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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.

*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*



**REJOICE AND BE GLAD IN THE LORD!**

September 20, 2018

*Bienvenido el parrochia!*

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Dear Parent,

**WE ARE PROUD OF MARYBETH SCHERR BABCOCK!**



She came to Columbia and said "one day I am going to start a school program and a summer youth program". Over 150 productions later, we congratulate her for changing lives by growing children and adults with God's gift of Hope and self-confidence! When it comes to living her faith, she is not acting! "Faith in the Market Place" is a fitting award for our life-changer!



**OUR #22 ICS/JOE HOGUET MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNEY**  
 We should net 12k-\$13k. A little hot but better than work I was told! Winning on a tie-breaker were Kevin Schwartz, Bob Glazebrook, Sr., Bob Glazebrook, Jr., and Craig Glazebrook. Maggie Bollone won a couple of the honors and Derek Pehacek and Kevin Schmidt skins. We have raised over a quarter of a million on this tourney and one of the founders, Steve Buser, played! Thanks to all our sponsors!

**PARENTS AND FRIENDS ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS:** 105 online orders and 359 orders through school so we are at 464! We currently have 75 books that have not been returned. Please sell them or send them back since we have to pay for all of them.

**Jeans day for E-Books if you met your goal on Wed. Sept. 26.** Thanks to Shannon Howard, Jeff Howard, and Julie Maul! Almost there!

**CEAC:** You know you have been talking about something a lot and for a long time when you reduce it to an acronym! Just to let you know, we are planning with the Columbia Police Department and Columbia Community Unit #4 for safe drop-off and pick-up at the new CEAC. School start/close times may change due to bus routing changes etc.

**ICS NEWS...**Our students have been producing a little news around school. Check it out! More coming! <https://youtu.be/UfjSVjPGNDw>

**Time for School Block Challenge with National Quilt Museum.** This is an annual quilt block competition and exhibit. All finished quilt blocks will be displayed at The National Quilt Museum in Paducah, Kentucky.

Create a piece of original art using the 3 fabrics required by the National Quilt Museum and adding some of your own choices. We assist/teach students learn how to sew.

Please be at the first or second session if you want to participate. After that, you plan your schedule around our session schedule below. Grades 4-8 eligible. Thanks to Carol Fetcho for chairing this artistic medium!

### **School Block Challenge Schedule - 3:05pm - 5:00pm**

Thursday, September 20 – required	Tuesday, Sept. 25 - required
Thursday, Sept 27	Tuesday, Oct. 2
Thursday, Oct. 4	Tuesday, Oct. 9
Thursday, Oct 11	Tuesday, Oct 16
Thursday, Oct 18	Parent/Teacher conferences
Tuesday, Oct 30	Thursday, Nov 1
Tuesday, Nov. 6	Thursday, Nov 8
Tuesday, Nov 13	Thursday, Nov. 15 Last Day

On Wednesday the 4th Grade acted out St. Paul, in jail in Rome, writing a letter to the people of Corinth. What a great lesson! Paul visited at least 15 countries and was our cosmopolitan disciple!  
[https://drive.google.com/file/d/10KFgR\\_s93BwkShtded3wEIKG2yKwq3Ub/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/10KFgR_s93BwkShtded3wEIKG2yKwq3Ub/view?usp=sharing)

Spread the Good News!

### **Immaculate Conception Council of Catholic Women**

Fall Sunday Funday is coming. The Council of Catholic Women will host a Sunday Funday on October 21st, in the Garden Level from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. \$5.00 admission, \$15 per family, Bring your favorite card or board game to play with old friends or make some new ones. Prizes will be rewarded. Dessert and Appetizer Smorgasbord.

**SCHOOL BOARD ALTERNATES**...we are in need of alternates for the school board. Those volunteering to serve as an alternate would be called on to serve on the school board in the event that a current school board member has to step down during their term. Any parent of an ICS student is eligible as well as any registered member of the parish who is at least 18 years of age. The length of the term will vary depending on the board member stepping down but will range from 1-3 years. Please contact Toby Ellner at [618.615.2868](tel:618.615.2868) or [Toby.ellner@gmail.com](mailto:Toby.ellner@gmail.com) to volunteer or for details.

