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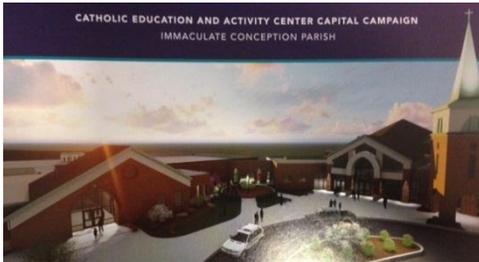
The mission of Immaculate Conception School is to provide experiences to inspire, challenge, and nurture the mind, body, and spirit of our students within the framework of the Gospel of Jesus Christ and the tradition of the Catholic Church.

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THE JOY OF LOVE

Dear Parent, Guardian, Student, Teacher, Friend,



Update on the Capital Campaign for our new Catholic Education and Activity Center

We have about **85 signed up** to do **“the ask”** for our Campaign. I am so proud to say 40 have a child in our school and 23 more have a child who graduated from ICS. We held two trainings---the first on a night when we had 3 Diocesan Soccer Tournament games and the second on the opening night for Dear Edwina Jr. So I believe we can get a few more people trained to help lower the number of average visits we will have to make to get this done. Joe Hederman will do a third training for us at 7:00 on **November 17** in the Garden Level of the Church. Be there for us! Meeting new people is good for you and us. Joining the campaign makes you a believer and believer!

We are not too proud to beg. We will be asking families in our school who are Christians of other traditions or tuition families to join us too. Maybe you could make the **November 17 meeting** and help take on this challenge? ICS graduates may be primarily Catholic but we also have Lutherans, Evangelicals, Baptists, Hindus, Mennonites, and Nondenominational grads working to make our world better with us!

We love our Grandparents too and will be happy to get them a packet to support our campaign. Please contact Mrs. Epplin for a packet so we can keep track. And maybe they can join in on your family pledge (2 in a family can join together) and then we end up with a major gift! Please contact Mrs. Epplin!

MATCHING GIFTS We love these and will be getting information out to our campaigners on promoting this. For example: you make a \$5,000 commitment for 7 years. Your company has a matching gifts program for schools and we end up with \$70,000 instead of \$35,000. We will credit your family as a \$70,000 donor on our Board. Please make a notation on your pledge and make sure your check is made out to school and not church for the match.

We need \$11,600,000 for the current campaign. There is more we would like to do so exceeding our campaign can let all this happen now. We dream big here. We ask big here. Our youth are big here. You are big here. Our God is big here! Let the begging to be bigger begin!

CONGRATULATIONS TO FALL YOUNG AUTHORS! Writers are thinkers! Writing helps us believe in what we think! 114 participated in grades K-4! Winners for the Fall:

- K: Arilyn Baker, Luke Kolweier
- 1: Rina Baker, Brooke Hagedorn
- 2: Garrett Patton, Claire Wachtel
- 3: Caroline Roche, Avery Herrmann
- 4: Owen Dill, Ava Schmidt
- 5: Joseph Tyler, Marisa McGill
- 6: Drew Schmoll, Sydney Wahle
- 7: Autumn Ramey
- 8: Kalia Jerkatis

Runners-Up:

- K: Lily Kolweier, Karis Baker, Drew Boyd, Wiley Sasser
- 1: Isabel Roche, Dante Gianino, Maya Dill, Sam Bollone
- 2: Carolyn Randle, Mason Homeyer, Cameron Donjon, Megan Janson
- 3: Max Keeven, Genevieve Nadziejko, Keegan Thompson, Joseph Whitworth
- 4: Sadie Metz, Sadie Loless, Brooke Heimbürger, James Thebeau
- 5: Allison Stark, Kyra Newton, Abby Repp, Hope Pollmann
- 6: Audrey Sullivan, Maria Biske, Danny Repp, Kyle Rose
- 7: Holly Repp, Noah Newton
- 8: Zoe Swip, James Ramette

Next **Thursday, 10/27, is the Fall Young Authors program in the gymnasium at 1:55.** Winners from grades Kindergarten through 4th will have their winning stories read for our enjoyment. Great participation this fall! We hope to see another great turnout in January 2017. Thank you to all our judges for saluting reading! Robin Nadziejko and Gina Thompson and all our judges!

