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Celebrating 165 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.

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

“God is good!”

July 9, 2019

Bienvenido el parroquia!

V. 45 #1

Dear Parent,

First letter of the new year so we start with what needs to be done now... People keep asking “Are you ready?” and I keep saying 99.8%. Funny how that last .2% seems to take so long and needs some thought. One thing we need to do here is called **Aeronautical Decision Making**, i.e. before you fly, “pre-flighting the plane” which includes “walk the carrier deck or the tarmac” to clear debris or anything that could ruin the engines or tires prior to take off or landing. We have debris around the school exterior for example---we need to “walk the deck” prior to landscaping which will happen next week. Screws, pieces of wood which might draw termites or decompose and leave a depression, rocks, candy wrappers, foam, etc. So: 1) find a pair of work gloves and a bucket, 2) gather the kids 3) show up for workday this Saturday and let’s clear our tarmac or join in another project. There are many little things that make a huge difference if you show up at this coming Saturday’s workday. Please consider helping us “pre-flight” so we can soar from day one. The monthly parish work morning is one answer to ADM! July 13---8:00 am. Time-Talent-Treasure! We’re still finalizing bids on a cleaning service so be sure and keep the mud outside!

THE SPORTING NEWS... Coaches meeting for coaches of **ALL** sports at ICS will be held on Wednesday, July 17 from 6:30-7:30 pm, or Sunday July 21 from 4:00-5:00 pm. Both meetings will be in the Garden Level of the church. Please make sure you have taken the initial Child protection class and have all the other paperwork handed in. Child protection refresher course will be available online in August. There is a **NEW** background check. Please contact Angie at the parish office for information.

Parent meeting for parents of all athletes at ICS will be **Sunday July 28** from 12:30-1:30 pm, or **Wednesday August 7** from 6:30-7:30 pm. Both meetings are in the Garden Level of church.

Soccer uniform distribution will be **Sunday August 4 from 12:30-2** for grades 5-8, and **2-3:30** for grades 1-4, and **Sunday August 11 from 12:30-2** for grades 5-8, and **2-3:30** for grades 1-4. Uniforms will be given out in the new gym. PLEASE HAVE PHYSICALS ON FILE AT SCHOOL OR BRING A COPY, AND HAVE ATHLETIC AND MAPLE GROVE FEES PAID. YOU CAN DO THIS WHEN YOU PICK UP THE UNIFORM. **Kindergarten uniforms will be their first day of school blue shirt.**

Coaches are needed for 5th grade girls sports teams for basketball and volleyball. Please apply with Tara Kennedy tkennedy@icsmail.org Thanks!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: July 28-Aug. 1, 2019 evenings. Garden Level for this year. Volunteers needed. Online registration available for participants and volunteers through the parish website. <https://www.icc-columbia-il.us/>

Looking Ahead: July 13 – Parish Work Day; July 14 – Blood Drive & First Neighborhood Mass

MAGAZINE DRIVE Another profit check for \$215.20 from “Bill-Me-later”. Thanks for paying for your commitments and encouraging reading through magazines. So far, we have made \$4763.60 from BML, 7,278.19 from On-line sales, and \$218.50 from the Reach-Out booklets. \$12,170.29 total so far. You can order online anytime from our webpage!

LOOKING FOR HOST FAMILIES: Our Andrea Bodinet works with Gibault Catholic High School and the international students who study there. **We are truly making dreams come true.** Many of our students have dreamed of coming to the US to study and experience our culture since they were young. We have several students coming to Gibault CHS for the 2019-20 school year who are looking for good families. Know someone who would make a great host family in the area? Here’s a little about the students:

TRANG – from Vietnam – She is excited to have career in the hospitality industry, she adores her parents.

DAVID- from China- He likes running (and has won awards!), he likes the Avengers and Spiderman. He wants a future career in software.

HENRY- from Vietnam- He has younger sister at home , and enjoys basketball and soccer.

