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CELEBRATING 162 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.

"We are people of joy" will continue as we OPEN THE DOORS OF MERCY!

June 24, 2015

V. 40 #57

Dear Parent, Guardian, Student, Teacher, Friend,

OLD DIZZY DEAN use to say "it ain't braggin' if ya done it!" What a year we had but to God we give the glory. Here is a look back as we plan ahead...

Immaculate Conception School Profile 2014-2015

The Sacraments of Confirmation, First Eucharist, First Reconciliation

MIXITUP MODEL SCHOOL from *Teaching Tolerance*

State Band Contest: 1st **Chaminade Honor Band:** Maggie Parks, Thomas Young, Mason Babcock, Isabella Garcia, Sophie Spurgeon

DuBourg Band Festival **Jazz Band:** National Anthem at Grizzly Stadium

National History Bee Finalists: Sarah Rose, Hannah Weiler, Adam Stearns, Ben Traxler
Regional Finalist: Nick Prindiville

National Geography Bee: School Champion: Nick Prindiville

Scholastic Bowl: Varsity: 43-6---Regional Champion **Winter on-line tournament-Team** 1st of 14,

National Quiz Bowl-1st in State **Mater Dei Scholastic Bowl:** 3rd of 25 schools Jr. Varsity 31-5

eCyberMission: 2nd State: Megan Levine, Marie Prindiville, Rose Sippel

Science Olympiad: SIUE- 1st Lucy Settle, Kaleb Chism, Lexi Hennes, Mary Wessel,
Hannah Janson, Trevor Stockard

Mathcounts--- 3rd over-all 1st small school division Lucas Herrmann, Sarah Rose, Spencer Biske, Mary Wessel

St. Louis U. High Math Contest: 2nd of 15 schools: 3rd over-all---Jack Sainz

Johnny Adams, Adam Stearns, Rob Guetterman, Ben Traxler

Gibault Math Contest: 8th gr. Johnny Adams-1st, Lucas Herrmann-2nd

7th gr. Spencer Biske-1st, Mary Wessel-2nd

Rosati-Kain Math Contest: 4th of 23 schools Hannah Janson, Mary Wessel, Maggie Schulte,
Jane Whelan, Claire Huebner, Lexie Hennes

Illinois Math League: 8th gr. 4th---region of 72 schools Johnny Adams, Thomas Young,
Jack Sainz, Mason Babcock, Lucas Herrmann

7th gr. 3rd 75 schools regional 2nd ---Spencer Biske, Maggie Schulte, Ben Traxler, Ben Lambert,
Kaylum Furlow, Rob Guetterman, Ryan Gallagher, Mary Wessel, Nick Prindiville

6th gr. Jacob Whitworth, Kalia Jerkatis, Rose Sippel, Autumn Ramey, Grant Mathany

Vianey Academic Decathlon: 27 schools 1st Math Spencer Biske 2nd Science Jack Sainz

