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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*

October 20, 2017

Bienvenido el parrochia!

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Dear Parent, Guardian, Student, Teacher, Friend,

Fr. Chris Rueter, OFM will be honored with the Micah Award at the UCM Banquet on November 3. He is being honored for his tenacious work for criminal justice in Illinois government, for the love he demonstrates with his presence with people who are incarcerated, and his work to start **Our Brother's Keeper**. UCM is a faith-based community organizing group that is funded by the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. True to Fr. Chris's style, he said he would accept the award because he would do anything to bring attention to our terrible criminal justice system and that he would accept the award on behalf of all the people who work for this with him. Can you stand up with him?



**United Congregations
Of Metro-East
Banquet**

Friday, November 3, 2017
Julia's Banquet Center,
101 EastGate Plaza, East Alton, IL 62024
Doors open at 6 p.m. with hors d'oeuvres, silent auction, and Sate available.
7 PM: Program and meal.

**Small Great Things:
Transforming Our Homeland**

Keynote Speaker: Rev. Charles K. Burton

Rev. Charles Burton describes himself as a pastor by calling, an attorney by training, and a husband and father by choice. He currently is Pastor of Unity Fellowship Church in Godfrey and Chief Human Resources Office for St. Louis Public Schools. As president of United Congregations of Metro-East, he led the convening of Gamaliel of Illinois, a network of faith-based community organizations that could address the many challenges faced by communities in Illinois. Rev. Burton is known for his ability to preach to the heart with passion, wisdom, and humor.



**Tickets: \$35 each or a table of 8 for \$245, deadline for reserving tickets is Oct. 26.
Tickets at the door are \$40.
Reserve tickets at ucmetroeast@gmail.com or 618-646-9712**

Sponsored by United Congregations of Metro-East

UCM Mission statement: UCM is a powerful organization committed to combating the root causes of systemic injustice in our region by uniting people of faith in transforming our communities.

Please purchase your tickets by Thursday, October 26, 2017. You can (618) 646-9712 and reserve/purchase your tickets. Come and enjoy a fun and informative evening which includes our Silent Auction and the introduction of our Micah Award Winners!

CONGRATULATIONS to our very own JEN SCHAUSTER!!



Mrs. Schauster is receiving the Citizen of Character Award from the BASIC Initiative for her work and dedication to Immaculate Conception School, Camp Ondessonk, Belleville West Marching Band Parents Association, Boy Scout Troop 11, Roosevelt School, and more. The BASIC Initiative is a character education and development program in Belleville that promotes good character in the schools and the community at large. The Citizens of Character Award is a way to honor the unsung heroes in the community that go above and beyond to help make Belleville and surrounding communities a better place. An awards dinner honoring this year's recipients will be November 14th.

10th Annual Mary McHugh Citizens of Character Dinner

When

Tuesday, November 14, 2017
from 6:00 PM to 8:30 PM CST
[Add to Calendar](#)

Where

4204 Main Street Brewing Co.
Banquet Center
6435 West Main Street
Belleville, IL 62223
[Driving Directions](#)

The BASIC Initiative kindly invites you to join us for the 10th Annual Mary McHugh Citizens of Character Dinner on November 14.

Fellowship will begin at 6:00 PM
Dinner and Program will begin immediately after or at 6:30 PM

Meet our 2017 Citizens of Character!

*Tim Adams and Gary Schwendeman
Sharon Goff
Renee Goodman
Christine Green
Susan Harris
Cory Hartz
Edward Hoering
Barbara Josphe
Cyndi Oberle-Dahm
Rich Peppers
Jennifer "Jen" Schauster
Judy Woodruff*

[Get more information](#)

[Register Now!](#)

[I can't make it](#)

STUDENT-PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES will be BY appointment on October 24th and 26th.

STUDENT-PARENT- TEACHER Conference SIGN-UP Let's bat 100% attendance!
<https://docs.google.com/a/icsmail.org/spreadsheets/d/1eyKRimN5LqfQwTQGxhwhoD8tNK3w1h4hcVGJ9yZMrhE/edit?usp=sharing>

The Builders Club will have a dance for Grades 6-7-8 (ICS and registered PSR only) from 7:30-9:30 on Thursday night, October 26. No school the 27TH. Admission for members is \$5 which includes dues of \$2 and \$3 for Grade 6. The Family Affair will spin the spooky music and there is a costume contest. See Reece Ward for questions.

