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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 21, 2017

Bienvenido el parrochia!

V. 43 #19

Dear Parent, Guardian, Student, Teacher, Friend,

The Season of Thanksgiving

It's the season of thanksgiving, so I'm thanking God today for you,
Who takes care of me in such a special way (it's incredible) Oh my my hey!
Yes, it's the season of thanksgiving, and I'm blessed beyond the moon.
So for you today my gift to you is this Thanksgiving tune!
You give me hugs, you make me dinner, wash my clothes and comb my hair
You check my math and practicing spelling words because you really care.
You tell me no, you say I love you every day I know it's true
I am loved and I am cherished unbelievably cherished
Overwhelmingly cherished by you and by God too!!
It's the season of thanksgiving, so I'm thanking God today for you, who takes care of me in such
a special way (it's incredible) Oh my my yes!
Oh, it's the season of thanksgiving, and I love you more each day!
So I thank you for loving me in your very special way!

THANKSGIVING The most basic physical need we have is to eat and drink to sustain life. This holiday is about the basics but on our spiritual side, gratitude for the basics is the simple explanation for this season. Reach out to others as Jesus taught us. Fill your table with others so there are less left-overs. Your celebration will taste better when you share with others! Thanks for your canned goods today, \$160.30 for St. Raymond's, and for Pilgrims-Indians-Eucharist-caramel rolls! Our Community Celebration will be at 7:00 pm on Wednesday, November 22 in our church with Pastor Jared Parker giving the reflection. We will have Mass at 9:00 on Thanksgiving Day in our Church. "You can't say 'why me?' in bad times if you don't say 'why me' in good times! Eucharist means thanksgiving!

THANKS TO ALL WHO WORKED SO HARD TO MAKE TODAY SO SPECIAL. Fr. Carl, First Grade and Teachers, Parents, Indians and Pilgrims, Sue, Bev, Laura, Connie and Crew, Karen, MaryBeth, Emily and Matt and all who used FCAP! Happy Thanksgiving! And to think I only asked Connie to make these rolls on Friday!

No school tomorrow---School resumes on Monday.

BLACK FRIDAY PARENTS DAY OUT FUNDRAISER The ICS 8th Grade Class is hosting on Friday, November 24th in the ICS Gym/Cafeteria. Drop your kiddos off for fun, games, popcorn snack and a movie while you complete your shopping or have a date night! Reserve your spot early! **Sessions available** are 10 am - 2 pm, 2 pm - 6 pm, and 6 pm - 10 pm. The cost is \$10/child (age 3 and up), \$15/child (age 2 and under) - per session (Please provide a nut-free sack lunch/dinner per child per session). Thanks!



THE CRAFT FAIR IS SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2ND!

[Cookie Volunteers](#) www.signupgenius.com

Join us to help the ICS Parents and Friends cookie booth at the ICS Craft Fair. Volunteer for any shift to help out! Fun and easy shifts and students 10 and up are welcome to help!

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 27th. Thank you all for your support! <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0944a5ae2ca4f85-craft>



ANNUAL PARISH CHRISTMAS PARTY
Please show your support and Christmas spirit this season by **making reservations as soon as possible** with John Haubrich- kcchristmasparty@gmail.com or [618-281-6021](tel:618-281-6021) for the grand event of the year on Saturday, December 9th as the Knights of Columbus host the annual Parish Christmas Party in the ICS Gym. Don't miss this fun evening! Nor the Fried Chicken Dinner!

WE THANK GOD FOR HEROES Delaney was a huge part of *doing the right thing* last week and being a hero in return! From Beth Glasscock: *Friday evening a little 5 year old boy with special needs went missing for about an hour in our neighborhood. Police were everywhere looking for him on foot and in our woods. They were especially concerned about our lake but after calling his name... tracking him... no luck. They started going door to door and asked Delaney if she knew him or saw him. Of course, she knew all about him and went out bundled up to help. Within about 15 minutes.. she spotted him hiding in our back woods but looking scared. She called for him and ran to him. He grabbed her hand and asked her to play with him until he found his home again. True Delaney style... she kept him calm and asked if he was hurt, hungry or just wanted to go home. Ryan called for the detectives who came to her and let her walk him to his home with them. She was so proud and we were too! His Mom is forever grateful! Never too young to be a hero! Thought it was a feel good story to start this week she is one of our many blessings! Happy Thanksgiving!*

FIRST RECONCILIATION Congratulations to the Second Graders of Parish who made their first Sacrament of Reconciliation last Sunday. This is one of the least utilized but most need sacraments for our daily living. When we can't say sorry, we commit our lives to being miserable. We are weak yet we are strong when we re-connect in God's love. Grades 3-8 will have Reconciliation on December 13 at 1:00. Feel free to join us!



