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MARY IMMACULATE and ST. ROSE  
FAITH COMMUNITIES  
**PIPELINE**  
SUMMER 2008



*MASS SCHEDULE*

**Mary Immaculate**

Sat 5:30 PM  
Sun 9:00 AM  
11:00 AM

**St. Rose**

Sun 7:30 AM

**Daily Mass (Mary Immaculate)**

Tue 5:30 PM  
Mon, Wed, Fri 7:00 AM  
Thurs 8:00 AM

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School 660-665-1006

Rectory 660-662-5269

Hope's Kitchen 660-665-1006

Emergency 660-665-3331



**CELEBRATING NEW LIFE  
& TRANSITIONS for  
Mary Immaculate & St. Rose  
June 1, 2007 - May 31, 2008 School Year**

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***You have been baptized in Christ...*  
Sacrament of Baptism**

**Kaitlyn Claire & Kamille Grace Tague**  
daughters of Scott & Stephanie (Stuart) Tague  
June 17, 2007

**Charles Douglas, Maxwell Benjamin &  
Sophie Elizabeth Stuart**  
children of Paul & Pam (Devlin) Stuart  
June 17, 2007

**Alexander Joseph Nastav**  
son of Jay & Carrie (Lamble) Nastav  
July 14, 2007

**Ella Sophia Seedorf**  
daughter of Ben & Tara (Caldwell) Seedorf  
July 21, 2007

**Zane Alexander Hrastich**  
son of Kyle & Beth (Westhoff) Hrastich  
July 22, 2007

**Julia Christine Grgurich**  
daughter of Jeremy & Sara (Davis) Grgurich  
Sept. 2, 2007

**Eleisa Renae Korte**  
daughter of Chris & Katy (Welschmeyer) Korte  
October 21, 2007

**Brennain James Degenhardt**  
son of Brian & Nancy (Sanders) Degenhardt  
March 22, 2008

**Jessica Leanne Amburgey**  
d. of Darwin & Nancy (Shockley) Amburgey  
March 30, 2008

***And the two shall become one...*  
Sacrament of Matrimony**

**Dustin Stephenson & Rolena Hadwiger**  
June 16, 2007

**Anthony Sager & Amy Mangini**  
July 14, 2007

**Justin Hamilton & Kelsey Lechner**  
July 28, 2007

**Richard Limbert & Lora Miller**  
August 4, 2007

**John Holst & Hannah Hagan**  
Dec. 1, 2007

**Parish-wide 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduates**

- Danielle Boren, d. of Patrick & Susan
- Laura Clark, d. of Jim & Kyle
- Tracey Darnell, s. of Shane & Patty
- Mallory Eitel, d. of Brad & Norine
- Tyler Gregory, s. of Shelly Higgins
- Laurel Haxton, d. of Jason & Lori
- Nathaniel Holte, s. of Dan & Deb
- Anna Klem, d. of Mike & Michelle
- Dominic Lardizabal, s. of David & Janet
- Michaela Pettinicchio, d. of Gabe & Sue
- Grace Sexton, d. of Bill & Trish
- Chelsie Todd, d. of Brian & Darice
- Anna Wiskirchen, d. of Larry & Marie



**Parish-wide High School Graduates**

- Tiffanie Anthes, d. of Gina
- Leah Baiotto, d. of Kevin & Carol
- Drew Baughman, s. of Doug & Lisa
- Alex Bergman, s. of Jim & Pam
- Anthony Capuano, s. of Tom & Leslie
- Bob Ciehanski, s. of Bill & Deb
- Michael Eitel, s. of Brad & Norine
- Tyler Fortenberry, s. of Randy & Donna
- Taylor Halterman, s. of Ken & Virginia
- Candace Hays, d. of Sandi
- Kaylee Heaton, d. of Missy Grgurich
- Catie Kelly, d. of Charlie & Cathy
- Ashley Kiefer, d. of Bob & Mary Jane
- Bryant Kiley, s. of Terry & Kate
- Mary Kate Lemley, d. of Charlie & Maggie
- Albert McCormick, s. of Jim & Catherine
- Kristin Palmisano, d. of Jim & Lyne
- Nick Presley, s. of Adrien & Theresa
- Jordan Read, s. of Ken & Deb
- Mark Schulte, s. of Damian & Bea
- Jacob Tucker, s. of Tim & Stephanie
- Sayde Wichmann, d. of John & Shawn
- Kevyn Wiskirchen, s. of Larry & Marie
- Jason Zeman, s. of Charlie & Tina

