



Immaculate Conception Catholic Church

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Immaculate Conception Parish Staff:

Office Hours: 8:30am—3:00pm

Pastor: Fr. Carl Gregorich  
Secretary/Bookkeeper: Isabel Avalos  
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Communications/ Technology: Lillie Vallee  
Custodial: Philip Scott

Choir Rehearsal: Wednesdays 5pm  
Knights of Columbus: 3rd Degree: Jason Batchlor  
4th Degree: David Piazza

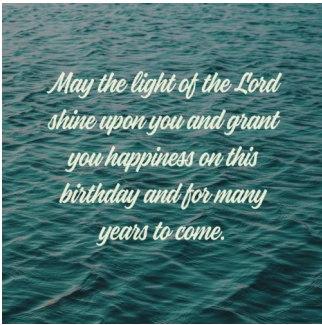
Ladies Guild: Maria Reedy  
Meal Ministry: Brenda Piazza  
Rosary Prayer Group: Sundays 8:30am Lillie Vallee

Flocknote: flocknote.com/find  
FORMED.org: Sign up as a parishioner  
& use the church zip code

Facebook: facebook.com/icuctn

Bulletin Deadline: Noon on Monday

Wishing all of you a Happy and  
BLESSED  
February Birthday!



Parish Offertory  
February 5, 2023  
Weekly Budget: \$5,400

Regular Offertory: \$ 4054  
Online Giving: \$ 443  
(\$ 903)

Parish Improvement: \$ 1984

Families using envelopes & online giving: 58

Thank you for your generosity & support!



Saturday, February 11: 5:00pm  
Repose of the Souls of Bill & Beverly Dixon  
(Vallee Family)

Sunday, February 12: 9:00am  
People of the Parish

Monday, February 13: 8:00am  
Repose of the Soul of Charlotte Toon (Carl Toon)

Wednesday, February 15: 12:00pm  
Intentions of Ryan Hayslett (Hayslett Family)

Thursday, February 16: 12:00pm  
Repose of the Soul of Charlotte Toon (Carl Toon)

Friday, February 17: 8:00am  
All Deceased Members of the Werner Family  
(Paul Werner)

Saturday, February 18: 5:00pm  
People of the Parish

Sunday, February 19: 9:00am  
Repose of the Soul of Bill Rush (Pamela Jenkins)

February 18 & 19: 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Lector:	Eucharistic Minister:
5:00am: Winnie Logan	5:00pm: Sue Holzner
9:00am: Evelyn Stigler	9:00am: Tony Stigler

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Names on the prayer list for family and friends will be removed on monthly basis. They will not be put back on until requested. Please notify church office to remove or add a person or email: [icuctnmaster@gmail.com](mailto:icuctnmaster@gmail.com)

Parishioners:	Friends & Family:	
Lupita Berner	Janet Adams	Mary Jo Lattus
Colleen Durbin	Nancy Atkins	Herminio Lopez
Hank Gill	Carson Bates	Renee Lindsay
Anabel Gracia	Michael Burns	Jon Loehr
Dale Hamilton	Brentley Carr	Maria Isabel
Mary & Gerald Harris	Pat Cooley	Mandujano
James Judge	Helen Cuvelier	Ofelia Martinez
Martha Lattus	Andrew Delke	Jack Mckeown
Wy Lattus	Katrina Dugger	June Mosley
Frank Maceri	Rusty Gibson	Belena Moreno
Doug & Pat Martinek	Judy Guillory	Kenneth Northam
Barbara Pituch	Stevie Gossett	Fr. Robert Ponticello
Tom Pituch	Alex Harvel	Greg Roach
Carl Toon	Frank & Susan	Joan Thompson
Paul Werner Sr.	Hutchinson	Lynn Taylor
	Gail Holub	Vita Totty
	Mayci Hogg	Joe Young



Sunday, February 12:  
PRE 10:15am  
Super Bowl Party 4:30pm  
Tuesday, February 14:  
Adult Edu. Class Presence 12pm  
Saturday / Sunday, February 18 & 19:  
Catholic Annual Appeal Commitment  
Weekend  
NO PRE  
Knights of Columbus 4pm  
Exemplification  
Monday, February 20:  
Church office is closed  
Tuesday, February 21:  
Prayer Retreat with Fr. Carl 12pm  
Restored Reflection Retreat 12:45pm  
Ash Wednesday, February 22:  
Masses 12pm & 6pm

Holy Sacraments Offered  
**Baptism:** Arrange by appointment *three (3) months* before the desired date of baptism with the Office.  
**First Eucharist:** Arrangements made with the Religious Education Director.  
**Confirmation:** Arrangements made with the Religious Education Director.  
**Confession:** Saturdays 4:15pm—4:45pm  
**Matrimony:** Arrangements must be made *six (6) months* before the wedding date with the Parish Office.  
**Marriage Blessing:** Contact the parish Priest.  
**Marriage Annulment:** Contact the parish Priest.  
**Anointing of the Sick:** Contact the Parish Office.  
**Holy Orders:** Contact the Parish Priest.

