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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.

April 28, 2017

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THE JOY OF LOVE

Dear Parent, Guardian, Student, Teacher, Friend,

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OUR PARISH First Communicants this Sunday at 11:00. Finally, you get to come to the Altar and get the real blessing! Our gratitude to parents and family and teachers who have prepared them!

The ICS 5K/Kids Fun run is coming up Saturday, May 6th. We hope that you can help support this event. If you know anyone who would like to be a sponsor, please pass along this information or contact Holly at [314-707-1045](tel:314-707-1045). Any help is greatly appreciated! Attachments are on the website. www.icscolumbia.org

Builders Club Week Dress up Days

Monday: Pajama day

- Wear appropriate pajamas. **NO** open toed shoes or shoes **without** backs.

Tuesday: Cancer Awareness day & May Crowning

- For Cancer Awareness day you can wear any color that represents that illness. Bring flowers from home for our Mother Mary!

Wednesday: Sports Day

- You can wear sports jerseys of your favorite teams, school teams, or your own team's sport wear.

Thursday: Patriotic Day & Talent Show

- Wear patriotic colors.

Friday: Mission day--dime day with proceeds to the Missions.

- 50 cents per each item of clothing

Penny Pinch This is based on negative numbers. Pennies count as one and all others as a negative. Students stuff other classes decorated jugs to lessen their chance of winning!

It is all week as a class competition based upon "per capita".

1st place- Jeans day

2nd place- Gum day

3rd place- Crazy hat and sock day

Builders Club Week Virtues: We will honor students all week for the virtues of:

Patience, Humor, Leadership, Courage, Knowledge

Chairpersons: Marie Prindiville, Katie Grawitch, Dominic Dalpoas, Noah Chism, Andrew Harmon, Jessica Lambert, Isabella Frasure

FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE, REGISTRATION FOR 2017-2018 STARTS TUESDAY by sending home your paperwork. We don't make you come in during July. Helps us, helps you! Please remember, before you can register, we need your stewardship renewal form complete, and your tuition, lunch, band, and athletic fees paid up. 8th grade need to be caught up to graduate. Jeans day on Friday May 5 for all who have their paperwork in for grades K-7

YOU ARE INVITED TO BE A PART OF OUR NEXT ICC PICTORIAL DIRECTORY!

Portrait sittings begin on May 25th and run through mid-June, so reserve your spot today!!

There are 3 ways to make a photography appointment for the directory...

1. Schedule your appointment online at our Immaculate Conception website <http://www.icc-columbia-il.us/>

2. Look for sign-up tables on weekends, located in the church gathering space after masses

3. Or call the ICC Parish Office at [618-281-5105](tel:618-281-5105) for assistance

We also need volunteers to help with welcoming at each photography session. If you would be willing to help with greeting and meeting your fellow parishioners, please sign up for a shift on the Immaculate Conception website <http://www.icc-columbia-il.us/> by following the link on the homepage.

JUST SAY VERY BUSY Tomorrow: Science Olympiad! Speech Meet at St. Ann Nashville!

Track at Chester cancelled. First Eucharist pictures.

Sunday: First Eucharist AT 11:00. Gibault Band concert and Art show. 7:00

NEXT WEEK: Registration, Builders Club Week, Mission Week

DATES: May 2. May Crowning at 1:00 Need flowers please to honor our Mother Mary!
May 4 Talent Show at 2:00
May 5 Mission Day led by Class of 2017---need prizes
May 6 Fun Run 5K, Jazz Band at Grizzlies for 7:00 game
May 8 Sr. Jean Schmidt, SSND10:00 Gr. 7-8 45 11:00 5-6 1:00 1-2 2:00 3-4

Graduation is the 18th of May.

May 19 Pre-K/S 11:00 lunch at Metter and Talent Show

May 22 Kindergarten graduation 9:30, last day out at 11:25

LATCHKEY AVAILABLE---BRING A LUNCH---We NEED to know

May 30 Confirmation

Give STL Day is Back! Thursday, May 11, 2017

GIVE STL DAY is coming up. Would you donate so we can get the match for scholarships? Here is the StL Give Day website (by zip code) with our home page (also shows Actors' Attic). The money goes to ICS, or specifically the Scholarship Program Fund I listed or any specific campaign a donor creates. You can schedule in advance to give but the "lift dollars" will only happen that day so "511 us"! <https://www.givestlday.org>



Congratulations to Jenny and Jeremy Neff on the birth of Riley Kaylin Neff on 4-24 and weighing in at a healthy 7-12 and 21 inches long. Her most recent picture shows her just about ready for Pre-School. There ought to be a rule that we could freeze time for a while when our babies are little! Thank you God for Riley and the joy she will bring!

