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Celebrating 165 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.

*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*



REJOICE AND BE GLAD IN THE LORD!

January 18, 2019

Bienvenido el parrochia!

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Dear Parent,

MAGAZINE DRIVE



TURN IN DAY 3: Top Classroom: 1. Mrs. Ettling, 2. Mrs. Neff, 3. Mr. Kassebaum, 4. Mrs. Taylor, 5. Mrs. Borgmeyer
Top Sellers: 1. TIE-Eleanor McGuire and Drew Schmoll, 2. Bella Schuette, 3. Liam Johnson, 4. Olivia Blaskiewicz, 5. Aiden Howard-Maul, 6. Maryann Imhoff, 7. Stephen Johns, 8. Eleanor Rinella, 9. TIE Jack Siegel and Ryan Kroenig, 10. TIE-Hunter Tharp, Maria Biske, Nate Stechmesser

Tuesday is the last turn-in day for class prizes and rankings. We are OFF ON MONDAY IN HONOR OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.---NO SCHOOL. Good chance to help your school do all its good work. Profits go to the Catholic Education and Activity Center.

THE 38th ANNUAL ICS MAGAZINE RENEWAL DRIVE has kicked off and runs to January 22, 2019. Last year the school netted \$11,200 towards the new Catholic Education and Activities Center. Previously, the **Eugene J. Schorb Immaculate Conception Fund for Catholic Education** (Endowment Fund) has received \$482,518.34 and the Catholic Education and Activity Center Fundraising Drive has received over \$22,000.) Help our school and experience great savings by either renewing current subscriptions or ordering new ones now! **Your order can be placed on-line at www.gaschoolstore.com** The school I.D. # is 2710556. Search Immaculate Conception School, Columbia, IL. Shop---pick a student to give the credit. **Thanks to Andrea Biske and Kim Siegel for chairing this major fund raiser and to Stephanie Roccasalva, Laura Oberkfell and Patty Kish for helping!**

AUCTION TIME!!!! Site is up---buy tickets!!! <http://bloom.givesmart.com>

Invitations with reservation forms, donation pledges, advertising forms and more grandparent honor roll forms will be coming home today. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact the committee at icsauction@icsmail.org

If you would like to join the committee please email or call Mandy McGuire mlynmcguire@gmail.com. 618-558-1350

ICS NEWS: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UdFKvnb9orc>

ST. VALENTINE BAGS FOR THE CHILDREN AT THE GRIFFIN CENTER. We will be filling 350 bags so we will need your help. In the bag we would like to give each child a pencil and two pieces of candy. We have listed below the items we would like each grade level to donate. If you could please send all donations to the second grade classrooms by February 4th we would greatly appreciate it. Also, many of the children do not have Valentines to hand out to their friends. It would be great if you could donate a box or send in any extra cards you may have.

Pre K & K – candy Gr. 1 & 2 – candy Gr. 3 & 4 – bags Gr. 5 & 6 & 7 & 8 – pencils
Thank you for your help and support for children!



There was a devastating apartment fire on Bottom Avenue Monday night. Our community always steps up. The families have said that gift cards to WalMart, JCP, or Kohls in order to get clothes are most helpful. Our St. Vincent DePaul is involved and will monitor any donations we receive. Most lost all of that due to smoke and water damage if not the fire. **We will hold a free will-no incentive donation at the All-School Mass on Thursday, January 24** and present the proceeds to our St. Vincent DePaul to buy cards. Thanks for caring!

ICS, Speak Up! A survey was sent out 10 days ago to all parents asking for thoughts about how we use technology in education, but you do not just have to be a parent to contribute! We greatly value the opinions of our community members in helping to create our vision for learning. Students are completing this survey in class, but please take 20 minutes if you can to complete the survey.

[Community Member Survey Link](#)

[Parent Survey Link](#)

Scholastic Book Fair Holidays are over and the winter doldrums are setting in. Time to escape! Let your mind be taken away at the ICS Scholastic Book Fair! Garden Level - January 30th - February 3rd. **To volunteer** - Please contact Teresa Dorshorst @ tdorshorst79@gmail.com Thank you, Teresa Dorshorst, 314-303-5352

48th ANNUAL KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FREE THROW CONTEST TOMORROW!

