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## CELEBRATING 164 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*

September 1, 2017

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Dear Parent, Guardian, Student, Teacher, Friend,

**FIELD DAY** Thanks to Laura Whelan for all the set-up and leadership, Parents and Friends and Fathers Club for the water bottles, and the scores of volunteers who made this the best day of the year! The Class of 2018 led the way! Play hard, work hard, pray hard! [Click Here for some photos from a wonderful day and wonderful weather.](#)

### **HOW TO BE CHURCH---sign up to work at our Labor Day Picnic!**

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

Scroll down to Dining Room Select your position and shift(s). Scroll and click Submit and Sign up.

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)

**The Bookstore** is Looking For Good Quality Donations!! Books, movies, music --- Drop off at the old church located on Main Street September 3 from 2:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. questions, please contact Mary at 618-281-7498 or 314-750-3443.

**Picnic Pies...**John at Aunt Maggie's will make and deliver pies to our picnic. Aunt Maggie's . 281-7894 **We count on each family to donate 2 pies or cakes!!!** Questions? Call Georgia Hutchinson 618-401-2626. **Sell your raffle tickets or return them to be sold at the stand please!**

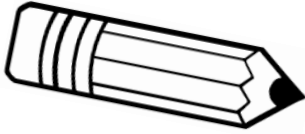
**"Hurricane Harvey"** might be the worst storm to hit America in modern times. All Dioceses in the United States will take up a second collection during Mass next weekend to help. Catholic Relief Services is one of the most efficient ways to deliver goods to the needy with over 93 cents on the dollar getting there. Please be generous. **Our Builders Club will take up a free will donation next Friday, Picture Day, to help.** Let this be from your child's funds so they learn stewardship. Giving a quarter when you only have a little is better than hounding you for a Lincoln. Thanks for teaching stewardship to your children. 4 jars: 30% for college, 30% for emergency, 30% for spending, 10% for charity = 100%.

**SERVERS:** Students in grades 5-8 are encouraged to be altar servers at church each Sunday. We need you! **This Sunday September 3rd at noon we will train new servers.**

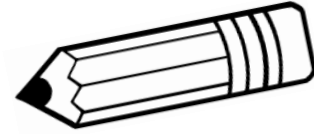
This training is for anyone grades 5-8 who has not been trained in the new church to serve. We need servers for the 5pm Saturday Mass and all Sunday Masses (7, 9 and 11). 7am is always a hard job to fill. Can you consider doing this even once per month? Thanks and hope to see you Sunday. MaryBeth P.S. Conflict with this Sunday? Let me know and I will schedule something for you.

**NO SCHOOL MONDAY IN HONOR OF THE LABOR MOVEMENT IN THE UNITED STATES.**

Study your history and know how many suffered to earn the rights of labor! The 40 hour week didn't just happen. Same with workmen's comp., equal opportunity and fair labor laws. Celebrate with us at the Picnic! **SCHOOL ON TUESDAY FOR 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE ONLY! SERVICE-LEADERSHIP DAY.**



**Young Authors  
Fall 2017**



Sharpen your pencils, for it is time to start preparing for the Fall Young Authors' program! The fall turn-in day will be Monday, October 2nd (this will also be a jeans day for every student turning in a manuscript). For judging purposes, please do not write your name on your story, but do include a title. We ask that you attach your name either by a Post-It note or on a separate piece of paper (attached by paper clip or stapled). The chairpersons will record the titles and names, and then remove the names from the stories before giving them to the judges. Your story will be identified solely by its title. Give your submission to your teacher (5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade students please give your manuscript to your English teacher). Winning stories from k-4th will be presented at the Young Authors' assembly, at school, on Wednesday, October 25th. The following information may answer any questions you have. If you have other questions, please email Gina Thompson or Robin Nadziejko at [icsyoungauthors@gmail.com](mailto:icsyoungauthors@gmail.com). Thank you!

**How should my work be packaged?** Your submission should include the following:

- Your name attached only by paper clip or post-it note (names are removed for judging)
- A title
- Pages securely fastened by staple or other means
- A front cover (it can be as simple as a title page)

**What should I write, and how will it be judged?** The emphasis of the Young Authors program is on creativity! A parent volunteer will judge your work based on its originality, its organization (does your story have a beginning, middle, and ending?), and on its use of clear, descriptive words. Stories are evaluated based 75% on creativity and 25% on grammar and punctuation. You may also enter a poem. It will be judged based on its creativity, how well it flows, and on the strength and clarity of its message. For upper grades, a poem or collection of poems should have at least 20 lines total.

