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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 12, 2019

Bienvenido el parrochia!

V. 44 #40

Dear Parent,

HOLY WEEK IS COMING! Palm Sunday. Jesus has his “feel good moment” Sunday, yet he knows what lies ahead. This is our life story. Ups-downs-highs-lows-kindom building-destruction-and then new heights as he conquers death itself! Come to the Passion. Let your heart be touched. It’s never too late to make Lent mean something.

Tuesday: Chrism Mass at the Cathedral for the Confirmation Class. We will visit the largest cathedral in the state prior to the liturgy where we will receive the blessed oils used for Baptism, Confirmation, and Anointing of the Sick during this next year. All-School Mass K-7.

Wednesday: We have SCHOOL---no bus. This is a pick-up day for the move preparation. Lower grade Mass.

Lenten Reconciliation
 Holy Week Opportunities
 Monday 6-7p.m. In Church; Tuesday 6-7p.m. In Church; Wednesday 6-7 p.m. In Church

Holy Week At A Glance

Tuesday, April 16 –
 Chrism Mass 11:30 a.m. at the Cathedral in Belleville

Holy Thursday, April 18 –
 Morning Prayer at 8 a.m.
 The Mass of the Lord’s Supper at 7 p.m.

Good Friday, April 19 –
 Morning Prayer at 8 a.m.
 Noon Ecumenical Service at St. Paul UCC: Take the symbolic walk from City Hall to St. Paul UCC on the day Jesus walked Calvary and 30 minute inter-faith service will follow at St. Paul UCC.
 Service of the Lord’s Passion 7 p.m.

Holy Saturday, April 20 –
 Morning Prayer at 9 a.m.
 Vigil of the Lord’s Resurrection 7:30 p.m. (No 5p.m. Mass Saturday Evening)

Easter Sunday April 21 – Masses at 7, 9 & 11 a.m. in Church and 10 a.m. at Integrity Nursing Home in Columbia. ** Children’s Easter Egg Hunt will be held after the 9 a.m. Mass**

NO SCHOOL HOLY THURSDAY-EASTER MONDAY! Celebrate a God who loves us so much that He sent His Son!



ROE ART CONTEST 2019 Wow! What a night!! 127 students from 12 schools and the art flowed! Carol Fetcho was masterful in her planning and it was a “no pressure” night. The Jazz Band was great and the DC Fundraiser made a little money and kept the hungry ones at bay! Thanks to everyone who made this work and to Mrs. Epplin and Mrs. Bender for registering. Every good event starts with a smile!

ROE ART CONTEST 2019 Congratulations to our Art Team and Mrs. Fetcho!

5th grade-Karina Jerkatis-1st /Illustration and Judges Choice, Cheyenne May-1st /cartoon, Paul Ott-1st /Figure Draw, Sophia Shuette-1st /sculpture, Emma Tyler 1st/ Still Life and Judges Choice

6th grade-Ava Schmidt 1st/Illustration, Brooke Heimburger 1st/Cartoon and Judges Choice, Kaiden Timmons 1st/Figure Draw and Judges Choice, Claire Barbour 1st/sculpture and Judges Choice, Brady Moore 1st/Still Life

7th Grade-Kyra Newton 1st/ Illustration, Lily Barrett 1st/Cartoon, Maggie Williamson 1st/ Figure Draw and Judges Choice, Ava Hake 1st/Sculpture, Briana Baldrige 1st/ Still Life

8th Grade-Andrew Feldker 1st/Illustration and Judges Choice, Audrey Sullivan 1st/Cartoon, Ariel Adams 1st/ Figure Draw, Maria Biske 1st/Sculpture and Judges Choice, Sydney Wahle 1st/Still Life and Judges Choice

We had 8 Judges Choices of the 20!



Diocesan Speech Meet Maria Biske and Avery Herrmann placed 1st and Layne Traxler and Hope Schwartz 2nd. Thanks to Carol Fetcho for helping out Ms. Taylor!

THE BAND never sounded so consistently good at Triad MS! When we left, no school had a First Superior and only a couple individual ones. Large schools had 5 of 7---hard to believe.



