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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 27, 2017

Bienvenido el parrochia!

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Dear Parent, Guardian, Student, Teacher, Friend,

Our condolences to Allie Shuler(Jean, Jack, Samantha, Monica) on the loss of her Grandmother **Barbara Thompson**. She was always trying to live till the next family event and she made it to Christmas. This is a sad time but filled with hope as she has made her journey to embrace the Christ Mystery. Life is not a dead end. It is new birth! God's peace to her, her husband Ray, and all the family. She came to many ICS events over the years with us.



Barbara Ann (Koch) Thompson, 82, of Quincy, IL was entrusted to the care of our Lord at 10:30 a.m. on December 26, 2017 at her home surrounded by her family.

Barbara was born June 11, 1935 in Quincy, IL, the daughter of Cora(Schreacke) and Adam Koch. Barbara married Ray M. Thompson on May 4, 1957 at St. Peters Catholic Church in Quincy, IL. They were married 60 years. Barbara was preceded in death by her parents; four siblings: Ruth Koch, Margie Libertyn, Alice Wietholder, and Ronald Koch; and one grandson, Tobie Thompson.

Barbara lived a life of strong faith in Jesus as her savior. Barbara's favorite joy was spending time with her family. She was enthusiastic about creating opportunities for the education and development of her family. Once her children were raised, she continued her passion for nurturing children providing childcare services for 15 years. She enjoyed sewing, ballroom dancing, swimming, traveling, antiques, gardening, and reading. She graduated from Quincy Notre Dame (QND) High School in 1954. She has been a member of St. Anthony's Catholic Church since returning to Quincy in 2003.

She is survived by her husband Ray; her sisters: Anita Steinkamp, and Sister Barbara Rose Koch; five children: Theresa Wells (Gene) of Florence, SC, Michael Thompson (Melania) of O'Fallon, IL, Jean Shuler (Jack) of Columbia, IL, Lynn Dineen (Steve) of Little Rock, AR, and Jim Thompson (Michelle) of Quincy, IL; fourteen grandchildren: Holly North (Matt), Paul Wells (Maria), Corrie Thompson, Janna Bona (Chris), Gwynne Killen (Damien), Samantha Shuler, Monica Shuler, Allison Shuler, Kyle Dineen (Autumn Wilder), Sean Dineen, Brett Dineen, Zak Thompson, Chad Thompson, Mandy Thompson; and seven great grandchildren: Stella North, Elliot North, Thomas Wells, Henry Wells, Liam Bona, Rylin Killen, and Rainey Killen.

SERVICES: 10 a.m. Saturday, December 30 at St. Anthony Catholic Church. Interment will be immediately following at Calvary Cemetery.

VISITATION: 4 – 7 p.m. Friday, December 29 at St. Anthony Catholic Church.

MEMORIALS: St. Anthony's Church or Quincy Notre Dame (QND) Foundation

Weekend Mass Schedule: Solemnity of Mary Mother of God observed Sat., Dec. 30--- 5:00 pm Sun., December 31: 7:00 and 9:00 am and 11:00am The Holy Day of January 1 is abrogated this year. We will have Mass New Year's Day, Monday **January 1, 2018 at 9:00 am.** Start the New Year with a strong finish to the old year!

THE 36th ANNUAL ICS MAGAZINE RENEWAL DRIVE WILL RUN JAN. 8-26, 2018. PACKETS WERE SENT HOME last week. At this time, students from ICS will be calling on the community for their support. Last year the school netted \$11,254 for the Catholic Education and Activity Center! The **Eugene J. Schorb Immaculate Conception Fund for Catholic Education** (Endowment Fund) has received **\$482,518.34 IN THE PAST---** this drive is generating well over \$20,000 a year in interest from that effort alone!) Again this year coming year, profits will go towards the new **Catholic Education and Activities Center** which will replace the current school campus. Either **renew current subscriptions or order new ones now!** We are asking each student to renew or sell 9 subscriptions. Thanks to our community for "Thinking Monroe County First" and keeping 40% of the price of your magazine in the community.

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Young Authors---Spring 2018

Sharpen your pencils, for it is time to prepare for the Spring Young Authors' program!

The spring turn-in day will be **Monday, January 29th**. This will also be a jeans day for every student turning in a manuscript. Please give your submission to your teacher (5th-8th grade students please give your manuscript to your English teacher). For judging purposes, do not write your name on your story. We ask that you attach your name on separate piece of paper (with a paper clip or stapled), or on a Post-It note adhered to your manuscript. The chairperson will record the titles and names, and then remove the names from the stories before giving them to the judges. Winning stories will be presented at the school Young Authors' assembly on Thursday, March 1st. The following information may answer any questions you have. ? Please email Robin Nadziejko at icsyoungauthors@gmail.com. Thank you!

