



October 3, 2025

I'm excited for the backyard event tonight! The screen & projector was generously donated by Jeti-C Jump and Slide (<https://www.facebook.com/share/17BGepfAv6/>). Thank you! The P.T.C. has a great night in store for your families with great food, friendship and a movie! A one of a kind; I hope we can make this an annual event here at Immaculate Conception. Please look for a survey on the event to come out next week. Your input is greatly appreciated. Thank you in advance. See you tonight.

Thank you for all the donations thus far. As I compose, we are at 58% of our goal of \$17,500. As messaged out, the school has reached \$7,500 which gives the whole school a popcorn party. Mrs. Vandermeer's class is very close to be the first class to reach 100% registration on line therefore gets a pizza/movie afternoon. Second place is kindergarten followed by preschool in registrations. Please know that 2nd place and 3rd place win pizza parties as well. There is a lot left to win for your child and for the student body. If we make \$15,000, the school will get an extra day off added to winter break (Fat Tuesday). If we make \$17,500, the goal line, yours truly gets his head shaved! Is there a window open? Please keep sharing the donation link! Let's reach P.T.C.'s goals! Thank you. Fun Run 2025 will be held during gym class this Monday, October 6. The donation window is open until October 10.

Our volleyball team is now 5-3 with one (1) last home game tomorrow and a final away game on Monday. Can they improve to 7-3? Absolutely! We have faith in these girls to earn a possible playoff spot. Our X-Country team runs their last meet next Friday. Times continue to decrease as our athletes pour on the speed! Go Cougars!

The athletic department is in need of a Varsity boys basketball coach. If you are interested, please contact Mr. Ricard at ricard@iccatholic.org.

Please know that your school is continuously holding conversations and assessing the emergency policies at Immaculate Conception. I have met with Clay Twp Police this past week discussing protocols. I thank Mr. Satchfield, KofC member and grandfather to one of our students, who has been helping us during drop off on Monday's and Fridays. We are in planning stages to increase this coverage and awareness at drop off and pick up times on the campus.

Students in grades fifth through eighth will experience the Shroud of Turin exhibit in the parish hall next week. The Shroud of Turin has long been venerated by the faithful and is believed by many to be the burial cloth of Jesus of Nazareth. The Shroud is one of the most scientifically studied religious icons in history. As science has progressed, so has the speculation on how the image of the crucified man of the Shroud was made. The exhibit presents the results of a comprehensive scientific, historical and forensic study with numerous photographs and illustrations. The exhibit is the work of the Center for the Study of the Passion of Christ and the Holy Shroud and Monsignor Giulio Ricci and other scientists, who spent more than 25 years researching the Holy Shroud.

God bless everyone,

Mr. Lawrence Ricard - Principal

“Who am I to judge? I too, am a sinner.”

When Pope Francis said these things to journalists early in his pontificate, he gave all Catholics a gift. Both are tools for our conversations about controversial issues. Some of the most contentious issues in politics, media, the Church, and even our families can also be some of the most intimate and painful involving wounds and misunderstandings, confusion, injustice, and evil.

Out of politeness, or fear, or insecurity, we may think the best thing to do is simply avoid such issues, but Catholics are not called to sidestep or sit out the big debates of the day. There are ways to have a difficult conversation without ducking a question or watering down a doctrine when tough issues are raised. In fact, there are principles for civil communication that go beyond debate and become an opportunity for a true encounter, what Pope Francis would describe as looking at another person with the "eyes of faith" and the heart of Christ.

In 2010, a small group of Catholics in England founded an organization called Catholic Voices. They developed 10 principles of civil communication that enable Catholics to have that difficult conversation in a spirit of openness and love.

Whether around the family table, the office water cooler, the neighborhood barbecue, or even on Facebook and Twitter, we can remove obstacles to evangelization, to the sacraments, to Christ. We can defend our Catholic faith without raising our voices.

10 Ways to Defend the Faith

Way #1

LOOK FOR THE POSITIVE INTENTION BEHIND A CRITICISM.

When you encounter people who are critical of the faith, rather than focusing on their arguments, consider the value to which those arguments appeal. Look for the (sometimes buried) sometimes buried Christian ethic or idea behind the value.



End of School Year Survey 2024-25

A survey was given last year on Immaculate Conception Catholic School regarding the school's performance. We appreciate everyone's response who took it last June. Sorry for the delay as formatting was not our friend moving it from one platform to another. This survey will be conducted annually at the end of the school year and improved as deemed necessary through the School Advisory Committee.

1) How many years has your family been attending Immaculate Conception?

1-5 years 62%

6-10 years 17%

10-15 years 17%

15-20 years 2%

20+ years 2%

2) Are you or your spouse an alumnus of Immaculate Conception?

