



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION SCHOOL

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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 27, 2018

Bienvenido el parrochia!

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Dear Parent,

As we prepare for Holy Week and a little break, the biggest thing you can do for your children is to attend the Triduum---one day, two days, or all 3! As a faith-filled believer yourself, give this gift to your children! We exist as a School Family of Faith because Jesus Christ taught us how to live. Come and walk with Him with your family!

Holy Week:

Holy Thursday: Morning Prayer at 8:00 a.m. The Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:00 p.m.

Good Friday: Morning Prayer at 8:00 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 7:00 p.m. at church.

Holy Saturday: Morning Prayer at 9:00 a.m. & the Vigil of the Lord's Resurrection at 7:30 p.m., followed by reception (no 5p.m. Mass Saturday Evening).

Easter Sunday: Masses 7:00, 9:00 & 11:00 a.m. at Church and 10:00 a.m. at Integrity Nursing Home in Columbia **Children's Easter Egg Hunt will be held after the 9:00 a.m. Mass**



ROSATI-KAIN MATH CONTEST

Sydney Wahle, 2nd place, Maria Biske 5th place, and Emma Schmidt a blue ribbon! Congratulations Girls and Math Head Coach Mrs. Karen Weiler!

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR EIGHTH GRADE MATH TEAM on taking **16th** in the state of **58 schools** and third in our region in the Illinois Math League! Our 11 County region consists of Champaign, Effingham, Fulton, Grundy, Macon, Madison, Monroe, Peoria, St. Clair, Sangamon and Tazewell. **Noah Newton was third in our region with 28 out of 35!** Team mates were: 1. **Noah Newton** 2. **Jacob Whitworth** 3. **Autumn Ramey** 4. (tie) **Paula Boser and Reece Ward**. Proud of you!

Our 7th grade team took 25th of 58 in the State!



CONGRATULATIONS again to our **MONROE COUNTY AG IN THE CLASSROOM** winners. Brynn Moore, Emma Tyler and Paul Ott!



ICS Scholastic Bowl Team: The ICS Scholastic Bowl season is in full swing as we quickly approach state competition. The Varsity team has a record of 20-7 with match wins over St. James, Blessed Sacrament, Queen of Peace, St. Teresa, and Triad. The JV team has a record of 17-6. At the Mater Dei Tournament, ICS started the morning strong sweeping their pool and earning a #1 seed in the afternoon championship bracket. ICS would be defeated by Aviston in the first round, and Aviston would later go on to

win the tournament. Mater Dei team members were Paula Boser, Ally Curry, Noah Newton, Autumn Ramey, Georgia Sasser, Therese West, Jacob Whitworth, Maria Biske, Abby Eichenseer, and Zach Gibson. At the Blessed Sacrament Toss-Up Tournament, 3 team members would place in the top 10 in the Varsity division. **Noah Newton took 1st place with 52 toss ups, Autumn Ramey took 2nd place with 41 toss ups, and Jacob Whitworth took 6th place with 25 toss ups.** Although no JV team member placed in the top 10, Biske & Haney would both end the night with 24 toss ups. ICS will conclude the season with matches against Edward Fulton Junior High, Aviston, & Amelia Carriel Junior High, and then State competition will begin. Team toss up leaders are Newton (178), Ramey (87), Ben Haney (60), Tyler Wahle (53), and Biske (50). Coaches are Tiffany Taylor & Dan Kassebaum.

Chess Meet: We had 36 ICS students attending the Diocesan Chess Meet at Blessed Sacrament last Saturday, March 24th. Eight students represented ICS with 3-1 records. They were Isabel Roche, Tyler Wahle, Ella Boyd, Marissa McGill, Avery Herrmann, Nicholas Wahle, Joseph Whitworth and Carolyn Randle. Our team placed 4th, ending a strong season with two first place spots and one second at our meets. We had several students attend meets for the first time with much success. Many thanks to our Assistant Coach Jim Williams for all his support and guidance this season, as well as the support of all the parents who drove students to our meets and cheered on our players! I am always proud of our players as they play hard, fair and are great representatives of our school. I am looking forward to another great year next year! ~ Mrs. Herrmann

INTRO TO CHESS: We will have an Intro to Chess Program for First Graders on April 10th and 17th in Mrs. Herrmann's Classroom. Please email her at cherrmann@icsmail.org to register your child.

