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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.

March 10, 2017

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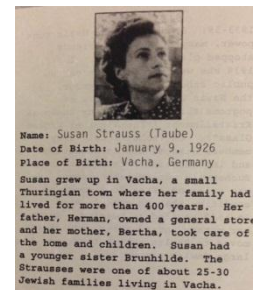
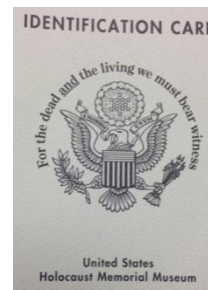
THE JOY OF LOVE

Dear Parent, Guardian, Student, Teacher, Friend,



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

DC 32 PLACES----miles of “hoofing it”---_Best weather ever---ahead of schedule for almost all events. Walked Pickett’s Charge, picture with Newt Gingrich at the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception(Newt’s wife sings in the choir), Molly and Isabella served and Andrew, Kalia, Katie, and Marie were gift-bearers, Ford’s Theatre, the National Archives, 3 Smithsonians, Union Station, Mt. Vernon, visited the Pentagon Memorial, got into the crypt at Washington National Cathedral, Embassy Row, The Capitol, WW II Memorial, Vietnam Wall, Lincoln Memorial, Korean War Memorial, FDR, MLK, Jr., Kennedy Center-gorgeous at night, Arlington, Holocaust Museum, Jamestown keeps getting better and better, (both historic and Settlement). What’s a reliquary? Where was Blackbeard’s head posted on a spike? “Give me liberty or give me death!” Blessings on our chaperons Trish Adams, Devin Dalpoas, Dom Dalpoas, Bev Faris, Desiree Frasure, Marilyn Frasure, Brian Garcia, Denise Gillan, Eric Gillan, Kate Kienzle, Jeanne Kish, Shari Murphy, Penny Prindiville, Ellen Sippel, Theresa Stearns, Jean Swip, Jennifer Levin, Julie Ingold, Mary Anne Lambert, Patrice Thebeau, Bill Feldker, and Catie Taylor. And the Class of 2017 did not let us down! Real Troopers!



Susan (Strauss) Taube and Louise Lawrence-Israels are survivors of the Holocaust. I have [attached their stories.](#) Louise told us they were in hiding 5 blocks from where Ann Frank lived. Her family in-hiding worked for them. The last generation of survivors is dying out. We need to remember their story. Genocide hasn’t stopped. Cambodia, Rwanda, Bosnia, Syria---stand up to bullying in our own lives and in the national forum!(Thanks Louise for challenging our students!)

Immaculate Conception School of Columbia will hold REGISTRATION for New students entering Pre-School, Pre-K, Kindergarten and new students in grades 1-8 for the 2017-2018 school year on Sunday, March 19, 2017 from 10:00 am until 12:30 pm in the school cafeteria, 321 S. Metter Ave., or by appointment at 281-5353. Parents should bring the child's baptismal certificate if not baptized at Immaculate Conception Parish, a copy of the official birth certificate from the County (not the hospital) and social security number. (We will copy and return the baptismal certificate and social security that morning.) Kindergarten pre-screening dates are April 5 and 6 for sign-up. ICS promotes the “*Joy of Love*” with small class size, outstanding parent support, and academic rigor which 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 or any ICS Parent! Come and catch the excitement as we work to build a new Catholic Education and Activity Center which will house the school. Immaculate Conception School is open to all faiths and traditions. Mission---Community---Service---since 1853!



Cor Jesu Math Contest results: Eleven ICS girls were among the 150 St. Louis area girls who competed in the Cor Jesu Math Contest for 6th and 7th grade girls on Saturday, March 4. Autumn Ramey won 1st place in the 7th grade individual contest and Sydney Wahle won 1st place in the 6th grade individual contest. Other ICS students participating include 7th graders Emma Blaskiewicz, Paula Boser, Ally Curry, Jacqie

Gogolek, Daylen Litke, Caitlyn Schwartz, and Allison Shuler and 6th graders Maria Biske and Emma Schmidt and coached by ICS math teacher Karen Weiler.

