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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 29, 2016

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Dear Parent, Guardian, Student, Teacher, Friend,



MARIAN KEIM, our first parish secretary, died early this morning. Fr. James Jansen hired her in the early 1970's. She was very dedicated to our school and parish and a "faith-filled lady". She taught me to "Offer it up before it goes away". This hope-filled quote reminds us that tough times don't last, our perspective changes, but we should give them up to God in humble submission.

Marian:

Was our parish receptionist
wrote the checks that paid the bills and
balanced the checkbook for school and parish
worked closely with Gene Schorb who took a parish with \$270,000 debt and in financial crisis and made it a model for the Diocese which included the
Eugene J. Schorb - Immaculate Conception Church Fund for Catholic Education
entered Baptismal, Confirmation, and Wedding records in the registry,
gave cemetery tours during peoples' times of need to find the just-right resting place,
worked closely with funeral homes,
helped start our parish picnic,
handled scheduling of parish facilities and the Church,
entertained the quilters,
was Parish historian and archivist, always pointing people in the right direction
published the weekly parish bulletin
was active in Parents and Friends, Altar Society, and St. Vincent DePaul
served as Eucharistic Minister and Lector.

She was a Menner from home and had roots to the founding of the parish, was married to Dean who was our number 1 sports fan and Mr. Tinker for 14 years after retiring; her daughter Lori--- is on the Fundraising Committee for the new CEAC, former Parents and Friends President, School Board member; picnic founder, and son-in-law Mick has been a coach and Tinker for us many times. Her grandsons have just moved back into our parish and great grandson Nick is in Pre-School and Emelia will start Kindergarten next year. In her time, Marian was indispensable for our struggling parish. She was a big part of helping us become who we are as a parish. You will always be a woman of faith and we will miss your "out of this world" cookies! God be with you Marian as you meet your Maker and Lord! **Well done, good and faithful servant!**

Scholastic Bowl Regional Champions!!! The Scholastic Bowl team won the IESA State Regional competition defeating Aviston (260-165), Bunker Hill Wolf Ridge (285-105), and Hardin Calhoun (240-45). The team will advance to the State Sectional competition on Monday, May 2nd at Lincolnwood Junior & Senior High School in Raymond, Illinois. ICS will face Springfield Christ the King, Springfield Our Savior, and Macon Meridian. Team members include Spencer Biske, Kaylum Furlow, Ryan Gallagher, Hannah Janson, Eve Melliere, Ben Traxler, Mary Wessel, Jane Whelan, Isabella Frasure, Eli Garcia, Katie Grawitch, Reagan Herrmann, Kalia Jerkatis, and James Ramette, Coaches are Tiffany Taylor, Jen Schauster, and Dan Kassebaum. Let's not count our chickens...and work like the underdogs we just might be!

BUILDERS CLUB WEEK What another fun-filled week! It will be good to get back to uniforms some time soon---we have had a ton of success this year!

Cancer Research Support Day raised **\$1,050.00** for **Pedal the Cause** where 100% goes to Cancer Research. A check was presented to Jay Invoino, Executive Director of **Pedal the Cause.** Dan Whelan explained well how our dollars work---successful studies generate thousands more in research support---our buck gets magnified and so does the research!

Mission Day is often one of the highlights of the year as the 8th Grade take charge and **Penny Pinch** gets tabulated.

CASA 360 Pairs of Shoes! Thank you for soles for souls in Haiti! Thanks to Helen Csik for coordinating!

A WEEK OF VIRTUES: We honored 82 students this week!

Monday: Perseverance: Noah Ettling, Lillian Braun, Aidan Berdeaux, Will Schmoll, Keegan Thompson and Riley McGill, Hope Schwartz, Vance Ray, Michael Wessel, Briana Baldrige, Brock Murphy, Danny Repp, Abby Eichenseer, Matthew Epplin, Caitlyn Schwartz, Isabella Frasure, Bryce Pautler

Tuesday : Generosity: Wes Jasper, Sophie Conrad, Regan Kenner, Delaney Glasscock, Avery Herrmann, Cailynn Mueth, Emily Rose, Mariska Lyle, Jaylyn Brister, Allison Stark, Zach Gibson, Drew Schmoll, Holly Repp, Devin Cason, Katie Grawitch and Andrew Harmon, Katrina Costner

