ann Hajdin

Saturday, May 23, 2026

4:00 p.m. Repose of the Soul of Carmen DeSostoa Westerfield by Lissie Scherer & Larry Felts

Sunday, May 24, 2026

Pentecost Sunday

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

11:00 a.m. Repose of the Soul of Alexander Jarvis by the Chun Family

COLLECT

[Experience Christ among Us]

Graciously hear our supplications, O Lord, so that we, who believe that the Savior of the human race is with You in Your glory, may experience, as He promised, until the end of the world, His abiding presence among us. 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.

PARISH INFORMATION

5170 Winchester Southern Road
 NW, Canal Winchester, OH 43110
 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 May 17, 2026	MASS & PARISH EVENT TIMES
Sunday, May 17 <i>The Ascension of the Lord</i>	8:30 a.m. – Mass 11:00 a.m. – Mass 12:00 p.m. – Easter Tea
Monday, May 18	8:30 a.m. – Mass <i>Parish Office Closed</i>
Tuesday, May 19	10:00 a.m. – Grief Share Support Group 6:00 p.m. – Mass 6:30 p.m. – St. Vincent de Paul Society Meeting
Wednesday, May 20	10:30 a.m. – Women’s Ministry – Going Deeper Noon – Mass 6:00 p.m. – Holy Hour & Confessions 7:00 p.m. – Grief Share Support Group
Thursday, May 21	8:30 a.m. – Mass 11:00 a.m. – Women’s Ministry
Friday, May 22	8:30 a.m. – Mass
Saturday, May 23	3:00 p.m. – Confessions 4:00 p.m. – Mass
Sunday, May 24 <i>Pentecost Sunday</i>	8:30 a.m. – Mass 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.

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.

**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

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.** 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.

CONSECRATION TO JESUS CHRIST THROUGH MARY

May 11 to June 12, 2026 – May this spiritual journey lead us to a deeper relationship with Christ through the guidance of His Blessed Mother. We will conclude on June 13, when we make our personal Act of Consecration as we celebrate the Feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. You are welcome to use your own personal materials for this consecration. We are providing the book, *Preparation for Total Consecration to Jesus Christ Through Mary*, if you wish to participate and do not have your own materials. The book and pdf copy will be available to parishioners in the Narthex. May this faith-filled, 33-day journey lead us to surrender into the life of Jesus Christ and become filled with the Spirit of Christ. You may also find a copy of the *Total Consecration to Jesus Through Mary* – St. Louis de Montfort online at <https://www.quies.org/TrueConsecration-33-Day.pdf>.

PLATINUM CLUB NEWS

The Platinum Club invites you to join them at Scioto Downs on Wednesday, May 20, at 4:00 p.m. We will dine together, enjoying our fellowship and friendships at Brew Brothers. Carpool with friends or just meet us there. Please let Cathy Mustard know that you will be going by calling/texting 614-607-1744 or email cathymustard9@gmail.com.

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!

GARDENING TEAM UPDATES: ST. ISIDORE’S GARDENING GUILD

We held our monthly meeting on Tuesday, May 12 at 6:30 p.m. (following daily Mass), in the lower level. We are working on the following tasks:


- (1) Implementation of our plans for the 2026 growing season; the planting of our summer garden will be in focus at this meeting.
- (2) Celebration of St. Isidore’s Feast Day on May 15, included a Potluck for members of the Guild and anyone wishing to know more about the Guild.
- (3) Final planning for a spring fundraiser following Mass on May 23 and 24, with the intent of offsetting some of our gardening expenses.

