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Fr. Ernest Dike, Parochial Administrator, edike@diojeffcity.org Bulletin Deadline 9:00 AM on Wednesdays

January 18, 2026 - Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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 exit in our midst and to celebrate the realities of our faith together.

St. Patrick Parish Mission

As a church community here at St. Patrick, we want to know, love and serve Jesus in our efforts in: Christian formation/faith development; worship; social services; and stewardship of resources.

MONDAY

January 19
Weekday
1 Sm 15:16-23
Mk 2:18-22

TUESDAY

January 20
Weekday
1 Sm 16:1-13
Mk 2:23-28

WEDNESDAY

January 21
St. Agnes, Virgin and Martyr
1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51
Mk 3:1-6

THURSDAY

January 22
Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children
1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7
Mk 3:7-12

FRIDAY

January 23
Weekday
1 Sm 24:3-21
Mk 3:13-19

SATURDAY

January 24
St. Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27
Mk 3:20-21

SUNDAY

January 25
Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Is 8:23-9:3
1 Cor 1:10-13, 17
Mt 4:12-23 or 4:12-17

Behold the Lamb of God!

ANN M. GARRIDO

Of the many names Scripture provides to help us ponder the mystery of Jesus, one of the most intriguing is the name that John the Baptist offers at the opening of today's gospel: "Behold the Lamb of God!" (John 1:29).

Scripture scholars debate what John means here. Is he alluding to the Passover lamb—that unblemished lamb whose blood the enslaved Israelites were to post over their doorways? The angel of death knew to "pass over" these homes. Perhaps John was saying that by Jesus' blood, the people would be freed from death.

Or was John thinking about the guilt offerings mentioned in the Hebrew Scriptures when priests offered animal sacrifices to God as a way of seeking the removal of their sins? Leviticus mentions use of a scapegoat who would carry the sins of the people away into the desert. (See Leviticus 20-28.) Could John have understood that Jesus would bear the sins of the world?

Or did John have in mind the great constellation Aries, the ram, considered the prince of the stars of the sky, the center from whom all the other constellations were mapped in ancient times? Perhaps John was pointing out that Jesus was the center around whom heaven and earth revolve, like the ruling lamb mentioned in the Book of Revelation.

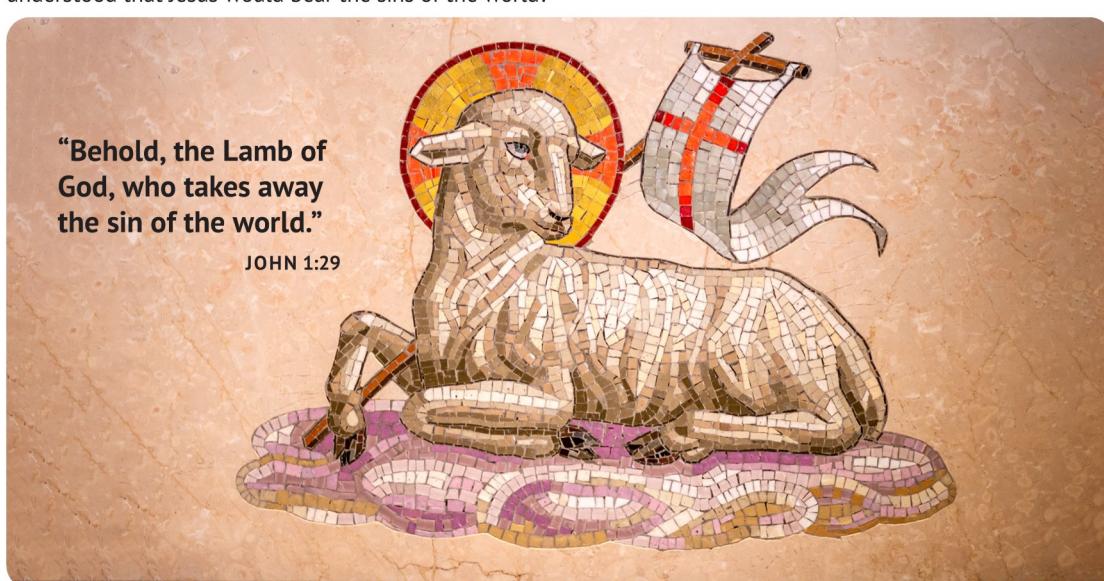
Today at Mass, when the host is elevated and you hear John's words again—"Behold the Lamb of God!"—take a moment to savor these words anew. ●



LEARN ABOUT THE AUTHORS OF OUR PARISH COMMUNITY

Reflect

Which understanding of the "Lamb of God" resonates with me?



"Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world."

JOHN 1:29

Mon	January	19th	NO Mass - Montgomery City
Tues	January	20th	NO Mass - Montgomery City
Wed	January	21st	NO Mass - Jonesburg
Thur	January	22nd	NO Mass - Montgomery City
Fri	January	23rd	NO Mass - Montgomery City
Sat	January	24th	5:00 PM Mass - Montgomery City - Our Parish Family
Sun	January	25th	8:00 AM Mass - Jonesburg +Herb Mertz Family 10:00 AM Mass - Montgomery City +Dottie Steffan

A reminder: If there is a funeral at any of the two parishes or a school cancellation due to weather, there will be **no** scheduled Mass

Immaculate Conception Parish & School			
	Income	Expenses	Difference
Fiscal Jul 25-Dec 25	\$351,207.36	\$372,790.08	-\$21,582.72
December 2025	\$71,026.33	\$77,300.69	-\$6,274.36
	Church	ICS/Daycare	Total
January 4th	\$6,164.08	\$3,726.00	\$9,890.08
January 11th	\$3,229.83	\$8,593.00	\$11,822.38
January 18th			
January 25th			
Weekly Goal	\$13,768.96	Wkly Avg	\$10,856.46

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Gifts
to
God!
Thank
You!**



St. Patrick Parish			
	Income	Expenses	Difference
Fiscal Jul 25-Nov 25	\$32,922.48	\$38,463.08	-\$5,540.60
November 2025	\$7,002.46	\$4,472.32	\$2,530.14
	Church	Total	
January 4th	\$1,584.00	\$1,584.00	
January 11th	\$1,405.00	\$1,405.00	
January 18th			
January 25th			
Weekly Goal	\$1,964.42	Wkly Avg	\$1,494.50

Additional Financial Information		
Solemnity of Mary - \$30.00		
Capital Improvements/Maintenance - \$20.00		
First Offering (helps defray cost of titling envelopes) - \$10.00		
Mass Intentions- \$10.00		

