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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.**

*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*

February 16, 2018

*Bienvenido el parrochia!*

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Dear Parent,

**PARKLAND, FLORIDA** There aren't any words to describe the shock and horror of the 8<sup>th</sup> school shooting of the year on Ash Wednesday. We cannot allow ourselves to become numb. We cannot excuse it away. Action must be taken nationally. We can be vigilant and observant and practice and think about our own school setting as well. **Starting Tuesday, access to school for Latchkey and All Grades will be through the office doors ONLY.** We had been opening the cafeteria door for Latchkey and the Kindergarten area for 10 minutes. No more. Sorry for the inconvenience. The extra safety is worth it. Gym access for after school hours will be by the cafeteria.



**KING AND QUEEN AND CARDINAL OF MARDI GRAS** They said play some music for the Limbo. I said "like what?" Maybe Hawaiian? So I played "Lovely Hula Hands" 126 times till Lily and Steven were crowned! The next day I thought about "Jack be nimble, Jack be quick." That handle didn't stick.

**Day 3 of Lent already.** Our time of preparation will either fly by as we reflect on growing spiritually or just be another placeholder till Easter arrives. Stopping time, stealing moments, grabbing some minutes to pray, getting away from the water cooler or gossip might be the time you need to refresh yourself. The world around us is to be noticed. The rain drops that kept me up last night were watering the grass in my yard and my neighbors in the cemetery. I thanked God for them since I could not sleep anyhow. If everything comes from God, and acts from God and goes back to God as St. Bonaventure taught, Alpha and Omega makes sense. The short time on earth of an obscure carpenter turned itinerant preacher could be raindrops that keep you awake. Regardless, reflect on the Lenten pillars of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Use the time that is Lent!

**Texas Hold'em Tournament TONIGHT** Fathers Club is hosting our annual tourney on Friday Feb. 16, 2018 in the Garden Level of the Church. 6:30pm doors open 7:30pm cards begin. Tickets at Khoury Pharmacy for pre-sale. Spread the word! Thanks to Devin Dalpoas and Committee !

**Still no word on little boy Taylor.** Mom's been mall walking to get him to delivery. Prayers please!

**Congratulates to Jacob Jordan(Chris and Amanda) on the birth of brother Owen James** at 7 pounds 7 ounces and doing great!

**MAJOR CHESS MEET HERE TOMORROW.** Thanks to Coach Cyra Herrmann, Team and parents for an exciting morning. Saturday school continues!

**ONLY 8 DAYS UNTIL WE KICK OFF THE ANNUAL ICS DINNER AUCTION,  
"BUILDING A KINGDOM"! FEBRUARY 24 - 6PM!**

- If you haven't bought your ticket, yet, NOW is the time, and it is absolute LAST CALL for Grandparent Honor Roll and Auction Book Ads. You can take care of all these things through the auction website - [www.ics2018.gesture.com](http://www.ics2018.gesture.com)
- Wine and liquor donations are still being accepted! Please turn them in to the office.
- Yeti and Purse raffle tickets are available to purchase online, and we'll have a few more fun surprises for you on auction night. The doors (and the bar) open at 6pm - you might want to arrive on time to get in on the fun!
- We have so many awesome items up for bid. There's absolutely something for everyone!
- As a little sneak peak, here are a sampling of some of the parties that will be sold on our live auction this year. So talk to your friends, now, and be ready to bid next Saturday!
  - \* A 5 course dinner at TWISTED TREE for 10 people with wine pairings
  - \* A party for 12 inspired by the hit book/series BIG LITTLE LIES at the top 11 SOUTH with heavy appetizers and cocktails
  - \* Golf and BBQ for 11 with Fr. Carl
  - \* A weekend getaway for 8 on a PRIVATE JET to your choice of Memphis, Nashville, Chicago, or Kansas City with swag bags and \$1000 toward your overnight stay
  - \* A painting party with ICS Faculty with everything included for an awesome artistic evening

Interested in helping? We still have spots to fill for auction prep and workers the night of: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090c4bada72faafd0-dinner>

See you next week!

