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Celebrating 167 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.

March 30, 2021

Bienvenido el parrochia!

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8 Beatitudes--ICTHUS



175 years strong



USCCB Pastoral

Dear Parents, Guardians, and Friends,

Holy Week

At Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Columbia, IL
 We are now seating 150 in church with overflow in Garden Level up to 100.

Palm Sunday	Holy Thursday	Good Friday	Easter Vigil	Easter
				
March 28	April 1	April 2	Saturday April 3	Sunday, April 4
Masses Saturday 5p.m. Sunday: 7 a.m. (park & pray) 9 & 11 a.m. No reservations required.	Mass at 7 p.m. No park and pray No reservations required.	Two Services 3 p.m. & 7 p.m. No park and pray No reservations required.	7:30 p.m. Will be live streamed No park and pray No reservations required.	7 a.m. Sunrise Park & Pray Mass upper lot (weather permitting)-no indoor access 9 a.m. Inside & park & pray 11 a.m. inside only Reservations required for 9 & 11 a.m. in church. Call 618-281-5105

Holy Week Masses & Service will have a live streamed option. Our Youtube channel can be accessed at: [icc-columbia-i](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC...)

Maybe, like many of us, you ran away from your Lenten intentions of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. But to your credit, you will be standing at the foot of the cross and not abandon Him. Despite Covid limitations, be there for yourself and for Him! Reservations filled up quickly for Easter. Covid protocols have limited us but the Park-n-Pray and the Garden Level will grant you the community aspect of Easter. Come. Be part of the **Greatest Story Ever Told**. And make it part of your past, present and future!

“LIVING STATIONS” In case you did not get a chance to pray with us yet, this might help make your Good Friday! <https://youtu.be/EE7hM9GFjPQ>

Cast

Grady FrierdichPontius Pilate
John Bollone Jesus
Michael Wessel Escort Guard
Logan AcevedoEscort Guard
Claire BarbourCross Bearer
Ava HrdlickaMary
Mason VoegeleSimon of Cyrene
Mariska LyleVeronica
Ava LanghansWoman of Jerusalem
Brooke HeimburgerWoman of Jerusalem
Emily Rose Woman of Jerusalem
Hailey WilkersonWoman of Jerusalem
Kate AdamsWoman of Jerusalem
Sadie MetzWoman of Jerusalem
Will JansenGarment Remover
Owen HaneyNailer
Henry SchulteNailer
Carter Groppe St. John
Kaiden TimmonsTomb Guard
Paul SmithTomb Guard

Narrators & Sound Recording:

Ava Schmidt, Addison Sanker, Audrey Randle, Sadie Loless, Claire Barbour

Production Crew:

Brady Moore – Editor in Chief
Grant Monheiser - Still Photography & Associate Editor
Kaitlyn Smith - Video Photography
Lauren Thorne - Stage Crew
Brayden Hines - Stage Crew
Thad Brauer - Stage Lighting
Mr. Kassebaum - Stage Director & Production
Mr. Gilbreth - Video & Sound Production
Mr. Kish - Music



PICTURE THE MUSIC AWARDS Immaculate Conception art students received top awards in the 31st annual Picture the Music competition, a program presented by the St. Louis Symphony Volunteer Association. For this year's competition, students created a piece of art inspired by Florence Price's Symphony "*Juba Dance*". More than 6000 students across Missouri and Illinois in grades K-6 participated, Teachers were able to submit seven pieces of art per school and a panel of expert judges selected the top 100 finalists out of almost 300 entries. Immaculate Conception School had three sixth grade students receive additional awards for their work.

Sloan Wilson, "*Into the Storm*" received the "St. Louis Orchestra Award", given to just one student in each grade category. Sloan received the top overall in the sixth grade category out of 100.

Lucas Sheehan, "*Trumpet Man*", received a Blue Ribbon award. These are given to the top 25 students out of 100 finalists.

Avery Melliere, "*The Dance*", received the Special Recognition award, given to the top 66 out of 100.

This is the third time in 4 years that Immaculate Conception art students placed in the top 100 finalists in this competition and our first time for these additional awards. Mrs. Carol Fetcho teaches art at ICS! And God smiles back at us!