8:00 am at the ICS Gym. Boys and girls ages 9-14(as of January 1). Winners advance to Regional and State TBD. Come hoop it up! Last year Brian Stark took 3rd in State!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SPELLING BEE TOMORROW JANUARY 19! 10:00 am in the school cafeteria. Grades 3-8. First, second and third place winners advance to regionals **TBD**. Take advantage of this opportunity to shine!

ART CONTEST- IT'S TIME FOR GOOGLE DOODLE!

Students draw a doodle on the entry form using any 2 dimensional materials they want. Write a 50 word descriptive statement about your doodle and have mom or dad sign it. Turn in to Mrs. Fetcho or drop in the office. Attached is more Google Doodle information. [SEE ATTACHMENT](#) or ask Mrs. Fetcho . *Opportunities are never missed. They are taken by someone else.* Doodle away!

SPEECH TEAM First of all, students, welcome to the team! The decision this time around was incredibly difficult so congratulations, you guys really impressed me! The speech meet will be Saturday, February 23rd at ICS, time is TBA and I will let you know as soon as I do. We will probably start around 8:30. The practices will be on Tuesdays and Thursdays **starting next week** from 3-4 in my classroom. Practices are not mandatory but they help a lot! I do ask that you try to make it at least once a week so we can touch base and go over any issues. We will be hosting this meet so I will be reaching out in the near future for help with set up, tear down and judging. Let me know if you have any questions.

REPORT CARDS went out Wednesday. Lots of improvement this quarter and then we have some areas to improve. I am hoping we don't have a down-slide for third quarter. Accelerated Reader is basically contracted according to ability yet we often see goals not being met there or rushed till the end of the quarter. Read each day and this improvement will keep or move many on the honor roll. It does my heart great to see students make honor roll for the first time or come so close they are a point or two away and can make it next quarter. Oftentimes we have to believe in our self, demystify how we learn, and then practice at getting better each day.

Honor Roll:

2nd quarter-1st Honors: Ariel Adams, Katie Adams, Briana Baldrige, Claire Barbour, Constance Barnett, Maria Biske, Olivia Blaskiewicz, John Bollone, Keeley Cooper, Owen Dalpoas, Owen Dill, Andrew Donjon, Avery Ellner, Cam Ellner, Andrew Feldker, Izzy Foutch, Broedy Furlow, Zach Gibson, Drew Hagedorn, Ava Hake, Charlie Hake, Ben Haney, Owen Haney, Lindsay Harget, Zack Harrington, Eva Haywood, Avery Herrmann, Aiden Howard-Maul, MaryAnn Imhoff, Kaila Jerkatis, Karina Jerkatis, Jack Keeven, Max Keeven, Gavin Kesler, Sadie Loless, Charles Matthews, Maddi Mauch, Marisa McGill, Riley McGill, Sadie Metz, Grant Monheiser, Brady Moore, Cailynn Mueth, Colin Mueth, Brock Murphy, Genevieve Nadziejko, Kyra Newton, Paul Ott, Hope Pollmann, Bryce Raby, Audrey Randle, Danny Repp, Drew Roche, Caroline Roche, Emily Rose, Thomas Scheafer, Ava Schmidt, Emma Schmidt, Drew Schmoll, Henry Schulte, Hope Schwartz, Allison Stark, Audrey Sullivan, Dustin Swindle, Maddi Swip, Jack Thieret, Connor Thoma, Aubry Thomas, Keegan Thompson, Layne Traxler, Emma Tyler, Joseph Tyler, Elliot Unwin, Anna Videmschek, Sydney Wahle, Tyler Wahle, Rhyan Ward, Michael Wessel, Joseph Whitworth, Maggie Williamson

2nd quarter-2nd Honors: Jack Basler, Ava Blaskiewicz, Jaylyn Brister, Luke Dalpoas, Adrian DeClue, Abby Eichenseer, Sam Glasscock, Summer Harrington, Lucy Haubrich, Brayden Hines, Ava Hrdlicka, Ava Langhans, Logan LoPorto, Mariska Lyle, Blake Powers, Kyle Rose, Addison Sanker, Sophia Schuette, Nate Stechmesser, Gabe Thebeau, Josie Thomas, Aubrey Thompson, Lauren Thorne, Kaiden Timmons, Emma Tippen, Oliver Unwin, Kristina Videmschek, Dominic Voegele, Mason Voegele

