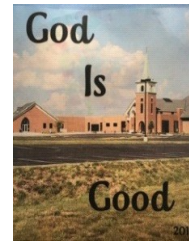




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Celebrating 166 years of Mission, Community, Service.

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.



May 29, 2020

Bienvenido el parrochia!

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Dear Parents, Guardians, and Friends,



**How often we forget that without rain, we would seldom have rainbows!
And rainbows during the rain! Thanks Mrs. Dillon!**

SCHOOL BOARD OFFICERS 20-21 Our School Board is another reason our school excels. Like a shepherd and guide, they help us find the way and take the right path.

President Tammy Hoeflinger Vice-President Katie Hrdlicka Secretary Megan Gilbreth

Congratulations and thank for accepting the challenge. My sincere thanks again to Toby Ellner, Ray Farley, and Donna Videmscheck for their help in making us a “school like no other”. If we thought this year was exciting, just wait!

SURVEYS: We have 3 in process seeking input for decisions to help us get better. First one is on remote learning for Parents, Students in Grades 5-8, and Faculty. We also have one on use of our new school for Grades 5-8 and Faculty. The Diocese also has a survey that will be out early next week. Here is your chance to be heard. This is not “heard immunity”. We are not immune to what we hear. We study comments and oftentimes gain our best ideas or answer the question “why didn’t I think of that?”. And sometimes, reflecting on why you do what you do, you deepen your conviction or change. Conversation comes from the same Latin root word as convert. If you have a conversation, you sometimes change your opinion due to facts.

DROP OFF AND PICK UP The schedule for Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday went out this morning. Please follow all the rules and love your brothers and sisters. Though our area has not been hit hard, the asymptomatic factor is out there and we don’t know each other’s status or where we have been. Bring EVERYTHING back on your list (textbooks, chrome books, uniforms, athletic bags), fees, tuition, stewardship---check off, grab your bag (teachers have bagged up your child’s items), and depart through side doors so we can maintain social distance. **Adults only** except for Grade 8 after their picture. Thanks for working together with us so we can take textbook inventory and order for the new year.

NO CALENDAR YET.

LIVE STREAMING AND POSTINGS: Just looking back:

May 1---May Crowning

May 14---ALL SCHOOL CLOSING MASS 9:00 A.M. Over 400 live views!

May 14---parents did a great job honoring the Class of 2020 with a parade at the old campus. Graduation is slated for August 4, or virtual. They were a great Class to kick off the opening of our new facility.

May 20---Kindergarten were honored with a “Porch Graduation and Zoom gathering” to end the year.

May 22---Pre-K held a “Drive-By-Good-Bye” on Metter Street off the old campus.

Weekly opening prayer was posted by the Principal.

And hundreds of Zooms, Google Meets, youtube postings, and live-streamed classes.

GRADUATION PICTURES for the CLASS OF 2020 will be held Tuesday, June 2.

TELE-HEALTH Karen Lundy 719-1815, ICS School Counselor.

FIRST EUCHARIST Postponed

CONFIRMATION Postponed
GRADUATION Tuesday, August 4 at 7:00 or virtual in Church-live-streamed.
Awards Night(dance?) Friday, August 7, 7:00 Grades 5-8.
Lower grades during school the first week.
MAJOR FIELD TRIPS to be re-scheduled if permitted within Covid guidelines

DEACON NICK FLEMING will be ordained to the priesthood on July 11. Pray for him and Deacons Seipp and Schrage. Deacon Nick's address for now is 1028 Cypress Pointe Dr., Caseyville, IL 62332. Have your kids send him a card and you too!

FR. MICHAEL MCGOVERN will be ordained and installed as our 9th Bishop on July 22. Pray for our new Diocesan shepherd as he ministers to the 28 southern most counties in Illinois.

ATHLETICS: new traditions. We are retiring the Msgr. Holtgrave basketball award in favor of an All Sports Award for this year. In the hall way, we will only display Diocesan championships for Parochial Teams. With our new display boards, we will devise a way to unveil Championships for Awards Night.

ATHLETIC MEETINGS FOR 2020-21 School Year

Coaches meeting for coaches of **ALL** sports at ICS will be held on **Wednesday July 15** from 6:30-7:30 or **Sunday July 19** from 2-3. These meetings will be in the **Garden Level of the church**. Please make sure you have taken the initial Child protection class and have all the other paperwork handed in. Child protection refresher will be available in August . If the necessary paperwork is not done, you are not allowed to coach.

Parent meeting for parents of all athletes at ICS will be **Sunday July 26** from 2-3pm, or **Wednesday August 5** from 6:30-7:30pm in the **Garden Level of the church**.

Soccer uniform distribution will be **Sunday August 2** from **12:30-2** for grades **1-4**, and **2-3:30** for grades **5-8** , and **Sunday August 9** from **4:30-6** for grades **1-4**, and **6-7:30** grades **5-8**. **This will be in the cafeteria.**

PLEASE HAVE PHYSICALS ON FILE AT SCHOOL AND ATHLETIC AND MAPLE GROVE FEES PAID. IF THIS IS NOT DONE, YOUR CHILD MAY NOT GET A UNIFORM. YOU CAN BRING IN PHYSICAL AND PAY FEES ON UNIFORM PICK UP DATES. **Kindergarten uniforms** will be decided upon and given out at school.

PRAYERS: Special Intention Dorothy Hornacek, Glyn Raeber, Danielle Dorlac, Seth Conner, Mike Drone, Lindsay White, George Perry, Geraldine McCoy, Kathy Neal, Logan Eichenseer, Marian Wickersham, Ashley Burris, Tom Keeven Sr., Ed Schaefer, Dan Hoeflinger, Libby LoPorto, Tom Giovanni, Dion Scherr Miller, Donna Kania, Owen Jordan, Anthony Hendricks, Mark Fiore, Shawn Eichoff, Charlie Stockes, Angela Roepke, Jan Hoffmann, Bill West, Jennifer Nesser, Tom Kish, Patti Rottler, Mike Taylor

MASS THIS WEEKEND at 4:00 Saturday. Remember, we are a community, not an audience. Watching from home should raise a yearning in our hearts to be together for the Liturgy. Make

a Spiritual Communion! Watch for the link! A plan is being developed for return to Church once restrictions are lifted.

Your stewardship envelopes can be mailed to the parish office at 411 Palmer Rd, Columbia, IL 62236. If anyone in our parish needs any financial assistance during this time of crisis, please contact Fr. Carl at 618-541-9008, and he will see that you receive the assistance you need, all in complete confidentiality.

PENTECOST SUNDAY Wear your colors as you join in on the live stream mass this weekend. The Holy Spirit is the love between the Father and the Son. Hard to understand because we are not God. So we use shamrocks, doves, 'God-winks', "AHA moments", a constantly moving merry-go-round, and lately, I heard that a kaleidoscope is a good reference in understanding the Holy Spirit. You never seen the same beauty twice! When others see us and encounter our joy and care, there they should also see Christ in many different ways. I like to tell our students we have it easier than the Apostles and Disciples since they struggled with every little thing Jesus said or did because they just plain didn't get it. It took the Holy Spirit, The Advocate, for our eyes to be opened and begin a relationship with the Father through the Son!

Mike Kish

Principal

PS Adulthood is childhood 2.0. D. Huels
PS Manage your time or your time will manage you.
PS Comparison is the thief of joy. T. Roosevelt



First Day



First Play



First Pray of Rosary in gym



First Concert