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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.

May 5, 2017

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THE JOY OF LOVE

Dear Parent, Guardian, Student, Teacher, Friend,

FIRST COMMUNION: Thanks to our Parish Catechetical teachers for all the preparation in letting Christ into the lives of our Second Graders! Fr. Carl does a great job reminding us of our favorite spiritual food! Congratulations to Lainey Ames, Aidan Berdeaux, Ella Boyd, Maddie Brandenburger, Easton Dill, Cameron Donjon, Sean Frederick, Delaney Glasscock, Kale Harrington, Julia Hoeflinger, Cannon Hogan, Emma Hoke, Jack Holston, Mason Homeyer, Anna Hornacek, Alexander Hrdlicka, Haley Huntman, Makenna Huntman, Megan Janson, Regan Kenner, Sophia Kienzle, Ryan Kroenig, Holly Kurich, Naomi Langhans, Jack Leitschuh, Hayden Lieber, Chase Long, Eleanor McGuire, Avery Melliore, Holden Moallankamp, Kallie Ninnis, Garrett Patton, Sequoyah Peterson, Lola Raftery, Carolyn Randle, Cooper Reuss, Steven Schaefer, Malia Schaffer, August Schmidt, William Schmoll, Audrey Schwab, Lucas Sheehan, Alexa Solorio, Samantha Spruill, Adeline Steckler, Shawn Stuart, Elijah Thebeau, Carson Timmons, Reese Toenjes, Mason Tonsor, Claire Wachtel, Delaney Wray. *May the joy they felt last a lifetime in closeness to the Eucharist!*

ICS 5K There's still time to register, and we have a few t-shirts left!!!! So come and join in the fun this Saturday. It will be a beautiful day! Also, kiddos come and meet Fredbird and Lizzy from the Gateway Grizzlies or play some games at our family fair! And don't forget, you can win a big class prize for bringing in the most pledges!!!

Parents, there's some fun for you too! Take a chance on our raffle, eat some good food, shop at our vendor fair, have fun visiting with your ICS Family, and watch your kids have a blast at the event. Volunteers are also needed on our race day to keep our runners safe and to work at some of our booths. Sign up to help at: <https://m.signupgenius.com/#!/showSignUp/4090d4caee2ea02-ics5kvolunteers> Holly Blaskiewicz and Committee have really worked hard on this. Please turn out for the fun and make it a big success. Parents and Friends have pledged \$500,000 to our new Catholic Education and Activity Center. These fun-raisers help us all! Attachments are on the website. www.icscolumbia.org

REGISTRATION FOR 2017-2018 we need your stewardship renewal form complete, and your tuition, lunch, band, and athletic fees paid up. 8th grade need to be caught up to graduate. Jeans day on Monday, May 8 if your paperwork is in for gr. K-7. Thanks to Carrie Boser for collating for us!

SPEECH MEET DIOCESAN CHAMPS! Emma Tippen and Olivia Blaskiewicz---1 of 2 given--- "Misfits" First Place: Allison Stark and Anna Haubrich---"Mom's List of Things to Do" Jacqui Gogolek and Audrey Sullivan--- "Ask Big Sister" Wow did you make us proud! Congratulations team and Coach Mrs. Sam Watters!

CLUB/BAND YEARBOOK PICTURES---Wednesday, May 10 at 1:15 WEAR KAHKIS AND ACTIVITY SHIRTS GR. 6-8.

BC/MISSION WEEK What a week! Calmer than usual due to great leadership by the Club!

