

School of the Incarnation Newsletter

Thursday, February 20, 2025

Friday, February 21st:	Spirit Wear Day
Saturday, February 22nd:	Wine, Food & Brew 7 - 10 PM
Thursday, February 27th:	School Mass for students in Grades 6 - 8 10:00 AM
Friday, February 28th:	Remote Day for students - End of Trimester 2 Deadline to apply for FACTS Grant & Aid - see below for more information
Wednesday, March 5th:	Ash Wednesday - School Mass 10:00 AM
Friday, March 7th:	Trimester 2 report cards sent home via email Spirit Wear Day Faculty vs. Students Basketball Game at Spalding HS 6:00 PM
Saturday, March 8th:	PAC Irish Fest 12 - 4:00 PM - link to purchase tickets below
Sunday, March 9th:	Daylight Savings Time starts
Tuesday, March 11th:	Class pictures (Grades PreK - 2) and 8th Grade Panoramic Picture Day
Wednesday, March 12th:	Class Picture Day (Grades 3 - 7)
Thursday, March 13th:	Spring Club Picture Day
Friday, March 14th:	Spirit Wear Day
Wednesday, March 19th:	ACRE testing for students in Grades 5 and 8 Power of Expression for Parents 6:30 - 7:30 PM - see below for more information
Friday, March 21st:	School Closed - Professional Development
Monday, March 24th:	School Closed
Tuesday, March 25th:	Incarnation Day House Meeting Day - students may wear their house color School Mass 1:30 PM
Friday, March 28th:	Spirit Wear Day

Annual SOTI Faculty vs. Students Basketball Games- Friday, March 7th

The Annual Basketball Games featuring student-athletes, teachers, staff, and coaches are here once again! The fun is scheduled for Friday, March 7th at 6:00 PM @ Archbishop Spalding High School. The event tips off with pre-game music and announcements. The Boys' A Basketball Team will play the SOTI Men at 6:30 PM, followed by the Girls' A Basketball Team playing against the SOTI Women.



This year we will have concessions (pizza, baked goods, and water). Additionally, there will be halftime entertainment!

Come cheer on your fellow students and some of your favorite teachers during one of the best events of the school year! Admission for this event is on sale now (\$7 per adult; \$5 per child). Link to purchase tickets in advance: [Annual Basketball Games 2025](#)

*Ticket prices at the door will be \$10 per adult and \$5 per child - cash only!

Parent Access

Trimester 2 is ending on Friday, February 28th. Parent Access will be disabled from Monday, February 24th - Friday, March 7th in order to allow teachers to work on closing out the trimester. Report Cards will be e-mailed home on Friday, March 7th and the parent access will be reopened.

Annual Family Survey

Each year, through the Archdiocese, we invite our parent community to provide feedback as part of our continuous improvement effort. While the Archdiocese does look at the data received from the schools individually, it also looks at the data as a whole local Catholic schools system. This survey is a one page survey which is easy to complete for the end users. We value your insight and input, and I invite each family to complete the survey linked [here](#). The survey closes tomorrow, Friday, February 21.

To encourage more participation, SOTI families may take a screenshot of the final page that says "Thank you for participating in this survey" and email the screenshot to cognia@schooloftheincarnation.org. Please place your family name in the subject line. Students whose families complete the survey will receive an out of uniform pass. The "thank you" page appears after the survey is submitted. So all survey responses still remain anonymous.

Power of Expression Presentation

We are excited to have the opportunity to welcome the [Ed Lally Foundation](#) to SOTI in March for two presentations on The Power of Expression. The Ed Lally Foundation is a family owned group that seeks to inspire and empower individuals, families and communities to adopt a proactive approach to mental health & suicide prevention through accessible evidence-based practices of self-healing, stigma-shattering self-expression and interpersonal connection. Together we heal. ELF will offer a parent presentation on Wednesday, March 19 at 6:30 PM. This presentation is for parents of students PK-8, friends and neighbors are also welcome. This is a presentation for adults. On Thursday, March 20, ELF will present to the middle school students. (Middle school parents will receive more detailed information prior to the event). Click here for a brief introductory [video](#).

