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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.

"We are people of joy"

March 6, 2015

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Dear Parent, Guardian, Student, Teacher, Friend,

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT If you are too busy to study Scripture, you are too busy! Scripture is one of the ways we connect with our God. As a parent, your duty is to teach the Commandments. Rules help you raise your children and make your life easier too... "**Honor your father and your mother, that you may have a long life in the land.**" The first 3 Commandments are about our relationship with God and the next 7 about getting along with others. Thanks for the **Book of Exodus!** Without rules we have anarchy.

Psalm 19 reminds us of the power of Scripture. Mr. Riley's Religion Class wrote acrostics and generated a prayer book for their parents. Here, used with permission, is Kalia Jerkatis acrostic:

Psalm of Praise with an Acrostic Display

The Goodness of Our God

God is our omnipotent Teacher,
Our guide who leads us
Down the path of righteousness.

In the path of our holy
Savior, who opened the gates of heaven we praise.

Goodness flows from his heart, and
Out of his lips comes the truth,
Our Lord lets us repent and He
Delivers us from the evil of Satan

Arise and pray in the wake of God,
Leave the evil and sing His word.
Let those who do wrong to you be forgiven.

The evildoers that face you, know not what they do.
Help the poor and the crippled
Everyone is in need of something

The Lord will forgive if you do, too
In heaven you are free of sin
Make His word holy to you, and
Everywhere you go, praise His goodness

Jesus in the **Gospel of John 2, 13-25**, reminds us about why we have houses of prayer. The Temple had been turned into a place to make money. People are still climbing on Mt. Calvary for gold, using religion as a way to get rich or expound their singular causes to which my mentor Fr. Ed Hustedde would say "that's not the Gospel". Jesus had his moment of justified anger. How can we pay attention to this in our world?

DISCERNMENT Have you heard we are embarking on the journey of building a new educational center? Is this you? Please come Sunday at 2:00 and become informed about our latest venture in building the kingdom of God here in Columbia.

BUILDING THE CHURCH OF THE FUTURE...

It is a very exciting time to be part of the Immaculate Conception Parish. Our new campus has afforded us so many new opportunities to build our faith and share it with others in the form of spiritual concerts, fellowship gatherings, and a Catholic Revival. The Father Steve Memorial Library is breathtaking; it offers a place for quiet study that is spiritually inspiring. Our beautiful new church is the result of the collaborative efforts of so many parishioners who have shared their time, talent and treasure and we have built a more robust Church because of it. It is important to not lose momentum and continue to look to the future, and prepare for a time when we will be able to build a Catholic Education and Activities Center to further nourish generations of believers.

The Pastoral Council is planning another parish wide process of discernment to select a new building committee to lead us through our next building phase. This next building phase will be to create a new space for our: Parish Catholic School (ICS), Parish School of Religion (PSR), Sunday School program for preschool children ("Little Church"), Youth Ministry program (ICY), and a variety of other parish ministries, events and activities. This Catholic Education and Activities Center will enable us to continue to share the gift of our faith with our children, who are the Church of the Future! **On Sunday, March 8, at 2:00 p.m. in the ICS cafeteria, the Parish Pastoral Council will host an informational meeting for everyone who is interested in being a member of this new building committee.** I hope to see you there!

~Margaret Raisch, President, Pastoral Council

YOU LEAVE TOWN FOR A FEW DAYS AND LOOK WHAT HAPPENS! Congratulations Ms. Tiffany Green on your marriage to Mike Taylor last Saturday. We now call her Mrs. T! All the best as your new life together takes flight!(Mike is a pilot with Delta!) God's blessing on your marriage!

DC---Where it all began for us---Gettysburg. The Class of 2015 at the marker for the Illinois 8th Cavalry who fired the first shots at the Battle of Gettysburg. We walked up the road to Little Round Top due to the snow that started falling just as we got to Gettysburg. And then to Mass at the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception---we were met by former Associate pastor Fr. Eric Wagner, C.R. who is working on his Ph.D. in Scripture at CUA. We had front row seats and were acknowledged as guests from the pulpit! Enlarge and find Fr. Eric!



