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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.

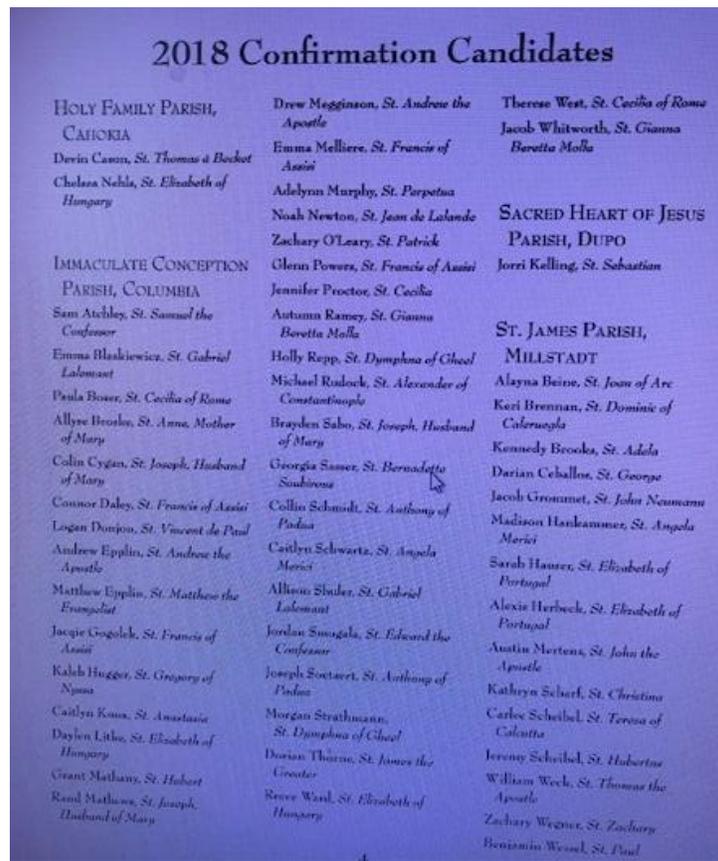
Merciful God, you are the Divine Builder, who calls us to build your Church. Guide us in building our new **Catholic Education & Activity Center**, so that we can build the Church of the future by passing on the treasure of our faith to future generations. Bless the work of our hands, and keep us strong in faith, hope and love, so that all we do might bring glory and honor to you, forever and ever. AMEN

April 13, 2018

Bienvenido el parrochia!

V. 43 #41

Dear Parent,



CONFIRMATION *Receive the Holy Spirit, the Gift of the Father!* As Bishop Braxton explained to the Confirmandi and their sponsors and their parents and families, there is no “magic” to Confirmation. Unless we let the Holy Spirit work in us and through us and live out the Gospel message, we are just going through the motions. I know Jesus said “Let the children come to me” but He played with the children and taught the adults. You simply cannot go through life on an 8th grade religious education. Becoming closer to God is a lifelong journey that can keep us filled with hope. May the Holy Spirit be received and carried through all our lifetime! Thanks you Grade 7 for your hospitality last night!

Sr. Beth called from the Griffin Center and would like us to send in any travel samples we have from our hotel visits for a hygiene unit. Any oversupply will go to CUP! The Spirit at work!

BUILDERS CLUB WEEK/MISSION WEEK is April 16-20 and a fun week is planned.

Monday	Pajama Day
Tuesday	Contrast Day---all dark or all white or mixed or all one color
Wednesday	Media Character Day--- Famous People or Role Model Day
Thursday	Decades Day---50's? 90s? 00s? Talent Show at 2:00
Friday	Dress down day(School appropriate) 50 cents per item(example: jeans=.50; hat=.50, crazy socks=.50) <u>AND</u> Mission Day led by the Class of '18! Also leave for U of I that afternoon for State Science Olympiad Contest.

PENNY PINCH has started. Fill your class jug with pennies and put other coins and bill in other grades. 1st-2nd-3rd prizes for classrooms!



Courtesy of Hayden Lieber's dad John--- taken yesterday.

