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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 15, 2017

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Dear Parent, Guardian, Student, Teacher, Friend,

**PARENTS & FRIENDS Meeting** Thanks to our very active Parents and Friends Organization for the great work they do for our school and parish! They re-committed to fund many vital programs for us and will also fund a donation of \$100 to the Serra Club for vocations and help us with some technology needs. Committee chairs are stepping up and the year will be another great one. A commitment of \$35,000 to \$50,000 a year on the pledge to the Catholic Education and Activity Center is now an annual item which reminds us how much we need to work together! **010319 478 days out** from our first day of school in our new facility. Bids are being accepted, drawings completed, permits obtained, and concrete should be pouring in October for the foundation. We are finalizing some bonding today. Yet we are seeking pledges to fund it all so we are the true owners. At \$7,690,001.85, we are looking for \$3,909,998.15 to get there. Contact Mr. Kish to make a pledge or Fr. Carl or the office. This is a lofty goal while running a stewardship parish but we all know from personal experience that you accumulate on payment plans. Ours is a 7 year commitment. Every dollar we can collect up front saves us interest that reduces interest paid in the long-term. Bless all who have and will support our campaign as we start going up to the heavens with our dream! **531 pledges so far. The church had over 800---let's catch up!**



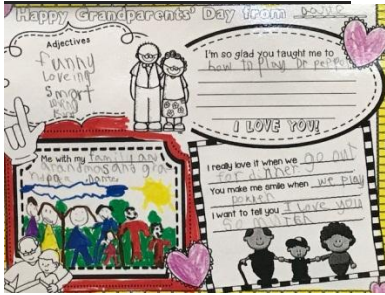
**USS COLUMBIA SSN 771 A great way to remember Patriot Day.** Like the retiring police officer who is proud to proclaim he never fired his weapon in the line of duty, we wish the same for the USS Columbia fast attack submarine stationed as part of the Pacific Fleet. Lots of great science and engineering questions from the students. EmN2 Jason Rey is a Waterloo High grad and grandson of deceased IC parishioners Dale and Charlotte Mattingly. ICS grad Matt Tutor is currently serving on the USS Henry M. Jackson and has received his sub warfare pin. Do something for others today. It is a national day of service.

**Entertainment Book sales Jeans Day on MONDAY** the 18<sup>th</sup> for those families who sold 2 by the 12<sup>th</sup> of September on this year's campaign. Use the phone app and let it pay for itself. Please return any unsold books. Thanks to Carrie Boser for chairing!

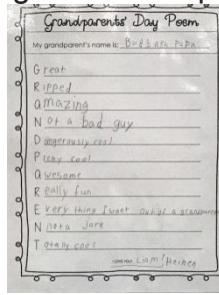
**HURRICANE HARVEY** HURRICANE HARVEY AND IRMA Another \$31.35! Thanks! \$90.98 total. Thanks! Over \$8,000 from the second collection at the Masses!

**Next Friday we have early release at 11:25 a.m. Latchkey will be in session. Please bring a lunch if you are staying in latchkey. Buses are running.**

## GRANDPARENTS DAY and the things kids find special in their grandparents...enlarge and enjoy



Why I am good at card tricks.



R-D-E-N

Thanks to Mrs. Meyer and Mrs. Diewald and our students and Grandparents and Moms for a great program. And all on the Feast of "Golden Mouth"---St. John Chrysostom!

Hope Schwartz – This Little Light of Mine with Grandma playing the 88s

Cailynn Mueth – dancing to Grandpa's tuba music

Claire Wachtel and Nicholas Holdner – magic tricks with Grandpa

Lucas Sheehan – card trick with Grandma

Carolyn Randle – Shel Silverstein poem with Grandma Rita

Avery Melliere, Anna and Riley McGill – decorating cupcakes with Grandma and Grandpa (and 1 for gr. 2-3-4!)

Shawn Stuart – Jubilation from the The Cotton Patch Gospel with Grandpa

Ella Boyd – riddles with Grandma

Megan Janson - stress balloon with Grandma

Sloan Wilson – poem with Grandma

Naomi Langhans – making foam slime with Mom (and the question---"how do you get it out of the carpet?")

Hayden Lieber – effect of temperature of thermal dynamics---Grandma and Grandpa and the STEM of the day

Ryan Kroenig – card trick with Grandpa

Liam Johnson – cup song and magic trick with Grandma

Julia Drury – It's a Wonderful World with Grandma tickling the keys

Broedy Furlow – making a wooden jumping jack with Grandpa

Awards for youngest grandparent-51, oldest 86, oldest ICS grad Leo Thoma, farthest traveled to get here-186 miles, most grandchildren-23, newest grandchild-13 hours old.

