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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 21, 2016

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Dear Parent, Guardian, Student, Teacher, Friend,

**CONFIRMATION** Thanks to Dan Kassebaum, Lizanne Young, Fr. Carl, MaryBeth Babcock, Heather Schaefer, and Karen Lundy for all the prep for last night's Confirmation. The Bishop is a straight shooter---we need more priests and religious and we need to follow our faith more actively. Both activities are the work of the Spirit too. The human being is made up of mind and body, physical and spiritual. We spend a lifetime struggling within ourselves trying to overcome our physical and spiritual weaknesses. That is the work of the Spirit too. Congratulations to our Confirmitati! May the Spirit be their source of strength in living a Christian life! Thanks to Jack Burke for inviting his uncle and Godfather --- Fr. Bob Gettinger of the St. Louis Archdiocese!

**CATHOLIC EDUCATION & ACTIVITY CENTER PARISH UPDATE**

Come and see the beginnings of a dream come true! Tonight!! **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!

**Immaculate Conception Pastoral Council & School Board look for new members.** Prayerfully consider placing your name in the discernment box (located in the gathering space in the back of Church). Drawn from the boxes at the end of 5PM Mass on April 30th, 2016. Pastoral Council: Need--- 3 School Board: Need--- 4 plus one unexpired term. Drop the form discernment box in the back of Church before 5PM Mass on April 30th...Or recommend a friend to do it!

*After prayerful consideration, I wish to serve Immaculate Conception Parish as a member of:*

(circle one)

Pastoral Council

School Board

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ email \_\_\_\_\_

**THE ZIPPOS AWARDS---ZIP RZEPPA** April 25 – Former sports broadcaster Zip Rzeppa will be speaking here on Monday, April 25. 7:00 in Church. For adults and teens....Jeans day on May 2 for children of parents (or brother-sister teens) who attend! Mr. Kassebaum's nephew works for ZIP!

**CHICAGO 7** Well, we hope the Blues have their work finished up before we get there! **We leave tonight at 1:00 SHARP for 7 stops in the Windy City.** We will steer clear of the United Center! Weather forecast is typical Windy City Cold! Thanks Chaperons!

**SCIENCE OLYMPIAD TEAM AT U OF I** Team members: Spencer Biske, Kaylum Furlow, Ben Traxler, Jack Burke, Charlie Soeteart, Jane Whelan, Mary Wessel, Lexi Hennes, Eve Melliere, Isabella Frasure, Noah Newton, Emma Melliere.

Medal winners: **Jane Whelan, Eve Melliere** - Bridge Building (3rd place A). **Spencer Biske, Kaylum Furlow** - Write It Do It (4th place A) **Noah Newton, Isabella Frasure** - Air Trajectory (4th place A). Within B division (7th-9th grades) 46 teams—A and AA divisions.. Since 1998 ICS has advanced to state 15 times! To provide an example to the degree of difficulty at state, the bridge by Jane and Eve was built with extreme precision over many hours and days and ranked 13 overall. Another example; I helped to proctor and grade the invasive species competition. The event was run by a volunteer from the EPA. The desire to dismantle the EPA would increase the environmental hazards affecting us.



**ICS WINS 2 STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS IN SCHOLASTIC CHALLENGE 2016!** Congratulations to State Champions **Spencer Biske**, 8<sup>th</sup> grade, and 6<sup>th</sup> grader **Autumn Ramey** for their excellent performance in the Scholastic Challenge 2016! The Scholastic Challenge is an online academic contest consisting of 100 questions in Math, English, Geography, History, Science, and general knowledge sponsored by the American Scholastic Achievement League. Biske's score of 88% and Ramey's score of 87% were the highest in the state of Illinois, and just five/six points under the

national championship score of 93% for both levels. ICS had 23 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders who performed better than the average score on the 8<sup>th</sup> grade contest and had 28 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders who performed better than the average score on the 6<sup>th</sup> grade contest. The 8<sup>th</sup> grade contest had 14,000 participants across 40 states, while the 6<sup>th</sup> grade contest had 4500 participants in 34 states. The top 5 students from ICS were: 8<sup>th</sup> grade- Spencer Biske, Hannah Janson, Ben Traxler, Kaylum Furlow, and Nick Prindiville and 6<sup>th</sup> grade- Autumn Ramey, Noah Newton, Paula Boser, Ben Haney(5<sup>th</sup> grader), and Ally Curry.

