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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.

February 17, 2017

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THE JOY OF LOVE

Dear Parent, Guardian, Student, Teacher, Friend,

PARENTS AND FRIENDS DINNER AUCTION



CEAC Remember just a few years ago when we blessed the cross where the gym will be? We are picking up steam now and need you to realize you owe a commitment to the process. If you haven't completed your stewardship form, get it in. If you have been visited with a request for our Campaign, get it in. If you haven't been visited yet, be patient and we will get you in! We have a soft deadline of May 1 to get pledges in so we know if we have to borrow and can get the shovel in the ground. 10-14

months for construction. Our days here are numbered. Be on the look-out for good news and be a part of it. We all need to give back to belong. We don't want anyone to go through Immaculate Conception Parish. We want Immaculate Conception Parish to go through you!

PARENTS AND FRIENDS What an Auction! Report coming soon! Teacher wish needs were met early and they are ordering those class room items.

From Mandy McGuire:

First, THANK YOU to all who donated, helped set up or clean up and/or attended the 2017 Dinner Auction, it was a HUGE success. A few house keeping items. Please review your receipts, if you have any missing information or incorrect information please email us at icsuaction@icsmail.org.

Second, we have a BUY IN party still available to purchase through 2-28-17. Item #122 on the auction site, ics2017.gesture.com There are only 25 tickets left buy yours today!

Most certificates that were not picked up went home today, if you didn't get yours please let us know. If you bought teacher time then you will need to contract your child's teacher to get the date arranged. Finally, I have a pair of glasses that were left and an archery target! If these belong to you please let us know. Thanks again!!! Mandy

ICS FATHERS CLUB Feb 18th Texas Hold 'em 7:30pm ---\$50 Buy-in Feb 18 - 7:30pm @ IC Church Garden Level. Early Reserved Tickets will be on sale next week at Khoury Pharmacy on Main in Columbia or at the door. This event is limited seating so get your tickets early to guarantee a spot. Same format as last year, hope to see everyone there. All proceeds towards ICS. icsfathers@gmail.com or [\(314\) 690-3237](tel:3146903237) questions? Devin Dalpoas

THE HARP TWINS, sponsored by the Dorothy Weinel Eppinger Foundation, at our Church Tonight at 7:00. Google them and be impressed! You won't believe how great they are---and then go to DQ!

BUILDERS CLUB DANCE TOMORROW NIGHT. \$3 admittance and your best behavior. Grades 6-8 7:00 pm to 9:30 pm. Profits to BC Charities. Thanks to Holly Blaskeiwicz for making this work. We are 2 chaperons off. Please step up and call Holly.

THE CHILDREN'S CHOIR WILL BE SINGING AT 9:00 MASS ON FEB. 19TH.



Terrific Kid – February 2017

Mrs. Diewald: Carolyn Randle - Carolyn is the Terrific Kid in our class for the month of February. She is a hard worker in all subject areas and is always willing to put forth extra effort even when things are difficult. Carolyn is a great rule follower and helps to keep her classmates on task. She is a great friend and truly a terrific kid.

Mrs. Meyer: Megan Janson – Megan is a Terrific Kid because she has a positive attitude and is always willing to lend a hand. She follows the classroom rules consistently and is a good role model for classmates.

Mrs. Matrisotto: Cheyenne May - Cheyenne has been working hard, putting extra effort towards her work, and doing acts of kindness. I am very proud of you.

Ms. Kennedy: Connor Thoma - Connor works hard in the classroom. He is very bright and consistently has his work done on time. He continues to show how he can be a responsible student.

Mrs. Donjon: Kate Adams - Kate is a joy to have in the classroom. She is an extremely hard worker and always does the best she can. She is always volunteering to help out and is a wonderful friend to all.

Mrs. Ettling: Owen Haney – Owen is a Terrific Kid because he is always positive and always shows effort. He works well with everyone in class.

