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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*

December 01, 2017

Bienvenido el parrochia!

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Dear Parent, Guardian, Student, Teacher, Friend,



THE CRAFT FAIR IS TOMORROW, DECEMBER 2ND!

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! Bring in cookies

TODAY OR TOMORROW EARLY for the cookie booth---dress down day Monday for bringing them in.

Holly Blaskiewicz and Crew have worked so hard to make this event a success, All we need now are cookies, buyers, and break-down people. Please spread the word on social media and stop by for a bit of Christmas spirit!

ANNUAL PARISH CHRISTMAS PARTY

This one's a tradition! The Jazz Band plays, the decorations are amazing, Santa comes and the fried chicken dinner is excellent. Make your reservation **NOW** with John Haubrich- [618-281-6021](tel:618-281-6021) or kcchristmasparty@gmail.com for the best event of the year on Sat., Dec, 9th as the Knights of Columbus host the annual Parish Christmas Party in the ICS Gym. You won't be disappointed!

PARISH CHRISTMAS PARTY
SATURDAY DECEMBER 9TH, 2017
MUSIC PROVIDED BY "A FAMILY AFFAIR"
Dancing
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION GYM
Dinner from 6:30 PM
Dinner starts at 6:45 PM
Pictures with Santa
Eat Drink and be Merry!
RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED
Please contact John Haubrich
at (618) 281-6021 or e-mail
at kcchristmasparty@gmail.com
HOSTED BY:
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
Tickets: Adults 13 and older - \$12
Children ages 7-12 - \$6
Kids 6 and under - FREE!

FRIDAY IS A HOLY DAY MASS IN HONOR OF MARY UNDER THE TITLE OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION AT 8:15 AND 7:00 PM. [SISTER ACT MOVIE TO FOLLOW.](#)

FUNDERWEAR We have several hundred items of sox, underwear hats, gloves, personal items---but it will take over 3,000 to beat SPPCS in Waterloo. The series is tied 4-4 but it is our year to win again. New only please---any size---any color.(Santa wears camo) Our varsity boys play at Gibault at **3:30 on Dec. 9th**. During half-time, winner is proclaimed. Lead the way Builders Club! Help others get clean from the inside out!

SANTA'S KOTTAGE is an opportunity for students to do their holiday shopping for parents, grandparents and siblings in a familiar, inexpensive environment. The store will be set up in the 4th Grade classrooms for Saturday (the ICS Craft Fair will also be going on at this time) and then moved to the Gym for Sunday and Monday. Merchandise prices range from \$1 up to a maximum price of \$8 with most being in the \$2 to \$5 range. On Saturday and Sunday, 8th graders will be available to help younger children shop if the child wants to shop without their parent.

The Santa's Kottage will be open on the following days:

- Saturday, December 2nd from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. (Open to everyone)
- Sunday, December 3rd from 12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. (Open to everyone)
- Monday, December 4th from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. (Only ICS students K-8)

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!

LATCHKEY Madison Gould's college schedule is changing and we are looking for **someone to do morning latchkey** starting in January from 6:45 a.m. to 7:50 a.m. This would be a great college student job and a happy start to the day for many. Contact Mike Kish at 281-5353.

COLETTE MARIE WEILER, born 11/27/17 at 10:44 PM, is a 6 lb. 11 oz pride and joy for grandparents Mike and Karen Weiler. Mom and the proud family of Capt. Justin, Anna and Jackson Weiler are great too. Congratulations!

GIBAULT CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL CHRISTMAS CONCERT – December 3 at 7PM featuring our concert band, jazz band, chorus and Hawkappellas. Get some Christmas Spirit and enjoy our grads!

HOOR OF CODE Dear Parents, We live in a world surrounded by technology. And we know that whatever field our students choose to go into as adults, their ability to succeed will increasingly depend on understanding how technology works. But only a tiny fraction of us are learning how technology works. Fewer than half of all schools teach computer science. That's why our entire school is joining in on the largest learning event in history: The Hour of Code, during Computer Science Education Week (December 4-10). More than 100 million students worldwide have already tried an Hour of Code. Our **Hour of Code** is making a statement that ICS is ready to teach these foundational 21st-century skills. To continue bringing programming activities to ALL students, we want to make the Hour of Code event huge. Share the news on social media channels. See <http://hourofcode.com/us> for details, and help spread the word. Sincerely, Sue Lewis |Technology Coordinator, Emily Brutton, Mike Kish

Chess Practices: **Dec. 5th - Grades 4 through 8 (3:00 - 4:00 in Cafeteria)** ~The team is looking for assistants and/or volunteers! Mrs. Herrmann cherrmann@icsmail.org.

SCRIP ---last day to order scrip to guarantee delivery before Christmas is December 19th! These make great gifts for fellow employees! **ALSO---** **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 if interested in helping.



Mr. Lawrence Spier and Mrs. Carol Waide presented information to 2nd graders at ICS about some history of exploration and trading goods. Mr. Spier, who is a taxidermist, brought in some of his collection to show examples of some of the animals that were traded in the past. Students really enjoyed being able to see the animals up close. Mr. Spier has donated several hawks and owls to our school collection. Thanks!

LOOKING AHEAD

Advent Program at Sr. Thea Bowman School--- December 13. Leave here at 9:25.

RECONCILIATION Wednesday, December 13 starting at 1:00.

INTERMEDIATE SPEECH MEET: SPPS Waterloo Feb. 17 Grades 5 up.

