

The Connection

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Dates and time subject to change. Check icspcatholic.com for changes

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	TIME
October 19	St. Patrick Fall Festival	SP	after 11 am Mass
October 22 - November 23	33 Days to Eucharistic Glory	-	-
October 22	Catholic Essentials Class	SMS	6:30 pm
November 7	Worship & Witness	SP	7:00 pm
November 12	Catholic Essentials Class	SMS	6:30 pm
November 15	Adult Formation Catechist Workshop	IC	8:30 am - 2:00 pm
November 27	Thanksgiving Day Dinner	IC	-
December 3	Advent Reconciliation Service	IC	6:30 pm
December 6 - 7	Christmas Fair	IC	after each Mass
December 13	Advent Retreat	IC	11:00 am - 6:00 pm
December 16	First Reconciliation	IC	6:00 pm
December 19	SMS Christmas Program	IC	10:00 am & 1:00 pm
December 21	Christmas Program	SP	after 11 am Mass

REFLECTIONS

PRAYING THE MOST HOLY ROSARY

By The Catholic Formation Team

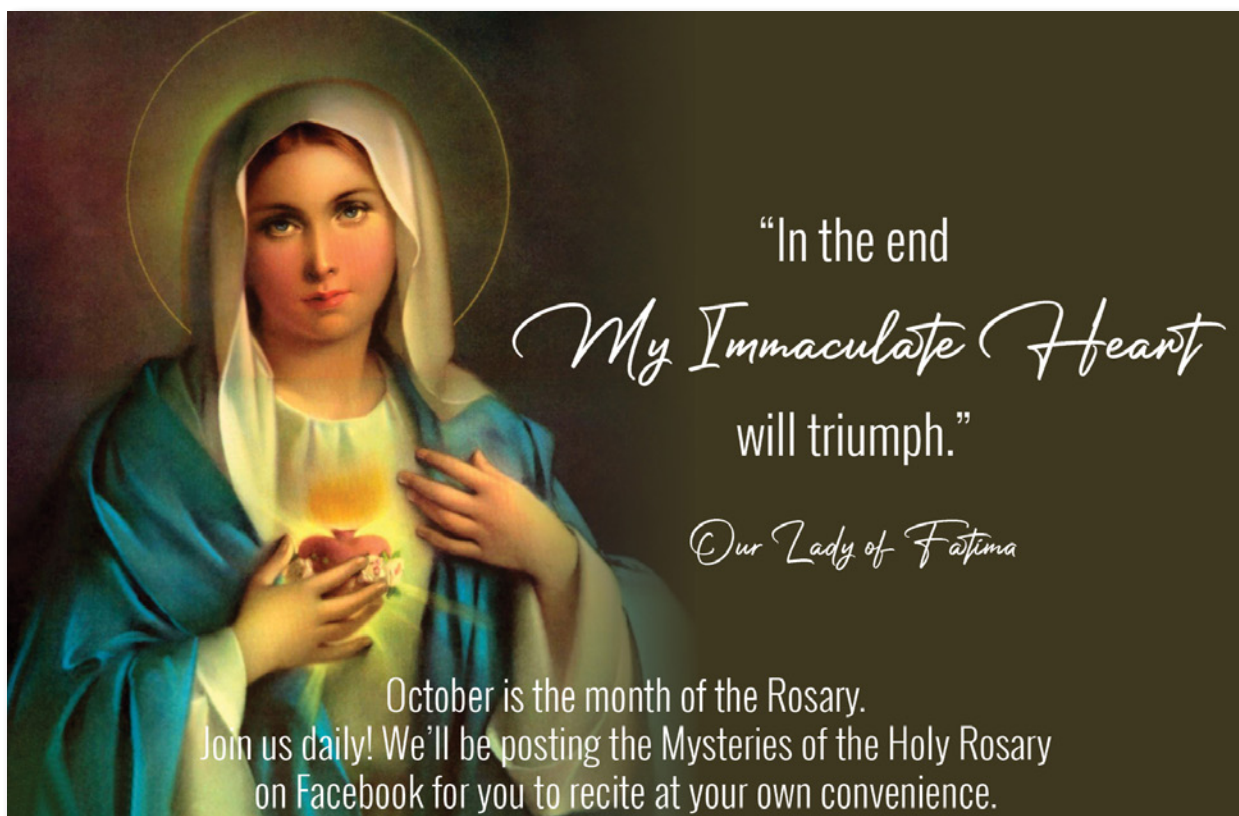
The rosary is one of the most beloved devotions in the Catholic faith because it draws us into the heart of the Gospel through the repetition of familiar prayer and the contemplation of Christ's life.

To pray the rosary is to sit with Mary and meditate on the face of her Son. The Joyful Mysteries invite us to rejoice in the incarnation; the Sorrowful Mysteries help us to unite with Christ's passion; the Glorious Mysteries fill us with the hope of the resurrection; and the Luminous Mysteries open our eyes to the public ministry of Jesus, the light of the world. Each bead becomes like a step closer to Jesus, walking hand-in-hand with Mary, who always points us to her Son.

The repetition of the Hail Mary is not meant to be mindless, but rather rhythmic—like the steady breathing of the soul. It helps quiet the distractions of the world so that the heart can focus on God. In this way, the rosary is both a spoken prayer and a prayer of the heart.

The rosary is also powerful in its simplicity. Saints and popes have called it a "spiritual weapon" against evil, a source of peace in families, and a channel of grace for the world. When we pray it faithfully, we join in a long chain of prayer that stretches across the Church and through time, uniting us with countless other believers.