Yes - 15% No - 85 %

3) Have any of your other children graduated from Immaculate Conception Catholic Schools?

Yes - 21% No - 79 %

4) Do you think the school provides a safe and nurturing environment for your child?

Yes - 100% No - 0 %

5) How would you rate the school's communication with parents?

4.21 out of 5

6) Do teachers assign quality work that is appropriate for your child's grade level?

Agree - 90% Neutral - 8% Disagree - 2%

7) Does the school meet your child's spiritual needs?

Agree - 94% Neutral - 6% Disagree - 0%

8) Does the school encourage respect for themselves and others?

Agree - 92% Neutral - 4% Disagree - 4%

9) Does the teacher have a positive impact on your child?

Agree - 90% Neutral - 4% Disagree - 6%

10) Are you comfortable talking with your child's teacher?

Agree - 88% Neutral - 8% Disagree - 4%

11) Do you feel well informed about how your child is performing academically?

Agree - 71% Neutral - 17% Disagree - 12%

12) How satisfied are you with the school's handling of bullying incidents?

4.06 out of 5

If you took a donation tag for the Horn of Plenty, we thank you! Please send items to the school office or church office by Nov. 7th. Thanks for your generosity!

Important Dates!!

October 3 IC Backyard Party 6-9 p.m.
October 17 Trunk or Treat at IC 6-8 p.m.
October 22 Picture Retakes and Preschool 4
October 23 NJHS Induction after Mass
October 23 End of 1st Quarter
October 24 No School - Records day
October 30 Report Cards

The Scrip Program that helps you and IC!

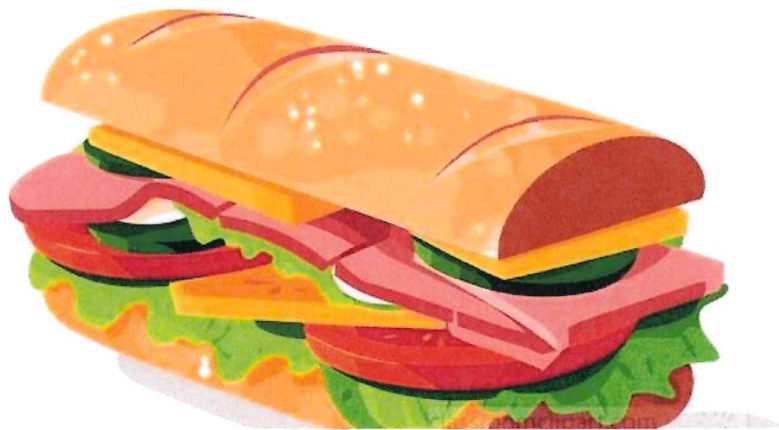
Don't forget, by using RaiseRight scrip program you can apply 80% of the rebates from this program to your tuition account! Get started by downloading the RaiseRight™ app on your phone or go to RaiseRight.com on your computer and use enrollment code: **AAAEFLL2716**. For step-by-step instructions, visit 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!



Lunch Menu Offerings!

Starting Thursday, October 9, students are getting another option for lunch.

They can order a sub sandwich in place of the main entrée. They will still receive the side items.



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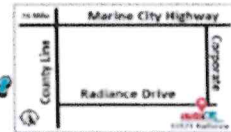
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Updated

It's on the Menu?

AOD School Food Program K-8- Lunch Menu
Immaculate Conception Catholic School

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

**FUN
DAYS**

10/6 Noodle Day!
10/7 Taco Day!
10/8 Apple Crunch! Day!
10/21 Potato Day!
10/31 Happy Halloween!
National School Lunch Week
October 13th - October 17th

6
Swedish Meatballs
w/ Gravy
Hearty Egg Noodles
Steamed Broccoli
Fresh Fuji Apple
Noodle Day!

7
Chicken Taco
Tortilla Shell
Refried Beans
Salsa
Mixed Fruit
Taco Day!

8
Classic
Cheeseburger
French Fries
Diced Peaches
*Homemade Apple
Crisp
Apple Crunch Day!

1
#BrunchforLunch
Cinnamon Waffles
Turkey Sausage Patty
Fresh Broccoli
Fresh Pear

2
Chicken Tenders
Dinner Roll
Steamed Carrots
Cinnamon
Applesauce

3
Hungry Howie's
Pizza
Fresh Garden Salad
Fresh Banana

13
Baked
Chicken Nuggets
Dinner Roll
Steamed Corn
Fresh Orange

14
#Taco Tuesday
Beef Soft Taco
Fiesta Rice
Refried Beans
Salsa
Mixed Fruit

15
#BrunchforLunch
Turkey Sausage & Cheese on English Muffin
Tater Tots
Fresh Apple