NOAH NEWTON traveled to Illinois State University in Normal, Illinois as our 17th State Finalist in 29 years in the State Geography Bee. 103 finalists from over 430 schools started the journey. Noah was 6 of 8 on the preliminary round but 19 students had perfect scores. Like the old spelling bee, it sometimes falls to the difficulty of the question asked. We are proud of you Noah and our Geography Department and Mrs. Tolan!

THE BAND On Saturday at the time of our departure, we were the 11th Band adjudicated and had the second best score with **TWO FIRST SUPERIORS and ONE FIRST**. This was the largest Band Mr. Hake has directed for us and we have so much to be proud of! Congratulations Mr. Hake and Band! You looked good and you sounded even better!

ROE SPELLING BEE Congrats to **Grant Monheiser** for winning the spelling bee last night. He advances to state.

DIOCESAN SPEECH MEET AT BLESSED SACRAMENT Good luck to our Duet Team of Emma Tippen and Allison Stark performing "Tough-it Muffit"!

INTRO TO CHESS: We will have an Intro to Chess Program for First Graders on two consecutive **WEDNESDAYS April 18th** in Mrs. Herrmann's Classroom from 3:00-4:00. Please email her at cherrmann@icsmail.org to register your child.

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 2nd 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 \$10 during the "Power Hour," your children can participate in the jeans, crazy sock AND crazy hat day on May 18, 2018. Thank you for your continued support of ICS

GOTR Week 5 – Friendship and Feelings

The race is growing near – less than a month away! The girls are working so hard to get ready for the big 5K coming up on May 12. Plus, we had the perfect weather this week to train!

During our sessions, the girls learned things to look for when choosing friends. Are they truthful? Do they help you and make you feel good about yourself? Do they treat others nicely? Of course with any friendship comes feelings – sometimes good, sometimes bad. The coaches worked with the girls to better understand how their friends make them feel and the emotions that evolve with those feelings. We then worked on ways to handle those feelings and communicate with their friends. By the end of this week, the girls mastered the statement: “I feel _____ when you _____ because _____. I would like for you to _____.”

Lauren Brown Conner "I, personally have seen great changes in all of the girls from the first training session up til now. The girls are more open about their feelings and more in tune with the feelings of others. The physical component is just one piece of this important program. I'm proud to be able to be a part of such an amazing group of girls and women!"



Shoparoo: Contest Winner Announcement

Parents and Friends is happy to announce the kindergarten class won the Shoparoo monthly contests for four out of the past five months! The kindergarten will be rewarded with a popcorn party on May 18th. The second grade class won the Shoparoo contest in February 2018 with 7,075 points. The second grade class will receive gum. Congratulations to the kindergarteners and second graders! Please keep snapping those receipts and earning free money for ICS!

Shoparoo: April Contest Announcement

At Monday's Parents and Friends meeting, the group decided to have an April Shoparoo contest. The class with the highest number of points by the end of April will win a pizza party on May 18th! If you have any questions about the Shoparoo app, please contact Joyce Randle at jarandle30@yahoo.com. Good luck!



TERRIFIC KID – APRIL 2018

Mrs. Diewald: Addison Koppeis is our Terrific Kid! She is such a strong student and has a wonderful smile to help brighten up the day. Addison works hard in the classroom and always gives her best effort while keeping a positive attitude. Addison is a pleasure to have in class.

Mrs. Meyer: Dante Gianino is a Terrific Kid because he is a bright student, who is motivated to produce quality work. He is a problem solver and gets along well with others in the classroom and on the

playground. Keep up the good work!

Mrs. Matrisotto: Delaney Glasscock~ Delaney earned Terrific Kid for genuinely being kind, compassionate, respectful, and loving to all. Thank you for setting the standard to not only love your friends when they are being the best version of themselves. Delaney, you are a shining star!

Ms. Kennedy: Sloan Wilson – Sloan is a Terrific Kid because she makes strong choices inside and outside of the classroom. She does a great job of staying in control of her body and voice throughout the entire day. She is also kind and respectful to all! Great job Sloan!

