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Celebrating 167 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.

November 24, 2020

Bienvenido el parrochia!

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Dear Parents, Guardians, and Friends,



Thanks to Grade 1 and Mrs. Neff and Mrs. Borgmeyer for ministering so well this morning. We have so much to be grateful for, despite inconvenient times. Thanks for letting the joy out. Fr. Carl and Fr. Nick, like all our God given gifts, are the cause of much of our joy!



Mrs. Connie Huebner's secret ingredient is love! She cooks with love, knowing how happy and life-giving her culinary creations make us. Mrs. Huebner, we are grateful to

you and ALL our cafeteria staff---Mrs. Donna Carrico, Mrs. Susan Fohne, Mrs. Chris Frenz, Mrs. Tish Litteken, Mrs. Kaeli Hart, and Ms. Alex Frenz!



Staff Sgt. Nick Whelan, on deployment, joined us for our Thanksgiving Mass to be with niece Allie. We are thankful for his service! Looks like some of Allie's work is posted!

THANKSGIVING TEST What a long week! I am so glad John smiled at me this morning and said "Happy Weekend"! Two days and so much Covid stuff! We are getting hit hard right now. Thanksgiving will be a test. If we continue to have positive cases and a surge here, we will be forced to go remote. Let's pass this test. Don't hold hands but still stick together! Studies say students are still safest in school. Most of our cases have been passed down by adults. We can only control what happens here. We trust you will isolate and be safe at home during this happy break. What we do with our personal time is putting us at risk.

If anyone comes down with symptoms or goes to get tested, please let us know and keep the family home and go remote until you know you are safe. Your sacrifice will help us in the long run.

CONGRATULATIONS TO GRADE 2 on reception of the Sacrament of RECONCILIATION last Sunday. Saying sorry is as important as saying thanks and I love you. This gift from God is the best therapy in the world and God's "reset" for us!

VIGILANCE on the lot too! PARKING LOT INCIDENT: We had a non-parent on our upper lot yesterday saying inappropriate things. Our parents were on it and police quickly involved. No one was harmed but the person received a stern talking to by the CPD! Thanks for your help in keeping us safe! Vigilance is our best defense!

December 2: Re-Take Day for School Pictures

December 8: Feast of the Immaculate Conception: All-School Mass

December 9: RECONCILIATION: Communal preparation in the cohort and then prayerfully to Church for the Sacrament.

REMOTE PLAN We have sent home our eLearning plan last week just in case we have to go remote. This is a last resort for us dependent on cooperation, following the science, mandates, and sometimes luck. Students on remote are in school and subject to school etiquette and rules. Comply and it keeps the educational process going. The Thanksgiving holiday is a test. Let's stay healthy!

PARENTS AND FRIENDS

Thank you so much to everyone who supported our **holiday wreath sale**. We wanted to remind everyone that pick up will be this Sunday, November 29th in the Immaculate Conception garden level parking lot from 10am-1pm. We would like to wish everyone a Happy, Healthy and Safe Thanksgiving! If you have any questions please call or email: Laurie Conrad 618-407-9022 lrippelmeyer@yahoo.com
Robyn Baker 618-791-2719 Robynbaker4@hotmail.com

Virtual Craft Fair and Basket Sale:

Thanks to those who signed up to help! Please don't forget to drop off your items today at ICS pickup. If you can still help out, please sign up and contact Courtney to make arrangements to get the items to her. Thanks for all of your help!

Due to Covid the Craft Fair will be held virtually this year so you can still shop many of your favorite vendors. But we need your help to create our usual awesome baskets to raffle off. Please if you are able consider signing up to donate any items. There are still many open slots available for those who can help.

<https://m.signupgenius.com/#!/showSignUp/4090b4ea8ab2ea7fe3-2020>



Blankets for Babies is back

There will be a blanket and clothing collection to benefit the babies in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit at Cardinal Glennon Children's Hospital the month of December. We are in desperate need of **clothing size preemie and newborn and blankets** of course! Gently used or new would be great. There will be a big red donation box at school. Just have your child drop the items in during school hours. Last year was a huge success. Thank you for spreading the love this Christmas season. Let's wrap these babies up!

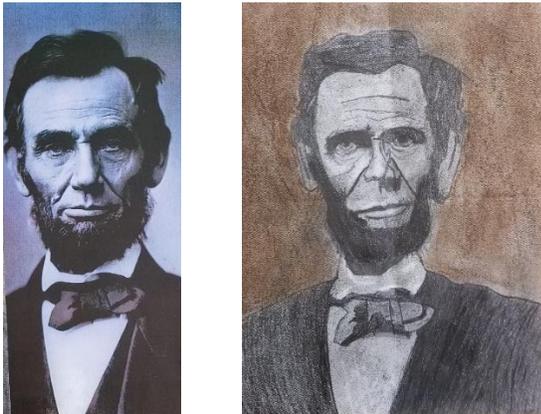


DC Fund Raiser The 8th grade class is selling tickets to "Sippin' With Santa, Let Santa Stock Your Bar for the Holidays" to support the 8th grade trip to Washington D.C. scheduled for May 2021. Tickets are \$25 per ticket or 5 for \$100 and the winners (2 total) will each get the following valued at over \$1500 per prize;

For this year only, we will allow dress down days to support DC funding. "Down with DC" for \$1.00 each time you can dress down.