#### **BUILDERS CLUB WEEK** April 25-29

**Monday:** Mis-match Monday! Wear clothes that don't match at all!

**Tuesday:** 8<sup>th</sup> grade formal dress for Graduation picture.

Everyone else: **Hero Day!** Super hero or a real person like Dad or Mom

**Wednesday: Cancer Research Support Day!** Wear the color of the cancer ribbon that has touched your life and bring in a donation towards **Pedal the Cause** where 100% goes to Cancer Research. **Talent Show---2:00** All are welcome---acts needed from Grade 5-8.

**Thursday:** Decade Day. Wear clothes from your favorite decade.

**Friday:** Mission Day. Bring In 50 cents per each item of clothes. Bring your dimes for games in the afternoon

**All Week:** Penny Pinch for the Missions. Pennies count as one. All other money counts negative. Put pennies in yours and other money in other class containers.

**CASA**---bring in a pair of shoes for abused/neglected children. The shoes will go to Haiti. **Any shoe is acceptable as long as there are no holes.** The shoes will be sent to Haiti where they will be distributed and where the residents will be taught how to repair the shoes if necessary, giving them a way to earn an income. CASA gets forty cents for every pound of shoes!

**MAGAZINE DRIVE PRIZE DAY** Checks and prizes went out today---check your backpacks please and thanks! Order online anytime! [www.gaschoolstore.com](http://www.gaschoolstore.com) I.D. 2710556

**Terrific Kids – April 2016** Thanks to Pat McDermott and Dr. Renee Doyle and our Columbia Kiwanis for honoring us! Congratulations!

Mrs. Diewald: **Drew Hagedorn**-Drew has been taking his school work very serious. He knows taking his time and doing his best is very important. Hard work and determination make him a Terrific Kid!

Mrs. Meyer: **Lila Griffin** - Lila is a Terrific Kid because she is a good role model in the classroom and always does her best on assignments. She is a good friend to classmates and always willing help to others.

Ms. Kennedy: **Sadie Metz**: Our Terrific Kid is Sadie because she comes ready to learn every day. She is also respectful and brings a cheerful attitude to our class. Sadie is always smiling!

Mrs. Matrisotto: **James Thebeau** – With a lot of determination, James has proven that a little hard work and extra effort thoroughly pays off. James has been rewarded for homework completion, listening in class, and teamwork. I am really proud of you, James!

Mrs. Donjon: **Aubrey Thompson** - Aubrey has been a hard worker all year. She tries her best on her work and aims to please. Aubrey takes pride in the work that she does and is happy to turn it in. She is a respectful and helpful student and a wonderful friend!

Mrs. Ettlting: **Emma Farris** – Emma strives to do her best and her work shows it! She is always helping others in any way she can. She is a respectful and hard working student.

Mrs. Taylor: **Colin Mueth** - Colin is respectful of his teachers & classmates. He is hardworking and always contributes meaningful discussion to class.

Mrs. Schauster: **Emma Schmidt** – Emma is fine young lady. She is always willing to help out in the classroom, and is a friend to all. Emma is a hard worker who always tries her very best. Terrific Kid – April 2016

**Tom Chapin's Best song ever is Happy Earth Day!** Grade 1 will sing it tomorrow. Google it and sing it at work. You will be glad you did! Happy Earth Day!

### **GIVE StL DAY IS Tuesday, May 3.**

A virtual event with a personal touch. The Give STL Day website will make giving easy, safe and fun. By visiting [givestlday.org](http://givestlday.org) on May 3rd, you can designate gifts to Immaculate Conception School and other organizations that are doing essential work in the community. At the same time, you can help us earn matching funds and prize dollars. Donors are eligible for prizes at different times too. So mark your calendars for May 3 and visit [www.givestlday.org](http://www.givestlday.org) for additional details.

