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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!

May 6,, 2016

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HAPPY MOTHERS DAY WEEKEND!



Dear Parent, Guardian, Student, Teacher, Friend,

PARISH COUNCIL AND SCHOOL BOARD Thanks to all who discerned and will serve. The "power of one" gets magnified when we work together. Don't be disappointed too much if you weren't selected---we have your names!!!! We are also signing up sub-committee members for the new Catholic Education and Activity Center!

New for Pastoral Council Members: Lauren Powers Mary Wilson Dawn Henke
New School Board Members: Katie Hrdlicka Nick Lundholm Brad Nadziejko
Kit Timmons Kory Haywood

Our sincere thanks to Shannon Whelan, Tim Mueth, Chris Basler, Melissa Schaefer, and Cindy Schaefer for moving our school forward!

Scholastic Bowl SECTIONAL Champions! We have made the Elite Eight of 174 schools in our Class A division. We are competing in Peoria at the Civic Center. Championship Matches are to be Webcast Pool play---we won our first match!.

A total of 16 teams will play in Peoria--eight teams in Class A and eight teams in Class AA.

CLASS A TOURNAMENT

POOL A TEAMS: Columbia ICS, Normal Metcalf, Palatine Quest, Sparland Midland

POOL B: Champaign Next Generation, Jacksonville Our Saviour, Peoria Academy, West Salem

Pool A 1:00 p.m. - WON 2:00 p.m. - Sparland Midland vs. Columbia ICS

3:00 p.m. - Palatine Quest vs. Columbia ICS

5:00 p.m. - Pool A runner-up vs. Pool B runner-up (third place)

5:00 p.m. - Pool A winner vs. Pool B winner (championship)

current scores: [iesascholarbowl](#)

Fans can click on one of the links below and register to listen to the championship match. There is no charge to listen to the match.

For Class A click on: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/739996988519882498>

Note: Only the Class A and AA Championship matches will be broadcast.

TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK Spoiled again! Holly and the committee really honored us this week in the name of Parents and Friends. I wish all teachers in America could feel as loved as we are! God bless you for so many exciting thrills and delicacies and gifts and testimonials!



Terrific Kid – May 2016

Mrs. Diewald: **Caroline Roche** – Caroline is a Terrific Kid in our classroom because she is always such a great friend to others. Whether it be in the classroom or on the playground you will find Caroline lending a helping hand. She also takes her school work very serious. Caroline is a hard worker and always strives to do her best work.

Mrs. Meyer: **Charley Stewart** – Charley is the Terrific Kid because she is a confident student, who is always thinking outside of the box. She is kind to her classmates and always a ray of sunshine in the classroom.

Ms. Kennedy: **Summer Harrington** – Summer is a Terrific Kid because she has made outstanding progress this year. Summer has shown extra effort in study habits and homework. Her hard work has not gone unnoticed.

Mrs. Matrisotto: **Kaiden Timmons** – Kaiden is our Terrific Kid for Mrs. Matrisotto's third grade class. Kaiden has earned Terrific Kids by being extremely creative, completing homework assignments, and always being honest. Kaiden has a twinkle in his eye, a great story to tell, and the most amazing smile! Way to go, Kaiden!

Mrs. Donjon: **Olivia Blaskiewicz** - Olivia is surely a terrific kid! She is always willing to help out her classmates or anyone who may need help. Olivia is always happy and able to make us laugh. She is a hard worker and always does her best!

Mrs. Ettlting: **Hope Pollmann** – Hope is a terrific kid because she is always willing to help others, she is always kind, and she always puts forth her best effort. Keep up the great work, Hope!

Mrs. Taylor: **Emma Tippen** - Emma is always happy, kind to her classmates, and humorous. She always works hard and puts her best foot forward!

Mrs. Schauster: **Maria Biske** – Maria is a terrific kid! She is cheerful student who is always willing to lend a hand. She has a hard working attitude and is rarely seen without a smile. Maria is a friend to all of her classmates.