To pray the rosary is to be wrapped in Mary's mantle, to learn from her how to say "yes" to God in all things, and to grow in love for Christ. It is a daily pathway of grace that strengthens our soul, deepens our faith, and draws us ever closer to the eternal embrace of the Father.



ICSP BUSINESS OFFICE NEWS

HOW YOUR GIFT TO THE CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL STRENGTHENS OUR ICSP CATHOLIC COMMUNITIES



The 2025-2026 Catholic Services Appeal kicked off the weekend of September 20th, 2025. When we give to the Catholic Services Appeal (CSA), we're not just supporting a distant cause—we're directly investing in the life of our own ICSP Catholic Communities (ICSPCC). This annual campaign is vital for funding essential diocesan ministries and services, many of which provide crucial benefits that ease the substantial financial burden on our churches.

A Partnership That Pays Off

The CSA operates on a principle of shared ministry and mutual support. When our churches meet their goal, we unlock a host of benefits that would otherwise be too costly or complex to manage on our own. Your donation helps fund programs and services that directly benefit our church staff, operations, and ICSPCC.

- **Free and Discounted Shared Services:** The appeal provides professional, shared services that are often out of reach for individual churches. This includes discounted or free assistance with human resources, accounting, and compliance support. These services allow our church staff to focus more on their ministry and less on administrative tasks, leading to a more efficient and effective church.

- **Reduced Costs for Essential Programs:** Your gift helps us provide vital programs at a lower cost. This includes Catholic Formation for our youth and adults, ensuring that everyone has access to faith-based education and spiritual growth. The CSA also helps fund vocation programs to support our future priests and provides resources for Catholic education in our schools. By contributing to the appeal, we make these programs more accessible and affordable for our ICSPCC.

- **Easing the Financial Burden:** The financial support from the CSA helps lighten the load on our church's budget. Instead of needing to raise money for every single program or service, we can rely on this shared pool of resources. This allows us to allocate our funds more effectively, ensuring that our churches remain financially stable and can continue to serve our community for years to come.

A Win-Win for Our Community

Every gift, no matter the size, makes a difference. By participating in the CSA, you are helping to create a stronger, more vibrant church for everyone. You are directly easing the substantial financial burden on our churches and ensuring that we can continue to offer the programs and services that are so important to our ICSPCC.

Thank you for your generosity and for your commitment to our ICSP Catholic Communities!

catholicdos.org/catholic-services-appeal

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ICSP BUSINESS OFFICE NEWS

2025 STAFF RETREAT



Staff from St. Mary School and ICSP gathered on Wednesday, August 20th, at the beautiful St. Anne Church in Somerset, WI for the annual staff retreat. The day provided a much-needed opportunity for professional development, but more importantly, it served as a powerful source of spiritual renewal and evangelizing inspiration.

A Day of Prayer and Community

The retreat began with a powerful start: a collaborative Mass led by priests from surrounding parishes. This sacred opening set a reflective tone for the day, centering the staff on their shared mission as Catholic educators. The service was a beautiful reminder that their work is a calling, a ministry to guide and nurture the next generation. The atmosphere was filled with a vibrant spirit of camaraderie and

a collective sense of purpose, strengthening the bonds of fellowship that unite them in their shared faith.

The Power of Evangelizing Inspiration

A profound highlight of the day was the powerful address by guest speaker Joe Farris. His dynamic and heartfelt message was not just a talk but an evangelical call to action. Farris' words resonated deeply, reminding everyone that their roles extend beyond the classroom. He inspired staff to see themselves as true evangelists, called to share the light of Christ with their students and the wider community. Attendees left with a renewed sense of mission, ready to infuse their daily work with faith, hope, and love.

The retreat was an incredible blessing as we can so easily get caught up in the day-to-day, but Joe Farris' talk was a powerful reminder of why we do what we do. Our work is a ministry, and we are called to bring Christ to our students and our ICSP Catholic Communities.

The annual retreat is a vital event for St. Mary School and ICSP staff. It reinforces their commitment to a faith-filled and collaborative environment within themselves as well as surrounding Catholic schools and parishes. This event ensures that staff are not only professionally equipped but also spiritually nourished for the important work ahead in the coming year.

If you would like to learn more about Joe Farris, the guest speaker from this event, please visit his website:

www.joefarris.org/



Attended but not pictured : Jessica Jackson & Phil Knox

ICSP BUSINESS OFFICE NEWS

BEYOND THE PEWS: EXCITING NEW FEATURES ON ICSPCATHOLIC.COM

By Rob Lammert - Webmaster



The ICSP Catholic Communities website has become an information hub for our parishioners, gaining more than double visits than the two replaced websites combined. This summer, many new items were introduced on the ICSP website that we hope have enhanced the visiting experience as well as how you interact with our churches online.

Catholic Formation Registration

The reengineered Catholic Formation registration forms have not only made the process streamlined, but has also integrated the ability for tuition and materials payment into PushPay, the software used by the ICSP Business Office to receive electronic Mass offerings and other donations.

Eucharistic Adoration

We have integrated with an online platform, WeAdoreHim.com, for the monthly Eucharistic Adoration signups which will simplify the coordination efforts as well as keep our adorers informed. [Click here to sign up!](#)

Sacramental Informational Videos

On each of the sacrament pages, we have integrated a short, digestible explanation of the importance of each sacrament that reminds us of the graces we have been given by our Lord.

Our goal is to maintain regular updates to the website with creative, engaging content to continue to help all of us grow in our faith and lead others to Christ.