For those not able to attend meetings, summary notes will be provided via Flocknote. Newcomers to the Gardening Guild (both individuals and families) are always welcome. Please sign up for the St. Isidore’s Gardening Guild group on Flocknote to receive email notifications regarding our activities. Monthly meetings are held on the 2nd Tuesday of each month.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL NEWS & UPDATES

Our upcoming meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 19, 2026, at 6:30 p.m., following the 6:00 p.m. Mass. To raise funds, SVDP members will be holding a raffle featuring three items, with tickets priced at \$5.00 each. Tickets will be available for purchase before and after each Mass on May 30 and May 31, as well as June 6 and June 7, and also around the 4:00 p.m. Mass on June 13. The winners will be drawn during the parish picnic on June 13, 2026. The items included in the raffle are as follows: An OSU quilted blanket, A wine and charcuterie board, & Pam’s jams.

The St. Vincent de Paul Society would like to thank our parishioners for their generosity. **Because of your generous donations,** we have been able to directly **assist eight families since the beginning of this year.** This help has been in the form of rental and mortgage payment assistance totaling \$5,436.29; assisting with utilities to avoid shut-off totaling \$1,845.42; as well as providing Kroger gift cards totaling \$600.00. **These families are our neighbors in need, all within our parish boundaries.** In our mission to serve the poor, we continue to receive requests for assistance. Your support for our organization is vital to continuing this mission. Donations can be directed to St. Vincent de Paul Society, as well as donations of gas or grocery gift cards. You may write a check payable to Immaculate Heart Conference, or the parish directly and indicate in the memo it is for SVdP. Thank you in advance for your continued support.




TOTUS TUUS

**TOTUS TUUS REGISTRATION IS NOW
OPEN ON OUR PARISH WEBSITE!**

Teen Program: Grades 7-12
Sunday, June 7-Thursday, June 11
7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Children Program: Grades 1-6
Monday, June 8-Friday, June 12
9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Scan here to register:



Cost: \$45.00 per child in Grades 1-6; \$25.00 per child in Grades 7-12
Registration ends on May 26, 2026.

SECOND BREAKFAST CLUB: A CATHOLIC FICTION BOOK CLUB

You are invited to join fellow parishioners in a study of Catholic literature. New members welcome! Our next meeting will be May 30, at 10:00 a.m., in the IHBVM Lower Level. We will be discussing *A Good Man is Hard to Find and Other Stories*, by Flannery O'Connor. We hope you can join us! Please sign up on The Second Breakfast Book Club Flocknote to receive regular updates.

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 *Trusting God in the Present*, by Fr. Jacques Philippe. 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.



IHBVM Easter Tea

LADIES
and
LASSES

WE INVITE YOU TO COME JOIN
FR. CARTER AND LEARN ABOUT
EASTERN CATHOLIC CHURCHES

Sunday, May 17th, 2026
12.00 PM

Please bring your favorite
teacup with you to use

Tea & Food will be
provided

ANNUAL IHBVM EASTER TEA – ALL LADIES OF THE PARISH INVITED!

Who: Ladies and Lasses of the parish
When: Following the 11:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday, May 17th
What: Easter Tea
All Ladies and Lasses of the Parish are invited to join the Easter Tea following the 11:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday, May 17th.

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

Is an educational and spiritual program developed to engage and instruct non-Catholics who may want to join the Catholic Church AND Catholics who are interested in learning more about or returning to the Catholic faith. O.C.I.A. acts as the compass for individuals who would like to come into full communion with the Catholic Church. If you would like to learn more, call the Parish Office at 614-920-1563.

SUNFLOWER MINISTRY



TOGETHER WE CAN
MAKE A DIFFERENCE

DIAPER DRIVE

Half of all families need support to keep their babies diapered. By working together, we can achieve our goal of collecting over one million diapers in May 2026 to help babies in our communities.