VFW #6504 CONTEST WINNERS! Award presentation- Fri., March 24 at the Waterloo VFW: Olivia Wallenberg, Brooke Kroenig, Bryann Moore, Bree Heimburger, Ian Klingert, Caroline Roche, Megan Janson, Gus Schmidt, Kale Harrington, Eleanor McGuire, Maria Hake, Ayven VanMatre, Isabel Roche, Eleanor Nadziejko, Genevieve Nadziejko, Chase Friedrich, Kate Sheehan, Briana Baldridge, Rhyan Ward, Brock Murphy, Samantha Glasscock, Emma Farris, Owen Haney, Nate Stechmesser, Audrey Randle, Sadie Loless, Ava Schmidt, Ava Langhans, and Brooke Heimburger Congratulations!!

ICS Spelling Bee champs who will represent us at the ROE contest on March 11:

- 5th grade Brock Murphy
- 6th grade Emma Schmidt
- 7th grade Jacqie Gogolek
- 8th grade Katie Grawitch

Pi Day is March 14. So is the Gibault Math Contest which is open to all 6th-7th-8th. I hope you registered through Mrs. Weiler. We moved a Scholastic Bowl match so you could make it! We own this one but only if enough participate!

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 3/21 Practices for grades 5-8: Tues 3/28

SR. THEA BOWMAN SCHOOL IS HAVING THEIR DINNER AUCTION ON MARCH 18. 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!

- I. Opening Prayer
- II. Secretary's Report - Christy Hornacek
- III. Treasurer's Report – Joyce Randle
- IV. Teacher's Report – Mrs. Donjon
- V. Principal's Report – Mr. Kish
- VI. Old Business
 - Dinner Auction, Mandy McGuire
 - Box Tops, Carrie Boser
 - Casmir P Fundraiser, Amanda Buhr, Michelle Juengling, Tricia Haywood
- VII. New Business
 - ICS 5K, Holly Blaskiewicz
 - Mother/Daughter Event, Mandy McGuire & Tricia Haywood
 - Father/Son Event, Mandy/Josh McGuire & Kory Haywood
 - Rummage Sale, Diane Ramey
 - Teacher Appreciation , Sarah Theiret
 - Staff Appreciation, Andrea Harget
 - Elections/Appointments
 - Calendar
- VIII. New Ideas to Discuss
- IX. Next Meetings
 - APRIL 10, 2017 Joe Boccardi's 117 S Main St. 7:00 pm
 - MAY 8, 2017 Herbeck Lake 1007 Centerville Rd 7:00 pm
- X. Closing Prayer

THE SCIENCE OLYMPIAD TEAM will compete at Lindenwood University, Belleville Campus on Saturday, March 11. Team members and events:

<u>Lindenwood University</u>	<u>Event</u>
Autumn Ramey, Daylen Litke	Anatomy and Physiology
Allie Shuler, Jacob Whitworth	Crime Busters
Autumn Ramey, Daylen Litke	Disease Detectives
Isabella Frasure, Georgia Sasser	Dynamic Planet
Georgia Sasser, Holly Repp	Ecology
Emma Melliore, Eve Melliore, Maria Biske	Experimental Design
Maria Biske, Abby Eichenseer	Fast Facts
Daylen Litke, Drew Schmoll	Food Science
Autumn Ramey, Drew Schmoll	Invasive Species
Autumn Ramey, Abby Eichenseer	Meteorology
Daylen Litke, Allie Shuler	Microbe Mission
Noah Newton, Drew Schmoll	Optics
Emma Melliore, Eve Melliore	Reach for the Stars
Jacob Whitworth, Noah Newton	Road Scholar
Georgia Sasser, Holly Repp	Rocks and Minerals
Noah Newton, Isabella Frasure	Wind Power
Maria Biske, Abby Eichenseer	Write It Do It
Emma Melliore, Eve Melliore	Bottle Rocket
Allie Shuler, Georgia Sasser	Mission Possible
Noah Newton, Isabella Frasure	Scrambler
Noah Newton, Isabella Frasure	Towers
Emma Melliore, Eve Melliore	Wright Stuff



