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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.

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THE JOY OF LOVE

Dear Parent, Guardian, Student, Teacher, Friend,

LENT WILL ONLY BE ORDINARY IF WE MAKE IT SO. If this is the Lent that is going to be your best, maybe start with **Mardi Gras...** February 28, at 6:00p.m. in the Garden Level of church. Dinner served around 6:15p.m. **THIS IS A GREAT FAMILY NIGHT!** Pancakes and Sausage - no charge, but please bring a dessert to share. Milk, water, and coffee will be served. We finish with the burning of last year's palms. **Please bring your palm branches** from last year and place them in the baskets in the gathering space to be burned at the end of our Mardi Gras celebration on Feb. 28. For more info please contact Lizanne Young or Hope Wienhoff at the Parish Office 281-5105. Help set the tone by getting Lent on your schedule and in your Pre-Frontal Lobe!



KIDS AGAINST HUNGER 36 ICS Builders Club, Columbia Key Club, Columbia Kiwanis, ICS students, siblings, and community members spent last Saturday morning making **15,120** meals that will be sent to Honduras to feed children. Dr. Greg and Karen Fremel and Jerry and Marge Albrecht coordinate the program through Washington Overseas Missions, of Washington Missouri which started out as a medical missions team via contacts through St. Francis Borgia High School. Kiwanians Sharon Nealon, Dewan Prashad, Lynda Hofstetter, Patrick Oglesby, and Bruce Doyle assisted the ICS Builders Club in sponsoring for the 8th year of the program. The Builders Club raised \$3,500 to fund the effort through

donations and fund-raising projects. Molly Tippen directed for the Builders Club and was assisted by Marie Prindiville.



SPEECH MEET Team at St. James **PERFECT!** Jacqie 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!

Chess Meet! We will host a chess meet **here this Saturday, February 25th!** Registration begins at 8:00 and the first round will begin at 9:00. Please remember to have your child there by 8:45 so we can begin pairing players. They should also bring something to keep them busy between rounds. They can wear a chess shirt or some type of ICS shirt. **YOU DO NOT NEED TO RSVP FOR THIS MEET.** Thanks to all who have signed up to help. It takes a village!

Chess Meet Dates

March 18 St. Clare

Cyra Herrmann, ICS Chess Coach

Chess 2016-2017 Practice Schedule: Practices for Grades 1&2: 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

THE HARP TWINS Google them if you missed them. Over 600 came from as far away as Wisconsin and Kansas City to hear them. They signed autographs till past 11:00. The most successful Dorothy Weinle Eppinger public event since its founding and what a sound system in our Church! Thanks Dave Boser again and Kevin Beabout for letting the word and music get out!



←TO KILL A MOCKINGBIRD

As we entered **THE REP** to see the play "*To Kill a Mockingbird*". graduate Isabella Garcia's poster greeted us. Time sure flew there. The 2 hours and 50 minutes (with intermission) seemed like an hour---it was that good! The collective audience gasp when the N-word was used the first time by Scout from this play set in 1935 Alabama, reminds us how far we have come and how far we have yet to go to learn what empathy means. Why can't we all belong to just one race---the human race? Thanks to Parents and Friends for funding this adventure back in time that we can project into right now!

IL Math League Results (Feb. 21, 2017):

8th grade: 1. Isabella Frasure-20 2. Rose Sippel-18 3. (tie)Eli Garcia---Katie Grawitch-17
5. Andrew Harmon-16 Commendable Scores: Jacob Feldker, Anna Adams, Dominic Dalpoas, Nik Traiteur

7th grade: 1. Jacob Whitworth-26 2. Jacqie Gogolek-22 3. Noah Newton-21 4. Dorian Thorne-20
5. (tie)Georgia Sasser, Adelynn Murphy, Ally Curry, and Collin Schmidt-19

Commendable Scores: Reece Ward, Emily Everett, Paula Boser, Emma Blaskiewicz, Jordan Smugala, Devin Cason, Allyse Broske, and Kaleb Hugger

6th Grade: 1. Ben Haney- 23 2. Tyler Wahle-20 3. Brock Murphy-18 4.(tie) Sydney Wahle, Colin Mueth, Emma Schmidt-17 Commendable Scores: Josie Thomas, Andrew Donjon, Joe Tyler, Thomas Schaefer, Jaylyn Brister, Michael Costner, Emma Tippen, Cole Huebner, Andrew Feldker, Abby Repp, Blake Powers, Owen Dalpoas, Rhyan Ward, Allison Stark, Danny Repp, Maria Biske, Dominic Voegelé, Jack Basler, Abby Eichenseer, Anna Haubrich, Gavin Kesler, Maddi Swip, Marisa McGill, Kyra Newton, William Sanker.

