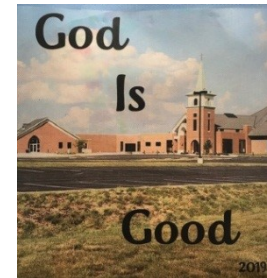
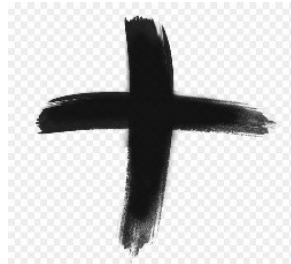




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Celebrating 166 years of Mission, Community, Service.

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.



March 16, 2020

"God is good!"
Bienvenido el parrochia!

V. 45 #37

Dear Parents, Guardians, and Friends,

ASSEMBLY THIS MORNING: We prayed---(today's first reading was about Namaan who had leprosy and was cured by God through Elisha the prophet); used the "space bubble" concept from Focus 5 to keep distance; Mrs. Lundy presented on how to make this an "opportunity time" to learn new things, break bad habits, and suggestions listed below. Mrs. Whelan ran us all through some great exercises we could do each day (and I kept up!). I closed with a recap and some personal comments from ICS grad Tom Funfsinn in Beijing on his Day 50 of lock-in and his words of encouragement, myth busting, alarmism, and social solidarity.

Our Teachers have really been working hard. We trained students how to navigate Homework Central with tabs for their classes. Teachers will be on-line during the school day but have 24 hours to get back to you. We will also have school open tomorrow at 8:00 for book pick-up. AR tests will be in the form of a written book report for credit.

Students will not be held accountable for new material during this time. We will expect previous projects fulfilled for a grade. i.e. DC project, Civil Rights project, Spanish project due tomorrow etc. Despite the non-accountability mandate, we cannot afford to lose two weeks of academic time or maybe even more. Students need to keep a routine and make this opportunity a positive one. Humans are social beings. May this time help us appreciate each other even more!

This is a great time to understand selfishness vs. selflessness. Our heroes are the healthcare industry, first responders, food transporters and providers and social media which will help us keep in touch with Grandma and Grandpa. We can come back to school on March 31, better than we are today, the same, or worse. I reminded the students to "own their education". The e-learning they will do will benefit them well into their future in high school and life skills.

8 parents came in to help today and we had more waiting in the wings if needed. THANK YOU!

God sits with us on the 'thinking bench' as we work through this. We must pray and act.

e-LEARNING: Go to Homework Central off our webpage. Links, resources, google docs etc.

REPORT CARDS Students are reminded to get late work in to their teachers, do AR in book report form, and follow instructions from today from their teachers. Report cards will not be printed. Review them on-line after March 26.

CLEANING: There will be extra cleaning performed while we are out of the building. We are reviewing other options as well.

MORE CANCELLATIONS:

Tonight's field trip meeting for Grades 6-7 is postponed till later notice.

Chicago and Memphis Field Trips---postponed till later notice.

Butterfly Field Trip, 6th Grade to St. Louis Basilica cancelled for now.

Due to the mandated school closures through March 30, 2020, Young Authors' Conference is cancelled.

Mrs. Lundy encourages you to SURPRISE US!!

Can you be inspired to learn something new or do something over this next 2 weeks that is a new skill you worked on?

Surprise us!

Join the Surprise Project!

Let us know what you are working on, which can be any of the following or your own idea:

1. I am following a daily routine that keeps my skills sharp and helps me stay current with my classes.

-AND/OR-

2. I am developing new/different study skills (tell us what has changed).

-AND/OR-

3. I am learning the new skill of _____ (cooking, cleaning (____)), laundry to help around the house.

-AND/OR-

4. I am practicing my instrument every day for _____ minutes

-AND/OR-

5. I am exercising every day this way: (give examples)

-AND/OR _____ for this many minutes _____.

6. Did you learn about someone who lived with a challenging situation and inspired you?

-AND/OR _____

6. Surprise us with your own ideas.

We are excited to hear from you! We will be looking for someone with the most unique new skill. All who submit a "surprise" skill will be publicly acknowledged.

The class with the most participants can win it's own dress down day.

The class with the most unique "surprise" can win a choice of pizza party or ice cream party for their class.

K OF C FISH FRY The Knights NETTED \$1400 more on their “drive-in” fish fry than they did last year on the equivalent date! (Also, Fr. Michael McGivney, Founder of the Knights of Columbus, died from a pandemic.)

HERE IS YOUR CHANCE TO CREATE THE FUTURE!