Mrs. Donjon: Drew Hagedorn - Drew has been a Terrific Kid all year. He aims to please and does the best he can. He is honest and caring, which makes him a great friend to all.

Mrs. Ettling: Luke Dalpoas – Luke is a Terrific Kid because he works hard in class and participates often. He always has his work completed on time with his best effort. Keep up the good work, Luke!

Mrs. Schauster: John Ballone is a Terrific Kid. John is always helpful and kind to everyone he encounters. He wants to make sure that all those around him are happy and feel accepted. I can also count on John to always try his hardest in his school work. He puts forth his best effort consistently.

Mrs. Taylor: Grant Monheiser - Grant is hard-working and always willing to participate in class. He approaches the day with a smile and does not hesitate to help whenever the need presents itself. His enthusiastic approach towards his learning and his tremendous attention to detail lights up the classroom. Congratulations, Grant. You are a TERRIFIC KID!

PARENTS AND FRIENDS

5th Annual ICS May the 4th Be With You 5K/Kids Fun Glow Run & Family Fair!

We are excited once again to announce the 5th Annual ICS 5K/Kids Fun Run & Family Fair! For a new twist on our theme, we have decided to move our event to incorporate a Glow Run!!!! Our event will take place on Friday, May 4, 2018 at the Garden Level of Immaculate Conception Church. So we hope you bring your favorite lightsaber and join us at the ICS May the 4th Be With You 5K/Kids Fun Glow Run & Family Fair!

Check-in will be at 6:15 pm, and the races will begin at 7 pm. Immediately following the runs, we will be holding a Family Fun Fair from 7 pm - 10 pm with music from the ICS Jazz Band and Mr. Hake's Main Street Jazz Band, raffles, games, taco bar, beer, margaritas, bounce house, face painting, prizes, and vendor fair (to shop for Mother's & Father's Day) all to raise funds to support the Catholic Education & Activity Center. There will be some special guest appearances from Darth Vader and Princess Leia to cheer us on!!!

We also are giving away 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Place Prizes for the child who brings in the most race pledges! This is sure to be a great fun filled day for all.

To register for the run go to www.icscolumbia.org or www.ICS5K2018.gesture.com. We have sponsorships available (and family sponsorships are welcomed as well). For more details contact Holly at 314-707-0145 or www.ics5k.gesture.com

[5K Flyer](#)

[Pledge Sheet](#)

[Registration Form](#)

There is still plenty of Room for the Buy-in Party at Herbeck Lake on July 28. \$50 per person with tons of fun to be had. Checks to Parents and Friends to Mrs. Epplin.

Joe Boccardi's Night – Tuesday, April 24th! Dine at Joe Boccardi's on Tuesday, April 24th, from 4:00 p.m. to close, and Joe Boccardi's will donate 20% of your bill to ICS! Be sure to present the flyer to your server.

Want to give even more? You can buy scrip for Joe Boccardi's at ICS and use it on the ICS Fundraising night. You can purchase scrip during the week from Mrs. Epplin and after masses over the weekend. Thank you in advance for your support of ICS and our local Joe Boccardi's!

ICS Dairy Queen Night – Tuesday, May 1st! The Columbia Dairy Queen has offered to hold ICS fundraising nights on the first Tuesday of each month of the school year! The second and final ICS

Dairy Queen night for this school year will be the first Tuesday in May – May 1st. ICS will be given **10% of all sales** from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Since the fundraiser is based on all sales, there is no need to present a flyer! After this May, we will take a break for the summer and resume the Dairy Queen fundraising nights in September 2018.

Want to give even more? You can buy scrip for Dairy Queen at ICS and use it on the ICS Fundraising nights. Dairy Queen is one of the most profitable scrip, with 20% of the value of the gift cards given back to the school. You can purchase Dairy Queen scrip during the week from Mrs. Epplin and after masses over the weekend.

Thank you in advance for your support of ICS and our local Dairy Queen!

