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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!

February 19, 2016



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Dear Parent, Guardian, Student, Teacher, Friend,

**Immaculate Conception Parish
Catholic Education and Activity Center Announcement**

Our Parish is preparing to initiate a capital campaign to pay for construction of our new Catholic Education and Activity Center. Now is the time to finish what we started.

On January 29, we completed the sale of our Main Street property, including the Church, the Rectory, the Convent, and the School at a price of \$1,650,000. With this sale, we are positioned to complete our long term plan to consolidate all Parish facilities at the site of the new Church. The *Building the Church of the Future* Committee was selected by discernment in March of 2015 and has worked diligently through a discovery process to determine both the wants and needs of the Parish for a Catholic Education and Activity Center. With the money realized from the sale of the Main Street property and pledge payments that will be received in 2016, the remaining debt on our new Church building should be erased by the end of this year.

Our financial commitments have already been significant and the challenge before us is great. But so was the challenge before our Parish ancestors every time they undertook the task of constructing or expanding our Parish School. We will build a new Catholic Education and Activity Center that meets the needs of the Immaculate Conception School, our Parish School of Religion, Pre-School, Little Church, Youth Ministry, and many other activities.

The new Catholic Education and Activity Center will be constructed adjacent to our new Church. The estimated cost for the new facility will be approximately \$10,000,000. Our intention is to have the Immaculate Conception Catholic Education and Activity Center completed no later than 2021.

The campaign committee has selected the firm of Meier Jost and Associates (MJ&A) to direct this endeavor. The firm specializes in campaigns of this kind. The next step in our due diligence process will be interviews of a representative sampling of Parishioners to gain valuable feedback concerning our proposal. **On Monday, letters will be received by a number of Parish families asking if they will agree to a pre-campaign interview. If you do not receive a letter, please do not take offense; interview prospects were selected to represent all demographics of our Parish with care taken to avoid duplicate perspectives. If you do receive an invitation, please prayerfully consider allowing our representatives to gain valued feedback.**

Over the years, our ancestors have had the faith and commitment to meet the need for Catholic education in Immaculate Conception Parish. Our faith and commitment have not wavered in the 160+ years since that first School was established in 1853. Now is the time to honor the Immaculate Conception legacy of quality Catholic education and finish what we have started.

Fr. Carl

DINNER AUCTION Tomorrow night we celebrate who we are, what we do and how much we can do when we get support from our community and friends. The Dinner Auction Committee, headed by Mandy McGuire, has worked long and faithfully to make sure you have a fun time. The Falls does a fabulous job on the food and libations, John Wolz and Associates, our auctioneer, will get us every dollar, and Fr. Carl's opening prayer will remind us how we are blest. Come and have fun, be generous, and be grateful to all who donated or will buy. No bloodshed please! We do so much more here because of stewardship which comes in all forms! This is another night I get to know our school parents a little better so please spare me the awkward moment and give me your real name...*I'm so and so in Kindergarten or Pre-K's Dad or Mom!* Let the fun begin! (see yesterday's list---pick your bid item---get your friends and pool your money and bid high!)

SPEECH MEET HERE TOMORROW! We need 3 or 4 Builders Club members for the Speech Meet to serve as ambassadors. Spot time is 8:15 am. Let's Talk---let's spread the Good News! Good Luck to our team of Allie Shuler and Anna Haubrich "How to drive your Mother Crazy", Jane Whelan "To Be or Not To Be", Marie Prindiville and Katie Grawitch "Stand up and Holler"

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ESSAY CONTEST Feb. 27 9:00 KC Room \$1000 to be awarded over 4 years to any Catholic High School --- 30th annual. Over \$25,000 awarded! Open to IC parishioners! Be sure to answer the essay contest! Thanks to Brother Knight Al Ziegler for founding and chairing this great event. 281-5707 if questions.



