

Immaculate Conception School Board Meeting Minutes

August 5, 2026

Members Present:

Robert Holzum, President
Alex Graves, Vice President
Kelli Guyot, Secretary
Barbie Gibbs, Board Member
Sarah Lentz, Board Member
Kaitlin Roslen, Board Member
Brooke Deason, H&S President
Karen Englen, Principal
Fr. Randy Tochtrop, Pastor

Call to Order

- Superintendent Deacon Rob Huff was present and trained all members about responsibilities and functioning of a school board.

Principal's Report (Ms. Englen):

- 2026-2027 school year current enrollment: 42 students in Pre-K, 148 students in K-8.
- A new phone system has been installed in the building, featuring many improvements.
- Introduced parameters for consistency in a discipline policy.

Committee Reports:

- **Athletic Committee (Ms. Graves)** – Volleyball and St. Sebastian's Cross Country will begin August 17. Volleyball will have a B and C team, and the A team will be partnering with St. Vincent's. Still working with Home and School on purchasing a new scoreboard table. We will wait to get bids for the gym floor until the completion of the new church building.
- **Marketing Committee (Ms. Guyot)** – Positive interaction with summer social media posts. Videos of the new church are also being shared on the Immaculate Conception social media page.
- **Parish Council (Ms. Gibbs)** – No Parish Council meeting in July. Parish Picnic will be on Sunday, August 23 at the Knights of Columbus.
- **Home and School (Ms. Deason)** – Worked on budget this summer, and intend to use funds to cover programs that have previously been asked of parents as an additional expense (Teacher Appreciation Week, Key Store, etc). Have purchased new iPads for grades 3-5. Working on clearing teacher wishlists for classroom items. There will be two meetings this year, in September and January. Working on billboard marketing.

Old Business:

- Addressed the need for a facility committee to address the ongoing maintenance and facility needs in the school building. We will be getting a list of needs together and forming a committee.
- The outdoor classroom is coming along well, and classes are able to use it cross-curricularly.

New Business:

- New committee roles assigned.
- Discussed dress code and using other incentives other than dress-down days.
- Discussed the need for updates and replacing air conditioning units.
- Discussed considering ways to add more options for the playground during recess time.
- Parent Meeting on Sunday, August 16 at 6:30pm. Open House on Monday, August 17 from 6-7:30.

Pastor's Report (Fr. Tochtrop):

- Discussed ways to increase Catholicism within the school. We are appreciative of the addition of Sister Clara Garcia as our new religion teacher, and will continue to look at ways to refocus students and parents on important aspects of Catholicism. Discussed suggestions on daily Mass, more adoration opportunities, and a prayer box for intentions. Confirmation date is being finalized after more progress on the new church. First Communion will be April 11, 2027.

Next Meeting Date:

- The next IC School Board meeting will be September 2, 2026 at 6:00pm.

IC Home and School Presents

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RESTAURANT NIGHT FUNDRAISER

AT

DAIRY QUEEN

2806 E Jackson Blvd
Jackson, MO

AUGUST 24TH
4-8 PM

IC School will earn a percentage of all sales made during this period. The class that achieves the highest participation will be rewarded with a Blizzard party. Remember to submit the flyer to ensure your class is counted for the Blizzard party!

STUDENT FIRST NAME: _____

GRADE: _____

TEACHER LAST NAME: _____

Chelsea McDowell Mpaka

As a 2003 graduate of Immaculate Conception, my roots run deep in this parish family. Growing up here, the faith, education, and love I received gave me a firm foundation - one that shaped my youth and one through which God was quietly preparing me for a calling I never could have foreseen.

What began in 2021 as an individual short-term mission has transformed, by God's grace, into a family deeply rooted in local ministry.

Today, I continue to partner with and train local schools and organizations to build quality special education practices, offer mental health support, and provide trauma-informed strategies to an underserved population.

Together with my husband, William, and our daughter, Ayla, we live alongside our village community, embracing life on mission as a whole-life calling to reflect Christ - leaning into surrender, walking through profound grief with hope, & sharing God's deepest love with those around us.

Serving on the mission field is a challenging walk, and we cannot do it alone. We rely deeply on the Body of Christ back home - our IC family - to lift us up in prayer and partnership as we step into this next chapter together. *Will you prayerfully consider how you can join us?*



PARTNER WITH THE MPAKA FAMILY!



As we faithfully step into the next 5 years of ministry in Uganda, we are launching a **Sustained to Serve Campaign** focusing on foundational needs of securing a specialized ministry office space, family housing, and a reliable family vehicle.



Monthly Partnerships

\$50/month — Ministry Office Space

- ☐ Covers rent & upkeep for a private space providing community mental health services.

\$75/month — Community Outreach Needs

- ☐ Provides emergency medical care, community meals, & transportation.

\$100/month — Family Housing

- ☐ Ensures safe housing for our family & offers a refuge for playdates, shared meals, & respite.

One-Time Gifts

Reliable Transportation Fund

- ☐ Secures a safe vehicle for Uganda's rough terrain, enabling rural outreach, daily living needs, & emergency care. **Overall goal \$40,000**

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/staff or scan the QR code above.

WANT TO CONNECT WHILE I'M HOME?

I'd love to catch up, share more stories, or answer questions!

☎ 573-730-8245 ✉ mpakachelsea@gmail.com

Thank you for your incredible generosity that allows us to be able to live, serve, and love the families of Uganda.

fullest love
to understand. support. advocate.

 William, Chelsea
and Ayla Mpaka

8/17/26

Christ Must Reign

Dear Parents,

My name is Sr. Clara Garcia, MC. I am a Mexican. I belong to the Poor Clare Missionary Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament, a missionary congregation.

I entered the convent at the age of twenty. I was called to become a Religious Sister at age nineteen, while I was studying law at the university in Mexico.

God placed into my heart the desire to seek the “Authentic Joy”—the one that doesn’t depend on anything or anyone. The joy that is constant and doesn’t end when a party is over. The Holy Spirit calling through my thoughts made me feel attracted to that Real Joy! That is how I decided to accept God’s call, since He offered me that true joy—the Joy that comes from belonging to Him.

The Poor Clare Missionary Sisters’ Spirituality is Marian, Eucharistic, priestly (giving of myself each day), and missionary. I am very happy to have been able to say “YES” to God’s call. Every day, I ask God for the grace to persevere in love with my Lord Jesus Christ, hoping to see Him face to face one day in heaven.

As a missionary sister, I have been sent on missions to several countries (Italy, Russia, Ireland, Spain, and the U.S.). I have served in various apostolates (Church ministries) such as a catechist at all levels, Catholic youth coordinator, preschool teacher, preschool secretary, pastoral assistant, and spiritual director at the Newman Center in USC.

However, I am convinced that this experience as a religion teacher at IC, as I help nurture your children’s faith, will be very enriching because, through them, I will be able to reach you, and together we will strengthen your children’s values and convictions of faith.

I am very excited and have great confidence in your support throughout the school year. I am here to assist you, and if you have any questions or concerns, please let me know via this email: cgarcia@icsjackson.eduk12.net

I entrust myself to your prayers, and you can count on mine as well.

In Christ

Sr. Clara Garcia, MC