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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*

May 4, 2018

*Bienvenido el parrochia!*

**V. 43 #44**

**Dear Parent,**



**May Crowning** Sophie Conrad and Jack Siegel did the honors for us in crowning Mary. We do not adore Mary. We honor her as the Mother of God and ask her intercession for us. Ave Maria! Thanks again to Mrs. Cyra Herrmann for helping us honor Mary and setting up the program.

**PUBLIC NOTICE: THE ICS FACULTY AND STAFF ARE SPOILED!** What an amazingly joyful week of surprises and thank yous we received this week. One of my biggest bragging points here are our parents. We appreciate all you have done---gifts, treats, Mass coverage, breakfast and on and on. Sarah Thieret chaired and Kara Boyd got the sign-ups going and our parents did the rest. God bless you for blessing us!

**Staff Appreciation Week is May 7-11** We are still looking for 2 more volunteers to fill in for the cafeteria staff from 11:00 to 1:15 on Tuesday, May 8 and Friday, May 11. You would mainly be looking over the tables as the kids eat lunch. We are also asking for someone to fill in for the crossing guard the afternoon of May 11 from 2:40 to 3:10. If you are available to help, please sign up. Thanks to Andrea Harget for chairing and all who help!

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0449ada929a1f49-staff>

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

Holly Blaskiewicz and Committee have really worked hard to make this our best run ever. Family Fun! You don't have to run to do that, just come to 411 Palmer Rd and follow the signs!

Thanks to all our sponsors and runners and fun-seekers for tonight's Pre-Cinco party! If you registered to run for the GLO or our 5k of Girls on the Run---wear your shirts on Wednesday! St. Paul says all run the race and even though only one wins the prize, we all win! Tonight is the Night to get your GLO on!



**GOTR Week 8 – Strength and Gratitude** We are getting so close – one more week! The girls are working so hard and have made so many great accomplishments. Those who began walking in the beginning are now running...and for a long period of time! It simply is amazing. This week,

we talked about our strengths and how everyone's strengths are different. Each girl had to think about her strengths. The coaches taught the girls to be proud and confident of those strengths. During this lesson, we had a special guest join us, Mrs. Whelan. Mrs. Whelan told the girls that her strength is being a good friend!

The girls also discussed how to put these strengths to work; how they can use their strengths to help others. This led us to more discussions about their community project. The girls also took time this week to acknowledge all they are thankful for in their lives. Family, teachers, ice cream, vacation, pets, and sunshine were just a few on their list!

### **GIRLS ON THE RUN May 12 The Big Run!**

Thank you so much for your support of Girls on the Run at Immaculate Conception Columbia this year! We are grateful that 22 girls are participating with 15 coaches (Kara Boyd, Lauren Conner, Tammy Hoeflinger, Christina Hornacek, Amanda Keeven, Kate Kienzie, Joyce Randie, Kimberly Sullivan, Theresa Traxler, Jessica Wachtel, Holly Blaskiewicz, Suzanne Funk, Elizabeth Glasscock, Jean Swip, Priscilla Wilkerson) this season! They are part of the larger Girls on the Run movement, including 3,800 girls and 1,300 coaches at 183 schools across 23 counties this season! There are 28 Catholic schools fielding Girls on the Run teams this season!

In 2017 Girls on the Run was recognized as a top research-based social-emotional learning program by Harvard University and the Wallace Foundation. Dr. Stephanie Jones, lead researcher and expert in the field of social-emotional learning, labeled Girls on the Run a vanguard and acknowledged that there are few evidence-based programs like Girls on the Run that have been specifically designed for out-of-school time. Of all the top programs included in the [study](#), Girls on the Run is the only one available in the St. Louis region.

We would like to encourage you to share the impact of Girls on the Run in your community. A recent longitudinal study showed the sustained impact of the program over time. Relevant data is listed below. We would also like to personally invite you to the culminating event at the end of the 10-week program, a 5K run in downtown St. Louis on May 12. You can register at [girlsontherunstlouis.org](http://girlsontherunstlouis.org) and receive a special administrator discount! Your presence would inspire and encourage the Immaculate Conception Columbia Girls on the Run community!

Saturday, May 12, 2018  
Soldiers' Memorial (downtown St. Louis)  
1 Mile Fun Run – 7:30 am  
5k Run – 8:00 am

**BOXTOPS FOR EDUCATION CHECK: \$553.80!!! Thank you! THE BOX TOPS COMMITTEE** would like to conduct a "spring round up" of all the box tops. No contests, just a request to turn in any box tops that will be expiring this summer by May 11 for processing. Thanks!

