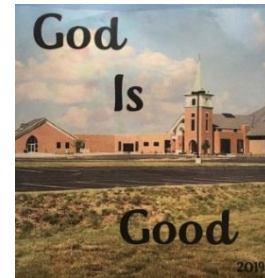




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**Celebrating 166 years of Mission, Community, Service.**

**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.**



**"God is good!"**  
 Bienvenido el parrochia!

February 28, 2020

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**Dear Parents, Guardians, and Friends,**

**THESE 41 DAYS(leap year) of Lent O Lord** Sundays don't count for the Fast or Abstinence if you're counting. Talk it up---do something special. One year a third grader tried to give up talking for Lent. He said he was going to learn sign language. That was a hard one for sure. Lent is about doing. Giving up helps us remember we are in control. Doing a good deed is often more difficult. Thanks for the alms for St. Raymond in Guatemala---\$117.30. Prayer-Fasting-Almsgiving! Happy Lent!

This weekend of February 29 and March 1 the focus will be the pillar of prayer using Lenten Prayer Cards. **Prayer Card intentions** for this year are our Confirmandi, our folks in RCIA, the Home Bound, and our diocesan seminarians (including Deacon Nick!). Return your card to the purple box by the cross stationed at the baptismal font any time during Lent. We will send the card to the person listed after Easter to show them your support! Please join in this Team Jesus Lenten exercise in spirituality.

**Lenten Regulations...** Everyone 14 years of age or over is bound to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday & Good Friday, and all Fridays in Lent. Everyone 18 years of age and under 59 years of age is also bound to fast on Ash Wednesday & Good Friday. On these two days of fast and abstinence, only one full meatless meal is allowed. The other meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength may be taken according to ones needs, but altogether they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted on these two days, but liquids, including milk and fruit juices are allowed. When health and ability to work would be seriously affected, the obligation of the law is modified. Because Lent is a special season for all Christians, we should not lightly excuse ourselves from these penitential practices. To completely disregard the law of fast and abstinence is seriously sinful.

**Stations of the Cross...** Friday afternoons at 2:15 and Friday evenings at 7p.m. in church. You can make the Stations of the Cross, anytime on your own during regular Parish office hours. Check in at the office first so we can turn on the lights to the Stations. Station books are available or you can simply use the prayers on the stands underneath each Station. Lenten Prayer Cards... Almsgiving, prayer, and fasting are the three pillars of the Lenten Season.

**K of C Fish Fry Schedule...** Mar 13, Mar 27, & April 10 In the ICS Cafeteria from 4-7p.m. Anyone wishing to help with the fish fry event, donate a dessert, serve, clean up, host, or just show up for moral support, please contact Jim VonDerHaar @ 314-494-8874 or [jvonderhaar@bhhselectstl.com](mailto:jvonderhaar@bhhselectstl.com)

**BOY SCOUT TROOP 320** hosts their annual **Spaghetti Dinner** tomorrow, Saturday, February 29 from 4:00-7:00 in the Garden level. Come to 5:00 Mass and then feast downstairs!

**FATHER'S CLUB** POKER Night on March 6! <https://www.facebook.com/ICSFathersClub/>  
Bring your neighbor to the table!



### **PARENTS AND FRIENDS DINNER AUCTION**

What a night! What a gross! Another record! Besides all the hard work of our Committee( 4 chairs assisted by 17 ) and fellowship we enjoyed, I also got to visit a little with Lauren Darr who is recovering and heard about the deluge of folks who helped break down after 9:00 am Mass. We were done by noon! Thanks for coming, for setting up/breaking down, for donating! We don't pay the price, we reap the benefits. This is such a humbling night and reminder that God is good and so is working together!



**BISHOP DU BOURG MUSIC FESTIVAL** Boys and Girls did we sound good last Sunday at the Music Festival and all the bands might have been the best ever! A very enjoyable concert! Thanks to Mr. Hake and The Band for making us proud! Research says that playing music is the single best way to expand the academic experience as it works so many parts of our brain at the same time. 60 Minutes featured a blind prodigy that night and the impact on his brain as he played.



**SPEECH MEET: St. Joe's in Freeburg.** Our team did a great job on Saturday at Allison Stark and Claire Wachtel each received a perfect score on their solos. Adrian DeClue and Aubry Thomas and Avery Herrmann and Ava Blaskiewicz received a first place for their duet. Julia Hoeflinger and Genevieve Nadziejko earned a first with solos as well. Layne Traxler was sick but Hope Schwartz made a great cheerleader for her teammates. Congrats Team and Ms. Taylor!

