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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 21, 2018

*Bienvenido el parrochia!*

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Dear Parent,

**THANKSGIVING** This great Holiday where you don't feel the pressure of gift-giving but gratitude for life-gifts received, is a favorite for many of us. It takes us back to our roots. How we got where we are, blessings received, hope for the future, sharing. Since we crawled out of the cave, survival has been based on working together. That is how we make it. That is what our God intends. That is the Gospel message. Eucharist means "Thanksgiving". Be bread for others tomorrow and this weekend. Don't "Black Friday" out-shop anyone. Rejoice in the Lord and give thanks!



Grateful

Grateful 10 lepers

*How come we have to wait for caramel rolls?*

Thanks to our 1<sup>st</sup> Graders, Mrs. Borgmeyer and Mrs. Neff, Mrs. Lundy, Mrs. Babcock, Mrs. Huebner and our cooks, our music ministers, for your canned goods(6 boxes), \$457.46 for St. Raymond's, and especially for being here. If you couldn't, you were in our prayers, especially Danielle Dorlac, Ken Biske, Pat Morr(Mrs. Fetcho's mom is in the hospital for tests), and Mike Doerr(hospital for tests). We are always in need. Prayers help more than we ever know.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to our **PARISH SECOND GRADERS** on the Sacrament of **First Reconciliation!** We hope to have all their names by next week! Our God of compassion wants us to have the same for each other. I am sorry! Thank you!

**Colton Funk** has graced this world as of Monday at 3:55 pm weighing 9 pounds 3 oz. and 21 inches long. Lizzie gained a big brother! Congrats Suzie and Ron! What a Thanksgiving joy!

**ICS NEWS**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ffbCuFzpqmA>

**PARENTS AND FRIENDS BASKET RAFFLE!** We need your help filling the baskets for the Craft Fair Basket Raffle on December 1<sup>st</sup>. Please drop all items off at ICS by Tuesday, November 27<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup>.

**PARENTS & FRIENDS** November 19, 2018 Here's "The Skinny"---

**Trivia Night:** Jessica Wachtel, Jessica Sheehan, Tammy Hoeflinger raised \$10,500

**Box Tops:** Deidra Doerr, Katie Hart, and Shannon Howard raised \$934

**Dining Out for ICS:** Laurie Conrad, Jessi Gianino \$150 Applebees, \$150 DQ

**Laser Tag:** Lisa Patton raised \$523

**Entertainment Books:** Shannon (Jeff)Howard, Julie Maull raised \$7,105.40

**Square 1 Art:** Jolene Sasser, Carol Fetcho raised \$2,104.50

**ICS Spirit-wear:** Jessi Gianino & Lauren Conner---in design

**ICS Craft Fair (Dec 1):** Holly Blaskiewicz & Stephanie Roccasalva **Sold out-65 booths---need help to set up right after School on Nov. 30--- student volunteers needed.**

**Cookie Booth:** (Dec 1): Laurie Conrad & Robyn Baker--- **need 3 dozen cookies per child**, Sister Suites will make them for you at \$25 for 3 dozen

**Basket Raffle:** (Dec 1): Christy Hornacek need help with gifts and packaging

**Santa's Cottage:** (Dec 1, 3,4): Beth Johns Santa's Cottage will be here run by 8<sup>th</sup> for DC!

**Dinner Auction:** (Feb 24): Mandy McGuire, Tricia Haywood, Jolene Sasser-seeking committee chairs

Voted on P&F By-Laws

\$100 memorial to Eugene J. Schorb – Immaculate Conception Fund for Catholic Education in honor of Marilyn Frasure

XI. New Ideas to Discuss; Next year's Grandparent Day---include all Grandparents first time to see new school

XII. Next Meeting -DECEMBER 10, 2018 Joe's Pizza 117 N Main 7:00pm Bring a wrapped ornament for our annual game of bad santa!

