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**CELEBRATING 162 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.*

**OPEN THE DOORS OF MERCY!**

November 6, 2015

V. 41 #20



Dear Parent, Guardian, Student, Teacher, Friend,



**Kyo Shin An Arts The Dorothy Weinel Eppinger Foundation** is hosting a trio of authentic Japanese instrumentalists from New York City tonight in our new Church at 7:00. Ages 3-66 were mesmerized at ICS as a 100 year old bamboo flute(Shakuhachi), a guitar-like instrument called a Koto, and a dulcimer-like instrument called a Shamisen were played. The 2 stringed instruments originated in China some 1300 years ago.. We hope you can come to enjoy tonight's concert. Enjoy the culture, the refreshments, and a jeans day Monday if you attend tonight. This

group tours with the Ariana String Quartet which was sponsored by the Eppinger Foundation last year. Thanks to Mrs. Patti French, Rev. Bill Groennert, and Mr. Floyd Crowder for their constant support of culture in our community. If you want to raise your math scores, your science scores, your reading scores---integrate the Arts!



**BUILDERS CLUB HUNGER IS SCARY FOOD DRIVE FOR CUP**

KM-52 KH-60 1B-270 1N-69 2M-27 2D-49 3M-123 3W-102 4D-110 4E-97 5T-315S-129 6W-173 6T-73 7-268 8-424 2057 + 7 =**2064**(LAST YEAR 1572)

**First: Grade 8 Second: Gr. 1 Mrs. Borgmeyer Third: Grade 7** Lexi Hennes and Maggie Schulte chaired assisted by Hannah Janson, Isabella Frasure, Marie

Prindiville and Tom and Joan Herrmann and Rich Toenjes of our SVDP! (2 vehicles full)

**DANCE** Thanks to Dwayne and Jake Daniels and Boser Lighting for a fantastic dance! We raised \$144 and collected \$44 in dues. Mary Wessel chaired.

**PATRIOTIC ROSARY** Next Wednesday we will salute our Veterans and pray for peace at 1:15 with a "patriotic rosary". We will unfurl the flag, do patriotic readings between the decades of the rosary, re-furl the 13 folds of the flag, enjoy some reflections by United States Navy veteran David Bollone, and then view a slide show of Monroe County veterans. Jane Whelan is chairing for us.



**GIBAULT ART CONTEST** We did very well. So proud of our students. Out of 12 we had - 7-1st place, 4- 2nd place and 1- third. Claire Huebner 1st, Maggie Schulte 1st, Jessica Lambert 1st, Reagan Herrmann 1st, Mary Clare Murphy 1st, Marie Prindiville 1st, Jacob Whitworth 1st, Megan Levin 2nd, Noble Faris 2nd, Noah Chism 2nd, Kalia Jerkatis 2nd, Ally Curry 3rd. Congratulations Team and Mrs. Carol Fetcho!

**LUNCH:** We had 94 responses to the survey. Thanks while we digest it! We are in need of a part-time cafeteria worker and an occasional volunteer worker. Contact Betty Fansher, head cook please.

**Chess** 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 questions.

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

**Upper Grades (4-8):** November 10, 24, December 8, January 5, 12, 26, February 9, 23, March 8, 22  
[cherrmann@icsmail.org](mailto:cherrmann@icsmail.org) to be placed on the distribution list.

**THE LITTLE MERMAID** Emma, Olivia and Ava Blaskiewicz are in this Disney classic December 3rd-5th 7:30 and December 5th and 6th 2:30 p.m. at the Ivory Theatre, 7620 Michigan Ave., St. Louis, MO 63111. Tickets on Sale [igniteunderthesea.brownpapertickets.com](http://igniteunderthesea.brownpapertickets.com) Under the C!

**Godspell Jr. pictures** can be viewed at [www.keevenevents.com](http://www.keevenevents.com) no password

**SPEECH** Practice next week after school Monday thru Thursday. Meet is November 14th in Freeburg. More information to follow with the speech students.

