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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 23, 2016

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Dear Parent, Guardian, Student, Teacher, Friend,

Break Open the Tomb--- Lord of Easter's Promise, I live in faith of the Resurrection, but such is the nature of my faith that so much of me remains entombed.

Break open the tomb.

Where I've buried my compassion, break open the tomb.

Where I've buried my sense of mercy, break open the tomb.

Where I've buried my humility.

Break open the tomb.

Where I've buried my humanity.

Break open the tomb.

Where I've buried my love for my Heavenly Father, break open the tomb.

Where I've buried my sense of joy.

Break open the tomb..

Where I've buried my willingness to forgive, break open the tomb.

Lord, in you I've found a Savior no grave can withstand.

Help me to roll away this stone

And find the miracle of new life

That I may live more fully in your saving grace. Amen.

Be a witness to the Resurrection of Christ. --Barbara Molinari Quinby, MPS (a prayer from Catholic Relief Services)

Holy Thursday: Morning Prayer at 8 a.m. and the Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7 p.m.

Good Friday: Morning Prayer at 8 a.m., Noon Ecumenical Service at St. Paul UCC. Take the symbolic walk from City Hall to St. Paul UCC on the day Jesus walked Calvary, and 30 minute inter-faith service will follow at St. Paul UCC. Service of the Lord's Passion will be at 7 p.m. at church.

Holy Saturday: Morning Prayer at 9 a.m. & The Vigil of the Lord's Resurrection, 7:30 p.m. (No 5 p.m. Mass Saturday evening)

Easter Sunday: Masses at 7, 9 & 11 a.m. at church & 10a.m. at the nursing home.

Children's Easter Egg Hunt will be held after the 9 a.m. Mass



THE LAST SUPPER Thanks to Second Grade for “Remembering” and saying “Who will eat this meal with me?” This is a hard question. Will you drink of my cup? As adults, we need to say yes, we want to say yes, we must say yes. We are his Disciples! Thanks to Second Grade and Mrs. Diewald and Mrs. Meyer!



ICS MATH TEAMS RECOGNIZED IN 2016 ILLINOIS MATH LEAGUE CONTEST

Immaculate Conception School’s 8th grade math team of Spencer Biske, Rob Guetterman, Mary Wessel, Hannah Janson, Jane Whelan, and Jack Burke **placed 15th of 66 schools in the state-wide Illinois Math League contest.** Individually, Spencer Biske was tied for **tenth place state-wide** with the 4th highest score in the State (29/35). In our 9 county region, consisting of Adams, Champaign, Jefferson, Macon, Madison, Monroe, St. Clair, Sangamon, and Vermilion counties the Crusaders 8th grade team was the

first place school with Biske taking first place, Guetterman and Wessel both tied for third, and completing the team score for the win were Hannah Janson, Jane Whelan, and Jack Burke.

The 7th grade math team of Katie Grawitch, Eli Garcia, Jacob Feldker, Dominic Dalpoas, Reagan Herrmann and Jessica Lambert were the **4th place team** in the same 9 county region. The ICS Mathletes are taught by ICS math teachers Dan Kassebaum and Karen Weiler.

SPENCER BISKE went to State in MathCounts at Lisle, Illinois last Saturday and scored 22 points on the 3 rounds as an individual. Though he didn’t rank, his dad Todd met coaches from several area schools and they all know who we are as competitors! We are a little school that competes with the big ones!

SCHOLASTIC BOWL On Monday, March 21, 2016 the Immaculate Conception Scholar Bowl team took part in a toss-up tournament hosted by Blessed Sacrament School in Belleville. Eli Garcia placed second with 41 toss ups and Katie Grawitch placed 6th in the Junior Varsity completion with 30 toss ups. In the Varsity competition Jane Whelan placed eighth with 30 toss ups, Kaylum Furlow placed sixth with 33 toss ups, Hannah Janson placed fourth with 39 toss ups, and Spencer Biske took second with 53 toss ups. On Tuesday the team traveled to Edward Fulton Jr. High in O’Fallon. There the Varsity team won both matches(30-4 record) and the JV team split with Edward Fulton. Another great week for the ICS Scholar Bowl team!



