

# Immaculate Conception Roman Catholic Church

Roman Catholic Diocese of Nelson

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**February 23, 2025 – 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time, YEAR C**

Office Hours: Tuesday – Friday, 8:30 am – 12:30 pm

Mondays, Weekends & Stat Holidays – offices are closed. Please contact office to schedule an appointment.



*Please silence  
your phones  
prior to Mass.*

*Thank You!!*

## WEEKEND AND DAILY MASS TIMES:

Weekdays Rosary 7:30 AM | Mass: 8:00 AM

Wednesdays Rosary 4:30 PM | Mass: 5:00 PM

*Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena to follow Mass*

Saturdays Rosary 8:30 AM | Mass: 9:00 AM, & 5:00 PM (Vigil, for Sunday)

Sundays Rosary 8:30 AM | Mass: 9AM, 11 AM, & 5:00 PM

*First Friday's Benediction/Adoration 3:00 PM, Mass 4:00 PM*

*\*Monday of long weekends & Stat. Holidays: Rosary @ 8:30 AM, Mass @ 9:00 AM*

## RECONCILIATION

Saturdays: 10:00–11:00 AM, & 3:45–4:45 PM

If you are unable to attend confession during these times, please call office or an appointment: 250-762-3910 | Emergencies Only – 250-762-8445

## KELOWNA AND AREA HOSPITAL CHAPLAINCY

For the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick/pastoral emergencies or for end-of-life blessings (Last Rites) please call 250-878-1502 (24/7) or email: [chaplain@nelsondiocese.org](mailto:chaplain@nelsondiocese.org).

*The Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick may be received more than once!!*

## THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY:

For vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

*"Let us pray that the ecclesial community might welcome the desires and doubts of those young people who feel a call to serve Christ's mission in the priesthood and religious life."*

## PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND INJURED:

Lea Carpenter, Ken Antao, Bishop Gregory Bittman, Fr. Jim Ratcliffe, Michael Ward, Teresa McGauley, Chiamaka Aghaizu, Josephine Bruch, Mary Van Verdegen, Diane Lynott, Hazel Csordas, Rihnon Coatsworth, Helen Zentner, Theresa Kaller, Kathleen Mayhew, Jesse Wilson, Bambina Tinto, Anne Mould, Rose Harry, Adam Gorges, Joyce Tremmel, Florence Nagy, Sandra Park, Loretta Bouchard, Linda Kirkpatrick, Juliana Lavell, Maritess Steiman, Rhonda Jennens, Roy Velmonte, Justina Mikosa, Mildred Reyes, Kathe Gonzaga Carpena, Michelle Miller, Victor Kovac, Phillip Dos Santos, Marlene Hughes, Dorota Nowak, Chinee Fajardo, Rosario, Luisito & Crispin Clemente, Nancy Brisson, Ginoefa Diakow, Rick Lock, Mertis Filiatrault, Sister Barbara, Candace Gilmore-Stephensen, Anne Engel, Aisley Ducharme, Catherine Fortunat, Michael M, Trudy Szulkies, Cherie Lynn Walsh, Suzanne Crowe, Alicia L, Arthur & Gudrun Cobham, Marcus Cresswell, Ray Pauluk, Desjardines Families, Rachel Donegan, Ernie Poitras.

*If you have a loved one that you would like on the prayer list, or if you know of someone who no longer needs to be on the list please contact the Parish Office*

250-762-3910 or email  
[icc.kelowna@nelsondiocese.org](mailto:icc.kelowna@nelsondiocese.org)



## SUNDAY'S MASS READINGS

First: 1<sup>st</sup> Samuel 26: 2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23

Psalms: Psalms 103: 1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13

Second: 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 15: 45-49

Gospel: Luke 6: 27-38

## MASSES AT CARE HOMES

*Village at Mill Creek*

1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the month @ 9:45 am

*Summerwood Retirement Resort*

2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month @ 10:00 am

*Cottonwoods*

3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month @ 10:30 am

*The Dorchester*

Last Tuesday of the month @ 10:00 am

## DIocese of Nelson PERPETUAL ADORATION CHAPEL

839 Sutherland Avenue

*Located off the back of  
Immaculate Conception Church;  
entrance is off west alley/driveway.*

Our Lord Jesus is Inviting you to visit Him in the Perpetual Adoration Chapel.

