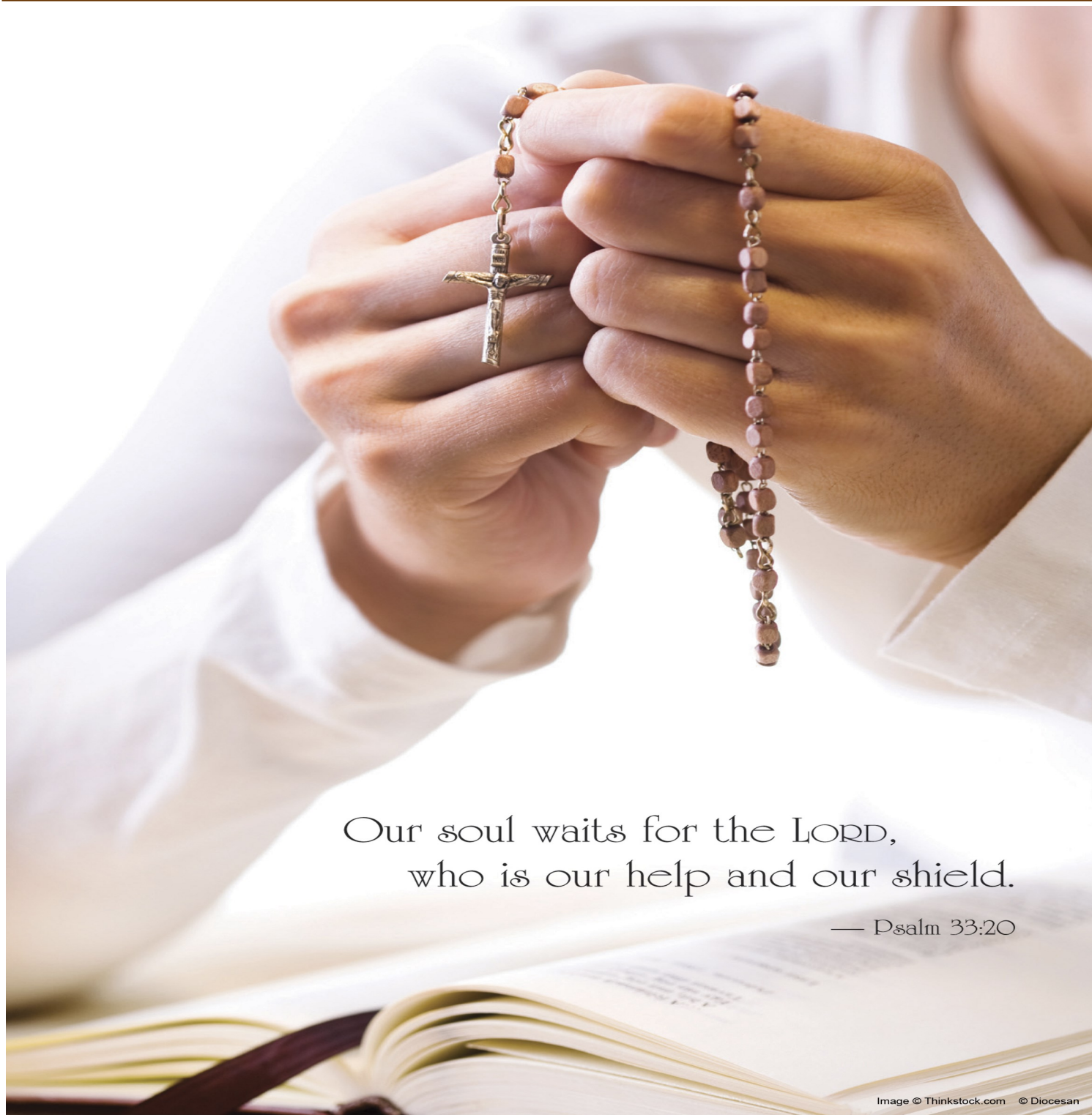


Immaculate Conception Catholic Church
St. Clare Catholic Church
NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Our soul waits for the LORD,
who is our help and our shield.

