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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.

OPEN THE DOORS OF MERCY!

January 22, 2016

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Dear Parent, Guardian, Student, Teacher, Friend,



MY MOTHER-IN-LAW PAULINE was one of those people who never wanted to bother anyone. She never wanted to be fussed over and was always grateful for anything you did for her. I know this is a stretch but she even died on the evening of a great snow day so more of us were available. You can pick your wife but you can't pick your mother-and father-in-law. I am a blessed guy. So we lose another of the greatest generation and are grateful to God for a life well lived. Rest in peace Mom! We will miss you!

Pauline F. Jablonski, nee Maliszewski, age 90, of Columbia, IL, formerly of Fairmont City, IL, born on September 20, 1925 in East St. Louis, IL, died on January 20, 2016 at St. Anthony's Medical Center, St. Louis, MO.

Pauline was a homemaker. She was a member of the American Legion Ladies Auxiliary in Fairmont City, IL, and former Holy Rosary Catholic Youth Organization moderator and Altar Sodality Society member.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Joseph F. Jablonski, Jr; her parents, Bernard and Mary, nee Marks Maliszewski, Sr; brother Frank Maliszewski; brothers-in-law Henry Jablonski, Leonard Jablonski, Jerome Jablonski, Bob Roberts, Joe Ruder, Ted Dobkowski; and sisters-in-law Frances Maliszewski, Regina Roberts, Florence Ruder and Mildred Dobkowski and daughter-in-law Judy Jablonski.

She is survived by her children: Jeanne (Michael) Kish of Columbia, IL, John Jablonski of St. Louis, MO, Nancy (Richard) Ballew of Granite City, IL and Timothy (Sheri) Jablonski of Glen Carbon, IL; her 10 grandchildren: Amy (Tim) Meyer, Andrea (Todd) Biske, Kristi (Mike) Stuart, Eric (Beth) Jablonski, Christopher (Ally) Jablonski, Nicholas Jablonski, Kara (Steve) Mathes, Ryan (Jayne) Ballew, Jeremy Jablonski and Brendan Jablonski; her 12 great-grandchildren: Mitch and Abbie Meyer, Elena, Spencer, and Maria Biske, Shawn and Joey Stuart, Henry and Lily Mathes, Phoebe and Rory Ballew and Jakob Jablonski; brothers: Bernard Maliszewski of Fairmont City, IL and Steve (Marianne) Maliszewski of Fairmont City, IL; her sister Dorothy Gravoits of Belleville, IL; brother-in-law Hilary Jablonski of Glen Carbon, IL and many nieces, nephews, and friends from Fairmont and The Garden Place in Columbia, IL.

Memorials may be made to Holy Rosary Church, 2716 N. 42nd St, Fairmont City, IL 62201 or to Immaculate Conception School Building Fund, 411 Palmer Road, Columbia, IL 62236.

Visitation will be held from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on Saturday, January 23, 2016 at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, 411 Palmer Rd., Columbia, IL.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 12:00 p.m.(noon) on Saturday, January 23, 2016 at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Columbia, IL with Fr. Clyde Grogan officiating. Interment will be in Mt. Carmel Cemetery, Belleville, IL.

Chess MEET TOMORROW! HERE---Saturday, January 23rd. *Sorry I am going to miss it---Mom's funeral.* Check in begins at 8:15 and round one starts promptly at 9:00. Please pre-register with Mrs.Herrmann by **tomorrow** (1/16) if you have not done so already at cherrmann@icsmail.org

Additional meets will be January 30th at St. Teresa and March 5th at Blessed Sacrament. Stay tuned for more dates! We have **93 signed up for chess** this year!!!! A real bragging point! Thanks to Head Coach Cyra Herrmann and Coach Jim Williams and all our parent helpers for this year.

