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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*

November 3, 2017

Bienvenido el parrochia!

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Dear Parent, Guardian, Student, Teacher, Friend,

PRIESTHOOD SUNDAY I hope you caught Fr. Carl's homily last Sunday on the Reformation--500th anniversary of Fr. Martin Luther's nailing of the 95 theses on the Cathedral door at Wuremburg. Vatican II has done much to bring us together in our love of Christ! And we pray "that all may be one"!



"Build us into the kingdom of Your love" is our parish theme for the year and Msgr. Carl Scherrer's best spiritual hope for growing us into disciples of the Lord. People tell him, "What a beautiful church you have." He replies, "And our building is beautiful too!" The temporal building of the kingdom continues in our Catholic Education and Activity Center, scheduled to be opened on January 3, 2019---faith and action in a full-stewardship parish led by an inspirational pastor. Jesus told us the kingdom is now if we work together with Him. And Fr. Carl is all about building the kingdom of God's love!- Immaculate Conception School, Columbia -

BUILDERS CLUB HUNGER IS SCARY FOOD DRIVE We have extended the drive till Monday and want to break 2000! Grade 8 led the way with 366.5 followed by Grade 3 Ms. Kennedy with 333 and Grade 7 with 211. **IF YOU HAVE ANY HALLOWEEN CANDY THAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO SHARE WITH THE HUNGRY, SEND IT IN ON MONDAY** and we will ship with our food drive through St. Vincent DePaul. Thanks! People need to eat all year through, not just holidays!

MIX-IT-UP DAY!!! Hours and hours of planning and work that affect so many---and so worth it! Real-time learning! Lots of hugs as Grades 6-7-8 students from Sr. Thea Bowman students on the way out. Thanks for chairing Mrs. Lewis, Ms. Brutton song leadership organizing the team quest teams, and Mrs. Weiler! Pictures are up in the smugmug gallery from our home page. Mix-It-Up Day is a project of Teaching Tolerance from the Southern Poverty Law Center. We have been nationally recognized several times for our efforts in growing respect for others and working together. All grades were mixed like Field Day.



Adventures in Learning Engineering Competition



First place team: John Bollone, Marisa McGill, Sydney Wahle, and Jacob Whitworth



Second place team:
Kaiden Timmons, Ava Hake, JT Madrid, and Autumn Ramey



Third place team: Abby Repp, Ben Haney, Andrew Epplin, and Allyse Broske



Illinois State Trooper Thompson came in to speak with Grade 4 about his duties. Keegan was Star Student for the week and his dad was his 'show and share'. Trooper Thompson does a lot of work with drug interdiction - locating, disrupting, and destroying the drug supply.

HONOR ROLL Congratulations, let's keep it up, and let's all get better!

1st Honors: Ariel Adams, Kate Adams, Briana Baldridge, Constance Barnett, Jack Basler, Maria Biske, Emma Blaskiewicz, Olivia Blaskiewicz, John Bollone, Paula Boser, Ally Curry, Owen Dalpoas, Owen Dill, Andrew Donjon, Abby Eichenseer, Andrew Epplin, Matthew Epplin, Andrew Feldker, Isabella Foutch, Zachary Gibson, Sam Glasscock, Carter Groppe, Ava Hake, Ben Haney, Lindsay Harget, Zack Harrington, Lucy Haubrich, Ava Hrdlicka, Jack Keeven, Ava Langhans, Daylen Litke, Sadie Loless, Mariska Lyle, Grant Mathany, Charles Matthews, Maddi Mauch, Marisa McGill, Sadie Metz, Grant Monheiser, Brady Moore, Colin Mueth, Addy Murphy Brock Murphy, Kyra Newton, Noah Newton, Hope Pollmann, Bryce Raby, Autumn Ramey, Audrey Randle, Abby Repp, Danny Repp, Drew Roche, Emily Rose, Thomas Schaefer, Ava Schmidt, Collin Schmidt, Emma Schmidt, Drew Schmoll, Henry Schulte, Caitlyn Schwartz, Jordan Smugala, Allison Stark, Audrey Sullivan, Maddie Swip, James Thebeau, Josie Thomas, Aubrey Thompson, Lauren Thorne, Kaiden Timmons, Joseph Tyler, Kristina Videmschek, Dominic Voegele, Mason Voegele, Sydney Wahle, Tyler Wahle, Rhyan Ward, Michael Wessel, Jacob Whitworth, Maggie Williamson

