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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 22, 2019

Bienvenido el parrochia!

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Dear Parent,

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



**REGIONAL OFFICE of EDUCATION SPELLING BEE** Major success! 4 went, 4 placed, and **Emma Schmidt took 1<sup>st</sup> in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade** on asthma--- (she also got a point for Scholastic Bowl against Triad Middle School on the same word just hours earlier), Lily Barrett took 5<sup>th</sup> after 20 rounds in the 7<sup>th</sup> grade, **Grant Monheiser got a repeat by taking 1<sup>st</sup> in the 6<sup>th</sup> grade** on "governor" and Max Keeven placed 7<sup>th</sup> in the 5<sup>th</sup> grade! More than 13 schools participated at Trinity Lutheran School in Red Bud!. Thanks Mrs. Karen Weiler for chairing for us!



Our 6<sup>th</sup> grade girls volleyball team won 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the Diocesan tournament at Althoff! Coach Kathy Schmidt and Coach Dawn Heimburger led the way!

**SPRING PICTURES** [flyer attached.](#) Amazing how much we change during a year of schooling. Pictures keep memories alive!

**ICS NEWS...** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1oYp5qa50uY>

**ARE YOU READY TO SERVE?** As you may have seen in the bulletin this weekend, we are currently collecting names to be drawn for new school board and pastoral council members.

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 4th. If you have any questions, please contact Toby Ellner at 618.615.2868 or [toby.ellner@gmail.com](mailto:toby.ellner@gmail.com).

**WHY YOU SHOULD STICK WITH THE BAND**...besides it helping raise your math and coding and foreign language ability... **Good morning, Mr. Kish.** I just wanted to let you know that Andy never forgot when you said that more people will get to the tournaments etc with the band than the sports. He even mentioned it again when he was packing for the trip to San Jose. We received a text on our family chat last night from an excited and unbelievably happy young man who was playing in the band, court side while the players were practicing. He said something like, "I got a free trip to California to play my sax at the NCAA tournament. How lucky am I?" It has been a whirlwind with a chartered flight, a trip on Wednesday to San Francisco for the band, and seeing behind the scenes for the tournament. If you see the game tonight, look for him. He will be the one with a big smile, loving life! Thanks for inspiring the Loless Kids and SO SO MANY others!

*Thank you thank you thank you! When we see the big picture all kinds of great things come our way in life but we have to work on a day by day basis to get there! I am telling everybody! Go Andy and the Bills! Thanks Kathy!*

**AND ANOTHER REASON!** The **GIBAULT HAWK BAND** is playing in Kansas City this weekend for the NAIA 2019 National Championship! Take note! Congrats Hawks!

AND ANOTHER REASON! **Matt Hake's rock band The Late Greats** is playing the Duck Room at Blueberry Hill on April 3rd. We play from 8:00-8:40. If you are free come on down and see us. Here are a few links to the website and music samples.

<https://blueberryhill.com/event/king-buffalo-040319/>

<https://soundcloud.com/thelategreatsstl>

**DIOCESAN SPEECH FINALS** Maria, Hope, Layne and Avery will be representing ICS at Diocesan this year. Diocesan will be at St. James in Millstadt on Saturday, April 6th, 2019. Doors open at 8:30 and speeches begin at 9:30. I would like to have practice on Tuesdays and Thursdays leading up to the 6th. Thank you, Catie Taylor

**NATIONAL HISTORY BEE REGIONALS** Zach Gibson, Audrey Sullivan and Drew Schmoll will be competing in the in Springfield on April 13th. We have a conflict with State Science Olympiad on this date. All 10 qualified for the Regional!

## **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](mailto:tkennedy@icsmail.org)] or Brian [[bmboyd02@yahoo.com](mailto: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](#)

## **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](http://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](mailto: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. Games 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](mailto: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>

**THE DOROTHY WEINEL EPPINGER FOUNDATION** is hosting the **HARP TWINS** here on Friday night, March 29<sup>th</sup>. 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!

**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

**THE SPORTING NEWS... V-ball** Our 6th Grade girls team placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in the **Diocese!** The varsity GIRLS lost both matches in their play but the games were close. The last game versus Blessed Sacrament was 23-25. Records never tell the full story. A great season of growth and never giving up! Thanks Coach Kathy Schmidt and Todd Biske!

**Volleyball updates** Parochial boys lost in 2 to #1 seed St. Clare last night. We play tonight at 7:30 at Mascoutah High School. Junior boys beat Queen of Peace in 3 with a 16-14 win. They play tonight at 7:00 at Holy Childhood in Mascoutah.

### **Zac Epplin Memorial Golf Tournament** ONLY 7 OPENINGS LEFT!

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 every day. 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 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.

