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Celebrating 168 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.

June 30, 2021

Bienvenido el parrochia!

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8 Beatitudes--ICTHUS



175 years strong



USCCB Pastoral

Dear Parents, Guardians, and Friends,

So How do you say thanks? Fr. Carl always talks to us of an attitude of gratitude. In my humanity, I have a hard time accepting thanks and praise. I always feel I have been blessed beyond what I am due and that I will never ever be able to say thanks loud enough to God and God's people for all they have done for me. I am still numb. This is the last day of being Principal of ICS. I haven't had time during this *celebratory whirlwind-close out the school year-help Mr. Gregson know how lucky he is to have this fabulous school and support-clean out the office-* terminal phase of my career have much sink in except I am overwhelmed. I am most grateful for the \$30,000+ donated to help pay off the CEAC debt, the Michael and Jeanne Kish Gibault Scholarship, and my name on our gym and theatre. (this one is really hard for me to swallow---WE built this place---but I am very grateful nonetheless.) Tag along to this all the wonderful cards and memories, the Fathers Club grill, gift cards, and well wishes. So how do you say thanks? I love you! Thanks for loving me!

From Lizanne: For all you history buffs, here is a downloadable copy of the Mass of Thanksgiving Kish-Palooza-Lewis-Too-Za June 27, 2021. It's too big for a DVD, but can be downloaded to your extended hard drive or uploaded to your cloud. It will be available for one month, so "get your copy right away!" If you have any questions or issues with the link or just want to tell her she's amazing, Mary Boser the Video Guru can be reached at mcbings228@gmail.com

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1BgKE2j281ZIHBUJPt8bQhgYMxDahmQQm/view?usp=sharing>

THIS IS A GREAT WAY TO SAY GOODBYE but we will get together tomorrow! Thanks to Lauren Powers for sharing. I am sorry I made you cry Glenn! But you are so precious! This is the Class of 2022.

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/RQEN39GPBdiBRZMa7>

Thanks from Mrs. Lewis What a surprise Sunday was for me! Speechless is putting it mildly. Thanks to all for all of the kind words, hugs and gifts. ICS has been a place that I will always call my second home and I will treasure these memories always Thank you all for sharing your lives and the lives of you kids with me all these years. God Bless!
Mrs. Lewis

Today is the third anniversary of the death of Fr. Chris Reuter. When he started here he said. "I will be with you on weekends. But during the week I will be in jail." He also said "God is good all the time but people are not good all the time." Rest in peace Fr. Chris!

THANKS to Blackbaud for a matching grant of \$635 and \$20! Wish I had kept a running total of all the matching grants over the years. Has to be over 6 figures!

THANKS TO ROE 45 FOR THE SUMMERTIME STEM KITS! I heard we had 26 families participate!

MAGAZINE DRIVE SOUTHWESTERN has gone out of business as of today. We will let you know soon of our new connection. We netted \$13,514.07 this year. We still owe a limo drive to our sellers and will cash them out on the Cardinal tickets due to Covid-loss. Mr. Boedeker is connecting with Mr. Gregson to keep this one going. Over \$550,000 taken and we still have \$487,000 in the Eugen J. Schorb – Immaculate Conception Fund for Catholic Education. Many thanks to all our parent chairpersons over the years!

Ruth Ann Mitchell, Tammy's(Derek) Mitchell-Hines Mom and Brayden and Kelton's Grandmother, has passed away. Please say a pray for this active community minded lady and her family.

Ruth Ann Mitchell, 74 years, of Columbia, IL, passed away on June 25, 2021 at Evelyn's House, Creve Coeur, MO. She was born December 18, 1946, in St. Louis, MO, daughter of the late Vernon, and Mary, nee Dohrman, Lark. She was married to the late James O'Neal Mitchell. They were married June 24, 1967, in New Hanover, IL. He had passed away on January 12, 2014.

Ruth Ann was a member of Zoar United Church of Christ, New Hanover, IL, and the American Legion Post #581 Auxiliary. Ruth Ann held her family very close to her heart and took great pride in the love they all shared. She expressed her love and kindness to

those around her by taking time to make sure others were taken care of and supported. Ruth Ann enjoyed volunteering many hours at the American Legion Post in Columbia, where she made many lifelong friendships.