Sloan Wilson-"*Into the Storm*"

Lucas Sheehan-"*Trumpet Man*"

Avery Melliere-"*The Dance*"



THANK YOU: Wow is all I can say! I was speechless which doesn't happen very often. Friday afternoon I was surprised by ICS Parents and students with flowers, a card, and donation to the Zac Epplin Soccer & Athletic Fields for my 25th Year at ICS. Parents and Friends put this together and somehow kept it a secret from me. There is not much that gets by me so I was shocked. The goal was \$2500 BUT they raised \$6000 in donations. I feel so humbled and so loved. ICS has become my family and everyday I get to come to work and take care of all the kids and parents. Keeping Zac's memory alive is what helps me every day get

through the hardest thing I have endured in my life. When I come to work, I know that people will be here to support me and make me feel like I am doing some good. I am trying to live my life the way Zac taught me I should. Thank you so much for thinking of me. NOW LET'S BUILD SOME SOCCER FIELDS!!!

(As of the end of February, we have \$77,163.43 in donations and the efforts of the ICS Fathers Club(\$56,333.57) in the account! Now Bev gets to add to it!) Zac's Tourney is April 30th and SOLD OUT! But Platinum, gold and silver sponsors still available, 50/50, and raffles. Join us! <https://icsfathers.square.site/>

Beverly Epplin
Office Administrator of ICS



From Ashes to Easter---the cross above their foreheads---A cross cloud in the sky! As it started to fade, it turned on its' side, and a student said that it was Jesus falling for the first time. Thanks Mrs. Neff!

REGISTRATION Contact the office now to register. We are tabulating applicants, need to get in-house registrants committed, and then approve applicants. Hopefully we will know in 3 weeks.

IN LIGHT OF THE BRIDGING FROM PHASE 4 TO 5, WE WILL MAKE THESE ADJUSTMENTS FOR NEXT WEEK (BY COMMITTEE AGREEMENT):

COVID update: Our remote numbers are dwindling and we are tickled pink! We might be down to 4 after Easter. There are national hotspots but here our protocols have been working for the most part. Please don't let down your guard. As for here, we will change up our protocols in the following ways:

- 1 GaGa Pit 6 players instead of 4. Masks on.
- 2 Individual Grades can mix during recess instead of just Cohort. (8th has been doing it for a while.)
- 3 AR books will no longer be quarantined.
- 4 Masks can be down (but not off) during kickball and safe distanced physical exertion **outside** but Track rules will be followed at coaches direction as per IESA rules.
- 5 Scholastic Bowl will have 7th and 8th team members mixed.
- 6 Remote learning only by Principal permission. Not a convenience.

REPORT CARDS Having their best quarter of the year:

Gr. 8--16 students	Gr. 7--16	Gr. 6--24	Gr. 5--21	Gr. 4--12
48%	50%	63%	55%	34%

Congratulations and let's all finish strong!

WOMEN'S A.C.T.S. RETREAT Mom needs a mental break from Covid. Sign her up for May 20-May 23. Make it a belated Mother's Day gift. She will love it!

Safety- what does it mean to you? Handwashing?, Masks?, Social distancing? How about the safety of Gods arms wrapped around you? Think about this. How does that feel? Trust that God has a plan for you. We are here for purpose and it is up to each one of us to find our purpose and use the talents that God has bestowed on each one of us. This upcoming Women's retreat can help you take the time to contemplate your life...your Godly purpose.

The next **Women's ACTS Retreat** will be **Thursday, May 20th through Sunday, May 23rd, 2021, at the King's House in Belleville, IL.** This parish-based retreat offers the opportunity to renew your spirituality, to strengthen your faith, and to build and deepen lasting friendships throughout your parish community.

Registration forms can be found online at <http://www.icc-columbia-il.us/acts> If you need further information on the retreat weekend, please contact one of the following:

Director: Betsy Amoroso 618-570-5912

Co-Director: Shanna Witges 618-669-7504

An Invitation: "Listening for God" Free Virtual Conference April 16 – 18, 2021

Join friends from our parish and across the country for this 3-day FREE virtual event starting Friday April 16th at 7pm Central (8PM EST) ending April 18th. More than 40 renowned Catholic speakers will share their faith and personal experience in dialogue with God. Spend as much time as you have: a half hour or take part in the full three days!

