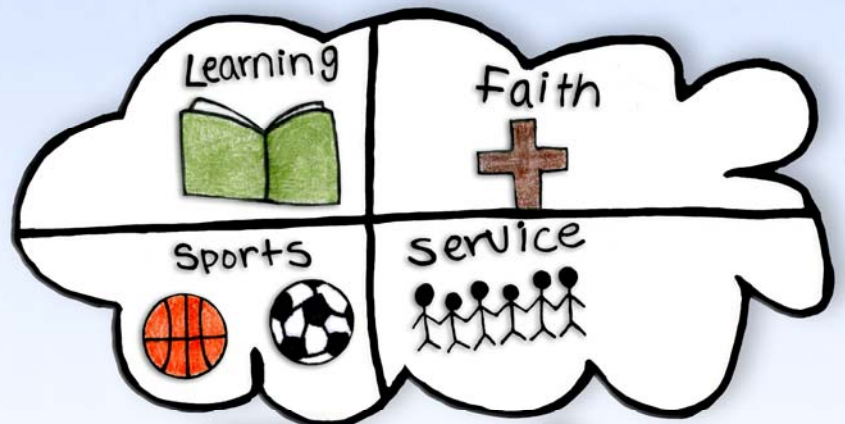




THE CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Celebrate Catholic Schools Week

at
Immaculate
Conception
School!



Love God ♡

Lend A Helping Hand

Ruth 7th Grade

JANUARY 28, 2018 | FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mass Schedule

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

San Damiano Adoration Chapel

Open weekdays	7:00 am - 4:00 pm
<i>Door code needed after 4:00 pm Questions? Call 763-789-3246</i>	
Reconciliation	
Saturday	3:30 - 4:30 pm

Mission Statement

The Mission of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church 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.

4030 Jackson Street NE | Columbia Heights, MN 55421 | 763-788-9062 | ICCSonline.org

From the Pastor's Desk



Our Immaculate Conception Catholic School



This week is Catholic Schools Week. It is a week for us to celebrate our parish school. I encourage you to enroll your children in our school. If you are a grandparent, please encourage your children to send their children to our school.

When our parish was established in 1923, the parishioners wanted to have a parish school. From 1923-38, our parish grew to approximately 450 families. Realizing the need for Catholic education in this community, Archbishop Murray asked the parish's founding pastor, Father George Rowles, to build a school for the children of Columbia Heights. However, Father Rowles felt that the condition of his health did not warrant such an undertaking. Therefore, Archbishop Murray transferred Father Rowles and appointed Father Joseph Lapinski in January 1938 as the new pastor of Immaculate Conception. Father Lapinski broke ground for the new school on May 25, 1939. In September 1939 the new school opened with an enrollment of 224 students occupying six of the nine classrooms. The three classrooms on the south end of the building were living quarters for the seven nuns from the Order of St. Francis who staffed the school (Source: *House of God, Gate of Heaven*, 1958, parish archives).

We are blessed to have a school at our parish. Our school gives us the opportunity to teach the Catholic faith to our students all day long. Having a parish school is one of the best tools for evangelization because it allows us to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ with children, their parents, and their families.

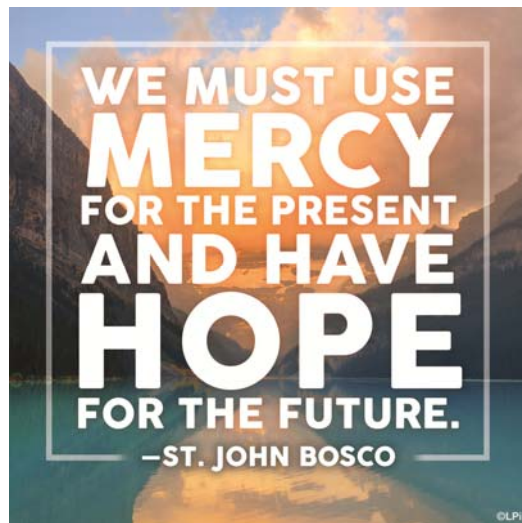
I am grateful to my parents for sending me to Catholic grade school from grades 1-7. Looking back I can see how I was formed in my faith at the parish school of my home parish of St. Margaret Mary in Golden Valley.