STUDENT-PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES NEXT WEEK! Bring your Student! Make sure you are signed up or make a private appointment. Some teachers have scaled back their time but you can make private appointments if you need more time. **REPORT CARDS**---IOWA scores available and communicating it takes a village!

BUILDERS CLUB HUNGER IS SCARY 1,344 items so far---65% of our goal. Next week is huge for a successful food drive for St. Vincent de Paul through Builders Club. We will accept anything packaged or in cans, (ramen noodles count as half a point), or a can of soup, which is a whole point. Our goal is to beat our record last year of 2,064 items. Marie Prindiville is chairing for us! Prizes: **1st place:** Jeans Day **2nd place:** Crazy sock and crazy hat day **3rd place:** Gum day

BUILDERS CLUB HALLOWEEN DANCE **Thursday Night, October 27 from 7:00 to 9:30.** No school the next day. **Grades 6-7-8 for PSR and ICS.** Costumes optional---prizes! Admission is \$3.00. Builders Club members are asked to pay their \$2 dues that night. Chaperons needed! The Family Affair will bring the joy. Do not bring a date! Dance with everyone, don't hide under the bleachers or be a wall flower. Learn to socialize, know you are okay, and "Sing your own song"!

LICE: *Rich man, poor man, beggar man, thief*---all get head lice. We have had a few cases lately and are taking an aggressive approach on this. "Lice Busters" from St. Louis will be here to check our students next Thursday, October 27. We will ask Parents and Friends to cover the cost for us. We will contact you with the process to eliminate if we find any. Staff will be checked too! The Principal is hoping to avoid the title of Head Louse.

Family Fun Night hosted by your ICS teachers. Bring your whole family to share some family time and maybe learn something new. Stations include: art, reading, science, cooking, games and more Learning should be FUNdamental at home too. **Tuesday November 15, 2016 6pm-7:30pm** Any questions? Please don't hesitate to ask your child's teacher.

SCHOOL BLOCK CHALLENGE/QUILTING has begun. We won GRAND PRIZE and a THIRD PLACE last year out of 17 states. We do very well and would like to repeat a win this year. We can do this with some volunteers. We meet in Mrs. Weiler's room after school from 3pm - 5pm on the following dates.

Monday, October 24
Tuesday, November 8
Thursday, November 17

Tuesday, November 1
Thursday, November 10
Thursday, November 29

Thursday, November 3
Tuesday, November 15

Please note that next Thursday, October 27 has been canceled due to teacher/parent conferences.

We need help with sewing for all our dates. If you can help by taking one or two sessions, please help. It is hard to get them all finished with one sewing machine.

Contact Carol Fetcho at cfetcho@icsmail.org or text/call [314.565.7354](tel:314.565.7354).

Thank you for your consideration. Mrs Fetcho and Mrs. Weiler

Lunch: For the month of November we are going to try adding a 3rd option to the lunch menu. We will be adding a sunflower butter and jelly sandwich as an additional option each day. Cheese and crackers and chef salads will still be offered, but we are going to try SBJ sandwiches for the month to see if there is any interest or not. Sunflower butter is nut free. It is a free item from the State that we would like to take advantage of, if possible. The SBJ column will be the option C lunch that is currently on MSP. We will be bringing samples of the SBJ sandwich to your student's classrooms on Thursday, October 27 for the students to try. If you prefer that your student not sample it, please let their teacher know. Again this will start on Tuesday, November 1st. If you have any questions, please let us know. Thanks for your help, The Kitchen Staff

Dear Edwina was a huge success---cast of 53, 17 on crew, funding support from the Dorothy Weinel Eppinger Foundation, and \$855.02 donated to Sr. Thea Bowman School from intermission "passing the hat". Special thanks to Mary Beth, Jolene Sasser, Andrea Biske, Penny Prindiville, Desiree Frasure, Laura and Jane Whelan, Patrick Dent, Beth Johns. **Dear Edwina Jr. Play pictures are ready to be viewed!** Got to: www.keevenevents.com select:

Dear Edwin Jr. The password is: 101316 Help? pam@martykeeven.com

AMAZON SMILE at smile.amazon.com. You keep your exact same Amazon account (including Prime Membership, etc.) but if you shop through smile.amazon.com, a portion of your payment is donated to the charity of your choice. Like Scrip, it costs you nothing more (and doesn't keep you from saving money when things go on sale).