Wednesday: Leadership: Brooke Hagedorn, Liam Johnson, Easton Dill, Anna Hornacek, Genevieve Nadziejko, Logan LoPorto, Sadie Loless, Ava Hrdlicka, Olivia Blaskiewicz, Izzy Foutch, Andrew Feldker, Tyler Wahle, Autumn Ramey, Reece Ward, Eli Garcia, Jane Whelan

Thursday: Patience: Maria Hake, Dante Gianino, Sean Frederick, Malia Schaffer, Lila Griffin, Karina Jerkatis, Lauren Thorne, Ava Schmidt, Aubrey Thompson, Marisa McGill, Colin Mueth, Sydney Wahle , Autumn Ramey, Emily Everett, Molly Tippen, Lexi Hennes

Friday: Creativity: Chase Frierdich, Isabel Roche, Avery Melliere, Claire Wachtel, Charley Stewart, Charlie Hake, Kaiden Timmons, Brooke Heimbürger , Lindsay Harget, Kyra Newton, Emma Tippen, Ariel Adams, Emma Melliere, Ally Curry, Jacob Feldker, Ben Traxler

BC TALENT SHOW Every year I worry and for what? Students recruit, produce, direct and it is wonderful! Thanks to the Two Claires---Claire Eppinger and Claire Huebner for their leadership. Jane Whelan and Hannah Janson were the mistresses of ceremony!

1st: Spencer Biske and the Rubic Cube Challenge. 10 different 3X3 computerized scrambles solved in under 4: 37 while closing out 2 behind his back and finishing his last cube one-handed.

2nd: Jane Whelan: "To Be Or Not To be" ---from her perfect score in the Diocesan meet

3rd: Emma Tippen, Sydney Wahle, Audrey Sullivan, Josie Thomas, Ariel Adams, Abby Eichenseer and Maria Biske "White Winter Hymnal" --- "a kinetic and vocal acapella"---

We also enjoyed the **3 on 3 Half Court Shoot-out** won by Jacob Raisch, Bryce Pautler, Kaylum Furlow vs. Ryan Gallagher, Ben Lambert, Alex Bira and emceed by Ben Traxler.

Uptown Funk by the Percussion Ensemble Katie Grawitch, Emma Melliere, Eve Melliere, Glenn Powers, Claire Eppinger, Jane Whelan,
Comedy Hockey by Dominic Dalpoas

ADMINISTRATIVE PROFESSIONAL DAY WAS WEDNESDAY IN CASE YOU MISSED IT. Thanks be to God for all Mrs. Epplin does for us and for keep the Principal close to sanity!

WE ARE HAVING A SUPER SUESS-Y CELEBRATION HONORING THE SPECATULAR ICS TEACHERS!

Every year our parents provide a Seusstacular week of snack and treats for our teachers. This stellar potluck features all types of delicious foods. We are looking for volunteers to sign up each day to bring in specific snacks and goodies for our super fabulous teachers! This will allow your teachers to have some special treats while we celebrate and show them how much they are appreciated. Be sure to have your name on any dishes you bring in so we can get them back to you. Thank you so much in advance!

<https://m.signupgenius.com/#!/showSignUp/20f0448a5a922a2fd0-teacher>

Please color the hat on the backside and write a special note of appreciation for EACH of your teachers telling them how special they are! Return to the office by: Friday, April 29th!

We are still in need of some volunteers to chaperone students on Thursday, May 5 during the school mass at 8 a.m. If you are able to help, please sign up at:

<https://m.signupgenius.com/#!/showSignUp/30e054aadaf22a1f85-mass>

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 or Kara Boyd at knboyd2@yahoo.com.

DISTRICT LEVEL OF THE VFW POSTER/ESSAY CONTEST.: Cam Donjon, Caroline Roche, Allison Stark, Brian Stark. They are invited to attend Loyalty Day Program at Caseyville VFW Post 1117 on Saturday, April 30th.

ILLINOIS MATH LEAGUE CONTEST 30 minutes for 30 questions Congratulations!