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

Mass Ministries	January 17th & 18th	January 24th & 25th	January 31st & February 1st	February 7th & 8th
IC SAT 5PM				
Lector	Dennis Benney	Beth Roesner	Gary Hoette	Dennis Cobb
Eucharistic Ministers	Gary Hoette, Beth Cobb, Tom Cobb	Don Broz, Dennis Cobb, Ruth Ann O'Keefe	Mary Pottebaum, Beth Cobb, Gary Hoette	Tom Cobb, Don Broz, Dennis Cobb
Ministers of Hospitality	Kasey Pottebaum Family Tom Cobb	Steve & Beth Cobb Daryl & Nancy Cobb	Don & Lila Broz Tom Cobb & Bob Dryden	Kasey Pottebaum Family
Servers	Jacob Roesner Mercer Cothren	Lila Broz Malorie Schulte	Beth Roesner Mercer Cothren	Lila Broz Jacob Roesner
Money Counters	John/Aggie Baldetti & Darryl Rhoads	Don/Sandy Oakes & Judy Cobb	Dottie Brueggen & Debbie Heidelberger	Daryl Rhoads & John/Aggie Baldetti
IC SUN 10AM				
Lector	Amanda Arens	Michael Smith	Jerry Witthaus	ICS Students
Children's Liturgy	Anna Harrell	Dianne Talley	Geri Park	Rachel Rakers
Eucharistic Ministers	Dennis Cobb, Jacob Lotton, Tony Wessel	Eileen Lotton, Tidie Simpson, Jenidean Readey	Jack Wells, Megan Hans, Pat Stumbaugh	Gayle Adams, Tony Wessel, Steve Williams
Ministers of Hospitality	Jeff & Amanda Arens Pat & Janet Stumbaugh	Dana Schneider/Brady Craven Tony Wessel, Steve Williams	Dave & Janet Cobb Charlie & Pat Korman	ICS Students
Servers	Josie & Wade Harrell	Ella & Emilia Hans	Keagan Rakers & Maverick Johnson	ICS Students
Money Counters	Vicki Parker & Mark Brower	Rick/Gayle Adams & Dave Teeter	Megan Hans & Elaine Winford	Mark Brower & Steve Williams
SP SUN 8AM				
Hospitality/Usher	Nancy & John Cobb, Sr.	John Cobb, Jr. Family	Youth	Ellis Family
Altar Clean Up Only	Laurie Dothage	Jan Milzark	Jan Milzark	Jan Milzark
Lector	Laurie Gilbert	Sara Johnson	Gracie Cobb	Matt Politsch
Servers	Luke Farrar & Anna Johnson	Emma Cobb & Carl Johnson	Jordan Finke & McCullie Schluss	Emma Cobb & Carl Johnson
Eucharistic Minister	Terri Lenzenhuber, John Cobb, Sr., Sara Johnson	Bridget Cobb, Vicki Duenke, Barb Turpin	Nancy Cobb, Terri Lenzenhuber, Sara Johnson	Bridget Cobb, John Cobb, Sr., Barb Turpin
Money Counters	John Cobb, Jr. & Brad Ellis	Bridget Cobb & Laurie Dothage	Derrick Cobb & Karen Stenger	Gracie Cobb & Jan Milzark

Remember, if you are unable to complete your assigned time, you are responsible for finding a replacement! Thank you for your service!

Parish Membership: Please call the parish office to register.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: IC Sat 4:15PM-4:45PM, SP Sun 7:15AM or by appointment.

Sacrament of Baptism/Confirmation: Call the parish office to set up an appointment.

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: Order of Christian Initiation of Adults begins in the Fall and sacramental initiation normally occurs at the Easter Vigil. Please call for details. Classes on Tuesday evenings at 6:30 PM at ICS.

Hospitalization: If you are hospitalized or have a family member who is home-bound, please call the parish office.

Dear Padre,

I thought only priests and bishops should distribute Holy Communion at Mass. In my parish, the priest allows laypeople to help him, and I thought laypeople couldn't because our hands are not consecrated.

You're not the only person with this concern, so thank you for taking the time to write. The distribution of holy Communion has nothing to do with "consecrated hands." Ordinary ministers of Communion include bishops and priests, as you rightly identify, but also deacons and installed acolytes. Of the four ordinary ministers, only the hands of bishops and priests are consecrated. Laypeople are extraordinary ministers and are installed to help the priest so that everyone can receive holy Communion without long lines or wearying the (sometimes elderly) priest. Most extraordinary ministers of Communion approach this ministry very prayerfully.

Your question brings up the subject of the full participation of the laity in the Mass, which is part of a highly contentious theological discussion on social media. There is an unfortunate conflict between so-called "traditional Catholics" and "Vatican II Catholics" or, as they are often misrepresented, "Novus Ordo" Catholics. Some Catholics are led to believe that the "new Mass" is not authentic, even though it has been the ordinary form of the Mass for well over fifty years—that is, since the authoritative Second Vatican Council. Many good and faithful people suffer with doubt and anxiety as a result of this confusion. ●

Fr. Thomas M. Santa, CSsR / DearPadre.org



THOMAS ORRICO / CATHOPIC

Pope Leo XIV's Prayer Intention for January

For prayer with the word of God

Let us pray that praying with the word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us to build a more fraternal and missionary Church.



FRANCISCO XAVIER ESPINOZA / CATHOPIC

A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

Ours is a time marked by a growing search for spirituality, particularly evident in young people, who are longing for authentic relationships and guides in life. Hence, it is important that the Christian community be farsighted in discerning the challenges of today's world and in nurturing the desire for faith present in the heart of every man and woman.