**YOUNG AUTHORS HELP NEEDED** [Robin Nadziejko](#) has done a terrific job for us this year in one of our absolutely best programs run primarily by parents. She needs to pass the mantle on as she has other work demands. She has the binder and can answer questions to get YOU started if you will step up. Parents help with judging and encouraging writing, which really grows our brain! Please contact us or her so we can keep this valuable activity. Write On!

**CEAC BOND SALE MEETINGS** You can review the presentation slides and prospectus (our bonds are referred to as the Series 2017B Serial Bond) on the parish website to the right of Mass Times. <http://www.icc-columbia-il.us/> Please contact Keith Huels, parish Business Manager, with any questions. Thanks for your support. You can buy all 3 million if you get there fast enough! 5.5% interest!

## **ANOTHER MAJOR SUCCESS DUE TO YOUR GENEROSITY!**

Thank you to everyone who logged on and donated to ICS on the May 2nd Give STL Day. Your generosity was amazing! Although we are waiting on final numbers, the Give STL Day Leaderboard shows ICS at \$16,393. This includes a \$1,000 prize from Purina and the Parents and Friends match. It doesn't include the corporate lifts given during the numerous Power Hours throughout the day. Final numbers will be communicated by the end of May and checks are issued and mailed on June 30th. Once we have the final numbers, we will share the details.

As promised, there is a dress down day for children and grandchildren of those who donated on May 2nd. The kids will receive a jeans, crazy hat and crazy socks day on May 18th. The eighth graders can celebrate with their jeans day, crazy hat and crazy socks day on May 14th.

Once again, thanks to all who donated and our chairperson Joyce Randle and all the social media wonks who kept reminding me how much my donation could and up to! I heard a rumor we were 25<sup>th</sup> in the area of hundreds of charities!

**REGISTRATION** We send the paperwork home on Tuesday. Grades K-7 will have a **jeans day if the paperwork is back on Monday**. As per policy, make sure your stewardship form has been turned in to the parish office and all book bills, lunch, band, tuition, are paid or up to date. We try to be very good stewards of your money and we are understaffed and appreciate compliance. We don't want to turn into a collection agency. Contact us if you need to work out a plan.

We have received some questions about why the **EFT forms** were in the enrollment packet. Those papers are only needed for the tuition and pre-k parents, as they will be required to pay by bank EFT next year. They will be sent an email next week or so to follow up if we have not received. Thanks, Keith Huels, Parish Business Manager

**School Board** We have 5 openings on the Board—4 regular and 1 two Year term. Parish Council has openings. Put your name in the box in the Gathering Space and make history!



**Sydney Wahle**'s artwork has been selected for use in Crayola publications from over 1600 entries in the country for Crayola's 2017-2018 Art Energizes STEAM Art Exhibition. Each submission provided a look into the mind of the student artist. We were truly inspired by the ways students connected art with science, technology, engineering and math. While the artwork selected for the U.S. Department of Education's permanent collection has reached maximum capacity, Crayola was so inspired by **Sydney 's** submission that it will be included in Crayola education resources. She will receive a Crayola thank you gift pack valued at over \$200 —and get to keep her original art!

**Thanks for bringing color to the world Sydney!**

### **Illinois Math League Grade 5:**

1st - Owen Haney 21/30 2nd - Brady Moore & Kaiden Timmons 16/30

4th - Avery Herrmann, Audrey Randle, & Connor Thoma 15/30

Commendable: Grant Monheiser 14/30, Brooke Heimburger, Sadie Loless, & Sadie Metz 13/30, & Lauren Thorne 12/30

### **Illinois Math League Grade 4:**

1<sup>st</sup> 17/30 Keegan Thompson, Oliver Unwin      2nd 16/30 - Avery Herrmann  
3<sup>rd</sup> 15/30 - Hope Schwartz      4<sup>th</sup> with a score of 13 pts. - Connor Thoma  
Commendable (12 points or higher) - 12 pts. - Max Keeven, Gabe Thebeau, Riley McGill

**CALENDAR FOR END OF YEAR:** Graduation for the Class of 2018 is May 17. Pre-School/Pre-K Metter Park Lunch and Talent Show will be Monday, May 21. K-4 awards, May 22 at 2:00 p.m. **Last day of school will be May 23 with release at 11:20. No Latchkey.** Kindergarten graduation is at 9:30 in the gym on May 23. Opening Day for 2018-2019 is August 16! Whew! Let's finish strong and give thanks to God!

