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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 parroquia!

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August 9, 2019

Dear Parent,



Rocking the base for the asphalt.

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

Sunday, August 11, from 10:00-12:30 (after 9:00 and 11:00 Masses), make time for student acclimation and amazement! 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!

PROCEDURES: Sent out to parents earlier today. Get in the habit of reading your emails and the blasts we send out. Next letter will be Wednesday.

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), 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.

Part-Time Accounting/Bookkeeper Position Available

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul Belleville Council, a Catholic, non-profit 501c-3 that serves the poor, has a **part-time** bookkeeper/accounting position available at the Council Office. This experienced candidate must be proficient with Quick Books Pro, accounts receivable/accounts payable, payroll/payroll taxes, financial reports, budget preparation and enjoy interacting with people. This would be an ideal job for a retired individual. If interested in applying, please call 618-394-0126 and leave a message or text 618-799-8505.

Soccer pictures are Aug. 17, 2019 at Oerter Park. Schedule and order form attached. Thanks to Pam Keeven for saving memories for us!

Fall School Pictures will be take on two different days this year.

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

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

[Click here for the form.](#)

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!

CHILDREN'S CHOIR will resume on Wednesday September 11th from 3-4. Choir practices **will now be held in church**. Children from grades 3-8 are welcome to participate. ICS students will be expected to sing in the choir section for all school liturgies every Thursday.

Children's choir typically sings at 9:00 a.m. liturgies once per month (dates TBD soon) and at 5 p.m. Christmas Eve and 9:00 Easter morning.

Any questions please contact Karen Lundy at karenlundy@gmail.com or 618-719-1815.

Our Destiny

Life is sometimes described as a journey with its beginning in birth and ending in death. When I was growing up, Dad and Mom would often take me and my siblings for a ride on Sunday afternoons. Sometimes they had a destination in mind, other times just a meandering ride. I seldom knew where we were or where we were going, but I knew that Dad did and we were safe. In Sunday's Gospel Jesus tells us: "Do not be afraid any longer, little flock, for your Father is pleased to give you the kingdom."

I used to be afraid of dying because I was afraid of the god I would meet. The years and struggles and life experiences along with faith and Scripture and prayer have gifted me with a realization of God as Abba, the infinitely loving and merciful parent. I'm not afraid of death anymore but am able to look beyond it and see it as falling into the loving arms of the God who is pleased to welcome me home and will usher me to my seat at the eternal banquet. What an incredible end to the ride! Fr. Ralph Huse, S.J.

THE SPORTING NEWS...

SOCCER UNIFORM DISTRIBUTION will be this 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!

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.

Irene Martin, Shanna(James) Witges' Mom(Savannah)(Rita and Dylan) Duke's great-grandmother), passed away on Tuesday, August 6th. Visitation will be Friday, August 16th, from 4pm - 8pm at Nieberg-Vitt, Miller Funeral Home, 1206 Jefferson Street, Washington, MO. The funeral Mass will be on Saturday, August 17th, at 10am at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church, 1014 Madison Ave., Washington, MO. Please remember Irene's family in your prayers.

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

Read the Bulletin Cover this week please. As we move from one place of holy ground to another place of holy ground, we are reminded that all the earth is holy. Jesus talks this week of being vigilant and it has been this way since we left the cave. Living a life with few or no regrets makes for a happy life, as long as your priorities are right. "Faith is the realization of what is hoped for and evidence of things not seen." Hebrews 11

Mike Kish

Principal

PS Thanks to all who have worked so hard to make our new home possible. Many of you have been silent, behind-the-scenes workers and I have yet to find anyone seeking any credit for all their generosity. It is the way it ought to be too.