The ICS Math Team won **first place in the medium school division**, and eighth grader Spencer Biske was the second place individual at the annual MathCounts contest on Saturday, Feb. 13 at SIUE in the contest sponsored by the St. Clair Chapter of the Illinois Society of Professional Engineers. With his second place individual finish, Spencer will advance to the State MathCounts Competition to be held in Lisle, IL on March 19. ICS team members Spencer Biske, Rob Guetterman, Jacob Feldker, Noah Newton, James Ramette, Grant Mathany, Adelynn Murphy, Glenn Powers, and Autumn Ramey competed.

ICS is coached by Math teacher Karen Weiler.



ANOTHER MAJOR WIN!!! Vianney-25 schools, now Mater Dei 25 schools.

ICS took First Place Saturday at the **Mater Dei Invitational Scholastic Bowl Tournament**. Kaylum Furlow led the way for the Crusaders in the 25 school match, having 25 toss-ups to his credit and taking second place individually and Ben Traxler scored some critical toss-ups in the afternoon to secure the win. ICS had 7 wins for the championship, beating Edward Fulton of O'Fallon twice (pool play) 230-150, and 150-85, Highland Middle School-240-90, St. Mary Centralia-225-55, St. Ann Nashville-230-25, Blessed Sacrament-190-135, and Amelia

Carriel of O'Fallon-105-90 for the championship. Coaches are Tiffany Taylor, Dan Kassebaum and Jen Schauster. The ICS Varsity Team is currently 17-4.



Chess News- The 4-0 Kids! (We didn't get a team shot.) 25 ICS students competed the St. Joseph Freeburg chess meet on Saturday. 135 students were in attendance total. Students leading the team to a second place finish were perfect 4-0 scorers Will Schmoll, Avery Herrmann, and Oliver Unwin. Final scores were: 1st Place-St. Teresa 16pts, 2nd Place- ICS 15 pts, Queen of

Peace 3rd Place - 13 pts, 4th Place St. Clare - 12 pts, Blessed Sacrament- 10.5 pts, St. Joseph and St. John - 9 pts each. **95** students in Chess.

The Diocesan Chess Meet- will be held March 5th at Blessed Sacrament. Please let Mrs. Herrmann know if your child will be able to attend. This is our last meet of the year. Remaining Chess Schedule: Practice for Grades 1-3: February 23, Grades 4-8: February 16 and March 1.

DUBOURG BAND ADJUDICATION The big word means we will be judged so we can get better. It is really a festival and you get to hear how great we sound along with some St. Louis Archdiocesan schools. We are scheduled for 12:45. Watch the big man with the little stick and let the adrenalin flow! This will get us ready for the District and hopefully State Band contests! Thanks Mr. Hake, the Band, and all our Parents for knowing that music grows our minds and is one of the big reasons we do so well academically!

LATCHKEY Hope Wienhoff will be taking over as our new Latchkey Director in a few weeks and is available a little now. Please welcome her! She has a long history of parish stewardship, was PSR Coordinator, and comes to us from CKC. My sincere thanks to Mrs. Epplin, Mrs. Lewis, Mrs. Schilling, and our faculty for covering us. Through a generous donor, we have some latchkey "scholarship money" available. Please contact the Principal to inquire. Welcome Hope! Please remember we have transitioned the program out of the convent.

CONGRATULATIONS to Isabella Frasure on being featured in the Student of the Week in the Belleville News Democrat! Isabella's BND Student of the week online article and video <http://www.bnd.com/news/local/education/article60615481.html> Pineapple juice!

THANKS AND LUCKY US! Michelle Guetterman took a chance for us through the Entertainment Book company and we won the \$500 prize! We will receive it this fall with the new E-Book campaign. You can save hundreds of dollars using these books and we have some left for sale at \$10 each. Contact Mrs. Eppin!

GIBAULT WILL HOLD THEIR ANNUAL MATH CONTEST for all students in Gr. 6-8 on Thurs, March 17 from 3:30-5:45. Registration is in front lobby from 3:30-3:45 and awards are in the auditorium at 5:30. We love to take as many students as possible to Gibault for this contest, so please mark your calendars and join the team! The contest is open to all Gr. 6-8. Mrs. Weiler has a signup sheet in her classroom at school. Since the contest is right after school, we will need parents to help carpool students from ICS to Gibault. Please let Mrs. Weiler (kweiler@icsmail.org) know if you are able to help with driving extra students. She will remain at Gibault during the contest, so parents do not have to be present during the contest.

