

# Immaculate Heart of Mary Church

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Hours: Monday – Thursday 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. & 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. • Friday 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

## Mass Times

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
6:45 a.m.	8:00 a.m.	5:30 p.m.	8:00 a.m. 6:30 p.m. (Spanish)	6:45 a.m.	4:00 p.m.	8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m. (Spanish) & 6:00 p.m.

### Parish Staff

<b>Pastor</b>	Fr. Nick Parker (Ext. 103) frparker@ihm-church.com
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<b>Deadline for Bulletin Items:</b>	Tuesday at 10:00 a.m.

### Baptism

Baptismal Preparation class is by appointment only and is required for parents with their first child and inactive Catholics. Please call the parish office for more information. Baptisms are scheduled during or after weekend Masses.

### Sacrament of Reconciliation

Thursday at 5:00 p.m., Friday at 12:00 p.m., Saturday at 3:00 p.m., & Sunday at 5:00 p.m. or by scheduled appointment.

### Marriage

Please contact the Pastor at least six months before the wedding to participate in marriage preparation.

### Anointing of the Sick and Sick Calls

Please call parish office for appointments. For emergencies after hours, please call 628-2468.

### Pastoral Council

Bryan Church 785-623-6805

### Finance Council

Kim Rupp 623-9323

### Knights of Columbus

Bradley Stramel 628-8601

### Daughters of Isabella

Judy Brummer 623-8880

### Perpetual Eucharist Adoration Chapel

Brian & Michelle DeWitt 625-2481

### Natural Family Planning

Samantha Baker 785-639-3285

### IHM is a Stewardship Parish

"In this period of crisis today, it is important not to turn in on ourselves, burying our own talent, our spiritual, intellectual, and material riches, everything that the Lord has given us; but, rather to open ourselves, to be supportive, to be attentive to others. Set your stakes on great ideals, the ideals that enlarge the heart, the ideals of service that make your talents fruitful. Life is not given to us to be jealously guarded for ourselves, but is given to us so that we may give it in turn."

- Pope Francis,  
to an audience on April 24, 2013



**Bishop Vincke's Article on Restored Order**

Celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation is one of my favorite things to do as a bishop. I love meeting the students, their sponsors, and the parents and grandparents too.

As I journeyed throughout the diocese, I found that parishes across the diocese had different ages for the Sacrament of Confirmation. Several years ago, I asked Fr. Frank Coady what grade did he think candidates should be for the Sacrament of Confirmation. He replied, "I think we should use the restored order?" The restored order is having Baptism first, followed by the Sacrament of Confirmation, and then the Sacrament of the Eucharist. This is how the Church designed it. These three Sacraments are the Initiation Sacraments, with the Eucharist being the final Sacrament as we enter fully into the Church.

Shortly thereafter, I asked Corey Lyon, our chancellor, at what age/grade do you recommend for our diocese for the Sacrament of Confirmation. He replied, "I think we should follow the restored order." I even found out that Corey wrote a paper many years ago in support of the restored order.

Finally, Deacon Bill Meagher, who was studying to be a deacon at the time, attended a class on the Liturgy. He came into my office saying, "Bishop, I think we should use the restored order." Hmmm. Shortly thereafter, I asked them to form a committee to study the restored order. They met with priests, deacons, DREs, and many other people. After a couple of years of discerning and listening, I decided that our Sacramental Formation will use the restored order. This means the normal way is to receive the Sacrament of Baptism as a baby, then followed by receiving the Sacraments of Confirmation and the Eucharist at the same Mass sometime in 3rd grade.

I am excited about this new preparation and reception of the Sacraments of Initiation in our diocese. We are joining more and more dioceses around the country that are doing the same.

One of the reasons I decided to make the change is that Sacraments are the reception of grace. Sometimes, it felt like the Sacraments needed to be earned by doing this and that in order to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. We don't earn the Sacraments, we simply receive them.

I also want to share that the one concern many people have is that they are afraid that people will stop going to Mass after 3rd grade. They might, but it's not what God desires for them. Two thoughts on this: parents are and will always be the primary educators of the faith to their children. Not attending Mass after receiving the Sacraments of Initiation in 3rd grade is the opposite of what God is calling each of us. I also think that in middle and high school, we can offer many other opportunities to live out the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist through discernment of vocations, serving the poor, Bible studies, etc.

Please pray for our diocese in this endeavor.