FRANKENPHONES, you know, the phones that you no longer use but are still wifi capable---we would be able to use them for our virtual reality classrooms. Students will be able to go on a Safari, get chased by sharks, ride a roller coaster that is an actual roller coaster in the United States and much more. Please send them to school with their chargers. You can give them to Mrs. Lewis. Thanks!



Maria Biske, Matthew Epplin, Rosie Sippel, Drew Schmoll, Emily Gillan and Michael Wessel were on the field for batting practice yesterday. Kids had their pictures taken with Greg Garcia (Eli's cousin). Greg starred in both games of a split day-night double header. Carp hit a walk-off grand slam in the 11th to win the game and the Cardinals are 17 and 1 on Magazine Drive Day! Ms. Catie Taylor and Mrs. Bev Epplin had the supervision and number counting perfect for the Magazine Drive. Thanks for continuing to make your payments and ordering.

REGIONAL Scholastic Bowl We ended strong but were beat by Aviston---ran out of questions and they had the lead. A great year for sure! Thanks to Mrs. Taylor, Mr. Kassebaum, Mrs. Schuster for her help as needed, and all our readers and score-keepers last night. It was a smooth operation and I was proud again!



GCHS Presents...Curtains Besides a cast full of ICS grads, we also enjoyed Katie Grawitch, Molly Tippen, Isabella Frasure, Emily Everett, and Ally Curry in the production! One fabulous show!

TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK is Monday, May 1st through Friday, May 5th.

Our Teacher Appreciation Week starts on Monday! We still need 2 food servers for the breakfast on Thursday (5/4) and we only have 1 parent signed up to help at Mass for 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th grade...and no parents signed up for 5th or 6th. Please see the link and volunteer if you can! Mass is 8am-9:15am so it won't require you to stay all day and while you're sitting with a class the teachers will get an hour to be spoiled with a fun appreciation breakfast!

Sign-up <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0944a5ae2ca4f85-teacher>

NEW DINING OUT OPPORTUNITY TO SUPPORT ICS - Eat at Papa Vito's Millstadt every Tuesday in May and they will donate 10% of all sales to ICS. Tell your family, friends, and neighbors - anyone who loves Papa Vito's and ICS! No flyer is needed, just dine-in, carryout or drive-through on 5/2-9-16-23-31 from 11:00am-9:00pm **at Millstadt location** (741 W Washington).

REGISTRATION We can run ads but Word Of Mouth is the best advertising and that is up to you. Please spread the Good News about the Gospels and the good news about ICS! Give us a call for a tour or to register. 618-281-5353 or beppin@icsmail.org. Lots of PreK room!

ROUND'EM Up! Box Tops for Education Roundup: April 24-May 5. Please send in any Box Tops you've saved that will expire over the summer. Many have June expiration dates, so we want to turn them in for credit before they expire. The next BTFE Collection Contest for students will be in the fall when the new school year begins (expired Box Top submissions won't count). Thanks for your ongoing participation in this fundraiser! I will collect all of the Box Tops bags on May 5th?

UNIFROM RE-SALE Donations of gently used plaid items, ICS sweatshirts, pants and shirts can be dropped before the end of May at the school. Call Skip Ward, 281-1974 for pick up service.

ICS Uniform Resale will be held on **Saturday, July 29, 2017 from: 9:30 - 2:00** in the school cafeteria. Thank you, Skip Ward



the ICS Fathers Club pulled off what I heard was the best Golf Tourney ever held at Ann Briar. Full course with 4 teams on back-up. People were most generous. The Zac Epplin Memorial Golf Tournament raised \$21,000 for future soccer fields on our campus!

Zac died too young but his life still inspires. His Philippians Verse of *"In Christ I can do all things who strengthens me"* was used in the keynote speakers address at the NCEA convention.

Thanks to driving force Devin Dalpoas, the ICS Fathers Club, all sponsors, duffers, hole monitors who really paid the price of the weather, Ann Briar, and all parkas and umbrellas!

YEARBOOK 2016-2017 Order your 2016/2017 yearbook online at jostens.com. Price is \$18.00. Order forms will not be sent home this year. All ordering online. Thanks to Kim Foutch, our Yearbook Sponsor and to Keeven Photography and Jostens for our keepsake.

MAGAZINE DRIVE \$1,192.40 from Bill-Me-Later! \$11,893.85 so far! Keep on paying those bills and we reap the profits! We only get checks if you make payments on pay later or buy on-line. Go to www.gaschoolstore.com --- order on-line. Our ID # is 2710556.

Head Lice-we are getting reports of some students having them and being treated. Mainly lower grades. Please check your students. We are being vigilant and sending students home.

FAMILY SOCIAL NIGHT Cinco de Mayo see last week's flyer and make family fun.

