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**CELEBRATING 162 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.*

**OPEN THE DOORS OF MERCY!**

August 28, 2015

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Dear Parent, Guardian, Student, Teacher, Friend,

## **BACK TO SCHOOL SOCIAL NIGHT**

**Friday, August 28th from 7:00 to 10:00 pm**

Please come and join us in the Fellowship Hall-Lower Level of the Immaculate Conception Church on Palmer Road as we celebrate a new school year. Snacks and drinks will be available. Kids can make their own ice cream sundaes and floats. Live Music will be performed. Knights of Columbus, ICY and the ACTS Community graciously hosts this event so come and enjoy a night out with family and friends. If you have any questions, please call Craig Lundy at 618-960-1014, Laura Whelan 618-698-2462 or Nick Matrisotto at 618-281-0427.

**FIELD DAY** Volunteers needed for the games---**6 water bottles per student**(we have 432 right now--- Bring water, if you bring your own cold lunch, make sure name and team is listed. No lunch boxes, only throw away bags, Volunteers needed. If Volunteers want a cold lunch through school, please email Mrs. Epplin. Thanks to Laura and Dan Whelan for chairing!

**ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS** are being sent home today. Even the Cardinals are in it this year! This is Parents and Friends #2 fund raiser and can save you some bucks too! Use it twice and get your money back while we enjoyed a great fund-raiser. We send books home to each family for review. Buy one or order more or return it. These make great gifts. The Minions have taken over the student prize section!

**SEPTEMBER 1** has been designated as a World Day of Prayer by Pope Francis for care of Creation. "Prayer works as long as you block your man" is an update quote on St. Paul who reminds us of faith without works is useless. Turning off the lights, the air conditioning when not needed, re-using, recycling, regarding our common home as our mother and a gift to pass forward will be themed for us during the day and at the morning liturgy. Gravity keeps us stuck on this earth. Let's take care of it!

**Parents, Golfers, Golf Lovers,** The 20th Annual ICS/Joe Hoguet Memorial Golf Tournament is September 18<sup>th</sup>. We are 16 teams from filling up! You need a break from work and some fun and fellowship. (5,000 years ago men and women beating clubs on the ground and shouting expletives was called witchcraft. Today it is called golf.) Columbia Golf Course---3 Person Scramble--- \$90 per player and \$270 per team---\$100 Corporate Sponsor \$50 Family Sponsor \$20 Dinner only reservation. 11am Registration 12pm Start **\*\*Early Registration by Sept 1st enters you into raffle for 4 Cardinal tickets** section 161 row 16\*\* Sponsored by ICS Fathers' Club to benefit ICS Athletics and Technology Lunch and dinner included. (See last week's attachment for sign-up form.)

**Not a golfer? You might consider supporting us in the following ways:**

- ~ **Be a hole sponsor-** Business sponsorships are \$100, family sponsorships are \$50. Your name will be placed on a large banner prominently displayed at the tournament and then hung on the ICS gymnasium wall until next year's tournament. That's \$100 for a whole year of advertising!
- ~ **Raffle donations-** Everyone loves tickets and memorabilia for our favorite St. Louis teams! If you have something to offer, we are gladly accepting donations.
- ~ **Volunteer-** It is almost as much fun to volunteer at the tournament as it is to play! Grab a friend and spend the day (or part of the day) with us.

Contact Devin via the flyer information or see the Parish bulletin and thanks to the ICS/Joe Hoguet Memorial Golf Tournament Committee and Fathers Club!

**LABOR DAY IS COMING UP QUICKLY.** We need your help for our picnic!

**Book Donations...** Please drop off your unwanted books, CD's or DVD's at the old convent at the following times: noon-5 on Sept 5 & 6 at the old convent. If you need to make other arrangements please call Mary Schroeder at 281-7498 or 314-750-3443. Sorry no encyclopedias, or text books.