WEBSITE STATS (JUNE 1 - AUGUST 31, 2025)



10,595
page views



3,590
unique devices
have visited



2,127
search engine results
we have appeared in



119
number of families who have registered
for Youth Catholic Formation



53
people registered for
'The Bible and the Virgin Mary'

ICSP COMMUNITY NEWS



COME AND SHARE A MEAL WITH OUR ICSP CATHOLIC COMMUNITIES!

This isn't just dinner; it's a chance to connect, share, and grow together in faith and fellowship. Everyone is welcome—whether you're a familiar face or new to our ICSP Catholic Communities we'd love to have you!

WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNERS MENU

5:00 - 6:20 pm

**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH
CORRIGAN HALL
FREE WILL OFFERING**

OCTOBER

- 15 - Spaghetti, meatballs, garlic bread & vegetables
- 22 - Baked chicken, creamy potatoes, cooked vegetables & salad
- 29 - Homemade soups, bread & vegetables

NOVEMBER

- 5 - Baked ziti, garlic bread, salad & cooked vegetables
- 12 - Taco bowls & salad
- 19 - Spaghetti, meatballs, garlic bread & vegetables



ICSP COMMUNITY NEWS



BISHOP JAMES POWERS

announces that the parishes of the Diocese of Superior participate in preparing for a consecration to the Lord Jesus in the Most Holy Eucharist.

33 DAYS TO EUCHARISTIC GLORY

will be used to guide our consecration. Each day provides a reading and the Virtue of the Day, along with the prayer for Spiritual Communion.

START DATE

October 22, 2025

The Feast of Pope John Paul II

END DATE

November 23, 2025

The Feast of Christ the King

AN Evening Out

HOSTED BY
THE RESPECT LIFE GROUP

SAT **18** OCT

4:00 pm - 6:30 pm

Immaculate Conception - Corrigan Hall
151 S. Washington Ave. New Richmond, WI 54017

Free childcare will be provided!

Children will be given a snack and have time to play and create with members of the Respect Life group.



Sign Up Today!

FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN



**INVITING ALL WOMEN to
FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN
with IN CHRIST WOMEN'S GROUP**

**THURSDAY,
NOVEMBER
13**

**4:45 PM
to
9:30 PM**

**FMSC
EAGAN,
MN**

Your hands can help change a child's life. We'll be working together to pack meals for children in need, which are made possible by donations from people like you. Every meal packed brings us one step closer to a world where all are fed.

**RSVP to: inchristwomensgroup@icspcatholic.com by
OCTOBER 24!!**

ICSP CATHOLIC COMMUNITIES

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

GO BEYOND SUNDAY MASS
IN HIS PRESENCE, *a single moment*
COULD TRANSFORM YOUR LIFE FOREVER!

1ST FRIDAYS

(starting October 3)

9:00 AM - 3:00 PM



AT IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH

3RD THURSDAYS

(starting October 16)

9:00 AM - 9:00 AM
24 HR. ADORATION



AT ST. PATRICK CHURCH

PLEASE PRAYFULLY CONSIDER BEING A
MONTHLY,
ONE-TIME,
OR SUBSTITUTE ADORER!



SCAN THE QR CODE TO SIGN UP ON OUR NEW
SCHEDULING PLATFORM!

