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**Celebrating 165 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.**

*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*



**REJOICE AND BE GLAD IN THE LORD!**

March 8, 2019

Bienvenido el parrochia!

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**Dear Parent,**

**PRAYER---FASTING---ALMSGIVING---this is our Lenten Journey!**

**DC Trip Over 30 stops----miles of “hoofing it”(averaged 8.5 a day I heard)---Beat** the weather everywhere. Gettysburg, Basilica of the Immaculate Conception, Ford’s Theatre, the National Archives, 3 Smithsonian’s minimum, Union Station, Mt. Vernon, Pentagon Memorial, crypt at Washington National Cathedral, Embassy Row, The Capitol, WW II Memorial, Vietnam Wall, Lincoln Memorial, Korean War Memorial, FDR, MLK, Jr., Kennedy Center-Nancy Hanks Memorial Award for Professional Excellence while we were there (Rita Moreno presented) Arlington National Cemetery, Holocaust Museum, Ashes at Jamestown on the site of the original church, Jamestown Settlement, Colonial Williamsburg. Blessings on our chaperons: Lisa Haubrich, John Haubrich, Kevin Schmidt, Kim Sullivan, Steve Sullivan, Andrea Biske, Todd Biske, Shannon Haney, Jason Adams, Tim Mueth, Ashley Madrid, Leigh-Ann Feldker, Beth Johns, Mike Gibson, Scott Rose, Kevin Schmoll, Brian Repp, Mike Stark, Paul Braun, Patty Kish, Claire Winkler, Emily Waver, Rosie Waver, and Catie Taylor. And the Class of 2019 were the best ever! Real Troopers! So great to travel with! Thanks be to God!

(On a side note, I had my niece Emily(ICS grad) Waver and great-niece Rosie join us from New Jersey and met with my god-son Jeff Kish, niece Devon, and great niece Lilliana and great nephew Laithe for a family afternoon. They are still working out details for the burial at Arlington of my brother Jerry and his wife Rumay(both ICS grads). Very special! Laithe called me grandpa and my heart melted!(Jerry and I look the most alike)



Gettysburg with General Warren



Gift bearers

Servers



Purple Heart recipient Paul Braun lays a wreath



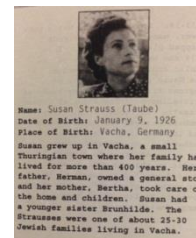
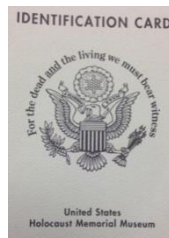
with FDR memorial



Kennedy gravesite



Emma read *Flags of Our Fathers*---Mike Strank



At the Holocaust Museum

**NATIONAL GEOGRAPHY BEE State Finalist!** Our 17<sup>th</sup> out of the last 29 years! BIG BIG congratulations to **WILLIAM SANKER** for being one of the top 100 scorers in the state of Illinois in the Geography Bee competition! William will compete March 29th against 99 other middle school students in the State Geography Bee. The winner of that contest will advance to the National Geography Bee in Washington, DC. Way to go, William! We will be rooting for you! More than 200,000 started this goal! Congrats to our teachers, especially Mrs. Cheryl Tolan!



Six ICS students participated in the **31st annual Rosati-Kain Math Contest** for 7th grade girls on Saturday, March 2, 2019. Allison Stark won 2<sup>nd</sup> overall with a score of 40 out of 45

and all five teammates were recognized for their performances in the contest. Blue ribbon: Kyra Newton, Lindsay Harget, and Olivia Blaskiewicz, Red ribbon: Briana Baldrige and White ribbon Aubrey Thompson. Great job team and Coach Karen Weiler!

**2019 K OF C ESSAY CONTEST...** The 2019 Knights of Columbus Catholic High School Scholarship Essay contest will be held this Sunday, March 10 @ 1:00 p.m., in the Knights of Columbus room. No late entry/or make-up dates. The prize is one \$2,000 scholarship—payable over 4 years— paid directly to the Catholic high school where the winner will attend. The participants must be ICC Parish Members who will be entering freshmen for the 2019 -2020 school year. Questions, please call Kevin W. Hutchinson (Not the Mayor), @ 314-974-7072. Thanks Brother Knights and “power of one” Al Ziegler for founding this one!

**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION SCHOOL WILL HOLD REGISTRATION** for Pre-School, Pre-K, Kindergarten and new students for all grades for the 2019-2020 school year on Sunday, March 17, 2019 from 10:00 am until 12:30 pm in the school cafeteria at the old campus. Parents should bring the child's baptismal certificate if not baptized at Immaculate Conception Parish and a stamped birth certificate. (We will make a copy, initial the copy, and return the original that day as per Illinois School Code.) If you are looking for small class sizes, more individual attention, better preparation for high school and college, student self-discipline, responsive teachers, administration, safety, world class field trips and assemblies and a new school--- all in a Christian environment, then find out how we've built “Mission-Community-Service...since 1853”. Check us out at [www.icscolumbia.org](http://www.icscolumbia.org) . Questions? Need a personal tour? Can't make that date? Call ICS at 281-5353 or email Mike Kish at [mkish@icsmail.org](mailto:mkish@icsmail.org) or any ICS Parent!