Scheduled Volunteer Hours available are:

**SUN:** 1 PM & 4 PM

**MON:** 1 AM & 2 AM

**WED:** 1 AM, 2 AM, 3 AM & 2 PM

**THURS:** 1 AM

**FRI:** 1 PM

**SAT:** 1 PM

*Spares are always needed.  
Shared times available!*

**For information phone  
Lorie: 250-448-5633**



## ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC SCHOOL 2025 MASS SCHEDULE

**\*updated\* Wed. Mar. 5th @ 9:30  
(Ash Wednesday)**

**\*updated\* Fri. April 25 @ 9:30 am**

Thurs. May 29 @ 9:30 am

Thurs. June 12 @ 9:30 am

*All are welcome!*

## 2024 INCOME TAX RECEIPTS ARE READY!!!

**The 2024 Income Tax receipts are ready, and are in the Church entrance for pick up.**

**Please help us save on postage by taking yours home! If you see your receipt is missing, please contact the office. Please only take your envelope!**

**MASS INTENTIONS** **Repose – R. Intention – I.**

Sat. 22-Feb 9:00 am I. Marlene Hughes  
 5:00 pm I. St. Vincent de Paul Families  
 Sun. 23-Feb 9:00 am Intentions of Parishioners  
 11:00 am Intentions of Parishioners  
 5:00 pm I. Jeanette Attwell  
 Mon. 24-Feb 8:00 am R. Liam Kavanagh  
 Tues. 25-Feb 8:00 am I. Ted & Gabrielle Matte  
 Wed. 26-Feb 8:00 am I. Dianne Beamish  
 5:00 pm R. Nina Bruni  
 Thurs. 27-Feb 8:00 am R. Holy Souls in Purgatory  
 Fri. 28-Feb 8:00 am R. Mr. Kimberly Allers

Sat. 01-Mar 9:00 am R. Dan Kmet  
 5:00 pm R. Abilio & Lus Silva  
 Sun. 02-Mar 9:00 am Intentions of Parishioners  
 11:00 am Intentions of Parishioners  
 5:00 pm I. Gaudreau Family  
 Mon. 03-Mar 8:00 am I. Gabriel Geismayr  
 Tues. 04-Mar 8:00 am I. Heather Wipfli  
 Wed. 05-Mar 8:00 am I. Dianne Beamish  
 5:00 pm R. Mate Paradzic  
 Thurs. 06-Mar 8:00 am R. Arminda & Antonio Dos Santos  
 Fri. 07-Mar 8:00 am R. William G. Ferguson  
 4:00 pm I. Kathleen & Lorraine Mayhew

**FAMILY PRAYER NIGHT: PREPARE FOR LENT**

**For:** ICC Families

**Date:** Wednesday, Feb. 26

**Time:** 4:45 to 6:15 pm

**Location:** ICC Parish Center (East Entrance)

- Brief talk on Lent, prayer, fasting and almsgiving
- Short Time of Adoration followed by Benediction
- Time to gather as a family to make a plan for Lent
- Pizza provided

**RSVP Required by Feb. 19th**

Scan the QR Code below or email Leanne at [leanne@icckelowna.ca](mailto:leanne@icckelowna.ca) with the following information:

1. Family Last Name
2. Number of adults attending
3. Number of children attending



*Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus*

**NORTH OKANAGAN DEANERY  
 2025 LENTEN CONFESSION SCHEDULES**

PARISH/SCHOOL	DATE	TIME
IMMAC High School	Tues. March 11	10:30 am–1:30 pm
Corpus Christi Parish	Wed. March 12	6:00 pm
St. Edwards Parish	Tues. April 01	5:00 pm
St. Joseph’s School	Wed. April 02	10:30 am & 12:30 pm
St. Francis of Assisi Parish (Revelstoke)	Thurs. April 03	5:00 pm
St. Pius X Parish	Mon. April 07	5:30 pm
Our Lady of Lourdes Parish	Tues. April 08	4:00 pm
St. Charles Garnier Parish	Wed. April 09	5:00 pm
Immaculate Conception Parish	Thurs. April 10	3:30 pm
OLOL School	Fri. April 11	10:30 am–11:30 am 12:45 pm–1:30 pm