WHY IS THE FLAG AT HALF-STAFF? In honor of **Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia** who will lie in state at the Supreme Court today on the catafalque used for President Abraham Lincoln. His funeral liturgy will be tomorrow at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, a national Catholic pilgrimage site in northeast Washington. We will be there on Sunday, March 6. (Nick Prindiville and Jacob Raisch will serve at that Mass and Spencer Biske, Abby Mathany, Ben Traxler, and Jane Whelan will be gift bearers.)

FULL STEWARSHIP Please-Please-Please join the gang and get your stewardship pledge form in. We are looking at adding an on-line sign-up for your convenience. For right now, for our convenience, please download the form and turn in on Sunday or send to the office please.

35th ANNUAL MAGAZINE DRIVE Let's keep the profit coming in. Order online anytime and your child will get credit during the drive! www.gaschoolstore.com I.D. 2710556 Profit to our **CATHOLIC EDUCATION AND ACTIVITY CENTER** which is in the planning stage!

ICS FATHERS CLUB annual Texas Hold'em Tournament --- Saturday Feb. 27th. In the Lower Level of the new ICS Church on Palmer Road. \$50 Buy In - doors open 6:30pm, 7:30pm play begins BYOB Tickets available for purchase at Khoury Pharmacy on Main in Columbia. See previous flyer for details If buying tickets from Khoury Pharmacy is not convenient contact me at icsfathers@gmail.com or call/text [314-690-3237](tel:314-690-3237) see you on the 27th! Devin Dalpoas



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

FISH FRIES

FISH FRY SCHEDULE:

- *ASH WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10TH
- *FIRST FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26TH
- *SPRING FRIDAY, MARCH 11TH
- *GOOD FRIDAY, MARCH 25TH

WHERE: ICS CAFETERIA & GYM
WHEN: 4:00 - 7:00PM

* Come support the Lenten Fish Fries as they help us as an organization reach our goals of sponsoring and supporting many charities & activities:

- We sponsor the ICC Youth Group on their mission trip to Cairo, IL
- We contribute to Life Network and the Right to Life Movement
- We support the priesthood as they confect the Holy Eucharist
- We conduct many parish family events

Expand and put on your fridge to catch the best fish in town. Like my Dad, I love fishing. You catch 'em, I'll eat 'em!

KC Fish Fry on Friday February 26. Boys volleyball game(8 and 6) that night vs. Smithton. GIBAULT SENIOR PROJECT Welcome to Taylor Smith and Grace Song who will be here Monday for the next 3 weeks! We can't wait to wear you out!

Gibault Catholic High School

Gibault **spring musical this year: "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.

ON THE NEAR HORIZON:

Reconciliation: March 16

Confirmation Retreat on March 4 The Bishop has been hitting the corporal and spiritual works of mercy and Beatitudes hard so be advised!

Chrim Mass Our Confirmation Class will be in attendance AT THE Cathedral on March 22.

Living Stations--- March 18---led by our 8th Grade--a very spiritual experience!

Registration March 20 10:00-12:30 in the school cafeteria. Sign-up for pre-screening for Kindergarten will be April 13 and April 20 in the school gym.

PARISH NEWS... SNOWED OUT LAST SUNDAY---THIS SUNDAY AT 2:00 IN THE KC ROOM!

Annual Charitable Giving Event---we are a Full Stewardship Parish. We will split up 2% of last year's donations for the poor on **February 21 at 2:00---stewardship of charity---\$32,633.00 to be awarded.** Please come, plead your case for a charity our parish does not already support, we vote "shares", and then the parish awards the proceeds. Think Globally, Act Locally!

Wayne Edgar, grandfather of Laura (Dan)Whelan and Jane and Catie and Nick and Mary's great grandfather, passed away Tuesday evening at age 99 ½. His memorial Mass will be Saturday, February 27th at St. Henry's in Belleville. God's peace to him and all who loved him!

