



CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST: Fr. Steve reminded us that our greatness comes from God, we have to work at times to be a good disciple, and to turn to God for forgiveness.

(Grades 2-8 celebrate the Eucharist two times a week and grade1 and kindergarten celebrate the Eucharist once a week at ICS. Are they celebrating the Eucharist on the weekend with you?)

NO BUS: Monday, March 3 (morning and afternoon)

ALL SCHOOL MASS: We will celebrate the liturgy as a school on Wednesday next week as we gather together for Ash Wednesday.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Students will be participating in the Stations of the Cross every Friday at 2:15. Living Stations will be Thu, April 17 at 8:15 in the gym.

HATS FOR ELSA: We collected \$875 for Elsa Wiemerslage. This will help fulfill some of her wishes as she continues her fight with cancer.

ST. RAYMOND'S COLLECTION: \$279.84

AN EXCITING OPPORTUNITY: All children in 3rd grade and up are invited and encouraged to sing in the children's choir! This year in particular, we will be joining forces with the adult choir on Holy Thursday (April 17) to add to the beauty of this special liturgy, and we need more voices! Rehearsals are on Wednesdays from 6-7pm in the church; our season will end the last week of May. This is a wonderful chance for your children to grow in their faith through their gift of music. Please contact Theresa Flores, the Director of Music and Liturgy, with any questions: tflores@iccmil.org

AUCTION: Thanks to everyone for another amazing Dinner Auction & your support of Immaculate Conception School. We had another record auction, and we couldn't have done it without you!

There are still ways to show your support...

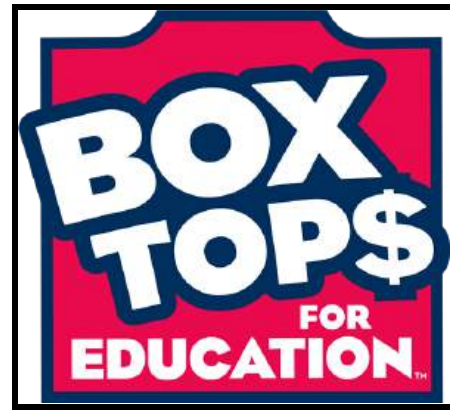
- Dress Down Week - Purchase for \$50/student for the week of March 17th
- Back to School Bar Crawl - Purchase for \$50/person and join ICS families on Saturday, August 23rd from 3-7pm starting at The Principal and ending at Tiny's with drinks specials & games along the way. It's a great way to kick off the school year & meet ICS families.
- ICS Bleacher Seat - Get yours for \$30

Click the link to purchase <http://e.givesmart.com/events/F8y/page/buynow/>



ATHLETES OF THE MONTH: The Danny Schwartz Insurance Agency represented by Geoff McKay along with OH Sugar Ice & Cream would like to recognize Emmalyn Sander and Isaac Thieret as the athletes of the month. These students were chosen for their outstanding leadership and performance in their sport and in the classroom. Congratulations and keep up the great work!

ICS families have really kicked their box top scanning into gear! We're just over \$500 for the year now. Way to go ICS! Keep scanning those receipts as every item's earned amount truly adds up to benefit our school.



BLOOD DRIVE: Next blood drive is Friday, March 7th in the Garden Level from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm

<https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/donation-time?dt=WB:PL:DR:PM&zipSponsor=62236>

2025-2026 REGISTRATION: NEW Student Registration will open March 3rd. The admissions Portal link will be available on the ICS website.

CURRENT Student Registration will open March 10th. You will be required to pay a \$200 deposit which will go towards your book fees.

March

March 3: School in session-No Bus
March 5: All School Mass (Ash Wednesday)
March 12-14: 7th Grade - Space Camp
March 12: End of Qtr 3
March 16: New Student Registration
March 19: 2:00 Dismissal
March 21 - No Bus Service
March 24 - March 28: 8th Grade - Washington D.C.
March 28: **NO SCHOOL**
March 31: **NO SCHOOL**

April

April 1: 12:30 Reconciliation Service
April 9: 2:00 Dismissal
April 11: Living Stations 2:00
April 15: Chrism Mass-8th Grade
April 17: School in Session (snow day make up)

RECESS HELP: If you would like to help out with recess duty this year please click the link to sign up: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E4EA9A82FAAFBC52-51181340-recess>.

ALL VOLUNTEERS MUST BE UPDATED WITH THE DIOCESAEN CHILD PROTECTION.

QUOTES OF THE WEEK: QUOTES OF THE WEEK: Tuesday the 2nd graders performed a Living Museum for their parents. One student was dressed up as an artist. Mrs. Whelan told him that he looked like Michelangelo in which he replied, **“I don’t look like a ninja turtle.”**

I was in Ms. Kennedy’s room for her official evaluation on Friday morning. Later that day one of the boys asked her, **“Did you pass your test?”**

We have 3 seniors from Gibault here for their senior project. I told one of them to be sure to wash his hands a lot. He replied, **“Oh I do. I never felt this clean and dirty at the same time.”**
(Welcome to grade school.)