For more information, please visit: <https://salinadiocese.org/office/office-of-religious-education/confirmation/>

**Bishop Gerald Vincke**  
**Diocese of Salina**



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*of* SALINA

## Immaculate Heart of Mary This Week ( September 1 — 7, 2025 )

Date	Mass Intentions & Other Church Events	Mass Readings
Monday 1 <b>Labor Day</b> <b>Parish Office Closed</b>	6:45 a.m. † Edna Stecklein	1 Thes 4: 13-18 Lk 4: 16-30
Tuesday 2	8:00 a.m. † Robert Wilhelm	1 Thes 5: 1-6, 9-11 Lk 4: 31-37
Wednesday 3 <b>St. Gregory the Great</b>	5:30 p.m. † Walter Meier	Col 1: 1-8 Lk 4: 38-44
Thursday 4	8:00 a.m. L/D Mark & Paula Roberts Family 5:00 p.m. Weekly Reconciliation 6:30 p.m. Poor Souls In Purgatory	Col 1: 9-14 Lk 5: 1-11
Friday 5	6:45 a.m. † Agnes Gross 12:00 p.m. Weekly Reconciliation	Col 1: 15-20 Lk 5: 32-39
Saturday 6	8:00 a.m. Daily Mass & First Saturday Devotions 2:00 p.m. <i>Alayda Cano Quinceañera</i> 3:15 p.m. Weekly Reconciliation 4:00 p.m. L/D Kyle & Trista Gasper Family <i>Bernie &amp; Charlene Weigel 50th Wedding Anniversary</i>	Col 1: 21-23 Lk 6: 1-5
Sunday 7 <b>Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> <b>(Grandparent's Day)</b>	8:00 a.m. L/D Clarence & Dorothy Jacobs Family 10:00 a.m. L/D Lester & Donetta Robben Family <i>50th Wedding Anniversary</i> 12:00 p.m. † Reydesel Garcia 5:00 p.m. Weekly Reconciliation 6:00 p.m. People of the Parish	Wis 9: 13-18 Phlm 9-10, 12-17 Lk 14: 25-33

### Stewardship of Time and Talent

Liturgical Ministers	September 6 Saturday 4:00 p.m.	September 7 Sunday 8:00 a.m.	September 7 Sunday 10:00 a.m.
<b>Sacristan</b>	Brad Stramel	JoAnn Berens	Tom Drees
<b>Cantors</b>	Ellie Herl & Nick Leis	Julie Berg	Jennifer & Jade Whitmer
<b>Accompanist</b>	Linda Lang	Teresa Schrant	Amy Staab
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Samuel Basgall Atticus Micek Kayla Schmeidler Colby Schmeidler	Lawson Fox Grant Nehls Ian Nehls Angelina Schroeder	Ivan Rupp Isaac Seib Alexa Seib Jacob Seib
<b>Lectors</b>	Michelle Dreiling Melissa Dreiling	Adam Beckman LaVonne Finck	Rhonda Anderson Linda Becker
<b>Gift Bearers</b>	Kyle & Trista Gasper Family	Dorothy Jacobs Family	Lester & Donetta Robben Family
<b>Wee Words</b>			Hannah Petty
<b>EMEs</b>	Dale Stramel John Patriarca Francis Jacobs Donna Lubbers © Joan Dunn © Victor Munsch © Kaitlyn Mendoza ©	Elaine Pfannenstiel Jason Werner Pam Windholz Karla Bixenman © Carol Brull © Eric Brown © Lindsey Fox ©	Lori Appelhans Julie Brull Jessica Seib Tammy Klaus © Ernest Klaus © Chad Meitner © Edward Perrett ©
<b>Greeters</b>	Francis & Stephanie Jacobs Laura Dechant Family Volunteers	Mike & Beth Malatin Steve & Leann Schumacher Volunteers	Gerald & Marcia Pfeifer Greg & Candace Yost Dustin & Becky Schumacher Fam
<b>Money Count</b>	September 7 / 14	Kim Rupp*, Deana Rupp, Diane Ruder*, Jerry Ruder	
<b>Rosaries</b>	Vali Leis	Norbert Kuhn	Linda Becker

## Stewardship of Treasure

<b>Budgeted Weekly Income Fiscal Year 2025-2026</b>	<b>\$31,673.07</b>
Adult Envelopes	\$ 39,718.15
Assumption of Mary Collection	\$ 200.00
Offertory Loose Plate	\$ 1344.15
<b>Total Giving</b> week of August 24, 2025	<b>\$ 41,262.30</b>
<b>For this week the collection is ahead</b>	<b>\$ 9,589.23</b>
Unify Beautify Glorify Loan with Diocese	\$1,975,000.00

"The lie of the world is that the pursuit of pleasure will bring you happiness...The truth is that only when we pursue goodness will we experience happiness, and it is only when we live in relationship with God, the Ultimate Good, that we experience the joy we were made for."