16
Lasagna Roll Ups
Garlic Bread
Green Beans
Diced Peaches

17
Hungry Howie's
Pizza
Fresh Broccoli
Cinnamon Applesauce

20
Grilled Cheese Sandwich
Tomato Soup
Carrot & Celery Sticks
Fresh Pear

21
Chicken Tenders
Creamy
Mashed Potatoes
Fresh Orange
Potato Day!

22
#BrunchforLunch
Confetti Pancakes
Turkey Sausage
Patty
Mixed Vegetables
Cinnamon
Applesauce

23
Beef Hot Dog
Hot Dog Bun
Baked Beans
Mixed Fruit
***Baked Cookie**

24
No School!

27
Homemade Mac & Cheese
Breadstick
Steamed Broccoli
Cinnamon Applesauce

28
#Taco Tuesday
Beef Walking Taco
Seasoned Black
Beans
Salsa
Fresh Orange

29
#BrunchforLunch
French Toast Sticks
Yogurt Cup
Tater Tots
Fresh Banana

30
Baked Chicken Sticks
Steamed Carrots
Fresh Pear

31
Hungry Howie's
Pizza
Fresh Zucchini Sticks
Fresh Apple
***Baked Cookie**

Specials



Global Eats turns food into a worldly adventure!
For the Month of October, we're traveling to Italy! Come Us!

Global Eats - Italy
Featuring:

Lasagna Roll Ups

Thursday, October 16th



Daily Offerings

Entrée #2

Beginning October 9th

Monday - Thursday

Sub Sandwich



Entrée #2

Fridays

Soy Butter & Grape Jelly

Sandwich

Fruit, Milk and Vegetables
available daily with all
entrées

*School **Must** serve all 5

components

(Protein, Grain, Fruit, Veggie and
1% Milk)

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serving up happy & healthy

Menus will be changing to accommodate
for the National Food Supply Chain
challenges

- AOD School Food Program Contact Information: (313) 883-8755
This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

2025

October

Immaculate Conception School and Parish



Horn of Plenty

SCHOOL CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUNDRAISER

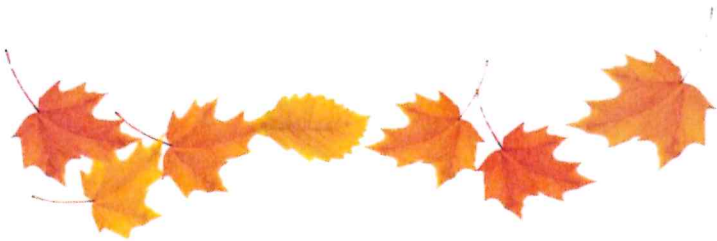
Saturday, November 22, 2025

School Gym: 7043 Church Rd. Ira Twp. 48023

Doors Open at 5:30pm

Dinner at 6:00pm

Raffles Begin at 7:00pm



Dinner provided by:



Chicken Piccata, Polish
Sausage & Kraut, Roasted
Redskins, Pasta Marinara,
Green Beans, Salad, Pasta
Salad and rolls

**Tickets are \$35* per person or
reserve a full table of 8 for \$245**

**Ticket price increases on November 1 to \$45 each*

Join us for a One-of-a-Kind Event!



**25¢, \$1 and \$5 Raffles
Dessert Raffle and 50/50**



All ages are
welcome
to come.



Please note that
by law; only 18
years and older
may win prizes.



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Horn of Plenty

SCHOOL CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUNDRAISER

Sponsorship Form

Platinum \$400+

- ❖ Includes color half page advertisement in the event program in a prime location.
- ❖ A thank you will be published in our parish bulletin and Facebook page the week after the event.
- ❖ Acknowledged by the Host/Auctioneer during the event.

Gold \$250

- ❖ Includes a black & white business card advertisement in the event program.
- ❖ A thank you will be published in our parish bulletin and Facebook page the week after the event.

Silver \$75

- ❖ Includes a two-line ad as a business advertisement, memorial or show of support in the event program.

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Email:_____

Phone:_____

My donation is: A) Anonymous

B) In memory of_____

C) Business name above



Submit copy by e-mail with digital file or write how you want your two-line advertisement
Box to read to smehay@iccatholic.org. Subject: Horn of Plenty

Send Sponsorship Form and payment to: Immaculate Conception Parish

9764 Dixie Hwy.

Ira Twp, MI 48023

Checks can be written to Immaculate Conception with Horn of Plenty in the memo line.

Deadline for ad is Friday, November 7, 2025.

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October 11, 2025

10 am – 2 pm

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- Free Vision Screening for Children
- Free Glaucoma Screening
- Free Blood Pressure Screening
- Macomb County Mental Health Van
- Veteran Collection

Activities & Fun

- New Baltimore Fire Department
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