Builders Club Week Virtue Honorees:

Patience: Kaleigh Luster, Arilyn Baker, Lily Braun, Jordan Hugger, Delaney Glasscock, Garrett Patton, Lila Griffin, Hope Schwartz, Mariska Lyle, Sadie Loless, Hope Pollmann, Allison Stark, Sydney Wahle, Aidan Sullivan, Ally Curry, Molly Tippen, Mary Clare Murphy

Humor: Luke Kolweier, Dylan Harrington, Grant Tucker, Xavier Voegele, Regan Kenner, Mason Homeyer, Gabe Thebeau, Broedy Furlow, Carter Groppe, Owen Dill, Andrew Donjon, Maddie Mauch, Brianna Baldrige, Tyler Wahle, Jacob Reed, Emma Melliere, Josh Matthews

Leadership: Tyler LoPorto, Gianna Carrow, Isabel Roche, Eleanor Nadziejko, Malia Schaefer, Gus Schmidt, Cailynn Mueth, Karina Jerkatis, Emily Rose, Ava Hrdlicka, Gavin Kesler, Joe Tyler, Ben Haney, Emma Schmidt, Autumn Ramey, Anna Adams

Courage: Violet McGuire, Karis Baker, Ayven ManMatre, Sam Bollone, Cam Donjon, Aidan Berdeaux, Ava Blaskiewicz, Keegan Thompson, Brooke Heimburger, Mason Voegele, Abby Repp, Will Reed, Danny Repp, Dominic Voegele, Jacqie Gogolek, Andrew Harmon

Knowledge: Eilla Reinhard, Isaac Thieret, Jack Siegel, Averie Sanker, Will Schmoll, Carson Timmons, Connor Thoma, Avery Herrmann, Brady Moore, Grant Monheiser, Olivia Blaskiewicz, Brock Murphy, Collin Mueth, Andrew Feldker, Noah Newton, Katie Grawitch

Chairpersons: Marie Prindiville, Katie Grawitch, Dominic Dalpoas, Noah Chism, Andrew Harmon, Jessica Lambert, Isabella Frasure

Talent Show: What a bunch of fun---something for everyone! And-my-how- surprised many of us were at hidden talents! Participants were Allison Stark gave a humorous speech called , Audrey Sullivan, sang "This is Gospel", our Percussion Sextet of Katie Grawitch, Glenn Powers, Emma Melliere, Tyler Wahle, Kyle Rose, Kaleb Hugger, and Collin Mueth played "Low Rider", Daylen Litke and Isabella Frasure created an original dance to the tune "Something Just like This", Katie Grawitch and Marie Prindiville sang a creative duet of "You Are My Sunshine", Rhyan Ward and Olivia Blaskiewicz performed "Comedy Speed Drawing Contest", Lindsey Harget played the piano for "The Big Bear", Hope Pollmann and Elisabeth Schafer teamed up for some magic and comedy, Maria Biske sang "Somewhere, Over the Rainbow", Maddi Swip sang "Kill 'Em With Kindness", Emma Blaskiewicz, Emma Melliere, Ally Curry and Holly Repp sang Lenoard Cohen's "Halleluiah", Noah Chism, Eli Garcia, Grant Mathany, Collin Schmidt, Glenn Powers, Nik Traiteur played a game of basketball knock-out, and Gavin Kesler, Zach Harrington, Blake Powers and Owen Dalpoas held a 3 point shoot-out. Taking 1st were the Cohen Gals, 2nd the Rainbow kid, and 3rd the sleight of hand and humor duo. Jessica Lambert chaired and was ably assisted by Marie Prindiville, Isabella Frasure and Katie Grawitch, Mrs. Whelan, and Mr. Hake. This production is entirely student run and makes me proud! Take a peek at: <https://suelewis.smugmug.com/2017ICS/Talent-show-2017>

SCIENCE OLYMPIAD! A team 8th of 25 in our Division! Eve Melliere and Jane Whelan: 1st in bottle rocket, Noah Newton and Isabella Frasure: 5th in hovercraft, Noah Newton and Spencer Biske: 4th in optics, Jacob Whitworth and Spencer Biske: 2nd in road scholar, Isabella Frasure and Noah Newton: 3rd in scrambler, Noah Newton and Isabella Frasure: 2nd in wind power. 7-8-9th graders are allowed to compete. We used freshman due to early registration and fearing academic conflicts to keep students eligible.

