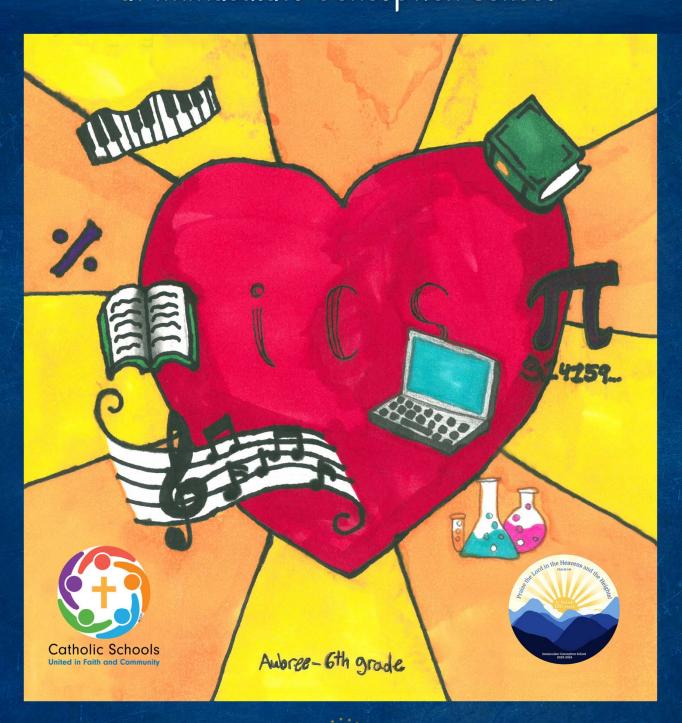
Celebrate January 28, 2024 CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK at Immaculate Conception School!







From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Friends at Immaculate Conception,

"On the 40th day of Christmas, my true love gave to me..." Wait. The song stops at 12 days. But, did you know that the traditional Christian celebration of Christmas continues for 40 days? It goes from December 25th, when Jesus was born, all the way to February 2nd, which is the Feast of

the Presentation of the Lord. What is so special about the Presentation of the Lord?

The Presentation of the Lord commemorates that forty days after Jesus' birth, Mary and Joseph brought Jesus to the temple for the rites of purification and dedication. According to the Book of Leviticus (12:1-4), when a woman gives birth to a boy, she was considered "unclean" for seven days. On the eighth day, the boy was circumcised. The mother would then continue to stay at home for 33 more days. At the end of the forty days, the mother and father would go to the temple for the rite of purification. This included offering a sacrifice: one option would be a lamb for a holocaust (a burnt offering) and a pigeon or turtledove for a sin offering. If the couple were poor, they could simply offer two pigeons or two turtledoves. According to Luke's gospel (2:24), Joseph and Mary made the offering of the poor.

Three main events are happening here. The first, in fulfillment of the Mosaic Law, Mary comes to the temple to perform the purification rites for herself. Thus, an older name for this feast is, "The Feast of the Purification of Mary." The second event is that Jesus is being redeemed. Isn't that interesting? We don't usually think of this, but it's in the Jewish mindset. According to the Torah, Joseph and Mary were obliged to "redeem" their firstborn son: "The Lord spoke to Moses and said, 'Consecrate to me every firstborn that opens the womb among the Israelites, both of man and beast, for it belongs to me" (Ex. 13:1-2). The price for such a redemption was five shekels, which the parents paid to the priest. This "redemption" was a kind of payment for the Passover sacrifice, by which the Jews had been freed from slavery. So, although we call it, "The Feast of the Presentation of the Lord," the Jews would've understood it to be a very normal occurrence.