Parent presentation on Wednesday, March 19th at 6:30 PM will include:

- Excerpt of Power of Expression documentary
- Proactive mental health strategies for self and family
- Crucial suicide prevention resources
- Overview of the info students will receive in POE Assembly
- Q&A Session

The middle school presentation on Thursday, March 20th will include:

- Big Infinite presents the "Power of Expression" live to audience (approx. 70-90 minutes)
- Storytelling, live music, and proactive mental health strategies, QPR and support resources
- Anonymous student survey and live results
- Student-driven Q&A Session
- "Power of Expression" Discussion Guide

House Feast Day Celebrations

Wednesday, April 16th-

Thursday, April 17th is the Feast Day of **St. Kateri Tekakwitha**. Her Feast Day will be observed on Wednesday, April 16th and students who are members of her house (Purple House) may dress out-of-uniform. Students must wear the color **PURPLE**. Students who have PE must wear sneakers. Please refer to the Parent/Student Handbook for out-of-uniform guidelines.

SOTI Summer Camp 2025 Dates and Themes

We are so happy to share information about this year's summer camps! In addition to the traditional **Summer Knights Camps (Gr. K-4)**, we will continue to offer 5 weeks of **Summer Social Camps for students in grades 5-8! All grade levels refer to the 2025-2026 school year.**



Each **Summer Knights Camp** lasts one week and is independent of the other weeks. Families can choose the weeks that work best for them. These camps consist of age appropriate activities and in house field trips which follow the theme for the week. There may be the opportunity for off campus field trips as well (TBD). Off site field trips will have additional field trip fees of no more than \$30.00 per trip.

Each **Summer Social Camp** lasts one week and is independent of the other weeks. Families can choose the weeks that work best for them. There are two weeks in June and three in July. These camps will consist of age appropriate activities and games to allow the students to spend time with their peers having fun while being active indoors and out. This also includes short day trips for activities such as minigolf, bowling and movies. *Special note for 5th grade parents. Fifth grade students participating in summer camps, will spend the morning in the older group (Summer Social Camps). You may choose to have them leave at 12:15 PM with the students in grades 6-8. If you wish for your 5th grader to remain for the full day, they would transition to the Summer Knight Camp from 12:15-4:00 PM.

The registration form and non refundable fee can be processed via the link below or from the school website under the Student Life tab. The registration deadline is Wednesday, March 31st.

Summer Camps registration link:

[Summer Camp-Summer Social 2025 Registration Link](#)

Below are the dates and themes for our summer camp:

- June 16-20 Cooking Week (closed June 19th)
- June 23-27 Lego Week
- June 30 - July 3 Carnival Week (Closed July 4)
- July 7-11 Christmas in July Week
- July 14-18 Spooky Spectacular Week
- July 21-25 Barnyard Bonanza Week
- July 28- August 1 Shepherd on a Mission

Below are the dates for our summer social camp:

- June 16 - 20
- June 23 - 27
- July 7 - 11
- July 14 - 18
- July 21 - 25

SOTI Summer Sports Camp 2025

- ◆ Students in grades K-5 ◆ Dates: June 9 - 13
- ◆ Camp Hours: 8:00 AM - 3:00 PM ◆ After Care: 3:00 - 6:00 PM



Get ready for an exciting week of action, fun and skill development at our Summer Sports Camp!! Under the guidance of Mr. Smith and other SOTI faculty and staff, students will have the chance to explore different sports, improve their athletic abilities, and enjoy friendly competition.

This camp will feature a variety of sports, including basketball, soccer, volleyball, baseball, softball, floor hockey and lots more, with activities designed to develop skills and foster teamwork. To help provide a meaningful experience, we ask parents to register their child for Summer Sports Camp only if they have a genuine interest in learning and participating in sports.

