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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 11, 2018

Bienvenido el parrochia!

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Dear Parent,

Art and Band Concert: Definitely not a grade school performance! So proud of Mrs. Fetcho and Mr. Hake who shared his birthday party with us. Every piece of the artistic cake was delicious!



ICS Band Award: Ally Curry and Autumn Ramey

Next up to the plate---

AWARDS NIGHT for Grades 5-8 is TONIGHT night at 7:00. We have a lot to celebrate and Mrs. Melissa Curry has been working on this for several months collating all our awards and trying to be perfect. **IF** we have any mistakes, we will make them right. Please be gracious and grateful for your awards and remember "*when we lose---say nothing. When we win---say even less!*" These awards are incomplete---some are handed out at graduation, and sometimes are short and have to get pins/letters to you later!

Grades K-4 Awards will be Tuesday, May 22 at 2:00.

Dance TONIGHT from 8:45 till 11:00 pm. Remember this is not date night or prom so you don't have to bring a corsage or boutonniere. Dance with everyone who asks and there will be no tears.

Chaperons needed please! Be on time for pick-up at 11:00 please. Thanks to DJ Nick Helfrich for making the music!

FLASH ROSARY We will gather at St. Paul's Rehab at 901 East B Street in Belleville on Monday night, May 14 at 7p.m. to say the Rosary. We hope Fr. Chris Rueter OFM, can join us!

CALLING FOR DONATIONS (submitted by the Girls on the Run team)

We need your help! We are the ICS Girls on the Run and we are doing a service project for Moms on a Mission in Dupo, IL. We are collecting books, toys, and clothes, but no stuffed animals, please. It has to be delivered to the ICS office by May 21, 2018. Thanks in advance to everyone who donates. This is such a good cause. For more information, you can contact Coach Jessica Wachtel at jesscurl@yahoo.com.



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



BACCALAUREATE MASS We honored the Class of 2018 at their last all-school Mass. Fr. Carl did a great job reminding them of looking backwards and looking forwards. Maddie and Bryce helped!

Staff Appreciation Week Thanks for honoring our staff this past week. They are the unsung heroes of ICS who work behind the scenes to make the big show possible. Just like stage crew, you can't go on when they aren't there!

ICS 5K Glow Run Thanks to Holly Blaskiewicz for chairing and Matt Hake and the Jazz Band and the Matt Hake Trio. Congratulations to all of our winners from the ICS 5K/Kids Fun Glow Run & Family Fair! Over 200 runners! And don't forget to thank our sponsors and spotters and suppliers!

Kids Fun Run 1st Luke Dalpoas 2nd Caroline Roche 3rd Will Dalpoas

5K 1st Place: Paige Rakers: 21 min 17 sec
2nd Place: Owen Dalpoas: 22min 17 sec 3rd Place: Matt Hake: 22min 41 sec

Raffle Winners

4 Magic House Tickets: Sherri Yount

4 Gateway Grizzlies Tickets: Curt Pollman

Monogrammed Fleece Our Lady of the Snows Blanket: Beth Johns

\$25 Tequilas gift certificate: Beth Johns

Basket of Booze: Tom DeClue

Real Housewives of Columbia Cup: Tammy Hoeflinger

\$100 Supplement Superstores gift certificate: Kelly Sommer

If you registered to run 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!



The Winners of our 5K/Kids Fun Glow Run Pledge Contest are:

1st Prize: Anna Hornacek - 3rd Grade: Ms. Kennedy

2 tickets to The Magic House for the individual winner and homeroom snack party

2nd Prize: Grant Tucker - 2nd Grade: Mrs. Meyer

\$15 Dairy Queen gift certificate for the individual winner and homeroom Dairy Queen ice cream party

3rd Prize: Bella Schuette - Kindergarten: Mrs. Murphy's Class

\$15 iTunes gift certificate for the individual winner and homeroom gum day

Prizes will be distributed and coordinated with the homeroom teacher.

SHOPAROO Congratulations to the second grade class for winning the April Shoparoo contest! They ended April with 11,400 points. Wow! Parents and Friends will coordinate with Mrs. Diewald and Mrs. Meyer to celebrate with a pizza party on May 18th. Thank you to everyone who took the time to snap receipts.