Chess Practices:

Lower Grades (1-3) - Jan 26, Feb 9, Feb 23, March 8, March 22

Upper Grades (4-8) - Jan 19, Feb 2, Feb 16, March 1, March 15

We are headed to the National Quilt Museum in Paducah, Kentucky tomorrow for the Awards Ceremony to be held at 1:00pm at the Museum. Mrs Weiler and Mrs Fetcho will be meeting at ICS and leaving promptly at 9am for Kentucky if any of the families would like to carpool please meet us here at ICS by 8:50 am tomorrow, teacher parking lot. Call/text Mrs. Fetcho if you would like to join us or have any questions at [314.565.7354](tel:314.565.7354).

Congratulations to **Jacob Whitworth, Ally Curry and Noah Newton** on their Grand Prize winning quilt block "Patriotic Elvis" and **Kyra Newton** on her 3rd place win in the K-4th grade division with her quilt "Wonderland".

What a great year for Immaculate Conception School's fabric artists - Allison Shuler, Spencer Biske, Noah Chism, Holly Repp, Georgia Sasser, Jacqie Gogolek, Emma Melliere, Maria Biske, Isabella Frasure, Katie Grawitch, Jessica Lambert, Marie Prindiville, Stephen Johns and Emma Tippen. All team members are invited to attend the School Block Challenge Reception and Awards Ceremony this Saturday, January 23, 2016 at 1pm at the National Quilt Museum in Paducah, Kentucky. Admission is free to see the exhibits as well as your entries which are on display in the National Quilt Museum until April. Photo opportunities allowed. Winning quilts will be on exhibit through the summer and returned around September of 2016.

Mrs. Fetcho and Mrs. Weiler

SUNDAY OPEN HOUSE

12:30 open house starts; light lunch served; speeches by Mr K & school board in cafeteria
1:15 tours of the school given either to individual families or groups depending on attendance
Please spread the word. One of our great advantages is being the 4th largest school in the Diocese. Things become more affordable when you spread the cost over the clients served.

45th Annual Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest

Sponsored by the Knight of Columbus George R. Kutterer Council 6165

Sunday, January 24th 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.

CONGRATULATIONS TO MARISKA LYLE who was baptized this past weekend with her little brother Parker! Thank you Mariska for reminding us about the gift of Baptism! You chose to join us in following The Way!

YOUNG AUTHORS---January 25 turn-in and jeans day for writers. Sharpen your pens and get them in to your teachers please. I am counting on all teachers to promote this activity! Do the Write Stuff!

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR - FORGET THE COLD OUTSIDE - STAY INSIDE AND READ A NEW BOOK!

ICS book fair will be February 5th - 7th in the Garden Level of Immaculate Conception Church. Due to no available space at our school, we have moved our fair to Church.

Hours: Friday 4th - 8 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Saturday 5th - 8 a.m. - 11 a.m. / 4:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Sunday 6th - 8 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Volunteers are needed. You do not have to be a parent to volunteer! All are welcome! Should we receive more volunteers than needed, Saturday hours may be extended throughout the day.

Thank you for supporting our Student and Teachers! Our book fairs help to supply our teachers/students with reading materials throughout the year!

To volunteer, please contact myself at the number or e-mail address below or co-chair, Crystal Schaefer.

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DRESS DOWN DAY FOR ECUADOR next Wednesday, January 27. We will support the Gibault Seniors from ICS who are gearing up for a mission project in Cuneca, Ecuador for orphans while doing their Senior Project. Free will donation. We have 7 grads going on this trip!

COLUMBIA PUBLIC LIBRARY

Book Sale Friends of the library book sale. Sale takes place in library basement. Friday, January 22nd 9-2

Saturday, January 23rd 9-2 Hardback .50 Paperback .25 Children .10

**LEGO STORY TIME Every Tuesday at 4:00 Come join the building fun. All ages are welcome.

**BOOKS FOR BABIES Free books for little ones up to 1 year of age. Must be a Columbia resident.

Program made possible by Friends of the Library

**TAX AIDE Assistance with your income tax return provided by AARP. All ages qualify but other restrictions may apply. February 1st – April 11th Every Monday 12:30 – 4:30

**FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY The Friends are a group of volunteers who share a common belief that the library is important to the intellectual growth of the community. Members work to increase public awareness of all library services and assist in bringing funds to the library for special needs.