ICS Science Fair: Best of Fair Jane Whelan

Wordmasters: 1st Sarah Rose, 2nd Jack Sainz, 3rd Johnny Adams

Diocesan Speech Champions: Sophie Spurgeon, Lucy Settle, Mason Babcock, Isabella Garcia
Regional Meet perfect scores: Sophie Spurgeon, Isabella Garcia, Mason Babcock, Eli Garcia 1st
 Place: Lucy Settle, Caroline Keefe, Ally Curry, Allison Shuler, Katie Grawitch, Jacob Feldker
Diocesan Chess Champions: 4-0: Johnny Adams, Lucas Herrmann, James Ramette, Tyler Wahle
Young Authors Conference: Hannah Weiler, Lucy Settle, Maggie Schulte, Kalia Jerkatis, Lexie Brooks, Ally Curry, Caroline Keefe, Sydney Wahle, Emma Tippen, Jaylin Brister, Sophia Holobaugh, Ava Langhans, John Bollone, Caroline Roche, Ava Blaskiewicz, Claire Wachtel, Regan Kenner
VFW Patriot's Pen: 1st James Ramette, 2nd Claire Huebner, 3rd Sarah Rose
National 7th Grade Poetry Contest: Claire Eppinger
IEPA Green Solutions Contest: Caroline Keefe-top 6 in State
DAR Essay Contest: Spencer Biske
Messenger Christmas Writing Contest: Henry Schulte
Gibault Art Contest: Isabella Garcia-runner-up Best of Show
 1st: Maggie Parks, Sophie Spurgeon, Hannah Weiler, Claire Huebner, Delaney Lundberg, Noble Faris, Reagan Herrmann
Monroe/Randolph Art Contest: **Judges Choice:** Isabella Garcia, Maggie Parks, Eve Melliere, Emma Melliere, Jacob Whitworth, Jane Whelan, Spencer Biske
 1st place: Kaleb Chism, Hannah Weiler, Sarah Rose, Caitlyn Schwartz, Ally Curry, Alison Shuler, Kalia Jerkatis, Noah Chism, Anna Adams, Delaney Lundberg, Maggie Schulte, Kaylum Furlow
Monroe/Randolph Spelling Bee: 2nd James Ramette, 3rd Noah Newton
ZooBooks illustration: Maria Biske
KC Spelling Bee: 1st Allison Stark 2nd Audrey Sullivan 3rd Jack Keeven
ICS Team Quest Competition: Chloe Graff, Kaylum Furlow, Brianne Massie, Emily Gillan
ICS Science Fair: Best of Show: Jane Whelan
Talent Show winners: Isabella Garcia, Spencer Biske, Sophie Spurgeon
Liturgical Musicians: Maggie Parks, Mason Babcock, Lucas Herrmann, Eve Melliere, Claire Eppinger
Soccer: Parochial Boys: 1st St. John Neumann Tourney, undefeated Diocesan Champs 17-0
 Parochial Girls Diocesan 2nd, 9-2-2
Volleyball: Parochial Girls: Diocesan 2nd 15-3, Junior Girls: 3rd in Diocese
 St. Clare Tourney: 5th grade champions
Track: 3rd over-all 2nd Junior Girls Diocesan Champions: Dylan Altadonna, Mary Wessel, Marie Prindiville, Zoe Swip, Megan Levin
IESA State Track Meet: 3rd Marie Prindiville
Knights of Columbus Essay Contest \$1000 Scholarship: Lucy Settle
Kiwanis Club Scholarship: Sophie Spurgeon
Fr. Ed Hustedde Fine Arts- Academic-Service Scholarships: Sarah Rose, Johnny Adams, Isabella Garcia and Mason Babcock
Spirit of ICS Award: Sarah Rose, Adam Stearns, Ryan Swindle
DAR History Award: Jack Sainz, Sarah Rose
ICS Band Award: Johnny Adams, Isabella Garcia, Jack Sainz
Perfect Attendance: Sarah Rose
Emerson Excellence in Teaching Award: Tiffany Taylor
Peabody Leaders in Education: Mike Kish
Fr. Hustedde-Fr. Hellrung Service Award: Gibault Catholic High School: Mike Kish
40 Years of Service to the Diocese Papal Recognition: Karen Waterman
ICS Business Partner Award: Lizanne Young

More than 20 Field Trips
 Living Stations

St. Jude Mathathon-\$1,886
 Church Buddies

Service-Leadership Day
 Mixitup Day

Builders Club: President: Sophie Spurgeon **VP:** Adam Stearns **Sec.:** Mason Babcock **Treas.:** Jack Sainz **Service.:** Andrew Gibson
Fund Raising: Dylan Altadonna **Social Director:** Isabella Garcia **Talent Show:** Thomas Young
Kids Against Hunger: Lucas Herrmann-Ryan Swindle

*Executive Producers "State Fair" *	Kids Against Hunger 14,472 meals		
* \$6703.92 to 11 different charities	* Patriotic Rosary-269 cards to vets		
*Hunger is Scary-1,572 items	*Griffin Center 138 Christmas gifts		
*SVDP Coat Drive	*Funderwear Drive 1,377 items		
*Safety Month	*Talent Show	*BC Week-75 Virtues honored	*Mission Day \$1092

Opportunities abound at ICS. There are 9 multiple intelligences and everyone is terrific at something! Thanks to our Faculty, Staff, and Parents and Coaches for letting the talent shine through!

