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Celebrating 167 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.

January 29, 2021

Bienvenido el parrochia!

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8 Beatitudes--ICTHUS



175 years strong



USCCB Pastoral

Dear Parents, Guardians, and Friends,

Demi-semi-septi-centennial ---just say 175th anniversary of our Parish! We kicked off our year long celebration this week on the 8th anniversary of the dedication of our Church. Churches are buildings. The Church is people. Yet our history reminds us of how we got here and how our faith will keep us progressing towards building the kingdom. I will run weekly historical and noteworthy memories in the weeks to come. Let's get started!



175th anniversary work of art by Marsha Narzinski and Pat Stadler, our newest historical artifact



1 of our Communion gates 1927-1983

The pelican is a 12th century Church symbol. Pelicans were thought to be great nurturers for their young, even to the point of letting them consume the mother during times of hunger. We are to spend our lives in service to others. Now on display in our Pieta Reflection room.

January 27th Anniversary The parish was founded in 1846 and the school started in 1853 after the first Church was finished. James McQuade, an Irishman in a German town, donated Lot #25 and dug the foundation himself. It was in service till at least 1921 when a 4 room school and lower parish center was constructed by our Mr. Joe Gilbreth's great Grandfather and his brothers---Brand Brothers. The lower level was dug with mules and a slip. Concrete was hand mixed and poured in batches. Walls 22 inches thick. They had running water even. When they needed water, and older boy was sent running. You brought your own foldable cup. Outside toilets.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK When you look at the picture of our school theme of **"Open Wide Our Hearts"**, the United States Bishops' pastoral against racism, you can visualize a cloud over the Cross. This giant plus sign, this symbol of "God laughing at the face of death"(G.K. Chesterton), is trailed by a butterfly burst of hope and light that always follows our encounters with the crosses we bear in life. "No cross, no crown--- no pain, no gain", "offer it up before it goes away"(Marian Keim-former parish secretary), we have heard them all including--- "suck it up". As we deal with the Covid-19 pandemic we all realize we are in a year like no other. Being in a Catholic School allows us to bring another dimension into the narrative of our life. We find plenty of "virtue in the virtual" and are amazed by all the heroic efforts of essential workers everywhere to limit the agony of death, illness, isolation, and fears we face, and we pray for them!

This Sunday's Scriptures talk about anxiety and about teaching with authority. "God always speaks to us right where we are."(Fr. Vince Haselhorst, former pastor). We worry too much. And we love listening to someone who knows what they are talking about---the Lord!

CSW 2021 will feature a lot of fun activities, theme days, and a reminder of the role we are to play in following our watchwords of Mission, Community, and Service! We will celebrate Community, Students, our Nation, Vocations, ICS, and St. Joseph! In addition, the Diocese is sponsoring a Tik Tok Challenge Contest and an Art Contest in honor of St. Joseph(Pope Francis has dedicated this year to him.) We are so grateful for your support this school year and salute **all our benefactors** over the past 175+ years. History doesn't just happen. You make it every day! Our turn!

As we **"Open Wide Our Hearts"**, let's celebrate our differences. By doing so, we will understand our differences are what makes us great! Our anxieties will be lessened. We will listen to the Lord.

Check your daily calendar from last week to stay on top of the fun!



Casimir Cozzi is our seminarian for CSW!

THANKS to our snow crew Rich Toenjes, Mike Schaefer, Dave Heck, and Jim Held and thanks to Jim and Rich for hanging 21 pictures this week. Soon this will be "home".



Definitely not tongue tied. One hump or two?
MAGAZINE RENEWAL DRIVE #40

Mrs. Scheibe's Cohort kept Sam the Snake for 3 Turn-in Days and challenge you to take him away! We are at \$20k gross---which is ahead of last year's pace. Just renew with us!

Grades 7 and 8 have been holding out on us. Lead the way Class of 2021 and 2022! We need a MONSTER Day on Tuesday! David Callico is starring at 55 sales, and Hunter Tharp (38) and Will Schmoll (37) are in huge supporting roles along with You!

PARENTS AND FRIENDS VIRTUAL ICS DINNER AUCTION FEBRUARY 20, 2021! The theme is "Lucky 21" Ticket sales are now live at Lucky21.givesmart.com - Wish List: https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/2G7CTN9I0HQWW?ref=wl_share

Our Committee:

Mandy McGuire Tricia Haywood Maggie Bollone Jolene Sasser

This is the largest fund raiser in the parish and we really need a good one! Are you in?