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

ONEHOPE Foundaton. We received a check for \$166.03 from a Wine-Tasting Party where they give 15% to a charity of choice. Thanks and if you want to remain anonymous, we understand but we would like to know where to deposit the check. It is not the dinner auction and I don't think it is the former Altar Society either.



Contraction dissection in Grade 3.

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!

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.

CAMP INVENTION SPPCS is hosting one this summer. [Click here for flyer](#). It's a good one!

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!

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.

COD IS SO GOOD. 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.

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.

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!

COFFEE CUP MISSING Sentimental value. It has a logo of Mary on it and the date of the First A.C.T.S. retreat from Illinois. December 2011. We have had 18 more retreats since I think. I did have two and now I only have the worse one. If anyone has seen St. Anthony, please ask him. He's not talking to me right now.

Little Gabe Madrid is undergoing tests. Please keep him in your prayers.

Donna Barton's cancer is back. She is Mom to grads Alex, Maria, and Katie. Please pray for her!

PRAYERS: Special Intention Donna Barton, Gabe Madrid, Teresa Dorshorst, 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

TOMORROW WILL TAKE CARE OF ITSELF It is amazing how much Scripture has crept into our vernacular yet we sure don't listen. We worry-worry-worry and about what? We worry about missing out and then find out we survived the missing out. My only wish is that we would realize we do miss out when we don't come to the huddle, the coaching corner, the planning meeting for the week--- THE MASS---when we miss the weekend liturgy. Jesus drew large crowds and for good reason. The crowds ought to be larger today since we know better, have the advantage of the Holy Spirit, and certainly need to learn how to live. Don't worry---if you miss---you won't really miss out till it hits you that you really did miss out. Take care of today, right now, the weekend Liturgy.

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PS Kindergarten and new student registration is Sunday, March 19 from 10:00 till 12:30 or by appointment at 281-5353. Come and take the “nickel tour” and check out the Principal’s “bragging points”. (Parents always make the list!)

PS Lent starts next Wednesday. Mass is at 8:15 at Church. Could you join us? Sit with your children? Let us know you are coming? And then leave with the ashes on your forehead and have your co-workers ask you about the power of symbolism. “With these ashes, we know your love, O Lord!” Stations on Friday at 2:15 and 7:00 pm.

PS D.A.R.E. Graduation is April 25 here. Talk about the message at home please.

FROM THE PARISH BULLETIN AND OUR CAPITAL CAMPAIGN CHAIRMAN JOE DENT:

THE POWER OF WE

Nearly two years ago, a small group of parishioners came together to form the Capital Campaign Committee for the Catholic Education and Activity Center. A lot of planning, meetings, and conversations with the parish have occurred in that time, and we have paid off the mortgage on our new church. As the architects started working on the plans that we now see in the parish office and Immaculate Conception School, we realized we had a significant task ahead, to visit over 1,500 parish families. We set out on a journey christened by a statement from Fr. Carl to “Work as if it depends on us and pray as if it depends on God.”

Over the last few months a team of around 100 volunteers have been making home visits to our parish families. These visits provide details about the plans for the new center and offer an opportunity for each family to prayerfully and financially commit themselves to this great endeavor. As of our last status report, 32% of the families have returned their commitments providing us with a total pledge amount of over \$6.3M toward our \$11.6M goal! Praise God!! This is a remarkable start! I am forever amazed and humbled by what our parish can do when we come together.

While these numbers are cause for celebration, we are not done, and so I have a request for each of you. To meet the timelines for being in the new center, we need to solidify our financial plan very soon. We can only properly do so if we have nearly all of the commitment letters back to the parish office. If you have been visited, but not yet returned your commitment form, please do so very soon. If you have not been visited, please contact the parish office to leave your name and the best phone number to reach you. You will be contacted shortly to schedule a home visit.

I, for one, am growing eager with excitement for the new center. This will bring full circle a journey we all started many years ago. To be able to stand in the new center, knowing what we have come together to build, will once again show what can be done with God’s amazing grace, and the power of “we”.

~Faithfully yours,
Joe Dent, Chair
Catholic Education and Activity Center Capital Campaign