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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 29, 2019

Bienvenido el parrochia!

V. 44 #39

**Dear Parent,
 PRAYER---FASTING---ALMSGIVING---this is our Lenten Journey!**



OUR SCHOLASTIC BOWL team had an excellent showing at the Blessed Sacrament Toss Up Tournament with 7 of the 14 member team taking home ribbons. **Brock Murphy** took 1st in the Varsity division with 60 toss ups for the night. Drew Schmoll placed 4th with 36 toss ups, and

Ben Haney ended up 10th with 24 toss ups. In the Junior Varsity division, Joe Tyler took 6th place with 29 toss ups, Drew Roche landed 7th with 26 toss ups, Maggie Williamson finished 8th with 26 toss ups, and Abby Eichenseer took 9th with 26 toss ups. Also competing in the tournament were Maria Biske, Zach Gibson, Emma Schmidt, Sydney Wahle, Tyler Wahle, Sam Glasscock, and Gavin Kesler. The Varsity team has a record of 21-13 with recent wins against Triad and splits with Lincoln Middle School. The JV record is 15-12. Current toss up leaders are Murphy 160, Schmoll 97, Haney 69, Williamson 62, & Eichenseer 55. Next up Aviston and Carriel Junior High. State competition begins with Regional on Wednesday, April 24th.



Illinois Math League Results:
8th grade 17th of 56 schools in state and 3rd place team in our 13 county region
7th grade- 26th place of 54 schools in state 4th place team in our 13 county region. **Maddi Swip** 4th place individual!

8th grade team: Ben Haney, Sydney Wahle, Tyler Wahle, Andrew Feldker, Ariel Adams, Drew Schmoll

7th grade team: Maddi Swip, Allison Stark, Brock Murphy, Kyra Newton, Marisa McGill



ICS represented at State MathCounts Contest!

Sydney Wahle participated in the IL State MathCounts competition on Saturday, March 23 at Lisle, IL. She advanced to the state level after winning 5th place overall in the regional MathCounts contest in February. Sydney, daughter of Mark and Emily Wahle, participated in the sprint, target, and team rounds in the challenging contest and is coached by ICS math teacher Karen Weiler.

THE DOROTHY WEINEL EPPINGER FOUNDATION is hosting the **HARP TWINS** here TONIGHT, March 29th. Their music is heavenly!

CHESS MEET TOMORROW! March 30 - Diocesan HERE I will be out at the CEAC when you report our victories! Get on the board TEAM! Thanks Mrs. Cyra Herrmann and parents!



ICS CHESS placed 4th at St. Clare on March 23. 39 participated.

Scores: St Clare – 16 St Teresa – 14.5 Blessed Sacrament – 14 ICS – 11 Queen of Peace – 8.5 St John – 4



AG IN THE CLASSROOM

Emmalyn Sander, Poppy Haywood, Hayden Lieber and Carolyn Randle were the winners of the Monroe County Farm Bureau Coloring Contest held during National Agriculture Month. Their art work will be displayed at Columbia Dairy Queen and each received a free blizzard coupon. Katie Zeidler presented the awards.

SPRING PICTURES WILL BE APRIL 4TH. 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](#) and turn in by April 2 so we know which children to photograph for sibling pictures.

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 a free picture package of their choice. Pam Keeven

MONROE/RANDOLPH ART CONTEST, TUESDAY, APRIL 9, 2019

We are hosting the Regional Office of Education event here at Immaculate Conception School on Tuesday, April 9, 2019. Registration at 4:45 pm and then find your place in the gym. Competition will begin at 5:30 pm In the classrooms. Our art team will be:

5th grade- Karina Jerkatis/ Illustration, Cheyenne May/Cartoon, Paul Ott/Figure Draw, Sophia Shuette/Sculpture, Emma Tyler/Still Life

6th grade – Ava Schmidt/Illustration, Brooke Heimburger/Cartoon, Kaiden Timmons /Figure Draw, Claire Barbour/Sculpture, Brady Moore/ Still Life

7th grade – Kyra Newton/Illustration, Lily Barrett/Cartoon, Maggie Williamson/Figure Draw, Ava Hake/Sculpture, Briana Baldrige/Still Life

8th grade – Andrew Feldker/Illustration, Audrey Sullivan/Cartoon, Ariel Adams/Figure Draw, Maria Biske/Sculpture, Sydney Wahle/Still Life

Competition begins at 5:30 pm and ends at 6:30 pm for the contestants. All students return to the gym while judging is in progress.

