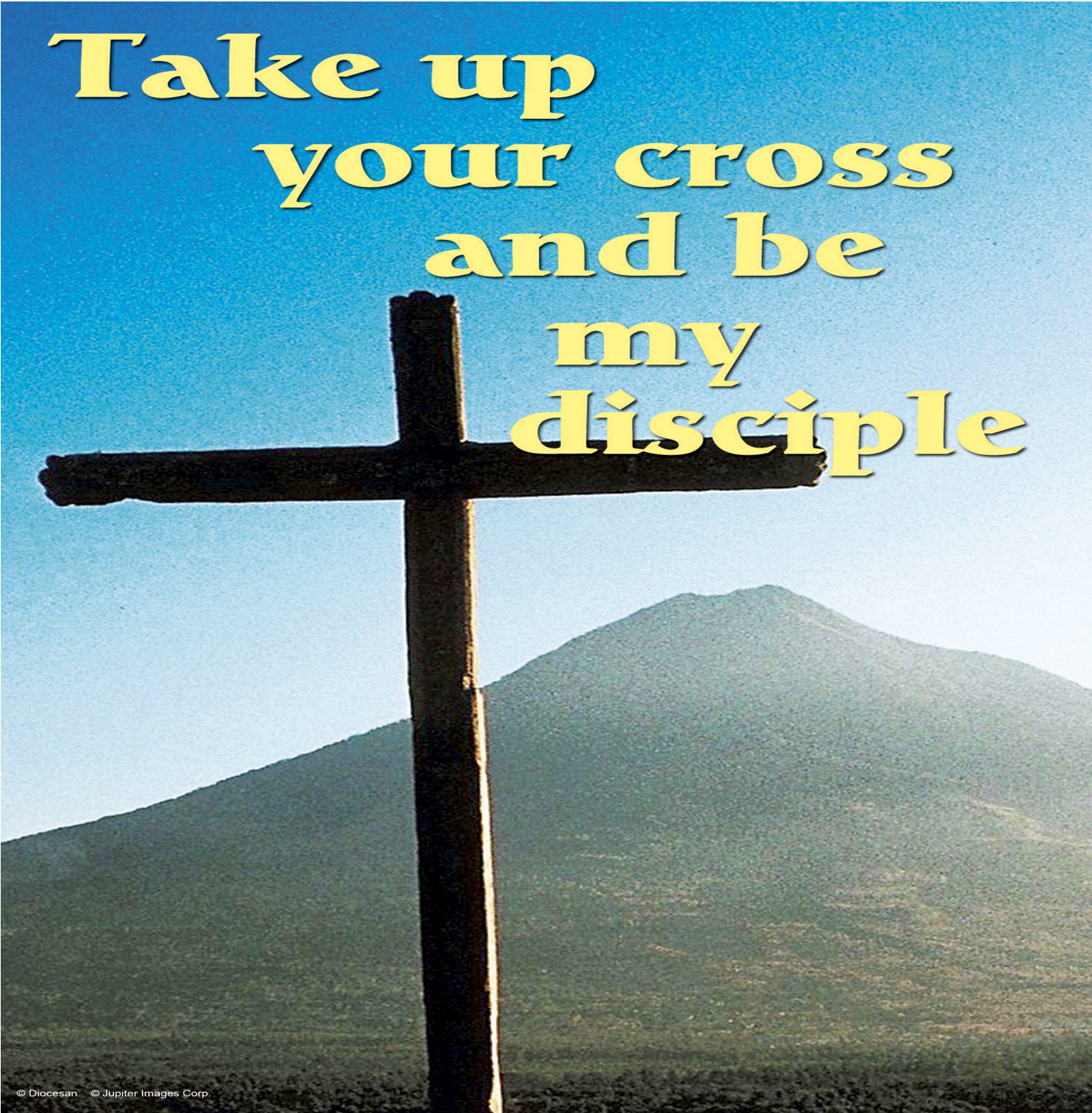


Immaculate Conception Catholic Church
St. Clare Catholic Church
TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**Take up
your cross
and be
my
disciple**



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Dennis Cristofaro - Deacon
Rectory 273-8953

Dear Friends,

Every day we make commitments. Some are new ones, formulated over our morning coffee, and some are existing ones we are trying to honor, even though we may have made them months, years or decades ago. We are challenged each and every day to remain true to our commitments, but they are so easy to break and so tough to keep.

Think about all the times we vowed to exercise more or to eat less. We were resolute in your conviction, but within weeks or maybe only days, we were back to our old habits. Breaking a vow is humiliating. It makes us feel weak and can hurt those who were depending on us to be true to our word. So how do we, in today's world, respond to the challenges of discipleship? Do we measure the builder's costs of being true and faithful to God's message, or do we rush in unaware of how big Satan's army is?

Fortunately for us, we have a forgiving God, one who knows our weaknesses and understands that we will stumble and fall repeatedly. Our God extends his hand, to pull us up when our promise of unvarying discipleship falters, helping us to be true to his commandments and his teaching.

