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The Connection

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Dates and time subject to change. Check IC & CF calendars for updates

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	TIME
August 29	First Day of School	SMS	
September 11-12	24-hr Adoration	STP	8 am - 8 am
September 22	1st Day of Sunday Formation	STP	9:45 am
September 25	1st Day of CF	IC	6:00 pm (K-5) 6:30 pm (6-11)
October 12	Confirmation	IC	5:00 pm
October 16	Adoration	IC	7 pm - 8 pm
October 20	Fall Fest	STP	12:00 pm
November 20	Adoration	IC	7 pm - 8 pm
December 4	Advent Reconciliation Service	IC	6:30 pm
December 7	Advent Retreat	IC	11 am - 5 pm
December 7 - 8	Christmas Fair	IC	6:00 pm (Dec. 7) 10:00 am (Dec. 8)
December 8	Christmas Program	STP	after 11:00 am Mass
December 18-19	24-hr Adoration	IC	8 am - 8 am
December 19	First Reconciliation	IC	6:00 pm
December 20	SMS Christmas Concert	SMS	10:00 am & 1:00 pm
December 22	STP Christmas Potluck	STP	12:00 pm
December 22	Seminarian Dinner	IC	4:00 pm

ICSP COMMUNITY NEWS

ADORATION

By Rena Sager

Participating in Adoration is quite meaningful. Where you can focus on the significance of being in the presence of GOD. “Rejoice and be glad in this experience!”

I first attended Adoration with the students at St. Mary School, and Christian Formation students. Having no previous experience, I watched as they entered and settled in to begin. First noticing they would kneel and pray and some of would sit and pray. Since I didn't bring anything with me, I picked up the Breaking Bread Daily Mass book where you could read scripture, prayers, or even read song verses. Of course, I had the option of saying the prayers that I knew by heart, which are the ones used when saying the Rosary. Then my eyes were drawn towards the altar, where a beautiful “Monstrance” was on display. It was later I learned this holds the Sacred Eucharist (the body of Christ). Monstrance is Latin word “monstare”, meaning “to show”. These vessels, I learned, are usually Gold or Silver with Sunburst shape on top and a long stem leading to the base. They can be designed simple or very ornate, and some even have jewels added to symbolize the holy mystery they contain. The center is where the Eucharist (Body of Christ) is placed. And where we should focus as it represents the Presence of God and the focus of your thoughts and prayers. There is sometimes a procession with the Monstrance. The Priest would wear a wrap with the ends having places for his hands, because you do not touch the Monstrance directly. Then incense is used to bless the Monstrance; and the Priest takes it around the church holds it in the air and then returns the Monstrance to the altar.

Since I didn't know the appropriate amount of time for Adoration, I again, took my lead from those attending. It was close to an hour when people started to leave. As they stepped out of the pew, many of them would kneel down on both knees then look at the altar and likely the Monstrance, make the sign of the cross and bow their head once standing.

For me this first experience was one of “observing and discovery” compared to what I experienced the next time. ICC had plans for a 24-Hour ADORATION. When I called to ask my mother if she would join me, of course, she said Yes, and we signed up for the 10pm-11pm Hour. I wanted a better understanding of Adoration and to be more prepared; and, therefore, began my research to make the Hour meaningful. This search revealed many prayers to use, and a plethora of information to review and organize. You could say I was very excited to attend my next Adoration.

My list included my Bible, the “Beautiful Eucharist” book by Dynamic Catholic, my Rosary and the printed prayers I had collected. When the time was finally here, I felt ready to be in the Presence of God by the Holy Eucharist displayed in the Monstrance. As we entered church for our time slot, the lighting was focused on the altar and graduated behind us towards darkness. We chose to sit closer than before and did our best not to disturb those still in prayer from their session.

I began with, Eucharistic Adoration Prayers (published by Archbishop's Committee for Eucharistic Renewal-St, Louis, MO). Next was The Divine Mercy Chaplet, (divinemercyart.org). You can use your Rosary for this or just say the prayers. The Chaplet has two opening prayers from the Diary of St Maria Faustina Kowalska followed by a closing prayer. Next, I read scriptures from my Bible, Said prayers to Jesus: for this Holy experience, with a grateful heart, for his love, blessings, mercy, and protection of my family.

