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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!***

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Dear Parent, Guardian, Student, Teacher, Friend,



**The Immaculate Conception School Class of 2016**

What a great Class---what a great year! And next year will be more of the same because of traditions and work ethic and God's goodness to us! My sincere thanks to our graduates for making it an easy year. The profile below is their accomplishments for this year only with track pending. Stellar! Congratulations to

Alexander David Bira, Spencer Todd Biske, John Lowell Burke, Katrina Victoria Costner, Claire Joelle Eppinger, Kaylum Joseph Furlow, Ryan Thomas Gallagher, Jacob Michael Gilbreth, Robert Drake Guetterman, Alexandria Doreen Hennes, Claire Elizabeth Huebner, Hannah Elisabeth Janson, Benjamin Joseph Lambert, Abigail Mae Mathany, Eve Isabella Melliere, Bryce Joseph Pautler, Nicholas Jake Prindiville, Carlos Jacob Raisch, Margaret Rose Schulte, Charles Joseph Soetaert, Benjamin Anthony Traxler, Mary Catherine Wessel, and Jane Whelan.

## Profile of the Class of 2016

### The Sacrament of Confirmation-April 20, 2016

#### Teaching Tolerance 2016 Model School

**National Champion Quilt Block Challenge:** Spencer Biske-on Team

**State Band Contest**—Regional and Sectional---First DuBourg Band Adjudication

**Vianey Academic Decathlon:** 1<sup>st</sup> of 25 schools: Spencer Biske, Ben Traxler, Hannah Janson, Maggie Schulte

**National History Bee Finalists**--- Ben Traxler, Spencer Biske,

Jane Whelan, Jack Burke, Nick Prindiville, Ryan Gallagher

**National Geography Bee State Finalist:** Spencer Biske

**American Scholastic Challenge:** Spencer Biske 1<sup>st</sup> in State

**Scholastic Bowl:** 4<sup>th</sup> Place in Class A State, 1<sup>st</sup> Regional-Sectional Mater Dei Scholastic Bowl: 1st of 25, 48-6 record

Spencer Biske (school record 235 toss-ups), Kaylum Furlow, Ryan Gallagher, Hannah Janson, Eve Melliere, Ben Traxler, Mary Wessel, Jane Whelan

**Scholastic Bowl Online Winter State Tournament:** 2<sup>nd</sup> State Spencer Biske, Kaylum Furlow, Hannah Janson,

Ben Traxler, Mary Wessel, Jane Whelan

**3-2-1 National Quiz Bowl-** 2<sup>nd</sup> in State and 15<sup>th</sup> of 80 teams from 29 states. Spencer Biske, Kaylum Furlow, Ryan Gallagher, Hannah Janson, Eve Melliere, Ben Traxler, Mary Wessel, Jane Whelan

**Science Olympiad**--- 3<sup>rd</sup> Regional at WIU. Macomb, State competitors: Spencer Biske, Lexi Hennes, Jane Whelan,

Mary Wessel, Eve Melliere, Ben Traxler, Kaylum Furlow, Jack Burke

**Mathcounts:** 1st Small School: Spencer Biske, Rob Guetterman

Spencer Biske 2<sup>nd</sup> place individual and State MathCounts Competitor

**Illinois Math League:** 1<sup>st</sup> in 9 county region, 15 of 66 schools

Spencer Biske, Rob Guetterman, Mary Wessel, Hannah Janson,

Jane Whelan, Jack Burke. Spencer Biske tied for 10th in State-4th highest score, 1st in 9 county region, Rob Guetterman and

Mary Wessel tied for 3rd in 9 county region.