Link to register: [Summer Sports Camp 2025](#)

2025 Yearbook

Each family will receive one complimentary copy of the yearbook. If you would like to pre-order an additional copy/copies of the yearbook, please click on the link below and follow the instructions on the screen to check out. Yearbook ads are also available to purchase (limited space available)

Link to purchase extra yearbook and/or a yearbook ad:

<https://www.yearbooksspm.com/schoolinc/home3/Bookstore.jsp>

FACTS Grant and Aid Applications

FACTS Grant and Aid Applications are now open for the 2025-2026 school year. **The deadline to apply for Grant and Aid will be February 28, 2025.** There will not be any exceptions to this deadline. FACTS is the validation software used by the Archdiocese of Baltimore, the school, and the parishes to verify the applications. FACTS does not provide any aid. Aid is awarded by the AOB, the school and parishes. The application can be found through this link: <https://online.factsmgt.com/signin/3C65P> If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to reach out to Caroline Agresti, Business Manager at cagresti@schooloftheincarnation.org.

2024-2025 School Year

Remote Day for Students - Friday, February 28, 2025

School Closed (Professional Day) - Friday, March 21, 2025

School Closed - Monday, March 24, 2025

Easter Break: April 18 - 25, 2025

Last day of classes for 8th grade students: Friday, May 23, 2025

Last day of classes for Pre-K students: Friday, May 30, 2025

8th Grade Graduation: Saturday, May 31, 2025

Last day of classes for students (Grade K-7): Thursday, June 5, 2025

*link to school calendar: <https://www.schooloftheincarnation.org/events/calendar>

2025-2026 School Year

First day of school: August 25, 2025

Faculty Retreat: September 22, 2025 - No school for students

Professional Day: Friday, October 3, 2025 - No school for students

Christmas break: December 22, 2025 - January 2, 2026

Easter break: April 3 - 10, 2026

8th Grade graduation: June 6, 2026

Last day of school: June 10, 2026



The Spirit Wear store is always open!!

The new Spirit Wear store will stay open year round. Items may change based on the season or special events. These items will be shipped directly to your home.

<https://chesapeakedistribution.com/collections/school-of-the-incarnation>

Volunteer Certification

If you are new to School of the Incarnation and would like to volunteer or chaperone for an upcoming event or field trip, you must complete Virtus training. Please follow the steps outlined on our website. The link can be found here: <https://www.schooloftheincarnation.org/resources/parent-volunteering>

If you need assistance or have questions, please contact Lisa Hanson, Volunteer Screening Coordinator, at lhanson@schooloftheincarnation.org

Returning parents who have already completed Virtus training can contact Lisa Hanson to check your Virtus status.

ESP Teachers/Aids Needed for 24-25 School Year

Do you know a college student or older high school student who loves to work with children and is looking for some part-time work? Our ESP program is hiring staff for the afternoons (3:15-5:30 PM). In order to be considered for ESP Teacher positions, the candidate must be 18 years old. Teens 16-18 are eligible to be considered for assistant positions. Please contact Lisa Bucci, lbucci@schooloftheincarnation.org for more information.



BEYOND PROGRAM INFORMATION

Interest Google Forms for proposed Trimester 3/Spring clubs will be provided in next week's newsletter. Please read them over next Thursday and discuss with your children which options they may be interested in joining. Forms will need to be completed by March 4th.

CLUB UPDATES:

Two of our Lego Explore Teams will present their projects and display boards that explain what they've learned at a "Festival" this Saturday, February 22nd at Johns Hopkins, APL in Laurel from 1:30-3:30 PM. All are welcome to attend and see what this program is all about. We thank their coaches, Mr. Hickey, Mr. Booker, Mrs. Reyna, and Mr. Gibboney for moderating the team members and leading their meetings since September!

The 2nd grade Lego Explore Team has had its presentation for their families and teachers postponed until Thursday, February 27th at 4:00 PM. We thank Mrs. Nimo and Mrs. Garry for moderating the team members during their meetings.

Arts and Crafts Club: Preschool and Kindergarten members had fun creating heart and Valentine's Day themed projects for their final meeting last week. Thank you to Mrs. Clark who helped moderate the group and helped everyone have a fun time!

SOTI Scientists Club: Thank you to Mrs. Harrington for helping to plan and moderate fun projects for the group members to learn about various Science topics during their meetings.

The Creation and Imagination Club: Due to snow days last week, members had their final meeting this week. We thank Mrs. Vasey and Mrs. Moran for helping to plan and moderate the group in order to provide fun ways to show their creative spirits!

