

November 21, 2025

Happy Friday and happy early Thanksgiving. Today will be the last newsletter until we return from break. It was wonderful to see everyone today at the annual FEAST. Thank you to chairperson, Mrs. Szabelski, your P.T.C. and everyone who helped make this event a success. Please know that unopened trays at the end of the event have been delivered to MCREST, a southeastern organization that helps the homeless and needy. They have benefited from this great feast for the past few years. If you were here in the first sitting, you may have noticed a special guest. Archbishop Emeritus Vigneron was in attendance. He was gracious enough to lead the meal in grace! If you did not know, Archbishop is an alumnus of Immaculate Conception and very proud of our/his school!

We are sad to announce to the community that Ms. Sugars, 1st grade teacher, has accepted a new teaching position through National Heritage Academies in Canton, MI. Please join me in congratulating Ms. Sugars and wishing her God's blessings in her new assignment. Starting Monday, Mrs. Wojtoviets, who is already an integral part of the classroom as a paraprofessional, will be our long-term substitute along with Mrs. DiBattista, a current tutor and school substitute. Together they will ensure a smooth transition in the classroom. This model will allow for both to capitalize on their experiences and different areas of expertise. I have posted the first-grade position and will begin interviews as soon as possible to find a qualified candidate that will best serve your children. I will update you as soon as a replacement is selected.

Our school play has been announced. We are performing ANNIE at the Anchor Bay High School auditorium on May 15 & 16. Mark your calendars! The students attended tryouts this week with call backs yesterday. The CAST LIST will be sent out/posted on November 26th at 3pm. Congratulations to everyone involved no matter what your role. Listening to the practice singing before tryouts, at recess, and in the hallways shows amazing potential! This is a great Immaculate Conception TRADITION!

Basketball season begins the week of December 1st. Led by coaches Ms. Barch (girls JV), Ms. Balash-DeGeorge (girls Var), Mr. Joyce & Joyce (boys JV) and Mrs. Whitenight (boys Var), we're looking toward an exciting season. Ms. Ricard and Mrs. VanTiem will be shouting out loud leading our cheer team during the boys' games. The schedule is almost completed and will be shared with the coaches and families soon.

Next Tuesday, the school will hold a prayer service in lieu of our weekly school Mass as we will not be here the Friday after Thanksgiving. Led by 5th grade, the students will have time to reflect on the gifts in their lives and give thanks to all the people and things in their lives.

To continue sharing the 10 Ways to defend our Faith, *Shed light, not Heat*, as Christians, we are called to shed the light on difficult topics and represent the Church. If you come to discussion to shed light rather than heat, your emphasis will be completely different. Stay calm. As Pope Francis's encyclical *Lumen Fidei* explains, this composed approach may just disarm and open a door to the light of Faith, which illuminates everything.

Happy Thanksgiving,

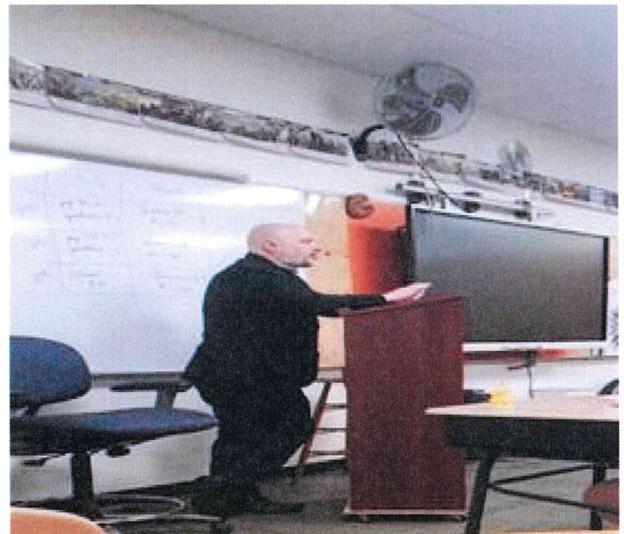
Lawrence Ricard - Principal

7th Grade News from Mrs. Yaros

Saints, cemeteries, and vocations, oh my! These last few weeks, 7th grade has been focusing on many things- All Saints' Day, All Souls' Day, and celebrating vocations. We celebrated All Souls' with our annual "Bury the Dead" service project with the 5th-8th grades. Students not only cleaned the headstones of our parish cemetery, but also prayed for the souls at the end of our project. This year, we were even graced with the presence of a bald eagle while we worked!