**Gibault Math Contest:** Spencer Biske 1<sup>st</sup>, Mary Wessel 3rd, Hannah Janson 5<sup>th</sup>, Kaylum Furlow 6<sup>th</sup>, Claire Huebner

**DAR Essay contest :** Spencer Biske District and State

**Chess:** 2<sup>nd</sup> in Diocese: Spencer Biske, Kaylum Furlow, Jacob Gilbreth

**Wordmasters:** 1<sup>st</sup> in school: Hannah Janson

**Monroe/Randolph Spelling Bee:** Nick Prindiville 3rd

**Diocesan Intermediate Speech** Jane Whelan perfect score

**Young Authors:** Hannah Janson

**Gibault Art Contest:** Claire Huebner 1st, Maggie Schulte 1st

**Monroe/Randolph Art Contest:** Claire Huebner-Judges' Choice

1<sup>st</sup>: Spencer Biske, Maggie Schulte, Ben Traxler, Jane Whelan 2nd

**Young Authors:** Hannah Janson, Ben Traxler

**Outstanding Keyboard Achievement:** Mary Wessel

**Perfect Attendance:** Katrina Costner, Jacob Raisch, Mary Wessel

**Liturgical Musicians:** Jane Whelan, Claire Eppinger, Eve Melliere

**Soccer: Parochial Boys:** undefeated Diocesan Champs 17-0, 1<sup>st</sup> St. John Neumann Tourney,

Parochial Girls: Diocesan 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9-2-2

**Class has 6 Diocesan Championships-**5 Soccer-1 Volleyball and a possible Track.

**Volleyball:** Parochial Girls: 2<sup>nd</sup> in Diocese 16-2,

Parochial Boys: Diocesan 2<sup>nd</sup> 13-6

**Msgr. Holtgrave Award:** Bryce Pautler, Ryan Gallagher

**KC Free Throw Award:** Bryce Pautler

**Track:** 3rd Class S 2016 State: Mary Wessel State Champ high jump

relay: Jane Whelan, Abby Mathany, Mary Wessel 3<sup>rd</sup> in 4 X 200

**Builders Club:** Over \$13,000 raised for charities this year!

**President:** Nick Prindiville **Vice-President:** Spencer Biske

**Secretary:** Jane Whelan **Treasurer:** Mary Wessel

**Service Director:** Lexi Hennes **Fund raising:** Maggie Schulte

**Talent Show Co-Directors:** Claire Huebner and Claire Eppinger

**Social Director:** Eve Melliere **Kids Against Hunger:** Hannah Janson

**Talent Show:** 1<sup>st</sup> Spencer Biske, 2<sup>nd</sup> Jane Whelan

Executive Producers "Godspel, Jr." Kids Against Hunger 14,040 meals Hunger is Scary-2,064 food items

Griffin Center 138 Christmas gifts SVDP Coat Drive Funderwear Drive 3,475

Talent Show BC Week-82 Virtues Mission Day \$1092

St. Jude Math-a-thon-\$1,905.10 Living Stations Buddies

**AWARDS NIGHT** Near Perfect! Thanks to Penny Prindiville, Melissa Curry, Katie Hrdlicka, Mary Tippen, Tara Kennedy, and the Daniels Family Affair(DJs) for making the Principal feel like a rock star. The Class of 2016 led the way and it isn't over yet---DIOCESAN TRACK tomorrow! Let's run our hearts out and field everything!

## **CONGRATULATIONS TO US! ICS Awarded Emerson Gold Star Teamwork Grant**

Congratulations to Immaculate Conception School on winning a 2016 Emerson Gold Star Teamwork Grant for **\$10,000!** **The grant also includes \$5000** for the school to help cover expenses to implement their proposal. This grant is made available through the annual Emerson Excellence in Teaching Award which honors 100 educators in the metropolitan St. Louis region. ICS 4<sup>th</sup> grade teacher Angela Ettl, Kindergarten and former Emerson awardee Cyra Herrmann, and 2015-16 Emerson honoree and junior high teacher Karen Weiler teamed together to write the proposal to purchase and implement Legos robotics in all grade levels. Thanks to Emerson for honoring us and underwriting this exciting project! Mrs. Tiffany Taylor and former teachers Bill Riley and Marge Krizan are also Emerson Excellence in Teaching winners. Great teaching plus cooperative learners make all things possible! Lego my ego! I am so proud!