How should my work be packaged? Your submission should include the following:

- A front cover with the title of your manuscript (it can be a simple title page, with no name)
- Your name on a separate piece of paper attached by paper clip or stapled, or on Post-It note (names are removed for judging)
- Pages securely fastened by staple or other means

What should I write, and how will it be judged? The emphasis of the Young Authors program is on creativity. A parent volunteer will judge your work based on its originality, its organization (does your story have a beginning, middle, and ending?), and on its use of clear, descriptive words. Stories are evaluated based 75% on creativity and 25% on grammar and punctuation.

You may also enter a poem. It will be judged based on its creativity, how well it flows, and on the strength and clarity of its message. For upper grade students, a poem or collection of poems should have at least 20 lines total.

Any submission may be written at home or as part of a classroom assignment. Please do not submit work that has been entered in Young Authors competition in a previous year.

Can my parents help me? Young Authors is designed to encourage you to write, and so the work must be your own. You can try out your ideas on your parents if you like, and they can help you with

proofreading grammar, punctuation and spelling. Very young authors may tell their story to a parent while the parent writes it down. The child may then write out the story, or the parent may write it or type it. It is important that the story be "in the child's own words," which is the state rule for the Young Authors program. Parents should encourage their children to work on submissions as independently as possible. **What if I win?** Congratulations! You may win a Young Authors' trophy once each school year. If you win a trophy, be sure to keep entering! Your future submissions are still eligible to win runner-up awards. By entering repeatedly, you are also eligible to receive special awards at the end of the year. Students in grade k-4 receive their Young Authors awards at presentations following each judging. Older students receive theirs at the Awards Night in May. Enter twice, and you receive a Young Authors' pin at the end of the year.

All winners from fall and spring are entered into a drawing, and one randomly selected student from each grade will be invited to attend the regional Monroe-Randolph County Young Authors' Conference. Thanks to Robin Nadjziejko for chairing one of our best programs!

LATCHKEY MORNING HELP NEEDED Great college student morning job. 5 days a week. 6:45-7:50 am starting the days with smiles for some of the greatest kids in the world! Contact Mike Kish at 281-5353.

DC Trip Fundraisers: 8th graders are selling **TJ's Pizza** to earn money for their DC field trip in March. If you would like to order cookie dough, bread braids, gooey butter cake, coffee, all varieties of pizza and more, please contact an 8th grader by Jan. 12th.

Girls on the Run---This 10 week program empowers girls in grades 3-8 to be healthy and confident by incorporating life lessons with running. The program ends with 5K in St. Louis in May. We will be starting this program at the end of February 2018. Sign up will be in January. **We need your help!!** We need coaches especially for Grades 6-8. You **do not** have to enjoy running to help! Women and men adults are welcome to coach. **If you are interested contact Jessica Wachtel- [314-749-1663](tel:3147491663).**

The Daddy/Daughter Dance ICS gym Feb. 3, 2018 from 7-10 p.m.

Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest: Sat., Jan. 20th, start time of 8:00am

Knights of Columbus Spelling Bee: Sat., Jan. 20th at 10:00am.

SCRIP ---Volunteers needed: to sell Scrip at Mass on 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.

END THE YEAR ON A CLEAN SLATE. PLEASE CATCH UP ON ALL TUITION AND FEES! It is a great time if you are in the market to make donations!

Shoparoo! Shoparoo is an app in which you snap pictures of your everyday receipts in exchange for real cash donations from Shoparoo directly to the school of your choice (ICS of course). Friends and family (near or far) can take part in this fundraiser. Shoparoo makes fundraising easy and fun. **Questions?** If you have any questions, feel free to contact Joyce Randle at jarandle30@yahoo.com. **Happy Shopping! Parents and Friends Club**

Arlin Stechmesser is seeking treatments for his cancer which has returned. Please keep Mrs. Diane Stechmesser's husband in your prayers for the right treatments.

PRAYERS: Arlin Stechmesser, Donna Kania, Marvin Parker, Susie McClenahan Mantz, Paul Thode, Tom Giovanni, Jim Vogt, Norman Waterman, Pat Schwartz, George Perry, Pearl Mueller, 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, **Special Intention**

Mike Kish
Principal

PS FULL STEWARDSHIP PARISH! Please pray, commit, and return by Jan.7, 2018.