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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 9, 2017**

*Bienvenido el parrochia!*

**V. 43 #17**

**Dear Parent, Guardian, Student, Teacher, Friend,**

**HAPPY VETERANS DAY! No school tomorrow in honor of our vets.**

Over 40 million citizens have served and over 1.2 million died during war time. Doing your duty is both a right and a privilege and we salute all our veterans, both living and dead. Hats off to the Builders Club for an outstanding program today. Georgia Sasser chaired the Living Rosary, Emily Everett sang the National Anthem, our flag protocol team was respectful and especially good at the 13 re-folds of our flag, and Chuck Mansell was our guest speaker. We had made cards for him upon his return from an Honor Flight to D.C. last spring. Chuck was in the 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne in a recon patrol when hit with shrapnel from an RPG landing him in the hospital for 2 months. He gave an inspiring talk about his experience, praying for peace, and reminding us that, though America is not perfect, we enjoy the greatest freedoms in the world and are blest. The program closed with a Power Point presentation of Veterans from Monroe County, relatives and graduates of ICS, and past guest speakers.



**THANKSGIVING INVITE** Come to our annual Thanksgiving School Liturgy on Tuesday, November 21 at 8:05! Grade 1 will remind us that the native Americans helped the Pilgrims and how we should be a welcoming people too and celebrate God's bounty. Mrs. Huebner is figuring on over 600 caramel rolls for the celebration after Mass. Our Community Celebration will be at 7:00 pm on Wednesday, November 22 in our church. The Reformation is 500 years old. Let's gather under the same tent in the name of Jesus Christ!

**Come and join your very own ICS teachers for a night of family fun** in the gym 6-7:30 this Thursday, Nov. 16. We will have an art activity, games, a thanksgiving craft, a STEM challenge and a cooking project ready for your family to enjoy the night together.

More info on Monday. Thanks to Mrs. Beth Carrow for chairing!

**IT'S TIME FOR THE CHRISTMAS PLAY!!** Everyone in K-3 is a part of the Christmas Play, Tuesday Dec. 12th in the school gym. Mark your calendar now. **KINDERGARTEN** will be in the play as chorus with their classes only. No need for them to come to after school rehearsals.

**1<sup>st</sup> Graders** who want to be in the play will need to sign-up with Mrs. Epplin. That's all first grade has to do...sign up with Mrs. Epplin. No audition for first grade. You will all come to rehearsal when 1st grade is called on the schedule.

On **Monday, November 13th, we will hold auditions** for the play for 2nd and 3rd graders only. Auditions will be over by 4pm. They will be held in the band room or the cafeteria depending on availability. 2nd and 3rd graders will need to audition. **Tuesday November 14 rehearsal is for everyone.**

All those in 1-3 who do not wish to play a "PART" in the play will be in the chorus with their classes. These students learn the songs for the play during music class at school. So they do not need to come to after school rehearsals either.

Our rehearsal schedule is for all of those in grades 1-3 who would like a special part in the play and who will be required to come to after school rehearsals. A detailed schedule will be released soon. For now...so you know...rehearsals will be Monday-Thursday 3-4:30 (except on Thanksgiving week...only Monday and Tuesday that week Nov 20, and 21). Rehearsals won't necessarily be for everyone everyday. Once the details are released you can refer to that. Please feel free to email or call me with questions. [MaryBeth](#)

**The craft fair is Saturday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>!** Last year we raised almost \$1,000 in basket raffle sales and we need your help to beat that this year! Please visit our signup genius to pick any items you can donate towards our 8 raffle baskets, and contact Christy Hornacek or leave your items at school with Bev by Monday, November 27<sup>th</sup>. Thanks! <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0944a5ae2ca4f85-craft>

**MICAH AWARD** Fr. Chris was introduced by Rev. Carroll Mizicko, OFM followed by a testimonial from a former prisoner at Tamms Penitentiary who told us that Fr. Chris treated all prisoners as human beings. It was a great introduction to a very humble man who drove a truck for Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. in Chicago during the civil Rights movement and knows what it is like to have bricks thrown at you.