JAMES AND THE GIANT PEACH Pride is one of the capital sins. I did a project on it during my Master's Program decades ago. I realized during that study that sometimes, we do the right thing out of pride. Theater is the right thing. We are so proud for all the right reasons. Thanks to cast and crew and everyone who did anything to make our play a "moment in time" and a memory we won't forget. Special thanks to the Class of '18 for leading the way for their younger cast members. \$1000 was collected for Sr. Thea Bowman School during the intermission. Thanks for your generosity!

CONGRATULATIONS TO FALL YOUNG AUTHORS:

Winners:

- K: AJ Kish, Hunter Tharp
1: Wiley Sasser, Luke Kolweier
2: Isabel Roche, Dante Gianino
3: Will Schmoll, Lucas Sheehan
4: Caroline Roche, Avery Herrmann
5: Audrey Randle, Brooke Heimburger
6: Lily Barrett, Rhyan Ward
7: Abby Eichenseer
8: Ally Curry

Runners-Up:

- K: Andrew Daigel, Alaina Ettlting, Olivia Day, Layla Greer
1: Emmett Gilbreth, Lilly Kolweier, Kaylee Eichenseer, Nick Juengling
2: David Callico, Hogan Story, Sophie Conrad, Wes Jasper
3: Anna Hornacek, Garrett Patton, Sean Frederick, Eli Thebeau
4: Drew Hagedorn, Keegan Thompson, Hope Schwartz, Elliott Unwin
5: Summer Harrington, Owen Dill
6: Maddie Mauch, Joseph Tyler, Kyra Newton, Hope Pollman
7: Audrey Sullivan, Sydney Wahle
8: Adelynn Murphy, Autumn Ramey

Next Wednesday, 10/25, is the Fall 2017 Young Authors program in the gymnasium. Winners from grades Kindergarten through 4th will read their winning stories. Thank you to all our judges for saluting reading!

SUNDAY FUNDAY! The Immaculate Conception Council of Catholic Women invites you to the Fellowship Hall for the fall Sunday Funday card party THIS SUNDAY! Doors open at 12:30, event begins at 1:00 and ends at 4:00. Bring your favorite games and enjoy an afternoon of fun, food and prizes! For \$5 per person, you get fabulous attendance prizes, all-you-can-eat s and appetizers and a 50/50 raffle. Take advantage of our new Family Pricing! \$15 per family.

ITBS SCORES ARE IN---digesting now---Grades 2-8 handed out at Conference. Spend some time on them BUT.... WE ARE NOT DATA DRIVEN but CHILD DRIVEN.SCHOOL. Proof---Arts integration including Band and Music and Art and Theatrics, Field Trips, Assemblies, Robotics, Technology, Projects, Academic opportunities outside the classroom, Guest speakers and on and on.

THANKS for all the prayers and good wishes! I think I am the last person in Monroe County to have this surgery. I am shocked so many people have survived! I haven't made a mistake on the guitar since 9-24! Here is my year book picture. It was an amazing feat! The cards are so touching and the food is great. Thank you.



Scholastic Bowl! Scholastic Bowl tryouts will be November 14th & 15th for 7th & 8th graders only. Tuesday, November 14th from 3 – 3:45pm and Wednesday, November 15th from 3 – 4:30pm. The Scholastic Bowl team is limited to 15 players due to State competition. Scholastic Bowl is a large time commitment beginning in late November and ending in early May with practices or matches two nights a week. Practices conclude at 4:30pm, and matches usually conclude at 5:30/6pm (add travel time if the match is away). Scholastic Bowl team members must have a wide array of knowledge, be able to think quickly on their feet, and be a team player. If you have any questions, please email Mrs. Taylor (ttaylor@icsmail.org).

HUNGER IS SCARY FOOD DRIVE October 16-31. Class prizes. Allie Shuler is chairing. 1st Gum-jeans-hat-sock Day 2nd j-h-s Day 3rd h-s Day Feed My People!
PARENTS AND FRIENDS TRIVIA NIGHT Which fabulous ICS business owners would like to sponsor this year's trivia night? This is a very affordable sponsorship for businesses to promote their product/services. Our ICS family try 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) or [click here](#) for more info.

ICS Trivia Night- Saturday November 4

Time: 7pm, Doors open at 6pm Place: ICS Gym

Price: \$150 per table (Limit 10 people per table)

Extra: Silent Auction, 50/50, Heads or Tails, Booze Raffle

SNL dress up theme optional, prize for best costume

BYOB and Snacks

Reserve your table today

with tammy.hoeflinger@charter.net Contact Jessica Wachtel [314-749-1663](tel:314-749-1663)

The Teacher Appreciation Committee is coordinating a potluck dinner for our fabulous ICS teachers on **Tuesday, Oct. 24** during the parent/teacher conferences. We are looking for parents to donate and drop off various items by **4:30 p.m.** in the cafeteria on Tuesday, Oct. 24. Please bring enough to serve 25 people. Those leaving dishes or crock-pots are asked to pick up their items between 7:30 - 8 p.m. that evening. Thank you in advance! Please visit <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e054aadae2eabfc1-teacher> to sign up.