ICS Diocesan Chess Meet - Over 150 students from the Belleville Diocese competed in the final chess meet of the 2019 season at Immaculate Conception School on Saturday, March 30th. Six area schools were in attendance with 52 students from Immaculate Conception participating. The results were as follows: 1st Place- St. Teresa, 2nd Place- St. Clare - 3rd Place - Blessed Sacrament.

Many thanks to all our volunteers who helped make this a very successful day. We had a fantastic turnout for our home meet, and handling that many participants is a huge task. Thank you to our "Brain Trust" in the gym: Chris Schorb, Matt Herrmann, Mark Wahle, Kara Metz, Tammy Hoeflinger, and Donna Frederick; our "Snack Crew" keeping our hungry chess players fed: Laurie Conrad, Jeannine Unwin, Robyn Baker, Christy Hornacek, and Chris Wessel. Thanks to our early morning set up gang: Kevin Schmoll, Jason Metz, Amy Tucker, and Seth Conner. Thanks also to Sue Lewis for her technical help, to all those who donated delicious snacks and the many hands who helped break everything down at the end. A big thanks to Jim Williams for sharing his time and talents both at practices and meets. The support by ICS parents is always amazing and sincerely appreciated. We will have a chess party in early May to celebrate all the students who have come out to play chess this year, at practices or meets. Stay tuned for details!



The 7th Grade Class of ICS attended its 35th annual Field Trip to Chicago on April 5. Activities included riding the Metra in from Monee, Illinois to the Museum Campus where they visited Shedd Aquarium, Field Museum, Science and Industry, an architectural boat ride on the Chicago River, dinner at Navy Pier and then a cultural walk around the James R. Thompson Building, Daley Plaza, and sculpture by DuBuffet, Picasso, Chagall, and Calder. Here they are pictures with Maximo the titanosaur in the Field Museum's main hall. Patagotitan mayorum is believed to be the largest dinosaur discovered, and the red-hued skeleton cast will reach 122 feet long and 28 feet tall in the Field's Stanley Field Hall. Thanks to our chaperons Holly Blaskiewicz, Susan Dalpoas, Teresa Dorshorst, Kim Foutch, Beth Glasscock, Sarah Griffin, Molly Hake, Andrea Harget, Angie Kesler, Brad Kesler, Don Murphy, Doug Newton, Heather Pollmann, Kelly Koppeis, Brandon Roche, Melissa Schaefer, Crystal Schaefer, Mike Stark, Becky Stechmesser, Carole Swindle, Jean Swip, Chad Thompson, Catie Tyler, Chris Videmschek, Ed Williamson, Libby Kostelac, Kim Diesel, Karen Weiler and Cheryl Tolan.

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GOOD LUCK THIS WEEKEND TO OUR Science Olympiad Team at U. of I. and our NATIONAL HISTORY BEE Reginoal finalists at Springfield.



The **Dorothy Weinel Eppinger Foundation** sponsored the Shakespeare St. Louis Festival Education Tour on April 8 at Immaculate Conception School. Grades 5-8 were treated to a condensed version of MacBeth followed by workshops on character education and the language of Shakespeare. According to Grant Monheiser, "Shakespeare should not be stuffed up in a book. He's fun!"

GIVE STL DAY is a 24 hour online campaign organized by the St. Louis Community Foundation to inspire philanthropy in the St. Louis area. The ICS Parents and Friends organization voted to match up to \$10,000 given to ICS on May 1st via the Give STL website at the following website: <https://www.givestlday.org/ICS62236>

ICS has designated 6:00 a.m. to 7:00 a.m. as the "Power Hour" of giving. If you are able, log in and donate during our "Power Hour" so we can maximize the amount that our dollars are lifted by corporate sponsors. During this "Power Hour," we could earn up to 50 cents on every dollar donated to ICS! For a minimum donation of \$25 during the "Power Hour," your children can participate in the jeans, crazy sock AND crazy hat day on May 7, 2019. Thank you for your continued support of ICS!

6TH ANNUAL ICS 5K/KIDS FUN GLOW RUN & FAMILY FAIR ---another success!