7th Grade had a great field trip to **The Old Courthouse** in St. Louis where they participated in a re-enactment of the 1857 Dred Scott v. Sandford, 60 U.S. 393, (Dred Scott trial). This trial was a huge step backwards in the fight against slavery and was also a major catalyst of the Civil War. After winning his freedom in the initial trial, Scott and his family were returned to slavery by subsequent appeals. Eventually the United States Supreme Court ruled that African Americans were not citizens and could not sue for their freedom. This decision invalidated the Missouri

Compromise of 1850, allowing slavery in newly acquired territories. 7th Grade has been working hard all week practicing their parts and learning about the trial. St. Louis is a leader in civil rights. NAACP founded here and first integrated Catholic schools! When we advance the cause of civil rights, we protect everyone's rights!

Quilt Block Schedule Monday - 11/27, Tuesday- 11/28 and Thursday - 11/30, from 3pm - 5pm are the definite last sessions for Quilt Block Challenge. Quilts must be done with story attached by Nov. 30. Please work on your **stories that must accompany your quilt. All quilts have a story.** What was your inspiration, can you tell me what is going on in your quilt. A paragraph will do please. Your story will need a title(title for quilt) and "By:your name or names". Winning quilts have strong stories, so give your story as much attention as your quilt. Mrs. Fetcho and Mrs. Weiler, questions? text Mrs. Fetcho @ [314.565.7354](tel:314.565.7354) or email cfetcho@icsmail.org.

ICS SCHOLASTIC BOWL: Congratulations to Paula Boser, Ally Curry, Noah Newton, Autumn Ramey, Georgia Sasser, Therese West, Jacob Whitworth, Maria Biske, Abby Eichenseer, Zach Gibson, Ben Haney, Stephen Johns, Emma Schmidt, Sydney Wahle, and Tyler Wahle for making the 2017-2018 ICS Scholastic Bowl Team! The first practice will be Monday, November 27th. Coaches are Tiffany Taylor and Dan Kassebaum.

It's Chess Time! . Practices: **November 28th - Grades 2 and 3 (3:00 - 4:00 in Cafeteria)** and **December 5th - Grades 4 through 8 (3:00 - 4:00 in Cafeteria)** ~The team is looking for assistants and/or volunteers! Contact Mrs. Herrmann at cherrmann@icsmail.org.

CHRISTMAS EVE CHOIR NEEDS SINGERS!!! If your family is planning to attend the 5 p.m. Liturgy on Christmas Eve and your child is 3rd grade or older, we NEED a choir for this mass. Please encourage your child to join for these rehearsals: Wed, Nov 29 Wed, Dec 6 Wed, Dec 13 in the ICS Band room.

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.



FUNDERWEAR The annual ICS-SPPCS competition sponsored by the ICS Builders Club for Day Star in Cairo is scheduled for Saturday, December 9 at 3:30 at Gibault. Briefs, boxers, tees, underwear, hats, gloves, and socks. We have 40 so far --- goes to Day Star in Cairo.

Annual Griffin Center Request led by our Builders Club

*My gratitude accompanies this letter for your willingness to help with Christmas for our Griffin Center children. God blesses us over and over through generous people like you and Immaculate Conception students who join with you in reaching out to His children during this season of giving. We will look forward to receiving your gifts at the **Orr Weathers Center at 1400 Missouri Ave, Building 12 on the morning of December 20.** Do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns you have. My cell is **618 792 1210.** Please leave a message if you don't reach me directly. Generally I am engaged with the staff and children on weekdays between 2:30 and 6:00 p.m., a time when I am not free to take calls. I will get back to you as soon as I can.*

This year, after seven years of being closed we have reopened our original and newly renovated Griffin site. This is our 5th site with 30+ additional children in attendance. Sr. Maggie Scally, Daughter of Charity, has joined our staff as an additional counselor trained in working with urban youth. We have continued our involvement with the East Side Aligned Movement, most recently participating as a total staff in a training on trauma based care. In 2018 we will also be learning how to improve our programing through the use of restorative practices in our management of children's behavior. We appreciate your prayers for these efforts to join in making a difference in the lives of our beautiful children; to give them hope for a brighter future.

Our children are blessed through your sharing with them. Thank you for reaching out and touching them in heartfelt ways. May God bless you and all those who join with you in your caring generosity. A blessed Christmas to each of you!

Gratefully,

Sr. Beth M Ruder

Sr. Beth Marie Ruder, DC.

TIRED TEDDIES: STUFFED ANIMAL RE-HOMING! Gibault is collecting pre-loved stuffed animals for cleaning and distribution. If you bring them in to Mrs. Epplin before December 8, Mrs. Young will make sure they get to GCHS. (Stuffed toys will be steam-cleaned but should not have rips/tears.)