The third thing that happened was the Lord entered His temple, in fulfillment of Malachi's prophecy. The first reading of the Mass says, "Lo, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me; and suddenly there will come to the temple the LORD whom you seek" (Mal. 3:1). John the Baptist was the messenger, and now the Lord comes. The light of the world comes into His Temple to fulfill this prophecy. Ritually, this is represented that Christians would bring their baptismal candle to Mass and process in that day with it lit. It symbolizes that this light of the world was given to them on the day of their baptism. So, yet another title for this day is, "Candlemas." This is why we're having the school join us for mass this day—so the students can enjoy Candlemas together!

One final interesting tidbit of this day is that this day was traditionally important to farmers. February 2nd is almost midway between the winter solstice and the spring equinox. An old English song went, "If Candlemas be fair and bright, Come, Winter, have another flight. If Candlemas brings clouds and rain, Go, Winter, and come not again." The old tradition meant that if it's sunny on Candlemas Day, the end of winter is near. If it's cloudy on Candlemas, there'll be more winter. German Protestants transferred the observance to checking to see if badgers would see their shadows. When they immigrated to Pennsylvania in the 18th and 19th centuries, they brought the custom with them, choosing the native groundhog instead of a badger. Looking to capitalize on the idea, a newspaper editor in Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania, named Clymer Freas organized businessmen to make this an annual tradition and is now known as the Groundhog Day as we know it.

Fr. Matthew Quail

Mass Schedule

Tuesday 7:30 am Wednesday 7:30 am Thursday 8:30 am Friday 7:30 am Saturday 5:00 pm Sunday 8:00 am 10:00 am

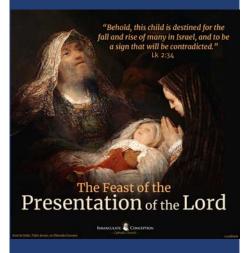
(en español) 11:30 am

Reconciliation

Saturday 3:00 - 4:45 pm

Eucharistic Adoration

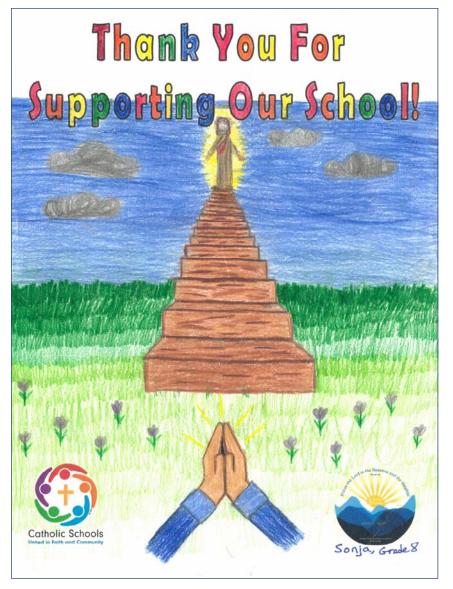
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Student Council Food Drive

Our Student Council members led a school food drive for our local food shelf. We are proud of how they demonstrate service!



School News

Congratulations to the Immaculate Conception School children who received the Sacrament of Reconciliation this past week! Many thanks as well to our second grade teacher, Chris Lam, Director Mary Nawrocki and Fr. Quail for their leadership and guidance!

Sofia Conce Landi Brady Cox
Jennely Encalada Kaitlyn Lopez
Micah Melom Listelle Moore
Allan Riera Nora Starks
Avery Town Wilson Valladarez



Open House and Information Night

As more and more families learn about our award-winning preschool through grade 8 school, they've made the choice to give their child a faith filled education at ICS. We are growing and are blessed! Learn all about Immaculate Conception School at our **Open House and Information Night** on Thursday, February 1 from 4:00-6:00 pm. A presentation will be given at 5:00 pm. Tour the school, meet our principal, learn about "Personalized Learning" and more. Tuition assistance is available, and all are welcome.