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS @ ICC  
 STARTING MARCH 7TH**

*Fridays throughout the Lent Season.*

**Confession:** 4:00–4:45 pm ☩ **Stations:** 5:00 pm

**STEWARDSHIP FOR ICC**

**WAYS TO DONATE:**

- QR Code.
- Regular offerings/collection envelopes.
- Pre-Authorized debit (SAG).
- e-Transfer [etransfer.icc@nelsondiocese.org](mailto:etransfer.icc@nelsondiocese.org).



*(Scan me here!)*

In the message box indicate that you want your donation to go to Sunday Collection, or a Special Collection.

- **Mail your Offerings to:**  
 Immaculate Conception Church  
 839 Sutherland Ave, Kelowna, BC V1Y 5X4

Please call or email our offices to register with our parish, to arrange for weekly ICC Offerings Envelopes, or for SAG Information, 250-762-3910 [icc.kelowna@nelsondiocese.org](mailto:icc.kelowna@nelsondiocese.org)



**GRADE 7-12 KELOWNA CATHOLIC  
 YOUTH GROUP NEWS!**

Join us **Sunday, Mar. 2** and **Sunday, Mar. 9** for *The Chosen* (Season 4) from 6:15 to 8:30 pm at ICC's Parish Center (use EAST entrance) as we unpack these episodes together!

**Reminder:** No Youth Group Mar. 16 and Mar. 23 (Enjoy your spring break!)

For more information or to RSVP for any of our events and download our Youth Group registration form, go to [www.kelownacatholicyouthgroup.ca](http://www.kelownacatholicyouthgroup.ca)

**STEWARDSHIP/WEEKLY OFFERINGS, W/E – 02/16/25**

<b>Weekly Offerings required</b>	\$	<b>7,968.00</b>
Sunday Collections	\$	6,498.27
Offerings received to date	\$	62,202.91
Offerings required to date	\$	<b>63,744.00</b>

**Balance to Date** \$ **– 1,541.09**

*Thank you for your continued support and generosity  
 to the financial needs of our parish family.  
 May God bless you!*

For News and Announcements from the Diocese of Nelson visit:  
<https://www.nelsondiocese.org/apps/news>



To find the readings of the day go to the  
 Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops website: <https://www.cccb.ca/>



**ICC KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**  
**UPCOMING EVENTS**



**PARISH BREAKFAST!!**

ICC Knights of Columbus would like to invite you to join us for breakfast on **Sunday March 2nd**, from 10:00am to 1:00pm in the ICC Parish Hall. Our Knights will be serving up pancakes, eggs, sausage, fruit, tea and coffee! *Breakfast is by free-will donation.*

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**INFORMATION SESSION: INSURANCE, ESTATE & FINAL AFFAIRS PLANNING**

On **Saturday, March 8, 2025** at 10am in the Immaculate Conception Church Hall at 839 Sutherland Avenue, the Knights of Columbus will be presenting an information session on how Catholic families can protect themselves through Knights' insurance as well as necessary estate and final affairs planning Also. Brother Knight Joe Faubert and Pushor Mitchell estate lawyer Mark Brade will be available to answer your questions. There will be free babysitting available for families.

This event is free of charge and a light breakfast will be served.

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**CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE**  
**April 4 & 5**

**Immaculate Conception Church | Kelowna, BC**  
Join us for the Catholic Men's Conference at Immaculate Conception Church in Kelowna, BC, on April 4th and 5th. This inspiring event will feature esteemed speakers Fr. Troy Nguyen and David Paul.