**Activists at work: WALK FOR PRIMARY IMMUNODEFICIENCY** Welcome to my *IDF Walk for Primary Immunodeficiency* personal fundraising page for Declan Oberkfell. I'm joining this year's Walk to raise funds to improve the diagnosis, treatment and quality of life of persons with primary immunodeficiency diseases through advocacy, education and research.

Primary immunodeficiency diseases (PI) are a group of rare, chronic conditions caused by intrinsic or genetic defects in the immune system. The World Health Organization recognizes more than 240 types of these diseases. In the U.S., there are approximately 250,000 people diagnosed with PI and thousands more go undetected. This means that in the U.S., approximately 1 in 1,200 persons have a diagnosed PI. Years ago, a diagnosis of a PI meant extremely compromised lives, not just for the patients but for their families as well. Today, with early diagnosis and appropriate therapies, many patients with that same diagnosis can live healthy, productive lives.

The *IDF Walk for Primary Immunodeficiency* is one of those ways that IDF supports the PI community. Please support my commitment and donate to my Walk fundraising efforts today. Thank you for your support! Laura Oberkfell

Here is the link. I wasn't sure who to send it to. Thank you for speaking up. I'm very appreciative [http://events.primaryimmune.org/site/TR/Walk/General?px=1017412&pg=personal&fr\\_id=1211](http://events.primaryimmune.org/site/TR/Walk/General?px=1017412&pg=personal&fr_id=1211)

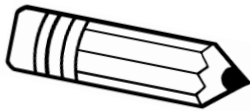
**Ameren Kids Challenge at Pedal the Cause** Kids ages 3-12 can help end cancer by participating

on Saturday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> from 9 am – 1 pm. **Join Aiden Howard-Maull on Team ICS Proud (Immaculate Conception School, Columbia) and help cure cancer! Go on-line and support Aiden!**

**JDRF** On September 23, 2017, I'll be walking in **Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation One Walk®** to change the lives of people who have type 1 diabetes (T1D)—including other kids like me. With T1D, there are no breaks. I have to test my blood sugar several times a day and pay close attention to what I eat. I worry about things like keeping a balance between blood sugar lows and highs. It can be really overwhelming. But the exciting research JDRF is funding gives me hope that I won't have to live with T1D forever! Please join me on September 23 at 9AM at Frontier Park in St. Charles. (500 S Riverside Drive, St. Charles MO 63301) We will be meeting at 8:30 to check in and walk as a group!

[http://www2.jdrf.org/site/TR?team\\_id=245859&pg=team&fr\\_id=6964&et=3OyLIW2gihvBP7YmKkOxsg](http://www2.jdrf.org/site/TR?team_id=245859&pg=team&fr_id=6964&et=3OyLIW2gihvBP7YmKkOxsg)  
Thank you ! Maddie Swip

**AFTER THE ALL-SCHOOL MASS** Mrs. Herrmann's Kindergarten were reflecting on Fr. Chris' homily about the cross...what an important sign it is, and what the Sign of the Cross stands for. Henry Wachtel said, "Well, I guess that means the best letters are G and J...G for God and J for Jesus!" Sweet and smart observation by him...



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!

**Kiwanis 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Fishing Derby** Thanks to Grant Mathany for representing our Builders Club!

**ICS Spirit Wear Web Store** 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 until Wednesday, September 20th. Also on the Parents and Friends site.

**Father-Son Fishing** MOVED to Sunday 10/22 3-5PM.

**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!**

**FIELD TRIPS** Part of my school tour brings up field trips---5000 miles of them---we don't go anywhere for fun. We go to learn, it is part of the curriculum, and we do have fun! Please remember we do not leave school without adequate prep for the trip and follow-up afterwards. Tim Stubblefield told me that when we went to the East Coast, Bret mentally stayed there. She graduated from Georgetown Law School this summer. Alaine Sueme is a Sgt. In the Marines and she credits Arlington National Cemetery and our visit. And I am sure there are many others with stories.

**Commercial:** When you travel with "your kids," you get to be there for important milestones in their lives. For some students, it will be their first time on an airplane or coach bus, or their first hotel stay without a parent. It's important to include the personal growth your students will experience in addition to curricular connections when you are seeking approval for your trip or talking about the value of educational travel with families.