Knights Chess Club members had their final meeting this week as well. They enjoyed challenging one another with practicing their game skills. Thank you to Mrs. Bittner, Mrs. Solomon, and Mrs. Intoccia for giving their time to help provide the opportunity for this group to meet.

Dance and Cheer Squad members continue doing a wonderful job learning their dance routine as well as several cheers! They are working hard to be ready to cheer and do their dance performance at the Faculty vs. 8th grade games on March 7th!

GENERAL INFORMATION REMINDERS

- At the end of each club meeting, students are brought to the front doors to meet parents for pick up. Thank you for being on time, parking in the lot, and walking to the sidewalk to let the volunteers and/or Miss Santini know that you're taking your child. ESP students are taken back to their ESP class for pick up if parents haven't arrived.
- Snacks are optional and are meant to be a quick, healthy food item (fresh or dried fruit or vegetable, applesauce pouch, tree nuts, and a small protein bar are great options). Please...NO candy, chips, cookies, etc. Labeling the food item with "club snack" is helpful to avoid it being eaten at lunch.

If you have any questions or ideas for a club, please contact our school's Auxiliary Services Coordinator, Amy Santini at asantini@schooloftheincarnation.org



The God Spot

Adoration Volunteers are needed for Friday, March 7th

On Friday, March 7th we will have Adoration in our school chapel. We are looking for volunteer adorers to provide coverage for 30-60 minute blocks between the hours of 8:30-2:30. This will allow the teachers to bring their classes in for adoration according to their schedule throughout the day.

To volunteer, please click on this link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0849AFA92AA5F5C25-54463814-volunteers>

For general information on Adoration, you may want to visit the following website for Catholic articles and resources: <https://catholic-link.org/how-to-go-to-adoration-eucharist/>

Weekly Rosary

Parents, faculty, and staff are invited to participate in saying the rosary on Wednesday mornings at 7:15 a.m. in the chapel (enter through front doors – chapel through door to immediate right). We hope that you can join us for all or part of the rosary! Questions - please contact Ms. Hinton at chinton@schooloftheincarnation.org



Parent Advisory Council News

PAC Irish Fest

Please join us for the annual Irish Fest on Saturday, March 8th from 12-4 for music, food and family fun! Click on the link to purchase tickets and meals: [Irish Fest tickets](#)



Mother Son Event

The PAC is also looking for any interested parents to support the Mother Son Event this year. It would be amazing to have some VIRTUS certified dads, grandpas, uncles and friends help the moms out so they are able to enjoy the special event with their sons!

The Committee Chairperson will contact you with more information. Thank you so much!

Date: Friday, April 11, 2025

Time: 6:30PM

Location: Marian Hall

Sign up here:

[2025 Mother Son Event Volunteer Form](https://tinyurl.com/25SOTIMotherSon) - <https://tinyurl.com/25SOTIMotherSon>

Parent Advisory Council

Do you have questions or ideas? Please email the PAC at pac@schooloftheincarnation.org

PAC Facebook Page

Did you know the PAC has an [official Facebook page](#)? Join today to stay up to date on important PAC news and events!

Community News

SOTI/Parish Lenten Study

In this study we will explore life's most important questions; Why are we here? What is life all about? What happens when we die? These questions are rooted in the human heart's deepest desires: happiness, love, beauty, meaning. Where can we find the answers to these questions and these desires? Until satisfied, we are left questioning, longing, and searching.

Format- Introduction, video, discussion questions, wrap up/fellowship. An out-of-uniform pass will be given out to parents who attend each session!

Please join us Tuesdays 7:00 pm - 8:15 PM in the SOTI Library.

- Feb 25, Session 2: Who are you?
- Mar 11, Session 3: Why a God?
- Mar 18, Session 4: What's Our Story?
- Mar 25, Session 5: Who is Jesus?
- Apr 1, Session 6: Am I Saved?
- Apr 8, Session 7: Why a Church?

To RSVP or for more information, please contact Lisa Delgado at lisa.delgado@hfccmail.org.

Registration link: [SOTI/Parish Lenten Study](#)

You're invited to Family Bingo!

Come join us on Sun, Mar 9, 2025 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM to support Holy Family at Family Bingo! All Proceeds benefit Holy Family Catholic Church! Don't miss this fun time for the whole family. There will be...11 fun games of bingo, 2 specials and 2 raffles!