**Event Details – All men are invited:**

- Dates: April 4 & 5
- Location: Immaculate Conception Church, Kelowna, BC
- Start Time: Friday, April 4th at 7:00 pm
- End Time: Saturday, April 5th with closing anticipated Sunday Mass starting at 5:00 pm
- Cost: Regular Tickets: \$60, University Students: \$15
- Includes lunch on Saturday and breaktime refreshments
- Sponsored by *Heroic Men* and *God Squad Canada*

**Registration:**

To register or for more information, please visit [www.godsquad.ca](http://www.godsquad.ca) and click on '2025 Conferences' on the menu bar.

We look forward to seeing you there for a time of faith, fellowship, and inspiration!

For more information, please contact David Ziebart, 762-3910 ext 3 or [david.icckelowna@gmail.com](mailto:david.icckelowna@gmail.com)

**KELOWNA CATHOLIC PARISHES KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**  
**MONTHLY BREAKFASTS**

**1st Sunday** – ICC and Corpus Christi | **2nd Sunday** – St. Pius X  
**3rd Sunday** – OLOL | **Last Sunday** – St. Charles Garnier

These monthly breakfasts are an important part of the life of our parish communities, youth programs, vocations, education, health systems, community voluntarism and charitable public works.

**ST. VINCENT'S CORNER:**



As we near the end of another month remember the poor boxes this weekend. Your generosity is what makes this all possible. Please be generous when you pass our volunteers. And remember you can donate anytime at [ICC.SSVP@GMAIL.COM](mailto:ICC.SSVP@GMAIL.COM) or scan the QR code.



Please continue to pray for all our families!

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Tax receipts are in the church foyer. any not picked up by Monday morning will be mailed. Please help us to save on postage. Pick yours up today!

Families that we assist are able to call us once every three months as needed. March is typically very busy as it is 3 months since our Christmas party!

If you see us packing hampers or taking them to our cars give us a cheery wave hello!!

God Bless all of us as we serve God's children.

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Dear Parishioners,

It is cold out there this time of the Year. The Okanagan Valley SSVP groups have joined together to support the **National Coldest Night of the Year (CNOY) fundraiser**, to assist people in our own community who are struggling with accessing the basic needs of food and shelter. Follow the link to donate to our team, (team captain Meg OBrien), or/and come out and walk with us on February 22nd.

Thank you in advance for all of your support.  
We are so appreciative.

<https://cnoy.w-ith.me/Meg>



Sign-up information is in the church entrance!

To find this week's featured content, visit [watch.formed.org/this-week-on-formed](http://watch.formed.org/this-week-on-formed).

**WEEK OF FEBRUARY 23<sup>RD</sup>**

† **An American Blessed**

<https://watch.formed.org/videos/father-michael-mcgivney-an-american-blessed>

† **The Our Father**

<https://watch.formed.org/videos/session-1>

† **Discerning God's Will**

<https://watch.formed.org/videos/discerning-god-s-will-by-fr-larry-richards>

**FATHER WAYNE PFLIGER'S 50 ANNIVERSARY OF ORDINATION**



Join in the celebration of Fr. Wayne Pfliger's 50th Anniversary of Ordination on Friday May 9, 2025 at Immaculate Conception Parish.



Mass will be at 5:00 p.m. with dinner to follow in the parish hall at 6:00 p.m.

Tickets are \$35/person and are available at the Kelowna area parishes and from Loaves and Fishes.

### **YOUNG ADULTS DANCE!!**

There will be a young adult dance in the ICC parish hall  
**Saturday, March 1st, at 7pm.**  
There will be music and light refreshments.  
All young adults between the ages of 18–35 are welcome!!

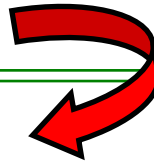
### **NDCRS YOUTH PILGRIMS OF HOPE FUNDRAISER!**

When: March 29, 2025 | 6:00 pm  
Where: Immaculate Conception Church Hall  
839 Sutherland Avenue

Youth Pilgrims of Hope are holding a Roast Beef Dinner and Entertainment benefit fundraiser and silent auction. Tickets are \$40 each or a table of 8 for \$300, and can be purchased at the ICC Office, Loaves and Fishes, or from other parishes in the area.



