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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!

September 4, 2015

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Dear Parent, Guardian, Student, Teacher, Friend,

LABOR DAY 2015 How does Jesus proclamation of the Kingdom with His invitation to labor with Him and His many different followers attract me, appeal to me? Jesus call to build Kingdom is very human but leads to the divine. Our Labor Day Picnic is Kingdom building. The friendships we make, the community that happens, and the laughter we share builds the Kingdom. An immense amount of work happened here over the course of an entire year through quilting, ordering supplies, reserving tents and refrigeration trailers, selling raffle tickets, signing up over 700 workers, and then the concentrated 4 days prior for set-up. The Picnic doesn't just happen. Some people take off work for us and our chairpersons Carol Mattingly and Laurie Hemepe take on the burden of the worry and helping us all to get along which they do masterfully. Best of all is our annual picnic goers who come back from near and far to be with us---Germany, Ontario, Maryland, California, Texas, and even southern Monroe County! "The Donald" hasn't called yet but don't be surprised! If we didn't make a cent the picnic would still be worth it for the fellowship we share. But we do love the net\$!

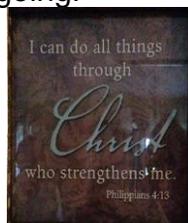
WE NOW HAVE A BOUNCE HOUSE! (WORKERS NEEDED) We still need some shuttle drivers and help in the Book Stand (314-750-3443) and lots of gaps. Picnic Workers still needed, especially the later shifts. You can call Carol Mattingly at [314-471-7262](tel:314-471-7262) or see her the day of the picnic and she will direct you where there are openings. Thanks to the Class of 2016 for their help with set-up and breaking down the gym with the 7th grade Monday night and Tuesday's Service/Leadership Day! **ONLY THE 8TH GRADE HAS SCHOOL TUESDAY. Start at Mass---end by 12:45. See everyone else on Wednesday!**



Margaret Klaverkamp nee Wielt, died peacefully in her home on August 27, 2015, in the company of her family. "Maggie" Klaverkamp was born on December 13, 1940, in Des Moines, Iowa, the only child of the late William F. and Florence Nugent Wielt, spent her teenage years in Phoenix, and moved to St. Louis, where she met and married Francis J. "Frank" Klaverkamp, Jr. As they raised a family of six, she worked as a paralegal, was an active volunteer, returned to school to earn her RN, and provided compassionate care for more than 35 years as a nurse, making friends and mentoring colleagues at Incarnate Word and Alexian

Brothers emergency rooms, 6ICU at St. Louis University Hospital, Missouri Poison Control and Southeast Texas Poison Center. She is loved by their children, **Lizanne Young** (Eric) of Dupou, Ill., Bill Klaverkamp (the late Gina Brown) of Eugene, Ore., Chris Klaverkamp (Jennifer) of Frontenac, Mo., MaryJo Zerr (Randell) of Houston, Kate Malorin (Mike) of St. Louis, and Jim Klaverkamp (Jamie Wallace) of St. Louis. She doted on her grandsons Mark Young, Thomas Young, Xander Zerr, Bryson Zerr, August Klaverkamp, William Klaverkamp, and Gregory Malorin, and beloved step-grandchildren Jesse Mulherin and Eva Torsti. Relatives and countless friends remember Maggie's laser wit, faultless advice, adventurous recipes, and obsession with fabric (as befits a member of the American Sewing Guild), along with her generous hospitality. Her life will be celebrated at a memorial Mass on Saturday, September 5, at 11 a.m. at Immaculate Conception Church, 411 Palmer Rd., Columbia, Ill., officiated by Fr. Carl E. Scherrer. Donations may be made to the Immaculate Conception Building/Landscaping Fund, or to a charity of choice. **Maggie is our Director of Faith Formation's Mom!**

ZAC EPPLIN This Saturday, Gibault will be retiring Zac Epplin's #9 jersey before the varsity game. The game is at Oerter Park in Columbia. The ceremony is after the JV game, after the varsity players warm-up, and before announcements. The time is a little fluid but the ceremony should begin around 6:30. Zac was such an inspiration to so many of us! He didn't complain about life but stayed in the game of life. This is a fitting tribute. We hope you can attend as Gibault takes on a formidable Belleville West. Zac has a fabulous legacy going!



