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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 26, 2016

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Dear Parent, Guardian, Student, Teacher, Friend,

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC BEE Spencer Biske has qualified to compete in the state level competition! He is our 15th qualifier in 27 years. Over 200,000 start out taking this test! The Illinois State Bee will be held on Friday, April 1, 2016 in Chicago. Congratulations to Spencer, Mrs. Tolan, and our Geography students! Hannah Janson was second in our school bee and Nick Prindiville third!



SPEECH MEET Immaculate Conception School hosted the Intermediate Diocesan Speech meet on February 20. 7 schools participated. Receiving perfect scores were Jane Whelan(To Be or Not To Be), Allison Shuler and Anna Haubrich(How to Drive Mom Crazy from the Back Seat of the Car) , and receiving First Places were Marie Prindiville and Katie Grawitch(Stand Up and Holler). The Team was coached by Sam Watters and Lucy Hollman. Proud are we!

GOOD LUCK TO JAMES RAMETTE today as he competes in the IESA STATE CHESS MEET in Peoria! James made it out of Round 2 and moved on!

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.

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

DINNER AUCTION We are still finalizing results from last Saturday night. AC/DC hurt us but only a little! We thank God for all the hard work and generosity! Mark your calendar for February 11, 2017 so you don't miss the fun next year! **GRANDPARENT ON A ROLL** special thanks to Kim and Dale Diesel---late entry for our Dinner Auction Booklet which again made the "collectible" list(thanks Lizanne Young)!!

2016 IL MATH LEAGUE CONTEST RESULTS 14 is a commendable score. This is an "in-house contest" with scores sent in and results posted later in our 7 County region.

6th grade (team score 98)

1. Noah Newton (24)
2. Grant Mathany and Jacob Whitworth (tie- 19)
4. Jacqie Gogolek, Dominic Voegele(5th), Tyler Wahle (5th), Ben Haney (5th), Dan Stewart(5th) - (tie- 18)
9. Jordan Smugala, Andrew Feldker(5th) , Danny Repp(5th) , Maria Biske(5th)- (tie- 17)

7th grade (team score 95)

1. Eli Garcia, Jacob Feldker, Katie Grawitch- (tie 20)
4. Dominic Dalpoas (18)
5. Reagan Herrmann, Jessica Lambert (tie- 17)
7. Rose Sippel, Kalia Jerkatis, James Ramette (tie- 15)
10. Noble Faris, Molly Tippen, Mary Clare Murphy (tie-14)

8th grade (team score 108)

1. Spencer Biske (29)
2. Mary Wessel, Rob Guetterman – (tie-21)
4. Hannah Janson (19)
5. Jane Whelan, Jack Burke, (tie- 18)
7. Claire Eppinger, Kaylum Furlow (tie-17)
9. Maggie Schulte (16)
10. Claire Huebner (15)

GOOD LUCK to our Althoff Catholic Science Club - Annual Science Olympiad Team on March 1 and March 8, 2016. The theme this year is Aquatic Adventures. Activities include boat building, trivia, urinalysis, and testing water samples. Teams consist of groups of four students and are aided by Althoff Science Club students.

Representing 5th grade: Dakota L'Hote, Ben Haney, Stephen Johns, Emma Tippen

6th Grade: Autumn Ramey, Adelynn Murphy, Holly Repp, Paula Boser, Allie Shuler, Emma Melliere, Jordan Smugala, Collin Schmidt, Noah Newton, Jacob Whitworth.

7th Grade: Eli Garcia, Kalia Jerkatis, James Ramette, Nik Traiteur, Dominic Dalpoas.

Thanks Mr. Kassebaum for coaching!

GOOD LUCK TO OUR MATH TEAM headed to Cor Jesus next Saturday, March 5!

Jessica Lambert, Katie Grawitch, Autumn Ramey, Adelynn Murphy,

Paula Boser, Ally Curry, Allie Shuler, Emma Blaskiewicz, Jacqie Gogolek, Georgia Sasser

GOOD LUCK to 5th grader Tyler Wahle, 6th grader Paula Boser, 7th grader James Ramette, and 8th grader (Spencer Biske)---Nick Prindiville will represent us as Spencer heads to the State Geography Bee. The annual Regional Office of Education Spelling Contest will be held on Thursday, March 31 at Gardner Elementary School in Waterloo. are. Students should arrive in the gymnasium for an orientation assembly at 5:45.

BUILDERS CLUB MOCK Primary Election THURSDAY, Mar. 3. Only vote for candidates in 1 party.

