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### CELEBRATING 163 YEARS OF MISSION • COMMUNITY • SERVICE

*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.*

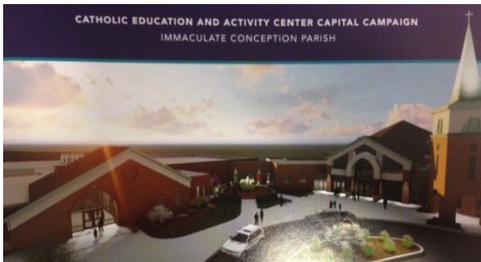
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### THE JOY OF LOVE

Dear Parent, Guardian, Student, Teacher, Friend,

**DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.** I wish everyone had a copy of *The Messenger* in their home. Read the Bishop's article on the new Smithsonian National Museum of African American History and Culture. I was taught a long time ago that the story of history is told by those who write it from their point of view. For too long, the full story hasn't been told. When you have a President living in a White House built by slaves, 11 of the first 15 Presidents and many religious orders owning slaves, and Phillip Reid, a slave, engineering the placement of "Liberty" on top of the US Capitol, deep down you know we have to get the whole story out. Read the Bishop's article. You will be glad you did. Dr. King's legacy is people accepting each other. We make the people we do not like the lepers of our society that Jesus loved and cured and said those thought to be the sinners of the day would enter heaven before the self-righteous. Our God is a humble God. Be God's humble servant!



### **Capital Campaign---Catholic Education and Activity Center .**

**1% PLEDGE** Our School Board designated the next 6 years of profit from our Magazine Drive to our new Catholic Education and Activity Center. If our success continues as in the past, we will have donated \$116,000 which is ONE PER CENT OF OUR GOAL of \$11,600,000!

**If you have a letter of intent pending on the Campaign, please get it in.** If the Principal is supposed to visit you, sorry for making

you wait. We know our "asks" are big. We know it takes prayer. We know that life gets in the way. But we do know that "Faith finds a way".



**The 36<sup>th</sup> Annual ICS Magazine Drive** has started. Turn-in days will be Tuesday-Friday-Tuesday-Friday. Thanks to our volunteers for stepping up. We will get out prizes as quick as we can for turn-in days. With the ice delays, we will have to be patient.

A new feature is the **SAGE Program**. If a student sells \$250 in subscriptions, they can stockpile \$2500 towards credit towards college tuition. The SAGE list is growing with 365 universities from 45 states on board. Included from Illinois are McKendree, Millikin, DePaul, Bradley, Quincy. Details coming! Go to [www.gaschoolstore.com](http://www.gaschoolstore.com) to order on-line. Magazines make great gifts! Our ID # is 2710556.



**Terrific Kid – January 2017**

Mrs. Diewald: Aidan Berdeaux - Aidan is the Terrific Kid in our classroom for the month of January. Aidan is a great rule follower and works very hard to always do his best work. His hard work and determination make him a great role model for his classmates.

Mrs. Meyer: Claire Wachtel - Claire is a Terrific Kid because she is a bright, motivated and hard working. She shows interest and enthusiasm for classroom activities and enjoys learning.

Mrs. Matrisotto: Maryann Imhoff – Maryann was selected as the terrific kid for Mrs. Matrisotto's Third Grade Classroom due to her perseverance and growth mindset attitude. Maryann has become self-sufficient and shows others what is expected independently. Keep up the great work!

Ms. Kennedy: Gabe Thebeau – Gabe is a Terrific Kid because he has made tremendous progress since the beginning of the year. He has learned how to be in control of all his tools. Gabe also works hard to do his best. He has such a big heart!

Mrs. Donjon: Henry Schulte - Henry is a terrific kid. He always has his work done and handed in on time. He is eager to volunteer in class - from giving an answer, to helping around the classroom. Henry takes his education seriously and is a great student.

Mrs. Ettling: Brooke Heimberger – Brooke is a Terrific Kid because she puts forth all her effort and continues to stay positive. She works hard to stay calm, balanced, and focused independently – this makes her a responsible fourth grader!

Mrs. Schauster: Dustin Swindle - Dustin is a happy young man who always has a smile on his face. He is well liked by his peers. Dustin is a student I can count on to do the right thing.

Mrs. Taylor: Jaylyn Brister - Jaylyn is a great part of our class; she always contributes to class discussions, lends a helping hand, and is willing to try.



**Tom Mulvihill, Director of Admissions**, presented certificates and our banner this week to our team on winning the Vianey Academic Decathlon for the second year in a row. They also provided a Ray Boccardi's lunch for our teachers! Ray is a Vianey grad---thank him!

Congrats to the Wachtel Family on Baby Charlie. Charles David Wachtel born 1/10/17 at 3:03 p.m. weight was 8 lbs 13 oz. and height 20.5 inches. Sounds like a story--- Claire and the 3 Brothers! Good going Mom Jessica and Dad Bob!