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For your convenience, Venmo is now available for those visitors to our parish, forgot your envelope or check.

### Swing for a Cause! - Don't miss out! Get your

groups registered for the upcoming parish golf tournament on Friday, October 3.

Scan the QR code to register.

\$100.00 per player. Any 4-person scramble.

All proceeds to benefit the IHM Parish operations.



## Parish & Community Announcements

**Parish Office** will be closed on Monday, September 1, 2025 in observance of the Labor Day holiday. We will reopen on Tuesday, September 2, 2025.



### Expression of Sympathy

Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish extends our sympathies & prayers to the families of:



Larry K. Keil - Funeral Mass—September 3, 2025

Judy Rohr Flaherty - Funeral Mass—September 5, 2025

*May they and all the souls of the faithfully departed, through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.*

### CEMETERY NOTES

The St. Joseph maintenance crew will be mowing **both** cemeteries starting Tuesday, September 2nd. We ask that you remove any decorations that are not attached to the monuments by Labor Day.

The next meeting for the **Daughters of Isabella Circle 254** will be held Tuesday, September 9, 2025 at 6:00 PM in the IHM Parish Hall. Please note the change of time for the meeting.



The D of I sponsors bingo at the Heritage Bingo, 114 East 12th, Hays, Ks. It is held the 1st, 3rd, and 5th Fridays of each month. Doors open at 5:30pm.

### Immaculate Heart of Mary Music Ministry

The Immaculate Heart of May Music Ministry is in need of additional accompanists at our weekend liturgies. If you have the talent of playing the piano or organ at Mass, please take the opportunity to reach out to our music ministry coordinators:

Judy Brummer— 785-623-8880  
Debbie Klaus— 785-259-0314  
Heather Seiler— 785-621-4115

### Welcome our newly baptized to our Catholic Community of Immaculate Heart of Mary!



**Ayodele Charles Akinbo**

Son of Oluwaseun & Tamara Akinbo was baptized Saturday, August 23, 2025 by Rev. Nick Parker

### OUR LADY OF SORROWS FAMILY POTLUCK

Friday, September 12<sup>th</sup>  
— 6 PM in IHM Parish Hall —

Come celebrate this special feast day with friends!  
The IHM Sisters will be attending with Seven Dolor rosaries and booklets for each family. There will be coloring pages for kids, and we'll be accepting donations to our local Catholic Charities. Please bring a dish and side/dessert to share!

**HOSTED BY THE HAYS CATHOLIC MOMS MINISTRY**  
Contact: Natalie Oborny | 785-639-6520

## Parish & Community Announcements

**Beads of Hope**—All grandmothers are invited to join us in praying the rosary for our grandchildren and great-grandchildren and the special intentions we hold in our hearts for them. We will meet at IHM Church after the 8:00am Mass on the first Thursday of each month. Our next rosary will be prayed on **Thursday, September 4th**. Coffee and cookies will be provided in the Parish Hall after the rosary. We would love to have you join us!



**Holy Cross Church in Pfeifer** will be hosting a mass to commemorate the feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross on Sunday, Sept. 14 at 3:00 p.m. Bishop Jerry Vincke, Fr. Curtis Carlson and Fr. Reggie Urban will be the celebrants. Music will be provided by Trilog. Seed wheat will be blessed. Free will donation BBQ social following mass. Everyone is welcome.

Also, Holy Cross Charities will be holding a '31 Days of Cash Giveaway' this October. Tickets are \$50 and multiple winnings are possible. Prizes start at \$100 and the grand prize is \$1000. For more information or tickets contact Stan Dome 785-650-3145; Florian Dome 785-650-3847; Jerry Dreiling 785-650-3863; or Deb Hoffman 785-623-8928. Proceeds go towards church and cemetery maintenance.

**Blessing of the Seed Wheat**— In previous years, we blessed seeds and had them available after Masses but the participation has been very low. If you would like to have your seed wheat blessed, please bring it with you to Mass and one of our priests can bless them in the gathering space after Mass or you may also drop it by the parish office at anytime. We pray that everyone has a bountiful fall harvest.