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ---IT's Fish-Fry Time!... New to the Menu Macaroni and Cheese  
Fish-Fry Schedule Friday, February 23, 4:00pm-7:00pm Friday, March 2, 4:00pm-7:00pm  
Friday, March 16, 4:00pm-7:00pm Good Friday, March 30, 4:00pm-7:00pm Menu: Fish Sandwich  
\$6.50 Fish Plate (includes choice of two sides) \$9.50 1/2 lb of Fish \$6.50 1-lb of Fish \$12.00 Shrimp  
(5) \$6.50 Shrimp Plate \$9.50 (includes choice of 2 sides) Sides: Fries \$1.50 Slaw \$1.50 Hush  
Puppies \$1.50 Mac & Cheese \$1.50 \*Fish orders include choice of bread. Bread Options: White,  
Wheat or Rye \*We accept credit and debit cards and cash which is just like money!**



**Stations of the Cross...** Friday afternoons at 2:15 in the gym at ICS and 7 p.m. Friday evenings at church.

**Lenten Regulations...** Everyone 14 years of age or over is bound to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday & Good Friday, and all Fridays in Lent. Everyone 18 years of age and under 59 years of age is also bound to fast on Ash Wednesday & Good Friday. On these two days of fast and abstinence, only one full meatless meal is allowed. The other meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength may be taken according to ones needs, but altogether they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted on these two days, but liquids, including milk and fruit juices are allowed. When health and ability to work would be seriously affected, the obligation of the law is modified. Because Lent is a special season for all Christians, we should not lightly excuse ourselves from these penitential practices. To completely disregard the law of fast and abstinence is seriously sinful.



**GOD ALWAYS SPEAKS TO US RIGHT WHERE WE ARE.** On Kids Against Hunger Day when you are going to pack 70 cases of food for over 15,000 people you don't know, the day's Gospel is from Mark 8:1-10. 7 loaves and a few fish feed 4000! **Tell me it is a coincidence.**

<b>Kids Against Hunger</b>			
<b>Year</b>	<b>meals</b>	<b>cases</b>	<b>to</b>
<b>2018</b>	<b>15,984</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>Honduras and 4 local</b>
9 years	121,608	536	avg. 13,512

Jerry and Marcia Albrecht assisted by Karen Fremel, Susan Barnett, and Jack Barnett of **Washington Overseas Mission**, led us in the assembly-line packaging of the packets that will feed 6, have a 3 year shelf life, and provide enough nutrition for a person to live for a day. Consisting of soy meal, dried vegetables, rice, and a protein powder developed by scientists from 3 M, Archer Daniels Midland and Cargill containing the 21 missing nutrients from the poorest countries in the world, Members of the Columbia Kiwanis, ICS and CMS Builders Clubs, CMS Key Club, Girl Scouts, Knights of Columbus, Ursuline Academy, Gibault High School, Red Bud High School Act of Random Kindness Group, and Immaculate Conception Parish totaling 37 people: Sharon Nealon, Courtney Hofstetter, Jasper Vitale, Jolene Devlin, Lynda Hofstetter, Brad Doyle, Lily Misra, Adrianna Misra, Hunter James, Lauren Bernhard, Charity Wright, Bruce Doyle, Emily Pfeffer, Haley Glover, Jenna Pfeffer, Manav Misra, Audrey Sullivan, Pat McDermott, Dorian Thorne, Hannah Watson, Luke Watson, Sandra Whitworth, Joe Whitworth, Catie Whitworth, Jeanne Kish, Megan Barbee, Mary Boser, Paula Poser, Sarah Gundstorf. Thanks to our generous donors who made this possible!