StLFBC vs. Portland Saturday night. First class all the way and it started with our Jazz Band. Excellent work Mr. Hake and Crusaders! The game was a tie for the 4000+ fans.

YOUNG AUTHORS HELP NEEDED Robin Nadjziejko 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. You can buy all 3 million if you get there fast enough! 5.5% interest!

SCHOOL BOARD NEWLYDISCERNED: Once again we are blessed!
Trish Adams, Janice Schaefer, Tammy Hoeflinger, Donna Videmschek, Toby Ellner

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. Kindergarten graduation is at 9:30 in the gym on May 23. **Last day of school will be May 23 with release at 11:20. No Latchkey.** Opening Day for 2018-2019 is August 16! Whew! Let's finish strong and give thanks to God!

BUILDERS CLUB/MISSION DAY CHARITY BC voted and we are honoring these charities.

• Make a Wish Foundation	\$200
• Quest for Peace-a hope for Nicaragua	100
• Catholic Urban Programs	375
• Pedal the Cause in honor of Dan Whelan	400
• ASC Sr. Ann Fearday for Bogota	400
• Franciscan Outreach Association	350
• Our Brothers Keeper	375
• CEAC	500
• Something Big-Titanosaur Project at Field Museum	100
• Logan Eichenseer for treatment	400
• Alzheimer's Association in honor of Mary Giovanni	300
• Sr. Thea Bowman School	325
	\$3825 total



Terrific Kid – May 2018

Mrs. Diewald: Hogan Story is our Terrific Kid! He is always prepared for class and works hard using his time wisely to complete his tasks. Hogan is a great rule follower and sets a great example for his classmates.

Mrs. Meyer: Daniel Huels is a Terrific Kid because he uses his time constructively and participates well during class. He also keeps his papers and work area organized and is always willing to help a classmate.

Mrs. Matrisotto: Mrs. Matrisotto's Terrific Kid is Gus Schmidt. Gus was selected for being an amazing role model, friend, and hard worker. Courageously, Gus stands up for what is right and truthful. What to go, Gus!

Ms. Kennedy: Claire Wachtel is a Terrific Kid! She is respectful to her classmates, shows responsibility, and participates in class. Claire is a well-rounded student with a drive to succeed in her studies! Keep up the great work Claire!

Mrs. Donjon: Cailynn Mueth - Cailynn has been a Terrific Kid all year. I have enjoyed her presence in my classroom - she brings a smile with her every day and is an amazing friend and student. Cailynn does her best work and goes above and beyond to help herself learn in and outside of the classroom.

Mrs. Ettling: Logan LoPorto is a Terrific Kid because he cares about everyone and puts forth his effort in class. He works hard to participate in class each day. Keep up the hard work, Logan!

Mrs. Schauster: Emily Rose is a Terrific Kid. Emily is a friend to all. She is always willing to help out when needed. I love to see her smiling face walk into my classroom each morning.

Mrs. Taylor: Ava Langhans. I really enjoy having Ava in class. She is kind to others and is always willing to lend me a hand. She has had a great 5th grade year, and I'm glad she was in my homeroom!

DON'T FORGET TO ORDER YOUR YEARBOOKS!! THE WEBSITE

IS WWW.JOSTENS.COM AND THE COST IS \$18.00. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT KIM FOUTCH AT 618-973-2878.

SOMETIMES YOU NEED A "COMEBACKER" 7 Reasons to Leave a Party: Back in December I

booked this topic for 1:15 on Monday, May 14 with Judge Rudolph and Judge O'Gara. It has gotten some press in the paper. More than ever, today's youth have choices thrust before them. You can be savvy and save yourself a lot of grief by being ready to read the warning signs.

PAPA VITO'S Dining Out for ICS at Papa Vito's in Millstadt Tuesday 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! The Calzone was out of this zone!!!!

CONGRATULATIONS TO MRS. CONNIE HUEBNER AND MRS. EPPLIN on successfully passing our state lunch review yesterday. Like a trip to the dentist, it is usually not as bad as you think and Connie impressed the G-man!

