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Dear Parent, Guardian, Student, Teacher, Friend,

**YOUR GRATITUDE IS HUMBLING!** Thank you for all gifts great and small during the holiday season! An attitude of gratitude is a life goal and rooted in love for those around us and even people we will never meet. I read over the holidays that St. Ambrose said that forgiveness is the ultimate form of love and this sure fits in the Year of Mercy. (St. Ambrose hinted that God created people in order to have someone to forgive---maybe this is bad theology but it humanly makes sense.) Thanks to Lynetta Newton for coordinating the Teacher and Staff gifts through your donations and all the individual gifts you have given us. Our best gift is the 312 reasons we get up in the morning and the challenge to help them know God loves them! God bless you in this New Year of Mercy!

**PARENTS & FRIENDS MEETING**

January 11, 2016 ICS cafeteria

Agenda

- I. Opening Prayer
- II. Secretary's Report
- III. Treasurer's Report
- IV. Teacher's Report
- V. Principal's Report
- VI. Old Business
  - craft fair/cookie booth/basket raffle
  - Square 1 Art
  - spirit wear
  - teacher Christmas gifts
- VII. New Business
  - dinner auction
  - mother/son
  - 5k
- VIII. Calendar
  - next meeting
  - jeans day
- IX. Closing Prayer

**NOT SURE WHAT TO DO WITH YOUR DUPLICATE CHRISTMAS PRESENTS OR THE AWESOME ITEM GREAT AUNT TILDA GAVE YOU?**

Donate it to the ICS Annual Dinner Auction! Yes, it's that time again, we are collecting for the Dinner Auction. If you have items to donate please fill out the Auction Donation form and send it into the school office. **Sat., Feb. 20, 2016!**

**Speech** The Diocesan Meet is **here** on Feb. 20th at ICS! We need a full team of 12. Practice: Next week will be Monday-Thursday 3:10-4:30. Time is running short, please attend. Open to Grades 5-8.



**Scholastic Bowl Online Winter State Tournament:** Six members of the ICS Scholastic Bowl team completed in an Online Winter Tournament with schools throughout Illinois. ICS finished in 2nd place with an overall record of 4-1. ICS defeated Crete-Monee Middle School 315-110, North Mac Middle School 220-110, Thomas Metcalf School 300-190, and Bradley Central School 295-95. Franklin Middle School took 1st place beating ICS 125-

340. Team members include Spencer Biske, Kaylum Furlow, Hannah Janson, Ben Traxler, Mary Wessel, and Jane Whelan. Our Coach is Tiffany Taylor.



**Scholastic Bowl 3-2-1 Online Tournament:** The ICS Scholastic Bowl Team completed in an online 3-2-1 Tournament. The tournament included 80 teams from 29 different states. The tournament is a timed online competition with 150 questions. ICS finished 15th overall and 2nd in the state of Illinois. Team members: Spencer Biske, Kaylum Furlow, Ryan Gallagher, Hannah Janson, Eve Melliere, Ben Traxler, Mary Wessel, Jane Whelan, Isabella Frasure, Eli Garcia,

Katie Grawitch, Reagan Herrmann, Kalia Jerkatis, James Ramette and Coach Tiffany Taylor.

**Holly Blaskiewicz and Carrie Boser** have graciously volunteered to help our Response to Intervention program(Resource). Thank you!

**WELCOME to Holly Blaskiewicz** who has joined our cafeteria staff. She will split hours with our Edie Weilbacher and provide back up. Please use our lunch program and help us increase our average daily count!

**January 25** Please keep this night open. Our proposal to City Hall on the sale of our campus is scheduled for that evening and we would like to fill the chamber as a sign of support. More info coming! History is being made. We hope to be "homeless" soon (though we will lease-back!)