2nd Honors: Grace Barrett, Lily Barrett, Jaylyn Brister, Summer Harrington, Brooke Heimburger, Gavin Kesler, Blake Powers, Glenn Powers, Vance Ray, Holly Repp, Kyle Rose, Addison Sanker, Elisabeth Schaefer, Ally Shuler, Brian Stark, Aiden Sullivan, Dustin Swindle, Emma Tippen, Reece Ward, Therese West

GIRL ON THE RUN VOLUNTEER MEETING Monday November 6 at 7pm in the cafeteria. You do NOT have to like running to help!! All are welcome to come learn about our new program! We need your help to make this a success! Any questions, please contact Jessica Wachtel [314-749-1663](tel:314-749-1663)

GOOD LUCK TO OUR SPEECH TEAM We compete tomorrow at St. John Red Bud. Thanks to Audrey Randle-"Listening to the Ladies Talk", Kaiden Timmons-"Ode to Hot Dogs", and Hailey Wilkerson-"Cotton Candy" Mrs. Sam Watters will be at the State Soccer Tournament with Seth. Mr. Timmons will guide our students. Go Thespians!

It's Chess Time! The ICS Chess Team is ready to make their first move of the season! We will have a new format. Practices are as follows through the new year: **November 7th and 28th - Grades 2 and 3 (3:00 - 4:00 in Cafeteria) and November 14th and December 5th - Grades 4 through 8 (3:00 - 4:00 in Cafeteria)**
~"Chess 101" classes for first grade will be starting this winter. These will include 3 or 4 one hour sessions probably on consecutive Wednesdays or Thursdays. We will get in the basics and have time to play games as well. Details to come after the first of the year.

~The team is looking for assistants and/or volunteers! Ask grandma, grandpa, or Uncle Joe, or even a parishioner you know! Parents are welcome to come help as well. Contact Mrs. Herrmann at cherrmann@icsmail.org if you or someone you know has an interest in chess and would like to be a part of our thriving chess program!
View pictures from the play "**James and The Giant Peach**" www.keevenevents.com

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. Limited to 15 players due to State. 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 away). Mrs. Taylor (ttaylor@icsmail.org).

PARENTS AND FRIENDS TRIVIA NIGHT It's here! Tomorrow night! Might be 2 tables short of a sell-out! Thanks to Jessica and Bob (the voice) Wachtel for chairing along with Kara Boyd and all our humble back-stage workers! Should be fun!(What does the E. stand for in Chuck E. Cheese?(Entertainment! (Thanks Tom!)

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.

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 rcjettyler@gmail.com if interested in helping.

ICS memory t-shirt quilt for the dinner auction

Looking for 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. Carl's birthday shirt) but I am looking for additional items - anything to do with ICS, present or past. 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. It could go as a silent or a live auction item, depending how it turns out - awesome, I hope, so I can raise some \$\$\$ for ICS!!

Please leave 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. With many thanks, and for the benefit of ICS!

Jeanette Melliere (Grandma of the Melliere and McGill ICSers

GRADS IN THE NEWS...

Houston Astros Now that the Astros are World Champs, I can't jinx 'em bragging that **Brendan Fournie, ICS '06** works in the Front Office for them in Baseball Operations(think Justin Verlander 08/31/17 11:58 pm)! He does staff work in financial analysis for possible trades, signings, operation of the daily 40 man roster(DL etc.). More people get to the World Series, Final Four, Super Bowl Game in support roles than on a roster. Way to go Brendan and the Astros. What a Classic World Series!

Jennifer Lesko recently joined the Forestry division as the District Forester out of Wayne County, transferring over from an internship with Natural Heritage. Jenny graduated from ICS in '05, Gibault in '09, a BS from University of Notre Dame in 2013 where she marched in the Fighting Irish Band, and an MS in Forestry from Purdue University in 2017. Her Master's thesis project examined the most effective modes of replacing pine plantings with native hardwood seedlings in IL/IN/OH, as well as regeneration strategies in hardwood plantings of Northern red oak and American chestnut hybrids. Despite the Indiana schools, Jenny grew up on the Mike Mounce next to a newly built fish structure Mississippi bluffs in Columbia, IL. Besides experience in forestry, Jenny has a strong ecology and plant identification background. She has worked and studied in Wisconsin, Montana, and Senegal. She enjoys painting, hiking, and gardening. She lives in Fairfield, IL with her cat Fir and snake Basil.