This fundraiser will help with costs for our youth pilgrims to travel to Rome this summer!



### **NDCRS YOUTH JUBILEE 2025** **PILGRIMAGE TO ITALY** July 23 – August 6, 2025

High School Students & Young Adults  
\*\*Limited Space Available\*\*  
Rome, Assisi, Naples, Sorrento  
See bulletin board, or scan the QR Code for more details!



Sponsored by: Nelson Diocese Catholic Renewal Services

### **St. Edwards Lenten Mission – PREPARING for EASTER**

This spiritually enriching mission is four hours long, divided into two, 2-hour sessions on different days. You can attend EITHER afternoon or evening, to fit your schedule.

**Where:** St. Edwards Parish, 11123 Okanagan Centre Rd East, in Lake Country  
**When:** March 31 and April 2  
**How:** Afternoon sessions: 2:00-4:00, starting with refreshments  
Evening session: 5:30-7:30, starting with a light dinner  
**Why:** Reflect, recharge, and connect with others to prep for Easter  
**What:** Deacon Paul Murphy will lead presentations, group discussions, prayer, quiet reflection, concluding with silent adoration.  
Mission themes include *faith, hope and prayer.*

**Registration is required:** Visit [stedwardsparish.ca](http://stedwardsparish.ca). Scroll down to Lenten Mission Afternoon or Lenten Mission Evening session, select your session, then follow the links.

- Can't register online? Call Richard Delaney at 613-794-3236.
- Can't join in person? Evening sessions livestreamed through parish website.

### *UPCOMING DINNER/DANCES* *@ ICC PARISH CENTRE*



#### *SPRING/EASTER DINNER/DANCE*

Friday April 25th 2025

Doors open @ 6:00 (refreshments)

Dinner @ 6:30 | Dancing from 7:30

*Music by Vic's Dance Band*



Tickets are \$40 per person and are available at  
Loaves & Fishes – 591 Lawrence Ave | 250-868-8933

### \*\*\* JOB POSTINGS \*\*\*

#### RCDN CATHOLIC PASTORAL CENTRE CAREER POSTING ACCOUNTING ASSISTANT

The Diocesan Office, situated in Kelowna, BC is seeking an Accounting Assistant to provide support to our Financial Services team. This is a full time position working 35 hours per week. This position pays \$25 to \$28/hour depending on qualifications.

Please see table in church entrance or our website (Bulletins page) for a full job description and how to apply, [icckelowna.ca](http://icckelowna.ca)

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#### ST. ANDREW'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CATHEDRAL—Victoria, BC DIRECTOR OF MUSICAL WORSHIP

Closing Date: 30 April 2025.

The Director of Musical Worship (DoMW) is responsible for the planning, coordination, and fulfillment of all liturgical music ministries at the Cathedral. The applicant will work collaboratively with the Rector and the Parish Council and would preferably be a member of the Roman Catholic community.

Please see table in church entrance or our website (Bulletins page) for a full job description and how to apply, [icckelowna.ca](http://icckelowna.ca)

<https://www.nelsondiocese.org/apps/jobs/>

### *Rachel's Corner*

*"God, come to me quickly! You are my help and deliverer.  
LORD, do not delay!" Psalm 70:6*

Have you longed so strongly for that merciful embrace that the Prodigal Son received? God is ready! He is ready to help you with the burden of your involvement in an abortion decision and deliver you from all that you have held inside since that day. Why wait any longer? Join us on the next Rachel's Vineyard Retreat.

[info@rachelvineyardkelowna.com](mailto:info@rachelvineyardkelowna.com)

[www.rachelvineyardkelowna.com](http://www.rachelvineyardkelowna.com)

f Rachel's Vineyard Kelowna

250-762-2273



Through a 5 day program facilitated by mental health professionals and centered on Jesus Christ, Grief to Grace helps those who have endured neglect, physical, emotional, sexual, and/or spiritual abuse in their family of origin, their community, from spouses/partners, and/or coworkers or supervisors, find healing and journey to wholeness.

