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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 15, 2019

Bienvenido el parrochia!

V. 44 #37

Dear Parent,

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



Reeve Kohlenberger and Cam Kincheloe completed their Gibault Senior Project today. They join a legendary crew from Gibault that have added depth to ICS in touching lives and inspiring our little ones. Our personal thanks to Reeve and Cam and we hope they end up as educators! God bless and keep you as you finish your high school careers at Gibault and tackle college life!

Texan Hold'Em at 7:00 Friday tonight at the Garden level. When the chips are down...we need more customers! This is one fun night and much better than the TV version! Thanks to the ICS Fathers Club for hosting!

EARLY RELEASE NEXT FRIDAY AT 11:20. School Improvement Day.

LATCHKEY Parents,

We will have latchkey on March 22nd which is an early release day. One afternoon snack will be provided but students will need to **bring their lunches**. Sign up will be required via Google form, as usual, which I ask to be submitted by noon the Sunday prior, which is Sunday March 17th. Pick up before 3 pm will be charged for 1 afternoon, after 3 will be 2 afternoons. If you have any further questions please let me know.



REGIONAL SCIENCE OLYMPIAD ICS competed Saturday, March 9, 2019 at Lindenwood University in Belleville and placed 3rd behind Millstadt Consolidated and Rochester and will compete at the State Science Olympiad at the University of Illinois, April 13, 2019. 10 schools competed. Dan Kassebaum and parents coach.

Event awards with Ribbons

- 1st place - Density Lab., Brady Moore, Carter Groppe
 - 1st place - Dynamic Planet, Brady Moore, Carter Groppe
 - 1st place – Roller Coaster, Kyra Newton, Joe Tyler
 - 2nd place – Solar System, Kyra Newton, Jack Keeven
 - 3rd place - Fossils, Maria Biske, Emma Schmidt
 - 3rd place – Potions and Powders, Owen Dalpoas, Jack Keeven
 - 3rd place – Write It Do It, Maria Biske, Emma Schmidt
 - 4th place – Anatomy & Physiology, Maggie Williamson, Stephen Johns
 - 4th place, Circuit Lab., Brock Murphy, Olivia Blaskiewicz
 - 4th place – Disease Detectives, Maggie Williamson, Stephen Johns
 - 4th place – Game On, Maria Biske, Emma Schmidt
 - 4th place - Herpetology, Brock Murphy, Maggie Williamson
 - 4th place - Water Quality, Maggie Williamson, Stephen Johns
- Bids to state for Immaculate Conception – 1995, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019.

NATIONAL HISTORY BEE Regionals will be Saturday, April 13th from 8:00 am until 3:00 pm at Our Savior's Lutheran School, 2645 Old Jacksonville Rd, Springfield, IL. This is also the same day as Science Olympiad State. We qualified ALL TEN and hope we can get many of you there around the Science Olympiad conflict.



KC DISTRICT FREE THROW CONTEST IN MILLSTADT. 6 ICS students participated with 4 advancing to regionals Saturday, Mar. 16th. Participants included: Brian Stark, Jack Houston, Anna Videmschek, Briana Baldrige, Ava Blaskiewicz, and Olivia Blaskiewicz. Brian, Jack, Anna, & Briana

advance to regionals.



ROE Young Authors conference. The following students from ICS were able to participate in this year's conference on the date of Science of Olympiad. Audrey Randle, Audrey Schilling, Eleanor Nadziejko, Maggie & Mary Buhr. Those recognized but unable to attend included: Sydney Wahle, Brock Murphy, Avery Ellner, & Ella Boyd.



Eighteen ICS students competed in the annual **Gibault Catholic High School Pi-Day Math Contest** on Thursday, 3.14. Congratulations to these students who scored in the top 6 individuals by grade level in the large school division: 8th grade- **1st place Andrew Feldker**, 2nd place Sydney Wahle, 3rd place Tyler Wahle, 5th place- Ben Haney, and 7th place- Maria Biske. **7th grade- 1st place Brock Murphy**, 3rd place Allison Stark, 4th place

Drew Roche, and tied for 6th place Kyra Newton. **6th grade- 2nd place Owen Haney**. It was a great contest for our 8th grade, who had five of the top 7 scores! 6th grader Claire Barbour and 7th grader Olivia Blaskiewicz scored just outside the top six individuals, so they had a great contest as well. Also competing were Zachary Gibson, Lindsay Harget, Jack Keeven, Gavin Kesler, Marisa McGill, and Kaiden Timmons. The students were coached by ICS math teacher Karen Weiler. ICS was in the large school division.

