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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.**

*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

March 23, 2018

*Bienvenido el parrochia!*

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Dear Parent,

**WE WILL HAVE A MEMORIAL MASS FOR FR. CARL'S MOM GERTRUDE SCHERRER ON APRIL 5 AT 8:15 IN THE NEW CHURCH SO FELLOW PARISHIONERS CAN JOIN US. We will take buses there and back and hope you can join us at 8:15 am..**

Fr. Carl's Mom:

**Gertrude Cecilia (McGuire) Scherrer**, after a full earthly life of 96 years was born into a new life on March 20, 2018, at the Eldorado Rehab and Health Care in Eldorado, IL. Gertrude's journey of life began on November 17, 1921, at Pond Settlement in Gallatin County, where she was the daughter of John and Cecilia (Devous) McGuire, who preceded her in death. During her childhood years, she moved to Harrisburg, IL with her parents and her younger sister, Bernice. After graduating from Harrisburg High School in 1940, she began working at Kresge's Five and Dime Store, where she eventually became an assistant manager there in Harrisburg.

Gertrude and Bernice would often travel by train to Chicago, IL to attend dances held at the Aragon and Trianon Ballrooms. They would dance to the music of many well-known Swing Bands of that era, such as Lawrence Welk, Benny Goodman, Artie Shaw and Tommy Dorsey. While there, they would stay with either their Aunt Katherine Bouillon or Aunt Mary Frey, their mother's sisters.

She first met Thomas P. Scherrer of Shawneetown at a CYO dance. He courted her in a Piper Cub airplane and they fell in love and were married on November 28, 1946. After building a new home at the corner of Townshend Avenue and McLean Rd. in Shawneetown, they began their family of five children, all who survive: Fr. Carl Emmett Scherrer (Columbia, IL); Linda Kay Scherrer (Harrisburg, IL); Dorothy Jean (Bruce) Bielat (Hoffman Estates, IL); Joanne Margaret (Rush) Davis (Sullivan, IN); and Madonna Marie (Peter) Harris (Mount Zion, IL).

Gertrude's friends, neighbors, co-workers, and family were all very important to her. She enjoyed visiting, playing cards, attending community events, traveling with her family, and shopping. Her very special friend and neighbor was Lucille Mitchell, who preceded her in death. Gertrude had been an active member of St. Mary's Catholic Church of Shawneetown and other local community groups.

Gertrude was preceded in death by her husband, Thomas P. Scherrer, who died on July 31, 1964, at the age of 51; and an infant sister, Mary McGuire. After his untimely death, she continued to totally dedicate herself to raising her five children. She worked at the Gallatin County Courthouse in the Circuit Clerk's Office until she retired in 1993. Gertrude remained in the family home until she moved to Brookstone Estates assisted living facility in Harrisburg in May of 2005, where she resided until January of 2010, when she then became a resident of Eldorado Rehab and Health Care in Eldorado, IL.

Other survivors include her sister, Bernice (McGuire) Lawler of Ridgway, IL; and her 8

grandchildren: Janna Bielat (Geneva, IL); Jeremy Bielat & Sarah (Hanover Park, IL); Keith Bielat (Phoenix, AZ); Ethan Davis & Marci (Plainfield, IN); Kathleen (Davis) Hernandez & Eric (Indianapolis IN); Natalie (Davis) Scherle & Jon (Terre Haute, IN); Shawna (Harris) Breslin, & David (San Francisco, CA) ; and Tess (Harris) MacKichan & Ian (Urbana, IL). In addition, Gertrude leaves behind seven great-grandchildren: Jack Sullivan, Roxanne Elizabeth, & Graham Michael Davis of Plainfield, IN; Aubrey Louise & Hadley Jade Scherle of Terre Haute, IN; Adelaide Mae Bielat & Aidan of Hanover Park, IL and many nieces and nephews.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at St. Mary's Catholic Church (665 Marshall St.) in Shawneetown on Monday, March 26th at 11 AM with Fr. Carl E. Scherrer presiding. Burial will be in Immaculate Conception Parish Cemetery. Visitation will be on Sunday, March 25th, at St. Mary's Church in Shawneetown from 4 – 8 PM, with the rosary being prayed at 7:45 PM; and on Monday, March 26th, from 9 AM until the time of the funeral at 11 AM. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Immaculate Conception Cemetery in Shawneetown, Hospice of Southern Illinois, or donor's preference. Vickery Funeral Chapel in Shawneetown is in charge of arrangements.

