



CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST: Fr. Steve reminded us to thank God for everything we have.

(Grades 1-8 celebrate the Eucharist two times a week and kindergarten celebrate the Eucharist once a week at ICS. Are they celebrating the Eucharist on the weekend with you?)

THANKSGIVING BREAK: Nov 27-29, NO SCHOOL

SPECIAL CELEBRATION: Bishop McGovern will be joining us for the Celebration of the Eucharist on Tue, Dec 3 at 8:05. This will be our all school mass for the week. **All are invited to join in the celebration.** He will be visiting with the students at school after mass.

ICS WEBSITE: We are looking for someone to “spruce up” the school website. Mr. Gregson has been updating a few things but that is really all he is capable of doing. The site is run through Weebly. So if there is anyone who is a Weebly expert please and willing to help please contact Mr. Gregson dgregson@icsmail.org.

CHRISTMAS CARDS: The ICC Sanctity of Life Ministry will be selling Christmas cards this weekend after all masses to earn money for items that raise awareness for and promote the Sanctity of Life as well as to support our local crisis pregnancy care centers. The cards come in packages of 10 and are \$10 per package (cash or a check written to Immaculate Conception Church).



CRAFT FAIR COOKIE BOOTH: Dress down for all who bring **HOMEMADE** cookies.

Dear Parishioners, Cookie Bakers, and Candy Makers of All Ages!!



The ICS Craft Fair and Christmas Candy & Cookie Booth will be open for business December 7th. We typically make over \$3,000 for ICS Parents & Friends. Please help us exceed our goal!

- Donate your best homemade cookies, treats, or candies to be sold at the Cookie Booth during the ICS Craft Fair. (Please, no store-bought cookies.)

BONUS: Earn a dress down day! 1 child = 3 dozen, 2 or more children = 6 dozen

- Mark your treats “with nuts or “nut free”.
- Cookies can be packaged in ANY disposable container. Zip-loc bags do cause a lot of smashed cookies that we can’t use. We will display them on cookie sheets so no need to make a nice display on a nice plate.
- We’d love your unique holiday themed cookies and/or candies. It’s definitely why the cookie booth is so special! We typically get an overabundance of chocolate chip cookies so consider a variety if at all possible.

- Delivery of Cookies and Candies

Drop-off Hours

- Friday, Dec. 6th - 7:30 am – 8:00 am (Main school entrance)
- Saturday, Dec. 7th - 7:30 am – 9:00 am (Cookie Booth located in the Trophy Room)

- Volunteer to work in the Booth! Fun and easy shifts! Kids aged 10+ are welcome to join you! Sign-Up Genius link for ALL shifts will be on the ICS Parents and Friends FaceBook page

**No worries if you’re not a Baker! Sisters’ Sweets will bake/deliver cookies for you! \$30 per 3 dozen. Orders need to be turned in to the ICS office by Tuesday, November 26th. Turn in payment, how many dozens, and student name(s) to the office in an envelope marked Cookie Orders.*

Payments can be made via: Checks payable to Melissa Schaefer or Venmo @SistersSweets.

Thanks in advance!
Allie Sternau (618-560-6756)

VENDOR FAIR AND COOKIE BOOTH: Sign up now to help with the Vendor Fair & Cookie Booth on Saturday December 7th.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E4EA9A82FAAFBC52-53187387-icscraft>

Parents and Friends are looking for new people to head this event next year. Please think and pray about it. This is a very important fundraiser for them and in effect for all of ICS. Talk to a friend or two and head this as a team!!!

PARENTS AND FRIENDS:

ICS PARENTS & FRIENDS

Christmas
PARTY

WHEN: Monday, December 16th at 7:00 pm

WHERE: West Park Bowl & Saloon, Columbia

WHAT: Work, then play. After we cover the meeting agenda, we will play a "Bad Santa" game. Bring a wrapped ornament to join in the fun! Drinks & appetizers to be served.