Catholic Schools Raffle

The Catholic Schools Raffle, sponsored by Catholic United Financial is underway at Immaculate Conception School. For those of you unfamiliar, students are selling raffle tickets at \$10 each – you can buy as many as you want – and each one earns you a chance to win some amazing prizes. Just ONE ticket can get you to the vacation of your dreams! You'll receive \$5,000 to jet off to your dreamiest place, and more, we keep every dollar that's raised through the raffle. For each \$10 you spend on a raffle ticket, exactly \$10 goes directly to our school. Catholic United Financial covers all the raffle costs so we can do this. It's a

great way to support the school and have a chance to win a big prize– the top prize is either a 2024 Chevy Trax SUV or \$20,000 in cash!



Pastoral Ministry

Anointing of the Sick

Individual Anointing of the Sick is available by request — call the parish office at 763-788-9062.

In Need of Prayer? Please Call Us.

To add a name to the weekend Mass petitions or the bulletin, please call Vicki at 763-788-9062 x 212. For private prayer call Larene at 763-789-4246.

Pray for Our Loved Ones Who Have Died

Especially Paula Zumberge and all who have died as a result of violence. May God grant them everlasting peace and joy in the kingdom of heaven.

Pray for All the Sick—Especially:

Bea Alain · Paul Bona · Tom Botzet · Vickie Botzet
Kathy Fraser · Mary Fredenburg · Shawn Frederixon
Joanne Fulton · Tom Fulton · Len Jurek · Marge Klimek
Anna Larson · Steven Lauinger · Annette Peifer
Dianne Redman · Greg Sery · Elaine Thunstrom
and all those on our prayer chain

If your name was removed and you would like to continue to be on the prayer list please call 763-788-9062 x 212.

Save the Date!

Lenten Women's Retreat

Saturday, March 9, 2024 9:00 am -1:00 pm Registration beginning at 8:30 am

\$25.00 (light breakfast and lunch included).

Social Justice Ministry

Coins For Social Justice This Weekend!

Small Change Can Do a World of Good!

IC parishioners are asked to fill the collection basket with their pocket change to benefit the Social Justice Ministry. Only the loose change and marked envelopes from this collection are designated for Social Justice. Marked envelopes are available at all entrances to the church.



IC Music Presents

Tickets are on sale this weekend for "IC Music Presents: The Lullaby of Broadway" dinner and variety show to benefit the IC Liturgy Ministry! Join us February 10 in Fellowship Hall for fine cuisine, beverages, and hit songs from Broadway shows old and new. Reserved seat tickets are required (\$40.00 - cash or check only) and are on sale in the church narthex after all Masses this weekend, and then in the parish office during the week.



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Securing Our Financial Future

PARISH	July 2023- Dec. 2023	July 2022- Dec. 2022	Variance to BUDGET	Variance to Previous Year
Online & Envelope Donations	\$257,634	\$ 286,158	(\$ 292,366)	(\$ 28,524)
Open Plate Offerings	\$ 93,546	\$ 72,500	(\$ 51,454)	\$ 21,046
Year over Year Change	\$ 351,180	\$ 358,658		(\$ 7,478)

Reflections

Why Do We Do That?-Catholic Life Explained

Communion & Mortal Sin

Question: I have a friend who receives communion, but who I know for a fact is in a state of mortal sin. Should I tell our priest? Is it my responsibility to say something?

Answer: While we may always want to do what is best for our friends and family members, we have a responsibility to respect their privacy and their conscience. In its reflections on the Eighth Commandment ("You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor"), the Catechism of the Catholic Church states, "Respect for the reputation of persons forbids every attitude and word likely to cause them unjust injury. [One] becomes guilty: — of rash judgment who, even tacitly, assumes as true, without sufficient foundation, the moral fault of a neighbor; — of detraction who, without objectively valid reason, discloses another's faults and failings to persons who do not know them; — of calumny who, by remarks contrary to the truth, harms the reputation of others and gives occasion for false judgments concerning them" (no. 2477).