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

**Hi Papa John School Partners.** I have an offer...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. Here it is:

30% off Regular Menu Price Online Orders. **Promo Code: DANAM**  
Valid at All St Louis Metro Stores Papajohns.com Valid through 6-30-19

### **GRADS IN THE NEWS...**

Spencer Biske and Noah Newton competed at the State Scholastic Bowl tournament with the Gibault team last weekend. They won their first match and lost the next 2. Still great making the **Elite 8** out of 500 schools!

**Sarah Rose (ICS '15)**qualified for State in Biology and English at the Academic Challenge!

**Zoey Swip (ICS '17)**won 3<sup>rd</sup>place at the Sister Cities Art Contest!

**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 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.

### **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.

**Josh Hugger (Jordan and Keegan)** and were named to the Republic Times Bowling 1<sup>st</sup>Team. Time to be proud of big brother!



A Bar of Iron Costs \$5...made into horseshoes its worth is \$12...made into needles its worth is \$3,500...made into balance springs for watches its worth is \$300,000. Your own value is also determined by what you are able to make of yourself. Choose wisely.



**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](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. APRIL 5 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.

**THANK YOU!** We received a \$200 stipend from SAME Water Quality through our Science Olympiad Team for expenses for going to State! This helps cover our entry fee!

**MAGAZINE DRIVE** Another \$3,282.80 from the Bill-Me-Later of the Magazine Drive!

**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

**STUDYING OUR FAITH** Congratulations to our teachers and parishioners who have moved up in the Diocesan Catechist Certification Program!

*We would like to take this opportunity to thank you and your teachers! The support we have felt from you and your staff is amazing.*

<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Tier/Level</u></b>
Maria Renner	Apprentice Level
Amanda Borgmeyer	Tier III
Christine Matrisotto	Tier III
Karen Weiler	Tier IV & Tier V – Advanced Catechist Certification
Emily Meyer	Tier V – Advanced Catechist Certification
Jennifer Schauster	Renewal (1 <sup>st</sup> )

**LAST SUNDAY: TRANSFIGURATION** Fr. Gary broke it out well yesterday, reminding us that our personal God cannot be created in our image. We keep saying “look at me” and God says “LOOK AT ME”. Abram had to let God be God. God does most of the talking in the Hebrew Scriptures and then goes silent after “*This is my beloved Son. Listen to him.*” Jesus was not Plan B. He was the Plan from all time. We cannot filter people through our eyes and judge them by what we want them to be. Go to the mountaintop and be transfigured during this Lent. Cut people some slack and don’t judge.

**BOB KOBERLEIN**, ICS GRAD and very faithful parishioner, died this morning at 7:30. He was in hospice care. You would remember him as one of our ushers. He was always way more than generous to our school and parish and could fix anything. Bob donated our Rose Window dedicated to Mary over the entrance to our Church. The window was created by the Emil Frei Company, the same that installed the moon rock in the Space Window at Washington National Cathedral. I mentioned him at D.C. this year again. Bob, rest in peace. Arrangements pending.

**THIS SUNDAY: From White House Retreats:** Grafted like branches into the Vine (who is Jesus), you and I are meant to bear fruit. Adopted into God's family, our subsequent fruitfulness that is meant to feed the needs of others is not an extra plus, but a strict necessity. Jesus compares us to a fig tree in this Sunday's Gospel. If we are not fruitful towards others, even after extra cultivating by the Lord, we will be cut down, for we are not fulfilling our purpose.

What are these fruits that Jesus is speaking about? They are twofold. First, they are the fruits of the Holy Spirit, meaning the Holy Spirit must be evident and active in our souls. Galatians chapter 5 lists these fruits, in order, as: charity, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. These are the signs or fruits that the Holy Spirit is clearly operating within us. Our fig tree will stand.

The other fruits Jesus is speaking about are Godly works. Being grafted into Jesus' body by the gift of faith warmly received, I begin to walk in all the good works God has prepared for me beforehand (Ephesians 2). Living within these works of the Holy Spirit, my tree will stand.

How is Jesus calling me today to surrender my life more completely to the Holy Spirit, to let him be the Lord of my life in all things, and not only occasionally? Radical surrender to his Holy Spirit is not only what Jesus is asking of us, but more than that, requiring of us in order for our tree to remain.

-Fr. Anthony Wieck, SJ

**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

*Mike Kish*

Principal

**PS Confirmation Retreat Come Holy Spirit! This Sunday the REAP Team will lead preparation for celebrating this Sacrament on May 30.**

PS Spoon Man Jim Cruise on Monday at 8:05. Why not stick around and get your dose of joy for the day? Parents welcome.

PS The Harp Twins at 7:00 Friday night in Church. If you haven't heard them, you will be amazed.

PS Diocesan Chess Meet on Saturday NEXT Week.

**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 from last week and their sale.**

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UI7nVhJD9p0>



ADEODATUS IV