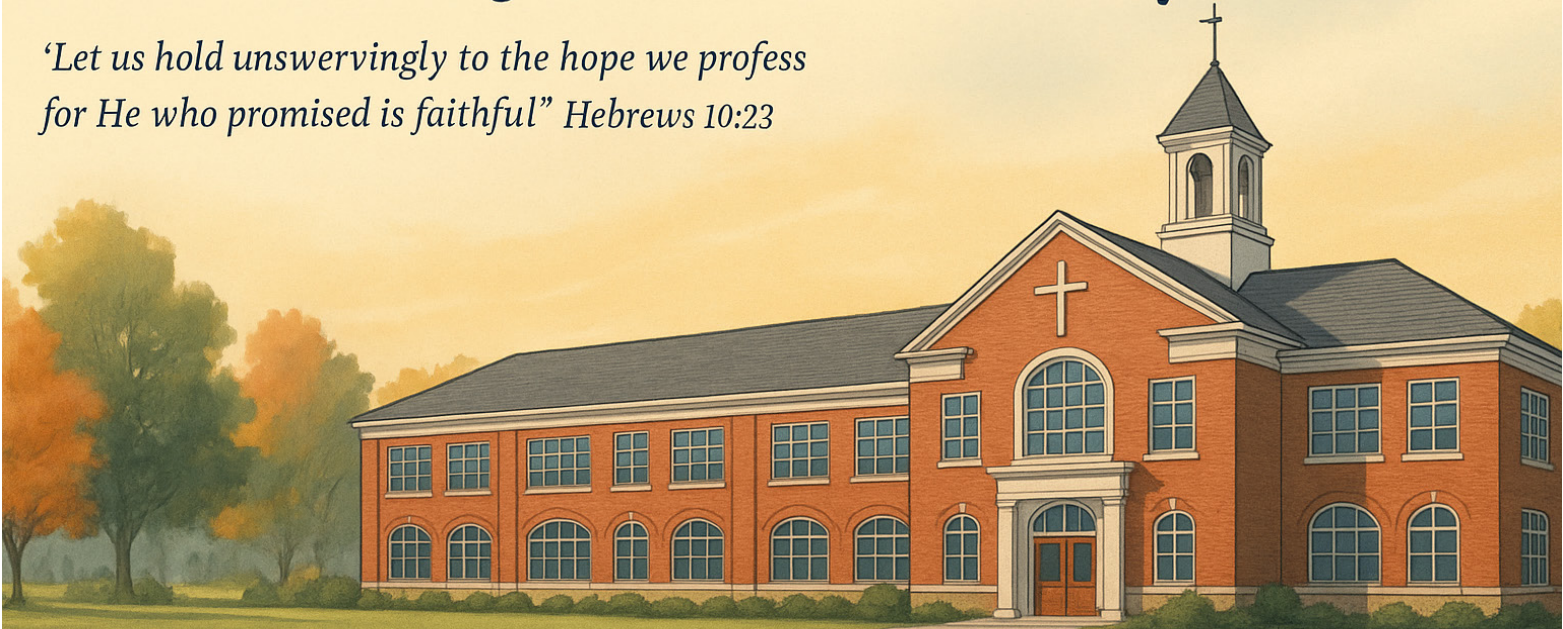
We Ad-ore Him

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Building the Future of Faith and Learning

A New Catholic High School in St. Croix County

*‘Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess
for He who promised is faithful’ Hebrews 10:23*



* Displayed image is a rendering and in no way a representation of the final project. *

Have You Heard?

There is an effort underway to bring a Catholic High School to St. Croix County. While we have four excellent Catholic grade schools, they only provide education through 8th grade. Families currently must send students to public schools or travel to the Twin Cities, Chippewa Falls, or Eau Claire for Catholic high school. Our Diocese of Superior has none.

A volunteer group representing local parishes, with the support of our Bishop, is studying the possibility of establishing a Catholic High School here. The representatives from our ICSP Catholic Communities are Dr. Steve Harrold and Maria Helgerson. The group have already surveyed families in our Catholic schools and now seek broader community input.

We invite you to take a short survey (about 10 minutes) to share your thoughts. You can access it by the link below. If you have already completed the earlier grade school survey, please do not take it again. The survey will be open from Sunday, October 19 through Saturday, November 1.

[CLICK HERE TO TAKE SURVEY](#)

Learn more and sign up for updates at our new webpage: **St. Croix Catholic High School**, and pray for the work the committee is doing.

Thank You!

EVANGELIZATION:

GROW IN OUR FAITH & LEAD OTHERS TO CHRIST

EVANGELIZED BY THE SUN IN LAKE OF THE OZARKS

By Maria Helgerson

In a cabin on the bank of Lake Ozark in Missouri, a vacation morning allowed for a slow start to the day with kiddos snuggled on the couch watching cartoons and the baby still asleep in her crib. As my husband sipped his coffee inside, I stepped outside to a perfect sunny and 75 degree morning to take in the view and spend a restful minute with God.

As I sat down, I couldn't focus on the devotional I had in hand with the perfect scene in front of me. So, instead, I leaned back in the chair, closed my eyes and let the sun warm my face. Opening my eyes, I looked up, and noticed the sun that had felt so strong, was shining through the tiniest break in the leaves of the trees overhead. It was as if the sun had pulled the leaves just far enough apart to shine directly on me. I closed my eyes again thanking God with a smile and thinking - how can the sun always find me? In that moment God reminded me - just like the sun found me through that tiny crack - Jesus wants to do the same.

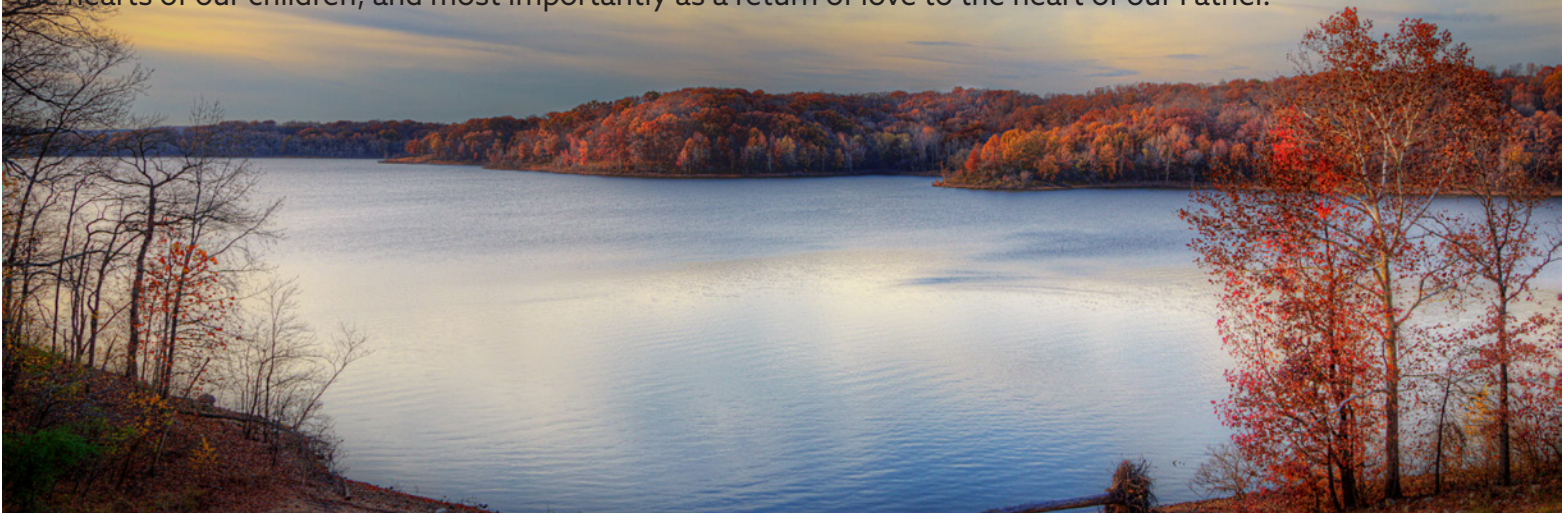
Like the hot Missouri sun, His Son, waits for even the tiniest opening of my heart to pour himself into and fill me with His warmth, love and peace. How good is our God!

