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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.

February 19, 2021

Bienvenido el parrochia!

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8 Beatitudes--ICTHUS



175 years strong

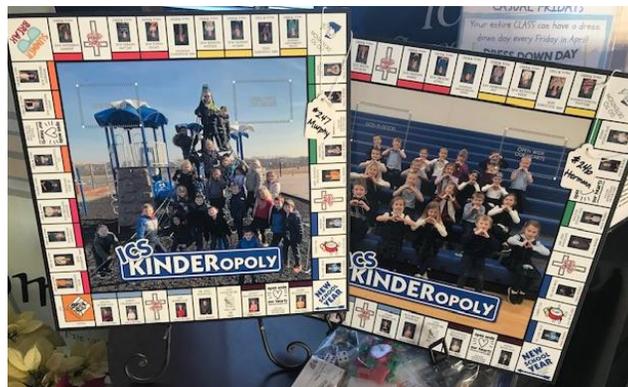


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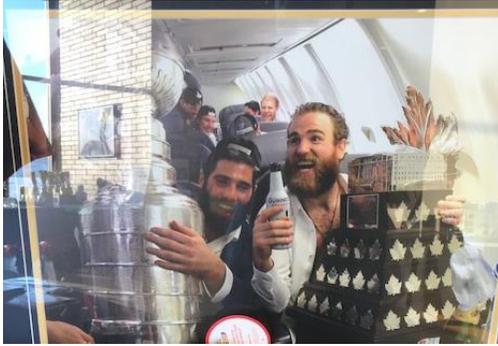
Dear Parents, Guardians, and Friends,

CATHOLIC SCHOOL Prayer of the Week by Faith Jansen (used with permission)

Lord, please help me today, tomorrow, and forever. Thank you for all the wonderful things in my life, a school to learn, a family to love, friends who care, and for air to breathe. Help me and guide me to go the right way to you. Help me to do the next right thing. You are the way, the truth, and the life, let me do your will. You loved the world so much you gave your only son to save me from sin so I give my heart to you. Amen. Thank you Faith!



PARENTS AND FRIENDS VIRTUAL ICS DINNER AUCTION FEBRUARY 20, 2021! "Lucky 21" Ticket to bid at Lucky21.givesmart.com - BY NOON TOMORROW!



GRATITUDE TO OUR GOD for Full Stewardship follow through on Time, Talent, Treasure. Over \$1,500,000 raised over 30 years with \$500,000 going towards our Catholic Education and Activity Center and the new “basics” of Art, Spanish, Response to Intervention, Technology, Counseling, and teacher wish lists and anything we can dream up. What we do for school infrastructure benefits all children of the Parish! Thanks to Mandy McGuire, Maggie Bollone, Tricia Haywood, and Jolene Sasser for inspiring hundreds of helpers, donors, and buyers for tomorrow night! Thanks for putting the VIRTUE in VIRTUAL!

February 18, 2021



How to 'go to confession'

For many people, Lent is the time for celebrating the sacrament of reconciliation. For those who haven't been to this sacrament for months or years, here's a refresher:

- When you enter the reconciliation room, you may kneel before a screen, or walk around it to sit face-to-face with the priest.
- Normal greetings (“Good afternoon”) are fine.
- After the sign of the cross, the priest will say a spontaneous prayer and then read a short passage from Scripture. (If you wish, you can bring along your own choice of a Scripture passage.)
- You are then invited to express your sins and place them before God for forgiveness and healing. This is best done in a conversational way, and the priest is part of the conversation.
- The priest then gives a “penance” which may be a prayer or a good work that will help bring healing.
- You are invited to express sorrow for your sins – a traditional Act of Contrition or a prayer of sorrow in your own words.
- The priest extends his hands over you and says the Prayer of Absolution to which you respond, “Amen.” (You may remain seated or kneel.)
- You are invited to give thanks to the Lord for his mercy in your own words.
- Normal “good-byes” are fine as you leave.

