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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.*

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### THE JOY OF LOVE

Dear Parent, Guardian, Student, Teacher, Friend,

**MEET THE TEACHER NIGHT THURSDAY, AUGUST 25TH, AT 6:45PM.** We will begin with a whole group session in the gym with Mr. Kish, Father Carl, the School Board, and Parents and Friends. Next will be two sessions to meet your children's teachers. All upper grade teachers will remain in the gym for the 1st session to talk to all parents who have a Gr. 5-8 student. Teachers will discuss class schedules, expectations, uniforms, demerits, etc. Once that session is over, parents will be invited to move to the 2nd break-out sessions to visit lower grade teachers or the individual upper grade classrooms. Parents, please feel free to divide and conquer, if needed, to meet all your children's teachers. **NO babysitting** available due to limited playground/parking/safety. This night is for parents and is a **No Homework Night** for students. 6:45---7:25---7:50 8:15 Depart for HOME!

**It will be so good seeing all of you at once!**



**COLUMBIA DAZE** Thanks to our School Board, especially Board President Teresa Dorshorst, for our float, The Old Faithful Schaefer Family, led by patriarch Ed and Grandma Mary, provided the wagon and horsepower with one of his vintage tractors. Ed is a collector and you can enjoy his display at the corner of Quarry and Palmer. Pope Francis has written an Apostolic Exhortation on the Joy of Love. Love brings joy. Love is respect. Jesus never said "like" your neighbor and love is possible!

**WELCOME** to Mattie Vail, daughter of Matthew and Tara Vail and Ryan Auer, son of Dennis and Amanda Auer. Both are in Pre-K and both seemed to know me before I knew them! Kids are so sophisticated now-a-days. They constantly remind me that our replacements are here and we need to raise them in wisdom and age and grace before God and people! Welco the Vails and the Auers!

**BIBLES:** Basic Instructions Before Leaving Earth. Fr. Carl will bless the new bibles at Mass on September 4,, Grade 4 and new students above should each have a copy of the Catholic Youth Bible. Would you be so kind as to write a "love not" in the front to your child. God always speaks to us right where we are. The daily Scriptures simply astonish me. Today in Matthew we are warned not to judge, lock people out of heaven or nitpick. Living a Christian life should attract others to the Joy of Love! Please write something profound in the front cover! If you do it will be treasured!

**CHOIR** starts WEDNESDAY, September 7<sup>th</sup> after school in the Band Room after school till 4:00 for Grades 2-8/ Thanks Mrs. Lundy!

**Liam Johnson's Dad Eric married India this weekend.** Instead of gifts, they asked for donations to their charity wedding registry. They are hoping to raise 10K to sponsor 2 little girl's with the same heart defect as Eric's late sister Kerri. Liam will be on the 11pm news tonight and likely on both channel 11 and 2 tomorrow.(Sorry DISH users!) Shirley Washington came to our wedding reception Friday for an interview. We are hoping to meet Genesis with Liam prior to her surgery on Wednesday.

#### **ERIC & INDIA'S CHARITY WEDDING REGISTRY**



#### **THE STORY:**

**Meet Genesis**, a sweet 19 month-old baby girl from Honduras. She has a mom and a dad and two older brothers. Her mom stays at home to take care of the family while her dad makes \$1,500 US dollars annually from washing buses and other construction work. Genesis was born with a serious congenital heart defect called Tetralogy of Fallot and desperately needs cardiac surgery. In the U.S., babies with her condition regularly undergo surgery within the first six months of life, but unfortunately the complex care Genesis needs is not available in her home country or region. Luckily for Genesis, her family was referred to World Pediatric Project and is now planning to travel to St. Louis for surgery the same week as our wedding.