Grade 5: Top 10 students:

1. Tyler Wahle(22)
 - 2.(tie) Zachary Gibson, Maria Biske (21)
 - 4.(tie) Audrey Sullivan, Brian Stark (18)
 6. (tie)Jack Keeven(4th gr), Emma Schmidt, Colin Mueth, Brock Murphy(4th gr), Sydney Wahle (17)
- A score of 12 is commendable. Good going to Andrew Donjon, Abby Eichenseer, Danny Repp, Abby Repp, Anna Haubrich, Drew Schmoll, Ben Haney, Ariel Adams, Charles Matthews, Andrew Feldker, Emma Tippen, Dakota L'Hote,

Grade 4 top 10 students:

- 1.(tie-15) Isabella Foutch, Joseph Tyler, Briana Baldrige, Michael Wessel (3rd grader)
5. (tie-14)- Allison Stark, Hope Pollman, Lindsay Harget , Aubrey Thompson
9. (tie-13) Owen Haney, Rhyan Ward
11. (12)- Kaiden Timmons



CHICAGO 7 Last Friday was near perfect if you could take away the coldest wind yet I think. Great cooperation from all! Our 32 trip! Thanks To Mrs. Murphy for a great job and our chaperons! The Terra Cotta Warriors!

Vicki Chism	Beverly Faris	Jackie Harrigan
Leigh-Anne Feldker	Barbara Ramette	Ellen Sippel
Tom Prindiville	Heather Garcia	Devin Dalpoas
Theresa Stearns	Mary Anne Lambert	Marilyn Frasure
Julie Traiteur	Patrice Thebeau	John Adams
Tom Swip	Pat Grawitch	

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 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 for additional details.



Wacky Ninja Warriors Mom/Son Event

A big round of applause to all who came out last Saturday to participate and support our first mom/son event. The laughter and smiles alone on everyone's face proved its success! Thank you for making this project so rewarding. We look forward to the next one. Be sure to check the event page on Facebook for pictures.

This event required a lot of help. We are so thankful for all of you who took time out of your schedule to make this a success!

ICS Parents: Brian Boyd, Bob Wachtel, Chuck Hoeflinger, Mike Stuart, Beth Carrow, Joyce Randle, Theresa Traxler, Holly Blaskiewicz, Kit Timmons, Laurie Conrad, Pricilla Wilkerson. Tim Frederick, Ted Kroenig, Kory Haywood, Dave Bollone, Missy Roche

ICS Grandparents: Don and Nancy Radentz, Karen Boyd

ICS Aunt and Uncles: Chris Wade, Sarah Rennie, Sylvia Stallings

ICS Students: Audrey Randle, Emma Blaskiewicz, Dominic Dalpoas, Dakota L'Hote

Gibault Students (and ICS graduates): Sam Sippel, John Adams, Ethan Schmersahl

The Committee: Donna Frederick, Gail L'Hote, Sarah Thieret, Jen LoPorto, Tricia Haywood, Nick and Jessica Gianino, Kara Boyd They pulled off a memorable tag-team event!

And a very special thank you to Nick and Jessica Gianino. They are a true example of opening the door of mercy. They were slowly integrated into our committee due to their skill set, and ended up going above and beyond what was expected and asked of them. This event truly would not have run as smooth or been as successful without them.

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GOOD LUCK TO THE BAND TOMORROW! I hope the judges hear what I hear---and know!

Moving day is coming up for the convent. Down came the trophies.(Thanks Grade 4 & 7---over 20 hours work in 35 minutes(Mrs. Donjon-Mrs. Ettling-Mrs. Tolan) & Mrs. Whelan-Gr. 8 for the 4th move!)



40+ YEARS OF TROPHIES---If you remember the movie *Young Frankenstein*, Cory Feldman had the unenviable job in the monastery of nailing Jesus to the cross for the rosaries he was making. (All the great religions can make fun of themselves---that is why we survive.) Tears flooded his face with every hammer blow. When I arrived here in 1971, the only trophies we had were from the girls CYO of the late 50's and early 60's. The little we had of a sports program had fallen apart. We lost over 60 students the year before I came. We started basketball, cheerleading, and baseball the first year. Paul Breitenstein, Roger Wink, and Brad Stanhouse later

talked me into starting soccer as 7th graders. I knew nothing about soccer but an ad in the parish bulletin caught Joe Hoguet's eye and he started a most successful program. When we started soccer, local schools switched baseball to the fall and it conflicted. We have stayed with soccer. Title IX brought girls sports to where they always should have been. I feel a little like Cory Feldman trying to pitch these trophies. The picture ones we will move. Some of the big ones we might move. But there are many that will have to go. Life moves forward. **For now, they sit till I move on them. Please do not help yourself yet. I would love a solution to not pitching them---re-use or saving a grade school memory. I will cling to the Old Rugged Cross, till my trophies at last I lay down!**