BUILDERS CLUB KIDS AGAINST HUNGER We hope to raise \$3,500 to again make over 15,000 meals on Saturday, February 9, 2019. We have \$1835 so far on outright donations. Our hope is that you can again support us in our effort. And we do understand it if you are helping others instead. Our world is in great need and there are so many worthwhile causes but children need to eat! Donations can be mailed to The ICS Builders Club, Immaculate Conception School, 321 S. Metter Ave., Columbia, IL or put in an envelope and dropped into our Church Sunday envelope collection. Thank you for your generosity. May the New Year bring you great joy in serving God's people!
Gratefully, Emma Tippen and Emma Schmidt

GIRLS ON THE RUN Girls on the run coach sign up is happening now!! We need more coaches to sign up for this fabulous program. This is a program offered for girl's grades 3rd-5th with a Heart and Sole program for girls 6th-8th. If your girls are interested in participating this year, I strongly encourage you to consider being a coach. If you need more information on logistics please contact Jessica Wachtel 314-749-1663 or sign up directly on the GOTR website <https://girlsontherunstlouis.org/get-involved/become-coach>. Thank you!!!



Seventh grader Brock Murphy spent approximately 30 hours designing a guitar to 3D print. He says rather than downloading a pre-existing design, he opted to sculpt average shapes by carefully placing holes in and around solid surfaces. He used an online fretboard calculator to convert the distance between frets from inches to millimeters. The saddles have the capability to hold strings, and in theory, the bridge should work. Based on first print results, he is modifying the design for a second print.

NEXT INITIAL CHILD PROTECTION TRAINING WILL BE JANUARY 29, at 6p.m. in the Garden Level at church. register: 281-5105. If you have never taken the Initial course and want to volunteer or coach, you need this class!

THE SPORTING NEWS...January 18-20 Boys Diocesan Basketball Tournament for Grades 8 and 6. Jr. Boys at 5:00 and 8th at 8:15 both at Holy Trinity. Jr. Varsity wins, they play at Althoff Saturday at 1:15. If they lose, Althoff at 11:00. Juniors boys are 1:15 with a win or 11:00 a loss at Holy Trinity. Hope you can see the Crusaders!

CALENDAR IMPORTANT! TAKE OUT YOUR ICS CALENDAR---:

Feb. 18 No School--- President's Day

March 11-15 SCHOOL IS BACK ON. Move Week in late May-June

April 17 School No Bus (gaining a day for an earlier out and packing.)

April 18 No School Holy Thursday-Easter Monday April 22

GIBAULT CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL NEWS...GIBAULT PLACEMENT TEST A second placement test date will be offered on Friday, January 25 at noon. Parents should contact Pat Herzing to reserve a spot for their child.

Taste of the Region Join us at the Gibault Hustedde Gym on **February 2 from 5-9 PM** for a fusion of cuisines from Monroe County restaurants, businesses, distributors, and vendors! Tickets are \$25 and can be purchased by calling the Gibault office (939-3883) or from Katy Hugger (hugger06@gmail.com). Get your tickets before sell out!

Hall of Fame Inductees Pack the house at the **Gibault home basketball game versus Red Bud on January 26**. We will be inducting the 1999 Men's Basketball team into the Hall of Fame, which is celebrating its 20th anniversary of their second place win at state led by ICS Class of '95 grad **John Thomas (Will and Ben's Uncle)**.

GIBAULT WINTER MUSICAL "Into the Woods", a musical appropriate for ages 6th grade through 8th grade, will be performed in the Gibault auditorium January 31-Feb. 2.

DIOCESAN CELEBRATION OF THE WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

On Thursday, January 24th, at 9:45 am, Bishop Edward K. Braxton will preside and preach at an Ecumenical Service as part of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. The event will take place in the Cathedral of Saint Peter in Belleville. Local clergy of various Protestant, Catholic and Orthodox traditions will have leadership roles in the service, and the faithful from all denominations are invited to attend. There will be a social following the prayer service in the Undercroft of the Cathedral. For further information, please contact Father Robert Flannery, Ecumenical and Interreligious Officer of the Belleville Diocese at 618.303.7412.

