



Welcome!

If you are new to our parish and reside within the parish boundaries, and would like to be members, please call the parish office at 618-281-5105, and Angie will be happy to help make that happen!

Our Mission Statement:

Rooted In The Gospel Of Christ And In The Tradition Of Catholicism And Under The Patronage Of Mary Immaculate, We Commit Ourselves To Be a Welcoming Community Of Faith, Worshipping With Generations Of Believers And Serving God In All People.

Hola, Bienvenidos a la iglesia Catolica en Immaculata Concepcion. ¡Que tengas una bendita semana!

We Live-Stream!
To participate, please use this link: <https://www.youtube.com/c/ImmaculateConceptionCatholicChurchColumbiaIL>



Immaculate Conception

March 26, 2023 — Fifth Sunday of Lent

Hope



Today's Gospel speaks to us about the nature of grief through the telling of the death and resurrection of Lazarus. Mary and Martha, Lazarus' sisters, are shown in various stages of grief over the loss of their brother when Jesus encounters them.

We first meet Martha because, as soon as she hears Jesus is near, she rushes to His side to speak to Him. However, Martha does not come to Jesus wailing or gnashing her teeth. On the contrary, she appears to be almost "past" her grief because she does not see Lazarus as truly dead. Some might call this denial, but she voices to Jesus that she knows He is the Son of God, and in turn sees her brother as a believer in Christ who will be resurrected.

Mary, on the other hand, is in the throes of her grief. She does not leave her house until Martha tells her that Jesus wants to see her, and as soon as she meets Jesus, she falls to the ground lamenting that He is too late. She knows that Jesus is capable of great things but she thinks that physical death is a permanent death, which would be true if Jesus was not the Son of God. She believes what the Jews had believed for centuries – that physical and spiritual death is the inevitable end for humanity because of sin – and so she grieves the loss of her brother to a perceived eternal death.

Later on Jesus also grieves to some degree by weeping at Lazarus's tomb, which seems strange given He knows what is going to happen next. Maybe this was a display of His humanity. An image of Jesus weeping certainly shows us that expressing emotion is not an expression of weakness if Christ Himself does so. Maybe He was grieving what could have been, knowing that if He wasn't there, Lazarus would have remained in death both physically and spiritually. Maybe He was thinking of His own fate, knowing that it would be Him in the tomb soon. We will never truly know, and I plan to ask Him about it when I see Him.

Beneath all this discussion of death and grief, however, lies a story about hope. When we are in a state of grief or turmoil, it is hard not to look at the world and its brokenness through the eyes of humanity like Mary. There is no hope through this lens, and there seems to be no viable escape from the constant rage, war, death, famine, planetary decline, and so on. It's no wonder we as humans struggle with mental health given that, even if we try to remove ourselves from such depressing reminders, we are constantly met with headlines, hashtags, and clickbait showing us that there is no escape.

In spite of this environment, when we look at the world through Christ's eyes like Martha, there is *only* hope. Hope in the small child helping their classmate up after a tumble. Hope in neighbors coming together to grow an inner city community garden. Hope in scientific discoveries like plastic-eating bacteria to clean our oceans and rivers. And hope in knowing that this broken world is not our eternal home. Lent is known as a period of reflection and penitence, but I think it should be remembered as a time of hope. In Old English the root word of Lent, "lencten", means "springtime." With spring comes new growth, new life. Jesus reminds the apostles and, by extension, us that the whole point of His coming to Lazarus and to the world is to restore what was there before – eternal happiness in a new life with God. May we remember this Lent that we have a choice to leave our eternal tomb for new life. A choice given to us because He left His first.

~ Shea Christensen, Spiritual & Mental Health Advocate

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Parish Office Information

Hours: M-F, 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Parish Office Phone Number 618-281-5105

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**You must Check In at the Parish Office
if you visit church during business hours.**

Sacramental Information

Baptisms: Parents/guardians are asked to attend a Preparation Seminar scheduled on the 2nd Sunday of the month after 9 a.m. Mass—at approximately 10 a.m.—in the lower-level library. We celebrate baptisms on the First Sunday of the month during any Mass, and the third Sunday of the month after the 11 a.m. Mass. (No baptisms are scheduled during Lent.) Please call the office to schedule: 281-5105.

