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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!

April 1, 2016



V. 41 #40

Dear Parent, Guardian, Student, Teacher, Friend,

HELP! Our parish and school's Main Street campus was sold in January to Gregg and Jane Crawford who are developing the **Main Street Abbey**. This sale was a gift to us in a way as churches and schools in the Metro area seldom bring what they are worth and turn into blighted areas if not developed properly. As part of our sale, the parish is hoping to help secure a TIF for the property in which we will share future tax abatements as the property is developed. The rectory will become lofts, the convent lower level commercial and upper level lofts, the Church will be a reception center and the school has future potential for business development.

We need your presence at a public hearing beginning at 6:45 pm on Monday, April 4th just before the regular City Council meeting. We should not have to be there very long.

This is one of the only times the public has the opportunity to speak for or against the TIF so it is important to get lots of support on record. The points to be made are how much of a positive impact the project will have on the community, the jobs that will be created, the services to be provided as well as the negative impact of the property if the TIF is not approved. If you cannot make the meeting, a written letter of support would help (send it to the office by Monday).

The sale is over but we can financially benefit in the future too. We hope to see you Monday night at City Hall! Keep Columbia beautiful and support the **Main Street Abbey!**

REPORT CARDS are being sent home today. Third quarter is always tough on our students and we see a decline. Sports and academic seasons are in full swing and the work gets harder. Please understand this and make it a learning experience for your child. Missing work is often the culprit! 4th quarter is often our best of the year and I look forward to seeing improvement and a strong finish!

END OF THE YEAR CALENDAR The last day for this school year will be May 25 with dismissal at 11:15 am. **We will have Latchkey available that day!**

NEW CALENDAR School starts on **August 16** next year with a full day. Due to the National Catholic Education Association Convention in St. Louis, we will be off from Holy Thursday through Easter Wednesday. We will have 2 days where we will be in session without buses to offset this. Look for the calendar next week.

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)

FLYERS [Link---one on Brain Balance](#). We have had some students use this before and it is beneficial. We have another attached on STEM classes at Jefferson College. Take advantage of these opportunities if you can! Summer back slide can be prevented!

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CATHOLIC EDUCATION AND ACTIVITY CENTER gets the profit!

Latest check---\$69.60 FROM ONLINE SALES Thanks! Keep it coming please! \$10389.05 so far!

ICS Students that get to go down on the field at the Magazine Drive Cardinal Game

Spence Biske(3rd), Lexi Hennes(4th), Will Schmoll(8th), Rose Sippel(10th), Andrew Epplin(13th), Emily Gillan(17th) Go CARDS!

Thanks to Sophie Conrad for donating her winnings from the VFW Coloring contest to our new Catholic Education and Activity Center!

THANKS to The Boeing Company Gift Match BPAC Program \$175!

THANKS to YourCause Corporate Employee Giving Program for a \$14 match!

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% off 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).

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

TRACK HELP NEEDED!

Timers and Field Event measurers are needed for our first track meet next Wednesday, April 6th at Columbia High School. ICS is the host school of this meet and any help is appreciated. No experience necessary! Please contact Coach Prindiville if you can help 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...Columbia High School National Honor Society Induction **CONGRATULATIONS** to ICS grads who are members of the Columbia High School National Honor Society members, Rachel Bell, Hope Drennan, Drew Huebner, Abby Reichert and Dorothy Vazquez.

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!

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:618-281-0427), Brian Repp at [\(618\) 281-9547](tel:618-281-9547) or Ted Haney at [\(618\) 281-5990](tel:618-281-5990).

ICS 5K FUN RUN

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What a beautiful day for a 5K! Thank you to everyone who attended the event on March 19. We lucked out with great weather, but seeing all the smiling happy faces was the best. On behalf of the committee, we hope that everyone enjoyed themselves.

A Big Huge Thank You to the 5K Committee for all their help, planning, efforts and countless hours that went into the event. You all definitely put the "T" in Teamwork! I'm very thankful for you! Trish Adams, Eric Baldrige, Sue Dalpoas, Bill Feldker, Jessica Gianino, Shannon Haney, Christy Hornacek, Angie Kesler, Jen LoPorto, Kara Metz, Kim Schwartz, Greg Sheehan, and Jean Swip

And then where would any event be without awesome volunteers to help set up, kick off the run, work the games, sell raffles, clean up and much much more.