Surviving are her two daughters, Tammy (Darren) Hines of Columbia, IL, and Holly Dreher of Columbia, IL; three grandchildren, Brayden Hines, Kelton Hines, and Max Dreher; sister-in-law, Phylis Lark, along with other relatives and friends.

She was also preceded in death by a brother, Larry Lark.

Visitation will be Wednesday, June 30, 2021, 4:00 pm - 8:00 pm, at Leesman Funeral Home in Columbia, IL. Funeral services will be held 11:00 am, Thursday July 1, 2021, at Leesman Funeral Home in Columbia, IL, with Rev. Daryl Skaer, officiating. Interment will follow in the Evangelical St. Paul Cemetery, Columbia, IL.

Memorial contributions may be directed to: Zoar United Church of Christ 9103 D Road, New Hanover, IL 62236, American Legion Post 581 Aux. Columbia, IL, Evelyn's Hospice House, 1000 N. Mason Road, Creve Coeur, MO, 63141, or charity of the donor's choice. For more information, please access our website, www.leesmanfuneralhome.com. Leesman Funeral Home, Columbia, IL, handled arrangements.

Visitation JUN 30. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CST)

Leesman Funeral Home - Columbia, IL 218 South Metter Ave Columbia, IL 62236

PRAYERS: Special Intention Brian Kreher, John Gosma, Dave Thomas, Grace Bartz, Keith Hoeflinger, John Stonis, John Stoffel, Randy Royer, Dan Schneider, Donna Hoggard, Steve Patton, Elaine Schorb, Harley Greer, Pat Whelan, Velma Taylor, Joan Prigge, Joanna Prigge Ellner, George Perry, Danielle Dorlac, Arlin Stechmesser, Karen Hornacek, Seth Watters, Glyn Raeber, Mike Drone, Geraldine McCoy, Logan Eichenseer, Ed Schaefer, Libby LoPorto, Donna Kania, Owen Jordan, Anthony Hendricks, Shawn Eichoff, Charlie Stockes, Jan Hoffmann, Bill West, Jennifer Nesser, Tom Kish, Patti Rottler, Mike Taylor

Thanks to Immaculate Conception School, Immaculate Conception Parish, and our good God for this moment in time and you for coming to this Mass of Thanksgiving today. Much of what I will say is straight from the heart. When you

arrived today, joy came to my door. Joy came to God's door. Today is about us. Today we celebrate what we have done the past 50 years as part of our Parish's 175th anniversary year. The artifact of the week is me. I am honored you are here today but it isn't because of me. It's because of the Lord!

I would like to say thanks again to everyone who had any task, large or small, in making today a celebration of us. Special thanks to Lizanne Young, Tammy Hoeflinger, Katie Hrdlicka, the school board, Syberg's (Jim and Nicole), and the committee of 50 who made it all happen!

To mourn is human---to remember is holy. Before I leave I would like to remember ---all the students and parents and grandparents and priests and teachers and benefactors we lost over my career. The heartache never goes away and each death left special memories. Eternal rest unto them O Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen

Joy has come to my door through your children. But the work of the Lord is unfinished. Keep it going and support Mr. Gregson and ICS! Mission, Community, Service...since 1853

My first job in retirement to write thank yous!

Mike Kish

Former Principal

ARTIFACTS OF THE WEEK: I am running out of time. You never run out of artifacts.

This is the purchase agreement my buddy Freddie Juengling gave me. It was for the Franklin Inn/Buck's Tavern where our playground was located on the Main Street Campus.

PURCHASE AGREEMENT

This agreement made and entered into this 24th day of June 1957 by and between Fred J. Juengling, hereinafter referred to as party of the first part and Most Rev. Albert R. Zuroweste, DD, party of the second part:

WITNESSETH:
Party of the first part agrees to sell and party of the second part agrees to buy the following described real estate:
"Lots 9, 10, 23 and 24 of the Original Town, now City of Columbia, Monroe County and State of Illinois."

For a consideration of Thirty Thousand & 00/100 Dollars (\$30,000.00), to be paid in full upon delivery of merchantable title, in the name of the party of the second part.

Certificate of title to be paid for by party of the first part.

Revenue stamps to be paid for by party of the first part.

Taxes for the year 1956 and the first six months of 1957 to be paid by party of the first part and subsequent taxes to be paid by party of the second part.

Purchaser to arrange for own insurance coverage.

