

2017 Guide Book & Directory



IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

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Vision Statement

Seeking to live as disciples of Jesus Christ, we reach out in Christian service to our families, our parish, our community and our world. We value our Catholic beliefs and nurture our continual growth and faith renewal. We strive to be a welcoming, vibrant Christ-centered community of believers that acknowledges and embraces the diversity of our parish family. Our parish life is centered in the celebration of the Eucharist and sacraments. Inspired by the Holy Spirit, we are committed to steward our time, talent and treasure for the sake of building up the Reign of God.

Dear Parishioners of Immaculate Heart of Mary,

“According to the grace of God given to me, like a wise master builder I laid a foundation, and another is building upon it. But each one must be careful how he builds upon it, for no one can lay a foundation other than the one that is there, namely, Jesus Christ.”-1 Cor. 3:10

Those words of St. Paul to the Corinthian community could have just as easily been spoken by Fr. Charles Killgoar in 1949 to the Immaculate Heart of Mary community. While he was the first Pastor, Fr. Killgoar knew all-too-well that he would not be the last!

This beautiful place that we call our spiritual home today remains a vibrant parish because many wonderful people before us put St. Paul’s words into practice.

It is from a sense of gratitude that we, the current members of Immaculate Heart of Mary, pick up where the previous generations left off. This booklet is meant to aid you in this process.

Through the example and the intercession of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, consider your gifts and talents — how God *has* blessed you — and return the blessing to those who shall follow!

In Christ,

Fr. Troy Nevins

Fr. Troy Nevins
Pastor

Parish Mission Statement

...Striving to be a Catholic Community alive in our faith, our worship and our service to others.

Parish Office

The entrance to the parish office is located in the courtyard behind the main church building. The hours are 8:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday (summer months the office closes at noon on Fridays).

Parish office: 241-4477

PARISH PHONE	(616) 241-4477
PARISH FAX	(616) 241-2832
SCHOOL PHONE.....	(616) 241-4633
SCHOOL FAX	(616) 241-4418
E-MAIL.....	secretary@ihmparish.com
WEBSITE	www.ihmparish.com

Liturgy Schedule

Saturday	5:15 p.m.
Sunday.....	8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
Tuesday.....	6:30 p.m. (evening Mass)
Wednesday.....	8:30 a.m.
Thursday and Friday.....	7:45 a.m.
Confessions	Saturdays, 4:00-4:45 p.m.

Staff

Pastor.....	Rev. Troy Nevins
Pastoral Associate.....	Prisilla Baldwin
School Principal	Michael Thomasma
Business Administrator	Barb Heinbeck-Dauser
Secretary.....	Janet Potoczny
Minister of Music	Jane VanHouten
Religious Education Coordinator.....	Prisilla Baldwin
Youth Director.....	Stefanie Iwan
Stewardship and Communications Coordinator.....	Jane Eggleston
Maintenance Supervisor.....	Doug Nowak
Maintenance	John Potoczny

Finance Council

The Finance Council is an advisory board to the pastor concerning all financial matters pertaining to the parish. Some of its responsibilities are the preparation of annual parish budgets, periodic review of the financial status of the parish and assisting the business manager. Terms run three years. Contact: Brian Pangle, brianpangle@rocketmail.com

Pastoral Council

This is the visioning and planning body for the pastoral and spiritual concerns of the parish. Membership is by Pastoral appointment and by a parish-wide drawing by lot of interested parishioners. Contact: Barb Waier, barbwaier@gmail.com

Stewardship Coordinator

Helping Parishioners identify their individual gifts of time, talent and treasure and matching them with a ministry that benefits both parishioner and church. For more information in how you can assist IHM and grow spiritually please contact Jane Eggleston, 241-4477 Ex. 107 or stewardship@ihmparish.com

Faith Formation

Religious Education for children: Religious school for elementary and middle school age (grades 1-8) children meet on Sundays from 9:35-10:45 a.m. during the academic year. These classes support the parents of children who do not attend Catholic schools. Adults who love Christ and his Church are encouraged to ask about being a catechist to the children in the parish. Contact: Prisilla Baldwin, 241-4477 Ex. 105

RCIA: The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults meets weekly to instruct adults interested in learning more about the Catholic faith. Baptized Christians as well as non-Christians are welcome to attend and inquire about becoming Catholic. Those baptized adult Catholics who have not yet received the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist may attend this program preparing them to receive those sacraments. Anyone who would like to share the gift of faith with others can be a catechist or sponsor in this program. Contact: Prisilla Baldwin, 241-4477 Ex. 105

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Sacramental Preparation: In general, two years of faith formation are required for each of the sacraments.

