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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.

June 30, 2017

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Dear Parent, Guardian, Student, Teacher, Friend,

“Haec dies quam fecit Dominus, exultamus et laetemur in ea.”

This is the day the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad. So it is stated in the preface of our 1946 Parish Centennial Book.



- Catholics in our parish are builders of Church both physically and spiritually. 1846-1853-1921-1927-1950-1960-1987-2013-2017.
- In 1846 we became a parish. An Irishman James McQuade donated the property. It all starts with donations like the ones you have made. In 1853 a school was founded.
- In the Jerusalem of Jesus times, there was one Temple and over 400 synagogues. Tonight, we are not here to build a bigger barn...for all our wealth and earthy holdings. We are building a synagogue to our temple where we can talk and learn about our God and work and pray and play together within the community of our Faith.
- I would like to say thanks for every contribution of time, talent, and treasure to this holy work. A very special thanks from the Principal to Mike Whelan, our Chairperson, who has worked behind the scenes and on the main stage to move this project along so quickly. If you have little children, you have heard of *Bob the Builder*. We have Fr. Carl the Builder and Mike Whelan the Builder and God the Builder!
- How appropriate that we came in under a tent. We dig tonight on holy ground---for all the earth is holy! **Tonight we are all dignitaries for we are Divine Heirs of our Good God!**

Thank you for coming to historical times! Our very talented Mary Boser has put together a 6 minute video of the evening to preserve the historical time. Thank you Mary! It is on our website [click here to see it](#).

We have had 513 pledges so far and almost 7.5 M\$ pledged. Still looking for FOUR M\$! Please join us in the venture that says thanks to all who made our past as we build our future! 18 months and we will be in!

Special thanks to Fr. Carl and the Committee of Shari Murphy, Teresa Dorshorst, Desiree Frasure, John Whitworth, Lizanne Young, Karen Lundy, MaryBeth Babcock, Bev Epplin, Kevin and Kate Beabout, the Mike Whelan Clan, Dave and Mary Boser, Ed Schaefer, Matt Hake and the Jazz Band, Mayor Hutchinson and City Council, Mike Gibbons, Liz Quirin, Ittner, Inc., Korte-Luitjohan, Inc., our contractors, our KC 4th Degree Honor Guard, servers, lectors, cantors, student diggers, Council 6165 of our Knights of Columbus, the refreshment donors, and our Good God for such pleasant weather! And all the Divine Heirs for coming! That's us! *Oh-What-a-Night!* And the church bells rang joyfully as we sang our last note!

THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SOCCER CHALLENGE, sponsored by Columbia Knights of Columbus, will be held at this year's July 4th Celebration. The penalty kick soccer skills competition is open all kids through age 14 as of September 1, 2017. This is the local competition and contestants will compete in one of 15 divisions. The first 3 divisions are boys and girls together: up to age 6, age 7 and age 8. These division champions will not compete at the District, Regional or State competitions. The other 12 divisions are for ages 9 to 14 in which boys and girls compete separately. Each of these 12 champions will earn the right to represent Columbia at the District Level Competition with winners progressing to the Regional and State competitions. International champions will be announced by the K of C international headquarters in New Haven, CT, based on scores from the State-level competitions.

The Knights of Columbus Soccer Challenge will be from **2-4pm at the July 4th Celebration** at the American Legion Park in Columbia, Illinois. All divisions requiring a tiebreaker will start at 4:15. Participants are required to furnish proof of age and written parental consent. For more information contact Steve Dressler 281-7889, dresslerg@charter.net, or Patrick McDermott [618-779-1183](tel:618-779-1183). In the event the July 4th Celebration is cancelled, due to weather, the Knights of Columbus Soccer Challenge will be held at a place and time to be determined.



OUR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL WILL BE SUNDAY, JULY 30 - THURSDAY, AUGUST 3,

from 6-8pm in the lower Garden Level of our church. This year's theme is the "Maker Fun Factory," where we'll learn how wonderfully we have been created! Ages pre-school to fourth grade are welcome, and the registration form is attached.

Volunteers are needed to make every evening special! The registration Please share the attached registration form far and wide: posting on

school/church websites and general distribution. I've also included the Maker Fun Factory logo for dressing up bulletin

I've already put some up in our Gathering Space kiosk. Shari Murphy and I are getting excited!!!

Lizanne Young, Director of Faith Formation

[Click here for the registration Form](#)

CHILD PROTECTION POLICY July 5 at 6:00 pm in Garden Level with the new floor. The Initial CP is required of all who will volunteer, chaperon, coach, or help. Well begun is half-way, half-done! I would recommend all new parents to attend this session and get it behind you. The thousands who have already taken this complete an annual "refresher" on-line but this get you in the door to where you want to be and that is ICS and PSR and all things Parish! Thanks to Diane Zika for hosting and presenting as our certified Diocesan Rep!

