# Advent





SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14 AT 3:00PM

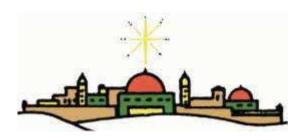


#### CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve—Wednesday, December 24 5:00 pm & 9:00 pm Christmas Day, Thursday, December 25 9:00 am

Weekend Mass Times usual schedule

New Year's Eve—Wednesday, December 31 5:30 pm New Year's Day—Thursday, January 1 10:00 am



#### Immaculate Conception Catholic Church

**Weekend Mass Times** 

SATURDAY (VIGIL) 5 PM SUNDAY 8 AM & 10:30 AM

#### **Weekday Mass Times**

12:05PM TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY & FRIDAY Adoration in the Chapel

Tuesdays 7am-5pm, Wednesday 9am-8pm, Thursday 7am-5pm

Open Prayer in Church 7am—5:30pm Holy Days of Obligation

SEE CURRENT BULLETIN / CALENDAR

#### Sacrament of Penance

Tues, Wed, Thurs, Fri 11:30-11:55am, Tuesday 5-5:30pm, Saturday 3:30-4:30 pm or by appointment call the Parish Office

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#### MISSION STATEMENT

"As a Catholic community, we commit ourselves to faith formation, prayer and stewardship empowering us to live, love and teach in the likeness of Jesus."

#### **December 14, 2025**



MON, DEC 15

**TUES, DEC 16** 12:05 p.m. WED, DEC 17 12:05 p.m.

**THURS, DEC 18** 12:05 p.m.

FRI, DEC 19 12:05 p.m. SAT, DEC 20 5:00 p.m. (vigil) SUN, DEC 21 8:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m.

ADVENT WEEKDAY NO MASS

ADVENT WEEKDAY

- +Becky Dirig—Gary & Mickey James LATE ADVENT WEEKDAY
- +Roger Hippenhammer-Gene & Mary Lynn Stein

  LATE ADVENT WEEKDAY

Living & deceased members of the Zink & Boxberger families

LATE ADVENT WEEKDAY

- +Jane Mack—Keelsen Family LATE ADVENT WEEKDAY
- +Mildred Bowers—Tom & Diane Ward **FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT** For the Parish Community
- +Don Lauer-Maureen Prebynski



Ministry Scheduler

Please request a substitute through Ministry Scheduler Pro if you cannot honor your scheduled date.

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Please be sure to take a few minutes to register. This can be done online at www.iccauburn.com, pick up a registration form in the gather space or stop by the parish office.

It is very important for all Catholics to be registered. This is especially important when you request letters of testimony to become a sponsor for baptism or confirmation or wishing to be married. Young adults over 18 years of age who are living at home and in the working world should be registered on their own. College students or those who are mentally or physically challenged are the exception.

REGISTER AND BE A PART OF OUR PARISH FAMILY!

#### THE WEEK AHEAD

MONDAY 9:00 a.m.

Morning Prayer Group / Gather Space

#### **Retirement Fund for Religious**

They gave their lives in service-now they need your help. For decades, women and men religious have cared for others, teaching, praying, and serving those in need. Many now face retirement without sufficient savings. Your support ensures they receive the care they deserve. Let us now offer them the dignity they have so selflessly granted to others. Your generosity today is not just a donation-it's a way of thanking them for their lifelong service. Please give to the Retirement Fund for Religious.





GIVING TREE GIFTS AND DONATIONS NEED RETURNED NO LATER THAN **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14** 

Thank you for your generosity!

#### Mass Intentions

The 2026 Mass Intention

book is available to schedule Mass(es) for loved ones. Contact Lisa in the Parish Office at 925-3930 or email office@iccauburn.com with your requests.

#### Help others stay warm this winter!

Look for the donation box in the "Gathering Space" and drop off your **new/gently** used winter coats, hats, gloves or scarves. Please be sure to bag the items individually.

#### Help feed the hungry locally.



Canned goods and non perishable items can be placed in the box in the gather space.

All donations will be taken to Catholic Charities, Auburn Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus Council #9186

**Advent Confessions this week:** Sunday, December 14 Auburn, Immaculate Conception, 3:00 pm

Tuesday, December 16 - Waterloo, St. Michael, 6:30 pm Wednesday, December 17 - Avilla, St. Mary's, 6:30 pm Thursday, December 18- Rome City, St. Gasper's, 6:30 pm

Note: Please make a good Confession. Jesus wishes to bless you with this great Sacrament.