**WE NEED A SPEECH COACH! One inquiry so far.** We have a November Beginners Meet.

### **YOUNG AUTHORS 2018**

- Turn in day will be October 1, 2018. Jeans day on this day if you turn in a story.
- Contact Carrie Stark at [cbraun79@aol.com](mailto:cbraun79@aol.com) if you would like to be a judge.
- Please include a title, but no name, just a post-it note for your name. These will be removed for judging.

- Grades K-4 will have awards assembly on October 25<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m.
- Grade 5-8 will receive their awards at the Awards Night in May.
- Please include a cover which could be as simple as a title page.
- The emphasis of the Young Authors Program is on creativity. Make sure your story has a beginning, middle, and an ending.
- You can also enter a poem.
- Students Grade 5-8 may enter non-fiction essays, including classroom assignments.
- Parents may help the young grades, but please make sure it's the child's own words.

**THE SPORTING NEWS..** The Diocesan soccer tournament is hosted by St. Clare and will be played at 3 locations for Junior and Parochial boys and girls. September 24-27.

Soccer season is almost over. Information on the Diocesan Tournament will be out next week. As the season ends, please turn your uniforms, cleaned, in a bag with your child's name on it to the ICS office.

**PEDAL THE CAUSE** link for the Immaculate Conception Team Support Aidan Howard-Maul as he bikes his way to another year free of cancer and supports kids so they don't have to go through what he did! [https://www.mypedalthecause.org/team\\_profile.jsp?MemberID=114491](https://www.mypedalthecause.org/team_profile.jsp?MemberID=114491)

### **GIBAULT CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL NEWS...**

**Grandparents' Mass** - Gibault Catholic will be celebrating our Grandparents Day mass on September 27 at 9:00 AM in the Hustedde gymnasium. All grandparents are welcome to join us!

**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@gibalthawks.com](mailto:pherzing@gibalthawks.com)).

**Thanks for a \$130 match from Novartis!** We love matching grants!

### **GRADS AND FAMILY IN THE NEWS... More proof it is a small world!**



**The Memphis Redbirds won the National Championship of Tripple A Tuesday night.** The President and General Manager of the Memphis Redbirds is Craig Unger. Craig's wife Pam is an ICS grad and his 3 girls, Ellen, Emma, and Eve attended ICS. Craig and Pam are Gibault grads.

The Redbirds, who won the Pacific Coast championship, topped the International League Champion Durham Bulls by a score of 14-4 in the game. Including playoff games, Memphis has won 187 games in the last two seasons. Stubby Clapp is the manager.

A total of 66 different players appeared on the Memphis roster this season, a franchise record. Six of the players were promoted from Memphis to make their Major League debuts, while 18 total players were promoted to St. Louis at some point in the season. 22 of the players who appeared on the roster this season were making their Triple-A debuts. Only three active players from last year's runner-up team were on the roster for this playoff run.

**REC Retreat** support: Die, Rise, and Go--- cards, letters, or pictures for the men in the Missouri prisons as---simple pictures or written notes handmade by students---NO names --- ***Trust in God. God loves you. Keep the Faith. Turn away from sin and turn to God. Die to your old self, Rise to a new beginning with God. Go with God by your side.*** pick them up on **October 5th** and on the 25th. Thank you so much. Lucy Hollman

**A.C.T.S.** These ladies will be on retreat this weekend. They spend tomorrow in preparation and prayer for the retreat. Ladies from our parish on retreat are Bobbie Bradley, Ann Hoffman, Jean Shuler, Shari Smugala, Becky Tharp, Catie Whitworth, Bonnie Witges, LuAnn Gregson is grandmother to the Moore's and Kris Wittenauer is related to the Stark's and Braun's. Prayers please for a great retreat for them!

**FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT & LIVING ROSARY**  
**Saturday, October 6th starting after 5PM Mass (6:15 PM)**

MAKE A NIGHT OUT OF IT and join us in the Garden Level-Lower Level of the Immaculate Conception Church after 5PM Mass. We will begin with the Living Rosary outside of the church with a huge rosary rope that will make this a special "experience" for all ages. Also, the Knights of Columbus will provide pizza, drinks and show the movie: "**THE STAR**". If you would like, please bring comfortable chairs, bean bags and/or sleeping bags. If you have any questions, contact Keith Heinen (618) 593-5858 or Nick Matrisotto (314) 609-7092. NOTE!!! This Living Rosary on October 6th takes place of the one from past November Fall Festivals.