FIELD DAY Thanks to Laura and Dan Whelan for chairing, all our volunteers, and all who built community on this great day! Details next week! <http://icsphotos.phanfare.com/7007438>

GODSPELL, JR Our annual musical will be performed Oct. 15th, 16th, 17th and 18th in our Church on Main. This will be our last event as a church family in the church on Main. Students in grades 3-8 are invited to audition for the play on Wed., Sept. 9th, right after school. Another historic opportunity! Please direct any questions to MaryBeth Babcock 618-719-1264 or actors attic@gmail.com

CHILDREN'S CHOIR will begin on Wednesday, September 16th. The choir is for children Grades 2-8. Choir meets currently at the church on Main from 3-4. The choir sings approximately one time per month. The first scheduled mass to sing will be Sunday October 18th at the 9:00 a.m. Mass. If you have any questions, please contact Karen Lundy at 618-719-1815 or e mail her at karenslundy@gmail.com

MATH LAB Mrs. Christine Wessel, M.E., U. of I., will again offer her services for math tutoring after school starting on September 14. Take advantage and watch your numbers go up!

The 20th Annual ICS/Joe Hoquet Memorial Golf Tournament is filling up quickly! Only five 3-man teams (15 players) spots remaining. Still accepting corporate and/or family sponsors. \$100 Corporate Sponsor \$50 Family Sponsor 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! \$20 Dinner only reservation. **Raffle donations accepted.** Email / Call / Text your reservation or sponsorship today. icsfathers@gmail.com or (314) 690-3237

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS 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. Buy one or order more or return it. These make great gifts. The Minions have taken over the student prize section!

A quote from Pope Francis: "God has no difficulty in being understood by children and children have no trouble in understanding God. it isn't by chance that in the Gospels, Jesus speaks beautiful and strong words about the 'little ones.' This term indicates all persons who depend on the help of others, particularly children. Children, therefore, are a treasure for humanity and also for the Church because they constantly remind us of the necessary condition for entering into the Kingdom of God: that we must not consider ourselves self-sufficient, but in need of help, of love, and of forgiveness."

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.

In Scripture this week the rich man built bigger barns so he would never have to worry again about being hungry. He was right. He died that night.

ASK ME ABOUT MY MERCY Tee Shirt: Charley Stewart-Aubry Thomas-Molly Tippen-Eli Garcia-Lilly Barnett-Ava Hake-Jane Whelan-Hope Pollman-Dominic Dalpoas-Josh Matthews-Avery Herrmann

KINDERGARTEN will be recycling markers. ICS will help collect markers which the Crayola Company will convert into clean energy. Helping our planet one handful of markers at a time. Look for the recycle boxes around school. Please help the Kindergarteners have a successful service project. Clean out the drawers at home!

THANKS TO THE BOEING Company Gift Match program for \$150!

Thanks to The Kula Foundation(Coke Rewards) for \$28.97. Somebody scored for us!

NEWS FROM GIBAULT CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

GIBAULT JR HIGH ART CONTEST Info coming. See Mrs. Fetcho! Due Oct. 8th.

THE MONROE COUNTY RELAY FOR LIFE will be held at Gibault Catholic High School on September 12th from 4—midnight. Please join members of the GCHS Hope For Tomorrow Club, Gibault's boys soccer team, and the Epplin family as we walk a Memory Lap for Zac Epplin at approximately 7 p.m. If you'd like to sponsor one of the HFT members in the "Laps For Zac", (where you pay per lap with the goal being 19 laps), please contact Janet Thomas at jthomas1@gibaultonline.com or 939-3883. Thank you for your support!

The Hope For Tomorrow Club at GCHS is also selling luminaries for \$10 for the Relay For Life event to benefit the American Cancer Society. The luminaries are lit during the ceremony and names are read aloud honoring those who are cancer survivors or in memory of those who have passed away. If you are interested in purchasing, please contact Janet Thomas at atjthomas1@gibaultonline.com or 939-3883 and send the donation in to the Gibault office no later September 10th. Let us know if you'd like us to decorate the luminaries for you!

GRADS IN THE NEWS

Sr. Marcia Kruse, ASC, ICS grad, has been called to Italy to learn Italian and help out at the ASC Generalate in Rome! It's a two-year assignment. When you see her playing the charanga this Sunday at 11:00, pinch her since she is stunned by the invitation. *"It is like winning the lottery"*.

Webster University nurse anesthesia student **Angela Delaria** worked full time as an ICU nurse for about 2 years at a local hospital before enrolling at Webster University to become a CRNA. She has now received the American Association of Nurse Anesthetist's 2015 Student Excellence Award — an annual honor given to a nurse anesthesia student who "demonstrates excellence in an area related to leadership, scholarship or service." Angela received her award in Salt Lake City, Utah this past weekend at the AANA annual congress, where she and 13 other members of her cohort presented original research and attended conference events. Her parents Rich and Dawn surprised her by showing up at the conference to support her achievement! Congratulations Angela! Keep making a difference!