The last part of the hour, I used to give praises of thanks for both my Blessings and my Trials. I have written down a few thoughts to help me get started. In my prayer life this is my first year to pray for students who recently received the Sacrament of Confirmation. They are in my daily prayers, and I have also written them cards.

I asked for Forgiveness, for healing from illness for my family and friends. Then asked Jesus to continue to help me with my purpose to follow HIS ways. I know I will have trials and challenges as part of my life on earth. During those times I need to just remember God is always there to help me through it.

I would like to thank Julie R. for having confidence in me and for the opportunity to share my experience. In the remaining minutes in the presence of Jesus on the Crucifix behind the altar and the Monstrance with the Eucharist (body of Christ) displayed on the altar. It was a truly a Blessed Hour of prayer, reflection, gratitude and a place of PEACE. In the name of Jesus, I pray others will find Adoration time with HIM will be meaningful, solace, restoration, joyful, and an elevated experience.

ICSP COMMUNITY NEWS

Thank you!
VERY MUCH

ANDERSON HEATING
&
LAVENTURE CRANE

FOR A JOB
WELL DONE!

THE FINAL PHASE OF REPLACING THE
ROOFTOP UNITS ON ST. MARY SCHOOL
WAS COMPLETED ON JULY 9TH, 2024.



IT'S NOT TOO EARLY TO START THINKING ABOUT HELPING OUR SISTERS AND BROTHERS GLOBALLY!

Pack a **BOX OF JOY** for a needy child! As a community we collect and fill shoeboxes with children's toys, school supplies, non-liquid hygiene items (toothbrushes, bar soap, combs, etc.) accessories (t-shirts, socks, hats, sunglasses, jewelry etc.), crafts (DIY hair bows, finger puppets, and friendship bracelets). The shoe boxes go to boys and girls living in poverty overseas.

Collection at Immaculate Conception
and St. Patrick is from:

October 13, 2024
to
November 10, 2024



FOR CHILDREN WHO WISH
FOR **JUST ONE GIFT**

Sponsored by Cross Catholic Outreach

NEWS FROM THE BUSINESS OFFICE

TITHING AND NEEDY FUNDS

Did you know?

The Church maintains a special fund called the “Needy Fund”. We normally take an offering around Thanksgiving to support this. From this fund we purchase Scrip gift cards for Walmart (food) and Kwik Trip (gas). During office hours, those in need can stop by to get a gift card along with a resource sheet for local help. We track card distribution, to keep it fair and make sure the program is not being abused. All we ask in return from the recipient is to pause and say a prayer with available staff.

The churches (IC and St. Patrick’s) also tithe to different charities. You tithe to the church, the church tithes to others. The Finance Councils at both churches help decide who the recipients are each year. A percent of our Adult, Youth and loose weekly collections is allocated to this.

ONLINE GIVING

Did you know that giving online, or setting up auto-pays helps the Church to manage its budget better? When people opt to use these, we see consistent giving, which helps us to better manage our general accounts, which are used for payroll and facilities. Summers are the worst for us, as less people are at Masses, and the bills continue to come in regardless. This is the time of year we normally barely make payroll and sometimes take out a line of credit to cover expenses.

- We know we have a very blended parish when it comes to how you give. Some prefer their box of envelopes at the start of each year – and that is totally fine! We have no intention of discontinuing these.

- Then we have those who don’t want to use any online systems but would like to have auto-pays done with either their credit card or bank account, that’s also fine! We have forms available on our website: Electronic Giving which you can fill out and turn into the office.

- Some choose to use online and mobile tools, provided by “Vanco” (our system of choice for online giving). We have included the instructions (to the right in blue) if you would like to use this method. You can also stop by the Business Office if you want some help setting it up.

(IC) What’s a QR Code for?



Quick Response codes are scannable codes, which when using the camera on your smartphone will launch you to a website (try scanning this code). We use QR codes within our Church bulletin (for both IC and St. Patrick’s) and sometimes on printed materials to make payments easier. If you have not used Mobile giving in Vanco, you may be asked to set up your account when you scan. Know this is a trusted source the Church is providing. You’ll be amazed how simple it is to use.