Parents & Friends May 9, 2016 7pm Agenda At Reifschneider's

- I. Opening Prayer
- II. Secretary Report
- III. Treasurer's Report
- IV. Teacher's Report
- V. Principal's Report
- VI. Old Business- Schoola Clothing Drive- Mother & Son event- Teacher Appreciation
- VII. New Business- Uniform Resale- Field Day t-shirts- New events/fund raisers
- Calender- Elections/Appointments
- VIII. Closing Prayer

SPORTS PHYSICALS-OPPORTUNITY! The State of Illinois requires physicals for Kindergarten and 6th grade. These are in-depth on the state-approved form and include immunizations and suffice to play sports at ICS and meet Diocesan guidelines. For all other students who want to play sports, you need a physical. We have an opportunity for you and a chance to do some good! For \$15 per student, Jessica Wachtel PA-C, Shanna Witges, FNP-C from Family Practice Associates in Waterloo and Lauren Stief, DPT from Athletico Physical Therapy in Columbia will offer sports physicals here at ICS in the classrooms by the soda machine on Saturday, May 21st from 9:00 am till 11:00 am. Write the check out to ICS. This money will be donated to the Heather and Scott Schaefer Family on behalf of Jessica, Shanna, and Lauren. Boys can get there physical done too---no hernia check is needed so you don't need to worry. Do yourself a favor and take advantage of this and also help the Schaefer family at the same time! Kindergarten and Grade 6 need to get their physical appointments made with the doctor. Thanks Jessica, Shanna and Lauren!

Help wanted to hang art for the Band/Art Show. Mrs. Fetcho needs your help on Wednesday, May 11 from 3pm-4:30pm and Thursday, May 12 from 10am - 12pm to hang art work for the show scheduled for that evening. It takes a few helping hands to get it done and you get to reserve your seating for the show that evening. We really do have fun as we work. Thanks! Mrs. Fetcho

CATECHIST CERTIFICATION: Congratulations to these Faculty members for reaching steps in the Catechist Certification process:

Apprentice **Catie Taylor** Tier II **Shari Murphy** Tier IV **Beth Carrow**

BUILDERS CLUB WEEK---ANOTHER SUCCESS FOR THE CLASS OF 2016

Crusade against Cancer---Pedal the Cause	\$1,050
Penny Pinch ---might be a world record for us!	\$1,520.81
Dress Down Day for Missions	\$ 315.45
Mission Day Games	\$ 611.22 \$3,497.48!

PENNY PINCH is hard to explain. Pennies count positive. Other money counts negative or against you as students see you are doing well and hope to slow you down. If you don't bring much in, you can't win either! **CLASS value and TOTALS**

-4672 1B	272.58	-4108 3M	108.82	-2968 2M	51.42	-2752 6T	112.28
-2628 4E	58.02	-1598 1N	136.52	-990 5T	30.40	-278 5S	62.52
-227 6W	7.53	-163 7T	34.47	-27 KM	64.84	151 KH	34.61
1091 2D	64.91	1511 8K	225.71	1711 4D	125.81	2367 3K	112.37

Most Pennies: 11,891---Gr. 8 Least 238

1st 3K 68.02-3.80-6.30-27.75-.50-\$6

2nd 4D 71.46-3.35-11.50-31.50-\$8

3rd 8K 118.71-12.05-21.50-56.25-2.00-\$15

4th 1B 90.43-9.85-22.30-105.00-\$45(SENTIMENTAL---MOST MONEY!)

CASA 381 Pairs of Shoes (and 7 singles---look under the bed)! Thank you for soles for souls in Haiti! Thanks to Helen Csik for coordinating!

MISSION DAY RAFFLE

Stuffed Camel: Dakota L'Hote; ICS Shirt: Dominic Dalpoas, Andrew Feldker; I-Tunes: Georgia Sasser, Tyler Wahle; DQ: Jacob Whitworth, William Sanker; ICS Sweatshirt-James Thebeau; Art Set: Ava Blaskiewicz, Charlie Hake, Natalia Palacios-Goudey, Addison Sanker

Congratulations to our Builders Club on a fantastic year. Probably the best over-all numbers ever when you combine the numbers. Look at how much good we have done and yet we must be humble for there is so much more to do! Thanks for supporting BC Charities!

