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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



REJOICE AND BE GLAD IN THE LORD!

October 25, 2018

Bienvenido el parrochia!

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Dear Parent,

PRIESTHOOD SUNDAY I am spoiled. Every priest I am close to really seems to enjoy their work. The three men working in our parish are a treasure to so many of us. Help your child find the joy of life in their working career. Remind them that the vocation of religious life or the priesthood can be the road to joy! Our first vocation in life is to be happy! It doesn't always mean choosing a religious vocation since we are all baptized PRIEST, PROPHET, AND KING. Yet we need them so often to help us stay on the path!

Thanks Fr. Carl, Fr. Gary, and Fr. Linus for the joy you bring!



Trusses are up and decking will be laid today! Please keep talking up our new facility and all the stewardship of time, talent and treasure that is the foundation of our faith! We are stuck on 70% of pledges. If you have any leads, please let us know so we do not have to mortgage our future so long.

We build to help deliver services. There were 400 synagogues in Jerusalem but only one temple.

God is everywhere but even more present "where two or three are gathered in my name".

COAT DRIVE AT MASSES THIS WEEKEND. Upper lot. Bring to the truck. Thanks for warming hearts and souls and bodies. In the name of Jesus through our St. Vincent DePaul Society!

STUDENT-PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES We make amazing progress by communicating. How we learn needs to be demystified, we need to quit making excuses, we need to “own our education” and be proud we have academic rigor. Trust is the greatest performance enhancing drug in the world. Parents have to trust teachers, teachers trust parents, and both have to trust students are learning from mistakes and getting better every day. Report cards will be sent home Monday for those unable to make S-P-T Conferences.

THANKS TO PARENTS & FRIENDS FOR SPOILING US AGAIN! Few schools get their Conference Night blessed with great food! **No school tomorrow as we recover from S-P-T Conferences!**

Come to the games tomorrow at CHS at 6:00 as we gather as a community to support the Webb Family! THANKS FOR YOUR DONATION TODAY OF \$1,481.74!

ST. RAYMOND’S COLLECTION: Tuesday, October 31st, the kindergarteners will dress in their Halloween costumes and will be collecting for St. Raymond’s, Guatemala. Remember how fun that was? Please be generous with your jingling coins! We will have some funny jokes for you. Happy Halloween! Mrs. Murphy, Mrs. Herrmann

GHOST SUCKERS after lunch Monday-Tuesday-Wednesday. \$.25 each. Profit goes to Kids Against Hunger.

BUILDERS CLUB MOCK ELECTION: November 2 here during lunch and on November 6 for 18 and older. Do not demonize those you disagree with! We are all descendants of Native Americans, refugees, slaves, or immigrants. Do your homework and vote on November 6 as well!

BUILDERS CLUB “HUNGER IS SCARY”: People need to eat all year, not just during the holidays. We will hold a canned food drive October 25 till Nov. 2. Prizes will be awarded based on per capita of 1) jeans day, hat day, gum day 2) hat day, gum day 3) gum day. St. Vincent DePaul will help us transport. Ariel Adams is our chairperson.

ROBOTICS Grade 8 video https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=drGl_gXKox8
Wanna dance? Need a Starburst or a drink? Want to circle up? Need security?



TRIVIA NIGHT 2018 Which fabulous ICS business owners would like to sponsor this year's trivia night? Our event and silent auction sponsorships have already sold, but we still have round sponsorships available. This is a very affordable sponsorship for 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) or [click here](#) for

more information. [Form](#)

ICS Trivia Night **When: Saturday November 3** **Where: ICS Gym**

Time: Doors Open at 6pm, Trivia Starts at 7pm Cost: \$200 for a table of 10- this includes your mulligans and extra games- Heads or Tails and "I Never" for a chance to win gift cards.

Dress in your favorite 90s outfit- prize for the best dressed! BYO snacks and drinks. See flyer

Email table reservations to lcstrivia@gmail.com ; please send in payment to Mrs. Epplin

Questions? Please contact Jessica Wachtel [314-749-1663](tel:314-749-1663)

Please set aside the MOVE WEEK on your calendar to help us move. Maybe you can block out a day or two? We will have “Sign Up Genius” to help us.