**DON'T FORGET TO ORDER YOUR YEARBOOKS!! THE WEBSITE IS [WWW.JOSTENS.COM](http://WWW.JOSTENS.COM) AND THE COST IS \$18.00. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT KIM FOUTCH AT 618-973-2878.**

**ICS Dairy Queen Night** – Numbers coming

**PAPA VITO'S** Dining Out for ICS at Papa Vito's in Millstadt Tuesday May 8th and May 15th. ICS will receive 15% of sales for the entire day! Stop in for lunch or dinner between 11am - 10p.m. The Salad alone is worth the trip!

**Shoparoo: April Contest Announcement** 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](mailto:jarandle30@yahoo.com). Good luck!

**HELP FOR NEXT YEAR** Meghan Friedrich has accepted a position at Columbia Rehab for next year. We will need a kitchen worker on Wednesday and Thursday from 10:45-2:30 and is also available to fill in as needed on other days. Duties include: supervising students during lunch, setting up cafeteria for lunch, cleaning up cafeteria after lunch, helping to serve lunch, running dishwasher, and other duties as needed. Thanks for all the love you gave us Meghan and all the love you will give to your patients!



St. Louis Story Telling Festival Pre-School to 4. Ric Vice and Becky Everly were our story tellers. This annual event is presented free to our school. There is nothing like spinning a yarn and telling a good story.



Out of the collar and into his Nikes. Fr. Carl explained all the love and racket of tennis to some of our P.E. classes this week.

ICS Spirit Wear is on sale now! Head to the web store to check out the new Spring and Summer items. Samples will also be available this Friday at the ICS 5K/Fun Run if you want to take a look. The web store closes on Thursday, May 10, and all orders will be in before school is out for the summer. Please help support ICS!

<https://springics.itemorder.com/sale>

**THE SPORTING NEWS...ICS Track -Conference results:** Dominic Voegele qualified for Long Jump at State and placed 3rd in the 100m dash at Regionals. Our girls 4x400 relay and 4x200 placed 3rd and the girls 3x100m relays placed 4th in the 100m dash Our boys placed 3rd in the 4x200! Overall the boys and girls placed 7th in both the boys division and the girls division

**DIOCESAN TRACK MEET** We are having 2 teams for the Diocesan so more students will participate. With this spring's rain-outs, this is great! 44 events gives us 162 chances! Thanks to head Coach Susan Dalpoas and all our coaches for another year of growth

**Diocesan Track Meet May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2018 @ Althoff Catholic H.S.**

**Start Time:** The meet will start promptly @ 9:00 with the mile and all field events other than the high jump. The 2 high jump areas will start after the miles are run, (1 Parochial & 1 Junior)

<b>Field Event Rotation:</b>	<b>1st</b>	<b>2nd</b>	<b>3rd</b>	<b>4th</b>
Parochial High Jump	PB	PG		
Junior High Jump	JB	JG		
Long Jump	JG	JB	PG	PB
Discus	JB	PB	JG	PG
Shot Put	PG	JG	PB	JB

After all field events are done we will proceed with the running events in the following order.  
 100 METER            400 METER            4 X 100 METER RELAY    200 METER            800 METER  
 4 X 200 METER RELAY

**Awards:** Ribbons and points will be awarded for 1<sup>st</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> place in all events. Team plaques will be awarded for overall team 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>. Division plaques awarded for 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**Concessions and Admission:** Concessions will be available the day of the meet and as with last year's Diocesan meet there will be an admission charge similar to basketball and volleyball games. \$3.00/Adult, \$2.00/students, \$6.00/Family. We please ask that all schools be responsible for clean up of their respective areas as well as helping us with the entire track area.

Thanks in advance and Good Luck! St James & St Teresa Schools

**CHS VARSITY CHEERLEADING TRYOUTS ARE SCHEDULED FOR MAY 14-17.**

For anyone interested in trying out for the 2018-19 season there will be an informational meeting this Friday, April 27 at 3:30pm in the CHS Library. Please announce Mr. Kassebaum!

**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!

**WE ARE MISSING GIRLS' VOLLEYBALL UNIFORMS #9, 12, and 14.** And boys' volleyball uniform #9. If these uniforms are at your house, can you please return them, we want to get a good inventory for next year. Also if you have any other uniforms at home, please send them back. Please do not send back in the uniforms the students won on Mission Day, those are prizes and they are yours!!

