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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,

**STUDENT-PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES IN HOME ROOMS on Tuesday and Thursday.**

Be sure and bring your child to hear the good news and get even better.

**BUILDERS CLUB DANCE THURSDAY NIGHT FROM 7:00-9:30!!!** The gym was open so why not? Gr. 6-7-8. No school the next day! Admittance is good behavior and \$3 plus \$2 Builders Club dues from Gr. 7 and 8. Chaperons needed!

**MIX-IT-UP DAY** Next Tuesday, Sr. Thea Bowman School Grades 5-8 will be here for Team Quest starting around 9:00 for Grades 5-8. Team Quest is an engineering and problem solving contest where teams work together in a competitive manner. Upper grades will wear regular uniforms. Grades K-4 can wear their field day color shirts with uniform shorts to celebrate the day and will have activities to work on. Upper grades can wear their field day shirts on the 28<sup>th</sup> with uniform shorts. Thanks to Sue Lewis and Karen Weiler for setting this up. Sr. Thea Bowman students will stay through lunch as we make new friends and renew acquaintances.

**PAUL KOLESKE CONTEMPORARY CHRISTIAN CONCERT** Monday, Oct. 26 at 7 p.m. Immaculate Conception Church 411 Palmer Rd. Contemporary Christian singer, songwriter and recording artist, Paul Koleske, will be offering his concert of personally composed sacred music on Monday, October 26 at 7 p.m., in our new church. He will integrate faith witness and testimony with his music to show how it applies to you and your life. Paul has been on EWTN and is known throughout the nation for his music and speaking presentations. This is a very spiritually uplifting event and you are invited to bring family and friends. His recorded music will be available for purchase. The concert will be on a free will offering basis. For additional information: [www.paulkoleske.com](http://www.paulkoleske.com). He sounds like James Taylor...hit his website.

**RETAKE DAY will all be Monday, 10/26/15.** If your child was absent during school picture day please have them dress up for retake day. If there was an issue with your child's picture and you want them retaken, please write a note explaining the reason for the retake and send it with the package you ordered on retake day. Acceptable reasons for retakes: Glass glare, out of focus and eyes closed etc.

**MENU CHANGE:** On October 26<sup>th</sup>---hot dogs only---McRibs will not be available that day

## WINNERS FOR FALL YOUNG AUTHORS:

K: Julia Drury, Anna McGill

2: Caroline Roche, Maryann Imhoff

4: Kyra Newton, Aubrey Thompson

6: Ally Curry, Paula Boser

8: Hannah Janson

1: Claire Wachtel, Avery Melliere

3: Audrey Randle, Brooke Heimburger

5: Emma Tippen, Sydney Wahle

7: James Ramette

Runners-up:

K: David Callico, Jr., Wes Jasper, Dante Gianino, Hogan Story

1: Naomi Langhans, Ryan Kroenig, Cam Donjon, Carolyn Randle

2: Kaila Jerkatis, Karina Jerkatis, Keegan Thompson, Avery Herrmann

3: Sadie Loless, John Bollone, Ava Schmidt, Addison Sanker

4: Brock Murphy, Abby Repp, Olivia Blaskiewicz, Drew Roche

5: Anna Haubrich, Aidan Sullivan, Ariel Adams, Kyle Rose

6: Noah Newton, Caitlyn Schwartz, Emma Melliere, Autumn Ramey

7: Jacob Feldker, Katie Grawitch

8: Maggie Schulte, Eve Melliere

Thanks to Kim Janson and all our judges for saluting reading!



Work of art by Jolene Sasser

**A cast of 47, a crew of 32, The Class of 2016, the Builders Club, and the Gospel of Matthew came to life in Godspell, Jr.** All I can do is sit there and be proud of the 79 disciples who pulled it all off and especially MaryBeth Babcock who worked her magic once again. What a fitting segue into whatever use the Church on Main will house! The play radiated the joy of One Man's Life, the tragedy of His death, and His rising to new life! Thanks to all for another very successful production highlighting God's musical and theatrical gifts to us. Our collection for Sr. Thea Bowman School raised \$1,106.00!

