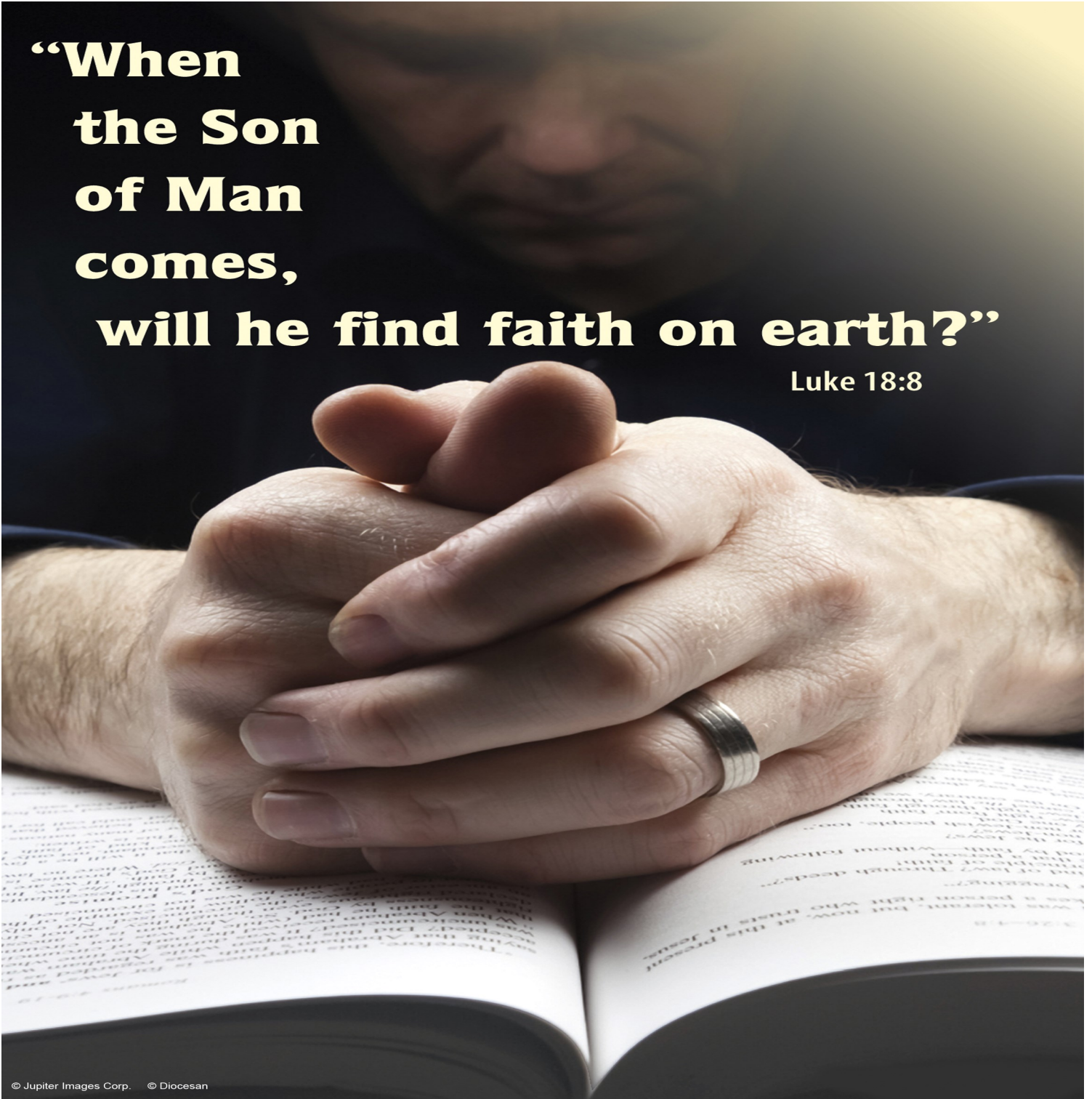


Immaculate Conception Catholic Church
St. Clare Catholic Church

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

**“When
the Son
of Man
comes,
will he find faith on earth?”**

Luke 18:8



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Fr. Arul Lazar, MSFS - Pastor
273-8953

Dennis Cristofaro - Deacon
Emergency 273-8953 x112

Rectory

**Pope Leo XIV makes special appeal for World Mission
Sunday - October 19, 2025**

Dear Friends,

Pope Leo is asking Catholics everywhere to support the missions on World Mission Sunday, October 19, 2025.

