

April 17, 2026

Happy Friday, Immaculate Conception. I would like to thank those who reached out after my announcement. It truly was a hard decision, but I am excited to take the gifts God has graced me with and share them with other schools. I will still be active with I.C. I have been assigned seventeen (17) Catholic elementaries and I.C. is one of them.

“The Archdiocese of Detroit is entering a time of intentional renewal. Beginning in 2025, we will embark on a two-year journey of discernment and planning, leading to a thoughtful restructuring of our parishes and buildings, with implementation beginning in 2027.” - Archbishop Weisenburger.

As you may have heard or read about in the parish bulletin, the Archdiocese of Detroit is currently working through the steps of a restructuring process. I highly encourage you to attend one of the two listening sessions that will be held on June 2 and June 4 here at Immaculate Conception. The following link, <https://restructuring.aod.org/>, will allow you to register for one of the sessions. I have attended a few administrative presentations already. As where the plans are not finalized, priests have met already to discuss options regarding the restructuring. With change, unfortunately rumors follow. A few rumors that are not true: “The AOD already has the decision, so what’s the point”, not true. Your questions and concerns voiced at the listen sessions matter. “Schools are being effected”. Not true, schools are not in this part of the process. May I discourage “parking lot gossip” and again ask that you attend the listen sessions in June. It would be awesome if we packed the gymnasium. Thank you for your consideration.

Mrs. Vandermeer planned a wonderful event today which included four (4) seminarians from Sacred Heart Major Seminary. The event was called, *Are You Smarter Than a Catholic School Student*. Fr. Esper and I kept score as the seminarians answered questions written by our very own students; the sources used were schoolbooks. It was a great time trying to stump our future priests. Great event Mrs. Vandermeer!

The Spring Musical, Annie, is coming up soon. Please mark you calendar to see this excellent presentation on May 15 & 16 at 7:00 pm held in at Anchor Bay high school’s auditorium. We are looking for a few sponsors again this year as unfortunately, since the government was shut down during normal application time, funding was (and still is not) available to help the Musical’s budget (in total around \$5,000). Sent home today was a communication to those families who own businesses or know of family members who do to sponsor the musical, Frozen. Please see your email for details. All and any help is greatly appreciated. Parents of the cast now have the chance to support your actor with shout-outs to be placed in the program for lifelong keepsakes. Flyers came home today. Look in backpacks please. A free will donation container will be available at the entrance. Your support helps to reduce costs associated with the musical.

Enjoy your weekend!

Mr. Lawrence Ricard - Principal



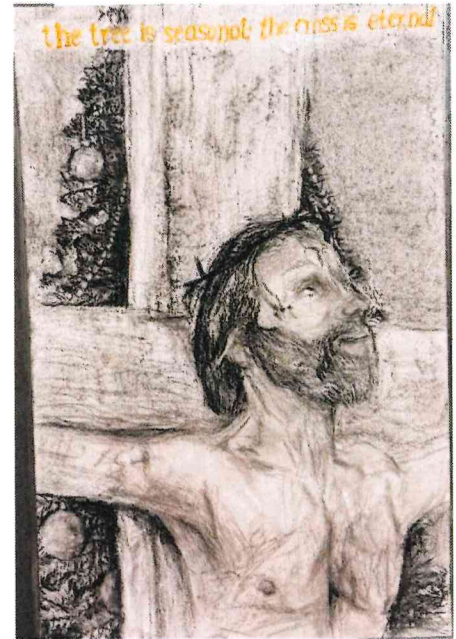
Knights of Columbus Au Lac 10740

Elayna McDonald Wins 2nd Place in International Contest

Congratulations to Elayna McDonald on winning 2nd place in the Knights of Columbus Keep Christ In Christmas poster contest at the International level! Her poster was one of several hundred posters in the grades 7 & 8 category submitted from councils in the U.S. and around the world. She previously won 1st place at the council, regional and state contests. Her poster connects the Christmas tree and the Cross as the central events in the life of Jesus.

Elayna is the daughter of Allan and Jillian McDonald and an 8th grade student at Immaculate Conception School. She received a letter from Supreme Knight Patrick E. Kelly congratulating her and a \$100 check will be sent to her soon.

