

And suddenly there came from the sky  
a noise like a strong driving wind, and it  
filled the entire house in which they were.

ACTS OF THE APOSTLES 2:2

## Tongues of Fire

**W**hen I was a child, I thought the flames I saw atop the heads of the apostles in the pictures depicting Pentecost turned them into living candles. That certainly is what the pictures suggested. Only many years later did I come to realize that was exactly what had happened: the Spirit of God set them on fire.

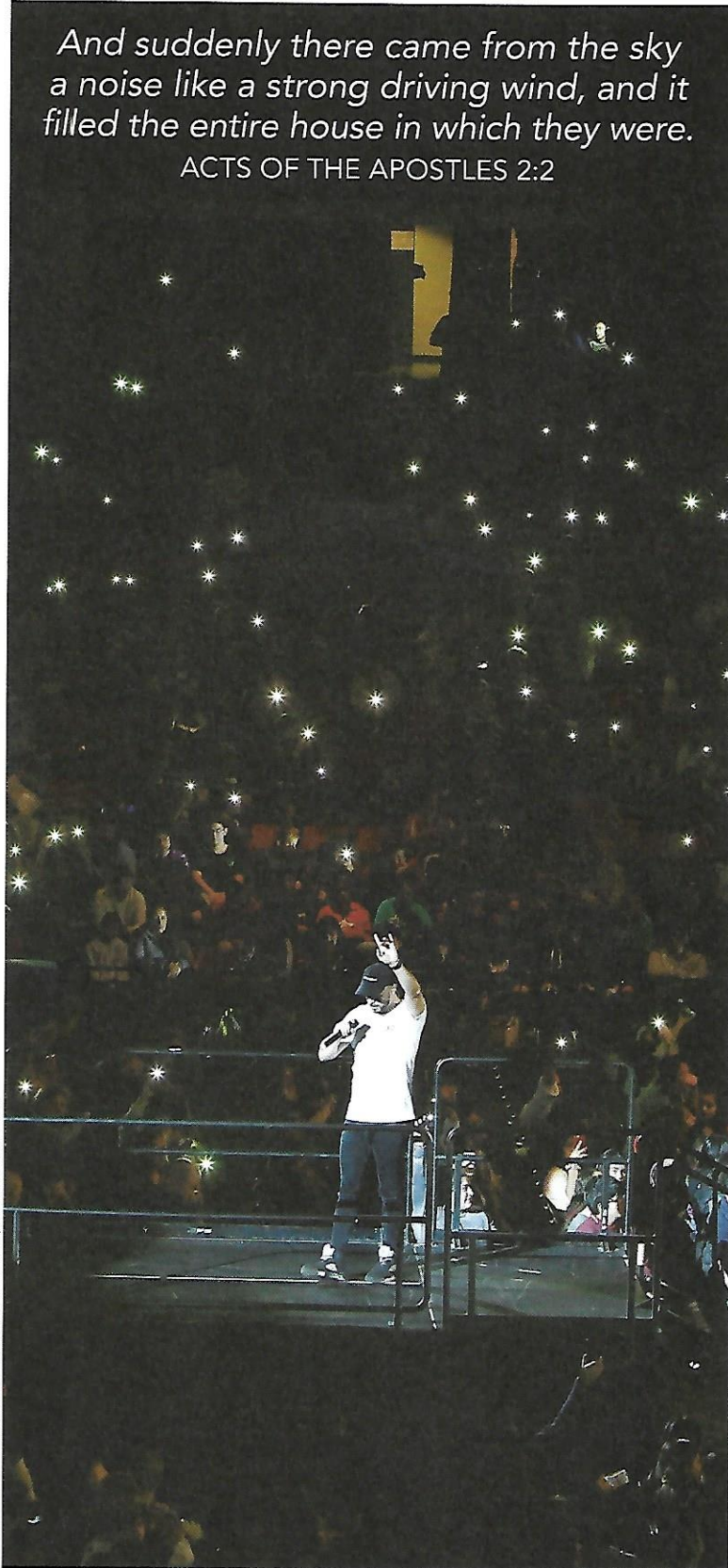
In both the Old and New Testaments, the phrase “Spirit of God” refers to the dynamic power of God at work in the world. To be filled with the Spirit is to operate with this dynamic power. Today’s first reading tells us that those in the house “filled with the holy Spirit” began fearlessly to tell of “the mighty acts of God” (Acts 2:4, 11). They were indeed set on fire.