Our Brothers Keepers of Southern Illinois is one of the choices and *you can also select "Immaculate Conception Church,"* which is on the list along with Helping Strays of Monroe County, Friends of the Library of Columbia Illinois, and the House of Neighborly Service - Monroe County, IL The point is, if you are going to buy the books through Amazon anyway, log in through smile.amazon.com and make the money go even further.

Joy of love tee shirts---ICS and PSR students who get picked to wear the shirt **will paint the bulletin board in the hall way.** Tiffany has markers. Addie Murphy, Naomi Langhans, Ella Boyd, Aiden Howard-Maul, Aidan Sullivan. Cameron Donjon, Keeley Cooper, Ava Langhans, Julia Hoeflinger, Hayden Liefer

CHILD PROTECTION....ARE YOU IN COMPLIANCE?

With the new school year in full swing, we need to make sure **all parents/grandparents/employees and anyone who volunteers in any capacity** at the school, on fieldtrips, book fairs, etc... are still in compliance with the Diocesan Child Protection Policy. If you have not taken the Initial Training course, please make the effort to do so as soon as possible. The next one we offer here at IC is going to be November 2, from 6-8 p.m. in the Garden Level at church. Please call Angie at the parish office to reserve a space (281-5105).

There are also forms that need to be filled out and returned after the Training. Please make sure those are filled out and returned.

Each year after the Initial Training course has been completed, you are required to take an online refresher course, print and deliver or have the website email Angie your certificate. This year's course is available on the Diocesan website at: <http://diobelle.org/b.aspx>

There are also forms that need to be updated from time to time. Your child's teacher will be getting a list soon and let you know if you need to update a form. All forms will be accessible through the parish and school websites.

It is taking DCFS upwards of 3 months to get all forms processed and returned to the diocese, therefore please plan accordingly, and return all paperwork promptly, so that you don't have to miss that field trip or volunteer opportunity with your children.

If you have family or friends who have children that will be starting school next fall, let them know they **should consider taking** the training course now. This will ensure that they are all set and ready to go when they want to volunteer.

If you have any questions, please call Angie at the parish office 281-5105.

The legendary John Wooden indelibly imprinted on my mind the quote ***"I practice in case I get a chance."***

Apply it to any sport like I did in basketball OR to any safety drill. We held our earthquake drill in conjunction with the Great Central U.S. Shake-Out this week. I love drills because they are practice. We learn. We get better. Today, we found out that with Art Class now in the cafeteria, we need a "grab-n-go" emergency bag ready there. We also realize we need one in the exit corner of the gym to speed up the process. Just like having a plan does not guarantee you will remember it, practice helps. I love it when the kid comes off the bench and nails one to win the game or we tweak a change and get better!

PARENTS AND FRIENDS NOTES...



Entertainment Book Drive Aidan Howard Maul earned the top prize of a drone for his sales for the Fall Parents and Friends Fundraiser. According to our Rep, he is the first in the Metro Area to do this as he had 28 sales! Ava Schmidt won the remote controlled dog and Mary Ann Imhoff won \$50 in Scrip for you! Carrie Boser served as chairperson and over \$8,000 was the net! Use your book---get your money back---have some fun!

WHICH FABULOUS ICS BUSINESS OWNERS WOULD LIKE TO SPONSOR THIS YEAR'S TRIVIA NIGHT?

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)

ICS TRIVIA NIGHT- Saturday Nov. 5 at 7pm in Gym- Guaranteed to be a Fun Night !!!

Reserve your table of 10 players now, tables are filling up quickly!

