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Celebrating 167 years of Mission, Community, Service.

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.

October 22, 2020

Bienvenido el parrochia!

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Dear Parents, Guardians, and Friends,

THE SPORTING NEWS...

Immaculate Conception Girls win Cross Country Regional; Boys finish 2nd!



On Friday, October 16th Marissa hosted a Regional cross country meet between Marissa, Steeleville, Evansville, St. Mark's-Steeleville, and Immaculate Conception-Columbia (ICS). Due to COVID-19 Regional contests are being held to reduce the field sizes at the State cross country meet. The winning team and the next 5 highest placed individuals from eight regions qualify for the State cross country meet to be held on Friday, October 23rd at the Du Quoin State Fairgrounds.

The team race for the girls was won by Immaculate Conception whose depth of talented runners made the difference in obtaining victory. Evansville, Steeleville, and Immaculate Conception each had three runners in the top 10, but it was the comparative strength of ICS's #4-#7 runners that allowed ICS to take the win over the competition.

Immaculate Conception was led by Rina Baker who started the race conservatively and then steadily moved up the field to finish in second place overall. Just ten seconds behind Rina Baker was teammate Isabel Roche in 6th place and Lillian Braun rounded out the top ten. All three of ICS's top runners are in 5th grade and just starting their journey in cross country. At this point ICS was trailing

both Evansville and Steeleville who had lower point totals for their top 3 runners. The girls from ICS were able to make up ground with their next four runners who all placed within the top 18 runners. Naomi Langhans finished in 12th, Caroline Roche was 15th, Sophie Conrad was 16th, and Genevieve Nadziejko finished in 18th place.

Overall, the ICS girls scored a narrow three-point victory over Steelville. The final team scores for the day were ICS-42, Steelville-45, Evansville-59, and Marissa-88. All 7 of ICS's girls advance to compete at the state finals in Du Quoin.

In the boys' race ICS placed 2nd overall even though they only had 2 runners place in the top 10. The ICS boys ran as a strong team and had the school's depth of talent on display. ICS was led by Will Dalpoas who finished in 6th place with a time of 12:36. Will advances to the state finals in Du Quoin as an individual based on his strong performance. Not far behind was a pack of ICS Crusaders running as tight unit. In this pack of five was Max Keeven who finished in 10th, Luke Dalpoas in 11th, Xavier Voegele in 12th, Lucas Sheehan in 13th, and Riley McGill taking 14th. Finishing out the race for ICS was Logan Loporto in 18th. No other team in the race placed all 7 of their runners inside the top 20.

When the points were tallied, ICS's depth was not enough to overcome a strong Marissa team. The final team scores for the boys' race were Marissa-40, Immaculate Conception-52, Steeleville-58, and St. Mark's-74.



Congratulations to Will Dalpoas on qualifying for State CC at Du Quoin tomorrow!

FATHERS CLUB MEETING TONIGHT. Garden Level can hold 50 now! 7:30. We set a record with attendance at the last meeting. Let's do it again!

ICS Parents & Friends presents **TAILGATE BINGO!** Tomorrow Night! October 23, 2020 - get all the details and your tickets here: <https://e.givesmart.com/events/iYc/> Contact Jolene Sasser with questions at josasser@yahoo.com

Don't like BINGO? We could use some volunteers to help the evening run smoothly! We've got a few spots that could go toward youth service hours. Contact Jolene Sasser at josasser@yahoo.com with questions. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090C4BADA72FAAFD0-tailgate>

SAVE THE DATE!
TAILGATE
BINGO!
 IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
 COLUMBIA, ILLINOIS
 OCTOBER 23, 2020 6:30PM
 PRESENTED BY ICS PARENTS & FRIENDS. DETAILS TO COME.

Booze Raffle Donations Needed!!!

Parents and Friends need your booze donations for the raffle for our parking lot Bingo event on October 23rd!! All types of libations needed- liquor, beer, wine. Please leave your donations with Bev in the office or contact Jessica Wachtel- 314-749-1663 for pick up. Thanks for your help!!



Our **First Fall Band Concert** will be held outdoors on the upper lot this Sunday, October 25, at 1:00. Plans are for an FM connection like our Park and Pray Mass so we can enjoy in the safety of our cars. Bring some snacks and celebrate the joy of music with us! Mr. Hake has been very creative in bringing the music this year!



Congratulations to Aiden Howard-Maul on his profession of faith and First Communion this week! Aiden has reminded us what we take for granted! God bless you Aiden for blessing us!

NEXT WEEK:

Tuesday: Celebrating our 176th day in our Catholic Education and Activity Center! Blue and White day with uniform bottoms.

