

Immaculate Conception/St. Joseph Newsletter

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February 1, 2018

The Bosco Catholic School System provides students and families with academic, spiritual, moral, and sacramental formation so that they are prepared to be faithful disciples who are the light of Christ in the world.

Time to sign up for conferences

You will again sign up for your conference times online. Please take the time to read the two pages of information in this newsletter on scheduling your conferences online. Conferences are February 13 & 15, 2018. **No** classes February 16.

The conference scheduler will go live on our website tomorrow, February 2 at 7:00 in the morning. You may schedule conferences from February 2 at 7:00am until February 11 at midnight.

First Eucharist Parent Meeting

An informational parent meeting for second grade students receiving their First Eucharist will be held Monday, February 5, in Room 205 at IC at 6:00pm. Students do not need to attend.



Mrs. Olson's homeroom met their Box Tops goal and earned a jean day with their spirit or uniform shirt Wednesday, February 7.

STO - Tuition Assistance

STO applications should be simplified this year. If you completed an application last year, your demographic information should roll over into this year's application. You will need to double check that it is current and accurate, but you will not need to enter everything. You will need to answer the financial questions for this year. They can work with your 2016 tax return which is what most of you uploaded last year so you will not need to wait until you get this year's taxes filed. You will simply need to upload your W-2's for this year before submitting. If you have questions or need any assistance with the process please contact Ms. Mayer or Mr. Redmond.

The STO application needs to be completed no later than March 29, 2018. The application is available online at online.factsmgt.com/aid.

Reconciliation

Students in grades 2-8 will receive the sacrament of Reconciliation at IC Church on Tuesday, February 6.

Pennies For Patients

IC/SJ will be participating in a "Stuck For A Buck" fundraiser through the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, for those battling Leukemia. It begins Monday, Feb. 5 and ends Tuesday, Feb 13. Students are encouraged to bring in money to donate. For each dollar they bring, they will receive a ticket, with the tickets, they get to put that into a bucket to vote for which teacher, they wish to stick to the wall. For each dollar the student brings, they will receive 1 foot of duct tape to tape the teacher onto the wall.

Gold Star Awards for Outstanding Teaching

The R.J. McElroy Trust and KWVL will award ten area teachers the "Gold Star Award for Outstanding Teaching". If you would like to nominate an outstanding teacher, please fill out the nomination form sent home and place it in the Gold Star nomination box in the school lobby. You may go www.goldstarteacher.com to nominate online. The deadline for nominations is February 20.

2018-2019 Kindergarten and Preschool

We are gathering numbers for our 2018-2019 kindergarten and preschool classes. If you have a child who will be entering kindergarten or preschool next year, or if you know of someone who has a child, please call the school office at 319-233-5980.

Ash Wednesday Mass

February 14 is Ash Wednesday. Kindergarten and first grade students need to start their day in Gilbertville. We will have an all school Mass at 7:45. K-1 students will be bused to Raymond after Mass.

Please send all newsletter items to icsjnewsletter@boscocatholic.org by 3:00pm on Wednesday, February 7.

St. Joseph Parish Breakfast

Treat your Valentine to a delicious omelet breakfast Sunday, February 11, 2018, at St. Joseph Reuter Hall, 313 E. Central St., Raymond. Serving will be from 8:00am to noon. The cost for the breakfast is: \$8.00 for adults, \$5.00 for children ages 4-11, and children age 3 and under are free.

The menu includes made-to-order omelet, hash browns, cinnamon rolls, juice, milk, and coffee. The public is invited to attend.

Nurse's Notes

Friday, February 2 is National Wear Red Day. The American Heart Association reports that cardiovascular disease kills one woman about every 80 seconds. Women are encouraged to "know their numbers". This includes Total Cholesterol, HDL (good) Cholesterol, Blood Pressure, Blood Sugar and Body Mass Index (BMI). Knowing these numbers may help you know your risk of cardiovascular disease. Risk factors you can help manage include Diabetes, High blood pressure, Obesity, High cholesterol and Smoking. Wear red to increase awareness about cardiovascular disease. We cannot control genetics but we can educate ourselves and increase awareness of the risk factors.