### **CONGRATULATIONS TO THESE TOP 5 SCORERS ON THE ANNUAL IL MATH LEAGUE TEST:**

6th grade- Riley McGill, tie -Lila Griffin, Maryann Imhoff, and Lucas Sheehan, tie- Aiden Howard-Maul and Will Wittenauer

7th grade- Brady Moore, Grady Frierdich, Claire Barbour, Carter Groppe, Henry Schulte

8th grade- Brock Murphy, Owen Dalpoas, Gavin Kesler, Allison Stark, and Izzy Foutch

**DC HERE WE COME!** We'll be there for Mass at the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception, on Casimir Pulaski Day, on Super Tuesday, and on the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Boston Massacre! While we're gone---business as usual---but pray for a safe trip for us. We expect the unexpected and are rewarded every year!

**FROM PARENTS AND FRIENDS: REMINDER:** Only the 8<sup>th</sup> grade is in attendance in Washington, DC on March 2nd for Casimir Pulaski Day. But don't worry, we have something fun planned for your kiddos. [Please join us at Powerhaus](#) and support ICS. All are welcome, so tell all your friends! Click [here](#) to fill out the waiver form in advance. Nerf on the Turf!



**Parents and Friends** will host a Father-Daughter Dance on March 14. Look left Dad and build a memory for a lifetime!

**BOXTOPS FOR EDUCATION** The total was about \$250. That doesn't include the online which is probably another \$80 or so. Mrs. Schauster's class took the top spot again and get to have an ice cream party!! Please coordinate a date and if there is freezer space at school, I can bring by the treats in the morning. Dress down day for the top class and the top submitter, who is in Mrs. Schauster's class, same day as ice cream. I will have the other prizes in the teacher mailboxes, hopefully, tomorrow morning.

Thank you! Deidra Doerr



**PEDAL THE CAUSE** Aiden Howard-Maul received a special spirit award last night at the Pedal the Cause Celebration. The Clare Blasé Spirit Award is named after a young girl who fought with everything she had and her Mom created this award in 2012 after she passed. He also received his Yellow Jersey which is a special honor given to those who raise over \$2500.00. He could not have

done it without the support of ICS. Mrs. Whelan and family all have a yellow jersey as well. We don't have to look far for heroes in our school!



**THE 3RD GRADE GIRLS SCOUTS ARE HOSTING A BAKE SALE ON FRIDAY, MARCH 6<sup>TH</sup>** with proceeds donated to Seth Conner (3rd Grader Maxine's Dad). He was admitted on February 18th with a life threatening emergency.

Items will be for sale at drop off at 7:30 am and at pick up from 3-4 pm in the Icthus Hall. So come and get your sweet goodies for a sweet cause and show so much love and support to our ICS Family! Thanks for supporting Seth and Lauren and Max!

We thank you in advance for all your help and support!

**DRESS DOWN FOR THE CONNER FAMILY** \$2,481.38! We are family!

**MARCH 19<sup>TH</sup> IS THE FEAST OF ST. JOSEPH.** We would like to invite all dads, grandfathers, godfathers, uncles, adoptive father figures, spiritual father-figures to Mass that morning. Block out your work schedule for a late start on March 19. Mass-snack-and off to work! Father's Day is June 21 and we think we will be out of school so let's honor the men in our lives who help mom raise us up in "wisdom and age and grace before God and mankind"!

**MONROE /RANDOLPH ART CONTEST - MARCH 3, 2020** Columbia Middle School will be hosting the 2020 Monroe/Randolph Art Festival on Tuesday. We usually earn a big humble brag from this one. Mrs. Fetcho has us ready! **JUDGES** needed. Contact Mrs. Fetcho.

**CHESS NEWS - Chess Meets:** ICS - March 7, St. Clare - March 14, Queen of Peace - April 4 (Diocesan) **Chess Practices: Garden Level Tuesdays from 3:00-4:30 Gr. 2-3** 3/3, 3/17, 3/31 **Grades 4 through 8** - 3/10, 3/24



Chess News: Twenty-three ICS Students participated in the Blessed Sacrament Chess Meet on February 22nd. ICS finished in fourth place. Top scorers from ICS were Joseph Wynn, Emeila Doerr, and Lucas Sheehan each with 3 wins. We will host the next meet on March 7th!