**SCIENCE OLYMPIAD** is this weekend. Good luck to: Maria Biske, Stephen Johns, Emma Schmidt, Olivia Blaskiewicz, Owen Dalpoas, Samantha Glasscock, Jack Keeven, Brock Murphy, Kyra Newton, Drew Roche, Joe Tyler, Maggie Williamson, Carter Groppe, and Brady Moore. Thanks parents and Mr. Dan Kassebaum!



**ART INSPIRES** is the theme of the ROE ART celebration **we are hosting on April 9**. Mrs. Fetcho needs lots of help as we celebrate “God smiling back at us through our creations”! Pitch in please. Mr. Hake and the Jazz Band are playing!

**Annual Pi Day Math Contest for Junior High students** at Gibault Catholic High School will be held on Pi Day (Thursday, March 14, 2018).

**Tornado Drill Tuesday**. “Duck and tuck” went really well Tuesday. I hope you made your plan at home! Next year we will be “bunkerized” and can stand up, have restrooms available, and will have the safest tornado shelter in our ROE!

**THE FATHERS CLUB TEXAS HOLD'EM** Lay your cards on the table! Friday, March 15, 6:30 doors open, 7:30 start. Tickets at Khoury Pharmacy. See the flyer last week!

**CHESS MEETS-** Mar. 23 - St. Clare, O'Fallon March 30 - Diocesan HERE  
**ICS CHESS PRACTICES** - 3:00-4:00 Grades 2 and 3 - March 12 and 26  
Grades 4 through 8- March 19

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



**2ND IN THE ST. TERESA TOURNAMENT** Our the 7th grade boys narrowly lost to St. Clare 19-21 and 19-21 in the Championship game. Great job boys!

**VOLLEYBALL IS WINDING DOWN** with the Diocesan Tourney coming up for the girls on the 15-17 and boys on the 22-24. Good luck teams!

## **Zac Epplin Memorial Golf Tournament**

Dear ICS Families,

Thank you for your past support of the Zac Epplin Memorial Golf Tournament. As most of you know, Zac was diagnosed at the age of 17 with Ewing Sarcoma. He battled for two long years and did not complain much. He was such an inspiration to me as his mother. I try to live each day still the way he fought cancer. He touched so many lives with his positive outlook. We are trying to carry on his inspiration for many years to come. Our goal is to make sure Zac is not forgotten. As a mother that has lost a child at a young age, it is so humbling to still hear his name, hear stories and I am always willing to talk about him. Keeping his memory alive keeps me going everyday. We are trying to raise enough funds to build and name the Zac Epplin Soccer & Athletic Fields at Immaculate Conception Education Center. We need your help to make this goal a reality. It is such an honor to know that Zac's name will forever be at ICS, where I have grown up, my kids have grown up and I have worked at for over 20 years. It will be a dream come true to know all the current and future Crusaders will be playing on these fields. We will no longer have to travel to all our games. We will have fields to call our own. We can actually have "home" games that is a Crusader field. Doesn't that sound exciting!!!

We would love your support. Please see the attached Tournament Sponsor Sheet, fill out and return to school. The Golf Tournament will be on April 26<sup>th</sup> at Ann Briar Golf Course in Waterloo. If you love to play golf, please come for the day and see us. Its always a good time, I promise. [Click here](#)

**Beverly Epplin, Secretary, Immaculate Conception School**

**Hey You Duffers---Blessed Sacrament Golf Club** Cordially invites you to participate in the 2019 **Diocese Mini-Masters Golf Tournament(unofficial)** to be held at Indian Mounds Golf Club the twenty-second of April. [See Flyer.](#)

**Parish Work Day** Here is a chance for time and talent for you! Tomorrow-March 9  
Projects--- Church (consider bringing ladder)

Carry storage area shelf wood to storage from new CEAC Gym

Sweep under and dust piano and organ

Clean cobwebs off large crucifix and alter

Sweep music/choir practice room

Pick up little black books from pews

Clean front door glass, gathering space glass, office door glass and exterior glass doors in gathering space.

Dust gathering space furniture including the grouping near the elevator. Dust cabinets and counter tops in Father's vesting room.

Clean lower garden level windows including those in the elevator area. Wipe down the elevator interior walls.

Clean windows in main stair well as high as can be reached.

Dust the office area, Hope's office, Father's office, conference room and hallway ledges. Clean glass in these areas.