ICS Soccer Camp at Oerter Park

Tara Kennedy and Brian Boyd are once again organizing a soccer camp this summer. It will be structured the same as last year at Oerter Park and run by Elite FT. Elite FT is offering a 30% off Weekend Sale! This deal begins today, Friday, March 15th, and ends at 11:59 pm on Sunday, March 17th. You do not want to miss the sale as there will be no extensions of the deadline or exceptions made. All Elite FT summer campers can expect to improve their foot skills, play small sided soccer games and have FUN! All campers receive a free Elite FT t-shirt and Jimmy John's sandwiches on Thursday, the last day of camp! If you do not register before 11:59 pm Sunday, March 17th, there will be a 20% discount if registered prior to April 01st. And then a 10% discount if registered prior to May 01st. Any questions, please reach out to Tara [tkennedy@icsmail.org] or Brian [bmboyd02@yahoo.com]. Thank you.

Here is the camp information: ICS Soccer Camp 2019 in Columbia

When: July 22nd to 25th

Where: Oerter Park

Who: Ages 3-4, 5-6, 7-8, 9-10, 11-12, 13-14

Time: 6:00-8:00pm for ages 5 and up

6:30-7:30pm for ages 3 to 4

Cost -

\$120 for ages 5 and up

\$70 for ages 3 to 4

Here is the link to register:

[Elite FT Columbia County Summer Camp Powered by Jimmy John's Summer Camp information](#)

PARENTS AND FRIENDS Thanks for another donation of \$50,000 from the Dinner Auction towards the \$500,000.00 commitment to our Catholic Education and Activity Center. Parents and Friends will also donate \$20,000 towards new copiers from the ‘fund a need’. Parents and Friends also funded “Spoon-Man” Jim Cruise at 8:00 on March 25. He is Aidan Sullivan’s Godfather. The "Spoon Man" is a Catholic Evangelist, musical interactive comedian speaker, and will talk on "There's More to Lent than Giving Up Candy". <http://www.catholicentertainers.com/>
PARENTS AND FRIENDS---What a blessing you are!

6TH ANNUAL ICS 5K/KIDS FUN GLOW RUN & FAMILY FAIR!

We are excited once again to announce the 6th Annual ICS 5K/Kids Fun Glow Run & Family Fair! Our event will take place on **Friday, April 5, 2019** at the Garden Level of Immaculate Conception Church.

Check-in will be at 5:30 pm, and the races will begin at 6 pm. Immediately following the runs, we will be holding a Family Fun Fair with music, raffles, games, Lent friendly taco bar, pretzels, cheese pizza, beer, margaritas, bounce house, face painting, and lots of prizes to raise funds to support the Catholic Education & Activity Center.

We also are giving away 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Place Prizes for the child who brings in the most race pledges! This is sure to be a great fun filled day for all.

To register for the run go to www.ICS5K.givesmart.com. We have sponsorships available (and family sponsorships are welcomed as well). For more details contact Holly at 314-707-0145 or ICS5KRun@gmail.com.

MOTHER & SON WACKY WARRIORS CHALLENGE! Save the date; Saturday April 13th from 1 to 4. Come join us for a fun afternoon of friendly activities designed for all skill levels and ages. Cost will be \$10 for each pair (Mom & Son), \$15 for Moms that are blessed with multiple sons. Great opportunity to build stronger bonds with our boys and other ICS families and friends while making lasting memories. Games will include Nerf Target Challenge , Drinko, Cookie Challenge, Kleenex Challenge, Potato Dump, Cool Whip Snack Toss, and LOTS OF LAUGHTER! Registration information to come soon! We would love some more volunteers so all the Moms with boys have the chance to participate. Registration information, t-shirt ordering information and volunteer sign up sheet coming soon! If you have questions please feel free to contact Julie Maul @314-341-9964 or Julie.ann.maul@gmail.com. Link to order t-shirts: <https://icswackyninja.itemorder.com/>