Catholic schools allow students to talk about God throughout the day and in every class subject. Catholic schools give students a chance to incorporate their faith in all facets of their studies, social interactions, recreation, and daily activities.

Having a parish school requires financial and spiritual support from parishioners. So I thank you for supporting our school with your prayers and with your financial contributions. Thank you to our school parents for sending your children to our school. I know it requires a financial sacrifice on your part to pay tuition and to help with fundraising events. I am confident that you view a Catholic school education as a wonderful investment in your child. Thank you to our school teachers and staff for your hard work and dedication to our students. May God continue to bless our school.



God Bless You,
Father John Mitchell



Readings and Observances

Sunday, January 28

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time; 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 [8a]/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 [1a]/
Mk 5:21-43

Wednesday, January 31

St. John Bosco, Priest

2 Sm 24:2, 9-17/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7 [cf. 5c]/Mk 6:1-6

Thursday, February 1

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

Friday, February 2

The Presentation of the Lord; Candlemas; Groundhog Day

Mal 3:1-4/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10 [10b]/Heb 2:14-18/
Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32

Saturday, February 3

St. Blaise, Bishop & Martyr; St. Ansgar, Bishop

1 Kgs 3:4-13/Ps 119:9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 [12b]/Mk 6:30-34

Sunday, February 4

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time; World Day for Consecrated Life

Jb 7:1-4, 6-7/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [cf. 3a]/
1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23/Mk 1:29-39

©Liturgical Publications Inc.

Inside this Issue

Gospel Meditation	3	Reflections	5
Pray for a Priest	3	Weekly Calendar	5
Parish News	3	Collections	6
Pastoral Ministry	4	Adoration	6
Road to Discipleship	4	Church Directory	6
Social Justice	4	Bulletin Sponsor	6
School News	4	CSW Thank You	7

Gospel Meditation

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

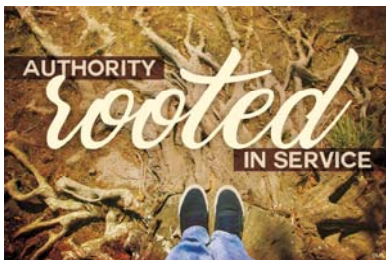
"The people were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority and not as the scribes." Those gathered in the synagogue where Jesus taught had never heard anything like this before. They were used to the preaching of the well-educated scribes, but Jesus possessed something that those men lacked: authority. Instead of merely interpreting the laws of the prophets, Jesus presented a new vision, indeed, he shared the good news of the Gospel with his listeners.

We do not have the opportunity to stand in the presence of Jesus in the same way that those first-century Jews did, but nonetheless we can also stand in awe of his authority. His teachings are available to us through the sacred Scriptures that the Church has preserved and through the sacred tradition that the Church carries on. And in a special way, Christ's authority continues to inspire and guide us through the ministries of the papacy, episcopacy, and priesthood that Jesus established on our behalf while he was yet on earth.

As Catholics, we have a special share in the astonishing authority of Jesus through the hierarchy of the Church. Although this structure is often misunderstood or misinterpreted, it is actually an authority rooted in service and modeled after Christ who told his apostles, "The greatest among you must be your servant" (Mt 23:11).

This humble exercise of authority is contrary to the worldly search for power. And whenever we find ourselves in a position of authority, we too should strive to lead and direct others in the true spirit of Christian love and service. Chances are, if we truly imitate Christ in this way, people will be astonished at what they see.

©Liturgical Publications Inc.



Pray for a Priest

Will You Pray for a Priest Each Day?

Prayer Suggestion: *Dear Jesus, hear my prayer on behalf of your priest, Father [N]. Give him a deep faith, a bright and firm hope, and a burning love which will ever increase in the course of his priestly life. Be his comfort, his joy, and his strength. Amen.*

- January 28 – Rev. Paul Treacy
- January 29 – Rev. Vaughn Treco
- January 30 – Rev. Augustine Truong
- January 31 – Archbishop Bernard Hebda
- February 1 – Pope Francis
- February 2 – Rev. John Mitchell
- February 3 – Rev. John Ubel

Parish News

Volunteers Needed!