XII. Closing Prayer

**DC FUNDRAISERS** [ICS Santa's Kottage: Please click here regarding the 2018 Santa's Kottage](#) that will be held **December 1st through December 4th**. The proceeds from this fundraiser will be given to the Eighth graders who volunteer to be "Elves" during the shop hours. The Santa's Kottage is an opportunity for students to do their holiday shopping for parents, grandparents and siblings in a familiar environment. Beth Johns

**ICS ANNUAL SKATE PARTY:** December 27, 2018 4:30-6:30. [Click here](#). Let's have some fun over Christmas break. Victoria Rose-618 670-6109



**FUNDERWEAR** Let's be brief about this. Since 2009, SPPCS in Waterloo has challenged us to a competition gathering mighty tighty-whitey's, socks, hats, gloves, etc. for DayStar in Cairo. They use them for Christmas gifts for clients. (Reminds me of my youth.) Note we are ahead 5-4. We would hate to lose our advantage. We play the Falcons on December 10 and will have the collection there by game time. As you hit the stores, catch a special and help someone feel clean from the inside out. Remember what Jesus told us--*take my shirt, take my shoes, take my BVDs!* Builders Club event!

**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!



**St. James-Bing Alberter Thanksgiving Tournament---The Champs! Us! Congratulations Boys!**  
Round 1 defeated Holy Childhood  
Round 2 beat Holy Trinity 1  
Championship beat St. Clare by 12



**VFW Patriot's Pen** 1<sup>st</sup>-2<sup>nd</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup>! Brian is moving on to the district competition.

**Welcome to Andrew Ludwell** in Grade 5. He comes to us From St. Therese of the Little Flower School in St. Louis!

## **YOUNG AUTHORS**

1. Jan. 8th student stories due - jeans day
2. Jan 30th- spring assembly

## **Chess Practices in Cafeteria from 3:00-4:00 on Alternating Tuesdays:**

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

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

**Chess Meets:** January 26 - at St. Teresa, February 16 - at ICS, March 23 - at St. Clare

**MOVE WEEK** on 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 [jrs530@htc.net](mailto:jrs530@htc.net) or Sign up to host the Chalice for Vocations here: [sign up](#)  
The prayers are short and meaningful. We cannot just pray. We have to encourage and point out that many of our children would make excellent workers for the harvest and many of our teens and young adults who are looking for a rewarding career would find it working for the Church. “Prayer works as long as you block your man.” “Trust Allah, but tie your camel.” Take action. Encourage vocations! Give your child permission to think about it!

**PARENT PICTURE SUPPORT** We really appreciate your pictures for field trips and school related events. Oftentimes, we don't get a good one so thanks for sending them in! When taking pictures remember these words of wisdom from my old pal and ICS grad Mark Schmersahl:

Take a thousand to get one...

Frame your picture---look for a good background that shows where you are...

Always have people in the picture...(especially us!)

For good copy to send to the press, **we need good resolution**... Anything fuzzy, whether due to you shaking, focus, or resolution really hurts. Choose **medium** at least to send.

Send to [slewis@icsmail.org](mailto:slewis@icsmail.org) or [mkish@icsmail.org](mailto:mkish@icsmail.org) or [ebruton@icsmail.org](mailto:ebruton@icsmail.org)

**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](mailto: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=tjg8d9>

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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...from our website**

Inside sports seem to magnify fan reactions due to the closed space. Fans think they can say what they want because they paid \$3 to get in. Not so. Perspective. Class. We need to exhibit it even when fans from another team don't. I know it is hard but please read this clip from our website and review Diocesan and the ICS Athletic Policies. We also have a 24 hour "cooling off" period to leave coaches and problems to be processed before working out solutions and avoid the "heat of the moment". We don't run programs to hurt any students. But we are human and there will be misunderstandings of policies, game situations, coaching strategies/philosophy and one point wins and losses. I started every basketball game in my life till my senior year in high school when a sophomore beat me out. My senior year was my all-time favorite when I learned to love the game and learn the game even better. (That soph would score 50 points in a game his senior year so that lessened the pain over the years too. Sometimes, people are better than you. It's okay.)

*Parents should be Christian fans. This means cheering for our players and not against opponents. Referees are subject to criticism but should not be ridiculed or be subjected to verbal abuse. Parents should reserve judgment on a referee's call. **Their unsportsmanlike conduct not only reflects poorly on ICS, but is also a bad example for all our children.** So work hard to make sure that they and the ICS players represent ICS in a Christian manner. The parents should do the same and set a proper example for their children.*

**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.

**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** \*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!

**Thanks to YOURCAUSE CORPORATE EMPLOYEE GIVING PROGRAM** FOR A \$7 MATCH!

**THANKS FOR AN ANONYMOUS DONATION OF \$7,500 TO SPONSOR OUR WILSON READING PROGRAM** in Grades K-2! The gift of reading is an academic game-breaker!

