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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,

**THANKS TO THE FIRST WAVE OF RESPONDERS** to our plea to make home visits for the new **Catholic Education and Activity Center**. Last night was rough with 3 Diocesan Soccer matches going on in Belleville. We will hold another training on October 13 for you to make it. We really need you! Remember the story of "who will help me pick the apples---all the way to who will help me eat the apple pie"? Someone built for us the buildings we now use. It is time for us to return the favor whether your children will enjoy it or not. It is your turn! Please plan on coming and getting excited. Pick up your own packet and make your first pledge and then visit others. God helps those who help themselves. We owe a debt of gratitude to the past which we pay in the future. Carry your load. Join the team. Make history....any more quotes needed?

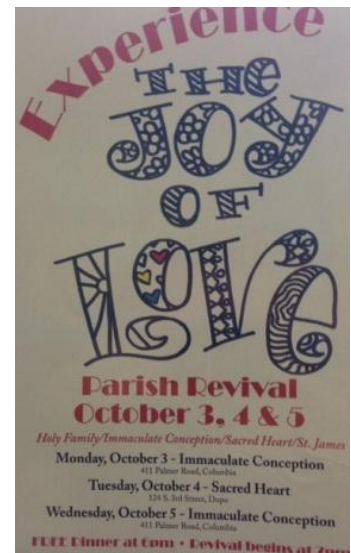
**OUR PARISH REVIVAL IS NEXT WEEK** Eat at 6 and play and pray after that. IC-SH-IC venues for M-T-W. A night off cooking, useless TV, family feuds and replaced with joy in our God!

**First Reconciliation Parent Meeting Tuesday, Oct. 11, at 7:00.  
Grade 2! 7:00 at Garden Level.**

**NO BUS NEXT THURSDAY OCTOBER 6.** This is a make-up day for one of the days we will be off after Easter due to teachers attending the National Catholic Education Association. Make plans now to be here. We usually have better attendance when the buses do not run!

**THANK YOU FATHERS CLUB!** We received a check for **\$5000.00** for our technology program and **\$3,054.00** for our new Pre-S/K playground! ICS is constantly flooded with generosity! Thanks to all who attended the Golf Tourney and made it such a great success and to all our DADS!

**BEGINNER SPEECH MEET** Mrs. Sam Watters will hold a meeting at **2:00 on Monday** to explain the process for entering the Diocesan beginners speech meet scheduled for St. Agatha's school at 8:45 on October 29. This is for grades 5-8 who have not done a speech before. We can send a team of 8: 2 solo serious, 2 solo humorous, and 2 duets. We also **need a parent to shadow** Mrs. Watters to take over the program next next.



**FAMILY CARD AND GAME PARTY** Bring your friends and families to the Immaculate Conception Altar Society Family Card and Game Party! Bring your favorite card game, board game, or made-up game to the Garden Level on **Monday, October 10** for a day of FUN, FRIENDS and FOOD. Not to mention fabulous attendance prizes-everyone is a WINNER! Doors open at 12:30 and the party runs from 1:00-3:30. **No school that day, so come out and support the Altar Society.** We would love to see you! **Columbus was a gamer! Come and honor him! (He was also green before his time and got 3,000 miles to the galleon!)**

**Next week:** Revival for 3 nights.

Monday 10/3: Vianney Academic Decathlon---we are the defending champs. Good luck team!  
Speech meeting at 2:00 with Mrs. Watters.

**Thursday 10/6 SCHOOL---NO BUS AVAILABLE! MAKE UP DAY FOR NCEA.**

**Friday 10/7: No School--- Diocesan institute at Holy Trinity.**

**Monday: 10/10 No school---Columbus Day**

**Thursday---Friday-Saturday-Sunday:** "Dear Edwina, Jr."---our musical. Please support our Builders Club. This is our #2 fundraiser for the year. We will again take up a collection at Intermission for Sr. Thea Bowman School. "Kelly's Lunch Stand" (from the Play)

**Thursday:** Fr. Linus here for Mass

**Friday:** 4<sup>th</sup> grade transportation trip

**Saturday: Chicken and Beer Dance for Jessica Stemler Barcik at Gibault**

**SCHOOLA! Clean our your closets! Immaculate Conception School is having a Schoola clothing drive!**

**We will be collecting gently-used clothing, shoes and handbags, October 17-21 .** Please fill up a bag with your best pre-loved clothes and drop it off in the hallway by the gym the week of October 17th. A sticker label will be coming home with your child soon. Please fill it out completely and attach it to the bag to make sure we get credit for your donation.