Pledge Contest Winners

1st Prize: Logan LoPorto

2 tickets to The Missouri Botanical Gardens for the individual winner, Dairy Queen Dilly Bars for the homeroom, and homeroom jeans day

2nd Prize: Drew Boyd

\$15 Dairy Queen gift certificate for the individual winner, homeroom snack party, and homeroom jeans days

3rd Prize: Ella Boyd

\$15 iTunes gift certificate for the individual winner, homeroom snack party, and homeroom jeans day

Thank you to everyone who attended the event last Friday for our 6th Annual ICS 5K/Kids Fun Glow Run & Family Fair!

It is such a great family friendly event. It was so awesome seeing all the families come out for some fun and all the smiling happy faces. On behalf of the committee, we hope that everyone enjoyed themselves.

We are excited to announce that our event raised over \$16,000!!! A Big Huge Thank You to the 5K Committee for all their help, planning, efforts and countless hours that went into the event. Your hard work is very appreciated. We're very thankful for you!

Special thanks to Fr. Carl, Holly Blaskiewicz, Nicole Schuette, Priscilla Wilkerson, Amanda Sander, Jill Thomas, Sarah Thieret, Donna Videmschek, Susie Funk, Christy Hornacek, Angie Kesler, Greg Sheehan, Jean Swip, Valerie Stokes, Robyn Baker, Lauren Conner, Kara Boyd, Erin Pechacek, Jessi Gianino, Jen LoPorto, and Courtney Schilling

And then where would any event be without all our awesome volunteers to help set up, kick off the run, work the games, sell raffles, clean up and much much more. Thank you so much for your time and help!!!

Thanks again to everyone for a great event!

Special thanks to our sponsors who helped make this event such a success! We greatly appreciate all of our support!

6th ANNUAL ICS 5K/KIDS FUN GLOW RUN & FAMILY FAIR
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Terrific Kid – April 2019

Mrs. Diewald: Our Terrific Kid is Amelia Blaskiewicz. Amelia is a great student in the classroom. She is always focused and strives to do her best work. She is a great friend to her classmates and shows others how to be kind to one another. Keep up the hard work!

Mrs. Meyer: Emmett Gilbreth is a Terrific Kid because he is honest, hardworking and a good friend to classmates. He participates well during class and is always willing to help. He has a great personality and is a creative thinker. Keep up the good work!

Mrs. Matrisotto: Xavier Voegele earns the Terrific Kid award for Mrs. Matrisotto's Third Grade Class for modeling positive behaviors such as helping others, being prepared, and owning his education. Xavier's upbeat spirit and witty personality add so much joy to our classroom. Keep up the great work, buddy!

Ms. Kennedy: David Callico is a Terrific Kid! He has been working hard in the classroom to get his work done in a timely manner and he has shown improvement on his ability to be responsible for his schoolwork. Keep it up!

Mrs. Donjon: Aidan Berdeaux - Aidan is a very sweet and kind kid. He does well with controlling his body, voice, and cooperation in the classroom and on the playground. Aidan works well with others in the classroom and aims to please. He truly is a Terrific Kid.

Mrs. Ettlting: Malia Schaffer is a Terrific Kid because she is always in control of her body, voice, concentration, imagination, and cooperation. She gets along with everyone and does an excellent job following directions and expectations. Good job, Malia!

Mrs. Schauster: Paul Ott is a Terrific Kid. Paul is a hard worker in the classroom. He strives to do his very best on every assignment. Paul can be relied upon to help other students in the classroom when needed.

Mrs. Taylor: Max Keeven is Mrs. Taylor's April Terrific Kid. I am so glad Max has been a part of my class this year; it has been great to watch him grow. I am especially proud of Max for being brave in class and sharing his experiences with his classmates. He used his experiences to help us learn more about a character in the book we are reading, and it was very awesome of Max to share something so personal to him!

ICS NEWS: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NGzG-skGtmM>

Show your ICS Pride! The End of the Year Spirit Wear Webstore opens today! Go to the link below to check it out! Don't forget Mother's Day, Father's Day, Birthdays, or any other celebrations!! All orders are online. The Webstore closes, Tuesday, April 23rd. Thanks for the support!

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<https://imc2019.wswebstore.com/store>

Graduation pictures are scheduled for April 23rd at Church. Order forms are out.

