

IMMACULATE  CONCEPTION
– Catholic Church –

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November 17, 2019

*33rd Sunday
in Ordinary Time*

Mass Schedule

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| Tuesday | 7:30 am |
| Wednesday | 7:30 am |
| Thursday | 8:30 am |
| Friday | 7:30 am |
| Saturday | 5:00 pm |
| Sunday | 8:00 am 10:00 am (Spanish) 11:30 am |

Reconciliation

Saturday 3:30 - 4:30 pm

San Damiano Chapel

Eucharistic Adoration - weekdays

“You will be hated by all because of my name,
but not a hair on your head will be destroyed.”

—Luke 21:17-18



Our Mission

The Mission of The Church of the Immaculate Conception is to proclaim and celebrate our Lord Jesus Christ. We fulfill our mission as Christian disciples by intentionally responding to God's call to grow in holiness.

From the Pastor's Desk

Perseverance

The final verse of the Gospel for this Sunday is a powerful message from Jesus for us to live by: "By your perseverance you will secure your lives" (Luke 21:19). After talking with his disciples about the "End Times" that would consist of trials and tribulations, sufferings and persecutions, wars and natural disasters it is then that Jesus Christ reassured his friends that their lives would be secured because of their perseverance. According to Etymonline.com, the word perseverance comes from the Latin word of "perseverare" which means "continue steadfastly, persist."



For those who had a chance to prayerfully listen to last weekend's First Reading from Second Maccabees or recall my bulletin article about the courageous persistence of the Jewish woman and her seven sons there is a definite connection to the message of Christ this weekend. Though we might not come across intense moments that would threaten our lives there are little moments on a daily basis that can deepen our friendship with the LORD or lead us further away from Him. If the words of Jesus seem to put a lot of emphasis on our own personal efforts it's comforting to know that he also said, "Behold, I am with you always, even to the end of the age" (Matthew 28:20).

We are not left alone to fend for ourselves. We have the empowering Grace of Christ that enables us to climb mountains, overcome sin and temptation, and to persevere in the midst of challenges. St. Paul said it succinctly that, "I can do all things through [Christ] who strengthens me" (Philippians 3:14). May we press on in this journey together, united and fortified by Jesus who showed us that "with God all things are possible" (Matthew 19:26).

Peace in Christ
Fr. James



Presentation of the *Blessed Virgin Mary*

November 21

This Week's Readings and Observances

Sunday, November 17, 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mal 3:19-20a/Ps 98:5-6, 7-8, 9 [cf. 9]/2 Thes 3:7-12/Lk 21:5-19

Monday, November 18, The Dedication of the Basilicas of Sts. Peter and Paul, Apostles; St. Rose Philippine Duchesne, Virgin

1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63/Ps 119:53, 61, 134, 155, 158 [cf. 88]/Lk 18:35-43

Tuesday, November 19

2 Mc 6:18-31/Ps 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [6b]/Lk 19:1-10

Wednesday, November 20

2 Mc 7:1, 20-31/Ps 17:1bcd, 5-6, 8b and 15 [15b]/Lk 19:11-28

Thursday, November 21, The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

1 Mc 2:15-29/Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15 [23b]/Lk 19:41-44

Friday, November 22, St. Cecilia, Virgin & Martyr

1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59/1 Chm 29:10bcd, 11abc, 11d-12a, 12bcd [13b]/Lk 19:45-48

Saturday, November 23, St. Clement I, Pope & Martyr; St. Columban, Abbot; Bl. Miguel Agustín Pro, Priest & Martyr

1 Mc 6:1-13/Ps 9:2-3, 4 and 6, 16 and 19 [cf. 16a]/Lk 20:27-40

Sunday, November 24, Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

2 Sm 5:1-3/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5 [cf. 1]/Col 1:12-20/Lk 23:35-43

Celebration of the Sacrament of **CONFIRMATION**



Congratulations to:

Jamie Aucapiña Carchi

Kendall Barrett

Hannah Beers

Lily Case

Arjun Chaudhary

Reyah Eugenio

Vanessa Horvath

Norah Kluz

Rachel Kluz

Jacob Zondlo Hendren

Confirmed by

Bishop Andrew Cozzens

Saturday, November 16, 2019

Cathedral of St. Paul

"I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work in you will continue to complete it until the day of Christ Jesus."

