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EASTER 2023

**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH**

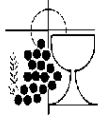
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**STEWARDSHIP**

In today's Gospel Jesus charges his followers to "make disciples of all nations." What exactly is going on here? What is this Great Commission anyway? Good stewards know they are directed to share what they exercise stewardship over: their life of faith in Christ Jesus. They know Jesus didn't direct them to go to church and to keep quiet about it; or to go out into the neighborhood, workplace or marketplace and just be nice. Christ's Good News is meant to be shared. Many people in our communities don't know about Jesus Christ. Does that bother us? Do we care? Do we realize we are supposed to do something about it?



### **Masses for the Week**

Tuesday	May 23 5:30pm	Mass at Our Lady of Lourdes - Ada
Wednesday	May 24 9:00am	Brian King - ICC
Thursday	May 25 9:00am	Mary Lou Sweet - ICC
Friday	May 26 9:00am	Mass at Our Lady of Lourdes - Ada
Saturday	May 27 4:00pm	<b>Pentecost Sunday</b> People of the Parish
Sunday	May 28 9:00am 7:00pm	<b>Pentecost Sunday</b> Gordon Gatien, Sr. Spanish Mass

Please remember to keep our Nursing Home Parishioners and the Home Bound and the sick in your prayers:

Charlene Hilty, Diane Jaeger, Rita Scharf,  
Carol Lowery, Ellen Ramge, Dr. Kate Johnson,  
Don Conkle, Gerry Cote, Carol Cozad, and  
Ernie Klingelhofer.

### **May is the Month of Mary**

Join us while we say the Rosary before the weekend Masses and on Thursday after Mass.



### **Happy Anniversary Fr. Ed – 5 years – May 26!**

May God continue to bless you today and always!



### **Weekly Readings for Masses May 22 - 28**

<b>Monday</b>	Acts 19:1-8 & John 16:29-33
<b>Tuesday</b>	Acts 20:17-27 & John 17:1-11a
<b>Wednesday</b>	Acts 20:28-38 & John 17:11b-19
<b>Thursday</b>	Acts 22:30; 23:6-11 & John 17:20-26
<b>Friday</b>	Acts 25:13b-21 & John 21:15-19
<b>Saturday</b>	Acts 28:16-20, 30-31 & John 21:20-25
<b>Sunday</b>	Acts 2:1-11 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13 John 20:19-23



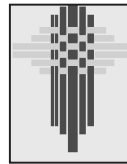
### **Week of May 14**

<b>Regular (31)</b>	<b>\$1,995.00</b>
<b>Loose</b>	<b>170.25</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,165.25</b>

**Parish Capital. . . . . \$ 95.00**

**Year to date offertory beginning July. . . \$104,854.90**

### **The Bishops Annual Appeal is now called The Appeal**



"Forward with Jesus" is the theme for this year's Appeal. It encourages us to move forward in the Light of Christ. The Appeal has provided more than \$1 million back into our parishes for their most urgent and pressing needs. We pray that we will

continue to strengthen the partnerships built through the Appeal and pray that we may successfully provide financial support to our parishes, Catholic schools, seminarians, and the many other diocesan ministries in the upcoming year. The Financial Goal for our parish this year is \$17,217.49; our 'Participation Goal' remains at 100%. Any amount you can give will help us to reach both goals! As always, any amount over our goal is returned to our parish.



## PSR – Today, May 21

There will be a fun class on the Immaculate Heart of Mary on Sunday, May 21, after the 9am Mass until 11am for preschool thru 6<sup>th</sup> grade PSR students and family.

## Youth Group

All newly confirmed are invited to attend the Youth Group gathering on Sunday, May 21, after the 9am Mass until 11am to be held in the Office Building's upstairs Youth Group Room. Hope to see everyone there!!

## Please pray for our Seminarians

Every week we will pray for one of our Seminarians.

This week please keep Michael Rhatican from St. Joan of Arc in Powell in your prayers.



*Father, You love us and call each of us to go on mission with you in advancing your kingdom. You equip us with everything that we need to serve and love others in that mission. We pray for our seminarians whom you have called to seminary to discern a possible call to serve you as priests. Please watch over them, Lord. Guide them and help them grow in holiness. Grant them wisdom and courage to give themselves radically to You. We pray also for the grace to grow in holiness ourselves and to seek always your will in our lives. We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen.*

## Travelers Prayer

O Almighty and merciful God, who hast commissioned Thy angels to guide and protect us, command them to be our assiduous companions from our setting out until our return; to clothe us with their invisible protection; to keep from us all danger of collision, of fire, of explosion, of fall and bruises, and finally, having preserved us from all evil, and especially from sin, to guide us to our heavenly home. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.



## Diocesan Senior Citizens Day Celebration

Tuesday, June 27, at St. Catharine Church, 500 S. Gould Road, Columbus.

Bishop Earl K. Fernandes will celebrate Mass at 10:30 a.m. followed by a luncheon. This annual event is a great opportunity of prayer, food, and fellowship with senior citizens from the 23-county Catholic Diocese of Columbus. Registration for the celebration is \$20. To register, please send a check payable to the Office for Social Concerns, Catholic Diocese of Columbus, 197 E. Gay Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215. For online registrations, visit <https://dioceseofcolumbus.org/social-concerns-online-payments>.

Registrations are requested by June 20.

## Dignity of Life Threatened in Ohio

The dignity of life is being threatened in Ohio by a proposed amendment to the Ohio Constitution that claims to recognize reproductive freedoms, but it furthers a culture of death and removes current safeguards for women. As Catholics, we find the proposed amendment dangerous, unjust, and contrary to our belief in the sacredness of all life. Learn more about the proposed amendment at: [www.ohiocathconf.org/amendment](http://www.ohiocathconf.org/amendment).

## Festival News

**Fun for our visitors, fellowship for our parishioners, fundraiser for our parish!**  
**This year's Immaculate Conception Festival will be held on Sunday, August 13 from noon to 7:00pm**

**Country Store.** When doing your spring cleaning please remember the Festival. We need good clean household items for the Country Store. Please make sure household items are in good condition and useable. Drop off at the Center.

**Theme Baskets.** Theme Baskets must be completely made up and covered this year to be donated. We will not be making up any theme baskets at the Center this year.

If you are helping where children are involved, remember you must have taken the Protecting God's Children Workshop and had a background check completed. Workshops can now be done online thru Zoom! **Plan ahead!**



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