**Dental Health Month** Dr. Jodi Hentscher-Johnson visited the Kindergarten, Grade 1 and Grade 3 and Dr. Renee Doyle, visited Grades 2 and 4 as part of Dental Health Month. Thanks to Dr. Jodi and Dr. Renee

for the smiles!

*“If I had known I was going to live this long, I would have taken better care of my teeth.”* ( The late Armin Eschmann told me this one!)



### **Scholastic Bowl 2020**

Blessed Sacrament Varsity won 2. JV split.  
Columbia Middle School Varsity split JV split.  
Tuesday, January 21st St. James JV only-won 2  
Queen of Peace Varsity won 2 JV won 2  
Queen of Peace Varsity 2 wins JV 2 wins  
Blessed Sacrament Varsity won 2 JV split  
Mater Dei Tournament @ Mater Dei High Third Place of 25 schools, Brock Murphy Toss-up Champ  
All Saints Varsity won 2 JV won 2  
St. Theresa Varsity won 2 JV split  
Tuesday, February 11 th @ Carriel Jr High – O’Fallon Varsity lost 2 JV split  
Thursday, February 27 th @ Triad Varsity won both. JV won both.  
Tuesday, March 10th Fulton Jr. High – O’Fallon  
Wednesday, March 11th @ Aviston  
Wednesday, March 18th Lincoln Middle School – Edwardsville  
Monday, March 23rd All Saints  
Tuesday, March 31st Liberty Middle School – Edwardsville  
Thursday, April 2nd @ Fulton Jr. High – O’Fallon  
Monday, April 6th Aviston  
Tuesday, April 14th Carriel Jr. High – O’Fallon  
Wednesday, April 15th @ Lincoln Middle School – Edwardsville  
Tuesday, April 21st @ Liberty Middle School – Edwardsville  
Wednesday, April 29th Regional Monday, May 4 th Sectional  
Friday, May 8th State @ Peoria Civic Center

**2020 Actors' Attic Musical-in-a-Week** camps will feature **Seussical**, KIDS for Grades 1-5; **Shrek Jr.** for Grades 6-8; and **Mary Poppins Jr.** for Grades 9-13. It all happens in June! See the forms attached for corresponding dates and all the information. Payment online is preferred at <https://the-actors-attic.square.site/> If you have any questions, contact MaryBeth Babcock at [actorsattic@gmail.org](mailto:actorsattic@gmail.org)

**St. James Trash Sweep** Students at St. James have suggested a Diocesan wide trash sweep from March 23-27. We are kind of limited in cleaning up the neighborhood due to road traffic and mud but we can clean our playground well that week and participate. The Builders Club will spearhead and assign areas.

**THE COLUMBIA ROTARY CLUB 10<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL MOUSE DERBY AND SILENT AUCTION** IS FRIDAY NIGHT MAY 8 AT THE FALLS. The Rotary has been very supportive of our school so please support them.

**[COLUMBIA ROTARY CLUB SCHOLARSHIP---Hey High School Seniors---read and apply!](#)**

## **THE SPORTING NEWS...**

**GIRLS ON THE RUN TIME!** Thanks to Julie Braun and Kailey Walker for chairing!

### **March**

Wednesday 4th & Thursday 5th

Monday 9th & Thursday 12th

Monday 16th & Thursday 19th

Monday 23rd & Thursday 26th

Monday 30th

### **April**

Thursday April 2nd

Monday April 6th \*\* Easter Holiday Week

Easter Monday \*\***Tuesday April 14th** & Thursday April 16th

Monday 20th & Thursday 23rd

Monday 27th

### **May**

**\*\*Friday Evening May 1st - ICS Glow Run Team Practice 5K**

Monday May 4th - Final Practice

**\*\*Saturday May 9th - GOTR 5K St. Louis**

**After season Picnic – TBD**

CHECKING ON INTEREST IN GOLF A couple of volunteers from SPPCS in Waterloo are putting together a golf league for our students. [Click here for flyer.](#)

This league would be ideal for the student that has played golf before and would like to have a school structured team atmosphere to improve. Each school would only need to provide a "Golf Coordinator" for their teams. If you have any additional questions, please let me know and I can either answer or get the answers for you. There will also be a golf informational meeting for each Golf Coordinator and parents of the players prior to starting. If you could give me a general idea if your school would be interested and how many students along with their grade level asap that would be great. Please respond no later than March 6th.

