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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.

*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*

August 18, 2017

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Dear Parent, Guardian, Student, Teacher, Friend,

This year's school and PSR theme---



First in on frist day---the McGill Family! Anna, Riley, and Marissa and a brown bag message!



Opening Day seemed to have **EVERYTHING BUT THE CLYDESDALES** with the energy level!

What a great start! Yet it seemed to be the calmest ever---either the students and teachers were confident OR they own their education OR both! **BODY CAMS FOR PRINCIPALS** Wish I had one-- Tickled pink over implementation of Focus Five and Arts Integration and it will only get better! I visited 13 classes at work and we were running at 98% efficiency! (2% was Mr. Kish trying to go over everyone's name mentally.) ***This year we will be working at the speed of trust!!!***

ALL SCHOOL MASS ON TUESDAY AT 8:05. EVERYONE IS WELCOME! CHAPEL-GYMNA-AUDITORIUM Welcome retired Faculty! No Masses here Wednesday/Thursday. At church. Regular schedule next week.

Welcome to Ms. Emily Brutton in technology and Mrs. Meghan Friedrich in our cafeteria! **And welcome** to our new students and their families to ICS!

Preschool (3 year olds) (entire class)

Caroline Andres, Easton Armstrong, Maximus Carrow, Gabriella "Ella" Cadwallader, Danica Daigle, William Davis, Ally Evans, Maeci Friedrich, Harper Gilbreth, Allison Hrdlicka, Keegan Hugger, Jacob Jordan, Zoe Klingert, Parker Levin, Vivienne Schilling, Ava Schrub, Max Sharp, Luke Sommer, Louis Tyler, Camille Vail, Gus Wachtel, Olivia Wallenberg, Michael Weiler

Pre-K (4 year olds)(entire class)

Mary Buhr, Norah Dolan, Henry Gregozeski, Nora Hake, Zoe Hobbs, Rhett Johnson, Trey Keeven, Tessa Kolweier, Parker Lyle, Gabe Madrid, Carmen Meyer, Declan Oberkfell, Ayden Ragsdale, Eleanor Rinella, Addelyn Sander, Bryson Schanuel, Oliver Timmons, Peyton Weiler

Kindergarten(entire class)

Brooke Andres, Amelie Blaies, Drew Curry, Andrew Daigle, Olivia Day, Shawn DeClue, Nicholas Doerr, Jackson Drury, Alyssa Eichenseer, Alaina Ettling, Bryce Friedrich, Elizabeth Funk, Sienna Gianino, Layla Greer, Stella Hart, Poppy Haywood, Aidan Heinen, Maria Holdener, Koda Hudson, Connor Kennedy, Owen Kienzle, AJ Kish, Amelie Knaus, Reagan Koppeis, Brooke Kroenig, Cole Lewandowski, Brady Muckensturm, Jackson Pechacek, Emmalyn Sander, Audrey Schilling, Bella Schuette, Evan Sheehan, Konnor Siegel, Chase Southerland, Joey Stuart, Hunter Tharp, Michael Thebeau, William Thomas, Mataline Vail, Samantha Valleroy, , Grady VanMatre, Henry Wachtel, Ethan Wilkerson, William Wynn

1st grade Nathan Gregozeski **2nd grade** Addison Koppeis, Emma Ashton

3rd Gr.Liam Heinen **4th gr.** Anna Videmschek **6th gr.** Kristina Videmschek, Bryce Raby

8th grade Therese West, Sam Atchley

NOT TO BE TAKEN FOR GRANTED... THANKS to our TINKERS, INC.(as they affectionately call themselves) led by Mike Whelan including Denis Ling, Ed Beck, Don Happy, Wayne Franklin, Pete Cottom, Rich Toenjes; locker-pro Jim Held; and Chris Sueme, Dale Anderson, Brian Boyd and Tara Kennedy for a lot of work above and beyond! Ready because you answered the bell!

FIELD DAY is September 1 and the T-shirt form is **attached**. Please send in your T-shirt forms in by August 24. Teams with their colors are attached to the newsletter.

SOCCER PICTURES ARE SATURDAY, AUG. 19 AT OERTER PARK.
ORDER FORM AND SCHEDULE ATTACHED last week.