The next program in Canada is **May 20–25 in Kelowna.**  
For more information please email [griefftoGracekelowna@gmail.com](mailto:griefftoGracekelowna@gmail.com)  
or make a confidential call to [250-808-6403](tel:250-808-6403).

# NOW HIRING!

## SUPPORT STAFF

- Educational Assistants
- Early Childhood Educators
- Custodians
- Bookkeepers
- Secretaries

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25TH, 4:30 - 7:00 AT THE CATHOLIC PASTORAL CENTRE**

Please bring your resume and cover letter



## Catholic Independent Schools of Nelson Diocese – Support Staff Hiring Fair

Looking for a meaningful career in a faith-filled environment? Catholic Independent Schools of Nelson Diocese (CISND) is hosting a **Support Staff Hiring Fair** on **Tuesday, February 25th, from 4:30 PM to 7:00 PM** at the **Catholic Pastoral Centre** (3665 Benvoulin Road).

We are seeking passionate individuals for roles such as **Educational Assistants, Early Childhood Educators and Assistants, Custodians, Bookkeepers, Secretaries, and other support staff positions.**

Interested candidates are encouraged to bring their **cover letter and resume** and drop in anytime between **4:30 PM – 7:00 PM** to learn more about these opportunities.

There is something special about CISND. Come see what sets us apart! We look forward to meeting you!

## OTHER LOCAL PARISHES NEWS & EVENTS:

- CORPUS CHRISTI CHURCH** 750 Rutland Road N | (250) 765-6869 | [ccpkelowna@nelsondiocese.org](mailto:ccpkelowna@nelsondiocese.org)
- ◆ **FILIPINO MASS** celebrated at 5:00 PM every **FIRST** Saturday of the month.
- ST. CHARLES GARNIER** 3645 Benvoulin Road | (250) 860-6776 | [scgkelowna@nelsondiocese.org](mailto:scgkelowna@nelsondiocese.org)
- ◆ **CATHOLIC MOMS CONNECT:** Wednesdays, 9:30–11:00 am St. Charles Garnier Hall. Please contact Abbey at 250-899-4384 for details, or join their Facebook Group at [facebook.com/groups/CatholicMomsConnectSCG](https://facebook.com/groups/CatholicMomsConnectSCG)
- ST. PIUS X** 1346 Gordon Drive | (250) 762-2587  
[spxkelowna@nelsondiocese.org](mailto:spxkelowna@nelsondiocese.org)
- ◆ **ALPHA YOUTH SERIES** – Sunday evenings, 4:30–6:30, St.Pius X Parish Hall call 250-762-2587 or 250-231-3838 to register.
  - ◆ **ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE** – Mondays at 6:00 pm in the Parish Hall.
  - ◆ **PEOPLE OF FAITH PRAYER GROUP** – every other Tuesday (March 4 & March 18... etc.) from 6:00–7:30 pm. Please join us for praise, worship, prayer and fellowship.

Please visit Springfield Funeral Home [Events](#) page for upcoming events & seminars; dates, times, and locations: [www.springfieldfuneralhome.com/events](http://www.springfieldfuneralhome.com/events)

### IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH REGISTRATION FORM

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street and Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Home #: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Marital Status (circle one): Married in the Catholic Church    Single    Widow/Widower    Other

**Children Living at Home:**

Name	M/F	Age & Birthdate	Grade	Sacraments Received:		
				Baptism	Eucharist	Confirmation

Check all that apply. I am interested in ...

- Offertory Envelopes.....     Bulletin Emailed to me.....     Knights of Columbus.....     Catholic Women’s League....     St. Vincent de Paul .....   
 Sacristan (Set up for Mass)....     Altar Servers .....     Usher .....     Reader .....     Music.....   
 Pastoral Visit.....     Catholic School.....     Catechism/Prep .....     Youth Ministry.....     RCIA.....

*We are so glad that you are here with us to love and serve Jesus in deep unity!*