MESSAGE TO SEMINAR PARTICIPANTS, ROME, MAY 28, 2025



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Parish Renewal – Forum for Ideas
All parishioners are invited to join us.
These gatherings are simply opportunities to share thoughts, hopes, and suggestions about strengthening our parish family.

We will offer two session times:

- Saturday, January 17, 2026, after 5:00 PM Mass
- Sunday, January 18, 2026, after 10:00 AM Mass

Both sessions will be held in the school basement, and refreshments will be provided.
We will also share updates on projects currently in progress.

Your presence and input are greatly appreciated.
Please join us as we work together to help our parish grow, welcome, and thrive.



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**Winter
Craft
Weekend**

Friday, January 30, 2026
2 pm – 9pm • Dinner provided
Saturday, January 31, 2026
9 am – 9pm • Lunch & Dinner provided
Sunday, February 1, 2026
9 am – 2pm • Brunch provided



Bring your sewing, scrapbooking, needle art, or whatever you want to work on!

Sign up and pay by January 15
to reserve your spot!

Venmo: @IChomeandschool

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Knights of Columbus Hall
318 N. Sturgeon St.
Montgomery City, Missouri

For More Information:
Lanie Gardner 573.823.5756 or
HomeAndSchool@icschool-mc.org



The KC ladies Auxiliary are selling raffle tickets on this beautiful quilt. It was the last quilt pieced by Rhoda Cobb, finished by Alice Cobb and quilted by the IC Quilters. HURRY TO GET YOUR CHANCES!! Time is running out to get this special quilt. The winner will be drawn at the sausage Dinner on January 26th. Contact **Kim Dryden at 573-220-2191** to get your raffle tickets. Tickets are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00.



KC Council #2044 60th ANNUAL WHOLE HOG SAUSAGE DINNER

SUNDAY JANUARY 25, 2026

10:30am - 2:00pm

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Dine in and Carry out only

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Sausage with Kraut, Mashed Potatoes,
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Bulk Sausage Sales \$6.00 4-link vacuum package
Starting Friday Jan. 23rd. at KC Hall

Upcoming Events and Announcements

Monday January 19th	IC IC	5:30 PM - Choir Practice 6:30 PM - Society of St. Vincent DePaul	
Tuesday January 20th	IC IC IC	6:00 AM to 5:00 PM - Adoration NO Benediction & Devotion to Divine Mercy 6:30 PM - OCIA Class	
Wednesday January 21st	IC IC SP	9:00 AM to 1:30 PM - Quilting at the St. Vincent dePaul Building - all are welcome 7:00 PM - Knights of Columbus Meeting 9:00 AM - 7:00 PM - Adoration	
Thursday January 22nd			
Friday January 23rd			
Saturday January 24th			
Sunday January 25th	IC IC SP SP	10:30 AM - 2:00 PM - Knights of Columbus Sausage Dinner PSR - 4:15-6:15 PM - 1st thru 8th Grades After Mass - Coffee & Donuts in the Parish Hall - all are welcome! After Mass - Greeting Card Event - See bulletin for information.	

Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you.
Jeremiah 29:12

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE:

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Bill Muenz, and Dorothy Bowman

Resident of The Arbors at South Pointe
5125 Old State Hwy 100, Room 13, Washington, MO 63090
Peggy Gardner

Residents of Stonebridge in Hermann
1800 Wein St , Hermann, MO 65041
Tony & Laverne Wessel, Sr.

Residents of
Aspire Nursing Home
308 Cedar Avenue, Jonesburg, MO 63351



See!
I will not forget you, I have
carved you on the palm of
my hand.
Isaiah 49:15

Welcome everyone.
On Tuesdays starting at
6:00 AM we have
Eucharistic Adoration: a
special time to
worship and praise our Lord
and Savior, Jesus Christ and
to deepen your
intimate friendship and be
nourished and strengthened
by His presence and love.
At 5:00 PM Adoration will
close with Devotion to the
Divine Mercy and
Benediction. Mass will start
at 5:30 PM.