*"We had our last Masses but a whole new future lies ahead of us."* Pat Grawitch

**INTRUDER DRILL TODAY** These required drills help us to be safe and vigilant. Much has changed as more has been learned about school shootings. Det. Sgt. Donjon checked doors and procedures. We are constantly seeking new ways to be safer without being paranoid.

**ST. LOUIS BLUES DC FUNDRAISER!** We have 100 tickets available to Tuesday, December 8, 2015 game vs Arizona Coyotes at 7 pm. Tickets are \$30 each and the seats are in section 308-309. Please contact Penny Prindiville at 314-707-0783 or pmprindy@yahoo.com. Let me know which 8th grader you want to buy from! Deadline is November 13, 2015

## **PARENTS AND FRIENDS NEWS...**

### **LASER TAG AT THE EDGE-[attached flyer](#)**

No school on October 30---what to do? Play laser tag at The Edge in Belleville from 12-3:00. (Ages 7 and above---\$20 for unlimited games of laser tag---some moms last year had a lunch date there while the kids played laser tag) Thanks to Michelle Guetterman for setting this up for us!

### **CALLING ALL BUSINESS OWNERS: Trivia Night Sponsors Needed!**

Ten lucky businesses will have the opportunity to be featured at this year's trivia night. For \$100, each sponsor will be designated to a particular round. During that round, the business' logo will appear on all of the PowerPoint slides and answer sheets given to each team for that particular round. Additionally, our very outgoing emcee for the evening will do a mini commercial for each sponsor encouraging guests to patronize the business. Sponsors will also be featured on our school and Parents and Friends' Facebook pages, which consist of more than 700 members.

We are asking for commitments by Nov 7. Please contact Kara Boyd at [\(618\) 444-6502](tel:6184446502) or [knboyd2@yahoo.com](mailto:knboyd2@yahoo.com) if you or someone you know is interested in sponsoring.

Thanks, Kara Boyd

**ICS Trivia Night- Saturday November 14<sup>th</sup> [See the Flyer!](#)** Doors open at 6pm, Trivia starts at 7pm in the Gym More info to follow! Reservations: [Tammy.hoeflinger@charter.net](mailto:Tammy.hoeflinger@charter.net)

**MCTEACHER NIGHT IS NOVEMBER 17 RONALD MCDONALD IS COMING---ATTENDANCE PRIZES---BUY GIFT CARDS AND WE GET 20%**

**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:3147071045) or [h\\_blaskiewicz@yahoo.com](mailto:h_blaskiewicz@yahoo.com).

**ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS** Another success! 502 books ordered(70 still coming and for sale). Over \$5,000 profit! Student prizes were sent out today. The Biske Family won the minion robot and the Stuart Family won the \$50 (which they donated back to Parents and Friends). Thanks to Michelle Guetterman for another great drive! **JEANS DAY FOR ALL WHO SOLD 2 BOOKS** on October 29.

**BUILDERS CLUB...** **HUNGER IS SCARY** food drive **October 26-November 3**. **People need to eat all year.** Our goal is 1573 items to beat last year. Ramen Noodles count as ½. **3 Class prizes!** Bring to your room to be tabulated so the poor can eat!

**GHOST SUCKERS---25 cents each. On sale after lunch Monday-Thursday.**



### **THE SPORTING NEWS...**

Congratulations to Marie Prindiville on placing 6th in the Illinois State Cross Country Championships at Salem, Illinois on October 17 with a personal best time of 12:16! Her time was 3 seconds faster than last year's State Champ! Over 200 girls participated in the meet!

[See the lacrosse flyer](#)

**Time for Chess!** We have another great turn-out for the chess team this year! Therefore, we will break practices into two groups again. We will have a lower grade group (grades 1-3) and upper grade group (grades 4-8). Practices will be held from **3:00-4:15 every other Tuesday for each group** and the groups will alternate weeks. Contact Mrs. Herrmann ( [cherrmann@icsmail.org](mailto:cherrmann@icsmail.org) ) with any questions. **The schedule will be as follows:**

**Lower Grades (1-3):**- November 3, November 17, December 1, December 15, January 12, January 19, February 2, February 16, March 1, March 15