**STATE TRACK** With only 5 athletes competing, the ICS Girls track team finished 3rd overall in the Class S 2016 State Track Meet in Herrin, IL on May 14<sup>th</sup> of 91 schools. Mary Wessel finished 1st in the High Jump with a leap of 4'8" and is a State Champ. Marie Prindiville finished 2nd in both the 800M and 1600M races with times of 2:35 and 5:48 respectively. The Relay Team of Jane Whelan, Megan Levin, Abby Mathany & Mary Wessel finished 3rd in the 4x200 (2:02) and 5th in the 4x100 (57.96). Megan Levin finished 9th in the Long Jump with a 13'6".

One other point of interest, the top 3 teams in State are all running in our Diocesan track meet on Saturday. St Bruno, St Clare and us! Talk about loaded.

**TRACK CONFERENCE** ICS took 7th place overall with 11 teams competing. Our Parochial boys took 10th (keep in mind we only had 3 boys competing). Parochial Girls took 9th (5 of our girls were at the state track meet) so we scratched from everything except shot and disc. Junior Girls took 6th and Junior boys took 2nd. I was very proud of all the kids! We had lots of "Personal Bests"!!!

**SPORTS PHYSICALS-OPPORTUNITY!** The State of Illinois requires physicals for Kindergarten and 6<sup>th</sup> 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 21<sup>st</sup> 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!

## **FINAL THOUGHTS FROM THE COUNSELOR'S CORNER.**

This can be an emotional time of year: endings and hopes of new beginnings, good riddance's and sad farewells. You may have seen a recent article on Facebook talking about the kids who don't win awards. Yes, there are those children who are fighting hidden battles behind closed doors that no one realizes. Yes, there are children who excel and excel and excel. We know that **all** children are valuable. But we are human, and when the accolades aren't coming in our child's direction, it can sting. The care and keeping of your heart (and your child's) is as important as the care and keeping of your faith. I urge you trust in *the process of life*, from the disappointments to the accomplishments. It IS an accomplishment to finish a grade, to pass a class, to stay in school, to maintain friendships, and to just be an all around decent person. I say to folks often: if you are not detracting from society, then you are contributing. Take yourself and that little contributor of yours out for a "Thank You, God" ice cream. Thank you God for ALL circumstances, even the ones that sting a bit.

Karen Lundy, ICS School Counselor  
The Teaching Never Stops

**WELCOME to Cade Kostelac who is shadowing in Grade 4 today!**

**GAGA PIT AREA GONE...Parking lot coming soon!**

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Up in the air! Science is learned by doing it. The Wright brothers became right because they flew kites and studied the Bernulli effect and great things happen. Thanks Mrs. Donjon and Mrs. Ettlting!

**THE SPORTING NEWS...**  
**. TRACK THE DIOCESAN MEET IS AT**  
**RED BUD HIGH SCHOOL ON MAY 21ST.**

The mile will be run at 9am and then Field Events will follow directly after that. I'm guessing that the remainder of the running events will start around 10:30 or so.

This Saturday is the Diocesan Championship track meet. There is a large school and small school division at this meet. ICS is a large school.

\* All milers need to be at the Red Bud High School track by 8:30am to warm up. The mile is run at 9am.

\* All Field Event participants need to arrive no later than 9am. Field events will begin as soon as the mile is completed.

\* All runners need to arrive no later than 10:15am Other running events besides the mile will begin somewhere around 11am.



### **Gibault Girls Basketball Summer Camp**

Gibault Catholic High School Gym      Who: Area 5<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> graders (entering 2016 year)  
When: June 20<sup>th</sup> – June 24<sup>th</sup>: 8:00-10:00 AM      Cost: \$50 (Includes t-Shirt at end of camp)  
See attached or email Russ Hart at [russhart@gibaultonline.com](mailto:russhart@gibaultonline.com)

**FAMOUSLY YOURS: 2016 UNIFORM NEWS:** 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](http://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](mailto:actorsattic@gmail.com) with questions.