FR. CHRIS RUETER'S BIRTHDAY IS TODAY. He is 80. Great day to remember him and do something for Our Brothers Keeper. This can also honor Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. since he advocated for the poor. In my first college History Class, the prof made the comment that our jails will always be full of the poor from society. It has always been that way. Giving a hand "up" changes this. 1/12th of the population of our country are convicted felons. And with 3 million in prison and thousands in the pipeline, I hope you can see this is also an industry. Privateers are making a lot of money off societal ills. We cannot cure the problem but we sure can lessen the problem by giving people hope and a hand up from poverty.

"We have many ways to express the act of conversion, which begins at Baptism and continues throughout our lives. I would like to suggest that prisoner reentry, from death in confinement to freedom in society, is one of those pathways to new life." ~ Fr. **Christian N. Reuter, OFM (penned just before he died on June 30, 2018)**

OUR CONDOLENCES to Lauren and Dorian (Dave and Jennifer) Thorne on the loss of their Uncle Gary. Obituary for Gary Lynn Edwards

Gary Lynn Edwards, 61 years old of Dupou, IL., passed away on Saturday, January 12, 2019 in St. Louis, MO. He was born September 8, 1957 in Poplar Bluff, MO. Gary was a 1975 graduate of Dupou High School in Dupou, IL. He was a very active member of his life long community. He served as a past moderator at the First Congregational Church in Dupou, IL. and currently held the role as treasurer. He was also the treasurer and last living charter member for DuKare food pantry. Gary was very active in over seeing the care of his mother, whom he loved dearly. He always had kind and uplifting words for everyone. Gary made each day memorable and was a true joy to work with during his 5 years of employment at Leesman Funeral Home. He brought the kind of attitude and work ethic that all employers strive to find. He was an extremely valuable asset to the team at Leesman funeral home and will be missed beyond measure. Surviving are his Mother, Jane Thorne; his Sister, Kim (Michael) Pace; his Brother; David (Jennifer) Thorne Jr; his Nieces & Nephews, Carrie, Dylan, Dorian

& Lauren; his long time friend, Noel Morris-McCartney; along with other relatives and friends. He was preceded in death by his Father, Cleo Edwards & Step-Father, David M. Thorne Sr.

Visitation was Wednesday, January 16, 2019 at Leesman Funeral Home in Dupou, IL with Graveside Services will be on Thursday, January 17 in Woodlawn Cemetery in Poplar Bluff, MO.

In lieu of customary remembrances, the family requests with gratitude that memorial contributions be directed to DuKare of First Congregational Church in Dupou, IL. For more information, please access our website, www.leesmanfuneralhome.com.

Rosie(Jim) Law's sister has died. (Rosie taught here 24 years.) MARY ANN HELLMER - Mary Ann Hellmer, nee Descher, 88, of Waterloo, IL, died January 10, 2019, in St. Louis, MO. She was born June 12, 1930, in Lawrence, NE. As an expression of sympathy the family prefers memorial contributions to: SS Peter & Paul School Memorial Mass: 11 AM Saturday, Feb. 16, 2019 at SS Peter & Paul Church in Waterloo, IL. God's peace to Mary Ann and all Rosie's family!

Jane Bellm is in SLU Hospital suffering complications from cancer. She may just have days left. Jane has that "I ain't gonna take your bull attitude but I am gonna make you laugh" way about her. She has been active with our picnic and very active with the Columbia Turners. Prayers for Jane!

PRAYERS: Special Intention Danielle Dorlac, Jane Bellm, Tom Johns, Michael Dorshorst, Pat Morr, Charlie Stockes, George Perry, Linda Scherrer, Angela Roepke, Joyce LaPrade, Jan Hoffmann, Bill West, Jennifer Nesser, Bill Anderson, Patrick Kish, Owen Jordan, Patti Rottler, Mike Taylor, Richard Prater, Donna Kania, Libby LoPorto, Lindsey Herbeck, Marla Vogt, Judy Gundlach

THE WEDDING FEAST AT CANA... Jesus had just gotten Baptized, changed careers from carpenter to religious leader like John the Baptist, and was at a wedding with some of his followers who were getting to know him better. We've all been to weddings and know how much planning they take. I have literally been to hundreds, having been a Wedding Singer and Show Band Bass Player for 22 years. Only once did a wedding run out of food. At my own wedding, we sent out 275 invites but had to write 325 thank yous so we had crashers. There was still enough chicken that someone took extra chicken home, got in an accident on US 40, and there was chicken across the highway. Thanks to Mary noticing, that despite 12 or 14 years of prep to have enough wine stored up, they ran out. Jesus was shocked at Mary's request but he figured it out. "What would you have me do?"...and his disciples began to believe in him." What does it take us to believe in him? Start with coming to Church and see if the wine of our belief holds out.