Thursday: We will have Halloween Appropriate Costume Day on October 29th for everyone. No masks except PPE.(If you have a Spider Man one you can wear it but not the real Spider man one.) Dress like your favorite saint and win a prize from the Office! (Leave St. Michael's sword at home.) Our School Reopening Plan doesn't account for snacks but teachers can provide self contained. Instead of teachers paying out of pocket and getting reimbursement (several people feel uncomfortable with this because actual money is being exchanged), can we do one of the two following things:

- 1) Room parents make an online purchase and have it delivered to school.
- 2) Room parent sends in pre-packaged candy by Monday so it has a 3 day quarantine.

Upper grades will not have a "party," but there is usually a treat distribution at some point during the day. I know there was some concern about this opening the door for birthday treats, but the Faculty is supportive of calling Halloween a holiday special treat day. We are not interested in micromanaging quarantine times for all birthday treats for all our students.

Friday: No school

STEWARDSHIP What a great concept. It is biblical. It is Scriptural. It makes economic sense too. You all committed. Have you met your pledge? We are pretty far behind on family pledges. Our cost per pupil is around \$5700 per year. Do your part and fulfill your commitment or exceed if you are having a good year or work accordingly if you are Covid impacted. Let us know if you need help. The Widow's Mite tells us we can all do something. Thanks! A new year is about to start so fulfill your commitment to the past. Time-Talent-Treasure!

THE DONOR BOARD If you keep up with our Sunday bulletin you know we are \$3.5M short on pledges for our Catholic Education and Activity Center and paying debt service which, though necessary, really drives up our cost. We are working on recognizing our donors. Maybe you are new to the parish, or told the Campaign contact person you would give later, or just plain need a nudge. We have rooms available to be claimed yet(\$100,000k) and will take any other amount. I will fill you in a little more later on this but think about it and give me a call. We all owe a debt to the past and we pay it forward in the future. I will never be able to give enough for all this parish has done for me. I hope you feel the same way. We are human. We connect to our God in human ways by helping each other. The Board will be mounted in the Gym Lobby.

THE ICS FATHERS' CLUB IS SELLING TURKEYS FOR THANKSGIVING this year.

- Small All Natural Amish Fresh Turkey 16-20 lbs
- Large All Natural Amish Fresh Turkey 20-24 lbs
- Frozen Fresh Double Lobe Turkey Breast approx 4-8 lbs
- Small Smoked Turkey approx 8-10 lbs
- Large Smoked Turkey approx 16-18 lbs
- Smoked Double Lobe Turkey Breast approx 4-6 lbs

Order online today to ensure availability: <https://icsfathers.square.site>

All turkeys will be available for pick up Friday November 20th, between 4 and 8 pm.

Top Golf fundraiser---December 6, 2020---1:00 to 4:00---[See the flyer](#) and get in the game early!

<https://e.givesmart.com/events/j1Y/>



Look at what was posted on the Moms on a Mission Facebook page last night!

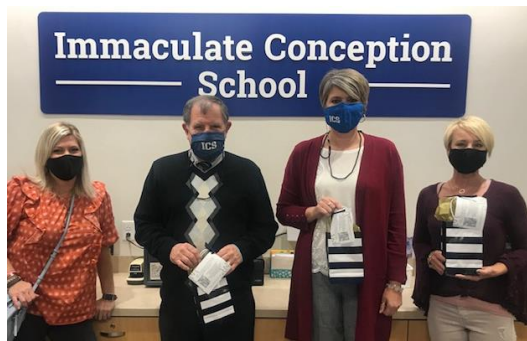
What a awesome blessing we got tons of blankets for our homeless friends thank you so much



Thank you to everyone who participated in the Share the Warmth blanket drive. We collected almost four truckloads of blankets and sleeping bags and \$180 in cash donations! We delivered the blankets to Moms on a Mission Wednesday evening and immediately Moms on a Mission started taking blankets to the homeless in downtown Saint Louis. We couldn't have done this without you!

Confirmation Cluster D will be doing another drive during the weekend of October 30th, 31st, and November 1st. We are collecting items for the House of Neighborly

Service's Thanksgiving Dinner Bags and the kids will be assembling the bags in November. The flyer is attached.



Laura Oberkfell and Marla Rose presented our teachers and staff with a Hope Necklace or a “Teachers can virtually do anything” coffee cup this week on behalf of the local community and Parents and Friends. All the time God is good!

STUDENT-PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES October 27 and 29th. Thanks for signing up! Help your child own their education. Have them with you on the Zoom!