This Spirit might be dynamic, even forceful, but it is not violent or destructive. The sequence for the feast lists some of the ways we experience the Spirit of God: the Spirit enlightens and comforts us; it refreshes us and lets us rest; it heals our wounds and washes away our guilt; it softens hearts that are stubborn and melts hearts that are cold; it grants us gifts of wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, and fear of the Lord. This is a Spirit of gentle and loving power. It is a Spirit that transforms us so that we, in turn, might transform our world. In other words, it sets us on fire so that we too might fearlessly tell of “the mighty acts of God.”

*Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA*

### FOR Reflection

- ✱ Spend some time reflecting on the characteristics of the Spirit. How have you experienced this Spirit in your life?
- ✱ How might the Spirit be working through you in the lives of others?





# Dear Padre,

## Why is there now a Mass honoring Mary after Pentecost?

**T**he eleven apostles and some women, including Mary the Mother of Jesus, were praying in the upper room when they were filled with the Holy Spirit, which descended upon them as a strong wind and as tongues of fire (see Acts 1:13–14; 2:1–13). This is the final time Mary's name appears in the New Testament. In Luke's Acts of the Apostles, the same Holy Spirit that overshadowed Mary at the annunciation in Luke 1:38 now comes upon her during Pentecost. "Just as the Incarnation of the Spirit had formed the physical body of Christ in her virginal womb, now in the upper room the same Spirit comes down to give life to the Mystical Body" (St. John Paul II, general audience, May 28, 1997).

Thus, the Virgin Mary, full of grace and filled with the Holy Spirit, is both the Mother of Christ and Mother of the Church. "Mary is the mother of the members of Christ, because with charity she cooperated in the rebirth of the faithful into the Church," wrote St. Augustine (354–430).

In 1975, *The Roman Missal* included a votive Mass honoring the Blessed Virgin Mary under her ancient title, Mother of the Church. However, in 2018, Pope Francis elevated this votive Mass to an annual obligatory memorial in the General Roman Calendar, observed on the Monday following Pentecost (also called Whit Monday).

Mary is a model for the gifts of the Holy Spirit, exemplifying "love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control" (Galatians 5:22–23).

Fr. Byron Miller, CSSR

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### A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

*The Holy Spirit...reminds us that first of all we are God's beloved children; all equal, in this respect, and all different. The Spirit comes to us, in our differences and difficulties, to tell us that we have one Lord—Jesus—and one Father, and that for this reason we are brothers and sisters!*

PENTECOST HOMILY, MAY 31, 2020

## Calendar

### Monday

MAY 24

Blessed Virgin Mary,  
Mother of the Church

Gn 3:9–15, 20  
or Acts 1:12–14  
Jn 19:25–34

### Tuesday

MAY 25

Weekday

Sir 35:1–12  
Mk 10:28–31

### Wednesday

MAY 26

St. Philip Neri, Priest  
Sir 36:1, 4–5a, 10–17

Mk 10:32–45

### Thursday

MAY 27

Weekday

Sir 42:15–25  
Mk 10:46–52

### Friday

MAY 28

Weekday

Sir 44:1, 9–13  
Mk 11:11–26

### Saturday

MAY 29

Weekday

Sir 51:12cd–20  
Mk 11:27–33

### Sunday

MAY 30

The Most Holy Trinity

Dt 4:32–34, 39–40

Rom 8:14–17

Mt 28:16–20

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Parish Council Members: Beth Cobb-President; Dennis Benney-Vice-President; Secretary-Mary Pottebaum, Laura Yelton, & Vicki Parker