Meetings held – January, April, July, October

Next meeting is April 25th 7:00 p.m. Columbia Library lower level meeting room.

Please feel free to join us. New members are always welcome.



SAM THE SNAKE Mrs. Borgmeyer's First Graders are leading the way for the first 2 turn-in days!
35th ANNUAL MAGAZINE DRIVE **TURN-IN DAYS ARE January 25 and 28.** Magazine Drive profits go to in the new Catholic Education and Activities Fund as we work towards our future! Order online anytime and your child will get credit during the drive! www.gaschoolstore.com I.D. 2710556 You can't sell if you don't ask! Promote reading and thinking!!! This is the second largest fund-raiser we have after the Dinner Auction. We have netted over \$480,000 for the Endowment.

VALENTINE PROJECT sponsored by Grade 2 for the children at the Griffin Center! 500 bags with a pencil and two pieces of candy. Please send all donations to the second grade classrooms by February 8th. Also, the children do not have Valentines to hand out to their friends. It would be great if you could donate a box. Thank you for your help and support.

Grades 6 & 7 & 8 – pencils
 Grades 1 & 2 – candy
 Grades 3 & 4 & 5 – bags
 Grades Pre K & K – candy

Gibault Catholic High School

The Gibault Drama department is proud to present The Man Who Came to Dinner January 28th-30th at 7:00 PM and Sunday, January 31st at 2:00 PM in the GCHS Auditorium. Grades 5-8 will catch it Thursday morning.

The Gibault Catholic Welcome Wednesday series continues February 3rd, 9 – 11 am. Meet Principal Russ Hart for coffee and conversation about Gibault Catholic – an area leader in academics, technology, fine arts and athletics. Tour the campus “live” when classes are in session. RSVP: Pat Herzing pherzing@gibaultonline.com or 618.939.3883. Join us for part or all of the morning – We would love to see you!

Gibault Catholic High School Placement Test The make-up placement test for our incoming Class of 2020 will take place on Friday, February 5th at 12:15 PM. Please contact Ms. Mackin at smackin@gibaultonline.com to register. Welcome Hawks!

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

And...our **spring musical this year will be “Beauty and the Beast”!!!** Auditions for grade school students will be on February 24 at 6:30PM at Gibault. The musical will be performed April 14-17.

BUILDERS CLUB Kids Against Hunger 23 donors have contributed \$1580 so far towards our goal of \$3000! Thank you! On February 6, we hope to make about 14,000 meals again. Help needed. 8:00 to 11:30. Can work in shifts.



BUILDERS CLUB M & M PROJECT Last week the Club sent home M & M tubes. Consider them a gift. Also, please consider sending the tubes back with change or some folding money for our Kids Against Hunger program. Last year we netted over \$700 from this project. Hannah Janson and Maggie Schulte are chairing for us. 65 have been returned already! Thank you!

ICS FATHERS CLUB ANNOUNCES: We have a date! Texas Hold'em!
Saturday Feb 27th - 7:30pm start - \$50 Buy in @ Immaculate Conception Church on Palmer Rd - Lower Level Last year we were 6 tickets short of selling out and it is a real possibility that we will sell out this year. I wanted to make sure and give our past supporters first opportunity to purchase tickets. Tickets available at Khoury Pharmacy in Columbia (101 N Main). They will take cash or check made payable to ICS Father's Club and you receive your ticket(s). Or email Devin Dalpoas at icsfathers@gmail.com and we will come up with an arrangement to get you tickets. Thank you so much for your past support and we look forward to seeing you on the 27th. See last week's attached flyer for details.

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. Open to Grades 5-8.

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 30th. 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).

THE SPORTING NEWS... Basketball uniforms need to be laundered and turned in. Volleyball uniforms will be issued after basketball uniforms are returned.

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

VOLLEYBALL PICTURES JAN. 22 We had some of the games flipped. Note the new time change please!

4:30 6th grade boys
4:45pm 8th grade girls
5:30pm 8th grade boys
5:45pm 5th grade girls
6:00pm 5th grade boys
6:15pm 6th grade girls
6:30pm 7th grade girls

- **COLUMBIA KHOURY LEAGUE** [see last week's attachment to sign up for the national game!](#)

PARISH NEWS...