1. **Students often connect their travel experiences to future goals and career aspirations.** When kids are little, they want to be firefighters, teachers, and doctors. In reality, only a few actually find themselves in these professions. Hands-on learning in new places exposes students to professions they may not have considered and shows them new ways to apply their interests and education. A museum curator or laboratory manager, a roller coaster engineer, or marine biologist. There are so many possibilities and learning more about their options encourages kids to continue to work towards their goals or establish new aspirations. According to an article in *The Huffington Post* based on research by the Wagner Group, adults who took educational trips between the ages of 12 and 18 had both better grades and higher incomes than those who didn't travel. In addition: **95%** of adults who traveled 5+ times during their teen and tween years were more likely to graduate from high school, **Nearly 63%** of that group went on to graduate from college, and **86%** say travel in their youth made them more intellectually curious not only in school, but outside the classroom as well.
2. **2. Students gain perspective and renew their enthusiasm when traveling to new places and learning from new people.** The daily routines of life can make kids (and adults) feel overwhelmed by to-do lists and responsibilities. Taking their learning on the road puts students in new situations that can break the routine, help them release stress, and renew their enthusiasm. **80%** thought educational travel sparked a greater interest in what they were taught in school. There also will be many first time experiences on an educational tour. These are chances to shake the idea that learning happens in only one way. Learning can happen organically and it shows kids that there is not a "right way" to pursue their interests.

3. *Learning how to travel in a responsible way prepares students for future experiences.* Ask anyone who has traveled with students and you will hear stories of passports left on bus seats, soda bottles in luggage, boarding passes found on airport floors, and bags left unattended. Learning to be a responsible traveler will increase their safety know-how so they can travel and handle other responsibilities more confidently in the future. And, you're doing millions of other travelers a favor. In 2014, the TSA screened an average of 1.8 million people each day. Teaching kids to move through security is an important life lessons that fellow travelers will appreciate. There are so many reasons to lead a student trip, but developing the independence of "your kids" and empowering them to go confidently in the future are invaluable lessons.



**Teasers** that's what I call our big field trips---we want you to go back in-depth to see it deeper. The Eppkins visited Miles Cemetery 2 days after the Columbia-Monroe County Field Trip and were even more thrilled!



Safety can be practiced and become a way of life! Out and run for it!

Wouldn't hurt to share this with your science student---Todd Biske worked on the meteorology side of the launch for Cassini and was there---amazing how much data we received for over 20 years!

**Cassini: Saturn probe turns towards its death plunge** By Jonathan Amos BBC Science Correspondent, Pasadena 12 September 2017

**The international Cassini spacecraft at Saturn has executed the course correction that will send it to destruction at the end of the week.** The probe flew within 120,000km of the giant moon Titan on Monday - an encounter that bent its trajectory just enough to put it on a collision path with the ringed planet. Nothing can now stop the death plunge in Saturn's atmosphere on Friday. Cassini will be torn to pieces as it heads down towards the clouds. Its components will melt and be dispersed through the planet's gases.

Ever since it arrived at Saturn 13 years ago, the probe has used the gravity of Titan - the second biggest moon in the Solar System - to slingshot itself into different positions from which to study the planet and its stunning rings. It has been a smart strategy because Cassini would otherwise have had to fire up its propulsion system and drain its fuel reserves every time it wanted to make a big change in direction. As it is, those propellants are almost exhausted and Nasa is determined the spacecraft will not be permitted to just drift around Saturn uncontrolled; it must be disposed of properly and fully.

The agency called Monday's last encounter with Titan the "kiss goodbye".

"Cassini has been in a long-term relationship with Titan, with a new rendezvous nearly every month for more than a decade," said Earl Maize, the Cassini project manager at Nasa's Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, California.

"This final encounter is something of a bittersweet goodbye, but as it has done throughout the mission, Titan's gravity is once again sending Cassini where we need it to go."

Closest approach to the moon's surface occurred at 19:04 GMT (20:04 BST; 15:04 EDT; 12:04 PDT).

As the probe passed Titan, it gathered some images and other science data that will be streamed back to Earth on Tuesday. The investigation of the 5,150km-wide moon has been one of the outstanding successes of the Cassini mission. The spacecraft put a small robot called Huygens on its surface in 2005. It returned a remarkable image of rounded pebbles that had been smoothed by the action of flowing liquid methane. This hydrocarbon rains from Titan's orange sky and runs into huge seas at northern latitudes.

Cassini also spied what are presumed to be volcanoes that spew an icy slush and vast dunes made from a plastic-like sand.



### **Cassini turns towards its death plunge**

Cassini scientist Michelle Dougherty from Imperial College London, UK, says there will be an effort in the days up to Friday to try to squeeze out every last scientific observation.

"We're now running on fumes," she told BBC Radio 4's Inside Science programme.

"The fact that we've got as far as we have, so close to the end of mission, is spectacular. We're almost there and it's going to be really sad watching it happen."