Book presale dates and time \$5 per person Fri 6-9 p.m., Saturday 11-8, Sunday 12-6 Check

**Craft Booth:** Needs homemade crafts. Please contact Donna Vasquez at 281-4036 .

**Do You Need Pies to Bring to the Picnic?** If you would like to donate your pies for the picnic but don't want to bake them yourself, just go to Aunt Maggie's! Pies can be ordered from Aunt Maggie's! John will bake them and deliver them on Monday morning! Out of town? No worries.. you can still get your pies to the picnic! Just go to Aunt Maggie's and order and he will deliver! The cost is \$10 per pie.

**We will again offer shuttle service!** Shuttle times will be 9:30a.m.-10:00p.m. Pickup points will be Turner Hall and New Church.

**New this year for the 2015 Attendance Prizes:** \$100 Script Cards. Script cards can be redeemed for over 50+ Grocery Stores, Restaurants, Retail Stores and Automotive. Good for Local Columbia business and business outside of Columbia. Winner's Choice!!

**Some generic expectations** Society and the work place has expectations of workers that we need to be aware of. You don't have to fulfill all of them to be happy but it just might make a career easier to hold and more enjoyable for yourself and your fellow laborers. ***This is another gift we can give to our students.***

You will act upbeat on the job.

You will work extra hours when you need to.

You will make sure your work is done thoroughly and with care.

You will pitch in and work well with your colleagues.

You will show respect and admiration for your supervisor.

You will be eager to acquire new skills and knowledge.

You will help create harmony among those you work with.

You will ask good questions.

You will offer suggestions and solutions.

**PEABODY LEADER IN EDUCATION** The Award may look like a lump of coal but it intended to recognize energy expended in transforming people. On Tuesday evening at the Ball Park Hilton, Governor Rauner spoke well and the dinner and awards were humbling. Joe Michalski of Alton High School received the Educator of the Year. He works in Special Education for the district, finding jobs and business connections and clothing and interview training for the students. Focusing on life out of school for challenged students sure makes sense. Much of this funding has been cut by the State. The Governor reminded us that Illinois ranks last in the country in education spending and tech and vocational training has to come back. And ICS always seems to have a connection---Joe's wife is Ann Reinheimer, an ICS graduate! (She was in Lynetta Newton and Andrea Biske's class!) Joe is an 18 year Army veteran and Peabody had a military honor guard for the presentation which was impressive. COCA provided the entertainment. Thanks to Grant, Brian, and Shelley Monheiser, Teresa Dorshorst, Bev Epplin, Sue Lewis, and my 4 girls Jeanne, Amy, Andrea, and Kristi for honoring me. Grant stole the show again! (Grant with Governor and Maureen Moore of Peabody)



**THANKS FOR ANOTHER BLESSING!** **\$3,750 for 15 more new mini-ipads for our school!** We now have 240 tech devices in our hands and what an experience they are! We have a wireless MacBook lab, a wireless Chrome Book Lab, a hard-wired lab and then laptops, PCs, Ipads and mini-ipads! They work and make us work!

**THANKS to AT & T EMPLOYEE GIVING CAMPAIGN** for a \$14 matching gift! "Found money".

**GIVE StL** We received \$2,260 at the end of June for the Spring on-line fund raiser! Thanks!

**PARENTS & FRIENDS** - first meeting of the year! Sept. 14 at 7pm in the ICS cafeteria - join us!

**ICS CAR DECALS for SALE!** Show your ICS pride with this fundraiser. \$9/each. Send checks made to "ICS Parents & Friends" into the office (mark the envelope with "Car Decal", your name, and your child's teacher) and we will send the decal(s) home with your oldest child.