**DROP OFF ETIQUETTE** Just a reminder that students should not be crossing any street to get to school other than Main Street via our crossing guards Francis Asselmeier and Crystal Schaefer. Students should always exit your car onto continuous sidewalks. Liberty Street has a drop-off zone. where no parking is allowed. Park there and exit your car and a \$75 ticket appears on you window. Metter Street has a bus drop-off zone. Passing a stopped school bus is a \$375 fine. As our property condenses to a smaller campus with the forthcoming sale, things will get worse here. Please make **SAFETY a PRIORITY.** Be courteous and follow the rules so we all have a happy start to our day.

**35<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL MAGAZINE DRIVE** Kick-off is Monday. Thanks to Lori Hennes for chairing. We need extra help on turn-in days and a "SHADOW" for next year. **TURN-IN DAYS WILL BE January 15-21-25 and 28.** Magazine Drive profits in the new Catholic Education and Activities Fund as we work towards our future! Magazine Drive profits go to the new Catholic Education and Activities Fund as we work towards our future school and parish center. Order online anytime and your child will get credit during the drive! [www.gaschoolstore.com](http://www.gaschoolstore.com) I.D. 2710556 Booklets were sent home before Christmas and more on Monday. You can't sell if you don't ask! Promote reading and thinking!!!

**BOXTOPS FOR EDUCATION** \$1,840 for those little coupons! Lifetime Box Tops earnings \$25,135.00! Thanks to Carrie Boser and Mrs. Schauster for leading the charge this year!

## **BUILDERS CLUB Kids Against Hunger**

16	???????	\$1020	donated so far!	Would you be so kind?	24 cents makes a meal.
15	14,472 MEALS	67 CASES	TO	Nicaragua	
14	15,768	73		Honduras	
13	13,176	61		Uganda	
12	13,176	61		Madagascar	
11	11,016	51		Mexico	
10	8,856	41		Haiti	
6 years	76,464	354		avg. 12,744 meals	



**COUNSELOR'S CORNER** What is truly amazing is to watch someone like Father Carl make it all seem so simple: just love. He spoke in his homily on Wednesday about living like Jesus and treating everyone with love. Oh, if this were so easy—for adults and for children. Don't be discouraged when your child is less than loving, or if your child tells you about another child that is less than loving. Growing up is not without its challenges and hardships. We need messages about love like this from our leaders. We

also need to know that children can and will be occasionally unkind. We love them anyway and forgive and then move forward trying to do our best. I constantly advise adults to be sure to admit to their children when they handled something poorly so that they can be an example of how to move on from mistakes and begin to love again.

*Karen Lundy, ICS School Counselor, The Teaching Never Stops*

**K OF C SPELLING BEE** The Knights of Columbus are once again sponsoring their annual Spelling Bee. The competition is open to all students in elementary grades 3 thru 8. The event will begin at 10:00am in the Knights of Columbus room in the Garden Level at Immaculate Conception Church on Saturday, January 30<sup>th</sup>. Any questions or to reserve a spot, please contact **Jim VonDerHaar** at [314-494-8874](tel:314-494-8874) or **Pat Grawitch** at [314-495-0742](tel:314-495-0742).

**ASK ME ABOUT MY MERCY** Paul Ott-Logan Loporto-Eva Haywood-Connor Thoma-Aubry Thompson

**PARISH NEWS...Church envelopes for Young Stewards** were sent home yesterday. 30-30-30-10 is a great plan for kids' money and our lives. 30% for long term like college, 30% for emergencies, 30% for fun money, and 10% for God. If only I had taken this more seriously as a youth, many of my bad money habits would be so much easier to manage.

**FULL STEWARDSHIP COMMITMENT** Number received from households which have students at ICS in K thru 8: 159 Number received: 78. Number due: 81. Thanks for dropping them in the collection this week. Please commit Time-Talent-Treasure and remember the "belonging is believing"!

**ANNUAL ALUMNI AND FRIENDS APPEAL** Our School Board campaign has begun. Thanks to Shannon Haney and Cindy Schaefer and the Development Committee for all the work. Thanks to a very generous donor who picked up the printing costs for us. Your generosity gives us a huge advantage towards a successful drive!

