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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.

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**THE JOY OF LOVE**

Dear Parent, Guardian, Student, Teacher, Friend,



**CALLING A SPADE A SPADE** This is a short handled shovel. If it could talk, it would say “Fr. Vince used me to break ground for the 1987 addition to Immaculate Conception Parish and School. I was also used at the groundbreaking of the new church. I am a little short on the handle but long on hope and persistence. I am the little shovel that could. I hope Fr. Carl uses me again this time around. Catholics in this parish are builders of Church both physically and spiritually. 1846-1853-1921-1950-1960-1987-2013-2017. We dig on holy ground and all the earth is holy”!

**GROUNDBREAKING! Tomorrow night, on the 6<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the groundbreaking for our church, we will “break ground” for our new Catholic Education and Activity Center at 6:30. Make the time to take the time to build a memory and say “I was there”. Top level parking lot. Refreshments to follow. Bring your shovel! ICS and PSR families are asked to bring cookies to go with the hot dogs from the Knights!**

**From Mrs. Karen Lundy:**

I am recruiting for a **(mostly) youth choir** to help sing at 2 upcoming events: Fr. Carl's actual birthday at 8:05 mass on July 13th and at his birthday party after 5:00 mass on the 15th. I will have 1 rehearsal Sunday the 26th at 7 p.m. in church for all who want to participate.

Please email me if interested: [karenlundy@gmail.com](mailto:karenlundy@gmail.com)

**YOU ARE INVITED TO BE A PART OF OUR NEXT ICC PICTORIAL DIRECTORY!**

1. Schedule your appointment online at <http://www.icc-columbia-il.us/>
2. Or call the ICC Parish Office at [618-281-5105](tel:618-281-5105) for assistance

**DAYS HAVE BEEN ADDED! CHECK THE SITE PLEASE!**

**SCHOOL BOARD** In essence, the June Board meeting is the start of the new year. Officers are elected, the past year reviewed, policies polished and enacted, curriculum changes locked in, dates set, and of course you discuss the solar eclipse on August 21! Thank you to our new officers President Bob Wachtel, Vice-President Tammy Hoefflinger, Secretary Megan Gilbreth, to our new members Katie Reed, Toni Kuhlman, Jean Swip, Ray Farley and to members Lynetta Frasure, Kory Haywood, Kit Timmons, Katie Hrdlicka, and Brad Nadziejko. Thanks again to our retiring members: past 5 year President Teresa Dorshorst, Adam Randle, Tim Curry, and Jennifer Thorne. Changes for policies are under review for press-time. We will highlight these to you before school starts.

**NEWS!** Mrs. Sue Lewis started at ICS in 1988 as a paid Latchkey Director. She later moved into the role of Technology Director for us. Prior to that, she was on our School Board, helped found our Kindergarten, was an unpaid Kindergarten Aid and Playground monitor. She will be moving to part-time this coming year and we will be hiring Ms. Emily Brutton part-time to grow in to Mrs. Lewis role here as a key teacher and staff member. We are grateful to Mrs. Lewis for all her dedication and glad she will still be around. Ms. Brutton is a "Summa Cum Laude" from Illinois State with teaching credentials in English and Theatre Education. She recently filled a maternity leave for us for Mrs. Neff, is a lover of learning, fears no technology, and knows how to direct! She has been very active in our parish and has worked for Sr. Thea Bowman School too. The beauty of this for Emily is she will train under the very best and she knows how exciting ICS is. Welcome to Ms. Emily Brutton! Thanks Mrs. Lewis!



**Jacqie Goglek** did a food science fair project for 4-H on baking. Does it matter how many mixing strokes and different measures of ingredients are used for three different muffin recipes? She used two different ingredient muffin recipe and one store-bought muffin recipe. She learned a lot and there is a huge difference in homemade with mixing the batter and store bought batter plus a big difference in ingredients. Jacqie was awarded 1<sup>st</sup> place and is going to Springfield for the Illinois State Fair to show her project and talk to a group of judges about her project on Aug 13. Congratulations Jacqie!