Mike Kish
Principal

PS-Divine Love, grant that we might see interruptions as opportunities.



CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK---January 27-February 2

Friday, January 25th Kindness Prayers

Encourage random acts of kindness: Each student will be given two notecards (*in teacher workroom*) to write prayers for random members of our Parish (please no names). These cards will be handed out at Mass over the weekend (***can you please ask which students go to 5pm, 7am, 9am and 11am who could help pass out?***). Also have students color CSW sheet to display around the school during the week. (*attached*)

Friday, January 25th Door Decorating

Each class will decorate their classroom door featuring a way to show the mission of Catholic Schools – Learn – Serve – Lead – Succeed

Sunday, January 27th (need Student Ministers) Celebrating Your Parish

- Opening Mass 11am followed by Open House 12 – 2pm (Jeans day for open house participants on Monday 1/28 – Staff and Students)

Monday, January 28th Celebrating Your Community

- Service projects will be completed by each grade level:
 - Letters to those on our prayer lists – letting them know that we are praying for them. Have students work in groups (*update your class prayer list*)
 - Gibault Band here 8:45-9:45

Tuesday, January 29th Celebrating The Nation

- Students wear patriotic colors with uniform bottoms.
- Each class selects a Saint to research who represents the Military – why was that Saint chosen? (*list on back*)
- Teachers take time to treat their students.

Wednesday, January 30th Celebrating Your Students

- Students wear assigned shirt color and uniform bottoms (K & 7 – red, 1 & 8 – yellow, 2 & 6 – orange, 3 & 5 – green, 4 – blue).
- Students/Teachers take time to research their Faith – students then illustrate a picture of their family depicting what their Faith looks like at home. (*ideas of what to research attached*)
- Trivia 1st – 4th 12:40-1:40pm Diewald, 5th – 8th 1:45-2:45pm Kassebaum, snacks Weiler

Thursday, January 31st**Celebrating Vocations**

- Students wear a liturgical color (green – Ordinary Time, red – martyr, purple or pink – Advent & Lent, white/gold – Christmas/Easter) with uniform bottoms.
- PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS AT MASS – *(copy attached prayer so students can share at Mass)*
 - Write letters of thanks to the priests involved in our parish. Only one letter – composed by each class (Priests will each receive a letter from each class/homeroom)
 - Fr. Carl – grades K-1
 - Fr. Gary – grades 3-4
 - Fr. Linus – grades 6-7
 - Pre-S & Pre-K can draw a picture and each student sign it – one for each Priest per Grade.
 - Grades 2(D/M), 5(T/S), 8K (one from class) Write a Letter to a Seminarian (*list attached – send email or mail letter/pic class writes/draws*)

Friday, February 1st**Celebrating Faculty, Staff, & Volunteers**

- Students/Staff wear blue and white.
- Religion Class taught by 8th graders 9:35am
- Create Thank You cards for cafeteria workers, crossing guard, bus drivers, tinkers, Columbia Fire Department, Columbia Police Department, & volunteers
- 8th Grade versus Faculty Volleyball Game 1:30pm – Mrs. Whelan

Saturday, February 2nd**Celebrating Families**

- Students will give parents the artwork they created depicting Faith in their family
- Throughout the Week**
- Morning prayer led by 8th graders

List of [patron saints](#) associated with the [military](#).

- [Saint George](#): soldiers (U.S. Cavalry and Armor) see [Patronages of Saint George](#).
- [Martin of Tours](#): soldiers
- [Michael the Archangel](#): military; paratroopers; policemen.
- [Adrian of Nicomedia](#): guards, soldiers
- [Saint Barbara](#): artillerymen, military engineers
- [Saint Sebastian](#): soldiers, infantrymen, archers, municipal police
- [Joan of Arc](#) (Roman Catholic): soldiers
- [Ignatius of Loyola](#) (Roman Catholic): soldiers
- [Our Lady of Mount Carmel](#): Sailors
- [Our Lady of Loretto](#): Airmen
- [Saint Cecilia](#): Bandsmen