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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!

November 16, 2018

Bienvenido el parrochia!

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Dear Parent,

YOU ARE INVITED! To our all-school Pre-Thanksgiving Liturgy on WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 21. Grandparents and Friends of ICS are welcome! Last time on the 1846 campus! First Grade Indians and Pilgrims will remind us that everyone in America is a descendant of an American Indian, or an immigrant, or a refugee, or slave or indentured servant. Thanks Mrs. Borgmeyer and Mrs. Neff and Grade 1 families! We will share caramel rolls after Mass due to the kindness of Mrs. Huebner and our kitchen staff. We are asking you to bring a donation of a canned good or grocery items to be placed in the hall to add to our Builders Club collection and will collect donations for the children of our Sister Parish of St. Raymond's in Guatemala. No bus service available this day. This is a make-up day for the spring move.

PATRIOTIC ROSARY What an impressive salute to our Veterans! Prayer, salute to our country and our veterans, challenging address by Mr. Riley, and a slide show of over 90 relatives! Thanks B.C.!



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display during the National Anthem



Bill Riley, USAF, Lt. Col. Ret.



Beginners Meet! Sadie Loless, Adrian DeClue, Sam Glasscock, Maddie Mauch, Ava Blaskiewicz, Layne Traxler, Hope Schwartz, Avery Herrmann and Avery Ellner all received 1st Place. Keeley Cooper, Maryann Imhoff and Aubry Thomas received 2nd. Very impressive! ICS will host the Intermediate February 23, 2019. Thanks Coach Catie Taylor and parent drivers!



Dress Down for Danielle! We collected \$2,468.35 for Constance's Mom. Danielle has a rare strain of MS with limited options. We pray for miracles but sometimes, our love and support is the miracle and our prayers and love continue. Constance proudly wore this tee shirt today in her mom's honor.

PARENTS AND FRIENDS BASKET RAFFLE! We need your help filling the baskets for the Craft Fair Basket Raffle on December 1st. Please drop all items off at ICS by Tuesday, November 27th or contact Christy Hornacek 618-830-1090 for evening pickup. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0944a5ae2ca4f85-icscraft1>

Calling all Cookie and Candy Bakers: [See attached flyer](#) for the Cookie Booth that will be at the Craft Fair on December 1st

PARENTS AND FRIENDS MEETING Monday night at 7:00 in the cafeteria. Lots to discuss. ICS is only as strong as our parents and friends support. You allow us to dream deeper and think bigger!

DIOCESAN CHILD PROTECTION POLICY On Monday, November 19, Caritas will be here to talk to our classes as part of the Diocesan policy on Child Protection. Generally, these classes remind us to be vigilant and protective of our human dignity. If you want to "opt out" of this for your child, please let us know, but we highly recommend they participate in the large group setting. "Boundaries" was this year's topic for adults on-line.



Terrific Kids – November 2018

Mrs. Diewald: Addie Homeyer is a Terrific Kid! She has a wonderful attitude toward her school work. Even when things are difficult she never gives up and always strives to do her best. Addie is well behaved and is a good rule follower. She is a great friend to others and is always willing to lend a helping hand. Addie is an excellent example for her classmates.

Mrs. Meyer: Karis Baker is a Terrific Kid because she is an enthusiastic learner. She has a cheery demeanor that has made her a friend to many in our classroom. She has worked very hard on her reading skills in 2nd grade

and I am proud of her progress this year!

Mrs. Matrisotto: Grant Tucker earned the Terrific Kid award by having integrity, love, and showing respect to all, even when that is not easy. Thank you Grant for having a Christ-like heart, and always standing up for the right thing!

Ms. Kennedy: Eleanor Nadziejko is a terrific kid! She is a friend to all and treats everyone with respect. She is a diligent worker that wants to succeed. Keep up the great work!

Mrs. Donjon: Sean Frederick - Sean has been a terrific kid all year. He has adjusted well to the independence that comes with fourth grade. He is honest, hardworking, and always has something to add to classroom discussion.

Mrs. Ettlting: Ella Boyd is a Terrific Kid because she shows consistent effort in every subject through the day. Along with participating in class, always being prepared, and turning in homework on time, she will quietly help those around her. Her hard work at school and at home shows through in her assignments and classroom conversations. Keep up the hard work!