**BUILDERS CLUB M and M's for Kids Against Hunger** with a note on them. Is this enough for one family? Sure. Count them up, divide them up, and see how the world should eat by sharing. We do a great job of it here! Catholic Urban Programs sent us a thank you this week for being the single largest donation during the Advent Season. The M and M's are free. They cost the Builders Club about a buck each so 25 cents above that cost is a meal for someone. We are also soliciting donations outright as per our KAH letter.



**PARENTS AND FRIENDS:** Over 30 in attendance! Reminders to get your stewardship commitment in and your pledge to our new Catholic Education and Activity Center. The Craft Fair Cookie Booth netted \$2992 of the \$7136 profit from the Fair. Schoola raised \$2037.88. Spirit Wear made \$1127 and Santa's Cottage was \$9 to the good. Panera raised \$82.49 for Eat-out night. The upcoming Dinner Auction will have mobile bidding and fewer items. Register online at [www.ics.2017.gesture.com](http://www.ics.2017.gesture.com) by this Friday for tickets at \$55. The price goes up to \$60 after. Many new ideas. Mailings are out. February 11<sup>th</sup> --- The Falls ---



Arts Integration: Tableaux---within 5 minutes, every student in Grade one had created a group tableaux on the Two Great commandments. Parker--- Love the Lord Your God with your whole heart, Will--- with your whole mind, Chase--- with your whole soul, and Grant---your neighbor as yourself. They were all at different levels. What a great way to learn. We picked this up from COCA and Focus Five last summer and hope to grow this program.

**REVISED YOUNG AUTHORS DATES** We had to move our dates to meet the State Contest. Thanks to Robin Nadziejko and Gina Thompson! And our Judges who read the Write Stuff!

**Monday, January 23rd:** Turn-in stories & jeans day

**Friday, February 17th:** Spring Assembly

**Saturday, March 18th:** ROE Conference

**CHESS MEET DATES** so far... St. Teresa - January 28 ICS - February 25

Practices for Grades 1&2: Tues 1/31, Tues 2/21, Tues 3/14

Practices for Grades 3&4: Tues 1/17, Tues 2/7, Tues 2/28, Tues 3/21

Practices for grades 5-8: Tues 1/24, Tues 2/14, Tues 3/7, Tues 3/28

Cyra Herrmann, ICS Chess Coach

**St. Raymond's \$97.99! Thank you!**

### **FULL STEWARDSHIP**

Our annual renewal has us tracking down parish school families who have not turned in their form. We are the only Full Stewardship Parish in the Diocese of Belleville. If you are in financial distress, please let us know on the commitment form. The financial section is managed by the Parish Business manager Mr. Huels and is confidential. As a CFP, he understands confidentiality. We need you to pray and take the time and commit.

We emailed out the forms this week to those we have not collected yet. Print out, complete, and return by way of school, mail, or Sunday collection to Keith Huels, Parish Business Manager. Thanks for making stewardship a way of life. It will change your life.

**Spring Field Trips are Swiftly approaching!** Are you a parent or grandparent of a new student at ICS? Perhaps your child or grandchild is a Kindergartener? In order to attend a field trip with them, **you must first be in compliance with the Diocesan Policy on Child Protection. We will be offering an Initial Child Protection Course on Feb 7, 2017 in the Garden Level at Church, from 6-8p.m.** This is the FIRST step to becoming compliant with the Diocesan policy. At the course you will be give paperwork to fill out and return. Once the diocese has clearance from

the state on your paperwork, you will be in compliance. **If you are planning to go on field trips, or help out in the classroom, whether in the coming months or years, please sign up for the Initial Child Protection Course ASAP, by calling Angie at 281-5105.**

If you have completed this course and wish to know if you are in compliance with paperwork or refresher course matters, please contact Angie Bueltemann at the church office [abuelt@htc.net](mailto:abuelt@htc.net) or 281-5105. She will be happy to help you!

**THE SPORTING NEWS...**The Jr. Boys won their first game of the Diocesan Tourney 33-31 in double OT vs, St. Clare navy to advance in the winners bracket on Saturday at 11:00 at SPPS. Our varsity open Friday night at SPPS at 6:30 vs. All Saints. Good luck boys! We have 4 small school games here starting at 10:00 on Saturday. The KC Free Throw Tourney will precede with doors opening at 7:45 and shooting around 8:15.

We will check into the KC Spelling Bee time and let you know.

### **Columbia Khoury League Newsletter - January 13, 2017**

Due to the forecast for the rest of the weekend, the CKL is rescheduling our in-person registration event. Please note that it has been cancelled for January 14 and rescheduled for the following:

Saturday, January 28  
8:30 am - 2:00 pm  
Turner Hall  
211 E Cherry St  
Columbia, IL 62236

### **GRADS IN THE NEWS...**

Many of you go out on the weekend. Here is a fun night for Sr. Thea Bowman School.