Lent The three pillars of Lent are Prayer, Fasting, and Alms giving. To help with the pillar of prayer, the Discipleship Committee has, in recent years, distributed Prayer Cards during the Lenten season. However, due to COVID-19 considerations, the Committee has decided to have a Prayer Calendar this year rather than Prayer Cards. The Calendar is available for viewing and printing on the ICC web site (<https://www.icc-columbia-il.us/>). We will also be making daily pushes from the Calendar through our parish app (To download, text ParishApp1 to 555888 for Apple phones; text ParishApp2 to 555888 for Android phones.).

LENT IS NOT A TIME TO GIVE UP. IT IS A TIME TO DO. Maybe eat all the chocolate you can but go to Confession once. It is much faster than going to the dentist, you'll feel better faster, and it just might have a everlasting effect!

STATIONS OF THE CROSS FOR LENT. Stations will be at 2:15 pm SHARP. It will be live streamed to watch in the classroom.

Friday 2/19 - 8th & 3rd grade

Friday 2/26 - 8th & 4th grade

Friday 3/5 - 8th & 5th grade

Friday 3/12 - 8th & 6th grade

Friday 3/26 - 8th & 7th grade (Living stations by the 8th grade)

Isaiah wrote this 3,000 years ago.

***This, rather, is the fasting that I wish:
releasing those bound unjustly,
untying the thongs of the yoke;
Setting free the oppressed,
breaking every yoke;
Sharing your bread with the hungry,
sheltering the oppressed and the homeless;
Clothing the naked when you see them,
and not turning your back on your own.
Then your light shall break forth like the dawn,
and your wound shall quickly be healed;
Your vindication shall go before you,
and the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard.
Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer,
you shall cry for help, and he will say: Here I am!***

In other words, this is the kind of Lent our God seeks!

BIRTHRIGHT Due to the snow days, we are extending the 50/50/50 Challenge another week to give you time to promote and collect in-person and online donations if you choose to do so.

The online link to donate is: birthrightstl.org/50-50-50/

Attached is a promo post you can use on your social media or email if it works for you.

Please send me a note as to how it's going and if there is anything I can do to help.

Whenever you have finalized your collections, please let me know when a good day and time is for me to pick them up next week.

Thank you for your time and effort! Your generosity helps us care for and counsel the women who come to us with unplanned pregnancy anxieties. Through professional counseling, education and practical support, they are empowered to choose life for their babies. We are so grateful for your kindness and support!

Sincerely,

Carrie Boser, Advancement Associate

CONGRATULATIONS TO Cora(Chelsea, Cory, Llewyn) Metter on the birth of baby sister **Renni** on February 13. Renni weighed in at a healthy 7 pounds 3 ounces and her picture had that smile of her remembering she came from heaven! What a gift from God to our world! We rejoice!

SAFE AND SACRED As part of the Diocese of Belleville Child Protection Component, our students take a class on personal safety, internet safety, being socially safe and setting boundaries. Over the next two weeks students will take course provided by the Diocese and taught by Mrs. Tiffany Taylor. Upon completion, a parent packet will be sent home for discussion and one page evaluation **to be returned**. Please remember that parents are the first and best teachers and we know you want the best for your child. Take this seriously please as we work together to take care of God's little ones and prepare the child for the path, not the path for the child! Thanks Mrs. Taylor!

SNOWMEN Mike, Ed, Mark, Schaefer, Jim Held, Rich Toenjes, Dave Heck. These guys can pile it up!



Mt. Schaefer



Mt. Held



Mt. Toenjes



Mt. Heck



Mt. Kish



Mt. St. Mary



AND WE SAY THANKS...USING "Directed Art"



From Stella

and ↑

ICS FATHERS CLUB The Super Bowl Wing Fry was a huge success! 360 lbs of wings fried, 108 pizzas sold and the SB square board grossed \$5,573 and netted \$2,742. Our current account balance is \$15,000.