Joy of Love t-shirt: Olivia Blaskiewicz, Michael Wessel, Avery Herrmann, Gabe Thebeau, Aidan Berdeaux, MaryAnn Imhoff, Liam Johnson, Delaney Glasscock, Easton Dill

D.A.R.E. Mrs. Karen Weiler and Ms. Catie Taylor did a terrific job as we hosted D.A.R.E. graduation. D.A.R.E. Officer Sgt. Michelle Simmons taught the course. In the picture Chief Jerry Paul spoke. Locally Clinton County ranks number 1 in the State for juvenile alcohol problems and Monroe County is number two. D.A.R.E. can only help if we back it up in our lives!



DARE ESSAY FIELD TRIP Thanks to Grandpa Paul Braun for chaperoning and congratulations to this year's winners- Best essay: Danny Repp, Honorees: Abby Eichenseer, JT Madrid, Kyle Rose, Brian Stark, and Audrey Sullivan!



Sts. Peter and Paul The Frei Company will begin removing our two 150K+ windows from the old church real soon for cleaning and storage till we install at the new CEAC. Careful around those areas please. This company created our Marian Rose Window for the new church and also put the Moon Rock into the window at Washington National Cathedral in DC which we visit every year. They still use 500 year old methodology in creating the glass!



First National Bank of Waterloo visited the third grade class of ICS on April 21st to talk about the importance of saving money. They participated in situations in which they had to decide whether to spend their money or save it. Layne learned that "each time you put your money in the bank, you get interest". And Connor said "I think kids should know about this stuff"! Laura MergleKamp, Michelle Kuergeleis, Michelle Crider, and Rebekah Wydeck made the presentation.

THE SPORTING NEWS... Good luck to our Track Team. Anyone who can help with the weather?
STATE TRACK MEET Due to the weather forecast for Saturday, they are postponing the Regional meet until Monday. The following track athletes are scheduled to attend the meet:

Dominic Dalpoas	Jacob Feldker	Marie Prindiville	Megan Levin	Zoe Swip
Abby Eichenseer	Emma Melliere	Emma Blaskiewicz	Holly Repp	
Maddie Mauch	(NEED PERMISSION SLIP)			

PRAYERS PLEASE: **"Albie" Doerr** is home! Thanks be to God!

Steve Maliszweski, Jeanne Kish's Uncle and godfather, was laid to rest on Tuesday. He ran Stevie's Tavern in Fairmont City for over 40 years and never turned away anyone---kind of like the Jesus we follow. No cussing, no tank tops, no disrespect. Good rules! God's peace Uncle Stevie!

And a **Special Intention**. Sometimes, all we have is each other! Thanks!

Dennis Baldrige, Brianna's Grandpa, is in the hospital and is in need of big prayers right now. Please pray for this good Grandpa I've known for years!

Joe Schmid, Christina Matrisotto's Uncle, and former ICS Dad (Joe-Ben-Eric) is fighting Leukemia and needs our prayers please.

Our Condolences to Katie (Adam) Reed and family on the loss of her Mother **Barb Winschel** to pancreatic cancer this afternoon. Arrangements are pending. May she rest in peace and God be with the family.

Megan Levine's Grandmother **JoAnn Moore** passed away. Please keep her and the family in your prayers.

PRAYERS: Special Intention Joe Schmid, Annie Boedeker, Susan Adams, Special Intention, Albie Doerr, Laurie Austin, Larry Pelker, Joyce Rose, Dave Loless, Barb Reinholz, Donna Barton, Lydia Boyer, Dan Whelan, Teresa Dorshorst, Alicia Cohen, Jan Habermehl, Barbara Thompson, Denise Conner, Kenny Hamontree, Susie Kish Settle, Dennis Kish, Ken Biske, Rachel Warden, Bill Kesler, Dan Borisuk, Maggie Williamson, Lauren Foran, Rich Cullen, Jessica Stemler Barcik, Josh Ritter, Stella Moll, Gertrude Scherrer, Henry Scott Dabbs, Carolyn Baker, Scott Schaefer, Katy Basinski, Chrissy Hoeflinger, Barbara Buchheit, Angie Rose, Ken Bolton, Nick Carron, Roy Lansing, Sis Blaes, Arlin Stechmesser, Marcella Heinrichs, Florence Dorshorst, Bill Pennock, Pat Weber, Ed Hengel, Vince Webb, George Stein, Desiree Frasure

Our Building a Catholic Education and Activity Center Prayer:

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

Pope Francis gave a Ted Talk! What a guy!!!

https://www.ted.com/talks/pope_francis_why_the_only_future_worth_building_includes_everyone/transcript?language=en

This is a terrific meditation from Fr. Richard Rohr. If you read it, you will be glad you did. It helps you understand the concept of the 'sheep-gate' into Jerusalem for this Sunday too. As a city, Jerusalem had many gates---sheep gate, water gate, needle gate, etc. Come and break Open the Word! The study of Scripture is a worthy endeavor and intriguing influence on our lives!