Mrs. Schauster: Samantha Glasscock – Samantha is a Terrific Kid because she is a friend to everyone. She greets people with a smile and always has a kind word to share with her classmates.

Mrs. Taylor: Gavin Kesler - Gavin has shown great improvement in the classroom since the beginning of the year. He always participates in class and asks thoughtful questions.

THE BAND Can't be everywhere but I heard the recording! We were great with 11 out sick and only having to borrow one drummer. Kudos to Mr. Hake was sick as well. The Show must go on. It is called life. Great lesson for us!

SPEECH MEET at St. James **PERFECT!** Jaqie Gogolek, Olivia Blaskiewicz, Allison Stark

First: Aiden Sullivan(missed a perfect by 13 seconds too fast), Audrey Sullivan, Emma Tippen, Anna Haubrich and Allison Shuler simply amazing Coach Sam Watters! Congratulations TEAM!



Judge Heinz Ruolph of the 20th Judicial District helped ICS celebrate Lincoln's Birthday on February 13 by reading "*Abraham Lincoln's Hat*" by Margaret Brenner. There are certain people and things every educated person in the world can discuss or know about---the Bible, Shakespeare, Jesus Christ, Lincoln, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. The Judge did a great job. It wasn't but a few years ago he was playing against us for Blessed Sacrament on the floor from which he spoke. A great "career day" for our students. And some great questions--

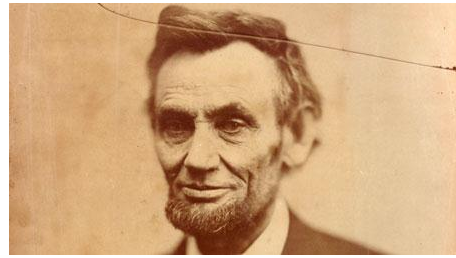
--"*did you ever have a case you had a hard time deciding?*" "*Did you ever have a case overturned?*" "*What do you think about Presidential Executive Orders?*"

Here he is pictured with his Mom Christina Rudolph of our parish and some 7th graders. His dad is Dr. Heinz Rudolph who practiced medicine for over 40 years. Christina was born in the States but her family went back to Germany in 1939 and she was caught up in the horrors of WW II. She has shared her story with us. She is active in our parish and Doc is struggling with some health issues but he has Christina there for him!

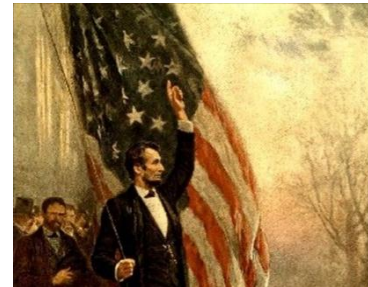
Lincoln

Six word Stories created by 5th and 7th grade

Wise face. Strong. Reader. Successful leader.
Past is past. Unity is future.
Straight. Tall. Standing for our country.
Ruling with much courage and passion.
Freedom unites Lincoln and his people.
Power from once a poor man.
Considering the situation. Leader of cooperation.
Breaking color laws. Helping the world.
Holding hands. Weathered face. Battle scars.



Hoping with faith. Waiting with wisdom.
Looking to future. Determination for America.
Making a stand. Fighting. Winning freedom.
The past gone. Look forward now.
Injustice today. War tomorrow. Freedom forever.
American flag shedding light on slavery.
Determination with authority. None turn away.



And the Principal said... Humble beginnings. Forged by life. Immortal!

BOXTOPS FOR EDUCATION it was a close one! And we should earn over \$800! Thanks Carrie Boser and Mrs. Schauster! Friday the 24th is pay day for jeans/hat/ socks day for participants
1st place earning 15 minutes of extra recess & a jeans day = Mrs. Tolan's class
2nd place earning a jeans day = Mrs. Schauster's class
3rd place earning 10 minutes of extra recess = Mrs. Borgmeier's class

YEARBOOK 2016-2017 Order your 2016/2017 yearbook online at jostens.com. Price is \$18.00. Order forms will not be sent home this year. All ordering online. Thanks to Kim Foutch, our Yearbook Sponsor and to Keeven Photography and Jostens for our keepsake.