Fr. Carroll, Fr. Chris, Fr. Carl, and Lou Slapshack of Our Brothers Keepers.  
**Parents & Friends Nov. 13, 2017 7 pm West Park Bowl Valmeyer Rd**

I. Opening Prayer

II. President Report: Holly Blaskiewicz

III. Vice-President Report: Joyce Randle

IV. Secretary Report: Christy Hornacek

V. Treasurer's Report: Kate Kienzle

VI. Teacher's Report:

VII. Principal's Report: Mr. Kish

VIII. Old Business

- Father/Son Event(Oct 22): Mandy/Josh McGuire & Kory/Tricia Haywood
- PST Conferences dinner - Teacher Appreciation, Sarah Thieret
- Trivia Night, Jessica Wachtel, Jessica Sheehan, Tammy Hoeflinger
- ICS Spirit-wear: Jessi Gianino
- Box Tops: Deidra Doerr, Katie Hart, and Shannon Howard
- Dining Out for ICS: Laurie Conrad, Jessi Gianino

IX. New Business

- Dining Out for ICS: Laurie Conrad, Jessi Gianino
- Square 1 Art: Jolene Sasser
- ICS Craft Fair (Dec 2): Holly Blaskiewicz
- Cookie Booth (Dec 2): Laurie Conrad & Robyn Baker
- Basket Raffle (Dec 2): Christy Hornacek
- Santa's Cottage (Dec 2, 3, &4): Beth Johns & Holly Blaskiewicz
- Dinner Auction (Feb 24): Mandy McGuire, Tricia Haywood, Jolene Sasser
- Vote on Meet the Teacher Night

X. New Ideas to Discuss

XI. Next Meeting DEC. 11, 2017 Our Coffee House & Cafe - Main Street Abby 7:00pm  
Bring a wrapped ornament for our annual game of bad santa!

XII. Closing Prayer



**BEGINNERS SPEECH TEAM** Kaidan Timmons placed first and Hailey Wikerson and Audrey Randle second at St. John in Red Bud. Due to our fall musical, we only had about 2 weeks to get ready so this was amazing! Thanks to Mr. Kit Timmons for being our school rep and parents for driving!



### **BUILDERS CLUB HUNGER IS SCARY**

**FOOD DRIVE** We have extended the drive till Monday and want to break 2000! Grade 8 led the way followed by Grade 3 Ms. Kennedy and Grade 7. Allie Shuler chaired assisted by Emma Melliere, President Autumn Ramey, and Bree Massie. Tom Farr, Tom Herrmann, Dave Heck, Ed Beck, and Rich Toenjes delivered for St. Vincent DePaul.

**MIX-IT-UP DAY!!!** Immaculate Conception was one of over 4000 schools that participated in Mix it up Lunch Day, a national campaign launched by Teaching Tolerance, a project of the Southern Poverty Law Center. Mix It Up at Lunch Day encourages students to identify, question and cross social boundaries.

ICS has been participating with Sr Thea Bowman School of East St. Louis for the past years 5 either by reciprocal visits. This has become an annual event that both school's students look forward to participating in and rekindling friendships.

ICS takes Mix It Up Lunch to another level by adding an extra 3 hours of activities allowing the students to really mix it up and get to know each other.

Teachers, staff and students all pitch in to make the day a success. This year students from both schools in 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th grade students mixed it up and participated in team building and STEM activities provided by Adventures In Learning Group. Students are organized into teams to get to know each other and discover ways to communicate and work as a unit in solving engineering, academic and trivia questions

The lower grades don't miss out on the fun either. K-4 spent the day in mix it up groups consisting of the various grades so younger students get to know the upper grade students. The 4th graders become mentors to the lower grade students in their groups.

The focus of the day was learning about gender bias. Students played games, watched a Kid President video about "Awesome Girls--and Boys", learned the importance of names and learned that firefighters can be girls and boys can be nurses. It's all up to them! They can be anything they choose. After the activities students eat lunch with each other for some down time of laughter and camaraderie.

The day came to an end with the entire student body gathering in the Gym and the Immaculate Conception School students singing the school theme song "Build Up the Kingdom of His Love". Then all the students joined in for the Peacemaker Prayer from Sister Thea Bowman.

#### ***Peacemaker Prayer***

***We are peacemakers.  
We are respectful  
in actions and words  
to God, self, others, and all creation. Amen***

**QUARTER AUCTION** Some of our Confirmation clusters will be helping at Holy Family Gym on Sunday, Nov. 12 from 1:00-5:00 to raise funds for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. [Click here for the flyer](#) and come to this "fun" raiser!

**GIRL ON THE RUN** Any questions, please contact Jessica Wachtel [314-749-1663](tel:314-749-1663)



The 3<sup>rd</sup> graders of Immaculate Conception closed out their unit on Communities in Social Studies by exploring places in Columbia and Waterloo. Places visited included: Monroe County History Museum, Ahne's Bakery, Sts. Peter and Paul Church, Monroe County Courthouse, Columbia Fire Station, Columbia Police Station, and Budnick Converting. Thanks to all gracious hosts and chaperons Elisha Schaffer, Kevin Schmoll, Katie Hrdlicka, Chris Holston, Ted Kroenig, Christy Hornacek, Sherri Yount, Adam Randle, Kate Kienzle, Kristi Stuart, and Kara Boyd.

