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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!”

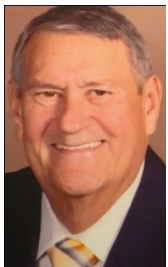
Bienvenido el parrochia!

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August 2, 2019

Dear Parent,

Our condolences to ICS teachers Laura Whelan and Catie Evans on the loss of Dad and Grandfather. May God’s peace be with the family as they celebrate a life well-lived.



James A. Edgar, Sr. 76, born in St. Louis, MO on Dec. 16, 1942 passed peacefully surrounded by his family at his home on July 31, 2019.

Jim is preceded in death by his parents, Wayne L. Edgar and Genevieve (nee Sculley) Edgar; his father-in-law, Paul Kuehner; and mother-in-law, Martha (nee Gillies) Kuehner; son-in-law, Daniel Whelan; and brother-in-law, Donald Heidorn. Jim is survived by his wife of 56 years, Catherine (nee Kuehner), whom he married on May 4, 1963; his children, Constance (Jonathan) Lanaghan; James (Lisa) Edgar, Jr.; Laura (the late Daniel) Edgar Whelan; and John/Jack (Kristen) Edgar;

12 grandchildren, Shea and Victoria Lanaghan; Boston, Brookelyn and Kennedy Edgar; Catherine (Phillip) Evans, Nicholas (Taylour) Whelan; Mary Margaret and Jane Whelan; Paxton, Mitchell and William Edgar; and great grandchildren, Alexandra and Madeline Evans; his siblings, Wayne (Jeanne) Edgar, Jr.; Lynne Heidorn; Elaine (Michael) Reagan; Sue (Gene) Koch; Ronald Edgar; sisters-in-law, Paula (Leonard) Bayens and Mary (Jon) Matson; and numerous beloved nieces, nephews, great nieces and great nephews.

Jim was a 1960 graduate of Belleville Township and a United States Air Force Reserves Veteran. He worked with Marsh Company in Belleville as Director of Sales, and, with Cathy, as owners of The Abbott Company/Marsh Distributing in Milwaukee. Jim was especially proud of the role he played in revolutionizing the packaging industry.

Jim and his soulmate, Cathy, proudly raised a faith-filled, college-educated family, traveled the world, took innumerable midnight cruises under the stars on their boat, laughed every day, and loved each other unconditionally and eternally. Jim loved their lake house and all the memories created there, a Little Knights football coach, a jack-of-all-trades and master-of-none, a boat captain who relished slinging his grandkids off of the tube, a stealth dominoes winner (cheater),

the luckiest nickel slot winner, a passionate debater of politics, a Green Bay Packer Backer, and the most good-hearted, fun-loving, optimistic man we knew.

To those who loved him, he was Jimmy, Petey, Dad, Papa, Papa Boat, Herman, Crooked Arm, co-CEO and benevolent dictator of our family corporation, amiable friend, caring brother, devoted son, adored grandfather, cherished father and passionate, loving husband.

Most of all, Jim was God's child, and his faith in Christ sustained him throughout his life. He faced death unafraid, with no regrets, and happy to finally go home. Our world has lost a good man, but we know where he is – in heaven with his God and his loved ones, joyfully waiting for us to join him with three shouts of "Hip Hip Hurray!"

Gifts in Jim's memory may be made to Pedal the Cause, 9288 Dielman Industrial Dr., Olivette, MO 63132; Whole Kids Outreach, 62143 Hwy. 21, Ellington, MO 63638; the National Foundation for Ectodermal Dysplasias, 6 Executive Dr., Ste. 2, Fairview Heights, IL 62208; or Hospice of Southern Illinois, 305 S. Illinois St., Belleville, IL 62220.

Friends may visit with the family from 4–8 p.m. on Sunday, August 4, 2019 at George Renner & Sons Funeral Home, Belleville, IL and from 9-10 a.m. at St. Henry Catholic Church, Belleville, IL. Funeral Mass of Christian Burial at 10 a.m. on Monday, August 5 at St. Henry Catholic Church with Fr. Carl Scherrer officiating and concluding at Valhalla-Gaerdner-Holton Funeral Home, Belleville.