CONSTITUTION DAY is September 17. We are a nation built upon law. Yet law is the ideal. Jesus built His Church on compassion rather than the law. *I would rather go down over compassion than the law.* Yet we need laws---we need structure---or we have anarchy.(This word always reminds me of my father-in-law Joe Jablonski. He was recovering from a stroke. Mary Sue Schoellhorn was working with him. “Jabby, give me a word that starts with A.” “Anarchy”, Dad said!) We make laws about the things we love. And then sometimes what we love is not moral, and we grow in understanding, and make Amendments! (and yes, legal is not necessarily moral!) I hope we can celebrate this day in a special way. America is far from perfect but one of the best things going!

DIocese OF BELLEVILLE Teachers and catechists of the Diocese are required to take courses to keep up and grow in their faith. I often wish the Diocese would open these classes up to all.

3 GREAT CATECHIST OPPORTUNITIES COMING UP IN THE NEXT COUPLE OF MONTHS.

1) The Christian Gospel: What should we expect from it, and what have we settled for? Fr. Michael Patella, OSB - Oct. 24th, 8:30am - noon - 3 credit hours

2) Race, Space & Identity: Study Day of Diversity. Dr. Jonathan Smith and Nichele Moore, Esq. - Sep. 12th, 9am - noon - 3 credit hours

3) The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd - Level One - Catechist Formation Course. Sept 2015 - May 2016 - more details below

Saint Nicholas Catholic Church of O’Fallon offers training for catechists in the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS). CGS is a hands-on religious experience using the teaching principles of Maria Montessori. Through the work and collaboration of Sofia Cavalletti, a scripture scholar, and Gianna Gobbi, a Montessori trained educator, we have the gift of this program that goes far beyond the term “a religious education program.” The presentations, based on the two pillars of our faith, Scripture and Liturgy, have been selected to “help the children draw themselves closer to God.” Participants receive each presentation as a gift first, just as the child does, then the key points are gone over on an adult level, and are followed up with some very rich adult reflections. Many people walk away feeling like they have been on a mini retreat each day. Attached is the flyer for the upcoming course, beginning in September, covering Level I (children ages 3-6 years-old) of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd. The course has been approved by the Catholic Diocese of Belleville Illinois for Catechist Credit. Upon completion of this course, the catechist will be credited with completion of TIER III of the catechist program along with completion of all electives on Tiers IV and V. If a catechist on renewal completes this course, they will be given credit of 60 hours or two renewals.

For more Catechist Opportunities (events that provide Catechist Credit Hours), check out our new "Opportunities" webpage at:

<http://www.diobelle.net/index.php/cat-cert/catechist-certification-opportunities>

CHILD PROTECTION POLICY Here is the upcoming schedule for the initial training in our area. To have any contact with our students, you have to be on board! New Volunteers and Employees or those who have not attended before. This is not the Annual Refresher Course. Pre-registration is required. Please arrive early to complete the registration process, pick up handouts, and ensure a prompt start.

DATE LOCATION TIME

Tuesday, September 8, 2015 St. James, Millstadt 6:30pm-8:30pm To Register: Michele Bell @ 618-

476-3510 Or Email: michele.bell@stjamesmillstadt.com

Wednesday, September 9, 2015 Notre Dame Academy, Belleville (St. Augustine Campus) 6:00pm-8:00pm To Register: School Office @ 618-234-4958 Or Email: kelly.lechien@caritasfamily.org

Monday, September 14, 2015 St. Agatha School, New Athens 6:45pm-8:45pm To Register: Deann @ 618-475-2331 Or Email: dbergmann@stagathaparish.com

Thursday, September 24, 2015 Blessed Sacrament, Belleville 6:30pm-8:30pm To Register: School Office @ 618-397-1111 Or Email: blsac@hotmail.com

Wednesday, October 7, 2015 Our Lady Queen of Peace, Belleville (cafeteria) 6:00pm-8:00pm To Register: Office @ 618-397-2287 Or Email: gpparish@qofp.com

*Thursday, November 12, 2015 Blessed Sacrament, Belleville 6:30pm-8:30pm To Register: School Office @ 618-397-1111 Or Email: blsac@hotmail.com

Saturday, March 5, 2016 Our Lady Queen of Peace, Belleville (cafeteria) 9:00am-11:00am To Register: Office @ 618-397-2287 Or Email: gpparish@qofp.com

Former pastor (1985-1993) Msgr. Vincent Haselhorst asked for us to share how he appreciated all of the prayers. He returned to the Hincke Residence on Monday, August 31, 2015 but still has some mending.

OUR SINCERE CONDOLENCES to Lizanne Young on the loss of her Mom. Services tomorrow at 11:00 at our new Church. Rest in peace Maggie!

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

From an old faithful friend...