GIBAULT CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL PLACEMENT TEST FOR THE INCOMING CLASS OF 2022 will be given Saturday, December 2, from 8:30-11:45. The test is given free of charge, please RSVP to Susan Mackin (smackin@gibaulthawks.com).

Tuition options/Invest in Kids Scholarships - While the placement test is being given, we will hold an informational meeting for parents in the Gibault library to discuss variable tuition, Gibault sponsored scholarships, and scholarships that will be available under the new Invest in Kids Act offered by the state of Illinois.

Comparing high schools? Come take a look at Gibault Catholic! 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 Better Within Reach*. We look forward to meeting you! Follow us on Facebook, Twitter (@GibaultCatholic) and Instagram (#gibaultproud) for more information.

MAGAZINE DRIVE Go to www.gaschoolstore.com --- order on-line. Our ID # is 2710556. We get 40%! Terrific Christmas gifts that give all year long!



THE SPORTING NEWS...

Second place at St. James after a close championship loss to Blessed Sacrament. Andrew Epplin Glenn Powers, Sam Atchley, Grant Mathany, Noah Newton, Collin Schmidt, Dominic Voegele, Jack Basler, Colin Mueth, Dorian Thorne, Caleb Hugger, and Jordan Smugala. We beat St. Clare and St. Theresa to get to the championship. The Crusaders are coached by Tim Mueth. Come support our Girls and Boys bball teams!

Papa John's wants you to know how proud we are to be a partner with your school. We want to extend an offer for all your staff and families to have a great deal on our pizza this week during Thanksgiving break.

40% off All Regular Menu Price Online Pizzas! **Online promo Code: DM50**

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Valid Nov 22, 2017 through Nov 26, 2017

Happy Thanksgiving,

Dana



Texas Hold'Em Poker presented by the Knights of

Columbus. Join us and try your skill while enjoying an evening for a good cause. Saturday, December 2nd at ICC in the Garden Level. Registration at 6pm and Play begins at 7pm. \$50 buy-in with 50% payouts. Contact Pat McDermott for info at [618-779-1183](tel:618-779-1183) or go to www.kofc6165.org

Tom Giovanni, Katie Repp's Dad, 9HOLLY, Danny, Abby, Brian) had a stroke last week but is improving. Please keep this good guy in your prayers!

Gerald Perry, Mrs. Weiler's Dad is recovering. Thanks for the prayers.

PRAYERS: Special Intention Tom Giovanni, Louis Diewald, Pat Schwartz, Arlin Stechmesser, Norm Waterman, Brian Sabin, Kaylee Fogarty, 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

Fr. Vito Lopardo was one of my favorite priests as a kid. He was an Associate Pastor from 1958-1961. Always pleasant, dignified, witty, and I can still smell the smoke and aftershave that followed him like a cloud. My Mom made surplices for him and he came to the house for fittings despite the braces he wore on his legs and being gang-tackled by 8 kids at the time. Fr. Lopardo passed away last March. As a good steward, he donated \$10,000 to our parish and his work lives on in all who knew him and the work of the church. Thanks Fr. Lopardo for the great memories and helping our future!

O HOW BLESSED Most of us take life for granted. When we do look around, we feel most people around us have less house payments, less car payments, less credit card debt, and more disposable money. Human nature. We all have the same problems and solutions. It is time to make your STEWARDSHIP COMMITMENT and this is a very appropriate season. We have an "Ordinary" in our Diocese named Bishop Braxton but we have an "Extraordinary" in our parish named Fr. Carl. Last Sunday he preached every Mass to kick off our commitments. The stewardship way of life is an all-inclusive answer to authentic discipleship. You cannot fear it. *You may not believe in stewardship but stewardship believes in you.* As you give your gift of time, talent, and treasure back to God, you will more clearly see how you are enjoying those same gifts from God to you. The "myth of stewardship" is that it is all about the money. The reality of time, talent, treasure is that we have varying amounts of it at different stages of life, yet we all have some of it in every stage! Commit your time---maybe once parish work day a month and the Picnic. Commit your talent---maybe usher or sing or serve on a parish committee. Commit your treasure so your parish can fulfill its ministries. Be proud we are the only Full stewardship Parish in the Diocese. Join our Extraordinary in stewardship---and our God in saying thanks!

Mike Kish

Principal

PS Dec. 8 Feast Day---All School Mass at Church at 8:15. Come with your children.

PS Builder's Club---candy cane sale December 5-6-7 \$.25 each. Funderwear Dec. 9, Griffin Center gifts December 20.

PS Out went the pump on the furnace and in came Chris Thomas Plumbing and Chris Sueme! Back in business again! Thank you for keeping us warm!

Our new Entranceway---welcome to ICS---January 3, 2019

