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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*

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Dear Parent, Guardian, Student, Teacher, Friend,

JAMES AND THE GIANT PEACH The 2017 ICS Musical James and the Giant Peach runs Oct 12-15. You can now place your order for both Reserved and General Admission seating [click here](#). Please note that advance purchase is the only way to obtain Reserved seating, the best seats in the house! All advanced orders must be received by Oct 11, but General Admission tickets will also be available for purchase at the door before each performance. Don't miss our talented actors in this fun show based on the classic book! For questions, contact Lynetta Newton via email Lsnewton@htc.net. Executive Producers: ICS Builders Club underwritten by a grant from the Dorothy Weinel Eppinger Foundation!



Immaculate Conception School's Class of 2018 took the 33rd annual trip our State Capitol on Friday, September 22. They stopped at the Sangamon River, New Salem State Park, State Capitol, the Old State Capitol, Lincoln's Tomb, the WW II, Korean War, and Vietnam War Memorials in Oak Ridge Cemetery and the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum. Highlights were Lincoln's story, the story of Vernon Ostertag and Bobby Holden who were casualties of the Vietnam War, and some even took in the Cubs-Cardinals exhibit in the ALPM! The stones in this Old State Capitol experienced the "House Divided Speech", both Lincoln and Obama accepting the nomination for the Presidency on the South steps, and 75,000 people walking past Lincoln's casket prior to his burial. More people saw Lincoln dead than ever saw him alive. Students and chaperons attending were Sam Atchley, Emma

Blaskiewicz, Paula Boser, Allyse Broske, Devin Cason, Ally Curry, Andrew Epplin, Matthew Epplin, Emily Everett, Kaleb Hugger, Daylen Litke, Brianne Massie, Grant Mathany, Emma Melliere, Adelynn Murphy, Noah Newton, Glenn Powers, Autumn Ramey, Holly Repp, Georgia Sasser, Collin Schmidt, Caitlyn Schwartz, Allie Shuler, Jordan Smugala, Dorian Thorne, Reece Ward, Therese West, Jacob Whitworth, and chaperons Carrie Boser, Kim Schwartz, Holly Blaskiewicz, Shari Smugala, Katie Repp, Lon Broske, Ame Mathany, Lucy Atchley, Elisha Schaffer, and Teacher Dan Kassebaum.

PARENTS AND FRIENDS TRIVIA NIGHT Which fabulous ICS business owners would like to sponsor this year's trivia night? This is a very affordable sponsorship for businesses to promote their product/services. Our ICS family try to stay loyal to one another, but we can't be your customer if we don't know about you. And non-local business owners, please remember we know how to spend money outside of Columbia! Contact Kara Boyd (knboyd2@yahoo.com) or [click here](#) for more information. [Click Here](#)

ICS Trivia Night- Saturday November 4 see the flyer attached!

Time: 7pm, Doors open at 6pm Place: ICS Gym

Price: \$150 per table (Limit 10 people per table)

Extra: Silent Auction, 50/50, Heads or Tails, Booze Raffle

SNL dress up theme optional, prize for best costume

BYOB and Snacks **Reserve your table today**

with tammy.hoeflinger@charter.net

Questions? Contact Jessica Wachtel [314-749-1663](tel:314-749-1663)



WHEN THE PILOT CAN'T COME TO THE CLASSROOM, THE CLASS GOES TO THE PILOT!

Captain Dan Whelan was supposed to present next week to Grade 4 in prep for their transportation field trip. So with Dan on hospice, the Class made paper airplanes with messages, and flew them in his yard. They speak for all of us as the wind beneath our wings lifting us up! Thanks Grade 4 and Mrs. Donjon and Mrs. Ettling!



WORKING 9/25 Dan presenting to the Kindergaten...

Captain Dan at work again and again and again for us. Becoming a pilot takes a different kind of person. Confidence that traveler's lives can be placed in your hands, good instincts, eyes on the controls and not looking down but ahead for lightning or the next flock of birds, or even other planes. Another great person who teaches us how to "live until you die".