But there is more to this moment - I was not alone in it - while I was enjoying the sun that morning, the same sun was also blessing more people in more places than I could ever name. Just like the one sun in the sky brings everyone light, God's one Son, Jesus, wants to do the same.

It doesn't matter where we are in life or what we have or have not done, it is the same Son that desires to enter each of our hearts when we slow down enough to step outside, take a breath and open ourselves to Him. This transformation of heart is meant to be a shared experience for believers. Something we have in common. A communion of our hearts in the same Son; making us "one" in His peace, "one" in His love; "one" in Christ.

This is the unity I have found in the In Christ Women's Groups. A unity of hearts, individually and collectively, striving to open to the light of God's great and intimate love; striving to carry out His will. The care and concern, the encouragement and prayer we share together is sacred and true. The journey looks different for each of us, and none of us are perfect, but we are all illuminated by the same Son.

So perhaps, in order to evangelize, we must first be evangelized by the sun; God's Son - Jesus Christ - in little moments of sacred silence shared only with Him. It is with Jesus' daily "recharge" that the light inside us grows brighter. The more time we spend with Him - the brighter His light in us will shine - until it can no longer be contained and it must be shared. Then, together, our hearts as "one" (Jesus' - yours - mine), gently and surely pour out our love, into even the smallest cracks of the open doors of any heart we encounter - the hearts of our spouses, the hearts of our children, and most importantly as a return of love to the heart of our Father.



STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Where is God Calling You?

Your time and talent are what keeps our ministries alive. Joining a ministry is one of the best ways to form connections and friendships within our parish community. To find out more, please check out our Ministry Booklet at icspcatholic.com/ministries/ or reach out to our ICSP Business Office and we will be happy to connect you to the right resources.

Here is a highlight of just some of the ministries that are offered:

Sewing Ministry

This ministry involves several sewing projects which are prayer blankets, baptismal blankets, baptismal gowns, and menstrual pads for women. Prayer blankets and baptismal blankets are lap size blankets that are given to people who are either having a child baptized, those who are sick, or going through extremely difficult times in their life. The group meets every month in Corrigan Hall to assemble the products. On the first Friday of the month, the products are blessed at Mass. The baptismal gowns are put together a couple of times out of the year and are for the newly Baptized. The menstrual pads are made for women throughout the world who lack access to menstrual products. This group meets when there is a need. The only qualifications needed to take part in any of them are helpful hands, a small pair of scissors, and a caring heart.

Sunday Social

Sunday Social is a time to have camaraderie, meet new and greet fellow Catholics after Sunday 9:00 am Mass in Corrigan Hall. Each volunteer is a member of a team that sets up and serves refreshments. Each team is usually scheduled every other month.

Slides/Projector

This volunteer works at a laptop operating a PowerPoint slide deck which is projected at the front of the church during Mass at Immaculate Conception. Not much computer knowledge is needed, as the PowerPoint is ready, it's simply clicking along through the slides in time to the Mass. You would learn by shadowing a volunteer on using the equipment.

Audio/Video

During our Sunday 9:00 am Mass our service is recorded. This recording gets sent to Channel 6 cable and is posted to our YouTube and Facebook accounts. There is also a need sometimes for special events we want recorded or funerals. The person volunteering would be provided ample training. It is a wonderful opportunity for young adults considering a career in filming. Along with mentoring with skilled volunteers, you would also have access to training videos to help you learn.

Prayer Line

Sometimes life feels overwhelming. The Prayer Line is a community that lifts each other up through prayer. It's a place where you can both ask for prayer and pray for others. If you're facing a struggle, add your name to the list. Our intercessors will lift you up in prayer, bringing you comfort and peace. If you feel called to pray, become an intercessor. We'll send you a list of requests, and you commit to praying for them. It's a powerful way to serve others through collective prayer.



ST. PATRICK NEWS

FROM THE CHURCH LADIES

Hi there – it's me again – the St. Pat's Church Lady. It's that time of year again, too. When thoughts of fall – school, sweaters, football, pumpkins, and, of course, the St. Patrick Church Annual Fall Festival – fill our minds. While the leaves are turning and the Irish lost – again – we Church Ladies are busy planning for the annual celebration/gathering/fund raiser that brings our parish community together to eat, socialize and win some great prizes. The Fall Festival is an annual tradition that started long before my time, but this year is special. The festival will be the first official event in the newly renovated and expanded Blarney Hall – and a chance for everyone to experience the new and improved space.

It's more than that, though. As we always do, we will be serving a delicious home-cooked meal, holding a raffle, winning baskets and cakes, and pulling prizes out of the fish pond. We will enjoy the extra room that the newly expanded hall provides, the new kitchen equipment, and certainly the improved HVAC system. But what we will really be doing is spending time together – as a parish community. The expansion of the church is an outward manifestation of the growth that has occurred, and continues to occur, within the St. Patrick Church family. That sense of community is what drew my young family to St. Patrick Church almost two decades ago, and what will continue to grow our parish for many decades to come.