Lori Matzenbacher

Principal @ Ss. Peter & Paul Catholic School



### **Couch Therapy!**

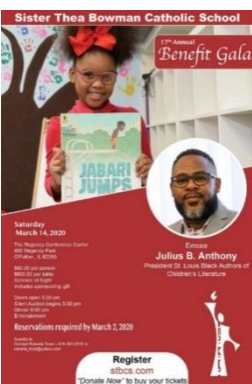
### **Society of St. Vincent De Paul Night-time Drop in Center Needs Your Help**

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul Night-Time Drop-In Center opened in December and has operated at full capacity almost every night, helping homeless men, women and children survive freezing temperatures and dangers of the city streets. We

humbly ask for your prayers for the Center and its clients and, if you are able, to help us provide sack lunch items (**individually packaged**) for them: **cookies fruit cups tuna and chicken snack packs chips crackers cheese sticks yogurt cereal Pop Tarts breakfast bars soup or pasta in a cup bottled water** Items can be dropped off at the SVDP office, 13 Vieux Carre Drive, (Loisel Village-immediately off Route 157 across from Sav-A-Lot) or at the SVDP Help Center, 3718 State Street, East St. Louis. For additional information contact Joe Hubbard, 394-0126, or Pat Hoglebe, 799-8505. Thank you and God bless you for your generosity which enables our ministry to the poorest among us.

## CALENDAR ---

- March 2 Monday School in DC for 8<sup>th</sup> grade. **No school at ICS** in honor of Casimir Pulaski-Catholic Polish Cavalry Hero Nerf and Turf at Powerhaus sponsored by Parents and Friends
- March 3 ROE Art Contest at CMS
- March 6 Statons 2:15 and 7:00, Texas Hold'em Garden Level---ICS Fathers Club---** Come get a hand!
- March 7 SLU High Math Contest, Cor Jesu, 6-7<sup>th</sup> Girls math contest, Chess Meet HERE
- March 8 12:15 Knights of Columbus 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Essay Contest
- March 10 Adventures in Medicine at St. Louis University Grades 7-8 Orthopedic---shoulder and knee dissection
- March 13 Stations at 2:15 and 7:00, KC Fish Fry here
- March 14 Daddy-Daughter Dance, Regional Science Olympiad, Parish Workday
- March 15 ICS new student registration---Icthus Hall by the office, Confirmation Retreat Grade 8 with REAP Team
- March 19 Feast of St. Joseph---Dads and Spiritual Dads join us for Mass at 8:05
- March 20 Early Release at 11:20, Teacher in-service, Stations at 7:00
- March 25 Reconciliation at 1:00 and 1:45
- March 27 Chicage Gr. 7, Butterfly Project with Sr. Thea Bowman Gr. 1, Stations 2:15 and 7:00
- March 28 Young Authors Conference at Sparta Lincoln
- March 29 Parish Reconciliaion Service
- April 1 Census Day
- April 2 Magic House-Gr. 3
- April 3 Living Stations by grade 8 in gym at 2:00
- April 6 Shakespeare St. Louis Gr. 5-8
- April 7 Chrism Mass Gr. 8
- April 8 School no bus
- Aapril 9 Holy Thursday-Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:00, No School
- April 10 Good Friday: Noon at City Hall for Community, 7:00 IC, KC Fish Fry 4:00-7:00
- April 13 No School
- April 17 Zac Epplin Golf Tournament at Ann Briar
- April 18 First Eucharist Retreat
- April 21 Water Field Trip Gr. 4
- April 22 Cards Game for Magazine Drive,
- April 23 ROE Spelling Bee, St. John Lutheran Red Bud
- April 24 Memphis Field Trip Gr. 6-7
- April 26 First Eucharist, Confirmation at Cathedral for 8<sup>th</sup> Grade on Scholastic Bowl Team
- April 29 Confirmation here, Scholar Bowl Regional
- May 1 May Crowning bring flowers



**Our Parish is a major supporter of Sr. Thea Bowman School. Some of the best work of the Church is done there and we are proud to be a sister school.**

**Sr. Thea Bowman's Dinner Auction** is always a cultural experience. The students perform and they usually have a successful graduate involved. Our parish works well with them in time, talent and treasure. It is a great night out if you can make it. New venue this year---The Regency in O'Fallon!

