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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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AMEN

June 15, 2018

Bienvenido el parrochia!

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Dear Parent,

FATHERS' DAY SUNDAY JUNE 17 11TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME AND SUMMER IS STARTING!

Our father, Fr. Carl Scherrer, is in Guatemala learning about our sister parish St. Raymond's and how we help the global church on a very personal way. Pray he only eats the cooked foods and drinks out of the bottle! Leave the eruptions for the volcanoes!

Fr. Steve Humphrey, former pastor, and Fr. Clyde Grogan will be having Mass for us. Make them feel at home!

HAPPY FATHERS DAY to our Dads, living and deceased, and all our spiritual fathers who help us through life with their wisdom. Fr. Ron Rolheiser OMI, says the greatest spiritual hunger we have is "father-hunger". We all want to get along with our dads----this is often not the case since dad may not be paying attention to right "**NOW**"--- where women live, and he is dreaming off into the future, or winning the game, or catching the biggest fish or couching it.

God has made the sexes so different that they are in effect complimentary as each should save the other. I have a lot of personal experience being saved from myself by my wife Jeanne and kids and my school family!

And, as my Dad taught me, "**Life's great if you don't weaken!**". Dad, "**loved you then, love you still, always have, always will!**" God is our Father. Amen.

ACTORS' ATTIC SUMMER REP FEST AND CAMP SHOWS The camp shows go up quickly (entirely performed by students that learn the show in 3 1/2 days), and are so much fun to bring your family to see. Those are:

- *Aristocats KIDS* (performed by students grades 1-5)
 - Thursday June 14 and Friday June 15 at 7pm
- *Junie B Jones The Musical JR.* (performed by students grades 6-8)
 - Thursday June 21 and Friday June 22 at 7pm
- *Chigago (School Edition)* (performed by students grades 9-12)
 - Thursday June 28 and Friday June 29 at 7pm

- *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time*
 - Thursday July 12-Saturday July 14 at 7pm and Saturday July 14 at 2pm

- *Gypsy*

- Thursday July 19-Saturday July 21 at 7pm and Sunday July 22 at 2pm

All 5 shows will be in the Gibault Catholic High School Auditorium. Tickets can be purchased at the door or online at <http://www.actorsatticcolumbia.org/> Thanks so much for checking this out!

All best, Emily Brutton

From the editor: I am so sorry you may have missed *Les Miserables* last weekend. This production surely exceeded most small college productions. Many of the cast and crew were from our parish. We are loaded with talent thanks to MaryBeth and her cohorts and the fact they let God's gifts out. "*If you can make art at all, you are part of the cure*". Art is letting God come out of us. With 9 Multiple Intelligences, we all are geniuses at something. We need to keep working to find it. Just like the artist Grandma Moses and the entrepreneur Colonel Sanders, you are sometimes in the last trimester of life before you find it. It is all part of the journey but early arts integration helps you see the possibilities! Promote the arts by participating and attending Actors Attic productions!



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. Please email Connie Huebner: mrshuebner@icsmail.org

HELP NEEDED YOUNG AUTHORS-Awards Night-Yearbook-Entertainment Book-Magazine Drive---Coaching Maybe these are all covered already? Hope so!

LOOKING FOR A 1ST GRADE BOYS SOCCER COACH (OR TWO...) If you have a son going into first grade and would be interested in being a coach for one of the two first grade boys teams, please contact Brian Boyd at bmboyd02@yahoo.com. We will need more than one volunteer. The current registration for boys is at 23, which will allow ICS to have 2 teams to best provide playing time.

CEAC BOND SALES 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 \$2.5 million if you get there fast enough! 5.5% interest!

ORDERING SCHOOL SUPPLIES FOR 2018-19 HAS NEVER BEEN EASIER. It's optional to order your school supplies through this program, but is a great way to avoid the hassle of shopping and make a few bucks for ICS. Your child's kit will be delivered to their classroom and ready for them on the first day of school. Ordering is available until June 15th!

Go to www.shoptkits.com and use ICS's School Code: 22668 to order your kit.

BONDING WITH GRANDPARENTS THROUGH THE SUMMER MONTHS Angela Cook, MSW, LCSW

Summer is upon us and that means one thing - more free time, right? Wrong. It might mean our kids have more free time to do what they want, but that doesn't mean that the adults who care for them sit leisurely by the pool, sipping lemonade all day. Nope, most of us still have plenty to do to keep our homes, families and jobs running smoothly. Though it's bittersweet, the day is gone when kids complained of being bored. Now, they could easily stay on a screen all day.

One great alternative to constant screen time is to visit grandparents in the summer, but for some kids this can

be difficult depending on their development stage, and their ability and willingness to communicate. We all know how valuable intergenerational bonds are for children and the research shows that the social and cognitive benefits for seniors are boundless. Since there is usually more time for visiting with extended family in the summer, here are some suggestions for bonding with grandparents.

