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### CELEBRATING 163 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.*

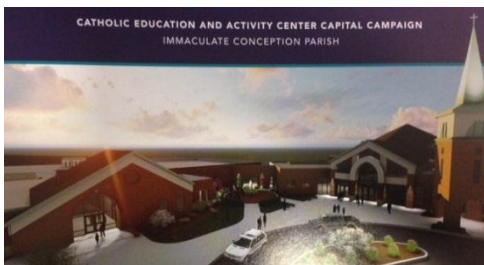
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### THE JOY OF LOVE

Dear Parent, Guardian, Student, Teacher, Friend,

**MINISTRY FAIR** After each Mass this weekend, our Discipleship Committee is hosting a Ministry Fair. Please stop in after Mass and see how much our parish is doing the Lord's work. Many of us sports fans proudly wear our spirit gear. In the Church, we do that not by what we wear but by what we do. Prior to Vatican II, most good work was done by Priests and Sisters and Brothers. The nuns and brothers were the "mid-wives" of the Church (I was reminded of this last week by Sr. Grace Marie Mueller, SS.N.D, who is the Parish Life Coordinator of St. Luke's Parish in Belleville). We, the laity, are the mid-wives of the Church now. The shortage of vocations has created a void that we must fill. Wear your Church spirit proudly by coming and signing up to help and rejoicing in all the many ministries we do. We are the mid-wives of the Church. Help bring Christ to life by serving others!



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

In a spirit of gratitude, we are pleased to share that ninety (90) families have agreed to serve on the Campaign Committee for the Catholic Activity and Education Center capital campaign. These volunteers have agreed to represent our Parish scheduling face-to-face meetings with you and our Parish Families. When you are contacted, please welcome them in this same spirit of gratitude for their service. To our volunteers – THANK YOU!

If you have not yet been contacted to schedule an appointment, please be patient. More than 1500 families need to be reached and this will take time and patience.

If you have done the quick calculation, you see that 90 are attempting to reach out to more than 1500 families and frankly, we need more volunteers to accept calls. We need your help. "I don't like to do this kind of thing", or "I'm too busy", or "I'm (insert excuse)"; heard 'em all. Summary – for our Parish to achieve maximum success, we need your help. On Thursday, November 17, we will hold another Orientation/training for volunteers at 7:00 PM in the Garden Level of the Church. If you have not already accepted calls, please join us. Let us continue to work as if everything depends upon us, and pray as if everything depends upon God!

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. We are 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?

**HONOR ROLL 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2016** Congratulations and let's get even better and grow the list!

First Honors: Anna Adams, Briana Baldrige, Constance Barnett, Grace Barrett, Lily Barrett, Maria Biske, Olivia Blaskiewicz, Paula Boser, Jaylyn Brister, Noah Chism, Ally Curry, Owen Dalpoas, Andrew Donjon, Abby Eichenseer, Emma Grace Farris, Andrew Feldker, Jacob Feldker, Isabella Foutch, Eli Garcia, Zachary Gibson, Samantha Glasscock, Katie Grawitch, Ava Hake, Ben Haney, Lindsa Harget, Andrew Harmon, Zachary Harrington, Lucy Haubrich, Reagan Herrmann, Kalia Jerkatis, Jack Keeven, Jessica Lambert, Daylen Litke, Grant Mathany, Charlies Matthews, Madison Mauch, Marisa McGill, Colin Mueth, Adelyn Murphy, Brock Murphy, Mary Clare Murphy, Kyra Newton, Noah Newton, Hope Pollmann, Blake Powers, Glenn Powers, Marie Prindiville, James Ramette, Autumn Ramey, Abby Repp, Danny Repp, Holly Repp, Drew Roche, Elisabeth Schaefer, Thomas Schaefer, Collin Schmidt, Emma Schmidt, Drew Schmoll, Caitlyn Schwartz, Allison Shuler, Rose Sippel, Jordan Smugala, Allison Stark, Hannah Stearns, Audrey Sullivan, Maddi Swip, Aubrey Thompson, Molly Tippen, Joseph Tyler, Sydney Wahle, Tyler Wahle, Rhyan Ward, Jacob Whitworth, Maggie Williamson