### Stars & Stripes All You Can Eat Breakfast

Sunday, September 14, 2025 7:30am - 12:00pm  
VFW Hall on Vine Street

Proceeds on pre-sale tickets go to the local American Historical Society of German from Russia Hays Sunflower Chapter. Tickets are: Adults \$11.50/Children ages 6-12 are \$6.50/ Children Under 5 - Eat for free! At the door price is \$12 Adult & \$7 Children. Tickets on sale at the St. Joseph Parish Office, or from Elmer Dreher, Phil Schmeidler, Larry Reichert, Pat Lang, or Norma Pipkin.

### Fr. Fred's Brown Bag Bible Basics

This year we are studying the Gospel of St. John. Classes will begin on Thursday, September 4 at 12:00 noon in the Kennedy Cafeteria to get a head count so that Fr. Fred can order enough books and study note packets. We will spend the first few weeks finishing up last year's study of the Gospel of St. Luke while we are waiting for our books to come in. All are welcome and no previous Scripture study experience is necessary. Textbooks and note packets will be \$30.00.



### Immaculate Heart of Mary Monthly Breakfast

When: Sunday, September 21, 2025

Time : 8:30 AM till 1:00 PM

Where: IHM Parish Hall

Free Will Offering

*All Invited for food and fellowship!*

Breakfast assisted by volunteers from the St. Mary K of C & Daughters of Isabella .  
Proceeds go to Immaculate Heart of Mary.

**The St. Nicholas of Myra Knights of Columbus** invite you to their Annual Steak Dinner, Saturday, October 4 social hour at 6:00pm, and dinner at 6:45pm. Menu: Ribeye Steak (10-12oz.), or Honey Pecan Chicken with baked potato, vegetable, bread, salad, and dessert. \$25 per ticket. Take-out orders available. Tickets will be sold at St Nicholas of Myra Church, after each Mass, or you can contact Glen Gabel at 785-628-2120 or Kyle Normandin at 785-623-0580.

### Knights of Columbus Cash Raffle:

1 in 20 chance

\$50 donation – winner \$500

\$100 donation – winner \$1,000

Drawing on October 4th. For ticket information contact Justin Baalman at 785-635-3777



## K of C Co. 6984 Corner

**September 11:** K of C Meeting at 7:30pm Knights Room

**October 3rd—5th:** K of C Tootsie Roll Campaign

**October 5:** Respect Life Chain at St. Joseph Cemetery from 2:00pm to 3:00pm

**October 9:** K of C Meeting at 7:30pm Knights Room

### **Knights of Columbus Religious Ed Raffle Tickets**

The Knights of Columbus Charities Aid Foundation has their Kansas State Council 2025 Religious Education Fund Raffle Tickets for sale again at **\$100 each**. Prizes are: one \$30,000 prize, one \$10,000 prize, six \$5,000 prizes, nine \$2,000 prizes, and eight \$1,000 prizes. Need not be present to win.

St. Mary's K of C has 13 tickets to sell. To purchase one, contact Brad Stramel at the parish office. Money raised is used to support our Religious Education programs.

Contact Grand Knight, Brad Stramel at 785-628-8601

## Parish & Community Announcements

**Divine Mercy Radio's 15th Annual Appreciation Banquet** will take place in two locations: 6 p.m. Sat., Sept. 13 at The Rose Garden Banquet Hall Hays and 5 p.m. Sun. Sept. 14 at the Hilton Garden Inn, Salina. Cost is \$55 if purchased on or before Aug. 19. After Aug. 19, if tickets are still available, the cost is \$60. The cost includes appetizers and drinks including adult beverages. Featured speaker is the "Dynamic Deacon" Harold Burke-Sivers, host of Beacon of Truth. His talk is titled "Go and Make Disciples: The Call to Evangelization" in both Hays and Salina.

To purchase tickets, send your check, along with which banquet you will attend (Hays or Salina).

### Banquet Reservations

Divine Mercy Radio  
108 E. 12th St.  
Hays, KS 67601  
785.621.4110

Or visit [dvmercy.com/banquet](http://dvmercy.com/banquet) or scan the QR code. No tickets sold after Sept. 1.



### Five First Saturdays Devotion—September 6

Please join us at IHM Parish each First Saturday of the month for the following:

- Rosary – 7:30 AM
- Act of Reparation – 7:55 AM
- Mass – 8:00 AM
- Guided 15-minute meditation on the Mysteries of the Rosary immediately after Mass.
- Coffee and donuts following the guided meditation.