<p>WHEN May 16th, 2026 - June 7th, 2026</p> <p>WHERE Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary - Church Narthex (Pack-n-Play)</p> <p>CONTACT Tori Tucker - thetuckers2020@gmail.com</p>	<p>DETAILS</p> <p>Diapers should be placed in the pack-n-play in the church narthex between Saturday 5/16/2026 and Sunday 6/7/2026. Financial donations also accepted.</p>
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WorldsLargestDiaperDrive.org

Most needed sizes 4, 5, 6

WORLD'S LARGEST DIAPER DRIVE – MAY 2026

Help us collect diapers for mothers in need starting this week! Bottoms Up Diaper Bank will be hosting World's Largest Diaper Drive 2026 with a goal of collecting 1,000,000 diapers during the month of May. Bottoms Up distributes approximately 1,000,000 diapers annually. IHBVM Parish will be supporting this effort again this year through our Sunflower Ministries program. Diapers will be collected in the pack-and-play located in the church Narthex May 16-June 7. Cash donations are also welcomed, as well as donating directly through the website at: www.worldslargestdiaperdrive.org.

ONGOING | SUNFLOWER STORKS – SUPPORT GROWING PARISH FAMILIES

In September we launched our **Sunflower Storks** program! This program provides essential items and prayerful support to families at IHBVM welcoming a new child – whether through birth, adoption, foster care, or other sacred ways. We're excited to welcome the newest little members of our church family, and we'd love for you to help spread the word or sign up to be part of the team! Please see the QR codes to either sign up to receive support (Get a Stork) **if you are expecting or sign up to provide support (Be a Stork) to growing families.** *Note – You are eligible to sign up for a Stork if you recently had a baby. Please sign up if you are interested and we will reach out!* For more information on Sunflower Ministries or to become a part of the team, please reach out to Victoria Tucker at thetuckers2020@gmail.com.




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.

columbuscatholicgiving.org/appeal

THE APPEAL 2026 – Rooted in Christ, Growing in Mission

As a priest of the Diocese of Columbus, Fr. O'Connor faithfully serves not only our parish, but the wider Church throughout our Diocese. One of the most powerful ways we can support him and our Church is through the 2026 Annual Appeal, *Rooted in Christ, Growing in Mission*. Let's show him that he has the full support of our parish family by participating in this important effort. Your generosity helps sustain the vital mission of the Church, especially in the area of vocations. By God's grace, we are seeing encouraging growth – 43 men were studying for the priesthood in 2025, compared to just 17 in 2022. This is a tremendous sign of hope for the future of our Diocese, but these men need our prayers and our support as they prepare to serve God's people. Through the Appeal, you are helping form future priests, support our seminarians, and ensure that the sacraments and pastoral care remain strong in our parishes for generations to come. Your gift also supports evangelization, education and faith formation, and outreach to those most in need. We will need everyone's participation to reach our parish goal of \$92,817.66. We have been given so much here at IHBVM, and this is an opportunity to extend that blessing beyond our walls to serve others across our Diocese. Please consider making a gift of any size. You may use an envelope found in the Narthex or make a secure gift online at columbuscatholicgiving.org. Every gift matters, and every person can make a difference. Thank you for your generosity and for helping us remain rooted in Christ and growing in mission.



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.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR – ANNUAL PARISH PICNIC – JUNE 13TH

Join Us for the Feast of the Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary!

We invite you to celebrate the Feast of the Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary on **Saturday, June 13th**. Mass will be held at **4:00 p.m.**, followed immediately by our **Annual IHBVM Picnic**.

To help us plan, please reply to the **Flocknote** with your attendance. Scan the QR code or go to the FlockNote that was sent on Friday, May 15th.

★ **What to Bring:** Each individual or family is asked to bring a **side dish or dessert** to share. **Drinks and sandwiches** will be provided.

🌟 **What to Expect:** Our parish ministries will host **fun activities**, including a **corn hole tournament, crafts, and more**. There will be **plenty of food, drinks, and fellowship** for all to enjoy!

We look forward to celebrating together. See you there!



THE CATHOLIC FOUNDATION

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.