**OUR CONDOLENCES** to Amanda and Brian Jordan(Jacob and Owen) on the loss of Mom and Grandmother **Debbie Buechler** who was laid to rest on Tuesday from St. Theresa's in Belleville. The holes in our hearts are not supposed to go away. Legacy is the good memory left behind.

**Seth Conner** is responding some. Please say a prayer for him and the family!

**Sharon Smith**, Great Aunt of Henry Johns(Beth, George, Stephen), is home on hospice. She is that special Aunt to Beth that many of us have in our lives. Prayers for God's consolation.

**PRAYERS: Special Intention** Sharon Smith, Seth Conner, Geraldine McCoy, Danielle Dorlac, Kathy Neal, Logan Eichenseer, Patrick Kish, Marian Wickersham, Lauren Darr, Lindsay White, Tom Keeven Sr., Ed Schaefer, Dan Hoeflinger, Libby LoPorto, Tom Giovanni, Dion Scherr Miller, Donna Kania, Owen Jordan, Anthony Hendricks, Mark Fiore, Shawn Eichoff, Charlie Stockes, George Perry, Angela Roepke, Jan Hoffmann, Bill West, Jennifer Nesser, Tom Kish, Patti Rottler, Mike Taylor

**WHAT IS MYSTAGOGY?** Something the faithful are called to do all the time in the Church. It is the Christian's lifelong education and formation in the faith. You can't have a lifelong Christian experience by living off what you learned in a Catholic school or PSR. The education helps but you have to grow in the faith! We reflect on the encounter with Christ and live it out. Lent from the outside looking in seems focused on our sinful nature. Lent is not about sin but about the power of the Father's love to free us by the sacrifice of Christ. God so loved the world that he did not have his Son say "Like one another". He said "Love one another". Love is respect, walking away, quietly helping an enemy in need to get better. Lent is about turning it around. Lent is about getting right side up by turning our human nature upside down. We all have our "snakes". Come and hear about the snake this weekend. Happy Lent!

*Mike Kish*

Principal

PS **LENTEN THOUGHT** inspired by an NPR program: "Holding on to anger or resentment is like drinking poison and waiting for the other person to die." (A teacher told me St. Augustine said this too and she is younger than me so it must be true.)

PS Doctors have warned that a new viral phenomenon on TikTok called the "Skull Breaker Challenge" could prove fatal. Monitor your children's time on social media. The great outdoors are right in your backyard.

Thanks to Shari Murphy for this reminder...





**OUR MONROE COUNTY HISTORY MUSEUM IS A BLESSING.** Their special programs are too. Take advantage of these special events.

**May 1, 2020 – “History Museum of Monroe County’s Annual Spring Gala”** will be held at **“The Falls”** at 300 Admiral Weinel Blvd. in Columbia, IL, 62236. Please join us for a delicious buffet dinner, live and silent auctions and live entertainment! Dinner at 7:00 P.M., tickets \$50 per person, cash bar. Doors open at 6:00 P.M. Donations from the Annual Spring Gala will be used for the continued growth, operation and maintenance of the History Museum. For reservations please call Janis Rau at 618-304-4573.

**April 4, 2020, 1:00 P.M. – 4:00 P.M. History Museum opens on Saturdays and Sundays for the season! Looking forward to seeing you!**

**April 4, 2020, 1:30 P.M. – “Camp Waterloo - The Civilian Conservation Corps in Monroe County” presented by Ron Stellhorn.** Among those hardest hit by unemployment during the Great Depression were young men ages 18-24. At the same time America’s soil and forest resources were dwindling. To deal with these crises, President Franklin Roosevelt’s New Deal administration created the Civilian Conservation Corps in 1933. Ronnie Stellhorn is a retired history teacher from Waterloo District 5. The program will be held in the Monroe County History Museum’s Allscheid-Metzger Gallery located at 724 Elaine Drive, Waterloo, IL 62298

**April 25, 2020, 1:30 P.M. – “Meet Me in St. Louis - World’s Fair” by Karl M. Kindt III.**

This is an amazing slideshow presentation about the famous 1904 World’s Fair! It includes actual movies made at the Fair in 1904, amazing zoomable photographs with great detail of the Palaces, the exhibits and includes, of course, singing together, "Meet Me in St. Louis" to the music that was actually recorded in 1904 - it is an amazing visual and audio experience of the most amazing World's Fair ever held. Karl Kindt is a retired professor who taught for many years about this World's Fair. He has digitized many of the registry books some of your ancestors may have signed if they attended the 1904 Fair. (Anyone interested in displaying World’s Fair photos, memorabilia/artifacts for this program or the season may do so in one of our locked display cases. Please call 618-514-1628 ASAP. Feel free to “dress” for 1904 Fair attendance!) The program will be held in the Monroe County History Museum’s Allscheid-Metzger Gallery located at 724 Elaine Drive, Waterloo, IL 62298.