Let us approach this day and every day recommitted to our goals and aspirations to improve our personal lives and communities, to better the lives of those with whom we interact, and most importantly, to deepen our relationship with Christ. Let us commit – with courage and excitement – to live a faith-filled life we can be proud of. For despite our frequent stumbles, God is continually there to inspire us to persevere.

And, if our goal is to be more Christ-like in our personal lives, then maybe we, too, should be more understanding of others for we are not alone in the challenge to remain true to our goals and commitments. When our family, friends or co-workers stumble, we can extend a helping hand and support them in their efforts, just as Christ does for us, each and every day.

I want to especially welcome all of you dear parishioners to the Special Eucharistic celebration at St. Joseph County Fair at 12:15pm (Community Tent). Our special guest will be Fr. Bob Creagan, Rector of St. Augustine Cathedral, Kalamazoo. Hope to see many of you there.

I also want you to know of my absence from the parish for couple weeks. I am joining Fr. John Peter and a group of people from Sts. John & Bernard Parish on a pilgrimage to Rome, Italy on September 27 through October 7. I am so excited and looking forward to it as it is my first time to Rome. Hope I get a chance to see the Pope.

Finally if you want to reach out to me regarding the parish affairs, please email me: icclarechurch@gmail.com .

Have a blessed week and Praised be Jesus Christ!

Fr. Arul

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

Saturday, September 6 - Vigil Mass

4:00 p.m. †Gloria Schuster
By: Stephanie Galovich

Sunday, September 7 - TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

10:30 a.m. The People in Our Parish
†Bill & †Dee Springer
By: Jeff & Diane Springer

Monday, September 8 - Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00 a.m. †Betty Sarhatt
By: James VanLoo

Tuesday, September 9 - Saint Peter Claver, Priest

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

Wednesday, September 10 - Weekday

8:00 a.m. †Pope Francis
By: Dick & Vickie Imgrund

Thursday, September 11 - Weekday

NO MASS

Friday, September 12 - Weekday

8:00 a.m. †Deceased Members of Daughters Of Mary
By: Daughters Of Mary

Saturday, September 13 - Vigil Mass

4:00 p.m. †John Basenge
By: Dennis and Celeste Nemeth

Sunday, September 14 - THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

10:30 a.m. †Connie Markel
By: Paul & MaryAnn Carra

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR SUNDAY, SEPT. 7

First Reading: Wisdom 9:13-18 b

Responsorial Psalm: 90: 3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14-17

Second Reading: Philemon 9-10, 12-17

Gospel: Luke 14:25-33

Annual School Golf Outing

September 26th

Sauganash Golf Course

Registration: 11:30 to 12:15

Shotgun start at 12:30

Awards ceremony to follow

Get your team together and join in the fun while we help support our Catholic School! Registration forms are at the back of the church.



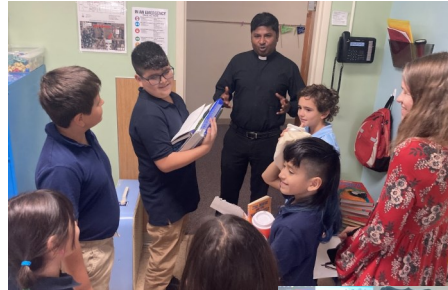
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION LECTORS, SERVERS AND MINISTERS SCHEDULE

Saturday, September 13 at 4:00 p.m.

Sacristan: John Gieber
Lector: Lisa Gruber
Body of Christ: Susan Studabaker
Blood of Christ: Pat Larkins & John Gieber

Sunday, September 14 at 10:30 a.m.

Sacristan: Larry Larsh
Lector: Lindy Luster-Bartz
Body of Christ: Larry Larsh
Blood of Christ: Jeff Springer, Sherry Butler
Terry Lewis, Nancy Schopf



Fr Arul visits IC school the first week of classes.
El padre Arul visita la escuela IC durante la primera semana de clases.



IC PARISH SUPPORT

Week of 8/31/25

YTD

Fiscal Year July 1, 2025– June 30, 2026

Sunday Collection (59).....	\$ 2,731.51	\$55,176.00
Online Collection (8)	\$0.00	\$4,005.00
Holy Days (8) Assumption	\$0.00	\$ 1,319.50
Visitors/Loose	\$ 740.00	\$ 6,839.42
Mass Stipend	\$ 0.00	\$890.00
Utility Fund	\$ 10.00	\$ 492.00
Donations/Bequests	\$ 0.00	\$ 90.00
Total Offertory	\$ 3,481.00	\$ 68,811.92
Weekly Need	\$ 6,017.00	\$ 60,170.00
Over/Under.....	\$ (2,536.00)	\$ (8,641.92)

Income not included in weekly needs:

IC Help	\$220.00
Votive Lights	\$32.00
School Tuition Assistance	\$10.00
GAZA Relief Fund	\$1,667.00



Immaculate Conception School Golf Outing Sauganash Golf Course

Friday, September 26, 2025

Registration: 11:30a.m.-12:15p.m.

Cost: \$70/person

Pick up a registration form in the school office
or in the back of church



Confirmation

Attention; all students wishing to be confirmed in 2026, classes will begin on Sunday, September 7th, at 8:30 a.m. at Immaculate Conception School. Parents are required to attend the first class.

BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL UPDATE

AS OF AUGUST 31, 2025

<u>GOAL</u>	<u>PLEDGED</u>	<u>BALANCE DUE</u>
\$ 52,499	\$ 44,158.50	\$ 7,340.50

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!

Happy
Birthday

Happy Birthday to Beverly Ondrejka who is celebrating her 90th birthday on September 9th.

Catholic Education for Students (CCD) is starting soon.

We are starting a **New two year cycle for First Communion.**

We have an ongoing class for students in between First Communion and Confirmation.

Students need to be at least in the 1st grade.

Please see or call **Mark Voege** for more information
269-816-4466.

A Rosary Rally will be held at the University of Notre Dame on Sunday, September 7, at 1:30 in the afternoon to commemorate the 75th anniversary of Venerable Patrick Peyton's first Rosary Rally there. The event will take place on the Bond Hall Quad. If you are interested in carpooling or caravanning to the event with others from the parish, meet at the parish parking lot on Sunday, September 7th, at 11:45 am

Revelation: The Kingdom Yet to Come

Perhaps no book in the Bible fascinates people more than Revelation. Yet relatively few people have studied the book, especially from a Catholic perspective. *Revelation: The Kingdom Yet to Come* is an intriguing Bible study that shows how the kingdom established by Christ in this Church is intimately connected with the kingdom of heaven. Immaculate Conception Parish will begin an eleven-week Bible study *Revelation: The Kingdom Yet to Come* on Tuesday evenings beginning on September 16th. Participants will meet every week to view an engaging video presentation followed by a time of lively group discussion and fellowship. For more information or to register, contact Michael Heins at 412-779-4537 and michaelheins@gmail.com. In this intriguing look at one of the most talked-about books in Scripture, Jeff Cavins explores Revelation to demonstrate how the kingdom established by Christ in his Church is intimately connected with the kingdom of heaven, especially through the celebration of the Mass. You will learn what all the mysterious figures and images of Revelation present, as well as what will happen during the Second Coming of Christ, what has already happened, and what is happening now in salvation history.

MASS AT THE FAIRGROUNDS

September 14, 2025

IN THE COMMUNITY TENT
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

12:15 PM

ST JOSEPH COUNTY
FAIRGROUNDS
316 CHARLOTTE STREET
CENTREVILLE, MI 49032

ALL ARE INVITED
TO JOIN
ST CLARE CHURCH
FOR THE CELEBRATION
OF MASS.

NOTE:
THERE IS A FEE TO ENTER
THE FAIRGROUNDS:
ADULTS (17 YEARS AND
OLDER): \$10
YOUTH (11-16 YEARS): \$5
CHILDREN 10 AND UNDER:
FREE
PARKING: FREE

NOTE:
MASS WILL ALSO BE CELEBRATED AT
ST CLARE CHURCH AT 9:30 AM THAT DAY

ST. CLARE CHURCH

MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

SUNDAY - September 7

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

TUESDAY - September 9

6:00 p.m. †Elsie & †Phillip Blanchard
By: Jackie Luttman

SUNDAY - September 14

8:30 a.m. †Joanne Larimer
By: Ken & Sherry Roberts

Lector: Meg Hopp
Ministers: Theresa Gage, Janet Sehy,
Phyllis Nusbaum
Altar Server: Beth Collins
Ushers: Ron Holben & Gary Metz
Coffee Crew: Ron & Sharie Holben

SC PARISH SUPPORT

Week of 8/31/25

YTD

Fiscal Year July 1, 2025– June 30, 2026

Sunday Collection (16)	\$955.00	\$ 8,245.00
Online Collection	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Holy Days	\$ 0.00	\$ 254.00
Visitors/Loose	\$ 312.00	\$ 3,408.00
Mass Stipend	\$ 0.00	\$ 120.00
Utility Fund	\$ 120.00	\$ 261.00
Donations/Bequests	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Total Offertory	\$1,387.00	\$ 12,288.00
Weekly Need	\$ 1,324.00	\$ 13,240.00
Over/Under	\$ (63.00)	\$ (952.00)

Income not included in weekly needs:

Gaza Relief Fund	\$902.00
Capital Improvement	\$940.00

Parents of preschoolers: Mark your calendars. This year, we'll be having a short children's catechism and craft time approximately once a month after Mass at St Clare's. See the poster in the back of church for the schedule. Our first class is Sunday, September 7th, where we'll be learning about the Blessed Mother Mary and celebrating her Birthday.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO OUR PARISHIONERS! Sep. 8– Sep. 14

Sherry Stevenson
Rick Klee
Beverly Ondrejka
Sarah Mercer
Ann Schultz
Stephen Linder
Sharie Holben



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
 Sharon Jacobs
 Tim Zebell
 Karen Szwaja
 Mark Stevens

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.

SPONSOR OF THE WEEK:

HOLY FAMILY RADIO

YOUR LOCAL CATHOLIC RADIO NETWORK

1140 AM 98.3 FM 91.5 FM 89.7 FM
 GRAND RAPIDS GRAND RAPIDS KALAMAZOO BATTLE CREEK

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

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,
 Proveyemos 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