If the snow kept you away from the Beauty and the Beast auditions, it's not too late!

We will have an additional audition on Monday February 29th at 6pm in the Gibault auditorium. If this date and time proves difficult please contact MaryBeth Babcock for a reschedule at actorsattic@gmail.com Show dates are April 14,15,16, 17 MaryBeth



Our second graders have been studying biographies during Reading class. They were each assigned to choose one famous American person to become for the day. Dressed up as their famous person, they presented a Biography Parade along with a Salute to Our Flag Program to the residents at Columbia rehab and Nursing. Even Rosie the Riveter made an appearance!

SHAKESPEARE Thanks to the Dorothy Weinel Eppinger Foundation for sponsoring Shakespeare StL yesterday. What a treat and did we pay attention! Puck, Bottom, Lysander, Helena, Demetrius, Tatania...all came to life through the pen of The Bard! A

MIDSUMMER'S NIGHT DREAM will be performed this summer in Forest Park for free on June 1-26! How blest are we!

DUBOURG BAND FESTIVAL I have heard many great things about our performance last Sunday. Congratulations Band and Mr. Hake and let this be our jump-start for the District Band Contest!

WE LEAVE FOR DC next Saturday. At the **BASILICA OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION IN WASHINGTON, DC,** Gift bearers will be Spencer Biske, Ben Traxler, Jane Whelan, Abby Mathany and ALTAR SERVERS will be Nick Prindiville and Jacob Raisch. Blest again!

TARGET TAKE CHARGE OF EDUCATION This great program is phasing out. But we just got another check for **\$452.84!** Thank you!

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION 82 students turned in 7,049 BoxTops in our most recent collection contest. That is less participation than last time, but we'll take it!

Crazy Sock Day and Hat Day for those who turned in 25 or 50 will be on Monday, February 29. Teachers will be given a list of students who earned the incentives, and students will also receive a note letting them know. Ben Traxler from Mr. Kassebaum's class won the raffle drawing for 3 days of choosing lunch. Get ready to pick Ben! Mrs. Schauster's class won the pizza party. Congrats!! Please let me know when you would like to have it. Mr. Kish said he has free pizzas from Papa John's...will they deliver? How many do we need? I'll also bring Capri Sun drinks. Teachers will continue to collect BoxTops the rest of the year...Next collection on May 5th, and we can send them in then (to catch any that would expire over the summer). No contest though--too busy at year end. Please let me know if you have any questions. Carrie Boser

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.

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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



FISH FRIES

FISH FRY SCHEDULE:

- *ASH WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10TH
- *FIRST FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 25TH
- *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

KC Fish Fry tonight!--- Friday February 26. Boys volleyball game(8 and 6) that night vs. Smithton.

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!

Chrism 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.

From the Grade one prayer corner:

“In Lent, we pray and set up our prayer corner.” –Avery

“Lent means to give up something like candy or sweets like soda. We use the money to give to the poor.” -Steven

“We thank Jesus that we have all of the things that we need. We fast, we pray and we give.” –Megan

“We do good deeds in Lent. It’s because it is joyful and nice.” –Easton

“We pray for the poor and we give money to the Rice Bowl.” –Gali

“We are fasting. We are giving up something for Lent because Jesus died on the cross for us.” –Julia

“Lent means giving up something. Jesus gave up his life. That is a big thing so we give up something for Lent.”–Cam

“You fast and give up something. You give up something because you’re waiting for Jesus to come to your heart.” –Gus

“I am giving up soda for Lent. God gave up his life for us. So we can give up soda and candy...”
 -Ella

This is what Lent means to me. Love, peace, joy and mercy!" -Sean

"When you give up a food and saying mean things and candy." –Eleanor

"In Lent, we have 3 pillars. The first one prayer, then fasting and almsgiving." -Regan

"Love and care and to love others and to help the sick."–Eli

"You give up something and when it is over it is Easter. The things in Lent are prayer, fasting, and almsgiving."-Carolyn

"You give up something because Jesus gave up His life to us." –Aidan

"We can feel closer to Jesus." -Shawn

IT WAS ZAC EPPLIN'S birthday yesterday and he lives on. James Ramette thoughtfully made this for Mrs. Epplin on our 3D printer from CAD drawing in Tinker CAD. On all 4 edges, James raised the words "fight cancer". Our faith is often an unheralded gift as our loved ones, though removed from us physically, are with us in the spirit!



THE SPORTING NEWS... CONGRATULATIONS to Bryce Pautler on hitting 19 of 25 free throws at the District Level to advance to State!