**MONROE COUNTY 200<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION** kicked off New Year's Day at the City Fountain. We have a lot to celebrate! Our County honors James Monroe who wasn't even president when we were founded! Let the bells ring out as we give thanks!



**THE SPORTING NEWS...** Good luck to our Parochial and Junior Boys who play in the Diocesan Tournament in Herrin tonight. Thanks to all our coaches, players, and parents for another year of growth.

<b><u>Boys bkb:</u></b>	Parochial boys Junior boys 5th grade team	Terry Soucheck with Dave Bira on the book Rob Powers and Doug Epplin Kevin Schmoll assisted by Mike Gibson and Mike Stark
<b><u>Girls bkb</u></b>	7th girls team 6th grade team (5 & 6)	Eric Gillan Jaylene Murphy

**Volleyball is gearing up!** Check the athletic schedule for practices and contact these coaches. Please let the office know if we have additional coaches or players signed up.

<b><u>Boys VB</u></b>	8th grade team (7 & 8) 6th grade team (5 & 6) 5 <sup>th</sup> grade team	Mary Anne Lambert and Todd Biske Lauren Powers Janice Schaefer and Sandy Mercille
<b><u>Girls VB</u></b>	8th team 7th team 6th grade team 5th grade team	Jim Wessel Ellen Sippel and Mary Ann Lambert Katherine Voges Kathy Schmidt and Todd Biske

- **[VOLLEYBALL PICTURES JAN. 22](#)** *see attached schedule for times and order form.*
- **[COLUMBIA KHOURY LEAGUE](#)** *[see the attachment to sign up for the national game!](#)*

**45<sup>th</sup> Annual Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest**

Sponsored by the Knight of Columbus George R. Kutterer Council 6165  
 Sunday, January 24<sup>th</sup> in the ICS gym  
 Doors open at 2:00pm for registration and warm-up- Shoot at 2:30.  
 Council Level – Open to boys and girls ages 9-14 as of Jan. 1, 2016 in the Columbia School District.  
 Ages 9, 10, and 11 can shoot from the 12 foot line.  
 Winners will advance to the district competition in February.  
 Register at the door with a parent or contact **Mr. Kish** at 281-5353 for a registration form.

**In case of snow and changes to the school day, you will get a robo-call from Mr. Kish.** There is a possibility we could have a "Late" Start to school. This would be a 2 hour delay to the school day, buses will run on that schedule. If roads are bad we could also have "snow routes" which means the routes are condensed. If you have signed up with the transportation office, these were listed on your sheet. If you have questions regarding the condensed route, call Patty or Brenda at 281-6555.

**LUNCH THAT DAY---JUST IN CASE:** If we would follow the late start schedule, lunch will be adjusted. It will be a set menu due to have a shorten time to prepare lunch. The menu will be Cheese



pizza or cheese and crackers(no chef salads available), vegetable and fruit from that days menu and milk

**6 HABITS YOU NEED TO DITCH IN THE NEW YEAR** RESOLUTIONS ARE GREAT, BUT A HAPPIER, MORE SUCCESSFUL YOU MIGHT LIE IN THE THINGS YOU GIVE UP. BY GWEN MORAN

As we're busy making promises that we likely won't keep, maybe the answer to a healthier, happier, and more successful 12 months ahead lies not in what we vow to do, but in what we're willing to give up, says Melissa Mizer, founder of MoreSeekers, a life and business coaching firm. Sometimes, it's best to shift the focus from what we haven't done to those beliefs and actions that need to be released because they're not doing us any good, she says. "We have a tendency to focus on what we didn't accomplish, and it's so incredible to stop dwelling on the bad," she says. So, as you get ready to set your goals in the new year, think about giving up some of the things that might be holding you back.