WRAPPING UP THE YEAR Our fiscal year runs through June 30. Just a few lunch, band, book bill, and a couple Pre-K and Pre-S bills out. As a corporate body, ICS counts on each dollar budgeted to make it through the year. We can't put anything on a credit card to pay later and have to pay as we go. Please come current so we can come current! Please do it by June 30 so we can close the books and I can start V. 41 #1 (first letter of the new year!)

Openings at Immaculate Conception School for the new school year:

- 1 **part-time lead Pre-School teacher. Associates Degree in Early Childhood preferred/experience.**
- 2 **part-time kitchen help**

Contact the school office at mkish@icsmail.org with resume and references. 281-5353

MAGAZINE DRIVE We still have 174 orders out from the "Pay-later" portion of the Magazine Drive. Thanks for continuing to pay. We have a print-out of each students sales and payments. We have received 86% of our sales so far and would like to do at least 93%. Thanks!

To order online anytime---your child will get credit during the drive--- go to www.gaschoolstore.com I.D. 2710556 Magazines make great gifts---gifts that give all year long. The drive is the single largest donor and we have placed over \$490,000 into the ***Eugene J. Schorb - Immaculate Conception Fund for Catholic Education.***

UNIFORM RESALE WILL BE HELD THE LAST SATURDAY OF JULY (7/25/15). Resale will be held in the ICS Cafeteria from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. Help is needed to set the tables up and sort the donations on Friday afternoon 7/24/15 at 3:00 p.m. Contact Skip Ward [618-975-2340](tel:618-975-2340) with questions or to volunteer. Re-use, Recycle, Re-gift and still make a profit! A winner to the 4th power! Thanks Skip and helpers!

Monroe County will celebrate its 200th anniversary teachers will cruise the County this Friday as they explore Monroe County and bring the 200th anniversary to their classrooms this fall. County Clerk Dennis Knobloch has put together a terrific resource for them. Wave to us and get ready to share in the celebration!

This is neat description of faith, trust, hope, confidence, love and attitude.

What we are:

All of the townspeople decided to pray for rain.

On the day of the prayer, they gathered in the town square...

but only one boy came with an umbrella. That's **FAITH**.

When you throw a baby in the air,

she laughs because she knows you will catch her. That's **TRUST**.

We go to bed every night without any assurance of being alive the next morning,

but we set the alarm to wake up. That's **HOPE**.

We plan big things for tomorrow

in spite of having zero knowledge of the future. That's **CONFIDENCE**.

We see the world suffering, but still we get married. That's **LOVE**.

On an old man's shirt was written this cute sentiment:

'I am not 90 years old. I am sweet 16 with 74 years of experience.' That's **ATTITUDE**.

PARISH AND DIOCESE

PLEASE SUBSCRIBE: to The Messenger and make your commitment to the Diocesan CSMA campaign!

The 2nd Annual Charity Car Show and Silent Auction will be held at Quality Collision in Waterloo on June 28 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The event is for Zac Epplin, a 2014 Gibault graduate who was diagnosed with cancer in his senior year. Please attend and support Zac and his family.

PRAYERS: Florence Dorshorst, Bill Pennock, Zac Epplin, Patty Juengling, Marian Keim, Dan Whelan, Edward Pelker, Pat Weber, Ed Hengel, Josh Ritter, Valerie Bauchens, Vince Webb, George Stein, Desiree Frasure, Special Intention

**Mike Kish
Principal**

PS Bishop Braxton's "The Racial Divide in the US" will be a study document for our school this coming year.