ICS 5k & Kids Fun Run... Saturday March 19th @Immaculate Conception Church

Check-in: 8:15am Garden Level Run Kick-off: 9:00am ~Registration forms available at icscolumbia.org

1st and 2nd Place Class Prizes for the child who brings in the most pledges for the Kids Fun Run!

Family Fun Fair following the run with food, refreshments, and games available for purchase!

Questions contact: Holly (h_blaskiewicz@yahoo.com 314-707-1046) or Kim (kim@kimschwartz.net)

SPPS Catholic School Men's Club Euchre Tourney 4-1-16 [Click on link-- knock!](#)

SUMMER MUSICAL IN A WEEK: Mrs. Babcock has announced the camp dates for this year's Actors' Attic Summer Musical in a Week. Things will kick off with the middle school students (going into grades 6-8) putting up **Annie Jr.**, with performance dates of June 9-10 (camp June 3-9). Then the high school students (going into grades 9-12) will launch **Legally Blonde Jr.** on June 16-17 (camp June 10-16). And the camp season ends with the grade school students (going into grades 1-5) putting up **A Year With Frog & Toad** on June 23-24 (camp June 17-23). All camps take place at the Gibault Catholic High School auditorium. [Click on link for details](#), and

email actorsattic@gmail.com with questions.

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.

Senior Service Project: From February 22 – March 11, the senior class at Gibault Catholic High School goes out into the community to serve with compassion. This year we have 15 students serving at an orphanage in Ecuador. Please join us in praying for our seniors as they serve our global community!

Gibault Catholic has registration for incoming Freshman on **March 14 and 16**. Call Becky Ramlose (939-3883) to set up your appointment. Welcome GCHS Class of 2020!

GLO BINGO The Gibault Catholic High School Men's Club is hosting a Glo Bingo for players 18 years of age or older on Friday, March 18th in Gibault's Hustedde Gymnasium. There will be over \$1,000 in cash prizes. Drinks will be available for sale. Please bring your own snacks. Doors open at 6:00 pm and the bingo begins at 7:30 pm. Tickets are \$20 in advance and \$25 at the doors. For tickets, please contact Kermit Constantine at [618-340-3322](tel:618-340-3322), Rick Schmidt at [618-410-1827](tel:618-410-1827) or the Gibault school office at [939-3883](tel:939-3883). All proceeds will go to support Gibault Catholic High School improvements.

PARISH NEWS... Hello Families,

February is the month for love. God is love.

Each of us, whatever our state in life, are in the world for a purpose --- to receive God's love ourselves and to show God's love to others.

Communicate and celebrate your love to your children by completing the Family project for this month. With love, Knights of Columbus family Committee [see the link...](#)

ASK ME ABOUT MY MERCY Paul Ott-Logan Loport-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-Emily Everett-Sadie Loless-Lacie Hausmann-Noah Chism

Violet McQuire is home from the hospital and getting better every day. Thanks be to God.

PRAYERS: Angie Rose, Ken Bolton, George Perry, 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

THE BURNING BUSH---BE ON GUARD---THE FIG TREE 3 great readings this weekend. Moses was a "notice". The bush was not being consumed. Everyone else walked by and thought so what? Not relying on God caused many to die in the dessert. Remember when your gum ball tree did not produce? Well, like the Chinese bamboo tree that needs to be nurtured for 6 years in the ground

before it takes off, we often have to wait to mature. In this Holy Year of Mercy, we all deserve one more chance. And then another, and another for our God is merciful as long as we are trying. Colonel Sanders didn't sell his chicken recipe until he was past 65. God is patient with us. Be a noticer, try to avoid sin, and have mercy!

MIKE KISH

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

Ps KC Fish Fry tonight followed by 2 boys volleyball games starting at 5:30.

Band Schedule Week of Feb 29-Mar 4

Monday

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

Tuesday

7:15-7:50 **Jazz Band**
8:55-9:25 6th-8th Trumpet
9:25-9:55 5th Clarinet
9:55-10:35 6th-8th Saxophone and F Horn
11:05-11:35 4th Saxophone
11:35-12:05 4th Trumpet

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 6th-8th Percussion
9:25-9:55 5th Saxophone
9:55-10:35 6th-8th Low Brass
11:05-11:35 4th Low Brass
11:35-12:05 4th Percussion

Friday

8:05-8:35 5th Low Brass
8:35-9:05 5th Percussion
9:05-9:35 5th Trumpet
10:35-11:05 Jazz Band Sectionals
11:05-11:35 Smart Music Lab

Francis