As our families grow, and as our church grows, we have many new faces. Some of us have been part of St. Patrick Church "forever". Some of us showed up last week. Many of us are somewhere in between. Let's use this time of celebration to get to know each other a little bit. I invite you all to introduce yourself to someone you haven't met before. Or maybe spend some time with someone you have met, but don't know very well. Perhaps you are the new person and you don't know anyone yet – we have all been there – ask someone how you can get involved with the church and become part of the family that makes St. Patrick Church so special. What makes St. Patrick Church special is YOU – join us!

ST. PATRICK CHURCH ANNUAL



Fall Festival

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2025

11:00 AM MASS

FEATURING

"The Erin Prairie Folk Group"

FOLLOWED BY AN

ITALIAN DINNER

INCLUDING HOMEMADE PIE AND BEVERAGE
(SUGGESTED \$15 FREE WILL DONATION)

SERVING UNTIL 1:00 PM



MONEY RAFFLE DRAWING

\$250, \$200 & \$150 prizes

FISH POND

CAKEWALK

TAKE-A-CHANCE
THEME BASKETS

COUNTRY STORE

GOURMET DINNER RAFFLE

GUESS THE NUMBER CANDY JARS



CATHOLIC FORMATION NEWS



Welcome back to a new year of Youth Catholic Formation sessions! What a wonderful, fulfilling summer we were blessed with. Extreme Faith Camp, Totus Tuus, the Catholic Heart Workcamp Mission Trip and Vacation Bible School took place and were excellent experiences that brought those involved closer to God. We are so grateful for the opportunity to serve you and are looking forward to the year ahead and what God has in store. It will be great to meet weekly again! We are excited to see you all!

*Take care and God bless,
Arlene Tenner, Karen LaBossiere, Trevor Swanson, and Kristin Dittman*



Thank You

to everyone who made this year's
"True North Alaskan Adventure"
Vacation Bible School a success!

This was our fourth year joining with St. Anne in Somerset. We had 100 kids participate and nearly 60 amazing volunteers! Your support through contributions, prayers or time helped kids learn to trust Jesus in the wild world. May God continue to bless you!



'Thank You' for all who contributed to the Level 2 Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Atrium through donations, gifts and talents making materials, and prayers. Praise God for the work of so many hands in our ICSP Catholic Communities to build this atrium full of child size and model size liturgical and scriptural materials for our children to grow in love for the Good Shepherd and begin to explore how they respond to His great love.



CATHOLIC FORMATION NEWS

In July a group of 38 high school youth and adult chaperones from our two parishes as well as several other parishes in the area traveled to Morganton, NC, to participate in a week of mission work. We were blessed with opportunities to share the love of Christ, build strong relationships within the team and with those we served, and be part of a transformative experience. The scripture for the week that was explored during Mass and other activities at camp was

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make straight your paths."
Proverbs 3:5-6



Bishop Powers confirmed 16 candidates from Immaculate Conception and St Patrick, and 1 candidate from St. Patrick Parish in Hudson, on October 5th at Immaculate Conception. Each has been sealed with the gifts of the Holy Spirit and is strengthened for service to the Body of Christ.

"All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them."
Acts 2:4

Every year, thousands of poor children experience a Christmas without hope. We all can do our part and together we will bring joy and Christ's love to children in developing countries who wish for one gift. Please help by filling a box!



Our 2025 Goal is 150 shoe boxes!

Boxes with more information inside are near the parking lot church entrance of Immaculate Conception and St. Patrick. Filled boxes can be dropped off at the ICSP Church Office. Questions? Contact Kristin Dittman at 715-246-4652, x260 or k.dittman@ic-church.com.

Cross Catholic Outreach

**Shoe Box Collection
October 15 - November 9**

Thank you for your generous love and support!

Images from <https://crosscatholic.org/box-of-joy/>



Please pray for the second graders and all those preparing for and receiving the sacrament of First Reconciliation in December.



LIVING OUR FAITH AS A FAMILY

By The Catholic Formation Team

In the midst of our busy lives, it's easy to focus on what feels urgent: school schedules, work, sports, and countless responsibilities. Yet there is one priority that shapes everything else—our faith. How much emphasis do we truly place on our Catholic faith as a family? And how does it guide the way we live, love, and grow together?

Faith is more than attending Mass on Sundays. It's a way of life, a rhythm that shapes our homes and hearts. It is seen in the prayers we say together, the moments we pause to give thanks, and the ways we reach out in love and service to others. When faith is central in family life, it becomes a living example for children, not just a set of rules or traditions.

The beauty of Catholic faith is that it is both communal and personal. Families grow closer to God and each other when they participate in the sacraments, pray together, and bring Christ into daily life. Children learn that faith matters not because it is forced upon them, but because it is real, joyful, and life-giving in their home.

Living our faith together is also an invitation. It invites our children—and ourselves—to step into a relationship with God that is active and vibrant. It teaches them that God is present in every meal, every challenge, every celebration, and every quiet moment. And it shows them that faith is not a separate part of life, but the foundation of all that we do.

As families, we are called not just to practice our faith, but to live it authentically, to let it shape our decisions, our love for one another, and our interactions with the world. It is not about perfection—it is about presence, consistency, and an open heart to God's grace.

So today, consider how your family emphasizes faith. Are you creating moments where God is at the center, where His love is visible in action? Every small act of prayer, service, and devotion builds a legacy of faith that your children will carry with them for a lifetime.

Faith is an invitation to a life of love, hope, and joy. When families embrace it together, it becomes more than belief—it becomes a way of living, a light that guides each day, and a foundation that lasts for generations.

UPCOMING ADULT FORMATION EVENTS

ADULT FORMATION UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES



Do you feel a hunger in your heart and soul? A longing for deeper purpose? Adult Formation opportunities offer a welcoming space to explore these questions and nourish your spiritual growth.

