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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 7, 2016

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Dear Parent, Guardian, Student, Teacher, Friend,

MEMPHIS We leave tonight with 2:30 am loading. The national Civil Rights Museum, Slave Haven(Brulke Estate), Graceland, and maybe Danny Thomas grave.

DARE GRADUATION Tonight!. **D.A.R.E.** Holly Repp will read her D.A.R.E. essay at tonight's graduation! Congratulations Holly! Honorable mention essayists are Noah Newton, Ally Curry, Catilyn Schwartz, Matthew Epplin, and Emma Melliere. Thanks to Det. Sgt. Jason Donjon of the Columbia Police Department for teaching D.A.R.E.! 7:00 pm at CMS gym.

The REGIONAL NATIONAL HISTORY BEE AT WYDOWN MIDDLE SCHOOL is tonight! Good luck to our team: Ben Traxler, Spencer Biske, Jane Whelan, Jack Burke, Nick Prindiville, Ryan Gallagher, Andrew Harmon, James Ramette, Eli Garcia, and Katie Grawitch.

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!



MONROE/RANDOLPH ART CONTEST

ICS had another great showing at the Regional Monroe/Randolph Art Contest. 17--- 1st place scores, 3---2nd place scores, 5 Judges Choice Awards and 3 perfect scores.

5th grade - Maria Biske 1st -**perfect score**, Ariel Adams 1st, Dakota L'Hote 1st - **Judges Choice**, Josie Thomas 2nd, Sydney Wahle 1st

6th grade - Noah Newton 1st -**perfect score**, Emma Melliere 1st, Ally Curry 1st -**Judges Choice**,

Allison Shuler 1st, Jacob Whitworth 1st -**perfect score**

7th grade - Jessica Lambert 1st, Kalia Jerkatis 1st -**Judges Choice**, Reagan Herrmann 1st - **Judges Choice**, Jacob Feldker 2nd, Tyler Stern 1st

8th grade - Jane Whelan 2nd, Ben Traxler 1st, Claire Huebner 1st - **Judges Choice**,

Spencer Biske 1st, Maggie Schulte 1st The Crusaders are coached by Mrs. Carol Fetcho.

SPEECH TEAM for DIOCESAN FINALS Saturday at SPPS in Waterloo. Good luck Team!

Anna Haubrich and Ally Shuler- "Get off the sidewalk, I'm driving"

Emma Tippen- "Ode to Hotdogs" Thanks Coach Sam Watters and Lucy Hollman!

DISTRICT BAND CONTEST Saturday at Triad Middle School. We play at 11:30. Don't be sharp or flat and watch the dynamics! Thanks Band and Mr. Hake---let's get to STATE!



STATE GEOGRAPHY BEE 4 out of last year's 10 finalists are back this year. One of them is a 5th grader. Last year's runner up and the 2014 champion are competing. This year's winner was runner-up last year and the winner the year before. Spencer ended up in the middle of the pack. He is our 15th in 27 years!



Katie Grawitch of Immaculate Conception School has been named the regional winner for the Illinois Elks Association Americanism Essay Contest sponsored by the Murphysboro Lodge 572. She received \$50 from the Lodge. There were 49 entries. She is pictured with her history teacher Ms. Catie Taylor.

Life Without the First Amendment
by Katie Grawitch

The first amendment is a simple one, freedom of expression. Often overlooked, this amendment is taken for granted. But what if we didn't have it?

If we didn't have the first amendment, we couldn't speak out against injustice. The people wouldn't feel empowered to speak their minds, and many of our nation's greatest moments would've never happened. Women might not have rights because we couldn't let our voices be heard. If worst came to worst, we might still have slaves! Furthermore, we couldn't protest for equal rights for all. Some of our most fundamental ideals and amendments have their roots in this very special first amendment. We simply wouldn't have ethnically advanced nearly as much if this amendment would've never happened.

We might not be able to worship our own way, either, considering that religion is a form of expression. We could've established later on a religion that the entire country had to follow, becoming a catalyst for chaos. People want to believe certain things based upon their lives, and if they can't believe what they want to believe, rebellion ensues.

News and social media would also be different. The news stations could only report government-approved newscasts, and in the case of a corrupt government, we the people wouldn't see the whole truth about what is really going on in our country. We would also have social media restrictions. We couldn't post negative opinions about our government without getting fined, arrested, or even tried for treason.

In conclusion, the very philosophy of democracy would be obliterated by inhibiting our rights to freedom of expression. If we can't speak, we can't choose. The United States of America would be in ruins if it weren't for this underappreciated amendment to our constitution.

Teachers sent home the Gibault play permission Beauty and the Beast! April 14! Get your form back please!

