

May 1, 2026

Sorry about the lateness of this publication as the Archdiocese has been experiencing issues with FACTS as they upgrade to their multi-factor platform. This has interfered with text blasts as well. With that, to get you up to date, gym and art have switched days due to teacher availability. Therefore, gym attire is good to wear tomorrow, Tuesday, for actual gym class.

April showers bring May flowers, but will the temperatures please be consistent! We held a beautiful May Crowning ceremony last Friday. Thank you to our 8th graders, Elora and Logan who helped place the crown on Mary in the grotto. Our second graders looked amazing in their First Communion outfits and took another picture with their teachers and Fr. Esper. The flower pedals on the tree above us were as always a beautiful pink with a few that fell upon us as Fr. Esper led the prayer.

The month of May is dedicated to Mary. Chosen by God above all other women, Mary's faith and obedience paved the way for the Incarnation. Her example teaches us faith, obedience, humility and most of all, how to love. According to St. Thomas of Villanova, "If in this world any creature ever loved God with whole heart, with whole soul, and with whole mind, she was the creature." This is a great month to dedicate time to saying the rosary with your family.

Congratulations to our Confirmandi as they made their confirmation Thursday, April 30, with Bishop Robert Fisher celebrating Mass along with our great shepherd Fr. Esper. St. Mary St. Clair's confirmandi were invited to celebrate the rite with us as Bishop Fisher's schedule was packed with many other Masses at other schools. What a great way to bring our Blue Water parishes together.

We are now into May which means that uniform dress shorts are allowed to be worn. Please see the handbook for specifics. Today may be a warmer day, but please be cognizant of the lower temperatures the rest of this week. The boilers are being used but at a minimum as the project to change from boiler heat to roof top HVAC heat and air will be installed this summer. Yeah!

As advertised, the P.T.C. is looking for two (2) new members: treasurer and secretary. The positions are for a two (2) year commitment. This is a great way to get to know your school and school's community and help be a great part of the school's development. The P.T.C. has always been an essential part of your school as they have organized fundraising for important improvements and purchases, held wonderful field days, presentations for the students and supported the teachers to name a few. Nominations may be given to our current committee or placed in the nomination box on the school office front counter. We ask for your consideration! Thank you in advance.

Have a great week,

Lawrence Ricard - Principal

Confirmation Class of 2026



K of C Hockey Challenge Champion

Congratulations to Hank Meinke on winning both the Au Lac Council and Regional Hockey Challenge Contests! Hank will advance to the State Championship later this month at Grand Rapids. Good luck Hank!

