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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.

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THE JOY OF LOVE

Dear Parent, Guardian, Student, Teacher, Friend,

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN FOR OUR NEW CATHOLIC EDUCATION AND ACTIVITY CENTER

99 Bottles of Beer on the Wall and I left my heart in San Francisco

Joe Hedermann(our campaign director) was tuning up the microphone downstairs for the meeting after Mass last Sunday and the wireless microphone came through upstairs while Cyra Herrmann was finishing the Reading. Mass went on. Life goes on. Our capital campaign may go on without you but on **September 29**, we need to assemble a team to canvass the parish. A successful capital campaign will start a new era for our parish and school. 1853-1921-1950-1960-1987-2019 Campaigners will hand-pick their visits and also make their own pledge first. You cannot ask others to do something you haven't done. A super successful campaign would allow us to dream bigger and accomplish some other goals we have in our long range plan but for now, we "eat the elephant one bite at a time"!

We won't release how much has been pledged for the Capital campaign till 50% of the visits have been made. The campaign is supposed to be personal, not "do they need me or not" or "wow, this is not going to work!"

With your help and God's help we are committed to build a new Catholic Education and Activity Center! My heart hurt this week as our Grade 2-4 Grandparents tried to get up and down our steps.

This is a parish campaign, not a school or PSR campaign. Even though some of our families are graduating out of lower grades, consider it paying it forward. Provide for others as others have provided for you! September 29th at 7:00 is the training for the door-to-door!

Volunteers Needed, especially for the ITBS September 26 We are looking for volunteers to read tests to students. This would involve scheduling test-reading time with participating teachers on a weekly basis. If you are interested, please contact Diane Zika at dzika@icsmail.org or by calling ICS (281-5353). We also need help for the Iowa Test of Basic Skills, our standardized testing. Several students have accommodations and simultaneously hearing and seeing the questions allows them to process and transfer. Thank you for contacting us. Grandparents would be great at this!

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

Robin Nadziejko and Gina Thompson are our co-chairs. Information Sheet attached 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!

PARENTS & FRIENDS Meeting 32 families were represented and we had a terrific start!

President- Holly Blaskiewicz, Vice President-Mandy McGuire, Secretary-Christy Hornacek, Treasurer-Joyce Randle, and Assistant Treasurer-Kate Kienzle made it a fun night.

Mrs. Borgmeyer did a terrific job explaining **Focus Five**. Can you imagine kids going home and playing school using this? Some are and I continue to hear great success stories when you teach behavior and become "Calm-Focused'Balanced".

- FestFall is Sept 25. Jolene Sasser is chairing for us.
- Laser Tag FUNraiser is coming up.
- Trivia Night is Nov 5

Thanks to Parents and Friends for funding 3 new air-conditioners(\$2700), our summer CPR training(\$2175), our pictures and framing of St. Theresa of Kolkotta(\$498), new tables for Grade 1(\$800), a Serra Club transportation donation(\$100). Where would we be without you?

ACTION PLEASE: Entertainment Book Fundraiser: One Entertainment Book was sent home with the oldest child in each family on 8/29 to use as a sample copy to take orders. Please remember to send in payment for the Entertainment Book (\$30/book), or if you decide not to purchase/sell the book, return it to ICS as soon as possible. Books ordered will be sent home with the oldest child within a day or two of receipt of the order/payment.

Entertainment Book Fundraiser Update: We ordered 340 books to start and sent 210 home with oldest child/family. As of 9/9/16:

- 2 students returned the book sent home
- 34 purchased the book sent home
- 99 additional books sold
- 173 books still out/no response

Our sale ends 9/19. If we hit 500 books, our profit margin per books jumps dramatically. This is our number 2 fund raiser for Parents and Friends! Questions? Contact Carrie Boser at 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.

http://www.boxtops4education.com/bonusapp?utm_source=Email_newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=BTFE_09_08_2016&vcode=AQAAAAAlw8xsAizyCBgOX-sIRGDMvGEv69BI44F3d5rh9wenDT5gj3pxseA4fyi5VTSKCtZeKcZnbhfo_Enolj_D97LqCkxM_kKu1O2_YAiyjaeJTtw

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 Thanks to Emily Meyer and Sarah Diewald for chairing Grandparent Day and Mrs. Huebner and Mrs. Carrico for the cookies!

THE SPORTING NEWS...We are still in need of volunteer coaches for 5 grade girls basketball, 6 grade girls basketball, and 8 grade boys volleyball. This is a great opportunity to help young athletes enjoy and learn about these sports. All coaches will need to be in compliance with child protection, etc. In addition, coaches need to be certified for concussion protocol. Please contact Mr. Kish (mkish@icsmail.org) or myself (tkennedy@icsmail.org) if you are interested in coaching.

Thank you, Tara Kennedy, Athletic Director



SMITHTON SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY INVITATIONAL

Marie Prindiville placed 1st on September 10 at Smithton with a 12.08 for the 1.89 mile course, winning by 20 seconds. Dominic Dalpoas finished 5th in the varsity boys race and his brother Owen entered the Open Race and finished 13th! Marie is the daughter of Tom and Penny Prindiville and Dominic and Owen are the sons of Devin and Susan Dalpoas.

