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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.

OPEN THE DOORS OF MERCY!

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Dear Parent, Guardian, Student, Teacher, Friend,



HISTORIC TIMES

I sure hope you recorded and listened to either Pope Francis address to Congress or the United Nations. He is taking on the tough topics of our times: global warming, immigration, the death penalty, family issues, racial issues. From what I have seen with his address to the Joint Session of Congress, no one clapped all the time but everyone clapped some of the time. Morality is never based upon popularity but what is right. These are hard questions with difficult solutions but the message is we have to work together. Jesus calls us to ‘love one another’, not “like one another”. Love is respect and realizing no one is all wrong, there is always an element of truth in every opinion. We do not have to agree 100% but we do have to work together since we share the same time and space and want to protect it for the future. We will continue our discussions here at school. We are lucky we are humans and always have the hope of a change and softening of hearts.

New York magazine had a story: **The Toughest Job in Washington? Being a Pope Francis Protestor.**



ICS/JOE HOGUET MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT 20th

anniversary The prayer before the carts start rolling---What a delightful evening-----should be a record setter! Details coming.

BEGINNER SPEECH MEETING-Tuesday, September 29. We have 9 openings! Come and pick a speech---Grades 5-8 who have not participated before.



GRANDPARENT DAY 2015 Cailynn dances as Grandpa Ron plays “*She’ll be dancin’ round the mountain when she comes*” on the baritone. Vance Ray and Grandma Joan played and sang “*There’s a hole in the bucket*”, Kaiden Timmons and Grandma Cathy scientifically made *rust*, Brady Moore and Grandma LuAnn played *Heart and Soul* Charley Stewart and Grandma Sue and Grandma Trudy demonstrated martial arts, Kyra Newton and Grandma Marilyn, made fireworks, and Broedy Furlow and Grandpa Larry built a *wren house!*

Thanks to Mrs. Meyer and Mrs. Diewald for chairing this salute to our grandparents! A grandparents best gift to their grandchildren is “*I love to watch you play*”. Grandparents help us learn to laugh at life and not take it so seriously!



Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum---Springfield Trip

The class of 2016 with Kathy Mudd(descendent of Dr. Samuel Mudd and relative to the Lucy Mudd Hollman family of our parish) along with Sojourner Truth, the Lincoln Family and a Union soldier. Thanks to chaperons Catie Taylor, Dan Kassebaum, Dan Whelan, Chris Wessel, Penny Prindiville, Kim Janson, Darlene Huebner, Todd Biske, Mary Ann Lambert and Theresa Traxler! One great day!



There will be no children's choir on Wed. Sept 30. On Oct. 7th choir will resume in the ICS band room.

Young Authors Monday, 9/28 for turn in/jeans day for writers. Sharpen your pens and get them in to your teachers please. I am counting on all teachers to promote this activity!

IOWA TESTS starts 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 to chance 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

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS We have 400 sold but need yours sold/or returned N-O-W. Great gifts!

SCHOOLA---We need your pre-loved clothes!

Immaculate Conception School is having a Schoola Clothing drive! **What is Schoola?** Schoola preps and sells our pre-loved clothes at bit.ly/IC-ColumbiaSchoola and gives our school 40% of the profits every quarter! Thanks to you, we have earned over \$1500 with Schoola. Our inventory is low. We need your pre-loved clothes, shoes and handbags. ANY SIZES!

A flier & sticker label is coming home next week with the oldest student in your family. Be sure to tie your bag shut and stick the label on the outside of the bag so our school gets the credit. Please drop them off at the Schoola box by the gym, October 5-13. Thank you for your continued support of our school. **Questions?** Contact our Schoola Coach, Julie Verslues at julie@schoola.com or Jessica Wachtel at jwachtel80@gmail.com

PAPA JOHN'S Thanks! Online Sales -\$145.74 Phone Sales -\$97.96 Total Sales -\$243.64
Total Donation - \$31.66 We hit the \$150 sales minimum for the class party. Our pick is_____.