**Second Honors:** Ariel Adams, Jack Basler, Emma Blaskiewicz, Allyse Broske, Dominic Dalpoas, Andrew Epplin, Matthew Epplin, Isabella Frasure, Emily Gillan, Kaleb Hugger, Gavin Kesler, William Reed, Kyle Rose, William Sanker, Georgia Sasser, Brian Stark, Dustin Swindle, Zoe Swip, Josie Thomas, Emma Tippen, Nikolaus Traiteur, Dominic Voegele, Reece Ward



**BEGINNING SPEECH** You have heard of *The Magnificent Seven*--- well we had the "*Perfect Six*" at the Beginning Speech Meet at St. Agatha in New Athens on Saturday. Maria Biske "Mommy's Little Helper"; Audrey Sullivan "Stupid in School"; Rhyan Ward & Olivia Blaskiewicz "How to drive Mom crazy from the back seat of the car", Jacqie Gogolek "The Drivers Test is a Piece of Cake"; and Allison Stark "Ode to a Hot Dog". All received PERFECT SCORES. This is a tremendous accomplishment to sweep like this, especially in a beginners meet. Thanks To head Coach Sam Watters, to Andrea Biske for stepping in during Sam's vacation, and to Skip Ward

and Carrie Stark for judging other students.

**STUDENT-PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES** Thank you for coming! We are still absorbing the growth and I hope to share some good news soon along with our Iowa Test scores. I do know that "people don't care how much you know until they know how much you care". Students-parents- teachers care!



**BUILDERS CLUB HUNGER IS SCARY**

We had a tie of 350 each for Mrs. Diewald's Grade 2 and Grade 8. Third went to Mrs. Tolan with 298. 2629 total collection plus 5 bags of Halloween candy! Marie Prindiville chaired for us and we exceeded our goal by 26%. The Builders Club continues a string of great successes!

**MOCK ELECTION**---results for Grade 5-8 not in yet. From the lower grades on Mix-It-Up Day Trump 96, Clinton 67, other 22, spoiled ballots 6

**Ghost Suckers** \$159.25! This will make 687 meals through our Kids Against Hunger Program on February 18, 2017. I am not sure who chaired but Anna Smugala and Isabella Frasure and Mary Clare Murphy and Jessica Lambert and Reagan Herrmann helped (off the top of my head). There were others!

**Patriotic Rosary** November 10, 1:15 Not sure of our speaker. He had another appointment.

**BUILDERS CLUB DANCE** Thanks to our chaperons Carrie Boser, Theresa Stearns, Mike Gibson, Lighting Specialist Mary Boser, and our DJs Jake and Kathy Daniels. Zombie Areil Adams won top prize in the the costume contest and Aidan Sullivan was 2<sup>nd</sup> with his Angry Bird and Allison Shuler 3<sup>rd</sup> with her bovine outfit. Over 50 students attended.

**SCHOLASTIC BOWL TRYOUTS WILL BE NOVEMBER 14TH – 16TH.** Monday, November 14th from 3 – 3:45pm will be for 6th – 8th graders interested in trying out. Tuesday, November 15th from 3 – 4:30pm will be for 7th & 8th graders only, and Wednesday, November 16th from 3 – 4pm will be for 6th graders only. The Scholastic Bowl team is limited to 15 players for State competition. We will be taking a total of 20 players this season. Scholastic Bowl is a large time commitment beginning in late November and ending in early May with practices or matches two nights a week. Scholastic Bowl team members must have a wide array of knowledge, be able to think quickly on their feet, and be a team player.



**St. Raymond Trick or Treating-\$653.10** for the children of St. Raymond's! Thanks Kindergarten for loving the less fortunate!

**ST. RAYMOND'S COLLECTION** for the first Mass of the month: \$139.61! Thank you!

**Here is a story from the perspective of a piece of candy on Halloween:**

*Hello, my name is Kitty Kat. I love being in my bowl were I have been for about six months. One night, that these people call Halloween, I saw something. "AHHHHH, big thing, big thing!" Next thing I know the big thing picks me up! And then I say, "mmmm." Then it throws me in this big dark hole. It is wet in there. "ew, ew, ew." The end. By Layne Traxler, Ms. Kennedy's Grade 3*

**AND STILL COLLECTING!** Jeremy and Taylor Schultz are collecting your extra Halloween candy to donate to the USO (United Service Organization). They serve meals to and help over 15,000 military troops a month passing through Lambert Airport and they would greatly appreciate the donation. A lot of these men as women are returning from overseas deployments and have not gotten to taste candy for months!! Please call or text at Jeremy [618-741-3522](tel:618-741-3522) or drop off at the office by next Thursday November 10th. Thanks Jeremy and Taylor!