Dust cabinets in warming kitchen and clean counter tops.

Clean upper windows in the gathering space including the altar side. This will take a 10 to 12 foot ladder.

Clean lower windows and ledges in hallway to garden area.

Clean high windows and ledges in hallway to garden area.

Clean upper windows on the east side. This will take a 10 to 12 foot ladder.

Clean west side high windows. This takes a 10 or 12 foot ladder

Clean wood roof behind altar. This takes a 10 or 12 foot ladder and long pole with dusting attachment. Vacuum flat roof area.

Vacuum/sweep in church under pews

\*\*Coffee and donuts to be furnished by A.C.T.S.

**GIBAULT HIGH SCHOOL NEWS: FRESHMAN REGISTRATION** for the incoming class of 2023 is Monday, March 11 and Wednesday, March 13. All incoming freshman with applications on file at Gibault have been mailed information on the registration process. Contact Becky Ramlose ([bramlose@gibaulthawks.com](mailto:bramlose@gibaulthawks.com)) to schedule an appointment and Pat Herzing ([pherzing@gibaulthawks.com](mailto:pherzing@gibaulthawks.com)) with any questions.

**SCHOLARSHIPS** – application packages/ variable tuition instructions for freshmen have been mailed. If you have not received one, please contact Pat Herzing ([pherzing@gibaulthawks.com](mailto:pherzing@gibaulthawks.com))

**Be a Gibault Hawk for a day!** Middle school students who want to check out high school life at Gibault are invited to shadow a current student. Contact Pat Herzing to schedule a visit. ([pherzing@gibaulthawks.com](mailto:pherzing@gibaulthawks.com))

**Calling all girls, grades 3-8** Join GCHS girls' soccer players in a mini camp session April 17, AND at the home game vs. Althoff on April 20<sup>th</sup>; youth players walk on the field with GCHS starters! For more details, and to register online, visit the following link: <https://goo.gl/forms/T9ruMQccgebozV5r2>  
Contact Lauren Stepp ([lstepp@gibaulthawks.com](mailto:lstepp@gibaulthawks.com)) for questions.



**Stations of the Cross...** Friday afternoons at 2:15 in the gym at ICS and 7 p.m. Friday evenings at church except for March 28(Thursday evening at 7:00 p.m. and 2:00 on April 12 for The Living Stations by the Class of 2019). These devotions help us get and keep the spirit of Lent. Join us at school if you can or catch the evening service.

**FISH FRIES** are everywhere but the Knights of Columbus are helping fund our new Catholic Education and Education Center! Let's eat our way to building our Capital Campaign! If you can help in any way (serve, clean, cook, or make a dessert) please go to [www.kofc6165.org](http://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. MARCH 15, APRIL 4 AND APRIL 19 serving from 4-7pm in the ICS cafeteria. Featuring shrimp, cod, French fries, cole slaw, drinks included. Give praise to God and eat some cod.

**Fr. Steve Humphrey**, pastor here from 1993-2000, is in rehab and expected to make a full recovery. Please pray for him and thanks be to God!

**Maxine Dill**, age 89 and fighting Pneumonia, Easton and Owen's Dill's great aunt and Maya and Charlie Dill's great grandma. Prayers please!

Lillian Sander Kopec of our parish was laid to rest this morning. The Sander Family name is on our 1921 building. This Family has made legendary contributions in time-talent-treasure, usually behind the scenes, to our Parish. She was fiercely loyal to her family, country, and Church. As we celebrate **International Women's Day**, it is good to remember this avid supporter and fun lady. Thanks Lil! The Sander family continues on!

**Our Condolences to Stephen and Henry Johns on the loss of their Grandfather Tom (George and Beth) on Tuesday. God's peace to the family and our prayers.**



Thomas Everett Johns 89, of Millstadt, Ill. Born December 26, 1929, in Kansas City, MO, died peacefully Tuesday, March 5, 2019, at Columbia Rehabilitation and Nursing Center, Columbia, Illinois surrounded by his loving family. Thomas attended school in Kansas City, MO. He worked as the chief Engineer at Office of Instructional Television at the University of MO. In Columbia, MO. Thomas worked for Peabody Coal Co. as the Division Electrician of Southern Ill. From August 1976 to his retirement in 1994. He attended St. James Catholic Church where he was a trustee of the church from 1984-2004. He was also a lector and Eucharistic Minister