**GRADE 4 WATER FIELD TRIP** This is one of my favorites. We do a lot of prep for it. Lindsay Konrad from Camp Wartburg came to visit the fourth grade classes last week. She did an activity that showed how quickly pollution affects organisms in the water with a demonstration that showed the effects of oil pollution on birds' feathers. Then, she explained the effects of pH and phosphates on organisms in the water. The students tested some water using pH and phosphate testing strips. Lindsay will be guiding us on our field trip on Friday the 29th at Camp Wartburg and Maeystown Creek. We will visit our City Lagoon for a talk and then make it back for the Mission Day Carnival. Supplemental activities enhance our trips! We go for the academics but we really do have fun!

### **SPRING PICTURES ARE READY FOR VIEWING AND PURCHASING.**

Go to [www.keevenevents.com](http://www.keevenevents.com) for viewing and purchasing. The password is: spring For free delivery through school and school picture prices order by April 24th.



Wednesday, April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2016, the 1<sup>st</sup> Grade classes at Immaculate Conception School, Columbia, IL, took their annual Butterfly House Field Trip. They learned about and observed the stages of a butterfly's life cycle. This learning experience wrapped up the 1<sup>st</sup> graders science unit on butterflies.

### **Teacher and Staff Appreciation Week - Volunteers Needed**

It is that time of year again...time to spoil our wonderful ICS teachers and staff! Teacher Appreciation Week is May 2-6. We are looking for volunteers to chaperone the students on Thursday, May 5 during the school mass at 8 a.m. If you are able to help, please sign up at <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e054aadaf22a1f85-mass>.

Staff Appreciation Week is May 9-13. As a gift to the lunch staff, we are asking for volunteers to fill in for them one day that week so they can enjoy a day off. Those able to help, please visit <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e054aadaf22a1f85-lunch>.

For more information, please contact Holly Blaskiewicz at [h\\_blaskiewicz@yahoo.com](mailto:h_blaskiewicz@yahoo.com) or Kara Boyd at [knboyd2@yahoo.com](mailto:knboyd2@yahoo.com).

**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](mailto:empowered2016@gmail.com)) or Kara ([knboyd2@yahoo.com](mailto: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](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](#)

**ELIZABETHAN FESTIVAL AT GIBAULT** Grade 6 and 7 will attend on May 5 as our fascination with The Bard continues!

**Autism Awareness Information Open House** Columbia Public Library Thurs., Apr. 28 3:30-6:00  
Amanda Marti Coordinator, Autism Resources UCP Heartland Center for Autism will be providing literature and answering questions to concerns you may have. Kits will be available for hands on demonstration. No appointment necessary. For more details contact Annette 281-4237 ext 12.

## **THE SPORTING NEWS...**

ICS Track Team won their first meet of the season Monday night! It was a 5-team meet. Parochial Girls and Junior Boys won their divisions and Junior Girls missed first by only 4 points. No school records were set, but the individual times and distances keep improving. Great job team!

	<b>Parochial Boys</b>	<b>Parochial Girls</b>	<b>Junior Boys</b>	<b>Junior Girls</b>	<b>School Total</b>	<b>Place</b>
Queen of Peace	54	17	54	5	130	4
<b>I.C.S.</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>260</b>	<b>1</b>
St. James	102	46	31	16	195	3
St. John	26	57	34	80	197	2

**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](http://www.famouslyyours.com) for pricing. NO FITTINGS HERE THIS YEAR.

**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](mailto:actorsattic@gmail.com) with questions.

**Summer Tutoring** Carol Waide, 281-4186; 618-910-1648 c. [cjwaide@htc.net](mailto:cjwaide@htc.net)

## **ON OUR RADAR**

- April 21 Conservation Day Gr. 5
- April 22 Chicago Field Trip Gr. 7
- April 23 Wacky Warriors
- April 25 Zip Rzeppa at Church 7:00---jeans day on May 2 if parents or high schooler attends attend
- April 30 State Band Contest at Triad
- May 2 May Crowning
- May 4 St. Louis Storytelling here
- May 5 Shakespeare Festival at Gibault, Cards Day, State Evaluation meeting
- May 12 Baccalaureate Mass---Class of 2016, Spring Band Concert and Art Show
- May 14 Awards Night, Parish Work Day, State Track Meet
- May 15 Pentecost-Birthday of the Church, Blood Drive
- May 17 School board
- May 18 Last day for Grade 8 unless work due
- May 19 Last All-School Mass, Graduation 7:00 pm Masses next week at Church for the parish.
- May 20 Awards Grade K-4 2:00
- May 21 Diocesan Track Meet
- May 25 Last Day Kindergarten Graduation at 9:00 ---dismissal at 11:15 dismissal for school---we will have Latchkey available, Jazz Band plays at Grizzly Stadium at 7:00
- May 30 Memorial Day---Mass at 9:00 in our cemetery