March 9-17 We will need several hundred hands and want to have it all moved in by Wednesday, March 13, so teachers have a couple days to get acclimated. March 18 Opening Day, will be one of the most exciting in our school history, right up there with:

- 1846---start of construction of church
- 1853 school
- 1866 new church
- 1921 new school
- 1927 expanded church
- 1946 consecration of the church
- 1950 school addition
- 1960 school addition
- 1986 school addition
- 2013 new church dedication

AND March 19, 2019! Thanks be to God! Ave Maria!

Mix-It-Up at Sr. Thea Bowman Danny reported it was fun getting to know them, being in a different school, and learning how they overcame problems from home. We all come from some where and need to work on our future.



Fourth Graders at Immaculate Conception School visited the National Great Rivers Museum in Alton, visited the Lewis and Clark State Historic Site and St. Louis Downtown Airport. Students just finished a unit learning about the Mississippi River, Transportation, and Lewis and Clark. William Clark came down the Cahokia-Kaskaskia Road on our Main Street with 12 men from Ft. Kaskaskia in 1803.



On October 16th, ICS 2nd graders went to Powell Hall and experienced the instruments of the orchestra through Lemony Snicket's The Composer is Dead. They enjoyed listening to the large variety of instruments and seeing the stunning architect of the building. Afterwards, they ate lunch at Tower Grove Park and explored the beautiful plants at the Missouri Botanical Gardens.

THE SPORTING NEWS.. Basketball is in full a full court press mode. Thanks to all our workers and fans and players and coaches for the great start. Remember to hold our officials in the high esteem they deserve during the fastest game on two feet. Your \$3.00 entry fee does not grant permission to be discourteous.

THANKS Papa Johns! Sales - \$352.16 Donation - \$41.87

Yearbooks: We have extra yearbooks in the office, if you did not get yours ordered in time for last year's book, come to the office---on sale for \$20.

GIBAULT CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL NEWS...DINNER AUCTION When **5 of the 6 singers** on stage performing "Under the Sea" are graduates of your school---all you can do is be proud!

Open House at Gibault Catholic is Sunday, November 4 from 11AM-2PM. Come see what we have to offer... **something better, within reach!** Visit with teachers, learn about our electronic curriculum, tour our classrooms, and watch some of our students in action.

Finish some early Christmas shopping at Gibault Catholic's spirit wear store! Our online store will open on November 15 and close on November 29, with delivery to Gibault Catholic on December 15- just in time for Christmas! Visit our store: <https://gcs2018.wswebstore.com/store?preview=tjg8d9>

Gibault Catholic's Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) invites all middle school students to our next meeting in the Gibault Catholic gym on Sunday, October 28 from 1-2:30PM. Join fellow athletes as they compete in a corn hole tournament and worship Christ!

Fall Rummage Sale: The Gibault Women's Club will hold its fall rummage sale on Saturday, November 10 from 8AM to 3PM. Donations will be accepted November 5-8. Please, no large furniture or exercise equipment. TVs and computers will be accepted. Come check out the bargains!

Thanksgiving Dinner Donations Needed

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul Belleville Council needs your help with the Belleville Thanksgiving Dinner that will be provided again this year at St. Luke's Parish Center on Thursday, November 22, for those who are alone and would like to join others for a delicious dinner and enjoyable conversation. The following items are needed: **pies – store or bakery purchased** (health laws will not allow home-baked items)
fruit cups (individually packaged) **drinks** (individually packaged...Capri Sun, etc.)

Donations may be dropped off on: Tuesday/Wed. Nov. 20-21, 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. each day:

Society of St. Vincent de Paul Belleville Council #13 Vieux Carre Drive, East St. Louis
(Loisel Village area/immediately off Route 157—across from the new Save-A-Lot store)

Or **Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 22, 9:00 a.m.- 11:00 a.m.:**

St. Luke Parish Center---226 North Church Street, Belleville

Cash donations are also greatly appreciated; mail your check, payable to St. Vincent de Paul, to: SVDP, P.O. Box 3415, East St. Louis, Illinois 62203. Be sure to mark "Thanksgiving" in the memo portion of your check. **Thank you so much for your generosity!**

Children's Choir did SO well at Mass yesterday. Many compliments!

We have rehearsal this Wednesday 3-4 and NOT on October 31st. Our next time singing on Sunday is November 11th at 9:00 mass. Thank you!! Mrs. Lundy:



17th Annual Parish Christmas Party...