**SAFETY TOWN** Preschoolers, PreK-ers & Kindergarten parents should know about Safety Town. They can enroll their children entering Kindergarten and 1st grade. Registration forms are available at Columbia City Hall or at the Columbia Police Dept in March/April. The program runs 2-3 weeks in June. Here are the links to the Safety Town videos created by Mary Boser last summer and finished up this month. This is a Columbia "bragging point" and another way to keep our children safe. **STAY AWAKE IS THIS WEEK'S GOSPEL!**

Informational video (about 18 min long)

<https://www.facebook.com/ColumbialPoliceDepartment/videos/1585088871529266/>

Promo video (about 2 minutes long)

<https://www.facebook.com/ColumbialPoliceDepartment/videos/1585092744862212/>

**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 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 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](mailto: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!

**Scholastic Bowl!** Scholastic Bowl tryouts will be November 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> for 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> graders only. Tuesday, November 14<sup>th</sup> from 3 – 3:45pm and Wednesday, November 15<sup>th</sup> 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 Ma. Mrs. Taylor ([ttaylor@icsmail.org](mailto:ttaylor@icsmail.org)).

**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 [rcjetyler@gmail.com](mailto:rcjetyler@gmail.com) if interested in helping.

**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 10<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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!



Join us for our **9th Annual Holiday Camp!** This camp can be described in 2 words: **FUN SOCCER!** Our Holiday Camp our most popular camp for a reason: we have fun all day! This year, we have also added a NEW location, Power Haus in Columbia, IL.

Check out our activities:

**Soccer Skill Games and Scrimmages | Bosco's 2nd Birthday Party Celebration | Goalkeeper Training | Camp Shirt (Pick-up early and wrap for Christmas!) | Gift Exchange | Elite FT's Got Talent Competition | Free**

**Early Drop off and Late Pick-Up (8:00 AM – 9:00 AM; 4:00 PM – 5:00 PM) | Free Lunch Every Day (The Sports Academy or Power Haus, Pizza and Chick-fil-A)**

- **Cost:** 3 Day Camp \$150 | 2 Day Camp \$120 | 1 Day Camp \$75
- **Ages:** Boys and girls ages 5-14, all skill levels
- **Dates:** December 27, 28, 29, 2017 (Wednesday, Thursday, Friday)
- **Registration Deadline:** December 15th (To receive camp shirt)
- **Time:** 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM (Free early drop off/late pick-up (8:00 AM – 9:00 AM; 4:00 PM – 5:00 PM))
- **Locations:** The Sports Academy; 101 The Game Dr; Glen Carbon, IL 62034 and Power Haus; 8719 Hanover Industrial Dr, Columbia, IL 62236

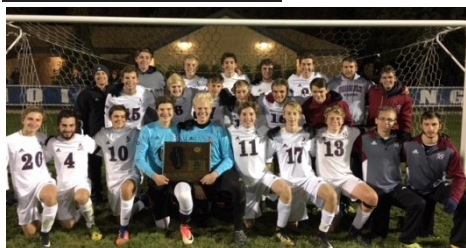
**8TH GRADERS ARE FUNDRAISING FOR THEIR DC FIELD TRIP.** If you would like to order \$1 chocolate candy bars, talk to an 8th grader!

**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](mailto:karenslundy@gmail.com) or [ebrutton@icsmail.org](mailto:ebrutton@icsmail.org) if nterested. Thanks!

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**SOCCER UNIFORMS:** Please launder and return all soccer uniforms. Make sure NAMES are on them when they come in so your child gets credit.

### **GIBAULT NEWS...**



**The Gibaul Hawks** placed Second in the State last weekend in 2A competition! We had 9 grads on the team!

**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!

**PRO-LIFE MARCH** Gibault Catholic High School is sending a large group of kids and chaperones to Washington DC in January, to the Pro-Life March. We do very little fundraising to defer the cost for the students because of the time of year. We know Christmas time is expensive for most people.

We do, however, put on a wonderful event, [\*The Magical Breakfast with Santa!\*](#) We want to make contact with the older students/ families, in case they know of families that don't go to your school but would maybe love this event too. We are proud of it!! Everyone who has come in the past has always had wonderful things to say about it!

Stacy Poepper, Gibault's March for Life committee, [618-580-7115](tel:618-580-7115), [5peppers@htc.net](mailto:5peppers@htc.net)

**LIKE ST. FRANCIS** has taught us, when you reach out in time, talent, and treasure to others, you get more than you receive! I was honored to sing graveside services(Ernie Schoellhorn played) for **Marjorie MacClain**, mother of Bob Wooters(Wife Chris and ICS grad sons Eric and Brendan). The Pastor of First Congregational UCC Church in Dupo spoke of Marjorie placing her hand on the sick list in the weekly church bulletin and praying for them. Like the habit I try to teach the 8<sup>th</sup> grade each year of touching a tombstone as we visit cemeteries praying for the deceased, this simple touch is a connection. I told Bob that I was given a gift today from his Mom! Rest in peace!