ILLINOIS MATH LEAGUE IN-HOUSE TEST GREAT SHOWING!

5th Grade: 1st Brock Murphy 20/30 2nd: Abby Repp & Joe Tyler 15/30

4th: Andrew Donjon, Jack Keeven, Kyra Newton, & Rhyan Ward 14/30

Commendable: Olivia Blaskiewicz, Lindsay Harget, Drew Roche, Allison Stark, & Maddi Swip 13/30
Briana Baldrige, Gavin Kesler, Cade Kostelac, Marisa McGill, Elisabeth Schaefer, & Thomas Schaefer 12/30, Hope Pollmann & Maggie Williamson 11/30

4th Grade: 1st : Owen Haney 18/30 2nd : Sadie Loless 16/30
3rd Grant Monheiser & Michael Wessel 15/30 5th : Kaiden Timmons 14/30
Commendable: Brady Moore & Emily Rose 13/30, Mariska Lyle 12/30
Kate Adams, Audrey Randle, & Mason Voegle 11/30

NATIONAL HISTORY BEE REGIONALS During this meet, our students were allowed to take a **Geography test**. Jacob Feldker, Eli Garcia, Andrew Harmon, Noah Newton, and Autumn Ramey all qualified to advance in this competition. It is separate from the National Geographic Bee. Great going!

SCHOOL BOARD Congratulations and thank you to our new School Board members Katie Reed, Antoinette Kuhlman, Ray Farley, and Jean Swip. Alternates are Donna Frederick and Ed Williamson. New Pastoral Council members are Rich Southard, Patrick McDermott, and Lisa Barnes. Alternates are Adam Reed and Teresa Dorshorst. Exciting times! But the right people have stepped up again! A big thank you to Teresa Dorshorst who served 5 years as President, Tim Curry, Adam Randle, and Jennifer Thorne who have truly made a difference in so many ways!

YOU ARE INVITED TO BE A PART OF OUR NEXT ICC PICTORIAL DIRECTORY!

*Portrait sittings begin on May 25th and run through mid-June, so reserve your spot today!!
There are 3 ways to make a photography appointment for the directory...*

1. *Schedule your appointment online at our Immaculate Conception website <http://www.icc-columbia-il.us/>*

2. *Look for sign-up tables on weekends, located in the church gathering space after masses*

3. *Or call the ICC Parish Office at [618-281-5105](tel:618-281-5105) for assistance*

We also need volunteers to help with welcoming at each photography session. If you would be willing to help with greeting and meeting your fellow parishioners, please sign up for a shift on the Immaculate Conception website <http://www.icc-columbia-il.us/> by following the link on the homepage.

HOLY FAMILY PARISH, SUNDAY MAY 7TH Come, join us and get some great mother's day gifts! This event is family friendly SO bring your kiddos for a great FUN-d-raising afternoon!
<https://www.facebook.com/events/260806197709863/>

LAST DAY May 22 Kindergarten graduation 9:30, last day for Pre/School, Pre/K-Grade 7 out at 11:25 LATCHKEY AVAILABLE---BRING A LUNCH---We NEED TO KNOW PLEASE!
May 30 Confirmation



On April 28th the fourth graders took a field trip to Camp Wartburg in Waterloo and the Sewage Treatment Plant in Columbia. While visiting Camp Wartburg the students conducted water tests on the creek water and pond water. They tested for phosphates, nitrates, nitrites, and the pH for both samples. They documented and analyzed their findings to determine if the water in both locations was healthy or polluted. The students also took time to find critters in the water and look at them under the microscopes. They identified the living creatures they found. While at Camp Wartburg, they also went on a nature hike. While hiking, they learned about some of the plants and trees, identified insects, and looked for fossils next to the creek. By observing the fossils, they were able to identify what they thought made the fossil. In the afternoon, the students took a tour of the Sewage Treatment Plant and learned about the process of how sewage water gets cleaned before going into the river.

