

December 19, 2025

We've had a wonderful week with students and teachers in high anticipation of the **Christmas season**. With the amazing Christmas concert and movie experience, the week could not have ended any better. We hope the new experience of having the concert off campus was enjoyable. Please look for a survey monkey regarding the event.

This school year, the Blue Water Vicariate schools are putting a twist on the annual **Academic Olympics**. This is a competition that is held between all 5-8<sup>th</sup> grade B.W.V. elementaries in the categories of math, religion, problem solving and forensic prose/poetry. The event will be held this year at Holy Family in Memphis on Monday, March 3, 2026. Every 5-8<sup>th</sup> grader will be included in the event they fit best in. In review of the former process, many students are involved in outside activities which do not allow them to participate on a Saturday. The event, therefore, will be held during the normal school day. More to come closer to the event.

The **preschool 4-year-old** program joined us for Mass last Friday December 12. It was the first time that preschoolers attended Mass with the school. They behaved wonderfully with their big brothers and sisters from 6<sup>th</sup> grade. It was brought to my attention that the preschoolers themselves asked to go! Who could say "No"? Fr. Esper was delighted as well. As this may not be a regular occurrence, we are sure open to make this a common place. The love they have in their hearts is beautiful!

When we return from break, **food services** will be introducing a newer incentive! *"Every time a student buys lunch, they will receive a raffle ticket which they will put in the jar. At the end of the month one name will be drawn and that student will win a prize. The more times you buy lunch, the better your chance! If it goes over well, we will continue each month."*

**Sharing our Faith:** People won't remember what you said as much as how you made them feel. Aim for civility, empathy, clarity, and kindness in faith conversations. Try to use simple words to explain complex ideas and keep overly theological language to a minimum.

Over this season of **Advent**, Mrs. Yaros and the upper elementary have led an Advent service for the past three Mondays with prayer, song and lighting of the Advent wreath candles. I love that we can celebrate our Faith, share that Faith and model our Faith in our school!

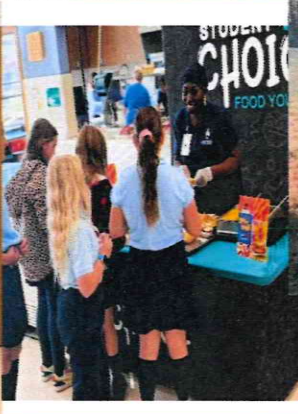
Last week, Mrs. Vigneron, school **librarian**, showed the Catholic picture books by author Anthony DeStefano that she purchased from the money I received from the Knights of Columbus to the 2nd grade students. They were very excited! Many of them selected one to check out.



Merry Christmas,  
Lawrence Ricard - Principal



# Our wonderful school – A Year in Review





## Now Open: 2026-2027 AOD Tuition Assistance Application

The 2026-2027 AOD Tuition Application will **open this Monday, December 15, 2025**. The application will close on **February 27, 2026**. All AOD scholarship information is uploaded on the new website below. *This website location has changed since last year. Please include this link in your emails to families.*

- [Tuition Assistance & Scholarships - Archdiocese of Detroit](#)

Here are a few reminders.

- *New this year* - The Archdiocese of Detroit encourages families to use the IRS import option to easily and accurately provide the required tax information.
- For specific questions regarding FACTS applications parents must contact FACTS at (866)315-9262.
- For questions regarding Pastor Signature Form, parents must contact the student's current school or the school they are applying to.
- Tuition Awards are **not given on a first-come, first-served basis**, but we encourage families to apply as early as possible instead of waiting until the deadline. Since several documents need to be uploaded and verified by FACTS, waiting until the last day could delay processing and affect your ability to receive tuition assistance for the upcoming school year.
- Important Links
  - [Tuition Assistance & Scholarships - Archdiocese of Detroit](#)
  - [FACTS Application](#)
  - Parent Information Document: [English](#) | [Spanish](#)
  - [Pastor's Signature Form](#) (for Catholic Applicants only)