36th Annual ICS Magazine Drive Go to www.gaschoolstore.com to continue ordering on-line. Our ID # is 2710556. MOTHER/FATHER'S DAY

Chess Meet Dates so far... ICS - February 25 March 18 St. Clare
Chess 2016-2017 Practice Schedule: Cyra Herrmann, ICS Chess Coach
Practices for Grades 1&2: Tues 2/21, Tues 3/14
Practices for Grades 3&4: Tues 2/28, Tues 3/21
Practices for grades 5-8: Tues 3/7, Tues 3/28

BUILDERS CLUB Tomorrow is our big day. Come and help if you can!



Saturday, February 18 is the big day for Kids Against Hunger. The Columbia High School Key Club will help set-up at 7:30 and we are counting on having over 30 workers here to create about 65 cases of food to feed over 14,000 people. We should be finished and cleaned up by 11:30. Thanks to Director Molly Tippen, Marie Prindiville for co-chairing, Ms. Sharon Nealon for making the arrangements, and to all who will **WORK**. *Some give to the Missions by going. Some go to the Missions by giving! And nothing works unless you do!* Thanks for giving---Time, Talent, Treasure!



Scott and Heather Schaefer Family Benefit The Immaculate Conception Parish School of Religion teachers will host a 1950s Sock Hop Dinner Dance on Saturday, April 1, 2017, at Turner Hall in Columbia, Ill., from 6pm - Midnight, to benefit the Scott and Heather Schaefer Family. A \$40 ticket includes dinner, beer/wine/soda, dancing and fun! The evening features all your '50s favorites spun by A Family Affair DJs, basket raffles, a barrel of booze, 50/50 drawings and more.

Scott needs extensive medical care to cover a traumatic brain injury received as a result of industrial electric shocks, and has been unable to work. Scott and his wife Heather (beloved former PSR coordinator at ICC) have three beautiful boys, Silas, age 4, Quentin, age 3, and Isaac, age 1. All proceeds from this event go directly to Scott and Heather for non-insured medical expenses and basic household needs.

To request reservations or arrange to make a donation, send an email to schaeferbenefit2017@gmail.com. If you can rock and you can roll, get your friends together and meet us "at the hop"!

Spring Musical Time! Gibault Catholic is proud to present the musical comedy "Curtains" April 20-23. If you are a 7th or 8th grade student and want to experience musical theatre, Gibault is the place for you! Auditions will be on Wednesday, Feb 22, at 5PM in the auditorium. If you are interested but have a conflict with the date, please make an appointment by emailing director Mary Beth Babcock at actorsattic@gmail.com or call [618-719-1264](tel:618-719-1264)

CALLING ALL GIBAULT and SPPHS ALUMNI! Gibault Catholic High School is celebrating our 50th Anniversary with an Open House ALL CLASS REUNION on **Saturday, March 4** from 4pm-10pm. All Alumni, Parents, and Friends are invited to help celebrate our 50th Anniversary with tours, music (8-10 pm), souvenirs, and a cash bar. Come help us celebrate 50 years of Hawk pride!

PAPA JOHN'S INCENTIVE OFFER I want to offer you a fun incentive for your event on Feb 21st. If your total sales exceed \$500 I will give all students and staff in the school a FREE Medium 1 topping pizza coupon!! How does that sound? This special offer is not listed on your flyer. So up to you to Promote, Promote, Promote!! Thanks for all you do, Dana Martin

CALLING ALL SUPERHEROES!!! Mark your calendars...ICS Superhero Camp is the **week of June 26th**. We are recruiting superheroes entering kindergarten through 5th grades to fine tune their skills for the upcoming school year. Superboys and supergirls will solve math problems faster than a speeding bullet, experiment with super powers in science, cook up "super" nutritious lunches & snacks, learn the latest superhero technology, leap tall buildings in a single bound, and fine tune their super powers. Camp will be from 8am to 3pm at Immaculate Conception School with before & after care available. Information & registration forms are attached. To receive a \$25 discount, registration is due by Friday, March 31st. Contact Mrs. Epplin (bepplin@icsmail.org) with any questions. We will have online registration & payment available next week.