Parish Work Day Projects April 14, 2018

Church (consider bringing ladder)

Clean spots on church floor

Replace hanging light behind altar

Tighten bollard lights in front of church

Clean front door glass, gathering space glass, office door glass and exterior glass doors in gathering space

Dust gathering space furniture including the grouping near the elevator. Dust cabinets and counter tops in Father's vesting room.

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, Father's office, conference room and hallway ledges. Clean glass in these areas also.

Dust cabinets in warming kitchen and clean counter tops.

Check bumper stops in parking lot and realign, if necessary

Clean black drop box outside office exterior doors

Clean lower windows and ledges in hallway to garden area.

Dust west side pews. Dust confessional and ledges in west area leading to back stairs. Dust cabinets and counter tops in work sacristy area.

Dust the east side pews including the music area, piano and organ. Dust music storage room and rear confessional

Dust library and clean windows. Dust doors and clean windows in doors to knights room and quilters room

Clean stair rails

Clean ice maker with CLR

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

CALLING ALL SUPERHEROES!!! Mark your calendars...ICS Superhero Camp is the **week of June 25th**. We are recruiting superheroes entering 1st through 5th grades to fine tune their skills for the upcoming school year. Superboys and supergirls will solve math problems faster than a speeding bullet, experiment with super powers in science, cook up "super" nutritious lunches & snacks, learn the latest superhero technology, leap tall buildings in a single bound, and fine tune their super powers. Camp will be from 8am to 3pm at Immaculate Conception School with before & after care available. [Information & registration form is attached.](#) Please register by Friday, May 18th. Contact Mrs.Epplin (bepplin@icsmail.org) with any questions.

Championship Martial Arts is hosting a coloring contest. The winners of the contest will win a \$25 gift card to Walmart, IHOP, Best Buy or Game Stop. Color the sheet and turn it in to your teacher by Thursday, April 19. Winners will be selected on the week of April 23. [See attached.](#)

Jeremy Eisele

Championship Martial Arts

THANKS! \$70.72 FOR St. Raymond's today! Bless you for blessing others!
Thank you for the YourCause Corporate Employee Match Program. \$14



On April 5th the third grade classes spent the day voting electronically, participating in a mock-trial, touring our Catholic church and viewing our Catholic Student and Activity Center architectural prints. The field trip began at the Magic House where the kids participated in the Majority Rules workshop where they learned about our government, judicial system, and presidents. Secondly, Mrs. Young gave us a tour of our beautiful church pointing out specifics about the adoration chapel, relics, stained-glass windows, and the sacramental oils. Thirdly, Mr. Whitworth presented the various architectural plans and explained the layout of the rooms and playground. Who knew learning could be so much fun?

THE SPORTING NEWS...ICS Track is in full swing, 55 students are participating in Track this year!! Our team placed 1st Wednesday night with 255 points against Queen of Peace, St. John and St. James.

Next track meet is Wednesday April 18th at Dupo High School at 4:30 p.m.

SPORTS PHYSICALS WILL BE AVAILABLE HERE at ICS for \$15 each on Saturday May 19 in the morning from 9-12. We also plan to do another day of physicals on the same day as soccer uniform pickup in August. Thanks to Jessica Wachtel for working this out for us!

6 teams left to fill!!! The 2nd annual **Zac Epplin Golf Tournament** is fast approaching and we wanted to send an invite to everyone. [See attached flyer](#). This tournament will sell out. Help us build the Zac Epplin Soccer Park at Immaculate Conception Parish.

GIBAULT WOMEN'S CLUB SPRING RUMMAGE SALE Time for Spring Cleaning! The Gibault Women's Club will hold their Spring Rummage Sale in the auditorium on Sat, April 21st, from 8AM-3PM. As always, there will be special deals from 1-3PM. Donations will be accepted during school hours and until 8PM beginning Mon, Apr 16th through Thurs, Apr 19th. Please, no large furniture, beds, exercise equipment, TVs, or computers can be accepted. Don't miss this huge sale!