Contact Tammy Hoeflinger- Tammy.Hoeflinger@charter.net for reservations. If you don't have a full table but would like to play, let us know, we can build a table for you. Price- \$150 per table of 10 Extras- Silent Auction, Mulligans, 50/50, Heads or Tails, I Never, Booze Raffle

80s Theme Dress Up Optional, Prize for Best Dressed Individual. BYOB and Snacks

**** Runners needed , 6th, 7th, or 8th graders, let us know!***Contact: Jessica Wachtel-[314-749-1663](tel:314-749-1663)

POTLUCK FOR PARENT TEACHER ! If you signed up to bring in food or drinks for the potluck, we need them in the cafeteria between 4:30pm and 5:30pm on the 27th.

Parents and Friends Approved Funding: What a blessing you are! The Joy of Love Shirts for the Faculty---bill coming. 20 copies of Never Too Young song book and covers for Mass =\$268.000, National Catholic Education Association Convention during Easter Week---registration \$185 X 25 = \$4625! **Thanks for being there for us!**



On October 18th, the ICS 2nd Grade went to Powell Hall and experienced a musical journey through the four seasons, learning how animals navigate winter, summer, spring, and fall at the St. Louis Zoo. They enjoyed listening to the large variety of instruments and seeing the beautiful architect of the building. Lunch was enjoyed at Tower Grove Park and then

students explored the beautiful gardens at the Missouri Botanical Gardens. Patti Scace works at the Missouri Botanical Gardens and the Stuarts tracked her down!

Grade 3 is on their Community Field Trip today and Grade 1 is at the Zoo!

DC BLUES FUNDRAISER The Blues play the Stars on November 28th. The tickets are \$27 each. Profit goes to students who sell [click link](#) (last week) to order tickets! 3-1 start to the year! Yeo!

Looking for footie PJ's size 12 months to 5 T for Honduras

My name is Zach Hennes and I am a senior at St Louis University High school and a graduate of ICS. I will be going to Honduras for the month of January for my senior service project to work in an orphanage/nutrition center that is run by SLUH. We will take several things with us for use in the orphanage. Currently we are collecting footie PJ's for the kids (size 12 month to 5 T) You can send them to ICS & put in a bag marked for Honduras (Zach Hennes) or you can contact me & we will be happy to pick them up. Thanks in advance. 11 so far. Zach Hennes---[618-476-7502](tel:618-476-7502)

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT Friday, **October 21st starting at 6:30 pm Tonight!**

Please come and join us in the Garden Level of the Immaculate Conception Church on Palmer Road as the Knights of Columbus presents the next film from BUILDING THE DOMESTIC CHURCH program: "The Hunchback of Notre Dame". We will have free popcorn and drinks available. If you would like, please bring comfortable chairs, bean bags and/or sleeping bags. If you have any questions, contact Nick Matrisotto at (314) 609-7092, Brian Repp at (314)479-3027 or Ted Haney at (314) 504-5057.

BUILDING THE DOMESTIC CHURCH: *The Family Fully Alive* reminds us the theme for October is:

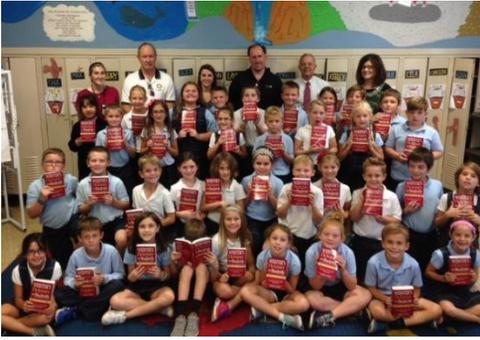
"Because God rested on the seventh day, we want to celebrate Sunday together as a family."

Sunday is the day of the Lord! Celebrate the sacredness of this holy day each week by "participating" in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. There, you renew your covenant with God. We become one with God and one with others. True joy comes to families who follow the Lord.

THE SPORTING NEWS...Please launder and return your soccer uniform with your name on it.



On Saturday October 15, Marie Prindiville and Dominic Dalpoas competed in the Class S State Cross Country Finals at Bryan Memorial Park in Salem, Illinois. Marie placed second of 175 varsity girls in State with a time of 12:17 behind the winning time of 12:14.5. Dominic placed 43rd of 206 boys with a time of 12:17. The ICS students were coached by Tom Prindiville.