Sagrados Sacramentos Ofrecidos  
**Bautismo:** Organizarlo por medio de una cita con la oficina parroquial tres (3) meses antes de la fecha deseada de bautismo.  
**Primera Comunión:** Arreglos hechos con el Director de Educación Religiosa.  
**Confirmación:** Arreglos hechos con el Director de Educación Religiosa.  
**Confesión:** Sábados 4:15pm—4:45pm  
**Matrimonio:** Los arreglos deben hacerse seis (6) meses antes de la fecha de la boda con la Oficina Parroquial.  
**Bendición Matrimonial:** Comuníquese con el párroco.  
**Anulación de Matrimonio:** Póngase en contacto con el párroco.  
**Unción de los Enfermos:** Comuníquese con la Oficina Parroquial.  
**Órdenes Sagradas:** Póngase en contacto con el párroco.

Altar Linens Month of  
February: Pat Harmon  
Thank you for your service to our parish!

The Altar Candles are in honor &  
in memory of the Krueger &  
Holzner families.

**Immaculate Conception Catholic Church**  
**Assumption Memorial Garden Cemetery**  
Columbarium Niches for Cremains \$1,600.00 per Niche  
contact parish office (731) 885-0963 Niche Face Plate  
Engraving Compliments of Edmaiston-Mosley Funeral  
Home (731) 885-1033 Curtis Monument Company  
(731) 352-5769 & The Wall Family



  
**Quest Retreat**  
 9th and 10th Grades  
**February 24 - 26, 2023**  
 Sacred Heart of Jesus High School - Jackson, Tenn.



Mark 12:28-34



Scan the QR code or go to  
 Youth Retreats - Catholic Diocese  
 of Memphis (cdom.org)  
 or Contact Sharon Kowalke  
 in Youth Ministry at 901-373-1234

## Please join us for upcoming Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion & Lector Training Classes

### Extraordinary Minister Class (Spanish)

Saturday, February 18th @ 10:00 am  
 St. Francis of Assisi Church—Cordova

### Lector Class (Spanish)

Saturday, March 11th @ 10:00 am  
 St. Francis of Assisi Church—Cordova

### Lector Class (English)

Saturday, March 4th @ 10:00 am  
 Our Lady of Perpetual Help—Germantown

### Extraordinary Minister Class (English)

Saturday, April 1st @ 10:00 am  
 Our Lady of Perpetual Help—Germantown

*You **MUST** register for class and receive permission to take the class from your pastor: <https://cdom.org/office-of-worship/>*

Please contact Candace Campbell in the Office  
 Worship with any questions. (901) 373-1261  
 or [candace.campbell@cc.cdom.org](mailto:candace.campbell@cc.cdom.org)

  
**Retiro Quest**  
 Para jóvenes de 9o y 10o grado  
 Del 24 al 26 de FEBRERO, 2023  
 Sacred Heart High School - Jackson, TN



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 of Memphis (cdom.org)  
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 Oficina de Ministerio Juvenil al 901-373-1234



## We have confirmed dates for the Catholic Charities Food Distribution!

**April 25,**  
**June 20,**  
**September 26, &**  
**November 7**

**When the sign up dates become available,**  
**we will post then in the bulletin.**



### Parish Goals - 2023

## Immaculate Conception Church

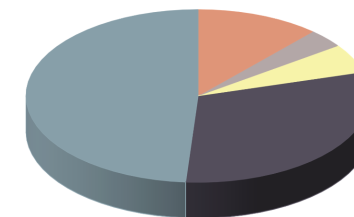
**\$16,000**

### 2023 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL PRAYER

God, whose love is never-ending,  
 You care for us in all ways and at all times  
 by providing nourishment for our  
 bodies, minds, and souls.  
 You call us each by name to share Your love  
 with everyone we meet.  
 Awaken in us the desire to build our faith  
 family, and give us generous hearts and minds,  
 so that we use our gifts to show the  
 Father's love to each other.  
 We ask this through  
 Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen

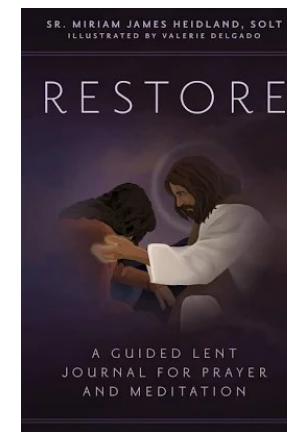


Next weekend, February 18 & 19, is Commitment Weekend for the 2023  
 Annual Catholic Appeal. Please bring the personalized Commitment card  
 you received in the mail to Mass with you as we join together to support  
 our Catholic Church.



Ministries supported by the Annual Catholic Appeal

48.8% Seminarian Education  
 30.6% Family Ministry  
 11.6% Religious Education  
 5.4% Catholic Charities  
 3.5% Priest Retirement Housing  
 and  
 many various ministries and services



Tuesdays during Lent our Adult Education Class will be participating in this Prayer  
 Journal. We want to invite you to join us! Call the office or sign up to order a book!  
 If we have 10 books to order, we receive a discounted price.

### **Restore: A Guided Lent Journal for Prayer and Meditation | Sr. Miriam James Heidland, SOLT**

Take a healing journey with Sr. Miriam James Heidland, SOLT, as she helps you turn  
 away from what wounds you and toward God who heals you and makes you whole.  
 In this beautiful guided journal for prayer and  
 meditation, Sr. Miriam invites you to meet the tenderness of God's mercy, the power  
 of his love, and the restoration of your heart and life as you practice prayer, fasting,  
 and almsgiving.

We all pray in various ways, but what does it mean to pray? Why do I pray? Do you know and recognize the different types of prayer? Did you know  
 that even if you are not thinking of a particular prayer, or perhaps you are not even thinking of anything that seems related to prayer, you can be  
 praying? What about times for prayer? Do I have to be in a particular place or time for prayer to be valid? What does it mean to pray validly? How  
 does God know when I am praying? Have you entertained any thoughts along these lines and wondered about prayer and  
 whether God hears my prayers or even if God is listening to my prayers? I say prayers to God all of the time but I don't  
 think God hears my prayers, I never seem to get an answer-I don't think God hears my prayers. I feel like prayer is mean-  
 ingless since my prayers never get answered. Maybe I am so insignificant that God doesn't hear or care about my prayers.  
 Why is it important for me to pray?

We are going to be taking some time to discuss and understand what it means to pray and how can I know that God is  
 listening to my prayer. Come join us as we gather for four sessions to discuss this very relevant topic and whether I am praying so that God hears  
 me. We will begin talking about this topic of prayer in our noon adult education sessions during Lent. Please see the bulletin for the upcoming  
 dates.



After a successful United in  
 Faith Capital Campaign, the  
 Annual Catholic Appeal is  
 back to support all ministries  
 funded by the Diocese.



English



Español



# Lent is less than 2 weeks away! What are your plans?

## Lent 2023: A Resource Guide For Catholics

by [Becky Roach](#)[February](#), [Lent](#)

### Catholic Books For Lent

***Return* | Fr. John Burns**  
*Return* is a beautiful guided journal for prayer and meditation, **Fr. John Burns**—author of the bestselling and award-winning book *Adore*—invites you to strip away your confusion, attachments, and sin so you can return to the Lord and undergo real and lasting conversion. Each week of Lent, the book breaks down part of the liturgy's first reading from Ash Wednesday in which the prophet Joel calls us to wholehearted conversion: “Even now, says the Lord, return to me, with your whole heart, with fasting and weeping and mourning, rend your hearts, not your garments, and return to the Lord, your God” (Jl 2:12–13). Then, during Holy Week and the Resurrection on Easter, you are invited to weave your own stories into that of the Paschal Mystery.

***Psychology and the Cross* | Fr. G. Emmett Carter**  
In this trail-blazing book, first published in 1958, Fr. G. Emmett Carter has assembled the wisest Christian thought showing how psychology can aid the Christian in achieving maturity, overcoming character defects, and conquering emotional disorders.