**SMITHSONIAN WATERWAYS 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.

**FULL STEWARDSHIP** Our budget is down 4 %. The economy is up. Please keep up you stewardship commitment. Pay God first and the other bills will fall into place!

**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](mailto:pmprindy@yahoo.com). Let me know which 8th grader you want to buy from! Deadline is November 13, 2015

**2015 K—3 Christmas Play** Every year the K-3 puts on a Christmas Play as a part of their music curriculum. The performance this year will be on Thursday December 17<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in the ICS Gym. **Every student is a part of the play as a chorus member.** Those who would like to participate as a part of the **Cast** will participate in simple audition (for placement only as all who would like to be in the cast will receive a part) and be required to attend rehearsals after school in the cafeteria/band room. The rehearsal schedule is as follows:

Th	11/12	3-4:30	M	11/16	3-4:30	T	11/17	3-4:30
Th	11/19	3-4:30	M	11/23	3-4:30	M	11/30	3-4:30
T	12/1	3-4:30	Th	12/3	3-4:30	M	12/7	3-4:30
T	12/8	3-4:30	Th	12/10	3-4:30	M	12/14	3-4:30
T	12/15	3-4:30	W	12/16	3-4:30			

Th 12/17 Show at 7pm; arrive in costume no later than 6:30pm

(The play is still being written and will be an original production. MaryBeth Babcock has always made this night a highlight of the year. Please remember there is a time commitment involved and transportation must be worked out. Thanks again for helping this great event that grows our children into better people and gives them a confidence they never knew they had!) Mr. Kish

MaryBeth Babcock-Mike Kish

**PARENTS AND FRIENDS NEWS...**

**LASER TAG AT THE EDGE** Sounds like everybody had a great time at The Edge last Friday and we netted over \$450! Terrific job Mrs. Guetterman! Everyone won!

**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---business' logo will appear on all of the P-Point slides and answer sheets given to each team for that particular round. Additionally, our emcee will do a mini commercial for each sponsor encouraging guests to patronize the business. Sponsors will 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>** 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)

**Trivia Night- Saturday November 14<sup>th</sup> We need your table**

**reservations!** Get a group of 10 people together for a fun night out. Trivia starts at 7pm, doors open at 6pm. Trivia in the Gym. 10 Players per table; \$15 per person (this includes mulligans). Tables that register AND pay in advance will be entered into a special drawing for drinks to enjoy. BYOB and food

**We need runners for trivia night!** If your child is looking for service hours for Builders Club, we need their help at trivia night to be a runner. If your child can help, please email Jessica Wachtel- [jesscurl@yahoo.com](mailto:jesscurl@yahoo.com)

**BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION** 149 participants submitted 12,147 BoxTops! \$350 more than last year's fall contest. Mrs. Meyer's 2nd grade submitted the most BoxTops, so they won the Homeroom party. The drawing for the winner of the \$15 iTunes Raffle will be later this week. We will have another BoxTops contest in mid-January, and possibly another one in April to try and catch all we can before they expire. **CLASS WINNER IS GRADE 2 MRS. MEYER!** Henry Schulte won the \$15 I-tunes card! We made over \$1200! We will run another contest in January! Thanks to Carrie Boser!

**SQUARE ONE ART CATALOGS** have been sent home. You have until November 14th to order. If any questions, contact Jolene Sasser or Carol Fetcho.

Parents & Friends      November 9, 2015 7pm      Tequila's Restaurant      Agenda

- I. Opening Prayer
- II. Secretary's Report - Christy Hornacek
- III. Treasurer's Report – Joyce Randle
- IV. Teacher's Report – Mrs. Meyer
- V. Principal's Report – Mr. Kish
- VI. Old Business
  - Schoola
  - Laser Tag
  - PST Conferences dinner
  - Teacher Appreciation
- VII. New Business
  - Square 1 Art
  - Trivia Night
  - ICS Craft Fair/Cookie Booth/Basket Raffle
- Teacher Christmas collection
- Dinner Auction
- ICS 5K
- Mother/Son event
- Calendar
- VIII. Closing Prayer

**MCTEACHER NIGHT IS NOVEMBER 17** RONALD MCDONALD IS COMING---ATTENDANCE PRIZES---BUY GIFT CARDS AND WE GET 20%---Get your Christmas gift cards!