This World Mission Sunday, the Church's chief missionary is asking each of us to support those proclaiming the Gospel in 1,124 mission territories across Asia, Africa, Oceania, the Pacific Islands, and Latin America.

How can you help

- Pray for missionaries and the communities they serve.
- Give generously in the second collection or online.
- Use your voice to inspire others to be missionaries of hope

Together, let's help Pope Leo XIV bring Christ's light to the ends of the earth.

HOLIDAY EXTRAVAGANZA is fast approaching. This year's event on Saturday, November 1st includes:



SANTA BREAKFAST from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. sponsored by the Knights of Columbus in the church basement hall. \$5 per person or \$15 per family, under 5 years eat free. Bring the kids to see Santa, eat, and then go shopping.

CRAFT HOLIDAY BAZAAR from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. sponsored by the Daughters of Mary in the multi-purpose building. Enjoy visiting all our booths and finding a great variety of things.

The Bazaar is just one week away. We need many arts & crafts, gift basket items, gently & clean used toys, gently used items for our White Elephant booth, items for our Raffles, etc. If you have articles to donate and want to drop them off early, they can be left in the multi-purpose building's kitchen. Remember to note what booth they are for and we'll do our best to do so. If raffle items, drop off at rectory office; please include donor's name and any special description of item.

If you have questions about donating or volunteering to help set-up on Friday, or Bazaar day, call Sherry Butler 616-334-3262 or Pixie Ziehm 269-273-4204.



And...plan to join us for our all the activities, do some Christmas shopping, buy your raffle tickets, and enjoy some good homemade cooking throughout the day. We will have a great selection of wonderful arts & crafts, baked goods, gift baskets, toys, gently used items in the white elephant booth, and more. Thanks for your support and help for our Bazaar and Santa Breakfast.

TRAM (Three Rivers Area Mentoring) will be doing a gently used/new coat drive in October.

The box is in the carport entrance at IC.

Items accepted will be:

Coats, scarves, hats and gloves for all ages and sizes

**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH
MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS**

Saturday, October 18 - Vigil Mass

4:00 p.m. The People of the Parishes

**Sunday, October 19 - TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME**

10:30 a.m. †Jerome Bernard
By: Marie Koole

Monday, October 20 - weekday

8:30 a.m.. †Gloria Schuster
By: Lori Hall

Tuesday, October 21 - weekday

8:30 a.m. †Antonio Mendoza
By: Familia Mendoza

Wednesday, October 22 - weekday

8:30 a.m. †Mary Barrone
By: Joe Granzoto

Thursday, October 23 - St. Anthony Mary Claret

Friday, October 24 - weekday

8:30 a.m. †Rita Barton
By: Richard & Vickie Imgrund

Saturday, October 25 - Vigil Mass

4:00 p.m. †Collen Rose Villwock (birthday)
By: Marie Koole

Sunday, October 26 - THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

10:30 a.m. †Walter & †Mary Gregorek
By: Jeff & Dianne Springer

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR SUNDAY, October 26

First Reading: Sirach 35:12-14, 16-18

Responsorial Psalm: 34: 2-3, 17-19, 23

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 4:6-8

Gospel: Luke 18:9-14

ALL SOULS CANDLES

At the All Souls Mass on November 2nd we will have special candles lit for everyone that has been buried from our parishes in the last year. They will be lit at every Mass in remembrance through November.

We have purchased extra candles if you would like to add one for your loved one, regardless of when or where they passed, please contact the rectory office. There is a nominal charge of \$6 for the candles.



If you have a candle holder, left over from last year, and would like to participate in this year's devotion, you can bring it to the rectory (clean of last year's candle) and we can insert a new candle for \$4. There is no need to purchase a new glass holder.

All requests are due into the rectory office by Wednesday, October 22nd.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION LECTORS, SERVERS AND MINISTERS SCHEDULE

Saturday, October 25 at 4:00 p.m.

Sacristan: Bob Modaff
Lector: Anne Riopel
Body of Christ: Bob Modaff
Blood of Christ: Jean Heins & Michael Heins

Sunday, October 26 at 10:30 a.m.