There will be a Memorial Service Scheduled for Thursday, April 5, 8:15 AM at Immaculate Conception Parish, Columbia, IL.

**Chess Meet:** TOMORROW at Blessed Sacrament: **March 24 Diocesan Meet Let's finish strong!**  
**We have 2 firsts and 1 second by .5 for a tremendous year, waiting to be capped off!**  
Grades 4 through 8 - TUESDAY 3/27 Practice and Wrap-Up for the year.



**CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR ARTISTS** with 17 first place and 2 second place wins in the Regional Art Competition. 11 Judges Choice/perfect score, which is 1st overall in their category. This was our best showing ever with over 50% of our students taking best of competition.

All 5 of our 5th grade competitors received Judges Choice/ Best of competition for a clean sweep!. That was a first for us.

Addison Sanker-1st/JC, Brooke Heimbürger-1st/JC, Kaiden Timmons-1st/JC, Ava Schmidt-1st/JC, Brady Moore-1st/JC, Briana Baldrige 1st, Lily Barrett-2nd, Lindsay Harget-1st, Ava Hake-1st, Maggie Williamson- 1st, JT Madrid- 2nd, Audrey Sullivan-1st/JC, Ariel Adams-1st/JC, Maria Biske-1st/JC, Sydney Wahle-1st/JC, Jacob Whitworth-1st/JC, Ally Curry-1st/JC, Noah Newton-1st, Emma Melliere-1<sup>st</sup>

Congratulations to our team and Art Teacher Carol Fetcho!



**“Picture the Art”** 6 ICS students participated in the “Picture the Art” Contest in conjunction with the St. Louis Symphony Orchestra recently. Thanks to Ava Hake, Brianna Baldrige, Brady Moore, Marrie Williamson, Lily Barrett, and Kaidan Timmons for interpreting the music into another medium! Caro9l Fetcho, ICS Art Teacher, led the project.



Memphis 2018- In preparation for our Memphis trip April 13, students in grades 5-8 were treated to a visit by an "ACTivist" actor from the MO. History Museum in St. Louis to learn about the history of the Civil Rights movement in St. Louis. The museum in Forest Park has an excellent free exhibit going on now on this topic. This program ties into our visit to the National Civil Rights Museum at the Lorraine Motel and Slave Haven while in Memphis, the background preparation that will be happening in classes prior to the trip, and will culminate when, as 8th graders on their DC trip, the students stand on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial where Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. delivered the "I Have a Dream" speech and visit the MLK Memorial "Mountain of Despair".

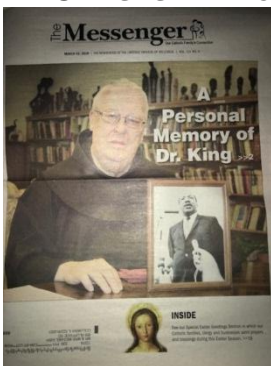
### **April 4 is the 50th Anniversary of the Assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.**

Speeches at the Lorraine Motel will start at 10:00 and continue till the official program starts at 3:01. At 6:01 the bells throughout Memphis and across the nation will toll 39 times in his memory. Honoring Dr. King---crucifixions have to have witnesses---you can kill the dreamer but you cannot kill the Dream-Shoot this dreamer-Witness from the Balcony of 306 Rev. Samuel Billy Kyles

<http://mlk50.civilrightsmuseum.org/50th-anniversary-commemoration>

We will be showing "The Witness from the Balcony of 306" to the upper grades as preparation for our Memphis Trip.. Made for the 40th anniversary, this Academy award nominee gives a unique perspective on why he was in Memphis, the road he saw before him, and the tragedy that resulted. 113 souls will visit the Museum on April 13. ICS was at the NCRM on the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary and 24 students shook hands with Senator John McCain, saw Chris Wallace, Jesse Jackson, and felt the power of the movement to bring civil rights to all of us.

### **Fr. Chris is in The Messenger---personal experience with Dr. King!**



**ROSATI-KAIN MATH CONTEST** Good luck to Sydney Wahle, Emma Schmidt, and Maria Biske tomorrow at the R-K Math Contest!

**Builders Club week/Mission Week is April 16-20. Talent Show on Thursday. Mission Day Friday. Also leave for U of I that afternoon for Science Olympiad. Details coming.**

**The MONROE-RANDOLPH YOUNG AUTHORS' CONFERENCE** will be held April 21st, at Chester Grade School. Congratulations to our honored writers! **K - Hunter Tharp 1 - Wiley Sasser**  
**2 - Dante Gianino 3 - Lucas Sheehan 4 - Caroline Roche 5 - Brooke Heimburger**  
**6 - Olivia Blaskiewicz 7- Abby Eichenseer 8 - Autumn Ramey**

Children's book author, Dan Killeen, 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. Robin Nadziejko is our fantastic chairperson!