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE STRUGGLING, SICK AND INFIRMED:
Al & Christine Barger, Mike Benzen, Kathy Burke, Mike Busken, Elizabeth Brueggen, Molly Brueggen, Larry Brueggemann, Marion Bullerdick, Parker Calbreath, Robert Carillo, Bill Cobb, Clint Cunningham, Fr. Lou Dorn, Lori Dorsey, Ebbesmeyer Family, Nick Erbe, John Goodwin, Richard Grelle, Lucille Griesbauer, Anna Gross, Ed Grillo, Henry Hamill, Antoinette Hoing, Howard Hollensteiner, Addie Johnson, Ingrid Keller, Genevieve Kelly, Annie Kempf, Darlie Lamb, Pat Merz, Kathleen Mohrmann, Nancy Nylund, Lyndsey O'Bryan, Alice O'Donnell, Clayton Parker, Paula Peatross, Avery Penn, Peggy Readey, Rae Jean Rhoads, Nick Schneider, Tommy Shine, Nancy Smiley, Eric Smith, Evelyn Strauss, Katherine Stroot, Ed Torbeck, Sue Umphenour, Sandy Waddell, Tony Wessel, Sr.



PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL OUR MEN AND WOMEN IN THE ARMED SERVICES

Brandon Wells, Dylan Willis, Daniel Lohmann, Donnie Wisdom, Alex Brueggen, & Justin Beabout



Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her. ~Ephesians 5:25

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

There are no marriages to celebrate this week.



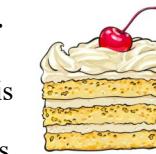
Happy Birthday to those who are celebrating in January!

3rd - Sam Cobb
4th - Marion Bullerdick
5th - Beth Bextermiller
6th - Millie Myrick
6th - Everleigh Poggas
12th - Chelsea Barclay
16th - Matthew Poltsch
18th - Linda Stewart
24th - Goldie Reynolds
24th - Barb Turpin
26th - Shelby Barclay
29th - Rich Rose



Desserts Needed for Sausage Dinner

The annual Knights of Columbus Sausage Dinner is on Sunday, January 25th. If you like to bake, they would love to have your pies, cakes, and/or cookies for desserts. They can be taken to the KC Hall on Saturday, January 24th and Sunday morning, January 25th. Thank you!



Donuts & Book Fair

After Mass on Sunday, February 8, all parishioners are invited over to school for donuts to celebrate Catholic Schools Week. The Scholastic Book Fair will also be open for all to shop. Please join us!



Sacred Heart of Jesus Icon

The Montgomery City Knights of Columbus Council 2044 is sponsoring a Holy Hour in honor of the Sacred Heart of Jesus as part of the Icons tour. The holy hour, flowing from the jubilee for the 350th anniversary of the apparitions of the Heart of Jesus to St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, and inspired by Pope Francis's encyclical letter.



During the holy hour, an icon depicting the most famous image of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, painted in 1767 by Pompeo Patoni and now venerated in the church of Gesu in Rome, will be displayed. This reproduction of the original image bears the blessing of Pope Francis and is one of more than 300 icons traveling across the world as part of the Knights of Columbus Pilgrim Icon Program.

The icon will arrive February 6th and remain with us until February 12th. Holy hour books will be provided for the service. We have been working with Fr. Ernest to organize the program and will provide exact information when he returns. Anyone not familiar with this devotion would benefit by researching beforehand. The icon will be displayed all the time it is here to allow more time for everyone to spend with it. At this time, the holy hour will be held after adoration on Tuesday, February 10th. We hope everyone takes advantage of this event.

Thank you!

St. Patrick's News

January Mass Intentions

4th - +Frank Cobb Family
11th - +Tim Ebbesmeyer
18th - +Rich Milzark
25th - +Herb Mertz Family



Come and Join the Fun!

