



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
Elementary School

IC What's Happening!!

Friday, April 5, 2024

Report cards are in your Friday folders today, April 5th. Please make sure and sign the envelope and return to school on Monday!

There is **NO SCHOOL** Friday, April 12 for Diocesan Teacher In-Service.

STEAM EXPO will be held on April 9th from 5:30-6:30 in the I.C. gym. Everyone is welcome to attend! All students will have artwork available to share!

Walk for Virtues is scheduled for Friday May 3rd! Envelopes and permission slips and information were sent home on March 15th. Attached are the forms to the electronic version of this week's IC Happenings in Skyward.

I.C. Scholarship forms are now available in the I.C. office, they can be picked up at your convenience.

Wisconsin State Forward Testing for 3rd and 4th grade students will be on April 8th and continue through April 25th.

Sports day will be held on May 8th for 4th and 5th grade students. More information to follow at a later date.

Learning Today, Leading Tomorrow

Regis Catholic Schools is dedicated to educating students of all faiths in a Catholic, Christ-centered environment. We are united by Our Core Values of *Living Faith, Accepting Responsibility, Promoting Teamwork, Achieving Excellence, and Inspiring Leadership.*



Walk for Virtues

May 3, 2024



Virtues:

The Walk for Virtues is an opportunity to publicly illustrate our faith based education at our Regis Catholic Elementary Schools. The Holy Spirit Virtues we chose are charity, friendship, courtesy, purity, fortitude, prudence, respect, forgiveness and responsibility. *2 Corinthians 9:6*

The Itinerary:

We will begin the day with Mass at Regis High School, followed immediately by the Walk for Virtues on the Regis track. Lunch will be served at Regis High School—picnic style. In the afternoon students will return to school to complete service projects and virtue stations.

Schedule:

9- Walk to Regis
9:30 Mass
10:30-11:30 WALK FOR VIRTUES
11:30-12:15 Picnic Lunch
12:30 Return to IC
12:45-1:45 Service Projects
2-3 Virtue Stations

Should the weather be inclement, we will change the date of our event to May 9 at St. James. We are excited to be joining St. Mary's and St. James elementary students for our walk this year! Parents are welcome to walk with us. We do ask that no pets are brought, however. We are also in need of several volunteers to help with lunch service, recess supervision, service projects and virtue stations. If interested, please contact Mrs. Travis.

Pledges:

As a private school we rely on your support to provide a quality education. We hope you find it in your hearts to solicit monetary pledges from friends and relatives. These pledges will fund special projects throughout the school.

Example: *"The Walk for Virtues" is an event to help raise support and awareness for Catholic education at Immaculate Conception School. Would you like to sponsor me in the 60 minute walk with a pledge? Thank You!"* Enclosed is a sample pledge sheet which you can print and give to family and friends. An electronic version will also be sent with this week's IC Happenings to facilitate email pledges. Please make sure to record all pledges on your family pledge envelope with contact information.

Lunch:

The School Lunch Program will provide a pizza picnic lunch at normal school lunch prices. Children may bring their own sack lunches. Students will enjoy lunch on Regis Field. If you would like to join your student for lunch, please complete and return the enclosed lunch order form and payment.

Permission:

Because the event takes the students off school property, a permission slip will be distributed in future folders. If students choose not to solicit pledges they still will walk. These forms must be returned to school by May 1st.

Preparation:

Students are to wear their new Walk for Virtues shirt, athletic shoes, hats, light jacket (if necessary), shorts or jeans. Bring sun screen if needed. Water will be provided along the walk.

Funds:

Our goal is to raise over \$25,000 to fund all field trips including admissions and bus transportation, 5 classroom rugs, laminator, a new PA system and xylophones.



Items purchased through Walk for Virtue funds!

- Hallway Lockers
 - Art Kiln
- Air Conditioning in the Library
 - Seven Water Fountains with
 - bottle water capabilities
 - Student desks & tables, k-5
- Twenty-five student stools in Art
- Fourteen Smartboards in all classrooms, including music and art
 - iPads and Chromebooks for all classrooms
 - Ten rug carpets in classrooms
 - Five flat screen classroom TVs
 - Guided Reading Books
 - Musical instructional instruments
 - Digital piano keyboard
 - Children's Hymnals
 - 25 Ukuleles
 - New classroom shades
 - Two steel doors; alley and on Sherwin Avenue
 - Flooring installed in 8 classrooms
 - New bathroom stalls
 - Literacy Intervention materials
 - New chairs for kindergarten classrooms
 - Numerous teacher wish list items
 - New bathroom stalls and plumbing on the second floor
 - Clever Screens to replace SMARTboards
 - Rosaries for each classroom
 - Retreat Team Speakers
 - Die Cuts
 - Field Trips including transportation
 - Asbestos Abatement & Flooring
 - Indoor Recess Stem Kits
 - Gaga Ball Pit, Spike Ball and New Ball Cart

In 2024 we will purchase:

Field Trips including transportation
Classroom rugs for 5 classrooms
PA System
Xylophones
Laminator for school office



Walk for Virtues

May 3, 2024



IC Goal is \$25,000!