WHO: Members of ICS Parents & Friends*
*current and future members welcome

November

November 27: NO SCHOOL

November 28: NO SCHOOL

November 29: NO SCHOOL

December

December 3: Girls Basketball Buddy Night (see flier)

December 7: Craft Fair/Cookie Booth

December 9: All School Mass (Feast of Immaculate Conception Celebration)

December 10: 7:00 K-3 Christmas Concert

December 11: 2:00 Dismissal

December 12: 1:00 Reconciliation Service

7:00 Band Concert/Art Show

December 13: Boys Basketball Buddy Night (see flier)

December 16: 7:00 Parents and Friends Christmas Party

December 20: 12:00 Dismissal, No Bus at 12:00

December 21-January 5: NO SCHOOL Christmas Break

CAMP INVENTION: June 2-6 (SEE FLIER BELOW)

FATHER-DAUGHTER DANCE: This is open to all ICS and ICC fathers and daughters.
(SEE FLIER BELOW)

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.

GIBAULT INFO: It is not too late to schedule a Shadow visit! If you have a 7th or 8th grader interested in learning about Gibault can still schedule a visit to spend the day as a Hawk. Just go to gibaulthawks.com and click "Inquire" and fill out the form. Our Application is open for any students considering Gibault for the 2025-26 school year. On our website, gibaulthawks.com, just click "Apply". Our Placement Test is quickly approaching! If your eighth grader is considering Gibault for next year, they should sign up for the placement test, which will help us identify if they qualify for any scholarships and help us identify what classes they need to be in next year. Follow this link to sign up – the test is December 7!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0B44AAAC28A5FEC16-52414519-freshman> Have questions or want to know more about Gibault? Feel free to call the school and talk to our Admissions Coordinator, Pam Kueker at 618-939-3883.

It's time to purchase your tickets for the Gibault Women's Club's Magical Breakfast with Santa! This year's event will feature games & activities, a special breakfast with St. Nick, AND for the

first time, Santa's Kottage so your little ones can purchase special gifts for the people they love. Reservations must be made by December 3. There will be no ticket sales at the door. Here's that link! igfn.us/form/QBkegA

**Magical Breakfast
with Santa**

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8TH
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM
\$15 AGES 6+, \$10 AGES 2-5,
INFANTS FREE

Gibault Catholic High School
501 Columbia Ave, Waterloo, IL

- Kid-friendly Breakfast
- Digital photo with Santa & Mrs. Claus
- Enjoy games, music, crafts, & more

Sponsored by Gibault Women's Club

QUOTES OF THE WEEK: A kindergarten girl walked out of the bathroom and told me, “**We tried the soap, it tastes like whipped cream.**” (She must have some crazy taste buds.)

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

ETERNAL REST: Please keep in your prayers Megan (grade 8) and Steven (grade 4) Hornacek as they mourn the passing of their great-grandfather Tom Wegmann.
Please keep Jackson (grade 2) and Josie (kindergarten) Segura as they mourn the passing of their great grandmother Lois Feicht.

“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.”



◆◆ ICS
**Buddy
Night**



GIRLS

TUES. DEC 3

7th Grade @ 5:30 PM
8th Grade @ 6:30 PM
ICS vs. Millstadt

BOYS

FRI. DEC 13

7th Grade @ 6:30 PM
8th Grade @ 7:30 PM
ICS vs. Maryville Christian

Kindergarteners and First Graders:
*come with your family to cheer for your
buddy at ICS. Signs are welcome.*



ICS PARENTS & FRIENDS PROUDLY PRESENTS

Be our Guest

FATHER-DAUGHTER DANCE

SATURDAY, JANUARY 18, 2025

AT 6:30 IN THE EVENING

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION GARDEN LEVEL

TICKET INFORMATION TO BE RELEASED IN DECEMBER



Camp Invention®

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FOR 2 SIBLINGS

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FOR 3 OR MORE SIBLINGS

SECURE YOUR SPOT TODAY!

Register at [INVENT.ORG/CAMP](https://invent.org/camp) or 800-968-4332

Grades: K - 6th

Location: Immaculate Conception School
409 Palmer Rd., Columbia, IL 62236

Dates: June 2 - 6, 2025

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

Payment Plans Available

Camp Director: Tara Kennedy | tkennedy@icsmail.org

"Both of my children have loved attending Camp Invention the past two summers! Engaging educational activities that keep them interested and encourage creativity."

- Amber F., Parent of Camper

REGISTER HERE!

If these dates/times don't work for you, please visit invent.org/camp for other locations near you.

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IMMACULATE CONCEPTION SCHOOL

Annual
VENDOR FAIR

DECEMBER 7TH

9AM - 2PM

409 Palmer Road, Columbia IL 62236

GIFTS • CRAFTS • FOOD

FREE ADMISSION!

