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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.

OPEN THE DOORS OF MERCY!

March 18, 2016

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Dear Parent, Guardian, Student, Teacher, Friend,



Living Stations--- Putting a face from 2016 on an event happening nearly 2000 years ago is no small feat but the Class of 2016 helped us relate today. The reality of Jesus' life is that it mirrors our own. His life shows us how to live our life. Jesus is taken down from the Cross! Thanks to the Class of 2016 for making a human event a divine experience today!

REGISTRATION March 20 10:00-12:30 in the school cafeteria. Sign-up for pre-screening for Kindergarten will be April 13 and April 20 in the school gym.

PLEASE RETURN THE LETTER OF INTENT ON MONDAY IF YOU HAVEN'T ALREADY. WE NEED TO KNOW SO WE CAN SEE WHERE TO PUT EVERYONE IN OUR SMALLER CAMPUS.



GIBAULT MATH CONTEST Congratulations to the ICS Math team ON St. Pat's Day! In the 8th grade division, Spencer Biske placed **first** with a score of 32 out of 35, Mary Wessel, **third** place, Hannah Janson, **fifth** place, and Kaylum Furlow, **sixth** place. At the seventh grade level, Katie Grawitch won **second** place and Jacob Feldker was **sixth** place. For the sixth grade, Noah Newton was **first** place, Autumn Ramey, **second** place, Jacob Whitworth, **fourth** place, Glenn Powers, **fifth** place, and Grant Mathany, **sixth** place. **11 of the top 18!** Team members include 6th graders Emma Blaskiewicz, Adelynn Murphy, and Collin Schmidt, 7th graders Isabella Frasure, Eli Garcia, Reagan Herrmann, Kalia Jerkatis, and James Ramette, and 8th grader Claire Huebner. The mathletes were coached by teacher Karen Weiler.

MONROE-RANDOLPH YOUNG AUTHORS' CONFERENCE tomorrow at Columbia Middle School, 100 Eagle Drive, Columbia, IL.

Congratulations to our honored writers!

K - Julia Drury

3 - Audrey Randle

6 - Paula Boser

1 - Shawn Stuart

4 - Kyra Newton

7 - Reagan Herrmann

2 - Cailynn Mueth

5 - Sydney Wahle

Children's book author, Jessica Schneider will speak to parents as the children attend entertaining sessions with presenters on creativity, communication and writing skills. 8:30 is registration and the conference will be concluded at around noon. It is requested that all participants and their parents remain until all medals and certificates have been awarded.

TERRIFIC KIDS – MARCH 2016

Mrs. Diewald: **Karina Jerkatis** – Karina is our Terrific Kid for March! She is a kind person who always puts others before herself. Karina works hard in the classroom and always strives to do her best work.

Mrs. Meyer: **Luke Dalpoas** - Luke is kind and always thinking of others. He always tries to do the right thing. Luke is a hard worker, a good friend, and a great student!

Ms. Kennedy: **Addison Sanker** – Addison is a Terrific Kid because she respects her classmates, is kind to others, and works hard every day. She has really stepped it up this quarter to be a great student and friend.

Mrs. Matrisotto: **Grant Monheiser** - Grant has shown determination, perseverance, and hard work in Math. Through problem solving techniques, learning steps to complete problems, and working to be more efficient, Grant has shown improvements. Grant also was selected to represent our class by being Terrific Kid because he is always willing to help anyone. Grant is a very kind young man who has a heart of gold. Keep up the good work, Grant.

Mrs. Donjon: **Lily Barrett** - Lily has been working very hard at improving her skills in the classroom. She volunteers to do extra assignments when it comes to Art. Lily is a happy young lady and eager to learn new things.

Mrs. Ettling: **Grace Barrett** – Grace is a terrific kid because she is always adding to our class discussions, has her work complete on time, willing to take risks answering questions, and asks questions if she is confused in class. Keep up the good work Grace!

Mrs. Taylor/Ms. Wheatley: **Aidan Sullivan** – Aidan is very willing to do what is asked. He is always caring and shows mercy to others.