**\$23,922 FROM THOSE LITTLE BOXTOPS SO FAR.** \$2,633 last year. Please cut them out and send them in and we benefit greatly! Another easy way to help our school is to clip Campbell's Soup labels. We support Parents and Friends, and purchase playground equipment and other supplies with our credits. Please see the links for the eligible products. Thanks for helping us out. Thanks to Mrs. Jen Schauster and Carrie Boser for chairing! [http://www.boxtops4education.com/downloads/-/media/BoxTops/FlyersAndDownloads/2015-07a\\_BTFEProducts\\_List](http://www.boxtops4education.com/downloads/-/media/BoxTops/FlyersAndDownloads/2015-07a_BTFEProducts_List)

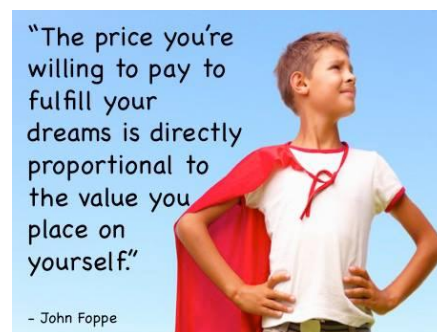
<http://www.labelsforeducation.com/Earn-Points/Participating-Products>

## **CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEW BUILDERS CLUB OFFICERS FOR THIS YEAR!**

President	Nick Prindiville
Vice-President	Spencer Biske
Secretary	Jane Whelan
Treasurer	Mary Wessel
Service Director	Lexi Hennes
Fund raising	Maggie Schulte
Social Director	Eve Melliere
Talent Show Co-Directors:	Claire Huebner and Claire Eppinger
Kids Against Hunger	Hannah Janson

**GOD WILL BE OUR STRENGTH. LISTEN TO HIS WORD AND FOLLOW HIM!** This acclamation will be sung Thursday as we hold a ***Bible Blessing*** (Grade 4 and new upper students) at the All-School Mass. Parents are asked to write a love note inside my favorite-style Bible that explains so much of the times and context of the Scripture we love and need to live-out. Many years ago, my mentor, Fr. Ed Hustedde beat me up with the expression “***that’s not the Gospels***”. I am reminded so often how I don’t live it out in my humanity---but I really want to!

**ASK ME ABOUT MY MERCY** Tee Shirt: Charley Stewart-Aubry Thomas-Molly Tippen-Eli Garcia-Lilly Barnett-Ava Hake-Jane Whelan “Be the face of mercy. Be the face of God”.



**PLEASE REMEMBER WE ARE A “Nut-Free Zone”.** We have several students who are allergic. **HERE IS A LINK TO THE FOOD ALLERGY MANAGEMENT AND EDUCATION(FAME)** that is a free outreach service through St. Louis Children's hospital. You may or may not have seen it but it would be a great reference to understand why we need to protect each other’s children. You can download all the forms/manuals for education. It is used nationally for food allergy education.

<http://www.stlouischildrens.org/health-resources/advocacy-outreach/food-allergy-management-and-education>

**NEWS FROM GIBAULT CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL** Gibault rocks the ACT!  
Composite scores: Gibault 24.8, Mater Dei 23.9, Althoff 22.6 State Avg 20.7

<http://www.bnd.com/news/local/education/article32417070.html>

This is the entire BND-ACT article – scroll to the end to see the table of scores.

**COMMUNITY TRAGEDY** Columbia has been rocked by the violent domestic deaths of Toni and John Hannon. As Fr. Ron Rolheiser, OMI, has put it, sometimes people have a “heart attack in the brain” and in moments of rage, desperation, or despair, do horrendous things. We cannot explain nor understand this. All we can do is grieve for the family, pray, and remind ourselves that sometimes we

need counselors to help us work through devastation. Toni and John's children Valerie, Jennifer, and AJ are ICS graduates. Toni worked hard for our Parents and Friends and John was an engineer for the railroad. Toni's funeral will be held from 9-11 at St. Theresa in Belleville tomorrow with Mass at 11:00. John Hannon's Funeral will be in our Church on Monday, August 31 at 11:00 after a wake from 9:00 till 11:00. God be with the children and peace to the family!