## MAY 23, 2021 - PENTECOST SUNDAY

### Mass Intentions

July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021

Monday, May 24th	<b>NO MASS</b> - Montgomery City
Tuesday, May 25th	<b>5:30 PM MASS</b> - Montgomery City +Don Benney
Wednesday, May 26th	<b>NO MASS</b> - Jonesburg
Thursday, May 27th	<b>NO MASS</b> - Montgomery City
Friday, May 28th	<b>NO MASS</b> - Montgomery City
Saturday, May 29th	<b>5:00 PM Mass</b> - Montgomery City - Our Parish Family
Sunday, May 30th	8:00 AM Mass - Jonesburg <b>10:00 AM Mass</b> - Montgomery City- Fr. Hartley's Family, Friends, and Benefactors

Church/School Financial Report:	Income	Expenses	Difference
<b>April 2021</b>	\$44,285.36	\$61,966.99	-\$17,681.63
<b>Fiscal Year July-April 2020-21</b>	\$470,734.65	\$505,117.74	-\$34,383.09
<b>Needed Weekly</b>	- \$ 11,835.50		
May 2nd -	\$12,644.23		
May 9th -	\$ 7,295.04		
May 16th -	\$ 9,033.00		
May 23rd -	\$		
May 30th -	\$		

*(No Mass if there is a funeral or school has been cancelled.)*

Last Week's Envelopes: 65 of 179

**Parish Membership:** Call the parish office to register.

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:** 3:30 to 4:50 PM Saturday or call for an appointment.

**Sacrament of Baptism:** Call the parish office to set up an appointment to meet with Fr. Hartley.

**Sacrament of Marriage:** Call the office at least six months prior to the date you would like to get married to make arrangements and set a date.

**To Become a Catholic:** Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults begins in the Fall and sacramental initiation normally occurs at the Easter Vigil. Call for details.

### Immaculate Conception Parish Mission

To proclaim the good news of the Gospel; to build community among the parishioners that we may journey in our faith together, giving witness to love and unity; to serve the needs of others in whatever form they may exist in our midst and to celebrate the realities of our faith together.

### Who is an Active Parishioner?

- Registered in the parish
- Regularly participates in Mass and the sacraments
- Supports the parish financially
- Annually completes a stewardship of Time, Talent, and Treasure form and fulfills that commitment

### Liturgical Ministers for May 29th & 30th

Ministries	Saturday, 5:00 PM	Sunday, 10:00 AM
<b>Lector</b>	Gary Hoette	Jerry Witthaus
<b>Children's Liturgy</b>	Not assigned at this time	Not assigned at this time
<b>Communion Minister</b>	Gary Hoette	Dennis Cobb
<b>Ministers of Hospitality</b>	Daryl & Nancy Cobb	Pat & Janet Stumbaugh
<b>Servers</b>	Beckham Cothren Jacob Roesner	Chase & Madison Queathem
<b>Gift Bearers</b>	Not assigned at this time	Not assigned at this time
<b>Money Counters</b>	Don & Sandy Oaks Judy Cobb	Gayle Adams Steve Williams

**Bishop McKnight's May prayer intention for our Local Church is:**

May we honor the Blessed Virgin Mary, our spiritual mother, this month by our support in charity for all mothers who struggle in poverty to raise their children.



## Weekly Mass Schedule

Monday, May 24th	<b>NO MASS</b>
Tuesday, May 25th	<b>5:30 PM Mass - Montgomery City</b>
Wednesday, May 26th	<b>NO MASS</b>
Thursday, May 27th	<b>NO MASS</b>
Friday, May 28th	<b>NO MASS</b>
Saturday, May 29th	5:00 PM Mass - Montgomery City (Rosary @ 4:30 PM)
Sunday, May 30th	8:00 AM Mass - Jonesburg 10:00 AM Mass - Montgomery City (Rosary @ 9:30 AM)

## Upcoming Events & Announcements

Monday, May 24th	
Tuesday, May 25th	6:15 PM - School Board Mtg.
Wednesday, May 26th	
Thursday, May 27th	6:00 PM - Parish Council/Finance Committee Mtg.
Friday, May 28th	
Saturday, May 29th	
Sunday, May 30th	10:00 A.M. - Fr. Hartley's 40th Anniversary Of Ordination @ Mass

### *Wedding Anniversary*



*Congratulations to the following couple(s) as they celebrate their special day!*