**Hello Families,**

**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 the Family Project: Volunteer as a family with your parish, Knights of Columbus Council or other local Catholic ministry. Next weekend, The Knights of Columbus George R. Kutterer Council 6165 will kick off the Campaign for People with Intellectual Disabilities on September 21st and 22nd, 2018. Annually, the Knights of Columbus holds a national drive, often called the Tootsie Roll Drive, by collecting individual donations at various locations around town and corporate donations from area businesses. [Click Here](#) to sign up to work a shift or more.

Here is a short video you can watch with your family:

<https://youtu.be/jLPdsEJM08c>

**Danielle Dorlac:** The flash rosary for Danielle on Tuesday drew almost a complete rosary! Thanks for attending and prayers for her and the family! I heard some great comments about the fundraiser for Constance's Mom. Thanks for going and donating. I didn't get the Musial picture but was close.

**GERALD PERRY** Mrs. Karen Weiler's dad is getting better. Please pray for him and a quick solution for better health. He has struggled a lot lately but keeps bouncing back.

**Please pray for Bill Anderson,** Mr. Dale Anderson's brother who was just diagnosed with throat cancer.

**PRAYERS: Special Intention** Danielle Dorlac, Gerald Perry, Bill Anderson, Patrick Kish, Al Pruitt, Connie Huebner, Owen Jordan, Chet Waver, Patti Rottler, Mike Taylor, Pearl Mueller, Richard Prater, Dylan Walsh, Pat Schwartz, George Perry, Donna Kania, Libby LoPorto

**GREAT READINGS THIS WEEK!** Wisdom 2:12 starts us off followed by James 3 and then Mark 9:30-36. Lots of foreshadowing of what is to come for Jesus. He took on the greatest military empire and Church of his time. I always marvel that His public life lasted about 3 years. Some Scripture scholars say it might have been 18 months. Either way, when you tell it like it is, you will pay. We all want to have it our way, my will be done---not thy will be done. And that is part of our humanity. Come and know that God, just like a parent, loves even the most wayward child! Welcome back to our A.C.T.S. ladies on Sunday!

*Mike Kish*

Principal

PS Happy Birthday to Laura Whelan tomorrow and Emily Brutton on Sunday!

PS Springfield Trip---depart at 6:20 a.m. Lincoln-land here we come!

PS Early Release at 11:20 tomorrow for Grades Pre-School-6

PS Saturday **8<sup>th</sup> grade D.C. barbecue fundraiser 10:30-2:30** at Columbia Market---Save me 2 steaks please with sauce! Come and eat high on the hog! [See attached flyer!](#)

PS Sept. 24-Oct. 3 **Iowa Testing Week** Please follow your teachers schedule, get a good night's sleep, and follow all the rules of test taking! Grades 2-8

PS New Families: Now is the time to return your ICS Welcome sign. We would like to reuse them again next year. Please drop off at the ICS office anytime next week.

**Projects are an important piece of any field trip.** Ms. Catie Taylor had a hard time picking her favorite observations of the Columbia-Monroe County Field Trip this year. Both used with permission!

## Monroe County

By Anna Haubrich

I basically knew nothing about Monroe County because I never thought it was actually important or interestingly historical, but apparently it is. For example, I found out that Columbia was firstly mapped out by Louis Nolan in 1820, but took some time to get populated and it didn't obtain the title of a city until 1927. Additionally, I didn't know that Ft. Piggott existed. I have always passed it on the road but thought it was a crumbling, old, and abandoned house. It must have been very large before it came to be ruins because it could hold forty families.

Furthermore, Columbia is rich in German architecture. Many of the buildings were built close to the road so there were backyards. One structure used to be a brewery and had a chilly cave to store probably kegs or ice. Mr. Kish regularly told us about the buildings he's been lucky enough to paint. There was one small, sad-looking house he presented to us that had stalagmites on the basement ceiling.