### **ON OUR RADAR**

May 25      Last Day-- Kindergarten Graduation at 9:00 ---dismissal at 11:15 ---we will have Latchkey available(bring a sack lunch if staying for latchkey), Jazz Band plays at Grizzly Stadium at 7:00, save used school supplies for Quest for Peace  
May 30      Memorial Day---Mass at 9:00 in our cemetery

### **Mrs. Fetcho Art Camps UP IN THE AIR-** June 6 - 10, 10am - 12pm, grades K-5

Let's focus on things that fly. Create a Hot Air Balloon painting on plastic that resembles stain glass. A necklace using "shrinky dink" of a bird, balloon, plane, something that flies. You decide. An owl out of cornstarch dough that is baked and painted.

### **Pop Art with Star Wars/Minecraft-** June 13 - 17, 10am-12pm, grades 2 - 8

Create your own Andy Warhol type print using a Star Wars/Minecraft character or another favorite character from a different game/ show. A dot comic like artist Roy Lichtenstein and special trading cards of your favorite characters. \*classes \$95 for the week per student, pay first day of class. Text/email to reserve a spot at [314.565.7354](tel:314.565.7354), [cfetcho@icsgmail.com](mailto:cfetcho@icsgmail.com)

### **GRADS IN THE NEWS.**

**Abbie Meyer**, of Gibault Catholic High School, was selected as the St. Louis Post Dispatch Scholar Athlete and honored by the Cardinals on Wednesday night. Abbie missed it as she was minding the nets in goal for the Hawks who lost to Alton Marquette 1-0 on penalty kicks. 100 minutes of soccer and no score made for a great game but tough loss. In the preliminary game, our **Chloe Graff** of the Columbia Eagles scored both goals in leading the Eagles over Mater Dei. Chloe has scored her team's last 7 goals and plays tomorrow against Marquette. Good luck Eagles!

### **PARISH, DIOCESAN AND COMMUNITY NEWS...**

GIBAULT CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL will hold our Graduation Ceremony for the Class of 2016 on **Monday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 PM in the Hustedde Gymnasium.** We are proud of our graduating Hawks!

Join the Hawks this summer to polish your skills in the activities you love! We have summer camps in Boys Basketball, Girls Basketball, Boys & Girls Soccer, Girls & Boys Volleyball, Bowling, Drama, Cheerleading and for incoming freshman we also have Band Camp. More information is available on our website [www.gibaultonline.com](http://www.gibaultonline.com). We hope to see you on campus this summer!

**PANCAKE AND SAUSAGE FUNDRAISER** to benefit Scott and Heather Schaefer on May 22 ALL PROCEEDS will be donated. Breakfast will be served from 8:00 am until 12:00 pm in the garden

level. The cost is \$5.00 per person. If there are questions you can e-mail Christine Matrisotto. [cmatrisotto@icsmail.org](mailto:cmatrisotto@icsmail.org)

**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-Sophia Kienzle-Elizabeth Schaefer-Brady Moore-Tyler Stern-Turner Haywood

**USED SPORTS EQUIPMENT** Parish dad Dan O'Leary, owner of Play It Again Sports in Arnold, Mo., has come up with a unique fundraiser to help the Heather & Scott Schaefer Family. Dan will be on hand Saturday, May 21, from 9-Noon, at the Garden Level of church (411 Palmer Rd.) accepting used sports equipment -- everything from ellipticals to baseball bats. The funds he would ordinarily pay out in the buy-back will be donated to the Schaefers. See the attachment for a list of everything Play It Again Sports will accept. It's a great time to get that exercise bike out of my basement and say goodbye to the outgrown baseball gloves. Thanks! More information about the Schaefers can be found on their Go Fund Me page: <https://www.gofundme.com/jyyr7cs>

**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 4<sup>th</sup> 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**

**Jessica Stemler** [battlinforbarcik@yahoo.com](mailto:battlinforbarcik@yahoo.com) Please pray for Jessica!

**PRAYERS:** Betty Ann Kish, George Naumann, Jessica Stemler Barcik, 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, Nick Carron, Maddie Swip, Mary Giovanni, Denise Conner, Kevin Diehl, Roy Lansing, Sis Blaes, Arlin Stechmesser, Marcella Heinrichs, Florence Dorshorst, Bill Pennock, Patty Juengling, Pat Weber, Ed Hengel, Vince Webb, George Stein, Desiree Frasure, **Special Intention**