*Barry & Jane Hubbard - 47 years of marriage on May 25th*  
*Steve & Beth Cobb - 30 years of marriage on May 25th*  
*Michael & Gina Smith - 14 years of marriage on May 26th*  
*Tom & Patty Pazdera - 26 years of marriage on May 27th*  
*Robert & Margaret Hildebrand - 38 yrs of marriage on May 27th*

### **Additional Financial Information**

Capital Improvements	\$ 205.00
Capital Campaign (Cornerstone)	\$ 100.00
Special Collections:	
Catholic Missourian	\$ 42.00
Ascension of the Lord	\$ 160.00
Communication & Education	\$ 15.00

### **Bishop McKnight Removes Dispensation**

As more people become vaccinated, Bishop McKnight has removed the general dispensation from attending Mass in person, effective **June 1st**. We are happy to invite all who have been away to join us to worship together, in person, and to receive the Body of Christ in Holy Communion, which nourishes our souls and heals us of our sins. Of course, if you are ill, please continue to participate in the Mass via livestream. We look forward to seeing you in person at Mass!

### **Graduates Honored at Mass**

Sunday, June 6, 2021 at 10 a.m. Mass Immaculate Conception Church will be honoring parish high school and post-secondary graduates. Graduates are asked to wear their cap and gown at the mass. This includes high school and any type of graduation or certification after high school. Please contact Ruth Ann O'Keefe (573-823-2676) if you have a student that has graduated in the past year.



### **Fr. Hartley's 40th Ordination Celebration**



On May 30, 2021, we will honor Fr. Hartley on his 40th year of ordination. Please plan to join us at 10:00 AM Mass followed by a carry-in dinner at the Knights of Columbus building in Montgomery City. The Knights of Columbus will provide the meat (ham), drinks and table service.

### **Capital Campaign Update**

Dear Parishioners,

Our current total in pledges and donations stands at \$233,755.16. Thank you for your generosity and your prayerful consideration in moving us toward our goal. We are anxiously awaiting the next two projects and hope that you will soon be seeing a very visible difference on the outside of our church. If you take the time to look at our thermometer either in the vestibule, or on the last page of the bulletin, you will see some interim goals. For example, our first goal is to get to the \$600,000 mark. Once we hit that mark, we feel we will be able to complete the many tasks needed to update and remodel our church. In fact, as it stands, we are only \$366,244.84 away from that mark. We hope you will make the decision today to help us with this important campaign. Thank you and God Bless!



Total in donations and pledges:	\$233,755.15
Total in expenses:	\$ 65,884.95
Total in insurance claims:	\$ 29,146.19
Current bank balance:	\$144,824.40

### **Memorial Day at St. Mary's Cemetery**

For those planning to visit St. Mary's Cemetery on Memorial Day, May 31st, the Rosary will be prayed under the pavilion beginning at 9:00 a.m. Bring a lawn chair and join us in praying for our deceased veterans and other loved ones who are buried at St. Mary's. The Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary will be prayed as May 31st is also the Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary. For more information, contact Dottie Brueggen at (573) 564-2183.

## Immaculate Conception School News



We are needing volunteers to help move the commercial oven out of the kitchen. If you are willing to volunteer a few minutes of your time please contact the school office (573-564-2679).

### ECLC Happenings

ECLC is looking for a substitute employee for the summer months. Applicants must be at least 17 years old. If you are interested or know of someone who would be interested, please contact Peggy at the school (573) 564-2679.

### IC Scrip Program



Whenever you purchase a gift card from the IC School Scrip Program, the school receives a percentage of the purchase price. The percentage will vary from one company to another but there is no extra charge to you. A \$25 card costs you \$25. Why not let some of your money that you would spend anyway go to a good cause? There are a few ways to obtain the cards. You may purchase physical cards at the school or after Masses on the first full weekend of the month. **You may also go online to [www.ShopWithScrip.com](http://www.ShopWithScrip.com) to create an account to purchase e-cards, reload select cards, or place a large order for physical cards. If you have any questions, call Gina Smith, coordinator, 573-289-8635.**