THE LITTLE MERMAID – Gibault's spring musical is April 26 – 28 at 7PM and April 29 at 2PM. Our cast of amazing high school students join with over 25 grade school students (our School of Fish) to bring you this presentation! Hope to see you "under the sea...."

SAVE THE DATE! The Gibault Catholic High School Spring Concert & Senior Art Show will be held Sunday, May 6th at 7 pm in the Hustedde Gymnasium. Come celebrate the arts with us!

GRADS IN THE NEWS...



Each year, Columbia High School allows each faculty member to choose a student for the Soaring Eagle Award. They are recognized on the basis of character, leadership, dedication, hard work, overcoming adversity or commitment to learning. Faustina Mulnik and Mary Boser received their awards last night at the 5th Annual Soaring Eagles Award Ceremony. Congratulations Faustina and Mary!

"BUILDING THE DOMESTIC CHURCH WHILE STRENGTHENING OUR PARISH"

Nick Matrisotto, Brian Repp, Ted Haney, Knights of Columbus Family Committee

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT Friday, April 27th starting at 6:30 pm

YOU'RE INVITED! Please come and join us in the Garden Level-Lower Level of the Immaculate Conception Church as the Knights of Columbus presents the next film from the BUILDING THE DOMESTIC CHURCH program: "**GNOMEO AND JULIET**". 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 [\(314\) 609-7092](tel:3146097092).

Shriners Hospital is having a **screening clinic** at the **Monroe County YMCA** on **April 21st**, as part of their **Healthy Kids Day**.

BUILD UP THE KINGDOM OF YOUR LOVE daily shirts Maggie Buhr, Carolyn Randle, Taylor Rose, Eleanor McGuire



Fr. Chris came through the surgery okay and is now in rehab at St. E's. He will send reports as the drama unfolds. Pray for him!

PRAYERS: Special Intention Richard Prater, James Duke, Danielle Dorlac, Jerry Kish, Tom Giovanni, Bob Springer, Angela Roepke, Arlin Stechmesser, Paul Thode, Pat Schwartz, George Perry, Donna Kania, Kaylee Fogarty, Larry Pelker, Brandon Martin, Susan Adams, Laurie Austin, Alicia Cohen, Denise Conner, Kenny Hamontree, Rachel Warden, Bill Kesler, Dan Borisuk, Lauren Foran, Rich Cullen, Jessica Stemler Barcik, Carolyn Baker, Scott Schaefer, Katy Basinski, Chrissy Hoeflinger, Barbara Buchheit, Angie Rose, Ken Bolton, Nick Carron, Roy Lansing, Sis Blaes, Marcella Heinrichs, Florence Dorshorst, Bill Pennock, Pat Weber, Vince Webb, George Stein, Desiree Frasure

BUILDING OUR CATHOLIC EDUCATION AND ACTIVITY CENTER PRAYER

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WE SURE HAVE A HARD TIME SEEING JESUS IN EACH OTHER! So did the apostles and disciples! They did not recognize Jesus in the gardener or on the road to Emmaus. Yet LOVE walking through locked doors surely had to make an impressive entrance! Come this weekend on your personal road to Emmaus. See him in your neighbor next door and in a far away refugee camp. See Him in our First Communion Class. Recognize Him in yourself and reflect His goodness to all you meet on the journey. The Bread of Life awaits you! Food for the Spiritual Journey called life.

Mike Kish

Principal

PS **Happy Birthday to Karen Weiler** on this very busy Monday. She leads a very busy life and we wish her all the best for her new year!

Happy Birthday to Mr. Kish on Sunday. We wish you the very best day of rest and relaxation with your family. You deserve it.

PS STEWARDSHIP We are a full stewardship parish. 21 commitments are still out from January 7 from school families.
Save Fr. Carl from having to make a call to you.

Time-Talent-Treasure---“*Where your treasure lies is where your heart will be. Seek first the Kingdom. Come and follow Me.*”

We live in a world that says “make God your last resort”.

Make God your first and see what happens!

Stewardship is what you do with what you have because of what you believe. C.E.S. and I.C., C.E.O. and Founder of the Church.