The 7th grade has also been learning about vocations. Fr. Craig Giera from the Office of Priestly Vocations visited 7th and 8th grade on October 30th and held a Q and A about vocations. We've also spent a great deal of time in class learning and talking about different vocations and thinking about what theirs might be - marriage, single life, or religious life. This week we are also hosting the vocations cross in our classroom. We will pray for an increase in vocations and discernment of our own throughout the year.

Back again are the saint pumpkins (and gourds) this year! Each 7th grader dressed up their pumpkin as a saint and they are on display in the school. They will also be on display this week at the Thanksgiving Feast. Be a light; be a saint!



Coat Drive at IC!!

Donate to the
needy!

Ends Dec 11



IC Santa Shoppe Update

Thank you to everyone that has purchased items off the Santa Shoppe Wish List. Included in this newsletter is the Santa Shoppe gift list with instructions on what needs to come to school with your children on December 3rd and a sample list of the types of items that are sold. Please make sure to send in completed gift tags with your children for all people that they are purchasing items for, so that they can be attached to the items that are purchased. All items purchased will be sent home with the children, wrapped or in gift bags.

Lunch Menu Offerings!

Students have another option for lunch.

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



Important Dates!!

Coat Drive now thru Dec 11, 2025

Nov 22 Horn of Plenty 6:00 Gym
Nov 24-25 NO Buses
Nov 26 30 Thanksgiving Break!
Dec 1 "Keep Christ in Christmas" posters due!
Dec 5 Movie permission slips due

**March 25 Talent Show 6:00 in IC Gym

DATE CHANGE!!! No Latchkey Dec 5!!

There will be latchkey on Dec 12.

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 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!



IC Spelling Bee Winners to Advance!

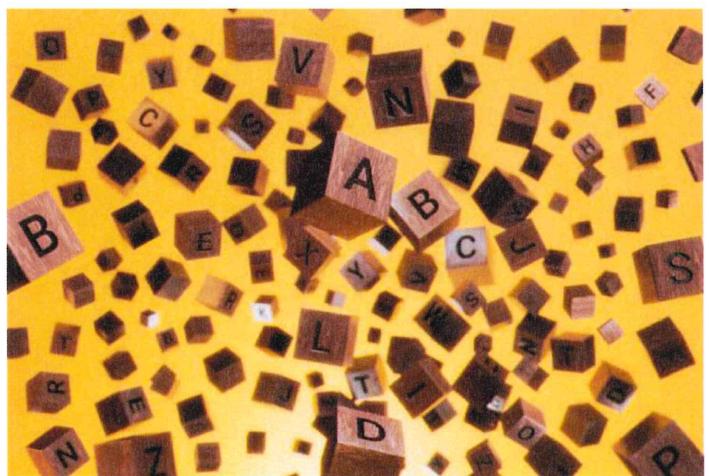
4th-6th Grade

1st Maria Los
2nd Eli Nammour
3rd Riley Joyce
4th Teddy Wade

7th-8th Grade

1st Elayna McDonald
2nd Audrey Poley
3rd Giovann Gonino
4th Atticus Yaros

These students will compete in the K of C Regional Competition.