HELP 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.

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...

DIOCESAN CHAMPS ICS placed 4th overall in the AA division. We have 4 diocesan Champions!!! Congratulations team, Head Coach Susan Dalpoas and coaches Lauren Powers, Ken Mohr, and Eric Baldrige.

Glenn Powers-High Jump 5'5"

Olivia Blaskiewicz-High jump 4'5"

Marisa McGill-Long Jump 12'1 1/4in"

Briana Baldrige-400M dash 1:09.34

Best of Luck to **Dominic Voegele** as he competes at the Class S State Finals in Long Jump this weekend!

DAYLEN LITKE, ICS 8th grader, just made the Varsity Cheerleading team at Cor Jesu Academy for her Freshman year. Congratulations Daylen!

CHS VARSITY CHEERLEADING TRYOUTS ARE SCHEDULED FOR THIS WEEK 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.

CALLING ALL SUPERHEROES!!! Mark your calendars...ICS Superhero Camp is the **week of June 25th**. We are recruiting superheroes entering 1st through 5th 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 18th. Contact Mrs.Epplin (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 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!



Limo Ride for the Magazine Drive top sellers and raffle: Liam Johnson, Michael Wessel, Violet McGuire, Nate Stechmesser, Andrew Eppin, Stephen Johns, Will Schmoll, Maria Biske, Connor Kennedy, Tyler Johnson, Daniel Huels, Julia Hoeflinger, MaryAnn Imhoff, Vance Ray, Sydney Wahle, Noah Newton Thanks to Keith Huels and Chris Wessel for chaperoning. The went to Susson park and then stopped by Marie's for ice cream!

GIBAULT NEWS... STATE! Congrats to the Gibault Math Team who competed at the state level last weekend. **Spencer Biske and Josh Eichholz were State champs in Math!** Team members include ICS grads **Johnny Adams, Elena Biske, Andy Loless, and Sarah Rose.** Sometimes you can score more points in an academic test than you can on the court!

GIBAULT NEWS Art Show-(Elena Biske and Catherine Whitworth were featured), Band, Chorus, Hawkapellas(6 of 8 are ICS grads), Jazz Band--- 6 of the 9 Senior band members were ours, Andy Loless was phenomenal on his improv licks, Trent Otten starred, and Elena Biske was great on Cyndi Lauper's "Time after Time". Proud moments for sure. We sow seeds here that blossom later!

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 Requirements: Bachelor's degree with experience in Catholic theology, or B.A. in theology from a Catholic college or university.

. PARISH WORK DAY Saturday, May 12 8:00-Noon Time-Talent-Treasure

Church (consider bringing ladder)

Clean spots on church tile floor

Scrub garden level floor

Clean outside heat pump fins

Repair wooden songbook holder

Wasp proof benches outside front of church

Reset senior parking sign upper lot

Clean front door glass, gathering space glass, office door glass, exterior glass doors in gathering space

Dust gathering space furniture including the grouping near the elevator.

Dust cabinets and counter tops in Father's vesting room.

Clean lower garden level windows and in elevator area. Wipe down the elevator interior walls.

Clean windows in main stair well as high as can be reached.

Dust the office area, Father's office, conference room, hallway ledges, Clean glass.

Dust cabinets in warming kitchen and clean counter tops.

Dust west side pews.

Clean lower windows on east side including window in the music room and confessional

Clean upper windows in the gathering space including the altar side. Bring 10-12 foot ladder.

Coffee and donuts to be furnished by A.C.T.S.

From little acorns come mighty oaks...



Kindergarten seed collection project display.

Did they count them?

Imagine if they were all planted at the same time, they would sprout at many different times and not produce until it was time----just like each individual student's development! Some need more water than others, some more sun, some more fertilizer!

And now we are growing plants in air environments with nutrients in the moisture in the air!!! Getting ready for Mars!

BUILDING THE DOMESTIC CHURCH: *The Family Fully Alive* reminds us the theme for May is HOPE.

"Because love is filled with hope when it is communicated, our family wants to promote hope and the life-giving spirit that flows from it to our families."