(STP)



WAYS TO GIVE



In Person

Whether it’s cash or check, we appreciate your kindness. Please place your donations in an offering envelope and drop them in the offering box or in the collection baskets.



Online

Visit <https://ic-church.com/> and click DONATE to set up a one-time or recurring donation, or to make a payment.



QR CODE

Scan the QR code to visit our online giving page.



Text

Text 844-592-2468 to set up a one-time or recurring donation. Make sure to have your payment information on hand.



Mobile App

Download the Vanco Mobile app from your app store to set up a one-time or recurring donation. Once downloaded open app and find your church (Immaculate Conception or St. Patrick’s). Available on Apple and Android devices.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

St. Patrick's Women's Group *We're Not Dana Carvey's Church Ladies*

I've never heard any of them say "Well, isn't that special?", but the Women of St. Patrick of Erin are kind of a force of nature. From organizing donuts and brunches after Mass, to decorating and cleaning the Church, to feeding parishioners at picnics and funerals, to hosting festivals and celebrations, to fundraising and supporting a multitude of non-profit organizations, the Women of St. Patrick's fill many roles and ensure that all are welcomed and well-fed. We pray for and with one another, we support each other in times of need and celebrate with one another in times of joy, and we support the community of Faith we call St. Pat's.

Have you ever wondered how everything at Church just "gets done" exactly when it needs to be? Or what happens behind the scenes to put on a Fall Festival or St. Patrick's Day celebration? Well, here's how it works: a small but mighty group of Church Ladies works together to plan, organize and execute every detail of the many events that occur throughout the year; individuals with special talents offer their skills; and many others appear to help with whatever needs doing just at the right time. It's a group of givers and hard workers who care about each other and about their little country church, and who want to keep the sense of community that everyone seems to notice the first time they attend Mass at St. Pat's.

The biggest events of the year are the Fall Festival and the St. Patrick's Day Celebration. Both are preceded by a special Mass, with guest musicians and sometimes Bishop Powers. Both include delicious meals prepared and served by the Women in Blarney Hall, appropriately decorated in the theme of the Season. St. Patrick's Day also includes champagne, Irish cake, green punch, of course corned beef and cabbage. The Fall Festival includes raffles, games, home baked pies, a cake walk, a children's fishpond, and donated baskets as well. This is our only fundraiser of the year, and the monies raised go to supporting many charitable organizations, including St. Mary School, the annual Workcamp trip, local food shelves, Grace Place, care baskets, and much more.

In between, there are many opportunities for gathering and getting to know fellow parishioners while enjoying donuts and potlucks after Mass, as well as the Parish Picnic in August, with root beer floats and hot dogs for everyone. Whenever there is a funeral at the Church, the Women serve lunch and bring homemade bars for dessert. Volunteers decorate the church for holidays and holy days, and other volunteers clean the church, provide and maintain the planters, beautify the grotto, and coordinate flowers in memory of loved ones. There is even an annual "appreciation dinner" for all the women of St. Patrick's to say thank you to the ladies who work so hard during the year to make our Parish a family.

I've been one of the "church ladies" for over 15 years now, and I'm always humbled by the selfless contributions of the wonderful women who show up and just do what needs to be done. We may be small in numbers, but we do an awful lot. Now that you mention it, I think we are pretty special.



In each publication, the Stewardship Committee will feature a ministry or two. If you happen to have a group you would like featured, please reach out to Terry Palmer.

DIOCESE OF SUPERIOR NEWS

New Parish Initiative: “Maintenance-to-Mission” “What does Evangelization mean...to Me?”

If your mental picture of “evangelization” is still of a person going door-to-door and talking to complete strangers about God, or a Christian proclaiming the Bible out on the street corner, then please let that go. The mission of evangelization doesn’t have to be this image, instead, imagine evangelization as “one starving person, telling another starving person, where to find the bread.”