Seeking Potential Babysitter / DayCare Provider (Monday-Friday) for our 3.5 month old this upcoming August. Should you have any recommendations or are interested in providing care for our little one please contact us at kjendraske@yahoo.com or [618-616-0942](tel:618-616-0942). Thank you!

SUMMER HELP AVAILABLE Hi, my name is **Amanda Schmidt** & I am a graduate of ICS as well as Gibault Catholic High School & currently just started my second semester at Missouri State University! This summer I am looking for a part-time babysitting job & would be happy to drive to run errands, go to practices or camps, as well as do crafts, go to the pool, or anything else! My number is [618-978-0145](tel:618-978-0145), let me know if you are interested!

I LOVE FISHING. YOU CATCH 'EM. I'LL EAT 'EM This year the Knights of Columbus are expanding the fish fry from 4 to 7 during lent. with the additional proceeds going to the CEAC Fund. Come enjoy parish fellowship! We need your help to make this a success. If you can help in any way (serve, clean, cook, or make a dessert) please go to www.kofc6165.org and pick a shift or call Jim Vonderhaar @ [314-494-8874](tel:314-494-8874). If you are donating a dessert please bring to the cafeteria after 2pm on the day of the fish fry. The first fish fry is March 1, Ash Wednesday and every Friday in Lent except March 3 serving from 4-7pm in the ICS cafeteria. Featuring shrimp, cod, french fries, cole slaw, and desserts, drinks are included. Give praise to God and eat some cod.



COMMUNITY NEWS... FAMILY BOWLING NIGHT Sunday, February 19th 6:00 - 8:00 pm Columbia's West Park Bowl

The Knights of Columbus invites 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. Call, text or e-mail Nick Matrisotto to make

reservations at (314) 609-7092 or stlouisareamaps@aol.com

2017 Knight of Columbus Council 6165 Scholarship Essay Contest --- Saturday, March 12th at 11:00am in the KC room. The contest is open to any Immaculate Conception eighth grader who plans to attend a local Catholic High School. The winner will receive a \$2000.00 scholarship, payable over 4 years in \$500.00 payments, to the Catholic high school of their choice.

COLUMBIA COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #4 DEVELOPMENTAL SCREENING
Children ages birth -5 years Feb. 24, 2017, 8:00 am --- 3:00 pm, Feb. 27. 8:00 am --- 3:00 pm
Egleview Elementary ---113 S. Rapp Screening to determine if your child is reaching developmental milestones at age appropriate times---45 minutes – 1 hour. Call t 281-4995 to reserve a time.

STEPS FOR PARENTING Human Support Services---**parenting group for FREE** at Monroe County YMCA—HTC Center in Columbia, IL on Tuesday, February 21th 6:00—8:00pm Tuesday, February 28th 6:00—8:00pm Tuesday, March 7th 6:00—8:00pm Tuesday, March 14th 6:00—8:00pm Daycare will be provided free of charge. Please call 618-939-4444 ext. 1242 to register

SR. THEA BOWMAN SCHOOL IS HAVING THEIR DINNER AUCTION ON MARCH 18. This is a fun night filled with good food, student performances and fund raising to keep one of the best things our Diocese does afloat. 4 Points Sheraton in Fairview Heights, Zip Rzeppa is MC, 6:00 start, \$50 per ticket, reservations required by Feb.20. Mega Raffle for \$10,000! roberta.trost@yahoo.com or 397-0316 to join the fun. You will see many of our parishioners there!

