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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.*

September 9, 2016

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**THE JOY OF LOVE**

Dear Parent, Guardian, Student, Teacher, Friend,

Today is a World Day of Prayer for peace and the end violence. Stop for a minute today and do a spontaneous prayer. Church is open all day..

**CAPITAL CAMPAIGN FOR OUR NEW CATHOLIC EDUCATION AND ACTIVITY CENTER  
AN ALL CALL TO FRIENDS OF IMMACULATE CONCEPTION SCHOOL AND PARISH**

Once upon a time...around the 1840's...The Catholics living here got tired of a circuit riding priest having Mass in their homes and thought if they became a parish and built a church, we could get a priest. So in 1846 that happened! In 1853, part of the Church became a school. In 1867 the church was too small so a new one was built on Main Street for \$12,000 with money borrowed at 8% interest. It was unfinished for 10 years. In 1921, a new school and community hall was built---the Church was remodeled and added onto in 1928---the school added onto in 1950---again in 1960 again in 1987. The church was air-conditioned in 1982. In 1996 the parish wanted to expand the Church. The Holy Spirit said no---take the pledges and leave town---(Yes God really spoke to us!) in 2003 we bought 35+ acres---then we got a new pastor---then we built a new church and dedicated it in 2013. In 2016 we sold our Main Street campus and are now **renters** after deciding to build a new **CEAC**. 50 years from now, someone will say... Once upon a time.....

**We will soon start a capital campaign to raise the funding to build a new facility attached to our Church.**

\$11,600,000 is the goal. We will get it if we ask, just like we raised nearly \$10,000,000 for our church after asking and selling our Main Street campus.

**We need** your help in this massive undertaking of a capital campaign. We need you to know what is going on and help raise the money it will take to complete our dream to have one campus that is spiritual, safe, spacious, and STREAM (science, technology, religion, engineering, art, math) focused and space to gather in community.

**We need** to break ground in 2018 and move in 2019. (I want to move in January.)

**Would YOU** attend *one of the two* Parish-wide informational updates about the building plans and the Capital Campaign, held on **Sunday, September 11 at 12:30 PM OR Wednesday, September 14 at 7:00 PM in the Garden Level** to find out who-what-when-where and why?

**Would YOU** volunteer and attend a Capital Campaign Orientation/Training meeting for all home visitors on **Thursday, September 29 at 7:00 PM** in the Garden Level. You will learn about the solicitation process and select the families you wish to visit.

**We need** over 200 solicitors to visit the 1506 households in the parish.

**No one** likes to ask other people for money. But you are asking for the children and people of God so be not afraid.

And as Fr. Carl says---***let us continue to work as if everything depends upon us and let us continue to pray knowing that everything depends upon God. Once again, "SEE WHAT FAITH CAN BUILD!"***

***I hope I will see you at the meetings!***

***Mike Kish***

**THE ENTERTAINMENT BOOK** Entertainment Books were sent home with the oldest child in each family. Please review it. Buy it and take orders if you wish, or return it to ICS. This is Parents & Friends' #2 fundraiser. It can save you money while raising money for our school. Savings are available from coupons in the book, online and with the Entertainment app. Use it once or twice and it pays for itself! There is a jeans day on **Sept 12 for all students who sell 2 books by that date**. Sale incentive prizes are items based on The Secret Life of Pets movie. Additional information is included in the bag with the book. Questions? Contact Carrie Boser at [musicman@htc.net](mailto:musicman@htc.net)

**Box Tops for Education** A new way to earn money for ICS that does not cost a thing. Box Tops for Education now has an app!. Click the link below to check out how we can earn even more money from Box Tops for Education.