We had some small cancellations due to the weather but subbed in activities and stayed busy all the time. We saw Newt Gingrich at the Shrine, John Boehner walked through our group at Statuary Hall in the Capitol, and just missed getting "Netanyahued" there. We visited the Pentagon 911 Memorial for the first time and met up with Uncle Brian Gibson and best friend Rob too. It took 21 1/2 hours to get home and learned hard a real time bus safety drill while stranded on I-64 in Kentucky during the storm named THOR. The class of 2015 is just that---Class! They rolled with every little adjustment and made lots of wonderful memories. Thanks be to God for a safe trip, for avoiding the worst of the weather, and for the prayerful experience we had in our nation's capital. Thanks to our chaperons Lizanne Young, Heather Garcia, Cyra Herrmann, MaryBeth Babcock, Ellen Sippel, Zaida Rose, Jim Stearns, John Adams, Mark Swindle, Mike Gibson, Ron Graff, Jim Spurgeon, and Mike Weiler. Special thanks again to Carole Swindle for all the book keeping! Gettysburg, National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Ford's Theatre, the Peterson House where Lincoln died, National Archives, Smithsonian Museums of natural History, American History, Air and Space, Holocaust Museum, National Portrait Gallery, Mt. Vernon, Embassy Row, Marine Corps Iwo Jima Memorial, Air force Missing Man Memorial, Pentagon 911 Memorial, FDR Memorial, Korean War Memorial, Viet nam

Wall, Lincoln Memorial, WW II Memorial, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial, the Jefferson Memorial, The White House, the Kennedy Center, Arlington National Cemetery and the Changing of the Guard, Washington National Cathedral, the United States Capitol, Jamestowne, Jamestown Settlement, Colonial Williamsburg, and Thor! What a trip!

REGISTRATION: Students already enrolled at ICS(pre-k and preschool) are being sent home a form for registration today. Please send back by Wednesday.

Immaculate Conception School of Columbia will hold registration for Pre-School, Pre-K, Kindergarten and new students in grades 1-8 for the 2015-2016 school year on Sunday, March 15, 2015 from 10:00 am until 12:30 pm in the school cafeteria or by appointment. Parents should bring the child's baptismal certificate if not baptized at Immaculate Conception Parish, the stamped official birth certificate from the County (not the hospital) and social security number. (We will copy and return it that morning.) Kindergarten pre-screening dates are April 22nd and 23rd for sign-up. The joy of the Gospels, small class size, outstanding parent support, and academic rigor add up to an award winning school and an education for life. Check us out at www.icscolumbia.org. Questions? Need a personal tour? Can't make that date? Call ICS at 281-5353 or Mike Kish at 281-7459. Please spread the word!

DIOCESAN SPEECH MEET Isabella Garcia, Sophie Spurgeon, Lucy Settle, and Mason Babcock. The meet will be April 11th. Practices are Monday and Wednesdays starting next Monday 3:15-4:30

2015 MONROE-RANDOLPH SPELLING BEE Gr. 5-8 Thursday, April 16, at St. Mark School in Steelville. Good luck to Isabella Garcia, Jack Burke, James Ramette, and Noah Newton who will be representing ICS at this contest.

Cor Jesu Math Contest Team for March 7: Hannah Janson, Maggie Schulte, Mary Wessel, Jane Whelan, Lexi Hennes, Katie Grawitch, Marie Prindiville, Lexie Brooks

Rosati-Kain Math Contest Team for March 21: Hannah Janson, Jane Whelan, Mary Wessel, Maggie Schulte, Zoe Swip, Katie Grawitch, Abby Mathany, Claire Huebner, Lexi Hennes

CHESS Our next meet will be at Queen of Peace on Saturday, March 7th. The carpool will meet at the NEW CHURCH parking lot lower level at 8:00. Let Mrs. Herrmann know if you need a ride.

CHESS PRACTICE Grades 1-3 will be Tues., March 10th. Diocesan Tourney---Sat., March 14 at Blessed Sacrament.

PARENTS & FRIENDS EVENTS March meeting date has been changed to March 16, at 7pm.

PARENTS AND FRIENDS FACULTY MEETING TREATS: Beth Glasscock has chaired for us this year! Our faculty is spoiled and we love the snack prior to our monthly meetings. We do need some help! <http://signupahead.com/signup/dc4kye4b>

Thank you to all the 5th-8th Grade parents who participated in the Awards Night Survey. Due to conflicts for both Saturday and Sunday Awards Night will remain on Friday, May 15, 2015 for 5th-8th Grade. However, there was an overwhelming response to move Awards Night to Saturday, we are in the works of making that happen for 2016!!