MAGAZINE DRIVE \$272.75 from Bill-Me-Later! Thanks for purchasing the orders you placed! This is follow through that helps pay for our new Catholic Education and Activity Center!

CONGRATULATIONS to Nick Kovarik (ICS '07) on passing his boards and becoming a Doctor of Pharmacy. Nick was always very competitive in and out of the class room. He graduated 10th of 265!

A Franciscan Revolution Friday, June 23, 2017 from Fr. Richard Rohr OFM

“ . . . A man like St. Francis of Assisi, for instance. What does he really mean? . . . A complete break with the pattern of history. . . . A man born out of due time. A sudden, unexplained revival of the primitive spirit of Christianity. The work he began still continues. . . . But it is not the same. The revolution is over. The revolutionaries have become conformists. The little brothers of the Little Poor Man are rattling alms boxes in

the railway square (or working for Our Brothers Keepers) or dealing in real estate to the profit of the order. [. . .] Of course, that isn't the whole story. They teach, they preach, they do the work of God as best they know, but it is no longer a revolution, and I think we need one now." —Morris West [1]

I hope these meditations can help reignite the Franciscan revolution, for that is what it was—and will be again. We are extremely blessed to be living in the time of a pope who most beautifully exemplifies Franciscan life (even though he is officially a Jesuit), because it is so much harder to do in our time. Pope Francis shows us that the Franciscan vision is possible at every level and in every age. Not only did he take the name Francis, but he seems so *eager* to proclaim both the “foolishness” and the wisdom of the Gospel to every level of society. He has the passion, love, and urgency of St. Francis himself and has moved the papacy from the palace to the streets.

I hope these reflections will help us recognize one helpful truth: *There is a universal accessibility, invitation, and inclusivity in an authentic Franciscan spirituality.* It surpasses the boundaries of religion, culture, gender, ethnicity, era, class, or any measure of worthiness or education. Like the Incarnation itself, the Franciscan reading of the Gospel “brings everything together, in the heavens and on the earth, behind Christ who is leading the way and in whom we are all claimed as God’s own” (Ephesians 1:10-11).

This is not an elitist journey, not a separatist or clerical journey. It is not based in asceticism or superiority but in the elements that are universally available to all humans: nature, embodiment, solidarity with the necessary cycle of both life (“attachment”) and death (“detachment”), the democracy of love, and most especially with a God “who is very near to you, in your mouth, and in your heart” (Deuteronomy 30:14). This is what divine grace is—always given unawares and unearned and everywhere.

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!

SUMMER OPEN GYM basketball and volleyball, **incoming grades 5-8 boys and girls.** Kevin McGill and Matt Blaskiewicz are offering practice times (email: kmcgill@ne.com, ph: [314-330-6154](tel:314-330-6154)) OR Matt (email: matthew.blaskiewicz@libertymutual.com, ph: [\(314\) 750-6741](tel:314-750-6741))

Practice Schedule
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.

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

100 YEARS Sunday, July 2 is the 100th anniversary of the East St. Louis race riot that claimed nearly 200 lives. Our country still needs reconciliation as we struggle to get along with the diversity of all God's children. As time passes, we tend to forget. But the stories my Dad told me from my Grandfather who reported watching a Black man hauled off a streetcar and being shot to death and people clinging to the sides of rail cars crossing the Mississippi to get away are still as clear as day. Why can't we just get along? Why can't we realize Jesus call to love one another starts with respect and the one-word summary of the Bible---JUSTICE. Prayers for harmony this weekend.

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, 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

A CALL TO BE BIGGER THAN WE ARE We have many ways of saying this---see *the big picture*---take the high road---cut 'em some slack---get off your high horse---we are all on welfare-God's welfare---the Golden Rule is not 'he who has the gold makes the rules'---And

Jesus said to his apostles:

"Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up his cross and follow after me is not worthy of me.

Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it."

Come to the Table this weekend. You Faith is where you fanny is. Faith is caught, not taught! Full Conscious, Active, Participation in the Liturgy starts with Full Conscious, Active, Preparation for the Liturgy ad that begins with deciding on which Mass you will attend and building your weekend around it! You won't regret it!

Have a Happy and Safe 4th of July as we celebrate freedom, God's gift to all His children, which we need to safeguard as our birthright and work for peace and justice.

Mike Kish

Principal

PS The Gibault summer musical production of "Les Mis" starts tonight at 7:00 and I can't wait. *It is a music of a people who will not be slaves again.* We have our own local Muny and Fox thanks to MaryBeth and Crew and talent!