Mrs. Schauster: **Maria Biske** – Maria is a student who has a real thirst for knowledge. She brings interesting ideas to classroom discussions. I can count on her to try her hardest in school work, and always have a smile on her face while doing so.

ICS 5k & Kids Fun Run... Tomorrow---Saturday March 19th @Immaculate Conception Church

Check-in: 8:15am Garden Level Run Kick-off: 9:00am ~Registration forms available at icscolumbia.org 1st and 2nd Place Class Prizes for the child who brings in the most pledges for the Kids Fun Run! Family Fun Fair following the run with food, refreshments, and games available for purchase! Questions contact: Holly (h_blaskiewicz@yahoo.com 314-707-1046) or Kim (kim@kimschwartz.net)

Speech practice next week M-W from 3:15-4:15 SPPS has changed the date to April 9. This conflicts with our District Band Contest. Why O Lord? We have 3 solid candidates and need one more who is not in the Contest Band to fill our team!

35th ANNUAL MAGAZINE DRIVE Order online anytime! www.gaschoolstore.com I.D. 2710556
CATHOLIC EDUCATION AND ACTIVITY CENTER!

MAGAZINE DRIVE LAST CALL for Cardinal tickets: May 5th at 12:45 p.m. against the Philadelphia Phillies. Parents of the students attending may purchase a ticket for \$11.00. Please let Mrs. Epplin know by Monday and send in your \$11.00 to the office.

SPRING PICTURES APRIL 1ST.

As in the past all students will be photographed individually and their pictures will be uploaded to www.keevenevents.com for viewing and purchasing. The password will be: spring Siblings pictures will be offered again but only by pre order. Please see attached order form.

MONROE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT We received a 97% on our visit last week. We were docked because there were some nicks in our dry-wall that might hide bacteria.

SCHOLASTIC BOWL played two tough teams this week. On Monday we traveled to Triad Junior High and won three out of the four matches. Then on Tuesday Amelia Carriel Junior High from O'Fallon traveled here. This was a rematch of the championship match from Mater Dei. The varsity team won both matches while the JV fell in two close matches. Our varsity record now stands at 28-4 while JV is 8-11. Spencer Biske leads the toss up total with 84 followed by Kaylum Furlow (72) Hannah Janson (58) Ben Traxler (54) and James Ramette (46). This coming week we have a toss up tournament at Blessed Sacrament and a match in O'Fallon against Edward Fulton Junior High.

Mrs. Fetcho Art Camps

UP IN THE AIR- June 6 - 10, 10am - 12pm, grades K-5

Let's focus on things that fly. Create a Hot Air Balloon painting on plastic that resembles stain glass. A necklace using "shrinky dink" of a bird, balloon, plane, something that flies. You decide. An owl out of cornstarch dough that is baked and painted.

Pop Art with Star Wars/Minecraft- June 13 - 17, 10am-12pm, grades 2 - 8

Create your own Andy Warhol type print using a Star Wars/Minecraft character or another favorite character from a different game/ show. A dot comic like artist Roy Lichtenstein and special trading cards of your favorite characters. *classes \$95 for the week per student, pay first day of class. Text/email to reserve a spot at [314.565.7354](tel:314.565.7354), cfetcho@icsgmail.com

Art on the Bluffs is hosting a Tri-Art-Athon a combination of Trivia-Art-Logic. No knowledge or expertise in art needed, the objective is to have fun. Our gym. **SATURDAY, APRIL 16**, Doors open at 630 pm, trivia begins at 700pm - \$15 a person, \$120 a table of 8. 5 free mulligans for filling a table/gifts for pre- registration / raffles & prizes/ BYO food & beverage Proceeds benefit Bicentennial Art Walk, September 17, 2016 Contact us and reserve a table on facebook/web site artonthelbluffs.com. or text/call Carol Fetcho at [314.565.7354](tel:314.565.7354).



Bless me Lucky Charms!

