

“LET CHRIST GUIDE YOUR WAY”
“PREPARE YE THE WAY OF THE LORD”



CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST: Fr. Nick reminded us to pray for grace as we answer God’s calling. Fr. Carl reminded us that Jesus was generous and we should be generous and give an abundance of God’s gifts to others.

CELEBRATING 175 YEARS: WE are celebrating our 175th year of Catholic faith as Immaculate Conception Parish on **SAT, DEC 11**. This is **OUR** anniversary. This is **OUR** chance to gather together as we do for birthdays, holidays and wedding anniversaries. Event and reservation info is on the flyer below. Let’s gather together to celebrate **OUR** parish anniversary!!!!

NO LATCHKEY: Tue, Dec 21 and Fri, May 20. Both of these days are 11:45 dismissal.

2:00 DISMISSAL: Wed, Dec 8.

AFTERSCHOOL PICK-UP: This is going extremely smooth and so SAFE for all. Just a few reminders: if you are picking up any student in grades 1-8 please ONLY park in bays 3-5, PLEASE do not block the lane to the front of school or to bays 1 and 2, IF YOU CANNOT PULL STRAIGHT INTO BAY 3 PLEASE GO TO BAY 4 OR 5. We are starting to have a few issues with bays 1 and 2 being blocked for the PreSchool, PreK and Kindergarten parents. THANKS!!!

FUNDERWEAR: Once again we will be collecting underwear, socks, hats and gloves to be donated to Daystar Community Program in Cairo, IL. We are also competing with SPPCS as to which school can donate the most items along with the 8th grade basketball boys playing against SPPCS on Sat, Dec 18 at Gibault. THE MAIN GOAL IS TO BE GENEROUS AND HELP THOSE IN NEED!!!! Check out this promo <https://youtu.be/On5OrgPJvfI>

CHILD PROTECTION: If you are needing to do your online refresher or initial course for child protection, please do so this weekend! The site will be taken down for routine maintenance Dec 6-12.

BLANKETS FOR BABIES: It’s that time of year again! We will be collecting new or gently used baby blankets and clothing for the Neonatal Unit at Cardinal Glennon Children’s Hospital. Looking for blankets (any size) and clothing (preemie, newborn and 0-3 months). Send in with your student. There is a large box in the hallway to place donations. Thank you!!
Questions: mollyhake@gmail.com

LUKE 18: This is an awesome retreat opportunity for 7th and 8th graders January 14-16 at Gibault Catholic High School). The retreat is an excellent way for your child to grow their faith, grow their relationship with God, and grow their relationships with their friends. The Luke 18 volunteers spoke at Immaculate Conception this week. ICS has been challenged by SPPS on which school will send more participants. The school with the most kids to sign up will be given a free Chick-Fil-A lunch which will be delivered to the 7th/8th graders at some point in the spring semester. **As of now SPPS has 15 registered and ICS has 15.** Deadline is Dec 20. Although Chick-Fil-A is a really good prize, getting closer to God is an even better prize..
<https://forms.gle/GX2ShA7NNSfGvC67A>

MR. KASSEBAUM: Mr. Kassebaum was mentioned in the Chicago Tribune as traveled to the Waukegan Municipal Beach to view the small-billed elaenia bird. Mr. Kassebaum is also credited for recording his 400th species in the state!!!
<https://www.chicagotribune.com/news/environment/ct-rare-south-american-bird-elaenia-waukegan-20211129-l6xiqs3aezcvlgt7ep5o67x3y-story.html>

CONGRATULATIONS: Congrats to Mrs. Meyer and Mrs. Schauster as they both won a \$500 Classroom Empowerment Grant through Monroe County Electric.

FROSTED FLICK FEST: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3zsPQoYVkgA&t=4s> also see the flyer below.

FATHERS CLUB: The Fathers Club will be having their monthly meeting/Christmas Party on TUE. DEC 14. 7:00 pm at Mandy McGuire's office.