Angie Rose, Constance Barnett's Aunt, is having surgery for cancer today. She is 33. Please keep her and her family in your prayer

ASK ME ABOUT MY MERCY Paul Ott-Logan Loportio-Eva Haywood-Connor Thoma-Owen Haney-Blake Powers-Riley McGill-Elisabeth Schaefer-Mary Clare Murphy-Hailey Wilkerson-Caroline Roche-Andrew Harmon-Jack Keeven-Ashton Pulliam-Naomi Langhans-Marie Prindiville-Lauren Thorne-Joseph Tyler, Sydney Wahle-Jacob Gilbreth-Isabella Frasure-Will Scholl-Abby Eichenseer-Zoe Swip-Emma Farris-Ava Blaskiewicz.-Allison Stark-Abby Repp

PRAYERS: Angie Rose, Ken Bolton, George Perry, Keegan Hugger, Adriana Colindres, Nick Carron, Marian Keim, Dan Whelan, Josh Ritter, Mary Giovanni, 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**

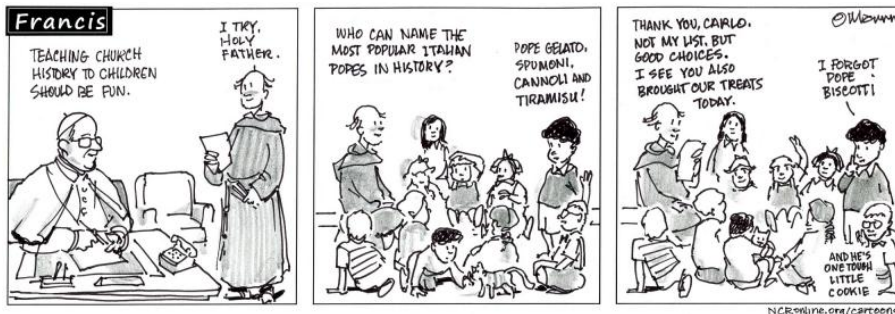
I'VE BEEN TO THE MONTAIN TOP! We all have a great moment in life which we wish would never end. There are two major ones that Scripturally stick in my immediate memory---the Transfiguration and Jesus Triumphant entry into Jerusalem. Lent can be about many things, but in the end, it is an invitation to allow the God of surprises to infiltrate our lives. We commit to a practice or refrain from a habit, hopefully turning our attention to God as a result of these absences or additions. It is probably no accident that we are more receptive to God's startling grace in this season; in throwing a wrench into the humdrum of our routines, we are more inclined to take notice of the hidden graces within our patterns. These "AHA" moments in our lives stick out from the routine. Peter, James, and John were spoiled to have been there for both of these joyful experiences. Lent breaks the routine and within it lies some "AHA" moments but only if we show up, only if we pay attention, only if we let God in and see the mystery! Come to the Altar. Jerusalem is our destiny! Sing it with us!

MIKE KISH

PS All are welcome for Stations of the Cross at 2:15 in our chapelgymnacafetorium at 2:15 each Friday.

PS See the ICS Eagles attachment. More importantly, Jaden Schwartz is back!!!!

PS 1st grade and 8th grade art for the dinner auction can be viewed on the ICS website, so you can see before the night of the auction.



Band Schedule Week of Feb 22-26

Monday

8:05-8:35 5th Flute
 8:35-9:05 6th-8th Flute and Clarinet 1
 9:05-9:35 6th-8th Clarinet 2
 10:35-11:05 4th Clarinet
 11:05-11:35 4th Flutes

Tuesday

7:15-7:50 **Jazz Band**
 8:55-9:25 5th Clarinet
 9:25-9:55 6th-8th Saxophone and F Horn
 9:55-10:35 6th-8th Trumpet
 11:05-11:35 4th Trumpet

11:35-12:05 4th Saxophone

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 5th Saxophone

9:25-9:55 6th-8th Low Brass

9:55-10:35 6th-8th Percussion

11:05-11:35 4th Percussion

11:35-12:05 4th Low Brass

Friday

8:05-8:35 5th Percussion

8:35-9:05 5th Trumpet

9:05-9:35 5th Low Brass

10:35-11:05 Jazz Band Sectionals

11:05-11:35 Smart Music Lab