ICS FATHER'S CLUB A chance to get a Super Bowl Wing! Kid vs. GOAT?

**ICS FATHER'S CLUB
SUPERBOWL WING FRV
AND PIZZA FUNDRAISER.**

Classic Jumbo Chicken Wings
Sold plain, in increments of 20.
\$25 per order of 20.

Sauces on the Side:
Syberg's, Fralley's, Hot.

Syberg's frozen 12" Pizzas
Triple Cheese, Joe Mama (meat lover), Double
Pepperoni, Signature Chicken \$10/ea

Cooking from Noon to 5
Please order at: icsfathers.square.site
Pickup will be drive-through only at ICS lower level.
SuperBowl Square Board available at \$25 per
chance.



Delivery service available in 62236 zip code for 1.0 dollar donation. Plain wings will have a light dash of season salt for flavor. We greatly appreciate your support and look forward to serving you on February 7th. Questions e-mail - icsfathers@gmail.com

WELCOME to NORA STERNAU who has joined our cafeteria staff! After life in the corporate world for 30 years and a forced Covid-19 early retirement, she decided to come and have some fun! More joy for lunch!

THE BAPTISM PROJECT--- April 24---the most important day of my life! Get your coupon for a dress down day! A signed parent note with the date will serve as proof.

Life is the art of drawing without an eraser.

We need a vaccine for hardness of heart and hardening of the attitudes.

When a Mom takes her young son to watch a beautiful sunset and exclaims to him “*God must have had art class today*”, you are reminded that parents are the first and best teachers. (From one of our Moms on FB.)



DAY 100



YOUNG AUTHORS TURN-IN It's that time again! **Turn in date for the spring Young Authors contest will be Wednesday, February 17th.** This will also be the jeans day for students turning in a story. We will again need parent volunteers for judging. Please contact Susie Funk at medic4837@gmail.com if you'd like to be a judge this year. Guidelines: Please do not write your name on your story, instead use a post-it note or attach your name on a separate piece of paper with a paperclip. The emphasis of the Young Authors program is on creativity! A parent volunteer will judge your work based on its originality, its organization (does your story have a beginning, middle, and ending?), and on its use of clear, descriptive words. Stories are evaluated based 75% on creativity and 25% on grammar and punctuation. You may also enter a poem. Students in grades 5 through 8 may also enter nonfiction essays including classroom assignments. Judges will be looking for clear, descriptive sentences and well-organized paragraphs. Any submission may be written at home or as part of a classroom assignment. Please do not submit work that has been entered in the Young Authors competition in a previous year. Young Authors is designed to encourage the student to write, however a parent can help with proofreading grammar, punctuation, and spelling. Very young authors may tell their story to a parent while the parent writes/types the story. It is important that the story be “*in the child's own words,*” which is the state rule for the Young Authors program. Parents should encourage their children to work on their submissions as independently as possible. Thanks to Susie Funk for chairing and all our judges! This is one of our best endeavors and Parents make it possible!

MOBAT Thanks to Patty Scace for some letters in card stock from the Missouri Botanical Gardens as they remodel. We are always falling into a tub of butter!

BIRTHRIGHT CHALLENGE: 50/50/50 Challenge! Jan 1st – Feb 15th.

Students, teachers, staff, all eligible to participate. **Participation prizes---** (1 Whizzie or Life is Sweet sticker per participant). Participants who collect \$50 or more will be eligible for one raffle entry for a \$25 Amazon gift card (1per school). Schools who meet or exceed their participation goal (50+ participants, each collecting \$50+ or a total collection of \$2500 or more per school) will be entered into the \$500 drawing (one school will win). **Online**

donation: <https://birthrightstl.org/50-50-50/>

We appreciate your support of our mission of love, hope and life!

Days to support DC funding. \$1.00

- February 5th = Sport Jersey Day to promote **Teamwork/upcoming Superbowl(Wear with your Blue and White for CSW)**
- March 5th = Dr. Seuss Day to promote **Reading**
- April 9th = Hat day to promote **“Thinking cap” & Father Carl’s favorite activity**
- May 7th = Hawaiian Day to promote **Goodwill**, with all proceeds going to 8th grade DC Trip.