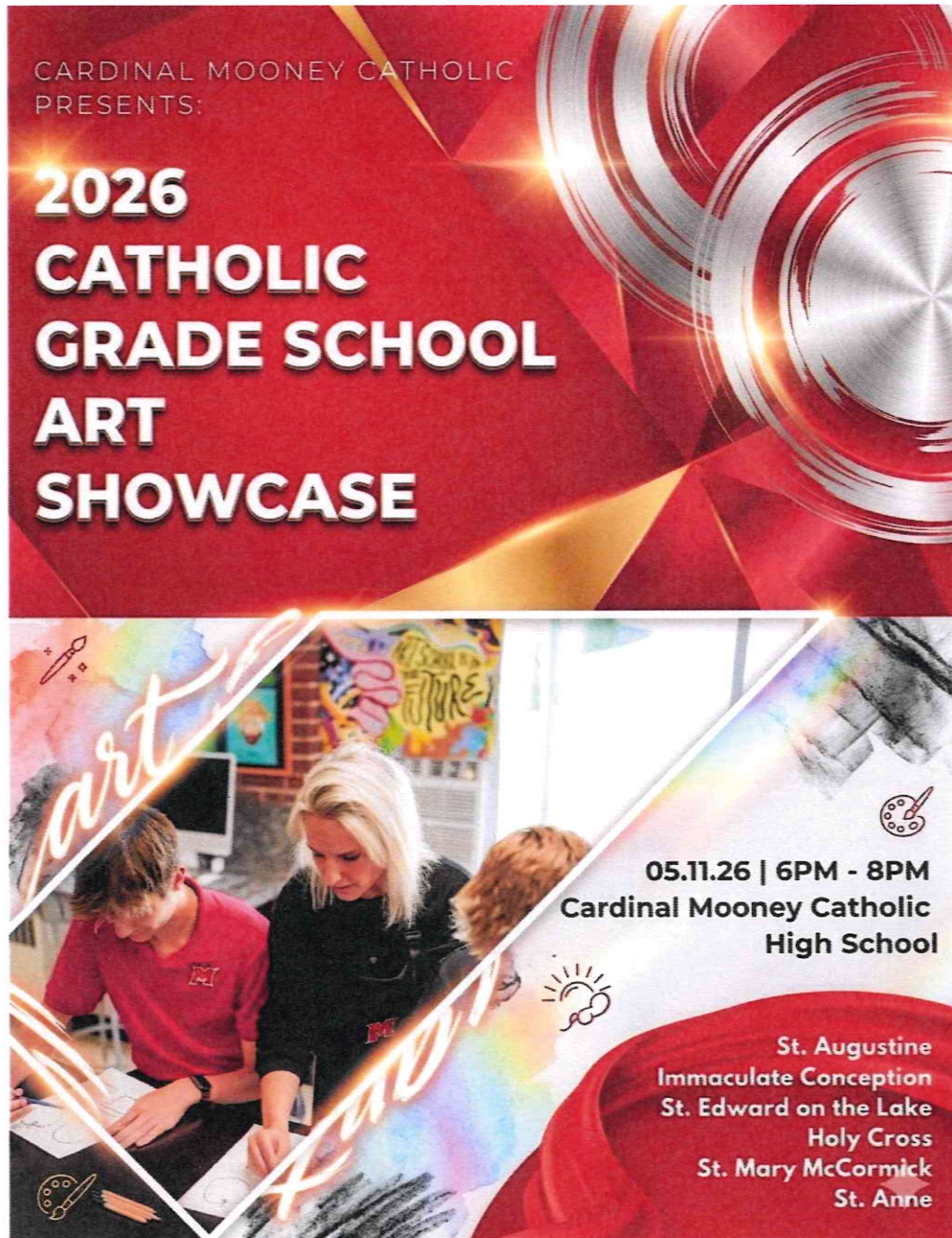


May Crowning 2026



Cardinal Mooney Catholic is proud to invite the entire community to our first-ever **Catholic Grade School Art Showcase** on **May 11th from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM**.

This special evening will feature a curated collection of artwork submitted by talented students from our area Catholic grade schools. It's a wonderful opportunity to support the arts in our schools and admire the hard work and vision of these young creators. Whether you are an art aficionado or just looking for a meaningful community event, we would love to see you there!



The poster features a vibrant red background with a large, stylized silver and red circular graphic on the right side. The text is arranged in a clear, hierarchical manner. At the top, it says 'CARDINAL MOONEY CATHOLIC PRESENTS:'. Below that, the main title '2026 CATHOLIC GRADE SCHOOL ART SHOWCASE' is written in large, bold, white letters. The bottom half of the poster is a collage of images: a student in a red shirt working on a drawing, a teacher assisting a student, and various art supplies like a paint palette and brushes. The date and time '05.11.26 | 6PM - 8PM' and the location 'Cardinal Mooney Catholic High School' are prominently displayed. A list of participating schools is provided at the bottom right.

CARDINAL MOONEY CATHOLIC
PRESENTS:

**2026
CATHOLIC
GRADE SCHOOL
ART
SHOWCASE**

art

05.11.26 | 6PM - 8PM
Cardinal Mooney Catholic
High School

St. Augustine
Immaculate Conception
St. Edward on the Lake
Holy Cross
St. Mary McCormick
St. Anne

Important Dates!!

May 5 NO BUSES

May 11 Vision Screening Gr. K-8

May 14 & 15 Annie Jr 6:30 Anchor Bay HS
7:00

May 18 Athletic Appreciation Ceremony 6 pm

May 21-24 POKER ROOM - Need help!!

May 22 8th Grade Last Day

May 22 Ribbon Mass, Backpack Walk 2:20

May 25 No School

May 28 PS3 Last Day

May 29 PS4 Last Day

**June 3 Spring Concert K-6

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 RasieRight.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

Please sign up to help with the Poker Room on May 21-24!

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



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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
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What's on the Menu?