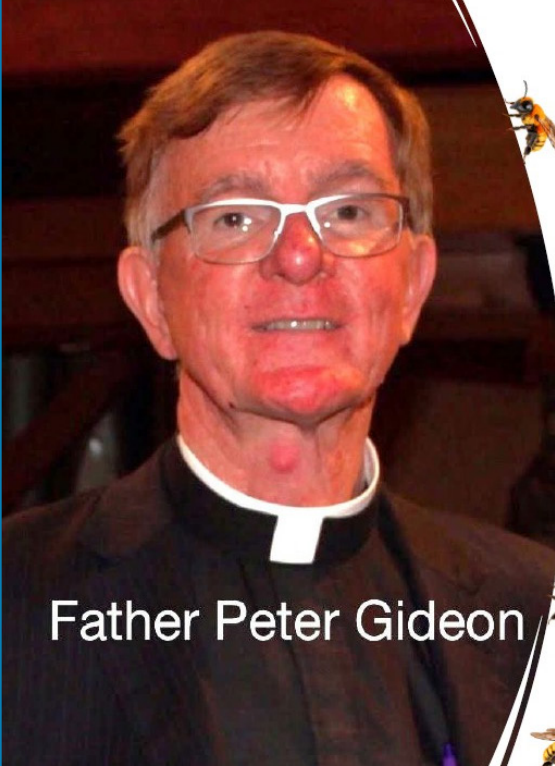
It's never too soon to start a conversation. Contact Julie Barber, Development Officer at The Catholic Foundation, at 614-443-8893, ext. 1190, or jbarber@catholic-foundation.org to learn more about

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.

AROUND THE DIOCESE



Reverend Peter Gideon's 50th Celebration of Ordination

• **Event & RSVP Information**


Ordination Mass
June 13, 2026 at 4:30 PM
 Basilica of St. Mary of the Assumption, 132 South High Street, Lancaster, Ohio

Reception immediately following Mass at The Emerald Campus, 324 Gay St. Lancaster, Ohio

RSVP by June 1 with the number attending.
 Click the QR Code or Text or call **Paul Sullivan at 614-499-8133**

Unable to attend?
 You may send a congratulatory card to:
St. Rose Church
 309 N. Main St., New Lexington, OH 43764
 (Attention: Fr. Peter Gideon)

Additional Celebration
 A celebration ordination Mass will also be held at **St. Rose, New Lexington**, on **June 28 at 10:30 AM.**



WOMEN'S RESPITE RETREAT

Women's Respite Retreat: Praying & Resting with the Holy Family; June 25-28, 2026; Lodging: Ohio Dominican University; Sacraments: St. Patrick Church; Cost: \$402.00 per person (Deposit \$202.00 due now; Balance \$200.00 due June 11, 2026); Includes: Registration, Private Room 4 days 3 nights, 8 Meals, Coordinator, Materials; Morning Sacraments: Masses, Confessions, Complete Rosary Devotions; Semi-silent: Social Lunch, Silent Prayer, Social Dinner, Gentle Walk Outside, Grand Silence 7:00 p.m.; Registration & Details: Contact Rebecca Gjostein at RebeccaAnnGjostein@gmail.com.



THE CATHOLIC TIMES - DIGITAL ONLY

For more than a decade, there has been ongoing discussion regarding the sustainability of *The Catholic Times* newspaper. The cost of producing *The Catholic Times* has risen significantly, while having a limited reach. The digital sphere has antiquated waiting for news to arrive at your doorstep, as information is available at our fingertips 24/7. The time is right to refocus diocesan monies, resources, and staff to a more dynamic, cost-effective, and far-reaching platform. *The Catholic Times* has now moved to a solely digital platform. We are proud of the publication, the contributors, and the hard work of our staff. Now, we can amplify the good news of the 23 counties of our diocese to an even greater degree. Scan the QR code to read more about this exciting change in *The Catholic Times*.

