

# IC SCHOOL NEWS

April 2020



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Dear Families,

Welcome to the most holy week of our liturgical year! Over the next few days we will commemorate the passion, death, and resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Our celebrations will look a little different than normal, but the grace and love of God remains the same. As we continue to move forward through our current crisis let that knowledge flood our souls. We are never alone! God is always with us! He sacrificed everything for us! Jesus triumphed over death and sin!

As you know by now, Governor Whitmer's most recent Executive Order has closed all school buildings for the remainder of the academic year. Our diocesan superintendent, Margaret Erich, sent out a letter on Friday outlining what that means for all schools within the Diocese of Kalamazoo. If you did not receive that letter or any previous messages from the office of schools, please inform us through email so we can rectify the situation.

The new order changes very little for us at Immaculate Conception. We have already put a plan in place that will continue.

- The teachers will have telecommunication lessons with students four days a week, Monday –Thursday. Friday will be for teacher PD, lesson catch up, relax/regroup, etc.
- Families may be asked to pick up materials; Governor Whitmer has allowed that within the executive order. You will be notified in advance.
- There will be no standardized testing (NWEA) for spring.
- Classes will resume April 13th and end May 29th.

Thank you for your support and partnership over these past three weeks. Yes, it has only been three weeks. The staff has worked diligently and we have learned much in this short time. It is important that we know how it is going for you. Within the next week you should receive a survey via email asking for your input. Please take a few minutes to fill this out so we can offer the best possible services to meet your families' needs.

Have a Blessed Easter and continue praying for our world and an end to this pandemic.

In Christ's Peace,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sharon Voege".

Mrs. Sharon Voege, M.Ed.

Principal, Immaculate Conception Catholic School

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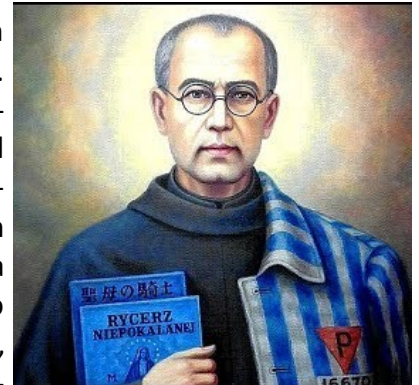
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## FAITH

Our highlighted saint for the month is Saint Maximilian Maria Kolbe, was born in Poland in 1894 and at about the age of 10 had a vision of the Virgin Mary. She offered him a white crown and a red crown, representing purity and martyrdom. He chose both, a foreshadowing of his life to come. In 1910, he joined the Conventual Franciscan Order. He was sent to study in Rome where founded the M.I. on October 16, 1917. Ordained a priest in 1918, Father Maximilian returned to Poland and began his untiring missionary activity, starting a monthly magazine and establishing two evangelization centers dedicated to the Immaculate Virgin: Niepokalanów, the “City of the Immaculata,” in Poland, and Mugenzai no Sono in Japan, and envisioned missionary centers worldwide. To better “win the world for Christ through the Immaculata,” the friars utilized the most modern techniques. St. Maximilian used short-wave radio and planned to build a motion picture studio. In 1939, during WWII, at Niepokalanów he welcomed thousands of refugees, especially Jews. In 1941, St. Maximilian was arrested by the Nazis and taken to the Auschwitz concentration camp. There he offered his life for another prisoner and was condemned to slow death in a starvation bunker. He died on August 14, 1941, with an injection of carboic acid. Pope John Paul II canonized him as a Saint and Martyr of Charity on October 10, 1982. St. Maximilian Kolbe is considered a patron of journalists, families, prisoners, the pro-life movement, the chemically addicted and those with eating disorders.



St. Maximilian was a ground-breaking theologian. His insights on the Immaculate Conception anticipated the Marian theology of the Second Vatican Council and further developed the Church’s understanding of Mary’s role in God’s Plan of salvation.

## Service

### AUCTION POSTPONED

Due to COVID-19 regulations, our biggest “fun” raiser of the year has to be postponed. A new date has not been identified as we are waiting to see how things develop. We will keep you updated. When it is time everyone will be ready for a party! Until then here is some important information to take note of:

- All drawdown tickets previously purchased will apply to the new date. Remember that you need not be present to win.
- All entrance/dinner tickets previously purchased will apply to the new date.
- Please keep track of the tickets you signed out. Do not discard them. State regulations require us to account for every ticket. Also, they will be used for the new date.
- According to state law, anyone who has purchased a ticket can request a refund.



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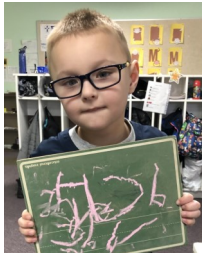


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## Knowledge

### Congratulations Readers!

We appreciated your enthusiasm during March is Reading Month  
Everyone did a great job!  
Here are our Top Readers:



Wyatt Frye - Preschool



Michael Stedman - Lower El



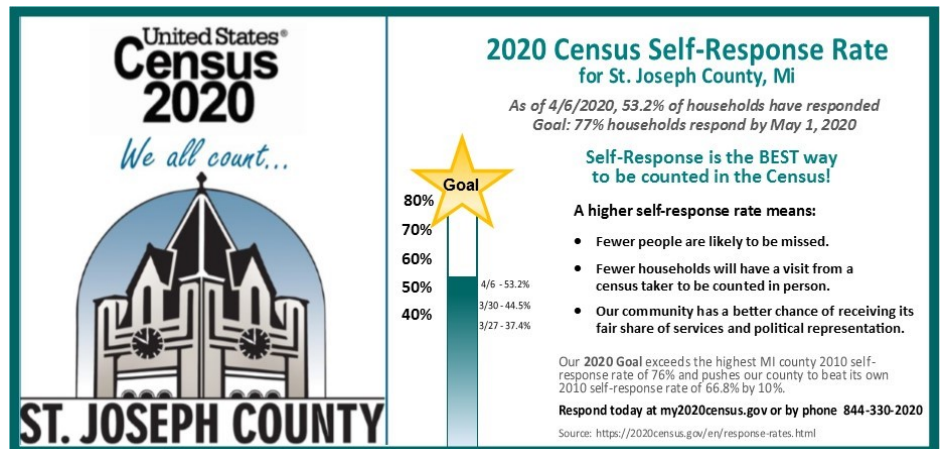
Ariana Gonzalez - Upper El

### Open Enrollment Now - 2020/2021

Remember that our fees have been changed.

- Our Re-enrollment fee for current families is \$50.
- You can apply for Tuition Assistance for 2020-2021 school year on our website under the Admissions tab.
- See our website for more information at <https://iccatholicschool.com/>

Don't forget to fill out your census.  
Over 50% of St. Joseph County residents have responded but we need 100% in order to get the maximum resources for our community and families.



### Pope's Prayer Intention for January

#### Freedom from Addiction

We pray that those suffering from addiction may be helped and accompanied.

IC SCHOOL APRIL BIRTHDAYS Lucy Frazine 04/05 - Manny Gonzalez 04/12 - Gavin Fate 04/30

Danielle Warne 04/30 - Michael Warpenburg 04/16

HAPPY BIRTHDAY