MONROE-RANDOLPH YOUNG AUTHORS' CONFERENCE Congratulations to our honored writers!

Young Authors Hannah Janson, Reagan Herrmann, Paula Boser, Sydney Wahle, Kyra Newton, Audrey Randle, Cailyn Mueth, Shawn Stuart and Julia Drury were honored by ROE 45 Superintendent Kelton Davis and author Jessica Schneider on March 19.

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



5-K Winners: 1st: Michael Braun 18:27
2nd: Tom Gordon Jr. 18:42 3rd: **Gavin Kesler** 21:00



ICS 5k & Kids Fun Run...
More coming but for now...Winners:
1st: Lucas Sheehan (1st grade) 2nd: Logan LoPorto (2nd grade) 3rd: Kate Adams (3rd grade)

CONGRATULATIONS to Devin Cason---- Devin did reconciliation last Sunday with Fr. Linus , and he will be doing his first communion at Holy Family on Holy Saturday. Welcome to the Faith Devin!

MOMS AND SONS... save the date for the first ICS Mother/Son Challenge on April 23 from 1 p.m. - 4 p.m. at the school. This is going to be a fun event for moms and sons to share their competitive side while having a lot of laughs. This year's theme, Wacky Ninja Warriors, is sure to make memories for you and your little boy(s), so you don't want to miss it! Ages 4 and up are welcome. This will be fun for all ages, not just the little boys. And moms with more than one boy, bring them all. We've got you covered. The event is open to the whole parish and ICS students, so please spread the word. Those interested should return the registration form and payment by April 11. For more information, contact Donna (empowered2016@gmail.com) or Kara (knboyd2@yahoo.com).

DADS, MOMS OF GIRLS, GRANDPARENTS... we could really use your help at the Mom/Son event coming up on Saturday, April 23. Since all of us on the committee have boys, we would like to participate in the event. We are need of people from noon to 5, but will take any time you may have available. Please consider volunteering to help us by signing up through the link below. We would greatly appreciate it!!!

[Mom/Son Wacky Ninja Warriors Challenge Volunteer List - April 23](#)

ICS Parents and Friends Rummage Sale: April 9th, 8-1

In addition to renting spots for others to sell their items, Parents and Friends will have their own spot for donated items. If you have something to donate, drop it off at the Old Convent that morning before 8am or contact Diane Ramey at [618-791-0626](tel:618-791-0626) or ddndoug@charter.net to arrange pick up. There will also be a food stand at the event. Donations of homemade baked goods (cookies, brownies, cupcakes, etc.) are appreciated. Please drop off that morning. The stand will be between the old Church and the Convent. Other items needed: cases of water, soda, hot dogs and hot dog buns. If you can help out with any of these items, please let Diane know. Lastly, volunteers needed the day of. Especially for set up. If you are an early riser, please consider giving us a hand. Again, contact Diane Ramey.

Thanks to you Immaculate Conception School has earned over \$2400 with Schoola!

We will be collecting gently-used clothing, shoes and handbags, April 11-15. Please fill up a bag, fill out the label that will be coming home with your child and stick it on your bag, Drop it off at the hall by the gym entrance. If you need more labels, we have them!

These items will be resold on our site: bit.ly/IC-ColumbiaSchoola

We earn 40% of the profit after shipping costs. So, please only send in what can be resold. A good motto: "If you can give it to a friend, Schoola can resell it."

- Freshly laundered infant through women's size
- Men's clothing if it is something a teenager could wear
- No holes, stains or missing labels
- No socks, underwear, robes bedding or flammable pajamas
- Swimsuits only if new with tags

If you have any Schoola questions, please contact Jessica Wachtel [314-749-1663](tel:314-749-1663)

LUNCH PROGRAM OOOPPs! Forgot March has 31 days.