We have been trying to catch a pesky leprechaun all week! Our class really got into it, so we have been spending time exhibiting some STEM concepts by engineering leprechaun traps in the classroom! Some students even made traps at home:

Solo Cup: Nicholas Holdener and Family

Gold Box: David Callico and Family



KC Fish Fry March 25

WHEN ICS KIDS DO GREAT THINGS OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM I will be happy to tell everyone as long as I know. Please send it in and we can share your joy.



Maggie Williamson traveled to KC last weekend for the QUIZ Rally. She is a member of the Pony Club. This rally, besides challenging the Pony Club members to learn horsemanship and horse care, provides them with opportunities to display and learn good sportsmanship, leadership, and team work as they prepare thoroughly, plan and cooperate with their team mates, and take winning or losing in stride.

Maggie's team brought home 1st in their division!

There were five "D" divisions, four teams in each division, and 3-4 kids in each team. Maggie placed 3rd overall in the "D" rankings. She has qualified to compete in CHAMPS which is Quiz Rally at the national level. The event will be held in August. Congratulations Maggie!

THE SPORTING NEWS... GIRLS VOLLEYBALL Our **Parochial Girls took 3rd place in the Diocese** by beating Queen of Peace in two, losing to SPPS Waterloo in 3, and then beating St. James in two 25-21 and 25-16. Our 6th grade girls lost in the first round to St. Theresa. St. Theresa won the Diocese with a 38-0 record and All Saints won the Junior Division.

GOOD LUCK TO the CRUSADERS THIS WEEKEND AT THE DIOCESAN TOURNAMENT at Notre Dame! Our Parochial Boys are the #3 seed and play at 10:00 am at St. Theresa Saturday morning---win---play at 1:00 at Notre Dame(Cathedral gym) ---win play at 4:00 Sunday or lose 2:00 Sunday both at Notre Dame(Cathedral). Our Junior Boys are #4 seed and play tonight at 7:00 at Notre Dame(Cathedral)---win play at 2:00 Saturday at St. Theresa---win play Sunday at 3:00 at Notre Dame or lose play at 1:00 at Notre Dame. Let's be good sports, win or lose! If we lose, say nothing. If we win, say even less! Be humble winners and losers.



Marie Prindiville, 12 years old and a 7th grader at ICS in Columbia, finished 1st in the St. Patrick's Day 5 Mile race in the Female 14 and Under division with a time of 36:21. This was her 6th year running the race.

She was **1st out of 72 runners in F14 & Under division** and **35th out of 3,973 Women**. Marie is the daughter of Tom and Penny Prindiville of Columbia.

TRACK NEWS! Practice and meet schedules will be posted to the Athletics website later this month. Start running now and get ready! Parents, please have your runners bring a water bottle to all practices and make sure that they have decent shoes to run in. Any questions, contact Coach Tom Prindiville at tomprindiville@yahoo.com or [314-707-0186](tel:314-707-0186).

SUMMER MUSICAL IN A WEEK: Mrs. Babcock has announced the camp dates for this year's Actors' Attic Summer Musical in a Week. Things will kick off with the middle school students (going into grades 6-8) putting up *Annie Jr.*, with performance dates of June 9-10 (camp June 3-9). Then the high school students (going into grades 9-12) will launch *Legally Blonde Jr.* on June 16-17 (camp June 10-16). And the camp season ends with the grade school students (going into grades 1-5) putting up *A Year With Frog & Toad* on June 23-24 (camp June 17-23). All camps take place at the Gibault Catholic High School auditorium. See the attachments for details, and email actorsattic@gmail.com with questions.

GLO BINGO The Gibault Catholic High School Men's Club is hosting a Glo Bingo for players 18 years of age or older on Friday, March 18th in Gibault's Hustedde Gymnasium. \$1,000 in cash prizes. Drinks available for sale. Bring your own snacks. Doors open at 6:00 pm---bingo begins at 7:30 pm. Tickets are \$20 advance and \$25 at the door. Tickets---Kermit Constantine at [618-340-3322](tel:618-340-3322), Rick Schmidt at [618-410-1827](tel:618-410-1827) or the Gibault school office at [939-3883](tel:939-3883). All proceeds will go to support Gibault Catholic High School improvements.