FULL STEWARDSHIP COMMITMENT Number received from households which have students at ICS in K thru 8: 159 Number received: 87. Please download, pray, and complete and drop in the basket or send to the office. Form attached.

We have the new [BUILDING THE DOMESTIC CHURCH](#) booklets for this year ready to distribute to all ICS Families. See attachment.

Here is the link and attachment for other means of distributing:

<http://www.kofc.org/un/en/resources/domestic-church/building-domestic-church.pdf>

ANNUAL ALUMNI AND FRIENDS APPEAL Our School Board campaign has begun. \$3066.25 to date! Thanks for paying it forward! If you can't be an alumni, be a friend!

ONDESSONK We are the single largest group of campers annually to our Diocesan Camp. Time to register! You may not like your class mates in a school setting but you may find out they are your new best friend when you get to Camp O. Camp changes lives, love of nature, self-confidence! Register now and get the week you want! Come together---right now---at Camp O!

ASK ME ABOUT MY MERCY Paul Ott-Logan Loporto-Eva Haywood-Connor Thoma-Owen Haney-Blake Powers-Riley McGill-Elisabeth Schaefer-Mary Clare Murphy-Hailey Wilkerson-Caroline Roche

Mr. Anderson is doing well.

PRAYERS: Pat Morr, Jeanine Unwin, Jan Habermehl, Maddie Swip, Marian Keim, Dan Whelan, Josh Ritter, Mary Giovanni, Steve Wilkerson, Denise Conner, Kevin Diehl, Roy Lansing, Sis Blaes, 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**

MY DEAR THEOPHILUS Luke starts out this Sunday with a dedication to his friend---just like most books! And then he jumps to my favorite biblical quote of Jesus fulfilling the Hebrew Scripture:

*The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to bring glad tidings to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives
and recovery of sight to the blind,
to let the oppressed go free,
and to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord.*

In this Holy Year of Mercy, this is what we are tasked to do! What a great epitaph for us if people could say we brought glad tidings to the poor, freed people from their problems, helped people see, and really made the Holy Year of Mercy work! Come and hear this Good news for yourself. Theophilus represents us. Luke is dedicating his Gospel to us. Open the door of Church and come in to break open The Word!

Mike Kish
Principal

Ps **Report cards** are being sent home today. I will have some analysis in next week's letter. Some ups, some downs, but the work gets harder, time has to be managed, and analysis must occur to keep learning and growing. I am very proud of our work ethic here from our students, teachers, and parents! Cows don't "give" milk. You have to fight for every drop. Teachers should not "give" grades. Growth should be earned by effort, cooperation, and learning how to learn!

PS No A.M. Mass on January 27th. Mass at the new Church that night at 7:00 to celebrate!

Ps Catholic Schools Week is Sunday, January 31 to Feb. 7. We will close this year on the first Sunday in February. **THANKS FOR ALL THE POSTERS!** They are great!

Ps Entertainment Books---For Sale at \$20 each.

Band Schedule Week Jan 25-29

Monday

8:05-8:35 6th-8th Flute and Clarinet 1

8:35-9:05 6th-8th Clarinet 2

9:05-9:35 5th Flute

10:35-11:05 4th Flutes

11:05-11:35 4th Clarinet

Tuesday

7:15-7:50 **Jazz Band**

8:55-9:25 6th-8th Saxophone and F Horn

9:25-9:55 6th-8th Trumpet

9:55-10:35 5th Clarinet

11:05-11:35 4th Saxophone

11:35-12:05 4th Trumpet

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 6th-8th Low Brass

9:25-9:55 6th-8th Percussion

9:55-10:35 5th Saxophone

11:05-11:35 4th Low Brass

11:35-12:05 4th Percussion

Friday

8:05-8:35 5th Trumpet

8:35-9:05 5th Low Brass

9:05-9:35 5th Percussion

10:35-11:05 Jazz Band Sectionals

11:05-11:35 Smart Music Lab