Menu for March 31st: Hamburger/Cheeseburger, wedge fries, gr. beans, pears
ALSO, BRING YOUR LUNCH BILL UP TO ZERO BALANCE PLEASE!

SPEECH PRACTICE next week Tues-Thurs 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 gets the profit!

Magazine Drive 2016 Results

Limo Ride: We had a drawing of those who sold at least 9 subscriptions and the students were selected for the Limo ride (date to be set soon): Noah Ettling, Sean Frierdich, Tristin McQuade, Kaiden Timmons, Lindsay Harget, Ben Haney, Noah Newton, Eli Garcia . Special thanks to Eleanor McGuire, Connor Thoma, Stephen Johns, Emily Gillan, Isabella Frasure, Sloan Wilson, Nate Stechmesser, Andrew Epplin, Rose Sippel, Will Schmoll, Lexi Hennes, and Spencer Biske who led the way for our Magazine Drive!

Cardinal Day: Mrs. Kassebaums homeroom, Spencer and Maria Biske, Lexi Hennes, Will and Drew Schmoll, Rose Sippel, Andrew and Matthew Epplin, Emily Gillan, Nate Stechmesser, Isabella Frasure, Sloan Wilson, Connor Thoma, Eleanor and Violet McGuire, Stephen Johns

Ice Cream Party: Mrs. Tolans Homeroom, Mr. Kassebaums Homeroom, Mrs. Neffs Homeroom Spencer and Maria Biske, Lexi Hennes, Will and Drew Schmoll, Rose Sippel, Andrew and Matthew Epplin, Emily Gillan, Nate Stechmesser, Isabella Frasure, Sloan Wilson, Connor Thoma, Eleanor and Violet McGuire, Stephen Johns

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. [Order Form.](#)

FAMOUSLY YOURS: 2016 UNIFORM NEWS: Immaculate Conception School Uniform fitting will be at our store the whole month of May 2016. Monday and Wednesday 10-4:30, Tuesday and Thursday 10-6:00; and Saturday 10-2:00. 10% of on all paid in full purchases. No appointment needed. www.famouslyyours.com for pricing. NO FITTINGS HERE THIS YEAR.

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).



KC Fish Fry GOOD FRIDAY--- March 25

EXPAND AND ENJOY!

BOYS VOLLEBYBALL The ICS Parochial Boys Volleyball team earned 2nd place in the Diocese of Belleville on March 20. Coached by Mary Anne Lambert, Chris Bira, and Todd Biske, the team beat St. Theresa of Belleville two games, came from behind to beat Blessed Sacrament of Belleville, and lost to



champions St. Clare of O'Fallon 23-25 and 18-25. Members the team are Eli Garcia, Jack Burke, Spencer Biske, Jacob Raisch, Nick Prindiville, Bryce Pautler, Kaylum Furlow, Alex Bira, Rob Guetterman, Ryan Gallagher, Ben Lambert, and manager Alex Cal.

Volleyball is over. **Please launder and return your uniforms with a name tag** so we can credit you on Tuesday.

- Parochial Boys: 12-6 Diocesan 2nd and a 4th in
- Junior Boys: 7-6
- 5th Grade Boys: ___coming soon__
- Parochial Girls: 14-10 Diocesan 3rd
- Junior Girls: 10-4 3rd in QP Tourney
- 5th Grade Girls coming soon_1st at Holy Trinity Tournament

TRACK NEWS! Practice and meet schedules is posted to the Athletics website. 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.

GRADS IN THE NEWS...



Gibault National Honor Society Induction

ICS had 8 students inducted Sunday night. Congratulations to Alejandro Perez, Hillary Wessel, Morgan Ladyman, Paige Lane, Owen Murphy, Jay Hollman, Logan Kesler, and Thomas Herrmann!

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!