- **First Reconciliation:** Preparation for this sacrament takes place in the parish school and religious education classes for children in the second grade. Contact: Prisilla Baldwin, 241-4477 Ex. 105
- **First Holy Communion:** Preparation for the sacrament of Holy Communion takes place in the parish school and religious education classes for children in the second grade or older. Celebration of the First Eucharist is in the spring. Contact: Prisilla Baldwin, 241-4477 Ex. 105
- **Confirmation:** Preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation takes place in the parish school and religious education classes for children in the seventh and eighth grades or older. Program requirements include: School and/or Religious Education attendance, a choice of 3 different retreat options, and Candidate/Sponsor Summer projects. Contact: Stefanie Iwan, 241-4477 Ex. 115
- **Marriage Preparation:** All engaged couples are required to participate in Pre-Cana classes. Pre-Cana is a retreat that takes place once a year at the end of February. Please contact Michelle David, 974-9924 or michelledavid96@gmail.com for details.

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd: Helping children to “fall in love with God” is the basis of this hands on Montessori style approach to guiding children in their relationship with God. In a room called the Atrium, children are able to work with materials that help internalize and ponder the great mysteries of our faith. CGS is based on the sound teachings of the Church’s tradition. Sacred Scripture, the Liturgy, and the Magisterium are all used to reveal the Good News to children. This program is open to all children 3 yrs. (potty trained) through 9 yrs. old; Level I is for PK3 – Kindergarten aged; Level II is for 1st – 3rd grades. The program runs October – April and is offered on two days: Wednesdays and Thursdays from 4:00-5:30 p.m. Please contact Michelle David for more information (michelledavid96@gmail.com).

Adoration: *The Chapel of the Holy Eucharist*, located on the west side of the parish office building, is open from midnight Mondays through midnight on Fridays throughout the year. Everyone is invited to stop in for a visit with Our Lord. Pope John Paul II reminds us that “the only prayer more powerful than Eucharistic Adoration is the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.” If you have any questions or would like to commit to an hour of adoration per week please call. Contact: Nancy Ingram-Nyenhuis, 975-9969 or Amy Hamilton, 942-6625 or amy@hamilton6.com.

Youth Ministry

Empowering the community of Catholic youth, IHM youth ministry encourages growth in relationship with God both personally and in community through building Christ-centered relationships, catechizing, and fostering necessary life skills in context of the Catholic faith leading teens closer to Christ.

Immaculate Heart of Mary Youth Ministry program offers several opportunities to grow closer to the Lord, in the Catholic Church; ranging from social outings, large group gatherings, retreats and small group ministry. Continue to read the bulletin each week to keep track of our ongoing schedule of opportunities for our youth.

LIFE NIGHT: Geared toward high school youth, nights include prayer, talks, discussion, social time, praise and worship, and a variety of other activities. Youth meet at 7:30-9:00 p.m. Sundays during the school year in the deMazenod Room.

FREEDOM TEAM: Want to serve your younger peers? 10th-12th graders and young adults who want to serve middle school youth as peer ministers by planning and leading weekly Edge Nights and Junior high retreats can join the Freedom Team. The team shares testimonies, leads small groups, performs skits and dramas, and builds relationships with 6th-8th grade youth. As leaders, Freedom Team members must have an active faith, consistent prayer life, attend Mass every Sunday, frequent Reconciliation, and live a Catholic life committed to moral choices guided by faith. Those interested in being a member of the team, should contact the Youth Ministry Director, Stefanie Iwan, 241-4477 Ex. 115 or youth@ihmparish.com

EDGE: Edge is for youth in grades 6th-8th, designed to meet their educational, spiritual, emotional, and social needs. The program meets 7:15-8:30 p.m. Wednesdays. Within the context of faith, junior high youth are moving from a child-like spirituality to an independent ownership of their Catholic faith and identity. Edge provides an unparalleled moment in their life for guidance and reassurance in Jesus' love for them. Through this ministry, we give our middle school youth "the Edge" they need in life: Jesus, The Word, The Sacraments, The Teachings of the Catholic Church and a Catholic Community where they can experience true peace, hope, joy, and the love of God!