Event Details:

- Where: Holy Family Church, Unity Hall
- Tickets: \$15/person & \$20/person at door. PLEASE NOTE: Ticket price includes a slice of pizza, bottle of water, and cupcake. All minors must be accompanied by an adult.
- Time: Doors open at 12 pm and games begin at 12:45 pm

How to Purchase Tickets:

Purchase tickets at the table after all Masses starting Feb 8 or visit the Parish Office after Feb. 10. Please see attached flyer for details.

Summer Camps at Mount Saint Joseph

Learning never stops at Mount Saint Joseph! Our campus is buzzing with activity all summer long. Whether it's on the field or the stage, in the classroom, the lab, or the art studio, we hope to see you at The Mount this summer during one of our many academic, arts, and leadership enrichment opportunities or sports camps. Click the link below to learn more about our offerings and sign up today.



<https://www.msjet.edu/admissions/summer-at-the-mount>

Holy Family Catholic Church Men's Retreat

Sat, Feb 22, 2025 8:30 AM - 12:30 PM

Allow your faith to deepen through this spiritual retreat. Join other men for a time of fellowship (breakfast included), reflection, and the insights of our guest speaker, Kevin Matthews. Kevin is a former Chicago radio host and author who had a life-changing encounter with a broken statue of Mary. He now travels the country sharing his deep devotion to the Blessed Mother, emphasizing especially the importance for MEN to be in a loving relationship with Mary. You don't want to miss it! Please see the attached flyer for more information.

The Baltimore Blast & The Archdiocese of Baltimore

On Sunday, March 2 at 3:00 PM, the Archdiocese of Baltimore Catholic school students and families get a special discount night where the Blast will be celebrating the archdiocese and our great schools!

<https://baltimoreblast.com/archdiocese/> Ticket prices are \$23.

Sacred Heart Knights of Columbus Free Throw Competition

Boys and girls ages 9-14 are invited to showcase their basketball skills at the Sacred Heart Knights of Columbus Free Throw Competition on Sunday, March 2nd, from 3-5 PM at Bowie City Gym (Court 4), 4100 Northview Dr., Bowie, MD. Don't miss this fun and exciting opportunity! For more details, contact Bill Dziwura at 301-262-7278.



SOTI IRISH FEST



SATURDAY
MARCH 8TH



DOORS OPEN 12-4 PM

*Please join us for a vibrant & joyful
St. Patrick's Day celebration!*

Featuring

CATERING BY MOLLOY'S IRISH PUB & RESTAURANT

PERFORMANCE BY DEF LEPRECHAUN

MAGICIAN AND BALLOON ARTIST

Get Your Tickets here:

<https://forms.diamondmindinc.com/schooloftheincarnation/irishfest2025>

****IRISH MEALS MUST BE PRE-PURCHASED ONLINE****

Slainte!



Donate goods for the

Irish Fest **BAKE SALE**

Saturday

**March
8th**

12 PM - 4 PM

**Cookies - Candy
Cake - Irish treats & MORE!**

Gift the Luck of the Irish this St. Patrick's Day!

ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT SOTI

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT Carissa Landymore at
CarissaLandymore@gmail.com



Unable to make the event or want to drop off goods ahead of the event...no worries! Feel free to drop off your sweet treats any time during school hours in the SOTI lobby on Friday, March 7th between the hours of 9 AM - 2 PM!

We sincerely appreciate all your help in bringing the luck of the Irish to this event!

Reminders:

- Each item must be individually wrapped - no exceptions.
- SOTI is nut free, so no treats that contain nuts.
- We would welcome gluten free treats to offer a variety for guests that have allergies.

THE SEARCH

IS LIFE'S JOURNEY TAKING YOU SOMEWHERE?
WHAT DO YOU WANT FROM YOUR LIFE?

The Search guides viewers through seven episodes to examine life and death, sorrow and happiness, and science and faith. Through interviews with astrophysicists, psychologists, astronauts, neuroscientists, professors, athletes, artists, and the beauty of the cosmos all point to one big conclusion: Jesus Christ and the Catholic Church.

JOIN US TO WATCH THE SERIES TOGETHER!