Register here for all the latest times and information: <https://catholicspeakers.regfox.com/listening-for-god-conference?registrants.source=Immaculate-Conception-Columbia-IL>



THE YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH Here is the link for the St. Joseph in Art presentation done by Monsignor John T. Myler, Rector of the Cathedral of St. Peter in the Diocese of Belleville <https://youtu.be/ArcGdYDKQg8>.

2021 STEMfamily Virtual Camp sponsored by our Regional Office of Education. STEMfamily Camp is a FREE, virtual camp that offers hands-on experiments that are fun for the whole family to investigate. This summer's camp will be held on June 21-25, 2021. STEMfamily will explore topics in biomimetics/robotics, chemistry, drug formulation, bioinformatics and mechanical engineering! To sign up:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd-iFnAM4dzYIsBu_zkg1Jxe5WWISlqgQGRyR6ZPZeJd0esZw/viewform?gxids=7628

Also, new this year are the STEMfamily Camp Materials Supply Kit! Now, you have the option to purchase a kit for \$50 + shipping (\$19.95). Each kit will include materials you need to participate in camp!

Each kit will provide materials for one child. If you have multiple children in your family, we recommend buying a separate kit if your children are above 3rd grade. If your child is 2nd grade or lower, it would be best if the kids work together as a team.

IT'S MUSICAL-IN-A-WEEK REGISTRATION TIME! MaryBeth Babcock is looking forward to bringing The Actors' Attic Musical-in-a-Week Camps to the IC Activity Center! The fun begins June 11-18 with **Frog & Toad KIDS** for those going into Gr. 1-4. Middle school camp for Gr. 5-8 features **Mathilda Jr.**, June 18-25. High school campers (Gr. 9-13) will put on **Willy Wonka Jr.** June 25-July 2. Thanks to ICS for letting us "take the stage" this summer! See the attached form for all the details. Contact MaryBeth with questions at actorsattic@gmail.com or 618-719-1264.

THE SPORTING NEWS... Track is underway! It is the ultimate individual/team sport. Contact Susan Dalpoas to get in the action. sdalpoas@me.com

175th Anniversary Artifact of the Week:



Remember the story of Naaman the leper when he requested permission from Elisha the prophet to take home to Syria two donkey-loads of dirt from Israel in order to worship the God who had healed him? Well, we have 2 soil samples from under the gym on the old Main Street campus prior to construction in 1987. The cloth is also an artifact from my trip to St.

Raymond's in 1998. There is history in every moment of our life and to God we say thanks! This is Holy Ground! And all the earth is holy!

THE ICS PRE-K SPEEDWAY has passed inspection by Chief of Police Donjon and Resource Officer Sgt. Zach Hopkins!



Covid took a toll on the Gibault Senior Project this year but ICS found plenty of work for Hannah Stearns, Reagan Herrmann, Katie Grawitch, and Maliyah Phillips. And did they deliver! A two year old dream come true for our Pre-S and Pre-K! God bless these seniors in their last quarter of high school! We are so grateful!



“By the inch, it’s a cinch!”

“And My Name starts with---“

Grads in the news:

Katie Grawitch has receive a \$100,000 Presidential Scholarship to Loyola of Chicago based on her application. She will major in English and Voice. Katie served her Senior Project with us! Congratulations!



Columbia area friends, Our Spring Break 20% Off Sale ends tomorrow, Wednesday, March 31st. This is a reminder to register your summer soccer camper and save! All Elite FT summer campers can expect to improve their footskills, play small-sided soccer games and, most importantly, have FUN! We cannot wait to for summer camps to begin! Here is the camp information:

Columbia @ Oerter Park Pre-K (Ages 3-4)

- **Location:** 1 Gall Road, Columbia, IL 62236 **Dates:** July 19-22
Time: 6:15-7:15pm **Cost:** \$75- **Sale:** \$60

Columbia @ Oerter Park: K-8th Grade

- **Location:** 1 Gall Road, Columbia, IL 62236 **Dates:** July 19-22
Time: 6:00-8:00pm **Cost:** \$125- **Sale:** \$100

Here are the links to register:

[Elite FT's Columbia Summer Soccer Camp Pre-K \(Ages 3-4\)](#)

[Elite FT's Columbia Summer Soccer Camp K-8th Grade](#)

GIBAULT CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

SUMMER GOLF CLASSIC Save the date for the 2021 **Gibault Summer Classic** on Friday, June 11, at Annbriar Golf Course. We missed seeing you last year and hope you will join us for this year's event!