**FIRST PLACE AT SCIENCE OLYMPIAD!**  
 Everyone medaled! On to State!  
 Immaculate Conception Catholic School in Columbia, Illinois competed Saturday, February 10, 2018 at Lindenwood University in Belleville in the Lindenwood Regional Science Olympiad. 13 teams competed from 10 schools in 23 different events. The team is coached by Dan

Kassebaum and parents. Team awards: 1<sup>st</sup> place and our 17<sup>th</sup> bid since 1995 to State Science Olympiad to be held at the University of Illinois, April 21, 2018.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO KAREN WEILER** upon selection to St. Louis University *Introduction to Engineering Workshop*. This will be a Saturday Camp and an honor for Mrs. Weiler where we will benefit!



**SAINT LOUIS  
 UNIVERSITY**  
 — EST. 1818 —



DAR First Place Poster Contest! Congratulations to Hope Schwartz!



Chief Judge Andy Gleeson, Associate Judge Heinz Rudolph, Associate Judge John O'Gara, all of the 20th Judicial District, presented on Abraham Lincoln and the law on February 12. Interesting fact: Ava Hake, Charley Hake and sisters Maria and Nora are related to Dr. Samuel Mudd through Mom Molly. Dr. Mudd has a lot of relatives in our area!

### **Daddy/Daughter Dance Thank You...Part II:**

We knew we'd forget someone, we just don't know how we forgot about the most talent people of the evening. A big thank you to Emma Blaskiewicz, Georgia Sasser, Caitlyn Schwartz, and Reece Ward for entertaining all the girls as they entered the dance by playing Papparazzi. And move over Ryan Seacrest... Emma Blaskiewicz is about to take over!!! What an amazing job she did putting extra smiles on the girls' faces when she announced their names as they walked into the gymnasium. We would also like to thank Ed Williamson for offering his photography skills throughout the evening. The memories will last a lifetime now!

**Thank you for another successful Box Tops collection.** If your child turned in 25 box tops they can wear crazy socks on Thursday 2/22. If your child turned in 50 or more box tops, they can wear crazy socks and a hat on Thursday 2/22. Mrs. Tolan's class won the pizza party and jeans day, date TBD. Keep collecting! We will do one final collection before summer so we don't miss some of those expiring.

**PAPA JOHN'S TUESDAY NIGHT SPECIAL FOR FEBRUARY 20:** If our total sales exceed our largest event of the year of \$897, all students and staff in the school will receive a **FREE Medium 1 topping pizza coupon!!** This special offer is not listed on our flyer. So up to you to Promote, Promote, Promote!!

Dana Martin, Regional Marketing Specialist

### **GRADS in the NEWS...**

Brett DeLaria, ICS '04, is director of 1818 Advanced College Credit at St. Louis University! Congratulations to **Elena Biske** ICS '14 on wining Best of Show at the Gibault Art contest!

### **DO YOU KNOW WHICH HIGH SCHOOL YOUR CHILD WILL ATTEND?**

With great academics, top-notch sports, and an emphasis on the arts, we have no doubt your child will feel at home at **Gibault Catholic**. Join us for a tour to see it all for yourself. Contact Pat Herzing ([pherzing@gibaulthawks.com](mailto:pherzing@gibaulthawks.com)) to schedule your tour.

**GIBAULT SCHOLARSHIPS** - Scholarship application packages and variable tuition instructions for incoming freshmen are being mailed out now to those who have completed applications on file. If you have not received one, please contact Pat Herzing ([pherzing@gibaulthawks.com](mailto:pherzing@gibaulthawks.com))

**DISCOVER GIBAULT LIFE** – 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students who want to check out high school life at Gibault are invited to shadow a current student. Contact Pat Herzing ([pherzing@gibaulthawks.com](mailto:pherzing@gibaulthawks.com)) to schedule a visit!

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ESSAY CONTEST...** 2018 K of C Catholic High School Scholarship Essay contest will be held Sunday, March 11 @ 1p.m. (after 11a.m. Mass), in the lower level of church in the K of C room. No late entry/or make-up dates. The prize is one \$2,000 scholarship-payable over 4 years- paid directly to the Catholic high school where the winner will attend. The participants must be ICC Parish Members who will be entering freshmen for the 2018-2019 school year. Any questions, please call Kevin W. Hutchinson (Not the Mayor), 314-974-7072.