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**PARENTS & FRIENDS Meeting** Monday, September 12, 2016 7pm at Reifschneider's Grill & Grape  
All parents are ipso facto members! Come join us! First meeting agenda of the year:

- I. Opening Prayer
- II. Secretary Report
- III. Treasurer's Report
- IV. Teacher's Report
- V. Principal's Report: CPR, St. Theresa of Kolkotta, Grade 1 tables
- VI. Old Business
  - Columbia Daze Parade
  - Teacher Startup Funds
  - Field Day T-Shirts, Jean Swip
- VII. New Business
  - Milk Cooler
  - Entertainment Books (Sept), Carrie Boser
  - Box Tops , Carrie Boser
  - FestFall (Sept 25), Jolene Sasser
  - Laser Tag FUNraiser (Oct), Holly but needs Chairperson
  - Teacher Appreciation - PST Conferences dinner (Oct), Sarah Theiret
  - Father/Son Event, (Sept???), Mandy/Josh McGuire & Kory Haywood
  - Schoola Clothing Drive (Oct 17), Jessica Wachtel
  - Trivia Night (Nov 5), Jessica Wachtel, Jessica Sheehan, Tammy Hoeflinger
  - Dinner Auction (Feb), Mandy McGuire
- VIII. Closing Prayer
- IX. Happy Hour & Volunteer Sign Ups

**FALL YOUNG AUTHORS Heads Up: Turn In Date:** Monday, September 26<sup>th</sup>(Dress down Day)  
**Fall Young Authors' Ceremony (k-4<sup>th</sup>):** *Thursday October 27<sup>th</sup>*

Robin Nadziejko and Gina Thompson are our co-chairs. More info coming for one of the best activities we do. You don't know what you think until you write it down and look at it. Do it!

**LABOR DAY 2016** No totals yet but we fed about 2,590 chicken dinner and they sure got their money's worth! Kudos to all you who worked and then ate and then played. There ought to be a tally of everyone who worked. I counted over 700 shift sign-ups one year. The Class of 2017 did their part well too and thanks to Jon Schuette for mopping the entire gym! Service Leadership Day on Tuesday was MY best ever. The Class understood the Focus Five personal body contract for group learning and they focused so well yesterday on the Field Trip!

## **BUILDERS CLUB OFFICERS: 2016-2017**

President	Katie Grawitch	Vice-President:	James Ramette
Secretary	Isabella Frasure	Treasurer	Andrew Harmon
Service Director	Dominic Dalpoas	Fund raising	Mary Clare Murphy
Social Director	Anna Adams	Kids Against Hunger	Molly Tippin
Talent Show Director	Jessica Lambert		

Installation of Officers on Monday and induction of new members on Thursday---Time to roll up our sleeves and grow our leaders!



Yes, that is Lorrie Maag, Director of Rock City, explaining the history of the Valmeyer Quarry and current and future potential. Yes, that is a coach inside the quarry. Yes, there are over 3 million personnel records stored there and we saw some of the 30,000 pallets of MREs. What a great day we had!

**COLUMBIA-MONROE COUNTY FIELD TRIP** We dodged the rain and didn't get it all in but we did:

- 1 a history driving trip down the Cahokia-Kaskaskia Trail in Columbia highlighting several historical homes and sights
- 2 spotted the Luntzford-Pulcher Mound
- 3 talked about Sugar Loaf Mound and the salt lick
- 4 stopped at Palmier Hill Cemetery for a visit
- 5 stopped on Sand Bank Road for a geologic talk and info on Luhr Brothers, Inc. including Silver Star honoree Aloys Luhr
- 6 pulled over at Columbia International Airport to talk on Ft. Piggott
- 7 Visited Terry Springs
- 8 put a scope on the levee for a few of Miles Cemetery Mausoleum
- 9 drove through Old Valmeyer, site of the Flood of '93
- 10 drove to Kidd Lake State nature preserve and view of Fults Hill Prairie
- 11 walked Salt Lick Trail, highest pint in Monroe County and commercial source of salt
- 12 drove through New Valmeyer, a planned city
- 13 ate lunch in Rock City overlooking the American Bottoms
- 14 visited the National Archives for a tour
- 15 toured the cold storage section of Rock City and viewed some of the 30,000 pallets holding **17,280,000 meals** ready to eat(MRE)
- 16 viewed the 20+ acre lake in Rock City

Many thanks to Lorrie Maag, Director of Rock City, and Joe Koppeis, Developer of this innovative business center! Our chaperons were Cyra Herrmann, Theresa Stearns, Susan Dalpoas, Jean Swip, Rocky Hasenstab, Kate Keinzle, Dan Kassebaum, and John Adams. Roots. We have good ones here way back to the American Indians!