YOUNG AUTHOR'S ENTRY

" All About That Teacher "

There once was a teacher I just had to get...

I prayed and prayed and prayed because I heard
she was too legit to quit.

After the first week, I knew this year would be great...

She told us 3 tardies equals detention, so I never want to be late.

I know that when she's teaching, listening is definitely the key...

If she calls on the class & I don't know the answer, I say to myself "You
can't see me."

Sometimes instead of listening, my friends will choose to talk... I can tell by my
teacher's face—at recess we will have to walk.

My teacher is so witty and we laugh all the time...

I am so thankful I have her this year, and wouldn't trade her for a dime.

Her husband is a cop, and my dad is one too...

We clearly have a lot in common since we both love a man in blue.

I know I will learn a lot from her and the year has just begun...

I hope she knows how awesome she is--

Her name is Mrs. Donjon! Used with permission from Keegan Thompson.

All Saints Paige Byrne Shortal (who used to work at SLU College Church)

Blessed are the poor in spirit ... Scholars believe that Matthew added the phrase “in spirit,” meaning either “Blessed are the poor who are also righteous,” or “Blessed are all (no matter wealth or status) who know they are dependent on God.” What do you think? Relatedly, I asked a wise old Jesuit what my attitude should be about an unexpected gift of money. Should I treat myself? Invest it? Donate it? His response was the last thing I wanted to hear. He said the saint wouldn’t care much about what happened to the money. That’s “poor in spirit,” and I am so not. Loving God, I wish I could pray, “Make me holy,” but the best prayer I have is, “Make me want to be holy.” Amen.

REFORMATION DAY---ALL SAINTS-ALL SOULS DAY from the Bishop---food for thought:

OCTOBER 31, 2017---ALL HALLOW’S EVE

500 YEARS SINCE THE AUGUSTINIAN CATHOLIC PRIEST, MARTIN LUTHER, PUBLISHED HIS CRITICISMS OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH AND PLANTED SEEDS THAT GAVE BIRTH TO THE LUTHERAN CHURCH AND THE PROTESTANT REFORMATION

Despite its origins in pagan and Christian tradition, the modern American Halloween is often a purely secular celebration centered on candy and costumes. But in fact, one of the most frivolous aspects of the holiday has a serious religious past.

Medieval Christian tradition held that on Hallowtide, the eve of All Saints’ Day, the poor went to the homes of the wealthy and offered to pray for the recently departed in that household; it was believed that more prayers meant a soul was more likely to be saved. The rich then rewarded the poor with food and beer, explains historian Nicholas Rogers, author of *Halloween: From Pagan Ritual to Party Night*. But after the Protestant Reformation (coincidentally, Martin Luther posted his 95 theses on Oct. 31, 1517), the idea that souls could be saved in this way began to lose popularity in many of the new denominations. Some people kept up the tradition, but its religious connection faded, even among Catholics.

By the 1840s, when a wave of Irish and Scottish immigrants brought the custom to the U.S., it was basically a secular pastime. Although the Catholic Irish faced widespread prejudice from nativist forces in their new homeland, the celebration, having been stripped of its Catholic underpinning, quickly proved to be popular. As those immigrants began to assimilate, newspapers reported the custom trending among 19th century college students. By the 1930s, North America had a new term for the old tradition: *trick-or-treating*. ~OLIVIA B. WAXMAN

MAYOR BILL DIBLASIO of New York City---900 Muslims work for the NYC Police Department. More than 20 major terrorist threats have been averted because of citizen reports. **“IF YOU SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING”**. Just like our responsibility to report things heard in confidence that are a threat to a student from themselves or others, we need to report what we see.

The bywords for today's Catholic community must be "see," "judge" and "act." They will give us direction for the journey. If adverbs are attached, we would suggest "see clearly," "judge compassionately" and "act together."