**Youth Hockey Coaches and PE Teachers,**

Register your team today for the FREE Street Blues Ball Hockey Tournament being held on Saturday, May 19 on the floor of Scottrade Center. Teams of seven players (six players & one goalie) will compete for summer bragging rights in their respective division.

Tournament Details Two Divisions: Ages 7-9 & Ages 10-12

- Two Game Guarantee
- Each member of the championship teams will receive a commemorative trophy
- Tournament will begin at 9:30am and conclude by 3pm
- **JERSEYS WILL NOT BE PROVIDED**

Visit [https://stlblues.formstack.com/forms/street\\_blues\\_ball\\_hockey\\_tournament](https://stlblues.formstack.com/forms/street_blues_ball_hockey_tournament) for more information.

Registration for the tournament will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis so register now! There is no registration fee for the tournament, and each player on the championship winning team will receive a commemorative trophy. Once registration is complete, the teams competing in the tournament will be notified via email by May 11. If you have any questions about the tournament, please email me at [bknox@stlblues.com](mailto:bknox@stlblues.com). We look forward to seeing you May 19<sup>th</sup>!

**CALLING ALL SUPERHEROES!!!** Mark your calendars...ICS Superhero Camp is the **week of June 25<sup>th</sup>**. We are recruiting superheroes entering 1<sup>st</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup>. Contact Mrs.Epplin ([bepplin@icsmail.org](mailto:bepplin@icsmail.org)) with any questions

**SUMMER MUSIC LESSONS CAN MAKE A HUGE DIFFERENCE!**

**AVAILABLE FOR ALL BAND INSTRUMENTS, PLUS guitar, bass guitar, piano, voice, and drums!!**  
**LESSONS TAUGHT IN THE BAND ROOM AT GIBAULTCATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL, by Mr. Scott Ruppel, Gibault Music Director**

Lessons can also be taught at my house in Millstadt if that is more convenient.

Will work around busy summer schedules!!

STARTING Monday, JUNE 4 Please call 618-304-3574

**PLEASE JOIN US FOR A ROSARY RALLY!**

The Immaculate Conception Church Council of Catholic Women invites you to join us in praying the Holy Rosary for peace in our nation on Saturday, May 12, 2018, at 12:00 noon near the fountain by Columbia City Hall. "For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them." Matthew 18:20 All are welcome to attend this 30-minute public prayer!

**GRADS IN THE NEWS...** Catherine Whitworth (ICS '14) received the Bishop Discipleship Award at the Baccalaureate Mass at the Cathedral on May 3! We are proud of Catherine for living out the Word both in school and the wider community!



**GIBAULT NEWS... STATE!** Congrats to the Gibault Math Team who competed at the state level last weekend. Team members include: **Johnny Adams**, Kyle Barbour, **Elena Biske**, **Spencer Biske**, Rollin Chen, Haley Davitz, Josh Eichholz, Daniel Fei, **Andy Loless**, Victor Qian, and **Sarah Rose**. We will have results next week!

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

**JOB OPPORTUNITY** - Gibault Catholic High School is seeking candidates for a full-time high school Theology teaching position beginning the 2018-2019 academic year. For immediate consideration email Russ Hart - [russhart@gibalthawks.com](mailto:russhart@gibalthawks.com) Requirements: Bachelor's degree with experience in Catholic theology, or B.A. in theology from a Catholic college or university.

**THE LITTLE MERMAID** – Both Ariel and I lost our voices on the same weekend. Mine fell in the Chicago River on the 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Field Trip and she bartered hers away but snatched it back from Ursula! I was so proud of our 29 members of cast and crew. Seth Watters was on stage crew and he played “Sandy” in our very first production “Annie”. It seemed the entire stage and gym lit up when all the sea critters came out. What a rush I felt and I know the cast did too! Theater changes our world in so many ways! Thanks to MaryBeth Babcock. Maybe her “Corner Reef” connection made the production so special---definitely not a high school production---way beyond in quality!

**CHICAGO FIELD TRIP** Got a call this morning from the Chicago Department of Public health wondering if any of us caught the neuro-virus. We were first in and out so I told him “don’t think so but check for my voice in the Chicago River”. Thanks to our chaperons Jason Adams, Todd Biske, Lisa Main-Haubrich, Nikki Eichenseer, Kevin Schmidt, Ashley Madrid, Carol Basler, Victoria Rose, Christine Schorb, Beth Johns, Shannon Haney, Mike Gibson, and Mike Stark.