**FIELD DAY** Thanks to Laura and Dan Whelan again for making Field Day the best day of the year! Mrs. Epplin is invaluable and our City of Columbia graciously makes the Columbia American Legion Park available to us. One of the best ever except for some bees.

**THANK YOU PARENTS FOR HELPING WITH OUR FIELD DAY!** Jennifer Harrigan, Kate Kienzle, Leigh-Anne Feldker, Brian Garcia, Tammy Hoeflinger, Melissa and Ted Kroenig, Tiffany and John Canull, Michelle Bender, Amanda Buhr, Michelle Juengling, Ryan Glasscock, Matt Voegele, Jessi Gianino, Megan Friedrich, Tiffany VanMatre, Dave Boser, Carrie Boser, Steve Patton, Heather Hagedorn, Jenn Cooper, Rocky Hasenstab, Robin Baker, Dawn Heimburger, Jessica Sheehan, Laurie Conrad, Mary Ann Lambert, and Priscilla Wilkerson. Great job!



**THE WORLD HAS CHANGED SINCE SEPT. 11, 2001.** Most reading this will be able to tell exactly where they were and what they were doing when they received word of the terrorist attack on 9/11. We had a Dad flying a plane (Dan Whelan) a Dad on the way to the Pentagon for a meeting (Ron Dexter), an Aunt who worked in the exact area of the pentagon that was hit being off-campus due to remodeling in that area (Karen Waide), a Cousin in the World Trade Center (Dewan Prashad's), and a Dad watching the Towers fall from the New Jersey side (Dan Haber!). We now work to be vigilant, pray more for peace, and adjust how we travel because of hate. We cannot succumb to the power of hate and vengeance and rushing to judgment. Our God is non-violent. Our God does not tell us to be foolish but ready to react in a way that is truly proper and just which is a very fine line to walk indeed. This weekend focuses on service to the common good. We honor our First Responders. We pray harder for peace and harmony among all God's peoples. The world has changed. So must we!

**SEPTEMBER 11 is PATRIOT DAY!** We will hold a "Blue Mass" and honor all First Responders. You will process in with Fr. Carl and feel our love and respect for the risks you take and the help you give. Please rsvp Angie at 281-5105 if you can make it. We are blessed with many First Responders in our parish. God bless you! Let us bless you!

**THANK YOU TO THE COLUMBIA KIWANIS** for donating \$1,189.04 to purchase 2 Labdisc, wireless, compact data loggers with up to 15 built-in sensors for inquiry-based science learning. We bought the General Science model and may move to others later. As you have probably heard, most schools in the country are on a "STEM" or "STEAM" or "STREAM" campaign. Many of the jobs of the future are science related. Integrating science, technology, religion, engineering, the arts, and math into the curriculum more should help raise up the scientists need to improve our world. Current articles on physics decry the fact that it is not really focused on till late in high school. Earlier introduction will encourage students to consider a career path towards the upper science courses. Scott Hofstetter is the President and Sharon Nealon is our advisor for the Builders Club. Thank you Kiwanians!



**Thanks to Mr. Chris Thomas** of Thomas Plumbing for adding a faucet to our spray system in the Pre-K room! Will ran the first test!

**FEDERAL LUNCH PROGRAM** We belong! If you are having hard times or get laid off, please check out the application process on our website and see if you meet the guidelines. On website under parent/forms and you can fill out on-line: [Free and reduced lunch application 2016-17](#)

**GRANDPARENT DAY FOR GRADES 2-4** will be Wednesday, September 14 starting with Mass!

## THE SPORTING NEWS...



**PINCKNEYVILLE JR. HIGH INVITATIONAL CROSS COUNTRY MEET** Marie Prindiville placed 1st in the Varsity girls race at the Pinckneyville Jr. High Invitational Cross Country meet on September 3 with a time of 10:22, winning by 16 seconds! Dominic Dalpoas placed 6th in the Varsity boys race with a time of 10:26, just 18 seconds off 1<sup>st</sup> place. There were about 80 runners in each race. Marie is the daughter of Tom and Penny Prindiville of Columbia and Dominic is the son of Devin and Susan Dalpoas of Columbia. Both runners attend Immaculate Conception in Columbia.