KC Auto Show Early Notice Saturday, October 2nd, 2021 Immaculate Conception Church 411 Palmer Road, Columbia, IL 62236 Registration 9:00am-11:00am, Show 11:00am-3pm Dash plaque & Attendance Prizes for all Registrants \$15 Entry – Display \$20 Entry – Judged – Judging by the “Give Back Pack” 50/50 Raffle Raffle Lic. #5131 Music by Hot Rod Nights Photographers on hand. Pics will be posted on website.

God Wink: For my 60th, the school made a file box of jokes for me. Jeanne sent them to school so I could use the backsides for my To Do lists. This was Tuesday’s:

"Mommy, Mommy, I got an A+ on my Science test!"

"Shut up and stop bragging or I'll stop paying your teacher."

It was from Hannah Varel. After Parish Council Tuesday night, I had a contact from her Dad Ken who touches base occasionally. He is so grateful for his family’s ICS experience. He and Inger raised 4 great kids. So he sent me this update:

Erika is teaching high school math at St. Charles West and coaching VB

Hannah is coaching college basketball in Lexington, KY

Lauren is living and working in Chicago for a medical insurance provider.

Nathaniel is working in Chicago and was married in 2018 at St. Patrick's Cathedral in NYC. He and Alex had a baby girl Angelina last September.

GIBAULT CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL NEWS...Valentine’s Day Sweet Treats Sale

Need a special treat for your Valentine? The Gibault Catholic High School Women's Club has you covered! They are selling Valentine treats made especially for them by Sisters' Sweets in Columbia. Choose from individual heart-shaped brownies, rice crispy treats, and sugar cookies or heart-shaped chocolate chip cookie cakes to share with a group. Order and pay online by February 5 at GCHSTreats.givesmart.com.

Pickup at the Gibault Gym Lobby on February 12 from 3 p.m.-6 p.m. In school delivery for students and teachers is also available!

Spend a Day with Us! We invite 8th graders and students from other high schools to spend a day on our campus! Schedule your Shadow Visit to get a first-hand look at a day in the life of a Hawk. Shadow students and their student ambassador attend classes, eat lunch in our cafeteria, enjoy off mods, and meet teachers and coaches! We also offer Private Tours for the entire family. Tours are a great way to see our campus and ask our Director of Enrollment any questions you may have. To schedule a Shadow Visit or Private Tour, contact our Director of Enrollment, Kelly Day, at kday@gibalthawks.com or 939-3883.

Winter Play Gibault Catholic High School Presents: *Pride and Prejudice* January 28-30 at 7 p.m. and January 31 at 2 p.m. in the GCHS Auditorium. Tickets are \$10.00; seating is limited. Please email actorsattic@gmail.com for reservations. Virtual viewing available for \$20 by contacting actorsattic@gmail.com.

Gibault Raffle-Mania! It's not too late to purchase your Raffle-Mania ticket! Lots of chances to win with daily, monthly, and grand prize drawings. You can buy your ticket online at www.GibaultRaffle.givesmart.com or contact the school office at 939-3883.

Gibault Enrollment Office Our placement exam for the Class of 2025 is rescheduled for Saturday, January 16, 2021, at 8:30 a.m. Please RSVP to Susan Mackin at smackin@gibalthawks.com. We are currently offering private tours of our campus and are also scheduling shadow visits. To schedule a tour/arrange a shadow visit, contact Director of Enrollment, Kelly Day, at kday@gibalthawks.com or 939-3883.

Sr. Thea Bowman Catholic School will hold a Virtual Auction this year from March 10-13. The Mega Raffle for \$10,000 has already started. **Tickets: \$100** Buy 1, Get 1 / Buy 2, Get 3 / Buy 3, Get 5 email Karen Waide at kwaide@srthea.org

As a Full Stewardship Parish, we will practice stewardship as a corporate body on February 14 and donate 2% of last year's Sunday collections to charities we do not already serve. \$37,340 will be sent to charities. To nominate a charity for vetting(so we don't include one we already serve or The Human Fund), please see the cover of last Sunday's bulletin to nominate. Then vote! Open hands allow us to receive too!

Fr. Gary Gummersheimer no update

Tish Litteken of our cafeteria staff had a fall and needs to have her ankle fixed. Please keep her in your prayers for a successful surgery. We will miss her!

IN OUR PRAYERS PLEASE: **Mary Stonis**, grandmother of Paul Ott has been called home to God. Special lady indeed.