NATIONAL DICTIONARY DAY WAS OCTOBER 16. The Columbia Rotary Club distributed approximately 175 dictionaries to the third-graders at Parkview Elementary and Immaculate Conception Schools. The Columbia Rotary Club has been providing dictionaries to all of the third-graders in Columbia every year since 2010. Club members who participated in this year's distribution were Jessica Dickerson, Bill Meyer, Adam Linnemann, David Touchette, and Tim Gutknecht. Noah Webster was the master of the pen who popularized dictionary use. His non-relative Daniel Webster was one of the greatest orators of the first

half of the 19th century and a member of the triumvirate of "Great Compromisers" who kept our infant nation together until the Civil War. The time they gave our nation to mature allowed us to suffer through the Civil War and remain a Union. Noah and Daniel are often confused. Harper's Magazine just reported that people who read books live 2 years longer. Thanks Columbia Rotarians!

Thanks for \$14 from Your Cause Corporate Employee Giving Programs!

RAGING RIVERS Raging Rivers is discontinuing its reading program. They are instead offering a free admission if a student brings in a report card with an A on it during the week of June 24-30 2017. If a student cannot attend during that week, they will offer \$10 off the admission price at any other time with proof of an A on a report card. They will also honor an "S" for satisfactory or an "M" for meets. The good news is that they will honor junior high and high school student report cards as well whereas before they stopped at sixth grade. Thanks to Jen Schauster.

GIBAULT CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

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.

The **Gibault Drama Department** is proud to present a serious drama **October 27-30** in the GCHS auditorium... **Mrs. Packard**. Without proof of insanity, Elizabeth Packard is committed by her husband to an asylum. Based on historical events, Emily Mann's play tells of one woman's struggle to right a system gone wrong. Show will be performed at 7:00 PM Thursday-Saturday and at 2:00 on Sunday.

OPEN HOUSE at Gibault Catholic High School **November 6, from 11-2**. Come see what we have to offer... **Something Different Within Reach!** Visit with teachers, learn about the electronic curriculum, tour the classrooms and see some of our students in action. Welcome to the Gibault Catholic family!

GIBAULT RECYCLE CAPS & LIDS PROJECT Please help us achieve our goal of two more benches and continue to save your caps and lids. Drop them off at the Gibault office or contact Karen Asbury at kasbury@gibaultonline.com. Thank you for your support!!

Come Join the FUN!!! ICC Server Party! Grades 5-8. For new and current servers. Friday, November 4, 6-8:00 p.m. at the Monroe County YMCA. There will be food, swimming, and activities! 281-5105. Look at your invitation and follow through!

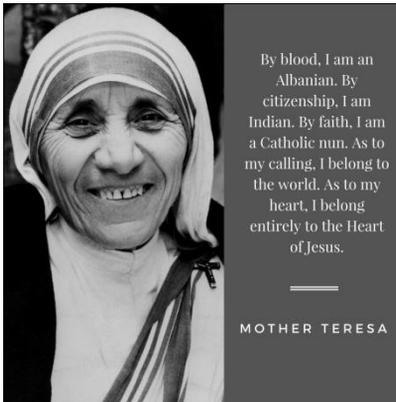


Fri. Oct 21, 2016 : Ephesians 4:1-6; Luke 12:54-59

Why do you not know how to interpret the present time? Ready for the big election? Have you read the signs of the times? Are you hopeful like Paul, who, despite being chained to a prison wall, speaks of "one hope

... one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all"? Or are you more practical, like Jesus, who still has a long row to hoe before his life yields the glory that inspires Paul? Clouds in the west and hot winds from the south mean trouble ahead. But that's just the weather. Let's hope that Paul's confidence and Jesus' caution will guide us as we make choices about our nation, so that truth and justice may prosper in our time. *Let the just one receive your blessing, O Lord.*

[Miguel Dulick](#)



