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Immaculate Conception FESTIVAL

July 31, August 1 & 2, 2026

The 54th Immaculate Conception Parish Festival will be held

Friday, July 31, 2026 – 4:00 pm to 11:00 pm

- ☪ We kick off Friday with games, activities, Silent Auction & Chance Raffle, Rummage Sale, Country Store & Baked Goods, concessions, drinks, Pop's Eats on the Streets & Eli's Eats in the Streets Food Trucks.
- ☪ The "Dueling Piano and Light Comedy" event begins at 7:30 pm.

Saturday, August 1, 2026 – 11:00 am to 11:00 pm

- ☪ Saturday features exciting attractions including an Inflatable Zip Line, Hungry Hippo Game, Inflatable Meltdown Challenge, and a dedicated Toddler Play Area with a Bounce House. Rummage Sale, Country Store & Baked Goods.
- ☪ The "Grindstone Cowboys" are a classic hits, rock & country band hailing from Michigan's Thumb region. Live Music begins at 7:00 pm.

Sunday August 2, 2026 – 9:00 am to 1 pm

- ☪ K of C Famous Breakfast: **9:00 am to 12:00 pm**
- ☪ Rummage Sale, Country Store, and Baked Goods in the School Gym: **9:00 am to 1:00 pm**



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Evangelization

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Let us pray:

O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee.

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Immaculate Conception FESTIVAL

This year's **Food Venue** will be provided by **Food Trucks*** or our parish ran Concession Area, both are located next to the Tent.

Friday night

Eli's Eat in the Streets: Classic Tacos, Quesadilla, Gyro Sandwich and Reubens

Pops Eats on the Streets:

Smashburger, Crisp Chicken Ranch Wrap, Chicken Strips n Fries, Steak-n-Cheese Sub, Cheese Fries, Deep Fried Oreos, Elephant Ears



Saturday

Phatrob's Food Love: A variety of Burgers; Bacon, BBQ, El Diablo, Turkey Burger, Cheese Steak, Chicken Wrap, Fries

Ponzone's: Mexican-Taco, Burrito, Quesadilla, Tostada, Nacho's
Batter up - Waffle Sandwiches, Waffle Desserts



Sunday

Knight of Columbus:

Pancake breakfast **Cash Only Free Will Offering**



Friday and Saturday

Immaculate Conception's Concession Area:

(Food and drinks purchased with Ticket's only).

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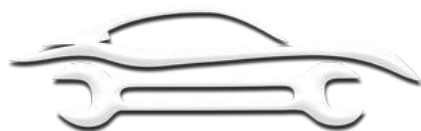
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Events Schedule for Friday

Friday, July 31, 2026

Events	Times	Where
Petting Farm	4pm to 7pm	By the Tree in Grassy Area
Auctions Silent Auction, Chance Raffle	4pm to 8pm	Parish Hall
Big Don's Balloons	4pm to 8pm	Under the Big Tent
Country Store, Rummage Sale and Baked Goods	4pm to 8pm	School Gym
Ira Fire Department Displays: Ladder Truck with Hose, Smoke House, & More	4pm to 8pm	Between the Parish Office and Rectory
Touch a Truck & Touch a Tractor	4pm to 8pm	Parish Office Parking Lot
Arts & Crafts Activities: Paint a Pot, Plant a Pot, Design & Paint a T-Shirt, Paint a Dinosaur or Birdhouse, Diamond Art Fun, Pound a Leaf and other fun art activities	4pm to 10pm	Under the Big Tent
World Mission Rosary Activity	4pm to 10pm	Under the Big Tent
Bounce House (Classic)	4pm to 8pm	Grassy Area
Games (Under Tent)	4pm to 10:30pm	Under the Big Tent
Toddler Area Sand box, corn kernel pool with prizes, balls, toddler bounce house, toys	4pm to 8pm	Grassy Area: Must be accompanied by an adult
Corn Hole, Jenga, Tic-Tac-Toe - available all day	4pm to 10:30pm	Grassy Area (Free Games: No Tickets Required)
Guided Tour of our Beautiful Church	6pm to 6:30pm	Church
Kid's Bingo	7pm to 9pm	Parish Hall

FESTIVAL Food Venue

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cash, credit or debit cards

**Food Truck: Eli's Eat in the Streets
& Pops Eats on the Streets**



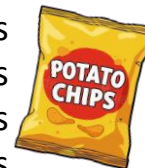
**4pm to
10:30pm
Around the
Tent Area**



Concession Area:

Pizza	3 Tickets
Chili Dog	3 Tickets
Hot Dog	2 Tickets
Assorted Chips	1 Tickets
Gatorade 12 ounce	2 Tickets
20 ounce	3 Tickets
Arizona Teas	3 Tickets
Pop	2 Tickets
Water	2 Tickets
Beverage Koozie	2 Tickets

**4pm to 10:30pm
Garage Area**



**4pm to 8pm
Under the
Big Tent
Ice Cream
Social**

JEFF LEHMAN'S DUELING PIANO SHOW



**7:30pm to 10:30pm
Under the Big Tent**



Friday



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Events Schedule for Saturday

Saturday, August 1, 2026

Events	Times	Where
Bike Slow Roll (Parking Lot to Meldrum)	9:30am to 11am Appx.	Main Parking Lot
Petting Farm	11am to 5pm	By the Tree in Grassy Area
Balloon Animals & Glitter Tatoos	11am to 5pm	Under the Big Tent
Ira Fire Department Displays: Ladder Truck with Hose, Smoke House, & More	11am to 8pm	Between the Parish Office and Rectory
Rummage Sale, Country Store and Baked Goods	11am to 8pm	School Gym
Toddler Area, Sand box, corn kernel pool with prizes, slide, balls, toddler bounce house, toys	11am to 8pm	Grassy Area: Must be accompanied by an adult
Touch a Truck & Touch a Tractor	11am to 8pm	Parish Office Parking Lot
Arts & Crafts Activities: Paint a Pot, Plant a Pot, Design & Paint a T-Shirt, Paint a Dinosaur or Birdhouse, Diamond Art Fun, Pound a Leaf and other fun art activities	11am to 10:30pm	Under the Big Tent
Bounce House (Classic)	11am to 8pm	Grassy Area
Games (Under Tent)	11am to 10:30pm	Under the Big Tent
World Mission Rosary Activity	11am to 10:30pm	Under the Big Tent
Hungry Hippo Ride, Inflatable Zip Line, & Inflatable Meltdown Activity	12pm to 8pm	Between Parish Office & School
BINGO (Must be 18 years of age to play)	1pm to 4pm	Parish Hall
Guided Tour of our Beautiful Church	2:30pm to 3pm	Church
Robotics Demonstration	3pm to 4pm	On the Dance Floor
Auctions Silent Auction, Chance Raffle	11am to 8pm	Parish Hall
Corn Hole, Jenga, & Tic-Tac-Toe - available all day	11am to 10:30pm	Grassy Area (Free Games: No Tickets Required)
Catholic Mass	4:30pm	Church
Kid's Bingo	5:30pm	Under the Big Tent
Euchre Tournament (Doors open at 5pm)	Starts at 6pm	Parish Hall

FESTIVAL Food Venue

**Food Truck: Batter Up Waffle,
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Concession Area:

Pizza	3 Tickets
Chili Dog	3 Tickets
Hot Dog	2 Tickets
Assorted Chips	1 Tickets
Gatorade 12 ounce	2 Tickets
20 ounce	3 Tickets
Arizona Teas	3 Tickets
Pop	2 Tickets
Water	2 Tickets
Beverage Koozie	2 Tickets



Garage Area

11am to 10:30pm

Under the Big Tent

Ice Cream Social

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11am to 10:30pm
Around the Tent Area



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7pm to 11pm
Under the Big Tent

Saturday



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Events Schedule for Sunday

Breakfast

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Pancake Breakfast



8am to 12pm

Under the
Big Tent



Sunday, August 2, 2026

Events	Times	Where
Catholic Mass	8am, 10am & Noon	Church
Rummage Sale, Country Store and Baked Goods	9am to 1pm	School Gym

Get your tickets before the drawing!

GRAND RAFFLE, Saturday Participants will have five chances to win:

Drawing Date: August 1, 2026 1st Prize: Winner's choice of

Drawings Time: 7 pm

Suggested Donation: \$5.00

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Winners need not be present.

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Must be 18+ to enter.

2nd Prize: \$2,500,

3rd Prize: \$1,250,

4th Prize: \$625,

5th Prize: \$312.50

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July 31, 2026 4pm to 11pm
Aug 1, 2026 11am to 11pm
August 2, 2026 K of C Breakfast 8am - noon

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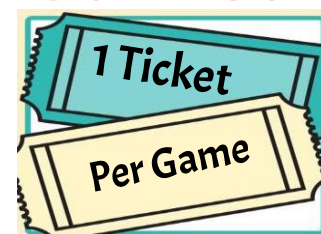


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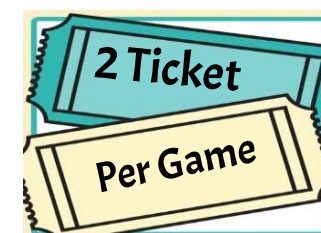
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Friday & Saturday