**"BRING THE WORLD TO YOU, AND BE THE WORLD TO THEM."** Gibault Catholic HS is excited to welcome MORE international students to join the community for the 2018-2019 school year! These students are very excited to continue their schooling in America. We are looking for families to host these students. They come fully insured, have their own spending money and speak good English. As a loving host family you are responsible for enhancing their experience, providing three meals a day and ensuring they have means to get to school. The commitment is the 9 month school year and you have the help and assistance of the student's Local Coordinator. Please contact Andrea (Ebers) Bodinet at [andrea.educatius@gmail.com](mailto:andrea.educatius@gmail.com) or Desiree Frasure at [dfrasure.educatius@gmail.com](mailto:dfrasure.educatius@gmail.com) to learn more about the students we have available! This is a wonderful opportunity to make a difference for the students and your community!"

**YourCause Corporate Employee Giving Program Thanks for your match of \$14!**

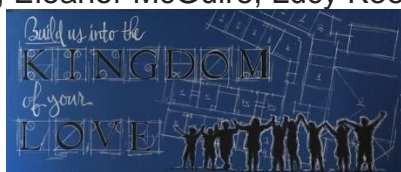
**FAMILY SOCIAL NIGHT Friday, May 18th from 6:00 to 9:00 pm**

ALL ARE WELCOME TO THIS FREE, FUN, FAMILY EVENT. Please join us in the Garden Level of the Immaculate Conception Church. Kids are the focus on this night as they make pizzas from scratch in the warming kitchen and can sing karaoke. Note that food will be provided for adults. So, come and enjoy a night out with family and friends. If you have questions, please call Nick Matrisotto at 314-609-7092, Ted Haney at 314-504-5057 or Brian Repp 314-479-3027.

**"Building the Domestic Church While Strengthening Our Parish"**

**Nick Matrisotto**

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**BUILD UP THE KINGDOM OF YOUR LOVE** daily shirts Grant Monheiser, Maggie Buhr, Carolyn Randle, Taylor Rose, Eleanor McGuire, Lucy Keeven, Maya Dill, Audrey Sullivan, Brooke Heimburger



**Patti Rottler**, sister of Mike Doerr, is back in treatment for cancer in some lymph nodes in the back of her abdomen that are inoperable. She has already been through chemo treatment for it. However the chemo did keep it from growing/spreading but it did not kill it. So now she is getting radiation treatment. Her son Lucas (attended ICS K-3?) and he is getting married in Colorado on Sept 23<sup>rd</sup>. Prayers please for Patti. She was an active Mom here.

**Our Condolences:** from Julie Maul---It is with great sadness that we share that **Christy Boccardi**, wife of Ray Boccardi passed away this morning at just 48 years old. Ray was one of our biggest supporters when Aiden was sick. He is also a great supporter of the community, especially ICS. Please keep his family in your prayers. She leaves behind two daughters, Maddie is a sophomore at Mizzou and works summers at the Columbia location since she was 15. Carlie is a junior at Lindbergh HS. Arrangements to be announced. A special Thank you to Mrs. Donjon and her wonderful students who graciously made very thoughtful and beautiful cards and sent prayers for Mrs. Boccardi and her family. I delivered them that day. God's peace to Christy and all her family during this sad time!

**OUR CONDOLENCES** to Tina Kohrmann and Lynn Muscarello of our Diocesan HR staff on the loss of their mother, **Dolores M. 'Dee' Ottensmeier**, nee Wuebbles, 79, of Breese, Thursday, May 3, 2018. Tina Kohrmann is Director of Human Resources and Lynn Muscarello is Director of Child Protection Services for the Diocese of Belleville. We work very closely with these two great ladies and their Mom raised them well. God's peace to Dee Ottensmeier and her family! Prayers please!

**PRAYERS: Special Intention** Patti Rottler, Mike Taylor, Pearl Mueller, Richard Prater, 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**

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.