The Fathers Club supported the Parents and Friends Dinner Auction **bourbon pull** with over 40 bottles donated!

We are gearing up for the **Zac Epplin Memorial Golf Tournament** which is 4/30 at Ann Briar. Registration page is under construction and ready to go soon. Sponsorships are being compiled and soliciting donations for prizes. Fees will be \$150/pp and they are pretty comprehensive with the mulligans, closest to the pin etc.

Election of new officers – **Bob Wachtel** is the new treasurer and **Steve Hornacek** is the new VP, both elected to three year terms. A big thank you to **Kevin Schwartz** for over 12 years of service and **Jason Metz** for 9 years!

We will be working on possibly helping the parish form an exploratory committee for the Zac Epplin soccer field design and layout. President Ben Baker reporting.

NEW CULVERT FOR PALMER CREEK--- from subdivision to subdivision. Palmer Road will soon be one way from the 5 way at Rueck and Quarry across Fr. Carl Scherrer Drive past Palmier Hill Cemetery back to Quarry as Quarry Road will be closed. For those of you coming in heading south, you will have to take Main Street to Rueck and come in that way and it will add another 5-6 minutes to get here. Leave earlier, don't drive faster. Round-a-bout coming summer of 20202. [Click here to see the pdf from John Whitworth.](#) This is a much needed improvement.

MISSIONS INTERNATIONAL, Inc. I sit on the Board for the locally founded group that has over 70 parishes serving sister parishes in Guatemala, Haiti, and Ghana. We also assist in Venezuela. Last year parishes donated \$485,079. 99.1 % on the dollar was delivered to the Dioceses and Parishes. Our only expense is an annual audit. Most of our costs of operation are donated which mainly consists of wiring money fees and shipping fees when we come across product. We were the first parish to adopt a sister parish. Fr. Vince Haselhorst, our former Pastor, is still a Board member. In a bad year with the pandemic, our donations were up \$2,300 last year. We are currently trying to move towards self-sustaining projects and our sister parishes supporting their missions. The parish of St. Raymond de ya Pendefort has 11 missions. Our good work is so humbling. Consider making a visit to St. Raymond's sometime. Like me, you will leave a piece of your heart there! Thanks to Alton Marquette Math teacher Shelly Sands for serving as President!

THE SPORTING NEWS...

ICS VOLLEYBALL PROTOCOL 1. Masks are required for everyone, players included. 2. one spectator per athlete--- live stream will be available through the school webpage www.icscolumbia.org 3. entrance will be through the lower level parking lot main parish doors and exit will be through gym doors. 4. everyone's temperature will be taken upon entrance along with a phone number for tracing 5. one parent will be assigned to take temperatures of guests for each game (this will replace gate and concession stand workers this year) 6. seating will be marked on bleachers to ensure social distancing 7. games will be limited to 45 minutes or best 2 out of 3. Once a game is completed spectators and players will need to exit quickly out the gym doors so proper sanitation can be completed before the next game. Please no socializing after the games. (last game of the evening will not have this time restraint) 8. no concessions or gate collection 9. GAMES MUST START ON TIME! Plan accordingly. Some nights we have 4 games. The time in between games is needed for sanitation. Wait in the gym lobby till it is your time to enter.

KC FREE THROW CONTEST We will try to hold this in-house during split screen in the next few weeks.

Don't forget: St. Joseph Art Contest with the Diocese. Winners will be on display in the Diocesan Pastoral Center! St. Joseph, pray for us!

Days to support DC funding. March 5th = Reading Across America Day.

- April 9th = Hat day to promote "Thinking cap" & Father Carl's favorite homily aid
- May 7th = Hawaiian Day to promote Goodwill, with all proceeds going to 8th grade DC Trip.

40th ANNUAL MAGAZINE DRIVE RESULTS

1367 subscriptions grossing \$35,372.25 earning \$13675.50 in prizes and profit!

Mrs. Schiebe's Class led the way!