## **GOTR Week 4 – Stop, Breathe, and Empathize**

Ahhhh! We all need to stop and breathe, but sometimes it is hard to remember to do so. This week, our GOTR team explored how our bodies feel when we are uncomfortable – tired, irritated, mad, confused – and how we can deal with those feelings. The girls learned that we have a choice in how we respond to situations.

Then we switched gears and learned about empathy, a more challenging emotion to understand. However, the curriculum for GOTR did a wonderful job applying empathy to the day's activities. During the warm-up and workout, the girls were given a situation (their friend made them feel bad, their brother got a better report card than them, their classmate forgot his/her lunch on a field trip). While running, they had to put themselves in the other person's shoes and think about their reaction to the situation. The girls ran laps around the school with their assigned coach, who talked to them about the situations and their reactions.

Weekly Testimonial - "Claire was having a hard time with one of her homework assignments this week. She kept saying 'I can't do it! I don't know how!' We then pulled out some of the positive self-talk and confidence building exercises we learned at GOTR. Claire began to realize that a positive attitude would help her overcome her struggles quicker than a negative attitude. After a little break and a clear mind, Claire finished her homework successfully!" - Jessica Wachtel, mother of a 3<sup>rd</sup> grade Girls on the Run team member

## **ICS Dairy Queen Nights Are Back!**

The Columbia Dairy Queen has offered to hold ICS fundraising nights on the first Tuesday of each month of the school year! The first ICS Dairy Queen night will be the first Tuesday in April – April 3<sup>rd</sup>. ICS will be given **10% of all sales** from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Since the fundraiser is based on all sales, there is no need to present a flyer! After this April, we will take a break for the summer and resume the Dairy Queen fundraising nights in September 2018.

Want to give even more? You can buy scrip for Dairy Queen at ICS and use it on the ICS Fundraising nights. Dairy Queen is one of the most profitable scrip, with 20% of the value of the gift cards given back to the school. You can purchase Dairy Queen scrip during the week from Mrs. Epplin and after masses over the weekend.

Thank you in advance for your support of ICS and our local Dairy Queen!

## **ON THE DOCKET...**

- March 23 Boys Diocesan volleyball Tourney
- March 27 Chrism Mass---Confirmandi attend
- March 28 No School---BC Dance?

**CAMP INVENTION WEEK** SPPCS is again offering Camp Invention at their school in Waterloo this summer. See flyer last week and thanks to Laura Metzger for promoting STEAM!

**From Tammy Fulte Parks...** The fact that I had to look on the website makes me realize how fast time flies! Maggie (who often goes by Margo now) is almost finished with her Jr. year at Ursuline. I cannot believe it! She walks down memory lane often and has great memories from ICS. I am going to start teaching a few **private art lessons** above Gillian's in Mark Tullis's Mish Mash Theater building. If you have any students that you think would be interested in personalized art lessons (with more of a focus on fine art techniques) or if you'd like to share the info in the newsletter, please feel free to share the attached flyer. I should be ready to start in that space in April. If someone is interested, all they have to do is email [mishmashartcolumbia@gmail.com](mailto:mishmashartcolumbia@gmail.com). [See the attachment.](#)

**Julie Lansing**, Gibault English teacher and ICS Grad, is offering summer tutoring for anyone interested. Days of availability are Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. Contact Julie at [julielansing91@gmail.com](mailto:julielansing91@gmail.com) or [\(618\)-806-0803](tel:(618)-806-0803) for more information.

**We have a recommendation on this one from a student who went last year:**

**STEMgirls Camp** June 4-8, 2018 Southwestern Illinois College (SWIC), 500 W. South 4th Street, Red Bud, IL 62278

-This program is geared towards **girls entering 3rd-8th grades in Fall 2018**

-Deadline for registration is April 30, 2018

-Registration is on a first come, first serve basis. Space is limited

-Registration fee is \$35 and is due at time of registration

-TWO (2) girls from the same household, registration is \$30/each

Please fill out the entire packet and include the registration fee when you mail it to our offices:

iBIO Institute c/o Industrious, Attn: Monique Naleway, 171 N. Aberdeen Street, Suite 400, Chicago, IL 60607

If you know of any other parents that are interested in registering their daughter(s) to the camp, feel free to forward this e-mail to them. If you have any questions, you may contact me at [mnaleway@ibio.org](mailto:mnaleway@ibio.org) or [\(312\) 561-3895](tel:(312) 561-3895).