Shop over 80 vendors including hand-crafted items,
home decor, food, cookies, treats, clothing,
accessories, toys, books, and so much more!

Stop by our cookie booth to buy your
favorite cookies by the pound!



ICS PARENTS & FRIENDS PRESENTS:
DERBY & DINNER
 HORSES, HATS & HIGH BIDS

TICKET CODE | 02-27-23



ANNUAL DINNER AUCTION



SATURDAY, FEB 22, 2025
 6:00 IN THE EVENING



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
 409 PALMER ROAD, COLUMBIA, IL

TICKETS
 ON SALE NOW

\$75

EARLY BIRD
 THRU DEC 31



TICKETS
 REGULAR
 PRICE

\$100

JANUARY 1-31

TICKETS
 LAST CALL



\$125

FEBRUARY 1-14

DINNER & DERBY

Raffles

**BURBERRY
 TOTE**

\$25 PER TICKET
 OR 5 FOR \$100



**PAPPY
 VAN
 WINKLE
 12 YEAR
 BOURBON**

\$100 PER
 TICKET
 ONLY 100
 SOLD

WINNERS TO BE DRAWN
 SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2025
 AT ICS DINNER AUCTION

**ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT
 ICS STUDENTS**



- ◆ RAFFLES
- ◆ GAMES
- ◆ DINNER
- ◆ DRINKS
- ◆ SILENT &
 LIVE AUCTION

↓ RETURNING THIS YEAR ↓

TABLE ADD-ONS & AN
 AUCTION NIGHT DERBY GAME!

ALL AVAILABLE
 ON OUR AUCTION
 WEBSITE:
ICS.GIVESMART.COM



CONTACT ICSAUCTION@ICSMAIL.ORG

Columbia Soccer Camp



Cost:
\$136-\$160
per player



Who: COED PreK-4th Grade Camps
Camp for Ages 2-3 with a Parent

What: Instructional Soccer

When:

- January 7 -February 25
- Tuesday Evenings
- Bosco's Buddies Ages 2-3 w/parent - 5:30-6:05pm
- PreK, Kindergarten - 5:30-6:25pm
- 1st, 2nd; 3rd/4th - 6:35-7:30pm

Where: PowerHaus (8719 Hanover Industrial Dr; Columbia, IL 62236)

Registration Deadline: December 31

<https://www.eliteft.com/columbia-soccer-camp>
Questions: info@eliteft.com

A NEW TRADITION, DECEMBER 12 AT 8PM:

Advent By Candlelight FOR WOMEN

Our first annual ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT is an opportunity for the women of our parish and their guests to set aside the hustle of holiday preparation, and focus minds and hearts on the Advent season—the joyful anticipation of our Messiah's incarnation. In fellowship, and fortified by music and delicious desserts, we will explore the theme "*Feeding Our Souls This Advent Season*" with inspiring speaker and retreat facilitator

Karen Seaborn, MDiv. This event, Thursday, Dec. 12, from 8-9:30pm in the Garden Level, will provide a delightful atmosphere to grow closer to our Lord and one another.

All women are welcome, and we encourage parish ladies to host a table of 8-10, and provide dessert and decor for your table. (Coffee, tea and water will be provided, BYOB is optional.)

To host a table or come as a guest, please see the sign-up sheet in the Gathering Space, or contact Beth Pembrey at beth.s.pembrey@gmail.com or 636-328-6556.

Note to ICS Band Parents:

The always-amazing ICS Christmas Band Concert and Art Show begins at 7pm that same night, December 12. Please consider gifting mom, grandma, aunts, etc. the opportunity to stay for Advent By Candlelight immediately after the concert.



4-H FOR THE HOLIDAYS

DECEMBER

7

1 P.M.- 5 P.M.

PARENTS-DO YOU NEED SOME EXTRA TIME FOR CHRISTMAS PREPARATION? KIDS AGES 5-12 ARE INVITED TO A FUN FILLED DAY OF CRAFTS AND GAMES AT THE MONROE COUNTY ANNEX.

ALL PROCEEDS SUPPORT THE MONROE COUNTY TEEN FEDERATION!

RSVP ONLINE BY DECEMBER 1:
[HTTPS://GO.ILLINOIS.EDU/4-HFORTHEHOLIDAYS2024](https://go.illinois.edu/4-HFORTHEHOLIDAYS2024)

SPACE IS LIMITED!
SNACKS AND DRINKS PROVIDED.

\$25 PER CHILD

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