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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 22, 2016

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THE JOY OF LOVE

Dear Parent, Guardian, Student, Teacher, Friend,

FOR SOME COMMUNITY FUN:

Sweeney Todd, School edition

July 22-23 7:00

Legally Blonde, The Musical, Jr.

July 24 2:00 and 7:00

Annie, Jr.

July 25-26 2:00

Forbidden Broadway's Greatest Hits

July 26-27-28 7:00 July 29 2:00

Lend Me a Tenor

July 29 7:00 July 30 2:00 and 7:00

Get your tickets on-line at Actors Attic or at the door!

Dear Music Friends,

You are receiving this because I want you to come see and hear the amazing talent of your community. Trust me when I say that you don't want to miss the performance of our very own parishioners Claire Ryterski, Mason Babcock, Lizanne Young, Patrick Dent (with the amazing direction of his big sister Annie), MaryBeth Babcock, Hope Wienhoff, Beth Johns. Columbia Middle School, 100 Eagle Drive.

Thanks, Karen Lundy

UNIFORM RESALE CHANGE: July 29th 3:00-6:00-Set-up and workers early shopping, July 30 10:00-3:00 Thanks to Skip Ward and CREW! ICS cafeteria!

SCHOOL FOR TEACHERS Quite a powerful week as 8 of us have now been through Focus Five and Arts Integration. The most common question was “why wasn’t this taught in college teacher prep classes?” We hope you see what we think and do about this goal of becoming a better school! Thanks to Beth Carrow, Diane Zika, Mandy Borgmeyer, Christine Matrisotto, Angie Ettl, Cheryl Tolan, and Karen Weiler for committing. Carol Fetch and the Principal (twice) are experienced too! Meanwhile, Catie Taylor rubbing elbow with 40 other grantees in the nation’s Capitol. She will come home a better teacher and will share how we can strengthen our resolve to make this a better world.

COACHES MEETING We are required to have a coaches meeting prior to the start of each season. This is an important one since we will now follow the IJHSA and Diocesan Concussion Policy and all coaches need to get the on-line certificate. We will discuss this on **July 24th after the 11:00 Mass** in the Garden Level. Thanks to Athletic Director Tara Kennedy and Soccer Coordinator Brian Boyd for setting this up! brian.boyd@emc.com tkennedy@icsmail.org

ICS SOCCER CAMP....Instructional camp will be returning to Columbia this summer. The camp will cater to both boys & girls who are entering grades K-8th in the fall of 2016. **Dave Fernandez is the camp director.** He is nationally recognized for his ability to teach and demonstrate soccer skills and techniques to aspiring young players of all ages. He has been a director of player development and youth soccer coach for 29 years. When: **July 25th-28th, 2016** Any questions please call Brian Boyd at (314) 591-2693. Where: Oerter Soccer Park (on rt. 3 in Columbia) Registration is on-line: <https://www.vettasports.com/page/summer-soccer-camp>

SOCCER PICTURE DAY Saturday, August 20th at Oerter Park. Schedule coming---mark it down!

THE CHILD PROTECTION REFRESHER COURSE is now available online. You can either print and turn in your certificate of completion to Stan Osterhage or email your certificate from the site to him at soster@htc.net. Anyone who wishes to volunteer at school or church when there are children present, must be in compliance with the Diocesan child protection policy which includes taking the initial Child Protection Course. Information on times and locations that the course is being conducted elsewhere is on the diocesan website: http://diobelle.org/bout_db.aspx

HELP NEEDED: 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. Email Mr. Kish at mkish@icsmail.org

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!

BARB WINSCHER. Mother of Katie(Adam) Reed and Grandmother of Jacob, William, and Grant Reed who are entering ICS, has been diagnosed with pancreatic cancer. Please keep her and the family in your prayers as they work through this. God be with them!

Ginny Funfsinn, mother of Mark(Debbie) Funfsinn, passed away on July 15 after a long battle with the muscle disease Inclusion Body Myositis. Her passion and joy was working with teens and faith filled adults in the Teens Encounter Christ (TEC) program at Peterstown which she and husband Ben brought to the area in the mid 70s. Since then **199 TEC weekends** have been held bringing thousands of teens to a closer relationship with Christ. She was also active in the Peoria Cursillo movement and was pleased to have Cursillo weekends for adults brought to Peterstown in more recent years. The Church lost a great lady. We must take her place. Our condolences to Mark, Debbie, Nick, Doug, and Tom and their families.

PATTY JUENGLING, ICS grad, has passed away after a long battle with cancer. Her visitation and liturgy will be at Church tomorrow from 10:30 till 1:00 and then the Mass. We bought our current playground area from the Juengling family in 1958! Rest in peace Patty and consolation to Jeff and Alyson.

PRAYERS: Barb Winschel, Jessica Stemler Barcik, 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, Tom Giovanni, Denise Conner, Kevin Diehl, Roy Lansing, Sis Blaes, Arlin Stechmesser, Marcella Heinrichs, Florence Dorshorst, Bill Pennock, Pat Weber, Ed Hengel, Vince Webb, George Stein, Desiree Frasure, **Special Intention**

17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Perseverance in Prayer

"For everyone who asks, receives; and the one who seeks, finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened." Lk 11:10

In Sunday's Gospel from Luke a disciple asks Jesus to teach him how to pray and he responds with a basic, shortened version of the Our Father, a prayer most of us learned as children. Jesus goes on to teach about the attitude we should have in praying. As St. Ignatius described, prayer is a conversation we have with God, as one friend speaks to another. Jesus always insists that God is a loving and merciful parent who will give His children what is good for them. If we ask Him, He will respond. A good parent sometimes has to say No to their child for their own good but they always respond. Jesus wants us to have that kind of confidence when we pray, when we speak to Our Father.

In Sunday's Responsorial Psalm, we pray, "When I called you answered me; you built up strength within me." Ps 138:3 I find that is often God's answer to my prayer. He gives me the strength to face and deal with whatever reality is sending my way and challenging me to respond in a faithful and loving way. God's Spirit, the Holy Spirit, is always giving us the grace we need to be a little more faithful, a little more hopeful, a little more loving than we know we can be by ourselves. Let us trust that inspiration for it always leads to our good. We can add to our morning prayer, "Lord, help me to remember that nothing is going to happen today that You and I can't get through together."

Fr. Ralph Huse, S.J.

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

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