We are in desperate need of volunteer snow shovelers to help our custodians. Our campus is so big that our paid custodial staff cannot get snow cleared as quickly as needed. Weekends are a significant challenge. If you are willing to help us out, please call Kathy in the business office at x 207 or Bob in the maintenance office at x 218. Thank you.

Position Available



Immaculate Conception Parish is looking for a full-time (32 hours/week) financial analyst to manage all financial processes for the parish. Responsibilities include; payables, receivables, financial analysis, school tuition management, human resource support, payroll, and account management.

Qualifications: 4 year degree. Experience with Microsoft Excel and Word and QuickBooks. some previous accounting or related experience. Non-profit accounting experience a plus.

Please call Kathy at x 207 in the parish office.

The Wild Goose is Loose!

Join us for the next Intercessory Prayer Ministry meeting on Thursday, February 1 from 7:00 - 8:30 pm in the St. Clare Room. We will be viewing a segment from the video series *The Wild Goose*, which is part of the FORMED program. This series "is a work of the Holy Spirit, which is awakening in the hearts of all those participating in God's love and transforming power." Please bring a pen, prayer journal or notebook, and your Bible. There will be time for prayer, discussion and sharing how God is answering prayers for the church and school. Refreshments and fellowship time are included. If you would like more information, please contact Mary Scott in the Faith Formation Office at 763-788-9062 x 208. All are welcome – invite a friend!

**Cabaret
Mardi Gras**

Dinner and Variety Show
to benefit the IC Liturgy Ministry

February 9 and 10, 2018

Immaculate Conception Church
Fellowship Hall

6:00 - Social | 6:30 - Dinner | 8:00 - Show

Cabaret variety show features IC artists performing songs and skits about New Orleans, parties, baubles, beads, jazz and more!

Buffet dinner includes chicken skewers, jambalaya, rice, corn bread, salad, vegetable and King Cake.

Reserved Seat Tickets \$30 (Buy a table of 8 in one transaction and get one seat free!)

Available in the parish office during the week

Pastoral Ministry

Fellowship

Join us this Sunday, January 28 for Fellowship, hosted in the school by our School Advisory Board. Book Fair will be open after both Masses on Sunday!

Anointing Mass

There will be an opportunity to attend an Anointing Mass (presided by Father John Mitchell) at the following location:

Crest View
42nd and Central Avenue
February 8, 2018 at 3:15 pm

Individual Anointing of the Sick is available by request—call the parish office at 763-788-9062 x 212.

Save the Date

Join us Fridays during Lent (February 16 - March 23) for Soup Lunch, 11:30 am - 1:30 pm; followed by Stations of the Cross at 2:00 pm. Free will offerings accepted.

Women's Lenten Retreat

Presented by: Angela Jendro
Immaculate Conception Church
Saturday, March 3, 2018

Check in/Continental Breakfast: 8:30 am - 9:00 am
Retreat: 9:00 am - 12:00 pm, lunch to follow
Admission \$18.00 (lunch included)

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 Marian Ashlin and all who have died from war. May God grant them everlasting peace and joy in the kingdom of heaven.

Pray For All the Sick—Especially:

Amanda Allen	Joan Graves	Paula Ross
Pat Anton	Rev. James Klein	Betty Schack
Claire Burgoyne	Gerald Krawiecki	Greg Sery
Barb Breen	Tom Leight Jr.	Irene Spensley
Michelle Cadieux	Randy Mancuso	Elaine Thunstrom
Nichole Castonguay	Janet Mihalik	Lois Weyers
Margaret De Mars	Mary Ann Miller	Germaine Wolsfeld
Pat Elmberg	Lukus Reynold	<i>and all those on</i>
Mary Fredenburg	Barbara Roccek	<i>our prayer chain</i>

The Road to Discipleship



Faith in Motion

“Again and again, Pope Francis reminds us that we’re to go out to meet people where they are, not wait for them to come to church. While he would be the first to remind us that the Eucharist is the source and summit of the Christian life, he also knows that sometimes it’s a long journey to get there. And we can’t wait at the top while people struggle on the way up. We need to join them on the journey. We need to bring Christ to them on the way.”