**India:** When I was in nursing school, I was fortunate to travel to the Dominican Republic on a medical team which opened my eyes to the great need in developing countries for specialized pediatric medical care. The children supported by World Pediatric Project don't have access to what we would consider basic medical care. I love World Pediatric Project because they take care of not only the patients, but their parents and caregivers also. They make sure that the caregivers adjust to a new city, have clothes and boots to wear when it's cold outside (especially those who travel from warm climates), and provide social, emotional, language and spiritual support while the child is undergoing treatment. It humbles me to meet the children and their families and recognize the life-changing impact this opportunity for care makes on their quality of life forever.

When Eric and I got engaged, he knew how passionate I was about this organization and suggested that in lieu of wedding gifts we should try to sponsor a child's treatment. When we reviewed the list of children awaiting care through World Pediatric Project, Genesis' story stood out because it was so personal to Eric. We immediately knew that God had placed us in this position for a reason.

**Eric:** On March 24th, 1983, two years before I was born, my parents gave birth to my sister, Kerri Johnson. At birth, she was diagnosed with a serious congenital heart defect called Tetralogy of Fallot and only made it less than one week. When we found out that Genesis was diagnosed with the same fatal heart disease and that we could sponsor her medical care through our wedding, we knew that she was the one. To be able to save the life of a little girl that has the same diagnosis as my sister means more than words can explain.

*We are thankful for the life that God has chosen for our family and have always wanted to give back. Having the opportunity to save a child's life is one thing, but having the opportunity to save a little girl from the same condition that took my sister too young was definitely God's plan for us. Our goal is to raise \$5,000 to sponsor Genesis' treatment in full, including travel, food, housing and medical costs associated with her care. We hope that you are able to open your hearts and help this baby get the life-saving help she needs in memory of my sister, Kerri Johnson.*

From the bottom of our hearts, thank you for your love and support of our family on our wedding day and always. Eric and India Johnson

Here is a link with the full information so you can donate: [www.crowdrise.com/ericandindia](http://www.crowdrise.com/ericandindia)

Experience your Catholic high school in action! The **Gibault Catholic Welcome Wednesday** series begins **September 7<sup>th</sup>**, 9 – 11 am. Meet Principal Russ Hart for coffee and conversation about **Gibault Catholic** – an area leader in academics, technology, fine arts and athletics. Tour the campus “live” when classes are in session. RSVP: Pat Herzing [pherzing@gibaultonline.com](mailto:pherzing@gibaultonline.com) or [618.939.3883](tel:618.939.3883). Join us for part or all of the morning – We would love to see you!

**GOBOTS! RobotICS**----I love the spin-off when kids get excited about learning. Henry came home and talked to his step-Dad ken Mohr and he is currently is working on an architectural design project with Georgia Tech for a “robotarium” (a robot arena). We will hear more about this but till then, here is a look into Georgia Tech's program. <http://magazine.coe.gatech.edu/story/inside-robotarium> This reminds me we already have robot bees, about the size of a penny, that can pollinate a field. As one of my gurus Alan November once said, anything we can dream, we can build!



## BACK TO SCHOOL SOCIAL NIGHT

Friday, August 26th from 6:00 to 9:00 pm

All are welcome for the Back to School Social Night in the Garden Hall-Lower Level of the Immaculate Conception Church on Palmer Road as we celebrate and kick off a new school year. Food and drinks will be available. Live Music will be performed and activities for the kids. Kids can make their own ice cream sundaes and floats. So come and enjoy a night out with family and friends. If you have any questions, please call Nick Matrisotto at 314-609-7092.

**CAMP ONDESSONK FAMILY CAMP WEEKEND** Our school has a great Camp O connection. The Braun family has gone the last two years and they have been great experiences as have many of our families in appreciating God's blessings of nature.

[Click on this link!](#)

**PRAYERS:** Lauren Foran, Rich Cullen, Barb Winschel, Jessica Stemler Barcik, Josh Ritter, Stella Moll, Gertrude Scherrer, Henry Scott Dabbs, Carolyn Baker, Dan Whelan, Katy Basinski, Chrissy Hoeflinger, Barbara Buchheit, Angie Rose, Ken Bolton, Nick Carron, Mary 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**

Sincerely,

*Mike Kish*, Principal