**Monique Naleway**, iBIO, Operations Manager, 171 N. Aberdeen Street, Suite 400, Chicago, IL 60607, p: [312-561-3895](tel:(312) 561-3895)

Dear Principals,

My name is Kay Clements and I am the Chairperson for the Monroe County Outreach group and a Board Member of the **Violence Prevention Center of Southwestern Illinois** and we are again sponsoring a coloring contest for students in grades Kindergarten through 2nd grade. We will be dropping off coloring pages on April 3rd or 4th and will pick them up on April 13th. We will then notify you of the winners and when we could deliver prizes and take pictures of those winners.

Thank you ahead of time for allowing your students to participate in our coloring contest and bringing awareness to your students about child abuse.

If you have any questions feel free to contact me: Kay Clements

[618-558-5810](tel:618-558-5810) (this is my cell# and if I am in class I do not answer so feel free to leave a message)

**Sr. Leona Luechtefeld Award---do we have students who help out in the nursing home with the Knights or on their own make visits?**

**THANKS!** YOUR CAUSE CORPORATE EMPLOYEE GIVING Program Another \$14!



**Stations of the Cross...** Friday 7 p.m. at church.

## THE SPORTING NEWS...

**CONGRATULATIONS to the Junior Girls Volleyball Team** on taking 4th in the Diocese! We beat Holy Trinity and Blessed Sacrament and lost to St. James in 2 and Queen of Peace in 3. The Parochial Girls beat St. James in 3 and lost to St. Clare. Thanks to all coaches and players for a year of growth while spiking and aing and bumping and setting and serving!

**BOYS DIOCESAN VOLLEYBALL: Both Jr. and Parochial boys won their first matches! Good luck tomorrow as we continue play!**

The 2nd annual **Zac Epplin golf tournament** is fast approaching and we wanted to send an invite to everyone. [See attached flyer](#). This tournament will sell out. Help us build the Zac Epplin Soccer Park at Immaculate Conception Parish.

**The Gibault Catholic High School Men's Club and Sunset Ford** will be hosting a Ford Motor Company "drive for your school" event on Saturday, April 7<sup>th</sup> from 9am until 4pm in the Gibault gymnasium parking lot. Ford will donate \$20 to Gibault for each driver that is 18 years or older (one driver per household) that test drives one of Ford's vehicles. The entire process will take less than 10 minutes. The Gibault Men's Club will be selling burgers, brats, hot dogs and fries. 100% of all Ford and BBQ proceeds will go to benefit Gibault Catholic High School.

**Gibault Women's Club Spring Rummage Sale** Time for Spring Cleaning! The Gibault Women's Club will hold their Spring Rummage Sale in the auditorium on Sat, April 21st, from 8AM-3PM. As always, there will be special deals from 1-3PM. Donations will be accepted during school hours and until 8PM beginning Mon, Apr 16th through Thurs, Apr 19th. Please, no large furniture, beds, exercise equipment, TVs, or computers can be accepted. Don't miss this huge sale!

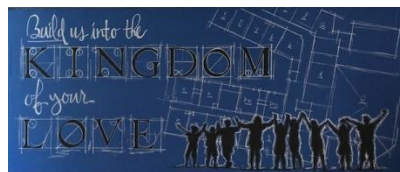
**GIBAULT SCHOLARSHIPS** - Scholarship application packages and variable tuition instructions for incoming freshmen are being mailed out now to those who have completed applications on file. If you have not received one, please contact Pat Herzing ([pherzing@gibalthawks.com](mailto:pherzing@gibalthawks.com))

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS** ---IT's Fish-Fry Time--- on the Menu Macaroni and Cheese Fish-Fry Schedule Good Friday, **March 30**, 4:00pm-7:00pm

**Children's choir** has completed practices for Easter. Please arrive on Easter Sunday at 8:30 for 9:00 mass. You may come straight to the choir risers in church. Thank you!! Mrs. Lundy

**THANKS TO CHRIS THOMAS PLUMBING** for fishing out some plumbing for us again! Patronize him please!

**BUILD UP THE KINGDOM OF YOUR LOVE** daily shirts Addison Koppeis, Noah Ettling, Delaney Glasscock, Julia Hoeflinger, Grant Monheiser, Maggie Buhr, Carolyn Randle



**Alice Riley** Bill loved the cards and his family was grateful for our presence. His Mom is 107 and didn't have a wrinkle in life or death---luck of the Irish! She was laid to rest Thursday.