We learn more about life and love by coping with the difficult times than by smiling through the happy times. We do not have to create suffering; life will deliver it in many shapes and sizes. The Gospels say, "Take up your cross." That is how we learn, by cross-bearing, sometimes carrying our own, sometimes sharing the weight of another's. Tom Smith of the Karla Smith Foundation

ICS/JOE HOGUET GOLF TOURNAMENT Many thanks to our "behind-the-scenes" first tee big hitters **Deli Star, Syberg's, Twice the Ice, Grey Eagle, Merz on Main and Grill and Grape** for their food and beverage donations helped tremendously in keeping costs down. **Please patronize them!** We cleared \$13,500. \$5,000 for athletics and \$5000 for computers. The other \$3500 is available for some immediate urgent needs we are working on. Money makes the world go round and God wants us to share it freely. You do! We act through your generosity!

VIANNEY ACADEMIC TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS on Monday, Oct. 9. Each team is comprised of three 8th graders and two 7th graders. The contest will be in a new scholar bowl type format this year. **Threeppeat?** Thanks Coach Karen Weiler!

Team A: Jacob Whitworth, Noah Newton, Autumn Ramey, Ben Haney, Sydney Wahle
Team B: Paula Boser, Daylen Litke, Ally Curry, Tyler Wahle, Andrew Feldker

Entertainment Book sales Our gratitude goes out to all who purchased and/or sold Entertainment Coupon Books to help make this another successful fundraiser for our school. There are still quite a few books out. If you haven't returned or purchased the one sent home on 8/28, please send it in so we can close this fundraiser. Thanks again for your support of ICS!

Children's Choir Because Mrs. Lundy is not able to work a full schedule right now, our plan for Children's Choir is to focus on Christmas Eve Mass. Rather than meeting each week, we will have four rehearsals to prepare for and lead the music at 5pm Mass on December 24th. The rehearsals will be from 3-4pm on:

Wed, Nov 15

Wed, Nov 29

Wed, Dec 6

Wed, Dec 13

We are encouraging students grades 3-8 to participate. Because this is less of a commitment than the weekly scheduled Children's Choir, we would love to have a strong participation in this very important ministry. Ms. Brutton will be primary teacher

for this choir, and Mrs. Lundy will be there as she is able.
Please email karenslundy@gmail.com or ebrutton@icsmail.org if you are interested.
Thanks! Mrs. Lundy

8TH GRADERS ARE FUNDRAISING FOR THEIR DC FIELD TRIP. If you would like to order TJ's Pizza or \$1 chocolate candy bars, talk to an 8th grader! The TJ's pizza sale runs until 10/10, with delivery around Halloween and candy bars are available while supplies last. Thanks in advance!

ROSARY RALLY-THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN is hosting a public Rosary on Saturday, October 14th, at noon by the fountain at City Hall. All are welcome to participate as we join 17,000 other groups across the US praying the Rosary for peace in our world. 100 years ago our Blessed Mother appeared at Fatima, Portugal, and instructed the children to pray the Rosary daily for peace in the world. Miracles happen!

Columbia Kiwanis is the recipient of sales of "Giving Bags" for the month of October. For each bag sold during October, their club will receive \$1. Please look for the bags in the store and spread the word to your friends and family on this simple way to support Kiwanis who supports ICS so much!



Living Proof! Living proof is the honor given to all survivors and fighters like Aiden and Mr. Whelan. Aiden rode approximately 14 miles on Saturday. He rode two sessions instead of one and put his whole heart into the effort. Thank you for all your support! 7th grader Maria & 4th grader Aiden. Team ICS Proud! These two kids have cancer curing bikes!

Thanks for supporting Declan, Aidan, and Maddie with their recent fund raising for the cure. Inspirational indeed!

Young Authors Fall 2017

Sharpen your pencils, for it is time to start preparing for the Fall Young Authors' program! The fall turn-in day will be Monday, October 2nd (this will also be a jeans day for every student turning in a manuscript). For judging purposes, please do not write your name on your story, but do include a title. We ask that you attach your name either by a Post-It note or on a separate piece of paper (attached by paper clip or stapled). The chairpersons will record the titles and names, and then remove the names from the stories before giving them to the judges. Your story will be identified solely by its title. Give your submission to your teacher (5th-8th grade students please give your manuscript to your English teacher). Winning stories from k-4th will be presented at the Young Authors' assembly, at school, on Wednesday, October 25th. The following information may answer any questions you have. If you have other questions, please

email Gina Thompson or Robin Nadziejko at icsyoungauthors@gmail.com .Thank you!