Alfred Doerhoff Our condolences to Mike (Karen) Weiler on the loss of special Uncle Alfred this week. No matter how long we live, the connections in life get us through. God's peace to him and the family.

Irvin Eichenseer, Lauren(Kaylee, Logan, Landon's)grandpa and great grandpa is a major strength in the family's life so extra prayers are appreciated as he recovers.

JOSH DYCUS(30), Mrs. Epplin's nephew, is in SLU Hospital with pneumonia and Covid. Prayers please! Covid-19 does play favorites with age and pre-existing conditions but it dips down wherever it can to harm us. I hate to personify a virus but we are at war with it. Please follow all protocols.

ELAINE SCHORB is home---keep the prayers coming. I owe her a lunch!

STEVE PATTON had his surgery this week and the doctors felt very good about his prognosis. Please keep up the prayers as he will be recovering for a while.

JOANN SWIP, Diane Zika's Mom, is having a heart cath today to check her stents. Prayers for this good lady!

DONNA HOGGARD, Mrs. Huebner's(Rob's sister) sister-in-law, cancer. Donna is a graduate of ICS and lives in Georgia. She is 56 years old with 5 children and 5 grandchildren. She is as beautiful on the inside as she is on the outside. She is a strong woman, but she has a really tough road ahead of her. Please help her and the rest of the family find some sort of peace with this diagnosis. Prayers please!

Sawyer Matthew Kanofsky, 17 months, of Waterloo, died Jan. 20, 2021, at Mercy South after a choking incident at a Columbia day care. When a tragedy like this happens, there are no words except from the Book of Lamentations. A memorial gathering will be here tomorrow. Sawyer's grandparents are parishioners. A memorial fund has been set up in Sawyer's name for the Columbia Police, Columbia EMS and Mercy South Emergency Department - Sawyer's Go Fund Me Page. Fr. Carl has the service. Pray for him for the strength to bring consolation to the family. God's peace to his family. Sometimes, our only hope is our faith in the Resurrection.

PRAYERS: Special Intention Tish Litteken, JoAnn Swip, Donna Hoggard, Irvin Eichenseer, Josh Dycus, Steve Patton, Elaine Schorb, Walt and Pat Novak, Fr. Gary Gummersheimer, Lynn Dugan, Harley Greer, Pat Whelan, Gary Greenfield, Pete Riederer, Dennis Stork, Velma Taylor, Steve Killy, Joan Prigge, Joanna Prigge Ellner, George Perry, Gladys Williamson, Danielle Dorlac, Arlin Stechmesser, Karen Hornacek, Seth Watters, Glyn Raeber, Mike Drone, Geraldine McCoy, Kathy Neal, Logan Eichenseer, Ashley Burris, Ed Schaefer, Libby LoPorto, Tom Giovanni, Dion Scherr Miller, Donna Kania, Owen Jordan, Anthony Hendricks, Shawn Eichoff, Charlie Stockes, Angela Roepke, Jan Hoffmann, Bill West, Jennifer Nesser, Tom Kish, Patti Rottler, Mike Taylor

Mike Kish
Principal

Ps Today, around the world, we pray for the protection of the unborn! Life---God's greatest gift---from the moment of conception to the grave! Pro-Life in all ways!

Ps VALENTINE COVID LIMITATIONS Let's run this like Halloween. St. Valentine's Day is on a Sunday. Valentine's should be brought in early to sit before being handed out on Friday 12. Snacks should only be pre-packaged---and not too much!



Ps Sunday mornings at 9:30 on Channel 11. Niece Jayne Ballew is executive producer. Short clips. Local interest. Inspiring. Stories about us! Well worth building your schedule around or catching online later.

SO HOW DID I GET HERE?

In order to be born, you needed:

- 2 parents
- 4 grandparents
- 8 great-grandparents
- 16 second great-grandparents
- 32 third great-grandparents
- 64 fourth great-grandparents
- 128 fifth great-grandparents
- 256 sixth great-grandparents
- 512 seventh great-grandparents
- 1,024 eighth great-grandparents
- 2,048 ninth great-grandparents

For you to be born today from 12 previous generations, you needed a total of 4,094 ancestors over the last 400 years.

Think for a moment – How many struggles? How many battles? How many difficulties? How much sadness? How much happiness? How many love stories? How many expressions of hope for the future? – did your ancestors have to undergo for you to exist in this