**FRENEMIES** We use this term sometimes but it is for selfish reasons. Please read these words lifted from good friend Fr. Steve's homily. We have a God who says "love one another". This we can do. Jesus never said "like one another". We are so unique this would be nearly impossible. So--- "We encounter uncertainty in so many personal ways. Sometimes it is about the relationships we have within family or among friends. They overlook our birthday. They never call or write. We no longer are able to discuss politics without someone getting defensive or upset. So what are we to do? At some point in our personal history – as an infant, in our youth or as an adult, we were immersed in the holy pool of baptism. That set a direction for living. Perhaps too much emphasis then was placed on rules or regulations, but now we are adults. Now we have had some steady exposure to the gospel and what it means to imitate Christ. So what are we to do? Return to your baptism. Return to what it means to be an adult Christian in the Catholic tradition. Come back to the Gospel. You know what all of that means. In his public life, Jesus



was fired-up and driven by a passion. His passion was not to start a church. It was not to issue a new set of rules, regulations or dogmas. It was to call forth and enable the rule of God to emerge among all people of Earth. "I stand among you so you may have life and have it abundantly!" Faced with so many demands for our attention, there is only one thing Christ asks of us; only one thing he clearly told us to do. It is the one thing all of us are fully capable of doing. "Love one another as I have loved you." Jesus himself did everything he could to motivate us to do the one thing we must do -- "love one another as I have loved you." Live in such a way that others will recognize in you the universal, unconditional and nonviolent love with which that Gracious Mystery we name God embraces all of us -- Jews, Christians, Muslims, Hindus, atheists, agnostics, terrorists -- all of us -- no exception! Christ is Risen! (Truly he is risen!) Yes it is true! He is risen! The Gracious Mystery we name God raised him from the tomb and he is alive! The Risen One is with us always. He is the life-giving energy at the core of our lives, and his life is now our life. He gathers us here around this Table. We break and eat the bread. We drink the wine. We celebrate his life within us! He is the source of our life! Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. understood all of this. Fifty years ago he said that, "love is the only force capable of transforming an enemy into a friend." The Civil Rights campaign he initiated was rooted in the practice of unconditional love and persists today. Christ is Risen! (Truly he is risen!) What are we to do? "Remain in my love." "Love one another as I have loved you."

*Mike Kish*

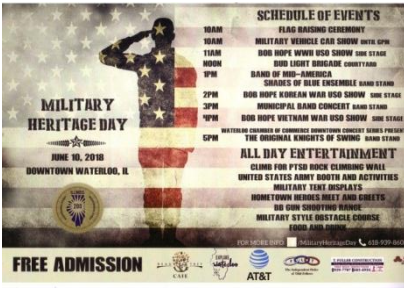
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PS **ORDINATION! 10:30 May 19<sup>th</sup>** is the ordination of Rev. Mr. Steven Pautler---yes---Bryce's great uncle---to the priesthood along with 8 Permanent Deacons, many of who we have received thank you cards from this week for all our prayers. The happiest man I know is Fr. Carl Scherrer. Probably 95% of the priests I know (and I know many as an ex-seminarian) are joyful but over-worked people. Please encourage vocations to the priesthood and all religious life. As the Holy Spirit addresses our shortage, there might be other solutions to this urgent need. For now, we pray and work for vocations by encouraging!

PS **Women's Sunday** Our Conference of Catholic Women will fill ministry roles this weekend at the Masses. I've read and I do believe that 85% of the work of the Church is done by women. Let's salute them and men, let's step up!

**PS CSMA---Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal** and STEWARDSHIP--- 30-30-30-10 is the way to do it for children so they learn stewardship is a life choice that ties us to God. 4 BUCKETS! CSMA is a Diocesan program that gives to many different Diocesan ministries and not the Diocese itself. Our parish goal this year is 400 participants. Give something and we can get there. We always owe a debt to the larger group.

Expand this and take advantage of this step back in time to the days of Bob Hope and the USO! Illinois is in the midst of celebrating its 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary!



## Spring 2018 Exam Schedule

Date	6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Exam	7 <sup>th</sup> Grade Exam	8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Exam
Monday, May 7			
Tuesday, May 8			
Wednesday, May 9		Pre-A;g	Pre-Alg
Thursday, May 10		Pre-Alg	Pre-Alg
Friday, May 11	NO EXAMS	NO EXAMS	NO EXAMS
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Monday, May 14			Algebra II Geography 8 English 8 Hist Exam project due
Tuesday, May 15	English 6		Science 8 Algebra II
Wednesday, May 16		English 7	
Thursday, May 17		Geography 7	
Friday, May 18	Day after Graduation		
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Monday, May 21	Science 6 History 6	Science 7	
Tuesday, May 22		History 7	