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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.*

*OPEN THE DOORS OF MERCY*

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**Dear Parent, Guardian, Student, Teacher, Friend,**

Fr. Chris had a terrific party last week for his 50<sup>th</sup>. Milas J. Armour III came down from Chicago and his reflection hymn by Steve Green was perfect in describing the Franciscans and Fr. Chris life. If you take the time to google this, you might buy it! Congratulations Fr. Chris!

Everyday they pass me by,  
I can see it in their eyes.  
Empty people filled with care,  
Headed who knows where?

On they go through private pain,  
Living fear to fear.  
Laughter hides their silent cries,  
Only Jesus hears.

People need the Lord, people need the Lord.  
At the end of broken dreams, He's the open door.  
People need the Lord, people need the Lord.  
When will we realize, people need the Lord?

We are called to take His light  
To a world where wrong seems right.  
What could be too great a cost  
For sharing Life with one who's lost?

Through His love our hearts can feel  
All the grief they bear.  
They must hear the Words of Life  
Only we can share.

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At the end of broken dreams, He's the open door.  
People need the Lord, people need the Lord.  
When will we realize that we must give our lives,  
For peo-ple need the Lord.

People need the Lord. <http://www.letssingit.com/steve-green-lyrics-people-need-the-lord-drm6jtr#ixzz4CnE7OLL1>

**CAFETERIA HELPER NEEDED:** 10:45-2:30 2 or 3 days a week Set up and clean-up of cafeteria and kitchen and helping to monitor students in the lunch room. 281-5353

**PRE-SCHOOL** We have lots of room for this coming year and need to increase our numbers of 3 year olds. Please spread the word about the good news that ICS is *about the Good News* of the Gospels! We have a great program and it fits hand in glove with our articulation from grade to grade!

**MAGAZINE DRIVE** 198 subscriptions still out. Buy the ones you ordered please! The profit this year has been going to the Catholic Education and Activity Center. Order online anytime at [www.gaschoolstore.com](http://www.gaschoolstore.com) I.D. 2710556 Thanks for making this a traditional success story that has been written up in Catholic Digest.

**UNIFORM RESALE: July 29<sup>th</sup> 3:00-6:00, July 30 10:00-2:00 Thanks to Skip Ward and CREW!**  
In our cafeteria

**Jessica Stemler Barcik** [battlinforbarcik@yahoo.com](mailto:battlinforbarcik@yahoo.com) Please pray for Jessica! One of best grads ever is suffering severely from cancer. She teaches in Springfield, Illinois.

**PRAYERS:** Jessica Stemler Barcik, George Perry, Stella Moll, Gertrude Scherrer, Henry Scott Dabbs, Carolyn Baker, Dan Whelan, Katy Basinski, Chrissy Hoeflinger, Barbara Buchheit, Josh Ritter, Angie Rose, Ken Bolton, Nick Carron, Mary Giovanni, Denise Conner, Kevin Diehl, Roy Lansing, Sis Blaes, Arlin Stechmesser, Marcella Heinrichs, Florence Dorshorst, Bill Pennock, Patty Juengling, Pat Weber, Ed Hengel, Vince Webb, George Stein, Desiree Frasure, **Special Intention**

**14<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME** Celebrate Freedom----for all God's children. We pause this weekend to celebrate what we have, pray for those who don't have it, but ultimately, realize what frees us is trying to do the Lord's will. We have countless testimonies of prisoners who remained free while held in human bondage: Daniel in the lion's den, St. Paul, St. Valentine, St. Maximum Kolbe, John McCain, and even those fighting the prison of addictions and illness of all kinds who won't let their spirit give in to the bondage with which they are bound. America is called to take the high road. We all are! Our God sets us free when we freely choose to try to do God's will. You can make it to church this weekend because you are free to choose to do so. Choose freedom!

Today is the 1<sup>st</sup> anniversary of Zac Epplin's death. Son of Bev and Doug, brother of Lucas and Matthew and Andrew, and friend to so many. To quote a friend we salute a brave young man:

To Zac,

To who he was and what he did for others and the legacy he leaves behind in us.

Rest in peace Zac! The good you did lives on!

Philippians: 4-13: ***"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."***

**MIKE KISH**

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