REGIONAL OFFICE OF EDUCATION

Art Festival March 20 at Valmeyer

Spelling Bee April 12 at SPPS Waterloo

Young Authors April 21 in Chester

Confirmation April 12

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.



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

BUILD UP THE KINGDOM OF YOUR LOVE daily shirts Mason Homeyer, Addison Sanker, Alaina Patton, Nicholas Holdener, Summer Harrington, Sean Frederick, Brynn Moore, Wiley Sasser, Daniel Huels, Nicholas Wahle, Poppy Haywood, Emma Schmidt, Hogan Story

THANKS \$54.25 match from a United Way donation through FrontStream!

Jim Vogt, former School Board President, is in the hospital with cancer. Please pray for him. The Vogt Family are legacy here.

Please pray for **Paul Thode**, a very good friend of the Blaskiewicz family who was diagnosed with cancer.

Former ICS Secretary **Joyce Rose** is back in Oak Hill. She writes a bi-weekly column for the Independent which is home-spun humor and senior living commentary. She would love to get some cards or information from you. This would be a great Advent gesture to the homebound. She is grandmother to Kyle, Emily, and Taylor Rose. Make her day---make her Advent!

Joyce Rose

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Susie McClenahan Mantz, friend of former ICS Mom and parish Choir member Susie Colbert Curtis, was in an awful car accident ending up with an aneurysm. Please pray as Susie Curtis needs her friend back. Occasionally, pray for EVERYONE ON THE ICS AND PARISH PRAYER LIST---DO IT COLLECTIVELY AND DON'T LEAVE ANYONE OUT! This is a great habit that will bless your prayer life.

PRAYERS: Special Intention Paul Thode, Tom Giovanni, Norman Waterman, Pat Schwartz, George Perry, Pearl Mueller, Donna Kania, Barbara Thompson, Dennis Kish, Kaylee Fogarty, Larry Pelker, Danielle Barnett, Brandon Martin, Susan Adams, Laurie Austin, Donna Barton, Lydia Boyer, Alicia Cohen, Denise Conner, Kenny Hamontree, Susie Kish Settle, Rachel Warden, Bill Kesler, Dan Borisuk, Lauren Foran, Rich Cullen, Jessica Stemler Barcik, Gertrude Scherrer, Carolyn Baker, Scott Schaefer, Katy Basinski, Chrissy Hoeflinger, Barbara Buchheit, Angie Rose, Ken Bolton, Nick Carron, Roy Lansing, Sis Blaes, Marcella Heinrichs, Florence Dorshorst, Bill Pennock, Pat Weber, Vince Webb, George Stein, Desiree Frasure

December the 8th is our patronal Feast Day. Come and honor the Mother of God and her conception free of sin. Then start your Advent right by coming to the first Sunday of the new Church year! The Readings are in a rotation of A-B-C and we start Year

IT IS BY DESIGN that Jesus hid the last day from us---so that we'd be on the lookout for him every day of our lives. St. Augustine

So again this week in Mark we hear about **staying awake**. Jesus is coming for each of us. **We don't know when so look busy** --- often stated by religious comedy folks. Our homework for Christmas is to try to keep the Advent season in perspective while

hanging tinsel and ornaments and memories on our trees. Holidays are times of great depression for many people as we miss our dearly departed but this can easily be turned into remembering what Advent is about and the joy of new life we will all receive. The same joy of new birth will be ours at Christmas and our resurrection.

Mike Kish

Principal

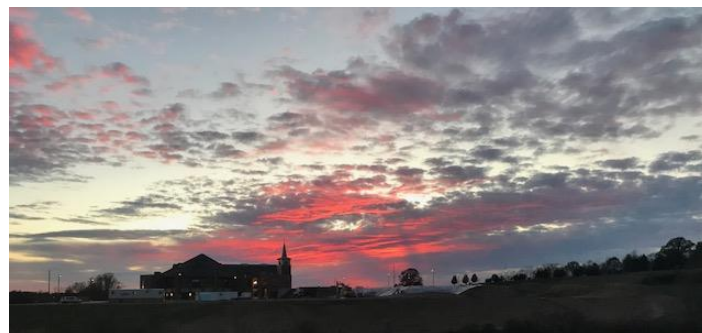
PS Dec. 8 Feast Day---All School Mass at Church at 8:15. Come with your children.

PS Builder's Club---candy cane sale December 5-6-7 \$.25 each---**Funderwear** Dec. 9--**-Griffin Center gifts** December 20---please wrap and mark boy or girl and age. No toys depicting violence please.

[PS Christmas Social at Turner Hall](#)

[PS Small World Shopping day in Columbia this Sunday](#)

OOops---This is not the entrance---it is our new stairwell! This boomer was pumping concrete into the forms---11 truckloads last Wednesday, November 22! More than 20 men on the job! Hopefully 7 more going in today or Monday. \$7.746m pledged now---need \$11.8m. Please talk us up! The market is at an all-time high. Take advantage of some tax breaks and bless us as we do God's work! 0/103/19



SUNSET FRIDAY AFTER THANKSGIVING...

Exams December/January 2017-2018

			12/7 Algebra 1	12/8 Algebra 1
12/11	12/12 Algebra 2 English 7	12/13	12/14 Algebra 2 English 8 Course 2	12/15
12/18 History 8, part 1 Pre-Algebra Course 1	12/19 History 8, part 2 Pre-Algebra Course 1 History 6, part 1	12/20 History 6, part 2 Geography 8 Geography 7		
			1/4	1/5
1/8 History 7, part 1	1/9 History 7, part 2 English 6	1/10 Science 6 Science 7 Science 8		