**Upper Grades (4-8):** November 10, November 24, December 8, January 5, January 12, January 26, February 9, February 23, March 8, March 22

**ASK ME ABOUT MY MERCY SHIRT** Charley Stewart-Aubry Thomas-Molly Tippen-Eli Garcia-Lilly Barnett-Ava Hake-Jane Whelan-Hope Pollman-Dominic Dalpoas-Josh Matthews-Kaylum Furlow-Avery Herrmann-Kyra Newton-Marisa McGill-Jessica Lambert-Owen Dill-Thomas Schaefer-Ava Langhans-Keegan Thompson-Nick Traiteur-Grant Monheiser-Gali Palicious-Goudey-Steven Schaefer- Shawn Stuart-Izzy Foutch-Sophia Schuette-Alex Bira-Glenn Powers-Owen Dalpoas-Ava Hrdlicka-Josie Thomas-Kaiden Timmons-Jaylyn Brister-Lindsey Harget-Lila Griffin-Emma Tyler-Broedy Furlow



The ICS 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Transportation Field Trip started with three weeks of preparation with discussions about the history of aviation, the St. Louis Riverfront, and St. Louis Union Station. Captain Dan Whelan from Southwest Airlines spoke about aviation, and John Johnson and Karl Larson from Heartland Barge in Columbia spoke about the important role barges play in our economy. On October 16, 2015, class along with parent chaperons, visited the St. Louis Downtown Airport's, Greater St. Louis Air and Space Museum. Here we met with an airport fireman who showed us the crash truck and all of the different tools the truck has. This truck is quite different than the ones we see in Columbia. Carmello Turdo and Mike Burk gave the students a tour of the Museum. The museum is housed in a 1929 Curtis/Wright hangar. Curtis was responsible for producing engines, and the Wright brothers were

responsible for producing airplanes. They were a tremendous team. We were able to see a replica of the Spirit of St. Louis. Some of the students were also able to sit in a fuselage of an old aircraft. While at the airport, several airplanes took off and came in to land.

After the airport tour, we traveled by bus to the Metro Link Station at the Casino Queen in East St. Louis. Students purchased their own train ticket at the kiosk. Mr. Kish was waiting for us to enlighten us on the history of the riverfront and how the Mississippi River plays a huge role in the history of our region. He wore his Dad's US Navy hat from WW II. His Dad's ship the LSM 327 came down the Mississippi on its way to invasion of Iwo Jima.

After our visit to the riverfront, students boarded the Metro Link once again and we rode the rails to St. Louis Union Station for a sack lunch and a guided tour at 1:00. On our tour, we explored the Midway and the Grand Hall. The Midway was where you wanted to be in Union Station if you wanted to be seen. We also toured the hotel, where in a grand dining hall, there is a separate dining room for dignitaries when they visit St. Louis Union Station. Every President since 1894, with the exception for George W. Bush, dined in the dining room at Union Station. Mrs. Bush kindly took his place at the table. The building was filled with history and beautiful architecture.

## **GIBAULT CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL NEWS**

**Grades 6-7-8 are invited to a Movie Night at GCHS on Friday, Oct. 30<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM --- cafeteria.**

**Gibault Oktoberfest Dinner Auction "Flappers and Fellas"** will take place Saturday, October 24. For details and reservations email [sev@gibaultonline.com](mailto:sev@gibaultonline.com) or call 939-3883. To view a list of main auction items visit [gibaultonline.com](http://gibaultonline.com)

**GIBAULT CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE Sunday, Nov 1, 11AM -2PM** Short sessions available on scholarships/financial aid and our electronic curriculum. Personal guided tours---art on display--- band--- chorus rehearsals, scholar bowl demonstration, faculty meet and greet, club/organization displays, sports info, and so much more! No reservation needed. Questions? [pherzing@gibaultonline.com](mailto:pherzing@gibaultonline.com) or 939-3883.

**Comparing high schools?** Our innovative schedule and electronic curriculum will get your 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup>

grader excited about high school! Schedule your student's date to shadow a Gibault student for a full day of class by contacting Pat Herzing ([pherzing@gibaultonline.com](mailto:pherzing@gibaultonline.com)).