PARISH AND DIOCESAN NEWS:

CATHOLIC EDUCATION & ACTIVITY CENTER PARISH UPDATE MEETINGS

Join us Sunday, April 17, at 12:30pm, or Thursday, April 21, at 7pm, for an update on the progress we are making with the design of our new Catholic Education & Activity Center (new parish gathering place and school). View drawings, ask questions, volunteer for subcommittees (we have a position for everyone!), and be a part of the Church of the Future!



Sunday, March 20 is #Chucks4Russ! The 11am Mass will be celebrated for Russell Peterson, and Lara and Kirsten Peterson have invited everyone to wear Chucks in his memory. Better still, snap a pic and post it on Sunday with the tag #Chucks4Russ. Peace.

Gibault Catholic is opening its doors to the international community and we would like you to be part of it!

In the last few years, we have seen a remarkable interest from international students wanting to attend Gibault Catholic. We are searching for host families for these students and have an incentive that will benefit your school as well as us.

To become a host family,

- Prospective families must apply and interview with Gibault administration
- After being accepted, the family will host a student for the 2016-2017 school year with the option of continuing to host the same student until that student graduates from Gibault.

If one of your parish/school families becomes a host,

- The host family usually receives a monthly stipend from the student for room & board

- your school will receive a \$2000 stipend from Gibault to be applied to that family's child's or grandchild's grade school tuition for the 2016-2017 school year.
- your school will receive the \$2000 stipend each year the international student is at Gibault and the family has a child/grandchild at your school

We want to get the word out to your families. Please contact Pat Herzing (pherzing@gibaultonline.com) if you are interested in pursuing this opportunity.

Patricia Herzing, Gibault Catholic High School, Director of Enrollment, Math Department Chair

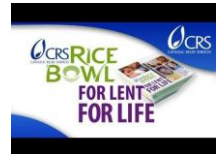


Food Pantry
Donations Needed

Knights of Columbus: For the month of March, **BUILDING THE DOMESTIC CHURCH** initiative is encouraging families to take it up a notch with a focus on two ongoing programs during the remaining days of Lent.

CRS Rice Bowls:

2016 marks the 41st year of CRS Rice Bowl – the largest and oldest Lenten program practiced by Catholics in the United States. In 41 years, generations of Catholics have used their Lenten sacrifice to alleviate hunger caused by poverty and improve the lives of individual and families in developing countries as well as in their own communities.



Feeding the Hungry:

Let us share our abundance this Lent. The parish is having a food drive to benefit all the local food pantries. Baskets are set up in the Gathering Space at ICC Church for you to place unperishable food items in during Lent. They are taken once a week to the local food pantries. Thank you for sharing your abundance!

Your Knights of Columbus Family Program Team,
Nick Matrisotto Ted Haney Brian Repp

ASK ME ABOUT MY MERCY

Paul Ott-Logan Loport-Eva Haywood-Connor Thoma-Owen Haney-Blake Powers-Riley McGill-Elisabeth Schaefer-Mary Clare Murphy-Hailey Wilkerson-Caroline Roche-Andrew Harmon-Jack Keeven-Ashton Pulliam-Naomi Langhans-Marie Prindiville-Lauren Thorne-Joseph Tyler, Sydney Wahle-Jacob Gilbreth-Isabella Frasure-Will Scholl-Abby Eichenseer-Zoe Swip-Emma Farris-Ava Blaskiewicz.-Allison Stark-Emily Everett-Sadie Loless-Lacie Hausmann-Noah Chism-Ariel Adams-Malia Schaffer-Maria Biske-Dan Stewart-Keeley Cooper-Dakota L'Hote- Jack Holston-Kalia Jerkatis, Elliot Unwin, Oliver Unwin, Aidan Sullivan

Our Condolences to Lou Ann and John Wolz on the loss of Lou Ann's older sister, **Marie Barker Pyatt**, to cancer. Millie graduated from ICS and John is our auctioneer.