JAMES AND THE GIANT PEACH Our 11th annual school musical sponsored by the ICS Builders Club and underwritten by the Dorothy Weinel Eppinger Foundation will be Thursday October 12th through Sunday October 15th. Please mark your calendars.

Cast of 52!

MAGAZINE DRIVE Go to www.gaschoolstore.com --- order on-line. Our ID # is 2710556. We get 40%! Another check for \$39.60 makes **\$12495.50 PROFIT** so far!

GIBAULT NEWS...

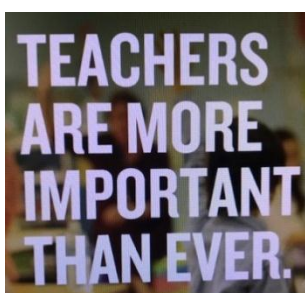
Fall Play – The Gibault drama department proudly presents “The Wisdom of Eve” , a drama, Sept 28-Sept 30 at 7PM and Oct 1 at 2PM. For ticket information please contact MaryBeth Babcock at actorsattic@gmail.com.

Comparing high schools? 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 different within reach. We look forward to meeting you! Follow us on Facebook, Twitter (@GibaultCatholic) and Instagram (#gibaultproud) for more information.

Save the date! Gibault’s Oktoberfest Auction will be on **October 21, 2017**. Admission is \$50 per person with Mass at 4:30PM, hors d’oeuvres and dinner to follow. Come join us at our biggest fundraiser of the year! Contact us at gibault@gibaulthawks.com for information, donations or reservations. Thank you!

Another Save the date! Gibault Catholic Open House, November 5, from 11AM – 2PM. You just have to take a look at the modular schedule, future-oriented school where opportunity abounds with all the chances to get involved! Mike Kish ’03-honorary grad.

Calling all Crafters and Vendors! A few spaces remain for the upcoming Immaculate Conception Craft Fair to be held on Saturday, December 2, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. To register, please find the registration form [click here](#), on the Immaculate Conception School website, or contact Holly Blaskiewicz at [314-707-1045](tel:314-707-1045) or h_blaskiewicz@yahoo.com.



Not for the subject matter or content, according to Alan November, but the fact that you teach the skill “how-to-learn”. It is harder to teach these skills than to teach what you know. By Day 30 of the school year, we should have front-loaded the skills

they need to “learn how to learn”. Learning how to ask good questions and working in teams is far more important than memorizing.
Relationship---Risk Taking---Responsibility---Who owns the learning?

GRADS IN THE NEWS...



Samantha Estes (ICS '13) is in the Marching Band at USC! She is loving college! Samantha is studying Industrial and Systems Engineering. More kids get to the Final Four and on TV every year in Band than any other way! So proud of you Samantha! A star at ICS, a star at CHS, a star at USC!



ALTHOFF AMBASSADORS

Althoff Catholic Student Ambassadors are here to help make this decision easier for students and their families to choose high schools..

Freshmen, **Kalia Jerkatis** and **James Ramette**, chose to attend Althoff Catholic in large part because of the experiences they had with Student Ambassadors at recruiting events such as Open House, Entrance Exam and Freshman Registration. Pictured above are Kalia and James with veteran Student Ambassadors, Ethan and Jordan, who welcomed them and their families to Open House and later hosted them for a Crusader for a Day visit. And now Kalia and James are returning the favor! Coming from Columbia, **Kalia** did not know many people considering Althoff Catholic High School. *“When I attended Open House, I was greeted by Jordan, an extremely helpful and positive Student Ambassador. She showed me around the Althoff campus and as soon as the tour was over, I knew that I wanted to be that same helpful and inviting example to future students,”* said Kalia. *“The process of becoming a freshman and ultimately deciding on Althoff Catholic really opened my eyes to how crucial every detail is in the selection process. Student Ambassadors bridge the numerous gaps that exist beyond curriculums, brochures and meeting faculty and staff.”* Thanks to Kalia and James for their leadership! We are proud of you!

CHILD PROTECTION REFRESHER COURSE Once you have taken the initial course, you have to take a refresher each year to volunteer. Cut and paste and follow the directions please. We would love to get the whole parish to do this by the end of Sept. <https://safeandsacred-diobelle.org/login/index.php>

MAGAZINE Drive \$39.60 from Pay-Later! You ordered. You paid. We benefit!!!
Thanks!