Calling all crafters and those not so crafty! Do you like to make greeting cards? Do you like to send cards? Do you like to receive happy mail? Let's get together after Mass Sunday the 25th of January to make, write and post cards to those in our parish and community that cross our mind and those in our prayers. Debbie Enger will supply card making supplies, envelopes and postage. Please stay and help make someone's day a little brighter with happy mail. All are welcome. No experience needed!



Fr. Lou Dorn Update

Fr. Lou Dorn has been discharged from the nursing home in Jonesburg. He is now living at Oak Point Assisted Living in Warrenton, and would still enjoy visitors.

Reminder!

Adoration this Wednesday, January 21st from 9:00 AM to 7:00 PM.

Tax Statements For Both Parishes

It's that time of the year! If you WANT a tithing statement for your taxes, please call or email your parish office.



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(636) 488-5623 - St. Patrick

Email: imm-con@sbcglobal.net - Immaculate Conception
stpat@centurytel.net - St. Patrick

Happy Birthday to Fr. Berhorst whose birthday is Saturday, January 17th! Your friends from Immaculate Conception and St. Patrick wish you a wonderful day!

Immaculate Conception School News
Ms. Dana Schroeder, School Principal | Mrs. Anna Harrell, Administrative Assistant | 573.564.2679 - School Office | immaculateconception@icschool-mc.org

Calendar

Feb. 5- Prayer Partner Mass
Feb. 6- Diocesan 7th Grade Academic Bowl
Feb. 2-13-Scholastic Book Fair
Feb. 8- Catholic Schools Week Mass 10am
Feb. 14- Mardi Gras Celebration @ KC Hall

Jan. 25 - Jan. 31 - Catholic Schools Week

The school students and staff will be celebrating CSW Tuesday-Friday. IC Home & School has a committee that will plan the activities. We generally follow the guidelines of NCEA about celebrating the parish, students, families, staff, and community.

Jan. 30 - Feb 1 - Winter Craft Weekend

IC Home & School provides meals for the participants of the craft weekend at the Knights Hall organized by Lanie Gardner. She donates the proceeds to IC Home & School.

Feb. 4 - Home & School Association Meeting, 6pm

Feb. 5 - Prayer Partner Mass

Feb. 8 - Catholic Schools Week Mass

On Sunday, February 8, we will celebrate Catholic Schools Week (CSW) with the 10am Mass. All school students will have a part in Mass. Mrs. Kemmis and Mrs. Smith will plan the Mass. This is not during CSW due to Father being gone.

Feb. 13 - Valentine's Day Party

Each class will celebrate with a party in their room from 1:30-3:30pm. They will have snacks, games, and crafts.

Feb. 14 - Mardi Gras Celebration

ICS is hosting the Mardi Gras Celebration fundraiser with food, live music (Trixie Delight), and an auction.



Items Needed for Mardi Gras

We had many great items and experiences at the **Live Auction** last year and we are looking for items and experiences for this year's event! If you have anything to put on the Live Auction, please contact Gina Smith, Dana Schroeder, or Anna Harrell. We will also be doing **Trash or Treasure** grab bags again this year. If you have any small new or gently used items to donate, please drop them off at the school. We are looking forward to having a wonderful night on Saturday, February 14th with the same great band as last year, **Trixie Delight**. Please make plans to attend! Tickets are \$40/person and it includes dinner of jambalaya, wings, dips, and desserts.

CATHOLIC SCHOOL'S WEEK 2026

January 27-30 & Feb. 8
We're celebrating...
Tuesday - Staff and Volunteers
Dress: Our staff is over the top!
Over accessories
Tacos for lunch and
lunch/recess duty covered

Wednesday - Vocations
Board Games &
"Scrabble"
Dress: Work from
home(P.Js and stuffies)

Thursday - COMMUNITY
Dress: Back the Blue-wear all blue
Visit and donuts with local police and conservation

Friday - STUDENTS
Dress: Spirit Wear
Lunch provided & Watch "David"

SUNDAY FEB 8 - Parish
Dress: Sunday Best
Donut Sunday & Book Fair in School Cafeteria
All Parishioners Invited