Sacristan: Larry Larsh
Lector: Jeff Springer
Body of Christ: Pixie Ziehm
Blood of Christ: Larry Larsh, Mark Voegel
Janice Schimnoski, Sharon Voegel

IC PARISH SUPPORT

Week of 10/12/25

YTD

Fiscal Year July 1, 2025– June 30, 2026

Sunday Collection (68)	\$ 3,815.39	\$78,937.77
Online Collection (8)	\$1,335.00	\$5,340.00
Holy Days (3) All Saints	\$25.00	\$ 1,349.50
Visitors/Loose	\$ 969.00	\$ 11,873.64
Mass Stipend	\$ 80.00	\$1,030.00
Utility Fund	\$ 0.00	\$ 492.00
Donations/Bequests	\$ 0.00	\$ 90.00
Total Offertory	\$ 6,224.39	\$ 99,112.91
Weekly Need	\$ 6,017.00	\$ 102,289.00
Over/Under	\$ (207.39)	\$ (3,176.09)

Income not included in weekly needs:

All Souls Candles	\$120.00
Votive Lights	\$21.00
School Tuition Assistance	\$95.00
Hall Rental	\$250.00
World Mission Sunday	\$115.00
Campaign for Human Development	\$20.00

All Saints Day, November 1st

Holy Day of Obligation

Mass are:

St. Clare - Vigil Mass, October 31st, 6pm

Immaculate Conception, November 1st, 4:00 pm

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.

I.C. COMMUNITY SOUP POT
is Tuesday the 21st.



From the Principal...

Dear Parishioners,

ATTENTION HOMESCHOOLERS

Immaculate Conception Catholic School is offering non-core classes and team sports opportunities to families who home school. Contact the school for details.



2025 Christmas Wreaths



Now is the time to order these beautiful Fraser Fir Christmas creations!

Orders due by October 24

Estimated delivery-the week of Thanksgiving
Payment is due with order. All proceeds benefit

Immaculate Conception Catholic School!



¡Ahora es el momento de pedir estas hermosas creaciones navideñas de Fraser Fir!

Pedidos vencidos antes del 24 de Octubre

Entrega estimada: la semana de Acción de Gracias

El pago vence con el pedido. Todos los ingresos se destinarán a la Escuela Católica Inmaculada Concepción.

In Christ's Peace,

Mrs. Sharon Voegel

St. Margaret Parish, Otsego will be hosting a Halloween Carnival on **Saturday, October 25, 2025, from 12-4pm at 736 Farmer St. Otsego, MI 49078**. The afternoon will include a Trick or Treat Village, costume contest, games, food, and raffle prizes. Tickets can be purchased with cash or card for the Trick or Treat Village (\$6/person), food & games (\$0.25/ticket), and raffle prizes (\$1/ticket). Please use the link below to view the 16 donated raffle items-including sporting event tickets, home goods, gift cards, and more. You do not need to be present to win the raffle.

Experience a Cursillo Weekend**Men's Cursillo Weekend**

Thursday, February 26th through Sunday March 1st, 2025 - Men's #80 Cursillo weekend, Amigo Center, Sturgis.

Flyers and forms available on our website.

<https://kalamazoocursillo.com/forms>

For more information contact Michael Metzger, Lay Director
English Cursillo mlm1976nd@gmail.com 269-849-5453 or Marie
Koole, mariebkoole@yahoo.com 268-506-3636

Young Adult Ministry: Murder Mystery Dinner - October 30, 2025

All young adults are invited to join a Murder Mystery Dinner hosted at St. Bart Hall (St. Mary Parish, Kalamazoo) on Thursday, October 30, 2025, from 6-9pm. Advanced registration is required as this will be a night of storytelling and fellowship, where participants will be assigned a role to play during the night in order to help solve the mystery.

More information will be sent out via text/email after registration. Please use the link below to RSVP and contact Brielle Trembl or Gretchen Lampe for more information.

Events - St. Andrew Dinners & Miriam Brunches

Please see the invitations linked below for more information on the upcoming St. Andrew Dinners and Miriam Brunches in the Southern and Western Deaneries hosted by the Office of Vocations.

Southern Deanery:

St. Andrew Dinner: Sacred Heart of Mary Parish, Dowagiac - Monday, October 27, 2025 from 6-8pm

Miriam Brunch: Sacred Heart of Mary Parish, Dowagiac - Saturday, November 1, 2025, from 11am - 1pm

Western Deanery:

St. Andrew Dinner: St. Joseph Parish, St. Joseph - Monday, November 3, 2025, from 6-8pm

Miriam Brunch: St. Joseph Parish, St. Joseph - Saturday, November 8, 2025, from 11am - 1pm

Please contact Brielle Trembl to RSVP or for more information

GOT EMPTIES??