The Cross

Sacred Images

In Jesus we have a confluence of three sacred healing images from the Hebrew Scriptures: the Passover lamb, which is the presentation of the innocent victim (Exodus 12); the "Lifted-Up One," which is the homeopathic curing of the victim (Numbers 21:6-9); and, finally, the scapegoat ritual, wherein the rejected victim, bearing the community's sins, is beat into the desert, to die (Leviticus 16).

The victim state has been the plight of most people who have ever lived on this earth, so in all three cases we see Jesus identifying with humanity at its most critical and most vulnerable level. We see God in radical solidarity with all the pain of the world "since the blood of Abel" much more than an omnipotent deity who, with a flick of the hand, overcomes all pain. Let's unpack these rich images of compassion and transformation.

Today we'll focus on the Passover lamb, then we'll look at the "Lifted-up One," and next week we'll delve into the pattern of scapegoating.

Every year, on the tenth day of Nisan, each family was to pick out a perfect little lamb without any spot or blemish and take it to their home and then, on the fourteenth day, kill it (Exodus 12:1-14). In the Passover commemoration, we have an image of the death of something good and innocent. *All suffering is unjust, undeserved, tragic, and nonsensical.* We will never find any logic to it, but we try to fit it inside of some ledger of accountability when we blame or accuse someone else. This is the universal pattern, but most do not see it.

I believe the innocent lamb symbolizes the ego or the privately constructed self. It is not bad; in fact, it feels like "me." And it is. But not the full or deepest me. It is who I *think* I am; it is what I have learned that I cannot live without. But when we let go of this temporary imposter, we break through to a much deeper level of our own life! But it always feels unjust and unnecessary. It is always a risk, just like Jesus being carried into the tomb.

Jesus on the cross is not an image of the death of the bad self but, in fact, the self that feels right and necessary—but isn't! Jesus had been misunderstood and misinterpreted. He had every good reason to play the victim or the blame card, but he did neither. This is astounding when you consider the main story line of history is exactly the opposite to this day.

To understand Jesus in a whole new way, you must first know that *Christ* is not his last name, but his eternal identity both before and after the Resurrection. The raising up of Jesus is *not a one-time miracle that we must believe, but a revelation of the constant and only pattern.* Nothing has to die permanently! Many scientists now say nothing does die. Or as the Catholic funeral Mass puts it, "life is not ended, but merely changed."

Jesus *became* the Christ, which is to include all of us in this eternal movement through time and death (see Acts 2:36). That's why Paul creates the new term "the body of Christ" (1 Corinthians 12:12), a corporate image to communicate what is happening to all of us too. Jesus dies, Christ rises. The small vehicle must die so the more inclusive vehicle can rise. Thus Paul's most common shortcut phrase is *en Christo*, which he uses 164 times. "Unless the single grain of wheat dies, it will remain just a single grain of wheat, but if it dies it will bear a rich harvest" (John 12:24). If you prefer a different language, the small identity must surrender its ego boundaries to fall into the Larger Identity.

I think this is Jesus' major message: ***there is something essential that you only know by dying.*** You really don't know what life is until you know what death is. Death, which seems like our ultimate enemy, is actually the doorway. This is how Jesus "overcame" and even "destroyed" death.

Mike Kish, Principal

[Ps SEE ATTACHED SOCCER KICKAROUND](#)

PS The Gibault Catholic High School **Spring Concert & Senior Art Show** will be held **Sunday, April 30th at 7 pm** in the Hustedde Gymnasium. Come celebrate the arts with us!

PS First Graders sing Happy Earthday <https://suelewis.smugmug.com/Earthday17/i-b4k6NtV/A>

PS The SCOUT FEST FOR THIS WEEKEND HAS BEEN POSTPONED TILL AUGUST 5-6.

Spring 2017 Exam Schedule

Date	6th Grade Exam	7th Grade Exam	8th Grade Exam
Monday, May 8			Algebra I
Tuesday, May 9			
Wednesday, May 10			
Thursday, May 11			Geography 8
Friday, May 12	NO EXAMS	NO EXAMS	NO EXAMS
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Monday, May 15	English 6	Pre-Alg 7	Pre-Alg 8 English 8
Tuesday, May 16			LAST DAY 8 TH GRADE Science 8
Wednesday, May 17		English 7	
Thursday, May 18	History 6	Geography 7	
Friday, May 19	History 6 Science 6	Science 7 History 7	
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Monday, May 22			