**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.

**THOUGHTS ON ROBOTICS AFTER THE FIRST QUARTER:**

"Sometimes the best thing a Principal can do is hire great people and get out of the way." The

\$15,000 Emerson Grant was a collaborative project of Emerson Award winners Karen Weiler and Cyra Herrmann in conjunction with 4th Grade teacher Angela Ettling. They figured out a way to give each student in Grades 1-8 a full quarter of instruction in robotics using Lego We Do 2.0 and Lego Mind storms EV3. Our RobotICS Project is an opportunity all children should have. It heightens creativity and allows students to contribute either as a "designer of the robot" or "coder" for the task and collaborate to solve it. The beauty of this is witnessing 12 teams given the same task coming up with 10 or 12 solutions. Students support each other and in the 8th grade, we had the "Stern and Chism Consulting Company", two of our best problem solvers, helping other students to figure things out, just like in real life! The Emerson Grant has allowed us to heighten creativity and problem solving which spills over into other areas of the curriculum.

**SUITE HAIR SALON** is having a promotion for ICS: By Appointment ONLY --- Tuesday-Friday ONLY, from December-February, ICS Student Pricing: Bring any ICS students in for a haircut and 40% of each cut will be donated towards the new educational center. Pricing: Ages 3-10 \$25 Ages 11-14 \$35 Any ICS parent will receive a free cut w any chemical service and 20% will be donated to the new educational center. Facebook Page: <https://m.facebook.com/Suitehairsalon/> Contact Info: Jaime Kish [314-570-3095](tel:314-570-3095) [jaime@suitehairsalon.com](mailto:jaime@suitehairsalon.com) Address : 200 South Kirkwood Road Loft 11, St. Louis, MO 63122

**SCHOOL BLOCK CHALLENGE/QUILTING** We meet in Mrs. Weiler's room after school from 3pm - 5pm on the following dates.

Tuesday, November 8 Thursday, November 10 Tuesday, November 15

Thursday, November 17 Thursday, November 29

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

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

**Dear Edwina Jr. Play pictures are ready to be viewed!** Got to:[www.keevenevents.com](http://www.keevenevents.com) select: Dear Edwin Jr. The password is: 101316 Help? [pam@martykeeven.com](mailto:pam@martykeeven.com)

**PARENTS AND FRIENDS ICS TRIVIA NIGHT- Sat. Nov. 5 at 7pm in Gym-** Thanks to all who have worked so hard! The Principal will be at Turner Hall with the Bicentennial Celebration.

**Hello ICS families.** Several confirmation kids are collecting small travel size toiletries and new socks. We are making several hundred packages to donate to shelter. Please send any new ones that you are wanting to get rid of to school by next Tuesday. We will have a box set up outside office to put them in. Thanks so much for your generosity. Leigh-Anne Feldker and Ellen Sippel.

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL** Winter is just around the corner and the **Society of St. Vincent de Paul** desperately needs coats to distribute to those in need. **Gently-used or new coats of all types in all sizes for all ages – toddlers, children, teens and adults (men and women) – are being requested.** Coats can be dropped off at the St. Vincent de Paul office located at #13 Vieux Carre Drive, Suite 2, East St. Louis (Loisel Village area, immediately off Route 157) or call Joe Hubbard or Pat Hogrebe at [618-394-0126](tel:618-394-0126) for additional information. Warm your heart by keeping someone warm – check your closets and donate a coat today!

**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)

## THE SPORTING NEWS...

**BASKETBALL TEAM PICTURES WILL TAKE PLACE ON DEC. 7.** Please make sure that all your players are present. Thanks!

5th Boys 4:45 (home game 5:30)  
7th Girls 5:00 (no game)  
5th Girls 5:15 (no game)  
6th Boys 5:30 (home game 6:15?)  
6th Girls 5:45 (no game)  
8th Girls 6:00 (no game)  
8th Boys 6:15 (no game)

**SIJHSAA Member Schools:** Remember that sportsmanship is of the utmost importance by players, coaches, and fans! If you do have a player, coach, or fan ejected - the host school of the event must fill out the Unsportsmanlike Conduct Ejections Form. The form must be e-mailed or faxed to my office the morning after the ejection.

