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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

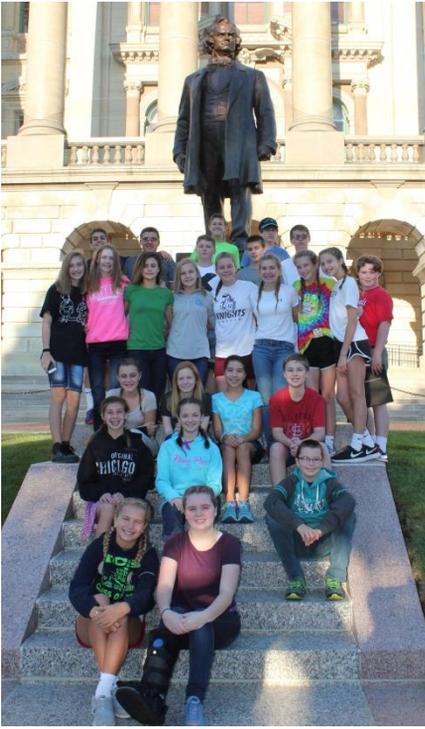
MILESTONE MOMENT! On **September 29 at 7:00PM** in the Garden Level, orientation for our Capital Campaign volunteers will occur for the door-to-door campaign that is beginning. Come and join the hundreds of fellow parishioners who do not want to have to do this! We all have better things to do---**but really?** *Paying back our ancestors for what they did for us? Seizing the moment to create space to work and pray and laugh and play for decades? Honoring our God by saying all we do in your name is prayer?*

As a volunteer attending Orientation, you will learn about our process for completing calls, your support structure, and have your questions addressed. At the end of the meeting, you will select the fellow Parishioners you will call on. We've learned from experience that volunteers wish to choose the families and friends they would be most comfortable contacting and therefore you will select your personal calls. **No cold calls unless you pick 'em!** And best of all, you get your own packet and make your pledge first so you can challenge and honor others by asking them to give back according to how they have been blessed. Prayer works but the best part of it is moving us to ACTION. Can we count on you? 1400 families divided by 200 solicitors = 7 calls. Divided by 350 – 4 calls. Do the math, walk the mile, come to the milestone moment so we can lay the corner stone! Please, "see what faith can build" **THURSDAY NIGHT!** This is so important, so special, that there is a jeans day the next day if you agree to be a "campaigner"!

FALL YOUNG AUTHORS Heads Up: Turn In Date: Monday, September 26th (Dress down Day if you turn-in) **Fall Young Authors' Ceremony (k-4th): Thursday October 27th**
Robin Nadziejko and Gina Thompson are our co-chairs.

NO CHOIR NEXT WED. The most immediate and important news is that the children have learned a song called Carry God's Light. This song will be featured on Tuesday October 3rd at our Night 2 of the Catholic Revival. That night the revival will be at Sacred Heart of Jesus in Dupo. It begins at 7, but dinner is served and is FREE beginning at 6. I would love it if all the children could be there to participate and sing. Please make every effort to bring your family to each night, but especially that night. We will be singing at mass at 9 a.m. on October 16th.
Karen Lundy---[618-719-1815](tel:618-719-1815)

Entertainment Book Fundraiser: Carrie is rocking on this! Questions? Contact Carrie Boser at musicman@htc.net



FUTURE BIG GIANTS WITH THE LITTLE GIANT, STEPHEN DOUGLAS. Lincoln's rival, judge(Lincoln went 12/24 with him in court), U.S. Senator, Presidential candidate, popular sovereignty man, outside the State Capitol in Springfield. We had a terrific trip and Mr. Kish learned a lot! The class of 2017 passed by Kathy Mudd (descendent of Dr. Samuel Mudd (who set John Wilkes Booth's leg) and relative to Lucy Mudd Hollman family of our parish) along with Mary Todd Lincoln, a store owner at New Salem, and one of the best docents ever at the Old State Capitol(25,000 were turned away from the 24 hour viewing of Abraham Lincoln. More people say Lincoln in his casket than ever saw him alive!). Thanks to chaperons Penny Prindiville, Heather Garcia, Mary Tippen, Bev Faris, Ellen Sippel, Devin Dalpoas, Mary Anne Lambert, and Marilyn Frasure.

Our Presidential debates start on Monday night. The world famous Lincoln-Douglas Debates transpired over 117 days, 68 cities, 9500 combined miles, 190 speeches, and the wealthy Douglas spending - \$50,000 to Lincoln's \$1,000. Lincoln lost but was furthered "steeled" for the Presidency.