ST. CHARLES OFFERING SUMMER PROGRAMS, CAMPS, AND CLASSES

This June and July, St. Charles will host 35 exciting Camps and Classes for students of all ages and interests. Options include co-ed camps in Track & Field, Robotics, Volleyball, and Ice Hockey! Students can also participate in Camp Cardinal, a fun-filled day camp exploring the best of St. Charles, along with Baseball, Basketball, Borromean Project, Engineering, Football, Lacrosse, Quiz Bowl, Soccer, Speed Camp, Ultimate Frisbee, and Wrestling camps. For incoming freshmen, St. Charles also offers readiness courses in Latin, Algebra, English Preparation, and Study Skills. To register or learn more, visit www.scprep.org and select "Summer Programs" under the "Admissions" section. For questions, contact Ryan Aiello at 380-209-2248 or raiello@scprep.org.

JOIN US FOR AN EVENING WITH

MARK HOUCK

A benefit to support the work of Greater Columbus Right to Life

Mark's case has been called one of the most notorious and shameful examples of the political persecution of pro-life advocates in U.S. history. When life and faith were on trial, Mark did not back down.

Sponsorships and VIP Reception Tickets Available

An invitation to support our work will be extended following the program



MONDAY
June 8th, 2026

DOORS OPEN AT 5:45 PM
Program at 6:15 PM

THE VILLA MILANO
1630 Schrock Rd | Columbus, OH

REGISTER NOW

REGISTRATION: COMPLIMENTARY

Greater Columbus

Right to Life

Growing a Community of Life

Registration required at gctrl.org/banquet or by calling 614-445-8508.
RSVP requested by June 1st.



SAVE THE DATE - GREATER COLUMBUS RIGHT TO LIFE BANQUET

You are invited to join Greater Columbus Right to Life for their annual banquet, An Evening with Mark Houck, on Monday, June 8th, at the Villa Milano. When faith and freedom were on the line, Mark did not back down. His case has been called one of the most notorious and shameful examples of the political persecution of pro-life advocates in U.S. history. By joining GCRTL for this exciting event, you can take a stand for faith, freedom, and life. You can register for this benefit supporting the work of Greater Columbus Right to Life by visiting gctrl.org/banquet or calling 614-445-8508. RSVP is requested by June 1st. Sponsorship opportunities and VIP reception tickets are available.



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

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!

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

Where Courage is for those who experience same-sex attraction themselves, Encourage provides support for the family members and friends of those who experience same-sex attractions. Rooted in prayer, fellowship, and the teachings of the Catholic Church, Encourage offers a compassionate community for those seeking to better understand and love their loved ones while remaining faithful to Church teaching. For more information, visit couragec.org/encourage 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.

MONTHLY OFFERTORY/EXPENSES REPORT

Offertory for April for IHBVM Parish	\$ 54,206.39
Expenses for April for IHBVM Parish	\$ 46,452.14

MASS ATTENDANCE

Total for the Month of April for IHBVM Parish	3,694
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FIND A MELCHIZEDEK PROJECT NEAR YOU

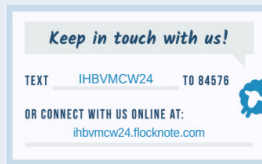
The Melchizedek Project is a spiritual discernment group that helps high school and college-age men consider a vocation to the Priesthood. All participants will enjoy a free meal at each meeting and a discussion on vocation discernment. Scan the QR code to find an event near you!

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 2 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 for more information.

STAY INFORMED ON OHIO LEGISLATION FROM THE CATHOLIC CONFERENCE OF OHIO (CCO)

The Conference works on behalf of the Ohio bishops as an official voice of the Catholic Church in Ohio, primarily in public policy matters. At the end of each month, they send a newsletter summarizing key legislation, action alerts, and relevant information that empowers Catholics across the state to uphold the Church's beliefs and values. Sign up to receive important updates on legislation and help inform your parishioners to engage as Faithful Citizens. Visit <https://www.voterveice.net/OHCATHOLIC/Register>.



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.

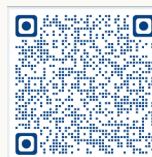


MOBILE APPS FOR CATHOLICS

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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