SCRIP Volunteers needed: we are looking for new volunteers to help sell Scrip at Mass on the weekends. It's a great way to fulfill your time, talent and treasure! We will schedule you for a mass you already attend. Email Catie Tyler at rcjetyler@gmail.com if interested in helping.

CONTRIBUTIONS REQUEST: **NOT** monetary, so please read on:

I am planning to making an ICS memory t-shirt quilt for the dinner auction and I'm hoping you might be able to help me out.

I am trying to get my hands on any kind of ICS t-shirt or polo shirt - school spirit, sports, academic, the arts - anything I can cut up. I can use fronts/ backs/ logos. I have more recent ones like the theme shirt (i.e. The Joy of Love and Fr. Car's birthday shirt) but I am looking for additional items - anything to do with ICS, present or past. I cannot stress enough that I can use just about anything! I will return items I cannot use, but please give with the knowledge that they could end up in a quilt. The size of the quilt will depend on how many items I can get my hands on. It could go as a silent auction item or a live auction item, again depending how it turns out - awesome, I hope, and the envy of many, so I can raise some \$\$\$ for ICS!!

Please leave anything you are willing to contribute with Mrs. Epplin and I will get them from her. If you want anything back that I cannot use, put your name on it and I will make certain it is returned

to you. I don't want to wait until the last minute, and we all know how time flies, so the sooner the better.

With many thanks, and for the benefit of ICS!

Jeanette Melliere (Grandma of the Melliere and McGill ICSers)

All Immaculate Conception Parish Fathers & Sons (or Grandsons, Nephews, etc) ages Preschool-8th Grade are invited to come out for the first ICS Father & Son Fishing Tournament on Sunday October 22 from 3-5PM at Herbeck Lake.

Dodgeball Tournament: The Monroe County CEO class of 2017-2018 is putting on a countywide dodgeball tournament; we are a group of juniors and seniors in high school learning about entrepreneurship. Friday night November 10th starting at 5p.m. will be the night for the middle school kids (ages 12-14). The teams consist of six players (+ two optional subs), and are \$5 a person. If you get hungry, don't worry we will be selling chick-fil-a, water and Ski. The ways to sign up are online at www.monroecountydodgeball.com, or sign up sheets will be in the school office(See Mrs. Epplin). Also as an attendance prize you could win a PS4, by just writing your name on a slip and putting it into a hat. We will be pulling one name out at the end of the night. You have to be present to win. Hope to see you there!

TRUNK or TREAT & HAYRIDES

**Sunday, October 29th starting at 4:30pm Immaculate Conception Church
Lower Parking Lot**

Calling all ghosts, goblins and creatures that go bump in the night! You are invited to an evening of food, fun and fellowship. If you are decorating your trunk, please arrive by 4:00pm so we can close the lot to traffic. If you are not decorating your car/trunk, please park on the top lot and come down through the church entrance and down the stairs. Food and drink will include hot dogs, chili, soda and hot apple cider provided by the Knights of Columbus. The parade of costumes, raffles and hayrides will complete the evening. **Please contact Lizanne Young at the parish office or lyoung@iccmail.org and Hope Weinhoff at hwienhoff@iccmail.org**

Calling all Crafters and Vendors! A few spaces remain for the upcoming Immaculate Conception Craft Fair to be held on Saturday, December 2, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. To register, please find the registration form below, on the Immaculate Conception School website, or contact Holly Blaskiewicz at [314-707-1045](tel:314-707-1045) or h_blaskiewicz@yahoo.com.

Basketball Team Pictures

Basketball team picture are Monday Oct. 30, 2017. Please meet in the cafeteria at your team's scheduled time. [Order form attached.](#)

4:45pm 6th grade girls (game)
5:15pm 5th grade girls (no game)
5:30pm 5th grade boys (no game)
5:45pm 7th grade girls (game)
6:00pm 6th grade boys (no game)
6:15pm 7th grade boys (no game)
6:30pm 8th grade boys (no game)
6:45pm 8th grade girls (game)

8TH GRADERS ARE FUNDRAISING FOR THEIR DC FIELD TRIP. If you would like to order \$1 chocolate candy bars, talk to an 8th grader!