Tuesdays Feb 18 - Apr 8, 2025 (no Mar. 4)

SOTI Library 7:00 PM -8:15 PM

For questions,

Email: lisa.delgado@hfccmail.org



Scan here to register

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FAMILY BINGO

**SUNDAY,
MARCH 9TH**

**DOORS OPEN
12PM
GAMES BEGIN
12:45PM**

**COME JOIN US AND SUPPORT HOLY FAMILY
11 FUN GAMES OF BINGO,
2 SPECIALS AND 2 RAFFLES!**

WHERE: HOLY FAMILY CHURCH

**TICKETS: \$15/PERSON
\$20/PERSON AT DOOR**

NOTE: Ticket price includes slice of pizza, bottle of water, and cupcake.
All minors must be accompanied by an adult.

PURCHASE TICKETS

At the table after all Masses starting Feb 8 or visit the Parish Office after Feb. 10.

GET MORE INFO!

Volunteer: Beth.supple@hfccmail.org
Tickets: Margaret.wood@hfccmail.org
Event: Michele Hlavay 410-533-0047

ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC CHURCH

Register Now!

MEN'S RETREAT

Allow your faith to deepen through this spiritual retreat. Join other men for a time of fellowship (breakfast included), reflection, and the insights of our guest speaker Kevin Matthews



Kevin Matthews is a former Chicago radio host who experienced a life-changing encounter with a broken statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary and now shares his testimony encouraging men to have a loving relationship with Mary.

The event starts with check-in from 8:30-9 AM in the main entry of the church. Mass is at 9:00 AM and breakfast & fellowship are from 10-10:45 AM in Unity Hall. The talk by Kevin Matthews follows the breakfast.

Cost: \$20, cash or check, payable in advance or at the door.

Ways To Register: Please visit the sign-up table in the narthex after the weekend Masses, call the parish office at 410-269-0586, or go online to www.holyfamilychurch.com.



FEBRUARY 22
8:30 AM -
NOON

CHURCH &
UNITY HALL

BREAKFAST
INCLUDED



MASS

THIS EVENT IS OPEN TO ALL MEN. BRING A FRIEND!

HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC CHURCH, DAVIDSONVILLE, MD



New Family Referral Program

Our current Incarnation families are by far the best ambassadors for spreading the word about our school! Our New Family Referral Program rewards current families with a one-time \$250 tuition credit for referring a new family who applies and enrolls. Here's how it works:

- If you know of a family that you believe may be interested in School of the Incarnation, complete the "New Family Referral Form" below and submit to the school office.
- Reach out to the family and share your experiences at School of the Incarnation. Share with them the reasons you have chosen Catholic education and why you think they should do the same. Let them know that you have or will refer their information to the school and that an admissions representative will call or email them to provide more information.
- For each new family that applies and enrolls at least one full-time student, a \$250 tuition credit will be awarded to the current referring family after the new student has been in attendance for 30 days.
- Siblings of current students and previously enrolled students do not qualify as new families. Staff members are not eligible for the referral credit.
- Note that this form must be on file in the front office before the new family has contacted the school on their own for information or to visit so it is best to submit the form as soon as possible after speaking with the new family. In other words, the referral form is not retroactive and you are not eligible for the referral if the family contacts school before the referral.
- This referral program is open to all families with students currently enrolled in PreK4-Grade 8.
- Referral fees are limited to one per family per academic year.

Current Family

Parent name(s) _____

Student name(s) /Grade(s) _____

Address _____

City, State, MD _____

Phone _____

Email _____

New Family

Parent name(s) _____

Student name(s)/Grade(s) _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone _____

Email _____

How do you know this family? Work Friend Relative Neighbor

Church Community Other _____

Any information we should know? _____

By signing below, I confirm that I personally know this family and have shared the good news about School of the Incarnation with them. I understand that an Admissions representative from the school will be contacting this new family to provide more information and invite the family for a tour. I have read and understand the guidelines of the New Family Referral Program. Contact Casey Boswell at 410.519.2285 with any questions.

Signature _____

<p>-Office use only- Form submission date _____ Contact date _____ Enrollment date _____ \$250 tuition credit date _____</p>
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