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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,

FEAST OF THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST So we make connections between biological evolution and the words attributed by the author of John's gospel to Jesus. "I am the living bread whoever eats this bread will have life because of me"? Bread sustains life. Life! Life bursting forth in all its form and manifestations awakens us to the Christ Mystery! Christ! New life permeating the entire cosmos. Eucharist! We all are part of an evolving cosmos. The body of Jesus was made of ancient cosmic dust, as our bodies were made of cosmic dust. His humanity is our humanity. We name him "the Christ" because we see something new emerge in him -- a new consciousness that is both nonviolent and unconditionally loving.

John sets the Christ Mystery before us. The Risen Christ is the new life permeating cosmic reality. He is the fullness of that which is coming to be. He is the bonding glue in the evolutionary process. God's creativity is not finished. Bad things – war, famine, greed and death in various forms, continue to happen. Spring often arrives slowly. Evolutionary biology is a slow process. The Eucharist we celebrate nurtures the process. We are connected to all that has been, all that is now, and all that is to come. All of life is a silent doorway to the divine, and to the unknown future! "I am the living bread whoever eats this bread.. will have life because of me." Eucharist!! Christ!! Life! *From the homily of a good friend-cosmic!*

GROUNDBREAKING! On June 24th, the 6th 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!

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY TO ALL THE DADS AND ALL OUR SPIRITUAL DADS(like Fr. Carl and Fr. Chris) who give us wisdom and example. According to Fr. Ron Rolheiser OMI, the greatest hunger in the world is "father hunger". Children seek the love of their father but are never sure they have it. They spend a lifetime trying to please their father or regretting they don't have a relationship. This is all a reminder that we will never ever be happy until we are re-joined with God who is our Father. (St. Augustine said this so well.) My Dad died in 2003 and he is still in my head giving me wisdom, laughter, and a reminder that we are "here after the hereafter". He worked hard, played hard, and prayed hard and that is what I try to imitate the most. "Loved you then, love you still; always have, always will!"

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



ICS Students Compete at National History Bee - At the end of March, 10 ICS students competed in the 7th grade and 8th grade divisions at the Regional History Bee in St. Louis and 6 students qualified to advance to the National History Bee. On June 1-4, hundreds of students from all across the United States competed for the title of National History Bee Grand Champion. Two ICS students traveled to Atlanta for this competition; Jessica Lambert placed 267th in the 8th grade division and Noah Newton placed 106th in the 7th grade division. Both completed 5 rounds of competition, including 4 buzzer rounds and 1 written exam. Congratulations to Ms. Catie Taylor and our Social Studies Teachers on our great success in history. "The past is a burden but it is where we go to know who we are and where we came from". The future is ours to build!

Predict the Corona Contest **Total Solar Eclipse Celebration** **Calling artists going into grade 3rd – 8th.** **Immaculate Conception is hosting a solar eclipse T-shirt contest.** **Solar Eclipse**
August 21 <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 25th No entries yet! Winners Announced – July 14th newsletter
There will be one winner from each grade level category and one overall winner.
The three grade categories are grouped as follows: 3rd & 4th; 5th & 6th; 7th & 8th
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 or **Shari Murphy** smurphy@icsmail.org

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 or (618) 444.6502. If you are interested, sign up by clicking the link below. Thank you!!!
www.SignUpGenius.com/go/30E054AADAE2EABFC1-2017 Kara Boyd (618) 444.6502

ART CAMP Deconstructed & Upcycle Books imagine it---create it! Origami, paper Mache & collage techniques to create sculpture, paintings and pastel of favorite animal or characters real or imagined. **June 19- 23**, Mrs. Weilers room 222, 9am - 12pm, going into grades 2 - 8. All are welcome, from any school. Call/text Mrs. Fetcho @[314.565.7354](tel:314.565.7354) or email cfetcho@icsmail.org.

Mrs. Christine Matrisotto will be tutoring this summer up to grade 4 at ICS for convenience. Feel free to pass along my information and have the parents e-mail me. cmatrisotto@icsmail.org

SUMMER OPEN GYM Kevin McGill (5th grade girls volleyball coach) and Matt Blaskiewicz (5th grade girls basketball coach) 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 McGill (email: kmcgill@ne.com, ph: [314-330-6154](tel:314-330-6154)) OR Matt Blaskiewicz (email: matthew.blaskiewicz@libertymutual.com, ph: [\(314\) 750-6741](tel:314-750-6741))

Practice Schedule
Monday, June 19 th (5-7pm)
Thursday, June 29 th (6-8pm)
Thursday, July 6 th (6-8pm)
Tuesday, July 11 th (6-8pm)
Skip week of July 16 th
Wednesday, July 26 th (6-8pm)
Wednesday, Aug 2 nd (6-8pm)
Thursday, Aug 10 th (6-8pm)
Wednesday, Aug 16 th (6-8pm)

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

Dan Whelan will ride in Pedal the Cause. It will be his 6th year of riding. Last year, Dan was not allowed to ride out on the road as he was only out of the hospital for 2 weeks after a serious medical issue. He was allowed to turn the pedals on a stationary bike for an hour. Even without a "real ride" Dan raised over \$10,000 for Pedal the Cause. Pedal the Cause is an organization who supports research for cancer at Siteman and other research outlets. 100% of the funds raised goes to the research and researchers to help find treatments and cures for cancer. For every dollar donated, it generates \$12 dollars down the line as more grants are awarded to researchers.

https://www.mypedalthecause.org/riders_profile_edit.jsp?MemberID=21355

Sincerely, Laura and Dan Whelan

GOLF AT ANNBRIAR: Gibault Summer Classic Golf tournament is June 23 at Annbriar Golf Course. 1:00 shotgun start. \$400 per foursome Sponsorships are available. For more information contact Taylor.Martin@rfconline.com or andrea@biske.com. Thank you for your support of Gibault Catholic High School.