YOUNGER KIDS:

- Play a light game of catch using a small ball or a rolled up pair of socks
- Take turns reading a book or looking at a colorful calendar or magazine together.
- Provide paper for your loved ones to make a paper airplane together or introduce a loved one to their hobby of choice, such as knitting, etc.
- Encourage your child to administer a gentle hand or foot massage - after getting their doctor's permission.
- Listen to music together and /or play musical instruments & sing.
- Play I Spy, in which one person describes something they see in a room and the other person guesses what it is.
- Go out to eat, churn ice cream, bake cookies or a make favorite meal together. Have a picnic in the backyard, nearby park or the family room.

OLDER KIDS:

- Play a favorite game or try a new one; i.e., Dominoes, Cards etc.
- Discuss cultural backgrounds and what the grandparent liked to do when they were young.
- Talk about 'favorites' such as foods, color, scenery etc. and why they like it so much
- Play a lighthearted game of charades and if needed, limit it to acting out actions or objects.
- Take turns drawing a picture together such as a rainbow, house or scenery. Keep it simple and remember it's the process not the product that's important.
- Look into the family history together and send away for genealogy results or look online and discover how far back your family tree goes.
- Have an older grandchild teach their grandparent how to text or Skype - then you can talk more often, even when they aren't visiting.

Sometimes kids struggle connecting with seniors due to various reasons. Whether there is an obvious generation gap, or your parent is struggling with the stress related to cognitive decline, pain, adjustment issues or physical limitations, the main thing to remember is that just being together is what counts!

Find Summer Meals Feeding Sites in Illinois Summer Meals feeding sites in Illinois are now listed on the interactive map at <http://summerfeedingillinois.org/>. This map will be updated once a week. We will also continue to update the "2018 Summer Open Sites" Excel document at <https://www.isbe.net/sfsp>. The link to the list is also available on our [Seamless Summer Option page](#).

Families can find their nearest summer meals site by calling (800) 359-2163, texting "FoodIL" to 877-877, or visiting <http://summerfeedingillinois.org/>.

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REJOICE IN THE LORD AND BE GLAD!

UNIFORM RESALE the ICS uniform resale is looking for clean, wearable uniform donations for the sale in July. Drop off at school during the summer by way of the cafeteria door. We sell the uniforms at very low prices and will donate some to the Griffin Center too. And then we even make money which is as good as cash! Thanks to Andrea Harget and Skip Ward for leading the way!

CHILD PROTECTION POLICY TRAINING June 20 at the garden level of the Church. Contact Angie at 618-281-5105 XT. 300 to register please. If you are new, you need this!

CALENDAR: Opening Day for 2018-2019 is August 16!

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.

THE SPORTING NEWS...OPEN GYM Thanks Kevin and Matt!

We started our Open Gym sessions this past Wednesday, May 30th. The schedule remaining is:

- June 20th 5:30 - 8:00pm
- June 27th 6:00 - 8:00pm
- ~~July 4th~~ No Session
- July 11th 5:30 - 8:00pm
- July 18th 6:00 - 8:00pm
- July 25th 5:30 - 8:00pm
- Aug 1st 6:00 - 8:00pm

The Open Gyms are for 5th-8th grade kids, both boys and girls. If there are any questions, reach out to: Kevin (kmcgill@ne.com, 314-330-6154) or Matt (matthew.blaskiewicz@libertymutual.com, (314) 750-6741)

WE ARE MISSING GIRLS' VOLLEYBALL UNIFORMS #9, and 14. And boys' volleyball uniform #9. If these uniforms are at your house, return them.

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

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Owen Jordan ---Please keep up the prayers for him!

PRAYERS: Special Intention Owen Jordan, Dylan Walsh, Danielle Dorlac, Grant Taylor, Patti Rottler, Mike Taylor, George Perry, Donna Kania, Richard Prater, Jerry Kish, Tom Giovanni, Arlin Stechmesser, Angela Roepke, Paul Thode, Pat Schwartz, 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

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PLANTING SEEDS “We plant the seeds, the rain does the watering, but God makes them grow” Jesus took ordinary life and turned it into parables again and again. If you look around, the wheat seems ready for the harvest while some fields are still having beans sown. Harvesting early will allow for a double crop. With the longer growing season due to global warming, it is much easier to get two crops than when I was a kid and hard winter was two weeks longer. Planting the seeds is about the kingdom. Gospel writer Mark speaks of the kingdom 15 times. The world is to be transformed by Christ through us. If we do our part, the world gets better. No one plants seeds and then just waits for the harvest. You weed it, keep the critters out if you can, watch closely for just the right time to harvest. The kingdom just doesn’t happen. If the kingdom is going to be like the mustard seed, we have to remember that’s us. Small, insignificant though we may feel, we have the power to grow into greatness. Little things become big things. Kish in Hungarian means “little”. I used to try to hang by pipes and stretch myself into the 5 feet 16 inches I wanted to be but it didn’t work. So small yet I may be, I have a role to play in life beyond the NBA. That is the kingdom. Doing small things well. On this Father’s Day, do a small thing well. Come to the Altar and find out that this small act is really a great act! Thanks Dad, for bringing me to the altar your whole life long!

Mike Kish

Principal