Fr. Carl, Mr. Kish, Matt Blaskiewicz, Emma Blaskiewicz, Jason Tucker, Kara Boyd, Brooke Schwartz, Caitlyn Schwartz, Carter Kesler, Ted Kroenig, Angela Ettling, Jolene Sasser, Brooke Schwartz, Robin Nadziejko, Carter Kesler, Tricia Haywood, Allie Shuler, Emma Melliere, Autumn Ramey, Reece Ward, Leigh-Ann Feldker, Melissa Kroenig, Amy Tucker, Brad Kesler, Carrie Ward, Diane Ramey, Jessica Watchel, Sandra Whitworth, Jean Shuler, and Jessica Sheehan

5K/Kid's Fun Run Pledge Winners

1st Place Dairy Queen Party for the class Briana Baldrige - Mrs. Donjon's Class

2nd Place Popsicle Party for the class Abby Eichenseer- Mrs. Schauster's Class

3rd Place Snack Party for the class Grant Tucker - Mrs. Herrmann's Class

4th Place tie---Snack Party for the class

Dante Gianino - Mrs. Murphy's Class

Jaylyn Brister - Mrs. Donjon's Class

Thanks again to everyone for a great event! Holly Blaskiewicz

THE RESURRECTION AS REVEALING GOD AS REDEEMER, NOT AS RESCUER REV. RON ROLHEISER, OMI

Before you get serious about Jesus, first consider how good you are going to look on wood!

That's a line from Daniel Berrigan that rightly warns us that faith in Jesus and the resurrection won't save us from humiliation, pain, and death in this life. Faith isn't meant to do that. Jesus doesn't grant special exemptions to his friends, no more than God granted special exemptions to Jesus. We see this everywhere in the Gospels, though most clearly in Jesus' resurrection. To understand this, it's helpful to compare Jesus' resurrection to what Jesus himself does in raising Lazarus from the dead.

The Lazarus story begs a lot of questions. John, the evangelist, tells us the story: He begins by pointing out that Lazarus and his sisters, Martha and Mary, were very close friends of Jesus. Hence, we are understandably taken aback by Jesus' seeming lack of response to Lazarus' illness and the request to come and heal him. Here's the story:

Lazarus' sisters, Martha and Mary, sent word to Jesus that "the man you love is ill" with the implied request that Jesus should come and heal him. But Jesus' reaction is curious. He doesn't rush off immediately to try to heal his close friend. Instead he remains where he is for two days longer while his friend dies. Then, after Lazarus has died, he sets off to visit him. As he approaches the village where Lazarus has died, he is met by Martha and then, later, by Mary. Each, in turn, asks him the question: "Why?" Why, since you loved this man, did you not come to save him from death? Indeed, Mary's question implies even more: "Why?" Why is it that God invariably seems absent when bad things happen to good people? Why doesn't God rescue his loved ones and save them from pain and death?

Jesus doesn't offer any theoretical apologia in response. Instead he asks where they have laid the body, lets them take him there, sees the burial site, weeps in sorrow, and then raises his dead friend back to life. So why did he let him die in the first place? The story begs that question: Why? Why didn't Jesus rush down to save Lazarus since he loved him?

The answer to that question teaches a very important lesson about Jesus, God, and faith, namely, that God is not a God who ordinarily rescues us, but is rather a God who redeems us. God doesn't ordinarily intervene to save us from humiliation, pain, and death; rather he redeems humiliation, pain, and death after the fact.

Simply put, Jesus treats Lazarus exactly the same way as God, the Father, treats Jesus: Jesus is deeply and intimately loved by his Father and yet his Father doesn't rescue him from humiliation, pain, and death. In his lowest hour, when he is humiliated, suffering, and dying on the cross, Jesus is jeered by the crowd with the challenge: "If God is your father, let him rescue you!" But there's no rescue. Instead Jesus dies inside the humiliation and pain. God raises him up only after his death.