These items will be resold at [www.schoola.com](http://www.schoola.com). We earn 40% of the profit after shipping costs. So, please only send in what can be resold.

**PLEASE NOTE:**

**Schoola only accepts items they can resell for at least \$10 (so \$30 or more original price).**

- Freshly laundered kids through womens size
- Mens clothing if it is something a teenager could wear
- No holes, stains or missing labels
- **No socks, underwear, robes bedding or pajamas**
- Swimsuits only if new with tags

Coats, jackets, dresses, shoes, handbags and name brand items will earn the most!

**Questions?** Contact Jessica Wachtel- [314-749-1663](tel:314-749-1663) or our Schoola Coach, Julie Verslues, 314-922-2235

**FLU SHOTS** Recently, the CDC stated their recommendation, the nasal mist flu vaccine should NOT be used during the 2016-2017 flu season.

Therefore, nasal mist influenza vaccine WILL NOT be available during the 2016-2017 flu vaccination clinic season. This decision will impact the in-school vaccination clinics. We will not be hosting a flu shot event this year. Influenza vaccine INJECTIONS WILL BE available for the 2016-2017 flu season.

**BUS DRILLS** Our State mandated drill will be held next **Wednesday, October 5** for all students except 3 year olds. You may think we don't need it until you look at the rise of bus incidents over the years. Recent studies have found less than 10% of bus drop-off car violations are caught and 12 foot extension arms are being piloted in some communities. Yellow means caution. Please give school buses every consideration and never pass a stopped bus with its arm out!

ICS Trivia Night is coming soon. November 5th in the ICS Gym. [See linked flyer.](#) Please make sure you get your table reservations in quickly to guarantee a spot.

**WHICH FABULOUS ICS BUSINESS OWNERS WOULD LIKE TO SPONSOR THIS YEAR'S TRIVIA NIGHT?** This is a very affordable sponsorship for small businesses to promote their product/services. Our ICS family tries to stay loyal to one another, but we can't be your customer if we don't know about you :And non-local business owners, please remember we know how to spend money outside of Columbia! Contact Kara Boyd ([knboyd2@yahoo.com](mailto:knboyd2@yahoo.com)) November 5 is the date for a fun night. Get your best music genius, sports fanatic, history buff, math hero, scientist, current events freak and compete for the big winnings!

If you have not been able to return your ICS Welcome Sign to school, please contact Teresa Dorshorst directly at [314-303-5352](tel:314-303-5352) or [tjdbusinessservices@yahoo.com](mailto:tjdbusinessservices@yahoo.com) to arrange a pickup.

**THE SPORTING NEWS...FUTBOL---SOCCER IN ENGLISH---Diocesan tournament**  
All games are at Belle Clair Fields (2842 Centreville Ave, Belleville, IL 62226) (off 158)

**Parochial Girls** – were the 4th seed overall and defeated the #5 seed Holy Childhood (2-0) and **#1 seed St. Teresa (2-0)** to advance to the finals on Sunday. St. Teresa had not lost a game all year! The opponent is TBD but will be either St Clare or SPPS Waterloo. The **Final** is on **Sunday, Oct 2nd at 5:00pm on Field #2.**

**Jr. Boys:** they were 6th seed, they beat 3rd seed St. Teresa, first victory vs. them in six (6) years. Then they won vs. Blessed Sacrament 3-1. Now onto the **Final game vs. Holy Trinity Saturday, Oct 01st @ 5:00pm o Field# 2A**

**Jr. Girls:** Lost a heart-breaker 3 to 2 vs. Queen of Peace. Came back from a 0-2 deficit. Great second half for us!

**Parochial Boys:** not enough teams to host a Diocesan Tourney

**Cross Country St. Mary Invitational in Centralia:** Marie Prindiville 1<sup>st</sup> place by 27 seconds with a time of 12:20, Dominic Dalpoas 14<sup>th</sup> with a time of 12:16!