Link to sign up to volunteer:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E044EA4A82DA5F85-momson>

Crusaders' Teacher Spotlight

At ICS our children are led each day by some of the best teachers in the country. Their talents, background and community involvement, along with their phenomenal education, bring an addition to the classroom that sets ICS apart from other schools. This month's Crusaders' Teacher Spotlight goes to one of our 4th-grade teachers, **Mrs. Donjon**. Please click [here](#) to learn more about this fabulous ICS teacher!



Terrific Kid – March 2019 Thanks to the Columbia Kiwanis, Dr. Renee Doyle, Dr. Matt Williamson, and Officer Zach Hopkins

Mrs. Diewald: **Lillian Kolweier** is our Terrific Kid! She is a hard worker and uses her time wisely to complete her class work accurately. Lillian is a great rule follower and shows she is in control of her body. She sets a great example for her classmates. Keep up the good work!

Mrs. Meyer: **Arilyn Baker** is a Terrific Kid because she enjoys school and her positive attitude brightens our

classroom. She listens attentively to directions and participates during class lessons.

She is kind and always willing to help others. Keep up the good work!

Mrs. Matrisotto: **Brooke Hagedorn** earned Terrific Kid for Mrs. Matrisotto's Third Grade Classroom. Brooke is always kind, willing to help out anyone in the classroom, and continues to choose the right thing. Thank you, Brooke, for setting a great example for all to follow!

Ms. Kennedy: **Liam Johnson** is a Terrific Kid because he is friend to all! Liam encourages his classmates when they are having trouble and is always willing to help.

He does a great job owning his education! Keep up the great work Liam!

Mrs. Donjon: **Mason Homeyer** - Mason has been working really hard in the classroom on his work in all subjects. He has shown discipline with his work - getting it completed and turned in on time. Mason continues to work on being in control of his 5 tools - body, voice, imagination, concentration and cooperation. Keep up the good work!

Mrs. Ettlting: **Jack Holston** is a Terrific Kid because he has been working hard to follow directions in class, and he stays focused on each assignment. Jack is proving how responsible he is, and his hard work pays off! Keep up the hard work, Jack!

Mrs. Schauster: **Layne Traxler** is a Terrific Kid. Layne is friend to all of her classmates. She is a happy and upbeat young lady who always has a positive attitude both in and out of the classroom.

Mrs. Taylor: **Kaila Jerkatis** - Kaila has been having a great year in 5th grade, working hard & putting her best effort into her work. She has been doing an awesome job in math with fractions. Kaila always helps out in the classroom and is willing to lend me a hand.

THE DOROTHY WEINEL EPPINGER FOUNDATION is hosting the **HARP TWINS** here on Friday night, March 29th. Google them and be astonished. 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!

LEST WE FORGET...Two Eugenés Every year on the DC trip I talk about the two Eugenés who died on Iwo Jima. My Mom attended Columbia High School her freshman year and knew them. This year, Emma Schmidt was along and I forgot. Eugene Rehg was her great uncle (Joyce Rehg Schmidt's uncle). Eugene Mosbacher also died during the battle. May they rest in peace!

ICS NEWS... <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qB40jb9PuXw>

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 . Questions? Need a personal tour? Can't make that date? Call ICS at 281-5353 or email Mike Kish at mkish@icsmail.org or any ICS Parent!

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



SR. LEONA LUECHTEFELD SERVICE AWARD

All applications for the Sr. Leona Luechtefeld Service Award are due to the Ministry to Sick and Aged Office by April 21, 2019. Students in Grades 1-12 actively involved in parish activities are invited to apply.

Seven \$100.00 "PAY IT FORWARD" Honorariums will be awarded.

For more information contact Connie Barre
cbarre@diobelle.org

Do you know any students who go out of their way to do service for others? KC card/lotto at Columbia Rehab and Nursing? Visits to the sick, hospitals, SVdP?, in-school project leadership that goes above/beyond? Hopefully your ear is closer to the ground than mine. Sr. Leona is our Ann Hoffmann's Aunt so we have a connection.

