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Celebrating 167 years of Mission, Community, Service.
 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.

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Bienvenido el parrochia!

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LETTER HOME---SPECIAL EDITION

Dear Parents, Guardians, and Friends,

DC Trip 2021---#36 The most preparation ever with the most help ever from Trish Adams, Mrs. Epplin, and Mrs. Lewis, turned out one of the smoothest ever from the Class of 2021 and their parents. The trip was relaxed as our deadlines were reduced as we did not get into any of the Smithsonians, Washington National Cathedral, The Capitol, or The Kennedy Center. But starting with Mass here with Fr. Nick and his reminder that *Christianity transcends tribalism*, adding an hour each at Gettysburg, Mt. Vernon, free time on The Mall, Arlington National Cemetery, (visiting my brother and sister-in-law and Chip Barbour and Claire visiting Chip's dad Charles), touring inside The Basilica of the Immaculate Conception, a campus visit to Georgetown University and lunch in Georgetown, a walk-a-round tour of Washington National Cathedral, visiting the new World War I Memorial, and The National Police Memorial, offset our losses and turned them into a win for us. We ran into Marcel Ozuna of the Atlanta Braves on Monday night and Timothy Ighoefe, starting center of the Georgetown Hoyas on Wednesday. Historic Jamestown had 8 archaeologists laboring over new digs and Jamestown Settlement and Colonial Williamsburg did not disappoint. Thanks to our chaperones, Trish and John Adams, Brian Monheiser, Joyce Randle, Kit Timmons, Kristi Moore, Katie Hrdlicka, Ken Mohr and Jeanne Schulte-Mohr, Tammy Mitchell-Hines, Jim Wessel, Chip Barbour, Priscilla Wilkerson, Maggie Bollone, Ted Haney, Kathy Loless, Kara Metz, Dan Jansen, Beth Dill, Patrice Thebeau, Victoria Rose, Kevin Lyle, Kathy Schmidt, Jennifer Thorne, Catie Taylor, and Dan Kassebaum. 12 of 13

meals were fast food/box lunches. And we still survived! **What a Class! What a team!
What a trip!**

NICHOLAS J. HOPKINS - ALFRED J. DESCHER - JEREMY CHAMBERS

The **National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial** is centered in the 400 block of E Street at Judiciary Square, NW, Washington, DC and the Museum (opened October 2018) is across the street.

Fact: Illinois has over 1,050 officers on the 22,000+ Memorial. The National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial is centered in the 400 block of E Street, NW, Washington, DC and is the nation's monument to law enforcement officers who have died in the line of duty. Dedicated on October 15, 1991, the Memorial honors federal, state and local law enforcement officers who have made the ultimate sacrifice for the safety and protection of our nation and its people. The Memorial features two curving, 304-foot-long blue-gray marble walls. Carved on these walls are the names of more than 22,000 officers who died in the line of duty throughout U.S. history, dating back to the first known death in 1786.

NICHOLAS JOHN HOPKINS-brother of Sgt. Zach Hopkins, CPD Resource Officer



Officer Rank: Trooper First Class

Memorial Panel: 41-E: 31

Department: Illinois State Police

End of Watch: 08/23/2019

Cause: Gunfire

Age: 33

Length of Service: 10 Years

ALFRED J DESCHER-father of retired ICS teacher (24 years) Rosie Law



Officer Rank: Sergeant

Memorial Panel: 20-E: 4

Department: Columbia, Illinois, P.D.

End of Watch: 02/17/1964

Cause: Struck by vehicle

Age: 65

Length of Service: 12

Sergeant Descher was struck by a vehicle while investigating a traffic accident.

JEREMY CHAMBERS-graduate of Gibault Catholic High School



Officer Rank: Police Officer

Memorial Panel: 56-E: 25

Department: Village of Cahokia, Illinois, P.D.

End of Watch: 04/24/2006

Cause: Automobile crash

Age: 26

Length of Service: 3

Officer Chambers was killed when his department vehicle was struck head-on by a suspected drunken driver. Officer Chambers was turning his patrol car around when the suspect driver struck the patrol car, causing it to overturn and trap him inside. Officer Chambers was transported to a local hospital where he was pronounced dead.

Prayer for Police Oh Almighty God, whose great power and eternal wisdom embraces the universe. Watch over all police and law enforcement officers. Father in Heaven please give them the strength, courage and perseverance to endure the unjust condemnation, danger, and physical abuse to which they are at times subjected and the skills to reduce tension and bring justice during difficult times. We recommend them to your loving care because their duty is dangerous. Dear God, grant these brave men and women your almighty protection, Unite them safely with their families after duty has ended. We ask this in Jesus name, Amen. - *Author Unknown*

Photo Gallery from DC



Gerald U. Kish-ICS '59 Rumay Kish-ICS '63 Arlington National Cemetery

The WW I Memorial was dedicated 2 weeks ago! Another first visit for us.



As Close as we could get to the Capitol.



The Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial on The Mall---from "The Mountain of Despair" speech.

I love having Ken Mohr along. He set up a forensic lab using mitochondrial DNA in Vietnam to help find our 300+ MIA AND the 1,200,000 missing Vietnamese. America at its best. Our Guide Judy Floy gave up a 2 day gig to be with us for our half day. She says we are the best she works with!



The first names of George Washington's enslaved people. Enslaved people only went by one name. Mt. Vernon



This is what 7 feet tall looks like vs. 7 ft. girth! Timothy Ighoefe, starting center for the Georgetown Hoyas! 84" vs. 67.5."

DON'T FORGET: BOOK FAIR!

Track Success! MICHAEL WESSEL---State Champ in 100 m hurdles! BROOKE HEIMBURGER---3RD in discus after a questionable DQ which would have placed her as state champ! **Luke Dalpoas, Max Keeven, Nick Wahle, and Will Dalpoas** placed 6th in the 7th grade 4 X 200 relay.

Prayers please for John Gosma, Sarah Helfrich's dad, is still in dire straits and has some serious decisions to make today. Just a prayer for God's will to be done is what he needs. He is a man of Faith and sometimes, this is all we have left and that is enough!

And don't forget **Fr. Gary Hogan, C.R.**, as he nears his time finding God.

Julia Hoeflinger

Principal for the day

Addison Koppeis

Principal for the day Thursday

Mike Kish

Lame duck Principal