

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION GRADE SCHOOL



FAITH

FAITH LIFE

Faith is at the heart of ICGS

At Immaculate Conception Grade School, our Roman Catholic faith is at the core of everything ICGS stands for. We educate and nurture the faith formation of our students so that they not only learn our beliefs but put those beliefs into action. We believe that faith requires a response, for it permeates every aspect of our lives, every decision that we make, and every action that we take. From the curriculum to the community, the classroom to the athletics court, our Faith is the foundation from which we build.

Our students grow in their faith through classroom instruction, daily prayer and weekly mass and through service to others. Starting in preschool, we help to build a foundation for a strong and vibrant faith life. Each grade level focuses on faith in ways that are age-appropriate and offer students a role to actively engage and participate.

IC students are guided in their faith formation throughout their time in our school community. Included in their formation are our Faith Families. Led by our 8th graders, each family unit is comprised of a student from each grade level that meets monthly to talk with their peers and grow with God. The IC Faith Families bring the students together to celebrate their faith in a way that's approachable for their development.

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A Student Community of Believers

Students in grades 1-8 attend weekly Mass while those in Kindergarten and preschool participate in special occasions. We encourage student participation every week and offer opportunities to take on deeper roles in the liturgy as readers, altar servers and in the student choir.

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Deepening our Faith

Our second-grade and eighth-grade students prepare for Holy Sacraments as part of their religious education experience at Immaculate Conception. In religion class, students and their teachers discuss key tenets of our faith — including belonging to a Christian community, listening to the Word of God through Bible stories and living a Christian life through the Sacraments.

Reconciliation and First Communion

For second graders, we believe that parental engagement is a critical component of Sacramental preparation. The children and their parents participate in a Breaking Bread evening where they learn about the Last Supper and what it means to receive Holy Communion. Students make their First Communion banners which are then displayed on their pew in the spring. Students celebrate Reconciliation in February and their First Holy Communion in the spring.

Our Third Graders, as they have received their First Holy Communion are invited to participate in a Walk Through Mass. This is a wonderful evening that our head of Religious Education and our Pastor lead. The students get to see a behind the scenes look at what goes into Mass and the meaning behind our sacred rituals followed by the priest. The students are also given a tour of the sacristy and other parts of the church.

Confirmation

Our Eighth graders begin their preparation for Confirmation by presenting their Rite of Enrollment form at Mass where they declare their desire to be confirmed. They complete several pieces, like a written letter to the Pastor of IC indicating why they want to be confirmed, a letter to their Sponsor and they write a paper on their chosen Confirmation Saint. Parents and Students attend an informational meeting in September and in November the Confirmants attend a weekend retreat.

The Call to Serve

We cultivate a long-term commitment to community—a core value of our faith, parish and school— from the earliest grades through graduation by giving students ways to give back and encouraging development of their own ideas to help others.

Past student community service projects included food drives, cards to seniors, toy collection, a coat drive and campus clean-up.