Games: Friday 4pm to 10:30pm
Saturday 11:30am to 10:30pm



- Rubber Band Roadster – Car Game
- Potato Sack Race (4 Teams of Two)
- Hopper Race (Minimum 6 Players)
- Lumberjack Axe Throwing (Kids)
- Ring Toss with Glass Bottles
- The Sweetest Win-Lollipop Pull
- Curious Count Guessing
- Lucky Loops – Ring Toss
- Putt-Putt Palooza Golf
- Corn Crib Digging
- Musical Chairs – SAT 12pm, 1:30pm, 4:30pm (Only)
- Bean Bag Blast
- Sharp Shooter
- Roller Bowler
- Color Wheel
- Roll Down
- Duck Pond
- Frog Hop
- Slot Cars
- Plinko



Saran Wrap Ball Game –
FRI 5pm, SAT 12:30pm,
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Rides: Saturday 12pm to 8pm



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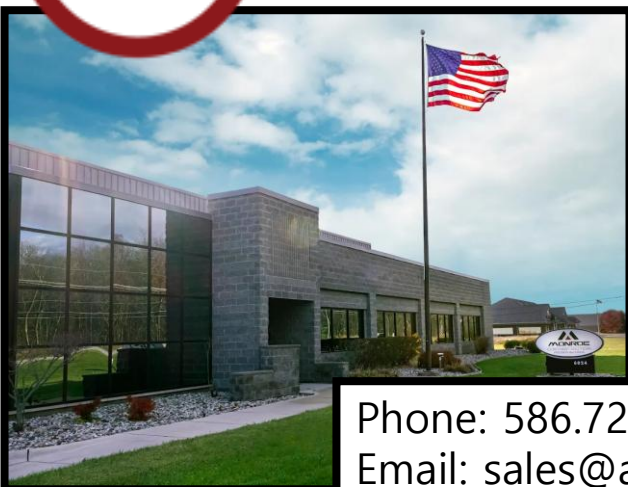
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A Brief History of Our Parish, Immaculate Conception

In 1679, missionary Fr. Louis Hennepin, who accompanied LaSalle on his search for the Mississippi, came ashore from the ship called The Griffon and planted a cross in what is now Ira Township. The cross in front of our Church is placed in honor of that occasion.

In the eighteenth century, the first Catholic settlers were mostly Frenchmen from the Province of Quebec, Canada. A few tribes of the Chippewa Indians lived in the area that is now Fair Haven and New Baltimore. All the residents in the area, new and old, lived by hunting and fishing.

By 1850 the fame of the area, originally called Au Lac (near the lake), had become so widespread that immigration from France, Belgium, Holland, Germany, and Switzerland was common. The residents of the area were visited by Missionary Fathers from Canada, and French priests from Detroit. Later, clergy from parishes in Mt. Clemens, Marine City and Grosse Pointe would visit the area.

One of the first settlers, Etienne Rose, deeded a portion of his land to the church and the first log cabin church was built. Rose also deeded land for a cemetery. This log cabin church was built on the site where the current church now stands.

In 1853 Rev. Peter P. LeFevre, then Bishop of the Detroit Diocese, appointed Rev. Charles A. Chambille as our first parish priest. Being one of the first in the United States, the church was dedicated to the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary on October 15, 1853.

On December 4, 1885, Au Lac was renamed Anchorville when a post office was established. Immaculate Conception parish thrived and grew under the leadership of various pastors until August 26, 1917 when the entire complex of church, rectory, sisters' home, and school were destroyed by a fire during the tenure of Rev. Fr. James Downey. The church and school were rebuilt within a year.

In May of 1959 ground was broken for a new Immaculate Conception School and in the fall, it was ready for students. It replaced the small four-room school. In 1966 the new school building was enlarged to add a wing of eight new classrooms.

On December 8, 1991 at Immaculate Conception Parish the Au Lac (at the Lake) Council #10724 of the Knights of Columbus was chartered. The council has grown steadily ever since. The council continues to do many good works for the parish and the surrounding community.

On May 15, 2004 we broke ground on a modern parish hall built behind the church and a gymnasium was constructed as part of the school; both were opened for use in 2005. The former Citizens State Bank building along M-29 was purchased, with the parish offices being relocated there.

The above is a brief history of Immaculate Conception Parish. Some of the information was taken from the publication Immaculate Conception Parish, Anchorville, Michigan 150 Year Anniversary and History Book (1853 - 2003). (ISBN-0-9744140-0-x)



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