## K Of C "Keep Christ in Christmas" Poster Winners

### Kindergarten

1<sup>st</sup> Maggie Wade   2<sup>nd</sup> Jack Gitre   3<sup>rd</sup> Eleanor Verbrugge

### 1<sup>st</sup> Grade/2<sup>nd</sup> Grade

1<sup>st</sup> Claire Yaros   2<sup>nd</sup> Ally Krenke   3<sup>rd</sup> Maggie Vigneron

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade/4<sup>th</sup> Grade

1<sup>st</sup> Joseph Ganfi   2<sup>nd</sup> Graham Roberts   3<sup>rd</sup> Addy Krenke

### 5<sup>th</sup> Grade/6<sup>th</sup> Grade

1<sup>st</sup> Nolan Yaros   2<sup>nd</sup> Sophia Ganfi   3<sup>rd</sup> Sydney Poley

### 7<sup>th</sup> Grade/8<sup>th</sup> Grade

1<sup>st</sup> Elayna McDonald   2<sup>nd</sup> Kayley Pennel   3<sup>rd</sup> Lyla Hoffman

# K of C Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest Winner

Atticus Yaros, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade

## **The Scrip Program that helps you and IC!**

### Important Dates!!

Dec 22-Jan 4 Christmas Break  
Jan. 8 End of 2<sup>nd</sup> Qtr.  
Jan. 9 Records Day - No School  
Jan. 11 Confirmation Retreat 9:30-1:00  
Jan. 12 Basketball/Cheer Pictures 2:45  
Jan. 14 Wear a Cancer color -Dress Down  
Jan. 15 Report Cards  
Jan. 19 Trini's Fundraiser for 8<sup>th</sup> Gr.  
Jan. 19 NO BUSES  
Jan. 20 Early Bird Registration Starts for 26-27  
Jan. 24 First Reconciliation Workshop 9:45-12:00  
Jan. 24 K of C Free-throw Contest at IC 2:00  
Jan 25-31 Catholic Schools Week  
Jan. 30 First Reconciliation 6:30  
Jan. 31 K of C Free-throw Contest at IC 2:00

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

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](https://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!



## Catholic Schools Week Dress Down Themes

**Mon. - Wear your favorite sweatpants and sweatshirt**

**Tues. – Each class chooses a class color to wear (TBD)**

**Wed. - Dress like a friend(s)**

**Thurs. – Crazy patterns day**

**Friday – Dress like a teacher**

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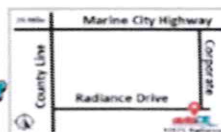
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# January 2026

## Immaculate Conception Catholic School

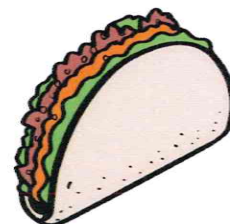
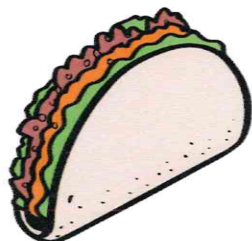
Lunch