1. *GIVE UP STAYING CONSTANTLY CONNECTED ...It's time to stop "feeding the always-on monster,"*
2. *GIVE UP BEATING UP ON YOURSELF... When we're so much harder on ourselves than on anyone else, we set unrealistic expectations that can never really be met, she says.... be willing to forgive yourself---do your best the next time.*
3. *GIVE UP FOCUSING ON THE FLAWS... while people lament the fact that headlines are dominated by "bad news," when given a choice, that's what many people opt to read....Drop the search for "what's wrong" and instead try to find an "epic win" every day.*
4. *GIVE UP THE EITHER/OR MENTALITY... thinking of outcomes in "either/or" terms, you've locked yourself into a confrontation... Instead, try letting go of the limits on what could happen.*
5. *GIVE UP COMPARING YOURSELF TO OTHERS... You don't know all of the struggles, secrets or opportunities that others have—so why assume you are making accurate comparisons, anyway?*
6. *GIVE UP HIDING YOUR IMPERFECTIONS... No one is good at everything, and we all have areas that challenge us. When you hide your weaknesses, you're immediately creating an environment of distrust.*

## DISAPPEARING ROOTS

"Home is where we start from." T.S. Eliot wrote that and it describes an experience that can be felt both as a freedom and as a heartache. I cite my own case:

I grew up in a second-generation immigrant community on the Canadian prairies. My grandparents' generation had been the first settlers in that region and everything they built, from their houses to their schools, were understandably built with what they could afford and situated along roads and railways they could access. They did the best with what they had and didn't have the luxury of building with long-term permanence in mind. Consequently many things of buildings that surrounded me when I was a child have since disappeared: The elementary school that I attended closed while I was still a student there. Both the building and school grounds have long ago disappeared. Wheat fields grow there now and you would never know that a school once existed on that location. The same holds true for the high school I attended. It too has disappeared, buildings and grounds replaced by grain fields. Indeed, the entire town that gave it its address has disappeared.

After high school, I attended two separate seminaries and each of these too suffered the same fate; both stood empty for number of years and then were gutted by fire. The theological college I taught at for the first 15 years of my priesthood was demolished to make room for a new freeway and now operates out of new buildings on a different site. The farm that I grew up on still operates, though the house I grew up in is now abandoned and the fields rented out. Nobody in my family lives there anymore. It's symbolic perhaps that the only building that's still in use from my early years is the church where I worshipped as child. Every other building of my youth, adolescence, and early adulthood has disappeared. I am an orphan in terms of the buildings that nurtured me in my youth.

But, in this, I'm hardly unique. All of us today, in different forms, are orphaned in this way. Already in 1970, Alvin Toffler, in his famous book, Future Shock, pointed out how transience and impermanence are beginning more and more to shape our psyches, as things, people, places, knowledge, and organizations pass through our lives at an ever-increasing rate. And he wrote this long before the impact of information technology began to reshape our lives

much more radically. The transience and impermanence that Toffler describes in 1970 are dwarfed and taken to their square root by information technology today. By today's standards, things, people, places, knowledge, and organizations were passing through our lives at a snail's pace forty years ago, in 1970. Today, more than the buildings of our youth are disappearing from our lives.

What's to be said about this? What does this transience say about our lives and our times? Is this good or bad?

I suspect that we're all still sorting this out. Transience and impermanence aren't sins, though they aren't necessarily virtues either. For me, it seems, they're a mixed bag, a mixed blessing. On the positive side, they've brought us a new freedom. For many centuries, people were too much imprisoned by the suffocating permanence of the things, places, and knowledge of their time. They had stability, but often had petrification as well. Everything held firm, but too firm, few new doors ever opened. The transience and impermanence in our lives sets us free in a way that allows us to let ourselves be nourished and blessed by our roots, even as we aren't bound by them. But there's a huge heartache in this as well. Constantly having the familiar disappear can also grieve the heart, and it should. It's healthy to want to go back to visit the old houses, schools, neighborhoods, and textbooks that once nurtured us. And so the loss of the things and places of our youth can be painful. But the pain of transience and impermanence in our lives also helps point us towards the things that don't change, namely, faith, hope, and love. These can never be bulldozed-under, replaced by grain fields, burnt-down by fire, expropriated and knocked down to make way for a new freeway, or rendered obsolete by newer software. In this world, scripture tells us, we have no lasting city, but we are already inextricably bound up with things that do last forever.