***Lent Cycle A: The Road to Redemption***  
Join us this Lent as we take 6 weeks to prepare ourselves for the coming of Christ! Are we ready for the King? Are our hearts ready to accept the passion of our Lord so that we may share in his glorious Resurrection? The six weeks leading up to Easter mark our own 40 days in the desert with Jesus. Lent is an intense time of prayer, fasting and almsgiving for the entire Church. This year the Sunday gospel readings at Mass come from the Gospels of Matthew and John. Our engagement with these gospels creates a beautiful tapestry of prepared anticipation for the Easter season into our hearts.

***Walk in Her Sandals: Experience Christ's Passion through the Eyes of Women* | Edited by Kelly M. Wahlquist**  
*Walk in Her Sandals*, edited by popular Catholic author and speaker Kelly M. Wahlquist, takes you deeper into your relationship with Jesus by helping you relate to him in a profoundly intimate way. Looking at six universal gifts of women through the eyes of women in the gospels, the book guides you on a prayerful and creative journey through the days of Holy Week, Easter, and Pentecost.

***The Passion and Death of Our Lord Jesus Christ* | Alban Goodier**  
This absorbing account provides you with an intimate look at the sufferings of Our Lord through the minds and hearts of those closest to Him. You'll see Jesus through the eyes of His apostles, of those who condemned Him, of His executioners, and of those He met along the way of the Cross. Drawing from historical research, culture, and his own profound spiritual insights, Archbishop Alban Goodier, S.J., masterfully intersperses scriptural accounts and narration to bring the Passion of Jesus fully to life.

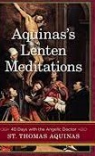
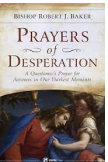
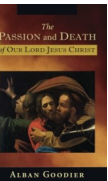
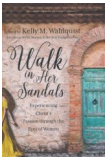
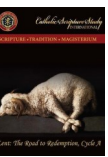
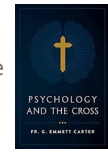
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***Prayers of Desperation: A Questioner's Prayer for Answers in Our Darkest Moments* | Bishop Robert J. Baker**  
Sometimes our best prayers can be the questions we ask. Bishop Robert J. Baker, S.T.D., explains powerful ways to pray when facing the pain of abandonment, serious illness or addiction, loss of a loved one, or large-scale disaster.

***Aquinas's Lenten Meditations: 40 Days with the Angelic Doctor***  
There's a multitude of Lenten meditation books but only one that's packed with the wisdom of St. Thomas Aquinas. Journey through Lent with the Church's greatest philosopher-theologian. This unrivaled spiritual master will guide you in encountering Our Lord and experiencing the type of fruitful Lent that he often experienced.

***Born of Fire* | Fr. Mark Mary Ames**  
This is honestly the best Lent resource for Catholic men we've ever read! If you desire to provide Catholic resources for men this is a must-read.

***The Lenten Cookbook* | Scott Hahn and David Geisser**  
***Jesus I Trust in You: A 30-Day Personal Retreat with the Litany of Trust* | Sr. Faustina Maria Pia, S.V.**  
We were made for love, and love requires trust. In *Jesus I Trust in You: A 30-Day Personal Retreat Based on the Litany of Trust*, Sr. Faustina Maria Pia Bianchi, S.V., learn what it means to place our trust in Jesus—no matter the circumstances. In this powerful invitation to a loving, trusting relationship with our Lord, you will pray with the Litany of Trust to overcome every obstacle to peace.



### Lent Ideas For Children & Families

**Holy Heroes:** Holy Heroes offers a free Lenten Adventure for children. The series will include videos, activities, and coloring sheets.

**Catholic Family Crate:** Do your kids find fasting, praying, and giving difficult or boring? Give your sacrifices a boost this season with the Family Sacrifices Kit.



### Catholic Bible Studies And Online Retreats For Lent

**Focus Lenten Bible Study with Curtis Martin and Dr. Edward Sri**  
This Lent, join Curtis Martin and Dr. Edward Sri for a twelve-week walk through “the big picture” of the Bible. This Bible study is perfect for small groups or self-study. **Participants will...**

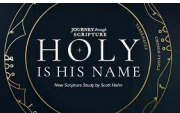
- Come away with the “Big Picture” of the Bible
- See the Catholic Faith in Scripture
- Discover the role they play in the story
- Learn how to share the story with others

Receive the word. Share it with others. This is *our call*.

**Holy Is His Name Scripture Study with Dr. Scott Hahn**  
In **1 Peter 1:16**, we’re reminded of our call to holiness. *You shall be holy, for I am holy*. But what is holiness?