Why we do what we do is sometimes more important than what we do. Aiden Howard Maull took the St. Baldrick's Day challenge. Here's why: Aiden has survived Stage 3 and Stage 4 cancer. He had over 150 doses of chemotherapy and 14 days of radiation to his lungs and abdominal area which unfortunately covered the heart as well leaving us with some long term damage. He is 2 years and 8 months cancer free!

He chose to shave his head on Team Brandt. Brandt was an inspiring young boy who fought the same cancer as Aiden. He lost his battle at 9 years old 3 years ago. It is very brave of Aiden to go bald again because to him it was representative of a very hard time in his young life. In spite of that though, he chose to stand in solidarity with kids like him and help the cause. He raised over \$1500 to go towards Childhood Cancer Research. In total Team Brandt raised just over \$18,000. St. Baldrick's is a nonprofit organization with low costs that donates all of its funds to pediatric cancer research which is heavily underfunded. This is why there was a cure for Aiden but not for Brandt. Brandt had a rarer form of Wilm's.

Aiden set a goal that he wanted to raise \$1,000 and he has personally called the people who donated to thank them. We are so thankful to God for helping Aiden beat this disease and thrive in spite of the challenges. And of course we are extremely proud of him! Aiden inspires others to be the best version of themselves. Donations can still be made to him online and he will get the credit. St. Baldrick's keeps an ongoing tally from year to year and recognizes the kids for their growing contributions. Here is the link if interested.

<https://www.stbaldricks.org/participants/mypage/882628/2017>

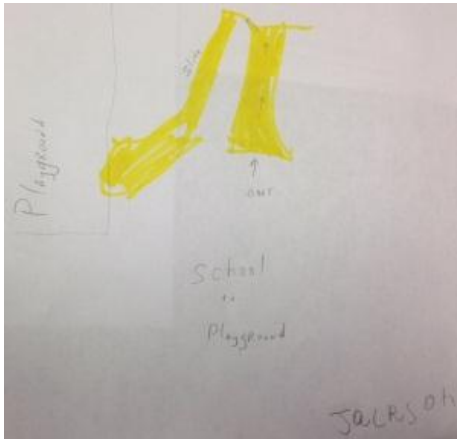


Deputy Chief Jason Donjon came in to speak with the third and fourth grade students on March 8, about internet safety and safe computer/electronic use. He touched on the many popular sites including Facebook, Instagram, Snapchat, and many other popular online games. Students were encouraged to set up privacy settings on devices they use. Students were also encouraged to report any negative behavior from people they know or don't know and to report anything that makes them feel uncomfortable to their parents, teachers, or someone they trust. Officer Donjon talked about cyber bullying and how sometimes people say/text things they don't mean to be offensive, but people interpret what they say/text the wrong way, therefore causing problems. We will try to get other dates set for him to address other grades and parents. Timely topic for sure! Thanks Deputy Chief!

April 8, 2017 ICS Parents & Friends Rummage Sale

- [Annual Fundraiser](#)
- During Columbia's City Wide Yard Sale Event...
- 8am-12pm
- ICS parking lot (in case of inclement weather-school gym)
- \$10.00 per spot in advance \$5.00 to rent an 8x8 table (while supplies last)
- Contact Diane at 618-791-0626 or ddndoug@charter.net for more information or to reserve a spot - deadline to reserve is April 1st.

Brooke Heimburger has a small part, in an independent film called "**The Racket**". It was produced by circa87. It will be premiered April 1 and April 8th, at the Lincoln Theatre in Belleville. Tickets for those 2 shows can be bought at circa87.com Go online and check it out.