- December 4th = Gaudy, Glitzy/UGLY Christmas Sweater Day to promote **the joyous spirit of the Season**
- January 8th = Pajama Day to promote an end to the hectic-ness of the **holidays coming to an end**
- February 5th = Sport Jersey Day to promote **Teamwork/upcoming Superbowl**
- March 5th = Dr. Suess Day to promote **Reading**
- April 9th = Hat day to promote "put your **Thinking cap on**" & **Father Carl's favorite activity**
- May 7th = Hawaiian Day to promote **Goodwill**, with all proceeds going to next year's 8th grade DC Trip.

School Pictures Retake day will all be Wednesday, 12/2/20. If your child was absent during school picture day, please have them dress up for retake day. If there was an issue with your child's picture and you want them retaken, please write a note explaining the reason for the retake and send it with the package you ordered on retake day. Expectable reasons for retakes: Glass glare, out of focus and eyes closed etc.



Work of art by Logan Acevedo

GIBAULT CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL NEWS: **Spirit Wear:** Give the gift of Gibault gear this holiday season! Ship to school for free or to your home at an additional cost. <https://gibaultcatholicapparel.itemorder.com/sale>

Gibault's Raffle-Mania time! With a purchase of a \$25 ticket, you are entered for:
• \$100 Early Bird Christmas Drawing (purchase by December 15 to qualify)

- \$30 Daily Drawings on Monday-Friday from January 1 - May 31, 2021
- \$100 Bonus Winner the last day of each month (January - April)
- GRAND PRIZES in May for \$2,000, \$1,000, \$500, and \$250!

If your ticket is pulled for a prize, it goes right back in. www.GibaultRaffle.givesmart.com or 939-3883.

Enrollment News Applications for 2021-2022 are being processed. If you did not receive one, but would like to apply, contact our enrollment office at 939-3883.

Josh Ritter is still lingering. Prayers for a gentle journey for our valiant friend.

Special Intention: We have several people within the secret recesses of our prayers who have asked to be remembered. I always like to start with them when I pray. They don't want to be a bother or seek sympathy, just the knowledge that we care.

And then I like to add the people who can't pray for themselves or won't pray for themselves or forget to pray. Praying for those who can't, won't, or forget, is a ministry.

Fr. Gary Gummersheimer is in the Hinckey Priest Retirement Home in Belleville recuperating.

Classmate **Dennis Stork** is recovering from a stroke. He is from Sparta but is recovering in Anderson in Maryville due to Covid. Inconvenient but safe.

Cousin Miles Patterson is having a hard time recovering from open heart surgery. Knowing we are praying for him will help.

Ellen Kuergeleis, great grandmother of Maggie Buhr and Mary Buhr and grandmother to Amanda(Matt) Buhr was called home on November 8 at age 95. Ellen was a sweetheart and Maggie and Mary are too. God's peace to all her family!

Our condolences to Grant Monheiser and his family on the death of his great-grandmother **Caroline Baker** from Arkansas may their family find peace in this difficult time.

PRAYERS: Special Intention Lindsay White, Pat Whelan, Josh Ritter, Dennis Stork, Miles Patterson, Velma Taylor, Steve Killy, Larry Carrico, Joan Prigge, Joanna Prigge Ellner, Pat Smith, George Perry, Lynn Dugan, Harley Greer, Isla Lunk, Nick Lahr, Fr. Gary Gummersheimer, Gladys Williamson, Danielle Dorlac, Arlin Stechmesser, Karen Hornacek, Seth Watters, Glyn Raeber, Mike Drone, Geraldine McCoy, Kathy Neal, Logan Eichenseer, Ashley Burris, Ed Schaefer, Libby LoPorto, Tom Giovanni, Dion

Scherr Miller, Donna Kania, Owen Jordan, Anthony Hendricks, Mark Fiore, Shawn Eichoff, Charlie Stockes, Angela Roepke, Jan Hoffmann, Bill West, Jennifer Nesser, Tom Kish, Patti Rottler, Mike Taylor

ADVENT. COMING. NEW BEGINNING. Mark's Gospel is the shortest and the first Gospel and we are reminded to be vigilant, not just for the bad things in life, but also the good things. All too often, we listen but do not hear, we watch but we do not see, and God is right in front of us in the form of opportunities to do good and help build the Kingdom. Make Advent mean something. Change yourself for the better, even in a small way, and it is a new beginning. God will delight!

Mike Kish
Principal

PS **ADVENT:** This Sunday we start the new liturgical year. There are tons of online ways of celebrating. Take the initiative and make your advent special.



Blow these up for your virtual Macy's Day parade!



Thanksgiving
Prayer

by Ralph Waldo Emerson

For each new morning with its light,
For rest and shelter of the night,
For health and food,
For love and friends,
For everything Thy goodness sends.

For flowers that bloom about our feet;
For tender grass, so fresh, so sweet;
For song of bird, and hum of bee;
For all things fair we hear or see,
Father in heaven, we thank Thee!