Anyone who has truly experienced God’s saving love does not need much time or lengthy training to go out and proclaim that love to others. We just need to be open, and have the willingness, to share the “good news” with others. We can do this and we must!

During this past year, the Diocese has been working with the different parishes to create simple but comprehensive “pathways” to evangelization and discipleship across the diocese. For our parish cluster of Immaculate Conception and St. Patrick’s, a small team of people have been meeting weekly, and diligently, to create a framework and a process for our Maintenance-to-Mission initiative. A vital part of this initiative is being clear about what our Vision is for our parishes.

“To Grow in our Faith and Lead others to Christ” is our dream and the vision for both of our parishes.

At this time, it may not seem evident, but the spirit of this Vision is already working in our parishes. Have you been hearing the message of evangelization and being missionary disciples in the Homilies during Mass? Have you attended the first-Friday adoration or the 24-hour adoration at IC or St. Pat’s? Are you aware of the adult formation class “Acts of the Apostles” held every Monday evenings at IC? Have you participated in our Men’s & Women’s group to grow in faith and prayer life? Were you aware that the Lenten Retreat, and soon-to-be Advent Retreat, are fruits of the evangelization process? And have you seen any other signs within our church that allows you to grow in your own faith and perhaps leads you to bring others to Christ?

The Church exists to evangelize. We, as Catholics, are commissioned to go out and evangelize...to make disciples and proclaim the “good news” to everyone. If, for whatever reason, that you think the mission of evangelization is not for ***you***, ***then pray... Pray to just be open, to the prompting of the Holy Spirit, to want to evangelize.***

If you have thoughts, ideas, or suggestions, or if you would like to share how you are growing in your faith, or how you are being called to lead others to Christ, the Parish Planning & Evangelization Team would like to hear from you, email us at: **icspchurches@ic-church.com**

Or simply talk to any one of us: Fr. John, Deacon Mel, Deacon Mike, Arlene & Cliff Tenner, Billy Thomson, Dave Epperly, Jo Germain, Joyce Pascarella, Julie Riel, Kendra Bos, Kim Palmer, Rush Hickethier.

“Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful, and kindle in us the fire of your love.”



ST. PATRICK'S NEWS



St. Patrick's Catholic Church

BUILDING FAITH
BUILDING FUTURES

St. Patrick's Building Project Capital Campaign Nears Financial Goal

Last April during presentation meetings, parishioners reviewed and discussed plans to create new classrooms for our Christian Formation Program, expand worship seating in the church, remodel Blarney Hall, and complete kitchen improvements. Following positive reaction from parishioners parish leaders launched a capital campaign to try and raise \$1,038,000 to complete all the proposed projects.

On August 4, when this article was prepared for the newsletter, the campaign had raised \$963,000 in financial commitments or 93% of the campaign goal. That leaves less than \$75,000 in new commitments to achieve our building project goal.

As we move closer to our goal, it is important that we have a "small contingency" beyond the estimated project cost, in the event that we discover unforeseen issues connecting our existing building with the new expansion. Our remaining objective is to raise the remaining \$75,000 and create the "small contingency" for any surprises we may find during construction.

We are moving closer to collecting \$504,000 (50% of the proposed project cost) that we need to obtain diocesan approval to proceed with detailed planning and scheduling the project. As we move forward to seek approval from the Diocese of Superior to proceed with the detailed planning for the project, we will also create a Parish Building Committee to begin working with our contractor, Derrick Building Solutions.

The committee will be comprised of volunteers with the knowledge and experience to design the very best space with an eye to obtain the very best value for the generous dollars contributed by our parishioners, visitors and friends of St Patrick's.

The objective will be to complete the approval process with the Diocese and the detailed planning with our contractor in the coming months, with a goal to break ground as soon as the frost leaves the ground in early 2025.

For more information about how you can offer your financial support for the capital campaign, please contact Susan Baustian smbaustian@gmail.com

Thanks to everyone who has offered their prayers, encouragement, and financial support to make this long-awaited dream move closer to becoming a reality for the children, youth, adults and seniors in St. Patrick's.

