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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!**

April 05, 2019

Bienvenido el parrochia!

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Dear Parent,

**PRAYER---FASTING---ALMSGIVING---this is our Lenten Journey!**

**6TH ANNUAL ICS 5K/KIDS FUN GLOW RUN & FAMILY FAIR! Friday, April 5, 2019** at the Garden Level of Immaculate Conception Church.

Check-in at 5:30 pm, races 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, libations, bounce house, face painting, and lots of prizes to raise funds to support the Catholic Education & Activity Center. 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Place Prizes for the most race pledges!

To register for the run go to [www.ICS5K.givesmart.com](http://www.ICS5K.givesmart.com). We have sponsorships available (and family sponsorships are welcomed as well). Details contact [ICS5KRun@gmail.com](mailto:ICS5KRun@gmail.com). **You can also participate without being there---buy a raffle ticket via yesterday's blast.**

**SOMETIMES WE HAVE AS MUCH SCHOOL OUTSIDE SCHOOL AS INSIDE SCHOOL!**

April 5 Chicago Trip Grade 7, Stations 2:15, 5 K Glo Run at Church, KC Fish here  
April 6 Diocesan Speech Meet at St. James, District Band at Triad Middle School NOON  
April 8 Shakespeare StL McBeth!!! 10:30 play excerpt and 1:15 workshops  
April 9 Regional Office of Education Art Contest here---Monroe and Randolph Counties  
April 10 Pre-K Screening 8:00-3:00 All day gym  
April 11 Cardinal Game for Magazine Drive Prize, Grades 5-7 to *Hello Dolly* at Gibault  
April 12 Living Stations by the Class of 2020  
April 16 Chrism Mass Grade 8 at Cathedral, Gr. 5 to Science Center  
April 17 School, no bus, Gr. 5 STEM Fair

**CONGRATULATIONS TO MS. BRUTTON AND OUR ECYBER MISSION GRADE 6 TEAMS.**

Two have qualified to move on! We will see what happens! We have taken over \$90,000 from the United States Army through eCyberMission!

**DIOCESAN SPEECH FINALS** Good luck Maria, Hope, Layne, and Avery!

**"DOUBLE, DOUBLE TOIL AND TROUBLE; FIRE BURN, AND CAULDRON BUBBLE."** (One of my favorite lines from the Witches scene in MacBeth.) Through the generosity of the

Dorothy Weinel Eppinger Foundation, we will enjoy an excerpt in the morning by Shakespeare Festival St. Louis and then workshops Monday afternoon. All educated people know The Bard!

### **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. **Tee Shirts you ordered are in the office! \$10 each.**

Contact Mrs. Fetcho for questions or concerns. Call or text at 314.565.7354 or email at

[cfetcho@icsmail.org](mailto:cfetcho@icsmail.org) . Sincerely, Mrs. Fetcho

Samantha Glasscock pictured with ROE admin. Nicole Geller

**HELP NEEDED FOR WACKY WARRIORS:** If moms come to run the games, they won't be with their wacky sons. 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grades and Gibault, Columbia, and ICS grads can also pitch in for a couple hours of fun and free up the moms. This is ICS Field Day with all your best friends! Much fun will be had. Please promote! Contacts below.

**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](mailto:Julie.ann.maul@gmail.com). Link to order t-shirts: <https://icswackyninja.itemorder.com/>

Link to sign up to volunteer: Help needed so Moms can play and not work!  
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E044EA4A82DA5F85-momson>

### **ARE YOU BEING CALLED TO SERVE?**

We are currently collecting names to be drawn for new SCHOOL BOARD and PASTORAL COUNCIL members.

**What you need to KNOW....**

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  
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

**What you need to DO....**

**PRAY!!! Spiritual Discernment is calling on God to lead or give direction.** It is how the Spirit shows the church or its people what God wants them to do and be.

Discernment Prayer

Lord, I thank You for the gifts You have given me. Help me to see and understand the path You open for me.

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 Lauren Powers at 314-402-8009 or [L1POWERS@yahoo.com](mailto:L1POWERS@yahoo.com) or Toby Ellner at 618-615-2868 or [toby.ellner@gmail.com](mailto:toby.ellner@gmail.com)

**National Geography Bee State of Illinois William Sanker** had a great time at the State Geography Bee Finals and made some new friends with the other contestants. He performed fairly well, but there was some pretty stiff competition this year. There were a lot of contestants returning for their 3rd and 4th times. William did pretty good in the preliminary round, but couldn't keep up with some of the more prepared contestants. He is hoping he can win the chance to go back next year and be more competitive now that he knows more about it. ICS is very proud of you William!

**FISH FRY IN OUR CAFETERIA FRIDAY April 5 and 19!** 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.



**In 1842, there was an influx of Germans to our area. Usually, you came to where your relatives or friends lived. We became a parish in 1846 and once the Church/School was built, a Catholic Education was available from 1853 to this day. Here are the presentations from our 26 guests:**

1. Stereotypes about Germans – true or not?
2. Christmas in Germany
3. Gedern: a town to live and work at
4. Soccer and the American sports in Germany
5. Clubs in Gedern
6. Eating habits in Germany
7. The German electoral system incl. political movements
8. Extracurricular activities at our school
9. Table tennis
10. Wernings, my village, and the emigration to the USA
11. The Voluntary Fire Department
12. German movies and actors
13. Driving in Germany

## 14. History of Gedern



**Officer Zach Hopkins and Officer Daggo** presented to our D.A.R.E. Class today. Both officers are impressive and major contributors to our safety and community!