We will never truly know what is in a person's mind, heart, and soul; only God knows those things. We should, of course, take our concerns to God and entrust the person about whom we are concerned to God's grace and mercy. If we have concerns about the spiritual wellbeing of someone with whom we are close, we should go to the person themselves and talk about our fears and concerns. Unless it is a case of abuse or endangerment (which we have a moral and even legal responsibility to report to the appropriate authorities), we ultimately do not have the freedom to share another's persons faults or sins, however good we think our intentions might be.

Word of Life

Respect Life Reflection

Many people are unaware that someone they know personally is silently suffering from participation in abortion. If a friend confided in you tomorrow that she had an abortion, would you be able to respond in a way that brings her closer to healing? Learn how in "How to Talk to a Friend Who's Had an Abortion": http://bit.ly/friend-had-abortion

-USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

FORMED Pick of the Week

Saint John Bosco: Mission to Love

Flavio Insinna gives a winning performance as John Bosco, the great priest and educator of youth. Beautifully filmed in Italy, this epic movie dramatizes the many challenges that he had to overcome from his childhood all the way to founding his religious order.



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Mass Intentions

Sunday, January 28

8:00 am +Richard and Clarence Emon

10:00 am Fr. James Peterson

11:30 am IC Parish

Tuesday, January 30

7:30 am Steve Lauinger

Wednesday, January 31

7:30 am +John and Barbara Botzet, Sr.

Thursday, February 1

8:30 am Mary Nawrocki

Friday, February 2

7:30 am +Knights of Columbus Deceased Members

Saturday, February 3

5:00 pm +Ted and Marie Theis

Sunday, February 4

8:00 am IC Parish 10:00 am +Bette Haeq

11:30 am Familia Hernandez-Dircio

+Deceased

Church Directory

Emergency (Death/Anointing) 763-788-9062 (#9)

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Parish Office	763-788-9062
Monday-Friday: 8:00 am - 4:00 pm	
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(FRQuail@immac-church.org)	
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Director of Music and Liturgy, Ray Bana	non x 214
Director of Operations, Julie Moricz	x 202
Maintenance Supervisor, Doug Olson	x 218
Parish Office Coordinator, Ximena Buna	ay x 201
Pastoral Minister, Vicki Bazille	x 212
Records Coordinator, Terri Glaeser	x 227
Special Event Coordinator, Jami Bridger	man x 221
Wedding Coordinator, Barb Hartwick	x 204

Faith Formation

Director of Faith Formation, Mary Nawrocki	x 210
Administrative Assistant, Mary Scott	x 208

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SCHOOL	
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Director of Advancement, Seyha Saumu	veber x 203
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Our Mission

The Mission of The Church of the Immaculate Conception is to proclaim and celebrate our Lord Jesus Christ. We fulfill our mission as Christian disciples by intentionally responding to God's call to grow in holiness.



(Practicing) Catholic

What Have You to Do with Me, Jesus of Nazareth?

Inevitably, when we read the story of the Garden of Eden, my children try to imagine what life would be like if Adam and Eve had not sinned against God.

"Would we have to go to school?" they ask me. "Would we get sick? Could we eat whatever we want? Would we get older?"

I tell them the only thing I know for sure about a world without sin is that we would be happier. I can see confusion in their faces — *Why?* How? — but I have none of the concrete answers they want. I don't know how to describe a happiness untouched by sin.

The moment sin entered the world, a chasm erupted between God and mankind. There is now a space between humanity and the divine, a cavernous and seemingly impassable void into which God calls for us, unendingly. And because we are lost in the dark, and miserable, instead of following his voice when we hear it, instead we reply: "What do you want?"

"What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth?"

Did the unclean spirit know, when he cried out all those thousands of years ago in Capernaum, that he was giving voice to a question which defined the human condition? They are the words of a demon, yes, but they are also my words. Far, far more often than I care to admit, when God is reaching for me, I look upon His hand with contempt and confusion. When I am grappling with a problem or a sin which overwhelms me, again and again I forget that I already know the solution.