### Teaching Positions Available At ICS

Immaculate Conception School (ICS), a kindergarten through 8th grade Catholic School located in Montgomery City, with approximately 40 students, is seeking a 3rd & 4th Grade Homeroom Teacher and a part-time Art/Music Teacher for the 2021-2022 school year. This past year, our students have been learning instrumental music with keyboards, guitars, recorders, etc. ICS is a kindergarten through 8th grade Catholic School located in Montgomery City, with approximately 40 students. ICS runs on a 4-day school week (Tuesday-Friday). A successful candidate is a practicing Catholic in good standing who can minister to students regardless of subject area or a teacher who, consistent with the Mission of Immaculate Conception School, promotes and teaches the Catholic faith as reasonably determined by the principal. Applicants should hold the appropriate Missouri teaching certification, or its equivalent.

All interested persons should complete the application on the Jefferson City Diocesan website at: <https://diojeffcity.org/blog/2019/06/17/employment-in-our-catholic-schools/> and contact the Principal, Dana Schroeder at [dschroeder@icschool-mc.org](mailto:dschroeder@icschool-mc.org).

### Hanging Basket Fundraiser

There is still time to purchase tickets for the Immaculate Conception Home and School Hanging Basket Fundraiser! Tickets for these baskets can be purchased thru **May 31, 2021** at IC School and A'la mode Salon and Boutique here in Montgomery City. The cost is \$19.00 a ticket. If you have questions, please call (573) 564-2679.



### Pick-up Truck Help Needed!

St. Vincent dePaul is looking for someone with a pick-up truck that could handle furniture deliveries to their local clients. It usually is only a couple of hours a week. If you could help out, please call the Society of St. Vincent dePaul at (573) 835-3631 or Bob Schipper (573) 220-8629. Any help would be greatly appreciated.

## Events Around the Community (See Flyers if available in the church vestibule.)

June 6th - 11:00 AM - 7:00 PM Parish Picnic at Frankenstein  
June 11th 5:00 PM-8:00 PM - Fried Chicken Dinner in Martinsburg

### Employment Opportunities

**Catholic Charities of Central and Northern Missouri is hiring now!** For information, please visit [ccnmo.diojeffcity.org/about-us/careers](http://ccnmo.diojeffcity.org/about-us/careers).

**St. Peter Catholic Church in Jefferson City is seeking an Organist/Director of Music and Liturgy.** The primary functions of the Organist and Director of Music are to assure, direct and facilitate the continuous quality of the music ministry and to assist the Pastor in directing the liturgical functions at St. Peter Parish. For a detailed description please go to [www.saintpeterjc.org/employment](http://www.saintpeterjc.org/employment)

**The Diocese of Jefferson City is seeking an Associate Director of Stewardship,** to support the Stewardship Office through comprehensive communications and development programs for the Diocese of Jefferson City, ensuring an integrated development strategy involving all entities of the diocese. Through personal contact, print and non-print media and technology, the associate director, under the supervision of the stewardship director, is instrumental in assisting the bishop in his mission to teach and spread the Good News of Jesus Christ. The primary focus of this position is to assist the Director of Stewardship in moving the diocese to a tithing model. In order to be successful, the candidate must be a practicing Catholic with excellent communication skills. He/she will be an inspiring leader and will facilitate discussions that lead to an increased knowledge and understanding of the activities and roles of the diocesan and parish organizations. Qualified candidates should send letter of interest and resume to [HRDir@diojeffcity.org](mailto:HRDir@diojeffcity.org).

### Summer Pilgrimages at Laurie, Mo.

**The National Shrine of Mary Mother of the Church** will celebrate the feast of Mary, Mother of the Church with a Mass celebrated by Bishop McKnight on May 24. The Shrine is also hosting several pilgrimages this summer. Information that can be used to promote these events can be found at <https://thenationalshrineofmarymotherofthechurch.com/events-mass/upcoming-events/>

**Please keep in your prayers the following people:**

**Residents of St. Andrews New Florence Nursing & Care Center,** Hwy 19 & Picnic Road, New Florence, MO 63363 - Susan Ryan

*Contact the parish office to have someone added!*



**Please pray for:** Karen Clark, Alex Clark (granddaughter of Karen Clark), Nick Schneider, Lucille Griesbauer, Marvin Griesbauer, Pat (Cobb) Hunn, Susan Schipper, Charlee Kate (niece of Sue Beck), Diane Happe, and Jim Walker.