BUILDERS CLUB WRAP-UP 2015-2016 Officers:

President	Nick Prindiville	Vice-President	Spencer Biske
Secretary	Jane Whelan	Treasurer	Mary Wessel
Service Director	Lexi Hennes	Fund raising	Maggie Schulte
Social Director	Eve Melliere	Kids Against Hunger	Hannah Janson

Talent Show Co-Directors: Claire Huebner and Claire Eppinger

Builders Club Wrap-up * TASK BOOK:** Activities this year:

1. Created a new pledge: *I pledge to give my time, talent, and treasure to support and build upon this club and the community around me. I pledge to be loyal to my fellow Builders Club members and all the people who depend upon the charitable works of this club. Let this club bring forth my skills to lead and be led, and bring forth my compassion for charity and help those in need. May God lead me on my mission of service to build a strengthened community around me. We build.*

2. **KIDS AGAINST HUNGER** 31 ICS Builders Club, Columbia Key Club, Columbia Kiwanis, ICS students, siblings, and 12 adults totally 47 workers spent Saturday morning making **14,040** meals that will sent to Honduras to feed children. Kiwanians Sharon Nealon, Pat McDermott, Jolene Devlin, and Charity Wright, represented the ICS Builders Club sponsors for the 7th year of the program. The Builders Club raised **\$3,250** to fund the effort through donations and fund-raising projects.
3. Co-Executive Producers: Godspell, Jr.
4. Hunger Is Scary Foo Drive---2064 items
5. October Safety Month inspections
6. We held a Mock Primary Election
7. Patriotic Rosary/Veterans Day with guest speaker and USN Veteran David Ballone
8. Craft Fair Flyers distributed for Parents and Friends
9. Assisted with the St. Vincent DePaul Coat Drive
10. Collected 20 boxes of food for the St. Vincent DePaul Food Drive
11. Collected 3,475 items for the Funderwear drive-Day Star-Cairo- in cooperation with SPPCS of Waterloo
12. Collected 135 gifts and Christmas Toys for Griffith Center---
13. Served as Ambassadors for Open House
14. During Builders Club Week :
 - Raised \$1050 for Pedal the Cause
 - Ran a successful school Talent Show
 - Helped raise \$2447 for charity
 - Collected 369 pairs of shoes for CASA for Haiti
 - A WEEK OF VIRTUES: We honored 82 students this week for perserverance, generosity, leadership, patience and creativity.
15. And we we'll run a "Clean out Your Desk Campaign the last week of school with usable school items going to inner city children.

Donations:

\$180	Kiwanis (dues charter fee)	
\$1107	Sr. Thea Bowman	
\$200	Make-A-Wish from last year	
\$3250	Washington Overseas Missions (Kids Against Hunger)	
\$107	Donation to local person for support	
\$150	Sr. Thea Bowman (donation Advent)	
\$1050	Pedal the Cause	
\$ 200	Materi Girls School---sponsoring 2 high school seniors tuition---Kenya	
\$ 190	Quest for Peace---Clean Out Your Desk Campaign---school supplies for Nicaragua	
\$ 500	Catholic Urban Programs	
\$ 400	ASC Sisters for Bogota, Colombia	
\$ 200	Columban Fathers for Mission Day materials and their work	
\$ 300	Franciscan Outreach Association (largest homeless shelter in Chicago)	
\$ 400	Our Brothers Keeper Prison Ministry Program	
\$ 500	Sr. Thea Bowman School in East St. Louis	
\$ 300	St. Raymond's in Guatemala	
\$ 300	Friends of Children with Cancer in honor of Zac Epplin	
\$ 300	Sr. Mary Joel Kolmer School in Liberia	
\$1000	Immaculate Conception Catholic Education and Activity Center	\$10,634

\$500 in account for next year and \$100 in cash box.

THANK YOU to our advisor Ms. Sharon Nealon and to the Columbia Kiwanis for sponsoring our Club. We are also grateful for your sponsorship of the Terrific Kids program which recognizes good behavior and growth throughout the school year for the younger students! We Build!