Elayne is a very talented young artist and we are proud that she represented I.C. School and Parish along with our Au Lac Council. We hope she continues her amazing artwork in high school and beyond.



Important Dates!!

April 17 Mom Prom
April 21 7th Gr. Confirmation Info Mtg 6:30
April 23 1st Communion Practice 4:30&5:30
April 24 Hearing Screening for K,2 & 4
April 25 1st Holy Communion 9:30 & 11:00
April 29 Confirmation Rehearsal 5:30
April 30 Confirmation 6:30
May 13 Vision Screening Gr. 1-8
May 14 & 15 Annie Jr 6:30 Anchor Bay HS
7:00
May 18 Athletic Appreciation Ceremony 6 pm

** June 3 Spring Concert K-6

The

Scrip Program that helps you and IC!

Don't forget, by using RaiseRight scrip program you can apply 80% of the rebates from this program to your tuition account! Get started by downloading the RaiseRight™ app on your phone or go to RaiseRight.com on your computer and use enrollment code: **AAAEFLL2716**. For step-by-step instructions, visit RaiseRight.com/m/StartEarning. Paper order forms are available in the School and Parish Offices. Orders are submitted every Monday and cards will arrive on Thursday. Use the QR Code for easy and quick enrollment!



******* DATE Change!! May 18 is the new date for the Athletic Appreciation Ceremony!**

6:00 p.m. Parish Hall

Spring Concert June 3, 6:00 p.m. in IC Gymnasium



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Knights of Columbus

Au Lac Council # 10724
Anchorville, MI. 48023



Dear Families,

When scheduling your student-athlete's sports physical, please consider visiting **Blue Water Urgent Care**. They **donate \$10 back to our school's athletic department for every sports physical performed**.

It's an easy way to keep your athlete ready for the season **while supporting our program**.

Thank you for supporting our school! 🏠⚾️🏈



Earn \$10 for IC by going to Blue Water Urgent Care for Sports Physicals

Blue Water Urgent Care – Marysville
1600 Gratiot Blvd Bldg 1A, Marysville, MI 48040 (810) 676-3360

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Blue Water Urgent Care – Fort Gratiot
3941 24th Ave, Fort Gratiot Twp, MI 48059 (810) 882-9373

K of C Hockey Challenge for Boys & Girls

The Knights of Columbus Au Lac Council is pleased to offer a new program, the K of C Hockey Challenge, for boys and girls ages 10-17. Participants will demonstrate the most important skill in hockey - shooting accuracy on goal. Youths will compete within their own gender and age to progress from the local level to district, regional and state competitions.

Our local competition will be held in the I.C. School gymnasium on **Saturday, April 18 at 1:00 PM (Registration at 12:00 PM)**. Entry forms will be available in the school office and on the day of the event.

For more information please contact Mark Kehoe at 810-289-8802 (call or text).



Knights of Columbus Hockey Challenge

Boys and Girls, Ages 10-17

Location: IMMACULATE CONCEPTION SCHOOL GYM

Date: SATURDAY, APRIL 18 Time: 1:00 PM

Sponsor: K OF C AU LAC COUNCIL 10724

Contact: MARK KEHOE 810-289-8802

Please note: Entrants may compete in only one local competition.



Faith in Action

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Community



“Let the children come to me”:

A Guide to hosting kid-friendly Adoration

When planning children’s adoration in your parish, making the experience age-appropriate but still beautiful and full of our rich Catholic traditions is essential. Below are some tips for creating a meaningful adoration experience for children.

Little (Ages 5 and under)

- + **Bring it close**
 - » Sit on the floor with the kids and have the priest or deacon bring the monstrance closer.
- + **Age Appropriate**
 - » Explain what is going on in simple terms (e.g., I am going to get Jesus from the Tabernacle and bring him over here; let’s say hi to Jesus)
 - » Since sitting still is hard for young kids, do a procession around the church with the monstrance and talk about following Jesus
 - » Overall, this should last about 15 minutes in total
- + **Engage the Senses**
 - » Use some of the traditional items used for adoration and benediction.
- » Talk about the different vestments, incense, and the bells.
- + **Silence**
 - » Take a short amount of time to listen to God, probably only 1 minute for little ones
- + **Simple Prayers**
- + **Divine Praises Simplified**
 - » Blessed be God
 - » Blessed be Jesus
 - » Blessed be Jesus in the Eucharist
 - » Blessed be the Holy Spirit
 - » Blessed be Mary
 - » Blessed be Saint Joseph
 - » Blessed be the angels and saints
- + **Jesus, I love you, thank you for....**