If anyone is in need of anointing of the sick or last rites, please call the office to speak with Father Drew 925-3930.

PLEASE KNOW THAT FATHER DREW AND STAFF WILL NEVER ASK FOR FINANCIAL HELP, GIFT CARDS, ETC. ALWAYS CHECK WITH THE PARISH OFFICE BEFORE YOU RESPOND TO ANY TEXTS. PHONE CALLS OR EMAILS.

#### THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

#### **Adoration Chapel**

Closed the week of Christmas & New Year's

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday December 23, 24, 25, 30, 31 & January 1

Chapel will reopen Tuesday, January 6

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Come and see what God has waiting for you. Third Thursday of Each Month Beginning January 15th 6:30-8:00 pm here at ICC

#### Help is needed with coffee and donuts on Sunday mornings.



Speak with Father Drew, call the parish office or go online to sign up now!

https://signup.com/go/LFbMgXU



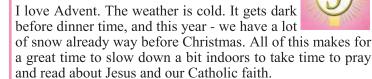
CHILDREN'S CHOIR WILL **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21** IF YOU ARE IN GRADE 2 THRU 8 PLEASE JOIN US!



Compliments of the Ladies Guild of **Immaculate** Conception

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Blessed Advent!



I recently purchased a short and delightful book on the Three Wise Men that I would encourage us all to read. It is called: Three Kings, Ten Mysteries, by Grzegorz Górny. This book is a good book to get us into the Advent and Christmas spirit. I hope you enjoy it.

In our Gospel, we heard of how John the Baptist was in prison and he sent a question to Jesus wondering if He actually was the Messiah. Just last week, I heard someone say that it would have been possible for John the Baptist to have second guessed himself as to whether Jesus was the Christ because Jesus started His earthly ministry with healing and deliverance and not as a mighty conqueror (which He would actually be in His Death and Resurrection as He conquered sin and death). John the Baptist could have been wondering if the Kingdom was really going to come if Jesus was just going to spend so much time healing and walking around Israel with His Apostles. I would encourage us in 2026 to ask Jesus to show us in our personal lives and as a parish - His power for healing and deliverance and how this opens us up to truly live in the power of the Kingdom, which then helps us focus on bearing the fruit Jesus wants us to bear. May we personally and communally be made anew so that we can live the joy of the Apostles and not the venom of the Pharisees and scribes.

Lastly, what a blessed time we have had over the past couple of weeks! A parish mission, 40 Hours, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, discussions about our church interior beautification, our Praise Night on December 12<sup>th</sup>, plus all of our Advent graces. So many graces and so we are led to thanks and praise of Jesus.

AND please don't forget we have Confessions here at our parish this Sunday, December 14th at 3pm. We will have four visiting priests here to make our souls white as snow by the Blood of the Lamb, praise God!

Peace and Joy, Fr. Drew



Please join Bishop Rhoades on Friday, December 26 for Adoration 3-4pm followed by Mass at 4pm as we pray for vocations. Both events take place at the Oratory at University of St. Francis prior to the annual Cupertino Classic which is being held at Bishop Luers.

All are welcome to come to Bishop Luers for the 11th annual Cupertino Classic on Friday, December 26 at 6:30pm. A basketball ball game in which priests vs seminarians compete in a friendly yet competitive game of basketball to help build up the Catholic Community in our diocese and promote vocations to the diocesan priesthood.



Ladies, sometimes we can believe that we must earn God's love. The constant "doing, doing, doing" in our busy lives is exhausting. Come and rest in His love. Join us at our next Gathering:

Immaculate Conception, Auburn Third Thursday of Each Month Beginning January 15th 6:30-8:00 PM



# Save The Date



The Christ Child Society of Fort Wayne will be sponsoring a Baby Bottle fundraiser for the purpose of meeting the needs of at-risk children and their families in our community. Bottles will

be distributed after all Masses on January 17 and 18. Your spare change can make a difference! To learn more visit: christchildsocietyfw.org.

### Baby Bottle Fundraiser 2026











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# BRUARY



# Local Artist Exhibition

Calling all local artists' to join us for the Art Exhibition Festival 2026. Artists will feature religious themed exhibits. Appetizers and Spirits will be available during this event

Date

Feb.7,2026 6:00 pm

Location

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Space Fee /Reserve By Jan 19, 2026

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