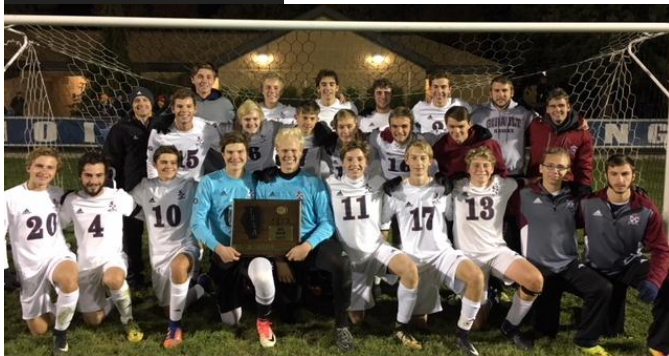
THE SPORTING NEWS...Dodgeball Tournament: The Monroe County CEO class of 2017-2018, juniors and seniors in high school learning about entrepreneurship, are putting on a countywide dodgeball tournament on Friday November 10th starting at 5p.m. for the middle school kids (ages 12-14) at Gibault Gym. The teams consist of 6 players (+ 2 optional subs), and are \$5 a person. If you get hungry we will be selling chick-fil-a, water and Ski. Sign up online at www.monroecountydodgeball.com, or sheets will be in the office(See Mrs. Epplin). Attendance prize-you could win a PS4, by writing your name on a slip and putting it into a hat. One winner! Must be present!
8TH GRADERS ARE FUNDRAISING FOR THEIR DC FIELD TRIP. If you would like to order \$1 chocolate candy bars, talk to an 8th grader!

Children's Choir 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. Email karenslundy@gmail.com or ebrutton@icsmail.org if nterested. Thanks!

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GIBAULT NEWS...



The Gibaul Hawks were Super Sectional Champs and State Final Four Bound after a defensive minded 1-0 win over Chatham Glenwood. Playing today at 11:00 at Hoffman Estates: ICS Grads Adam Stearns, Zach Gillan, Ryan Swindle, Tim Murphy, Dylan Altadonna, Alex Bira, Carter Kesler, Johnny Adams, and Manager Seth Watters are playing for

the first time at State in 2A since they took 3rd in State in 1A last year!

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

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! Special deals from 1-3 p.m. Spread the word---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.

One thing I love about working at Fast Company is that we often write about people who don't just want to make money, but want it to mean something. Today and always, let's make it mean something really good. Anjali Khosli

FREE UPRIGHT PIANO (approx.. 48" tall) to a family who has an interest in their children playing or another school, shelter etc. It is a working piano that will bring much music to a family. It will have to be tuned after it is moved.....It would have to be picked up by the family with a trailer some evening or weekend as soon as possible. Feel free to attach my number. Thank you. Kathy Fern [618-719-1632](tel:618-719-1632)

Thank you for YourCause Corporate Employee Giving Programs match of \$14!

ST. RAYMOND'S DONATION \$86.91 Thanks!

BUILD UP THE KINGDOM OF YOUR LOVE daily shirts: Hayden Lieber, Brady Moore, Sophia Kienzle, Morgan Conrad, Brock Murphy, Parker Kish, Mariska Lyle,

BUILDING THE DOMESTIC CHURCH: *The Family Fully Alive*

reminds us the theme for November is THE COMMUNION OF SAINTS.

"By virtue of baptism and the sacramental graces of marriage, the Christian family is built into a communion of saints. Holiness is a gift given to every baptized Christian that becomes a joyful task for the whole of life." What stands out this month in reading from the booklet is the question: What is holiness? Answer: **Holiness is possible.**

Here is a short video you can watch with your family:

<https://youtu.be/GZJL5AMAtxc>

Diane Elizabeth Tharp of our parish will be laid to rest next Thursday at noon from our Church. Diane did our CPR training several times and daughter Shelby Stein attended ICS. God's peace to her and her family.

Mrs. Joyce Rose, ICS Secretary for 17 years, is in the hospital and needs our prayers for a quick recovery. She still writes for local newspapers and has an "unsinkable Molly Brown" spirit. Thanks for praying for her. She is grandmother to Kyle, Emily and Taylor Rose.

Norm Waterman, husband of former ICS Kindergarten teacher Karen Waterman, is suffering from leukemia. He is in Barnes still recovering from a lung transplant. A

Vietnam Vet, he was hit with Agent Orange. As Veterans Day approaches, let us remember all who still suffer the horrors of war, not just in our country, but all countries.

PRAYERS: Special Intention 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, 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

It's easy to forget that there are actually four readings from scripture proclaimed at every Sunday Mass. The first reading, second reading, and Gospel are obvious enough, but if we're not careful, we can skip right over the passage from Book of Psalms that's read or sung between the first and second readings.