Individual Sales:

1. David Callico	83 subs	\$1643
2. Will Schmoll	74	1622.75
3. Hunter Tharp	66	1156.75
4. Shawn Michael Stuart	59	2002.00
5. Michael Wessel	38	940.00
6. Eleanor McGuire	30	630.25
7. Joey Stuart	27	752.00
8. James Heutel	23	539.75
9. Emmalyn Sander	22	495.25
10. Sean Frederick	21	441.75

Nearly \$550,000 raised to date and the amount in the **Eugene J. Schorb Immaculate Conception Fund for Catholic Education** has also taken major gains! SAGE Tuition Rewards and student prizes are more value added program benefits! Thanks to all!

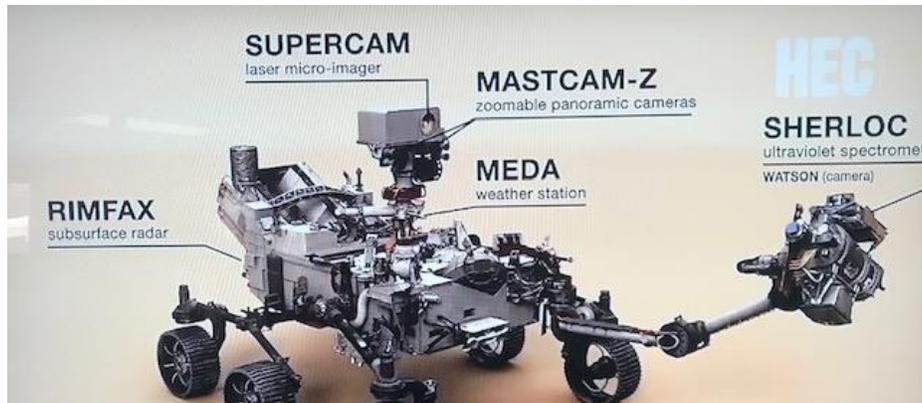
175th Anniversary Artifact of the Week:



My sister asked my Mom one time why she always sat in the first pew in Church. She explained she was from a poor family who always had to sit in the back as a kid. People literally paid "pew rent" and had their names on the pews---if you could afford it. These pews had hat holders on them for the old derby or bowler hat. Thank God this Church practice died out. People now come early so they can sit in the back and our Church is grateful you come and don't heckle the pastor from the back. Just come!

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

PERSEVERANCE TOUCH DOWN yesterday. If you missed it, **youtube the “7 minutes of terror”**. Samples coming back to us in the 2030's. Our Kindergarten Class will be in high school! Push science. **ICS had the first pilot to fly into the Grand Canyon 100 years ago---Sgt. Gus Juengling.** Stir up an interest!



Perseverance rover



(CNN) Hundreds of people have put nearly 10 years of work into developing NASA's most advanced robotic explorer yet, the Perseverance rover, and the moment is almost here. The rover carries a tribute to health care workers around the world. The 3-by-5-inch aluminum plate, installed on the left side of the rover chassis, shows Earth supported by the ancient symbol of the serpent entwined around a rod to represent the global medical community. A line represents the rover's trajectory from Central Florida to Mars, according to NASA. Perseverance also carries the names of nearly 11 million people etched on three silicon chips. She is a robotic scientist exploring Mars on behalf of humanity, and she'll be able to share what she sees and hears through 23 cameras, including video, and two microphones.

Along for the ride is [Ingenuity](#), the first helicopter that will fly on another planet.

Perseverance -- "Persy" as her team affectionately calls her -- would also be going to the most intriguing, yet most treacherous, landing site yet in Jezero Crater. Full of hazards, like cliffs and boulders, it was once the site of an ancient lake and river delta 3.9 billion years ago. Previous NASA rovers were Spirit, Opportunity and Curiosity.

And then the caching samples for the Mars Sample Return mission, we're planning to launch in 2026 and return samples by the early 2030s. This is going to be a truly incredible mission."