What stands out this month in reading from the booklet is the question:

In what way does the faith shape our hopes? Here is a short video you can watch with your family: <https://youtu.be/-MH2HNA4de4>

"Building the Domestic Church While Strengthening Our Parish"

**Nick Matrisotto, Brian Repp, Ted Haney
Knights of Columbus Family Committee**

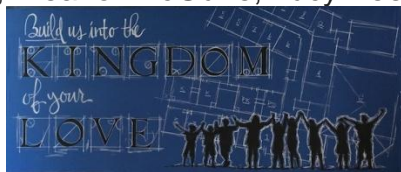
FAMILY SOCIAL NIGHT Friday, May 18th from 6:00 to 9:00 pm

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



From Catie Taylor's Aunt:

"Friends & Family,

You will recall that my son Michael has been battling Ewing's Sarcoma cancer going on 3 years now. 9 months ago we celebrated that the cancer in his pelvis had gone dormant (inactive) due to chemo therapy at "Primary Children's Hospital" and radiation treatments at the "Huntsman Cancer Center" in Salt Lake City.

He was given clearance to serve an LDS Mission and received a call to serve in San Antonio, TX Spanish Speaking. He spent 6 weeks in the MTC (Missionary Training Center). The last few weeks

he was suffering with head aches and jaw pain, thought to be caused, by having a wisdom tooth removed. After having a CT scan to make sure everything was OK, it was discovered that the Ewing's Sarcoma had returned and was now in his head. He has a 3 cm tumor pushing up on his brain and affecting his jaw muscles.

He was given an honorable medical release from the mission, and Janet and I went to the MTC to bring him home only a few days before he was to fly out to San Antonio to begin his service.

He spent last week recovering from surgery to his head for a biopsy. To his pelvis for bone marrow and a tube placed in his heart. He now has a port in his chest and a titanium plate in his head.

He has chosen to battle Ewing's Sarcoma a second time. This Wednesday his battle begins with intense radiation treatments at Huntsman and 6 months of chemo at Primary Children's. Your thoughts and prayers in his behalf are welcomed as he begins to battle this cancer once again. (Prayers for Mighty Mike)"

Catie Taylor

Catie's brother's Grant Taylor is home after surgery. Please pray hard for him.

Dylan Walsh, ICS grad '04 , needs our prayers as he recovers from surgery. Wedding bells on 8-4!

Danielle Dorlac(Constance), is suffering from several conditions and hospitalized. Big Prayers!

ICS grad Seth Watters '14, is having difficulty breathing. One of the All-Kish Team members, Seth has been a miracle kid throughout his life. Say a prayer for him so he makes it through graduation and gets stronger.

DOWN TO ONE LIVING PRINCIPAL FROM ICS...



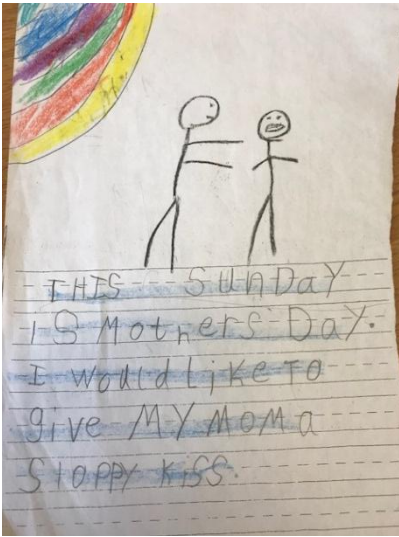
Sister Mary Anthony Mathews, ASC, 102, of the Adorers of the Blood of Christ, Ruma Center in Ruma, passed away at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 8 at the Ruma Center in Ruma. The visitation is Saturday, May 12 from 8-10:45 a.m. with a wake service at 10 a.m. at the Ruma Center Chapel in Ruma. The Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, May 12 at the Ruma Center Chapel. The burial will be at the Convent Cemetery in Ruma. Welge-Pechacek Funeral Home in Red Bud is assisting the convent with arrangements. She was 2 Principal's ahead of our current Principal. May she rest in peace.