Mrs. Schauster: Connor Thoma is a Terrific Kid! Connor is a quiet young man who can be counted on to do the right thing. Connor is a hard worker and takes his studies seriously. He is always trying his best at what ever he does.

Mrs. Taylor: Karina Jerkatis is Mrs. Taylor's Terrific Kid. Karina is hard-working and always puts her best effort into the task at hand. She is also has a good heart and treats her classmates well.

We have 2 Entertainment books to sell if you need one. Contact the office

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.



Our BUILDERS CLUB Hunger is Scary canned food drive collection headed to Cairo, Illinois, one of the neediest cities in Illinois. St. Vincent DePaul members Tom Farr, Bob Janson, Rich Toenjes, Tom Herrmann, and Ernie Schoellhorn made the trek. Thanks to Builders Club and 4th grade helpers. Over 1100 food items!

BUILDERS CLUB will again support the **Griffin Center** and hope to collect a minimum of 75 **gifts** by December 20th. Buy a gift, wrap and tag it with boy/girl and age. It is a good practice to let your child pick out something they might like to receive to enhance the concept of sharing God's gifts. Thanks for loving all God's children! Thanks Builders Club and ICS supporters!

CHRISTMAS PLAY FOR LOWER GRADES Rehearsal schedule

Date	Time	Who's Called
Fri Nov 16	3-4:15	3rd and 2nd only
Mon Nov 19	3-4:30	
Tues Nov 20	3-4:30	
Mon Nov 26	3-4:15	
Tues Nov 27	3-4:15	
Wed Nov 28	3-4:15	
Thurs Nov 29	3-4:15	
Fri Nov Nov 30	3-4:15	
Mon Dec 3	3-4:15	ALL
Tues Dec 4	3-4:15	ALL
Wed Dec 5	3-4:15	ALL
Thurs Dec 6	3-4:15	ALL
Fri Dec 7	3-4:15	ALL
Mon Dec 10	3-5:00	ALL
Tues Dec 11		PERFORMANCE

YOUNG AUTHORS

1. Jan. 8th student stories due - jeans day
2. Jan 30th- spring assembly - note that Jan. 25th will be science fair, so I don't think we can hold the YA Assembly this date. Thanks! Carrie Stark



We had 42 students at the 4th-8th grade practice! Everyone was eager to PLAY!! Thanks to Coach Cyra Herrmann and Jim Williams!

CHESS NEWS: If you have not yet signed your child up for Chess Club please do so ASAP, using the following [link](#):

Please sign up each child individually. If your child is not signed up, you will not receive chess emails with information. Contact Mrs. Herrmann at chermmann@icsmail.org with any questions.

Chess Practices in Cafeteria from 3:00-4:00 on alternating Tuesdays:

Grades 2 and 3: Nov. 20, Dec. 4, Dec. 18, Jan. 15, Jan. 29, Feb. 12, Feb. 26

Grades 4 through 8: Nov. 27, Dec. 11, Jan. 8, Jan. 22, Feb. 5, Feb. 19


Chess Meets: Jan. 26 - at St. Teresa, Feb. 16 - at ICS, Mar. 23 - at St. Clare

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.

VOCATIONS Sign up with Joanne Schilling at irs530@htc.net to take a week. Prayer and action. Encourage your children that the priesthood and religious life is a great life. I hope you heard Fr. Carl's homily last week. He is the happiest man I know!



Dan Whelan '84
Veteran, Former Command and Commercial Pilot
United States Air Force and Southwest Airlines

Dan earned his Aircraft Maintenance Engineering degree from Saint Louis University's Parks College. Dan entered the Air Force after college attaining the distinction of Command Pilot flying the C-141 Starlifter in the 4th Airlift Squadron. Dan is a veteran of Operation Desert Shield/Storm. Dan flew for Southwest Airlines for 20 years.

Dan was highly involved in Pedal the Cause raising \$43,856.89 for cancer research.

Laura Whelan delivered the best and most moving acceptance speech of the night on Wednesday! So very proud of her. *"This is the Day the Lord Has Made."* Every day is a miracle. Some days the miracle brings cancer. Our response is the miracle too! Thanks for the inspiration Laura, and congratulations Dan and family as your work here on earth continues.

GRADS IN THE NEWS... **Mary Catherine Wessel** was in the Althoff program feature section Wednesday night. Congratulations Mary!