NASA has been sending missions to explore Mars since 1965, sharing images and knowledge gained about our fascinating neighbor. Mars has been one of the most accessible places in our solar system to send missions. But it also has a mysterious history and it may have once been a lot of like Earth -- meaning it's a great place to search for ancient life. "Mars is the most Earth-like planet in our solar system," Jurczyk said. "That's really intriguing because by studying the geological and climate history of the planet and how it evolved, we can also inform how Earth has evolved and how it will evolve in the future." The capable robots exploring Mars now lay the groundwork for landing human missions on the red planet in the future, Jurczyk said.

GIBAULT CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL NEWS...

Host Families Needed Gibault Catholic High School is seeking families with big hearts who are willing to share their homes with an international student for the 2021-2022 school year. Contact Desiree Frasure at dfrasure.educatius@gmail.com or Becky Ramlose at bramlose@gibaulthawks.com or call us at 936-3883 to learn more about this exciting opportunity. Gibault families can receive \$1,000 off of tuition for becoming a host family.

Live-Streamed Sports Be part of the Hawks' sports action with our live-streamed home games. Visit <http://bit.ly/GCHSYouTube> for live game feed and videos of past live-streams. Keep checking our website for updated schedules: <https://gibaulthawks.com/events/category/sports/>. We are #gibaultproud to have our virtual fans cheering us on!

You're Invited to Visit Gibault! We invite you to learn more about life as a Hawk! Shadow Visits are a great way for 7th - 8th graders and students from other high schools to spend a day on our campus. Attend classes, eat lunch in our cafeteria, enjoy off mods, and meet teachers and coaches, all alongside a Student Ambassador! We also offer Private Tours for the entire family. Tours allow the whole family 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@gibaulthawks.com or 939-3883.

Applications Applications for our Class of 2025 and transfer students are still being accepted. Visit <https://gibaulthawks.com/apply/>.

Kathy Neal, Laura (Declan, Otto, Mark) Oberkfell's Mom is not responding to her chemo and things are not looking good. Please put her at the top of your prayer list, just like everyone else who is there as we pray for a miracle. God be with her!

Ruth Ann Mitchell, Tammy (Brayden, Kelton, Dad Darren), Mitchell-Hines Mom has been diagnosed with leukemia and Tammy has asked for our prayers. Our hope is for a good response to treatment since her condition is severe.

Please add Dan Schneider to the prayer list. He is the grandfather to Liam Gannon in preschool. He had a stroke and also tested positive with Covid and no symptoms

TOM GIOVANNI Katie (Brian, Holly, Danny, Abby)Repp's Dad died Sunday night. Tom visited IC often and was a good Dad and Grandpa.



Thomas C. Giovanni, 78 of St. Louis, MO, born March 30, 1942 in St. Louis, MO passed away on Monday, February 15, 2021 at his residence surrounded by his family. Thomas was a U.S. Army Veteran and member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Columbia, IL, Operating Engineers Local #513 of St. Louis, MO and the Mustang Club of America. He was preceded in death by his loving wife of 53 years, Mary Giovanni, nee Hynes; parents, William and Flora, nee Pertici, Giovanni; brother, William Giovanni; sister, Marilyn Schmickley; and granddaughter, Cecilia Giovanni.

Surviving are his children, Nancy (John) Tindall of St. Louis, MO, Tom (Mindy) Giovanni of Springfield, MO, Katie (Brian) Repp of Columbia, IL, and Christine Giovanni of St. Louis, MO; ten grandchildren, Megan (Ryan) Poole, John (Taylor) Tindall, Molly Tindall, Michael Tindall, Tommy Giovanni, Maddy Giovanni, Gabby Giovanni, Holly Repp, Danny Repp and Abby Repp; three great grandchildren, Michael, Harper, and Charlotte; two brothers, Bob (Bonny) Giovanni of St. Louis, MO and Larry (JoAnne) Giovanni of St. Louis, MO. He was also a dear brother-in-law, uncle, cousin and friend.