A NEW DAY IS DAWNING Much of the school process is social. Learning how to pray together, work together, play together. If we checked back with our www.spiritualancestors.com we'd find it has always been this way. What we learn is important but how we learn is more important and how we can work with others might well be the most important lesson of all. As Jim Held and crew diligently work to construct our playground, it would be good to have a parent day to have our children come and watch parents play and break in the new playground. This would surely be a happy thought! Lord, teach us to pray! Lord, teach us to play!

SCHOOL SUPPLY DROP-OFF----MEET YOUR TEACHERS---FIND YOUR CLASSROOM

Next Sunday, August 11, from 10:00-12:30 (after 9:00 and 11:00 Masses), we will be open for student acclimation and amazement! In making our new home a welcoming place for all, just remember we are all lost, counting steps from here to there(162 to the farthest parking spot on the upper lot, 102 from school office to parish office etc.) and need to hold hands and be patient with each other. In a week, it will seem like we have always been here since the School, like the Church, is not a building but the PEOPLE! And we are blessed! We will send out information on lunch, how to enter school, drop-off times and class lists via Option C this coming week. Be sure to read your emails and the blasts we send out.

CHILD PROTECTION POLICY The online refresher course for 2019-2020 is now active.

If you have just taken the initial Child Protection Course you don't need the refresher. The rest of us need to complete now. Go to our website(www.icscolumbia.org), Under Parents/Child protection and you are there! It is far better to have each of us inconvenienced and vigilant than to have one child hurt.

SCRIP will be sold only from the church office for now. This means we are no longer doing the incentives with a portion going to student DC trip or book bill but to the Parish.

FALL SCHOOL PICTURES will be taken on two different days this year.

Sept. 10, 2019 for Preschool through 3rd grade.

Sept. 11, 2019 for 4th through 8th grade

Volunteers needed from 8am-11am on both days. If you can help on with day please contact Pam Keeven at 314-773-3587 or pam@martykeeven.com Volunteers qualify for a free picture package. Gym lighting won't be a problem this year!

THE SPORTING NEWS...

Soccer Uniform Distribution will be this **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. Enter through the parish office door and come down the hallway to the right. Uniforms will be given out in the CAFETERIA. 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.** Thanks to all our helpers!

PARENT MEETING FOR PARENTS OF ALL ATHLETES at ICS will be **Wednesday August 7** from 6:30-7:30 pm in the Garden Level of Church.

THANKS for blessing us! We received \$105 in a match from Truist/Frontstream.

The Foolish Farmer Sunday's readings are a stark reminder of who we truly are, God's beloved children who have come from Him and one day are destined to return to Him. In the meantime all is gift. In Luke's Gospel Jesus tells us "Take care to guard against all greed, for though one may be rich, one's life does not consist of possessions." Then he tells the story of the very successful farmer who builds bigger barns to hold his valuable harvest, only to meet God that night. We all know the expressions: you can't take it with you and you never see a hearse with a U-Haul trailer behind it. In a conservative branch of the Jewish faith they have the ritual of one day a year wearing their burial garment and it has no pockets, similar to the Catholic Ash Wednesday. The message is clear: remember who you are.

We will be judged not by how much we have accumulated, earned or control but by how much we have loved others and been loved. We are defined not by our possessions but by our relationships. Things can intrigue and satisfy us for a while but Love lasts forever.

Fr. Ralph Huse, S.J.

Mark Fiore (ICS grads Anna and Nick's dad) of our parish is in the hospital awaiting a heart transplant. Please pray for him and his potential donor's family.

Danielle Dorlac Please continue to pray for her and her caregivers, especially Constance.

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

From the wisdom of the bubble gum wrapper When I was a kid, bubble gum had a joke in the wrapper. A great bonus! *“Eat, drink, and be merry, for tomorrow you diet”* was one. This Sunday’s parable reminding us about building bigger barns helps us put earthly riches in perspective. Andrew Carnegie’s comment that “I’d rather leave my child a curse than money” is a reminder that being born with a “silver spoon in your mouth” is a blessing only if you know how to use your wealth wisely. As Fr. Carl has reminded us so many times, we only leave this earth with the things we have given away. It is said that gratitude is the shortest lived of all the emotions. We may be momentarily grateful but we often forget about it till later in life when we look back at all the gifts God has given us through his people, our health, and praying, working, and playing together. Placing stewardship first in your life will keep an attitude of gratitude as your mindset. And it will also help you build up treasures that last forever! Come to the table!

Mike Kish

Principal