Give STL Day is Back! Thursday, May 11, 2017

GIVE STL DAY is coming up. Would you donate so we can get the match for scholarships? Here is the StL Give Day website (by zip code) with our home page (also shows Actors' Attic). The money goes to ICS, or specifically the Scholarship Program Fund I listed or any specific campaign a donor creates. You can schedule in advance to give but the "lift dollars" will only happen that day so "511 us"! <https://www.givestlday.org>

FRANKENPHONES, you know, the phones that you no longer use but are still Wi-Fi capable---we would be able to use them for our virtual reality classrooms. Students will be able to go on a Safari, get chased by sharks, ride a roller coaster that is an actual roller coaster in the United States and much more. Please send them to school with their chargers. You can give them to Mrs. Lewis. Thanks!



Talleypo and Ms. Brutton's class....May 1-6 is St. Louis Storytelling Festival Week. ICS in Columbia was visited by master storyteller Marilyn Kinsella(Talleypo) who connected the upcoming solar eclipse with creation legends from Cahokia Mounds including Woodhenge and Anazi, the spider. Pictured here are Mrs. Neff's 1st grade Class with maternity sub Emily Brutton and Marilyn Kinsella.

THANKS! Wells Fargo Community Support Campaign---TWO HITS! \$100 and \$497.99! Thank you for the matching gift!

AT&T Matching Grant \$272.00 Thank you!

YourCause Corporate Employee Giving Program \$14.00 thank you!

NEW DINING OUT OPPORTUNITY TO SUPPORT ICS - Eat at Papa Vito's Millstadt every Tuesday in May and they will donate 10% of all sales to ICS. Tell your family, friends, and neighbors - anyone who loves Papa Vito's and ICS! No flyer is needed, just dine-in, carryout or drive-through on 5/9-16-23-31 from 11:00am-9:00pm **at Millstadt location** (741 W Washington).

UNIFORM RE-SALE Donations of gently used plaid items, ICS sweatshirts, pants and shirts can be dropped before the end of May at the school. Call Skip Ward, 281-1974 for pick up service. ICS Uniform Resale will be held on **Saturday, July 29, 2017 from: 9:30 - 2:00** in the school cafeteria. Thank you, Skip Ward

YEARBOOK 2016-2017 Order your 2016/2017 yearbook online at jostens.com. Price is \$18.00. Order forms will not be sent home this year. All ordering online. Thanks to Kim Foutch, our Yearbook Sponsor and to Keeven Photography and Jostens for our keepsake.

MAGAZINE DRIVE **Keep on paying those bills and we reap the profits!** We only get checks if you make payments on pay later or buy on-line. Go to www.gaschoolstore.com --- order on-line. Our ID # is 2710556.

FAMILY SOCIAL NIGHT [Cinco de Mayo see last week's flyer and make family fun.](#)

May 8 Deputy Chief Jason Donjon will be here at 8:05 for Grades 5-8--- Sr. Jean Schmidt, SSND, will talk on the Missions and Vocations on Monday.

THE SPORTING NEWS...

ELITE SUMMER CAMP SOCCER TRAINING SEE THE FLYER---OERTER PARK!

Regional STATE TRACK MEET

The ICS Track team had a great day at Regionals today in Chester despite it being 52 degrees and 30 mph winds! We qualified 9 runners for the State Championships in 9 events!!

The ICS Girls finished 1st in the SIJHSAA Track Regional with 78 points!