**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](mailto:tkennedy@icsmail.org)] or Brian [[bmboyd02@yahoo.com](mailto:bmboyd02@yahoo.com)]. Thank you.

Here is the camp information: ICS Soccer Camp 2019 in Columbia

When: July 22nd to 25<sup>th</sup> 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](#)

**THE SPORTING NEWS**... TRACK HAS BEGUN! Results from our first meet are coming soon.

### **GIBAULT HIGH SCHOOL NEWS:**

Fellowship of Christian Athletes "huddle" this Sunday from Noon to 2:30. Grades 6-8. See the flyer and "huddle". Thanks to Jacob Feldker, Eli Garcia, and Grace Floerke for spreading the Good News that the contest in life about spreading the Good News. And there is a lot of fun to be had in that!

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 20<sup>th</sup>; 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@gibalthawks.com](mailto:lstepp@gibalthawks.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).

Fr. Steve Humphrey Miracles do happen. Fr. Steve told me he told God he wasn't ready to die yet because he had to tell a few people he loved them first. We spent over an hour with him last Friday and this past Wednesday, he is bridging from recovery to home in Energy, Illinois at the Rehab facility. Last week he said Bishop Gregory would be offered Washington, D.C. And now that is true! Please keep up the prayers for his complete recovery.

**Elliott Moore**, Thad Brauer's Uncle, is in hospice. Please keep him and Thad's family in your prayer. Life's struggles are meant to be shared.

**Vicky Schneider**-Dominic, Mason, and Xavier Voegel's(Kiley's mom) grandma is in the hospital. Please keep her in your prayers.

**ICS FRIENDS Dale Newton, Evola Niermann, Irma Naumann, and Mike Heller** are all suffering from life's struggles. Lay your hand on our prayer list and pray for them!(Bob Wooters taught me this from his Mom.)

**Brandon Wooters, Jeanne Wilde, Bev Roberts, Roger Kocher**---rest in the peace of God.

My first cousin **Carolyn Herbstreith** was laid to rest Monday, April 1 from St. Sylvester Church in Gulf Breeze, FA. She was a very kind and loving soul. God's peace to her and the family.

**PRAYERS: Special Intention** Danielle Dorlac, Elliott Moore, Dale Newton, Evola Niermann, Irma Naumann, Mike Heller, Fr. Steve Humphrey, Maxine Dill, Sharon Nealon, Jim Edgar, Pat Morr, Charlie Stokes, 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

**THIS SUNDAY: We are in Readings A.** This week we hear about Lazarus. What a story. I-M-P-O-S-S-I-B-L-E or is he the Son of God? We don't realize that we are Lazarus. We will rise from the dead. We will find God. God's mercy and compassion are an example to us that seeking God is worth the quest. We have all sat on the mourning bench with Jesus. Sometimes we don't know what to say at the wake or on the phone except that time will help make it better though the pain never goes away. Last week the people were angry that the blind man could see again. This week, some will be angry that Lazarus came back to life. All we can do is throw our lot in on the side of Jesus and cry with him and know there is a hope for us in the R-E-S-U-R-E-C-T-I-O-N.

*Mike Kish*

Principal

**PS Our Columbia ROTARY CLUB MOUSE RACES are in our gym on April 27. \$10 admission. Bet on the mice! Silent Auction!**



Former Bishop of Belleville Wilton Gregory named to head the Diocese of Washington, D.C. Please be proud and read up of the good work of Bishop Gregory as we try to reclaim our Church from past abuse.

From the editor...

*He was a "Christian of another tradition" in a Chicago Catholic school. In 6<sup>th</sup> grade, he told the priest that he was going to be a priest when he grew up. The pastor said "Why you're not even Catholic".*

*He was on vacation and all ready to play some golf in Florida. Standing outside the golf resort, waiting for his friends to park the car, a Cadillac pulled up with the driver window down. "Get my clubs out of the trunk boy!" the driver barked. Bishop Wilton Gregory did. The homily in this is knowing when to pick your battles. Cardinal Joseph Bernardin was his mentor. Every year Bishop Gregory met with the Principals of the Diocese and had Mass with us. As the musician, he would come over before we started and warm up with the guitarist---me. In 1995, as we kicked off our campaign to grow our old Church by blowing out the walls and moving the Main entry off Main Street, he was gracious and came to celebrate Mass with us. The campaign failed in one way and succeeded beyond our wildest dreams in another. He talked about the Jordan River that Sunday as he had just been there. The Jordan---So significant in our history, but just a little stream today. Bishop Gregory has been on the vanguard of reforming abuse in the Church and racism. He was President of the USCCB when the Dallas Charter was enacted. Not all bishops followed the Charter, resulting in much of the mess today. He has marched with the Dreamers. When it came time to confirm Brandon Wooters in 1999, the Bishop asked Brandon his saint's name. "St. Odo", Brandon said, and then took off on a 30 second biography that made the Bishop say "Okay, I believe you". Today the Church should rejoice.*