MAY CROWNING Monday at 1:15. We do not worship Jesus Mother. We honor her and ask her intercession for us in heaven. Drew Hagedorn and Genevieve Nadziejko will crown Mary during our prayer service. Please bring a clutch of flowers to help honor her on Monday. Thanks to Cyra Hermann for chairing for us. We would like a parent to help/replace her for next year. Contact Mrs. Cyra Herrmann please.

ELIZABETHAN FESTIVAL AT GIBAULT Grade 6 and 7 will attend on May 5 as our fascination with The Bard continues in his 500 years. We think he never ventured out from Stratford-on-Avon but is known world-wide!

THE SPORTING NEWS... On Thursday, 4/21, the ICS Track Team finished first again in a 4-team meet at Mascoutah. The Parochial Girls won their division, and Parochial and Junior Boys finished 2nd. The Junior Girls finished in 3rd, just 5 points from first. Overall team scores are as follows:

	Holy Childhood (HCS)	ICS	(ICS)	Notre Dame (ND)	Blessed Sacrament (BS)
TOTAL	171.5	185		110.5	161
PLACE	2nd	1st		4th	3rd

Monday April 25 Megan Levin broke the PG long jump record tonight with a jump of 14'11" and Mary Wessel broke the PG high jump record with a jump of 4'11". That high jump mark is 5 inches above the winning state mark from 2015!!

ICS won the overall meet **Tuesday night.** It is our third overall win in a row. Led by PG and JB it was a solid overall. This was really impressive as we were missing quite a few kids. Here are the final results.

Track Meet							
Consolidated Score							
		Parochial Boys	Parochial Girls	Junior Boys	Junior Girls	School Total	Place
ICS		27	65	68	57	217	1
		0	0	0	0	0	
St. James		72	25	30	14	141	3
FBA		12	9	8	19	48	4
St. John's		46	50	42	61	199	2

GOOD LUCK TEAM TOMORROW AT THE MEET!

Coach, I wanted to make you aware of our 2016 **SIUE Summer Basketball Camps**. We just finished our first season at SIUE and it is our goal to establish our basketball camps as some of the premier basketball camps in the southern Illinois/STL area. Each of our camps will emphasize fundamentals and team play. They will also be a lot of fun and our players will be heavily involved. We encourage you to please spread the word to your players and any other youth coaches or parents that you think would be interested. Attached is our camp flyer which contains the dates and age groups.

Registration and more information is available on our camp website at camps.jumpforward.com/siuemb. Please let me know if you have any questions!

Thanks, Nick Giard, Director of Men's Basketball Operations
Southern Illinois Edwardsville [618-650-2896](tel:618-650-2896) C: [734-277-1980](tel:734-277-1980) www.siuecougars.com

FAMOUSLY YOURS: 2016 UNIFORM NEWS: Immaculate Conception School Uniform fitting will be at our store the whole month of May 2016. Monday and Wednesday 10-4:30, Tuesday and Thursday 10-6:00; and Saturday 10-2:00. 10% of on all paid in full purchases. No appointment needed. www.famouslyyours.com for pricing. NO FITTINGS HERE THIS YEAR.

SUMMER MUSICAL IN A WEEK: Actors' Attic Summer Musical in a Week. 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 at the Gibault Catholic High School auditorium. See the attachments for details, and email actorsattic@gmail.com with questions.

ON OUR RADAR

April	25	Zip Rzeppa at Church 7:00---jeans day on May 2 if parents or high schooler attends
April	30	State Band Contest at Triad
May	2	May Crowning
May	4	St. Louis Storytelling here---ALL ARE WELCOME!
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 ---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

FAMILY SOCIAL NIGHT Friday, May 13th from 6:00 to 10:00 pm

Kids are the focus on this night as they make pizzas from scratch in the warming kitchen and can sing-along with the karaoke machine. Note that food will be provided for adults. ALL ARE WELCOME TO THIS FREE, FUN, FAMILY EVENT. Please join us in the Fellowship Hall-Lower Level of the Immaculate Conception Church on Palmer Road. This event is designed to bring families together to enjoy, socialize and strengthen our community and family. If you have questions, please call Nick Matrisotto at [314-609-7092](tel:314-609-7092), Ted Haney at [314-504-5057](tel:314-504-5057) or Brian Repp [314-479-3027](tel:314-479-3027).