ICS Craft Fair.... Calling all Crafters and Vendors! Spaces are available for the upcoming Immaculate Conception Craft Fair to be held on Saturday, December 5, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. To register, please find the registration form on the Immaculate Conception School website or contact Holly Blaskiewicz at [314-707-1045](tel:314-707-1045) or h_blaskiewicz@yahoo.com.

ART ON THE BLUFFS ICS winners of the People's Choice award are:

Reagan Herrmann- 11-14 category, 1st place, **Dakota L'Hote**- 11-14 category, 2nd place,
Jacob Whitworth- 11-14, 3rd place, **Cheyenne May**- 3-10 year category 3rd place.
Congratulations outstanding artists at ICS ! Mrs. Fetcho

"PEDAL THE CAUSE"--- DAN WHELAN 75 MILE RIDE TOMORROW! (Hydrate Dan! Throw a grappling hook on the guy ahead of you!) 100% of our donations goes to cancer research!

ICS CAR DECALS for SALE! Show your ICS pride with this fundraiser. \$9/each. Send checks made to "ICS Parents & Friends" into the office (mark the envelope with "Car Decal", your name, and your child's teacher) and we will send the decal(s) home with your oldest child.

The Gibault Men's Club and Menard Auto Sale is sponsoring a **2015 Dodge Drive 4 UR School event** on Saturday, September 26th from 10am to 2pm in the Gibault gymnasium parking lot. Gibault will receive \$20 for each qualified driver (18 or older) and Dodge will allow multiple drivers per household. Your time commitment will be less than 10 minutes and you will get the opportunity to drive one of Dodge's top new models. There is absolutely no sales pressure involved. The Men's Club will also be hosting a **BBQ**. Please contact the Gibault School Office with questions --- 939-3883.

SIUE HOMEWORK HOTLINE FREE! Tutors are SIUE college students who are trained to help with math homework. Call 618-650-3072 6-10 p.m. Sunday - Thursday September 8, 2015 – May 6, 2016

The Dorothy Weinel Eppinger Foundation is sponsoring the St. Louis Brass on Saturday, October 3 at 7:00 pm at St. Paul's United Church of Christ. Free Family event!



Taking leave of the Church on Main---7:00 pm on Tuesday, October 13 for the last Mass in our Church on Main---an historic event. The last school Mass will be on October 8 and we will do a few historic things too as we celebrate the Eucharistic Liturgy for the last time.

GODSPELL, JR Our annual musical will be performed Oct. 15th, 16th, 17th and 18th in our Church on Main. Another historic opportunity! Please direct any questions to MaryBeth Babcock 618-719-1264 or actors_attic@gmail.com

KINDERGARTEN is recycling markers. Can you help?

ASK ME ABOUT MY MERCY Charley Stewart-Aubry Thomas-Molly Tippen-Eli Garcia-Lilly Barnett-Ava Hake-Jane Whelan-Hope Pollman-Dominic Dalpoas-Josh Matthews-Avery Herrmann-Kyra Newton-Marisa McGill-Jessica Lambert-Owen Dill-Thomas Schaefer-Ava Langhans-Keegan Thompson-Nick Traiteur-Grant Monheiser-Gali Palicious-Goudey

THE SPORTING NEWS...

SOCCER PICTURES ARE TOMORROW, SEPT. 26TH AT OERTER PARK behind the concession stand. Attached last week. Download the order form, fill out, bring to Oerter Park on picture day.



Marie Prindiville placed 6th in the Varsity Girls cross country race at St. Mary's in Centralia with a time of 12:54 for 1.8 miles. (7th and 8th Grade runners). There were 26 schools and over 550 runners in total at the meet. She wasn't far behind first! No 7th grader beat her!