**Predict the Corona Contest** **Total Solar Eclipse Celebration** **Calling artists going into grade 3<sup>rd</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>.** **Immaculate Conception is hosting a solar eclipse T-shirt contest.** **Solar Eclipse**  
August 21 [http://www.eclipse2017.org/2017/path\\_through\\_the\\_US.htm](http://www.eclipse2017.org/2017/path_through_the_US.htm) On Monday, August 21, 2017 a total solar eclipse will cross the continental U.S. from coast to coast for the first time since 1918. The moon will completely block the sun turning daylight into twilight as light streaks through the sky around the silhouette of the moon. The corona is the sun's light shining around the black sphere of the moon as it passes in front of the sun. Predict what you imagine the corona will look like and create a drawing of your image using pastels (chalk or oil), paint, color pencil or marker. **Image must be on 8 ½ x 11 paper, no construction paper, glitter or glue please.**  
Send/Drop off - Immaculate Conception School, 321 S. Metter Ave. (Come in the cafeteria entrance way and leave on the credenza outside the office in the box or drop off at the Parish office.)  
**Deadline – June 25<sup>th</sup>** No entries yet! Winners Announced – July 14<sup>th</sup> newsletter  
There will be one winner from each grade level category and one overall winner.  
The three grade categories are grouped as follows: 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>; 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>; 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>  
Category winners will receive a jeans day and framed poster of your drawing. Overall winner will receive jeans day, framed poster and be the featured design for ICS Solar Eclipse T-shirt to be sold on-line to the masses of solar enthusiasts. Details to follow---announcements on 7/14.  
**Questions? Email Carol Fetcho [cfetcho@icsmail.org](mailto:cfetcho@icsmail.org) or Shari Murphy [smurphy@icsmail.org](mailto:smurphy@icsmail.org)**

**We have NO submissions yet!** 😞

**2017 Mentors Needed for New ICS Families** Please consider signing up to be a mentor for a new ICS family next year. This is a great way to meet new families and get involved. There are no meetings or huge requirements for this (everything is done via email/phone) except we do encourage mentors to come to the Welcome Lunch on August 13 after the 11 a.m. mass. We need all levels of ICS parents to participate in this. If you have had a child in the Pre-S/Pre-K program, we need you! Kindergarten parents, you make great mentors since you just lived the experience. And parents of older grade students, we need you for transfer students. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Kara Boyd at [knboyd2@yahoo.com](mailto:knboyd2@yahoo.com) or (618) 444.6502. If you are interested, sign up by clicking the link below. Thank you!!!

[www.SignUpGenius.com/go/30E054AADAE2EABFC1-2017](http://www.SignUpGenius.com/go/30E054AADAE2EABFC1-2017) Kara Boyd (618) 444.6502

**SUMMER OPEN GYM** Kevin McGill and Matt Blaskiewicz are offering practice times during the summer months for both basketball and volleyball, **incoming grades 5-8 boys and girls**. The purpose---focus on development of core skills--- improving various agility and team movements. Questions, please reach out to: Kevin (email: [kmcgill@ne.com](mailto:kmcgill@ne.com), ph: 314-330-6154) OR Matt (email: [matthew.blaskiewicz@libertymutual.com](mailto:matthew.blaskiewicz@libertymutual.com), ph: (314) 750-6741

Practice Schedule
Thursday, June 29 <sup>th</sup> (6-8pm)
Thursday, July 6 <sup>th</sup> (6-8pm)
Tuesday, July 11 <sup>th</sup> (6-8pm)
Skip week of July 16 <sup>th</sup>
Wednesday, July 26 <sup>th</sup> (6-8pm)
Wednesday, Aug 2 <sup>nd</sup> (6-8pm)
Thursday, Aug 10 <sup>th</sup> (6-8pm)
Wednesday, Aug 16 <sup>th</sup> (6-8pm)

**LATCHKEY HELP NEEDED:** Contact Latchkey Director Mrs. Hope Weinhoff at [hwienhoff@icsmail.org](mailto:hwienhoff@icsmail.org). Great after-school job for college or high school senior.

