

# Immaculate Conception Catholic Church

March 27, 2022

Fourth Sunday of Lent

This weekend's readings are Number 819 in your Glory & Praise Missal (Year C)

## Immaculate Conception Mass Schedule

### Weekend Masses

Saturday Evening: 6:00pm

Sunday Morning: 8:00am

### Weekday Masses

Wednesday Evening: 6:00pm

Thursday Morning: 11:00am

Confessions: Wednesday: 5:30pm

### Office Hours

Monday—Friday

10:00am—2:00pm

(After hours, please leave a message and your call will be returned as soon as possible)

*Father,  
I have sinned  
against heaven  
and  
against you.*

We extend a special welcome to everyone! No matter if you're visiting from another Catholic Parish, or just exploring the Catholic Church for the first time. No matter your state in life, we're glad you're here. If you like what you see and you'd like to join, we're always accepting new members! Just drop us a note and we'd love to help you join the family!



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## Sacramental Information

### Infant Baptism

Call the Parish Office to schedule a preparation class and baptism. Please arrange with the pastor in advance to discuss pre-baptism instructions.

Those wishing to have their baby baptized must be practicing Catholics.

### Adult or Child Baptism, Confirmation, or Adults Considering Becoming Catholic

Call the Church Office to learn more about the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA), or Rite of Christian Initiation for Children (RCIC).

### Weddings

Weddings require a 9-month notice and preparation prior to the wedding.

### Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick

Please let us know if someone is seriously ill.

To register, or for any questions, please call the Church office at **(814) 635-2919**

(If no answer, please leave a message and your call will be returned as soon as possible)



## Mass Intentions

### Weekend Masses: March 26 & 27

Sat 6:00pm For the People of Our Parish

Sun 8:00am For Jamie Bones for a special occasion req. by Belinda Bones

### Daily Masses: March 30 & 31

Wed 6:00pm +In memory of Stanley Olszewski requested by Claudia Leaper

Thu 11:00am +In memory of Glen Martin req. by Mary Berzanski

### Weekend Masses: April 2 & 3

Sat 6:00pm +In memory of Bill Kelly (Birthday) req. by wife, Jo Kelly

Sun 8:00am For the People of our Parish

## *Liturgical Ministers*

### Saturday, March 26

Lector Kelly Querry

E. Minister Jane Brown

Usher Volunteers

### Saturday, April 2

Lector Jane Brown

E. Minister Dave Mazzaferro

Usher Volunteers

### Sunday, March 27

Lector Linda Clapper

E. Minister Rose Lynn

Usher Volunteers

### Sunday, April 3

Lector Diana May

E. Minister Bill Fink

Usher Volunteers

### **Financial Report** *(Fiscal year runs from July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022)*

#### **Monthly Operating Expenses** **\$6,500.00**

*Checks: \$1,730.00/Cash in Env.: \$291.00/Loose: \$175.00* **\$2,196.00**

*Easter Flowers: \$10.00* **\$10.00**

**Total Collection: (March 19 & 20, 2022)** *(stays at ICC)* **\$2,206.00**

**Month-to-Date Total** **\$5,653.00**

Greater/**Less** than Monthly Budget **(\$847.00)**

#### **Diocesan Collections Listed Below**

**Yearly Operating Expenses (\$6,500 x 12)** **\$78,000.00**

**Year-to-Date Total (Fiscal Year)** **\$57,188.50**

Greater/**Less** than Yearly Budget **(\$23,018.50)**

## **Families and the Gospel**

**Third Sunday of Lent** (March 27)  
(Luke 15:1-3, 11-32)

We may feel like the Prodigal Son but the gospel wants us to focus on the father who was forgiving and understanding. We all make mistakes and need forgiveness. Who in your family needs your forgiveness and acceptance this Lent?

## **Stewardship Reflections**

**Fourth Sunday of Lent** (March 27)

Today we are reminded of the Lenten themes of awakening and life-changing love that the Father has for each of us. We are all familiar with the Gospel story; the bratty younger "prodigal" son who has the audacity to ask his dad for his inheritance early, only to squander it sinfully away, is forgiven and welcomed home with open arms, and then also is given a party! There are decisions we have made selfishly and turned away from God in our own lives too. We often squander away the inheritance of grace He has given us.

The prodigal's father is our Father too. We should be giving God the party! If we can't give Him that grand feast in the Gospel we can start by giving him one little thing during Lent. Take even a small faltering step closer to Him; go to confession, join in the Stations of the Cross, call a family member or friend you are at odds with and try to reconcile. With just the tiniest bit of spiritual "spring cleaning" we can be sure we will be swept up in our Father's loving embrace and become that "new creation" St. Paul talked about in the Second Reading.