An announcement will be made when judging is complete (around 7-7:15pm) and then parents with students may return to the rooms to receive their awards and pick-up their artwork. The duration for this event is usually around 2.5 hours.

Don't be nervous, just another art class. We will have practice Monday, Thursday and Friday after lunch in Mrs. Weiler's room and Tuesday and Wednesday after school from 3:05 pm – 4 pm.

Contact Mrs. Fetcho for questions or concerns. Call or text at 314.565.7354 or email at cfetcho@icsmail.org .

Sincerely, Mrs. Fetcho

HAVE YOU SIGNED UP YET??? 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. We have sponsorships available (and family sponsorships are welcomed as well). For more details contact Holly at 314-707-0145 or ICS5KRun@gmail.com.

MAGAZINE DRIVE 2019 We hope to net \$12k off our Drive. Thanks to our top sellers!

Limo Ride: Eleanor McGuire, Olivia Blaskiewicz, Aiden Howard-Maul, Liam Johnson, Bella Schuette, Nate Stechmesser, Stephen Johns, Drew Schmoll, Maria Biske, Tyler Wahle, Kyra Newton, Michael Wessel, Charlie Hake, MaryGrace Henneberry, Maya Dill, Emmett Gilbreth, Alaina Ettling, Eleanor Rinella

Cardinal Game(April 11th): Mr. Kassebaum's Homeroom, Olivia Blaskiewicz, Aiden Howard-Maul, Michael Wessel, Bella Schuette, Eleanor and Violet McGuire, Liam Johnson, Nate Stechmesser, Will Schmoll

On the field on April 24th: Maria Biske, Drew Schmoll, Stephen Johns, Nate Stechmesser, Bella Schuette, Michael Wessel

---We will only go over for the pre-game ceremony and return since we opted to take April 11 as our Cardinals day since we have Scholastic Bowl Regionals on the 24th.

Ice Cream Party: Mr. Kassebaum's Homeroom, Olivia, Ava, Amelia Blaskiewicz, Aiden Howard-Maul, Michael Wessel, Bella Schuette, Eleanor and Violet McGuire, Liam Johnson, Nate Stechmesser, Will Schmoll

MAGAZINE DRIVE Another \$162.90 profit from Reach-Out! Thanks for paying!

REPORT CARDS ARE GOING HOME TODAY 12 of the Class of 2019 or had their best quarter of the year! 15 of the 7th graders... 10 of the 6th... 11 of the 5th... Who says Third Quarter is the big drop? And so many just a point or two away...

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 or Lauren Powers at 314-402-8009 or L1POWERS@yahoo.com

TEACHER OPPORTUNITY: Additional position:

Immaculate Conception School in Columbia, Illinois, is seeking a 6th grade teacher for language arts, world history, and science. Contact Mike Kish, Principal, at mkish@icsmail.org or 618-281-5353 to find out why this might be your dream job.

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 Biske, Hope Schwartz, Layne Traxler and Avery Herrmann will be representing ICS at Diocesan Meet at St. James in Millstadt next week, April 6th, 2019. Doors open at 8:30 and speeches begin at 9:30. Practice Tuesday and Thursday. Thank you, Catie Taylor

ICS Soccer Camp at Oerter Park Tara Kennedy and Brian Boyd are organizing a soccer camp this summer, structured the same as last year at Oerter Park and run by Elite FT. 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! 20% discount if registered prior to April 01st. 10% discount if registered prior to May 01st. Questions?