PARENTS AND FRIENDS: The Perfect Christmas Gift for Teachers! Let Parents & Friends save you some shopping time this season. Finding just the right gifts for all your children's teachers can be challenging and the cost adds up quickly. Parents & Friends has developed a program that has been very popular in the past. If your family would like to participate, you simply send in a monetary contribution. Your contribution will be combined with those from other families and gifted to your children's primary teacher(s) with a portion also allocated to provide a gift to other staff like Mr. Gregson, Mrs. Epplin, Mrs. Taylor, and the Band, Computer, PE, Spanish and Art teachers. Your child's name will be on the Christmas cards of all his/her teacher(s) and staff.

Some of the basics of the program Do you have to participate? Whether your family chooses to contribute is entirely up to you. This program is completely VOLUNTARY.

How will the money be used? In the lower grades (Preschool-4), the monetary donation will be given to that child's individual teacher (& Aides, where applicable) with his/her name in the Christmas card. In the upper grades (5th-8th), the money that is collected is divided between the upper grade teachers and the child's name will be in a card for each teacher. In both the lower and upper grades, a percentage (approximately 20%) of your contribution is divided among the other teachers to include band, PE, computers, art, Spanish, resource, Mr. Gregson, Mrs. Epplin and Mrs. Taylor. This program is not a fundraiser – all contributions go to the faculty and staff.

How much should my family contribute? It's entirely up to you. You may want to base it on how many children you have in school, or consider how much you have spent in the past.

How do I participate? An envelope will be sent home after the Thanksgiving Holiday with further directions on sending in your donation.

If you have any questions, you can email Beth Johns at kidRN74@hotmail.com

Meeting/Christmas Party: Join us for our December Parents & Friends meeting with our famous Bad Santa Ornament Exchange! We will be at Joe's Pizza at 7pm on MON, DEC 13. We will hold a short meeting (virtual is an option) with our fun to follow. Bring a wrapped ornament to play along!

Square 1Art: Orders are IN! Look for those items to come home with students next week. If you'd like to pick up your orders yourself, please text Jolene Sasser at 618-444-6525 before Monday.

Uniform Resale: We will be at the craft fair Saturday from 9-2!

Santa's Kottage: This year's Santa's Kottage will be December 4th (Sat), December 6th (Mon) and December 7th (Tues). The proceeds from this fundraiser will be given to the Eighth graders who volunteer to be "Elves" during the shop hours. A sign-up form will be sent to the 8th grade parents in the next few days. If needed students will be placed into a hat if there are more students than volunteer spots.

So, what is the Santa's Kottage?.....The Santa's Kottage is an opportunity for students to do their holiday shopping for parents, grandparents and siblings in a familiar environment. The store will be set up on the ICS stage for Saturday, December 4th (the ICS Craft Fair will also be going on at this time) and remain on the ICS stage for Monday and Tuesday. Merchandise prices range from \$1 up to a maximum price of \$8 with most being in the \$2 to \$5 range. This is a Cash only event. No credit cards will be accepted.

Santa's Kottage envelopes were sent home this week. These envelopes are sent home so parents can help their child plan their visit. We are giving students in Kindergarten - 8th grade an opportunity to shop on Monday and Tuesday as they might not have an opportunity to shop at the craft fair. Children in PreK or Pre School will not be taken to Santa's Kottage on Monday or Tuesday so if your child wants to shop, they will need to come on Saturday or you need to discuss with your child's teacher if it is possible for you to bring your child to the Santa's Kottage during the school day. **If you have any questions, you can email Beth Johns at kidRN74@hotmail.com**

GIBAULT INFO:

2021 Christmas ConcertYou are invited to enjoy the sounds of the season at our Christmas Concert on Sunday, December 12, at 7:00 p.m. in the Hustedde Gym. Featuring performances by our concert band, jazz band, chorus, and Hawkappellas, our event is sure to get you in the holiday spirit!

Apply to be Part of our Class of 2026: It's time for our Class of 2026 to begin the application process! The application can be found at <https://bit.ly/GCHSApply>.

Visit Gibault! Bring the entire family for a Private Tour or spend a day as a Shadow Visitor. To schedule your tour or shadow visit, <https://bit.ly/GCHSInquire>.