Thanks to John Johnson and Karl Larson from Heartland Barge who spoke with the 4th graders in preparation for their Transportation Field Trip today. Proper prior preparation prevents a poor performance!

National Quilt Museum - School Block Challenge Our ICS team has won this competition three times Taking 1, 2 and 3rd place In our category last year. Open to all students 4-8 grade.

	Monday, Oct. 23	Thurs. Oct.26	
Tues. Oct. 31	Thurs. Nov. 2	Tues. Nov. 7	Thurs. Nov. 9
Tues. Nov. 14	Thurs. Nov. 16	Tues. Nov. 28	Thurs. Nov 30

All sessions from 3-5pm in Mrs. Weiler room. Attend as many sessions that you NEED to finish. You do not need to attend all of the dates, only what you need to finish and what works with your schedule. We teach you how to sew, piece, iron, cut and make patterns, so come and learn a new art form. We need help sewing, if you have a machine and some time we could use your help. Email cfetcho@icsmail.org
We look forward to seeing you. Mrs. Fetcho & Mrs. Weiler.

Box Tops: Thank you all for the participation in our Box Tops contest. We collected close to 6500 box tops! The winner of the \$15 iTunes gift card is Audrey Randle. The classroom winners are 1st place: Mrs. Meyer-jeans day and kickball game (date TBD) 2nd place: Ms. Kennedy-crazy hat day (date TBD) and 3rd place: Mr. Kassebaum-crazy sock day (date TBD). Start collecting now for our January contest, we will have some awesome prizes!

Children's Choir Because Mrs. Lundy is not able to work a full schedule right now, our plan for Children's Choir is to focus on Christmas Eve Mass. Rather than meeting each week, we will have four rehearsals to prepare for and lead the music at 5pm Mass on December 24th. The rehearsals will be from 3-4pm on:

Wed, Nov 15

Wed, Nov 29

Wed, Dec 6 Wed, Dec 13

Ms. Brutton will be primary teacher for this choir, and Mrs. Lundy will be there as she is able. Please email karenslundy@gmail.com or ebrutton@icsmail.org if you are interested. Thanks! Mrs. Lundy

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SOCCER UNIFORMS: Please launder and return all soccer uniforms. Make sure NAMES are on them when they come in so your child gets credit.

MIX IT UP DAY will be Nov 2 this year. Grade 6-7-8 of Sister Thea Bowman School is coming here. Adventures in Learning will be here! Thanks Mrs. Weiler!



The Columbia Rotary Club donated dictionaries to the third graders of ICS on October 16! “The difference between the *almost right* word and the *right* word is really a large matter--- ’tis the difference between the lightning bug and the lightning.” Mark Twain From left to

right: Tim Gutknecht, Sarah Arendell, Adam Linnemann, Dave Touchette, Joy McMillen, Bob Hill, and Jessica Dickerson and teachers Christine Matrisotto and Tara Kennedy.

GIBAULT NEWS...Gibault’s Emerald City Oktoberfest Auction will be on October 21, 2017. Admission is \$50 per person with dinner at 6:00 Visit www.Gibault.gesture.com to see auction items and for more information, or contact Andrea at abiske@gibaulthawks.com. Thank you! Maybe if you are a Gibault grad you could pool an item with colleagues here and put “carrying on the Gibault tradition of excellence at ICS” on the label. Please support if you can, even a monetary donation would be greatly appreciated.

FALL RUMMAGE SALE

The Gibault Women's Club will hold its fall rummage sale on Sat. **November 11, 8AM to 3PM** in the auditorium. Clean out the clutter! Donations will be accepted **Nov. 6-9, from 8AM-8PM.**, and **Nov. 10 from 9AM-2PM.** Please, no large furniture or exercise equipment, TVs, or computers can be accepted.

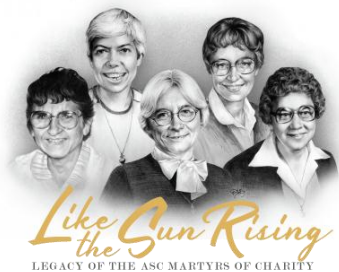
Come check out the bargains! There will be special deals from 1-3 p.m. Spread the word and Don't Miss It!

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@gibaulthawks.com). Something different within reach. We look forward to meeting you! Follow us on Facebook, Twitter (@GibaultCatholic) and Instagram (#gibaultproud) for more information.