**Papa John's** 50% off All Regular Menu Price Online Pizzas! Online promo Code: DM50  
Valid May 26, 2017 through August 20th, 2017 ENJOY your summer!!!Dana

**Hello Families, BUILDING THE DOMESTIC CHURCH: *The Family Fully Alive* reminds us the theme for June is SELF-GIVING LOVE.**

*"The form of marital and family love is given by God Himself who is love. The Christian family, the domestic church, has been entrusted with the irreplaceable vocation of being the first school of human and divine love."*

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

**Have we learned "the art of living"?** Do not miss watching this incredible video on love:

<https://youtu.be/TloQAAFOuAo>

Pay attention to when Chris mentions "that Jesus is not some rule-giving ogre... And as Fr. Richard Rohr said this week---**Jesus never focused on the sin. He focused on healing!**



**PRAYERS: Special Intention** Kaylee Fogarty, Larry Pelker, Danielle Barnett, Brandon Martin, Joe Schmid, Annie Boedeker, Barbara Thompson, Dennis Baldrige, Susan Adams, Laurie Austin, Joyce Rose, Donna Barton, Lydia Boyer, Dan Whelan, Alicia Cohen, Jan Habermehl, Denise Conner, Kenny Hamontree, Susie Kish Settle, Dennis Kish, Ken Biske, Rachel Warden, Bill Kesler, Dan Borisuk, Maggie Williamson, Lauren Foran, Rich Cullen, Jessica Stemler Barcik, Josh Ritter, Stella Moll, Gertrude Scherrer, Henry Scott Dabbs, Carolyn Baker, Scott Schaefer, Katy Basinski, Chrissy Hoeflinger, Barbara Buchheit, Angie Rose, Ken Bolton, Nick Carron, Roy Lansing, Sis Blaes, Arlin Stechmesser, Marcella Heinrichs, Florence Dorshorst, Bill Pennock, Pat Weber, Ed Hengel, Vince Webb, George Stein, Desiree Frasure

**Building a 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

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Psalm 69 - Responsory, "Lord, in your great love, answer me."

The psalm gets overlooked in the Mass readings, even though they are the very prayers that the Lord Jesus used and that from the days of the disciples we have heard the voice of Jesus in the psalms. This one is used in the accounts the Passion as it gives voice to the suffering of an innocent person. It's a lament, a passionate expression of grief, often suffering and colored with anger. It demands that God do something, now! The psalmist complains of alienation from God and rehearsed a litany of estrangement from family, community and justice. "Save me, God," the speaker demands, "I am weary with crying out; / My throat is parched, / My eyes fail, / From looking for my God." I've had it, do something and do it quick, God.

There are times I feel that distress in an urgent moment and Jesus too could give voice to such an insistent demand for God's action and in a tone more than tinged with anger. Often repeating a verse of a psalm like this one can express those deep emotions that rise up in relationship with God.

Francis X. Ryan, SJ

**GOD IS ALWAYS WHISPERING TO US!** “Therefore, do not be afraid. What god has whispered to you, proclaim on the housetops! In the words attributed to W.H. Auden, “You owe it to all of us to get on with what you’re good at.”

*Mike Kish,* Principal

PS I caught **“Alice in Wonderland”** at Gibault last evening as part of the “Musical in a Week” summer program MaryBeth Babcock directs. 7:00-8:30 Take the kids to it tonight. (Even Aunt Pearl loved it at age 95!) You won’t believe how many Lewis Carroll quotes have made their way into our lexicon! The Cheshire Cat didn’t get to say one of my favorites---“If you don’t know where you are going, any road will get you there”!

Worth expanding...