Sincerely, Greg Hale, Director, Southern Illinois Jr. High School Athletic Association

**GIBAUT TAKES THIRD IN SOCCER IN STATE 1A,** defeating Cornerstone Academy 6-1, and losing to eventual champ Normal University High 1-0 in the semi-final. On the roster were ICS grads Ben Mueth, Dalton Scace, Lucas Epplin, Henry Babcock, Zach Gillan, Ryan Gool, Adam Stearns, Johnny Adams, Dylan Altadonna, Carter Kesler, Tim Murphy, Gabe Howlett, and Ryan Swindle.

**PARISH NEWS...CONGRATULATIONS TO HELEN CSIK** of our parish who will be honored for her work on November 5 at the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual CASA Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon. Helen is very active in our Immaculate Conception Council of Catholic Women and the founder of our "Meals from the Heart" program. CASA primarily works with abused and neglected children and advocates for them. Proud of you Helen!

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS Fall Festival & Hayride Sat.y, Nov. 12th 6:00 pm Lower Lot**  
Everyone is invited to an evening of food, fun and fellowship. We will begin the night's festivities with the Living Rosary. Candles, torches, and a huge rosary rope will make this a special "experience" for all ages. After the rosary, chili and hot dogs as well as smores and hot apple cider will be served. Hayrides, bonfires and raffles, including the Nativity Set Raffle, complete 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. **Please call if questions, Nick Matrisotto at [\(314\) 609-6092](tel:3146096092), Ted Haney [\(314\)504-5057](tel:3145045057) or Brian Repp [\(314\) 479-3027](tel:3144793027).**

**SOCIAL NETWORKING:** ICS recognizes the popularity of social networking and blogging and supports these mediums. We believe they are relevant in today's environment and can play an important role with communications and promoting ICS. However, the use of such mediums by ICS faculty, parents, and students must be in the best interest of ICS at all times. Violation of this policy exposes ICS to risks and legal liability.

Thanks for Your Cause Corporate Giving Program for a match of \$14! Don't forget we would love matching gifts for the new Catholic Education and Activity Center!

**COMMUNITY NEWS...COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING WORSHIP** Wednesday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7 p.m. at Christ Community. Pastor Bob Goddard OF St. Paul's U.C.C. will be preaching. An offering will be collected for the Columbia Clergy Fund which allows for food and gas assistance and other needs in the community. All pastors are welcome and encouraged to attend and participate and invite their congregants for this service of Thanksgiving together in Christ!

**Experience the History of the Civil War at the Veteran's Honor-Que Saturday, November 5 10am – 3pm Columbia American Legion [www.honorque.com](http://www.honorque.com)**

Learn about Civil War History

See Sons of Civil War Union Vets in Uniform

Experience Civil War Troop Tents

Watch a Working Cannon in Action

Many Other Activities for Kids Include:

Kickball Tourney – 10am

An Appearance by Budweiser Clydesdale

Music, Food, Drinks and of course BBQ

**OPEN HOUSE at Gibault Catholic High School November 6, from 11-2.** *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!

**THE HARP TWINS** will be coming to Columbia Feb. 16 & 17. On **Thursday, Feb. 16 at 9:30** ICS will enjoy the music of the angels! Harp Twins will be in concert at Immaculate Conception Church on Friday evening, Feb. 17, at 7 p.m. Sponsorship by the Dorothy Weinel Eppinger Foundation.

Our condolences to Holly Blaskiewicz and all her family on the loss of her Aunt and Godmother **Susan Berger** who was laid to rest Monday morning. She spent 33 years as a paraplegic after being hit by a drunk driver. God be with her and all the family!

**PRAYERS: Special Intention,** , Thomas Lorenz, Maggie Williamson, 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

**LET'S PLAY STUMP THE MASTER** This mystery we call death---what happens when it happens? **Come and hear the Sadducees at work this Sunday. Come to believe! Just come!**

Sincerely,

*Mike Kish,* Principal

**PS PAYMENTS** First quarter is over. Please catch-up on your lunch, band, book fees or apply for the Federal lunch program(app is on the web page) if you are having difficulty.. Thanks!

PS **Gibault Catholic High School Rummage Sale:** Saturday, November 12<sup>th</sup> from 8:00-3:00 in the GCHS Auditorium. Thank you for your support!