Jackson Pechacek drew up his idea to have students come out of the new school and get onto a slide--- right into the playground area. 4 years old. Our future is bright! Enlarge and have a look!

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 gifts? \$496.20 from on-line sales came in yesterday.! Thank you! We only get checks if you make payments on your pay later or buy on-line

MAGAZINE DRIVE CARDINAL DAY will be April 27th. Cardinals vs. Toronto; adult chaperones needed if your child is attending. \$11 for a ticket, please send in the money the office and we will get your ticket orders.

Below are the names of the students that will be attending the game.

Cardinal Day: Ms. Taylor's homeroom(14), Eleanor and Violet McGuire, Michael Wessel, Matthew and Andrew Eplin, Emily Gillan, Rose Sippel, Drew and Will Schmoll, Maria Biske, Maya Dill, Nate Stechmesser, Stephen Johns, Sloan Wilson, Liam Johnson, Isabella Frasure

THE SPORTING NEWS...Soccer opportunity for ICS students!

2017 Spring Kicks Program - Boys and Girls - Pre-K, Kindergarten, 1st Grade, and 2nd Grade
Saturday 4/1, 4/8, 4/15, 4/22, 9:00-10:00 am @ Columbia Soccer Club Fields
\$40 per Participant - For more information or to register online, click the link below:

<http://www.overtimesportsllc.org/columbia-soccer-club-2017-spring-kicks-registration/>

VOLLEYBALL TEAM PICTURES MONDAY, MARCH 13 Cafeteria. Order form last week.
4:45 5th boys 5:15 5th girls 5:30 6th boys 5:45 6th girls 6:00 7th girls 6:15 8th boys 6:30 8th girls

TRACK MEETS If you have never been, you will be surprised! Come watch your kids!
April 5 home-5:00 April 8 Freeburg 10:00 April 11 home 5:00 April 20 Belle Valley 5:00
April 26 home 5:00 April 29 Chester Regional for State May 3 Columbia HS 5:00
May 6@ Belleville West Conference Meet 9:00 May 9 home 5:00 May 13 Herrin HS State Track
May 20 Belleville West 9:00 Diocesan Meet

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 and his wife Heather 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. Thanks!***

Gibault Catholic High School has registration for incoming Freshman on **March 13 and 15 from 5pm-8pm**. Call Becky Ramlose (939-3883) or bramlose@gibalthawks.com to set up your appointment. **Welcome GCHS Class of 2021!**

Gibault Women's Club Spring Rummage Sale Time for Spring Cleaning! The Gibault Women's Club will hold their Spring Rummage Sale in the auditorium on Sat. April 1st, from 8a.m.-3p.m., no foolin'! As always, there will be special deals from 1-3p.m. Mark your calendars, and clean out the clutter! Donations will be accepted during school hours, and from 5-8:30 p.m. Mon. Mar. 27th through Thurs. Mar. 30th. Please, no large furniture, beds, exercise equipment, TVs, or computers can be accepted. Don't miss this huge sale!

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 with before & after care available. Info & registration forms are attached. To receive a \$25 discount, registration due by Friday, March 31st. Registration & payment can be sent to school, or online by clicking the link (<https://goo.gl/forms/mwvAgtcfHBXaYwiw2>). Contact Mrs. Epplin (bepplin@icsmail.org) with questions. Click here for [camp1](#) and click here [for camp2](#)

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 **full-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 --- **SUNDAY, March 12th** at 12:15 in the KC room AFTER 11:00 Mass. 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. The Knights have paid out well over \$25,000 on this one. Thanks to the "Power of One" man, Al Ziegler, for this idea back in 1987.

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 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. Every Friday in Lent now 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. 50% of net proceeds to the Catholic Education and Activities Center!

Knights of Columbus/Red Cross Blood Drive The Knights of Columbus Council 6165 will be hosting a blood drive on Sunday, March 19th from 8:00am to 1:00pm in the lower level of Immaculate Conception Church. Give the gift of life.