As per School Board policy, all student fees (past tuition, book bills, lunch, band, latchkey) must be paid prior to graduation. Our budget is based on total collection of all fees. Please do not put us in a bind over graduation. Please call Mr. Keith Huels at 281-5105, extension 350 if you are having a problem.

RAMPING UP You can hardly imagine how much behind the scenes work is going into our new Catholic Education and Activity Center. The “Mike Whelan and John Whitworth Micro-managing Show” is full production! Lines are down on the gym now. Entrances are being finished. Plans for **THE MOVE** are lining up with “*sign-up genius*” on the way so you can pitch in June 3-7 or before or after. Along with this comes plans for our Dedication on September 8, 2019. We are planning on creating a keepsake book and would like to have you involved. Here are the details:

[Order Form](#)

Samples: [Vertical Example](#) [Horizontal Example](#)

Please pay attention to the deadlines and thanks for making history!!! 1853-1921-1950-1960-1987-2019



Field Trip Prep: We travel 5,000 miles a year but we never go just for fun. Field Trips are academic. But we really have fun! Pictured here Mr. Kassebaum and several 8th graders talked to the 4th graders about how to use microscopes and to look for moving life in algae. The students were able to see larvae! We may be one of the few schools in the country that visits its city lagoon! The engineering there is amazing and the outflow is cleaner that taken in at Illinois American on the front end! Thank you Mr. K and 8th graders!

WORK DAY THIS SATURDAY: Church (consider bringing ladder)

- Check parking lot bumpers for position and spikes
- Put up 3 wood crosses for Easter
- Wash exterior windows in garden level
- Pick up construction trash outside
- Sweep and scrub garden level floor
- Clean lower garden level windows including those in the elevator area. Wipe down the elevator interior walls.
- Clean windows in main stair well as high as can be reached.
- Dust the office area, Hope's office, Father's office, conference room and hallway ledges. Clean glass in these areas.
- Dust cabinets in warming kitchen and clean counter tops.
- Dust library and clean windows. Dust doors and clean windows in doors to Knights room and quilters room
- Clean stair rails
- Clean lower windows and ledges in hallway to garden area.
- Clean high windows and ledges in hallway to garden area.
- Clean lower windows and ledges in Garden Level
- Clean high windows and ledges in Garden level.

Coffee and donuts to be furnished by A.C.T.S

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. Amen.

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 or Toby Ellner at 618-615-2868 or toby.ellner@gmail.com

Dr. Gary Behrman has been speaking in several areas of the Diocese on Aging Gracefully. We are sponsoring him. Tell every and any Senior Citizen you know to !

Dear Parishioner,

At Immaculate Conception, we are concerned not only about your spiritual well-being, but also your physical, mental and financial health as well. I recently attended a wonderful seminar for seniors sponsored by the Diocese and thought we should offer it at our parish. You are cordially invited to attend a free dinner seminar entitled Aging Grace-fully given by Dr. Gary Behrman, PhD on **April 29 at 5:30 pm. in the Garden Level.** Dr. Behrman is an Adjunct Professor at Saint Louis University, where he has taught for 28 years in the Schools of Public Health & Social Work, Medicine, and Allied Health. His research and publications are on the role of faith and spirituality in creating healthy aging.

Please call Keith Huels by April 25th at the parish office 281-5105 or by email khuels@iccmil.org to make a reservation. After Dr. Behrman's talk, there will be a short presentation from our newly formed planned giving committee.

I look forward to having dinner with you and listening to Dr. Behrman speak to us on Aging Gracefully.

God Bless,

Fr. Carl E. Scherrer

FISH FRY IN OUR CAFETERIA GOOD FRIDAY 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.

THE DIOCESAN OFFICE OF EDUCATION is hosting a get together event at Busch Stadium on August 29. We need to pre-order tickets. Great price for a great evening of entertainment!