OPEN HOUSE at Gibault Catholic High School November 5, **from 11-2**. Come see what we have to offer... ***Something Better Within Reach!***

CONFIRMATION THURSDAY, APRIL 12. NO HW NIGHT FOR GRADE 8. Night of Gibault Musical and night before Memphis Trip for Grades 6-7. Grade 7 will provide hospitality for the Confirmation reception but should be home by 10:00. We are Immaculate Conception School! It should work out

BUILD UP THE KINGDOM OF YOUR LOVE daily shirts: Alex Hrdlicka, Kyra Newton, Eva Haywood, Henry Schulte, Michael Wessel, Malia Schaffer, Sam Bollone, Lillian Kolweier, Nick Doerr, Kate Adams, Joseph Tyler, Isaac Thieret, Xavier Voegele, Audrey Randle, Hayden Lieber, Brady Moore, Sophia Kienzle



Remember these 5 martyred women in prayer and petition

- Watch for the mini-documentary (to be released later this fall) about the Martyrs of Charity and the continued Adorer connections in Liberia. I have asked for a copy of the touching DVD. We can show it to most grades.
- Have conversations with your family and parish about sacrificial love, courage, and commitment
- [Donate](#) to your favorite ministry
- The Tyler Family is related to Sr. Kathleen
- Here is the link to the documentary.
- <http://adorers.org/25th-anniversary-memorial-of-the-martyrs-of-charity/>

PRAYERS: Special Intention Dan Whelan, Kaylee Fogarty, Pat Row, Heather Hughes, Barbara Thompson, George Perry, Pat Huels, Pearl Mueller, Dennis Kish, Donna Kania Archambault, Larry Pelker, Danielle Barnett, Brandon Martin, Joe Schmid, Susan Adams, Laurie Austin, Joyce Rose, Donna Barton, Lydia Boyer, Alicia Cohen, Jan Habermehl, Denise Conner, Kenny Hamontree, Susie Kish Settle, Rachel Warden, Bill Kesler, Dan Borisuk, Lauren Foran, Rich Cullen, Jessica Stemler Barcik, Stella Moll, Gertrude Scherrer, Henry Scott Dabbs, Carolyn Baker, Scott Schaefer, Katy Basinski, Chrissy Hoeflinger, Barbara Buchheit, Angie Rose, Ken Bolton, Nick Carron, Roy Lansing, Sis Blaes, Marcella Heinrichs, Florence Dorshorst, Bill Pennock, Pat Weber, Vince Webb, George Stein, Desiree Frasure

RENDER UNTO CAESAR....Most of this know this Gospel by heart yet we complain about death and taxes all the time. This is normal. We complain that these aren't the "good old days" too. What we have failed to do is find God in the moment no matter where we are at. Even in spitting in the face of death like Dan Whelan does every day. Take 3 deep breaths and please read this from Fr. Richard Rohr, OFM(Fr. Chris goes on retreat with him each year). It is DEEP. It is Teilhard de Chardin....let it in and find God in this moment, right now.

The haunting prayer woven into Teilhard's reflection on faith in **The Divine Milieu** makes clear that it is no cheap optimism he is dispensing here, but a wrenchingly honest acknowledgement of our human predicament and an unfailing fidelity to seeing God in every aspect of the earth, even in our human suffering: and so we pray...

Ah, you know it yourself, Lord, through having borne the anguish of it as a man: on certain days the world seems a terrifying thing: huge, blind, and brutal. . . . At any moment the vast and horrible thing may break in through the cracks—the thing which we try hard to forget is always there, separated from us by a flimsy partition: fire, pestilence, storms, earthquakes, or the unleashing of dark moral forces—these callously sweep away in one moment what we had laboriously built up and beautified with all our intelligence and all our love. Since my human dignity, O God, forbids me to close my eyes to this . . . teach me to adore it by seeing you concealed within it. [1]

Mike Kish assisted by Bev Epplin

Principal

PS Happy Birthday to Susan Fohne on 10-16! All our best!

PS Fr. Carl is on retreat on Oct. 23-27. Please put him in your prayers as he goes to the desert to spend time with the Lord.

PS [Jr. Eagle Basketball Program is here](#). See attached form

PS Do the Dreamers a favor and call your Congressman Mike Bost.

Forget the “movie trailer”---this is real!



We should be pouring concrete footings today. Do you have a LOI LETTER OF INTENT sitting on your dresser waiting to see if January 3, 2019 is going to happen?

Please commit so we don't have to pay so much interest. It is truly an investment in the future. We need to increase our donor base from 533 to the 800 we had for Church. Please help!