## **PARISH, DIOCESAN AND COMMUNITY NEWS...**

**HEEPWAH TRIVIA NIGHT AT ALTHOFF** Saturday April 23. Call Laura Whelan's big sister Connie Lanaghan at 980-3335 or [connie.lanaghan@ondessonk.org](mailto:connie.lanaghan@ondessonk.org) See the flyer last week.

## **COLUMBIA PUBLIC LIBRARY OPPORTUNITIES:**

**Health, Wellness, and Essential Oils** May 19th @ 6:30 Eliminating toxins from your food and environment Supporting internal health Supplements for a healthy life.  
Presented by wellness advocate Lori Bourgeois, RN Registration appreciated

**Ageless Grace** June 9th 11:00 Anti-Aging exercises and timeless fitness for the Body & Mind. A program that is ideal for anyone who would like to stay youthful and vibrant. Great for all fitness professionals who work with seniors and special populations including those with physical limitations. You will learn 21 simple tools for lifelong comfort and ease. Can be done by almost anyone of any age or ability. Registration is required

**Movers & Shakers** Every Friday beginning June 17<sup>th</sup> 10:00 - 10:45  
A fun and interactive story time where we share stories, songs and movement. A fun way to make new friends as we develop early literacy. Registration is required and space is limited.  
Ages 14 mo. to 3 1/2 years.

May 16th registration begins for **Summer Reading Program 2016.**

Program is for all ages. Weekly entertainment for the entire family as well as many prizes to be given away. Sponsored in part by Friends of the Library. Events to be looking for this summer..... Juggling Jeff, Magic with Chris, Circus Kaput, The Picky Bee, Living with Owls, Fred and his feathered friends, Music with Babaloo and more.

**KIWANIS GOLF TOURNAMENT AT ANNBRIAR ON JUNE 3RD.** Kiwanis is the "friend of youth" and a big supporter of ICS. Please get a team together and get doffing! See flyer from last week.

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)

**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. See flyer-last week- for more info.

**ASK ME ABOUT MY MERCY** Claire Wachtel-Anna Hornacek-Georgia Sasser, Cailyn Mueth-Emma Tippen-Kaila Jerkatis, Danny Repp, Lucy Haubrich, Layne Traxler, Mason Homeyer

**Rachel Bick** 7 year granddaughter of the Ellis Bick of our parish was tragically killed while going to a dance at Babler School in St. Louis. Her father was holding her hand and he was hit too and in critical condition. Please keep the family in your prayers and be vigilant for our children's safety.

**Henry Scott Dabbs**, Great Grandson of Vince and Carol Dabbs, was born at 24 weeks old about a month ago. He has had many complications but prayers are appreciated. The Dabbs Family are great parish supporters.

**Fr. Carl's Mom Gertrude** is not doing well. She is 94. Please keep her and the family in your prayers.

**PRAYERS:** Gertrude Scherrer, Henry Scott Dabbs, Carolyn Baker, George Perry, Dan Whelan, Katy Basinski, Chrissy Hoeflinger, Barbara Buchheit, Josh Ritter, Angie Rose, Ken Bolton, Adriana Colindres, Nick Carron, Maddie Swip, Marian Keim, 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**

**HOW DO YOU KNOW IF YOU ARE RUNING A CATHOLIC or a CHRISTIAN SCHOOL?** Best answer is *if the kids love one another*. We see it often in how kids interact. We also see the fights, the misunderstandings, and all the things that happen JUST LIKE inside your Christian family too. That's part of being human. But we work at it. Jesus, the Great Simplifier, says **“Love One Another”**. He does not say **“Like One Another”**. Big difference! We actually can love one another by respecting each other without liking one another. This is another reason I believe Jesus is God. He gave us a possible task, NOT AN IMPOSSIBLE ONE. Come and hear the Good News this weekend. Jesus has already paid the price of our salvation, we can love one another, and it starts one person at a time.