- Date – Friday, August 9, 2019 – 7:15 pm – **Cardinals** vs. Pirates
- Cost - \$20.00 per ticket (\$58.00 face value)
- The Office of Education Deadline with the **Cardinals** – July 12, 2019

- Please make one check payable to the “Diocese of Belleville” and send to the *Office of Education, 2620 Lebanon Avenue, Belleville, IL 62221*
Attention: Cardinal Tickets
- The earlier you get your tickets, the easier it will be to keep your group together
- I can bring your tickets to the Principals’ Appreciation Lunch or you can pick them up at the Office – whichever is more convenient for you!

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](#)

THE SPORTING NEWS... TRACK & FIELD NEWS Over 60 5th-8th grade students are participating in Track and Field this year. We have so many talented athletes and they are fearless as they compete. We have had 3 meets so far this year and we have won all three meets! This weekend we compete at Conference on Saturday at Althoff High School. Field events and mile begin at 10AM, feel free to come and watch!



On Saturday April 6th Brian Stark participated in the Illinois K of C Free Throw State Championship at Glenwood-Chatham Intermediate School for his third straight year. This year, he competed against 7 other 14 year-old boys from across Illinois. In the main portion of the competition Brian made 20 out of 25 free throws. This score tied him for second place. Brian and another boy competed in a tie breaker, each getting the opportunity to shoot 5 baskets. Brian made 2 of 5 in the tiebreaker

with his opponent making 4 out of 5. For the second year in a row, Brian had to compete in a tiebreaker round and for the second year in a row, took home third in the state. This was his final year of eligibility...it was a great ride!

GIBAULT HIGH SCHOOL NEWS:

“HELLO DOLLY” APRIL 11-13 at 7:00 pm and 2:00 pm on April 14 at the Fr. Edwin Hustedde Gym. Major roles: ICS grads Sophia Spurgeon, Thomas Young, Johnny Adams, Isabella Garcia, Katie Grawitch, Mason Babcock, Hannah Janson and ICS students Eleanor and Violet McGuire, Naomi Langhans, Genevieve Nadziejko, Katherine Sheehan, Megan Janson, and Claire Wachtel. Great reviews! Directed by MaryBeth Babcock. *“It’s so nice to have you back where you belong!”* Come and see how swell Dolly looks!

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! To register online, visit the following link: <https://goo.gl/forms/T9ruMQccgebozV5r2>
Contact Lauren Stepp (lstepp@gibaulthawks.com) for questions.

GRADS IN THE NEWS...Jane Whelan was the Wicked Witch and Lexi Hennes in the cast at Nerinx Hall's *The Wizard of Oz* which opened last night!

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 Voegele's(Kiley's mom) grandma is doing better. Please keep her in your prayers.

Prayers please for Lilly and Gracie Barrett's Uncle **Shawn Eichoff** who has brain cancer.

Patt Morr, Mrs. Fetcho's Mom, is home on hospice. This is a time of great grace for a family as a life well lived is celebrated while Mom is still alive. Prayers please.

Our CONDOLENCES to Broedy and Murphy Furlow(Mark, Sarah, and Kaylum) on the loss of Mark's brother **Eric Furlow** on April 1. It is hard to lose a brother and uncle. God's peace to him and all who loved him.

PRAYERS: Special Intention Danielle Dorlac, Pat Morr, **Shawn Eichoff**, Vicky Herbeck, Evola Niermann, Irma Naumann, Mike Heller, Maxine Dill, Jim Edgar, Charlie Stockes, George Perry, Angela Roepke, 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

Palm Sunday Many of the Jews of Jesus' day were waiting for and expecting a Messiah who would restore power and glory to their nation by driving out the Romans who were occupying their country. When he did not preach rebellion, many were disappointed and stopped following him. When Jesus performed his miracles of healing and deliverance from evil spirits, deeds of the Messiah, he often told the people not to tell anyone. In Mark's gospel it is known as the Messianic Secret. When he is asked if he is the Messiah, he doesn't answer. He did not come as a military leader but as the Prince of Peace, the Anointed of the Lord.

The people all knew the prophecy of Zechariah: "Behold, your king is coming to you, a just savior is he, humble and riding on a donkey." (9:9) When Jesus rides into Jerusalem, he is proclaiming his true identity. The crowd recognizes him and greets him with palm branches and loud songs of joy and praise. Let us ask the Lord for the grace to recognize him as he comes into our presence every day in the person of our family and loved ones, friends and neighbors and even enemies, the poor and suffering. Let us not keep his deeds of love and reconciliation a secret but rather give witness to all who would see and hear.