*In this Sunday's Gospel. Jesus goes 26 miles out of his way into what Jews thought of as pagan territory to preach and heal, all of this on foot mind you. His disciples' opinion would have been that these people don't listen and are not worth your time and effort. Sound familiar? So often it is easy to forget that the deaf and mute aren't just those people, THOSE PEOPLE. **Sometimes they are us.** To hear and speak the word of God may require some healing in our own lives not just theirs. Think for instance those we might consider a waste of our time? We all have them. What community is just not worth the extra walk? About who have we forgot as James told us today, "God shows no partiality". Why are they worth less than us? Secondly, who is it that doesn't listen? Not us, that is for sure, isn't it? One of the most common techniques in marriage counseling is to get people to actually listen to one another. She never listens anyway. It's not me but him who never listens. Often just getting people to repeat to the other's satisfaction what the other just said before they speak, gets folks to realize that they were formulating their response before that had REALLY listened. For some it is an AHAH moment that the other person is not the only one who needs some healing to really hear.*

**Mike Kish
Principal**

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

Ps We now have a data base accurate as of Jan. 1 for our cemetery. You can find where Fr. Ronald Glennon or Gus Juengling or Elizabeth Frierdich(1858) are buried!

Ps Please update phone numbers for parish and school data base. Let us know when you change phone numbers or move please.

Ps GRANDPARENT DAY 2015 Grades 2-3-4 September 23 more info coming!

Band Schedule Week of Sept 7-11

Monday No School LABOR DAY---COME TO THE PICNIC!

Tuesday ONLY 8TH GRADE HAS SCHOOL FROM MASS TILL 12:45 PRES-7 ARE OFF!

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

7:15-7:50 **Jazz Band**

8:55-9:25 6th-8th Percussion

9:25-9:55 5th Saxophone

9:55-10:35 6th-8th Low Brass

11:05-11:35 4th Low Brass

11:35-12:05 4th Percussion

Friday

8:05-8:35 5th Low Brass

8:35-9:05 5th Percussion

9:05-9:35 5th Trumpet

10:35-11:05 Jazz Band Sectionals

11:05-11:35 Smart Music Lab

Godspell Rehearsal Schedule(rehearsal might be added---especially Tech Week)

9/9 – 3-5pm

9/10 -- 3-5pm

9/15 – 3-5pm

9/17 – 3-5pm

9/21 – 3-5pm

9/22 – 3-5pm

9/24 – 3-5pm

9/28 – 3-5pm

9/29 – 3-5pm

9/30 – 3-5pm

10/1 – 3-5pm

10/5 – 3-5pm

10/6 – 3-5pm

10/7 – 3-5pm

10/8 – 3-5pm

TECH:

10/13 -- 3-6pm

10/14 -- 3-6pm

Calendar 2015

September

9/3-Bible Blessing at the All School Mass

9/4-Field Day Kgn-8th grade Columbia American Legion Park

9/7-Labor Day Picnic

9/8-Service Leadership Day-Only 8th grade is in attendance(no school PreS-7)

9/10-Monroe County Field Trip for 8th grade

9/16-Picture Day, Children's Choir Practice after school

9/18-ICS/Joe Hoguet Golf Tourney

9/24-Springfield Field Trip-8th 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

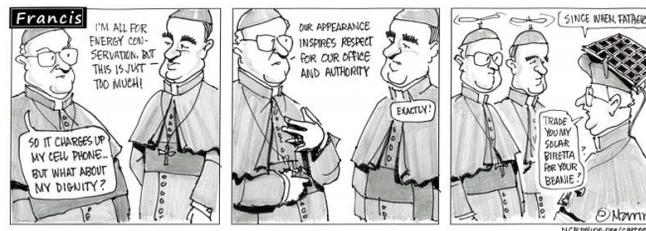
10/1-4-Womens Acts Retreat
10/5-Bishop Braxton visits ICS
10/9-No School-Teacher Inst.
10/12-No School-Columbus Day
10/15-Flu Shots available 9-11 on ICS parking lot-MC Health Dept.
10/15-18-ICS Musical "Godspel" in Old Church on Main
10/25-Trunk or Treat 5:00 p.m.
10/26-Paul Koleske Concert at Church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



The World's Best Schools Are in Illinois (stolen from my friend Ed.)

One bright spot for Illinois' future remains its institutions of higher learning. Illinois universities and colleges are among the best in the nation and the world, according to a newly-released report. The Academic Ranking of World Universities recently released its [annual rankings](#) of the world's top schools. The University of Chicago, Northwestern University in Evanston and the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign were named to the list. The three schools achieved

at least one Top 20 ranking in subject areas that included, Natural Sciences and Mathematics, Engineering/Technology and Computer Sciences, Life and Agriculture Sciences, Clinical Medicine and Pharmacy, and Social Sciences.