Students in grades 5 through 8 may also enter non-fiction essays including classroom assignments. Judges will be looking for clear, descriptive sentences and well-organized paragraphs. Any submission may be written at home or as part of a classroom assignment. Please do not submit work that has been entered in Young Authors competition in a previous year.

**Can my parents help me?** Young Authors is designed to encourage you to write, and so the work must be your own. You can try out your ideas on your parents if you like, and they can help you with proofreading grammar, punctuation and spelling. Very young authors may tell their story to a parent while the parent writes it down. The child may then write out the story, or the parent may write it or type it. It is important that the story be "in the child's own words," which is the state rule for the Young Authors program. Parents should encourage their children to work on their submissions as independently as possible.

**What if I win?** Congratulations! You may win a Young Authors' trophy once each school year. If you win a trophy, be sure to keep entering! Your future submissions are still eligible to win runner-up awards. By entering repeatedly, you are also eligible to receive special awards at the end of the year. Students in grade k-4 receive their Young Authors awards at presentations following each judging. Older students receive theirs at the Awards Night in May. Enter twice, and you receive a Young Authors' pin at the end of the year.

All winners from fall and spring are entered into a drawing, and one randomly selected student from each grade will be invited to attend the regional Young Authors' Conference.

**What are the details on the Young Authors' Conference?** Winning in either the fall or the spring makes students eligible for the honor of representing their grade and ICS at the Regional and State Young Authors' Conference. Attendees will be randomly selected – one per grade.

Thanks to Robin Nadziejko for one of the best opportunities we offer! Be the write stuff!

**BUILDERS CLUB** Thanks to the **Columbia Kiwanis** for their sponsorship and to Ms. Sharon Nealon our Advisor! Minutes August 31, 2017

- 19 new Builders Club members inducted.
  - Maria Biske, Abby Eichenseer, Andrew Feldker, Zach Gibson, Stephen Johns, J.T. Madrid, Collin Mueth, Danny Repp, Kyle Rose, Drew Schmoll, Brian Stark, Aidan Sullivan, Emma Tippen, Dominic Voegele, Sydney Wahle, Tyler Wahle, Sam Atchley, Devin Cason, Dorian Thorne, Therese West.
- Roll call and introduction.
- Service director introduction and task book explanation.
- Kiwanis fishing derby 10:00-1:00 September 9, 2017 help needed. See below.
- Motion to end meeting.

**Kiwanis 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Fishing Derby is on September 9<sup>th</sup> at Columbia Sportsman Club.** Help measure and weigh fish that are caught.(catch and release) Need help from 10 am – 1:30/2 pm. Free lunch, 8<sup>th</sup> grade will get Confirmation hours if needed. Contact Sharon Nealon to help. [emron@htc.net](mailto:emron@htc.net) i. Thank you, Sharon Nealon, Club Secretary and Builders Club Advisor

**Entertainment Books 2018** One of the biggest parents and Friends fund raisers launched Monday. This year the books come with a downloadable phone app that will alert you when you come into a cooperating business! You can save a lot on these books and the more we sell, the more we make! Thanks to Carrie Boser for leading this for us! Let's hit every goal this year!

**Ameren Kids Challenge at Pedal the Cause** Kids ages 3-12 can help end cancer by participating on **Saturday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> from 9 am – 1 pm.** Participants will ride a 30-45 minute shift on an easy, enclosed course and attempt as many laps as they can. With the \$35 registration fee comes a t-shirt, water bottle, high-quality medal, goodie bag, certificate of completion, a rubber bracelet for each lap completed, a Fitz's Root Beer float, access to all the activities in the Kids Zone and a personalized rider profile to easily fundraise online. 100% of rider-raised dollars fund cancer research at Siteman Cancer Center and Siteman Kids at St. Louis Children's Hospital. **Join Aiden Howard-Maull on Team ICS Proud (Immaculate Conception School, Columbia) and help cure cancer!** Go to [www.pedalthecause.org/donate/](http://www.pedalthecause.org/donate/) to help or ride!



**ROBOT-ICS YEAR 2** has started. Every student gets a quarter in instruction on robotics and coding Grades 1-8 thanks to Emerson Award Winner Karen Weiler, former honoree Cyra Herrmann and Angela Ettling. Many of the jobs that exist today will be automated by the time the 8<sup>th</sup> grade enters the work force. And they will create new jobs that automate other things! Besides "learning how to learn", you must also be your own "start-up"!