Fr. Ralph Huse, S.J.

THIS SUNDAY: The Gift of Time. We give our time to what we love or what we feel obligated to or what society says is important. We often ignore our real existence, which is our spiritual side. I am planning on being dead a lot longer than alive. Therefore, my time spent with God is very important to me.

Make the time to take the time to be there for the THREE HIGH HOLY DAYS next week!

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!

PS Jeans Day on Monday the 15th for those who attended Parents and Friends on Monday April 8.

PS Now is a good time to catch up on all fees, lunch, band, book bills etc. Registration for next year will be the week of April 29th. All fees need to be paid.



Fr. Steve Humphrey Aug 21st, 1941 - Apr 7th, 2019

VISITATION: St. Joseph Catholic Church/Lebanon, Illinois

Sat, Apr. 13th, 2019 9:30 AM ~ 10:30 AM

SERVICE: St. Joseph Catholic Church/Lebanon, Illinois

Sat, Apr. 13th, 2019 10:30 AM

BURIAL: St. Joseph Cemetery/Lebanon, Illinois

Sat, Apr. 13th, 2019

Fr. Stephen James Humphrey, 77, of St. Louis, MO, passed away at 7:20 AM, Sunday, April 7, 2019 at the Active Recovery Center of Helia in Energy, Illinois. Fr. Steve was born on August 21, 1941 in Quincy, Illinois, the son of Edward O. and Edith (Bickhaus) Humphrey.

He attended Minor Seminary at St. Henry's in Belleville and Major Seminary at St. Mary of the Lake in Mundelein, Illinois, and was ordained a Priest on May 13, 1967 at the Cathedral of St. Peter in Belleville. He began his 51 year vocation as an associate pastor at St. Andrew's Catholic Church in Murphysboro, IL. His first assignment as pastor was at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Cobden, during which time he also served as a Chaplain at Anna State Hospital . He later served as co-pastor of St. Patrick and Holy Angels Catholic Churches in East St. Louis, IL. Subsequently he served as pastor at the following churches: St. Barbara Catholic Church in Okawville, Sacred Heart Catholic Church in DuQuoin (where he celebrated his 25th anniversary as a priest), Immaculate Conception Church and Grade School in Columbia, and St. Boniface Catholic Church in Germantown. He celebrated his 50 year anniversary of priesthood at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Lebanon, IL, where he served as a sacramental priest. He was an active member of the Southern Illinois Association of Priests, where he was past president and current treasurer. Fr. Steve was a passionate man who fought for social justice and for those less fortunate. He had a keen wit and big appreciative laugh for a good joke or story. With a real thirst for knowledge, he pursued every educational opportunity throughout his life, including advanced college courses and traveling the world to experience other cultures.

Survivors include- Brothers- Mark E. Humphrey and wife Donna of Lake of Egypt and Mike O. Humphrey and wife Sue of Marion. Nieces and nephews: Beth Ramsey and husband Benji of Brighton, IL, Sarah Presson and husband Ryan of Troy, IL, Zach Humphrey of Lake Worth, FL, Anna Humphrey of Marion. Great Nieces and nephews: Brock and Brinley Presson of Troy, Ava Jean Humphrey of Lake Worth, FL. His parents preceded him in death.

Visitation will start at 9:30AM, Saturday, April 13, 2019 at St. Joseph Catholic Church/ 901 N. Alton/ Lebanon, IL 62254. Mass of Resurrection for Father Steve will start at 10:30AM. Monsignor James Margason and Fr. James Dougherty will officiate. Inurnment will follow at St. Joseph Cemetery in Lebanon. Arrangements were made at Mitchell-Hughes Funeral Home in Marion, IL. Instead of flowers, a memorial donation to **Cosgrove's Kitchen in East St. Louis, Immaculate Conception Grade School in Columbia, IL** or the **Southern Illinois Association of Priests** (or charity of your choice) is preferred. Donations will be accepted at the visitation, or you may send check c/o Mark Humphrey/ 340 Marina Circle/ Creal Springs, IL 62922.