School-aged Children

- + **Silence**
 - » Allow for an appropriate amount of time of silence. It may be only 15 minutes for younger kids, while middle and high school students can make it through the whole hour.
- + **Engage the senses**
 - » Don't be afraid to use incense, bells, prayers, and hymns.
- + **Not too young for tradition**
 - » Children learn quickly and can learn and pray the traditional prayers, even in Latin
- + **Prayer practice at school before adoration**
 - » Learn new prayers as a school or faith formation class so you can pray together.

Annie Jr ... The Musical



Presented by the Immaculate Conception's 6th, 7th & 8th grade players

Immaculate Conception family businesses,

Do you own a business? Would you like the word to get out more of that business? We have an opportunity for you! Immaculate Conception Catholic school is incorporating business advertisement into our programs for this year's spring musical, Annie, Jr.!

Reach a diverse crowd, get the word out about how awesome your business is to our community and beyond!

- \$100.00 ¼ page ads (business card)
- \$250.00 ½ page ads and advertised at the front table the nights of the performances
- \$500.00 Full page ad, advertised at the front table the nights of the performances and publishing in the Spotlight for the month of May and June.

Thank you in advance for your support. Please send artwork to ricard@iccatholic.org by May 1, 2026 – 3:00 pm and money to Immaculate Conception 7043 Church Rd Ira, Michigan 48023

- Mr. Ricard & Mrs. Maples

BWV SPRING DANCE
MAY 2ND 2026



LA NIGHTS DANCE



NAME OF EVENT: LA NIGHTS - SPRING DANCE - 6TH THRU 8TH GRADE
HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC SCHOOL - 618 S. WATER ST., MARINE CITY MI 48039 -
ACTIVITY CENTER DOOR #2
DESIGNATED SUPERVISOR OF ACTIVITY: PRINCIPAL DAVENPORT
DATE AND TIME: MAY 2ND - 6PM-8:30PM
METHOD OF TRANSPORTATION: PARENT DRIVEN
STUDENT COST: \$5.00 PER STUDENT



Mother Daughter Tea Party



**Enjoy an afternoon of tea,
treats, creativity & boutiques!**

When: Saturday, May 2, 2026
1PM Seating OR 3PM Seating

Where: Amy's Relation to Creation
256 South Water St
Marine City, MI 48039

Cost: \$50/person

Scan to
Register



What: Enjoy tea tasting at Amy's Relation to Creation with sweets provided by The Sweet Tooth Cafe. Each guest will receive the bisque tea/coffee cup of their choice filled with goodies & coupons from our business sponsors. Glaze your cup at The Painted Toad Art Studio and enjoy a shopping experience at Vera Mae's and MC Marketplace. Tea/coffee cups will be kiln fired at Juliet's Pottery for pick up later in the week. Seating limited to 20 guests per session.

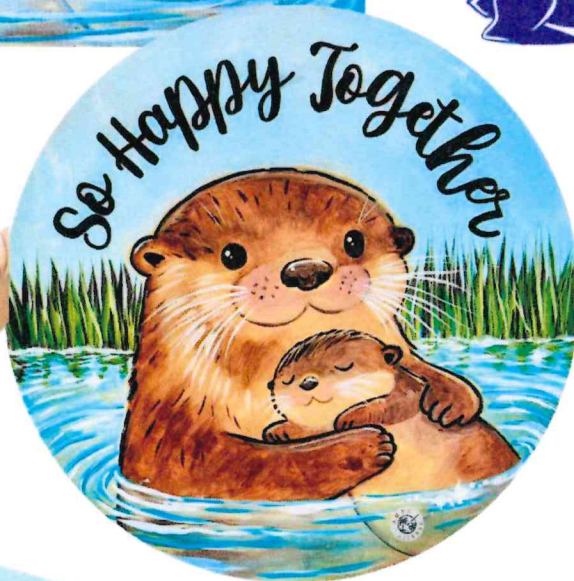


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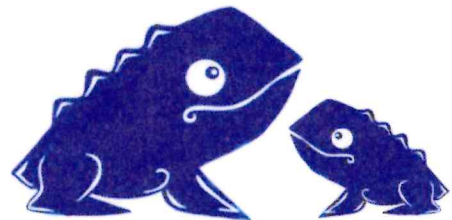


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TOTUS TUUS

2026

Parish summer
catechetical
program



ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Monday - Friday

9am-2:30pm

Grades

First-Sixth

Sack Lunch

Please send a sack lunch with
your student. Snacks and water
provided!

MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL

Sunday-Thursdays

6:30-8:30pm

Grades

Seventh - Twelfth

**Enjoy Snacks, Games and
Grow in Faith!**

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JULY 26TH-31ST, 2026

REGISTER TODAY!





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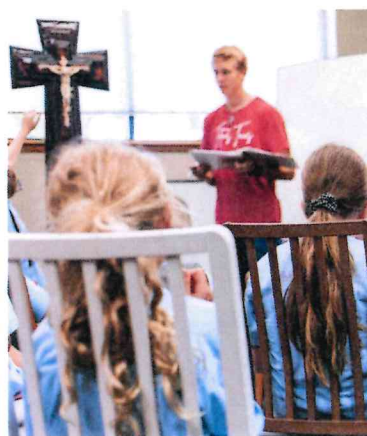
July 26th -31st, 2026

Holy Cross
Catholic Church,
Marine City



• Faith

The Mass, the Sacraments, and prayer take pride of place, and structure each day.



• Formation

Teaching aims to help young people grow in the understanding of, strengthen their faith in, and most importantly, develop an intimate relationship with Jesus Christ



• Fun

Totus Tuus demonstrates that one can be a faith ful Catholic and still have fun!

Join us for a fun and faith-filled week!
Learn about the Ten Commandments and the Luminous Mysteries of the rosary while growing in your relationship with the Lord. See you there!

First-Sixth Grade

Monday-Friday
9AM-2:30PM

Seventh-Twelfth Grade

Sunday-Thursday
6:30PM-8:30PM

★ 5th Anniversary Celebration ★

2026

BRM
Car Club

CHARITY CAR SHOW

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DEVELOPING K.I.D.S.
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS AU LAC 10724

JUNE 13 - 10AM-2PM

RAINOUT DAY: JUNE 14 - 12PM-4PM



Stahls Automotive Foundation - 56516 N Bay Dr. Chesterfield, MI

SHOW VEHICLE PARKING:
GENERAL: SUGGESTED \$20 - VIP: SUGGESTED \$30

SPECTATORS: FREE-WILL DONATION

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🌿 Parish Festival – Game Volunteers Needed! 🌿

Are you looking for a fun and engaging way to spend time with both kids and adults? We're currently seeking **adult volunteers** to help oversee games at this year's parish festival!

The games were such a big hit last year that we're hoping—with your help—to expand and add **8–10 new games**, bringing the total to around 20.

We are forming a small teams of adults who will each supervise **4–5 games**. Teams will meet **2–3 times prior to the festival** to:

- Review game selections and instructions
- Share prize ideas
- Plan volunteer coverage and shifts
- Organize prize restocking and logistics

Your involvement will help ensure everything runs smoothly and that all our guests have a fantastic experience!

As the festival approaches, we will also recruit **student and additional volunteers** to help run the games under your guidance.

🕒 Festival Dates & Times:

- **Friday, July 31:** 4:00 PM – 11:00 PM
- **Saturday, August 1:** 11:00 AM – 11:00 PM

We encourage adult team members to work **3–4-hour shifts** so you can also enjoy the festival!

🎁 **Bonus:** Volunteer hours can be applied toward **parish service hours or tuition assistance requirements**.

If you're interested or would like more information, please contact:

Pam Zauner at 586-295-9043 or zaunerpzaunerp@yahoo.com or **Paul Sattler** 586-244-2986

It's always a great time—we'd love to have you join us!

Thank you!

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PRESENTS:

2026 CATHOLIC GRADE SCHOOL ART SHOWCASE



05.11.26 | 6PM - 8PM
**Cardinal Mooney Catholic
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Immaculate Conception
St. Edward on the Lake
Holy Cross
St. Mary McCormick
St. Anne**