| MONDAY  | TUESDAY  | WEDNESDAY  | THURSDAY  | FRIDAY   |
|---|--|--|---|--|
|   |  |  | <b>1</b>  | <b>2</b>   |
|   |  |  | New Year's Day!   | Holiday Break  |
| <b>5</b>  | <b>6</b>   | <b>7</b>   | <b>8</b>  | <b>9</b>   |
| Main Entrees<br>• Toasty Cheese Sandwich<br>Sides for All Meals<br>• Corn<br>• Chilled Peaches  | Main Entrees<br>• Bean & Cheese Burrito<br>Sides for All Meals<br>• Mexican Style Refried Beans<br>• Chilled Diced Pears | Main Entrees<br>• Blueberry Bash Waffles<br>Sides for All Meals<br>• Pork Sausage Patty<br>• Seasoned Carrots<br>• Mandarin Oranges                    | Main Entrees<br>• Chicken Tenders<br>Sides for All Meals<br>• Dinner Roll<br>• Broccoli<br>• Fresh Pear   | No School - Records Day  |
| <b>12</b>   | <b>13</b>  | <b>14</b>  | <b>15</b>   | <b>16</b>  |
| Main Entrees<br>• Spaghetti with Chicken Meatballs<br>Sides for All Meals<br>• Breadstick<br>• Seasoned Broccoli<br>• Pineapple Tidbits | Main Entrees<br>• Chicken & Cheese Quesadilla<br>Sides for All Meals<br>• Seasoned Black Beans<br>• Applesauce           | Main Entrees<br>• Chocolate Chip French Toast<br>Sides for All Meals<br>• Turkey Sausage Patty<br>• Seasoned Peas and Carrots<br>• Chilled Mixed Fruit | Main Entrees<br>• Breaded Chicken Drumstick<br>Sides for All Meals<br>• Dinner Roll<br>• Sweet Potato Fries<br>• Corn<br>• Chilled Peaches          | Main Entrees<br>• Domino's Cheese Pizza<br>Sides for All Meals<br>• Glazed Carrots<br>• Mandarin Oranges                             |
| <b>19</b>   | <b>20</b>  | <b>21</b>  | <b>22</b>   | <b>23</b>  |
| Main Entrees<br>• Macaroni and Cheese<br>Sides for All Meals<br>• Dinner Roll<br>• Seasoned Carrots<br>• Chilled Mixed Fruit            | Main Entrees<br>• Beef Nachos<br>Sides for All Meals<br>• Mexican Style Refried Beans<br>• Pineapple Tidbits             | Main Entrees<br>• Whole Grain French Toast Sticks<br>Sides for All Meals<br>• Pork Sausage Patty<br>• Corn<br>• Broccoli<br>• Chilled Diced Pears      | Main Entrees<br>• Classic American Cheeseburger<br>Sides for All Meals<br>• Tater Tots<br>• Baked Beans<br>• Cinnamon Applesauce                    | Main Entrees<br>• Domino's Cheese Pizza<br>Sides for All Meals<br>• Sliced Cucumbers<br>• Fresh Celery Sticks<br>• Pineapple Tidbits |
| <b>26</b>   | <b>27</b>  | <b>28</b>  | <b>29</b>   | <b>30</b>  |
| Main Entrees<br>• Turkey Hot Dog<br>Sides for All Meals<br>• Green Beans<br>• Tater Tots<br>• Cinnamon Diced Pears                      | Main Entrees<br>• Beef Walking Tacos<br>Sides for All Meals<br>• Seasoned Black Beans<br>• Chilled Mixed Fruit           | Main Entrees<br>• Mini Cinnamon Waffles<br>Sides for All Meals<br>• Strawberry Yogurt<br>• Seasoned Broccoli Florets<br>• Pineapple Tidbits            | Main Entrees<br>• Cheese Lasagna Rollup<br>Sides for All Meals<br>• Breadstick<br>• Seasoned Carrots<br>• Fresh Celery Sticks<br>• Mandarin Oranges | Main Entrees<br>• Domino's Cheese Pizza<br>Sides for All Meals<br>• Fresh Chopped Romaine<br>• Fresh Grape Tomatoes<br>• Applesauce  |

**\*\*Wednesday, January 14<sup>th</sup> is our “Wacky Wednesday” dress down. We are doing a cancer awareness dress down. Your child should pick the color of cancer that they would like to bring to others to be aware of and wear that color shirt with jeans. We will be collecting money from January 12<sup>th</sup> through January 16<sup>th</sup>. This is a freewill donation. The class that donates the most money will win pizza. Whatever money is earned that week will be donated to St. Jude’s Children’s Hospital.**



# Immaculate Conception 8th Grade Washington, D.C. Trip Fundraiser



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**DADDY**

**DAUGHTER  
DANCE**

**YEE-HAW**  
**\$30**

Per couple/ \$5 per  
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**February 7, 2026**

**6:30- 8:30 PM**

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MEMO: DADDY DAUGHTER DANCE**