Centuries before Christ, the biblical writer, Qoheleth warned us that everything in this life is vanity: "Vanity of vanities, everything is vanity." However he uses the word "vanity" in a different sense than we do today. For him, it does not connote a psychological narcissism or an unhealthy preoccupation with our appearance and persona. Rather, for him, "vanity" simply means vapor, a passing mist, transience, impermanence, something that disappears too quickly.

Experiencing that transience can give us a heartache; but it can also make us search more deeply inside all this impermanence for that which is permanent.

**PARISH NEWS...CHOIR PRACTICE** will resume next Wed. Jan. 13th and our next time leading the singing at Mass will be Feb. 7th at 9:00 mass. Thanks again for supporting this important ministry.

**Thursday, January 7<sup>th</sup> was the Feast of St. Raymond de Penyafort,** Patronal saint for our sister parish in Guatemala. \$110.25! Thank you!

**DIOCESAN NEWS...THE MESSENGER** Renewal is coming up soon. Grades 7 and 8 will soon be receiving an on-line subscription to the Messenger. More curriculum with no increase in time. All we can do is be very good planners to get it all in. This will be a good chance to teach students how to skim-read for content and interest. In the end, it should help us encourage spiritual reading and realize we are part of the bigger Church too.

### **GIBAULT CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL NEWS**

**Gibault Catholic High School Placement Test** The make-up placement test for our incoming Class of 2020 will take place on Friday, January 15<sup>th</sup> at 12:15 PM. Please contact Ms. Mackin at [smackin@gibaultonline.com](mailto:smackin@gibaultonline.com) to register. Welcome Hawks!

The Gibault Drama department is proud to present *The Man Who Came to Dinner* January 28<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM and Sunday, January 31<sup>st</sup> at 2:00 PM in the GCHS Auditorium. Come laugh with us!

**TASTE OF THE REGION** at Gibault Catholic High School will take place on Saturday, February 6<sup>th</sup> from 5:00-9:00 PM. Tickets are \$25, please contact Sev [sev@gibaultonline.com](mailto:sev@gibaultonline.com) for more information or ticket orders.

**THE SPRING MUSICAL THIS YEAR WILL BE "BEAUTY AND THE BEAST"!!!** Auditions for grade school students will be on Feb. 24 at 6:30PM at Gibault. The musical will be performed April 14-17.

**Gibault FRESHMAN REGISTRATION** Mar 14 & 16 from 5PM – 8PM.

**Josh Ritter** (ICS class of 2010) has been diagnosed with kidney cancer. A small tumor was found during a routine MRI. It's called a renal cell carcinoma and is malignant. Thankfully they caught it early and it's only in stage 1. The urology surgeon believes Josh is a good candidate for freezing of the tumor. It will not be completely removed but will not be able to grow or spread. This will allow Josh to keep as much of his kidney intact as possible since more tumors are expected to form in his kidneys during his lifetime. The plan is to attack each one as it appears. Additionally, the tumors in his brain, which are all benign, are growing again and can cause problems with brain and bodily function. Since they are small and manageable, they will treat those tumors with Gamma Knife treatments (three treatments in all) over the next several months. For those of you who don't know, Josh has a genetic disease called von Hippel Lindau (VHL), which causes tumors to form throughout his body. There is no cure of the disease; only management. Tumors which form in his central nervous system are benign. But tumors which form in his organs are malignant. Josh has an amazing attitude and faces each challenge with courage and a sense of humor. Please keep him in your prayers."