Ground-breaking--Jeans Day on August 24 for June 24th if you came to the groundbreaking!!!

My what we have accomplished in 2 months! In the next 2 months, the money for construction will be borrowed and foundations going in! About 16 months out! Please remember how we hate to borrow and pay interest! Get you pledge in and be part of BUILDING THE CHURCH OF THE FUTURE through our children and increased parish services! If you missed the groundbreaking--- Mary Boser made a great video of it---check our webpage!

Are you a Mary or a Martha ? The Immaculate Conception Council of Catholic Women is inviting all the women of the parish and community to a FREE event on September 13, 2017. Please see the **attached flyer** and sign up in the Gathering Space by August 30. We are all Marys or Marthas.

FIRE DRILL 123 seconds today! Amazing how our little ones were so great!

SUMMER HONORS



Diocesan Track Champs Abby Eichenseer Jr. Girls 100 meter 14.38 Dominc Voegele Jr. Boys long jump 14' 4 ¼" What a year we had! Good going Abby and Dominic!

Illinois State Fair---Anna Haubrich presented her 4H cooking 101 project as a Monroe County State Fair representative. She competed against kids from 20 counties around the State. Anna's coffee cake earned her a Superior 4H Exhibitor ribbon!

Illinois 4-H prepares youth to solve Illinois' problems by producing the leaders, innovators, entrepreneurs, stewards, and builders we need. 4-H builds good leaders by giving them safe environments to practice all the skills needed to be successful leaders. Illinois 4-H knows that our very lives are inseparable from the health of our planet and work daily to save the world for this and future generations.

If anyone is interested in learning more about 4H you can contact John Haubrich or the Extension Office in Waterloo. Congratulations Anna!

JACKIE ROBINSON BREAKING BARRIERS IN SPORTS, IN LIFE Essay Contest Honorable Mention **Sydney Wahle** "Life is not a spectator sport." ---Jackie Robinson Hooray Sydney!

SOLAR ECLIPSE ON MONDAY This is a total Science, Technology, Religion, Engineering, Art, Math (STREAM) opportunity.

All-School Assembly, sack lunch, outdoor observations of the Total Solar Eclipse with charting, temperature taking, ambient light metering, a station with Professor Mark Beabout, followed up with Bomb Pops/Popsicles to end the end. Teachers will be extending the learning experience in their classrooms incorporating **STREAM**.

- Dress code for that day will be: ICS Total Solar Eclipse t-shirt with uniform bottoms or ICS school uniform. This is NOT a free dress/dress down day. Our Pre/School and Pre/K students will probably not view and you can **send in a note if you would rather not have your child be outside during the eclipse.** We will practice how to do this safely before going out. Parents are welcome to come and enjoy with us! Contact your child's teacher but you may have to bring your own solar eclipse glasses---we just picked up a few extra pair thanks to First National Bank of Waterloo)

Parents, For this school year, we would like to bring in Lice Busters each quarter to check our students for lice. We are working with the vendor to get a discounted rate. However, even with a discount, it is a costly endeavor to have our children checked four times a school year. Therefore, we are asking parents for a donation to help offset the costs. We would like to collect \$2.00 per child, per quarter, for a total of \$8.00 per child for the 2017-2018 school year. You can send cash to the office to Mrs. Epplin's attention or write a check payable to ICS. We realize some families may not be able to give towards this ask. Therefore, if you are able to give more, we would appreciate it. Thank you in advance for your time and support of ICS! We hope vigilance will remedy the critters. 8/22.

To our returning families, welcome back. To our new families, welcome to ICS.

I am Devin Dalpoas, President of the ICS Fathers Club. The ICS Fathers Club is a social organization with the sole purpose of helping the school and parish. Find us on Facebook or email us at icsfathers@gmail.com to get added to our phone list. We have scheduled a meeting every 3rd Thursday of the month at a rotating location.

Throughout the year we host fundraisers and those funds are directed towards immediate needs the school has. 1 year it was replacing the ties surrounding the playground, another was purchasing more secure classroom door hardware, another was spreading mulch, etc. We help wherever we are needed.