Live-Streamed Sports Join the Hawks' virtual fan club! Visit <http://bit.ly/GCHSYouTube> for live game feed and videos of past live-streams. Keep checking our website for updated schedules: <https://gibaulthawks.com/events/category/sports/>.

Applications for our Class of 2025 and transfer students are still being accepted. Visit <https://gibaulthawks.com/apply/>.

Spring Rummage Sale The Gibault Women's Club is hosting their annual Spring Rummage Sale! This year's sale will be in the GCHS gym lobby. Pre-sale is Friday, April 2, from 5 p.m. – 7 p.m. Pre-sale admission is \$5.00. The sale continues on Saturday from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Barbeque lunch available Saturday from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. or until sold out. Donations for the sale can be dropped off at the gym lobby March 29 - April 1 from 3 p.m. - 6 p.m.

Plant Sale Our FFA students have a greenhouse full of plants – annuals, perennials, hanging baskets, vegetables, herbs, succulents, and so much more! Their Spring Plant Sale begins April 6 and runs until all items are sold. Sale hours: Weekdays from 3 p.m. – 5 p.m. and Saturdays from 9 a.m. until noon. Cash, check, credit cards, and Venmo

QR are accepted. We hope you will think of our FFA for all your garden needs this spring! See the flyer at the end.

Fr. Carl gave a very reflective homily this morning on the Jesus last days including his betrayal and **The Last Supper**---DaVinci did not pose it as a photo op---he posed it to invite us to the Table! Overheard at lunch---one of the Kindergarteners referred to Fr. Gus Ferreida's carving in our cafeteria as the "First Dinner".



FR. GARY HOGAN, C.R., former associate and favorite "free agent", suffered a stroke last Thursday. He is home, resting, and doing fine. Please keep him in your prayers.

KEITH HOEFLINGER, Julia and Kathryn's favorite uncle, has cancer at age 24. He has been fighting Crohn's for several years and his current prognosis is not good. Please pray for the miracle this young man needs.

RICH MORR, Mrs. Carol Fetcho's brother, is having open heart surgery today. Please get Rich in our prayers!

GLADYS WILLIAMSON has passed away. God's peace to Nathan's (Molly) Mother and Jack, Cooper, Archie, and Sienna's Grandmother. Despite our humanity, going home for Easter helps us understand the joy at the end of the suffering.

PRAYERS: Special Intention Jerry Baker, Kyrans Fleming, JoAnn Swip, John Stonis, John Stoffel, Randy Royer, Dan Schneider, Kathy Neal, Ruth Ann Mitchell, Grace Bartz, Donna Hoggard, Steve Patton, Elaine Schorb, Fr. Gary Gummersheimer, Harley Greer, Pat Whelan, Velma Taylor, Steve Killy, Joan Prigge, Joanna Prigge Ellner, George Perry, Danielle Dorlac, Arlin Stechmesser, Karen Hornacek, Seth Watters, Glyn Raeber, Mike Drone, Geraldine McCoy, Logan Eichenseer, Ed Schaefer, Libby LoPorto, Donna Kania, Owen Jordan, Anthony Hendricks, Shawn Eichoff, Charlie Stockes, Jan Hoffmann, Bill West, Jennifer Nesser, Tom Kish, Patti Rottler, Mike Taylor

THE TRIDUUM IS UPON US. The Three High Holy Days are the most important religious days of the year. How can there be a resurrection unless we die to ourselves? Take the time to make the time to be in community these Three High Holy Days!

Mike Kish

Principal

PS **KC fish fry** April 2---Good Friday. 2:30---6:30 Time change! Good Friday is a Day of Fast and Abstinence.

PS Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowls can be brought in after Easter. This sign of our Almsgiving



THE END IS REALLY THE BEGINNING! The Easter bunny comes at the end and hides the symbol of new life. We have to find NEW LIFE!