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**NEW Parish Pastoral Council Members**

- Bob Delaney, Clayton Dillavou, Joetta Krueger,  
Terrill Roberts & Diane Schulte

**Continuing PPC Members**

- Amy Bartig, Michelle Behnen, Jim Bergman,  
Dale Schenewerk & Trish Sexton

**NEW School Advisory Board Members**

- Bob Behnen & Dan Holte

**Continuing SAB Members**

- Cindy Cole, Sara Eber, Becky Martin & Diane Moore

*The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in  
the service of others. ~Gandhi*

*“With the help of God, we make the following commitments as a family to grow in our faith”...*

### **Family Faith Summer Covenant Ideas**

From God’s perspective, “COVENANT” is a Love Commitment, an unconditional pledge and promise to care for and never abandon His Beloved... US! You will hear the word “covenant” more and more in our faith formation activities in the future. To begin introducing this concept, we asked Families to create a “Family Faith” Summer Covenant at our last PSR/WCC Gathering. **Here is a sampling of covenant ideas to encourage all of us to make some conscious choices about “Living One’s Faith” over the summer months.**

#### **Mass & Prayer...**

- \* attend Mass on a regular basis
- \* say an Our Father each day
- \* pray meal prayers
- \* say night prayers at bedtime
- \* daily read a scripture passage
- \* pray a chaplet Rosary each Saturday
- \* attend church when out of town
- \* pray for others
- \* research Mass times on the website when traveling
- \* pray a decade of the Rosary at bedtime
- \* celebrate Vin’s First Communion
- \* pray at meals and snack time
- \* make up our own Family Prayer
- \* attend Mass when on vacation

#### **Family Time Together...**

- \* a “Family Night” each week
- \* park time together
- \* visit the Truman Presidential library
- \* appreciate God’s creation more by hiking and biking
- \* eat one meal a day together
- \* talk together in the car on the way to ball games
- \* garden & go fishing as a family
- \* have a family picnic once a week

#### **Service to Others...**

- \* mow neighbor’s yard
- \* help paint grandparent’s house
- \* help serve at Mass
- \* adopt 2 miles of highway & pick up trash
- \* share produce from our fruit trees & gardens
- \* motivate other people to go to Church
- \* help Bettie at Newman Center
- \* walk grandparent’s dog
- \* clean out closets and donate excess stuff

- \* help people move in and out of homes
- \* work with Mission Camp’s service projects
- \* help with Food for Kids lunches in the park
- \* share extra produce from our garden
- \* help with Relay for Life
- \* serve dinner to each other as a guest
- \* visit someone in the hospital or nursing home
- \* assist neighbor who has terminal illness
- \* Buddy Walk with Down Syndrome Families
- \* assist with Employer’s fundraiser
- \* help grandparents with chores

#### **Growth in Understanding what it means to be a Catholic...**

- \* listen more at Mass
- \* celebrate Haleigh’s First Communion
- \* read 1 Bible story a week
- \* work on not judging people every day
- \* discuss what we hear at Mass
- \* work on Boy Scout religion merit badge
- \* prepare for Dreyton’s First Communion
- \* read Living Faith readings each day
- \* Questions & Answers after Mass and out to lunch
- \* watch EWTN shows
- \* read in a children’s Bible
- \* help Tommy finish preparations for First Communion
- \* watch some religious videos from the Resource Room
- \* interview an uncle priest and ask lots of questions
- \* discuss readings from Mass
- \* read a Bible story each Sunday

#### **A Family Blessing Prayer**

*adapted from A Blessing for Ministry  
RCL, Faith First 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade textbook*

**May the Lord bless our hands  
that we may help others.**

**May the Lord bless our minds  
that we may know the ways of God.**

**May the Lord bless our lips  
that we may speak words of loving kindness.**

**May the Lord bless our ears  
that we may hear God’s Word.**

**May the Lord bless our feet  
that we may go forth to serve the Lord  
in one another all the days of our lives.**

**May the Lord bless our hearts  
that we may grow to be strong in love.**

**Amen.**

*"We cannot do great things on this Earth,  
only small things with great love." ~Mother Theresa*