YEA (Youth Eucharistic Adoration): Each Advent through Lent, 7th/8th grade youth commit to one half hour each in the Adoration chapel during exposition of the Eucharist, 5:00-9:00 p.m. Sundays. Youth are prepped with an understanding of Adoration and how to simply be in the Lord's presence through this celebrated devotion. The program ends in early May with a celebration, including Benediction and a social for the entire parish.

**Contact: Stefanie Iwan, Youth Ministry Director,
241-4477 Ex. 115**

Bible Studies

Women's Wednesday Bible Study: All women are welcome to join this group of moms on Wednesday mornings September through May. This group meets in the All-Purpose Room from 9:30-11:00 a.m., free childcare provided in the adjacent nursery. Contact: Kim Willison, 241-9899

Senior Women's Tuesday: This group meets every Tuesday in the Parish conference room, September through May from 10:00-11:30 a.m. It is primarily a Women's Senior Bible Study, but is open to all interested parishioners. Contact: Blanche Kreselewski, 243-5175 or Geri VanHerp, 243-5117

Women's Thursday: This women's group meets each Thursday in the Hearts and Hands Room from 9:30-11:00 a.m. September through May. All are welcome. We grow our faith through Bible study programs and watching video lessons from our top Catholic scholars. No nursery provided. Contact: Karen Weber, 956-1513

Tuesday Evening: Both men and women gather in the Upper Room after 6:30 p.m. Tuesday evening Mass to study the Bible. Please contact Linda Eadie, 243-9385

Prayer Groups

The Divine Mercy Cenacle I: This group meets at 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday mornings in the Hands Room. This group's purpose is prayer, scripture and keeping abreast of the Catholic Church today. Contact: Mary Dean, 452-6109

The Divine Mercy Cenacle II: This group meets Tuesday evenings from 7:00-9:00 p.m. in the Hearts Room. Contact Ann Buck for more details, 243-8579

Our Lady of Hope: This prayer group meets every Tuesday in the Hearts Gathering Space from 8:00-10:00 a.m. This group is dedicated to saying the Novena of Our Lady of Hope. The mission is Praise, Prayer, Thanksgiving and Petition. Contact: Bernadette Mack, 245-7382 or Ruth Tierney, 281-7641

Lord, Teach Me to Pray: A three part prayer series approved by the USCCB. It is rooted in Ignatian spirituality. Part 1, *Praying Christian Virtues* is a 12 week series that introduces women to Ignatian prayer and spirituality in the way that St. Ignatius himself introduced people, by structuring their initial prayer experience around the Christian Virtues. Participants meet once per week for 1-2 hours in a small group and commit to pray at least 15 minutes each day with assigned Scripture passages. Please contact Maureen Pereiro, pereimau@att.net or Lynn Rhien for more information.



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Men's Ministry

TMIY! – That Man is YOU! is a dynamic 26 week interactive men's program focused on developing men by deepening their relationship with Jesus and providing tools to explore their faith. TMIY combines the best, current social science research with teachings from Scripture and the Catholic Faith developing a vision of authentic men capable of transforming themselves, their families and their communities. We meet Friday mornings 6:00-7:30 a.m. for video presentation and small group discussion. Contact TJ Ackert, 247-0736. Regular attendance is worthwhile but not required.