at St. James. Thomas was an amateur radio operator since he was a teen, and a member of the American Radio Relay League for 70 years. He was involved in the St. Clair County, Belleville, Ill Emergency Services and Disaster Agency. Preceding him in death were his parents Deloss C. and Rose, nee Schuetz, Johns, his brother Richard C. Johns, brother's-in law and sister's-in law Robert (Cecilia) Brueggmann, Albert (Dorathy) Brueggmann, Harold (Mildred) Dubbert, John (Emmalee) Thomas, Bernadette Dubbert, John (Wanda) Dubbert. Surviving are his wife Jovita Johns nee Dubbert, of Millstadt, Ill, whom he married on August 26, 1961 in Martinsburg, Missouri; his children, Timothy Johns of Columbia, Ill, Nancy (Stephen) Fleming of Roswell, NM, Roselie (Steven) Janus of Lakewood, CO, George (Elizabeth "Beth") Johns of Columbia, Ill, his brother William L. Johns of Roland Park, KS, a brother-in law Lawrence (Shirlee) Dubbert, a sister-in law Heniretta Comer and Seven Grandchildren, Matthew ( fiancé' Shannon) Johns of St. Louis, MO, Megan Johns of St. Louis, MO, Sierra Johns of Richmond, VA, Jolene Janus of Lakewood, CO, Annalie Janus of Lakewood, Co, Stephen Johns of Columbia, Ill, Henry Johns of Columbia, Ill, Nieces and Nephews, and many beloved Friends. Memorials may be made to St. James Catholic Church or [Alzheimer's Association](#). Visitation: Will be held at Creason Funeral Home, Millstadt, Ill on Sunday, March 10, 2019 from 4-8 P.M. and at St. James Catholic Church in Millstadt, Ill, from 9-10 A.M. on Monday, March 11, 2019. Mass of Christian burial will be held at 10 A.M. Monday, March, 11, 2019 at St. James Catholic Church, Millstadt, Ill with Msgr. Marvin Volk Officiating. Interment will follow in Mt. Evergreen Cemetery, Millstadt, Ill.

**Thomas Johns**, Father to George Johns

Sunday, 3/10/19, Visitation from 4pm-8pm at Creason Funeral Home in Millstadt, IL.

Monday, 3/11/19, Visitation from 9am-10am at St. James Church, Millstadt, IL.

Funeral Mass to follow at 10am.

Burial at Mt. Evergreen Cemetery in Millstadt, IL after the Mass.

Luncheon at St. James Parish Center in Millstadt, IL following the burial.

**THE DOROTHY WEINEL EPPINGER FOUNDATION** is hosting the **HARP TWINS** here on Friday night, March 29<sup>th</sup>. Google them and be astonished. They are worth your time. We had people from Columbia, Missouri and Kansas City drive in. Most of your children heard them on the last pass-through. Ask them about these angels of the harp, classically trained, who turned to contemporary and religious music!

**PRAYERS: Special Intention** Danielle Dorlac, Fr. Steve Humphrey, Sharon Nealon, Jim Edgar, Pat Morr, Charlie Stockes, George Perry, Angela Roepke, Joyce LaPrade, Jan Hoffmann, Bill West, Jennifer Nesser, Bill Anderson, Patrick Kish, Owen Jordan, Patti Rottler, Mike Taylor, Richard Prater, Donna Kania, Libby LoPorto, Lindsey Herbeck, Judy Gundlach

**THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS:** **Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble.** (I told the chaperons on the DC trip that we do so well because we have Jesus riding with us. I was declared unsafe and the chaperons said Jesus better get off our bus!) God always speaks to us right where we are!

**Moses said to the Hebrews** "Therefore, I have now brought you the first-fruits of the products of the soil which you, O LORD, have given me.' And having set them before the Lord, your God, you shall bow down in his presence."

**Paul says to the Romans** for "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

**Jesus said to the Devil** "It is written, *One does not live on bread alone.*" When you hear this you will think of "On Eagles Wings".

*Mike Kish*

Principal

PS **Rice Bowls** were sent home this week for CRS---Catholic Relief Service---(92% plus rating of getting your dollar to the charity---low admin cost). We went by the National head quarters run for the homeless, and counseling and job searches in DC on Monday! Some give to the Missions by going, some go to the Missionas by giving!

PS **Daylight Savings time** this weekend---spring forward! Be on time for Mass!

PS It's so fine our 4-0-9! Not the Beach Boys song but our new Catholic Education and Activity Center. Our new address will be **409 Palmer Road** and our Parish is still 4-1--1(information please?) Palmer Road.

PS Happy Birthdays to **Mrs. Carol Fetcho(3-8)**, **Mrs. Christine Matrisotto(3-11)**, **Mrs. Sarah Diewald(3-12)**, **Mr. Dan Kassebaum(3-12)**, **Mrs. Sheryl Oglesby (3-14)**, **Mrs. Dana Weik(3-17)**, **Mrs. Kim Diesel(3-19)**, and **Mrs. Shari Murphy(3-25)**. Lots of marchers this month!

PS **WE ARE NOT MOVING TILL JUNE.** The calendar was changed. School all next week!

*So who's keeping score? We are!*