*(Stewardship Reflections, Catholic Stewardship Consultants, Inc. 2019/3/21)*

Our weekly bulletin is available on the church website at "iccdudley.com". Bulletins for the past 3 months are also available as well as on the Immaculate Conception Church Facebook page.

## ***Prayers for our Homebound members***

Let us say a prayer for our Catholic members who are homebound and unable to attend church. If you know of someone that should be added to our prayer list, please call the church office at 635-2919.

Omer Black	Lora Bridestine
Mary Lynn Dickson	Nancy Detwiler
Iola Cimbalista	Dora Mellot
Elaine Rheem	

## **Look at Your Ways, then Look Back at Me**

Old Spice was having a tough time. It was getting crushed by its newest competitor Axe with its hip image that appealed to youth. Old Spice was...old. How could they regain their strength in the market?

They were able to do it with a new quirky ad campaign that changed their image and strongly appealed not to men, the primary users of their product, but to women the primary purchasers of their products. Sixty percent of their body wash was bought by women.

I wonder if we are not having the same problem in our churches today. You hear all the time about how churches are shrinking. We see the statistics about how the next generation is becoming less religious. The first response is to try to change in order to attract that demographic. Be hip, lose the old ways, let popular culture determine your message and actions.

Before we do that let us consider, who are we trying to please and who will give the increase? "I planted, Apollos watered, but God was causing the growth. So then neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but God who causes the growth" (1 Corinthians 3:6-7).

A church that tries to run to please a world that doesn't know where it is going will only end up lost. A church that moves to be what God wants it to be will be a lighthouse that will help the wanders see the safe path home.

God will judge and untimely make our efforts fruitful. If we are pleasing to him, we will always be successful.

*Barry Haynes*

Join your fellow parishioners Sunday mornings after Mass for coffee, treats and fellowship in the parish hall.



## **Praying for our Military**

Remember to pray for the protection of our armed forces as they serve our country at home and around the world right now. If you have a family member serving in the military, let us know. We would like to mention and honor them by name.

## **Words of Wisdom**

*Even if you're on the right track, you still get run over if you just sit there.*

# Immaculate Conception News & Events

## A Quick Glance at Upcoming Events

April 1 Stations of the Cross 6:00pm

April 8 Stations of the Cross 6:00pm

April 9 Bingo (Doors open at 5:30pm)

## Rosary Society News

The Rosary Society has put some “lightly used” candles on the bookcases in the back of the church. Please feel free to take some.

Mark your calendar – The Spring Prize Bingo which supports Mary’s Medical Mission will be Sunday, May 1, 2022. Doors will open at 12:30 and bingo starts at 2:00.

Anyone wanting to donate a basket or Gift card, please see Jane.

## Prayer to Saint Michael

Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle, be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly host, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl about the world for the ruin of souls. Amen.

## March Birthdays

Daniel Reed	March 5
Elizabeth Zelanko	March 7
Brandt Baer	March 10
Gene Altobelli	March 17
Theresa Minnick	March 20
Gabe Putt	March 20
Justin Watkins	March 21
Alan Putt	March 26

## 300 Club

The winner of this week’s 300 Club is Donna Hess. The winning ticket was sold by Jim Hess.

## Fr. Mark’s Lenten Schedule at ICC and MHT

### April 1

6:00pm—Stations at MHT

6:30pm—Prayer Social at MHT (after Mass)

**6:00pm—Stations at ICC**

### April 2

**6:30pm—Prayer Social at ICC (after Mass)**

### April 8, 2022

3:30pm – 6:30pm – Fish Dinner in Huntingdon

6:00pm – Stations in MHT

**6:00pm – Stations at ICC**

Holy Week Schedule will be shared as it gets closer.

## Infant Baptism

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## Sacred Heart Novena

Mark your calendar: this year's Novena will be held from March 28th through April 5th. Bishop Mark Bartchak will be the Celebrant and Homilist the opening night of the Novena at 7:00 p.m. on March 28th.

There will also be morning Mass at 7:45 a.m. and also, at 11:30 a.m. and the Sacrament of Reconciliation at 10:45 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. each day

## Bingo Help

We are always in need of volunteers to help keep our monthly bingo viable and growing. Whether it's selling tickets, helping with the food or washing dishes and cleaning up afterwards, please give it some thought. You can contact Bill Fink, Ralph Altobelli or Kirby Lockard.

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