**Mr. Dale Anderson** had prostate cancer surgery this week. The doctors think they got it all and now we await biopsy results. Please say a prayer for the Coach who led the Crusaders for over 30 years as Athletic Director, Coach and Teacher.

**Ms. Marian Wiljeck**, retired ICS teacher, had wrist surgery this week. Please pray for a quick recovery for her!

***"You tell Fr. Carl the greatest thing to happen in my lifetime has been the churches getting together"***. **Herb Shueler**, 96, a member of St. Paul's Evangelical Church in Columbia, will be laid to rest tomorrow. Herb is a Battle of the Bulge survivor, pillar of the Columbia community, and made 20 retreats to King's House with the men of our parish in the 1950's and 1960's. He always wanted a copy of the bulletin so he could keep up on our new church progress. He was a builder. He was ahead of his time. I loved visiting with him after the Communion service at Columbia Rehab and Nursing and when he was able, he used to come. My Dad is joined by another of his buddies...

**PRAYERS:** Marian Wiljeck, Dale Anderson, Marian Keim, Dan Whelan, Mary Giovanni, Josh Ritter, Steve Wilkerson, Denise Conner, Kevin Diehl, Roy Lansing, Sis Blaes, Brian Sherman, Arlin Stechmesser, Marcella Heinrichs, Rick Abrahamson, Josephine Chapman, Florence Dorshorst, Bill Pennock, Patty Juengling, Pat Weber, Ed Hengel, Vince Webb, George Stein, Desiree Frasure,  
**Special Intention**

### **THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD**

*"And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my beloved Son: with you I am well pleased.'" (Lk 3:22)*

**TIME FOR THE HAND-OFF** John, ascetic, creator of a movement, baptizer, prophet, now leaves center-stage after making what appears as a baptism of the Christ into his movement. This "succession situation" had to make John wonder what the new vision would be. This hand-off is a great metaphor for a "law and order" church becoming a "field hospital". The shift in power that has taken place in our Church has given so many a great hope. We pray it will continue for years. If we look forward, we can forgive the past where needed and at the same time delight in all the good that has been done through Church history. John was a futurist, a shaman who knew who the water of life was---**Jesus Christ!**

Our baptism begins the same journey of discovery for us. As we mature, we realize that loving and caring for

others is the only thing that really matters, the only thing that brings real peace and joy. May we begin each day listening for that moment when we, too, hear God's voice affirming and assuring us: "You are my beloved child." For that is truly who we are and nothing we ever do or fail to do will make Him change His mind about us.

**Peace in 2016!**

**Mike Kish**  
**Principal**

PS Camp Ondessonk will launch the camper drive on Wednesday with a 2:15 assembly. "Ondessonk" means "bird of prey" and was the Indian name given to St. Isaac Jogues of the North American martyrs. Msgr. John Fournie was the driving force behind our camp in the Shawnee National Forest and we have had hundreds of campers and counselors from our parish. (It is also where Tom Smugala got the idea for our GaGa Pit!)

*PS My years at ICS helped me to become the person I am today. Each faculty and staff member would always go above and beyond nurturing, not only myself, but every single student. My love of music originated at ICS and the support and encouragement I received helped my involvement and knowledge of music to grow. I am so grateful that my parents made the sacrifices they did so that I could have the ultimate ICS experience.*

Michelle Ziegler

ICU RN, BSN, CCRN (Registered Nurse, Bachelor of Science in Nursing, Certified Critical Care Registered Nurse) Currently in school getting a Masters to become a Nurse Practitioner.

One thing is for sure, when you release the calendar---there will be changes! Please note the red.