Besides a last look at Titan, scientists want to get a few more pictures of the rings and the moon Enceladus, before then configuring the spacecraft for its dramatic scuttling.

The idea is to use only those instruments at the end that can sense Saturn's near-space environment, such as its magnetic field, or can sample the composition of its gases.

In the final three hours or so before "impact" on Friday, all data acquired by the spacecraft will be relayed straight to Earth, bypassing the onboard solid state memory.

Contact with the probe after it has entered the atmosphere will be short, measured perhaps in a few tens of seconds.

The signal at Earth is expected to drop off around 11:55 GMT (12:55 BST; 07:55 EDT; 04:55 PDT). Engineers will be able to be more precise once they have looked at the position of the probe after Monday's change in course. "The Cassini mission has taught us so very much, and to me personally I find great comfort from the fact that Cassini will continue teaching us right up to the very last seconds," said Curt Niebur, the Cassini programme scientist at Nasa Headquarters in Washington, DC.

### **Cassini-Huygens - in numbers**

**Mission to Saturn** 7.9bn km **travelled since launch** 6 **named moons discovered**

- **453,000** images taken **2.5 million** commands executed **635GB** of science data collected
- **3,948** science papers published

Source: Nasa The Cassini-Huygens mission is a joint endeavour of Nasa, and the European and Italian space agencies.

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### **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 on flyer last week.

**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>

**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.

**BUILDING THE DOMESTIC CHURCH:** *The Family Fully Alive* reminds us the theme for September is CHARITY.

"We learn of God's love through the Scriptures, the testimony of God himself, where we read that *"whatever you did for one of these brothers of mine, you did for me"*. The Scriptures therefore instruct all, including families, to practice charity because Christ is present in every person, especially the poor and needy."

What stands out this month in reading from the booklet is what charity is:

**Charity is a living out of the family's kingly mission to serve others.**

Here is a short video you can watch with your family: <https://youtu.be/jLPdsEJM08c>

**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.

**Mitch Huebner** is having his thumb repaired and hopes to get the pads back on for the Eagles football team soon. Please keep him in your prayers. Prayers work as long as you block your man!

**Kaylee Fogarty** is have bone cancer treatment today. Please pray for the Thebeaus cousin!

**Rest in Peace Ruth Toal**--- Maddie and Dalton Scace's Grandmother (Patty's Mom) and Grandma to the Toals and Wittenauers and a second cousin to me. Great lady with great roots and legacy!

**PRAYERS: Special Intention** Kaylee Fogarty, Pat Row, Heather Hughes, Barbara Thompson, George Perry, Pat Huels, Pearl Mueller, Dennis Kish, Donna Kania Archambault, Dan Whelan, Larry Pelker, Danielle Barnett, Brandon Martin, Joe Schmid, Susan Adams, Laurie Austin, Joyce Rose, Donna Barton, Lydia Boyer, Alicia Cohen, Jan Habermehl, Denise Conner, Kenny Hamontree, Susie Kish Settle, Rachel Warden, Bill Kesler, Dan Borisuk, Lauren Foran, Rich Cullen, Jessica Stemler Barcik, 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, Marcella Heinrichs, Florence Dorshorst, Bill Pennock, Pat Weber, Vince Webb, George Stein, Desiree Frasure

**FORGIVENESS WEEKEND** *"Wrath and anger are hateful things yet the sinner hugs them tight"*. Sirach 27 :30 The goal of forgiveness is not to change the forgiven's heart but our own so we are slow to anger and rich in compassion. Our Church and home address should be 70X7. Of all our human weaknesses, this looms large in my book. Prodigal Son stuff, forgiving debts, forgiving weaknesses in others, not forgiving ourselves so we can get over "it". We pen them up inside until we explode. Jesus did not pen anything up. He opened his arms to forgive all! Come to the Table!

*Mike Kish*

Principal

PS Missing links: The ICS-Joe Hoguet Memorial Golf Tournament is on the Course as I type. Thanks to all our Dads, players, and sponsors, and Fathers Club and President Devin Dalpoas for making this a success! Who knows where Thursday night's meeting will take place?

PS **Sister Thea Bowman - Fish Fry** TODAY! Friday - September 15 - 3:30 - 7:00 p.m  
\$10.00 a Plate Includes Fish, Coleslaw, Spaghetti - Dessert & Drink  
Whole Jack Salmon, Catfish, Catfish Nuggets  
Eat In or Take Out - RESERVATIONS NOT REQUIRED

PS still room for the Ladies A.C.T.S. Retreat. Treat yourself! Sept. 21-24.