Tara [tkennedy@icsmail.org] or Brian [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

[Elite FT Columbia County Summer Camp Powered by Jimmy John's](#)
[Summer Camp information](#)

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. Link to order t-shirts:

<https://icswackyninja.itemorder.com/>

Link to sign up to volunteer:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E044EA4A82DA5F85-momson>

THE SPORTING NEWS... Volleyball Our Parochial boys did not place in the Diocesan Tourney. BUT...Our **Junior Boys** beat Blessed Sacrament in three games and ended up **taking second**, losing in two tough matches to St. Clare. **PICTURE** needed please. Please return your uniforms.

Zac Epplin Memorial Golf Tournament ONLY 2 OPENINGS LEFT!

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! 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 20th; 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) 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.



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 IN OUR CAFETERIA NEXT FRIDAY April 5 and 19! If you can help in any way (serve, clean, cook, or make a dessert) please go to 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! **SAME** is the Society of American Military Engineers based at Scott Air Force Base.

From Naïveté to Wisdom Fr. Richard Rohr, OFM Sunday, March 24, 2019

To grow toward love, union, salvation, or enlightenment (I use the words almost interchangeably), we must be moved from *Order* to *Disorder* and finally to *Reorder*.

ORDER: At this stage—our “first naïveté,” *if we are granted it (and not all are)*—we feel innocent and safe. Everything is basically good and has meaning. We have a seemingly God-given, unshakable, and satisfying explanation of how things are and should be. Those who try to stay here tend to refuse and avoid confusion, conflict, inconsistencies, suffering, or darkness. They do not like disorder or change. Even many Christians do not like anything that looks like “carrying the cross.” (This is the huge price we have paid for just *thanking* Jesus for what he did on the cross, instead of actually *imitating* him.) The ego compels each one of us to hunker down and pretend that *my* status quo is entirely good, should be good for everybody, and is always “true” and even the *only* truth. Permanent residence in this stage tends to create naïve people and control freaks. “Conservatives” tend to get trapped here.

DISORDER: Eventually our ideally ordered universe—our “private salvation project,” as Thomas Merton (1915–1968) called it—will disappoint us, *if we are honest*. As Canadian songwriter Leonard Cohen (1934–2016) put it, “There is a crack in everything, that’s how the light gets in.” [1] Your loved one dies, you lose a job, your children leave the church, or you finally realize that many people are excluded from “life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.” This is the disorder stage, like the “fall” Adam and Eve experienced in the Garden of Eden (Genesis 3). It is *necessary in some form* if real growth is to occur; but some of us find this stage so uncomfortable we try to flee back to our contrived order. Others today seem to have given up and decided that “there is no universal order,” or at least no order we will submit to. Permanent residence in this stage tends to make people rather negative, cynical, angry, opinionated and dogmatic about one form of political correctness or another. “Liberals” tend to get trapped here.

REORDER: Every religion, each in its own way, is trying to move us to enlightenment, nirvana, heaven, salvation, or resurrection. Mature spirituality points to life on the other side of death, the victory on the other side of failure, the joy on the other side of the pains of childbirth. It insists on going *through—not under, over, or around*. There is no nonstop flight to reorder. To arrive there, we must endure, learn from, and include the disorder stage, *including the first naïve order—but also transcending it!* That is the hard won secret. Hold on to what was good about the first order but also offer needed correctives. People who have reached this stage, like the Jewish prophets, might be called “radical traditionalists.” They love their truth and their group enough to critique it. And they critique it enough to maintain their own integrity and intelligence. These wise ones have stopped over-reacting and over-defending. This is the real goal.



Thanks to Parents and Friends for funding Jim “the Spoon Man” Cruise for us on Monday. Pray, stay in school, never give up, say no to drugs. A simple message in a fun-loving way. Jim spoke to our parish on behalf of UnBound. We adopted more than 50 children and aged last weekend. What a great way to say thanks to God by helping others. 800-875-6564 Fr. Vince Haselhorst introduced this program to us back in the 1980’s and we have helped hundreds and hundreds!



Robert E. Koberlein, 83 years, of Columbia, IL, passed away on March 22, 2019 at Delmar Gardens South, Sappington, MO. Bob was an ICS graduate and a very generous benefactor to our school and parish. He excelled in humility and working behind the scenes for the Lord. Our Mary window over the Church entrance was one of his gifts to us. AND Bob was our USHER in Church for decades. He always found a place for everyone! Our Bob, beloved brother, uncle, great-uncle, colleague, neighbor, and friend. Bob was a respected colleague at Harres Furniture Store (formerly Weilbacher's) in Columbia, IL, including being a valued Maytag repairman. He was a loyal season ticket holder for his beloved St. Louis Blues.