**YEAR END TAX TIP...** Donate IRA Required Minimum Distributions (RMDs) to Immaculate Conception or other charities tax-free if over age 70 1/2. Annual withdrawals from traditional retirement accounts that accumulated tax-free are required after age 70 1/2. However, you can avoid income tax on a required withdrawal up to \$100,000 per year by donating directly to a qualifying charity. Charitable contributions must be made by December 31 and can only be made from IRAs (not a 401(k) or 403(b) unless rolled to an IRA). You don't need to itemize your taxes in order to make an IRA charitable distribution, but cannot additionally claim a charitable contribution tax deduction. For a retiree in the 25 percent tax bracket, an IRA charitable contribution of \$5,000 could reduce your income tax bill by \$1,250. Funds must be transferred directly from the IRA to an eligible charity by the IRA trustee in order to qualify for the tax break. Father Carl does it! Contact Keith Huels in the parish office or your tax advisor for more information.

**TEC (TEENS ENCOUNTER CHRIST)** *Want your teen to grow up? Can't stand that they think the world revolves around them? Ship them off to TEC. Sure worked for my 3 girls and it is still one of the best programs we have as a Church. (If you are an A.C.T.S. person, you understand me.)* Calling all juniors and seniors in high school: TEC (Teens Encounter Christ) weekends: January 19-21, 2019 at Althoff Catholic High School in Belleville, IL, and February 16-18, 2019 at Sacred Heart School in Du Quoin, IL. Teens Encounter Christ (TEC) is a three-day Catholic retreat for the young adults of Southern Illinois. It's a place for older teens and young adults to reflect-through talks, skits, art, music, sacraments, fellowship and fun-on where they are in life and where they're going, where God fits in, where their faith is leading them, and how they can live their faith with love, joy and courage. TEC is also open to adult observers (18+). To learn more and/or to apply visit: [www.bellevilletec.org](http://www.bellevilletec.org)

**STEWARDSHIP** We have 255 forms returned from our 1556 households. As the only Full Stewardship parish in the Diocese, we ought to be proud and efficient in getting this statement in. Read, commit to time-talent-treasure, and return. Put your money where your mouth is---as they say. I have never heard anyone say "I wish I hadn't been so generous". Fr. Carl has the courage to lead the way. We owe it to God to follow this way of life. Discipleship is our identity but stewardship is our mission. Please do it and commit.

Mike Doerr is in the hospital for tests. Please say a prayer for this big guy who means so much to our parish!

Pat Morr, Mrs. Carole Fetho's Mom, is having tests run too. Please pray for her for a quick return home for the holidays.

**PRAYERS: Special Intention** Danielle Dorlac, Ken Biske, Mike Doerr, Pat Morr, Charlie Stockes, George Perry, Angela Roepke, Joyce LaPrade, Tabitha LaPrade, Tom Johns, 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, Judy Gundlach

**OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE** As the Church year ends this weekend, and the leaves fall, and the season of life changes, it is so good to simply acknowledge that we have a real King. Historically, the concept of a king is Godly. The "king" was chosen by the people to take care of the least amongst the folks. Usually, it was someone of means who had done something heroic, or was just or would look out for widows, orphans, the poor. This surely fits our God. We have a worthy King in Jesus Christ.

**HAPPY THANKSGIVING!**

*Mike Kish*

Principal

PS We are grateful! We have hit 71% on our pledges. We do need a lot more yet and have to conquer the nemesis of paying "interest" on our loans. Please talk us up. Please make a pledge if you have not yet done so. Our Tech Crew has run over 2 Miles of wiring so far for with 4 to go

PS Great Christmas gift: *The Book of Uncommon Prayer* by Brian Doyle It has short prayers for many things we take for granted...like *A Prayer for the Bass Player. In thanksgiving for James B. Naismith. Heading back to the incomprehensible Love from which I came(Brian passed in May of 2017)* If you buy it, you would thank me! I gave 10 copies away last Christmas and will use the Bass prayer tomorrow. (Bass players are the foundation of a band without the celebrity. There are times we play at Church and only the bass player accompanies---by design.)