—Franciscan Media, January 15, 2018,
from *Pope Francis and Our Call to Joy*, Diane M. Houdek

Social Justice



Feed My Starving Children

The IC Social Justice Committee is inviting all parishioners to join us to help collect funds for *Feed My Starving Children*.

Ways to help:

- M&M’s fill the tube program: 300 tubes will be available while they last in the narthex beginning the first weekend of Lent, February 17-18. Return them by Palm Sunday, March 25, filled with \$14 in quarters. We will provide a basket in the narthex each Sunday for returns.
- We are accepting cash contributions also—if writing a check; please make it payable to Immaculate Conception. Please drop in the collection basket at Mass in an envelope clearly marked: *Feed My Starving Children*.
- Pray for all those who are hungry.

For more information contact Vicki at 763-788-9062 x 212.

School News

Our students participate in a Food Drive during Advent, and this year it was for the Franciscan Brothers of Peace. Here is a beautiful thank you from them:

*Dear Fr. John, Mrs. Bona, Staff and Students,
Thank you so much for your ongoing prayers and support from Immaculate Conception School, for your generous Christmas food drive collection of groceries for our food shelf ministry to those in need, for your warm and welcoming hospitality and feeding us lunch too! The generosity of you, our dear friends and benefactors, has blessed us through the years in adding thousands of saints and suffering servants in the poor persons and families who have come to us seeking spiritual and material assistance. As a community we indeed thank God for you!*

Please know that the Franciscan Brothers remember you and your intentions in our Masses and communal prayers before the Blessed Sacrament. May God richly reward and bless Immaculate Conception School, your students, staff and families with an abundance of His grace this Christmas Season!

*In Christ Our Newborn Savior,
Franciscan Brothers of Peace*

DeLaSalle High School Honor Roll

DeLaSalle High School is pleased to recognize the following Honor Roll students, all alumni of your school, for their academic success in the first semester of the 2017-18 school year. These students are recognized for their scholastic accomplishment on either the High Honor Roll (semester grade point average of 3.8 or better) or Honor Roll (semester grade point average of 3.0 to 3.799), with all grades at C or higher.

High Honor Roll (grade point average of 3.8 or better)

Alex Calle Alvarez `20	Weslyn Harmon `20
Kathleen Mason `21	Christine Ohenzuwa `19
Betty Pfeifer `21	Don Truong `18

Honor Roll (grade point average of 3.0 to 3.799)

Andrew Gonowolo `21	Andrew Kemayah `19
Dayana Ortiz `20	Alexis Ortiz-Robles `18
Alex Walczak `18	

Reflections

Word of Life

“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 what to do and say in *How to Talk to a Friend Who’s Had an Abortion*: www.bit.ly/friend-had-abortion.

—USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities,
How to Talk to a Friend Who’s Had an Abortion

Why Do We Do That?

Catholic Traditions Explained

Question: *Luke’s Gospel is the only one to mention the Presentation of the Lord in the Temple. What is Luke trying to communicate here and what connection does it have with Mary?*

Answer: February 2 is exactly forty days after December 25, the nativity of Jesus. Jewish law (Ex 13:2, 12) dictated that Jesus, as the firstborn, be consecrated to God. This was done by the parents as they presented their Son in the Temple.

Jewish law further specified (Lv 12:2-8) that a mother was ritually impure after giving birth, and that she had to wait a set period of time (forty days for a boy) before she was to offer a sacrifice to the Lord for purification.

The convergence of these two Jewish regulations occasions Luke’s account of both the Presentation of the Lord and the Purification of Mary. These days the liturgical emphasis is more on the Presentation of Jesus. Luke highlights the role of Simeon and Anna, two righteous Jews who recognized Jesus as the long-awaited Messiah and praised God for being able to see and experience such a marvel in their lifetimes.

