

December 5, 2025

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We've had a wonderful first week of December and have much more coming up the next few weeks. Monday's Santa Shoppe was exciting. Thank you to our chairs and the parents who helped put on another successful event for the students. The vendors once again commented on the politeness of our students and love coming to Immaculate Conception because of that and the ease that the committee makes it for them. Last Thursday, the students in grades three through eight attended **reconciliation**. The Sacrament of Penance reconciles us with God. "The whole power of the sacrament of Penance consists in restoring us to God's grace and joining us with him in an intimate friendship" (CCC, no. 1468). This Sacrament also reconciles us with the Church. Sin should never be understood as a private or personal matter, because it harms our relationship with others and may even break our loving communion with the Church. The Sacrament of Penance repairs this break and has a renewing effect on the vitality of the Church itself.

Many entries were received for the **Keep Christ in Christmas** poster contest. Winners will be announced before the start the Christmas concert in two weeks. Good luck! The **Christmas concert** will be held at East China's Performing Arts Center (P.A.C.) on Thursday, December 18, 2025. We ask that parents have their children to the P.A.C. by 5:30pm and no later. More definitive instructions will be text blasted out closer to the event. Mrs. Montacer had a successful pre-performance meeting with the manager of the P.A.C. and we are looking forward to a great show. The voices of angels can be heard from the Specials room as they practice for this concert on Tuesdays.

Students will attend **Mass** on Monday, December 08 (the Feast of the Immaculate Conception) and on the regular day of Friday, December 12 in which Bishop Fisher, regional bishop to the N.E. and N.W. Archdiocesan regions, will celebrate Mass. Mass white shirts will be required both days.

The school will have a poker room event on December 26-28. A sign-up Genius will be sent out soon. This is easy money fundraising for the school. Please consider.

A jolly ol' man came and visited us on Friday. He saw PreK 4's through 4th grade. The kids also received a something in their shoe after they placed them in the hallway! Tis' the season.

Have a great Weekend,

Mr. Lawrence Ricard - Principal

In Second Grade, we have been learning a ton! In science, we are not only learning about what solids are best used for building (seen in our tower experiment), but we are decomposing a pumpkin. We are continuing to practice two digit addition and subtraction, and have been measuring all sorts of objects. Additionally, we have been learning about the history and geography of Anchorville by creating a website! Most importantly, we have been preparing for our first Reconciliation by reciting the Act of Contrition, learning about sin, and following the Ten Commandments.



As we prepare for Christmas, we look forward to learning more about Advent and getting prepared for the coming of our Lord, Jesus Christ. We hope to spread generosity and kindness to others, especially during this holiday season. Immaculate Conception School and Second Grade wish everyone a very, merry Christmas!

- Ms. Theut



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The Santa Shoppe Committee

Christmas Concert

Dec 18 6:00 p.m.

Students need to be there by 5:30

At East China Performing Arts Center

1585 Meisner Road, China Twp

Important Dates!!

Coat Drive now thru Dec 11, 2025

Dec 5 Movie permission slips due
Dec 8 Mass - Wear white mass shirts
Dec 12 Mass - Wear white mass shirts
Dec 17 Dress Down - Ugly Sweater/Christmas Colors
Dec 18 Christmas Concert 6:00 @ PAC
Dec 22-Jan 4 Christmas Break
January 8 End of 2nd Qtr
January 9 Records Day - No School

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

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