DIOCESAN GIRLS TRACK CHAMPIONS

We unveiled our team picture this week. Returning veterans Marie Prindiville, Megan Levin, and Zoe Swip joined with '16 grads Abby Mathany, Mary Wessel, and Jane Whelan to accomplish this feat. Head Track Coach Tom Prindiville invited all to come out. Track has something for everyone and all you have to do is beat your own performance to win every time! Congratulations! Banner to be unfurled in May!



GIBAULT CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

Experience your Catholic high school in action! The **Gibault Catholic Welcome Wednesday** series continues **October 5th**, 9 – 11 am. Meet Principal Russ Hart for coffee and conversation about **Gibault Catholic** – an area leader in academics, technology, fine arts and athletics. Tour the campus “live” when classes are in session. RSVP: Pat Herzing pherzing@gibaultonline.com or [618.939.3883](tel:618.939.3883). Join us for part or all of the morning – We would love to see you!

Comparing high schools? Our innovative schedule and electronic curriculum will get your 7th or 8th 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). Something different within reach. We look forward to meeting you! Follow us on Facebook, Twitter (@GibaultCatholic) and Instagram (#gibaultproud) for more information.

The 2016 Ford Drive 4 UR School event is scheduled for Saturday, **September 24th** from 9am to 4pm in the Gibault gymnasium parking lot and we need your help to make it a success. This is a great opportunity to raise funds that will be utilized to support Gibault. We will receive \$20 for each qualified test drive up to \$6000 so we need 300 qualified drivers. To qualify drivers must be 18 or over and there is a limit of one qualified driver per address. The entire driving process will take *less than 10 minutes* and there is absolutely no sales pressure from Ford. The Men's Club will also BBQ during the event. The BBQ will include Brats, Burgers, Hot Dogs, etc.. There will be free hot dogs for kids whose parents test drive a new Ford.

Chicken and Beer Benefit for Jessica Stemler Barcik(ICS grad) who is suffering from cancer on October 15, 2016 at 6:00 in the Gibault Catholic gymnasium. Tickets are \$25 per person. Contact Sev sev@gibaultonline.com for tickets or more information. I hope to go. Maybe send a donation if you remember this sweet kid who is now a special ed. teacher in Springfield.

Save the date! Gibault's "Fabulous 50" Oktoberfest Auction will be on **October 22, 2016**. Admission is \$50 per person with dinner at 6:00 PM. Come join us at our biggest fundraiser of the year! Contact us at gibault@gibaultonline.com for information, donations or reservations. Thank you!

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!

Holy Family's Quilt Bingo, October 30th, Sunday at St. James Gym, Millstadt. 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)

Come Walk for the Babies!

Lifewalk 5K run and walk starting at the Monroe County Courthouse Bandstand – this Saturday (9/17).
7:30 AM Registration 9:00 AM 5K Run 9:10 AM 1.8 Mile Walk

Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows September 15 Mary went through 7 major emotional pains with her Son. Simeon referred to these as 7 sharpened swords. Scripture imagery needs to be studied and related to our lives. Do not take it literally. Our Lady of Sorrows, pray for us!

Dan Whelan is home. The Facebook video was great and the "goodnight Gracie" was a nice touch. Allie rules her Grandpa! As it should be!

Nicole Eichenseer needs our prayers as she is undergoing some tests this week.

SPECIAL INTENTION Keep one of our grads in your special prayers and one of our school family's little ones who needs major help. Hospital testing might be a real cure and so many things have been tried for both. Don't wonder who, just pray for them please and include **Special Intentions** in every Mass petitions. Thanks!

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

WHO OR WHAT IS YOUR G(g)OD? I often wonder why it takes a life crisis to bring us back to God. I am guilty too since I know my prayer life gets better in times of crisis. I just don't *make the time to take the time* to put God before everything else in my life. God's grace may be sufficient, but we still have to work at it. Nothing works unless you do. Stay home. Skip the fellowship of the Sunday liturgy. And then wonder why you are waiting for a real crisis to come home. God is like a wall. God doesn't move. We move away from God or let other things get between us and God. Come and hear the Good News and say to the world Who your God is!

Sincerely,

Mike Kish, Principal

"Reading is the sole means by which we slip, involuntarily, often helplessly, into another's skin, another's voice, another's soul." **Joyce Carol Oates**

PS There is a Men's A.C.T.S. Retreat September 22-25. At the faculty meeting today, I mentioned the effect of this retreat filtering down into the children of attendees. Do yourself a favor. You know someone who has been on this retreat. Talk to them. Take a day off for some time with your God!

PS Safe "drive-bys". It is great and wonderful when you want to say hi to your children and grandchildren through the fence. But this causes our duty teachers to wonder who and take their eyes off the whole as they check you out. SO...park and come in. We are welcoming but vigilant!