**May 3, 2020, 1:30 P.M. – “Spending Time Trapping!” by Walter Byerley.** Walter or as he is better known “Butch” spends a lot of time trapping and has had the opportunity to learn a lot about the animals of Monroe County including their habits and habitats. He will be explaining what is involved in trapping, sharing stories of his adventures, and have many items on display including tanned animal hides to see and touch. A few mounted species will be on display. The program will be held in the Monroe County History Museum’s Allscheid-Metzger Gallery located at 724 Elaine Drive, Waterloo, IL 62298.

**May 16, 2020, 1:30 P.M. – “Spinning and Felting Wool” by Lesley Patterson & Bobbi Bayne.** Our presenters will explain the differences in types of wool and the different breeds of sheep. They will demonstrate spinning and explain how and why wool is perfect for making yarn. They will also demonstrate the felting of wool and bring samples of felted, knitted and woven items and many samples of fleece, roving and different wools to check out! Join us in the Monroe County History Museum’s Allscheid-Metzger Gallery located at 724 Elaine Drive, Waterloo, IL 62298.

**June 13, 2020, 1:30 P.M. - “Grow Up St. Louis” by Jim Merkel.** This is the definitive look at what it was like to be a kid in St. Louis from 1900 to the present. Jim Merkel, who previously wrote four books about St. Louis, started by interviewing more than 100 people who grew up in the area - rich and poor, black and white, known and unknown. To this, he added many dozens of pictures, first-person stories by others about the early 1900s, commentaries about how kids lived in ten different periods since 1900, along with illuminating facts about each of those periods. Merkel’s presentation will clearly show how much the events of our childhood shaped the rest of our lives. Join us in the Monroe County History Museum’s Allscheid-Metzger Gallery located at 724 Elaine Drive, Waterloo, IL 62298.



**June 27, 2020, 1:30 P.M. – “Clothing of the 18<sup>th</sup> Century” will be presented by Karyn Albers & Kim Barber**. Women of the 18th century, much like us, needed clothing for warmth and comfort. Again, much like us, ideas of warmth and comfort were quickly abandoned when fashion came into play. Clothing played differing roles in the 18th century be it for work, gatherings or formal occasions. This presentation will provide an overview of the history of women’s clothing from Revolutionary War era. The program will be held in the Monroe County History Museum’s Allscheid-Metzger Gallery located at 724 Elaine Drive, Waterloo, IL 62298.

**July 11, 2020, 1:30 P.M. – “Beer, Brats & Baseball” by Jim Merkel** who tells the story of how Germans came to have a preeminent influence in the Gateway City. It's told by Jim Merkel, a descendant of Germans who came to St. Louis in the 1850s, and the author of four other books about St. Louis. He tells why so many Germans came to the St. Louis area, how they kept Missouri in the Union, and how anti-German sentiment during World War I damaged their community. In a presentation full of stories and pictures, he'll discuss the mayors, baseball team owners, authors and others who descended from German immigrants to St. Louis. Join us in the Monroe County History Museum’s Allscheid-Metzger Gallery located at 724 Elaine Drive, Waterloo, IL 62298.

**July 18, 2020, 1:30 P.M. - “Basket Weaving Demonstration and Display” by Patricia Handel.** Basket weaving through the years, the materials used and who made them will be shared. Every basket had a purpose. Different techniques to make baskets will be demonstrated. Patricia has been making baskets for 27 years and participates in historical re-enactments. The program will be held in the Monroe County History Museum’s Allscheid-Metzger Gallery located at 724 Elaine Drive, Waterloo, IL 62298.

**August 14, 2020 – “Tim Berg & the Kurtz Boys”** will be providing the entertainment for the annual **“Night at the Museums”!** Please join us for an enjoyable evening of music, dancing, touring our galleries and visiting with our volunteers in the Monroe County History Museum’s Allscheid-Metzger Gallery located at 724 Elaine Drive, Waterloo, IL 62298. More information later!!