**SCHOOL PICTURES ARE FRIDAY, SEPT. 8<sup>TH</sup>** Please [download the order form](#), fill out and send to school with your child on picture day. **Volunteers needed.** If you would like to help on picture day, please contact Pam Keeven at [pam@martykeeven.com](mailto:pam@martykeeven.com) or call/text pam at [314-773-3587](tel:314-773-3587). Volunteers receive a picture package of their choice at no charge.

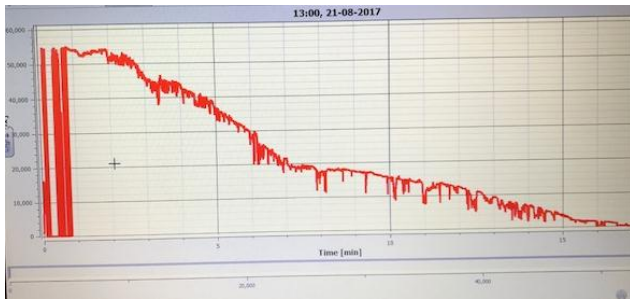
**ICS Spirit Wear** Web Store is now available online. Go to [icsapparel.itemorder.com](http://icsapparel.itemorder.com) to check out all of the great ways to show your ICS Pride and support our school. The Web Store will be available for orders until Wednesday, September 20th. Flyers will be going home next week. Also posted on the Parents and Friends site as well.

**NEWS YOU NEED TO KNOW---Father-Son Fishing** MOVED from 9/10 to Sunday 10/22 3-5PM.



**GOD WILL BE OUR STRENGTH. LISTEN TO HIS WORD AND FOLLOW HIM!** Thanks for honoring God's "love letters"--- aka---the Bible with yesterday's blessing! I hope our parents wrote a love note on the cover. God always speaks to us right where we are---today's Gospel said "Stay awake"! How often have we heard that and we need it!

**JAMES AND THE GIANT PEACH** Our 11<sup>th</sup> annual school musical sponsored by the ICS Builders Club and underwritten by the Dorothy Weinel Eppinger Foundation will be Thursday October 12th through Sunday October 15th. Please mark your calendars. **Cast of 52!**



**ECLIPSE LIGHT READING FROM OUR PROBE**---our reader peaked at 55,000 and dropped to zero during the total eclipse. **The probe was purchased for us by the Columbia Kiwanis Club!** Our probes can do 13 different readings!

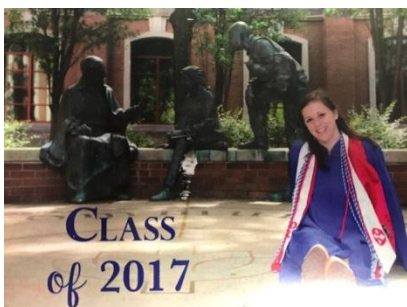
### **THE SPORTING NEWS...**

**THE GIBAULT basketball team is sponsoring a benefit camp (proceeds will go to Catholic Relief Services)** on Sunday evenings, Sept 24-Oct 15, for 5-8 grade boys & girls. More details and registration info can be found in the attached flyer.

**ICS Fathers Club** The 2017 ICS Golf Tournament is officially sold out!! We are taking reserve teams in case someone backs out. First come, first serve. To be included on the reserve list please email [icsfathers@gmail.com](mailto:icsfathers@gmail.com). We are taking \$100 business & \$50 family sponsors. Again email us at [icsfathers@gmail.com](mailto:icsfathers@gmail.com) to sponsor the event. Thank you to everyone for playing and sponsoring this event. Devin Dalpoas

**Bill Schmidt Golf Outing** Sunday, Sept. 24, 2017 1 pm shotgun start Benefit Gibault and Waterloo High School Bill was grandpa to the Ungers (Craig is GM of Memphis Redbirds who ended 41 games over .500) and a fishing buddy to Whitey Herzog. Good guy. Great memories!

**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>



**GRADS IN THE NEWS...** Congratulations to Olivia Hollman( ICS '09) upon her graduation from DePaul University with a B.A. in Psychology and Catholic Studies! She is working in MINISTRY as the new Coordinator of Youth Ministry at St. Francis Xavier Parish in LaGrange, Illinois. As she had written on her mortar board, "If not me, who? If not now, when?" We are so proud of you Olivia for choosing this vocation in the Church! Thanks for keeping youth connected to their faith!