Hosted by the Knights of Columbus

December 12, 2015 in the ICS Gym

Doors open at 5:30 p.m. & Dinner starts at 6:30 p.m.

Soda & Beer included with meal.

Music and Dancing provided by "A Family Affair"

Visit from Santa Claus

All Are Welcome!!!

Reservations are required, Please Pay in Advance.

Please contact John Haubrich for reservations at 618.281.6021 or email john at kcchristmasparty@gmail.com

Ticket information: Adults (13 and older): \$12 Children (ages 7-12): \$5 Kids 6 and under: FREE!

The 2018 Parish Christmas Party hosted by the KCs is right around the corner.

*Annual Immaculate Conception Parish Christmas Party

*Saturday, December 8, 2018 in the ICS Gym

*Doors open at 5:30 p.m., Dinner at 6:45 p.m., and Dancing until 10:30 p.m.

*Ticket information: *Adults (13 and older): \$12 *Children (ages 7-12): \$6 *Kids 6 and under: FREE!

PRAYERS: Special Intention Danielle Dorlac, Pearl Mueller, Gerald Kish, Tom Johns, Angela Roepke, George Perry, Joyce LaPrade, Tabitha LaPrade, Kathy Neal, Jan Hoffmann, Bill West, Jerry Weiler, Jennifer Nesser, Bill Anderson, Patrick Kish, Owen Jordan, Patti Rottler, Mike Taylor, Richard Prater, Pat Schwartz, Donna Kania, Libby LoPorto

What is worse than being blind? Bartimaeus may have been blind but the Apostles and Disciples were deaf. They followed Jesus for maybe 3 years and didn't listen, didn't get it. It took the coming of the Holy Spirit before they had their "AHA MOMENT". We are pretty much the same. We keep telling each other to grow a thicker skin as the solution to the evil we see, hear, read about, and then participate in by the sin of omission, not standing up. We are all beggars, not for food but for spiritual life. You won't find it at home with "Fr. Pillow". Make the time to take the time to come and find you God in community this weekend. Jesus asks us, like Bartimaeus, "what do you want me to do for you"? He said the same to his Mom at a wedding at Cana, to widows, to the rich young man, to Martha and Mary. Lord, help me to see, to hear, to act as your hands and feet and heart and soul for others!

Praised be Jesus Christ!

Mike Kish

Principal

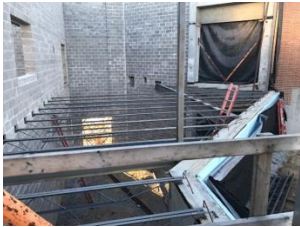
PS If you are going to eat out this Saturday, come to Reifschneiders! There is a fund raiser for Laura Oberkfell's Mom **Kathy Neal** and a percentage of the meal will go towards her treatment.

PS **TRUNK or TREAT** THIS SUNDAY: Calling all ghouls, ghosts, action heroes and royalty! Our annual Halloween Hijinks will begin on Sunday, October 28 with decorated cars/trunks on the church's Lower Lot in place by 4:30pm. The lot will then be closed for safety and reopened at 6pm. (If you are sharing a trunk and/or just walking, please park in the upper lot and come down through church or carefully down the driveway.) Participating in the costume contest? Sign in at the registration desk when you arrive for an ID number (ages 2 through 8th grade). The contest will start at 5pm, so gather at the Parish Office archway 5 minutes before. Thanks to the Knights of Columbus for hot dogs, cider & soda! Hayrides will begin at approximately 6:30pm. IF YOU CAN BE A COSTUME CONTEST JUDGE, CONTACT PAT MCDERMOTT AT 618-779-1183.



Trunk or Treat...

Calling all ghouls, ghosts, action heroes and royalty: come to our annual Halloween Hijinks on TONIGHT Sunday, October 28. If you will host a trunk, your vehicle needs to be on the lower level by 4:30p.m. so we can close the lot for safety. If participating in the Costume Contest, sign in at the registration table when you arrive. The contest will start at 5 p.m. Please gather at the Parish Office archway 5 minutes before the contest begins. We will award prizes for the best costumes for children from age 2 through 8th grade, and for group theme costumes. The KC will provide hot dogs and drinks. Cars will be allowed to leave the lot at 6p.m. and the Hayrides will begin at approximately 6:30p.m..



From school to church decking



The brick is going up on the lower level.