



Est. 2001 Principal's Message - September 2017 - #3

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From Mr. Stone's Desk

Greetings Immaculate Conception School Community,

At every Morning Gathering we say the Lord's Prayer. It is also a standard part of mass. When we say the Our Father, what are we saying? It is available to pray anytime whether we're in a group setting or having an individual chat with God, but what does it mean for us?

Whether you're an old school back in the day Baltimore Catechism/CCD individual or a more modern Catechism of the Catholic Church/PREP person hopefully the Lord's Prayer represents more than rote memory and compliance at mass.

The Lord's Prayer is "the summary of the whole Gospel." (CCC #2761) It represents the key beliefs and principles of our Catholic faith.

Lord's Prayer/Our Father: DNA of Christian Prayer

Our = In union/communion with all who belong to the Body of Christ

Father = Personal relationship with God the Father

Who Art In Heaven

= Our destiny; God is already in perfect bliss

Hallowed Be Thy Name

= Honoring the sacred name of God

Thy Kingdom Come = Kingdom of David

Thy Will Be Done On Earth As It Is In Heaven

= Spiritual warfare

Give Us This Day Our Daily Bread

= Petitionary; Eucharist fulfills all our needs

And Forgive Us Our Trespasses As We

Forgive Those Who Trespass Against Us

= If you don't forgive you will not be forgiven

And Lead Us Not Into Temptation

But Deliver Us From Evil, Amen = God never leads us into evil, though conflict/temptation exist

Catechism of the Catholic Church:

2761 The Lord's Prayer "is truly the summary of the whole gospel." "Since the Lord . . . after handing over the practice of prayer, said elsewhere, 'Ask and you will receive,' and since everyone has petitions which are peculiar to his circumstances, the regular and appropriate prayer [the Lord's Prayer] is said first, as the foundation of further desires."

2765 The traditional expression "the Lord's Prayer" - *oratio Dominica* - means that the prayer to our Father is taught and given to us by the Lord Jesus. The prayer that comes to us from Jesus is truly unique: it is "of the Lord." On the one hand, in the words of this prayer the only Son gives us the words the Father gave him: he is the master of our prayer. On the other, as Word incarnate, he knows in his human heart the needs of his human brothers and sisters and reveals them to us: he is the model of our prayer.

2766 But Jesus does not give us a formula to repeat mechanically. As in every vocal prayer, it is through the Word of God that the Holy Spirit teaches the children of God to pray to their Father. Jesus not only gives us the words of our filial prayer; at the same time he gives us the Spirit by whom these words become in us "spirit and life." Even more, the proof and possibility of our filial prayer is that the Father "sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, 'Abba! Father!'" Since our prayer sets forth our desires before God, it is again the Father, "he who searches the hearts of men," who "knows what is the mind of the Spirit, as the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God."

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The Gospel of Matthew first shows us how we are to pray...The Lord's Prayer ([Matthew 6:9-13](#))

Each of us may experience times of uncertainty, situations which may challenge us. During such time we never need to be uncertain as to how we might approach God. He gave us the Lord's Prayer.

Thank you for all that you do. Serviam, David

REMINDER

09/20 – Back-To-School Night – Grades 5-8
09/21 – International Day of Peace
09/21 – Back-To-School Night – Preschool-4/Specials
09/23 – Wine and Beer Tasting Event – →→→→→
09/29 – HSA Mother-Son Social - Evening - See below
10/05 – First Thursday – Mass at 9:00a.m. – All Are Welcome – Early Dismissal at 12:15p.m.
10/06 – No School – Staff Professional Development
10/09 – No School – Columbus Day

Prayer for Immaculate Conception School:

Dear Lord, bless our Catholic school. Help us to continue to be a humble source of wisdom, always yearning to learn more about your tremendous love for us. May all who enter Immaculate Conception School be filled with the gift of your Holy Spirit, coming to know you in a more meaningful way. Guide us as a community that respects and welcomes everyone. May Catholic education continue to grow so that your good news can be taught to children throughout the world. Amen.

What was that John F. Kennedy Message...

Ask not...Ask what you can do for ICS!

Check out 'Sign-Up Genius' on our website for available volunteer opportunities, including these...

1. **Morning Care Duty** – 7:15a.m.-7:50a.m. ‘ish - Gym
2. **Traffic Guard/Safety Monitor** – 7:30a.m.-8:00a.m. Thank you ICS Parent Jason Schaeffer for stepping up to take on Wednesdays. Now, all we have left is to fill **Fridays!** Want to help out? Then please sign up! ☺
3. **Yearbook Coordinator** – Yikes, still no one (or no pair of folks) to take on Yearbook. Whatever shall we do? [It would be inconceivable to not have a Yearbook, right?](#) Maybe chat with an ICS friend and go in on this worthwhile endeavor together. Previous expertise and a LifeTouch template exists, though we need folks to step up for this endeavor. No doubt our community will thank you for working on this keepsake!



WINE & BEER FALL FESTIVAL

Saturday September 23, 2017

Yes, this Saturday, 7p.m.-10p.m. I will be in attendance and I hope to see you there! Tickets are available at the door for \$45.



Wine, Beer & Food Fall Festival
Saturday September 23, 2017

Back-to-School Night Information

Wednesday, Sept. 20th – Grades 5-8

General Meeting – ICS MPR – 6:45p.m.-7:15p.m.

Classroom Visits – 7:20p.m.-8:35p.m.

**Thursday, Sept. 21st – Preschool-Grade 4
-and- Specials Teachers**

Preschool-Grade 1:
Classroom Visits – 5:45p.m.-6:45p.m.

Preschool-Grade 4 General Meeting:
ICS Multi-Purpose Room – 7:00p.m.

Grades 2-4 – Classroom Visits – 7:30p.m.-8:30p.m.

PROMISE TO PROTECT



Next Virtus/Protecting God's Children Session:
Wednesday, Sept. 27th, 7:00p.m. IC Parish Center
Before attending the class all are required
to register online at www.virtus.org.

Immaculate Conception School Song

From a hill in Hunterdon,
Blessed with beauty by God's hands.
Shines a light for everyone,
Here our alma mater stands.
Jesus shepherd bless our days,
As we grow in wisdom and grace.
Jesus teacher, Jesus friend,
Help us know the Father's plan.

Refrain:

Immaculate Conception School,
Friends are true and journeys bright.
Immaculate Conception School,
Hail our blue and hail our white.

Children of the light are we,
Sons and daughters of the day.
Patron Mother Mary,
Guards our lessons and our play.
Here we learn to serve and share,
Marching on in courage and prayer.
Living hope and charity,
Faith will serve to light our way.

Refrain:



Immaculate Conception School

Mother & Son Sports Night

Pre-K to 8th grade

Date: Friday, September 29, 2017

Time: 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Where: ICS Gymnasium

\$25 per couple, \$5 each additional child

Questions?
Contact Kathleen Pilla
(908) 310-0826



DJ, sports games & more!
Wear your favorite sports team shirts.

Please return the form below with payment to the main office no later than **Monday, September 25th**.

Child's name and grade: _____

Mom's (Guardian's) name: _____

Email address and phone number: _____

Additional Children attending and grades: _____

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