The tragedy of original sin is not that we live in a world where we cannot eat what we want, where we age, and where we become sick and die. The tragedy of sin is that we have forgotten how to be happy. We look at happiness and we think: "What do you want with me?"

"If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts." — Psalm 95:7 —Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman | ©LPi

Visiting Our Parish?

Welcome, we are glad to see you today! Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions. Know that we are here for you and that we welcome new members! For more information about ICC or to become a member contact Vicki at 763-788-9062 x 212. Online registration is available on our website, ICCSonline.org.

Eucharistic Adoration

"Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us joyfully sing psalms to him." (from Psalm 95)

Every time an adorer enters our Eucharistic adoration chapel, they come into the presence of Jesus. How can one not be joyful! Jesus is there and is ready to be with each adorer. All are invited to spend time in adoration. Our chapel is open Monday through Friday beginning at 7:00 am. All are welcome!

We are looking for more scheduled adorers. We have the following open hours: Mondays at 1:00 pm, Wednesdays at 10:00 am and Wednesdays at 1:00 pm. We are also in need of partner adorers for many hours. If you would like to schedule an adoration hour, are unable to attend your scheduled hour, or have questions about adoration, please call Sandy at 763-789-3246.



Faith Formation

Save the dates!

Totus Tuus Summer Program:

June 9-13 (Sunday through Thursday evenings) for grades 7-12.

June 10-14 (Monday through Friday during the day) for grades 1-6.

This Week's Readings

Sunday, January 28

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Celebrate Catholic Schools Week Dt 18:15-20/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9 (8)/1 Cor 7:32-35/Mk 1:21-28

Monday, January 29

2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13/Ps 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mk 5:1-20

Tuesday, January 30

2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30-19:3/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/ Mk 5:21-43

Wednesday, January 31

St. John Bosco, Priest

2 Sm 24:2, 9-17/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7/Mk 6:1-6

Thursday, February 1

1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12/1 Chr 29:10, 11ab, 11d-12a, 12bcd/Mk 6:7-13

Friday, February 2

The Presentation of the Lord, World Day for Consecrated Life Mal 3:1-4/Heb 2:14-18/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32

Saturday, February 3

St. Blaise, Bishop and Martyr; St. Ansgar, Bishop 1 Kgs 3:4-13/Ps 119:9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14/Mk 6:30-34

Sunday, February 4

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time Jb 7:1-4, 6-7/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 (see 3a)/1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23/ Mk 1:29-39

2023-2026 CENTENNIAL CAPITAL CAMPAIGN



BOILER UPDATE

The process for the boiler removal has started. Praise God! The majority of the boiler was removed. There are still a few parts that need to be disassembled and taken out. We are hoping to complete the remainder of the removal in the upcoming weeks. We hope to install the new boiler by the summer, depending on the availability of the contractors and new boiler. We are grateful to all involved in this project!





CAMPAIGN FINANCIAL UPDATE

Amount Received 41% RECEIVED \$498,800 \$1,195,000

Projections as of January 12, 2024



Thanks to our generous supporters, we are close to receiving 41% of our pledged amount and we are only a little over halfway through our first year. It is inspiring to see the generous response of our mission partners. The Centennial Legacy of Light Campaign is still looking for an additional \$355,000 in pledges to complete our pledge goal. If you feel called to give or increase your pledge, please contact Seyha

REMAINING PROJECTS UPDATE

Amount Needed for Next Project: \$54,000

Our next project is to tackle the roof over the school gym and parish office. We need an additional \$54,000 to have the funds needed to complete the project. Please consider making a donation to help speed up the project timeline.

Projects and Priorities

1. Replace Gym and Parish Office Roof

2. Main Electrical Service



3. Upgrade School Elevator



4. Church Floor Tile



5. Ministry Initiatives







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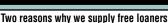
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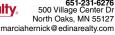
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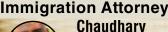
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