HAWK SUMMER CAMPS: Soccer camp for boys and girls begins June 20, contact dhaud8@gmail.com. More information is available on our website

Papa John's wants you to know how proud we are to be a partner with your school. Summer is here and we want to extend an offer for all your staff and families to have a great deal on our pizza over the next few months.

50% off All Regular Menu Price Online Pizzas! Online promo Code: DM50

Valid May 26, 2017 through August 20th, 2017

ENJOY your summer!!!Dana

COCA The Center of Creative Arts in the Loop will be the scene of a major Arts Integration Workshop July 23-26 and over 20 of our staff will be in attendance! Beth Carrow and Christine Matrisotto have been engaged in the Cohort Program for the Workshop and we will hear their story. Arts integration is about owning your education, awareness of the world around you, and cooperation with your peers and environment.

“Last year’s summer institute transformed my thinking about integrating the arts into my everyday teaching. The sessions made me understand that the arts aren’t only classes they are a different way of teaching (and reaching) our students.” -Beth Carrow, Immaculate Conception School, Columbia, IL

“Attending the COCA Summer Institute for Educators was the one conference I used ALL I learned, and I was able to implement it into the curriculum I already had. Arts Integration is not just another task, but a different approach to teaching by integrating movement, strategies, methods, and mind-set into what you are already doing. Thanks to Arts Integration, I feel I reached a diverse group of students engaged in activities which demonstrated their understanding of the curriculum.” -Christine Matrisotto, Immaculate Conception School, Columbia, IL

Learning to See Fr. Richard Rohr O.F.M. (This is a good read...and speaks to us where we are.)

Most religious searches begin with one massive misperception. People tend to start by making a very unfortunate, yet understandable, division between the sacred and the profane worlds. Early stage religion focuses on identifying sacred places, sacred time, and seemingly sacred actions that then leave the overwhelming majority of life unsacred. People are told to look for God in certain special places and in particular events—Early stage religion has limited the search for God to a very small field and thus it is largely ineffective—unless people keep seeing and knowing at larger levels.

In Franciscan (and true Christian) mysticism, there is finally no distinction between sacred and profane. The whole universe and all events are sacred, serving as doorways to the divine for those who know how to see. In other words, everything that happens is potentially sacred if we allow it to be. Our job as humans is to make admiration of reality and adoration of God fully conscious and intentional. Then everything is a prayer and an act of adoration. As the French friar Eloi Leclerc (1921-2016) beautifully paraphrased Francis, “If we knew how to adore, then nothing could truly disturb our peace. We would travel through the world with the tranquility of the great rivers. But only if we know how to adore.” [1]

For those who have learned how to see fully, everything—absolutely everything—is “spiritual.” This eventually and ironically leads to what the Lutheran mystic Dietrich Bonhoeffer (1906-1945) called “*religionless Christianity*.” [2] Bonhoeffer saw that many people were moving beyond the scaffolding of religion to the underlying and deeper Christian experience itself. Once we can accept that God is in all situations, and that God can and will use even bad situations for good, then everything and everywhere becomes an occasion for good and an encounter with God.

God’s plan is so perfect that even sin, tragedy, and painful deaths are used to bring us to divine union, just as the cross was meant to reveal. God wisely makes the problem itself part of the solution. It is all a matter of learning how to see rightly, fully, and therefore truthfully.



OUR CONDOLENCES to Brady and Brynn Moore on the passing of their grandfather Frank Gregson (63) due to a tragic auto accident. He was a good grandfather and made many of our events here. God's peace to him and consolation to his wife LuAnn, Kristi and Jason and the entire family.

OUR CONDOLENCES to the family of Jackson Pechacek (Derek and Erin) on the loss of his Grandfather Ron. Ron was devoted to the Church and all the communities he served. God's peace to him and his family as he joins the communion of saints.

Ronald E Pechacek 63, of Chester, Illinois, passed away at 11:55 pm, Monday, June 12, 2017 at Barnes Jewish Hospital, St. Louis, Missouri.

Funeral Mass: 11:00 am, Saturday, June 17, 2017 St. Mary Catholic Church, Chester. Officiating: Very Reverend Eugene H. Wojcik, V.F. Msgr. Dennis Schaefer, Msgr. Carl Sherrer, Father Brett Judkins. Interment: St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery Chester, Illinois Visitation: Friday - 3:00 pm - 8:00 pm Saturday - 7:30 am - 10:30 am Pechacek-McClure Funeral Home, Chester, Illinois Memorials: St. John the Baptist Catholic School, Red Bud, Immaculate Conception School, Columbia, St. Mary's Catholic School, Chester, Illinois

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

Happy Fathers' Day!

Mike Kish, Principal