**FAMILY BOWLING NIGHT... SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18TH FROM 6:00 - 8:00 PM** ~Columbia's West Park Bowl The Knights of Columbus invite you to enjoy a night of bowling, pizza and drink. Reservations are required. Please arrive at 5:45 pm and \$40.00 per lane includes shoe rental, a pizza and a pitcher of soda. Single (\$10.00) and couples (\$20) are welcome. If you have young children and would like bumpers, please indicate when making reservations and will only be available on a first come basis. FYI: No school the next day. Please call, text or e-mail Nick Matrisotto to make your reservations at (314) 609-7092 or [stlouisareamaps@aol.com](mailto:stlouisareamaps@aol.com).

**THE BARD** Shakespeare Festival St. Louis comes to ICS on Feb. 20<sup>th</sup>. Grades 5-8. *Romeo & Juliet* study guide: <https://www.sfstl.com/wp-content/uploads/2012/04/SFSTL-Romeo-and-Juliet-Study-Guide.pdf> The Eppinger Foundation is funding this 10:30 presentation. Workshop in afternoon from 1:15 to 2:00 in classrooms. This has always been an outstanding cultural performance! Thanks to Dorothy Weinel Eppinger who's legacy lives on and to Pastor Bill Groennert and Mrs. Patti French for advocating for us! Stop by if you are available!

**THE SPORTING NEWS... Sign Up For Girls on the Run**

It's time to sign your girls up for Girls on the Run!! Any girl grades 3-8 are welcome to participate in this 10 week program. We will be meeting Tuesday and Thursdays until 4:15pm, with flexibility to accommodate chess practice. Our primary goal will be to run the Girls on the Run 5K in St. Louis on May 12 and participate in the ICS 5K glow run on May 5. Please consider signing your girls up for this exciting new program!! Go to [www.girlsontherunstlouis.org](http://www.girlsontherunstlouis.org) to sign up. Please contact Jessica Wachtel, [314-749-1663](tel:314-749-1663), with any questions.

**LOOKING FOR THE RAINBOW** Genesis has the great story of the rainbow as a covenant with God. Few can behold its beauty and not get a sense of Awe which is a word that should be reserved for God. As we should all know, and the Franciscans love to teach, Jesus was not God's Plan B. (Plan A didn't work so God sent Plan B to fulfill the Law and the Covenant? Nope.) In our Triune God, we have a circle, an Alpha and an Omega, with no starting or ending point. Jesus, as human and divine, does provide us with a path to follow. He shows us The Way. So this Sunday's Gospel has Jesus in the desert for 40 days. 40 is a biblical number that implies "as long as necessary". We go on retreats that are sometimes too short, or too long or just right. Moses wandered 40 years in the desert till the Hebrews were ready for the Promised Land. "As long as it takes" is a biblical number. Come to the desert and prepare for the Three High Holy Days to come. As we know, anything worth having, is worth waiting on. And so we prepare.

*Mike Kish*

Principal

PS No school on Monday in honor of Presidents' Day.

PS Registration for new families for ICS will be March 18 from 10:00 to 12:30 in the school cafeteria.

PS Magazine Drive \$4757.84 profit from on-line sales! The more you pay, the sooner we get, the less interest we will pay for our new Catholic Education and Activity Center!

GPS **Join us Under the Sea! Gibault Catholic High School's spring musical is *the Little Mermaid*** and we would like to invite our feeder school students in grades 1-8 to join us as part of our cast. Auditions will be held in the Gibault auditorium Monday, February 26 at 6:00 PM.

Contact MaryBeth Babcock [actorsattic@gmail.com](mailto:actorsattic@gmail.com) if you have any questions.

On the lighter side...

## A Catholic Guide to Ashes