OUR WORLD IS HOLY Fr. Ron Ronlheiser, OMI

Christianity teaches us that our world is holy, that everything is matter for sacrament.

In its view, the universe is a manifestation of God's glory and humanity is made in God's image. Our bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, the food we eat is sacramental, and in our work and in sexual embrace we are co-creators with God.

This is high theology, a symbolic hedge which dwarfs that found in virtually every other religion and philosophy.

Nowhere else, save in outright pantheism, does anyone else affirm anything so radical that it borders on blasphemy. But this is Christian thought; at its best.

The problem however is that, most times, our daily lives are so dram, distracted and fixed upon realities that seem so base that it makes this idea ("everything is sacrament") seem adolescent fantasy.

When we watch the news at night our world doesn't look like the glory of God; what we do with our bodies at times makes us wonder whether these really are temples of the Holy Spirit, the heartless and thankless way that we consume food and drink leaves little impression of sacramentality, and the symbols and language with which we surround our work and sex speak precious little of co-creation with God.

Why is this so? If the earth is ablaze with the fire of God, why do we, in the words of Elizabeth Barrett Browning, sit around and pick blackberries? What have we lost?

We have lost the sense that the world is holy and that our eating, working and making love are sacramental; and we've lost it because we no longer have the right kind of prayer and ritual in our lives. We no longer connect ourselves, our world, and our eating and our making love, to their sacred origins. It is in not making this connection that our prayer and ritual falls short.

Let me try to illustrate this with a few examples: Among the Osage Indians, there is a custom that when a child is born, before it is allowed to drink from its mother's breast, a holy person is summoned, someone "who has talked to the gods" is brought into the room. This person recites to the newborn infant the story of the creation of the world and of terrestrial animals. Not until this has been done is the baby given the mother's breast.

Later, when the child is old enough to drink water, the same holy person is summoned again. This time he or she tells the story of creation, ending with the story of the sacred origins of water. Only then, after hearing this story, is the child given water.

Then, when the child is old enough to take solid foods, "the person who talked to the gods" is brought in again and he or she, this time, tells the story of the origins of grains and other foods. The object of all of this is to introduce the newborn child into the sacramental reality of the world. This child will grow up to know that eating is not just a physiological act, but a religious one as well.

An older generation, that of my parents, had their own pious way of doing this ritual. They blessed their fields and workbenches and bedrooms, they prayed grace before and after every meal, and some of them went to finalize their engagement for marriage in a church. That was their way of telling the story of the sacred origins

of water before drinking it.

By and large, we have rejected the mythological way of the Osage Indians and the pious way of my parents generation. We live, eat, work and make love under a lower symbolic hedge.

Most of our eating isn't sacramental because we don't connect the food we eat to its sacred origins—and, for the most part, we don't really pray before and after meals.

Most of the time we consider our work as a job rather than as co-creation with God because we don't connect it to any sacred origins—and we don't bless our workbenches, offices, classrooms and boardrooms. And our sex is rarely the Eucharist that it should be because the very thought of blessing a bedroom or having sacramental sex causes laughter in most contemporary circles.

I am not sure what the solution is. Our age isn't much for the mythology of ancient cultures or for the piety of more recent generations. The ways of the past, for better and for worse, are not our ways.

But we must find a way... a way to connect our eating and our drinking, our working and our making love, to their sacred origins.

Socrates once said that the unexamined life is not worth living. It is also not sacramental. Eating, working, and making love, without reflective prayer and proper ritual, are, in the end, dram and non-sacramental. The joylessness of so much that should bring us joy can tell us as much.

PARISH, DIOCESAN AND COMMUNITY NEWS...

The annual Gibault Spring Concert and Senior Art Show is this **Sunday, May 1**, in the Hustedde Gymnasium starting at **7:00 p.m.** This is a free concert, which features the concert band, jazz band, chorus, the Hawkappellas, and art work by our talented senior artists. This year, to celebrate our 50th anniversary, we will be performing **music from the 1960's!** It's going to be lots of fun. Feel free to dress in 60's style clothes as the band and chorus will be wearing Tie Dye!