Johnny Adams has been named a Student of the Month from Memorial Hospital for Academic and Athletic achievements and is eligible for a later monetary scholarship competition. Congratulations Johnny and thanks for all the good example you set!

SCHOLASTIC BOWL TRYOUTS: Scholastic Bowl tryouts will be November 26th & 28th for 7th & 8th graders. On Monday, November 26th tryouts will be from 3 – 3:45pm and on Wednesday, November 28th from 3 – 4:30pm. The Scholastic Bowl team is limited to 15 players due to State competition. Scholastic Bowl is a large time commitment beginning in December 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 the match is away). Scholastic Bowl team members must have a wide array of knowledge, be able to think quickly on their feet, and be a team player. If you have any questions, please email Mrs. Taylor (ttaylor@icsmail.org).

GIBAULT CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL NEWS...Finish some early Christmas shopping at Gibault Catholic's spirit wear store! Our online store will open on Nov. 15 and close Nov. 29, with delivery to Gibault Catholic on Dec. 15- just in time for Christmas! <https://gcs2018.wswebstore.com/store?preview=tjq8d9>

Gibault March For Life Group

Honey Baked Ham Taking orders for your Thanksgiving entertaining! The Gibault March for Life Group will be selling Honey Baked Hams and Desserts to benefit their trip in January. See order form last week if you are interested. Please return to the school office by Monday at 8a.m. Orders can be picked up from 4:00-5:00 on Tuesday, Nov. 20th in the ICS cafeteria.

Thank you from the students traveling to Washington DC for the March for Life!

Placement Test: Gibault Catholic will hold its placement test for the incoming Class of 2023 on Saturday, December 1 from 8:30AM-11:45AM. The test is given free of charge. Please RSVP to reserve a sport for your child by November 30 to Pat Herzing (pherzing@gibaulthawks.com)

Tuition and Scholarships! While the students are testing, parents are invited to a light breakfast, coffee, and conversation in the Gibault Catholic library to discuss variable tuition, scholarships, classes, uniforms, transportation, technology-based learning, and more!

Magical Breakfast with Santa: Join the Gibault Catholic March for Life for its 6th Annual Magical Breakfast with Santa. Children of all ages can enjoy crafts, games, breakfast, and a picture with Santa in his sleigh!

Date: Sunday, December 2

Time: 9AM-10:30AM or 11AM-12:30PM

Location: SS. Peter and Paul gym

RSVP: by Nov. 27 via e-mail (magicalbreakfast@icloud.com) or Jennifer Kreps at 314-223-6981

Cost: \$15 for the first child; \$5 for each additional child per family; \$5 per adult; children 1/under free

THE SPORTING NEWS...

We do not keep score or count wins below 5th grade as part of Diocesan policy. But...our ICS 3rd grade girls soccer team won every game during the regular season and played in the Queen of all Saints Shootout with 11 talented St. Louis Catholic school teams. The ICS girls went 3-0 in division play, advancing to a 4 team playoff bracket, when the shootout was cancelled due to weather. Congrats Team and Coaches!

Players were Ayven VanMatre, Lucy Keeven, Anna McGill, Lillian Braun, Emma Ashton, Taylor Rose, Addison Koppies, Isabelle Roche, Eleanor Nadziejko, Julia Drury, Brooke Hagedorn, Kate Sheehan, Rina Baker, Sophie Conrad, Kennedy Cooper, Maria Hake, and Taylor Schultz. The team was coached by Kevin McGill and Greg Sheehan.

ICCCW Christmas Party Game Back by popular demand is the (***Saran Wrap***) game! In order to make this game even more exciting (maybe even competitive), we are collecting small, inexpensive gifts to hide in two large Saran Wrap balls. If you have any unused items or want to pick up items that we can use in the game, please drop those items off in the Gathering Space at church in the container marked "ICCCW Christmas Party Game Items." We will collect the entire month of November. To make the game really exciting, we can hide cash in it as well. If you choose to donate cash, please place your donation in the collection basket in an envelope marked "ICCCW Party Game." We hope to see you at the Christmas party on Dec. 6th at 5:30 p.m. at Aunt Maggie's.

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 do 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!**

COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE 7:00 p.m., Wednesday, November 21 at Immaculate Conception Church. Pastor Keith McDevitt, from St Paul UCC will deliver the message

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!

The Johns Family: George's Dad **Tom Johns**, is recovering from an emergency procedure this week. Please continue any extra prayers.