—Philippians 1:6

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Parish News

Share the Gift Of Your Smile—Be a Greeter!

Greeters are needed for the Thanksgiving Day Mass and for liturgies on the following weekend. If you are interested in greeting at any of these liturgies, sign up sheets are available in the Lending Library. Thank you.

Supporting Anti-poverty Programs

Next weekend, November 23 and 24, our parish will be taking a collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD). Founded in 1970 by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, CCHD is a domestic anti-poverty program supporting community and economic development programs nationally and locally. One organization receiving CCHD grants in our own archdiocese is Urban Roots. Urban Roots focuses on developing opportunities for St. Paul youth to learn skills that will help them move out of poverty. They are highlighted for the 2019 campaign. Please help to support those “Working on the Margins” and improve the lives of struggling individuals nationwide and in our community.

Dear Visitor, We are glad to see you today! Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions. Know that we are here for you and we welcome new members! For more information about ICC or to become a member contact Vicki at 763-788-9062 x 212.

ADVENT REFLECTIONS

Looking for ways your family can enter into the Advent season together?
Grow closer to Christ this season with reflections sent to you daily.

Sign up at formed.org/advent o para español formed.org/adviento

FORMED Daily

Council of Catholic Women

Christmas Boutique and Bake Sale

The Christmas Boutique and Bake Sale sponsored by the Council of Catholic Women, will be held in Fellowship Hall this year on December 7-8. We'll have a large variety of homemade baked goods, crafts and freshly packaged nuts available for purchase. Again this year we'll have a variety of Home Holiday Decorations, some to purchase and some items to “make an offer” on, all to benefit CCW charities and to help you with your holiday shopping. Sunday morning only, there will be homemade caramel rolls—baked fresh that morning! We ask for your help in making the sale a big success with your generous donations of homemade baked goods and any handmade crafts you wish to donate. Thank you for your support!

Watch for more information on the sale in upcoming bulletins.

The Nuts are Coming!

The Council of Catholic Women will be sponsoring a nut sale again, this year! Beginning November 30 we will be in the church narthex before and after all Masses, at fellowship, and the pancake breakfast with fresh roasted nuts and treats for your Christmas baking, gifting and nutritious snacking. Look for the order forms at all church entrances beginning November 23.

School News

Poinsettia Fundraiser

Sponsored by:
IC School's Advisory Council
through Wagner's Greenhouse



Help ICS this Christmas Season!

The IC School Advisory Council is offering sales of poinsettias through Wagner's Greenhouse as part of an IC School fundraiser. Order forms will be available in the church narthex after all weekend Masses in November, online at ICCSonline.org or in the parish or school offices during the week.

Last day to purchase Monday, November 25

Poinsettia plant orders can be placed in two different ways:

Personal plants will be ready for pick up on Wednesday, December 4 from 3:00 - 6:00 pm in the parish office. If you are unable to pick up on that date, call the parish office December 5 or 6 to arrange a time to pick up your plant.

Memorial plants are available in “Red” color only and will be used for church décor, with your loved one named in memory.

Choose from two sizes: **Standard** - \$15.00 or **Large** - \$25.00 and two colors (*personal plants only*): “Red” or “White”

Payment for plants is due at the time of order—cash, or checks made out to ICS/Immaculate Conception School.

Thank you for your support!

Discipleship

We Are Called to Be Saints

Catholics often are drawn to saints due to their profession, hobbies, or ethnic background. One's patron saint serves as an example of how to live a life of holiness and service to God. We hold up the saints of the Church in high regard. However, we can sometimes make the mistake of seeing them as the subject of stories in print and not real living people. We can assume that their level of devotion and holiness is unattainable. In fact, we are all called to be saints.

Our world needs more living saints living out their stewardship in a radical manner. Stories are valuable, but when others get to see disciples of Jesus Christ answering their call in person, consider the impact. There is a reason why lay witnessing is so important in cultivating a stewardship culture in a parish community. The people we can see and hear are alive right in front of us. Some will say that to truly be humble means to act anonymously, but we are not speaking here of actions that call out, “Look at me!” We are talking about acting in a way that people see not you and me, but Jesus instead.