With the funds we will be able to cover the cost of all field trips including admissions and bus transportation, 5 classroom rugs, laminator, new PA system, and xylophones.

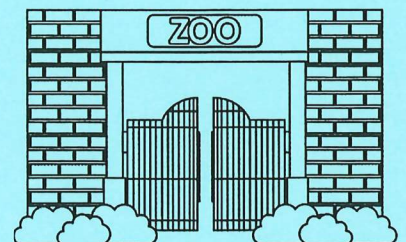
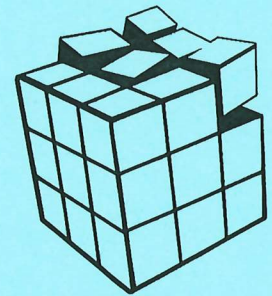
Prizes will be distributed after the WFV is over and the money is tallied.

Prizes are per student and not per family. Students will be given a Walk for Virtues t-shirt to be worn to this year's event!

If we meet our goal, students vote to decide which teachers will race Mrs. Bahnub in a tricycle race!

Incentive Prizes

Pledge \$25	Free Dress Down Day Coupon
Pledge \$50	Two Animal Water Bottle Stickers Dress Down Day Coupon
Pledge \$100	Animal Sensory Squish Toy Water Bottle Stickers Dress Down Day Coupon
Pledge \$200	Rubik's Cube Animal Sensory Squish Toy Water Bottle Stickers Dress Down Day Coupon
Pledge \$300	Tie Dye Beach Towel Rubik's Cube Animal Sensory Squish Toy Water Bottle Stickers Dress Down Day Coupon
Pledge \$400	Rambler Color Changing Water Bottle Tie Dye Beach Towel Rubik's Cube Animal Sensory Squish Toy Water Bottle Stickers Dress Down Day Coupon
Pledge \$500	Field Trip to Como Zoo! All the above prizes



DUE BACK APRIL 5TH (WE NEED TO ORDER WFV T-SHIRTS)

**DIOCESE OF LA CROSSE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION SCHOOL
SUPPLEMENTAL CHILD CONSENT AND RELEASE FORM
Parental/Guardian Consent Form and Liability Waiver**

Participant's name(s): _____

Birth date: _____ Sex: _____

Parent/Guardian's name(s): _____

Home address: _____

Home phone: _____ Business phone: _____

I, _____, grant permission for my child, _____
Parent or guardian name Child's name

to participate in this parish/youth ministry/school event that requires transportation to a location away from the parish/school site. This activity will take place under the guidance and direction of parish/school employees and/or volunteers from Immaculate Conception School.

A brief description of the activity follows:

Date of Event: Friday, May 3, 2024 **Cost:** N/A

Type of event: Walk for Virtues at Regis Campus All school fundraiser

Individual(s) in charge: All attending RCS Staff

Destination of Event: Regis Campus/High School

Estimated time of departure and return: Depart: 9:00 a.m. Return: Approx. 12:30 p.m.

Mode of transportation to and from event: Walking

Meal arrangements: Picnic lunch provided by hot lunch program for students or students can bring a bag lunch from home.

CHILD'S T-SHIRT SIZE: _____

I acknowledge that I have previously completed the Comprehensive Child Consent and Release form, providing medical information, permissions, authorizations and releases pertaining to my child. I have listed below any additions and/or corrections to the information provided on that form:

Subject to any changes above, I hereby reaffirm any and all such disclosures, permissions, authorizations and releases as though stated herein.

Signature: _____ Date: _____



Walk for Virtues Lunch Order



May 3, 2024

Lunch 11:30am at Regis Track & Field

Order lunch if you plan to eat with us.

Menu: cheese pizza, apple & orange slices,
carrots, celery, rice krispie bar, milk or juice

Adults and Children \$4.65



(Parents and toddler's lunches need to be paid in advance.

DPI regulations do not allow us to remove guest's lunches
out of your child's account due to government subsidies. Parents

and students can also bring their own sack lunches if they don't wish to eat pizza.)