JAMES- from China- He loves reading (especially detective & sci-fi stories), serious student, respectful

TUAN- from Vietnam- He likes music, soccer and has 2 younger brothers, and 1 baby sister

GUANDAO- from China- He loves basketball and skateboarding, has older sister at home

CARLOS- from Brazil- He enjoys soccer, math & physics and spending time with his family

HENRY- from China- He likes music, swimming, video games, and working out

JERRY- from Taiwan- He plays badminton, likes cycling and watching movies

THANG- from Vietnam- He likes meeting new people, has older brother and sister

MOSS- from Thailand- He enjoys participating in theater and making new friends

CHIVAS- from Thailand- He likes to try new things, loves to sing and draw, likes basketball for fun

KERI- from China- She plays the piano, likes to make new friends, plays badminton, runs, plays basketball for fun

HELIO- from Brazil- He loves soccer, spending time with his family, math & physics

Would you please take a moment to think about a family that would be a good home for any of these students and pass this information along? **You can receive \$200 for referring a family to host.** Host families come in all shapes and sizes, some are empty nesters, couples with no children, homes with teenagers or young children. The possibilities are endless. **A host family needs to provide a bed, meals, and transportation to and from school and will receive a monthly stipend.** This is a great way to share with a student your beliefs, culture, and community. Thank you for helping make their dreams of studying in the US and staying with a loving family come true!

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COLUMBIA-MONROE COUNTY FIELD TRIP I have been invited to do a slide presentation on our annual 8th Grade Columbia-Monroe County Field Trip on Saturday, July 13 at 1:30 at the Monroe County History Museum in Waterloo. 45 minute presentation of 80 slides with words gusting at 800 per minute. If you can’t make the 8th grade trip, you would love this one. Montor County has a great museum with lots of local history. One of the reasons ICS travels 4000+ miles a year is the fact I went on one field trip in grade school, on a Saturday, to the new

cathedral in St. Louis. We still visit there but we study the architecture and mosaics first and it is curriculum. Carillon Park in Dayton has a one room school house museum (picture of happy student below). We had 59 one-room schools in Monroe County at one time. The goal was for no one to walk more than 2 miles to school!



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REPFEST Chitty Chitty Bang Bang, our Columbia Community Theatre Project put on by Actor's Attic, is ready to leave the showroom and hit the stage! This comedy will help make your summer! Hit the Actor's Attic's webpage. The run is July 11-14 on the stage of Columbia IL Middle School. Thursday through Saturday, the show begins at 7. Sunday the 14th is scheduled for 2. Annie Dent is directing and MaryBeth played Lee Iacocca on the car!

Hope Wienhoff, our Latchkey Director and PSR director, had knee surgery today. Keep her in your prayers for a quick recovery. Amazing strides have been made and we hope for Hope!

Danielle Dorlac continues to struggle but has that "I'm tough" spirit that keeps her going. Her rare form of MS, like any rare disease, makes successful treatment much more difficult. Please continue to pray for her and her caregivers, especially Constance.

Jim Edgar, Laura Whelan's dad, is having a tough time with his cancer right now. Please say a prayer for him and the family as they struggle



Our sincere condolences to Mrs. Angie Ettling (Jason, Noah, Alaina) on the loss of her grandmother **Stella Moll**. She is being laid to rest today so please say a prayer for the family.

Stella Marie Moll, 85, of Perryville, MO, died Saturday, July 6, 2019 at her residence in Perryville, MO. She was born May 19, 1934 in Longtown, MO to Joseph and Wilhemina (Berkbigler) Bohnert. She and Thomas F. Moll were married on October 17, 1953. He survives in Perryville. Stella had worked at International Shoe Company and was a member of St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church. She is remembered for her devotion to the Blessed Mother and love for her family. Her interests included sewing and tending to her flower garden.