Visitation will be held on Sunday, February 21, 2021 from 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm at Braun Family Funeral Home Columbia, IL.

Mass of Christian Burial on Monday, February 22, 2021 at 10:00 am at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church Columbia, IL with Monsignor Carl Scherrer officiating. Burial will be in Resurrection Catholic Cemetery St. Louis, MO.

PRAYERS: Special Intention Dan Schneider, Kathy Neal, Ruth Ann Mitchell, Grace Bartz, Ruth Ann Rodemich, Donna Hoggard, Steve Patton, Elaine Schorb, Fr. Gary Gummersheimer, Harley Greer, Pat Whelan, Pete Riederer, 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, Logan Eichenseer, Ashley Burris, Ed Schaefer, Libby LoPorto, Donna Kania, Owen Jordan, Anthony Hendricks, Shawn Eichoff, Charlie Stockes, Angela Roepke, Jan Hoffmann, Bill West, Jennifer Nesser, Tom Kish, Patti Rottler, Mike Taylor

TEMPTATION Human Nature inherently makes all people(for the most part)know right from wrong. All cultures, all people, from the time of Cain and Abel have known this. The good angel vs. the bad angel, and decisions need to be made every day. Along with this, we get really good at explaining away rule following to fit our purpose. C.S. Lewis does a great job explaining it in *"Mere Christianity"*. Jesus is tempted by the devil this weekend. He wins. Lent reminds us to 'turn away from sin and return to the Gospels'. It is not enough to turn away from sin. We also have to act. That's why we need the three pillars of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. **The Gospels are the Good News.** Reading the daily Scriptures is a real good way to do an act. And then, live them! Make this Lent different. Don't give up. Give in to following the Lord!

Mike Kish

Principal

PS **BEAUTY AND THE BEAST, JR. April 15-16-17** Covid Protocols
PS **KC fish fry** is coming. See menu below

PS We have had over 30 teachers get the first round of the vaccine so far. Yesterday, the County came across and our Regional Superintendent Kelton Davis went way out of the way to accommodate us. I got to sub a few minutes in Grade 1 and decided to "let's tell stories" instead of coloring. I told the story of the time we left behind our baby brother Chip after the 1959 Columbia Centennial Pageant in which we were cast. Mom had all 7 boys in matching blue checkered shirts. Baby Mary had a matching blue bonnet. We left home with 8. We returned with 8. Half an hour later, Mrs. Weinel (who used to own our parish property, called up my Dad and asked if we lost one of the children. Dad went outside and counted to 8. But one was Danny Shrewsbury. So I then asked if this ever happened in Scripture. Ally Evans said "*Oh yeah. Joseph and Mary left Jesus at the Temple. When they got back, Mary said to Jesus, 'Are you crazy or what?' and he said I have to do my father's business.*" A budding Scripture Scholar!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FISH FRY MENU

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH — LOWER LEVEL: 411 PALMER RD., COLUMBIA, IL

Ash Wednesday, February 17th
Friday, March 12th

Friday, February 26th
Good Friday, April 2nd

3:00pm until 7:00pm

Fish Plate*	\$12.00
*Includes Choice of two sides	
1/2 lb Fish	\$8.00
1 lb Fish	\$12.00
Shrimp (5)	\$8.00
Shrimp Plate*	\$12.00
*Includes Choice of two sides	
Side of Fries	\$2.00
Side of Slaw	\$2.00
Side of Hush Puppies	\$2.00

Fish orders include choice of bread.
Bread options: White, Wheat, or Rye.

Drive thru only (order in person).

We will only accept payment with credit card.

We accept these credit cards:



Vivienne Goldschmidt

Love kind



Dear God, please look after
the poor, hurt, hungry and
people in the hospital.
Please help me be kind
to others. Help me to
share with my friends.
Help me to be nice
to my sisters. Amen.