### Hospice Volunteer Training

Wednesday, October 1, 2025

8:00am to 4:30pm

Hays Medical Center

Registration is due by Friday, September 12th

To register contact Hospice at 785-623-6200



## Hays Catholic Moms Ministry

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### MONTHLY EVENTS FOR EVERYONE!

Family gatherings, Mass socials, playdates, children's Adoration, Ladies' Night Out (non-moms welcome), and more  
*Meal Trains provided for families welcoming a new baby*

**Contact:** Julie Berg | 785-443-4170 | [julieberg57@gmail.com](mailto:julieberg57@gmail.com)  
*Join us on our app and email list or find us on Facebook!*

Youth Grade 8 to Young Adult  
Jóvenes Grado 8 hasta joven adulto

RETIRO DE JOVENES  
**Bilingual**

## YOUTH RETREAT

Mt 28:20

# NEVER ALONE

Joven, Nunca estas Solo

October 25 & 26

Sacred Heart Cathedral  
Old Parish Hall/Salon Antiquo  
Saturday/Sábado 8:30 AM -7:00 PM  
Sunday/Domingo 8:00 AM  
Concludes/concluye con/with  
12:30 PM Mass

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Materials-Materiales

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[basilica@stfidelischurch.com](mailto:basilica@stfidelischurch.com)

### Responsibilities

- Design, print & distribute bulletins
- Update & print history books, gift shop pamphlets, etc.
- Design & print programs/ads for Tri-Parishes, schools & organizations
- Maintain website
- Answering phone
- Monitor safety & security
- Parishioner registration
- Money counting
- Help tourists and parishioners who come into the office
- Help maintain history time-line
- Assisting with Food Bank

### Qualifications

- High School graduate or equivalent
- Basic computer knowledge
- Willingness to learn new programs

**Once Hired:**

- Background check
- All Safe Environment Training as required by the Diocese



HELP US DESIGN A  
T-SHIRT FOR EL  
RETIRO DE JOVENES



## Jóvenes T-SHIRT DESIGN Contest

Deadline for  
submission is  
September 15, 2025

REMEMBER:  
USE GOOD JUDGEMENT  
BE CREATIVE  
THE RETREAT IS BILINGUAL

Your design can be submitted  
on paper to the Cathedral office  
or emailed to  
[sacredheart@shcathedral.com](mailto:sacredheart@shcathedral.com)