Capital Campaign Cabinet

- Fr. John Anderson
- Susan Baustian
- Crystal Friske
- Nathan Friske
- Steve Harrold
- Jody Lenz
- Eric Lockwood
- Susan Lockwood
- Denny Mitchell

EXTREME FAITH CAMP 2024

Extreme Faith Camp is a week long Catholic summer camp for middle school students hosted by the Diocese of Superior. The experience has grown to four camps at two different locations.

It is open to students who just completed 6th – 8th grade. Together participants rock climb, canoe, climb high ropes, do crafts, and play games. The spiritual components include daily Mass, adoration, daily reflection time, a reconciliation night, small groups, and topics for teens. The camp is led by the Extreme Team which is formed of adult and senior high youth leaders from participating parishes.

All new high school leaders serve on prayer team. The prayer team does behind the scenes service work and receives an incredibly powerful week of training and formation that equips them to be spiritual leaders at camp in the future and in their parishes.” Extra opportunities of prayer and reflection time are part of the team experience.

“The mission of EFC is to provide a positive, engaging, authentic, and Catholic experience in which middle school teens can encounter Christ in the sacraments – especially the Eucharist – and in His Body the Church; and to give High School Leaders and chaperones opportunities to lay down their lives and grow in radical discipleship.”

New Richmond had a group of 18 middle and high school youth and 3 adult chaperones attend camp at the Crossroads Adventure Camp near Mason, WI in June.



CATHOLIC HEART WORKCAMP 2024

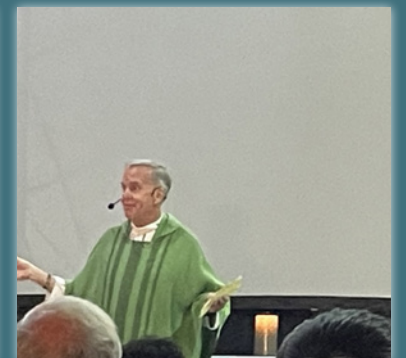
This year our Workcamp youth mission trip from Immaculate Conception, St. Patrick's of Erin and St. Anne of Somerset traveled to Huntingburg, Indiana. The town of about 6,500 people welcomed our local team of 31 youth and 7 adults including Fr. John. We worked with elderly residents and numerous civic and non-profit organizations to do home repair and general cleanup. Our team was split up amongst all the other campers, so we had opportunity to get to know and work with people from 12 other Catholic churches from five states.

The daily schedule Monday – Thursday included daytime hours at work sites. We built mobility modifications for the elderly, made repairs, painted indoors and outdoors, did general yard clean-up and more. Fences were built and front porch steps replaced that are now safe to use again. Works of service were done at a local thrift store whose proceeds support the local food bank, an assisted living facility, and other community locations.

This year's theme for camp was "Here & Now". Young people offer the world new energy and perspective, and the Church needs them, HERE & NOW. God desires His transformative power to flow through the hearts of our youth, enabling them to be examples in making the world a better place today. Timothy 4:12 states, "Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity."

Pope Francis has urged young people to embrace their role in the present and the future of the Catholic Church by building relationships with their community and with God. Young people are called to let their light shine before others so that others may benefit from their good deeds and glorify our Father in heaven. Teens do not have to wait to be active in their faith; they are invited to be involved through acts of kindness and service to those who are in need HERE & NOW.

The trip was possible in part because of the generosity of prayer as well as financial support via our fundraisers. We are so appreciative of all the support, whether you bought chili or scones, stopped by our annual youth ministry garage sale, said hello in the foyer after church to tell a Workcamper good luck with the trip, or silently lifted one or more of us in prayer.



CATHOLIC FORMATION NEWS

A Huge Thank You for the Totus Tuus Week!

THANK YOU to all those who helped make Totus Tuus a joyfilled week full of learning about our Catholic faith and how learning about The Apostle's Creed, the Glorious Mysteries of the Rosary and the Sacraments can help us in living a life of personal holiness! Special thanks to the Heintz and Evans families for graciously hosting the team all week. Also, thank you to all the people who helped during the day and evening sessions, provided lunch and snacks, hosted dinner, provided donations and all others who helped through their time, talent or treasure and especially through prayer. Seventy-one youth participated in the wonderful week! May God continue to bless you!