We are to be models and examples to one another. We are to build up one another and make the Body of Christ strong. Don't sit back wishing you had the strength to be a saint. You have already been given the gifts needed to be the saint you are called to be. Maybe people will read about you later, but the Church needs you now!



—Tracy Earl Welliver

Pastoral Ministry

Fellowship Sunday

Join us on Sunday, November 24 after the 8:00 and 10:00 am Masses for fellowship, donuts, oatmeal and beverages in Fellowship Hall, (located in the lower level of the church). Hosted by Family Formation.

Anointing of the Sick

Individual Anointing of the Sick is available by request—call the Parish Office at 763-788-9062 x 212.

Funeral Volunteers Christmas Luncheon



Friday, December 6, 2019. Please RSVP with your Funeral Lunch Leader. If you volunteer in another capacity for funerals, please contact Vicki Bazille at 763-788-9062 x 212 to RSVP. All who volunteer or have volunteered and retired are welcome.

Pastoral Ministry Visitors Christmas Pot Luck

Tuesday, December 10, 2019 at 12:00 pm in Fellowship Hall. All who volunteer or have volunteered are welcome. Our retirees need not bring anything but themselves. Please call Vicki if you need transportation at 763-788-9062 x 212.

In Need of Prayer? Please Call Us.

To add a name to the weekend Mass petitions or the bulletin, please call Vicki at 763-788-9062 x 212. For private prayer call Larene at 763-789-4246.

Pray For Our Loved Ones Who Have Died

Especially *Roger Flasch, Margaret Mumbleau, Ardella Rimer* and all who have died from war. May God grant them everlasting peace and joy in the kingdom of heaven.

Pray For All the Sick

Especially: Mary Boatwright • Paul Bona

Michelle Cadieux • Nichole Castonguay • Lauvan Cramble

Robin Crisp • Mary Fredenburg • Justine Grow

Barbara Kaminski • Gerald Krawiecki • Steven Lauinger

Roger Mack • Johnnie Meyering • Janet Mihalik

Shawn Moulzolf • Danille Remarke • Steven Murphy Rogers

Greg Sery • Tammy Swedzinski • Sandra Tabor

Elaine Thunstrom • Lois Weyers • Germaine Wolsfeld

and all those on our prayer chain

If your name was removed and you would like to continue to be on the prayer list please call 763-788-9062 x 212.

Knights of Columbus

Knights Annual Memorial Mass

The Knights of Columbus annual Memorial Mass is this Thursday, November 21. Mass will be at 6:00 pm with dinner and social to follow.

KC Christmas Card Sale

The Knights of Columbus will sell Christmas cards after all Sunday Masses through the month of December. The sale will begin this Sunday, November 17 at the pancake breakfast. The cards are available in both English and Spanish.

Social Justice

Social Justice Meeting

Tuesday, November 19, 3:00 - 4:00 pm in the St. Francis room, (second floor of the school building).



The Giving Tree

Giving Trees are up! There will be containers in the church narthex for the return of your *unwrapped gifts*. If you purchase gift cards please attach the ornament and give them to the ushers or place them in the collection basket at the time of the offering. Your generous gifts are shared with IC Gift program which distributes food cards to those in our community that are in crisis (Cub and Aldi), SACA (age appropriate gifts for youth), Crest View Senior Center (personal hygiene products for residents), Ascension Place and Stepping Stone Emergency Housing of Anoka (gift cards for residents). *If you, or an IC parishioner that you know, are in need of help from our Giving Tree Program this Christmas, please contact the parish office at 763-788-9062 x212.*

Coins for Social Justice

Small Change Can Do a World of Good!

The next collection will be next weekend, November 23-24. IC parishioners are asked to fill the collection basket with their pocket change to benefit the Social Justice Ministry. Only the loose change and marked envelopes from this collection are designated for Social Justice.



But for you who fear my name, there will arise the sun of justice with its healing rays."