MOMS AND SONS... first ICS Mother/Son Challenge on April 23 from 1 p.m. - 4 p.m. at the school. This is going to be a fun event for moms and sons to share their competitive side while having a lot of laughs. Wacky Ninja Warriors, is sure to make memories for you and your little boy(s), so don't miss it! Ages 4 and up are welcome. And moms with more than one boy, bring them all. We've got you covered. The event is open to the whole parish and ICS students, so please spread the word. Those interested should return the registration form and payment by April 11. For more information, contact Donna (empowered2016@gmail.com) or Kara (knboyd2@yahoo.com). I forgot to attach the registration in my last email. Here it is, or it is on the ICS website if that is easier - http://www.icscolumbia.org/uploads/3/0/8/1/3081466/mother-son_pdf.pdf

DADS, MOMS OF GIRLS, GRANDPARENTS...help needed 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.

ICS 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.

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
- No holes, stains or missing labels
- Men's clothing if it is something a teenager could wear
- Swimsuits only if new with tags
- No socks, underwear, robes bedding or flammable pajamas

If you have any Schoola questions, please contact Jessica Wachtel [314-749-1663](tel:314-749-1663)

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% of 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).

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

FIRST TRACK MEET! Thank you all for your support last night! ICS won the overall team score as well as the JG, JB, & PG division! Too bad we don't have more PB running. What a great start for the team in really tough conditions.....especially considering we DQ'd in 2 relays that we were leading by a large margin. This will be a fun and successful year. **School record for Zoe Swip in Discus!** Glenn Powers tied the Junior boys high jump record!

Team Totals:

ICS - 198 St. James - 172 St. John's - 126 Notre Dame - 124

Junior Girls

ICS - 50

St. John's 45

ND - 44

St. James - 15

Junior Boys

ICS - 78

St. James - 39

ND - 26

St. John's - 16

Par. Girls

ICS - 54

St. James - 37

St. John's - 36

ND - 27

Par Boys

St. James - 81

St. John's - 29

ND - 27

ICS - 16

TRACK HELP NEEDED!

Timers and Field Event measurers are needed for our meets. 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.

Summer Tutoring

I will again offer summer tutoring / enrichment at ICS for a 6 week session. I extend this for a child who may be struggling in Reading/ Language Arts and or Math. I can review and enrich a grade level or work on the next level's skills to aide a student's transition. I can also teach a child wishing to master a grade level in Math in anticipation of moving up. My plan will be to work for an hour once or twice a week. The session will run from the week of June 6 through the week of July 18 on Tuesdays and Thursdays with the July 4th week off. Contact me if you have questions or are interested in signing up. Thank you.

Carol Waide, 281-4186; 618-910-1648 c. cjwaide@htc.net

BINDING AND LOOSING Fr. Ron Rolheiser, OMI

“Whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. “Those words of Jesus, as you know, apply not just to those who are ordained to ministry but to everyone within the body of Christ. All of us have the power to bind and to loose.

What is this power? How do we bind and loose each other on earth in a way that enjoins heaven?

Part of this is a little easier to explain: As a member of the Body of Christ, if you forgive someone, Christ forgives that person and he or she is loosed from sin. Likewise, if you, as part of the Body of Christ, love someone and remain connected to him or her, that person is connected to the Body of Christ and through you touches the hem of Christ’s garment, even if he or she is not explicitly confessing that.

But what about the reverse? Suppose I refuse to forgive someone who has wounded me in some way, suppose I hold grudges and refuse to let go of the wrongs that another has done me, am I binding that person in sin? Does God also refuse to forgive and let go because I refuse to forgive and let go? How does those the Body of Christ work regarding the “binding” part of the power that Jesus gave us?

This is a difficult question, though a couple of preliminary distinctions can already shed some light on the issue:

To begin with, the logic of grace – and grace, like love, has a logic – only works one way. In grace, just as in love, you can be gifted beyond what you deserve, but the reverse is not true. The algebra of undeserved grace works only one way. There can be gratuitousness to love but not to punishment. Hence God gives us the power to set each other free, but not the same kind of power to keep each other in bondage.

Second, in this life, as C.S. Lewis used to say, hell can blackmail heaven, but this is not true in the other realm. Thus, while we can hold each other captive, psychologically and emotionally, on this side, God does not ratify those actions.

When we bind each other here in this world by refusing to forgive each other, that refusal does not bind God to do likewise. Put more simply, when I hold a grudge against someone who has wronged me, making him constantly aware that he has done wrong, I am helping keep that person tied to their sin – but I hardly expect that God is endorsing this. Heaven will not go along with my emotional blackmail.