There were a couple of things that I favored on this trip. One includes Miles Cemetery. I've been there once before with my brother and his friend. We hung out, explored the intriguing

gravestones, and enjoyed the stunning view. Mr. Kish said that Steven Miles, the man who constructed it, wanted the best view in the area. I was then a little confused and disappointed on why we looked at the cemetery through a telescope and didn't go up there to see the ravishing view. I recognized that they probably thought if two people were to be joking around and one fell off the cliff, there'd be some issues. Anyway, Mr. Kish says these trips are just previews.

Something I did not at all favor was the hike up Salt Lick Trail. Although the scenery was pleasant and the information was engrossing, the heat and steep hills were not. Within minutes, my knees felt like they belonged to an eighty year old. My calves burned. Sweat grossly dripped down my face. I was out of breath. At the time, the captivating view from the top didn't even seem worth it to go through all that misery, but later I'd realize that it all was. Mr. Kassebaum showed us different types of birds and plants. While we stopped at a small rest zone, Mr. Kish talked about the bluffs and the history of the caves.

After we went hiking and then drove around a little more, we stopped for lunch. We got to eat in one of the portholes of the cave. As we drove deeper into the cave, it became almost pitch black. The only light that peeped through was from one of the portholes. Next we went to the National Archives. We separated into groups and did a mini run through of what they do. They hold something like two million records that stretches on for a couple miles. Sometimes their employees use bikes to retrieve the records. The records are kept in boxes on shelves that can reach twenty feet high.

My favorite part of the trip was Sun Basket because it was fun basket. Unfortunately, we could not enter the work zone but we could look at the operation through two large windows. Many of the workers waved at us like they were stranded on an island. It was quite entertaining, actually. One of the workers even rolled a giant blender over to the window so we could see. It looked like they were blending a bunch of spinach, but it could have been any healthy green leaf.

A supervisor or maybe a manger explained what they did and how they shipped the meals out. She said that in that last week, they had shipped around fifteen thousand meals. She also informed us that there was two other locations for Sun Basket on the west and east coasts. While we were taken into the lunch room, I noticed on the wall a picture of a cow and under it was written 100% grass fed beef. There were a few other promos for hearty food but that one stuck out the most to me. Although grass fed beef may be healthy, since it is composed up of more muscle than fat, it is usually tougher. It also takes more time for the cows to get to market weight.

To review, Columbia is rich in German architecture and geological features, the National Archives hold many valuable records, and Sun Basket makes organic meals for families to enjoy. The Monroe County field trip was a long and tiring day but it also handed my brain information about the area which I live. I can now be more proud of coming from Columbia, Illinois, because I know the fascinating story of it.

## 2018 Monroe County Field Trip

By: Sydney Wahle

Amazing! Wow! No way! Those were just some of the words I had echoing in my head during the Monroe County Field Trip. I thought this field trip was very interesting and was a blast. I never knew we had so much history right in our home town, and I loved getting to explore it with my friends. From hiking to visiting the National Archives, I learned so much about the native plant and animal species, the environment, and local neighbors and companies who have invested so much in the natural land features of Monroe County.

While on this trip, I heard so many interesting stories about old Main Street. I learned that the reason why the houses are so close to the road is because the people living in them wanted a larger backyard. I also learned that when the children of a family grew up and had their own families, they would just build onto the original house and everyone would live together. One night this summer, I walked Main Street with my family. We were wondering about what the big stone hole in the side of the hill next to Dairy Queen was for. I learned from Mr. Kish that the old brewery farther up the street

would roll barrels of beer down the hill and store them in the stone tunnel to keep them cool until it was time for them to be sold. Another story that was really intriguing was that one family's son got drafted for the Civil War. Instead of sending their own son, a poorer boy went in his place. As a favor to the boy when he returned from the war, the family bought and set up a saddle shop for him in which he made horse saddles for a living.

My favorite part of the trip was exploring the caves in the bluff. It was so amazing how the bus could just drive through the winding rock passageways with so much ease. The bus's headlights were the only source of light as we drove deeper and deeper into the darker-than-night caverns in the bluff. As I stepped off the bus for lunch, a wave of the cool, damp, cave air rushed up my nose and I knew that I would never forget an experience as wonderful and awe-striking as that. When I called out, I could hear my voice bouncing and echoing off the rough cave walls. I could see for miles across the farmland, levee, Mississippi River, and into Missouri from the holes in the bluffs. I could also see Hurricane Gordon's dark, menacing clouds drift across the horizon, leaving an unwanted shadow in their wake. I hope someday I can go back exploring in the bluffs, and maybe even see the underground lake.