- * Marie Prindiville finished 1st in the 1600m, 800m and anchored the 1st place 4x400 relay team of Maddie Mauch, Holly Repp & Emma Melliere. (The first time ICS has ever run the 4x400m relay!)
- * Zoe Swip finished 1st in the Discus and 2nd in the Shotput
- * Megan Levin finished 1st in Long Jump
- * 4x200 Relay team of Megan Levin, Holly Repp, Emma Blaskiewicz & Emma Melliere finished 1st! **ALL OF THE ABOVE QUALIFIED FOR STATE!**
- * 4x100 Relay team of Megan Levin, Holly Repp, Abby Eichenseer & Emma Melliere finished 3rd (missed first by 8 tenths of a second)
- * Emma Melliere finished 4th in the 200m
- * Megan Levin finished 7th in the 8th grade 100m
- * Maddie Mauch finished 7th in the 400m
- * Abby Eichenseer finished 8th in the 7th grade 100m

The ICS Boys finished 4th in the SIJHSAA Track Regional with 36 points with only 2 boys!! Dominic Dalpoas finished 1st in the 1600, 3rd in the 800 & Long Jump

Jacob Feldker finished 2nd in the 800m and 4th in the 400m

DOMINIC & JACOB QUALIFIED FOR STATE IN THE 1600M & 800M RESPECTIVELY

Women - Team Rankings - 14 Events Scored

1) Immaculate Conception 78 2) Belleville St. Teresa 62 3) Chester Lutheran 57

Men - Team Rankings - 14 Events Scored

1) Chester Lutheran 129 2) Belleville St. Teresa 119 3) Chester Catholic 77
4) Immaculate Conception 36

TRACK MEET AT DUPO We did well considering a large number of our athletes were absent or still recovering from Monday's Regional meet. Thanks to EVERYONE who helped with the meet. **Zoe Swip broke her own Discus record with a throw of 75'1" !**

Track Meet May 2nd @ Dupo High School Consolidated Score

Parochial Boys	Parochial Girls	Junior Boys	Junior Girls	School	Total
ICS 6	42	71	37		156
St. Clare 100	98	80	96		374
St. Teresa 55	20	56	53		184
St James 13	35	25	43		116
Dupo 56	25				81

CONFERENCE MEET TOMORROW AT BELLEVILLE WEST! Good luck Team!

Ajax Soccer update---see attachment!

Gibault Catholic High School Join the Hawks this summer to polish your skills in the activities you love! We have summer camps in Boys Basketball, Girls Basketball, Boys & Girls Soccer, Girls & Boys Volleyball, Drama, and for incoming freshman we also have Band Camp. More information is available on our website www.gibaulthawks.com. We hope to see you on campus this summer!

Gibault Girls Basketball Summer Camp

Gibault Catholic High School Gym Area 5th-9th graders (entering 2017 year)
When: June 12th – June 15th: 9-11:30 AM Cost: \$50 (Includes t-Shirt at end of camp)

FIVE HUNDRED YEARS OF MISUNDERSTANDING--- FR. RON ROLHEISER, OMI

The heart has its reasons, says Pascal, and sometimes those reasons have a long history.

Recently I signed a card for a friend, a devout Baptist, who was raised to have a suspicion of Roman Catholics. It's something he still struggles with; but, don't we all! History eventually infects our DNA. Who of us is entirely free from suspicion of what's religiously different from us? And what's the cure? Personal contact, friendship, and theological dialogue with those of other denominations and other faiths does help open our minds and hearts, but the fruit of centuries of bitter misunderstanding doesn't disappear so easily, especially when it's institutionally entrenched and nurtured as a prophetic protection of God and truth. And so in regards to Christians of other denominations there remains in most of us an emotional dis-ease, an inability to see the other fully as one of our own.

And so in signing this card for my separated Christian friend, I wrote: "To a fellow Christian, a brother in the Body of Christ, a good friend, from whom I'm separated by 500 years of misunderstanding."

Five hundred years of misunderstanding, of separation, of suspicion, of defensiveness, that's not something that's easily overcome, especially when at its core there sit issues about God, truth, and religion. Granted, there has been much positive progress made in the past fifty years and many of the original, more-blatant misunderstandings have been overcome. But the effects of the historical break with Christianity and the reaction to it are present today and are still seen everywhere, from high church offices, to debates within the academy of theology, to suspicions inside the popular mind.