**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:314-707-1045) or [h\\_blaskiewicz@yahoo.com](mailto:h_blaskiewicz@yahoo.com).

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

**Basketball pictures are Monday, Nov. 9 Order forms sent home the other day.** We use these for our yearbook so please be there. Thanks to Pam Keeven!

#### **2016 World Series Vegas Odds:**

Dodgers 8-1  
Mets 10-1  
Blue Jays 10-1  
Cubs 10-1  
Nationals 10-1  
Cardinals 12-1  
Rangers 12-1  
Astros 12-1  
Pirates 12-1  
Yankees 16-1  
Red Sox 18-1  
Royals 18-1  
Giants 20-1  
Angels 20-1  
Tigers 20-1  
Indians 20-1  
Mariners 30-1  
Rays 40-1  
Orioles 40-1  
White Sox 40-1  
Twins 40-1  
Reds 60-1  
A's 60-1  
Padres 60-1  
Diamondbacks 60-1  
Brewers 60-1  
Marlins 60-1  
Braves 100-1  
Rockies 150-1  
Phillies 300-1

Odds of getting to heaven? Better than any of these if we follow the Gospels!

***A GOOD Read: On the occasion of the publication of the new Bible for youth, Pope Francis has written a very personal account of his own relationship with Scripture.***

*Writing the prologue to the new German edition of the Youcat Bible, which was published Oct. 21, Pope Francis speaks lovingly of an old, worn-out Bible he has carried around for half his life. He counsels young people on the best approach to reading the Bible so it brings the Light of the World into their lives and doesn't end up on a shelf. It is, he reminds readers, a "dangerous" book in certain parts of the world: owning one can lead to jail or torture. And he quotes Mahatma Gandhi, who said, "You Christians have in your hands a book containing enough dynamite to shatter all civilization." Here is the Pope's prologue:*

My dear young friends:

If you could see my Bible, you would not be particularly impressed. What—that's the Pope's Bible? Such an old, worn-out book!

You could buy me a new one for \$1,000, but I would not want it. I love my old Bible, which has accompanied me half my life. It has been with me in my times of joy and times of tears. It is my most precious treasure. I live out of it, and I wouldn't give anything in the world for it.

I really like this new Youth Bible. It's so colorful, so rich in testimonies: testimonies of the saints, testimonies of young people. It is so inviting that when you start to read at the beginning, you can't stop until the last page.

And then ...? And then it disappears on a shelf, collecting dust. Your children find it one day and bring it to the flea market.

It must not come to that.

I'll tell you something: There are more persecuted Christians in the world today than in the early days of the Church. And why are they persecuted? They are persecuted because they wear a cross and bear witness to Jesus. They are convicted because they own a Bible. The Bible is therefore a highly dangerous book—so dangerous that you are treated in some countries as if you were hiding hand grenades in your closet.

It was a non-Christian, Mahatma Gandhi, who once said: "You Christians look after a document containing enough dynamite to blow all civilization to pieces, turn the world upside down, and bring peace to a battle-torn planet. But you treat it as though it is nothing more than a piece of literature."

So what do you have in your hands? A piece of literature? Some nice old stories? Then you would have to say to the many Christians who go to prison or are tortured because they own a Bible: "How foolish you are; it's just a piece of literature!"

No. By the word of God has Light come into the world, and it will never go out. In *Evangelii Gaudium* (175) I said, "We do not blindly seek God, or wait for him to speak to us first, for 'God has already spoken, and there is nothing further that we need to know, which has not been revealed to us.' Let us receive the sublime treasure of the revealed word."

So you have something divine in your hands: a book like fire! A book through which God speaks. So notice: The Bible is not meant to be placed on a shelf, but to be in your hands, to read often—every day, both on your own and together with others. You do sports together or go shopping together. Why not read the Bible together as well—two, three, or four of you? In nature, in the woods, on the beach, at night in the glow of a few candles ... you will have a great experience!