THE SPORTING NEWS...



The Crusaders took on the Blessed Sacrament Vikings for the **final interscholastic athletic event** in our gym. We have much to be grateful for in the work of our parish building from 1986-1987. We were Bruce Holland's first job and our gym became a house of prayer and fun, serving us for Mass, Reconciliation and even a funeral for a CMS student over a decade ago. A quote from its dedication was "*this work of human hands will become a house of prayer*"...and it did! Division I kids played here, the Voice of the Missouri Tigers Mike Kelly, former Football Cardinal Quarterback Rusty Lisch, and most importantly, your kids. Thanks be to God for our buildings---1853-1921-1950-1960-1987, and now our 409 Palmer Road!



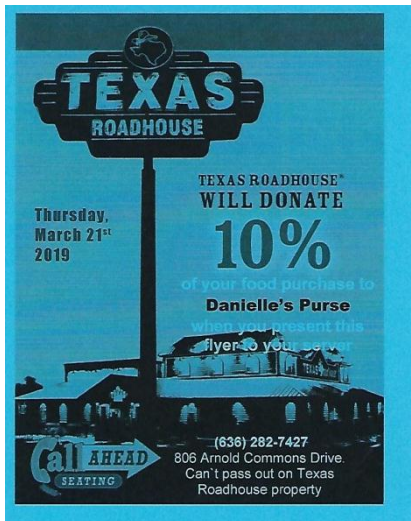
Our Parochial Girls won the final girls volleyball game in our gym Tuesday night. They lost in the first round of the Diocesan Tournament and play tomorrow at 11:00 at St. John Smithton. Our Junior Girls won last night and play at 5:50 tonight at St. James vs. St. Theresa. Good luck girls!

Boys Diocesan starts next week.

CONGRATULATIONS to GIANNA MUETH who received a double platinum and first place overall in her solo

performance at her first dance competition!

GIRLS ON THE RUN...changing the world one girl at a time! [See the flyer!](#) Go ladies!



For Danielle...

On March 21, 2019, the Texas Roadhouse Restaurant in Arnold, Missouri will be having a fundraising day for Danielle. It will be an all day event. Individuals need only download the flyer and show it to their server on that day for Danielle to receive 10% of the ticket.

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 last week, fill out and return to school. The Golf Tournament will be on April 26th 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.

Beverly Eplin, Secretary, Immaculate Conception School

Hi Papa John School Partners, I have an offer that I would like to share with you! With most schools having spring break over the next couple of week lots of families might like a good deal on pizza.

Please realize that this offer will not work for any school night events, a % off codes is not stackable and therefore can't be use with your school code. I suggest sending out this 30% off offer a few days before your spring break. I have attached the offer but here it is as well:

30% off Regular Menu Price Online Orders.

Promo Code: DANAM

Valid at All St Louis Metro Stores

Papajohns.com

Valid through 6-30-19



Something you don't want to know---

how they make sausage and how you make a bill?
But really, we want to know and the Third Grade did at The Magic House this week.

Fun

We are back at it for year two and excited! We welcome several new from this year's third-grade class team. The girls have jumped right training for their 5K which will take place downtown St. Louis on May 11 with thousands of other girls from around the area.



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Throughout the past two weeks, the team has gotten to know one another and have focused on some self-reflection exercises. The girls have worked on finding their “Star Power,” the parts of their lives that make them smile and shine. They’ve learned that in

order to do this, they must first recognize the parts of them that may sometimes bring them down. They then worked on ways to change those negative thoughts into positive thoughts. Watching the girls work through these obstacles was very rewarding! Great job, Team ICS!

GRADS IN THE NEWS... The Gibault Math Team competed in Regionals at SIU-E. Top individual finishers included:

- Freshman Noah Newton ICS '18 1st place in Algebra 1
- Junior Spencer Biske ICS '16 1st place in Pre-Calc.

Spencer and Noah are also at the State Scholastic Bowl tournament with the Gibault Team today after winning regionals and sectionals. Good luck men!