ICS Trivia Night - Friday, March 20 at 7pm in the ICS gym, join us for our "Candyland" Trivia Night! 10 people per table, \$12/person in advance or \$15/person at the door. Raffles, silent auction, mulligans, head or tails, table decorating contest, and prizes! It'll be a fun night so reserve your table before space runs out by contacting Mandy McGuire at McGuireC21@gmail.com or [618.558.1350](tel:618.558.1350). See the flier last week for more details

From Ms. Tara Kennedy: I am not sure if you have heard, but the Sean and Andrea Drury family lost their house and all of their belongings in a house fire. They are related to Emma and Joseph Tyler. It would be their aunt, uncle, and two cousins. I am not sure if there is anything we can do, but if anything at least keep them in our prayers...and maybe hit the website and help. Thanks!

<http://www.gofundme.com/nkkbfo>

Gibault Math Contest Thursday, March 12, 2014 open to all 6-7-8th graders!

35 multiple-choice questions---no penalty for guessing---**no calculators**---bring at least two #2 pencils and snack money---Awards for top six in each grade level---two divisions of schools (based on enrollment)---attendance prizes---Certificates to all participants.

3:45 Registration 4:15 test 5:30 awards Sign up with Mrs. Weiler.

Please park and enter the building through the front doors on Columbia Avenue.

WELLS FARGO Community support campaign Two donations for \$95! Thank you for the match!

Zebra Technologies Another match: \$400! Thank you!

THE SPORTING NEWS... We took third at the Holy Trinity 5th Grade Tourney last night! The B Team pulled it off! Congratulations!

B Team: Allison Shuler, Reece Ward, Jacqie Gogolek, Emma Melliere, Brianne Massie, Autumn Ramey(sick), Caitlyn Schwartz(sick)

A team: Paula Boser, Addie Murphy, Caroline Keefe, Georgia Sasser, Emily Everett, Lacie Hausmann, Holly Repp, Ally Curry

COMMUNITY NEWS... On March 11th Riefschneiders will donate a portion of the proceeds to support the upcoming Art On The Bluff Art Walk set for Sept. 19, 2015.

The Hero911™ Network is a national non-profit organization comprised of over 18,000 federal, state and local law enforcement officers that was created to help reduce the police response time to active shooter incidents in schools and save lives! To help fund schools that have a hard time funding it, there is a great opportunity to catch a St. Louis Blues game on Tuesday night, March 10. You will save \$5/ticket if you use the link below to purchase tickets and in return the non-profit Hero911 Network receives \$5 from the St. Louis Blues for each ticket sold. They must use the promo code **HEROES** to receive their discount. *Go Blues!!!*

<http://blues.nhl.com/club/page.htm?id=101688>

COLUMBIA HIGH SCHOOL SWEETHEART CABARET Enjoy a variety of Italian fare and delectable desserts and beverages while being entertained by the CHS Treble and Mixed Choirs as well as individual acts. Friday & Sat, March 13 & 14 at 7pm (dinner performances) \$25 per ticket, and Sunday March 15th at 2pm (dessert matinee) \$12 per ticket. Performances are at Columbia Middle School. For tickets, please email chssweetheartcabaret@gmail.com, or Mrs. Sara McGinty at [618/281-5001, ext 2051](tel:6182815001).

COSMIC BINGO Sponsored by the *Gibault Catholic High School Men's Club*

FRIDAY, MARCH 20, 2015 Gibault Catholic High School Gym

Doors Open at 6:00 PM / Bingo Starts at 7:30 PM \$20.00 Per Person in Advance / \$25.00 At The Door
Includes 6 Bingo Cards - Glow Dauber - Glow Hat \$5.00 per Additional 6 Cards

For Tickets Contact: Kermit Constantine (618) 939-4681 or Rick Schmidt (618) 939-8514

Gibault High School (618) 939-3883 OVER \$1,000 IN CASH PRIZES!