**AND THIS REMINDS ME OF...** a recent article in NCR that reminds us that when you make a mission trip, you are never the same. Olivia did one in Ecuador and one in Denver with the homeless. **Parish roundup: The fruits of missions; Cupich visits McAllen** by **Dan Morris-Young**



*Drs. Alex Olney, Rachel Johnson and Anna Sulimirski Strasma first met at Prince of Peace Church in Flowery Branch, Georgia, which sponsors a mission to Nicaragua. (CNS/Courtesy of the Sulimirski Family via Atlanta Archdiocese)*

*Editor's note: The Field Hospital blog reports on parish and other grassroots efforts across the U.S. and Canada to accompany those on the margins. Pope Francis said he sees the church as a "field hospital" that labors "from the ground up" to "heal wounds."*

**How much impact can a trip to communities in need in other countries make? Here are three examples:**

- Three young women with roots in Prince of Peace Parish in Flowery Beach, Georgia, are doctors today, inspired by volunteering in Nicaragua through a nonprofit born in the parish, Amigos for Christ.



- A 1968 mission trip — this one to Guatemala — appears to have been a turning point for Fr. Stanley Rother. As a result of the visit, Rother asked to be moved from parish work in his Archdiocese of Oklahoma City and assigned to the mission at Santiago Atitlán. He was brutally murdered there in his rectory in 1981, an act attributed to death squads linked to the military. He will be beatified on Sept. 23 at the Cox Convention Center in Oklahoma City. *A woman holds a booklet with a picture of Fr. Stanley Rother during Mass in 2006 at a church in Santiago Atitlán, Guatemala. (CNS/Reuters/Daniel LeClair)*

Among those attending the beatification rite will be Fr. Kenneth Weare, pastor of St. Rita Parish in Fairfax, California, which has extensively supported mission work in the Santiago Atitlán area since 2001, and which spearheads the Marin County Guatemala Mission Program. "St. Rita's participation over that period has resulted in the construction of two churches; the rebuilding of a convent; the rebuilding of a rectory; the construction of a carpenter school; the construction of a primary and secondary school; the construction of a pre-school; assisting in the construction of a major hospital; and the construction of a multi-purpose building at our school site," reports the parish website. The St. Rita effort also sponsors multiple medical team visits annually.

- In yet another example, Caroline Boudreaux, a longtime parishioner of St. John Neumann Catholic Church in Austin, Texas, was deeply moved by her experiences at an orphanage during a 2000 trip to India. As a result, she founded the Miracle Foundation on Mother's Day that year. Today, the nonprofit works with 30 orphanages with a focus on providing staff training, facility improvements, and operational guidance. The Austin-based nonprofit is now also collaborating with Vatican efforts.

Miracle Dependent: Serving Catholic Orphanages in India - Vaticano

The church directs more than 2,000 orphanages worldwide, helping serve a global orphan population estimated at more than 150 million by UNICEF, according to media reports. The Christian Alliance for Orphans claims this could be an underestimate.

- On another front, NCR and Global Sisters Report have reported on Sacred Heart Parish's remarkable embrace of migrants in McAllen, Texas. That embrace led to the creation of the Humanitarian Respite Center on the parish campus. A Catholic Extension grant of \$100,000 has helped build a new center a block from the church. A Catholic News Service report provides background on the work there in the context of a recent visit to the



McAllen center by Chicago Cardinal Blase Cupich, who is chancellor of Catholic Extension. Some 70,000 have passed through the center, most refugees from Guatemala, El Salvador and Honduras.

*Sr. Norma Pimentel, executive director of Catholic Charities of the Rio Grande Valley, and Chicago Cardinal Blase Cupich greet asylum seekers at the Humanitarian Respite Center at Sacred Heart Church in McAllen, Texas, Aug. 15. (CNS/Courtesy of Catholic*

Extension)

**AND former Pastor Fr. Vince Haselhorst** served over 6 years in Guastatoya, Guatemala and proposed a starting a sister parish program for us with St. Raymond's from an idea from Liberian Martyr Sr. Kathleen McGuire, A.S.C. Our parish has donated over \$500,000 since joining the program. See what Faith can build!

**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 **flyer last week** and sign up in the Gathering Space by August 30. We are all Marys or Marthas.

**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!

**Comparing high schools?** Our innovative schedule and electronic curriculum will get your 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> grader excited about high school! Schedule your student's date to shadow a Gibault Catholic student for a full day of class by contacting Pat Herzing ([pherzing@gibaulthawks.com](mailto:pherzing@gibaulthawks.com)). Gibault Catholic is looking forward to meeting your child! Follow us on Facebook, Twitter (@GibaultCatholic) and Instagram (#gibaultproud) for more information.

**FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT Friday, September 29th starting at 6:30 pm** "THE BOSS BABY". We will have free popcorn and drinks available. If you would like, please bring comfortable chairs, bean bags and/or sleeping bags. If you have any questions, contact Nick Matrisotto at (314) 609-7092 or Katie Hart at (618) 973-0828. KEEPING WITH THE SEPTEMBER THEME OF CHARITY---PLEASE ATTEND AND DONATE NEWBORN ITEMS FOR BIRTHRIGHT STL: ONESIES & SLEEPERS (0-3 MONTHS), DIAPERS (SIZE 1 & 2), WIPES, NEW BLANKETS & BOTTLES.

Thank you to **Your Cause** Matching Gift Program for the \$14 donation!

**PRAYERS for** Beth Carrow's Kentucky cousin **Heather Hughes** had a brain aneurysm this week. She is still in ICU and as a mother of 2 year old, really needs our prayers.

**Dennis Kish** needs a valve replacement and 3 by-passes. Extra prayers are appreciated!

Donna Kania Archambault has had a relapse and is back in intensive care. More prayers needed for this great lady.

**Our condolences to the family of Cris J. Schumacher,** 36 yrs, of Columbia, IL, who passed away August 27, 2017. He was born in St. Louis, MO, to the late Lester Schumacher. He is survived by his wife, Gretchen (Riebeling) Schumacher and mother, Shirley (Block) Schumacher. He was a loving and loyal husband, son, brother, and uncle. He loved his wife, family, and friends dearly. He was employed as an electrician by Reinhold Electric in St. Louis, MO. He first met his wife, Gretchen, in 5th grade and asked her out on the playground with a necklace. They found each other years later and never looked back. He will be missed dearly by all those who loved him, especially his wife, Gretchen. Also surviving: Brother, Scott (Lisa) Schumacher, nephew and niece, Brendan and Madison Schumacher; brother-in-law, Ryan Riebeling and Jeff Miller; sister-in-law Jennifer (Michael) Lind; and sister-in-law Michelle (Eric) Muckensturm, nephew and niece, Brady and Emma. He is also survived by many loving aunts, uncles, cousins, and extended family. He was also preceded in death by his sister, Mary Ann, and brother, Brad Schumacher.

Visitation will be Friday, September 1, 2017, 4:00 pm - 8:00 pm, at Lawlor Funeral Home, Columbia, IL, and Saturday, September 2, 2017, 9:00 am - 9:45 am at Church. Mass at 10:00. God's peace to him and all who knew him.

**PRAYERS: Special Intention** Heather Hughes, Barbara Thompson, George Perry, Pat Huels, Pearl Mueller, Dennis Kish, Donna Kania Archambault, Dan Whelan, Kaylee Fogarty, Larry Pelker, Danielle Barnett, Brandon Martin, Joe Schmid, Dennis Baldrige, Susan Adams, Laurie Austin, Joyce Rose, Donna Barton, Lydia Boyer, Alicia Cohen, Jan Habermehl, Denise Conner, Kenny Hamontree, Susie Kish Settle, 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

**TAKE UP MY CROSS** “The Cross is that thing, to which you say to God, ‘Lord, I will do anything for you, anything at all...*but this*’. Your “*anything but this*” is the cross you are called to carry.” Bishop Kenneth Untener, author of The Little Black Books our parish uses. Maybe your cross is ---*I won’t forgive my brother, or I will give my time and my talent but not my treasure, or I won’t forgive a world that is so messed up first, so I can forgive myself for being human and not perfect.* Soccer and football has started. Coaching is essential to any sport. You huddle before, during, and after the game to learn and improve. Our Faith community is the same. Come and huddle and plan and work together to BUILD US INTO THE KINGDOM OF YOUR LOVE! Find your “*anything but this*” and bring it to the Altar!

*Mike Kish*

Principal

PS **U.S.S. Columbia** Several of the Crew will be here at 8:05 on Patriot Day, September 11 to talk to our students. And grad Matt Tutor stopped by Wednesday. He’s a submariner on a 2 week furlough with his college paid for!

PS **CHILDREN’S CHOIR IS ON HOLD FOR NOW.** We will let you know when it will start.

PS We are working on a **new on-line payment system** with E-billing. Diamond Mind down around September 8 as we transition to the new process. Innovation is painful but the rewards are great!

PS **Grandparent Day Mass** is September 13 for Grades 2-3-4. Mrs. Meyer and Mrs. Diewald are chairing for us.

September 4 Labor Day Picnic COME WORK AND PLAY AND SPEND!

September 5 Service-Leadership Day Only 8<sup>th</sup> grade in required attendance until 12:50.