(Mal 3:20a)

Prayer

Let Us Pray...

Join us for the next Intercessory Prayer Ministry meeting on Friday, *November 22nd (this is a schedule change)* from 7:00-8:30 pm in the St. Clare Room. This ministry serves to form individuals as prayer intercessors for Immaculate Conception Church and School. Please bring a pen, prayer journal or notebook, and Bible. For more information, please contact Mary Scott in the Faith Formation Office at 763-788-9062 x208. All are welcome—invite a friend!

Monthly Prayer Intention

Please join the Intercessory Prayer Ministry in praying for this month's prayer intention: *Inspiration for parishioners to attend Archdiocesan Synod Prayer and Listening Events.*

Will You Pray for a Priest Each Day?

Prayer Suggestion: *Dear Jesus, hear my prayer on behalf of your priest, Father [N]. Give him a deep faith, a bright and firm hope, and a burning love which will ever increase in the course of his priestly life. Be his comfort, his joy, and his strength. Amen.*

November 17 - Rev. Paul Haverstock

November 18 - Rev. Herbert Hayek, OP

November 19 - Rev. Terrence Hayes

November 20 - Rev. Robert Hazel

November 21 - Rev. David Hennen

November 22 - Rev. James Herrmann

November 23 - Rev. Roger Hessian

Reflections

Word of Life

“There can be no true democracy without a recognition of every person’s dignity and without respect for his or her rights. Nor can there be true peace unless life is defended and promoted.”

—Pope Saint John Paul II, *Evangelium vitae*, 90.
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Why Do We Do That? — Catholic Life Explained Resurrection of the Dead

Question: *What do Catholics believe about the end of the world?*

Answer: We hear the phrase “the end of the world” casually today. Often in film or media, it means the end of civil society or the threat of human annihilation by natural disasters. For the Christian, our perspective is distinctly Christ-centered. Numerous times through the Gospel, Jesus notes that he will come again, even after he has ascended into heaven. The Church typically refers to this as the Second Coming of Jesus or the Latin “Parousia,” meaning “presence” or “arrival.”

We believe that Christ will come again, and at his Second Coming, temporal time will end. Human history will end, at least as we know it. However, it doesn’t mean that creation will be destroyed. The book of Revelation speaks of a renewal, indeed a “new heaven and a new earth” (Rev 21:1). Christ will come again in glory. Our souls will be reunited with our bodies. While our lives were judged individually at our deaths, which we call the particular judgment, something new will happen here. Theologians call it the general judgment or the last judgment, in which our deeds and the effects — for good or ill — will be known to all. For the early Christians, this second coming was hoped for! They knew it was the completion of God’s work of redemption for the human race. We, too, should pray with them, “Come Lord Jesus!”

Live the Liturgy—Inspiration for the Week

God’s fidelity is at the heart of Scripture. Trusting in God’s all-encompassing and abiding presence is what true faith is really all about. The sincere disciples always have their eyes on Jesus Christ and are not distracted by what others are doing or what is happening around them. We know that the world had a beginning, and we know that it will one day end. Trying to predict when that end will come or becoming too preoccupied with the business of others are futile endeavors. All they do is divert us from our main purpose and goal: to live and act in the person of Christ. Being a faithful son or daughter and witness to God’s faithfulness is all that is required and all that we need. If we do this well, it does not matter whether the world as we know it comes to an end tomorrow or at some unforeseen time in the future. We will be ready and properly prepared.

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Beyond Our Parish

Archdiocesan Synod

Upcoming Prayer and Listening Events

What’s working and what’s not in the Archdiocese? Archbishop Hebda wants to hear from you! Please prayerfully consider attending an upcoming Prayer and Listening Event, as part of the Pre-Synod Process and make your voice heard. Your input will help guide the Archdiocese over the next 5-10 years. There are 20 Prayer and Listening Events. The next three are: *Sunday, November 17, 1:00 - 4:00 pm at St. Anne-St. Joseph Hein, Minneapolis (Bilingual Vietnamese/English); Saturday, January 5, 1:00 - 4:00 pm at Holy Cross, Minneapolis; Saturday, January, 25, 9:00 am - noon at St. Peter Claver, St. Paul.*

Learn more about the Synod and see a full listing of Prayer and Listening Events at archspm.org/synod.