Walk for Virtues
May 3, 2024

Pizza lunch order

Family Name _____ School _____

Number of lunches _____ x \$4.65 = _____ Total _____

**(Do not count your school age child in the count.
The classroom teachers will order those lunches.)**

Make checks out to RCS.

Return payment with this order form by April 19th..

No refunds will be given once order has been submitted.



Friday, May 3, 2024

The **VIRTUES** we walk for are **Charity, Friendship, Courtesy, Purity, Fortitude, Prudence, Respect, Forgiveness, and Responsibility**. To prepare for this event, we discuss a **VIRTUE** each month. We display those **VIRTUES** along the route to visually reinforce our commitment to our faith-based education!

This annual event helps raise awareness of and support for our elementary schools.

At Immaculate Conception Elementary School, our goal is to raise \$25,000. The funds will be used for a new school PA system, five classroom rugs, xylophones, a laminator for the school office, and to cover the cost of field trips, including transportation.

Would you please sponsor me? Your pledge will directly support my school!

Thank you for your generosity! We appreciate your support.

2502 11th Street, Eau Claire, WI 54703

I will make the following donation to support the
2024 Walk for Virtues.

\$10 ___ \$25 ___ \$50 ___ \$100 ___ Other ___

DONATE ONLINE



Donor Name _____

Donor Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Student Name _____

Please make checks payable to Regis Catholic Schools
and submit your donation by May 8, 2024.

Please check this box to opt out of adding your information to our general solicitation list.



Basketball Skills Camp

Attention all Little Lady Ramblers entering 1st, 2nd or 3rd grade!

This camp is open to all young girls aspiring to work on their basketball skills. This fun camp will focus on the skills of basketball through basic drills and entertaining basketball activities. The camp will be instructed by the coaches and players of the basketball program.

Little Lady Ramblers Camp Calendar

Monday, June 10th
 Tuesday, June 11th
 Wednesday, June 12th
 Thursday, June 13th

All Dates
9:00 – 10:00am

**Immaculate Conception
 Gymnasium**

Cost \$40 – checks written out to “Regis Girls Basketball Club”
 Registration due April 30th

Please contact Teddy Joas @
tjoas@regiscatholicschools.com
 with any questions.

Mail form and check to:
 Teddy Joas
 2557 105th St
 Eau Claire WI 54703

**Due to the RHS Gym Renovation the
 camp will be held at IC this summer!**

Little Lady Ramblers Skill Camp Registration

Student Name _____ 2024-2025 grade level: 1 2 3

Student Address _____

Parent(s)/Guardian(s) _____ T-shirt size YS YM YL S M L

Email(s) _____ Phone _____

Parent Waiver: Regis High School and any camp coach will not be liable for any injuries that occur during the Skills Camp. I hereby authorize the coaches and teachers of the Skills Camp to act with their best judgment in any emergency requiring medical attention. Additionally, Regis Catholic Schools and any camp coach will not be responsible for any damages or losses that may occur to anything my child chooses to bring to the camp. I understand all terms and agreements on this registration form.

Parent/Guardian signature _____ Date: _____



Regis Girls Basketball Skills Camp

with the Regis High School Girls Basketball Team

Regis Girls Basketball Skills Camp is a week long, 4 session course, in learning the fundamentals, basic and some advanced skills of playing and competing in the sport of basketball! The camp will focus on a different individual skill set every day and will be held on **June 10-13 @ Immaculate Conception** due to the RHS Gym Renovation. The camp will be run by the Staff and players of the Regis Girls Basketball Team! The cost of the camp is \$40.

Registration is open to **all students entering grades 4-8** in the upcoming 2024-2025 school year. Registration will be capped around 50 kids so sign up right away!

If interested please fill out and return the bottom portion of this page and include a \$40 check payable to **Regis Girls Basketball Club**. Registration deadline is Friday, April 30th.

Regis Basketball Skills Camp Calendar

June 10th & June 11th - Ballhandling
June 12th - Shooting
June 13th - Team Drills/Defense

All Dates
10:30 – 11:30am

**Immaculate
Conception Gym**

Please contact Teddy Joas @ tjoas@regiscatholicschools.com with any questions.