Spring Pictures will be April 9th.

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 [click here for order form](#) and turn in by April 6.

Volunteers needed.

If you would like to help out with spring pictures please call Pam Keeven at [314-773-3587](tel:314-773-3587) or e-mail her at pam@martykeeven.com. **Volunteers** will receive one free picture package of their choice.

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 have a commemoration here on April 5 throughout the grades.

Magazine Drive Cardinal Day April 26, 2018 Cardinals VS. The Mets 12:15

Here are the students that get to attend: Mrs. Tolan's homeroom(26), Will Schmoll, Matthew and Andrew Epplin, Nate Stechmesser, Liam Johnson, Violet and Eleanor McGuire, Michael Wessel
Adults may go for \$11.00. We will need chaperones. Please let Mrs. Epplin know if you would like to go and send in the \$11 in an envelope to the office by April 10th

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.

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 3rd. 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!

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...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). I should be ready to start in that space in April. If someone is interested, email mishmashartcolumbia@gmail.com. See the attachment last week.

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 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. Contact at 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)

Violence Prevention Center of Southwestern Illinois is 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. If you have any questions feel free to contact me: Kay Clements [618-558-5810](tel:618-558-5810)

THE SPORTING NEWS...BOYS DIOCESAN VOLLEYBALL:

Our Jr. Boys lost to Holy Childhood and then beat Queen of Peace to take Third in Diocesan Boys Volleyball. Congratulations!

SPORTS PHYSICALS WILL BE AVAILABLE HERE at ICS for \$15 each on Saturday May 19 in the morning from 9-12. We also plan to do another day of physicals on the same day as soccer uniform pickup in August. Thanks to Jessica Wachtel for working this out for us!

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 7th 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)

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

"Building the Domestic Church While Strengthening Our Parish"

Nick Matrisotto, Brian Repp, Ted Haney
Knights of Columbus Family Committee

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

Friday, April 27th starting at 6:30 pm

YOU'RE INVITED! Please come and join us in the Garden Level-Lower Level of the Immaculate Conception Church as the Knights of Columbus presents the next film from the BUILDING THE DOMESTIC CHURCH program: "**GNOMEO AND JULIET**". 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 [\(314\) 609-7092](tel:314-609-7092).

Shriners Hospital is having a **screening clinic** at the **Monroe County YMCA** on **April 21st**, as part

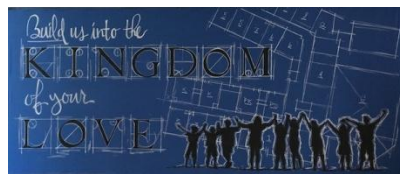
of their **Healthy Kids Day**. We would love to get the attached flyer out to the kids in your grade school(s).



Ally Curry was Confirmed into the United Church of Christ on Palm Sunday! Maggie Buhr is her church buddy! Congratulations Ally!

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

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



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..



Gertrude Cecilia (McGuire) Scherrer

God has promised us that He will not leave us orphaned. When we lose our Mom's and Dad's, we are orphaned from an earthly view. From the spiritual side of our lives, we never lose them and we have a God who will never leave us orphaned. From our earthly way of thinking, it takes time to process this. Yet our mortality is as much a part of our life as our birth and a reminder to us all to live a life of joy and gratitude for all God's gifts. Mrs. Scherrer gave her only son to the priesthood and he is a gift to us! You could feel the pride from her children as we celebrated her life at the Mass of Christian burial. Indeed, God is good all the time!

PRAYERS: Special Intention Richard Prater, James Duke, 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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WE ARE AN EASTER PEOPLE! The Passion of Christ reminds us of the journey of life. It is our consolation and our joy. Come and watch and pray and die and rise with Him!

Mike Kish

Principal

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.

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.

PS Welcome to Talon Balee who joined us in Grade 6 yesterday. Welcome Talon!



KC Fish Fry The Knights Fish Fries will be **3/30**. Thanks, Pat 618-779-1183