Simeon’s prayer concerning the special role of Jesus states that Jesus is “a light for revelation to the Gentiles.” This phrase eventually originated the custom of blessing candles on this day which were to be used in the ceremonies, rituals, and processions throughout the church year. Thus February 2 is also known as Candlemas Day. This day is indeed a rich feast to be savored.

Live the Liturgy—Inspiration for the Week

Jesus had a way of amazing the crowds. There was something very different about not only what he taught but how he taught it. He brought an authority to what he said that gave it a credibility that was not experienced elsewhere. His words were not only prophetic but rang true to the experience of the people, especially those who were poor, marginalized, victimized, lost, or forgotten. Do Jesus’ words ring true to you? The Gospel message transcends time and space and has a profound relevancy in every generation. Jesus is still trying to point us toward our truth and have us see and accept who we are in God. Are you ready to hear this? We are asked to bring credibility to this same Gospel message by how we live our lives.



“If today you hear his voice,
harden not your hearts.”

Psalm 95

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, January 28

Mass, *Intention, IC Parishioners* _____ 8:00 am
Cabaret Ticket Sale _____ 8:00 am - 11:30 am
Catholic Schools Raffle Ticket Sale _____ 8:00 am - 11:30 am
Fellowship _____ 8:30 am - 12:30 pm
Mass _____ 10:00 am
Intention, 30th Anniversary of Jim & Kathy Johnson

Monday, January 29

CSW Prayer Service _____ 8:30 am
RCIC II _____ 4:30 pm - 5:30 pm
Boy Scouts Troop 119 _____ 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Tuesday, January 30

Mass, *Intention, +Clarence Emon* _____ 7:30 am
Charismatic Prayer Group _____ 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

Wednesday, January 31

Mass, *Intention, +Marvin Sowada* _____ 7:30 am
Faith Formation, Grades 7 - 8 _____ 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm
Intramurals _____ 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm
Confirmation I, Grade 9 _____ 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm
Parish Choir Rehearsal _____ 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

Thursday, February 1

Mass, (School), *Intention, +Gloria Grosch* _____ 8:30 am
Communion Service, New Perspectives _____ 3:15 pm
ICCW Membership Meeting _____ 6:30 pm - 9:00 pm
KC BVM Council Business Meeting _____ 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm
Intercessory Prayer Ministry _____ 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm
Bell Choir Rehearsal _____ 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

Friday, February 2

Mass, *Intention, +Bonnie Crema* _____ 7:30 am
Our Brothers Keeper _____ 9:00 am - 12:00 pm
RCIC II _____ 4:30 pm - 5:30 pm
Our Lady of Guadalupe Formation _____ 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Saturday, February 3

Retreat Mass (Bishop Andrew Cozzens) _____ 8:00 am
Retreat (Bishop Andrew Cozzens) _____ 8:30 am - 12:00 pm
Saturday Morning Club _____ 9:00 am - 10:30 am
Reconciliation _____ 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm
Mass, *Intention, +Joe Goodman* _____ 5:00 pm
Cabaret Ticket Sale _____ 5:00 pm - 6:30 pm
Our Lady of Guadalupe Prayer Group _____ 6:30 pm - 9:00 pm

Sunday, February 4

Mass, *Intention, IC Parishioners* _____ 8:00 am
Cabaret Ticket Sale _____ 8:00 am - 11:30 am
Mass (*Scout Sunday*) _____ 10:00 am
Intention, Delfina Gutierrez