Join us to:

- Deepen your relationship with Jesus and experience His profound love.
- Grow in your Catholic faith and learn how it applies to your daily life.
- Discern your purpose and how God might be calling you to share Jesus with others.

For more information on these events :
Website : icspcatholic.com
Email: adultformation@icspcatholic.com
Phone: 715-246-4652

NEW!
**CATHOLIC ESSENTIALS:
FAITH, FAMILY & FORMATION**
Facilitated by various presenters

These classes are meant to fill in the gaps for information that may have been missed, or maybe misunderstood as a youth. Great way to learn the basics of our Catholic faith!

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 22
The Basics: Faith vs. Religion

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 12
Theology of the Body - The Purpose of Life

6:30 - 8:00 pm
St. Mary School - Gr. 5 Classroom (upstairs)

WORSHIP & WITNESS
Facilitated by Maria Helgerson & others

You are invited to join others in sharing from your hearts how Jesus has been working in your life. Come for witness, come for music, come for fellowship, come for prayer.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7
7:00 - 9:00 pm
St. Patrick Church

SATURDAY CLASS
*Sponsored by the Diocese of Superior
Facilitated by Deacon Mike and Jo Germain*

Through the Eucharist, we are able to receive the living God and be transformed by His divine life dwelling within us. This workshop will help you to better understand the Eucharist.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15
Sacrament of the Eucharist
8:30 am - 2:00 pm
Immaculate Conception

ADVENT RETREAT
Facilitated by Deacon Mel Riel & Jo Germain

Take time during Advent to find ways to grow spiritually as we move towards Christmas!

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13
11:00 am - 6:00 pm
Immaculate Conception

Can't wait to see you there!

ST. MARY SCHOOL NEWS



Mission Statement:

Grow in Knowledge

Follow in Faith

Serve in Harmony



The school year is off to a wonderful start! Students and staff have settled in beautifully, and it's been a joy to see classrooms buzzing with learning and excitement. We began our year with special blessings: our staff attended the St. Croix County Catholic Schools Spiritual Retreat,

a time for prayer, reflection, and renewal as we prepared to welcome our students back. Also, on the very first day of school, Father John blessed our backpacks, setting a joyful and faith-filled tone for the year.

We are also thrilled that the SMS Library is now open and in full swing! Students are already enjoying the chance to explore new books, develop their love of reading, and discover new worlds through stories.



Extracurricular activities are off to a strong start as well. We are proud to have two girl volleyball teams this fall, 5th grade team and our middle school team. Both groups are working hard and representing our school with great spirit. Looking ahead, we're excited to share that basketball will return again this winter, offering more opportunities for our students to grow in teamwork and show their school pride.

Above all, our students exemplify our Catholic mission through their commitment to serving others in various ways, both inside and outside our school community. The newly elected members of the student council demonstrate a genuine willingness to assist others, reflecting the values we cherish deeply.

It's shaping up to be a fantastic year!

SMS Sweetheart MASQUERADE GALA

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2025

Doors Open at 5:00



READY RANDY'S BANQUET CENTER
1492 131st Street, New Richmond

\$100 Ticket

Plated Meal - Details to follow

DON'T FORGET TO FOLLOW US ON



www.facebook.com/StMarysNewRichmond



www.instagram.com/schoolst.mary/

UPCOMING DATES

October 11 - Marathon-It

October 15 - Grandparents Day

November 10 - Veterans Day Program

RESPECT LIFE

Baby Shower

called
to serve
Moms
in need

STARTING
OCTOBER 4, 2025
THROUGH
OCTOBER 31, 2025

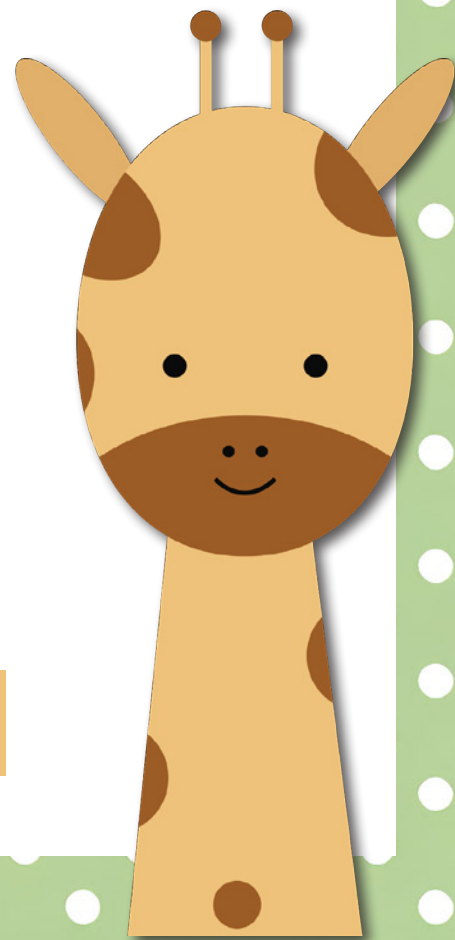
You're invited to participate in a Respect Life Baby Shower to support **Options On 8 Pregnancy Resource Center**. Due to a significant increase in the number of clients this past year, the center is in urgent need of more baby supplies.