Men's Friday: This Men's Bible Study will be studying the Old and New Testament. All men are invited to attend. No preparation work needed! We meet in the Hearts Room every Friday at 6:45-7:30 a.m. Contact: Gary Smith, 942-1718 or Bill McDonagh, 942-1534

Liturgical Ministries

Altar Servers: The Altar Servers assist the priest during the Mass and during other liturgical celebrations. The Altar Server occupies a privileged place in the liturgical celebration. Jesus is present and active in every liturgy. Therefore they are servants of Jesus, the eternal High Priest. Servers should be mature enough to understand their responsibilities and to carry them out well and with appropriate reverence. Training is required before you are eligible to serve. Initial trainings are offered to boys and girls at the end of 4th grade and are available to students through high school. Refresher trainings are required in the Spring and Summer of each year. Those who have mastered the responsibilities for at least two years will be trained to be lead servers. Once a student reaches high school he or she is welcomed and encouraged to continue serving at the altar. Contact: Paul and Debbie Dymowski, 745-3399

Extraordinary Ministers of The Holy Communion: What a privilege it is, that being the Body of Christ we are enabled to distribute the Body of Christ to other members of the Body of Christ. This is a revolving monthly commitment at a Mass of your choosing. Also anyone interested in bringing the Eucharist to the homebound or nursing homes are very welcomed. Training is required. Please contact: Joan Bellamy, 682-1861

Lectors: Lectors use the gift of speech that God has given us to proclaim God's word. An ideal lector is one who has a strong speaking voice, who has a love of scripture, and is eager to grow in the understanding of the Word of God. Two Lectors are assigned to each Mass, one for each of the readings. Training is available, Contact: Katie Hudson, 915-4470.

Sacristans: Sacristans set up the credence table before Mass. They are asked to arrive 15 minutes before Mass to prepare the credence table and to set out the bread and wine for the Presentation of Gifts. Sacristans serve monthly by Mass preference. The rotation depends on the number of volunteers. Training is provided. Contact: Janet Potoczny, 241-4477 Ex. 100

Ushers: Ushers extend the hospitality of the Lord's house to all who come to worship. More than just taking the collection, ushers are there to make sure everyone has a place to sit and to respond to any emergencies that might come up. Any parishioner, male or female, may serve as an usher. Six ushers are needed per Mass. Arrive to Mass 15 minutes prior to welcome parishioners. Serve on a monthly rotation. Contact: Jane Eggleston, 241-4477 Ex. 107

Music Ministry

Chamber Choir: Both men and women participate in our Choir (singers and instrumentalists). Practices begin in late August on Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. and continue through June. This group sings every weekend at either 8:30 a.m. or 11:00 a.m. Masses as well as Holy Days.

Children's Choir: St. Gregory Choir consists of children in grades 3-5 and St. Cecilia Choir children grade 6-8. Practices are every week on Wednesdays 4:15-5:30 p.m. in the deMazenod room. This group is scheduled on varied weekends at either 8:30 or 11:00 a.m. Mass, as well as the 4:00 p.m. Christmas Mass, Holy Thursday and First Communion Mass. Joyful Noise Choir consists of children K-2 and practice is Wednesday from 3:30-4:00 p.m.

Resurrection Choir: This group is composed of seniors and other adults that provide the music ministry for all funerals. Practices are twice a month.

Bell Choir: This is a 2-3 octave hand bell choir that plays once a month at either the 8:30 a.m. or 11:00 a.m. Masses. Practices are every week on Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. in the church.

Cantors: All cantors are auditioned and encouraged to train prior to leading in music liturgy.

School Choirs/Cantors: These groups are students who lead the music ministry at the school Masses on Wednesday mornings at 8:30 a.m.

Contact: Jane VanHouten, Music Director, 241-4477 Ex. 116 for all questions concerning the music programs.

Stewardship

Christian Service

Bereavement: Bereavement ministers accompany a family on their first year's journey after the death of a loved one. A phone call is made or card is sent to the next of kin throughout the year and the first year's anniversary.

Refugee Ministry: IHM sponsors families who are making a new life for themselves in America. Come get involved in this exciting ministry. Donating furniture, clothes, services or just a helping hand can make all the difference.