THE BAND We sure sounded great last Saturday. We received all Firsts and we will take it! We get so much mileage out of only one rehearsal a week---a real tribute to Mr. Hake and our Band!

Violence Prevention Coloring contest for Child Abuse Awareness Month. Congratulations to **Stephen Schaefer** on placing 2nd, and **Avery Melliere** on placing 3rd!



Anna ran a lemonade stand at up-the street neighbor Erv Withum's sale.

Thanks Anna---great idea!! THANKS! Results from St. Jude coming!

THANKS TO BANK OF AMERICA CHARITABLE FOUNDATION FOR A \$25 MATCHING GIFT!

Boxtops for education Our latest check \$744.30! \$2584.30 this year from those little box tops!

Thanks for clipping and thanks to Carrie Boser this year for chairing!

GIVE StL DAY not sure yet---hope you had a chance to get the match for us!

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THE SPORTING NEWS... TRACK

With only 6 athletes, the ICS Parochial Girls team finished 2nd overall in the Illinois State Regional Track meet at Chester High School with 69 points!

Marie Prindiville won the 1600m and 800m races, Mary Wessel won the High Jump, the relay team of Jane Whelan, Megan Levine, Abby Mathany and Mary Wessel finished first in the 4x200 and 2nd in the 4x100 relays. Megan Levine finished 2nd in the Long Jump. Mary Wessel. finished 4th in the 400m and Abby Mathany finished 4th in the 100m. Zoe Swip placed 4th in the Shot put and 6th in Discus.

Track Meet						
Consolidated Score						
	Parochial Boys	Parochial Girls	Junior Boys	Junior Girls	School Total	Place
Queen of Peace	37	14	14	4	69	4
I.C.S.	31	64	47	42	184	1
Blessed Sacrament	55	29	48	50	182	2
St.John	33	44	43	61	181	3

	Parochial Boys	Parochial Girls	Junior Boys	Junior Girls	School Total	Place
ICS	11	45	49	30	135	3
St. James	36	41	7	4	88	4
Holy Trinity	40	17	23	59	139	2
St. Clare	72	54	80	66	272	1

TRACK Thanks to everyone for their help tonight. ICS finished 3rd right behind Holy Trinity. The sheer number of kids on both of those teams were too much to overcome.

Zoe Swip set a new Shot Put record by throwing 30'10.5" .

The Conference Meet on Saturday, May 14th has changed location and time. It has been moved to Freeburg High School and will start at 1pm on May 14th.

CONFERENCE AND DIOCESAN TRACK ATHLETES

JUNIOR GIRLS: Emma Blaskiewicz Abby Eichenseer Emma Melliere
Holly Repp Emma Schmidt Caitlyn Schwartz Josie Thomas

JUNIOR BOYS: Zachary Gibson Colin Mueth Glenn Powers –Diocesan Only
Danny Repp Collin Schmidt Drew Schmoll Joe Soetaert
Dominic Voegele – Conference Only Cole Huebner – Conference Only

PAROCHIAL GIRLS: Megan Levin Abby Mathany Marie Prindiville
Zoe Swip Mary Wessel Jane Whelan

PAROCHIAL BOYS:

Dominic Dalpoas Nick Prindiville Jacob Raisch

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.

ROSARY DEVOTIONS at ICS Friday May 13 and May 20 at 1:15.

FORMAL PRAYER is our “go-to” modus operandi when we don’t want to think yet still want to pray. It is the routine. If we prepped for each one like thinking before we pray the Our Father that “Gee Whiz---Jesus told us to say these words when we pray”, that would be great! But we get into routines so bad it becomes just a bunch of words. Informal prayer is good---like talking to God---like asking “why me?” when good or bad times hit us. There are other formal prayers **ALL** of our students should know before they graduate:

The Morning Offering---my favorite---makes your whole day a prayer

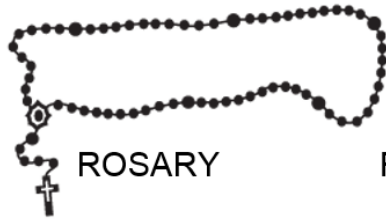
The Memorare---a great prayer invoking Mary’s help

Angel of God---another great morning starter

Hail Holy Queen---another great Mary prayer

The Act of Contrition---a great evening prayer besides a requirement to fulfill the Sacrament of Penance

And then there is the prayer of St. Peter---“*Lord Increase My Faith*” and the prayer Fr. Fitzmorris taught me “*O Jesus I adore you here present in the Sacrament of your Love*” which I say when I genuflect. Fr. Fitzie died 50 years ago and I still say it.