PRAYERS: Special Intention Danielle Dorlac, Grant Taylor, Patti Rottler, Mike Taylor, Pearl Mueller, Richard Prater, Jerry Kish, Tom Giovanni, Pat Schwartz, George Perry, Donna Kania, Angela Roepke, Arlin Stechmesser, Paul Thode, Kaylee Fogarty, Larry Pelker, Brandon Martin, Susan Adams, Laurie Austin, Alicia Cohen, Denise Conner, Kenny Hamontree, Rachel Warden, Bill Kesler, Dan Borisuk, Lauren Foran, 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

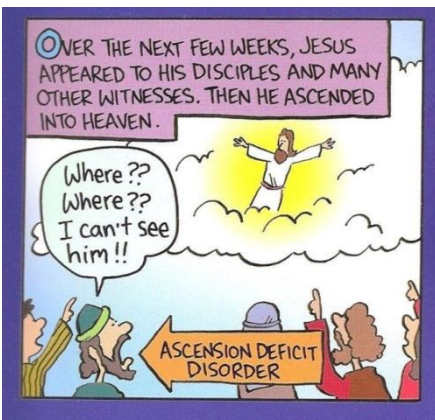
Merciful God, you are the Divine Builder, who calls us to build your Church. Guide us in building our new Catholic Education & Activity Center, so that we can build the Church of the future by passing on the treasure of our faith to future generations. Bless the work of our hands, and keep us strong in faith, hope and love, so that all we do might bring glory and honor to you, forever and ever. AMEN.

FREE ORGAN RECITAL sponsored by Allen Organ Midwest. Hector Olivara will perform at 7:00 pm in our Church.



HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY St. Monica is the patron saint of overwhelmed mothers. She did everything she could to raise a kid who loved God and himself, and more than likely, nothing she did pushed Augustine away from the church. Sometimes youth go through a phase, and the more we push, the more our kids withdraw. Don't be the excuse for the grief they cause. Augustine came back and became a great saint of the Church! Mom's are living saints and God's gift. I miss mine but still have many a laugh over how she raised me!

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NOW WHAT? Can you imagine looking up to the heavens as Christ rose before their eyes? How where they going to explain this? Who would believe them? Would it matter? Who was going to lead the movement now? Talk about losing your job, your direction, your favorite buddy on earth, what were they to do? I guess I would have been majorly confused and into a state of depressive funk. Yet, what drives the Church today would drive the Church of the beginning---The Holy spirit comes on Pentecost and it all starts to make sense. "He said this"---and it happened. "He said that"--- and it happened. "And Scripture said this" ---and it happened. Let it happen in your life--Let the Holy Spirit in and see what happens!

Feast of the Ascension is celebrated this Sunday.

If the disciples ever thought they could keep Jesus to themselves, his ascension makes it pretty clear they can't do that. They can't limit Jesus, they can't hold him down, and they definitely can't keep him to themselves. The disciples keep looking up at the sky until a pair of angels reminds them that his leaving doesn't mean it's all over. The Father sent him, and now he sends them into the world. With prayer and the Holy Spirit, the disciples became preachers and the converts became missionaries, bearing witness to Christ "to the ends of the earth." They stopped looking up toward heaven, looked at each other instead, and got on with the business of being the church.

Fill us with power and courage, Mighty God, that our lives may bear witness to your love.

(Jeanne Lischer)

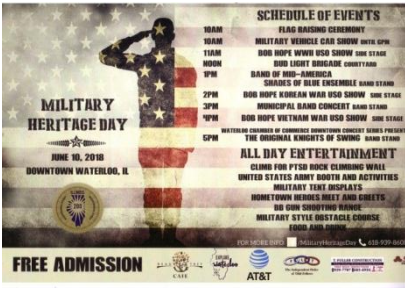
Mike Kish

Principal

PS **ORDINATION! 10:30 May 19th** 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.

PS 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 200th anniversary!

PS reminder to self: *Start Acting like you've already been saved!*



Spring 2018 Exam Schedule

Date	6 th Grade Exam	7 th Grade Exam	8 th Grade Exam
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	