### **Calendar 2015-16 second semester**

January 8-10	Diocesan boys basketball tourney
January 11	Magazine Drive kicks off, Parents and Friends meeting
January 13	End of Quarter, Camp Ondessonk assembly 2:15, ICY self-defense at 7:30 in gym
January 16-18 <sup>th</sup>	TEC Retreat here at ICS---Give this gift to your high school juniors and seniors!
January 17	KC Blood Drive in lower level of Church
<b>January 18</b>	<b>Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day---no school</b>
January 19	School Board
January 23	Chess Meet at ICS
January 24	Open House at ICS after 11:00 Mass, KC Free Throw Tourney ages 10-14 as of Jan. 1--2:00
January 27	Anniversary of our new Church 7:00 pm, no morning Mass
January 28-31	Men's A.C.T.S. Retreat at King's House
January 29	ICS Science Fair---parent viewing 8:00-12:30 on 31 <sup>st</sup>
January 30	Chess Meet at St. Theresa
January 31-Feb. 5	Catholic Schools Week
<b>February 1</b>	<b>Grade 7-8 to St. Louis University for "Adventures in Medicine"</b>
February 2	initial Child Protection Training at KC room in new Church 6:00-8:00
February 5-7	Book Fair at new Church
February 6	Kids Against Hunger 8:00-11:30 in school cafeteria, Science Olympiad at Western Illinois University
February 7	Closing Liturgy for Catholic Schools Week at 11:00 Mass
February 9	Mardi Gras at Church
February 10	Ash Wednesday, Mass at new campus 8:15, Knights of Columbus Fist Fry at ICS, 7:00 pm Mass
February 12	Stations of the Cross at ICS 2:20, 7:00 pm Church
February 13	MathCounts-SIUE, Scholastic Bowl at Mater Dei
February 14	Stewardship of Charity 2:00
February 16	School Board
February 18	First Eucharist Meeting at Church 7:00
February 19	Stations of the Cross at ICS 2:20, 7:00 pm Church
February 20	ICS Dinner Auction, Speech Meet at ICS
February 21	DuBourg Music Festival
February 25	Shakespeare Festival St. Louis here-by the Eppinger Foundation, Confirmation 2017 parent meeting
February 26	Stations of the Cross at ICS 2:20, 7:00 pm Church, KC Fish Fry at ICS cafeteria



February	27	Texas Hold'em sponsored by ICS Fathers Club in Garden level
<b>March</b>	4	Stations of the Cross at ICS 2:20, 7:00 pm Church, Confirmation Retreat 5:00-10:00
March	5	Chess Meet at Blessed Sacrament, Cor Jesus Math Contest girls gr. 6-7, Leave for D.C. Trip
March	10	Back from D.C.
March	11	Stations of the Cross at ICS 2:20, 7:00 pm Church, KC Fish Fry at ICS cafeteria
March	12	Parish Workday
March	14	Parents and Friends 7:00
March	17	Gibault Math Contest
March	18	Stations of the Cross at ICS 2:20, 7:00 pm Church
March	19	Young Authors at CMS
March	20	Registration for Pre-S, Pre-K, K and new students for ICS---10:00-12:30, PALM SUNDAY
March	22	Confirmandi to Chrism Mass at Cathedral, no Mass at ICS
March	24	Holy Thursday-No School-Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:00
March	25	Good Friday-no school-Services Columbia Community at noon, Parish at 7:00, KC Fish Fry at ICS
March	28	Easter Monday-no school
March	31	ROE Spelling Contest at Gardner Elementary in Waterloo-5:30
<b>April</b>	2	First Eucharist Retreat, Quilt Show in ICS gym
April	5	ROE Art Contest at Waterloo jr. High
April	7	DARE graduation at CMS
April	8	Memphis Field Trip Grade 6-7
April	9	<b>District Band Contest</b>
April	10	First Communion at 11:00 Mass
April	11	Parents and Friends Meeting 7:00
April	13	ICS Pre-Screening for Kindergarten
April	16	Rosati-Kain Math Contest-girls Gr. 7, 2016 State Science Olympiad( U of I)
April	19	School Board
April	20	Confirmation 7:00, Pre-Screening for Kindergarten
April	21	Conservation Day Gr. 5
April	22	Chicago Field Trip Gr. 7
April	30	State Band Contest
<b>May</b>	4	St. Louis Storytelling here
May	6	<b>May Crowning 1:00</b>
May	12	Spring Band Concert and Art Show, Baccalaureate Mass---class of 2016
May	14	Awards Night, Parish Work Day
May	15	Pentecost-Birthday of the Church
May	17	School board
May	19	Last All School Mass, Graduation 7:00 pm
May	31	Last Day of School using all snow days