Sad how we've focused so much on our differences, when at the center, at the heart, we share the same essential faith, the same essential beliefs, the same basic moral codes, the same Scriptures, the same belief in afterlife, and the same fundamental tenet that intimacy with Jesus Christ is the aim of our faith. As well, not insignificantly, today we also share the same prejudices and biases against us, whether these come from fundamentalists within other religions or whether these come from over-zealous, over-secularized, post-Christians within our own society. To someone looking at us from the outside we, all the different Christian denominations, look like a monolith, one faith, one church, a single religion, our differences far overshadowed by our commonality. Sadly we tend not to see ourselves like this from within, where our differences, more often than not based upon a misunderstanding, are seen to dwarf our common discipleship.

Yet, the Epistle to the Ephesians tells us that, as Christians, we share *one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one God who is Father of all of us*. At its most essential level, that's true of all of us as Christians, despite our denominational differences. We are one at our core.

Granted, there are some real differences among us, mostly though in terms of how we understand certain aspects of the church and certain issues within morality, rather than on how we understand the deeper truths about the nature of God, the divinity of Christ, the gift of God's Word, the gift of the Eucharist, and the inalienable dignity and destiny of all human beings. Within the hierarchy of truth this essential core is what's most important, and on this essential core we essentially agree. That's the real basis of our common discipleship.

Ecclesially, the issues that divide us focus mostly on church authority, on ordination to ministry, on whether to emphasize word or sacrament, on how to understand the presence of Christ in the Eucharist, on the number of

sacraments, on the place of sacramentals and devotions within discipleship, and on how scripture and tradition interplay with each other. In terms of moral issues, the issues that divide us are also the “red button” issues within our society as a whole: abortion, gay marriage, birth control, and the place of social justice within discipleship. But, even on these, there’s more commonality than difference among the churches.

Moreover, today, the differences on how we understand many of the ecclesial and moral issues that divide us are more *temperamental than denominational*, that is, they tend to be more a question of one’s theology than of one’s denominational affiliation. Granted, classical denominational theology still plays in, but the divisions today regarding how we see certain ecclesial and moral issues, be that ordination, gay marriage, abortion, or social justice, are less a tension between Roman Catholics and Protestants (and Evangelicals) than they are between those who lean temperamentally and theologically in one direction rather than the other. It’s perhaps too simplistic to draw this up in terms of liberal versus conservative, but this much at least is true, the fault-line on these issues today is becoming less and less denominational.

The earliest Christian Creed had but a single line: *Jesus is Lord!* All Christians still agree on that and so we remain brothers and sisters, separated only by five hundred years of misunderstanding.

PRAYERS PLEASE:

And a **Special Intention**. Sometimes, all we have is each other! Thanks!

Joseph T. Grawitch, Jr., age 63, of Barnhart, MO, formerly of Fairview Heights, IL, born on April 13, 1954 in St. Louis, MO, died on Sunday, April 30, 2017 at his residence.

Joseph was a television director for Fox 2 KTVI/KPLR television stations in St. Louis, MO and retired after 38 years of service. He was also a former assistant business manager with IBEW Local 4 in St. Louis, MO.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Joseph and Eileen, nee Spiess, Grawitch, Sr; and his siblings, Katherine Bugg and Christopher Grawitch, and his wife, Renda.

He is survived his wife, Kathy A. Grawitch, nee Pusey; his daughter, Alison V. (Matthew) Gioia of St. Louis, MO; his granddaughter, Charlotte Gioia; his siblings, Donna (Phil) Humphreys, William Grawitch, and friend Emily, Andrew Grawitch, John (Lori) Grawitch, Michael (Shavone) Grawitch, Patrick (Tina) Grawitch, Victoria Grawitch, and friend Shelly, and Matthew (Amanda) Grawitch; his brother in law, Tom (Diane) Bugg; and his mother in law, Virginia Pusey. Joseph is also survived by many loving nieces, nephews, cousins and his close friend, Justin Hartmann.

Memorials are preferred to RESOLVE.org, American Heart Assoc. or to the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society.