Or are you afraid of making a fool of yourself in front of others?

Read with attention! Do not stay on the surface as if reading a comic book! Never just skim the Word of God! Ask yourself: "What does this say to my heart? Does God speak through these words to me? Has he touched me in the depths of my longing? What should I do?" Only in this way can the force of the Word of God unfold. Only in this way can it change our lives, making them great and beautiful.

I want to tell you how I read my old Bible. Often I read a little and then put it away and contemplate the Lord. Not that I see the Lord, but he looks at me. He's there. I let myself look at him. And I feel—this is not sentimentality—I feel deeply the things that the Lord tells me. Sometimes he does not speak. I then feel nothing, only emptiness, emptiness, emptiness.... But I remain patiently, and so I wait, reading and praying. I pray sitting, because it hurts me to kneel. Sometimes I even fall asleep while praying. But it does not matter. I'm like a son with the father, and that is what's important.

Would you like to make me happy? Read the Bible!

Pope Francis

**THE CREATURE FROM SOUTH SIDE PARK** Eve Melliere took this picture with her cell phone off a 100 power microscope---one drop of water from South Side Park in Belleville---fully alive---to the left of the pointer is either a gill for breathing or a suction feeding tube...Here is the correspondence from Mr. Kassebaum to the specialists at Monsanto:



Josh,

*At school we have been sampling algal blooms looking for protozoans. We are also finding lots of microscopic crustaceans and insect larva. Attached is a photo at 100x of what I assume is an insect larva. Just posterior to the head section and a bit out-of-focus is a tube that could be extended with flowering projections. The tube splits distally and the projections looked and extended like a feeding coral. I suspect this is a breathing tube and the projections are gills? The tail of the larva splits with an array of projections. In the photo, one of the tail parts is either out-of-focus or beneath the other section. My principal is quite excited with the photo. He didn't know that birders use this technique with their scopes. Any idea what I have? Or could you point me in the right direction? Dan Kassebaum, Immaculate Conception School, Columbia, IL*

*Dan – Looks to possibly be an aquatic fly larvae, likely a crane fly larvae (Tipulidae). And, yes, the tubes are breathing tubes just like you said. Lot of entomology experts in this lab, but mostly focused on agricultural ecosystems, not aquatics. So, good to get us all thinking here. Josh*

**THANKS to PAPA JOHN'S** Online Sales -\$115.14 Phone Sales -\$153.10 Total Sales -\$268.24 Donation - \$32.58 and a pizza party!

**THANKS to Teresa Dorshorst** for donating 15 first aid kits and 75 cold packs to our athletic program and "Grab and Go" safety bags. The Builders Club will be updating the bags.

**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-Rhyan Ward-Noah Newton-Ryan Gallagher-Avery Melliere-Emily Rose-James Ramette-Constance Barnett-Genevieve Nadziejko

**GO EAGLES!** With Saturday's win, Columbia's football team advances to the second round of playoffs. Tomorrow, Saturday, Nov. 7, the Eagles head to Mater Dei (7-3). Kick-off is at 12 noon. Drew Huebner is the quarterback for the Eagles!

### **GIBAULT CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL NEWS**

**Comparing high schools?** Our innovative schedule and electronic curriculum at Gibault Catholic will get your 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> grader excited about high school! Schedule a date to shadow a Gibault student for a full day of class by contacting Pat Herzing ([pherzing@gibaultonline.com](mailto:pherzing@gibaultonline.com)). We look forward to meeting you!

**GIBAULT CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL PLACEMENT TEST** for the class of 2020 will be held on Sat., Dec. 5<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 am -11:45 am. RSVP to Susan Mackin ([smackin@gibaultonline.com](mailto:smackin@gibaultonline.com)).

TIME: 8:30AM – 11:45 AM                      DATE: December 5                      PLACE: Gibault Auditorium

If the date doesn't work for a family, call to schedule an alternate date and time.