GIBAULT HIGH SCHOOL NEWS: Gibault will proudly present "Hello Dolly" April 11-14. Grades 5-6-7 will enjoy a matinee performance on Thursday, April 11, at 9:30AM. Grade 8 will be at Busch Stadium for winning the Magazine Drive along with students who qualified! Once again, we have several major leads and can be proud of our grads!

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 20th; 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) for questions.

Rummage Sale: Don't miss out on the steals and deals!

The Gibault Women's Club will hold its Spring Rummage Sale on **Saturday April 6, from 8AM to 3PM** in the auditorium, with special deals from 1-3PM.

Donations of clothing and other items will be accepted April 1-4 from 8AM to 8PM. Please, these items cannot be accepted: Large furniture or exercise equipment, beds, TVs, or computers.



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 FRY TONIGHT! IN OUR CAFETERIA! 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. 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.

Becky Savage comes to our Columbia Community Unit #4 March 19 and 20. Becky and her husband Mike lost two of their sons on the same day to an accidental overdose. The boys were not drug users or addicts; they made one fatal mistake. Becky will be speaking to CMS and CHS students during her visit. In addition, she has agreed to provide a special presentation for our parents on the evening of March 19. Please plan to join us in the CMS cafeterium at 6:30 pm to hear Becky's story.

To learn about her story please click on the link below:

<https://www.cnn.com/2018/04/20/health/turning-points-becky-savage-opioids/index.html>

To learn more about the foundation that the Savages have created, please click on the link: <https://www.525foundation.org/our-story.html>

From **Today's Catholic Teacher**

I remember my parents and parochial school educators helping me memorize and recite my daily prayers. With childlike obedience, I parroted back what I learned. Eventually, with time, the words became my own. As I matured and my heart came to know Christ, my prayer matured too. I began to understand what it means to have a new heart that yearns to know Christ. I began praying every day and tried to follow Jesus daily. The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches us that "prayer is the life of the new heart. It ought to animate us at every moment" (CCC, 2697).

Recall the people who have been holy influences in your life. How many of them led lives of prayer?

Prayer lays the groundwork for saint-making.

As we continue through the Lenten season, let us pray for the grace of experiencing life with new hearts — hearts beating for Christ. And may we gladly share fruit of our prayer in our catechetical settings. Let us pray for one another,
Pat Gohn

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!

Fr. Steve Humphrey

Mercy Rehab Center
14561 N Outer 40 Road
Chesterfield, MO 63017

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!

Pat Morr, Carole Fetcho's Mom, is back in the hospital. Please pray for her.

Our condolences to Jaylyn Brister on the death of her great grandmother

Nancy Huck(Dale(Kim)Diesel's Mom) at age 83. She had suffered from Alzheimer's. God's peace to her and her family. Arrangements pending.

PRAYERS: Special Intention Danielle Dorlac, Fr. Steve Humphrey, Maxine Dill, 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: As St. Augustine, Doctor of the Church, reminded us, *"if we can understand it, it is not God!"* This Sunday is Luke's version of the Transfiguration. Mystery. Often in life we run into it right before our eyes. Whether the birth of our children or the death of our parents, we are often left dumbfounded. How lucky Peter, James, and John were to be witnesses. How lucky are we to have the Holy Spirit to help us understand. It remains mystery. Yet we glory in "this is my chosen Son; listen to him." Second Sunday of Lent already. KC Blood Drive, ICS Registration, and a need for us to be transfigured each in our own way!

Mike Kish

Principal

PS Jeans Day for Labels for Education for 8th grade who brought in 25 on Tuesday. Others who forgot will also receive absolution. Be honest!

PS End of third quarter is March 20th.

PS **HOW THE IRISH SAVED CIVILIZATION** Great book! As the Dark Ages swept over Europe destroying all culture, they never got to Ireland where the monks and scribes kept copying the great works to be returned to Europe as the darkness receded. **Green tops with uniform bottoms in honor of St. Patrick on Monday permitted!**

PS Our Columbia ROTARY CLUB MOUSE RACES are here in our gym on April 27. \$10 admission. Bet on the mice! Silent Auction! [See the flyer](#) in this week's newsletter! Where would Columbia be without our service organizations?

PS [See attached uniform flyer](#) from Catholic Supply and their upcoming sale.