**JESUS' WORDS ARE CHALLENGING.** He calls us to honor the Lord every day in every way: 360°, 24-7, 365. He is grieved by the Pharisees who are so close to God, and yet so far away. They know the Scriptures better than anyone else; they follow the Jewish laws more faithfully than anyone else--and yet they miss the whole point. In Mark's Gospel this week, we see that Jesus is the True Way to the Father. From the hearts of the Pharisees "come evil thoughts, unchaste thoughts and actions, theft, murder." From the Heart of Jesus flows holy thoughts, chastity, generosity, and Life. Those far from God commit "adultery, greed, malice and deceit." Whereas Jesus lives in faithfulness, giving, goodness and truth. Jesus sets a high bar, no question. The Holy Spirit must reign in our minds and hearts, and this should be visible in our actions. Let us also recall the Gospel readings from the last five Sundays: Jesus Himself is the Bread of Life. Jesus points the Way forward, and gives us food for the journey. This spiritual food Himself, present in the Eucharist. He doesn't just give us a set of rules, but incarnates the Law in His own Way of Life.

To live like Jesus, we need a Heart like His. And He even gives us that, in His own Sacred Heart. Jesus gives us everything we need to live His message of Life. Fr Joe Laramie SJ, White House Retreats

**OUR SINCERE CONDOLENCES** to Lizanne Young, (Eric, Mark, Thomas) and all the family on the loss of Lizanne's mother Maggie Klaverkamp on the Feast of St. Monica, the role-model mother of St. Augustine. To our Director of Faith Formation we can say "Well done, good and faithful daughter! Your Mother was blessed to have you as her "Adeodatus". We will let you know of the arrangements. God's peace to her and you and all the family as you celebrate a life well-lived!

**PRAYERS:** Harold Stemler, Kevin Diehl, Josephine Chapman, Florence Dorshorst, Bill Pennock, Patty Juengling, Marian Keim, Dan Whelan, Pat Weber, Ed Hengel, Josh Ritter, Valerie Bauchens, Vince Webb, George Stein, Desiree Frasure, Special Intention

A homily for this Sunday...

*A story: Many years ago, a great warrior abandoned his life of war and destruction and became a monk, happily living a quiet life serving his brothers and the poor and sick of the villages around the monastery. One day, an arrogant warrior rode through the village. He terrorized the villagers with his threats and demands. He soon made his way to the monastery where he recognized the monk from their adventures years before. The reckless warrior did everything he could to provoke his old adversary into a fight: the boor threw rocks, shouted insults, smashing parts of the poor monastery. But the monk did not respond. By dusk, the warrior finally grew tired of the game; he defiantly spat on the monastery door and rode off. Some of the villagers who had been brutalized by the warrior, asked the monk why he did not confront the intruder? "if someone offers you a gift and you do not accept it, to whom does the gift belong?", asked the monk. "He who offered it" they replied. The same is true for anger, envy and ridicule," the monk explained. "When they are not accepted, they belong to the one who holds them."*

*When someone hurls indignities and lies and humiliations at us, it hurts. What is worse sometimes than those acts themselves, is what those acts do to us as persons. We can respond with suspicion, cynicism, self-absorption, anger and vengeance. One of the most difficult challenges of being a disciple of Jesus is not to let those things "outside" of us diminish what and who we are "inside" ourselves. The challenge given to us today is to not to let such anger or vengeance displace the things of God in the sacred place of our hearts. Not to let things outside decide who we are on the inside. Those who seek the Way, the Truth and the Life will face a lifetime struggle of transforming the*

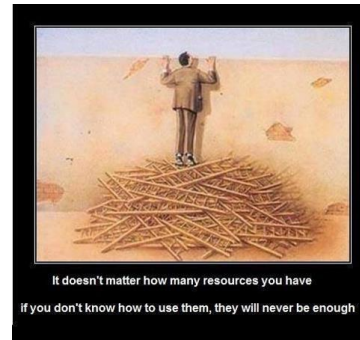
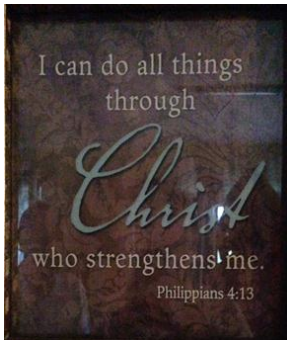