ROSARY

Please join us for a
RALLY!

The Immaculate Conception Church Altar Society invites you to join us in praying the Holy Rosary for the peace and prosperity of our nation on Saturday, May 7, 2016, at 12:00 noon at the fountain by Columbia City Hall. We are participating in a national rosary rally as one of 15,000 groups praying for our nation on that day and time.

“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!

ON OUR RADAR

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| 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 1-4 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 |

LIFE CALLS FOR MOURNING RON ROLHEISER, OMI

The late Henri Nouwen counsels us to grieve:

“Mourn, my people, mourn. Let your pain rise up in your heart and burst forth in you with sobs and cries. Mourn for the silence that exists between you and your spouse. Mourn for the way you were robbed of your innocence. Mourn for the absence of a soft embrace, an intimate friendship, a life-giving sexuality.”

”Mourn for the abuse of your body, your mind, your heart. Mourn for the bitterness of your children, the indifference of your friends, your colleagues’ hardness of heart. Mourn for those whose hunger for love brought them AIDs, whose desire for freedom brought them to refugee camps, whose hunger for justice brought them to prisons. Cry for the millions who die from lack of food, lack of care, lack of love...

“Don’t think of this as normal, something to be taken for granted, something to accept... Think of it as the dark force of Evil that has penetrated every human heart, every family, every community, every nation, and keeps you imprisoned.”

“Cry for freedom, for salvation, for redemption. Cry loudly and deeply, and trust that your tears will make your eyes see that the Kingdom is close at hand, yes, at your fingertips!” (New Oxford Review, June 1992).

Today we are called to mourn! There are many aspects to this. As Nouwen rightly points out, we must mourn so that we do not accept, as normal, the hell that so often makes up earth. To properly cry is to see injustice, indifference, lack of love and hardness of heart for what they are—evil, living in each of us, in need of redemption.

But this prophetic call to mourn is also the call for us to properly mourn the poverty of our own lives, to stop torturing others with blame, ourselves with self-hatred, and God with unfair expectations because, this side of eternity, we live lives not only of quiet desperation but of chronic disappointment. On this side of eternity, there is for us no such thing as a clear cut pure joy and we need to accept and healthily mourn that fact.

Mourn, my people, mourn—or else you will give in to blame and fill with self-hatred, restlessness and bitterness.

Mourn because your life cannot not be inadequate, that here, in this life, all symphonies remain unfinished, that you cannot help but live in a certain vale of tears.

Mourn because you cannot not disappoint your loved ones—and cannot help but be disappointed by them.

Mourn because you can never live with or love anyone for long without seriously hurting him or her.

Mourn that the good you want to do, you end up not doing and the evil you want to avoid, you end up doing. Mourn the stains in your baptismal robes.

Mourn what might have been, all that you missed out on in life while you were doing something else.

Mourn your restless heart, the fact that no spouse or family or friends can ever take your loneliness away.

Mourn that you are so different from others, that you cannot help but irritate them, anger them and make them impatient with you.

Mourn your lack of gratitude, that you can so easily take what's most precious for granted, that you can so blindly seize as owed what's given as a gift, that charity is most difficult with those you most owe it to.

Mourn your lack of prayer, your infinite capacity for distraction and the heartaches and headaches that make you think about everything but God.

Mourn your lack of hope, all the life that's been crucified in you, all those dead spots that have taken the bounce out of your step, the light out of your eyes and the expectation out of your heart. Mourn that you no longer believe in the resurrection!

There's a Chinese axiom that says: "After the ecstasy, go do the laundry!" In a culture and a church too full of bitterness, anger and frustrated dreams, we need to properly mourn our losses so that we can hear an important prophetic message: 99 per cent of life is doing the laundry and waiting for the ecstasy—and that's OK!