— Psalm 33:20

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Fr. Arul Lazar, MSFS - Pastor
Rectory 273-8953

Dennis Cristofaro - Deacon
Emergency 273-8953 x112

Fr. Arul Lazar, MSFS

Name: *Arul Sundaram Lazar*

Parents: *Lazar & Selvam*

Date of Birth: *April 14, 1981*

Place of Birth: *Purathakudi in Tiruchirappalli District*

Primary School: *Little Flower Elementary School, Annamangalam*

High School: *Little Flower Higher Secondary School, Annamangalam*

(*Joined the Religious Congregation of Missionaries of St. Francis De Sales after the tenth grade*)

Minor Seminary: *S.F.S Minor Seminary, Pudukkottai (1996 – 1999)*

Novitiate: *Salesianum, Visakhapattinam (1999-2000)*

Philosophy & B.A: *Suvidya College, Bengaluru (2000 – 2003)*

Regency: *MSFS Minor Seminary, Vaniyambadi (2003 -2004)*

Theology: *Pontifical Athenaeum, Jnana Deepa Institute of Philosophy And Theology (2004 – 2007)*

Diaconate Ministry: *Our Lady of the Assumption Church, Kanankadu (2007 – 2008)*

Date of Ordination: *April 17, 2008*

Order: *Missionaries of St. Frances De Sales*

Places of Ministry:

Associate Pastor: *Holy Redeemer Church, Kelambakkam (2008 -2009)*

Formator: *Samarpan Propaedeutic Seminary, Kalikanan, Diocese of Bruipur, West Bengal (2009 -2010)*

Associate Pastor: *Sacred Heart Church, Morapai, South 24-Parganas, West Bengal (2010-2011)*

Associate Pastor: *Sacred Heart Church, Thakurpukur, Kolkata, West Bengal (2011-2012)*

Director of an Orphanage “*Friendly Home*”, *Alangayam, Tamilnadu (2012 – 2014)*

Bursar & Formator: *MSFS Minor Seminary, Pudukkottai, Tamilnadu (2014 – 2016)*

Associate Pastor: *St. Joseph Church, St. Joseph, MI (2017 – 2022)*

Administrator: *Collaborative Parishes of Holy Maternity of Mary (Dowagiac), Sacred Heart of Mary (Silver Creek) & Holy Family Church (Decatur) (2022 – 2024)*

Administrator: *Immaculate Conception Church, Hartford, MI (2025, From January to June)*

Pastor: *Immaculate Conception Church, Three Rivers, MI (2025, July-)*

Fr. Arul Lazar, MSFS

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH

MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

Saturday, August 9 - Vigil Mass

4:00 p.m. †Don W. Falborski (Anniversary)

By: Mom & Dad

Sunday, August 10 - NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

10:30 a.m. The People in our Parish

Monday, August 11 - St. Clare, Virgin

8:00 a.m. †Doreatha Markel

By: Paul & Marry Anne Carra

Tuesday, August 12 - St. Jane Frances de Chantal Religious

6:00 p.m. Mass at St. Clare

Wednesday, August 13 - Saints Pontian, Pope and Hippolytus

8:00 a.m. Edna Swiget

By: Pixie Ziehm & Rick Grams

Thursday, August 14 - Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Vigil Mass

6:00 p.m. Mass at St. Clare

Friday, August 15 -Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

9:00 a.m. †Lidia Granzotto

By: Joe Granzotto

Saturday, August 16 - Vigil Mass

8:00 a.m. †Larry Broker

By: Mitch, Mike & Jill Sebo

Sunday, August 17 - TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

10:30 p.m. †Marilyn Grodecki (birthday)

By: Marie Koole

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR SUNDAY, AUGUST 17

First Reading: Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10

Responsorial Psalm: 40:2, 3,4,18

Second Reading: Hebrews 12:1-4

Gospel: John 10:27

Friday, August 15th is the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a **Holy Day of Obligation**.