PARISH NEWS...CHRISTIAN MUSIC FESTIVAL AT METTER! Festival at Metter! Join all our local churches for a day of live Christian music on Sunday, October 4, from 1- 6:30 p.m. at Metter Park. Ten bands on two stages, including Karen Lundy and the IC Band! The fun includes a free food tent, an area just for kids sponsored by the Y, booths and activities and more! UCE has a vision to build a community of fellow Christians that want to work together to help and love others through music. UCE can use volunteers AND sponsors to cover costs. To help out, contact Jen Clancy at 314-517-9505. Keep up with Uniting Christians everywhere on Facebook, too!

ALTAR SOCIETY NEWS... The Fall Card Party is fast approaching – October 12 th 1pm – 4pm in the Fellowship Hall on the garden level. Members previously decided the spring party would remain in the evening and the fall party would be in the afternoon. Informational envelopes for members not present at the last meeting are available in the gathering space. Please do all you can to help our first fundraiser at this new space and time be a great success. We look forward to seeing all of you at our next meeting on October 1st at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall on the garden level.

CALLING ALL MUSICAL TEENS!.. Calling All Musical Teens!.. Calling All Musical Teens!.. We are encouraging teens to join in music ministry as a teen choir is forming for the 5:00 mass. A brief rehearsal at 4:30 before mass would be the only additional time needed to contribute to this ministry. Please see Karen Lundy if you have any questions..(Many of the greats have started out in Church--- Elvis---Kristin Chenoweth---Faith Hill---Carrie Underwood---Karen Lundy---MaryBeth Babcock)

DIOCESE OF BELLEVILLE **CHILD PROTECTION POLICY** schedule for initial training. New Volunteers and Wednesday, October 7, 2015 or March 5, 2016 Our Lady Queen of Peace, Belleville (cafeteria) 6:00pm-8:00pm To Register: Office @ 618-397-2287 Or Email: gpparish@gofp.com

THE BISHOP IS COMING...THE Bishop is coming...We are first on his grade school list this year on October 5. He is going to ask us questions about The Racial Divide and the Papal Visit.

Carol Fetcho would like her friend, **Rick Abrahamson** on the prayer list. Prayers for some good scans of previous cancer.

Bob Hayden, Glenn and Blake's uncle is not doing well. He is in the hospital with cancer. Prayers please.

Nicole Eichenseer, Abby's mom, had knee surgery. Please pray for a quick recovery.

Barry Krizan, husband of former ICS All-World Geography Teacher Marge Krizan (and an All-World Geography Teacher at CMS, has a tumor on his right kidney. Barry and Marge are the father and mother of the ICS major field trips and still very generous to our school dinner auction and active parishioners. Barry has a good outlook and I told him our prayers are there for him and Marge!

Special Intention: this list contains several causes affected by Heppa Rules and privacy but one of our prayer cases needs radiation now. As in the MORNING OFFERING PRAYER, one of my favorite daily prayers, we join our prayers together with billions of people around the world in sharing.

O Jesus, through the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I offer you my prayers, works, joys, and sufferings of this day, for all the intentions of your Sacred Heart, in union with the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass throughout the world, in reparation for all my sins, for the intentions of all our associates and in particular for the intentions recommended this month by the Holy Father. (The Holy Father's universal prayer intention for September is: "That opportunities for education and employment may increase for all young people".) AMEN!

PRAYERS: Barry Krizan, Rick Abrahamson, Nicole Eichenseer, Bob Hayden, Denise Conner, Fred, Frierdich, Arlin Stechmesser, Eve Dorshorst, Jim Brown, Harold Stemler, Msgr. Vince Haselhorst, Josephine Chapman, Florence Dorshorst, Bill Pennock, Patty Juengling, Marian Keim, Dan Whelan, Pat Weber, Ed Hengel, Josh Ritter, Valerie Bauchens, Vince Webb, George Stein, Desiree Frasure, Special Intention