DROP OFF BOXES ARE LOCATED AT THE ENTRANCES OF:
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
ST. PATRICK
ST. MARY SCHOOL

ITEMS NEEDED

- NB Girl's PJ's
- 18 mo. Girl's PJ's
- Girl's dresses
- 24 mo Girl's outfits
- 12-14 mo Boy's PJ's
- 18-24 mo Boy's outfits
- Car Seat Neck Pillows
- Snack cups for toddlers
- Baby toothbrush
- Diaper Genie & refills
- Bath tub
- Potty chairs
- Toddler mittens (water proof)
- Toys, books, stuffed animals
- Diapers (size 3, 4 & 5, fragrance free)
- Shoes (all sizes to size 7, winter preferred)
- Walmart & Kwik Trip (fuel only) gift cards

If you are not able to donate please pray for the clients that are using the services provided by Options On 8. Your prayers and generosity are greatly appreciated. **Thank you!**



MINISTRIES & GROUPS



**6 SATURDAY
DECEMBER
2025**

following 5:00 PM Mass
6:00 - 7:00 PM
Corrigan Hall

❄️ COOKIES & COCOA

❄️ CRAFT SALE ❄️ BAKE SALE

❄️ CAKE WALK ❄️ BASKET RAFFLE

❄️ 50/50 RAFFLE

❄️ KIDS CHRISTMAS SHOP
(buy for your family & friends)

**7 SUNDAY
DECEMBER
2025**

following 9:00 AM Mass
10:00 - 11:30 AM
Corrigan Hall

❄️ VIVA ST. NICHOLAS

❄️ CRAFT SALE ❄️ BAKE SALE

❄️ CAKE WALK ❄️ BASKET RAFFLE

❄️ 50/50 RAFFLE

❄️ KIDS CHRISTMAS SHOP
(buy for your family & friends)

ALL TICKETS ARE \$1 EACH!

ALSO SERVING
YOUTH MINISTRY'S BREAKFAST
(FREE WILL OFFERING)
EGG BAKE, FRENCH TOAST, SAUSAGE, FRUIT
COFFEE, MILK & JUICE
*GLUTEN FREE OPTIONS AVAILABLE



For more information contact:
Joyce Pascarella
715-491-5706
joycepascarella@icloud.com



This is our once-a-year fundraiser, and we'd love for you to be a part of it! Everything we raise from this event goes directly to our Needy Fund. These funds allow us to provide a warm, homemade meal to the residents of Grace Place, our local homeless shelter, on the fourth Monday of every month. We shop for all the groceries, cook with care, and personally deliver the meal to our neighbors in need. Your support helps us continue this vital work in our community!

MINISTRIES & GROUPS

Men's & Women's Retreats

2026

January 24-25,
2026

Men's
Retreat

With Dr.
Jonathan Reyes



Jonathan Reyes is the Senior Vice President for Communications for the Knights of Columbus. He has served the Church in various ways working most recently as Assistant General Secretary for United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, and as President and CEO of Catholic Charities in the Archdiocese of Denver. He founded Christ in the City and has also worked as Vice President for FOCUS. He and his wife have 7 children.

January 31 –
February 1, 2026

Women's
Retreat 1

With sisters from the
Handmaids of the
Heart of Jesus

February 7-8,
2026

Women's
Retreat 2

With sisters from the
Handmaids of the
Heart of Jesus



Sisters from the **Handmaids of the Heart of Jesus** will lead us in a retreat focusing on authentic femininity and how the Lord wants to show us our deepest identity as women. We will look at how our identity flows from our relationships as daughters, sisters, brides, and mothers. This retreat will provide many moments of silence to be with the Lord so as to hear His voice of love.

All Retreats will be held at Trinity Woods Catholic Retreat Center in Trego, WI

If you are interested to go with a group of women from our
ICSP Catholic Communities on February 7-8th,
sign up in the ICSP Church Office or
email: inchristwomensgroup@icspcatholic.com

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Where women gather for prayer, scripture and community growing and serving together in Christ.

YOU CAN EXPECT:

- Scripture Discussion
- Meaningful Conversation
- Intentional Prayer
- Service Projects, Socials & Retreats
- Christ-Centered Friendships
- Refreshments
- Relaxed and Welcoming Environment

You do not need to be Catholic to attend.
ALL are welcome!



September 12, 2025 - May 2026
Every Friday
9:00 - 10:30 am
• Childcare Provided



September 15, 2025 - May 2026
Every Other Monday or Thursday
7:00 - 8:30 pm



Immaculate Conception
Corrigan Hall - Rm. 1

TO JOIN OR LEARN MORE:

inchristwomensgroup@icspcatholic.com

St. Mary School Prayer Team



Join us in praying for the St. Mary School staff and teachers during the 2025-2026 school year!

Consider being a part of the St. Mary School prayer team to truly make an impact in our school and community! Our goal is to have every staff member and teacher prayed for by at least one person, 7 days per week.

If you have any questions or want to sign up by **October 31**, please contact:
prayerteam@st-marysschool.com or
Maria Helgersen 651.792.5650

Thank you for your prayers for our school!

MASS TIMES



WEEKEND MASSES

SATURDAY

5:00 PM

SUNDAY

9:00 AM

DAILY MASSES

TUESDAY

5:00 PM

WEDNESDAY

10:00 AM (school year)

8:15 AM (non-school year)

THURSDAY & FRIDAY

8:15 AM

RECONCILIATION

SATURDAY

4:00 PM - 4:45 PM or by appointment



WEEKEND MASS

SUNDAY

11:00 AM

DAILY MASS

FRIDAY

(Resuming November 7)

9:30 AM

DID YOU KNOW?

Immaculate Conception has a YouTube Channel!



You can watch recorded and live Masses, along with funerals and other saved content.

Simply click on the "Live" tab to see our recordings. The recordings will be purged at points, so not all history will be available.

CLICK HERE FOR LIVESTREAM!