PARENT HELP BUILDING A BETTER WORLD

As Catholics and Christians, we are called to unity. Please check out Sesame Street’s Parent Guide to helping your child stand up for Racial Justice, together – The Power of We.

<https://www.sesameworkshop.org/what-we-do/racial-justice/watch-and-play-together>

Columbia Cub Scouts will be having a virtual sign up event next week! [See Flyer](#)

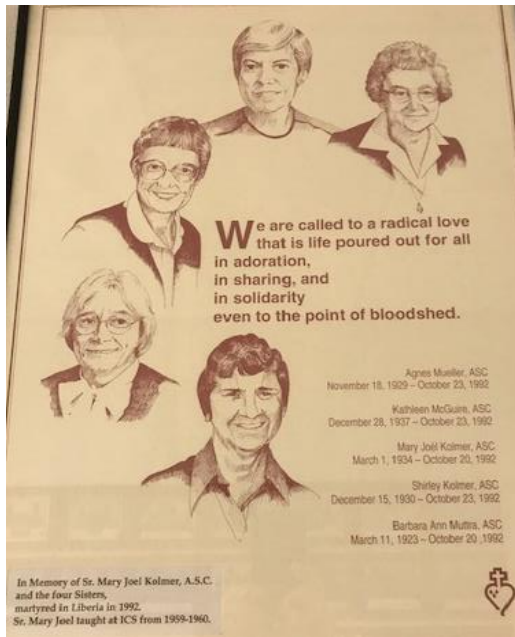
BOX TOPS IS CHANGING TO FIT TODAY’S FAMILIES. The new and improved Box Tops mobile app uses state-of-the-art technology to scan your store receipt, find participating products and instantly add Box Tops to your school’s earnings online. Simply go to Google Play if you have an android phone and go to the App Store if you have an iphone. Download the app and enter zip code to find our school and answer the questions and you are ready to scan.

GRADS IN THE NEWS...

National Honor Society Inductees from ICS: Mary Clare Murphy of Cor Jesus High School, Kalia Jerkatis of Althoff Catholic High School, Zoe Swip, Hannah Stearns, Reagan Herrmann, Katie Grawitch, Andrew Harmon, Eli Garcia, and Jacob Feldker of Gibault Catholic High School. Congratulations!

Eli Garcia was on the third place sectional Golf Team for Gibault Catholic High School!

THANKS FOR A \$500 DONATION IN HONOR OF DORIS SCHMERSAHL to our Music Department! She was a lady of the arts, music, reading, and community involvement and her legacy lives on!



[Memorial of Saints John de Brébeuf and Isaac Jogues, Priests, and Companions, Martyrs this week.](#) Camp Ondessonk is named after these Missionaries of the Church. The French approach to colonization differed from the British. “In those times” needs to be taught. “In these times” we need to have a different approach and follow the essence of our Faith. We have our own “North American Martyrs” who were murdered in Liberia by the followers of Charles Taylor. The 20th and the 23rd are the anniversaries of their deaths. Sr. Mary Joël Kolmer taught here in 1959 and she and her sister Sr. Shirley Kolmer were raised on Rt. 3 closer to Columbia than Waterloo. We have saints among us. Students need to know.

Sr. Kathleen McGuire was the inspiration for the sister parish program. She connected with our

pastor, Fr. Vince Haselhorst, and we were the very first parish. There are now over 75 of these relationships. At the Missions International Board Meeting on Monday, we discussed helping sister parishes find ways to supplant income since our donations are down some. Due to the generosity of our founders, Mr. and Mrs. Len Daiber, their discretionary funds allowed us to support seminarians who have to live in the Diocesan compound due to Covid and rehire some farm help for Fr. Paul in Ghana, one of the places who received our uniforms.

GIBAULT CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

Oktoberfest 2020 Our Roaring 2020's Virtual Oktoberfest is October 24! Register to bid and purchase raffle tickets for \$1,000 cash, designer purses, and “dough” (pizza gift cards, lottery tickets, and cash) at www.GCHSOktoberfest.givesmart.com. Donations are currently being accepted at Gibault's front office. We appreciate your support and hope you will be part of our virtual event! Please jump in and grab a bargain!

Open House Come see what it's like to be a Gibault Hawk at our Open House on Sunday, November 1, 2020, from 12 – 4 p.m. One lucky family who attends will win a one-time \$500 discount off a new student's tuition for the 2021-2022 school year! Please contact Director of Enrollment Kelly Day at 618-939-3883 or kday@gibaulthawks.com to schedule your socially-distanced tour or visit <http://bit.ly/GCHSOpenHouse>.