Sick and Homebound Ministry:

- **Meals and Helping Hands:** Please call if you can prepare a meal and give assistance to a Parishioner who is recovering from surgery.
- **Transportation:** Volunteers provide transportation for parishioners who are not able to drive and assistance in getting to Mass and doctor's appointments.
- **Eucharistic Visitors:** These members of Immaculate Heart of Mary carry the Eucharist weekly to those members of Christ's Body who are sick and suffering. As our community ages, we are always in need of volunteers for this very important ministry.
- **Comfort Cards:** Reach out to our senior, sick and homebound members by sending a greeting, birthday or holiday card.

***For all Support Ministries please contact Prisilla Baldwin,
241-4477 Ex. 105***

Capitol Lunch: Immaculate Heart of Mary helps to serve a meal at God's Kitchen on the second Sunday of each month. Volunteers are assigned to a team of 12 people and work about once a year. More volunteers can be added to any team. Contact: Arnette Kraus, 957-4914 or find team and dates link on our website at www.ihmparish.com

Funeral Buffet: These volunteers prepare and/or serve a buffet lunch for families after the funeral of a loved one. Volunteers are called upon as needed and serve as their schedule allows. Contact: Sue Kris, 452-0739 or Ruth Popiel, 452-8964

Heavenly Dusters: These volunteers dust the narthex, sacristy and sanctuary weekly. A more thorough cleaning is done periodically. Individuals are assigned on a weekly rotation about 2-3 times a year. The day and time are arranged by the volunteer. Contact: Jayne Danhof, 243-9885

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Altar Linens:

- **Purificators:** Wash and iron the purificators, corporals and towels used at Mass weekly, on a monthly rotation.
- **Albs and Altar Cloths:** Wash and iron the altar boys' Albs, when needed on a monthly rotation.

Contact Jane Eggleston for Altar Linen Ministry 241-4477 Ex. 107

Baptismal Garments: If you enjoy sewing, this ministry is for you.

Help make the little white garments newly Baptized babies receive on the altar during Baptism. Sew at home and deliver as needed. Please contact Sherry Boonenberg, 676-9520

Altar Arrangements, Art and Environment: Volunteers assist in decorating and preparing for the seasonal decor in our church. Christmas and Easter are the highlights of the year. For more information on this beautiful ministry please Contact: Linda and Kim Eadie, 243-9385

Knit One Pray Too!: This Prayer Shawl ministry is a fellowship of knitters who, together with His Spirit, provide comfort through the work of our hands and the prayers in our hearts. We meet once a month for an hour of prayer, knitting and community. Minimal skill required, just a happy heart. Contact: Alicia Parini, 243-7255 or Cathi Biggart, 245-3735

IHM Gardeners: IHM is blessed with a beautiful campus. It certainly takes a lot of effort to maintain and enhance the environment. We are looking for parishioners with a gift for tending gardens, green thumbs or landscaping design experience. Adopt a zone or volunteer for special project days! Work on your own schedule with guidance from the planning committee. Please contact Jon Rauch, 957-4289 for more information.

Parish Life

Annual Events

Parish Picnic: This wonderful event is the combined effort of every major group in the parish. Even if you aren't part of one of the organizing groups, laborers and ideas are always welcome. Contact: The Parish Office. 241-4477

Fall Gathering: This annual fundraiser not only gives us a chance to socialize but also gives a much needed boost to our capital improvements fund. If you enjoyed this year's event, please consider helping us do it again next year! Contact: Deb and Jim Marosi, 682-4698

Blood Drive: Immaculate Heart of Mary sponsors a blood drive twice a year, once in the fall and once in the spring. Contact: Gina Zanotti, 916-6835

Winter Social: Sponsored by the Killgoar Foundation, this Parish event is usually scheduled on the Saturday before Ash Wednesday in the Parish Center. This annual gathering offers the chance to enjoy great food, libations and dancing amid the company of long time and newer parishioners. In addition, the Killgoar Foundation presents its annual *Dutch VanderVeen Service Award* to a person or couple for their outstanding service to the foundation/IHM School. Cost is minimal; fun is guaranteed.