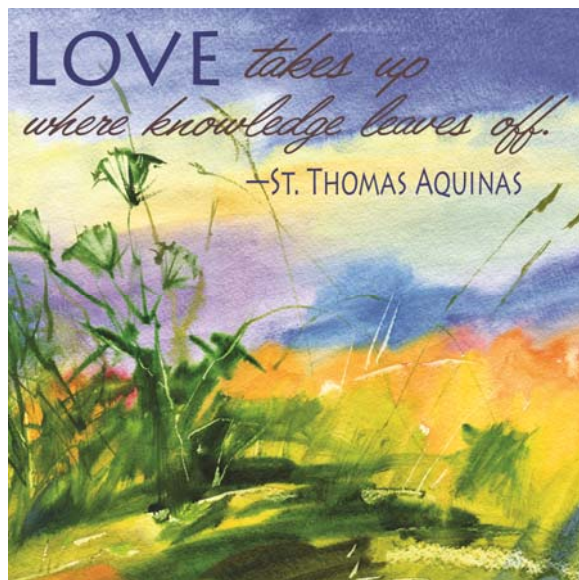
+Deceased



Collections

Week 28—Week 30—January 7, 14 & 21, 2018

Our weekly financial contributions will not publically available on our website. If you would like this information, please call Kathy Fraser, Parish Business Administrator. She can be reached at x 207. Thank you.



Eucharistic Adoration

*“Come, let us bow down in worship,
let us kneel before the Lord who made us.”*

(from Psalm 95)



This psalm is inviting all of us to come and worship our Lord. One place to do this is in our adoration chapel. There one will find the peace and quiet to offer prayers of praise and thanksgiving. Come and spend some time in Eucharistic adoration. We are looking for volunteers to cover the following hours:

Adorers are needed for the following hours where we do not have a committed adorer:

- Wednesdays: 2:00 pm
- Thursdays: 11:00 am and noon
- Fridays: 8:00 am.

Partner Adorers are needed for the following hours:

- Mondays: 1:00 pm (partner) and 3:00 pm (partner)
- Tuesdays: 1:00 pm (partner) and 3:00 pm (partner)
- Wednesdays: 9:00 am (partner), 3:00 pm (partner), 5:00 pm (partner) and 7:00 pm (partner)
- Thursdays: 8:00 pm
- Fridays: 7:00 pm (partner)

If you can volunteer for any of the hours listed above, please call Sandy at 763-789-3246 or Fran at 763-788-0924.

Church Directory

Emergency (Death or Anointing) 763-788-9062 (#2)

PARISH

Parish Office	763-788-9062 (Open Monday - Friday, 8:00 am – 4:30 pm)
Parish Fax	763-788-0202
Reception Desk	x 201
Pastor, Fr. John Mitchell	x 215
Accounting Specialist	x 202
Director of Advancement and Discipleship, <i>Mary Beth Pfeifer</i>	x 203
Deacon, Larry Palkert	
Business Administrator, Kathy Fraser	x 207
Communications Coordinator, Sue Ashmore	x 205
Records Coordinator, Terri Glaeser	x 227
Director of Marketing, Cathleen Cary	x 213
Director of Music and Liturgy, Ray Bannon	x 214
Maintenance Supervisor, Bob Hoisington	x 218
Pastoral Minister, Vicki Bazille	x 212
Special Event Coordinator, Jami Bridgeman	x 221
Wedding Coordinator, Barb Hartwick	x 204
FAITH FORMATION	
Director of Faith Formation, Mary Nawrocki	x 210
Administrative Assistant, Mary Scott	x 208

SCHOOL

School Office	763-788-9065
School Fax	763-788-9066
Principal, Jane Bona (jbona@immac-church.org)	x 220
Administrative Assistant, Barbara Breza	x 219

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEMBERS

<i>Dave Kellner</i>	<i>Kathy Johnson</i>
<i>Charles Karanja</i>	<i>Stacy McVary</i>
<i>Marcus Paulson</i>	<i>Sandy Sichak</i>
<i>Kathy Fraser</i> (Business Administrator)	
<i>Jane Bona</i> (School Principal)	
<i>Steve Smith</i> (Parish Trustee)	

Copies of the Parish Council meeting minutes are available in the pamphlet racks at the entrances to the church.