AOD School Food Program— Lunch Menu
Immaculate Conception Catholic School

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday



May 2026



4
Bosco Sticks
Marinara Sauce
Green Beans
Fresh Peas

11
Grilled Cheese Sandwich
Tomato Soup
Broccoli
Chilled Peaches
Goldfish Crackers

18
Bacon Cheeseburger
Baked Beans
French Fries
Pineapple Chunks



5
Beef Taco Supreme
Fiesta Brown Rice
Mexican Refried Beans
Pineapple Chunks

12
Beef Nachos
Tortilla Chips
Black Beans
Corn
Mandarin Oranges

19
Chicken & Cheese Quesadilla
Refried Beans
Pears

26
Beef Walking Tacos
RF – Nacho Doritos
Black Beans
Pears

6
Mini Cinnamon Waffles
Strawberry Yogurt
Tater Tots
Mandarin Oranges

13
Confetti Pancakes
Pork Sausage
Celery Sticks
Pineapple Tidbits

20
Mini Cinnamon Waffles
Tater Tots
Sausage
Applesauce

27
Confetti Pancakes
Pork Sausage
Broccoli
Mandarin Oranges

7
Popcorn Chicken
Dinner Roll
Mashed Potatoes
Corn
Chilled Peaches

14
Chicken Ranch Wrap
Green Beans
Pear

21
Chicken Sticks
Breadstick
Broccoli
French Fries
Peaches

28
Chicken Drumstick
Mashed Potatoes
Corn
Breadstick
Pineapple Tidbits

1
Hungry Howie's Pizza Slice
Fresh Carrot Sticks
Chilled Peaches

8
Hungry Howie's Pizza Slice
Romaine Salad
Tomatoes
Fresh Apple

15
Hungry Howie's Pizza Slice
Zucchini Sticks
Cinnamon Applesauce

22
Hungry Howie's Pizza Slice
Carrots
Strawberries

29
Hungry Howie's Pizza Slice
Glazed Carrots
Peaches

Daily Offerings

Entrée #2
Turkey & Cheese Sub

Fruit, Milk and Vegetables available daily with all entrées

*School **Must** offer all **5** components (Protein, Grain, Fruit, Veggie and 1% Milk)

*Students **MUST** choose **3** or more components – 1 component **MUST** at least be ½ cup fruit & or Vegetable



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

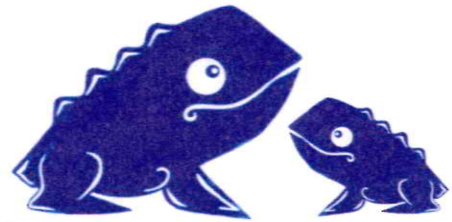
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2026

Parish summer
catechetical
program



ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Monday - Friday

9am-2:30pm

Grades

First-Sixth

Sack Lunch

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

MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL

Sunday-Thursaday

6:30-8:30pm

Grades

Seventh - Twelfth

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

HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH
JULY 26TH-31ST, 2026

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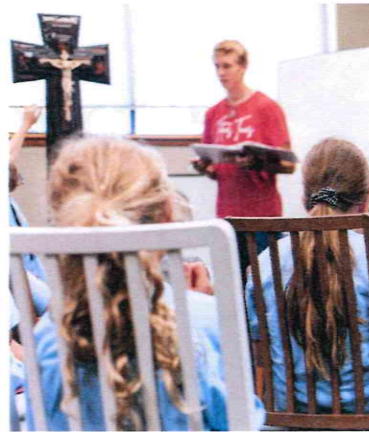
July 26th -31st, 2026

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

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JUNE 13 - 10AM-2PM

RAINOUT DAY: JUNE 14 - 12PM-4PM



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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

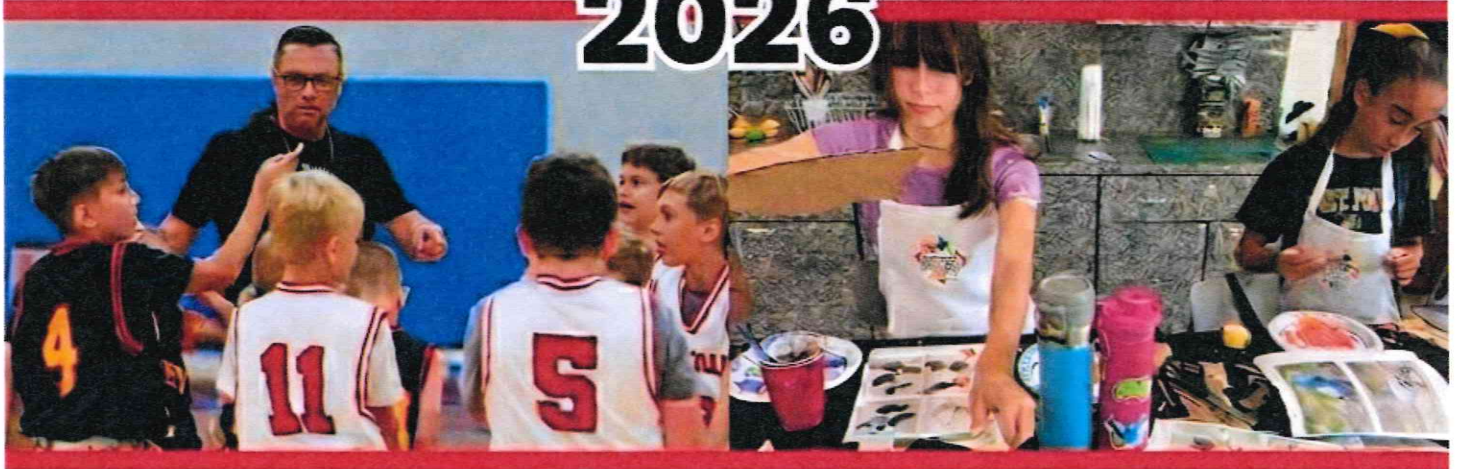
It's always a great time—we'd love to have you join us!