**August 22, 2020, 1:30 P.M. - “An America Saga – The Orphan Trains” by John Shontz.** A discussion of the largest single migration of children in the history of the world. Some 350,000 children were cleared off the streets of New York City and sent to small towns and farms across America by train and ship from 1858 through 1929. Some of these children ended up in the Monroe County area. In fact, one family’s ancestor stepped off the train in Burksville Station. This program is the story of the agencies that sent these children west as well as of the children who made these incredible journeys to new homes. These children were usually legally **indentured** to their new “families” from as young as two years old until they turned 18. The photographs and the information are almost unbelievable! **Project-Making a Difference** is sponsored by the Upper Musselshell Historic Society of Harlowton, Montana. Please join us for this unique program in the Monroe County History Museum’s Allscheid-Metzger Gallery located at 724 Elaine Drive, Waterloo, IL 62298.

**September 12, 2020, 1:30 P.M. – “Navajo Code Talkers” presented by Lola DeGroff.** The government would not let them speak their native language in school. Yet, nearly 450 of those Navajo Indians helped the Allies win World War II. Come and learn more about their special contributions to America! Join us in the Monroe County History Museum’s Allscheid-Metzger Gallery located at 724 Elaine Drive, Waterloo, IL 62298.

**September 26, 2020, 1:30 P.M. - "The Unreported Story of the Saddam Trial" presented by Paul Schimpf.** Monroe County resident and State Senator Paul Schimpf, lead attorney-advisor to the Iraqi prosecutors, discusses his role in the trial of Saddam Hussein. The presentation begins with an overview of the differences between Iraqi and U.S. criminal procedure, then provides background on the crimes that Saddam Hussein stood trial for. Lastly, Schimpf describes the events of the chaotic trial that culminated with Hussein's execution in December of 2006. Join us for this unique program in the Monroe County History Museum’s Allscheid-Metzger Gallery located at 724 Elaine Drive, Waterloo, IL 62298.

**October 3, 2020, 1:30 P.M. – “The Curse of Kaskaskia” by Shane Wagner.** “Ghosts by the Riverside: The Haunted History of Chester and Old Kaskaskia” presented by Shane Wagner who will highlight the origins of the Curse of Kaskaskia and the Haunting of Chester’s historic Landmark building along with some of the local ghost stories which are nearly 300 years old. With a recorded history stretching back to the late 17th Century, the Middle Mississippi Valley has a great tradition of folklore through the ages! Today’s program is based on the book, “Ghosts by the Riverside: The Haunted History of Chester and Old Kaskaskia” a study of the origins of various folk legends in the Chester area which was released by Shane Wagner and the Chester Public Library last year. The program will be held in the Monroe County History Museum’s Allscheid-Metzger Gallery located at 724 Elaine Drive, Waterloo, IL 62298.

**October 24, 2020, 1:30 P.M. – “Elizabeth Cody Stanton” by Barbara Kay** in period dress. Elizabeth Cody Stanton was a leader of the woman’s suffrage movement in the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> centuries. As we celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of women voting, we should learn about the people who made it possible. Barbara Kay is a retired history teacher from St. Louis. The program will be held in the Monroe County History Museum’s Allscheid-Metzger Gallery located at 724 Elaine Drive, Waterloo, IL 62298.

**November 7, 2020, 1:30 P.M. – “Calling and Building Turkey Calls” by Mitchell Norris** who has been president of the St. Louis Longbeards NWTF for 25 years. He is also a master at making “Calls” for many local wild life species including owls often using unusual and free materials. His program will include information on hunting safety, the art of calling turkeys and building turkey calls. Interested guests will have the opportunity to build a turkey call. Although the turkey call would probably be of more use in the spring; making one now provides practice time! This program will be held in the Monroe County History Museum’s Allscheid-Metzger Gallery located at 724 Elaine Drive, Waterloo, IL 62298.

**December 12, 2020, 1:30 – 3:30 P.M. – “Christmas Party” with Alan & R.J.** providing the music for your enjoyment and dancing pleasure. Spend a little holiday time visiting with friends, sharing favorite stories and dancing. There will be light refreshments. If you have friends who would enjoy the afternoon or goodies you would like to share; please bring them along! Join us in the Monroe County History Museum’s Allscheid-Metzger Gallery located at 724 Elaine Drive, Waterloo, IL 62298. The History Museum will close at 4:00 P.M. for the season.

**December 13, 2020 – The History Museum of Monroe County is closed for the season. The facility will re-open April 3, 2021.**