Mail form and check to: Teddy Joas, 2557 105th St, Eau Claire WI 54703 or Turn into Jamie Grant in the Regis High School office

Regis Basketball Skills Camp Registration

Student Name _____ 2024-2025 grade level: 4 5 6 7 8

Student Address _____

Parent(s)/Guardian(s) _____

T-shirt size YM YL S M L XL

Email(s) _____

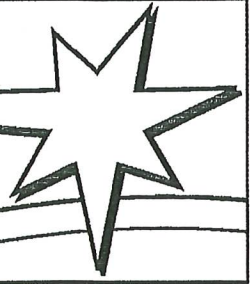
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Date: _____

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April 2024

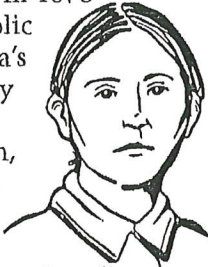
Regis Catholic Schools



Thoughtful Moments

St. Gemma Galgani

Born in Tuscany in 1878 to a devout Catholic family, St. Gemma's life was marked by consolation and suffering. Early on, she loved to pray, mystically conversing with Jesus, Mary, and her Guardian Angel. She suffered the loss of half her family to tuberculosis and was prevented from entering the Passionist Order due to her own poor health. She died of tuberculosis at the age of 25.



Religion, front and center

Treat children's religious education classes as the most important education they receive. Make attendance and homework as much a priority as "regular" school. Mastering the content they learn may not get them into college, but it will guarantee their entrance into someplace even more important.

"Truly, the Lord is waiting to be gracious to you, truly, he shall rise to show you mercy; For the Lord is a God of justice: happy are all who wait for him!" (Isaiah 30:18)



Family habits that can help keep youngsters Catholic

Recent studies have revealed that many Catholic children leave the Faith when they leave high school. Those who remain faithful to Jesus come from families who follow four "best practices."

Consider these:

Cultivate communion: Researchers found that families who shared a meal regularly are more likely to raise faithful Catholic adults. It's a powerful way to strengthen communion, teach values, and share a love for Jesus. Resolve to have family meals three or four times weekly (without screens).

Be open to questions: Most young people leave the Church because they had many faith-based questions but no answers. Encourage children to ask and seek the answers together. Teach them

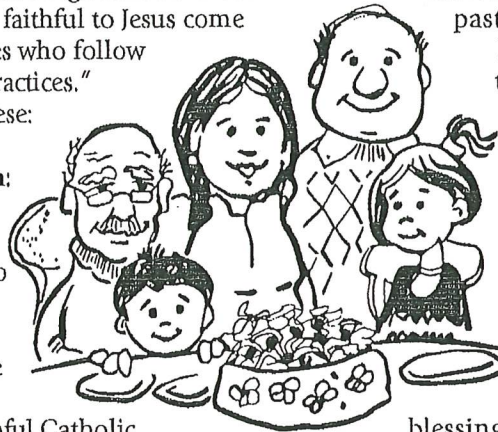
how to use reliable sources, starting with the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* or turn to your local pastor.

Form a prayer tradition: Keep it simple. Gather round a Crucifix to pray for intentions and exchange a sign of peace. Let a different child lead the "nightly decade," or sing a hymn together and offer a

blessing before bedtime.

Make prayer whatever works for you.

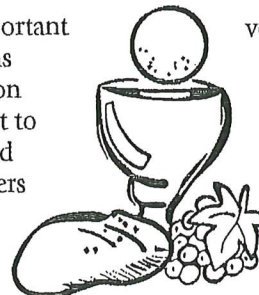
Encourage service: Faithful adults tend to grow up in families that prioritized service to the poor. Look for a way to donate time, talent or treasure to those in need. Your parish may need your support of one of its ministries. Let God's priorities shape your own.



Why Do Catholics Do That?

Why do Catholics celebrate Communion?

The Mass is the most important and powerful gift we have as Catholics. Holy Communion brings us into union – heart to heart – with Jesus, really and truly present. When He enters a soul, He brings with Him countless graces: peace, healing, remission for



venial sins, strength, spiritual nourishment, and a "love...strong as death" (Song of Songs 8:6). When Jesus enters the sanctuary of our hearts in Holy Communion, and especially at one's First Communion, it's a cause for joyful celebration.

How do our children benefit from weekly Mass?

If your family was invited to dinner and you knew Jesus would be there, would you go? Of course you would! You know how blessed your children would be just by being in Jesus' presence. In fact, Jesus is present – in person – at every Mass. Your children are blessed by Him:

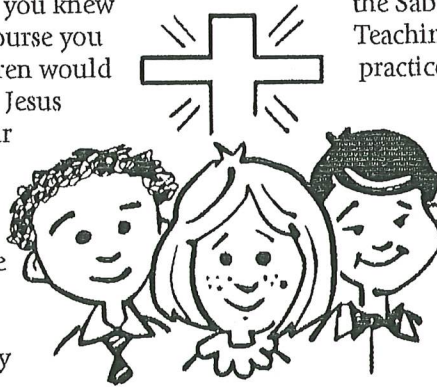
Good food. Parents are careful to feed children well so they stay strong and healthy. At Sunday Mass, Jesus gives us the food we need for our souls to stay strong and healthy.