ZIP RZEPPA April 25 – Well worth the time---more laughs---less tension than the Blues---and a life lesson about not giving up. Dan Kassebaum's nephew AJ works for Zip! I got AJ's autograph, All-American Nancy Kassebaum Metcalf's autograph, and Zip's! ZIP was great. God always helps us find a way. Sometimes it takes 3 days, or a job change or a major crisis. Where would we be without faith? Jeans day for children of parents who attended last Monday on Monday!

LES AMIS DU FORT DE CHARTRES PRESENTS



Kid's Day

Illustration from Colonial Williamsburg Education

May 7th 2016 10:00am-3:00pm at Fort de Chartres State Historic Site

Sponsored by the Prairie du Rocher Chamber of Commerce

Volunteer Interpreters will be on site to allow kids their hand at 18th century rope making, archery, games and other activities. Kids can enlist to be a Fort de Chartres French Marine and can take a chance at becoming King or

Queen by finding the bean in the King's cake! The event is free and open to the public, although donations are welcome. All children must be accompanied by a responsible adult at all times.

Concessions will be available for sale throughout the day from Prairie du Rocher Boy Scout Troop 338. Fort de Chartres State Historic Site is located at 1350 State Route 155, Prairie du Rocher, IL 62277. For more information please contact David Schultz at david.schultz@illinois.gov or 618-284-7230. To learn more about Les Amis du Fort de Chartres please visit us at <https://www.facebook.com/Les-Amis-du-Fort-de-Chartres-359005074289529/>

Thanks to **Your Cause Corporate Employee Giving Program** for a **\$14.00 match!** A Blessing!

PAPA JOHNS Sales - \$210.79 donation - **\$26.73**

DAN WHELAN Earlier this week Dan had the first CT scan since he began new, experimental treatments. I am VERY excited to report that the tumors have NOT grown since he started these treatments. This is the first time since 2011 that his tumors haven't grown! Dan had his 6th treatment today and everyone involved is very optimistic about his progress. Please continue to pray for Dan, his family and his care-givers. Dan always welcomes calls, emails, text messages and visitors. Let us rejoice and be glad!

ASK ME ABOUT MY MERCY Cailyn Mueth-Emma Tippen-Kaila Jerkatis—Danny Repp-Anna Haubrich-Caroline Roche-Lilly Barrett-Layne Traxler, Mason Homeyer-Sloan Wilson

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! Seeflyer 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

Jessica Stemler battlinforbarcik@yahoo.com See last week for Jessica’s story and to help!

Please add my grandma, **Stella Moll**, to the prayer list again. She is at the beginning stages of medicine not working for her. Her doctors believe she only has months to live now, instead of years. My grandpa is having a hard time with this and is doing a great job of taking care of her at home. (Such a blessing to have such great examples of love.)

Thank you, Angela Ettlting

PRAYERS: Stella Moll, 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, Mary Giovanni, Denise Conner, Kevin Diehl, Roy Lansing, Sis Blaes, Arlin Stechmesser, Marcella Heinrichs, Rick Abrahamson, Florence Dorshorst, Bill Pennock, Patty Juengling, Pat Weber, Ed Hengel, Vince Webb, George Stein, Desiree Frasure, **Special Intention**

THE FAREWELL DISCOURSE Saying goodbye is never easy. This weekend’s Gospel has Jesus foreshadowing his departure. **Peace I leave you. My peace I give to you.** “*When my eyes are closed, yours will be open*” my good friend Kenny Rose(Kyle, Emily, and Taylor’s Grandfather) used to love to say. This true statement reminds us to pay attention know, appreciate, and be hopeful that when the time comes, the Spirit will help us make it. Come and break open the Good Word this weekend as we start to get ready for His Ascension and the coming of the Spirit!

MIKE KISH

PS **REGISTRATION FOR NEXT YEAR STARTS next week.** Please make sure you are up to date on all your bills or have contacted us with a plan in place. Thanks!

Ps (In 1981, Tom Niermann-ICS '79, placed 7th in the 1981 National Championship Finals with a time of 55:39 for one cube broadcast live on “*That’s Incredible*” in LA. Tom taught Mr. Kish Algebra I in '78-79' and earned his doctorate in math from U of I.)