PRAYER LIST: Chuck Crocker, Maria Cecena, Terry Kroening, Jacob Nelson, David Burns, Adam Brandt, and all those serving in the military.

“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.”



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6PM-8PM

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PREK/AGE 4: \$90

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THE DIOCESE OF BELLEVILLE

February 14, 2025

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

During Lent, we're invited to reform our lives and ask God to unite our hearts to him through the Catholic tradition of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. CRS Rice Bowl – Catholic Relief Services' Lenten faith-in-action program – invites us to encounter God and our global family by practicing these Lenten pillars.

This year, CRS Rice Bowl celebrates its 50th anniversary. This is a moment for us to recommit to serving our global family where millions of our most vulnerable sisters and brothers are facing life-threatening levels of hunger, food insecurity and malnutrition. Seventy-five percent of alms collected through CRS Rice Bowl supports CRS programs around the world. Twenty-five percent stays here in our Belleville Diocese to help fight hunger and poverty.

During this Jubilee Year, the Church calls us to participate in works of mercy. The CRS Rice Bowl collection begins on Ash Wednesday, March 5. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the CRS Rice Bowl collection during this Lenten season. Together, we can respond to Christ's call to help people in need and encourage everyone to reach his or her God-given potential.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Michael McGovern
Bishop of Belleville

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IMMACULATE CONCEPTION SCHOOL

409 Palmer Rd
Columbia, IL 62236

MIDDLE SCHOOL MATH TEACHER

Immaculate Conception School is seeking a full-time Middle School Math teacher for the 2025-2026 school year. Position may also include teaching 7th grade religion. We are a faith-filled PreK through 8th grade school committed to providing the highest standard of Catholic faith formation and academic excellence.

Key Responsibilities:

- Develop and deliver engaging and effective math lessons for 7th-grade students through Algebra 1.
- Implement strategies that ensure a deep understanding of mathematical concepts and build problem-solving skills.
- Collaborate with fellow staff members to create a supportive and inclusive learning environment.
- Engage with parents to keep them informed of their child's academic progress and development.
- Maintain accurate records of student performance and provide regular feedback.

Qualifications:

- Bachelor's degree in Education, Math, or a related field.
- Must meet all Diocese of Belleville background check requirements.

Compensation and Benefits:

- Salary \$34,000-\$48,000 based on experience and qualifications
- Benefits: Medical, Life Insurance, Vision, Dental, 403B, Sick Days, Personal Days

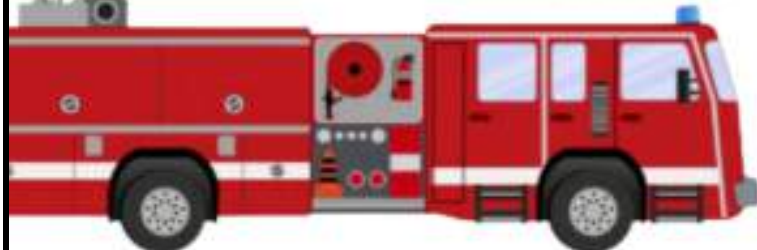
Interested candidates should send a cover letter, resume, and list of references to Principal Dave Gregson dgregson@icsmail.org.

7th Grade Golf Ball Drop has been rescheduled. Ticket sales continue

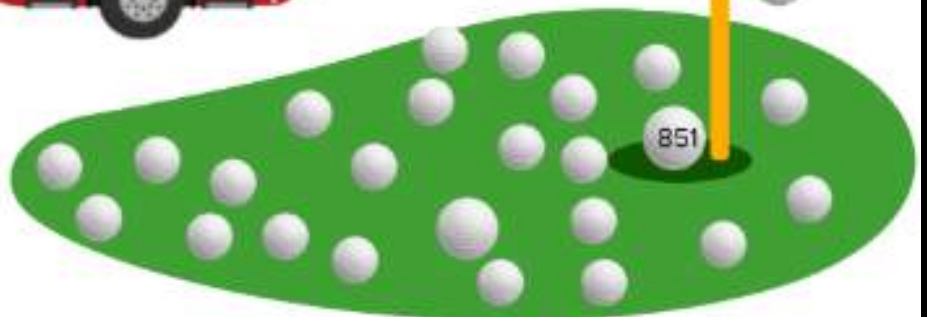


Ticket \$10
50/50 raffle

Come watch!
9:00 am
on March 17th
at ICS



Proceeds benefit
ICS 7th Grade trip to Space
Camp



Need not be present to win. In the event of inclement weather, the ball drop will be rescheduled.

ILLINOIS PRO-LIFE MARCH



Join the Diocese of Belleville at the Illinois Pro-Life March in Springfield, Illinois, on Tuesday, March 25, 2025!

The day will include Mass with Bishop Michael McGovern as homilist, followed by the Rally and March around the Illinois State Capitol building.

Parishes, schools, & individuals are encouraged to attend!

Registration coming soon!



FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT MKING@DIOBELLE.ORG



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Location: Immaculate Conception School
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Time & Cost: 9:00 AM to 3:30 PM | \$275 (before discount)

Payment Plans Available

Camp Director: Tara Kennedy | tkennedy@icsmail.org

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