**Madison Gould**, our faithful and dedicated Latchkey Aid, came between her dogs and has some major healing to do. Please pray for her so she can come back quickly. We miss her before AND after school!

**Joyce Rose**, ICS Secretary-17 years, is back at Oak Hill. Thanks for praying for her.

**Pat Schwartz** is battling cancer again. Please pray for this good man that he can once more rise to the challenge! He is Grandfather of Brooke, Caitlyn, and Hope.

**Brian Sabin** Audrey and Vivien Schilling's Grandpa had a stroke last week and needs our prayers. Taking care of one another includes prayer, and action when we can.

**PRAYERS: Special Intention** Pat Schwartz, Madison Gould, Norm Waterman, Brian Sabin, Kaylee Fogarty, Heather Hughes, Barbara Thompson, George Perry, Pat Huels, Pearl Mueller, Dennis Kish, Donna Kania, Larry Pelker, Brandon Martin, Susan Adams, Laurie Austin, Donna Barton, Lydia Boyer, Alicia Cohen, Jan Habermehl, Denise Conner, Kenny Hamontree, Susie Kish Settle, Rachel Warden, Bill Kesler, Sis Blaes, Dan Borisuk, Lauren Foran, Jessica Stemler Barcik, Stella Moll, Gertrude Scherrer, Carolyn Baker, Scott Schaefer, Katy Basinski, Chrissy Hoeflinger, Barbara Buchheit,

Angie Rose, Ken Bolton, Nick Carron, Roy Lansing, Marcella Heinrichs, Florence Dorshorst, Bill Pennock, Pat Weber, Vince Webb, George Stein, Desiree Frasure  
**THERE ARE NO GUARANTEES IN LIFE.** We can be vigilant, stay awake, work together, See Something-Say Something, and still be run over by life. That's why Jesus helps us to live a good life so we can handle the peaks and valleys we all must face. No one had a right to say "why me?" in bad times when they don't say "why me?" in good times. Come to the Altar. Get ready for the kingdom that lasts forever. Be community!

*Mike Kish*

Principal

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

**PS A big shout-out to Chris Thomas Plumbing** for quickly repairing a leak in our kitchen last week! Don't put up with a drip! Call **Chris Thomas Plumbing!**

**PS Our Tuesday Tinkers of Mike Whelan, Denis Ling, Don Happy, Ed Beck, Pete Cottom , and Rich Toenjes** are not for sale. They are priceless!

### **Trivia Night Last Saturday Was a Success!!**

Thank you for supporting our trivia night, we had 29 tables and raised \$11,530!! Our most successful year yet! Thank you to all the room moms for organizing our impressive silent auction baskets!! We really appreciate all the help we had setting up, working the event and tearing it down. Thanks to Melissa Curry, Jolene Sasser, Georgia Sasser, Jessi Gianino, Kim Janson, Erin Pechacek, Joel Sommer, Stephanie Roccasalva, Lisa Patton, Angie Gregozeski, Jaime and Andy Kish, Melissa and Ted Kroenig, Greg and Jessica Sheehan, Chuck and Tammy Hoeflinger, Ben and Robyn Baker, Brad and Robin Nadziejko, Emily Brutton and Kara Boyd. We couldn't have been so successful without you, thank you for donating your time!

Thanks also to our wonderful sponsors! Please support these local businesses as they are supporting our children!

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**AND UP WE GO! HELP US RAISE OUR PLEDGES UP.** We still need about 4 million to avoid paying interest! Opening day is January 3, 2019!



**Parish Work Day Projects  
November 11, 2017 Church-"RockFest"**

Spot cleaning on tile in church  
Replace lights out

Clean front door glass, gathering space glass, office door glass and exterior glass doors in gathering space

Dust gathering space furniture including the grouping near the elevator. Dust cabinets and counter tops in Father's vesting room.

Clean lower garden level windows including those in the elevator area. Wipe down the elevator interior walls.

Clean windows in main stair well as high as can be reached.

Dust the office area, Father's office, conference room and hallway ledges. Clean glass in these areas also.

Dust cabinets in warming kitchen and clean counter tops.

Clean Glass in the Reservation Chapel Room.

Clean west side lower windows. Several people will be needed to carefully move the candle holder in from the Mary's statue.

Clean lower windows on the east side including the window in the music storage room and confessional

Clean west side high windows. This takes a 10 or 12 foot ladder

Clean upper windows on the east side. This will take a 10 to 12 foot ladder.

Clean wood roof behind altar. This takes a 10 or 12 foot ladder and long pole with dusting attachment. Vacuum flat roof area. Coffee and donuts by A.C.T.S.