Join us in this new Bible study as Scott Hahn traces the meaning of holiness from its origins in Scripture to its appearance in our own lives today. Together, let’s experience the transformative power of God’s holiness. In twelve beautifully produced lessons, this study explores the Scriptural encounters with the Divine – the burning bush, the ark of the covenant, the burning coal, and more! As our fear and trembling turns to awe and wonder, you’ll come to a new appreciation of our sharing in the divine life.

**Mysteries of the Rosary.**  
An authentic encounter with Christ leads to our transformation and sanctification. Mysteries of the Rosary integrates deeply reflective insights on the life of Christ, theological truths, and captivating stories together with breathtaking scenery, illuminating sacred art, and inspiring music. By filming on location in the Holy Land, our aspiration is to make the Rosary come alive in the hearts and minds of the participants. Encounters with Christ in the episodes and discussions will lead to even deeper encounters with Him in personal prayer and contemplation. <https://www.therosaryseries.com/>



### Movies For Lent

**The Chosen:** Not specifically Lent related, but this series is incredible to watch any time of the year! Check out our Catholic Guide to The Chosen. <https://catholic-link.org/the-chosen-catholic-study-guide/>

**Full of Grace:** There is one person in the gospel that had the experience of living thirty years with Jesus—from birth through His resurrection: Mary, His Mother. After a full life with the Son of God – fleeing into Egypt, losing him in the temple, and seeing him placed on the cross – Mary lives her final earthly days in reflection.



### Catholic Apps (apps listed are free)

**Pray 40 Days:** Fr. Michael Denk created the Pray 40 Days app to set your prayer time on fire this Lent. This app will change your prayer life forever.

**Laudate:** This app is wonderful year-round, not just during Lent. It provides the daily readings, reflections, and a vast collection of prayers.

**Lent #Pray40 Challenge from Hallow**  
Take the Lent #Pray40 Challenge from Hallow – the Catholic Prayer and Meditation App!



## Church Dedications Each Month

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JUNE 16, 2021 FROM **Pietra Fitness**

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Since the 16th century, the Church has assigned special devotions to each month of the year to help us grow closer to God, His Son, and His Saints. Read on to learn about the devotion and meaning given to each month, and how you can celebrate at home.



### September: The Seven Sorrows of Mary

#### Major Feast: The feast of Our Lady of Sorrows (September 15)

Mary’s Immaculate Heart is often depicted as pierced by seven swords, representing the sorrows that she experienced with and alongside her Son. In perfect obedience to God and His will, Mary consented to her Son’s passion and death, entering into his sorrow in a way only a mother can.

**How to celebrate:** Pray the Seven Sorrows Rosary or meditate with Luke 2:34-35 when Simeon prophesied the sorrows Mary would undergo.

### October: The Holy Rosary

#### Major Feast: Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary (October 7)

The Rosary is one of the most powerful forms of prayer that the Church gives to the faithful; popes, saints, even the Blessed Mother herself have spoken on the importance of praying the Rosary. Like Padre Pio who said: “Love the Madonna and pray the rosary, for her Rosary is the weapon against the evils of the world today. All graces given by God pass through the Blessed Mother.”

It’s a simple but profound way to meditate on the life of Jesus and to grow closer to Mary who will always lead us to her Son.

**How to celebrate:** Pray the Rosary (or pray a decade of the rosary).



### November: The Holy Souls in Purgatory

#### Major Feast: All Souls’ Day (November 1)

As Catholics, we believe that the Church is made up of the souls here on earth, the saints in heaven, and the souls suffering in Purgatory. The souls in purgatory cannot pray for themselves and need our prayers and sacrifices to enter fully into the Beatific Vision. November is a set aside for the faithful to remember and pray for these brothers and sisters of ours.

**How to celebrate:** Visit the cemetery and pray for the dead. Not only is praying for the dead a spiritual work of mercy, but the Church also offers a plenary indulgence for those who do this during the first week of November.

### December: The Immaculate Conception

#### Major Feast: The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception (December 8)

The Blessed Mother was called “full of Grace” by the angel Gabriel because she was first conceived without sin. As the Church prepares for the coming of Christ on Christmas day, meditating on the mystery of Mary’s immaculate conception can remind us of the saving work Jesus came to do through His Incarnation.

**How to celebrate:** Go to confession. This a great way to prepare for Christmas and give you the grace to imitate Mary’s virtues.

Catechism of the Catholic Church, #2666



*Thank you for all the kind expressions of condolences we received and for the lunch after Amy's memorial service. Thank you especially for all your prayers. We appreciate you all so much.*

*Pamela and Thomas Jenkins*