Good practice. God told us to keep holy

the Sabbath Day and to observe His laws. Teaching children to obey God's rules is great practice for teaching them to obey ours.

Good listening. When we go to Mass, we hear God's Word. Familiarity with Scripture builds the lifelong skill of listening for God's voice.

Good company. Each of us is needed by our Catholic community. *"For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them"* (Matthew 18:20).

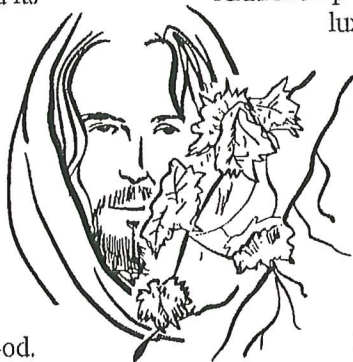


Scripture LESSON

John 15:1-8, "Remain in me"

In this Gospel passage, Jesus compares life with Him to the Vine and its branches. Our connection with Him is absolutely vital for our souls. The stark reality is that a vine-branch can't be cut off and "transplanted" in the soil; it's either attached to the vine or it withers and dies.

Why does Jesus say something so shocking? Because He is the Word of God. Jesus Christ must be the center of our lives. While some are called to devote themselves more radically to Christ than others (e.g. monks, nuns, and priests), everyone is called to deep, living



intimacy with Him. A close relationship with Christ isn't a luxury; it's a necessity for our spiritual health.

What can a parent do? Teach children that Jesus must be the center of our hearts, souls, and lives. Help them to build the habit of praying to Him often. Teach

them that weekly Mass and monthly Confession is needed to "keep in touch" with their Friend. To the extent that our hearts belong to Jesus, we will find lasting peace and joy.

Feasts & Celebrations

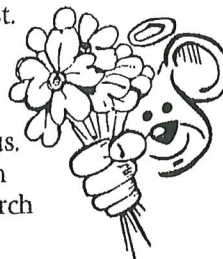
April 3 – St. Richard of Chichester (1253). Born in England, St. Richard studied law at Bologna. Known for his holiness and administrative skills, he was named archbishop of Chichester, but because of political persecution, spent most of his office in exile. St. Richard died in Dover while preaching a crusade.

April 7 – Divine Mercy Sunday (1931). Jesus asked St. Faustina to ensure that the Sunday after Easter become the "Feast of Mercy." He promised special graces and mercy to whoever honors him as the King of

Mercy and prays The Chaplet of Divine Mercy.

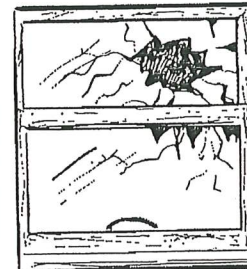
April 8 – The Annunciation of the Lord. The angel Gabriel visited the Blessed Virgin Mary with the extraordinary news of her role as the Mother of God, to which she had complete confidence in God's wisdom.

April 25 – St. Mark the Evangelist (First Century). St. Mark wrote his Gospel based on St. Peter's perspective and accompanied Saints Paul and Barnabas in Cyprus. He is credited with founding the Church of Alexandria.



Parent TALK

When we moved into a new neighborhood, I became concerned about some of the boys Toby started playing with. They seemed a little wild and some of the neighbors accused them of vandalism and stealing. I told Toby of



my concerns but said I wouldn't forbid him from playing with them. However, if the boys committed any misdeeds – whether he participated or not – I would hold Toby solely responsible.

That next week Toby ran home in a panic. Even though he "told them not to," the boys threw a rock through Mr. Grayson's front window. I walked Toby back to Mr. Grayson's house where he apologized for his and his friends' behavior and made arrangements to replace the window.

He had to mow a lot of lawns and rake a lot of leaves to pay for the window but he quickly lost interest in those friends, much to my relief.

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Are You an Elementary School Student? Have you ever wanted to be in a Track and Field Meet?

Bring your friends and learn all about what it's like to be a track and field runner!

(Ava Moore's NHS Project)

What: Track meet for elementary students. Races will be split up by grade and Ribbons 1st-3rd will be awarded per race. Make sure to dress appropriately for the weather.

When: Saturday, April 13th at 3:00 pm

Where: The Regis High School Track

Who: All elementary students grades kindergarten through 5th grade. Age groups will be Kindergarten-1st, 2nd-3rd, and 4th-5th.

Events: 50m dash, 100m dash, 200m dash, 400m dash, 800m run, 1 mile run, high jump, and long jump.

Suggested Donation of \$10 to be donated to the Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA).

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