Masses are at:

Vigil mass - St. Clare, Thursday at 6:00 pm

Morning Mass - Immaculate Conception, Friday at 9:00 am

Bible Study

Friday morning Bible Study will resume on September 19th in the Immaculate Conception basement. We will studying the Prophets Ezekiel and Daniel, who deal with a people living in captivity and persecution. In the face of confusion and suffering— with God's instance— they speak with courage and give hope and truth to the nations and generations. Please sign up on the sheet in the carport entrance if you plan to join us.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION LECTORS, SERVERS AND MINISTERS SCHEDULE

Saturday, August 16 at 4:00 p.m.

Sacristan: Linda Baker

Lector: Jen Graber

Ministers: *Pat Larkins, Jean Heins, Michael Heins

Sunday, August 17 at 10:30 a.m.

Sacristan: Francis Granzotto

Lector: Marie Koole

Ministers: *Janice Schimnoski, Terryl Lewis, Diane Springer
Sarah Mercer, Francis Granzotto

IC PARISH SUPPORT

Week of 8/3/25

YTD

Fiscal Year July 1, 2025– June 30, 2026

Sunday Collection (61)	\$ 12,180.54	\$41,186.45
Online Collection (0)	\$ 1,335.00	\$2,670.00
Holy Days (1) Assumption	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00
Visitors/Loose	\$ 774.96	\$ 4,090.32
Mass Stipend	\$ 270.00	\$690.00
Utility Fund	\$ 347.00	\$ 347.00
Donations/Bequests	\$ 0.00	\$ 90.00
Total Offertory	\$ 14,932.50	\$ 49,098.77
Weekly Need	\$ 6,017.00	\$ 36,102.00
Over/Under	\$ 8,915.50	\$ 12,996.77

Income not included in weekly needs:

Votive Lights	\$19.00
2nd Collection	\$500.00

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WEBSITE

IC & SC Catholic Churches	www.iccollaborative.com
Immaculate Conception	www.iccatholicschool.com
School of Three Rivers	

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO OUR PARISHIONERS! Aug.10– Aug. 18

Cesar Sanchez Castro
Jean Skalski
Collen Kline



The Catholic Bishop Abuse Reporting Service (CBAR) has been established to receive reports of sexual abuse and related misconduct by bishops and to relay those reports to proper Church authorities for investigation. To make a report, visit ReportBishopAbuse.org or phone (800) 276-1562. When a report includes a crime, such as the sexual abuse of a minor, it will also be reported to civil authorities. Otherwise, reports will be kept confidential.

BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL UPDATE

AS OF JULY 27, 2025

GOAL	PLEDGED	BALANCE DUE
\$ 52,499	\$ 38,103.50	\$ 9,140.50

Dear Parishioners,

Annual School & Playground Clean-up Saturday, August 16, from 8am to 12

This is a volunteer day for families, staff & parishioners. The more hands we have, the lighter the load. We need you to help get our school grounds looking their best and ready for the new school year! Anyone and everyone can join in. There is mulch to move, leaves/branches to move, playground equipment to paint, and weeds to pull. Please bring any of the following items; work gloves, rakes, trimmers, and shovel. Snacks and beverages will be provided.



Este es un día de voluntariado para familias, personal y feligreses. Cuantas más manos tengamos, más ligera será la carga.

¡Necesitamos su ayuda para que el patio de nuestra escuela luzca impecable y esté listo para el nuevo año escolar! Todos pueden participar. Hay que usar el rastrillo, mover hojas y ramas, pintar los juegos infantiles y cortar la maleza.

Por favor, traigan cualquiera de los siguientes artículos: guantes de trabajo, rastrillos, podadoras y pala.

Se proporcionarán refrigerios y bebidas.