**HOLY TRINITY SUNDAY** Pope Francis has written that the Eucharist is like "the burning bush" in which the Trinity humbly dwells and communicates." I love the burning bush from the Hebrew Scriptures. Only Moses noticed it wasn't being consumed. He was a notice. We don't notice how the Spirit is alive and working in our lives yet the Spirit humbly waits for us. Come and be filled with the Word of Life this weekend. Come and be filled with the Eucharist, our own personal burning bush awaiting to be heard.

**Gospel** [JN 16:12-15](#)

Jesus said to his disciples:

*"I have much more to tell you, but you cannot bear it now.*

*But when he comes, the Spirit of truth, he will guide you to all truth.*

*He will not speak on his own, but he will speak what he hears, and will declare to you the things that are coming.*

*He will glorify me, because he will take from what is mine and declare it to you.*

Everything that the Father has is mine; for this reason I told you that he will take from what is mine and declare it to you."

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OUR GRADUATES!

**MIKE KISH**

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

[PS Monroe County Bicentennial Flyer](#) Link

[PS July 4<sup>th</sup> Bike Parade Info link](#)



**LAST CALL ON LOST AND FOUND!** I meant to give the clothing away as attendance prizes at Awards Night but forgot. On it will go to Catholic Urban Programs or Schoola if you don't claim it.

**Spring 2016 Exam Schedule**

| Date                               | 6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Exam | 7 <sup>th</sup> Grade Exam                  | 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Exam |
|------------------------------------|----------------------------|---|----------------------------|
| Monday, May 23                     | History 6                  | English 7<br>Course 3- 7 <sup>th</sup> only |                            |
| Tuesday, May 24                    | Science 6                  | Geography 7<br>Science 7                    |                            |
| Wednesday, May 25(11:15 dismissal) |                            |   |                            |

**Band Schedule Wee May 23-25**

Monday

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

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

9:05-9:35 5th Flute

10:35-11:05 4th Flutes

11:05-11:35 4th Clarinet

Tuesday

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

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

9:55-10:35 5th Clarinet

11:05-11:35 4th Saxophone

11:35-12:05 4th Trumpet

Wednesday

Kindergarten Graduation

From last night's Graduation---pictures in the papers...

**Special awards:**

1. Daughters of the American Revolution History Award: Carol Kealey and Ms. Catie Taylor Spencer Biske and Jane Whelan
2. Honor Roll: Award for most 4.0 Spencer Biske, Maggie Schulte, Mary Wessel, Jane Whelan and Hannah Janson
3. **SPIRIT OF ICS AWARD:** Jane Whelan, Lexi Hennes, Katrina Costner, and Spencer Biske
4. Jane Whelan received the 4 year Clare Blasé Memorial Scholarship for Service and a 4 year Loretto Scholarship for Academics to Nerinx Hall High School.
5. Kiwanis Scholarship: Sharon Nealon Maggie Schulte \$150.00
6. Knights of Columbus Essay Contest Scholarship:  
\$250 a year for 4 years: Spencer Biske
7. The Founders Scholarship from St. John Vianney High School for academic achievement  
\$1000 Kaylum Furlow
8. **Fr. Ed Hustedde scholarship winners: presented by Principal Russ Hart of Gibault:** \$500 scholarships:  
FINE ARTS – Spencer Biske Academics: Spencer Biske, Mary Wessel

For over 10 years coaching at ICS: Dave and Chris Bira and Dan Whelan

PS Thanks for all the prayers for my Mom. She had a heart attack starting Tuesday and she had a stent implant. The meds for that shut down her kidneys. Today we try dialysis. She is in a tough spot right now but is resigned to God's will and her favorite St. Anthony. The family needs the prayers. Mom is already a saint for raising 11 children!