Parish Work Day Projects

March 11, 2017

Church(consider bringing ladder)

Pick up trash outside, especially NW corner of parking lot (weather permitting)

Replace lightbulbs in priests vesting room

Take down string in garden level ceiling

Tighten/straighten loose drinking fountain spigots

Replace bottom pad on any broken kneelers
Hang (lower) hooks in handicapped men's restrooms
Clean front door glass-gathering space glass-office door/exterior glass doors in gathering
Dust-all gathering space furniture. Dust cabinets and counter tops in Father's vesting room.
Clean garden level windows in/out plus those in the elevator area. Wipe elevator walls.
Clean windows in main stair well as high as can be reached.
Look and dust for cobwebs in lower level and upper level with reachable ceilings.
Dust the office area, Father's office, conference room and hallway ledges. Clean glass also.
Dust cabinets in warming kitchen and clean counter tops.
Clean west side high windows. This takes a 10 or 12 foot ladder
Clean upper windows on the east side. This will take a 10 to 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.
Clean high windows and ledges in garden level.
Clean O ring gaskets in toilets
Dust/clean black drop box outside office exterior doors
Clean ceiling vent louvers & filters in restrooms, other rooms as needed

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

INAUGURAL ZAC EPLIN WE REMEMBER 4 PERSON GOLF SCRAMBLE APRIL 21-Ann Briar
see attachment. *"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me"*. **Phil. 4:13 Zac's
verse [Zac sponsor](#) [Zac Golf](#) See last weeks attachments or go to the [attachement page](#)**

GRADS IN THE NEWS...

A news show video about our missionaries from Gibault in Ecuador! Watch and share! It's amazing!
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3FacxgdCCxY&sns=em>

St. Raymond's thank you! \$92.84

Lydia Boyer is a student at Eagleview suffering from terminal brain cancer. Please keep her and the family in your prayers.

Barb Reinholz had 2 of her sons do their Senior Project at ICS. She suffered a brain aneurysm this week but with God's grace, her husband was home, she was saved and is starting to recover. Please keep her and the family in your prayers. Her son matt just visited Mrs. Epplin the day before.

Patricia Steppig, mother of former ICS Board Member Renee Gilbreth and grandmother of Adam and Laura who graduated from ICS was laid to rest last Saturday. The apple doesn't fall far from the tree and she bore some very good children and grandchildren. May she rest in peace.

PRAYERS: Special Intention Barb Reinholz, Donna Barton, Lydia Boyer, Teresa Dorshorst, Alicia Cohen, Christine Matrisotto, Jan Habermehl, Barbara Thompson, Dan Whelan, Denise Conner, 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, 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

THE “AHA” MOMENT This Sunday’s reading is about the Transformation. It may take a theological background to teach it correctly but each of us has had an “aha” moment and to that we can relate. When we have it, we know it. When the “n-word” was said in “To Kill a Mockingbird”, the entire theatre “sucked air”. A reminder that this is not how it should be. I talked to a fellow Principal yesterday looking to start a capital campaign. I told her of some previous experiences and she “sucked air”. We go to a game and see a player on the other team make an unbelievable play and we can actually clap for the effort or collectively “suck-air”. Wouldn’t you have loved to be on the mountaintop at **The Transformation**?

Jesus on the mountaintop---giving Peter , James and John to have na “Aha” moment---foreshadowing of things to come for sure. Peaks-valleys, joys-sorrows, life-death---but in our case, death become life! And that is the biggest “Aha” of all!

Mike Kish, Principal

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 **Happy Birthday** to Mrs. Christine Matrisotto on March 11, Mrs. Diewald on March 12, Mr. Kassebaum on March 12, and Parish book keeper Sheryl Oglesby on March 14! June bugs!

PS **THE AFRICAN CHILDREN'S CHOIR** WILL BE BACK ON APRIL 24 IN OUR CHURCH AT 7:00. They were a big hit last year!