'O GOD, BE MERCIFUL TO ME A SINNER.' In the very poignant parable in this Sunday's Gospel of the Pharisee and the tax collector, Jesus' point is so clear that the less said about it the better. What else stands out for me, besides its obvious message, is the very simple prayer of the tax collector: 'O God, be merciful to me a sinner.' As I mentioned in the reflection a few weeks ago, I have the privilege of hearing a lot of confessions. A challenge for many people is what is known as the act of contrition. Many people years ago have learned a somewhat long and involved prayer. My concern is that in their attempt to remember it they do not appreciate the main import of the prayer. For me it is simply to tell God I am very sorry for my sins, I ask for your forgiveness, and I will endeavor to avoid these evils in the future. In its own way I see the tax collector's prayer doing this. Evidently Jesus did as well because he says that the person went away justified.

However in my confession work I do hear many other kinds of contrition prayers which for me are quite adequate. For example:

- a) *Oh my God, I am sorry for my sins because I have offended you. I know I should love you above all things. Help me to do penance, to do better, and to avoid anything that might lead me to sin. Amen.*
- b.) *Oh God, I am heartily sorry for my sins. I love you very much and I will try to do better.*
- c.) *Oh my God I'm sorry for my sins in choosing to do wrong and failing to do good.*
- d.) *I have sinned against you and your Church, and I firmly intend, with the my help of your Son, to make up for my sins and to love as I should.*



It is also noteworthy to me that the tax collector does not spell out what his sins are. Also in other places in the gospel when Jesus forgives sins, he too seeks no such enumeration. For legitimate pastoral reasons our church does ask us to mentioned them out as well as we can. But Jesus' example reminds us that the heart of the matter is acknowledging the fact that I am a sinner in need of God's mercy and forgiveness; and I beg and pray for this. Jim Blumeyer, SJ White House Reflections

PRAYERS: Special Intention, Maggie Williamson, Darus Frasure, Mike Juengling, Jessica Stemler Barcik, Dan Borisuk, Dan Whelan, Patricia Steppig, Lauren Foran, Rich Cullen, Barb Winschel, 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

Sincerely,

Mike Kish, Principal

PS *Perfect is the enemy of good---If you try to be perfect you can't do much good.* NYPD BLUE

PS: Parents and Friends attachments of fundraisers coming up. [Laser Tag](#) [Dinner Out](#)

PS HEARING AID FOUND! Left at our Dear Edwina, Jr. production Thursday night in the back row.

PS We are a nationally recognized Mix-It-Up Day school. Our 7th and 8th graders will be visiting Sr. Thea Bowman School on Tuesday. We will hold activities here for the rest of the grades. America is great because of its diversity and respect we have for all cultures and religions and people. We need to get better at it. ***"I practice in case I get a chance."*** God helps us practice!

REMEMBERING DEACON LINUS AND ALICE HORCHER Linus and Alice were graduates of our school and very active in our parish to the point of Linus' ordination as a Deacon in our church. Alice was killed in a tragic accident on vacation in the 1990's. She had been Director of Transportation for our Columbia Community Unit #4 and a photographer. She had a great sense of humor and always made us laugh when she said *"Alice is ugly"* before clicking the shutter. Linus was a chemist for Monsanto. I was lucky enough to room with Deacon Linus for 8 days on a trip to Guatemala to visit St. Raymond's. As a grade school classmate of my Mom, it was a joy sharing stories with him. We talked a lot about parish, dealing with the loneliness of being a widower, and the joy we are to find in the vocation called life. Deacon Linus returned, remarried, suffered through the trials of cancer, and went home to his God. He was buried in a deaconate stole that was gifted to him from Fr. Stan Rother of Oklahoma City, who would later be martyred in Guatemala and is on schedule to be beatified this coming summer. Deacon Linus and Alice set up a trust with some of their estate, naming our parish as an equal partner with their children. This trust was liquidated recently since it might be decades before it plays out and suffers reduction in value. We received \$48,000 as our part of the trust and it was placed in our Catholic Education and Activity Center. God's peace to these good friends, good parishioners, and good stewards. May their lives be an inspiration to us! They have been to me. Is your parish mentioned in your will or trust? How do you want to be remembered? Living a good life following the Lord is one way.