Thank you to everyone who donated to our yearly **Knights of Columbus yard sale!** Once, again, it was very successful. Special thanks to Larry Larsh, Brian Johnson, Mark Voege, Rick Grams, Jim Ruden, and Jeff Springer. These gentlemen worked long hours to support our cause. **THANK YOU!**

Bishop Annual Appeal– Continuing Our Mission

A sincere thank you to all who have made their pledge! Your generous gift helps bring Christ to people and people to Christ in countless ways.

We are moving closer to our parish goal, but we need your support to reach it! Your participation makes all the difference—please prayerfully consider joining this vital effort. No Pledge is too small or too large!



**DIACONAL MINISTRY
INFORMATIONAL
MEETINGS**

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 6
ST. STANISLAUS, DORR - 6PM

FRIDAY, AUGUST 8
HOLY ANGELS, STURGIS - 6PM

MONDAY, AUGUST 11
ST. MARY, NILES - 6PM

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 13
ST. MONICA, KALAMAZOO - 6PM

THURSDAY, AUGUST 14
ST. JOSEPH, BATTLE CREEK - 6PM

NEW LOCATION

DIOCESE OF KALAMAZOO

For More Information
diokzoo.org/deaconformation



St. Stanislaus BACK TO OUR ROOTS
20th Annual
Polish Festival
Saturday + Sunday, August 16 - 17, 2025
1861 136th Ave. Dorrr, MI 49323
Cash-Only Event
JOIN US IN OUR AIR-CONDITIONED HALL!

Saturday, August 16
5:00pm - 10:00pm

- **FOOD**
- Serving 5:00pm - 7:30pm
- Meal includes kielbasa & sauerkraut, pierogi, golumpki, Polish potatoes, rye bread & butter
- Adults \$15, 5-10 years \$10, Kids under 5 Free, Family cap of \$60
- **MUSIC**
- 6:00-10:00pm Polka Music with **Bill Gruscinski Band**
- **BEER TENT**
- **KIDS GAMES** 5:00-8:00pm
- **BASKET RAFFLES**
- **50/50 RAFFLES**

Sunday, August 17
11:00am - 4:00pm

- **FOOD**
- Serving 11:00am - 3:00pm
- Meal includes kielbasa & sauerkraut, pierogi, golumpki, Polish potatoes, rye bread & butter
- Also serving czarnina, dill pickle soup, and Polish pastries
- Adults \$15, 5-10 years \$10, Kids under 5 Free, Family cap of \$60
- **MUSIC**
- 1:00 - 4:00pm Polka Music with **Pan Franek, Zosia & the Polkatowners**
- 1:00pm Polka dancing lessons
- **BEER TENT**
- **KIDS GAMES** 12:00-4:00pm
- **BASKET RAFFLES**
- **50/50 RAFFLES**

HUGE CASH RAFFLE

- \$1,000 grand prize, \$500 second prize, and \$250 third prize
- Tickets \$5 each — Drawing to be held on Sunday at 4:00 pm
(State of Michigan License #C32623)

MASS SCHEDULE

- Saturday 4:30pm Vigil Mass - in Honor of Our Lady of Czestochowa
- Sunday 10:30am Mass with Polish Music by Pan Franek, Zosia & the Polka Towners - in Honor of Our Lady of Czestochowa
- Sunday 6:00pm Mass for Festival Volunteers - All are Welcome

All proceeds to benefit St. Stanislaus Catholic Parish & School

Visit us at st-stanschurch.net, st-stans.net
or like us on [Facebook.com/saintstanislaus.polishfestival](https://www.facebook.com/saintstanislaus.polishfestival)

ST. CLARE CHURCH

MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

SUNDAY - August 10

8:30 a.m. †Joseph & †Stella Dutka
By: Robert & Charlene Dutka

TUESDAY - August 12

6:00 p.m. **NO MASS**

THURSDAY - August 14

**The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Vigil Mass**

6:00 p.m. †Michelle Mikula
By: Dennis & Celeste Nemeth

SUNDAY - August 17

8:30 a.m. †Joann Larimer
By: Liz Campbell
and
The People of the Parishes

Lector: Bob Dutka
Ministers: Dcn Dennis, Phyllis Nusbaum, Alice D.
Altar Server: Volunteer
Ushers: Mike Collins & Lou Scohy
Coffee Crew: Ron & Sharie Holben