*Grand Prize Winners*

\$100 1st Prize  
\$50 2nd Prize  
\$25 3rd Prize



# YOUTH / ADULT INFORMATION

August 31 – Sept 6, 2025


HOLY FAMILY ELEMENTARY	HAYS CYO INFORMATION
<p><b>Sept 1</b> NO SCHOOL - LABOR DAY</p> <p><b>Sept 3</b> Cajetan Ca\$h Fall Fundraiser Kick-off</p> <p><b>Sept 8</b> Home &amp; School Mtg. 7:00 pm in HFE L.T.</p> <p><b>Sept 10</b> Early Release Day; students dismiss at 1:15 pm (no pm bus services) All Staff Mtg. 1:40 pm in Library; office closed for meeting McDonald's HFE Fundraising Night 5-8 pm at North Hays Restaurant! We make 100% of the 2-for-\$1 cookie sales!</p> <p><b>Sept 8</b> Home &amp; School Mtg. at 7:00 pm in HFE Little Theater</p> <p><b>Sept 10</b> Early Release Day; students dismiss at 1:15 pm (no pm bus services); office closed at 1:15 for a faculty &amp; staff meeting McDonald's HFE Fundraising Night, 5-8 pm at North Hays Restaurant. We make 100% of the 2-for-\$1 cookie sales!</p> <p><b>Sept 15</b> Fall Picture Day in Uniform for all students, PreS-5th Grade</p> <p><b>Sept 17</b> I.T. Appreciation Day</p> <p><b>Sept 19</b> TMP Homecoming, students may wear TMP shirts with jeans</p> <p><b>Sept 25</b> September Birthday Mass &amp; Lunch</p> <p><b>Sept 26</b> Oktoberfest dancing, pretzels &amp; root beer</p> <p><i>Help us raise money by recycling your pop cans! You can find the recycling truck in the HFE north parking lot!</i></p> <p><i>At HFE, We are Christ to One Another! We grow in our Catholic faith to honor God, respect others, imitate Christ, study, and develop our talents to glorify God.</i></p>	<p><b>Sept 3rd-</b> 7:30 p.m. CYO Meeting in IHM Basement</p> <p><b>Sept 10th-</b> 7:30 p.m. CYO Meeting in IHM Basement</p> <p><b>Sept 17th-</b> 7:30 p.m. CYO Meeting in IHM Basement</p> <p><b>Sept 21st-</b> 7:30 p.m. Jr CYO Meeting at St. Nick's</p> <p><b>Sept 24th-</b> 7:30 p.m. CYO Meeting in IHM Basement</p>
	TMP-MARIAN JR/SR HIGH
	<p><b>Sept 1</b> HS/JH Labor Day No School</p> <p><b>Sept 2</b> HS/Varsity Golf @ Hays 1-5pm HS/JH Cross County Team Pictures 3:30-4:30 HS/Varsity/Junior Varsity Volleyball @ Smith Center 5-8pm JH Volleyball @ Scott City 4-7pm Alumni board Meeting in the Learning commons 6-8pm</p> <p><b>Sept 4</b> HS/Varsity Gold @ Heston 1-5pm HS/Varsity Volleyball @Abilene 5-8pm JH/Volleyball @ Plainville 4:30-7:30pm JH/Football at Plainville @ 4:30-6:30pm HS Varsity Football vs Russell Lewis Field 7-9pm</p> <p><b>Sept 5</b> HS/JH Fall Picture Day 7:30-11:30am HS/JH Volleyball Team Pictures 3:30-5:30pm HS Girls Golf Team Pictures 3:30-4:30</p> <p><b>Sept 6</b> HS/JH Varsity/Junior Varsity Cross Country TMP-M Invitational 9am-1pm HS/JH Chess Practice 9am-12pm</p>
Do you feel called to join the Catholic Church?	
<p>Are you interested in learning more about the Catholic Church?</p> <p>Are you unbaptized but recognize a need for spiritual dimension in your life?</p> <p>Are you baptized Catholic or baptized into another Christian tradition but have never received any formal religious education?</p> <p>Are you baptized into another Christian tradition and considering the possibility of becoming Catholic?</p> <p>Are you married to a Catholic and attend Mass but don't know what the next step is to becoming Catholic yourself?</p> <p>Are you baptized Catholic, and your children are desiring to be baptized Catholic?</p> <p>If you answered "yes" to any of the above questions, the Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA) is the place for you. Every year adults are welcomed into the Church through Christian Initiation. The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults is a conversion process in which doctrinal instruction and spiritual formation bring you into a deeper relationship with Christ, and into full membership in the Catholic community of faith. Please contact Jaclyn Brown, 785.625.7339, ext 108 or email <a href="mailto:jbrown@ihm-church.com">jbrown@ihm-church.com</a>.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>A new OCIA class is being offered starting Tuesday, September 23rd at 6:00pm in the Upper Room of the IHM Parish Offices</b></p>	
	<u>Youth Faith Formation K — 8</u>
	<p><b>Faith Formation Classes Start</b> Wednesday, September 3, 2025 @ 6:30pm <i>Come Meet your Catechist for Faith Formation Orientation Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish Hall—Church Basement</i></p> <p>We look forward to a successful and fruitful faith formation year with your children!</p>
	<div style="text-align: center;"> <p><b>Top 10 Reasons</b></p>  <p><i>Many Hands Make Light Work</i></p> <p><b>Grade 6 Catechist Needed</b></p> <p><b>BECOME SOMEONE'S HERO.</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The best way to learn is to teach.</li> <li>2. Your own faith will come alive.</li> <li>3. You become an active participant in one of the essential responsibilities of a Church community.</li> <li>4. You assist in bringing Christ to others.</li> <li>5. You practice stewardship.</li> <li>6. You show your own family that you value the Faith.</li> <li>7. You become a role model.</li> <li>8. Being a catechist brings joy.</li> <li>9. Catechesis is fundamental.</li> <li>10. Meet new people and make memories.</li> </ol> <p style="font-size: small; color: white;">DO YOU LOVE YOUR CATHOLIC FAITH THAT YOU WANT TO SHARE IT WITH OTHERS? FAITH FORMATION IS LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS TO SHARE THE GOSPEL TO THE YOUNG PEOPLE OF OUR PARISH! PLEASE CONTACT JACLYN BROWN AT THE PARISH OFFICE!</p> </div>

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