

# IC SCHOOL NEWS

JANUARY 2018



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## From the Principal's Desk

Dear parents,

Welcome back and Happy New Year!

I hope you had a restful break. The children were probably happy to have an extra day off. Not so sure how you felt.

Most of you know that during the break I got married and then my husband and I traveled to Italy to have our marriage blessed by Pope Francis. While on pilgrimage to Rome we were able to visit dozens of churches and pray for our school and parish family. We were also blessed to attend Vespers (evening prayer, adoration, and Benediction) on New Year's Eve with the Holy Father and hundreds of other pilgrims from all over the world. Our trip was an exhilarating adventure; what one might call a mountain top experience. Yet, while I was there, I realized that the Church is so much larger than just the Vatican or the pope. It is comprised of everyday people all over the globe just trying to make the world a better place.

This is why Immaculate Conception Catholic School exists – to change the world and make it a better place through the Love of Christ. In a few weeks we will be celebrating Catholic Schools Week. It is a time to recognize this wonderful gift. I personally invite everyone to participate in all the week's activities. Please take note in the newsletter today of how your family can join in. We begin with the celebration Mass on Sunday, January 28 followed by a reception at which we thank the parish for supporting our mission and making our school possible. The week ends with family night on Friday February 2nd. The children have chosen a family talent show. The theme is a Western Hoedown. Sign-up sheets for Catholic Schools Week can be found on the bulletin board in the main entrance.

In Christ's Christmas Peace,

Mrs. Sharon Voege, M.Ed.



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## FAITH

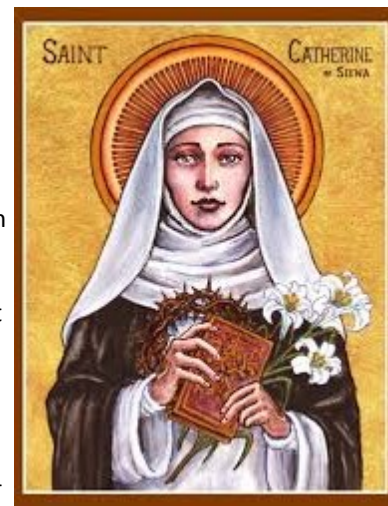
**Our highlighted saint for the month is St. Catherine of Siena.**

**She was born in 1347 in Siena, Italy.**

St. Catherine was the 23rd child of Jacopo and Lapa Benincasa she received her first vision of Our Lord while walking back from church with her brother when she was just six years old. She entered the Dominican Third Order at the age of 18 and spent the next three years of her life in seclusion and prayer.

St. Catherine was a great influence amidst the chaos of the Great Schism and she spent the last years of her life in Rome pleading on behalf of the cause of Pope Urban VI and the unity of the church.

St. Catherine's feast day is celebrated on April 30th and she is the patroness of the United States, Italy, people ridiculed for their faith, nursing, against fire, against illness, against miscarriages and against sexual temptation.



## KNOWLEDGE



### How to Catch an Elf

Elementary students read the book "How to Catch an Elf" and were given a \$10 allowance to build a trap using items such as paper cups, tape and pipe cleaners. Each item was given a monetary amount and each group of students could not exceed their \$10 budget. This activity encouraged reasoning skills, engineering and design. Upper elementary students did a great job in guiding lower elementary students in their quest to catch an elf!

## SERVICE

**Our service project for January is to collect pop tabs for the Ronald McDonald House.**

The Ronald McDonald House Charities (RMHC) provides housing for families of ill children so parents can stay close to the hospitals where their children are being treated for little to no cost. Not one company could sustain the growth of the Charity therefore the majority of funding comes from the public, including donations from McDonald's customers at its restaurants. Local Chapters are largely responsible for sustaining Ronald McDonald Houses and Family Rooms with fundraising and the recruitment of volunteers.



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## -Catholic Schools Week 2018-

Catholic Schools Week will kickoff at a celebration Mass on January 28th followed by a nacho bar for everyone. Student work will be on display and there will be a book fair.

**Monday** Celebrate Community *\$1 jean day*

**Tuesday** Celebrate Students

**Wednesday** Celebrate the Nation *red, white and blue day*

**Thursday** Celebrate Vocations

**Friday** Celebrating Families *wild west day*

We will be going on two different field trips for CSW; Elementary will attend a special mass at Hackett Prep on February 1st and the whole school will be bowling on February 2nd.

[Check our website for the most up to date information!](#)

## Important Dates:

**JANUARY 12** UNIFORM HOLIDAY & POPCORN FRIDAY

**JANUARY 15** HALF DAY! 11:30AM pickup time.

**JANUARY 16** School Commission Meeting at 5PM.

**JANUARY 17** FREE COMMUNITY PLAYGROUP!

**JANUARY 19** End of 2nd Quarter.

**JANUARY 26** HALF DAY 11:30AM pickup time. Teacher PD.

**JANUARY 28** CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK KICKOFF! CSW runs from January 28-February 2nd.

**FEBRUARY 1** All schools Mass 10:00AM at Hackett (Elementary).

**FEBRUARY 2** BOWLING FIELD TRIP FOR CSW— Cost will be \$5 per person and will include shoes!



Our January Saint Joseph Award recipient will be announced during the first Wednesday Mass of the month!

*If you know anyone that needs prayers please let the office know so we can pray for them!*

### Pope's Prayer Intention for January

#### Evangelization: Religious Minorities in Asia

That Christians, and other religious minorities in Asian Countries, may be able to practice their faith in full freedom.

### -IC SCHOOL JANUARY BIRTHDAYS-

Briella Carra 1/26

James Few 1/26

Emma Warne 1/28

Ty Norton 1/31

Mrs. Haruza 1/19

**Family Night is Friday, February 2nd from 4PM-6PM!** The students have elected to have a Family Talent Show; mark your calendars for a fun-filled night & don't forget to start practicing on your acts! Supper will be provided. A family sign up will be posted on the entry bulletin board.