LOW GLUTEN HOSTS

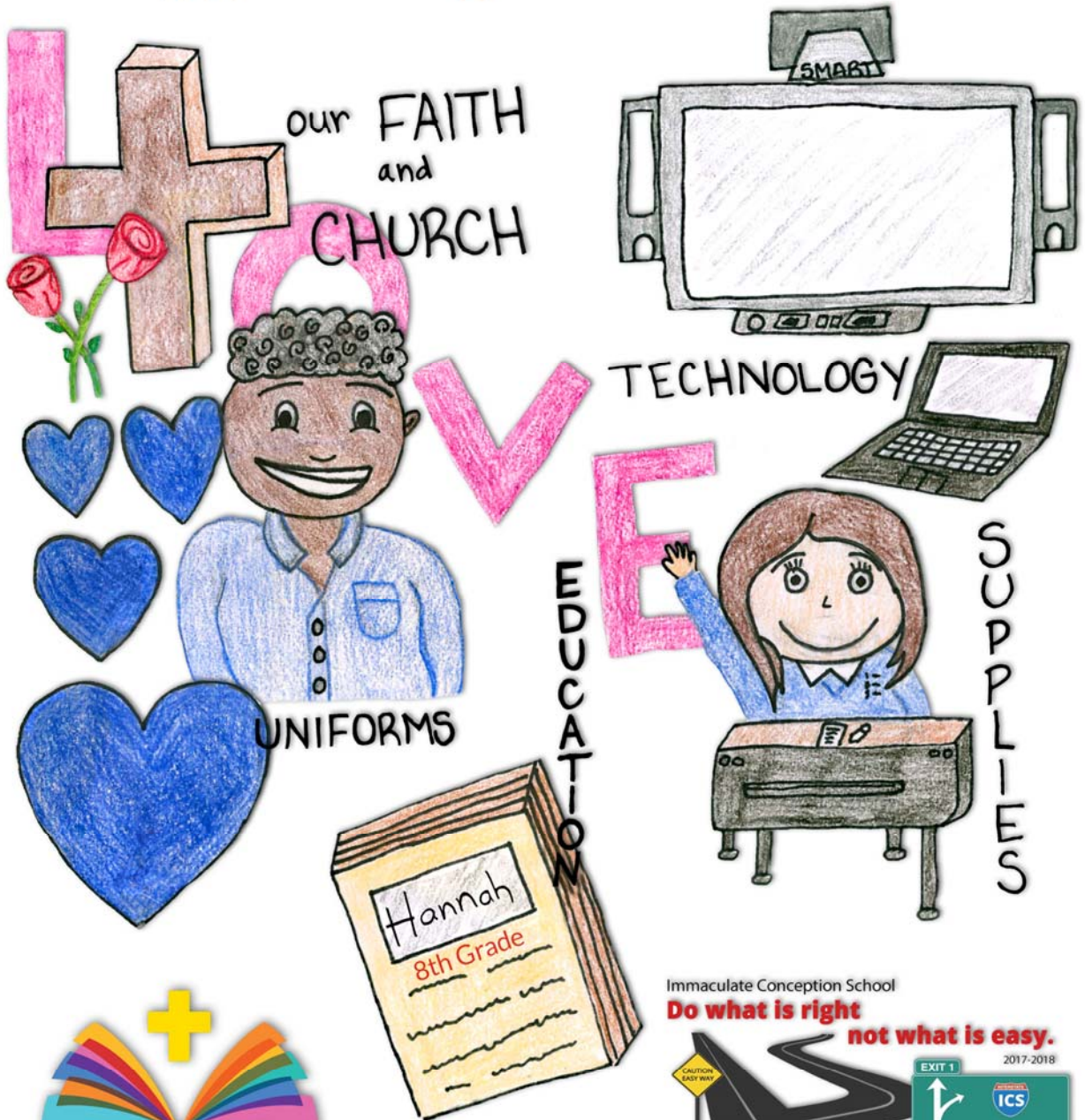
Low gluten hosts (.002 gluten) are available. Come to the Sacristy before Mass to request one.

Thank Our Advertiser of the Week...

Counselor Realty, Inc.
The M. Rooney Team
763-229-1133

This advertiser, and the others on the back of the bulletin, make this bulletin possible, please support them when you can.

Thank You For Supporting Our School!



Immaculate Conception School

**Do what is right
not what is easy.**



*"And as for you, brothers and sisters,
never tire of doing what is good."*

2 Thessalonians 3:13