SC PARISH SUPPORT

Week of 8/3/25

YTD

Fiscal Year July 1, 2025– June 30, 2026

Sunday Collection (18).....	\$1,315.00.....	\$ 5,589.00
Online Collection	\$ 0.00.....	\$ 0.00
Holy Days	\$ 0.00.....	\$ 0.00
Visitors/Loose.....	\$ 385.00.....	\$ 1,934.00
Mass Stipend	\$ 0.00.....	\$ 120.00
Utility Fund	\$ 0.00.....	\$ 141.00
Donations/Bequests	\$ 0.00.....	\$ 0.00
Total Offortory	\$ 1,700.00.....	\$ 7,784.00
Weekly Need	\$ 1,324.00.....	\$ 7,944.00
Over/Under	\$ 376.00.....	\$ (160.00)

Income not included in weekly needs:

Capital Improvement/Building Fund Phase II..... \$1,156.00

SAVE THE DATE

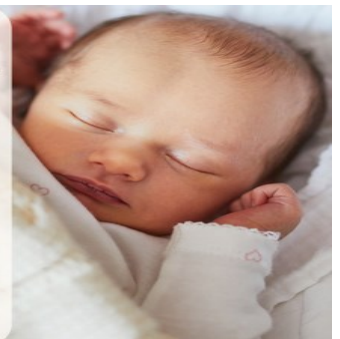
**Celebration and Prayer
for Life Rally**

Keynote speaker: Pastor Michael L. Brown, Kalamazoo Gospel Ministries

Sunday, October, 12th
Doors open at 4:00 pm
Program starts at 5:00 pm

St. Michael Lutheran Church
7211 Oakland Drive Portage, MI 49024

Join us for a celebration of life with music, prayer, and inspiring speakers!
We'll be collecting donations for two local Pregnancy Resource Centers:
Pregnancy Helpline of Three Rivers (with their mobile medical unit on site) and Positive Options - Allegan.



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH 645 S. DOUGLAS AVE., THREE RIVERS, MI

St. Clare Mission Parish
23126 M-86
Centreville, MI 49032

PLEASE REMEMBER THOSE IN SPECIAL NEED OF OUR PRAYERS

Dear Heavenly Father, in Jesus' name, we ask for healing and health for those on our prayer list. Please bless them and meet all of their needs. Amen.

Mark Brost

Terry Collins

Ben Doering

Roger Doering

John Gavin

Harry Gruber

Anastasia Gutierrez

Laurie Highfield

Al Jewett

Shonna Kazor

Greg King

Emma Klett

Cassandra Lems

Greg Mecham

Nora Middleton

Frank

Felipe

Mary Reck

Blanca Rubi

Charity Schaefer

Jared Vidal Rubi

Raul Vidal Rubi

Marlene Schultz

Mike Stumpf

Michael Tison

Craig Vaughn

Todd Ziehm

Vincent Zoski

Andreanne

Jim Larson

Nicki Holten

Sharon Jacobs

Tim Zebell

Karen Szwaja

Mark Stevens

Jill Sebo

Roger & Theresa

Komrska

Connie Shoemaker

Shirlene Koth

Joseph Tobon

Sheyla Perez Miranda



Welcome To Our Parishes

If you would like to enroll, change your address, or simply have questions about our parish, please fill out the form below and drop it in the collection basket or mail it to the Church office:
645 S. Douglas, Three Rivers, MI 49093

Name _____
Address _____
City/Zip _____
Phone _____

Please circle one: IC Church St. Clare

- ☐ I would like to enroll as an active member.
- ☐ Please change my address to the one shown above.
- ☐ I would like to learn more about school/parish activities.
- ☐ I would like to learn more about the Catholic faith.
- ☐ I would like to offer the name of a homebound or ill Catholic who is not currently being visited: _____.
- ☐ I would like to speak with a priest about a vocation to the priesthood or religious life.