50/50 Raffle - Wheel Barrel of Booze Drawing *THIS IS NOT YOUR GRANDMA'S BINGO!*

Drinks Available to Purchase / Bring Your Own Snacks Must Be 18 Years of Age To Attend

GIBAULT CATHOLIC High School Registration for incoming freshman will take place March 9 and March 11 from 5 - 8 pm. Please contact Becky Ramlose at 618-939-3883 or bramlose@gibaultonline.com to schedule your appointment. Congratulations to our future Hawks!

COLUMBIA PUBLIC LIBRARY

Free Tax Help Assistance with your income tax returns. No appointment necessary.

Program meets every Monday 1-5:00 Last Session meets April 13th.

Assistance is offered to those who file basic taxes and is also offered to senior citizens.

National Library Week April 13th - 18th Join us for a week of activities and giveaways.

Food for fines will also be taken during this week.

Summer Reading Program 2015 "Reading to the Rhythm." Summer reading---Lots of exciting programs are already planned. Be a kid that reads and beats the summer slide. Statistics show that access to books during the summer prevents a drastic loss in reading skills.

PARISH NEWS....KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FISH FRIES TONIGHT March 6 March 20 April 3 FROM DIRECTOR OF FAITH FORMATION RUSS PETERSON:

The First Communion retreat is the Saturday after Easter. The photos are the second Saturday after Easter. The First Communion is the Second Sunday after Easter.

April 11 Retreat - 9:00-noon at church child and one parent

April 18 Photos and Practice - 9:00am at church

April 19 First Communion 11:00am Mass children arrive by 10:40am to the Fellowship Hall---Garden Level.

There will be a cost of @ \$25.00 for materials being used at the retreat. The group photo is mandatory. Professional individual photos are available. There will be opportunities for parents to take photos throughout the church.

AFRICAN CHILDREN'S CHOIR March 9 7:00 PM No HW Night for those who attend!

WELL WORTH A SECOND READ...Fr. Carl's Little Reservoir...

A good friend of mine, Jim Crowner of Carbondale, died on February 16 at the age of 91. He once asked me, "What was the happiest moment of your life?" As I was giving it some thought, he went on to say that when we're asked, "What was the saddest moment of your life?" most people give a ready answer, but when we're asked about the happiest moment of our life, it takes most of us a while to respond.

It was certainly true for me. Of course, his point was that we too often focus upon the negative things rather than the positive things in life.

I've never forgotten that life lesson he taught me. Certainly, life is filled with ups and downs for us all, but life is good when we have a grateful heart and recognize the blessings God showers down upon us all each day. As I enjoy the autumn days of my life, I find myself beginning each new day with the simple prayer, "Thank you, Lord, for another new day!" During these days of our Lenten prayer, fasting and almsgiving, let us "Thank God for all that we have, and trust God for all that we need!" Let God help you make today the happiest day of your life! ~Fr. Carl

PRAYERS: Zac Epplin, Erin McKean, Marian Keim, Dan Whelan, Edward Pelker, George Perry, Pat Weber, Ed Hengel, Josh Ritter, Vince Webb, George Stein, Desiree Frasure, Special Intention

The Father's House from White House Retreats...

"Jesus made a whip out of cords and drove them all out of the temple area, with the sheep and oxen, and spilled the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables, and to those who sold doves he said, 'Take these out of here, and stop making my Father's house a marketplace.'" Jn 2:15-16

The Jewish Temple authorities cooperated with their Roman oppressors and perverted the purpose and experience of entering God's dwelling among them. It had been a house of prayer where His children could again experience His love for them and the sinner know His compassion and

forgiveness. Now it had become a place to barter and haggle, to cheat and extort, especially from the poor. Love and mercy now had a high price. Jesus knew that his Father's generosity had no limit, no price tag. His words and actions will be authenticated in his resurrection.

We are now the Father's house, His dwelling among us. We are already living His gift of eternal life. Do I put a price on my love and forgiveness for others? Especially my spouse, my children, friends and co-workers? What do I expect or even demand in return? Or do I freely share what the Father has lavished on me? During this Lent can I at least have a marked-down clearance sale?

Mike Kish
Principal

PS CONFIRMATION RETREAT RESCHEDULED FOR SUNDAY MARCH 15 2:30-7:30

Band Schedule Week of March 9-13

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

7:15-7:55 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
1:45-2:45 Intermediate Band Full Band

Thursday

7:15-7:55 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