Being a dedicated weekly usher and volunteer at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church gave life and service to his deep faith. This gentle, loving, generous family member and neighbor will forever be missed and held lovingly in our hearts.

Surviving are his two sisters, Marylin Koberlein of Arnold, MO, and LuAnn Phillips of Torrance, CA; brother, Donald (Mary Jane) Koberlein of Saint Louis, MO; nephews, Jeffrey (Juliana) Phillips, Torrance, CA, Michael (Kathryn) Koberlein, Fenton, MO, and Kevin (Shannon) Koberlein, St. Louis, MO; great-nephews & niece, Benjamin Koberlein, Fenton, MO, Jonathan Koberlein, Fenton, MO, Henry Koberlein, Fenton, MO, Alissa Phillips, Torrance, CA, James Phillips, Torrance, CA, and Elliot Hardin, St. Louis, MO; family friend, Elaine Purdue, Arnold, MO, along with other relatives and friends. He was also preceded in death by his brother, Gerald Koberlein; sister, Lela May Koberlein, and brother-in-law, Terry Phillips. Rest in peace Bob! Go Blues!



Brandon M. Wooters, 34 years, of Columbia, IL, passed away on March 27, 2019 in Columbia, IL. He was born November 18, 1984, in Belleville, IL, the son of Robert and Christine, nee Schutzenhofer, Wooters of Columbia, IL. Also, surviving are brother, Eric (Emily) Wooters of Columbia, IL; sister, Sabrina Nichole (Jeffrey) Lehan of Belleville, IL; aunts, uncles, along with other relatives and friends. He was preceded in death by his maternal grandparents, Frank and Esther, nee Basinski, Schutzenhofer, and paternal grandparents, Alfred and Gloria Wooters, and Marjorie and John McClain.

A Memorial Mass will be held on Friday, April 5, 2019 at 10:00 a.m., at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, 411 Palmer Road, Columbia, IL, with Fr. Carl Scherrer, officiating. A reception to follow at the Garden Level of the church. In lieu of customary remembrances, the family requests with gratitude that memorial contributions be directed to: Human Support Services of Monroe County, 988 N. IL Route 3, Waterloo, IL, 62298, or, Immaculate Conception Education and Activities Center Building Fund, 411 Palmer Road, Columbia, IL, 62236.

Brandon is another tragic loss for us. God's peace to this fun loving and brilliant young man who shared many a laugh with us at ICS. Prayers for his parents Bob and Chris and brother Eric.

Jean Wilde died early this week. All her children graduated from ICS and she moved to Kansas a couple years ago for care from her daughter Chris. Prayers for the family please.

Fr. Steve Humphrey is making great improvement after a heart problem last week. He is still in Barnes but this is such good news! Continue the prayers please.

THIS SUNDAY: VICTIM OF ENVIRONMENT It is said that the single greatest determinant to temporal wealth is inheritance. So what do you do if you live in a time when society thinks your tough life is caused by your sin or that of your parents? We know different today. Generally, our difficulties are not the result of sin but physical or environmental conditions. "In those times" they thought you were a sinner if life was bad for you. Thus you could be excluded and cast to the plight of being a beggar.

Jesus curing of the man born blind reminds us of the spiritual blindness we also need to be cured of in our daily lives. "In these times", we can do better. We know better. Human nature

still tells us we are number one but Lent is about “seeing” those around us in prayer, fasting, and almsgiving.

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

PS Diocesan Chess Meet tomorrow here.

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 last week's newsletter! Where would Columbia be without our service organizations?

PS Gibault's Chapter of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes will host a gathering on April 7th. [See the flyer](#). Win the Prize is a 2000 year old sports reference that is still pertinent today. Gibault's Grace Floerke will talk to our 6-7-8th graders on Wednesday for 10 minutes at 9:05.