Advent Candle Sale and Giving Tree: Look for our annual Advent Candle sale in the back of church before Advent and our wonderful Giving Tree during December that benefits the children of St. Johns Home as well as families in need here in our parish. Please contact Marleigh Plachecki: 558-6085, or plachecki825@gmail.com, or Nicole May: 940-0109, or nicole.may05@sbcglobal.net

Second Best Sale: Every April the IHM School and Parish collects second hand treasures in the gym and holds a giant sale. Donations and Volunteers and Pick-up drivers are gladly welcomed! Proceeds benefit the school and church. This is a wonderful outreach to our community. Contact: Anne Brown, 949-5939 or MaryKay Fatum, 949-6713

Community Groups and Organizations

The Women's Guild: The Women's Guild provides opportunities to all women of the parish for spiritual and community growth. We have socials during the year and we raise funds to help with various parish needs. All women of the parish are considered members. Please see our calendar of events online at IHM website for more details. We hope *you* will join us this year. Contact: Sandy Lowery for more details, 942-6756

Boomers and Beyond: We provide many opportunities for our Senior Adults to gather socially, take trips and visit religious shrines. On occasion, guests are invited to speak on topics of interest. Watch the weekly bulletins for upcoming events. Contact: Prisilla Baldwin, 241-4477 Ex. 105

Boy Scouts: Preparing young people to make ethical choices over their lifetime by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Scout Law. Troop 200 is an active, boy led Boy Scout troop focused on teaching leadership skills, life skills, and responsibility. Troop 200 meets every Monday evening in the All Purpose room at IHM 7:00-8:30 p.m. Troop 200 also has a monthly outing which, in the past, has included activities such as backpacking Nordhouse Dunes, indoor rock-climbing, shooting sports, Pando ski area and winter camping to name a few. Please contact Dan Erikson, 516-4151

Knights of Columbus: IHM Council #13499 is an active part of the global Catholic fraternal society. Dedicated to the principles of Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism, we act in service to our parish, our priests, our community and our world. Please contact Brett Huffman, GK13499@mikofc.org or 915-2669

St. Vincent DePaul Society: Assist in the collection of household goods and food for the needy. There is a collection shed on our campus located by service garage. It is open from 8 - 4 PM Monday thru Friday. SVdP Serves an annual Pancake Breakfast and Pasta Dinner! Look to bulletin for dates! Please Contact: Joe Tierney, 281-7641 or for pick-up at your home, 452-1408

The Respect Life Committee: Respect Life assists in the education of the parish community with activities designed to increase knowledge and awareness on all life issues. Some of our projects include Life Chain, 40 Days for Life and praying a weekly rosary for the end to abortion, euthanasia and stem cell research. We meet on the third Monday of each month, September through June, from 7:00-8:00 p.m. Contact: Sandy Lowery, 942-6756 or life@ihmparish.com

Natural Family Planning: NFP classes provide instruction, information, referrals and ongoing support for couples seeking to achieve or postpone pregnancy. It is completely natural, enhances communication, increases respect, is morally acceptable in line with the Catholic Church teaching, is a marriage builder and is 99% effective. NFP classes are based on the Billings Method and appointments are made upon request. For Pre-Cana needs, it is best to schedule 6 months or more prior to wedding date. Please contact Paul and Christy Brown (certified Billings Ovulation Method Instructor) for more information. 616-828-3681 or christinabrown77@gmail.com.

Date Night: The series, *Beloved* is being offered to help couples discover – or reaffirm – the key role they play in one of God’s most cherished institutions. It is open to engaged and married couples of all ages! It is a benefit to all to have all age ranges present to support and promote strong and healthy marriages. The Date Night program will explore the profound importance, meaning, purpose, and beauty of the Sacrament of Matrimony. The Beloved program is divided into two parts: “The Mystery and Meaning of Marriage” and “Living Marriage”. We meet once a month in the deMazenod room. We offer a free meal followed by a video presentation, group discussion and then couple time. We also offer free child care for those who need it. An RSVP is needed to help plan for the evening. Please contact Paul or Christy Brown for more information, 616-828-3681, or datenight@ihmparish.com

Parish Historian: The parish historian collects and archives parish records, photographs, and memorabilia of all types in an effort to save and document the history of IHM. Go to the “History” link on our website to read the entire *History of Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, 1949-1999*. If you have items to donate, please contact Deb Moore, 957-4264

The Men's Golf League: The league plays Thursday afternoons at Saskatoon Golf Course from mid April to mid September. Members are parishioners and non-parishioners. There are three flights arranged by tee times to accommodate individual schedules. Contact: Vince Williams, 243-9353

The Women's Golf League: The league plays Thursday mornings at Indian Trails Golf Club May through August. The League consists of golfers of various abilities from Immaculate Heart of Mary, St. Paul the Apostle and others. Join the Fun! Contact: Cathy McKenzie, cmck659@gmail.com. League play begins mid-May at Indian Trails!