Possession to be given at the time title is delivered, subject to one certain lease dated 3-15-57 in favor of Julius H. Jahr and expiring on May 23, 1959, and one other certain lease dated 3-15-57 in favor of Charles J. Bergmann and expiring June 30, 1959. Rent from these leases to be adjusted to the date of delivery of title.

Party of the first part agrees to escrow warranty deed with the Monroe National Bank of Columbia, Columbia, Illinois against closing of the transaction.

Party of the second part agrees to escrow ~~makxxxxxx~~ the purchase price with the Monroe National Bank of Columbia, Columbia, Illinois against closing of the transaction.

Witness our hands and seals this 24th day of June 1957.

Fred J. Juengling Jr.
Party of the 1st part,
Most Rev. Albert R. Zuroweste
Rev. Rev. Elmer J. Hallygrave
Party of the 2nd part.

You will recognize some of these ladies...

ICS Pioneers In Girls' Basketball

Immaculate Conception Grade School in Columbia has started something new in the line of girls sports at the school. They are probably the first school in Monroe County to organize a girls' basketball team.

Principal and B-Team Coach Mike Kish said, "I guess you could say it's retributive justice for the sins of the past." There was a time, of course, when there were no sports for girls at ICS. Now they have soccer, volleyball and basketball besides cheerleading.

Kish said that the way they train prospective cheerleaders it is also athletically competitive because the girls train and practice long hours to learn to perform well. Kish's wife, Jean, is the cheerleading coach and also assists with the B-Team basketball coaching.

Immaculate Conception was fortunate to have a teacher, Mrs. Marcia Keefe, who could take on the job of coaching a girls' basketball team. Mrs. Keefe is a native of East St. Louis and played CYO basketball from the fifth through the eighth grade at St. Martin of Tours School, and then again while in high school at St. Teresa Academy. Her husband, Pat, also a native of East St. Louis who graduated from Assumption High School, is assisting his wife with the coaching of the A team. Keefe is a sports writer for the Belleville News-Democrat.

At Mundelein College, an all-girls' school in Chicago, Mrs. Keefe played intercollegiate basketball for several years. She also organized the Woman's Athletic Association at the school. Mrs. Keefe received a bachelor of arts degree in psychology from Mundelein with a double-minor in physical education and elementary education. Even though her degree does not include physical education, she is a logical choice for coach because of her own experience on the basketball court.

Immaculate Conception plays in the Belleville Catholic Athletic Organization league with many available opponents. Some of the participating schools have had girls basketball for years, so competition in the first season is rough.

"After all, Rome wasn't built in a day," said Mrs. Keefe. She noted that the girls are enthusiastic about the sport even though they were a little nervous during the first games this week. She emphasized that both teams did well considering their short six weeks of practice in preparation for the first week's competition.

When the girls started with basketball fever they practiced in the school basement. That was sufficient for learning about the sport and practicing how to dribble. "They broke a few lights but they learned the basics," said Mrs. Keefe. After that, they moved to the Parkview Gym which ICS has rented for the two or three nights of weekly practice sessions.

Once the girls progressed to the



Immaculate Conception Girls Basketball A Team—Left to right, front row, Pam Voegtle, Lora Wittler, Diana Davis, Pam Vogt, Denise Voegtle, and Beth Nelmeier; second row, Coach Marcia

Keefe, Kelly Debbis, Sherry Becker, Lisa Laurent, Sheryl Kiers, Jane Schroeder and Lisa Menner.



ICS Girls B Team—Left to right, first row, Diane Herrmann, Julie Schmidt, Sara Schroeder and Sharon Merz; second row, Tino Tojo, Jill Schmidt, Lisa Wilson, Shelly Johnson, Karen Lawlor and Lisa Leitensdorfer; third row, Cindy Scheuring,

Wary Pat Voegtle, Dawn Watts, Michelle DeBourge, Inga Gebhardt, Laura Schorb and Maria Leingang; fourth row, Coach Mike Kish, Donna Fries, Stacy Johnson, Mandy Conrad and Lori Lammet.

Story and Photos

Bishop Cosgrove at Confirmation with Pastor Fr. Jansen and Fr. Bob Menner who had a cousin in the Class. I see Fr. Bernie Goedde who left us \$93,000 in his estate, Msgr. Fournie, Fr. Freund...