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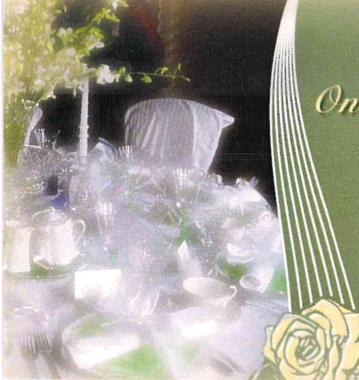
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MY SANTA SHOPPE GIFT LIST

Wednesday, December 3, 2025

- ❖ **On the day of the Santa Shoppe, please have your child bring:**
 - Completed Santa Shoppe Gift List
 - Completed Gift Tags
 - Money in an envelope, marked with their name and grade. **CHECKS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**

GIFTS IDEAS

- All items are newly crafted, ranging in price from \$0.25 to \$6.00
- Typical items available include:
 - Coasters
 - Crocheted Items
 - Coffee Mugs filled with treats
 - Decorated chocolates & Candy (marshmallows, Rice Krispie)
 - Decorated pillows (Themes: horse, sport, etc.)
 - Hats and Scarfs
 - Jewelry (necklaces, earrings, & bracelets)
 - Key Chains
 - Magnets
 - Ornaments (wooden, crystal, wool, hand sewn, etc.)
 - Personalized tools, cards, mugs, etc.
 - Pet Toys/Treats
 - Picture Frames
 - Trinket Boxes
 - Wooden plaques, signs, etc.



Knights of Columbus
**Keep Christ
in Christmas**
Poster Contest

Due: Monday December 1, 2025

Sponsor: Knights of Columbus Au Lac Council # 10724

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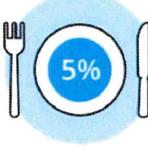
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December 2025

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Lunch

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1 Lunch • Macaroni & Cheese • Breadstick • Seasoned Broccoli • Cinnamon Applesauce	2 Lunch • Beef Walking Tacos • Seasoned Black Beans • Fresh Orange	3 Lunch • Whole Grain French Toast Sticks • Vanilla Yogurt • Tater Tots • Fresh Red Seedless Grapes	4 Lunch • Golden Crispy Chicken Sticks • Dinner Roll • Sliced Carrots • Fresh Pear	5 Lunch • Domino's Cheese Pizza • Zucchini Sticks • Fresh Red Delicious Apple
8 Lunch • Chicken Swedish Meatballs • Dinner Roll • Mashed Potatoes • Chilled Mixed Fruit	9 Lunch • Chicken & Cheese Quesadilla • Seasoned Black Beans • Fresh Orange	10 Lunch • Mini Maple Waffles • Turkey Sausage Patty • Fresh Broccoli Florets • Fresh Pear	11 Lunch • Chicken Tenders • Breadstick • Seasoned Carrots • Applesauce	12 Lunch • Domino's Cheese Pizza • Carrot & Celery Sticks • Pineapple Tidbits
15 Lunch • Turkey Hot Dog • BBQ Baked Beans • Fresh Fuji Apple	16 Lunch • Cheesy Chicken Enchiladas • Fiesta Brown Rice • Corn • Pineapple Tidbits	17 Lunch • Mini Maple Pancakes • Strawberry Yoghurt • Fresh Broccoli Florets • Cinnamon Applesauce	18 Lunch • Classic American Cheeseburger • Waffle Fries • Fresh Orange	19 Lunch • Domino's Cheese Pizza • Fresh Carrots • Chilled Mixed Fruit
22 Happy Holidays BEST WISHES!	23 Happy Holidays BEST WISHES!	24 Happy Holidays BEST WISHES!	25 MERRY Christmas BEST WISHES!	26 Happy Holidays BEST WISHES!
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If you have a food allergy or intolerance, please notify us. Ask your cafeteria manager if changes were made to today's menu so we can help keep you safe!

Menus Subject to Change We try our best to serve our menus as posted; however, sometimes last minute changes occur. Please check with the cafeteria manager prior to the meal if you have any concerns.



Ira Township Parks and Recreation presents the
Annual Christmas Tree Lighting
Saturday, December 6, 2025

Santa and Mrs. Claus arrive by Fire Truck at 5:30pm to Light the Tree! The kids will light a path for them with Glow Sticks provided by **BP Barrels and Vines**! Then we move to the Fire Hall for Crafts, Photos and Cocoa! **Mini's Collision & Maria McGuire** will provide hot dogs! **MGM Dumpsters** will provide Christmas Cookies! Elsa and Olaf from Royal Wish Production will be on site! **Thank you to Grosso Trucking & Precision Landscaping!**



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