The Psalms are often referred to as ancient Israel's "prayer book." Their authorship is traditionally ascribed to King David, but in fact, they were composed over the course of five centuries or so, likely by several authors who will forever remain anonymous. This was a historical period in which the ancient Israelite people experienced both astounding highs and also devastating lows, a period in which David danced in the presence of the Arc of the Covenant, and must have felt so close to God, but also, latter, a period when the Israelites were totally defeated and exiled from their homeland by the Babylonians -- and nauseating despair.

Thus, the psalms poetically express a wide range of very raw human emotions, and I find them a great resource for prayer. Whatever you're feeling -- joy or delight, failure, dejection or anger -- chances are there's a psalm to help you express it or help you deal with it. Pick up a Bible sometime and just randomly page through a few of them. You'll find some hidden gems, including the psalm we hear proclaimed at Mass this very Sunday, Psalm 131. It's one of my favorites, and depending on the translation you're using, it reads like this:

In you, O Lord, I have found my peace.
Truly I have set my soul in silence and peace.
As a child has rest in its mother's arms even so my soul (rests in You.)

This Psalm fits perfectly the mission of the White House. We live in a world of such busyness and information overload, a world in which it's increasingly difficult to slow down and unplug, to just sit still and be in God's presence. But if we're going to be people of faith (and keep ourselves from going insane!) we have to do that sometimes. That's what retreats are made for, but we can also carve out times for it in our daily lives. So maybe find a quiet church or even a comfortable chair in a corner of your

house, and just read slowly the lines of Psalm 131. In the stillness let your mind be calmed and your heart be reminded that your God holds you like a mother holding her baby. In God's loving embrace, you'll find love, comfort, and peace.

Fr. Jeremy Zipple, S.J.

THEY WIDEN THEIR PHYLACTERIES AND LENGTHEN THEIR TASSELS. (The phylactery is a box with scripture verses in it to keep god's Word on your mind--literally.) The beauty of Scripture is how it can draw you in on just a few words. I love the Scriptural quote above from Jesus trying to describe how people "put on the dog" and lord it over and proclaim "look at me". Jesus reminds us not to be that way. Do not seek the best seat, fame, power, higher places. Most Christians are hypocrites (speaking for self too). We are followers and say we will do "everything **but this**". Yet Jesus knows our limits and never gives up on us. We are all "recovering Christians", trying to get to the essence of what it means to be a follower. We do it in community, in daily prayer, and in how we treat each other. Come to the Table of Life! No one comes to see your tassels OR PHYLACTERY but we miss you if you don't come.

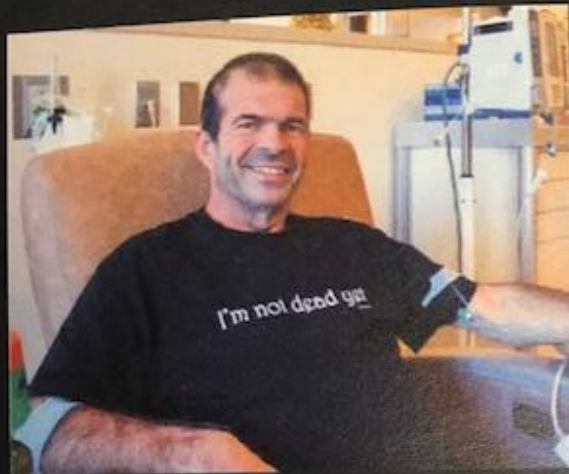
Mike Kish
Principal

PS Who needs a first class gift? We have 5 Entertainment Books for sale! Make someone smile? \$30 each.

PS WE HAD TO CANCEL TONIGHT'S 7TH GRADE GAME HERE AT HOME SO THE 8TH GRADE GIRLS GAME WILL MOVE UP TO 6:30!

Good luck to all our basketball teams tonight here and on the road!

Thanks to all who ministered to Dan Whelan's family today. He surely ministered to us! Husband, Dad, Grandfather, Spiritual Advisor, Pilot, Coach, Marathoner, Fund-raiser, Friend---God's peace to him, Laura, and all the family. As I told his Mom Pat last night, he was the cause for more prayer in our parish on par with Fr. Steve Gira!



“His body may be past its peak,
but his soul’s in paradise.”

Heaven help us.



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