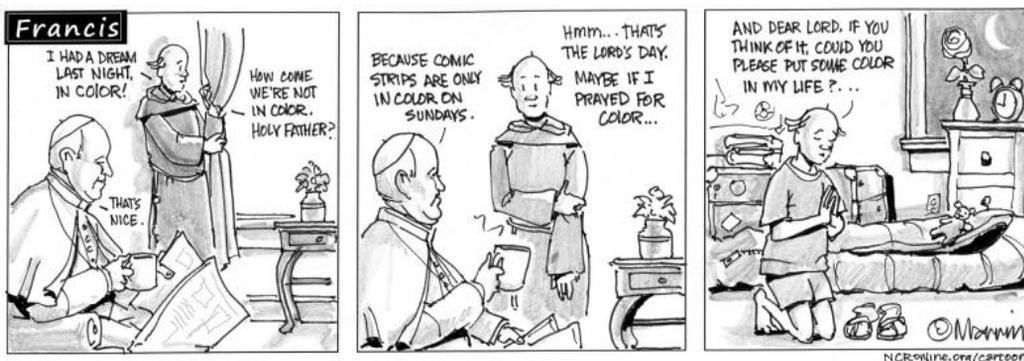
## *MIKE KISH*

**Ps TIF** The City Council approved the TIF this week. There are still details to work out but things are moving along. A successful project would generate a considerable amount for our future from tax rebates and a successful venture.

Ps Thanks for a \$25 donation to our Annual Alumni Appeal. \$4026.25 so far!

PS to a strong 4<sup>th</sup> quarter---As we know well from sports, you should never look beyond the next game ahead. Focus on right now. It is important to finish strong in both academics and behavior these last days. This indicates character. As summer nears, the challenge is even greater. There is always a tendency to let academics slide or to want to act less responsibly. Let's go against the grain and do so because it is right. Let's leave with no regrets about a let-down on performance.

## [PS IMSA FLYER ATTACHED](#)



**Jessica Stemler** used to coach for us and we are proud of her as an ICS grad. Her family is Old Columbia to the roots. Here is her story. Please pray for her, Dan, Hannah, and Dylan and family. Her Dad and Mom Brian and Joan are active in our parish too.

# JESSICA'S STORY

In March, 2016, beloved Southeast High School teacher Jessica (Stemler) Barcik was diagnosed with stage 4 melanoma. She has 4 tumors on her brain and 9 malignant spots across her body. Jessica is currently undergoing radiation treatment on her brain but will need additional treatments to battle the melanoma that has spread to other locations.

Since arriving to town in 2003, Jessica and her family have become fixtures in the Springfield community. Members of the Blessed Sacrament parish, the Barcik's children, Hannah and Dylan, attend Blessed Sacrament School. Her husband Dan is a lending manager at Wells Fargo Home Mortgage. Youth sports have quickly become the family's favorite way to spend time together.

During her 12 years at Southeast, Jessica has helped hundreds of special needs students graduate high school. As the Student Council sponsor, Jessica has organized dozens of dances, pep rallies, blood drives, holiday meals, club fundraisers, and field trips. She has willingly given up countless hours of her own free time so that students could enjoy fun and meaningful experiences while in high school.

Now is the time for the Springfield community to rally around someone who has done so much for our youth. On June 5<sup>th</sup>, there will be a benefit for Jessica and her family at the Firefighters-Postal Lake Club. Would you please consider attending the dinner, buying a raffle ticket, or donating to our silent auction? Every contribution will help as Jessica begins her long and costly road to recovery.



## BATTLIN' FOR BARCIK FUNDRAISER & SILENT AUCTION

**FIREFIIGHTERS-POSTAL LAKE CLUB**

**SUNDAY, JUNE 5TH  
NOON UNTIL 4:30PM**

**\$25 PER PERSON  
\$50 PER FAMILY**

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**"BATTLIN' FOR BARCIK"**  
**AT BANK OF SPRINGFIELD**

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