PS BUILDING the CHURCH of the FUTURE We are going to include a band room behind a stage in our plan for the new Catholic Education and Activities Center with hopes of a successful fund raising campaign in the Fall. Get excited, would ya?



Diocese of Belleville
The Bishop's Office

May 1, 2016
Sixth Sunday of Easter

A PASTORAL LETTER FROM BISHOP BRAXTON

Dear Parishioners in the Parishes of the Diocese of Belleville,

May the Peace of the Risen Lord Jesus Christ be with you!

I am writing to personally invite you to attend the Ordination of The Reverend Mr. Brett Judkins, from St. Stephen Parish in Caseyville, to the Priesthood of Jesus Christ, for the service of the Diocese of Belleville. The Ordination will be in two weeks, on Saturday, May 14, 2016, at 10:30 AM in the Cathedral of St. Peter in Belleville. You may have never participated in an Ordination Mass before. I assure you that you will find it a very inspiring spiritual experience. I would like you and your family to make every effort to attend and join me, my brother Priests, and Catholics from all over the Diocese in praying for Vocations to the Priesthood.

Last year we did not ordain any Priests for the Diocese. We are ordaining only one Priest for the Diocese this year. Next year we are not ordaining anyone at all. Currently, we have only forty-nine Diocesan priests serving one hundred and fifteen parishes! They are assisted by more than twenty *fidei donum* missionary priests whom I have personally invited to the Diocese. Their Bishops or Superiors could call them home at any time. If that happened, many parishes would be left without priests. We urgently need you to join us at the

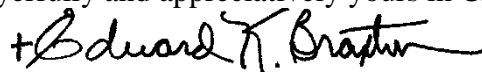
Cathedral on May 14th and pray with one voice for our new Priest and for Vocations to the Priesthood.

I realize that all of you have busy weekends. But we all do what is important to us. I hope it is important to you to have Priests to serve your Parish in the future. You may live a short drive from Belleville or you may be two hours or more away from the See City. I urge you to show your love for the Church, for your Diocese, and for your Parish by sacrificing just one Saturday from your busy schedule and join us on Ordination Day. I am profoundly serious when I ask all of you, and the Priests, Deacons, and Religious who serve you, to mark your calendars today and come to the Cathedral for the Ordination. Organize carpools, arrange for a bus, and come and pray that the Holy Spirit will call young men from your parishes to serve the Church as Priests and that these young men will respond with generous hearts.

It is important for you to remind yourselves of an important truth about the heart of the Catholic Church. There can be no Church without the Eucharist! And there can be no Eucharist without Priests! It will be very discouraging to our new Priest, to his family, and to the Priests concelebrating with me to gather in our large Cathedral with only a small number of the People of God. The Cathedral should be overflowing! **Open your hearts and hear this plea, come to the Ordination at 10:30 AM on Saturday, May 14th, in the Cathedral of St. Peter.**

St. Jean-Baptiste-Marie Vianney, Patron Saint of Parish Priests, Pray for us!

Prayerfully and appreciatively yours in Christ,



The Most Reverend Edward K. Braxton
Bishop of Belleville

Band Schedule Week of May 2-6

Monday

8:05-8:35 6th-8th Clarinet 2

8:35-9:05 5th Flute

9:05-9:35 6th-8th Flute and Clarinet 1

10:35-11:05 4th Flutes

11:05-11:35 4th Clarinet

Tuesday

7:15-7:50 **Jazz Band**

8:55-9:25 6th-8th Trumpet

9:25-9:55 5th Clarinet

9:55-10:35 6th-8th Saxophone and F Horn

11:05-11:35 4th Saxophone

11:35-12:05 4th Trumpet

Wednesday

8:05-9:05 **Concert Band Full Band**

9:05-9:35 Percussion Ensemble

10:35-11:35 **Beginning Band Full Band**

1:15-2:15 **Intermediate Band Full Band**

Thursday

7:15-7:50 **Jazz Band**

8:55-9:25 6th-8th Percussion

9:25-9:55 5th Saxophone

9:55-10:35 6th-8th Low Brass

11:05-11:35 4th Low Brass

11:35-12:05 4th Percussion

Friday

8:05-8:35 5th Low Brass

8:35-9:05 5th Percussion

9:05-9:35 5th Trumpet

10:35-11:05 Jazz Band Sectionals

11:05-11:35 Smart Music Lab