PARISH, DIOCESAN AND COMMUNITY NEWS...

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).

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/>

Summer Tutoring I will again offer summer tutoring / enrichment at ICS for a 6 week session. I extend this for a child who may be struggling in Reading/ Language Arts and or Math. I can review and enrich a grade level or work on the next level's skills to aide a student's transition. I can also teach a child wishing to master a grade level in Math in anticipation of moving up. My plan will be to work for an hour once or twice a week. The session will run from the week of June 6 through the week of July 18 on Tuesdays and Thursdays with the July 4th week off. Contact me if you have questions or are interested in signing up.

Thank you. Carol Waide 281-4186; 618-910-1648 c. cjwaide@htc.net

SAFETY TOWN 2016 REGISTRATION – OPENINGS STILL AVAILABLE FOR BOTH WEEKS - Safety Town is a child accident prevention program that introduces safety awareness and preventive procedures to children entering kindergarten and first grade. This program uses a simulated town layout, classroom environment, and trained professionals to teach these children many practical safety precautions.

Children learn safety procedures through their own involvement. Under the guidance of Police Officers, Fire Fighters, Paramedics, and trained volunteers, children practice and experience "real life" situations before being confronted with these situations on their own. In accordance with their age and maturity, children are trained to evaluate "safe from unsafe" and learn how to react safely when confronted with dangerous situations during this age.

Parents or Guardians may register their child(ren) beginning April 1st, 2016 at the Columbia Police Department, 1020 North Main Street, Columbia, Illinois 62236. Only 50 children will be allowed to attend each week (Week 1 or Week 2). Once the spots are full, we will no longer accept applications. Application attached

Parents and/or guardians will be contacted on June 1st, 2016 regarding which week your children have been selected for. Payment must be submitted with your application to guarantee your child's reservation. The dispatcher will document the date that your application (along with payment) arrives at the Police Department. Again, we strongly encourage parents to turn in their applications in a timely manner because there is a set number of 50 openings per week for this program. Once the designated number has been met, additional applications will not be given further consideration.

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-Elliot Unwin-Sloan Wilson

Jessica Stemler battlinforbarcik@yahoo.com Please pray for Jessica!

Joanne Schilling --- surgery went well on first knee but then complications. Joanne is a former Early Childhood teacher and is tough and will work through it with our prayers and support!

Heather Schaefer, Parish School of Religion Coordinator, has lost her father-in-law:

Stephen Mario Schaefer January 27, 1957 - April 30, 2016 Stephen Mario Schaefer, 59, born January 27, 1957 in Belleville, Illinois, passed away, surrounded by his family on Saturday, April 30, 2016 at his Belleville, Illinois residence. Stephen retired from the City of Belleville, Waste Water Treatment Plant. He was a member of St. Augustine of Canterbury Catholic Church, Belleville, Illinois and the St. Clair County Anglers. Stephen's faith was very important to him throughout his life. He never met a stranger; he was always willing to lend a hand to help. Stephen was an avid fisherman; he was a loving husband, father, grandfather, brother, and uncle. Stephen was welcomed into heaven by his parents, Walter and Angeline, nee Scafidi, Schaefer; sister, Lisa Mefford and best friend, Clif Metze.

Surviving are his loving and devoted wife, Vicki Schaefer, nee Cresson; children, Stephanie (Nicholas) Berry, and Scott (Heather) Schaefer; grandchildren, Silas, Quentin, and Isaac Schaefer; siblings, Tom (Connie) Schaefer, Tony (Jill) Schaefer, Walter Schaefer Jr., Mark Schaefer, and Angie (Chris) Smallwood; his loving four legged companion, Jack. Also, survived by many loving nieces, nephews, other relatives, and friends. In Lieu of Flowers, memorials in Steve's memory may be made to Hospice of Southern Illinois or to St. Clair County Anglers. Online condolences may be made to the family at

www.valhallagardensandfuneralhome.com

Memorial Gathering will be held from 9 to 11 am at St. Augustine Canterbury Catholic Church, 1910 W. Belle Street, Belleville, Illinois on Saturday, May 7, 2016

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at the church on Saturday, May 7, 2016 with Monsignor William McGhee officiating.