These distinctions though provide only an ambience for an understanding of this. What does it mean to bind a person?

The Christian power to bind and loose is the power to bind and loose in conscience, in truth, in goodness, and in love. When I refuse to forgive another, when I hold a grudge, I am acting not as the Body of Christ, not as an agent of grace, but precisely as part of the very chain of sin and helplessness that Christ was trying to break. When I act this way, it is I who need to be loosed from sin since I am acting contrary to grace. My non-forgiveness may well bind another person emotionally, keeping her bound in that way to her sin, but it is the very antithesis of the power that Christ gave us.

We bind each other in the biblical sense when, in love, we refuse to compromise truth, when we refuse to give each other permission to take false liberties and make bad choices. Thus, for example, parents bind their children when they, lovingly but clearly, refuse to give them permission to ignore Christ’s teaching on marriage and sexuality. We bind a friend when we refuse to give him our approval to cheat in his business so as to make more money. A friend binds me when she refuses to bless my moral compromises.

In Robert Bolt’s play, *A Man For All Seasons*, we see Henry VIII literally beg Thomas More to bless his marriage to Anne Boleyn. Henry appeals to their friendship, appeals to their shared humanity, and tries to morally bully Thomas by telling him that his refusal to approve is a timidity and arrogance on his, Thomas’, part. Yet Thomas refuses to approve. He binds Henry in conscience and Henry knows he is bound. In the end, he kills Thomas for his refusal to compromise and give permission.

Ever since God took on concrete human flesh, grace has a visible human dimension. Heaven is watching earth – and is letting itself be helped by the best of what we do down here.

BE OUR GUEST AT BEAUTY AND THE BEAST! Come join us on April 14-17 as the Gibault Catholic High School drama department presents the musical Beauty and the Beast! The GCHS cast and crew are joined by students from our local Catholic grade schools to bring you this fantastic production. Shows will be performed Thursday-Saturday evenings at 7:00 PM and Sunday at 2:00 PM in the gym. It's a tale as old as time...

RUMMAGE SALE The spring rummage sale at the Gibault auditorium will be held on April 16th from 8-3. Donations are accepted beginning April 11 during school hours and can be brought to the auditorium. Perfect for spring cleaning...

Shriners Hospital is having a screening clinic at the Monroe County YMCA on April 30th. We would love to get this flyer out to the kids in your school. [Click link for flyer](#)

KIWANIS GOLF TOURNAMENT AT ANNBRIAR ON JUNE 3RD.

We are extremely happy that the Tournament is back on the first Friday in June as you all have been accustomed. Kiwanis is the "friend of youth" and a big supporter of ICS. Please get a team together and get doffing! Auction items and prizes needed. This is our best fund raiser event and you all have always stepped up with strong support and we hope this year will be bigger and better than last. If you can help in anyway please do not hesitate to call. [Flyer Link](#)

Thank you,

Dewan Prashad [618 670 3933](tel:6186703933).

Dave Bernhard [618 281 6900](tel:6182816900)

Bruce Doyle [618 281 2301](tel:6182812301)

Dr Rachel Foster [618 281 2400](tel:6182812400)

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:6182810427), Brian Repp at [\(618\) 281-9547](tel:6182819547) or Ted Haney at [\(618\) 281-5990](tel:6182815990).

Our condolences to Kim Sullivan and family on the loss of Grandma **Josephine Chapman**. May she rest in peace!

ASK ME ABOUT MY MERCY Claire Wachtel-Anna Hornacek-Georgia Sasser, Emma Tippen, Kaila Jerkatis

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, Florence Dorshorst, Bill Pennock, Patty Juengling, Pat Weber, Ed Hengel, Vince Webb, George Stein, Desiree Frasure, **Special Intention**

John 21: 1-19 Great Gospel this Sunday. Jesus calls the fishermen "children" this Sunday. You would think they had been insulted. Then he tells them they are fishing on the wrong side of boat. Insult #2 or is He bonding with them? Then He makes breakfast for them! Next He asks Peter "Do you really love me?" But then we hear the word we long for---FOLLOW ME! Sounds like a fun God, doesn't He?
Jesus is God-Man but sometimes Man-God. We are the only faith that has God coming to earth and staying with us! Come and hear the words FOLLOW ME this Sunday. **Our Parish Second Graders**

will hear and be glad they can now join us at the Table of the Lord! Congratulations on this great moment and may this heavenly food be a frequent lifetime feast for you!

MIKE KISH

Ps Thanks for your donation to St. Raymond's for \$107.67!

Band Schedule Week of April 11-15

Monday

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

Tuesday

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

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

Friday

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