Survivors include her husband, Thomas F. Moll of Perryville, two daughters, Sharee (Ronnie) Meyer of Ste. Genevieve and Denise (Danny) Meyer of Perryville, three sons, Dr. Keith (Anne) Moll of Ferguson, MO, Mark (Lisa) Moll of Wildwood, MO, and Thomas M. (Jolene) Moll of Perryville, two sisters, Norma Balsman of Perryville and Linda Lopez of Springfield, MO, two brothers, Joseph Earl Bohnert of St. Peters, MO, David Bohnert of Perryville, seventeen grandchildren and fifteen great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be from 9:30 AM to 11:00 AM on Tuesday, July 9, 2019 at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church in Perryville. Funeral Mass will be at 11:00 AM Tuesday, July 9, 2019 at St.

Vincent de Paul Catholic Church in Perryville with Rev. Rich Wehrmeyer officiating.

Burial will be at Mt. Hope in Perryville.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be given to St. Vincent de Paul Education Foundation. Online condolences may be made at www.fordandyoungfuneralhome.com.

Ford & Young Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

PRAYERS: Special Intention Danielle Dorlac, Shawn Eichoff, Jim Edgar, Charlie Stockes, George Perry, Angela Roepke, Jan Hoffmann, Bill West, Jennifer Nesser, Bill Anderson, Patrick Kish, Tom Kish, Owen Jordan, Patti Rottler, Mike Taylor, Richard Prater, Donna Kania, Libby LoPorto, Lindsey Herbeck, Judy Gundlach

SCRIPTURE IS FULL OF LIFE LESSONS.

Mike Kish

Principal

Couldn't get a straight-on picture of the 7 Sacraments but they are up theologically correct, just like in our 1866 Church on Main. We are starting to look alive here but it will take the voices of God's children to really make life happen here! Thanks to our extended Tinker crew for install of the reminder that we are Sacramental People, Pentecost People, and Eucharistic People!



Richard Rohr's Daily Meditation

Prophets

Struggling with Shadow

The Hebrew prophets are in a category all their own. Within the canonical, sacred Scriptures of other world religions we do not find major texts that are largely critical of that very religion. Prophets can deeply love their tradition and profoundly criticize it at the same time, which is a very rare art form. In fact, it is their love of its depths that forces them to criticize their own religion. This is almost the hallmark of a prophet. Their deepest motivation is not negative but profoundly positive.

The dualistic mind presumes that if you criticize something, you don't love it. Wise prophets would say the opposite. Institutions prefer loyalists and "company men" to prophets. We're uncomfortable with people who point out our shadow or imperfections. It is no accident that prophets and priests are usually in opposition to one another (e.g., Amos 5:21-6:7, 7:10-17). Yet Paul says the prophetic gift is the second most important charism (1 Corinthians 12:28; Ephesians 4:11). Prophets are not popular people. Note how the Gospels say it was "the priests, elders, and teachers of the law" who condemned Jesus.

Human consciousness does not emerge at any depth except through struggling with our shadow. It is in facing our own contradictions that we grow. It is in the struggle with our shadow self, with failure, or with wounding that we break into higher levels of consciousness. People who learn to expose, name, and still thrive inside contradictions are what I would call prophets.

One of the most common complaints I hear from some Catholics is, "You criticize the Church too much." But criticizing the Church is just being faithful to the very clear pattern set by the prophets and Jesus (just read Matthew 23). I would not bother criticizing organized Christianity if I did not also love it. There is a negative criticism that is nothing but complaining and projecting. But there is a positive criticism that is all about hope and development. This is no small point, and such a difference must be taught. The charism of prophecy must be called forth.

The United States and many other nations need courageous prophets as today's world leaders show little or no ability to criticize their own duplicitous power games. I suspect that we get the leaders who mirror what we have become as nations. They are our shadow self for all to see, which is what the Hebrew prophets told Israel both before and during their painfully long exile (596–538 BCE). Yet, this was the very time when the Jewish people went deep enough to discover their prophetic voices—Isaiah, Jeremiah, and others—speaking truth to power, calling for justice. There is every indication that the U.S. and much of the world are in a period of exile now.

The prophetic message is not directly about partisan politics (which is far too dualistic); it is much more pre-political and post-political and has huge socio-political implications that challenge every side. Those who allow themselves to be challenged and changed will be the new creative leaders of the next period of history after this purifying exile.