Vacation Bible School

was a scuba adventure! As a joint VBS with St. Anne in Somerset for the third year, 115 kids participated and nearly 60 amazing leaders volunteered at the end of July at St. Anne's.

A huge THANK YOU for ALL of your support!

Whether by your prayers, donations or time. All contributions helped kids dive into friendship with God! May God continue to bless you!



DON'T FORGET!

Starting September 25, 2024 @ 5:15 pm
IC- Corrigan Hall

CATHOLIC FORMATION NEWS

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

*For children ages 3-6 during the 2024-2025 school year.

*A unique ministry using Montessori methods & a sacred environment.

*Introduces & nurtures a personal relationship with Jesus!

*Proven to be the most effective formation for our young children within the Church leading to vocations in the priesthood and strong faith foundations for all vocations.



What: A ministry that nurtures the child's relationship with Christ using a Montessori style of teaching and a sacred environment. We currently are offering level 1 with hopes to add level 2 for 6-8 year olds in the fall of 2025.

Children are given one-on-one lessons, approximately 50 presentations over a three year cycle that follow the liturgical seasons of the Church, and then invited to work with the materials that go with each lesson. **The atrium becomes a place of peaceful work, where the children learn in a deep and profound way about the life of Jesus, scripture, liturgy, and the teaching and traditions of the Catholic Church.**

Where: CGS takes place in an atrium, a room filled with model size or child size scriptural and liturgical based items. **A space designed just for children as a place of prayer, pondering and growth.** Our atrium is located at IC in room 4b in Corrigan Hall.



When: Weekly 1.5 hour sessions running from **September 2024 - April/May 2025.** Choose from one of three session options: Wednesday 4:00-5:25pm, Wednesday 5:40-7:05pm or Friday 9:30-11:00am.

Who: Each session will be open to 8-12 children who are age 3, 4 or 5 or entering preschool, 4K or Kindergarten at the beginning of the 2024-2025 school year. Traditional CF will be offered for Kindergarten, so families can choose traditional CF or CGS. Children are guided by one adult catechist and a second adult assistant. There is a \$60 registration fee. CGS will be incorporated into St. Mary School Preschool on Fridays beginning fall 2024.

For more info or to register your child or grandchild scan here or contact Kendra Bos cgsvolstaff@ic-church.com | 715-781-8831
Immaculate Conception & St. Patrick Parishes Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

What Parents are saying:

"Not only did CGS bring my kids closer to God, it brought me a closer understanding of the deep lessons from the Bible. It has been such a blessing for me and my family." - Nicole

"I feel so blessed to have CGS at our parish! Last year through CGS I saw my son participate more in Mass and learn our faith; but mostly I saw him fall in love and develop his own relationship with Jesus which was a gift to see bud and grow last year." - Kate



Please join us in praying for all children, families and leaders involved in CGS. May God's will be done!

CATHOLIC FORMATION NEWS

CATHOLIC FORMATION VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

2024-2025

We are excited to kick off another year of Catholic Formation and would like to provide you with the volunteer opportunities we have! It's with your support that our ministry is able to run smoothly! Thank you!

Please RETURN this form to the IC Church office or email it to Kristin Dittman at k.dittman@ic-church.com if interested in any area below, or if you have any questions.

Name: _____

Phone #: _____ E-mail: _____

Adult Formation

- Baptismal Prep Class Facilitator (1-2 classes per yr.)
- Adult Formation Class Facilitator



Youth Formation

St. Patrick, Grades K-8, Sunday School 9:45-10:45am:

- Catechist, Preferred Grade _____
- Substitute Catechist

IC Grades K-5, Wednesday 6:00pm-7:00pm:

- Catechist, Preferred Grade _____
- Substitute Catechist
- Catechist Aide, Preferred Grade _____
- Substitute Catechist Aide

IC Grades 6-8, Wednesday 6:30pm-8:00pm:

- Core Team/Small Group Leader

IC Grades 9-10 Discipleship groups

- Core Team/Small Group Leader (9th grade)
- Confirmation Small Group Leader (10th grade)

Other Wednesday Night Help:

- Door and Parking Lot Monitor
- Hall Monitor
- Office Assistant

Vacation Bible School, July 2025:

- Leader, Helper, Food Prep, Decorating

Totus Tuus, June or July 2025:

- Leader, Helper
- Hosting Totus Tuus Team members
- Hosting Totus Tuus Team dinners
- Donate Totus Tuus Team lunches
- Donate snacks

Other

- Christmas Program, IC or St. Patrick
- Children's Liturgy of the Word Teacher, IC or St. Patrick
- CF Wednesday Night Dinners
- CF Committee Member
- Musician - Pianist, Guitarist
- Youth Choir Director
- Hospitality Coordinator
- Photographer
- Youth Ministry Events
- Other talents you'd like to share:**

Catechists and/or Small Group Leaders with children receive the full tuition waived for each child.

Catechist Aides receive half tuition waived for each child.

Thank you for your support. God Bless.

ST. MARY SCHOOL NEWS



Dear Families and Friends,

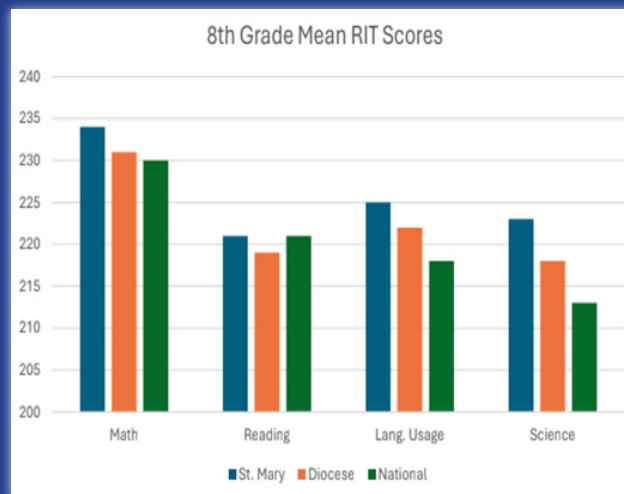
As our summer comes to an end and a new school year is upon us, I want to express my heartfelt gratitude for your continued support and involvement in our school community. Our students have been working diligently, and their growth is a testament to the dedication of our staff and the strong partnership we share with Immaculate Conception Parish and St. Patrick Parish.

We are always looking for enthusiastic volunteers to help with various school activities and events. If you're interested in getting involved, please contact Mrs. Engelhart at 715-246-2469 in the school's front office. As we prepare for the upcoming school year, we remain committed to nurturing each child's spiritual, academic, and emotional development as they grow in knowledge, follow in faith, and serve in harmony.

Joyfully serving,
Jami Engelhart, Principal



Congratulations to our 8th-grade graduating class of 2024!



The above graph shows our graduating 8th-grade students' MAPS standardized test scores, showing SMS students compared to other schools in our diocese and national averages.

Coming Soon!

August 29, 2024

First Day of School

WELCOME BACK TO A NEW ACADEMIC YEAR!

DON'T FORGET TO FOLLOW US ON



www.facebook.com/StMarysNewRichmond



www.instagram.com/schoolst.mary/

UPCOMING EVENTS



PLEASE JOIN US FOR
**24 HOUR
EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**

SEPTEMBER 11 - 12, 2024
8:00 AM - 8:00 AM

ST. PATRICK'S CATHOLIC CHURCH
1880 CTY. RD. G
NEW RICHMOND

All are welcome to this 24 hour opportunity to spend time with our Lord, our true source of life.

Adorers are needed!

If interested to sign up for one hour of adoring please contact:

Kendra Bos
715-781-8831
kendraanmitchell@gmail.com



Have you...

NEVER BEEN BAPTIZED?

**NEVER HAD A CHANCE TO FINISH
RECEIVING YOUR SACRAMENTS?**

**WONDERED WHAT GOD
HAS IN STORE?**

**WANTED TO LEARN MORE
ABOUT THE CATHOLIC FAITH?**

Or have ever wondered...

HOW DO I JOIN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH?

The OCIA Program
(Order of Christian Initiation for Adults)
may be for you!