I would like to remind everyone to be checking their children's heads for head lice and nits. The Iowa Department of Public Health has been putting out information to remind parents to check weekly. Take 15 minutes and check closely for live bugs and nits.

Head lice are an equal opportunity offender, it does not discriminate based on gender, race, ethnicity or socio-economic status. Hair is hair to this pesky little critter.

According to the Iowa Department of Public Health, mature head lice are about the size of a sesame seed. They live in human hair and draw blood from the skin. This often causes itching. Lice lay eggs (called nits) on hair shaft. Live nits are found less than a half-inch from the scalp and most often on the hair at the nape of the neck and behind the ears. The recommendation is parents check their children's hair for head lice or nits once a week.

Lice spreads almost completely through human hair to hair contact, pets do not spread lice. Head lice is more common among elementary students. Please be aware after sleep overs and sporting events. Discourage sharing hats or caps, hair ties, brushes and combs. Each child should have their own comb or brush.

If you have any questions about treatment the Iowa Department of Public Health has a brochure on their website or contact the school nurse.

Marianne Hickey RN

No Waterloo buses Thursday, February 15, 2018.

Sunday's Word - Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time February 4, 2018

Synopsis

They brought to him all who were ill or possessed by demons. He cured many who were sick with various diseases, and he drove out many demons, not permitting them to speak because they knew him. He went into their synagogues, preaching and driving out demons throughout the whole of Galilee.

One-Minute-Homily

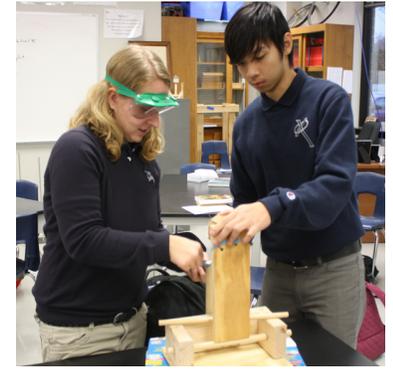
- We now know that institutions, organizations and society itself, like individuals, have bad habits, attitudes and inclinations which emerge when the group betrays its real purpose for the sake of power, control, success or security. This is what the Christian tradition calls "social sin."
- Again in today's Gospel, we hear how Jesus focused his early ministry on exorcising demons, the kind of evil habits, attitudes and inclinations which create pain and suffering.
- As disciples we are challenged not only to root out these demons in ourselves, but also in the institutions, organizations and civil societies in which we live and work. We are challenged to be prophets, calling these institutions back to their original purpose.
- In the Old Testament readings we hear at Mass, we are reminded again and again of how social sin often led Israel down the wrong path.

For Reflection or Discussion

Question for Children: What can you do to help your family, friends or classmates act more like Jesus wants them to act.

Question for Youth: Sooner or later, we will notice the unfriendly, hurtful, dangerous attitudes or behavior which emerge from the groups to which we belong; are we strong enough to speak up against these "demons"?

Question for Adults, Families and Faith Communities: Are we even aware of the hurtful, sinful attitudes and habits practiced by our families, workplaces, or parishes? Do we have the courage to speak out against them and to act differently ourselves?



COMMUNITIES OF FAITH

"These first two values of our Catholic schools — academics and atmosphere — produce tremendous benefits for our community. Social scientists tell us that alumni of Catholic schools overwhelmingly go on to college, land better jobs, enter enduring marriages with united families, and take leadership roles in society. Not bad! It seems that if you want to reduce unemployment, poverty, broken families, violence, drugs, and crime, you support Catholic schools!"
 -Cardinal Timothy Dolan

AFFORDABILITY

The Our Faith, Our Children, Our Future School Tuition Organization awarded over **\$5,350,737** in need based tuition grants to **3,020 students** representing **31%** of the students attending Catholic Schools in the Archdiocese of Dubuque. Families are eligible for STO assistance if their taxable income is at or below 300% of the federal poverty rate for the previous tax year. The STO grants are made possible through the support of hundreds of donors across the Archdiocese. These donors not only receive the satisfaction of helping thousands of students, but also receive an Iowa income tax credit equal to 65% of the total donation. In addition, their entire gift is eligible for federal income tax deductibility. The goal for the 2018 tax year is **\$5,278,555**. Donor applications, as well as a complete explanation of the program, are available at www.OurFaithSTO.org. This program benefits all of the Archdiocese. Please support and share this program with others.



