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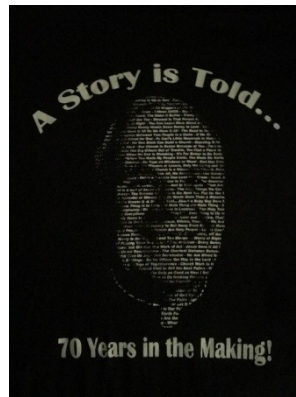
The mission of Immaculate Conception School is to provide experiences to inspire, challenge, and nurture the mind, body, and spirit of our students within the framework of the Gospel of Jesus Christ and the tradition of the Catholic Church.

July 21, 2017

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Dear Parent, Guardian, Student, Teacher, Friend,

Son-Shine



Fr. Carl sure had a great party last Saturday night. Still time for a belated card for his 70th! He lets the Son shine through!

SUN-SHINE On Monday, August 21, 2017 a total solar eclipse will cross the continental U.S. for the first time since 1918 and we are in its path! ICS kicked off this event with a "Predict the Corona" art contest and we have our winners.

Ally Curry is our overall winner and artist for our T-shirt to celebrate the Total Solar Eclipse event. Congratulations Ally!



This shirt will be sold on-line through Gillan Graphics. T-shirts can be ordered July 21st – August 8th. This is a quick, easy, and convenient way to order and pay for the t-shirt. All orders will be delivered and passed out at school August 17th or 18th. Please use this link when ordering

[ICS Total Solar Eclipse T-Shirt](#)

T-shirt order questions can be directed to Shari Murphy at smurphy@icsmail.org

The winners are: 3rd/4th grade category - Emma Tyler 1st
5th/6th grade category - John Bollone 1st, Kyra Newton 2nd, Joe Tyler 3rd
7th/8th grade category - Ally Curry 1st, Sydney Wahle 2nd, Maria Biske 3rd

Thank you to all of our contestants. We hope everyone will wear at t-shirt for this once in a lifetime event.

Carol Fetcho & Shari Murphy

LAST CHANCE TO BE PART OF THE PICTORIAL DIRECTORY!

Because of the great response, an additional photography date has been added for your Pictorial Directory photos to be taken.

JULY 24TH IS NOW AVAILABLE!!

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

If you are **unable to get a photograph taken**, you can submit a family photo to the parish office by August 4, 2017. (A portrait/vertical style photo will work best.)

Help is needed at the sign-in table for the July 24th session! Both the 2pm-5:30pm and the 5:30pm-9pm shifts are still available. Sign up with the link on the ICC Website or by [clicking here to volunteer](#).

OPPORTUNITY! We are looking for a responsible and energetic person to pick up our two children from ICS at 3:00 p.m. daily and watch them in our home until approximately 5:15 p.m. Position will also require occasional transportation to after-school activities. Great job for a high-school or college student. If you are interested, please contact Christine at [618-660-6463](tel:618-660-6463).

FROM GIBAULT HIGH SCHOOL...

We are currently looking for good families to become second families to a small group of international students who will be attending Gibault Catholic High School this Fall. To be considered to host with Educatius International, you need to have an extra bed, dresser or closet, and a desk for the student. You must live within 30 miles of Gibault Catholic High School. You will also complete a criminal background check, plus an application/interview process.

Host families receive \$400 each month, for each student placed in the home. Up to two students may be placed in a home. Students have their own insurance, cell phone, computer and spending money.

Please email Desiree Frasure at dfrasure.educatius@gmail.com if you have any questions, or if you would be interested in being considered as a host. If you cannot host this year, but know someone who would, there is \$100 for you, for every person you refer who hosts.

YES, WE ARE STILL REGISTERING! Keep spreading the good news that we spread the **Good News** here at ICS! Contact mkish@icsmail.org for a tour or questions. LOTS of room in Pre-School and Pre-K!

CAFETERIA HELP NEEDED Hours 10:45-2:30 on Wednesdays and Thursdays and some filling in if someone was out sick or needed a day off. Duties would involve: preparing the cafeteria for lunch, monitoring students during lunch, cleanup after lunch(such as: wiping tables, lifting tables, sweeping, mopping, helping with washing dishes, putting dishes away, taking out trash, etc). Paid position. Please contact the office or Mrs. Connie Huebner at mrshuebner@icsmail.org

LATCHKEY HELP NEEDED: Contact Latchkey Director Mrs. Hope Weinhoff at hwienhoff@icsmail.org. Great after-school job for college or high school senior.

ICS UNIFORM RESALE **Saturday, July 29, 2017 9:30 am to 2:00pm** Contact Skip Ward @ 281-1974. This is a triple winner---you save, we make money, we recycle some uniforms to other schools! Thanks Skip!



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 on the kiosk in the Church Gathering Space. **VBS Helpers Needed!**

Teens, tweens and adults are needed to help our Factory Favorites make CONNECTIONS to each other and to God! If you can assist with leading activities, snacks or general wrangling, please contact Shari Murphy at smurphy@icsmail.org or Lizanne Young at lyoung@iccmail.org. (VBS is a great way to earn service hours for high school students and confirmation candidates needing parish hours!)

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
Wednesday, July 26 th (6-8pm)
Wednesday, Aug 2 nd (6-8pm)
Thursday, Aug 10 th (6-8pm)
Wednesday, Aug 16 th (6-8pm)

CAR, TRUCK, MOTORCYCLE AND TRACTOR FAMILY FUN SHOW Saturday, October 14, 2017 Sponsored by our Knights of Columbus. For info: KC6165Show@yahoo.com

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

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

PART OF THE PROBLEM When I talk or write I end up giving the whole Megillah. When they say the Megillah, they're usually talking about the Book of Esther; there's a loooonnnggg reading that's done every year in the synagogue where they retell the story of Esther and how her beauty led her to the Queenship of Persia and allowed her to save her people from genocide by the evil minister Haman. During the reading, every time Haman's name is mentioned, all the kids get to boo and hiss. Megillah (which actually means 'scroll') has come to mean something really long and time-consuming, e.g., "he insisted on reading the whole megillah at the contract closure meeting". But since I know I write and speak to a very sophisticated and knowledgeable audience, hopefully my long expositions aren't a waste of your time. Thanks to my big brother for reminding me of the megillah!

WHEAT, WEEDS, MUSTARD SEEDS sometimes the weekend readings give options to take a shorter version. We don't want someone like Eutychus in Acts 20:9 falling asleep, fall out the window during St. Paul's long talk, and dead! With the current heat, the only thing that seems to grow is the weeds right now as the corn and beans hunker down from the heat and grass grows dormant. We can do the same with our faith and be patient and know the harvest is coming and we can separate out the grain and the weeds. All these parables still fit 2000 years later---but only if you listen and live them! See you round the Table!

Mike Kish
Principal

PS The dust is flying out at 411 Palmer Road. When you come to church, take notice and if you haven't made a pledge yet, it is time to commit so we can fill the finance hole. January of 2019!