Thank you!



CARDINAL MOONEY SUMMER CAMPS

2026



Camp Schedule & Cost

GIRLS BASKETBALL CAMP

Dates: June 15-18

Grades: 4-8

Cost: \$135.00

VISUAL ARTS CAMP

Dates: June 22-25

Grades: 4-8

Cost: \$135.00

BOYS BASKETBALL CAMPS

Dates: July 13-16

Grade Level	Time	Cost
Grades 3-5	9:00 AM - 11:00 AM	\$100.00
Grades 6-9	12:00 PM - 3:00 PM	\$135.00

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL CAMP

Dates: July 20-22

Grades: 4-9

Cost: \$100.00

Scan to Register



REGISTER NOW!

IC Cougars – Basketball Skills Program (Co-Ed)

Serving: Grades 1-8 & Faith Formation

Mission Statement: A program created to enhance and teach the necessary skills to students who have the passion to advance the competitive play and learn sportsmanship of the game to make Immaculate Conception's boys and girls basketball programs first class.

Why me: I find myself a good candidate for this program as I am a dedicated IC parishioner who will remain involved with the school and church activities, well after our children have moved on to higher education. I find myself willing to teach the kids basic basketball fundamentals. I was in a program much like this at the grade school I attended, St. Stanislaus Kostka in Wyandotte. I firmly believe a program much like this is the foundation for a successful basketball program.

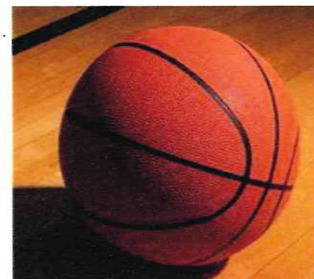
Exercises & Drills:

1. Basic Stretches.
2. Learn to dribble the basketball (BB) with heads up. First walking & dribbling eventually progressing to a sprint while dribbling the BB.
3. Passing the BB: Chest pass, bounce pass, overhead pass, baseball pass. This will develop STRONG necessary passing skills.
4. Dribble Obstacle: Dribble the BB, shifting hands as passing a defender. Use a chair or cone to simulate the defender.
5. Passing: Introduce The chest & bounce pass.
6. Shuffle: Learn to side shuffle, foot coordination.
7. Shuffle: Defensive posture "hands up" position.
8. Shuffle Pass: Pair with teammate, shuffle in unison, while chest or bounce passing the BB to teammate.
9. Layups: Run while dribbling the BB, heading toward the net to score.
10. Spyder Weave: Weave the BB between the legs while in a crouched position while walking. Eventually progress to trotting then sprinting.
11. Figure "8" Drill: 2 teammates run and pass the BB the length of the court to form "8". The closet to the net will then shoot the BB.
12. Defensive Posture.
13. Free throws.

Mark your calendars!

9:00am-10:30am

- March 21st, 28th
- April 18th
- May 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, 29th





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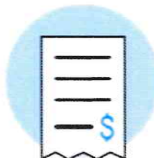
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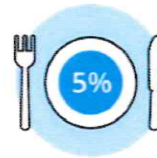
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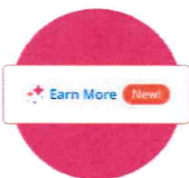
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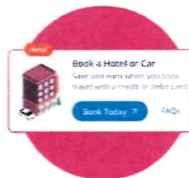
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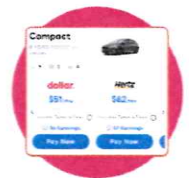
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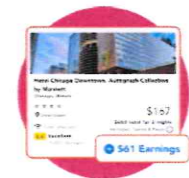
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