A MESSAGE FROM ARCHBISHOP MICHAEL O. JACKELS

One of the mission priorities for the Archdiocese of Dubuque is to strengthen programs for education in the Catholic Faith. This can be considered the most important Church ministry for continuing the mission of Jesus. Why? Because all Church ministries are inspired by love of Jesus. But we cannot love what we do not know, and we cannot know unless someone teaches us.

That is why it can be said that all Church ministries rise or fall on the strength of our efforts to educate and form people in our Catholic Faith. With regard to school-age children, we believe that parents are the first and best teachers of their children in how to live as a follower of Jesus. And when parents look to the Church for help, the best we can offer is a Catholic school, which partners with parents, but does not take their place. Even with the best teachers and facilities, if the faith is not taught and lived at home, the ministry of a Catholic school is greatly handicapped.

We should all be concerned that Catholic schools are high quality and accessible, even if we don't have school-age children, because of what is at stake: To make students different and better, so as to increase the potential that they make the world different and better with the light and salt of the Gospel!

God reward all who do so much as partners to continue the mission of Jesus by strengthening programs for education in the Catholic Faith, like the Catholic school.

2017 ACT SCORES

2017 Participation Rates: Archdiocese: 91.9% | State of Iowa: 67%

| Average ACT scores by subject | English | Math | Reading | Science |
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| Archdiocese | 23.2 | 22.5 | 23.9 | 23.5 |
| State of Iowa | 21.2 | 21.3 | 22.6 | 22.1 |

DID YOU KNOW?

All schools within the Archdiocese of Dubuque are accredited through the Iowa Department of Education. This means they must meet all of the stated DE requirements for nonpublic schools including alignment with curriculum standards, reporting student assessment data, and being subject to state "Differentiated Accountability" visits. In addition, all administrators and teachers are licensed through the Iowa Board of Educational Examiners.

AT A GLANCE

- 42** Early Childhood Centers
- 45** Elementary and Middle Schools
- 7** High Schools
- 9,653** K-12 Students
- 3,344** Early Childhood Students



On Sunday, January 28 through Saturday, February 3, all Archdiocesan Catholic Schools will join Catholic schools across the country to celebrate Catholic Schools Week 2018. This is the 45th anniversary of the event whereby schools, parishes and Dioceses in the United States join together to thank God for the gift of Catholic Schools and to celebrate.

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Dear Families,

The time is here for your student and his/her teacher to share with you about your student's overall progress. **All** students in grades K-8 are required to participate in the conferences at school. Students, parents, and teachers should all participate in the conference. PK4 conferences will be held at a later date.

ALL K-8 conferences will be held in the St. Mary Center in Gilbertville. Conferences will be:

3:00-4:50 PM and 5:30-7:30 PM on Tuesday, February 13

3:00-4:50 PM and 5:30-7:30 PM on Thursday, February 15

There will be no classes Friday, February 16

Parents will schedule conferences on line with the Parent Teacher Conference (PTC) scheduler on our website. Conferences will be scheduled in 10 minute increments. Instructions for scheduling conferences are below.

Conferences for **grades K-5** should be scheduled with the student's homeroom teacher.

6-8 grade conferences may be scheduled with the teachers you would like to see.