#### **SAVE THE DATE - Annual Benefit Dinner Gala and \$10,000 Mega Raffle**

March 18, 2017

Four Points by Sheraton - Fairview Heights, IL

Zip Rzeppa - Master of Ceremonies

6:00 p.m. Silent Auction and Violins

7:00 p.m. Dinner and Liturgical Dance

8:30 p.m. Live Auction

\$50 per person or \$500 per table sponsor of Eight

Reservations are required by February 20, 2017

"Heart of Thea Foundation - Each One Teach One"

Fund-A-Need - Dollar for Dollar Tuition Match Returns

**Mega Raffle**

1st Prize \$10,000, 2nd Prize \$1,000, 3rd Prize \$500

\$100 per ticket

Need not be present to win

For Dinner or Mega Raffle tickets please contact:

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See you there!

## COLUMBAI PUBLIC LIBRARY

Winter Sparks Reading Program Stop in to pick up some great cozy reads or find something for a movie night. Each time you come in and check out an item your name will go into a drawing to win some area business gift cards. We will be giving away over \$200.00 worth and we will have something for everyone.

Beatles & The Rolling Stones Tuesday, February 17th 7:00 Professional Beatles scholar Aaron Krerowicz won a research grant through the University of Hartford in 2011 to study the band and since has presented his findings through more than 300 presentations throughout the US and England. This program will be supplemented with audio clips of music and excerpts from interviews with the band members.

AARP TAX AIDE Assistance with your income tax returns. Must schedule an appointment. Monday's 12:30 - 4:30 Last Session meets April 11<sup>th</sup> Assistance is offered to those who fall into a certain income level and is also offered to senior citizens

Babygarten Tuesday sessions available @ 11:00 Ages 4 mo to 2 1/2 yrs. Rhymes, movement and stories. Registration required.

Tot Time Thursday sessions available @ 10:00 Ages 18 mo 3 1/2 yrs. Stories, songs and crafts. Registration required.

Story Time Thursday sessions available @10:00 Ages 3 1/2 to 5 yrs. stories songs and crafts  
Registration Required.

Tech Time 2nd Tuesday of every month from 2-4 Bring in your device and learn the basics of using the libraries 3M e-books/audio. Registration required.

Basic Quilting Saturday, February 4th 9:30 - 10:30 Learn the basics of quilting. Registration required.

Bring Your Child To The Library Day Saturday, February 4th Giveaways, Crafts, 10:30 - 12:30 - face painting and balloon sculpting with Balloons by Sandy.

BOOK SALE January 27th & 28th Friday 9:30 - 4:30 Saturday 9:30 - 3:00

**GIBAULT CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL NEWS... JUNIOR HIGH GLOW DANCE:** 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Students join us on **Saturday, Jan. 21<sup>st</sup>**, from 7pm-9pm in the Gibault Cafeteria. Admission is 3 canned goods or \$3. Dress casual-jeans and tops. Bright colors are encouraged!

**MARCH FOR LIFE:** This year 50 students and chaperones from Gibault Catholic High School will be participating in the March for Life in Washington, DC from January 25<sup>th</sup> through January 29<sup>th</sup>. We will be part of a pilgrimage that includes speakers, daily mass, rosary, reconciliation and testimonies from people whose lives have been touched by abortion. If you would like to donate to help defray the cost for the students, please send donations to Gibault Catholic High School, c/o March for Life, or donate in the collection taken after masses. If you are unable to provide a monetary donation at this time, we ask that you keep our students in your prayers as they journey on their pilgrimage. We thank you for any help you can offer.

**TASTE OF THE REGION:** Join us at the Gibault Hustedde Gym on February 4<sup>th</sup> from 5-9 PM for a fusion of cuisines from Monroe County restaurants, businesses, distributors, and vendors! Tickets are \$25, please contact Sev [sev@gibaulthawks.com](mailto:sev@gibaulthawks.com) for more information or ticket orders. This event sells out so get your tickets early!

**FULL STEWARDSHIP** Please get your commitment form in!

**JOY OF LOVE T-SHIRT:** Genevieve Nadziejko, Megan Hornacek

**Elisabeth Weilbacher**, Our Elisabeth Schaefer's great grandmother, has throat surgery this week. Please keep her in your prayers.

**WE HONOR THE PROPHETS OUR ANCESTORS KILLED.** Read this many years ago. This weekend we honor Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and hear about John the Baptist---another prophet who was martyred. Few want to hear and fewer want to heed the voice of the prophets. Yet their voice is how the Church and society advances. We are not too far removed "from the cave" and our reptilian brains which keep us alive are all about the great god "ME". It took eons to realize we are all so much better off when we take care of each other. Jesus Christ--- Priest, Prophet, King, calls us to be prophets and to listen and heed the prophets. God parts the heavens this weekend and says "This is My Beloved Son. Listen to Him"! Brave the weather if you can---and come to the water!

**PRAYERS: Special Intention** Dan Whelan, Elisabeth Weilbacher, Connie Huebner, Tootie May, Susie Kish Settle, Dennis Kish, Seth Watters, Ken Biske, Rachel Warden, Tom Kish, Bill Kesler, Dan Borisuk, Denise Conner, Maggie Williamson, Patricia Steppig, Lauren Foran, Rich Cullen, Barb Winschel, 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, Mary Giovanni, 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

*Mike Kish*, Principal

PS The Capital Campaign is doing well but we need to know our pledges so we can figure out how much we will need to plan.