*Contact the parish office to have someone added!*



**Please pray for all our men and women serving in the armed forces.** Corey Stulce, Tanner Cobb, Michel James, and Daniel Lohmann.

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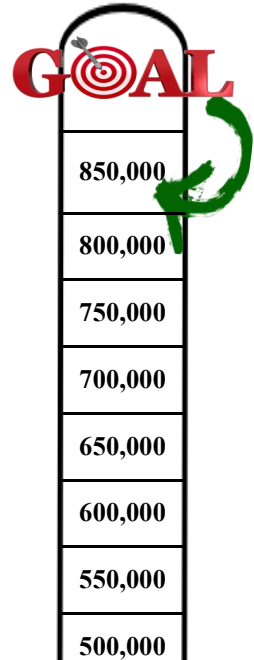
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## Some Words From 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduates

My name is **Gabriel Warner**. I've attended Immaculate Conception School for the past two years. I enjoy PE and Art a lot, and I have learned many things. I enjoyed the trip to the ice-skating rink this year even though I didn't skate too much. I enjoyed participating in Mass by being a reader. Parishioners, thank you for your support of such a wonderful school. Thank you to my two prayer partners for your prayers and cards. Father, thank you for teaching us during Mass. Thank you teachers and staff for doing a great job at making us all feel welcome and at home at school.

Hi, my name is **Clark Yates** and I have been going to Immaculate Conception School for six years. Something that I have enjoyed at IC school is when we have long talks at lunch. Those were some of my favorite times where I got to talk and see my friends. I have learned so many things here from how to meet new people to the crazy math that we are doing now. I will definitely take this information with me when I go to high school and I will miss all the people here. So finally, I want to thank all the parishioners for helping support the activities, for helping the church and all the small background things you do. I want to thank my prayer partner, Lanie Gardner for being here at church. I remember when we went to get ice cream together and it was super fun. I want to thank Father for leading the masses, and leading the church while I have been here. I want to thank all the wonderful staff and teachers who I have talked to so much and learned so many things from (love you Shirley, Peggy, and Mrs. Smith, and Mrs. Schroeder). And finally, I want to say thank you and goodbye to my classmates, who I have made friends with and who have helped me to be a better person all throughout my life. Thank you.

Hi, my name is **Hudson Schroeder** and I have attended ICS for seven years. The subject I've enjoyed the most is P.E. and third grade kickball at recess was the best. Thank you to all the parishioners for all of the donations and all your help around the school. Thanks to my prayer partner for so many years and helping me learn more about the Catholic faith. Thank you, Father Hartley for being our priest and teaching us through your homilies. Even though I have a hard time paying attention to the entire Mass, I still learned a lot. Thank you to all of my teachers that had to put up with me throughout the years, now I will be able to get through high school and live my life. Thank you.

Hi, my name is **Miley Rieke** and I have been at Immaculate Conception School for nine years. One of the things I will remember the most is celebrating Catholic Schools Week. We always did fun activities and went on field trips. I also enjoyed learning about the Catholic faith, so much so that my family and I joined the Church two years ago. Thank you, Dad for sending me to this school that has become a home to me. Thank you, Grandma and Grandpa for all of your help. Thank you, parishioners for all the things you have done for our school. Thank you to my prayer partner for taking time out of your day to come visit me and writing me cards. Thank you, Father for spreading the word of the Lord and teaching us more about the Catholic faith. Thank you, teachers for teaching me and making learning enjoyable.

Hi, my name is **Roy Kueny** and I have attended ICS for 11 years. One thing I really liked at ICS was having recess all the way through eighth grade. I learned so much in Religion about Jesus and our Catholic faith. I have enjoyed all of the field trips. I always looked forward to celebrating Catholic Schools Week. We did a lot of fun activities like skating and bowling. Thank you, parishioners for your prayers and support of the school. Thank you, prayer partners for your prayers and words of encouragement. Thank you, Father Austin and Father Hartley for teaching us through your homilies. Thank you, teachers and staff for making ICS a great place to be.