Vicki Chism's mom **Barbara Buchheit** has been diagnosed with small cell lung cancer, and could we add her to all the prayer lists. (They visit the oncologist Friday for treatment options.)

Beth Glasscock is having precautionary surgery next week. Please keep her in your prayers for a quick recovery.

PRAYERS:

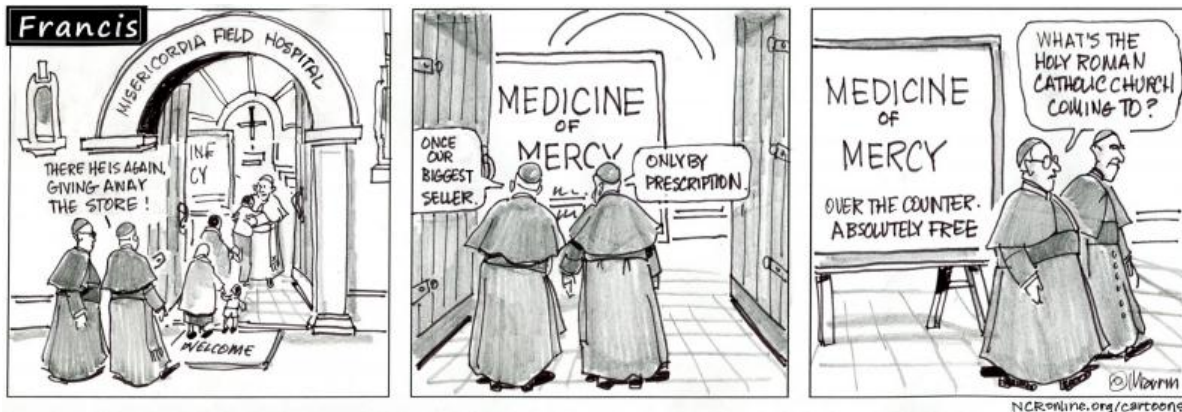
Barbara Buchheit, Beth Glasscock, Stella Moll, Josh Ritter, Virginia Slattery, Angie Rose, Ken Bolton, George Perry, Adriana Colindres, Nick Carron, Maddie Swip, Marian Keim, Dan Whelan, Mary Giovanni, Denise Conner, Kevin Diehl, Roy Lansing, Sis Blaes, Arlin Stechmesser, Marcella Heinrichs, Rick Abrahamson, Josephine Chapman, Florence Dorshorst, Bill Pennock, Patty Juengling, Pat Weber, Ed Hengel, Vince Webb, George Stein, Desiree Frasure, **Special Intention**

AS THE EASTERN CATHOLIC CHURCHES CALL IT, WE ARE UPON "THE GREAT WEEK".

Our liturgies are different yet the same this week. Processionals with hosannas to the King, palm branches, Passion Readings, incense wafting to the heavens, baring our feet and our souls, a dreaded night causing blood sweats, our priest in submissive prostration before the cross, planting a sincere kiss on the cross, candles, renewing our Baptismal pledge, celebrating new spiritual life with fire and Baptisms and Confirmations as we journey from the life of a man proving He is God! So our "how could God let this happen?" becomes "how could God not let this happen if we are to be taught how to really live in the face of a sinful world?" Come to the top of the mountain this weekend as Jesus gets His victory parade before His "time". The real victory comes a week later. If we can learn to wait THREE DAYS, things usually get better, clearer, and a Resurrection can happen! Palm Sunday 2016! Don't miss it!

MIKE KISH

Ps KC Fish Fry March 25.



Band Schedule Week of March 21-25

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

7:15-7:50 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

8:55-9:55 Concert Band Full Band

9:55-10:35 Percussion Ensemble

10:35-11:35 Beginning Band Full Band

1:15-2:15 Intermediate Band Full Band

HOLY THURSDAY---NO SCHOOL

GOOD FRIDAY---NO SCHOOL

EASTER MONDAY---NO SCHOOL