I was so excited to see the companies who had set up shop in the bluffs because I didn't really know what to expect. I mean, come on, who would want to build a company and work inside of a big cave? We went into the National Archives first. Immediately upon seeing the rows and rows of shelved boxes, my mouth dropped in awe. When I heard there were about fifty folders, each holding a single person's records, in every box, my mouth dropped even farther. I wondered if any of my family members had records in there, and if so, which box had their file in it? Would my records be stored in there some day? I had so many thoughts swirling around in my mind. During the tour, I also loved walking down the hallways and seeing mysterious, random pieces of rock jutting out of the wall.

All in all, I thought this trip was well worth it. I am extremely glad I got the opportunity to learn about the history of our town, discover its unique nature and wildlife, and the privilege of looking at the new features in our community. I will never forget the long and steep trek through the woods with my friends, the echoing caves and tunnels in the bluffs, or learning through stories and experiences the history of the place in which I live.

**This is a great read on addiction from Fr. Chris Reuter contemporary Fr. Richard Rohr!**

Richard Rohr's Daily Meditation  
*From the Center for Action and Contemplation Week Thirty-eight*

Western Christianity

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**Healing Addiction**      Thursday, September 20, 2018

I've shared some of Western Christianity's weaknesses—for example, how we have over-emphasized separateness, sin, and external religious exercises. But Western Christianity has unique gifts and strengths to offer. The dynamism of Western civilization has led to what I might call the "secularization" of the Gospel message into many side streams and rivulets. A strong example of this might be Twelve-Step programs and many other healing and transformational experiences that have

now emerged outside of the formal boundaries of Christianity. You cannot kill the Gospel or true wisdom! Living things keep taking on ever new forms of life.

In creating Alcoholics Anonymous in 1935, Bill Wilson and Dr. Bob Smith, with typical American pragmatism, designed a program that *really worked to change lives*. It is the same spirituality of imperfection that Jesus taught, Paul clarified, Francis and Clare of Assisi lived, and Thérèse of Lisieux brought to light for the modern world. Transformation has little to do with intelligence, willpower, or perfection. It has everything to do with honesty, humility, willingness, and surrender.

On the practical (read “transformational”) level, the Gospel message of Jesus and the Twelve-Step message of Bill Wilson are largely the same. *Addiction* can be a metaphor for what the biblical tradition called *sin*. It is quite helpful to see sin, like addiction, as a destructive *disease* instead of something for which we’re culpable or punishable and that “makes God unhappy.” If sin indeed makes God “unhappy,” it is because *God loves us, desires nothing more than our happiness, and wills the healing of our disease*.

Pope Francis clearly understands sin in this way. Shortly after he proclaimed the Holy Year of Mercy in 2015, he was asked why humanity is so in need of mercy. He replied that in part it’s due to “considering our illness, our sins, to be incurable, things that cannot be healed or forgiven. We lack the actual concrete experience of mercy. The fragility of our era is this, too: we don’t believe that there is a chance for redemption; for a hand to raise you up; for an embrace to save you, forgive you, pick you up, flood you with infinite, patient, indulgent love; to put you back on your feet. We need mercy.” [1]

Much of Jesus’ work was healing, with many of his teachings illustrating the healings. Nine of Jesus’ healing stories are actually exorcisms. While the term may be off-putting, the fact that there are so many exorcisms in the Gospels speaks to their importance. I believe “possession by devils” refers to what we now call addiction. The “possessed” person is in some sense trapped by a larger force and is powerless to do anything about it. The only cure for possession is “repossession” by Something Greater than the disease. This is why Bill Wilson said that a “vital spiritual experience” is necessary for full recovery.

I’m convinced that when the great medieval spiritual teachers talked so much about *attachment*, they were really talking about addiction. We are all attached and addicted in some way. At the very least, we are addicted to our compulsive dualistic patterns of thinking, to our preferred self-image, and to the usually unworkable programs for happiness we developed in childhood—which then showed themselves to be inadequate or even wrong.