Valhalla Gaerdner Holten Funeral Home. Belleville, Illinois.

PRAYERS: Betty Ann Kish, George Perry, Stella Moll, Gertrude Scherrer, Henry Scott Dabbs, Carolyn Baker, 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**

THE HEAVENLY BANQUET What makes a good appetizer? Chips and dip, carrots and ranch dressing, toasted ravioli? A good appetizer should be tasty, and it should stir my appetite. It should actually make me hungry and eager for the main course. Sunday's Gospel should stir my spiritual appetite.

The Father raised Jesus from the dead-- Body and Soul. This is what the Father wants to do with us. At the Ascension, the Father raises Jesus into the glory of Heaven. This is what the Father wants to do for us, too. This is what we celebrate on Sunday.

Life on earth is a taste: sweet joy mingled with sour sorrow. Heaven is the banquet: there we feast with the saints on "juicy, rich food and pure, choice wines" [Isaiah 25]. When I encounter Jesus in my life, He stirs my heart and makes me hungry for more: deeper communion with Him and the fullness of redemption. The Eucharist should have this effect on me: it is the food that makes me hungry to know, love, and serve Him.

After the Ascension, the disciples "returned to Jerusalem with great joy, and they were continually in the temple praising God." Though imperfectly, they grasped the glories that God had in store for them through Christ. This taste of eternal life made them hungry for more. They are not bloated and sleepy. Rather, this taste stirs them to action: preaching and teaching, serving and singing. The same Jesus who encountered them now works through them in marvelous ways.

God has great things in store for us. He desires to share His eternal life with us. This is why Christ became a man, preached and suffered, died and rose, and ascended into Heaven. He did this for us. He has built a royal road for us-- for me and for you. This road leads us back to our true Home. May our hearts be hungry and restless until they rest in Him! Fr Joe Laramie, SJ

MIKE KISH

PS **WHERE WOULD WE BE WITHOUT OUR MOMS?** We would not have much of a world without motherhood. In fact, not counting the physical side of motherhood, where would civilization be? In a country where women have not been voting 100 years yet, our Moms and women deserve our best. Thank you Mom, Grandmother, Godmother, Aunts, and all women who have raised me! God bless you and may Jesus' Mother keep you!

Ps **MENU CHANGE!** Corn on the Cob on Tuesday instead of sweet potatoes. Watermelon on Wednesday! This just came in from the State Lunch Program! Take advantage!

PS **REGISTRATION-please return on Monday if you have forgot today.** Please make sure you are up to date on all your bills or have contacted us with a plan in place. Thanks!

Ps **Next week is STAFF APPRECIATION WEEK.** The talent around here is amazing it does take a village when you do as much as we do. The school is a bona fide extension of the family!

Ps Next Saturday night is Awards Night at 7:00 pm followed by a dance fo grades 5-8. The dance is not a formal. Appropriate clothing, no spaghetti straps etc., all school rules apply, chaperons needed! Thanks to Penny Prindiville for getting us started!

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?



Band Schedule Week of May 9-13

Monday

8:05-8:35 5th Flute

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

9:05-9:35 6th-8th Clarinet 2

10:35-11:05 4th Clarinet

11:05-11:35 4th Flutes

Tuesday

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

8:55-9:25 5th Clarinet

9:25-9:55 6th-8th Saxophone and F Horn

9:55-10:35 6th-8th Trumpet

11:05-11:35 4th Trumpet

11:35-12:05 4th Saxophone

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**

9:25-9:55 In the Gym **Concert Band Full Band**

9:55-10:25 In the Gym **Intermediate Band Full Band**

11:05-11:35 In the Gym **Beginning Band Full Band**

Spring Concert 7pm

Friday

8:05-8:35 5th Percussion

8:35-9:05 5th Trumpet

9:05-9:35 5th Low Brass

10:35-11:05 Jazz Band Sectionals

11:05-11:35 Smart Music Lab