ARE YOU READY TO SERVE?

We are currently collecting names to be drawn for new School Board and Pastoral Council members on 5/2.

What's involved in serving on the School Board?

- ◆ Serve as an advisory group to support the Principal and Pastor in developing and implementing school policies.
- ◆ Meet 3rd Tuesday of the month, 3 year term beginning in June

What's involved in serving on the Pastoral Council?

- ◆ Serve to recommend policy to the Pastor for parish spiritual, educational and financial matters.
- ◆ Meet 4th Tuesday of the month, 3 year term beginning in June

Please prayerfully consider placing your name in the discernment box for School Board or Pastoral Council (located in the gathering space in the back of Church). New members will be drawn from the boxes at the end of the 5PM Mass on May 2nd. If you have any questions, you may contact Toby Ellner at 618.615.2868 or toby.ellner@gmail.com regarding School Board or Lauren Powers at 314.402.8009 or L1POWERS@yahoo.com regarding Pastoral Council.

Catie Tyler's dad (Grandpa to Joe, Emma, and Louis) went into the hospital on Saturday and is extremely sick. Please keep him in your prayers.

Marty Colley's Mom **Lillian Lampe** died Friday night. The funeral is Wednesday at St. Francis of Assisi. Marty is a parish treasure. Please pray for her and the family.

Lampe, Lillian L.

(nee Jett), Fortified with the Sacraments of Holy Mother Church Friday, March 13, 2020. Beloved wife of the late Albert W. Lampe; dear mother of Carol Kittel, Diane DeLonjay, Mary Beth Lampe, and Martha (the late Joseph) Colley; dear grandmother of Jennifer Kittel, Daniel (Heather) DeLonjay, Elizabeth Colley, Nicholas (Jaimee Hall) Colley, dear great-grandmother of Alex, Vinny, William and Vivian DeLonjay; our dear sister, sister-in-law, aunt, great-aunt and friend.

Services: Funeral from Kutis South County Chapel, 5255 Lemay Ferry, Wednesday, March 18, 9:30 a.m. to St. Francis of Assisi Church for 10 a.m. Mass. Interment J.B. National Cemetery. Visitation Tuesday, 4- 8 p.m.

John L. Adams, (John, Trish, Johnny, Anna, Katie) died Friday night. Please keep him and the family in your prayers during this sad time.

John Lawrence Adams of Belleville, IL, 75 years old, born October 25, 1944 in St. Louis, MO, died Friday, March 13, 2020 at Memorial Hospital, Shiloh, IL.

He was a member of Signal Hill Lutheran Church.

John was preceded in death by his parents Lloyd C. Adams and Helen R. nee Fallon Adams.

Surviving are his wife Susan Poe Adams; children Cari Brauer of Belleville, IL, John W. (Trish) Adams of Columbia, IL and Amy Horvath of Denver, Colorado; six grandchildren Lilly Brauer, Grace Brauer, John P. Adams, Anna Adams, Kate Adams and Max Horvath; a brother Joseph (Pamela) Adams of Caseyville, IL; brother-in-law Jeffrey (Carol) Poe and dear nieces and nephews.

John loved first and foremost spending time with his children and grandchildren. He was an exceptional athlete. He was an all-conference quarterback for the Belleville Maroons for two years. He played first singles tennis for four years. John was an outstanding golfer. He won the championship of St. Clair Country Club six times before 1980. He and P.J. Kelley won the St. Louis district two man team twice and he placed eighth in a St. Louis district medal tournament.

He spent most of his adult years working for a family owned construction company. He was a licensed real estate salesman, he was a building inspector for the city of Belleville and was a dealer on the Alton Belle Casino.

Memorial donations are suggested for Leukemia Society.

The family has requested John's memorial service be delayed until future notice, and will be published on this website and in the Belleville News-Democrat.

PRAYERS: Special Intention Lindsay White, George Perry, Seth Conner, Geraldine McCoy, Kathy Neal, Logan Eichenseer, Patrick Kish, Danielle Dorlac, Marian Wickersham, Lauren Darr, Ashley Burris, 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, Angela Roepke, Jan Hoffmann, Bill West, Jennifer Nesser, Tom Kish, Patti Rottler, Mike Taylor

Let this be an historic moment and not an hysteric moment. Follow the rules and keep the hospitals clear for those who are really in peril. God is with us during this time and all the time. Make good decisions!

Thanks for your understanding. Everyone I know is simply trying to do the best they can.

Hopefully we will see you March 31st.

Mike Kish

Principal