United Way Our Faculty donated \$215 for the cause. There are universal needs out there and the United Way does great work in the Metro-East and Diocese!



THERE IS ALWAYS A LOOPHOLE! Joey hates to wear a belt. This was his solution to the dress code. “Hey, I’m wearing a belt”! Future politician??? Hope not. Advocate for the poor to deliver services? That would be great!
You wouldn’t believe what charities are having to do now to get around the black market and corrupt governments to deliver services to the poor. We are looking for loopholes to bring Christ to the poor and cut out the corrupted in the middle. Jesus did not work through the establishment. Love cut across everything so he could help all. Last Sunday at Mass, during the Consecration, we heard the phrase twice “Take ALL of you”. I could not get the All of you out of my head Sunday. All of you will go through life with the same problems and conditions and will have a hard time making it unless all of you help and become one. If I was going to sit down with someone over a beer and create a God, I surely wouldn’t have created this one! This is one of the biggest reasons I BELIEVE. Faith is believing in the unbelievable. And we are looking for loopholes to rise above our human frailties to get it done!

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT Friday, September 29th starting at 6:30 pm **"THE BOSS BABY"**. We will have free popcorn and drinks available. If you would like, please bring comfortable chairs, bean bags and/or sleeping bags. If you have any questions, contact Nick Matrisotto at (314) 609-7092 or Katie Hart at (618) 973-0828. Keeping with the September theme of charity---please attend and donate newborn items for birthright stl: onesies & sleepers (0-3 months), diapers (size 1 & 2), wipes, new blankets & bottles.



Guatemalan people celebrate Fr. Stanley

Rother's beatification

The room where Fr. Stanley Rother was murdered is now a chapel of adoration. (Fotokids/Chonita Rabinal) (Deacon Linus Horcher, Karen Kloess, and Mike Kish visited this spot in 1998 on our Guatemala trip. 20,000 attended his

beatification in Oklahoma City and even more in Guatemala. Saints are amongst us. We often don't notice till they have paid the ultimate price. Fr. Stan shouted out "Kill me now" rather than be tortured and give up names of his parishioners in opposition to educating and feeding the body and soul of his people in SANTIAGO ATITLÁN. HE IS ON THE road to sainthood as the first U.S.-born martyr. Our Deacon Linus was a close personal friend of Fr. Stan and he himself was buried in a stole given him by Fr. Stan for his ordination.

BUILD UP THE KINGDOM OF YOUR LOVE daily shirts: Alex Hrdlicka, Kyra Newton, Eva Haywood, Henry Schulte, Michael Wessel, Malia Schaffer, Sam Bollone. You are God's Walking billboard with or without the shirt!

Norman Waterman, husband of legendary ICS Kindergarten teacher Karen Waterman, had a lung transplant last Friday and is doing well. Norman is a veteran of VietNam and another victim of Agent Orange. Please pray for him and his family as he makes his recovery!

We lost a great Mom and active parishioner last week in Joan Touchette. She had 3 ICS grads in her fold. Please pray for her family as she is laid to rest tomorrow.

PRAYERS: Special Intention Dan Whelan, Kaylee Fogarty, Pat Row, Heather Hughes, Barbara Thompson, George Perry, Pat Huels, Pearl Mueller, Dennis Kish, Donna Kania Archambault, Larry Pelker, Danielle Barnett, Brandon Martin, Joe Schmid, Susan Adams, Laurie Austin, Joyce Rose, Donna Barton, Lydia Boyer, Alicia Cohen, Jan Habermehl, Denise Conner, Kenny Hamontree, Susie Kish Settle, Rachel Warden, Bill Kesler, Dan Borisuk, Lauren Foran, Rich Cullen, Jessica Stemler Barcik, Stella Moll, Gertrude Scherrer, Henry Scott Dabbs, 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

Mike Kish

Principal

We Gather in the Outcast is a new song in Breaking Bread, our parish song book. Singing is praying twice. This is the Gospel. This is Social Justice. This is us! Love the neighbor you can see as well as the one you cannot! Come to the Table for we are the outcasts!

PS LOOK-OUT! The Principal headed to speaker George Courros at Vianney today Emily Brutton to get more “jacked up” as Fr. Steve Humphrey used to say. TedTalk him!