**GIBAULT FRESHMAN REGISTRATION** Mar 14 & 16 from 5PM – 8PM.

**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).

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: Fall Festival & Hayride** THE SOCIAL EVENT OF THE FALL! This Saturday, November 7th starting around 6:00 pm---IC Church Lower Parking Lot Food, fun, 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 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. Hay---let's ride!

**COMMUNITY NEWS...SMITHSONIAN WATERWAYS 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. This would be a great family experience. (*did anyone make it there yet?*)

**KALE HARRINGTON** is recovering from a tonsillectomy. Please keep him in your prayers.

**JOANNE SCHILLING** will have surgery next Tuesday for a micro-decompression of her spine---out-patient. Please keep her in your prayers and on the prayer list.

**AMY MEYER**(Principal's daughter) will have surgery for a cyst on her spleen in mid-November. Please keep her and her doctor in your prayers for successful operation and recovery.

**GOD'S CONSOLATION** to the families of...

**Bob Hayden**, Rob Powers step-brother, died from cancer at age 30 leaving 2 small children. He was laid to rest on Monday.

**Johanna Ling**, mother of our former head cook Judy Kinane and Denis Ling of our Tinkers, has died at age 101. She will be laid to rest on Saturday in Ellis Grove.

**Daniel Webster**, an Albuquerque police officer (and brother of our good friend and co-worker from St Louis, Doug Webster), died in the line of duty. May he rest in peace and God's consolation be with the family. Doug & Lynetta Newton

**Allen Watters** Grandfather of Seth, Becca, Jamie, and Jacob Watters and Russ's Dad was laid to rest in Freeburg on Monday. He was former Mayor of Freeburg and an active Mason. Rest in peace!

Prayers: Eve Dorshorst- Air Force, Russell Sheddon-Army. Both deployed to Afghanistan

**PRAYERS:** Joanne Schilling, Amy Meyer, Dominic Matrisotto, Kale Harrington, Eve Dorshorst, Russell Sheddon, Dominic Matrisotto, Marcella Heinrichs, Rick Abrahamson, 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**

**AHHH...THE DEPTHS OF SCRIPTURE**...Jesus focuses on stewardship this weekend. He is talking to a parish in Columbia, Illinois that is a Full Stewardship parish. This means time-talent-treasure are committed back to God. Past generosity has allowed us to worship in a soon to be sold church. (Maybe you have seen The Independent or Republic Times articles or attended Monday night's City Council meeting?) Current generosity allows us to maintain programs and dream of building a new school. Generosity should be relative to income. Jesus seizes the teachable moment this Sunday by gathering the disciples in the women's court in the temple. This is where folks put their money in trumpet shaped containers. Imagine for a moment the sound out of the trumpet when the rich scribes dropped in a sack of coins. "Look at me", the trumpet would shout. Imagine a poor widow dropping in two small coins. Hardly a sound but it was that sound that Jesus praised immediately. Examine your stewardship. Make sure you are giving out of your need and not your excess. God wants all of us, not just what we are willing to let go of right now.



**Mike Kish  
Principal**

Ps Workday New and old Church November 14

Ps Iowa Test results---in the analysis stage. I will be meeting with the 8<sup>th</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup> grades next week.

**Band Schedule Week Nov 9-13**

Monday

8:05-8:35 6th-8th Flute and Clarinet 1

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

9:05-9:35 5th Flute

10:35-11:05 4th Flutes

11:05-11:35 4th Clarinet

Tuesday

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

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

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

9:55-10:35 5th Clarinet and Trumpets

11:05-11:35 4th Saxophone

11:35-12:05 4th Trumpet

Wednesday No School in honor of our Veterans!

Thursday

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

8:55-9:25 6th-8th Low Brass



9:25-9:55 6th-8th Percussion

9:55-10:35 5th Saxophone

11:05-11:35 4th Low Brass

11:35-12:05 4th Percussion

Friday

8:05-9:05 **Concert Band Full Band**

9:25-10:25 **Intermediate Band Full Band**

11:00-12:00 **Beginning Band Full Band**