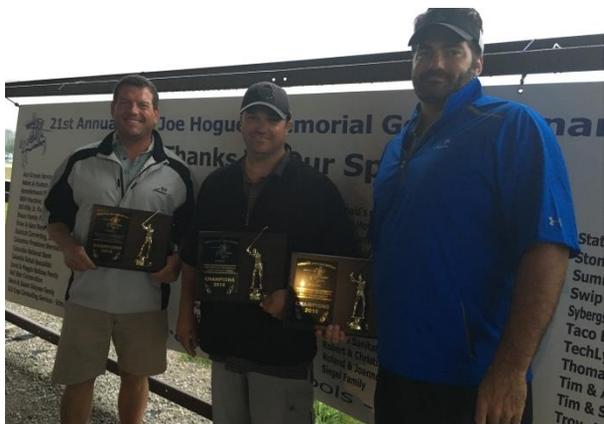
Heather Garcia photo



KINDERGARTEN TRANSPORTATION TRIP

Parent resources are a gift! Brian Estes is a licensed pilot and was invited in by Mrs. Herrmann and Mrs. Murphy to speak on flight as the Class prepared for its Transportation trip. Mr. Estes' eyes lit up when Max Conner said her dad was trying to buy a Hawker! Thanks for Bernoulli effect Mr. Estes! WE love parents, graduates' parents as resources!

THE SPORTING NEWS...We are still in need of a volunteer coach. for 6 grade girls basketball, Please contact Mr. Kish (mkish@icsmail.org) or myself (tkennedy@icsmail.org) if you are interested in coaching. Thank you, Tara Kennedy , Athletic Director



ICS/JOE HOGUET MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

What a difference a year makes but only weather wise! Devin Dalpoas and our Fathers Club had another stellar performance for our 21st anniversary. Checks will be cut soon for our Technology and athletic programs.

Champs with a ?47? Blake Graves, Craig Nelson, and Adam Friedrich

The "skins " was donated back by the Budnick Team and B Flight was won by Tom Adams team.

IOWA TESTS start THIS WEEK for Grade 2-8. I have always feared the world is run on research done on brown Norwegian rats. Well, standardized testing probably drives too much of accountability and we are seeing the great pressure from it with Common Core and PARRC testing on the national level. There are 9 multiple intelligences. Schools generally teach to the center of ability for students, hoping to give them a chance at a good life. We all know you can be successful in life in many different ways and that income is one of the least determiners of over-all happiness. Rich and miserable is no one's goal even though we might all like a crack at it. Relationships and job satisfaction and making a societal difference would surely rank high on my list.

So how can you help us this week? Help your children:

1. Get a good night's sleep
2. Breakfast
3. Put the testing in perspective---do your best---it will help the school make decisions about curriculum and teaching techniques
4. Do not rush to be first done or get the "most frustrated" award
5. Follow the directions
6. Look for the key words
7. Go with your best guess if you aren't sure of the answer
8. Answer every question

Thanks to our volunteers Carrie Boser, Priscilla Wilkerson, Mary Schroeder, Penny Prindiville Shelly Monheiser, Barb Greenfield, and Jaylene Murphy!

GARAGE SALE The Baldrige Family is in the process of moving to another home in Columbia and are planning a garage sale on Oct. 1st from 7 to 3 at our current address in Columbia (2418 Lakeshore Dr). **15% of the earnings from the garage sale will be donated back to school.** We have several nice things we are needing to sell. List of some of the items include: tread climber, furniture, Mexican rustic furniture, Mexican rustic accessories, clothes, patio furniture, bunk beds, bike, weightlifting power rack, tools, rustic desk, grill, etc. Really too many things to list.
Eric Baldrige

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.

The 2016 Ford Drive 4 UR School event is scheduled for **Tomorrow**, 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.

Gibault's "Fabulous 50" Oktoberfest Auction will be on **October 22, 2016**. Admission is \$50 per person with dinner at 6:00 PM. gibault@gibaultonline.com for information, donations or reservations.

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

PRAYERS: Special Intention, 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,

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

WHEN WAS THE LAST TIME YOU SAW A BEGGAR? I see one every day when I look in the mirror. Begging for attention. Begging for approval. Begging for help to build the new Catholic Education and Activity Center. Begging for a better spiritual life. As St. Theresa of Kolkotta said, we are all spiritually hungry. America has a poverty of spirit. So, like Lazarus, I am constantly asking for help and really need to see the little ones around me, their parents, my faculty, my family, when they beg for help in their own way. As I give out Communion this Sunday at Legacy Place, it will be me on the receiving end! That is how our God works. Come to the Table and receive your inheritance this weekend!

Sincerely,

Mike Kish, Principal

PS Happy Birthday Laura Whelan! Laura and I are both 49ers now.

PS Our Men's A.C.T.S. Retreat returns this Sunday at 11:00 Mass and has a potluck after. All are invited! This retreat filters down into the children of attendees and to us!