Immaculate Heart of Mary School

The school is located on the northwest corner of
Plymouth Avenue and Burton Street.

Grades Pre-School-8

Child Care Center open 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Office Hours are 7:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m., Monday-Friday

7:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. on scheduled half days

If you are visiting the school,

Please check in at the school office when entering.

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WEBSITE www.ihmparish.com/school

Immaculate Heart of Mary School, immersed in the teachings of the Catholic Church, is dedicated to providing excellent spiritual and academic formation in the development of well rounded individuals centered in Christ. As an integral dimension of Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, a Catholic community centered on Jesus Christ, all members have the opportunity to experience the joy of His gospel message in the daily learning, living and sharing of faith throughout all aspects of school life. Immaculate Heart of Mary School seeks to provide a solid foundation and nurturing environment within a Catholic, Christian framework. A dedicated staff is committed to providing an enriched and well-rounded curriculum, which encourages and prepares children to be caring contributing members of the Catholic community and the community-at-large. The school includes Preschool, Young Fives, Kindergarten, grades one through eight, and a child care center. Along with our strong curriculum, we offer Spanish, art, physical education, music, band, computers, and some special education services. Extra-curricular activities include: sports for grades 5-8, Science Olympiad, Math Counts and Liturgical Choir. Contact: Michael Thomasma, Principal, 241-4633

Immaculate Heart of Mary School Board

The Board is a consultative body, which recommends policy to guide the educational programs at Immaculate Heart of Mary School. The Board consists of eleven voting members who are either elected or appointed by the Pastor. The board assists in the development of policies guiding the activities of Immaculate Heart of Mary School on behalf of Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish by developing an annual budget, maintaining a strategic plan for the continued progress of the school, and an annual assessment of communication, effectiveness and goals of the school. Contact: President, John Kraus at ihmboard@gmail.com

Home and School Association

The Immaculate Heart of Mary Home and School Association (H&SA) is the parent organization within our school community. The membership is composed of the parents of all children attending Immaculate Heart of Mary School. Officers are elected for a two-year commitment. There are also various committee co-chairs who volunteer for different positions. The purpose of H&SA is to provide framework, coordination and accountability for the many and varied volunteer activities sponsored to enhance our children's school experiences. Direct support to teachers and departments, as well as special programs and school enhancements are planned and budgeted annually. Fundraising activities sponsored by H&SA occur throughout the year to guarantee that these supports are continued and are not dependent upon tuition subsidy. Contact the school office for more information, 241-4633

Killgoar Foundation

The Killgoar Foundation is an endowment fund established in 1987 to support Immaculate Heart of Mary School. It provides tuition assistance for families who cannot afford to pay full tuition, reduces tuition for all school families, helps to stabilize enrollment and to preserve Catholic education for future generations. Gifts of any size are welcome and may be made through the monthly collection, in memory or honor of someone or through will/estate gifts. Joining the Legacy, Seton and Saints Societies offer special opportunities to positively impact current and future IHM students and families. Contact Ann Williams, Development Director, at 616-862-7911 or killgoarfoundation@ihmschoolgr.com with questions or for more information.

Immaculate Heart of Mary School Athletic Association

The purpose of the Athletic Association is to provide financial support to Immaculate Heart of Mary athletic activities, promote the highest degree of sportsmanship between athletic participants and spectators, promote athletic activities and recognize achievements of all athletic participants. Parents of students participating in athletics are automatically members of the Athletic Association and receive a handbook. It is the responsibility of the Athletic Association Membership to maintain a safe and comfortable environment for athletes and spectators during games and sporting events. Contact the school office for more information, 241-4633