We are hosting our annual golf tournament (a great way to meet fellow ICS families by the way) It is the 22nd Annual Joe Hoguet Tournament. All proceeds collected go to ICS Athletic and Computer Science Departments so every child benefits. The tournament is a 3 man scramble on Sept 15th 12:00pm at Columbia Golf Club. See attached flyer for information.

TO PLAY - email icsfathers@gmail.com today. There are only 4 team spots available right now and they are going quickly so email me back ASAP.

TO SPONSOR - mail a \$50 check made out to ICS Fathers Club. It will add your name displayed year round to our banner hanging in the gymnasium.

Mailing Address

**ICS Golf c/o West Pine Pharmacy
4401 West Pine Blvd**

St. Louis, MO 63108 and yes, of course you can play and sponsor. Thank you for your time and I wish everyone a wonderful school year,

Devin Dalpoas

HOW TO BE CHURCH---sign up to work at our Labor Day Picnic! Belonging is believing and vice-versa! We need over 700 workers to fill shifts. You have never let us down! This is a great time to renew friendships, make new ones, and fulfill stewardship. We are counting on you! Thanks to Georgia Hutchinson and Pat McDermott who are spearheading our Picnic!

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/508094cabab2ca6f85-iccpicnic>

Once you clicked on the link, follow these directions: Scroll down to find the Dining Room positions. Select your position and shift(s) by placing a check in the box. Scroll to bottom and click Submit and Sign up. No need to sign up in the Gathering Space when it is crowded. **68 SLOTS in the Dining Room**

A major need currently is for Set Up and Tear Down.

Here are the slots needed to be filled: WEDNESDAY, 08/30/2017 -5:00 p.m. - 9:00

SET UP - MOVE TABLES & CHAIRS

THURSDAY, 08/31/2017 - 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. (Set up and Electrical)

FRIDAY, 09/01/2017 - 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. (Set up and Electrical)

SATURDAY, 09/02/2017 - 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. (Set up and Electrical)

SUNDAY, 09/03/2017 - 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. (Unload Soda and Chicken from Trailers)

Know what you'll see at the Picnic?

Country Store ...This year at the picnic the Country Store will be located inside the Main Street Abby (the old church building) Items for the Country Store can be dropped off the day of the picnic starting at 8:30 am or you can drop off items on Sunday, Sept 3rd in the gathering space after 9:00 am and 11:00 am Mass. Don't forget to stop by the Country Store!

The Bookstore is Looking For Good Quality Donations!! Books, movies, music taking up space in your home? Drop off your donation at the old church located on Main Street August 29 - September 3 from 2:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Please use the side handicapped access entrance. If you want to drop off before August 29, please place items at Church on the pew in the Garden Level. If you have any questions, please contact Mary at 618-281-7498 or 314-750-3443.

Picnic Pies... Once again, John at Aunt Maggie's has offered to make and deliver pies to our picnic. If you would like to utilize this service, please call or go to Aunt Maggie's and place your order. 281-7894 **We count on each family to donate 2 pies or cakes!!!**

Have questions about the picnic? Call Georgia Hutchinson 618-401-2626.

JAMES AND THE GIANT PEACH Our 11th annual school musical sponsored by the ICS Builders Club and underwritten by the Dorothy Weinel Eppinger Foundation.

We are getting started on the ICS Musical right away this year! We will be putting on *James and the Giant Peach*. Production dates are: Thursday October 12th through Sunday October 15th. Please mark your calendars. The musical is for all students grades 4-8. If your student is not yet in 4th grade please mark one of the show dates on your calendar as a must see ICS event.

Auditions for 4th through 8th graders will take place this coming Tuesday August 22nd right after school until 6pm. Your child will not need to stay the whole time. They may call you at 4pm and say, "I'm finished". If they need to stay that will be ok. If they need to go home and come back at 4:30...also ok. Please just let me know what you will be doing. Let me know if you have any conflicts or time constraints with the audition and with the rehearsal schedule. I will work something out for you! Please encourage your kids to audition. Performing has many life-long benefits. Theatre involvement helps develop empathy, compassion, problem solving, perseverance, self expression, confidence and presentation skills. Help your child **now** to tackle the number one fear of public speaking.