DALE ANDERSON had surgery for a torn retina again. Please pray for him for so many reasons: in our human family, former faculty member, assistant to the A.D., substitute and on and on.

Angela Roepke, Ms. Catie Taylor's Grandmother, had to have another hip surgery this week. Prayers please for a favorite Nanna.

CURT WELGE 74, Grandfather of Cameron and Avery Ellner(Jeni and Toby), passed away last week. He lived in Chester. Losing a Grandfather and father at a young age is so hard on a family. God's peace to him and all who knew and loved him.

OUR CONDOLENCES to the Lundy Family on the loss of Craig's Mom **Lorraine Lundy**, 91 of Canandaqua, New York. Her memorial service will be December 8 there. God's peace to her and consolation to the family.

Tough times. Kind of on the low side of the Prophet Job right now with family losses and life complications. I sincerely appreciate the outpouring of support here at school on the loss of my oldest brother Jerry. He was the "East Coast" side of the family with everyone else local so contact was limited to trips home from him. Yet I grew up with him and he is a deep loss to our family. Rest in peace Jerry!



Gerald "Jerry" U. Kish, 73 years, of Glen Burnie, MD, passed away on November 13, 2018 at home with his family. He was born October 10, 1945, in Columbia, IL, son of the late Al and Betty (nee Schmidt) Kish. He was married to the late Rumay Kish for almost 40 years when she passed away May 9, 2008.

Jerry retired from the National Security Agency in 2006 where he spent his career as a linguist after serving in the United States Navy, achieving the rank of Senior Chief Petty Officer. He was a Vietnam Veteran. His greatest love was spending time with his family, especially his grandchildren.

Surviving are his Son Jeffrey Kish (Devon) of Bel Air, Maryland, Daughter, Janna Jackson (Christopher) of Hughesville, MD and Son, Jared Kish of Glen Burnie, MD, Grandchildren Liliana and

Lathe Kish (Jeffrey), Cameron and Nathan Urlock (Janna) and Parker Castagnera (Jared), brothers and sisters, Dennis (Elaine) Kish, Michael (Jeanne) Kish, Thomas Kish, Steven (Debbie) Kish, Patrick Kish, Albert (Patresa) Kish, Mary (John) Olsson, Susan Settle, Margaret (James) Burns, Joanne Stahlmann and brothers-in-law Joe (Loretta)Vogt, John (Joni) Vogt, Jim (Jean)Vogt, and sisters-in-law Becky (Warren) Reagan, Runelle (Dave) Graff, and Roselle (Russ) Howitzer and many additional nieces, nephews and extended family.

A special thank you to Katie Fitzpatrick who helped provide care and comfort for him as if he were her own family; your love and support will be remembered always.

Jerry and Rumay will be placed together during their final inurnment which will be held with full military honors on a future date at Arlington National Cemetery in Arlington, VA.

He was also preceded in death by sister-in-law Nancy Kish and brothers-in-law Kenny Settle and Steve Stahlmann.

In lieu of customary remembrances, the family requests with gratitude that memorial contributions be directed to: Immaculate Conception Catholic Education & Activities Center Building Fund, or the Eugene Schorb - Immaculate Conception School Education Fund, 411 Palmer Road, Columbia, IL, 62236 .

PRAYERS: Special Intention Danielle Dorlac, Charlie Stockes, Ken Biske, George Perry, Angela Roepke, Judy Gundlach, Tom Johns, Dale Anderson, Joyce LaPrade, Tabitha LaPrade, 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, Lindsey Herbeck, Marla Vogt

GOD ALWAYS SPEAKS TO US RIGHT WHERE WE ARE! OK. But do we have to have Michael mentioned in the First Reading? Stay awake. Learn the lesson of the fig tree. *Heaven and earth will pass away but my Words will not pass away.* The end of the Church year is near. It is time to close up the books, make sure you have a P.O.A for property and health and a will. Get your taxes paid before the billing in January for this year's deduction. Catch up on your 2018 stewardship pledge. Make your new pledge for the coming year. All these little things become big things later and God reminds us to live in the now and the future will be much better! See you around the Altar!

Praised be Jesus Christ!

Mike Kish

Principal



If we could just get the deck and roof on. John Whitworth needs a good week. Let's pray for one! I

am not sure if snow is better than rain but the cold surely doesn't help! St. Joseph, pray for us!