To find out more please contact:

Deacon Mike
HOME: 715-246-5303
CELL: 651-271-1398
EMAIL: eagledeacon@gmail.com

Church Office
715-246-4652

**Classes start
October 6, 2024!**

COMMITTEES & GROUPS

St. Mary School Prayer Team



Join us in praying for the St. Mary School staff and teachers during the 2024-2025 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 **September 30th**, please contact: prayerteam@st-marysschool.com or Maria Helgerson 651.792.5650

Thank you for your prayers for our school!

respect
life *called
to serve
moms
in need*



The Respect Life Group will begin meeting again in September. The group was inspired by the nationwide effort, "Walking With Moms In Need", supported by Bishop Powers, to help St. Patrick and Immaculate Conception Churches build a culture of life and increase the outreach to pregnant and parenting women in need of a friend to talk with, a resource advocate, or emotional or physical support. We have a core group of volunteers available within our parishes. The Respect Life Group would like all mothers to know that we are here to help anyone facing a difficult or unplanned pregnancy.

We will be offering two hour sessions of free child care on the third Saturday in November, January, and March from 4:30-6:30p.m. for any interested parents. Parents can enjoy a few hours for a quiet dinner together, attend Mass child free, go shopping without little hands, or just take a nap. A QR code will be available for registration closer to the dates.

If you are interested in joining The Respect Life Group please contact one of our members.

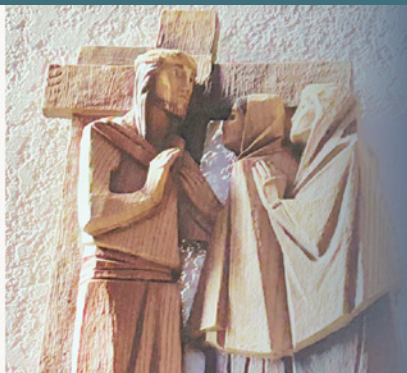
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Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you.
Jeremiah 1:5

COMMITTEES & GROUPS





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

YOU CAN EXPECT:

- Scripture Discussion
- Meaningful Conversation
- Intentional Prayer
- Christ-Centered Friendships
- Refreshments
- Relaxed and Welcoming Environment

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

 September 9, 2024 - May 5, 2025
Every Other Monday
7:00 - 8:00 pm

 September 13, 2024 - May 2, 2025
Every Friday
9:00 - 10:30 am
• Childcare Provided

 Immaculate Conception
Corrigan Hall - Rm. 1

TO JOIN OR LEARN MORE:

WOMENS.GROUP@IC-CHURCH.COM OR MARIA @ 651.792.5650

REIGNITE THE FIRE OF YOUR SPIRITUAL LIFE



WHO	OPEN TO ALL MEN
WHAT	CONNECT, GROW & SHARE YOUR FAITH JOURNEY THROUGH FOOD, FELLOWSHIP, FORMATION & PRAYER
WHERE	IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CORRIGAN HALL
WHEN	WEDNESDAYS STARTING SEPTEMBER 18, 2024 5:30 AM - 7:00 AM BREAKFAST, VIDEO, GROUP DISCUSSION

FOR MORE INFORMATION EMAIL US AT REIGNITEMENSGROUP@GMAIL.COM
OR VISIT US AT OUR OPEN HOUSE

SEPTEMBER 11, 2024 AT 5:30 AM & 6:15 PM
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH
CORRIGAN HALL

AS IRON SHARPENS IRON, SO ONE MAN SHARPENS ANOTHER

PROVERBS 27:17

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES



CATHOLIC
FORMATION
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH
ST. PATRICK'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

WE ARE HIRING WE ARE LOOKING FOR:

DIRECTOR OF CATHOLIC FORMATION

YOUTH MINISTER

ADULT CHURCH CHOIR DIRECTOR

Go to ic-church.com for a full job description and application.

OR

Please submit resume along with an application to the Business Office at Immaculate Conception Parish.
If you have any questions, contact Rush Hickethier at 715-246-4652 ext. 225
or email at r.hickethier@ic-church.com



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 MASSES

FRIDAY

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!