300 Miles for Gibault: 1 team, 1 day, and 300 miles of bicycling to benefit Gibault! Former Gibault Theology teacher Mike Schaefer is riding 300 miles from Southaven, MS to Gibault on Nov. 8. Be part of his journey through a donation, 100% of which supports Gibault Catholic High School's General Scholarship Fund. For more information or to donate, visit <https://300forgibault.org/>.

THE QUARTER IS OVER TODAY. 1ST QUARTER GRADES will be posted Tuesday for Conferences. We will also send home our Iowa Scores. Regarding our standardized testing, scores are not too far off the mark. Count in Covid-19 backslide and summer back slide and we would probably be right on our usual mark. I will be meeting with each 8th-7th-6th grader in the next month to go over these scores one on one. Owning your education is the key to your future! Early release tomorrow at 11:30 so the teachers can get prepped for Student-Parent-Teacher Conferences. Latchkey should bring a lunch.



We hope all our new students and families have settled in a little and feel welcome. Please return if you still have your sign to the outside door if you still have it. Thanks and welcome again!

Steve Killy has been diagnosed with Stage IV cancer. He is a cousin to the Melliére's and attended ICS. Prayer list please.

Josh Ritter is back in the hospital, at Barnes since Thursday night. He stopped breathing and went into cardiac arrest. After a long night and day in the ER, he was admitted to the ICU. He's got a lot of swelling in the base of his head and top of his spine, which is keeping him from moving anything below his neck making it hard for him to breathe on his own. After two days of steroids, he's able to move his fingers, thumb and wrist on his right hand and he spent almost 4 hours off of the ventilator but got tired and had to go back on. He's also back on tube feeds and getting medication by IV. He also has feeling in his arms and legs again. They are hopeful that he will get his function back after the swelling subsides but at this point, we don't know. Mentally, he is himself, which is encouraging. John and I are able to break the rules and alternate staying with him all the time since he can't communicate by speaking or writing." Josh is in the ICS Class of 2010. Cheryl

Rich Morr is out of the hospital! Halleluiah!

Pat Smith, is really suffering from her brain tumors. Please pray for her and the family as they struggle through this difficult time.

PRAYERS: Special Intention Steve Killy, Larry Carrico, Josh Ritter, Pat Smith, Joan Prigge, Joanna Prigge Ellner, George Perry, Lindsay White, Lynn Dugan, Harley Greer, Isla Lunk, Nick Lahr, Fr. Gary Gummersheimer, Gladys Williamson, Danielle Dorlac, Arlin Stechmesser, Dan Hoeflinger, Karen Hornacek, Seth Watters, Glyn Raeber, Mike Drone, Geraldine McCoy, Kathy Neal, Logan Eichenseer, Ashley Burris, Ed Schaefer, Libby LoPorto, Tom Giovanni, Dion Scherr Miller, Donna Kania, Owen Jordan, Anthony Hendricks, Mark Fiore, Shawn Eichoff, Charlie Stockes, Angela Roepke, Jan Hoffmann, Bill West, Jennifer Nesser, Tom Kish, Patti Rottler, Mike Taylor



Fr. Michael McGivney, founder of the Knights of Columbus, will be beatified on October 31. This is the step before sainthood. At a time when widows and orphans had no social safety net, he created an organization to provide. It thrives today and might well be one of most service minded and charity organizations in our country. We salute Fr. McGivney and all the Knights who walk in his footsteps following the Lord.

This Weekend's Scriptures: You won't believe the timing of the First Reading from Exodus this weekend. You can't say Scriptures don't speak to us right where we are. Fr. McGivney can be found in this reading. In the Gospel, Jesus came to simplify things for us. 10 Commandments? Okay. Two Commandments that encompass the Ten? Better. And then follow the 8 rules---The Beatitudes. The way to real freedom is to lose the burden of having to look over your shoulder as you try to get away with something. It is human to be this way. It is divine to be counter cultural like our God. That's why Jesus came. To show us how to live! Come to the Table this weekend! As Fr. Nick said so well last week, you don't have to come, but the fact you do speaks volumes. Keep up the Faith!

Mike Kish

Principal

PS October 23---early release tomorrow at 11:30 Teacher time! Latchkey-bring a lunch PS Thanks to the **Columbia Sons of the American Legion** for providing the faculty and staff a box lunch on October 23, which an early release day for us and a day for working on grades. The lunch will be here by 11:45 and we will bless our food and them!



Hunger is Scary! As of Friday morning collection we are at 800 items. The end of Hunger is Scary will be moved to November 2, All Souls Day. Dress down day if you brought in some food!