#### **PARISH NEWS...**

**THE CHILDREN'S CHOIR** will be singing at mass Nov. 22 at the 9 a.m. Mass. We will NOT have practice on the 4th (I will be out of town) OR the 11th (holiday). Any children Grades 2-8 interested in joining, please contact Mrs. Lundy.

**Annual Blue Mass** Honoring all First Responders: Police, Firefighters & EMS  
**Sunday November 1, 2015 9 a.m. Mass Immaculate Conception Church 411 Palmer Road**  
All First Responders will process in with Fr. Carl and have reserved seating. Please wear your uniforms. A reception will follow in the Garden Level. **If attending kindly contact the Parish Office by Wednesday October 28, 618-281-5105**

**FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT:** Friday, October 23rd starting at 6:30 pm. Fellowship Hall-Lower Level of the Immaculate Conception Church on Palmer Road as the Knights of Columbus present the next film from BUILDING THE DOMESTIC CHURCH program: "TOY STORY". Free popcorn and drinks. If you like, please bring comfortable chairs, bean bags and/or sleeping bags. Questions? Nick Matrisotto at (618) 281-0427, Brian Repp at (618) 281-9547 or Ted Haney at (618) 281-5990.

#### **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: Fall Festival & Hayride**

Saturday, November 7th starting around 6:00 pm---IC Church Lower Parking Lot  
Everyone is invited to an evening of food, fun and fellowship. We will begin the night's festivities by honoring our Holy Mother Mary with the Living Rosary. Candles, torches, and a huge rosary rope will make this a special experience for all ages. After the rosary, food will be served that includes chili, hot dogs as well as smores and hot apple cider. Hayrides for kids and adults will be available throughout the evening. We would appreciate if families with last names starting with A-M bring a "small" dessert and those with last names starting with N-Z bring a "small" side dish. Questions? Nick Matrisotto-281-0427, Ted Haney-281-5990, Brian Repp-281-9547.



## All Is Calm

The Christmas Truce of 1914

Written by Peter Rothstein  
With musical arrangement by Erick Lichte and Timothy C. Takach

**November 27 - December 20, 2015 Thursdays - Saturdays 8:00 PM Sundays 2:00 & 5:00 PM**  
*This a capella musical honors the soldiers from World War I who, for one night, put down their arms to sing carols, exchange gifts and celebrate their common humanity.*

**Google the Mustard Seed theatre---get your tickets now-it always sells out!**

**Fr. Chris Reuter, OFM,** gave a great talk at the SIAP dinner last Sunday on his work in the Prison Ministry. Lou Slapshak was honored with the ICTHUS award.  
"Prison ministry is a madhouse—it's like the Blues Brothers movie". The scariness and dysfunctional lives---It's all true but it's ok, just like Pope Francis reminded us.  
There are now more than over 50 working in prison ministry in our diocese and we are becoming a national model. Fr. Chris and Lou went to New Orleans this week to teach about this model.

In our Diocese there are 18,300 inmates and 2700 of them are Catholic. In the State of Illinois, there are 49,000 prisoners so 38% of all in the state are in our diocese. There are now 19 priests saying 57 masses each month with about 1000 of the 2700 coming.

Prisoners are “throw-a-way people” and have a high rate of recidivism. The State of Illinois is gearing up to release 6000 prisoners to take care of the overcrowding but where are they to go? “Our Brothers Keepers” is a Diocesan program working on getting a half-way house to transition prisoners back into society. Our rectory furniture was put into storage for the project last week. The big focus right now is getting lay involvement through training and networking. Another opportunity! See Fr. Chris if you are interested in training for this important ministry.

### **COMMUNITY NEWS...**

**Thursday and Friday, Nov. 5 & 6, the Eppinger Foundation is hosting a trio of authentic Japanese instrumentalists from New York City - Kyo Shin An Arts.** The ensemble will be available for a performance on Thursday morning and that afternoon. They will also be available for a Friday morning performance and an afternoon performance. There will be a free concert on Friday evening at Immaculate Conception Church at 7 p.m. Mr. Hake is pulling together the information for us to be prepped for this cultural event. Thanks Mr. Hake!