**Recipe for happiness:** *It's when you realize that what you have now is greater than what you want. The way to have more is to have less.* Seth Goldman, co-founder of Honest Tea

**GIBAULT CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL 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@gibaultonline.com](mailto:pherzing@gibaultonline.com)). Something different within reach. We look forward to meeting you! Follow us on Facebook, Twitter (@GibaultCatholic) and Instagram (#gibaultproud) for more information.

**Cosmic Glow Bowl Party** – Hosted by the Gibault Catholic High School Bowling Team  
Sunday, October 2, 2016 2-5 PM  
Westpark Bowl, Columbia IL RSVP [618-939-3272](tel:618-939-3272) by Friday September 30

## COMMUNITY NEWS...

**Holy Family Fall Festival** Friday, September 30 and Saturday October 1 from 5:00-11:00 on the parish grounds. Darth Vader will be there and 10 Pokemon stops! See the flyer!

**Holy Family's Quilt Bingo, October 30th, Sunday at St. James Gym, Milstadt.** Doors open at 10:30 a.m. and Bingo starts at 1:00. 25 Bingo games, raffles, baskets, food, soda, desserts. For more information-call [618-337-4548](tel:618-337-4548)

**PARISH NEWS...#1** Informational meeting this Sunday on the Capital Campaign, **September 11 at 12:30 PM OR Wednesday, September 14 at 7:00 PM in the Garden Level** to find out who-what-when-where and why and how it all won't happen without **YOU!** I am counting on our parents from all grades to "pay it forward for what you have received" and to reap the benefits if your children will attend the new Center. The new space will benefit all!

**#2** Capital Campaign Orientation/Training meeting for all home visitors on **Thursday, September 29 at 7:00 PM** in the Garden Level.

**DAN WHELAN** The family appreciates all the prayers as Dan recuperates from his procedure for an arterial bleed. He is one in 6 billion, an inspiration to us, and defies all odds. He is teaching us the greatest lesson of life---hope, trust in God, and prayer!

**PRAYERS:** Dan Whelan, Patricia Steppig, Lauren Foran, Rich Cullen, Barb Winschel, 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, Mary Giovanni, Denise Conner, Roy Lansing, Sis Blaes, Arlin Stechmesser, Marcella Heinrichs, Florence Dorshorst, Bill Pennock, Pat Weber, Ed Hengel, Vince Webb, George Stein, Desiree Frasure, Special Intention

**Our Building a Catholic Education and Activity Center Prayer:**

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

**Lost Sheep, Lost Coin, Prodigal Son** St. Anthony works overtime for me. When Bishop Cabrera visited our Diocese from Guatemala, I had the pleasure of chauffeuring him one afternoon. It was heartbreaking to hear him and former pastor Fr. Vince, and their Diocesan accountant Sheney speaking Spanish and laughing but Fr. Vince did relay one joke to me. *3 Bishops retired and went to the same retirement center. They queried each other on how they liked retirement. One said, "I am a reader and I love it! I get to read all the books I never had time to read". The next said "I am a cook! I am preparing all the dishes I have loved over my lifetime!" The third said "I am an investigator!" The other two said "What does that mean?" "Well, I investigate 'where are my glasses?' 'Where is my book?' 'Where are my shoes?'"* So---where is my lost diamond? Where is my lost dog? Where is my estranged child? The story all leads up to the Forgiving Father. We need to try to see life with God's eyes, not our human eyes. What really matters? What will heal our heart the most? Come and get some relief this Sunday as Fr. Carl and Fr. Christ explain the Scriptures to us. **God always speaks to us right where we are!**

Sincerely,  
*Mike Kish*, Principal