**FAMILY NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PHONE NUMBER:** \_\_\_\_\_

**EMAIL:** \_\_\_\_\_

**NUMBER ATTENDING (DAD + GIRLS):** \_\_\_\_\_

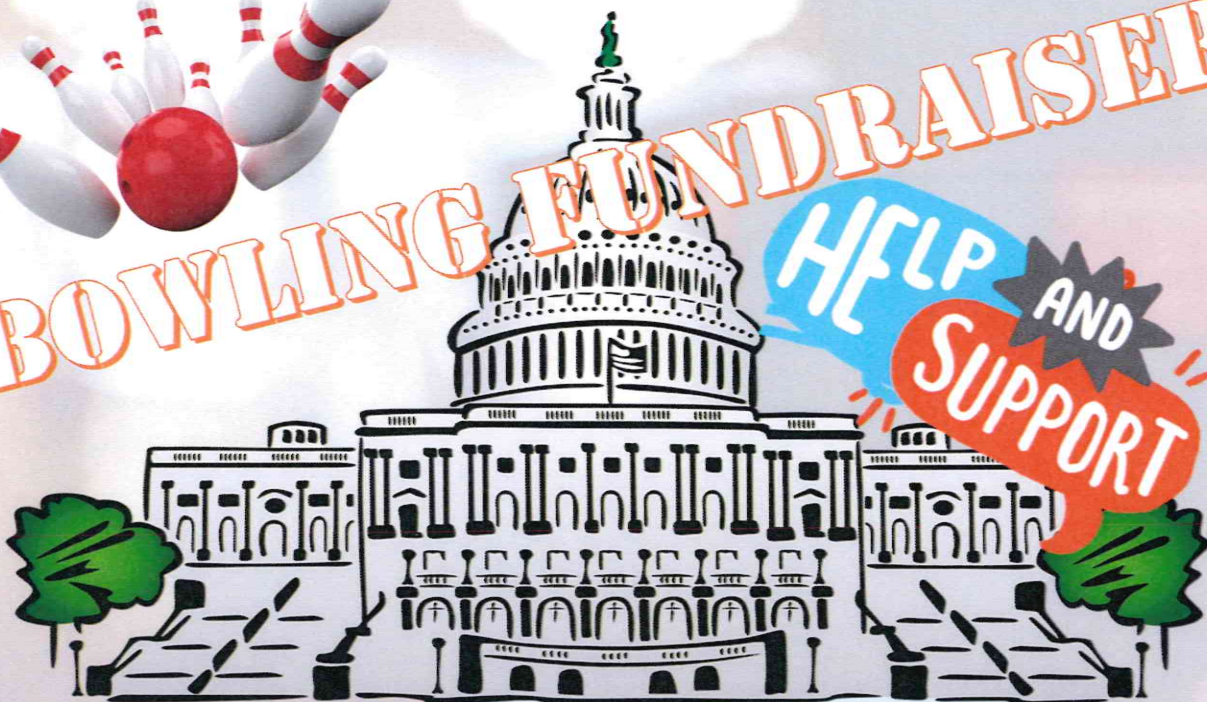
**AMOUNT:** \_\_\_\_\_

*Howdy!*





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**FRIDAY FEBRUARY 20TH @6PM**

**Sign in starts at 6pm; Bowling begins at 630pm**

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RAFFLES AND 50/50

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**REQUEST TO BE PAIRED WITH OTHER LANES** \_\_\_\_\_

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| PLAYER PITCH              | 7 or 8     | \$80  |
| PITCHING MACHINE SOFTBALL | 6, 7 or 8  | \$80  |
| MINORS                    | 9 or 10    | \$80  |
| MAJORS                    | 11 or 12   | \$80  |
| INTERMEDIATES             | 13         | \$80  |
| JUNIORS BOYS              | 14 or 15   | \$80  |
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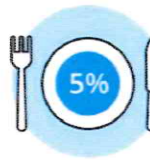
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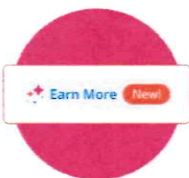
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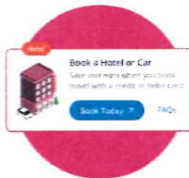
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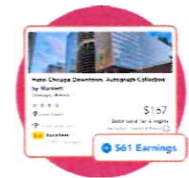
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