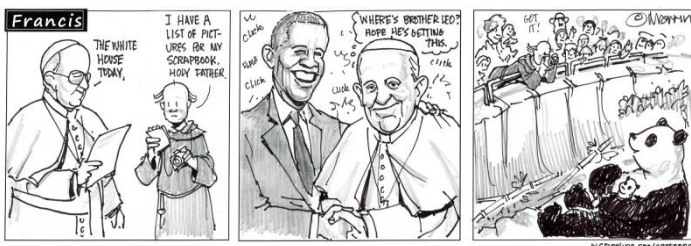
THE SCOURGE OF THE WORLD One of the crabbiest people I have ever met once told me "*the scourge of the world is children and dogs*". She would have to rank in that .001% of the population somewhere when you combine these loveable two creations. Well, Jesus today again reminds us we shall be judged by what we do to the least and that includes, children, dogs, and as Pope Francis says in Care for our Common Home, the earth and all creation. The old millstone around the neck for those giving scandal to the least, for sweatshops, and underpaid labor, and all those ways we try to get ahead by standing on top of someone else is a good way to explain how serious these infractions are. As human beings, we have to constantly work to get better. This is the curse of our humanity and also its greatest blessing. We can always get better if we work at it. Let's give each other the drink of water we all deserve. God won't forget and it will be a start to the change we need. Don't be surprised this Sunday when Jesus says the hard words. So did the Holy Father this week---same message---no surprises!

**Mike Kish
Principal**

[Monroe County Coalition on Drug abuse](#)

PS Happy Birthday last Monday to Mrs. Laura Whelan and to Mrs. Tiffany Taylor today! Many happy returns but not of birthday presents!

PS See attachment from Monroe County Coalition-Drug Awareness Forum on October 1st



Godspell Rehearsal Schedule(rehearsal might be added---especially Tech Week)

9/28 – 3-5pm	9/29 – 3-5pm	9/30 – 3-5pm	
10/1 – 3-5pm	10/5 – 3-5pm	10/6 – 3-5pm	10/7 – 3-5pm

10/8 – 3-5pm

TECH:

10/13 -- 3-6pm

10/14 -- 3-6pm

Calendar 2015 September

9/30 Take your refresher class for Child Protection by this date

October

10/1-4-Womens Acts Retreat

10/3 **The Dorothy Weinel Eppinger Foundation is sponsoring the St. Louis Brass** on Saturday, October 3 at 7:00 pm at St. Paul's United Church of Christ. Free Family event!

10/5-Bishop Braxton visits ICS

10/9-No School-Teacher Inst.

10/12-No School-Columbus Day

10/13-Leave taking from the Church on Main---7:00 liturgy-thanksgiving-memories

10/15-Flu Shots available 9-11 on ICS parking lot-MC Health Dept.

10/15-18-ICS Musical "Godspel" in Old Church on Main

10/25-Trunk or Treat 5:00 p.m.

10/26-Paul Koleske Concert at Church

10/27-Student/Parent/Teacher Conferences

10/28-2nd Grade Field Trip Symphony and Missouri Botanical Gardens

10/29-Student/Parent/Teacher Conferences

10/30-No School

Band Schedule Week of Sept 28-Oct 2

Monday

8:05-8:35 6th-8th Clarinet 2

8:35-9:05 5th Flute

9:05-9:35 6th-8th Flute and Clarinet 1

10:35-11:05 4th Flutes

11:05-11:35 4th Clarinet

Tuesday

7:15-7:50 **Jazz Band**

8:55-9:25 6th-8th Trumpet

9:25-9:55 5th Clarinet

9:55-10:35 6th-8th Saxophone and F Horn

11:05-11:35 4th Saxophone

11:35-12:05 4th Trumpet

Wednesday

8:05-9:05 **Concert Band Full Band**

9:05-9:35 Percussion Ensemble

10:35-11:35 **Beginning Band Full Band**

1:15-2:15 **Intermediate Band Full Band**

Thursday

7:15-7:50 **Jazz Band**

8:55-9:25 6th-8th Percussion

9:25-9:55 5th Saxophone

9:55-10:35 6th-8th Low Brass

11:05-11:35 4th Low Brass

11:35-12:05 4th Percussion

Friday

8:05-8:35 5th Low Brass

8:35-9:05 5th Percussion

9:05-9:35 5th Trumpet