**A DAY WITH A BUTTERFLY**  
by Zoe Korte, M.I. First Grader

**I love butterflies.  
Just as much as fireflies.  
I like their very pretty wings,  
just as much as birdies sing.  
If I spent a day with one,  
I would have a lot of fun!**

## **The Year of St. Paul**

### **A Year of Ecumenism**

**Pope Benedict XVI has declared June 2008-June 2009 the Year of St. Paul** in celebration of the 2,000th anniversary of the saint's birth.

"This 'Pauline Year' will take place in a special way in Rome, where for 2,000 years under the papal altar of this basilica, lies the tomb that according to experts and undisputed tradition has conserved the remains of the apostle Paul."

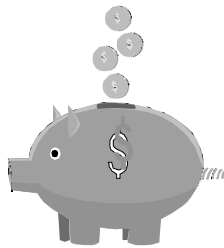
The Pontiff said: "In the papal basilica and Benedictine abbey attached to it, there can take place a series of liturgical, cultural and ecumenical events, as well as various pastoral and social initiatives, all of them inspired by Pauline spirituality.

"Meetings for study will be promoted and there will be special publications on Pauline texts, to promote the immense richness of the teaching contained in them, true patrimony of humanity redeemed by Christ. Benedict XVI explained that this year must have an important "ecumenical dimension."

**"The Apostle of the Gentiles, who dedicated himself to the spreading of the good news to all peoples, spent himself for the unity and harmony of all Christians,"** the Pope said. **"May he guide us and protect us in this bimillenary celebration helping us to advance in the humble and sincere search for the full unity of all the members of the mystical body of Christ."**

### **Children's Stewardship Envelopes!**

Take a look at all the GOOD our children's pennies, nickels, dimes, quarters and dollars do around the world!



#### **2005:**

- \$150 Heifer International
- \$500 Tsunami Fund
- \$337 African Mission (Erin Schwend)
- \$300 Gulf Coast Katrina Gifts Cards

#### **2006**

- \$100 Clothes for Christ "Foster Care" storage tubs
- \$500 Share the Harvest

#### **2007**

- \$250 post-Katrina Tree Planting, New Orleans
- \$83 Clothes for Christ "Foster Care" storage tubs
- \$750 Nigerian Sisters of the Poor

#### **2008**

- \$760 Victim Support Services Gift Cards
- \$700 Santo Nino Parish, Philippines
- \$255 Heifer International {represents matching funds with MI School Chinese Auction in Dec., 2007}

Special boxes of Children's Envelopes may be picked up at the Parish Center if you are running out... or if you want to begin this special tithing tradition with your children and/or grandchildren.

### **MISSION CAMP/ PARISH PICNIC:**

**Sunday August 24 — Watch for more details!**

### **BUTTERFLIES**

by Brennan O'Reilly, M.I. First Grader  
**Butterflies make me feel happy.**

**They are beautiful.**

**They are like a flying art.**

**They are very graceful.**



**The four poems you find in our Pipeline this month were submitted to HIGHLIGHTS magazine by their teacher, Chris Koch for hopeful publication!**

## SPRING DAYS

by Elsa Hammond, M.I. First Grader

**I like spring days when the sun is out**

**It's fun to play and shout.**

**Some go down to the dock to fish.**

**Some find kittens and some make a wish**

*If you missed our "BIRTHDAY KIT" article in the Catholic Missionian, here is a reprint!*

### *Gifted and empowered by the Holy Spirit...*

To celebrate the BIRTHDAY of the CHURCH, the PSR Families of Mary Immaculate & St. Rose parishes hosted a special Whole Community Catechesis event on May 7 designed to help some area families celebrate birthdays with a bit more JOY and freedom from expense. We created "birthday kits" to pass on the Good News that Jesus loves all children and sometimes that love is experienced through an act of kindness from people they don't even know.