The Week Ahead

Sunday, November 17

Mass _____ 8:00 am
Parish Pancake Breakfast _____ 8:30 am - 11:45 am
Poinsettia Sale _____ 9:00 am - 12:00 pm
Mass (Liturgy of the Word for Children) _____ 10:00 am
Mass (Spanish) _____ 11:30 am

Monday, November 18

St. Jude’s Circle _____ 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm
RCIC I _____ 4:30 pm - 5:30 pm
Boy Scouts Troop 119 _____ 6:45 pm - 8:15 pm
True Reformers Formation Series _____ 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

Tuesday, November 19

Mass _____ 7:30 am
IC Music Presents Meeting _____ 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm
Social Justice Meeting _____ 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm
Charismatic Prayer Group _____ 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

Wednesday, November 20

Mass _____ 7:30 am
Intramurals _____ 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm
Parish Choir _____ 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm
Catechists Meeting _____ 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

Thursday, November 21

Mass (School) _____ 8:30 am
Communion Service, Royce Place _____ 3:15 pm
Social Justice Meeting _____ 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm
KC Mass and Dinner _____ 6:00 pm - 8:30 pm
Bell Choir _____ 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm
RCIA _____ 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

Friday, November 22

Mass _____ 7:30 am
True Reformers Formation Series _____ 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm
RCIC I _____ 4:30 pm - 5:30 pm
Feed My Starving Children Packing _____ 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm
Intercessory Prayer Ministry _____ 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm
Our Lady of Guadalupe Prayer Group _____ 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Saturday, November 23

Reconciliation _____ 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm
Mass _____ 5:00 pm
Poinsettia Sale _____ 6:00 pm - 6:30 pm
Our Lady of Guadalupe Prayer Group _____ 6:30 pm - 9:00 pm

Sunday, November 24

Mass _____ 8:00 am
Fellowship _____ 9:00 am - 12:00 pm
Poinsettia Sale _____ 9:00 am - 12:00 pm
Mass (Liturgy of the Word for Children) _____ 10:00 am
Mass (Spanish) _____ 11:30 am

Mass Intentions

Sunday, November 17: +Mary Matlon (8 am),
+Eileen Latawiec (10 am), IC Parishioners (11³ am)

Tuesday, November 19: Steve Lauinger, +Irene Spensley,
+Andrew Ambrose (7³ am)

Wednesday, November 20: +Andrew Ambrose (7³ am)

Thursday, November 21: +Irene & Leonard Bayer (8³ am)

Friday, November 22: +Allen, Donald & Roger Dufault,
+Jim Fuhrmann (7³ am)

Saturday, November 23: +Harvey Boser (5 pm)

Sunday, November 24: Mickey & Peggy Rooney Anniversary (8 am), Marge Klimek (10 am), IC Parishioners (11³ am)

+Deceased

Church Directory

Emergency (Death or Anointing) 763-788-9062 (#9)

PARISH

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|---|--------------|
| Parish Office..... | 763-788-9062 |
| (Open Monday - Friday, 8:00 am – 4:30 pm) | |
| Parish Fax..... | 763-788-0202 |
| Pastor, Fr. James Peterson..... | x 215 |
| Accounting Specialist, Julie Mack..... | x 204 |
| Communications Coordinator, Sue Ashmore..... | x 205 |
| Director of Music and Liturgy, Ray Bannon..... | x 214 |
| Maintenance Supervisor, Doug Olson..... | x 218 |
| Pastoral Minister, Vicki Bazille..... | x 212 |
| Parish Business Manager, Michael Wilde..... | x 202 |
| Reception Desk..... | x 201 |
| Records Coordinator, Terri Glaeser..... | x 227 |
| Special Event Coordinator, Jami Bridgeman..... | x 221 |
| Wedding Coordinator, Barb Hartwick..... | x 204 |

FAITH FORMATION

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| Director of Faith Formation, Mary Nawrocki..... | x 210 |
| Administrative Assistant, Mary Scott..... | x 208 |