QUOTES OF THE WEEK: On Monday as the students were walking in I asked a kindergarten boy if he ate a lot of turkey over the weekend and he replied, **“No, I just ate pie.”** (Best part of the Thanksgiving meal if you ask me.)

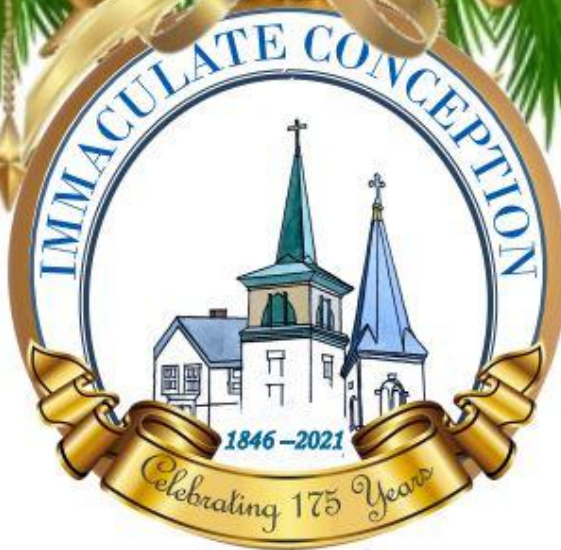
On Wed, Dec 1 (I guess that is when the Elf comes to houses now) a PreK student was carrying a small elf and she told me, **“My elf had a baby.”**

I was visiting Mrs. Murphy’s kindergarteners on Wed afternoon when the weather was sunny and 65 degrees outside when a girl told me, **“My mom and dad aren’t picking me up today. My grandpa is. My mom and dad are going to the winery.”** (Kids at this age tell everything.)

PRAYER LIST: Henry Jansen (grandfather to Adam, Grace, Faith and Hope), Christine and Baby Boy Gossett (aunt and nephew to Ian and Zoe Klingert) Diane Corzine, Larry Pelker (grandfather to Steven Schaefer), Thomas Moll (grandfather of Mrs. Ettlting and great-grandfather to Noah and Alaina Ettlting), Mike Conrad, Ken Cress, Peg Aasheim, Anna Smugal-Ingram, Jacob Werp (brother to Skyler Runde), Charlotte Bender (grandmother to David Callico) and all those serving in the military.

I ask that you keep the students and families of St. John Neumann Catholic School (Mrs. Hrabusicky was a teacher there and I was the principal there before ICS) as they suffered a tragic death of a mother of two students on Thanksgiving.

“The mission of Immaculate Conception School is to provide experiences to inspire, challenge, and nurture the mind, body, and spirit of our students within the framework of the Gospel of Jesus Christ and the tradition of the Catholic Church.”



Saturday, December 11, 2021

Mass at 5:00 p.m.

*Reception with dinner & dancing
immediately following.*

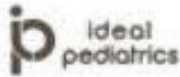
*Music by
I.C.S. Jazz Band
&
Swipe Right*

*Adults (13 and up) \$12
Children (ages 7-12) \$6
Children 6 & under-Free*

*Mask will be required to
attend this event.*

Reservations are required
You can make them online at [https://
www.osvhub.com/icc-columbia-il/forms/175th
-anniversary-dinner](https://www.osvhub.com/icc-columbia-il/forms/175th-anniversary-dinner)





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FROSTED FLICK FEST

SECOND ANNUAL

FRIDAY, DEC 10

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5:30 GATES - 7:00 MOVIE



SATURDAY, DEC 11

CHRISTMAS VACATION

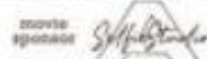
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SUNDAY, DEC 12

THE POLAR EXPRESS

3:30 GATES - 5:00 MOVIE

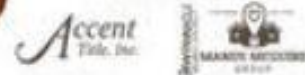


\$100 Fire Pit in a 20' x 10' viewing area

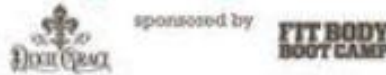
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