These teachers will be available in the St. Mary Center gym:

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| • Mrs. Bolick - Kindergarten | • Mr. Armbruster - 6 th /7 th /8 th Religion, 6 th /7 th SS |
| • Mrs. Neverman - First Grade | • Mr. Kellogg - 6 th /7 th /8 th Math, 8 th SS (Tuesday only) |
| • Mrs. Ownby - First Grade | • Mrs. Moeller - 6 th /7 th /8 th Reading, Language Arts |
| • Ms. McMaster - Second Grade | • Mr. Rigdon - 6 th /7 th /8 th Science |
| • Mrs. Wellman - Third Grade | • Mrs. Rosauer - Resource, Reading |
| • Mrs. Olson - Third Grade | • Mr. Bergan - Music |
| • Mrs. Schroeder - Fourth Grade | • Mr. Chicchelly - P.E. (Tuesday only) |
| • Mrs. Gutierrez - Fifth Grade | • Mrs. Millett - Art (Tuesday only) |
| | • Mrs. Barry - Counselor (Tuesday only) |

These teachers will be available in classrooms at DB:

Mr. Andera - Geometry (DB Room 107)

Mr. Kruse - Algebra (DB Room 113)

Mr. Mikita - Band (DB Band Room)

The PTC scheduler will go live on the website Friday, February 2 at 7:00 in the morning. Please sign in and schedule your conferences. You may schedule conferences from February 2 at 7:00am until February 11 at midnight. Anyone who does not schedule a conference time will be assigned a conference time. **Please write down your conference schedule. You will not be able to go back to the scheduler after February 11 at midnight.**

PTC Registration Process for Parents/Guardians

To Start

- Click on the “P/T Conference” tab on our website. This link <http://www.boscocatholic.org/vparentteacher/> will also take you to the registration/sign in screen.
- Sign In NOW!

YOU ARE NOW AT THE PTC SCREEN

Signing Up for Parent-Teacher Conferences

Conferences will be scheduled in 10-minute increments.

Step 1: Choose the conference date you wish to attend. Once you've chosen your conference date click on it, you will be taken to a list of all K-12 teachers.

Step 2: Select the teacher(s) you wish to conference with from the list or start typing the last name in the "Search Teacher" field.

Note: You can reserve time with up to eight teachers. You can register for additional teachers once you complete the current process.

Step 3: Enter the student's name.

Step 4: Click continue.

Step 5: Check the box next to the conference times(s) you wish to reserve.

Step 6: Click Update.

*The timeframe/s you chose will be colored green. Watch your times, **do not double book** with two teachers at the same time.*

At this point you may sign up for conferences for additional teachers or additional students by clicking on the “Teacher Selection” button at the bottom of the page.

- Choose additional teachers OR
- Repeat the process you just completed for additional student/s choosing new teacher/s and entering the additional student/s name/s
- Click Update
- The timeframe you chose is colored green (registration for the additional teachers or student/s is added to your Confirmation Registration Report)

At the bottom of the screen you will see the confirmation of your conference registration. Please write down your conference times and teachers.

If you have any questions about the process, either email cberry@boscocatholic.org or call Carol Berry at 319-296-1089 for assistance.

Congratulations to Immaculate Conception's FLL team, the Super LEGO Frogs, on their participation and 1st place Project Research trophy at the *FIRST* LEGO League State Championship on Sunday, January 14, 2017. The team participated by programming an autonomous robot to score points on a themed playing field (Robot Game), developing a solution to a problem they have identified (Project), all guided by the *FIRST* LEGO League Core Values.

Each year *FIRST* LEGO League releases a Challenge, which is based on a real-world scientific topic. During the 2017/2018 HYDRO DYNAMICSSM season teams learned all about water – how we find, transport, use, or dispose of it. What might become possible when we understand what happens to our water? For our project we choose to research dehydration in school children and how to prevent it. We also created a Symptoms of Dehydration poster using Emoji with permission from the Emoji Company that we are distributing to several area schools.

Team Members: Sam Willey, Ryan McFadden, Koen Bovy, JJ McManus, and Ryan Hayes
Coaches: Karen Thoma and Marita Schroeder