The Knights of Columbus are still collecting returnable bottles, cans, and plastic containers. The empties can be dropped off at the pavilion behind the church. Please call or text one of the numbers listed below if you plan on dropping off empties. We want to make sure that they're moved into the pavilion.

Thank You!!

Larry 257-0259 Jeff 535-3244

Mike 816-3524

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO OUR PARISHIONERS! October 20 - 27

Carol Dimmick
Raul Vidal Rubi
Alice Dobrowolski
Meg Hopp

**ST. CLARE CHURCH**
MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS**SUNDAY - October 19**

8:30 a.m.

†Joseph & †Stella Dutka

By: Robert & Charlene Dutka

TUESDAY - October 21

6:00 p.m.

†Phillip Blanchard

By: Jacki Luttmann (loving memory)

†Holy Souls in Purgatory

By: Irene Walunya Goodlow

SUNDAY - October 26

8:30 a.m.

†Steve Campbell

By: Roger & Cathy Doering

The People of the Parishes

Lector:

Theresa Gage

Ministers:

Dennis & Celeste Nemeth, Dcn. Dennis

Altar Server:

Volunteer

Ushers:

John & Barb Luxon

Coffee Crew:

Ron & Sharie Holben

SC PARISH SUPPORT

Week of 10/12/25

YTD

Fiscal Year July 1, 2025– June 30, 2026

Sunday Collection (21)\$747.00 \$ 13,014.00

Online Collection\$ 0.00 \$ 0.00

Holy Days\$ 90.00 \$ 344.00

Visitors/Loose.....\$ 209.00 \$ 6,494.59

Mass Stipend.....\$ 30.00 \$ 170.00

Utility Fund.....\$ 0.00 \$ 272.00

Donations/Bequests.....\$ 0.00 \$ 0.00

Total Offertory.....\$ 1,076.00..... \$ 20,294.59

Weekly Need.....\$ 1,324.00 \$ 21,184.00

Over/Under.....\$ 216.00 \$ (889.41)

Income not included in weekly need

Capital Improvement Building Phase II \$770.00

Please join us, for the month of October, as we pray the Rosary after 8:30 am. Mass daily.
English & Spanish

**Thanks**

Thanks to all our knights, spouses, and volunteers who helped with our annual Mr. Drive at Yoders market in Centerville. We were able to provide much needed monetary assistance for our special needs kids at Pathfinders and Special Olympics.

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
 Roger Doering
 John Gavin
 Harry Gruber
 Anastasia Gutierrez
 Laurie Highfield
 Sharon Jacobs
 Al Jewett
 Shonna Kazor
 Greg King
 Emma Klett
 Mark Larimer
 Cassandra Lems
 Greg Mecham
 Nora Middleton
 Evan Nemeth
 Mary Reck

Charity Schaefer
 Jared Vidal Rubi
 Raul Vidal Rubi
 Marlene Schultz
 Mike Stumpf
 Michael Tison
 Craig Vaughn
 Todd Ziehm
 Vincent Zoski
 Andreanne
 Frank
 Felipe
 Jim & Mary Larson
 Tim Zebell
 Roger & Theresa K.
 Connie Shoemaker



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:

CHARVART AGENCY

INSURANCE

269-279-2521

WWW.CHARVATAGENCY.COM

Parishes & School Information

Rectory Office

Administrative Assistant & 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, 8:30 am at Immaculate Conception
 Tuesday 6:00 pm at St. Clare
 Wednesday & Friday, 8:30 am at Immaculate Conception

Eucharistic Adoration: 9:00 am - 6:00 pm first Friday of every month.
 Sacrament of Penance: 3:00 - 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
KOC/4th degree Assembly 500 meets the 1st Tuesday of the month
Daughters of Mary: Nancy Schopf - 718-9218
 Meets the 4th Tuesday of the month at 7:00 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

Immaculate Conception School (PK-8th)

Principal - Sharon Voege
 Website: www.iccatholicschool.com 269-273-2085

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

Music Director -
Director of Religious Ed. - Mark Voege 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, 858-3730
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.