**Our goal was 50 kits, but the Spirit had other plans!**

*Whatever you do to the least...* Planning and excitement began early in the Easter season! When approached about our "birthday kit" idea, Kim Le Baron, director of Victim Support Services, eagerly responded that "YES" she could easily distribute this kind of family gift to 25, 30, 50, sadly even a 100 children who are or have been connected with VSS. Kim also explained that **birthdays are not necessarily a happy time for families in crisis**, because they are not living in their own homes and one parent is no longer part of the family unit. "It would even be nice for children to have kits to make MOM a birthday cake!", she suggested.

### *Everyone moved by the Spirit is a Son & Daughter of God...* As

Pentecost quickly approached, parishioners at Mary Immaculate Parish in Kirksville and St. Rose in Novinger graciously donated cake mixes, cans of frosting and gift bags for children to decorate. For two weeks contributions arrived at church, were dropped off at our Catholic school and brought by the Parish Center day and night!

Altar & Rosary women donated all the birthday cake candles. A donation from the Knights of Columbus Lenten Fish Fry proceeds helped purchase helium balloons, decorative stickers, curling ribbon and treat bags. An additional \$148.00 in cash donations from our RCIA community and PSR parents helped with expenses too. **Most significantly, monies from our Children's Envelopes purchased seventy-six \$10.00 gift cards ... and that represents a lot of nickels, dimes and quarters!!**

*Led by the Fire of His Love...* On Wed., May 7, Angela Penquite and our M.I. School 2<sup>nd</sup> Graders eagerly & noisily processed from the Parish Center to the 1<sup>st</sup> grade classroom toting bags and bags and bags of donations. Then Chris Koch's 1<sup>st</sup> Graders "took inventory" counting all the cake mixes, cans of frosting and gift bags to find out if we still needed to purchase some last minute supplies. The Extended Care Children lugged boxes and bags of donations to the cafeteria, sorted "flavors", set up work areas for the evening service project and discovered that "Fun-fetti" was the favorite donated icing!

That evening PSR families and parishioners gathered in the school cafeteria to sing, pray, learn and serve. Following our theme song, "I Am A Promise", Pastor Fr. Pat Shortt led a catechetical exploration of all the symbols and images PSR families brought from home that represented the Holy Trinity... God the Father, Son & Holy Spirit. In addition to traditional items - shamrocks and icons, paintings, medals and rosaries - one father held up an EGG... Three in One... the shell, the yolk and the egg white! He said he remembered this image from a sermon in his childhood.

We taught the children that our birthday kit project is **one little way to be like the disciples filled with the Holy Spirit**, one simple way to spread the Good News of Jesus Christ and His Love for children. When we follow Christ and love freely as He taught us to love, we can brighten someone's day and not even know their names! We signed all the homemade cards with **first names only**, because we don't need "Thank You" notes or to be recognized for gifts we give for Christ and to His children.

*We Are A Pilgrim People, United By the Fire....* On Wed., May 14, Moms, a Dad & children from 8 months old to 2<sup>nd</sup> graders met at the Victim Support Services office and presented **76 bags** to the staff. Each "Birthday kit" was filled with a cake mix, a can of frosting, balloons, candles, a \$10.00 gift card to WalMart or HyVee for a gallon of milk, eggs, oil & a treat, homemade birthday cards and lots of love & prayers! So many people in our parishes helped make our first attempt a wonderful, JOY and FUN- FILLED experience. It may even become a "new tradition"!

*Disciples on Mission spreading Good News...* Please feel free to adapt this project and pass the idea on to your family and friends in other parishes! It is an easy way to remember families in extreme stress and help them experience the Love of God in a very practical, "homey" way. It also is an important way to acknowledge and share gratitude for one's own family life while still becoming mindful that some children in our communities are not as happy & carefree as others. We are God's Sons & Daughters and He rejoices in us ALL! **This truly was a Whole Community service experience and the children led us!**

## TOO MUCH CANDY!

by Natalie Clark, M.I. First Grader

**One day I ate too much candy**

**The candy was quite handy.**

**Then one day my sister ate too much candy.**

**Oh, Mandy.**



**The Catholic school forms part of the saving mission of the Church, especially for education in the faith.  
It is not simply an institution which offers academic instruction of high quality,  
but even more important, is an effective vehicle of total Christian formation.**

*National Directory for Catechesis, US Conference of Catholic Bishops, c2005. p. 230*

**What Difference Does It Make???**

**Some of the many benefits of attending a Catholic School** are having all the children from your family in the same school together for several years, students being able to pray for family and friends when they feel the need, and having your child in school with children whose families share similar values.