PS No School next Friday. Teachers Institute in Fairview Heights. No School the following Monday also, October 9th, Columbus Day

PS Blessing of Pets on the Feast of St. Francis at 6:00 pm at ICS on Wednesday! Leashes please and no blessing of pests!

Achievement vs. Fruitfulness Fr. Ron Rolheiser, OMI

ACHIEVEMENT VERSUS FRUITFULNESS

SEPTEMBER 4, 2017

There's a real difference between our *achievements* and our *fruitfulness*, between our successes and the actual good that we bring into the world.

What we achieve brings us success, gives us a sense of pride, makes our families and friends proud of us, and gives us a feeling of being worthwhile, singular, and important. We've done something. We've left a mark. We've been recognized. And along with those awards, trophies, academic degrees, certificates of distinction, things we've built, and artifacts we've left behind comes public recognition and respect. We've made it. We're recognized. Moreover, generally, what we achieve produces and leaves behind something that is helpful to others. We can, and should, feel good about our legitimate achievements.

However, as Henri Nouwen frequently reminds us, achievement is not the same thing as fruitfulness. Our achievements are things we have accomplished. Our fruitfulness is the positive, long-term effect these achievements have on others. Achievement doesn't automatically mean fruitfulness. Achievement helps us stand out, fruitfulness brings blessing into other people's lives.

Hence we need to ask this question: How have my achievements, my successes, the things that I'm proud to have done, positively nurtured those around me? How have they helped bring joy into other people's lives? How have they helped make the world a better, more-loving place? How have any of the trophies I've won or distinctions I've been awarded made those around me more peaceful rather than more restless?

This is different than asking: How have my achievements made me feel? How have they given me a sense of self-worth? How have my achievements witnessed to my uniqueness?

It's no secret that our achievements, however honest and legitimate, often produce jealousy and restlessness in others rather than inspiration and restfulness. We see this in how we so often envy and secretly hate highly successful people. Their achievements generally do little to enhance our own lives but instead trigger an edgy restlessness within us. The success of others, in effect, often acts like a mirror within which we see, restlessly and sometimes bitterly, our own lack of achievement. Why?

Generally there's blame on both sides. On the one hand, our achievements are often driven from a self-centered need to set ourselves apart from others, to stand out, to be singular, to be recognized and admired rather than from a genuine desire to truly help others. To the extent that this is true, our successes are bound to trigger envy. Still, on the other hand, our envy of others is often the self-inflicted punishment spoken of in Jesus' parable of the talents wherein the one who hides his talent gets punished for not using that talent.

And so the truth is that we can achieve great things without being really fruitful, just as we can be very fruitful even while achieving little in terms of worldly success and recognition. Our fruitfulness is

often the result not so much of the great things we accomplish, but of the graciousness, generosity, and kindness we bring into the world. Unfortunately our world rarely reckons these as an achievement, an accomplishment, a success. We don't become famous for being gracious. Yet, when we die, while we may well be eulogized for our achievements, we will be loved and remembered more for the goodness of our hearts than for our distinguished achievements. Our real fruitfulness will flow from something beyond the legacy of our accomplishments.

It will be the quality of our hearts, more so than our achievements, that will determine how nurturing or asphyxiating is the spirit we leave behind us when we're gone.

Henri Nouwen also points out that when we distinguish between our achievements and our fruitfulness, we will see that, while death may be the end of our success, productivity, and importance, it isn't necessarily the end of our fruitfulness. Indeed, often our true fruitfulness occurs only after we die when our spirit can finally flow out more purely. We see that this was true too for Jesus. We were able to be fully nurtured by his spirit only after he was gone. Jesus teaches this explicitly in his farewell discourse in John's Gospel when he tells us repeatedly that it's better for us that he goes away because it's only when he's gone that we will be able to truly receive his spirit, his full fruitfulness. The same is true for us. Our full fruitfulness will only show after we have died.

Great achievement doesn't necessarily make for great fruitfulness. Great achievement can give us a good feeling and can make our families and loved ones proud of us. But those feelings of accomplishment and pride are not a lasting or deeply nourishing fruit. Indeed the good feeling that accomplishment gives us is often a drug, an addiction, which forever demands more of us and sets loose envy and restlessness in others as it underscores our separateness.

The fruit that feeds love and community tends to come from our shared vulnerability and not from those achievements that set us apart.