### **Band Schedule Week of Jan 11-16**

#### Monday

8:05-8:35 5th Flute  
8:35-9:05 6th-8th Flute and Clarinet 1  
9:05-9:35 6th-8th Clarinet 2  
10:35-11:05 4th Clarinet  
11:05-11:35 4th Flutes

#### Tuesday

7:15-7:50 **Jazz Band**  
8:55-9:25 5th Clarinet  
9:25-9:55 6th-8th Saxophone and F Horn  
9:55-10:35 6th-8th Trumpet  
11:05-11:35 4th Trumpet  
11:35-12:05 4th Saxophone

#### Wednesday

8:05-9:05 **Concert Band Full Band**  
9:05-9:35 Percussion Ensemble  
10:35-11:35 **Beginning Band Full Band**  
1:15-2:15 **Intermediate Band Full Band**

#### Thursday

7:15-7:50 **Jazz Band**  
8:55-9:25 5th Saxophone  
9:25-9:55 6th-8th Low Brass  
9:55-10:35 6th-8th Percussion  
11:05-11:35 4th Percussion  
11:35-12:05 4th Low Brass

#### Friday

8:05-8:35 5th Percussion  
8:35-9:05 5th Trumpet  
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## The Periodic Table Has 4 Brand New Elements

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Four new elements have been added to the periodic table, making science textbooks across the world out of date. The elements were verified and added by the [International Union of Pure and Applied Chemistry](#) (IUPAC) last week, making the scientific chart's seventh row officially complete.

The inclusion of the super-heavy man-made chemical elements temporarily named 113, 115, 117 and 118 are the first additions to the table since 2011, according to a statement from IUPAC.

"To scientists, this is of [greater value than an Olympic gold medal](#)," Ryoji Noyori, Nobel laureate in chemistry, told the Guardian.

"The chemistry community is eager to see its most cherished table finally being completed down to the seventh row," added professor Jan Reedijk, president of IUPAC's inorganic chemistry division.



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Kosuke Morita, the leader of the RIKEN team, smiles as he points to a board displaying the new atomic element 113.

Element 113 was discovered by the RIKEN institute in Japan. Its working name is [ununtrium](#) and symbol is Uut.

Elements 115 and 117 were discovered by scientists from the Joint Institute for Nuclear Research in Dubna, Russia, the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory in Livermore, California and the Oak Ridge National Laboratory in Oak Ridge, Tennessee. Their working names and symbols are [ununpentium](#) and Uup for 115, and [ununseptium](#) and Uus for 117.

Element 118 was discovered by the teams from Dubna and California, and is currently named [ununoctium](#), with the symbol Uuo.

The discoverers of the elements can suggest permanent names and symbols over the next few months, according to a statement from IUPAC. The new monikers must relate to mythological concepts, minerals, places, countries, properties or scientists.

Element 113 will be [the first one ever to be named by researchers in Asia](#), reported The Verge.

[The elements were created by smashing lighter nuclei into each other](#) and then, according to the Independent, analyzing the radioactive decay which existed for a tiny fraction of a second afterwards.

Kosuke Morita, who led the RIKEN group, said in a statement that the official recognition of the element was the result of "[nearly a decade of painstaking work](#)." The work to discover other elements that are both super-heavy and stable will continue.