*evil encountered on the outside by compassion and forgiveness on the inside. Again. the reality of being a follower of this Jesus. will never be easy. Amen, Amen.*

**Mike Kish**  
**Principal**

PS See calendar of events at the end of the newsletter. The Calendar/Handbook is being worked on.

Ps New Altar Serving Training: September 12th after 5pm Mass or September 13<sup>th</sup> after 11am Mass.



### **Band Schedule Week of Aug 31-Sept 4**

#### Monday

8:05-8:35 5th Flute  
8:35-9:05 6th-8th Flute and Clarinet 1  
9:05-9:35 6th-8th Clarinet 2  
10:35-11:05 4th Clarinet  
11:05-11:35 4th Flutes

#### Tuesday

7:15-7:55 **Jazz Band**  
8:55-9:25 5th Clarinet  
9:25-9:55 6th-8th Saxophone and F Horn  
9:55-10:35 6th-8th Trumpet  
11:05-11:35 4th Trumpet  
11:35-12:05 4th Saxophone

#### Wednesday

8:05-9:05 **Concert Band Full Band**  
9:05-9:35 Percussion Ensemble  
10:35-11:35 **Beginning Band Full Band**  
1:15-2:15 **Intermediate Band Full Band**

#### Thursday

7:15-7:55 **Jazz Band**  
8:55-9:25 5th Saxophone  
9:25-9:55 6th-8th Low Brass  
9:55-10:35 6th-8th Percussion  
11:05-11:35 4th Percussion  
11:35-12:05 4th Low Brass

Friday Field Day

## **Calendar 2015**

### **September**

- 9/3-Bible Blessing at the All School Mass
- 9/4-Field Day Kgn-8<sup>th</sup> grade Columbia American Legion Park
- 9/7-Labor Day Picnic
- 9/8-Service Leadership Day-Only 8<sup>th</sup> grade is in attendance(no school PreS-7)
- 9/10-Monroe County Field Trip for 8<sup>th</sup> grade
- 9/16-Picture Day, Children's Choir Practice after school
- 9/18-ICS/Joe Hoguet Golf Tourney
- 9/24-Springfield Field Trip-8<sup>th</sup> grade
- 9/25-Kindergarten Transportation Field Trip
- 9/28- ITBS testing starts-Grade 2-8
- 9/30 Take your refresher class for Child Protection by this date

### **October**

- 10/1-4-Womens Acts Retreat
- 10/5-Bishop Braxton visits ICS
- 10/9-No School-Teacher Inst.
- 10/12-No School-Columbus Day
- 10/15-Flu Shots available 9-11 on ICS parking lot-MC Health Dept.
- 10/15-18-ICS Musical "Godspel" in Old Church on Main
- 10/25-Trunk or Treat 5:00 p.m.
- 10/26-Paul Koleske Concert at Church
- 10/27-Student/Parent/Teacher Conferences
- 10/28-2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Field Trip Symphony and Missouri Botanical Gardens
- 10/29-Student/Parent/Teacher Conferences
- 10/30-No School

### **November**

- 11/11-No school-Veterans Day
- 11/24-Thanksgiving Day Mass at School
- 11/25-No School
- 11/26-Thanksgiving Day
- 11/27-No School

### **December**

- 12/5 Craft Fair
- 12/8-Immaculate Conception Holy Day-Mass at the New Church
- 12/10-Christmas Band Concert-7:00 gym
- 12/12-KC Christmas Party
- 12/17-K-2 Christmas Play
- 12/21-Christmas Break Begins
- 01/04-School resumes