**~Kelly Freeland**

**Among many things, what I love most about Mary Immaculate School is the kindness.** My family and I moved from Lansing, Michigan 5 years ago and we were all scared about starting a new school again. All the teachers took us under their wings along with Janie (our principal) who remembered us from years ago. There is nothing like moving to a new community and finding out that the teachers, principal, the secretaries and kids can all be very welcoming just like a great big family. Anytime I had a question, the teachers were all very pleasant and right there to help me figure out the answer. My youngest started Kindergarten last year at Mary Immaculate and loved every day of it. She never hesitated about wanting to go to school. One of her favorite activities was her religion time learning about God with Mrs. Galloway. She looks forward to 1<sup>st</sup> grade next year. The past five years have been a long struggle for my family but with a lot of help from the school it has been a great pleasure to be back in Kirksville and to know that my children have many good experiences from going to Mary Immaculate School.

**~Gina Anthes**

**I graduated from Mary Immaculate two years ago** - after 9 years of school there. For me the words that describe Mary Immaculate School are faith, hope and love. It's a place where all people feel equal and no one is teased. I remember the safety of the school when 9/11 happened. I was in fourth grade. Mrs. Theobald called the students to the church to tell us what had happened. We prayed for the victims and for the terrorists. It was a scary time but we had the presence of Jesus to get us through. I wonder where the public school kids gathered. Every school day was prayerful. We didn't just learn about Christ and Catholicism, we developed a relationship with Christ through one another. Now that I'm in Youth Ministry, I try to keep as much of Mary Immaculate School with me as I can. I may not be able to pray out loud each morning at school but the values I learned in my nine Mary Immaculate years are part of me. I hope they shine through each day.

**~Claire Sexton**

My most favorite thing teaching at MI. is that the kids are always eager to learn and parents are always open to helping and are actively involved in their child's education. It makes being a teacher much easier when you know you are supported by families. This was something I personally found to be missing when I was in public school.

**~Lisa Findling 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade**

Even though my children are not yet attending Mary Immaculate, **there are numerous reasons why I look forward to sending my kids to M.I. School...** I know my kids are with other children whose parents have like-minded values like ours. Our children learn their Catholic faith not just from their father and me, but from the whole Mary Immaculate School community. Faith is an everyday part of their day and school-experience, not just once a week. It is a tight-knit community where kids are sheltered and are encouraged to grow in their faith. They can attend Mass more than once a week, and have the priest as a regular role-model. Hopefully one of our fine MI students will hear the calling to the priesthood or religious life. Mary Immaculate has the reputation over the years as a top-notch academic institution – this is evidenced by the fact that MI graduates rank at or near the top of the high school graduating class.

**~Michele Behnen**

**Only in our Catholic school** could our children receive the healthy moral guidance, quality education, individualized attention and LOVE that we feel is so important in raising our children to not only be self assured and competitive in the world but to also serve as good citizens!

**~Melissa S. Passe**

**As a "graduate" of Mary Immaculate School,** I have never forgotten the basics of my faith that I learned. I always felt that my education there prepared me in the best possible way for my years to come in Jr. High, High School and then in college, as well as in my life. Before we were married, I recall talking to my soon-to-be-husband about how strongly I felt that our children would also go to Mary Immaculate School; I wanted them to have the foundation of education and faith that I had received. I feel very strongly that our school is the hope and future of our Church. However small or large our school community becomes, these children will be better equipped to face a world that is in need of spiritual repair; a world that needs people who are kind, loving and forgiving, a world that needs the message of Jesus Christ and the Gospel. Mary Immaculate Church and School are my home; my life is and has been so much a part of both that I will cherish forever.

**~Shawnee Kellison**

**We chose Mary Immaculate Catholic School** because our children are able to celebrate their Catholic faith every day of the school year. From praying at the beginning and end of the day, blessing their food and religion class our children are surrounded by God's presence every day.

**~Evonne Bird**