DONATE LIFE TRIVIA EVENT Come join us on Saturday, February 18th at 7:00pm for a night of trivia and fun! Proceeds benefit The Brent Roeber Memorial Trust and The Abby Cecena Memorial Fund. Help create awareness of the incredible impact of organ donation. I just ran into a good friend today who is singing the praises of her cornea transplant---the gift of sight because someone passed it on to someone they will never meet!

Date: Saturday, February 18th, 2017 Time: 7:00pm doors open at 6:00pm

Place: Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic School Gymnasium

Cost: \$10 person (Table maximum 8)

From our good friend Tootie May---Cheyenne and Kegan's Grandmother who fell at home around Christmas and then moved to Florida for surgery and rehab, and we "carded" her---

I can not say how welcome the cards have been from Mr. Kish and all the other kids. I am not in very good condition as yet. I have been getting in home therapy and started therapy at a out patient therapy place. She worked on my shoulder and thought she did not do much. But the pain tonight has be awful.

I did not realize that when i fell and hurt my shoulder, that I must have hurt my back too. That is giving me all kinds of pain. Getting info from my St. Louis Dr. to a Dr. here has taken over 3 weeks and I know that the Dr. here has it on his desk for 3 days and of course this is the weekend. It may be nice and warm here, but i have not been participating in things down here since I have so much pain. Bless Darrell he has been a big help. He has been such a big help.

Again thanks to all of you for thinking of me.

Remember, life happens a little at a time and a little give-back like these cards mean so much to people! Thanks to our Kindergarten for driving this one! Tootie spent 25 years here as a volunteer aid for Karen Waterman in our Kindergarten and we love her!.

Alicia Cohen, Matt(Holly) Blaskiewicz sister, has terminal cancer. Please pray for her and the family.

Condolences to the Craig and Dawn Heimburger Family on the loss of **Debbie Amann**. God works wonders with the important people in our lives. Many of us have a "second Mom or Godmother or Aunt" who help us make it through. None of us make it alone. Those good people remind us how we are to be. May she rest in peace!

Our Condolences to Diana Kuerz(Kim) and Maddie, Rachel, and Lizzy on the loss of Diana's Mom **Marilyn Pappageorge** this week. She was laid to rest today. Please keep the family in your prayers.

CHRISTINE MATRISOTTO had the best possible outcome for her surgery and should be back in 2-4 weeks. She can't wait! Send her a card via school and remind her she is loved beyond our prayers!

PRAYERS: Special Intention Alicia Cohen, Jerrold Rosenblum, Christine Matrisotto, Jan Habermehl, Barbara Thompson, Denise Conner, Steve Mudd, Kenny Hamontree, Jim Edgar, Connie

Huebner, Elisabeth Weilbacher, Tootie May, Susie Kish Settle, Dennis Kish, Seth Watters, Ken Biske, Rachel Warden, Bill Kesler, Dan Borisuk, Maggie Williamson, Dan Whelan, 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

WE ARE ALL CALLED TO BE PERFECT. Possible---yes! But maybe we have to get to heaven to be that way and I don't want to go yet. The "Best Version of Ourselves" is the essence we seek. God's kindness and mercy is our real hope. I can't figure this out myself. That's why I get weekly coaching lessons at the liturgy. Make this a part of your week. Let the essence creep in to your life. Come and be church-ed---one of the big verbs in our lives.

This week you will hear "an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth"---and Tevye from Fiddler reminds us we will all be blind and toothless if we follow that one! St. Paul turned that upside down by teaching us to kill people with love! Come and be loved and be a lover!

Mike Kish, Principal

PS Happy Birthday yesterday to MaryBeth Babcock and Hope Wienhoff! Karen Lundy is Tuesday. These 3 are often in cahoots!

PS Children's choir is singing at 9:00 mass this Sunday.

PS BUILDERS CLUB DANCE TOMORROW NIGHT. \$3 admittance and your best behavior. Grades 6-8 7:00 pm to 9:30 pm. Profits to BC Charities. Thanks to Holly Blaskeiwicz for making this work. We are 2 chaperons off. Please step up and call Holly.