SCHOOL

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| School Office..... | 763-788-9065 |
| School Fax..... | 763-788-9066 |
| Principal, Jane Bona (jbona@immac-church.org)..... | x 220 |
| Director of Advancement/School Business Manager, | |
| <i>Mary Beth Pfeifer.....</i> | x 203 |
| Administrative Assistant, Sherri Macko..... | x 219 |

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEMBERS

Dave Kellner Kathy Johnson Charles Karanja
Stacy McVary Marcus Paulson

Jane Bona (School Principal)
Steve Smith (Parish Trustee)

Copies of the Parish Council meeting minutes are available in the pamphlet racks at the entrance to the church.

LOW GLUTEN HOSTS

Low gluten hosts (.002 gluten) are available. Come to the Sacristy before Mass to request one.



Collections

Weekend of November 9/10

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| Sunday Envelopes..... | \$ 3,912.03 |
| Plate Collection..... | 815.48 |
| WeShare Online Giving..... | 422.50 |
| Total Weekly Collection..... | \$ 5,150.01 |

Gospel Meditation

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time



“Where would you go if the world was ending? What would you do? The last decade has seen a rise in doomsday prepping, the marketing of survival techniques, and a sea of products designed for you to weather the apocalypse. “The days will come when there will not be left a stone upon another that will not be thrown down,” Jesus warns in today’s

Gospel. On the one hand, he is referring to the literal downfall of the city of Jerusalem. Indeed, many of his prophecies here have come true over the last few millennium. Nations have indeed “rise[n] against nation[s],” kingdoms against kingdoms. Surf any world news website today alone, and you will see stories of “powerful earthquakes, famines, and plagues.” Jesus’ advice to his disciples, however, isn’t to build a bunker. It’s to persevere in faith ... which won’t be easy.

“They will seize and persecute you ... you will be handed over ... you will be hated because of my name.” This warning, too, has come to pass in the Church throughout history in state-sponsored persecutions and martyrdoms. Jesus is the Messiah, but his first coming was not a coming of earthly victory. Any disciple of his can expect a challenge. The coming of Christ didn’t disrupt our free will. Evil still exists and sometimes even appears to triumph. This does not mean God has abandoned His people!

Jesus reminds the disciples — and us — of his constant presence. “I myself shall give you a wisdom in speaking.” In other Gospel passages, Jesus promises and sends the Holy Spirit upon his followers. The presence of God is real in our lives, no matter what trials come our way. It’s tempting to be distracted or dismayed by natural destruction and moral evil in the world. But the Church has weathered greater storms. The sacredness of the human person endures. We can have hope! This day and every day, we can persevere in hope and trust in God.

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Eucharistic Adoration

*“To be near God is my happiness,
to place my hope in God the Lord.”*
(Psalm 73:28)

Adorers experience the happiness the Psalmist is writing about each time they enter our adoration chapel for their hour of prayer. Being in the presence of Jesus to pray gives adorers a break from life’s events if only for a short time. It re-kindles the happiness and hope deep within their hearts knowing our God is always with them. Come and pray in our Eucharistic Adoration Chapel.

We are looking to permanently fill the following hours:

- Tuesdays at noon (partner)
- Wednesdays at noon
- Thursdays at 11:00 am and 5:00 pm
- Fridays at 11:00 am and 7:00 pm

We also are in need of additional partner adorers and substitute adorers. If you are interested in signing up for an hour, please call Sandy at 763-789-3246.



**If you can’t feed a hundred people,
feed just one.” —Mother Teresa**



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION SCHOOL



History continues to be made at Immaculate Conception School! We had a historic and successful School Marathon. The historic significance is that we stayed inside for the Marathon, which has never occurred before. The amount of rain and wind made the streets unsafe so we had fun within the school by walking in the gym and the hallways on all three floors!

Thank you to each of you for your support of our students meeting their goal! The children worked hard to meet their individual goal and we met the overall goal of \$25,000.00. In fact, we surpassed it earning \$28,749.55! God Bless each of you for saying "Yes" when the children ask.

Thank you for believing in our school!

With JOY,
Jane Bona and ICS Staff and Students