**In Justin Koppes's** memory A talk on raptors complete with a near perfect squawk after a turkey vulture fly-over, Prayers from Deacon Mike for the health of the released eagle and all nature, *On Eagles Wings* sung by Joe's nephew, and a great launch. You need to visit Cliff Cave Park! Tom Rollins and a friend have donated it---right across from Luhr's Landing! When I see an eagle, I'll think of Justin! Thanks to Katie Hart for the pics! Thanks for inviting us Joe and Patty!



**Harold Metter** (Dorothy) will be laid to rest Saturday. Harold's wife Dorothy has been playing organ and piano for us since the early 1960's and still covers Monday and Friday at Church. Harold was a master carpenter, taxidermist, humorist, and self-taught drummer and clarinetist. My Mom and Dad's generation continues to increase their heavenly gathering! Visitation 9:00-11:00 followed by Mass. Rest in peace Harold and thanks for the smiles and laughter!

Rita Witges Duke (Dillon) had their baby 10 weeks early at 3 pounds 4 ounces. Please keep Sweet baby **James** in your prayers. Savannah registered for Pre/S yesterday.

Please pray for **Logan Eichenseer** who was in the hospital for flu-like symptoms this week.

Our condolences to Jaylin Brister and family on the loss of cousin **Dylan Kelly** in a motorcycle accident. May he rest in peace and God's consolation be with the family.

**Richard Prater**, grandfather of Cheyenne and Keegan May, is in need of our prayers.



**FEAST OF ST. JOSEPH---March 19.** Fr. Ron Rolheiser, OMI, has said and I firmly believe that the greatest hunger in the world is "father-hunger". We all want to connect to a father-figure, or day, or god-father, or fatherly mentor. This is the same longing we have for our God. St. Joseph was a perfect pick for this role and a great example for us to be that father-figure to others in our lives. In life, we sometimes hear the voice of others saying "I wish you were my dad" and they seek to fill "father-hunger". Big Brothers-Big Sisters, coaches, teachers, all can fill this roll. St. Joseph, help us to be like you as an earthly or spiritual father figure!

**PRAYERS: Special Intention** Richard Prater, Danielle Dorlac, Jerry Kish, Tom Giovanni, Bob Springer, Angela Roepke, Arlin Stechmesser, Paul Thode, Pat Schwartz, George Perry, Pearl Mueller, Donna Kania, Kaylee Fogarty, Karen Lundy, Larry Pelker, Brandon Martin, Susan Adams, Laurie Austin, Alicia Cohen, Denise Conner, Kenny Hamontree, Rachel Warden, Bill Kesler, Dan Borisuk, Lauren Foran, Rich Cullen, Jessica Stemler Barcik, Carolyn Baker, Scott Schaefer, Katy Basinski, Chrissy Hoeflinger, Barbara Buchheit, Angie Rose, Ken Bolton, Nick Carron, Roy Lansing, Sis Blaes, Marcella Heinrichs, Florence Dorshorst, Bill Pennock, Pat Weber, Vince Webb, George Stein, Desiree Frasure

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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.

**TRIUMPHAL ENTRY INTO JERUSALEM** What a weekend of Scripture we have in store. Jesus gets to the mountain top, the high point of his career, with impending doom and despair coming during the Triduum. But wait 3 days and see what happens! The Triumph is magnified, glorified, and eternalized! Come and be witness to His life, His passion, His death, His Resurrection!

*Mike Kish*

Principal

**Living Stations Today at 2:00. Thanks to the Class of 2018 for putting a human face on the Via Dolorosa!**



PS Report cards will come home today. Please look for them.

PS Spring break from Wednesday, Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter, through Easter Monday. School resumes on April 3.

PS Spring Pictures will be April 9. Flyer coming.

PS Head lice vigilance. We will finish another round of checking on Monday or Tuesday.

**PS STEWARDSHIP We are a full stewardship parish yet we have a rough time getting people on-board. Please get your commitment in now. Save Fr. Carl from having to make a call to you. That is the next step and your buy-in saves him time. Follow his example and learn to live thwe Joy of the Gospel.**