This is one of the key revelations inside the resurrection: We have a redeeming, not a rescuing, God.

Indeed, the story of the raising of Lazarus in John's Gospel was meant to answer a burning question inside the first generation of Christians: They had known Jesus in the flesh, had been intimate friends with him, had seen him heal people and raise people from the dead, so why was he letting them die? Why wasn't Jesus rescuing them? It took the early Christians some time to grasp that Jesus doesn't ordinarily give special exemptions to his friends, no more than God gave special exemptions to Jesus. So, like us, they struggled with the fact that

someone can have a deep, genuine faith, be deeply loved by God, and still have to suffer humiliation, pain, and death like everyone else. God didn't spare Jesus from suffering and death, and Jesus doesn't spare us from them.

That is one of the key revelations inside of the resurrection and is the one we perhaps most misunderstand. We are forever predicating our faith on, and preaching, a rescuing God, a God who promises special exemptions to those of genuine faith: Have a genuine faith in Jesus, and you will be spared from life's humiliations and pains! Have a genuine faith in Jesus, and prosperity will come your way! Believe in the resurrection, and rainbows will surround your life!

Would it were so! But Jesus never promised us rescue, exemptions, immunity from cancer, or escape from death. He promised rather that, in the end, there will be redemption, vindication, immunity from suffering, and eternal life. But that's in the end; meantime, in the early and intermediate chapters of our lives, there will be the same kinds of humiliation, pain, and death that everyone else suffers.

The death and resurrection of Jesus reveal a redeeming, not a rescuing, God

ASK ME ABOUT MY MERCY Claire Wachtel-Anna Hornacek-Georgia Sasser

Sam Glasscock would like to add her aunt, **Katy Basinski**, to the prayer list. There is something wrong with her lungs, but may also be blood related.

Our condolences to the family of Jane Corbett(Jack Burke's cousin) who passed away last night. May she rest in peace and her family be consoled in a life well lived.

PRAYERS: Katy Basinski, Chrissy Hoeflinger, George Perry, Barbara Buchheit, Josh Ritter, Angie Rose, Ken Bolton, 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**

Our **SOURCE AND SUMMIT** of existence as a spiritual people has to be the Resurrection. This Sunday you can wonder, like me, if Thomas did reach out and touch Jesus's wounds. Thomas was a "prove-it-to-me" guy. Like many of us, Thomas would be a guy who dwelt on dying too much instead of overcoming death through a Resurrection. If we truly believe that Jesus was alive after His death, how might we live as if we are alive in Him? As I have said many times, if we were going to sit down and create a God, we surely would not have created this one. And that is a great strength for my faith. Faith is believing in the unbelievable. And like Peter said "Lord, increase my faith"! Help me celebrate the joy of His Resurrection---and mine!

MIKE KISH

Ps REMEMBER THE TITANS We would like to get a hold of 1 more copy for our Memphis Trip. Does anyone have this classic to donate, loan, or rent?



Band Schedule Week of April 4-8

Monday

- 8:05-8:35 5th Flute
- 8:35-9:05 6th-8th Flute and Clarinet 1
- 9:05-9:35 6th-8th Clarinet 2
- 10:35-11:05 4th Clarinet
- 11:05-11:35 4th Flutes

Tuesday

- 7:15-7:50 **Jazz Band**
- 8:55-9:25 5th Clarinet
- 9:25-9:55 6th-8th Saxophone and F Horn
- 9:55-10:35 6th-8th Trumpet
- 11:05-11:35 4th Trumpet
- 11:35-12:05 4th Saxophone

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 5th Saxophone
- 9:25-9:55 6th-8th Low Brass
- 9:55-10:35 6th-8th Percussion
- 11:05-11:35 4th Percussion
- 11:35-12:05 4th Low Brass

Friday

- 8:05-8:35 5th Percussion
- 8:35-9:05 5th Trumpet
- 9:05-9:35 5th Low Brass
- 10:35-11:05 Jazz Band Sectionals
- 11:05-11:35 Smart Music Lab