**St. Theresa Invitational in Salem:** Marie Prindiville 1<sup>st</sup> of 180 girls with a 12:08. Dominic Dalpoas was 34<sup>th</sup> in varsity boys and Owen Dalpoas 61<sup>st</sup>!

**COLUMBIA TURNER HALL'S TURNING SCHOOL** GIRL'S AND BOY'S CLASSES WILL BEGIN OCTOBER 5 (THERE IS NO FEE) AND EVERY WEDNESDAY UNTIL THE LAST WEEK OF APRIL. [See linked flyer attached.](#)

**COLUMBIA HOCKEY TEAMS** are having a couple of fundraiser. [See the link](#)

**IOWA TESTS** : Thanks again to Carrie Boser for organizing! Thanks to our volunteers Carrie Boser, Priscilla Wilkerson, Mary Schroeder, Penny Prindiville Shelly Monheiser, Barb Greenfield, and Jaylene Murphy! Now we await the results!

**GARAGE SALE** The Baldrige Family is in the process of moving to another home in Columbia and are planning a garage sale on Oct. 1<sup>st</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup>**, 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](mailto:pherzing@gibaultonline.com) or [618.939.3883](tel:618.939.3883). Join us for part or all of the morning.

**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 [Sevsev@gibaultonline.com](mailto:sevsev@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](mailto: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 TONIGHT and Tomorrow!** Friday, September 30 and Saturday October 1 from 5:00-11:00 on the parish grounds. Food-Fun-Darth Vader! Pokemon

**Fair Trade Market** – Christ Community Lutheran Church of Columbia, Il is hosting a sale of handicrafts from skilled, impoverished artisans around the world on Saturday October 1st from 9am to 4pm. A free children’s craft time is included from 11-2. Fair Trade helps build economies and local industries of developing countries so your purchase at this non-profit event truly makes a difference. CCLC is located on the corner of Route 3 and Gall Road at One Christchurch Way (across from Dairy Queen). Entry is free.

**Depend on God** *“The world and everything in it that people desire is passing away; but those who do the will of God live forever.”* John 2: 17

**Mike Juengling** Nick’s dad, Mike was recently diagnosed with thyroid cancer and is scheduled to have surgery today. God bless the hands of the surgeon!

**Zola Nickerson**, mother of Dan Nickerson, suffered a stroke this week. He is principal of Sr. Thea Bowman Catholic School. Please include her in your prayers.

**Dan Borisuk**, father of one of Kit Timmon’s employees and friend of Maren Donjon, was told this week that he has stage 4 cancer. Please pray for him..

**Patrick Keeley**, Class of ’02, passed away on September 17 at his home in Ohio at age 28. He was an OSU graduate and a Sgt. In the United States Army scheduled to be deployed to Iraq in November. Patrick was easy to remember since he had a mind of his own but worked with you. He

was a bright kid in a very bright class. God surely didn't want him to die. May he rest in peace.

**CROSSING GUARD FRANCIS ASSELMEIER'S mother-in-law Lora Blair** has died. She was a sweet lady. God's peace to her and her family!

**PRAYERS: Special Intention, Mike Juengling, Zola Nickerson, Dan Borisuk, 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

**WHERE DOES FAITH COME FROM?** Everyone has stories of faith--- believing in all we say and do. It is often a living testament of how we live. As a college soph, I worked at Kroeger in South County. Every morning Art came to work saying "Everything's gonna be alright" and then he'd do a little dance. I can still see him and hear him. Art's belief system was lived out in his attitude. Faith can move mountains, maybe not physical ones but surely the ones we have in our heads. Belonging leads to believing so having a faith community can bolster a person tremendously. Faith is about the possible. Lack of it keeps you in a rut, which is a coffin with both ends kicked out. Come ye Faithful People Come! We sing it, let's believe it! See you around the Altar of Faith this weekend.

Sincerely,

*Mike Kish*, Principal

ps good luck to our soccer teams this weekend! We are in it to win it as part of Diocesan Policy!  
**Can you see the Madonna in the doorway leading to Lincoln's Tomb?**