**SMITHSONIAN WATER/WAYS EXHIBITION** From October 22 to December 3 sponsored by the Valmeyer Community Heritage Society watch the papers for the times. The exhibit explores the significance of water in the human experience from a wide range of perspectives. The community of Valmeyer was flooded out in August of 1993 during a 500 year flood that was larger than Lake Superior. This would be a great family experience.

**Daniel Webster**, an Albuquerque police officer (and brother of our good friend and co-worker from St Louis, Doug Webster), was shot multiple times last night in the line of duty. He is in critical condition and has already had multiple surgeries. We are asking for prayers for him and his family. Thank you. Doug & Lynetta Newton

**PRAYERS:** Daniel Webster, Marcella Heinrichs, Rick Abrahamson, Bob Hayden, Denise Conner, Arlin Stechmesser, Josephine Chapman, Florence Dorshorst, Bill Pennock, Patty Juengling, Marian Keim, Dan Whelan, Pat Weber, Ed Hengel, Josh Ritter, Vince Webb, George Stein, Desiree Frasure,  
**Special Intention**

### **The Yelling Man from White House Retreats**

*"Bartimaeus, a blind man, began to cry out and say, 'Jesus, son of David, have pity on me.' ... Jesus said to him in reply, 'What do you want me to do for you?' The blind man replied to him, 'Master, I want to see.'" (Mk 10:47, 51)*

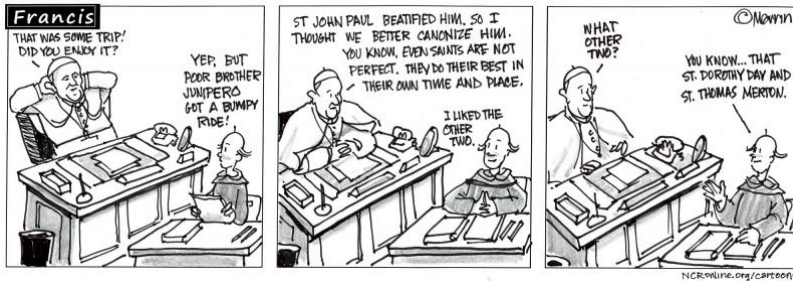
When Jesus walked this earth, the Jewish religious authorities believed and taught that anyone suffering from a physical or mental disability were already judged and condemned by God. They were driven from the community and forced to live outside the towns in the cemeteries and garbage dumps. Jesus taught and demonstrated through his miraculous cures that in fact such drastically needy persons were favored by God because they had no one else on whom to call and depend.

Jesus invites Bartimaeus into relationship and asks what it is he wants. Jesus knows; anyone could see that this poor beggar was blind. He wants him to reveal himself, to name and own his reality. In the Spiritual Exercises Ignatius instructs us to be very specific in our prayer, to tell the Lord what grace we feel we need, to reveal ourselves and own our reality as we know it. Jesus gives Bartimaeus his sight and the first thing he ever sees is the face of Jesus. Let us ask the Lord to remove our particular forms of blindness so that we, too, might see the face of Jesus more clearly, especially in those most needy in our lives.

## Mike Kish Principal

PS Pope Francis birthday is December 17, 1936. Our 3 winning cards to send in to the Diocese were made by Holly Repp, Allie Shuler and Emma Melliere.

Ps **TRUNK OR TREAT** is this Sunday night from 5:00 till 6:30. Park your car in the main school lot and circle the wagons as Power Rangers and Belle and Marvel and Disney characters arrive for a treat. Our Knights of Columbus will provide the hot dogs and cider.



### **Band Schedule Week of Oct 26-30**

#### Monday

8:05-8:35 5th Flute & Clarinet

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

9:05-9:35 6th-8th Clarinet 2

10:35-11:05 4th Clarinet

11:05-11:35 4th Flutes

#### Tuesday

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

8:55-9:25 5th Saxophone & Trumpet

9:25-9:55 6th-8th Saxophone and F Horn

9:55-10:35 6th-8th Trumpet

10:35 Mix-it-up Day

#### 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 5th Low Brass & Percussion

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

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

11:05-11:35 4th Percussion

11:35-12:05 4th Low Brass

Friday No School