THE ILLUSION OF OUR OWN INNOCENCE FR. RON ROLHEISER, OMI

One of the great tragedies in all literature is the biblical story of Saul. Saul makes Hamlet look like a Disney-character. Hamlet, at least, had good reasons for the disasters that befell him. Saul, given what he started with, should have fared better, much better.

His story begins with the announcement that, in all of Israel, none measured up to him in height, strength, goodness, or acclaim. A natural leader, a prince among peers, his extraordinary character was recognized and proclaimed by the people. The beginning of his story is the stuff of fairy-tales. And so it goes on for awhile.

But, at a point, things begin to sour. That point was the arrival on the scene of David – a younger, handsomer, more-gifted, and more-acclaimed man than he. Jealousy sets in and that envy turns Saul's soul to poison. Looking at David, he sees only a popularity that eclipses his own, not another man's goodness, nor indeed the need of the

people for that goodness. He grows bitter, petty, cold, tries to kill David, and eventually dies by his own hand, an angry man who has fallen far from the innocence and goodness of his youth.

What happened here? How does someone who has so much going for him – goodness, talent, acclaim, power, blessing – grow into an angry, petty man who kills himself out of disappointment? How does it happen?

The late Margaret Laurence, in a brilliant, dark novel, *THE STONE ANGEL*, gives us a pretty good description of exactly how this happens. Her main character, Hagar Shipley, is a “Saul” of sorts. Hagar’s story begins like his: She is young, innocent, and full of potential. What’s to become of such a beautiful, bright, talented, young woman? Sadly, not much becomes of her at all. She drifts, into everything, adulthood, an unhappy marriage, and into a deep unrecognized and unspoken disappointment that eventually leaves her slovenly, frigid, bitter, and without energy or ambition. What’s as remarkable as sad is that she doesn’t see any of this herself. In her mind, she’s still the young, innocent, gracious, popular, attractive young girl she once was in high school. She doesn’t notice how small her world has become, how few real friends are around, how little she admires anything or anyone, or even how physically unkempt she has become.

Her awakening is sudden and cruel. One winter day, shabbily dressed in an old parka, she rings the doorbell of a house where she is delivering some eggs. A bright young child answers the door and Hagar overhears the child tell her mother: “That horrible, old egg-woman is at the door!” The penny drops.

Stunned, she leaves the house and finds her way to a public bathroom where she puts on all the lights and studies her own face in a mirror. What looks back is a face she doesn’t recognize, someone pathetically at odds with whom she imagines herself to be. She sees in fact the horrible, old egg-woman that the child saw at the door rather than young, gracious, attractive, big-hearted woman that she still imagines herself to be. “How can this have happened?” she asks herself. “How can we, imperceptible to ourselves, grow into someone we don’t know or like?”

In one way or other, it happens to all of us. It’s not easy to age, to come crashing down from so much of what we dreamed for ourselves, to watch the young take over and receive the popularity and acclaim that once were ours. Like Saul, we fill with a jealousy that we don’t recognize and, like Hagar, we grow ugly without knowing it. Others, of course, do notice.

It’s not that we don’t gain something as this happens. Usually we grow a lot smarter, wiser even, and often we grow into surprisingly generous people. But we’re a lot more nasty than we once were. We whine too much, feel too-sorry for ourselves, and generally curse more than bless those who have replaced us in youth, popularity, and acclaim.

And so, the great spiritual – and human – task of the second- half of life is precisely this: to give up this jealousy, this ugliness, to come back again to the love, innocence, and goodness of youth, to re-virginize, to come to a “second-naivete”, to begin again to admire something.

At the beginning of the Book of Revelations, John, purporting to speak for God, has this advice for us, at least for those of us who are beyond the bloom of youth: “I’ve seen how hard you work. I recognize your generosity and all the good work you do. But I have this against you – you have less love in you now than when you were young! Go back and look from where you have fallen!”

We might want to hear that from scripture, before we overhear it from some young girl telling her mother that some bitter, ugly, old person is at the door.