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Parishes & School Information

Rectory Office

Parish Secretary/Bookkeeper & Bulletin Editor – Raquel Arias
M,T,W,F 8:00 a.m.– 4:00 p.m. • Office closed on Thursdays
Telephone: 273-8953 E-mail: icchurchtr@outlook.com

Bulletin Deadline Monday at noon.

Mass times: Saturday 4:00 pm at Immaculate Conception

Sunday 8:30 am at St. Clare

Sunday 10:30 am at Immaculate Conception

Monday, 8:00 am at Immaculate Conception

Tuesday 6:00 pm at Immaculate Conception

Wednesday & Friday, 8:00 am at Immaculate Conception

Eucharistic Adoration: 8:30 am - 6:00 pm first Friday of every month.

Sacrament of Penance: 3:15 - 3:45 p.m. Saturday and by request.

Sacrament of Baptism: contact the Parish Office at 273-8953.

Sacrament of Marriage: Arrangements must be made a minimum of 6 months in advance.

Anointing of the sick: Please contact the office.

SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS OF THE PARISHES

Knights of Columbus #4141: Brian Johnson - 269-718-3883

Meets the 2nd Thursday of the month at 7:00 pm, church hall

Daughters of Mary: Nancy Schopf - 718-9218

Meets the 4th Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m., church hall

St. Clare Ladies' Guild: Phyllis Nusbaum, President - 269-358-8299

Meets the 1st Thursday of the month at 6:30 pm

St. Clare Men's Club: Ron Holben, President - 517-290-0547

Collaborative Evangelization Committee: Marie Koole - 506-3636
Meeting times are flexible

Permanent Deacon - Dennis Cristofaro 708-446-8244
d.cristofaro@att.net

Music Director -

Director of Religious Ed. - Mark Voegel 269-816-4466

High School Youth Ministry -

RCIA - Mark & Mary Brost 269-251-6392

MINISTRIES OF THE PARISHES

Sacristans, Lectors, Ministers Holy Communion: Jean Heins 412-480-9129

Altar Servers: Dcn. Dennis Cristofaro, 708-446-8244

Ushers: Mike Sebo, 269-492-5754

Homebound/Nursing Home Visitors: Rectory Office, 273-8953

Jail Ministry: Tom Springer, 273-4702 or 269-816-4965

Art & Environment of the Church: Mary Sorensen, 278-5275

SC Prayer Shawl Ministry: Celeste Nemeth, 467-1869

IC Prayer Shawl Ministry: Nancy Schopf, 718-9218

IC Prayer Chain: Call the Rectory to add someone to the prayer chain.

IC Help: Call the Rectory to donate or for help. 273-8953

BOARD CHAIRPERSONS

IC PARISH COUNCIL - LARRY LARSH 244-4547

SC PARISH COUNCIL - PETER RAMBADT 503-0825

IC FINANCE COUNCIL - SARAH MERCER 273-2228

SC FINANCE COUNCIL - JOHN LARIMER 625-6498

IC SCHOOL COMMISSION - BOB MODAFF 506-4041

OUR MISSION

Together with our community,

We provide a Christ-centered Education to:

- Build Faith based on the truths of the Catholic Church
- Develop Knowledge for becoming productive citizens
- Practice Christian Service as Jesus taught

Thereby allowing each student to flourish and become the Child of God they were created to be.

NUESTRA MISIÓN

Juntos con nuestra comunidad,

Proveemos una educación centrada en Cristo para:

- Fomentar la Fe basada en las verdades de la Iglesia Católica
- Desarrollar el Conocimiento para ser ciudadanos productivos
- Practicar el Servicio Cristiano como nos enseñó Jesús

Permitiendo así que cada estudiante florezca y se convierta en el Hijo de Dios creado para serlo.

Immaculate Conception School (PK-8th)

Principal - Sharon Voegel

Website: www.iccatholicschool.com 269-273-2085