The play fee this year is \$25.00. Preferably paid at the audition or as soon thereafter as possible. Made out to ICS. (Let Mr. Kish know if you need a scholarship.) Parent help is needed and very much appreciated. What are your talents? I would love exploit them!

Schedule attached last week. This is the complete schedule as of now. Your child may not be called to every rehearsal. Also, if the play is in need we may add rehearsals. Please think of the dates and times as somewhat fluid. I always do my best to stick to it. If you need to be later than the scheduled end time I may have to send your child to latchkey. I direct several plays at a time and the rehearsals all happen in the 3-10 pm slot. I don't usually have much wiggle room to stay and wait. **But just an FYI: during TECH WEEK (the days just before we open when we rehearse at the Middle School), the end times MUST be fluid. Thanks for your patience with all of this.

I can't wait for the magic to begin again! MaryBeth Babcock

SCHOOL REMINDER Latchkey available at 6:45 am. 7:30 admission to cafeteria for supervision. 7:50 get ready to start bell and go to rooms. 8:00---it all begins! Our day ends around 3:00. 2:50 is get ready bell, 2:55 is bus bell, 3:00(or buses rolling) is walkers and Latchkey. SAFETY is paramount. Please use the Old Church parking lot for drop off and pick-up with our crossing guard Francis Asselmeier. Liberty Street has a drop-off zone(NO PARKING) off Main. There is a NO PARKING zone for buses on Metter that should not be used for drop-off. Please do not have your children cross the street---drop-off onto our side-walks if you can't use the old Church lot. The big yellow bus is rolling!

MEET THE TEACHER NIGHT-6:45 Start next Thursday! NO babysitting available. Try to get one parent here---Maybe it is Dad's turn? But both is best. Important info is on the way!

GIBAULT CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL NEWS...150 test drives = \$3000!

Each year Gibault raises money to support our Post-Prom event. Post-Prom is for every student and provides a safe and fun place for them to meet after the prom. This year we are hosting The Dodge Drive event which has the potential to raise **\$3000 dollars**. We need you to commit to attending and test driving a Dodge, Chrysler, or Jeep. **August 19 from 11 am to 3 pm.**

SEPTEMBER 24 YOU ARE INVITED! *In case you have never been officially invited to join the Catholic Church, let the Principal invite you. Our new season for the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults starts September 24 and will be coordinated by Lizanne Young, Director of Faith Formation for our parish. Contact her at 281-5105, ext. 354. We don't beat anyone over the head with the Bible and respect all faiths but if you want to learn more about the Catholic faith, give Lizanne a call!*

SVDP Fundraiser The St. Vincent DePaul Society's famous dill pickles will be returning this year and available after Masses the weekend of August 19th & 20th. All donations are welcomed.

Back to School Social Night... Friday, August 25th from 6:00 to 9:00 pm All are welcome. Garden Level of Church . Food and drinks will be available. Live Music
Kids can make their own ice cream sundaes and floats. Come and enjoy a night out with family and friends. If you have any questions, please call Nick Matrisotto at 314-609-7092.

Parents, Grandparents, ICS & PSR Volunteers! Do you want to accompany your child or grandchild on a field trip? Volunteer in the classroom, or help at PSR? If your answer is "yes", then you need to make sure you are in compliance with the Diocesan Policy on Child Protection. To be in compliance and stay compliant just takes a little time each year. Sometimes getting the paperwork through at the state level takes weeks, so it is best to err on the side of caution and get this done early. If you have never taken the Initial Child Protection Course, we have one coming up on SEPT. 18, in the Garden Level at 6p.m.. Call Angie at the Parish Office to register! If you are unsure if you are in compliance or not, please contact Angie at the parish office, she will be more than happy to help you! **CHILD PROTECTION INITIAL TRAINING:**

The next local Child Protection Initial Training is on Aug. 22 in Waterloo at Sts. Peter and Paul.
<http://www.diobelle.org/cp-calendar>

CHILD PROTECTION REFRESHER COURSE Once you have taken the initial course, you have to take a refresher each year to volunteer, work here, go "field-tripping", be around youth. Cut and paste and follow the directions please. We would love to get the whole parish to do this by the end of September. <https://safeandsacred-diobelle.org/login/index.php>

Trumpet for Sale 2015 Bach brass trumpet with black carrying case for sale. Purchased from Nottelmann Music originally. Very good condition, recently maintained. Includes new cleaning kit. Contact Tim at [618-779-5323](tel:618-779-5323). Requesting \$500.