A memorial visitation will be held on Saturday, May 6, 2017 from 3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at Kassly Mortuary, Fairview Heights, IL.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, May 6, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. at Kassly Mortuary, Fairview Heights, IL with Brad Irvin officiating.

PRAYERS: Special Intention Joe Schmid, Annie Boedeker, Dennis Baldrige Susan Adams, Special Intention, Albie Doerr, Laurie Austin, Larry Pelker, Joyce Rose, Dave Loless, Barb Reinholz, Donna Barton, Lydia Boyer, Dan Whelan, Teresa Dorshorst, Alicia Cohen, Jan Habermehl, Barbara Thompson, Denise Conner, Kenny Hamontree, Susie Kish Settle, Dennis Kish, Ken Biske, Rachel Warden, Bill Kesler, Dan Borisuk, Maggie Williamson, Lauren Foran, Rich Cullen, Jessica Stemler Barcik, Josh Ritter, Stella Moll, Gertrude Scherrer, Henry Scott Dabbs, Carolyn Baker, Scott Schaefer, Katy Basinski, Chrissy Hoeflinger, Barbara Buchheit, Angie Rose, Ken Bolton, Nick Carron, Roy Lansing, Sis Blaes, Arlin Stechmesser, Marcella Heinrichs, Florence Dorshorst, Bill Pennock, Pat Weber, Ed Hengel, Vince Webb, George Stein, Desiree Frasure

Our Building a Catholic Education and Activity Center Prayer:

Merciful God, you are the Divine Builder, who calls us to build your Church.

Guide us in building our new Catholic Education & Activity Center, so that we can build the Church of the future by passing on the treasure of our faith to future generations. Bless the work of our hands, and keep us strong in faith, hope and love, so that all we do might bring glory and honor to you, forever and ever. AMEN

JERUSALEM, CITY ON A HILL, had many gates to get in, built over many ages of growth and being conquered. The Beautiful Gate, Eye of the Needle, Water Gate, Fish Gate, Lions Gate, Fountain Gate, Essene Gate, Tanner's Gate, Dung Gate and this Sunday's Sheep Gate. If Christ is the Sheep Gate, that is how the Shepherd leads us in and out to our daily lives. We have to explain what we don't know in terms of what we do know. The heavens are often described in terms of the earth we know. Coming off the farm, we knew how fragile sheep were. Dogs, coyotes, snake, poisonous weed like nightshade, parasites, a broken fence---all were a threat. Jesus, as a Gate-keeper, as a Shepherd, is a human way of having the promise of life if we trust Him. Come to the Gates of our Church and strengthen your relationship with your Shepherd! This weekend we salute our Parish Council of Catholic Women and they will be active in ministries for us!

Mike Kish, Principal

ps TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK You spoiled us again! How can we be so lucky? Treats and food galore from Frailey's and Mom's kitchen, flowers, Scrip for you and on and on. Few teachers on this planet can feel so loved!

PS Our **Jazz Band plays for the Grizzlies** Saturday evening. Come enjoy the music and baseball.

PS The **Immaculate Conception Council of Catholic Women** invites everyone to join them in honoring our Blessed Mother at a public Rosary service on Mother's Day weekend, Saturday, May 13th at noon at Columbia City Hall. This is the Centennial Year celebration of Mary's appearance at Fatima where she asked the three children to: "Pray the Rosary every day, in order to obtain peace for the world, and the end of war..." May 13, 1917. All are welcome at this half hour event!

Spring 2017 Exam Schedule

Date	6 th Grade Exam	7 th Grade Exam	8 th Grade Exam
Monday, May 8			Algebra I
Thursday, May 11			Geography 8
Monday, May 15	English 6	Pre-Alg 7	Pre-Alg 8 English 8
Tuesday, May 16			LAST DAY 8 TH GRADE Science 8
Wednesday, May 17		English 7	
Thursday, May 18	History 6	Geography 7	
Friday, May 19	History 6 Science 6	Science 7 History 7	