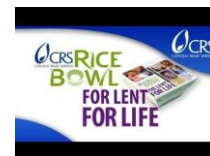


Food Pantry
Donations Needed

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

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT Friday, April 15th starting at 6:30 pm

Please come and join us in the Fellowship Hall-Lower Level of the Immaculate Conception Church on

Palmer Road as the Knights of Columbus presents the next film from BUILDING THE DOMESTIC CHURCH program: "BRAVE". We will have free popcorn and drinks available. If you would like, please bring comfortable chairs, bean bags and/or sleeping bags. If you have any questions, contact Nick Matrisotto at [\(618\) 281-0427](tel:6182810427), Brian Repp at [\(618\) 281-9547](tel:6182819547) or Ted Haney at [\(618\) 281-5990](tel:6182815990).

ASK ME ABOUT MY MERCY Paul Ott-Logan Loporto-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-Colin Mueth-Cheyenne May

Our Condolences to

Regan Kenner's family on the loss of her great grandfather **Frank Braun** who was laid to rest this morning. When your funeral liturgy is led by 2 priests and 2 ministers, you know you have made an impact in people's lives. Mr. Braun was director of Braun Family Funeral Home in Cahokia and Columbia. May he who brought comfort to so many, enjoy eternal life and his family be comforted.

Virginia Slattery will be laid to rest tomorrow from Queen of Peace at a 10:00 am liturgy. She is Nancy (Tom) Braun's mother and grandmother to Mark and Blake Braun, ICS grads. May she rest in peace and her family be consoled.

Please place **Chrissy Hoeflinger** on your prayer list. She is Julia Hoeflinger's family. She is having health issues and needs our prayers

PRAYERS: Chrissy Hoeflinger, Barbara Buchheit, Beth Glasscock, 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

LENT WAS A BLURRRRR THIS YEAR. We get so caught up in the world we often don't take the time to ponder and reflect on Mother Theresa's Five-Finger Gospel **"You did This For Me"**. We can wonder if after tomorrow night, when all was lost, if His apostles weren't thinking about going back to fishing or being a tax man, or heading to Account-Temps. Their world has fallen apart, just like ours when we sit around the death bed of one lost too soon in life or unexpectedly. The finality of it all brings a rush of memories and let-downs and hope is gone.

How God could let this happen to His own Son? When we think deeply about it, how could God not have allowed this to happen if God was going to show us how to live?

I have always felt since taking a retreat with Fr. Ron Rolheiser that one of the most important words in the Ten Commandments is the word "Remember". Only one Commandment says "Remember." If we remember, maybe the Five-Finger Gospel will move us to act. Maybe we can join the 3 Mary's and John at the foot of the Cross and sharing early in the joy of His Resurrection. The Three High Holy Days---Most important 3 days of the Church year. Be There! Front row seats available!

MIKE KISH

Ps KC Fish Fry March 25---GOOD FRIDAY

Ps Name the 3 Marys.

Ps Graduation Picture April 26 It is happening sooner than we think. Class of 2016 parents---be on the lookout for the BIG letter about finishing strong!

PS "Every committee in the parish is a subcommittee of the parish council." Fr. Carl reminds us. And we need every one of them---parts in the whole!

PS No School Holy Thursday, Good Friday, or Easter Monday! Rise with Him!

Band Schedule Week Mar 28-Apr 1

Tuesday

7:15-7:50 **Jazz Band**

8:55-9:25 6th-8th Saxophone and F Horn

9:25-9:55 6th-8th Trumpet

9:55-10:35 5th Clarinet

11:05-11:35 4th Saxophone

11:35-12:05 4th Trumpet

Wednesday

8:05-9:05 **Concert Band Full Band**

9:05-9:35 Percussion Ensemble

10:35-11:35 **Beginning Band Full Band**

1:15-2:15 **Intermediate Band Full Band**

Thursday

7:15-7:50 **Jazz Band**

8:55-9:25 6th-8th Low Brass

9:25-9:55 6th-8th Percussion

9:55-10:35 5th Saxophone

11:05-11:35 4th Low Brass

11:35-12:05 4th Percussion

Friday

8:05-8:35 5th Trumpet

8:35-9:05 5th Low Brass

9:05-9:35 5th Percussion

10:35-11:05 Jazz Band Sectionals

11:05-11:35 Smart Music Lab