Cletus Helfrich of our parish had eye surgery today. Please keep him in your prayers.

OUR CONDOLENCES to John and Sam Bollone(David and Maggie) on the loss of David's Uncle **Larry Hoff** yesterday morning. Many may know him from working with him at the Millstadt Bank or Bank of Waterloo.

PRAYERS: Special Intention Donna Kania Archambault, Barbara Thompson, Dan Whelan, Cletus helfrich, Kaylee Fogarty, Larry Pelker, Danielle Barnett, Brandon Martin, Joe Schmid, Dennis Baldridge, Susan Adams, Laurie Austin, Joyce Rose, Donna Barton, Lydia Boyer, 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

WHAT? A Canaanite foreigner who is a woman? Jesus can be taught? What can change Jesus' mind?

In Sunday's gospel in the cure of the Canaanite mother we see Jesus changing his mind, we in this see him implicitly admitting a misconception, and as a result we see Jesus learning more about himself and his mission.

Jesus was a faithful, practicing Jew. He regularly attended the synagogue and was familiar with much of the Old Testament writings, including the Pentateuch, the books of Isaiah, Ezekiel and other prophets, and of course the Psalms. From all of this he knew that his people were awaiting a Messiah, an anointed one who would free them from their servitude to the Romans and their current, Idumaeen political rulers. This longed-for anointed one would one day be re-established them as a nation, as a kingdom. Somehow they, as a people, would become the channel of God's life and salvation for all peoples (a light to the gentiles).

In today's gospel we have Jesus' initial understanding of the role of the anointed one. He first was to minister and serve the Israelites and then afterwards the non-Jewish peoples. And so Jesus initially refuses to grant the request of the Canaanite woman. The time for ministering to non-Jews had not yet come.

But there is one power that Jesus has to pay attention to, and, as it were, he cannot resist. It is the great faith of the mother. In antithesis I am reminded of Jesus first visit to his native town. Because of the Nazarenes lack of faith he was not able to act very well on their behalf. But here with the Canaanite woman, because of her great faith, he has to reconsider his role and mission and then to act on her behalf.

Last week in one of the weekday Gospels Jesus told his disciples that with their faith they could even move mountains. And in today's gospel we see Jesus being moved by Canaanite mother's faith to reassess and refocus the mission given to him by his Father.

Too often I simply take my faith for granted, and I do not appreciate what a great gift it is. This gospel, along with many other Scripture passages, reminds me that it is also a great power in my life, and it is never to be taken for granted. -Fr. Jim Blumeyer, SJ

Mike Kish

Principal

Lord, at the beginning of this New Year, we thank you for your gift of time.

Let us embrace time as Mary did, as the experience of the unfolding of your plan of salvation.

We measure time with calendars and watches. You experience it as an ever-present "now."

Bless our ordered lists of weeks and months, of holydays and holidays, of feast and fasts, and all our special days of remembering.

Please bless these instruments with which we measure time. Let them remind us that you are the master of time as we dedicate this New Year to you.

Lord, bless this New Year, each of its days and nights. Bless us with happy seasons & healthy lives.

Lord, we thank you for the gift of 2017-18. Grant that it will be a year of love and peace.

Amen.

Dates: 2017

- August 19 Columbia Days: 4:00 Parade ICS Band, Parents and Friends, and School Board are #24 and 25 in the slot!
- August 21 Solar Eclipse Day---
- August 22 Opening School Liturgy---Masses at Church the rest of the week, Lice Busters
- August 23 Band Night/PSR starts--- gates open for additional parking on lot
- August 24 MEET THE TEACHER NIGHT-6:45 8:30 close
- August 28 EBooks- 8:10 assembly
- August 31 Bible Blessing at all-school Mass
- September `1 Field Day

Lake St. Mary



Little boy blue



Fr. Carl and friends...