Weddings: Please contact the Parish Office a minimum of four months prior to Marriage.

Anointing of the Sick & Funerals: Since individual needs differ, please contact the Parish Office at 281-5105 for pastoral care. Do not hesitate to call; we are grateful for the opportunity to open our hearts to you and your family and offer these sacramental services.

RCIA: (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) The RCIA is for everyone who has been drawn by God to form a deeper relationship. Wherever you are in your faith practice – baptized in another Christian faith, starting from the beginning, or simply enriching your Catholic practice – consider the RCIA. Get to know God better and find out what it means to be Catholic. We meet in the Parish Office on Sundays, starting with "Breaking Open the Word" dismissal from 9 a.m. Mass, and catechetical sessions from 10-11:30 a.m. Contact **Lizanne Young**, at the Parish Office, 281-5105, ext. 354, or email lyoung@iccmil.org.

Reconciliation: Reconciliation is offered from 3:30-4:30 p.m. on Saturdays and by appointment.

Important Volunteer Info!

Anyone who wishes to volunteer at school or church when there are children present **MUST be compliant** with the Diocesan Child Protection Policy. Please be proactive! ***EVERYONE must have an IL state background check as well as doing the online refresher and filling out CANTS forms.**

***Coaches and employees will need to be fingerprinted in addition to the usual Child Protection paperwork. Contact Angie at the Parish Office if you have questions.** *The initial course is now available online. Please contact Angie at the parish office for directions. Not sure if you are compliant?? Contact Angie at the Parish Office. *The refresher course for the 2022-2023 IS AVAILABLE ONLINE! Follow the link on our website! If you can't find it there, it is also on the diocesan website:

<http://diobelle.org/b.aspx>

Questions? Contact Angie, at the Parish Office 281-5105. *Sexual Abuse Hotline: Anyone wishing to report an allegation of sexual misconduct by a Priest or other Diocesan personnel, please call the hotline: 800-640-3044.

**Purchase Scrip Gift Cards from all of your favorite
stores, restaurants, etc... in the Parish Office!**

This Week's Liturgical Celebrations

Monday, Mar 27, 8:05 a.m. ...We Pray For Holy Souls in Purgatory
Tuesday, Mar 28, 8:05 a.m.We Pray For Special Intentions
Wednesday, Mar 29, 8:05 a.m......We Remember Josh Ritter
Thursday, Mar 30, 8:05 a.m......We Remember Evola Niermann
Friday, Mar 31, 8:05 a.m......We Remember Diane Winters
Saturday, Apr 1, 5:00 p.m......We Remember Greg Fasnacht
Psalm Sunday, Apr 2, 7:00 a.m......We Pray For All Parishioners
9:00 a.m.....We Remember Margie Pautler
11:00 a.m....We Remember Ron & Margaret Wallace

Friday Stations of the Cross...

We hold Stations of the Cross every Friday at 2:15 p.m. and 7 p.m. in church during Lent from now through Good Friday (Stations will be at noon on Good Friday). All are welcome!



Prayer List Guidelines...

Please be mindful if your loved one no longer needs to be on the Prayer List and call the Parish Office: 281-5105.

Please Pray For...

Patty Pulcher
Danielle Dorlac
Donna Archambault-Kania
Arlin Stechmesser
Catherine Marlo
Margaret Ann Conrad
Peggy Schutt
Dakota Schutt
Mike Conrad
Janice McDermott
Scott Dabbs
Delores Deleveski
Ginny Lambert
Brian Kreher
Rich Sambo
Catherine Sambo
Nicole Pennington
Ruth Herrmann
Bill Kutz
Marilyn Peel
Chris Peel
Better health for all who are ill

Joan Thoma
Jodie Ward
Grace Nolan
Special Intention
Liam Pugh
Jill Bean
Baby Marcella
Norman Pautler
Don & Shriley Mehrmann
Gloria Thoma
Heather Mestadagh-Muertz
Dolores G.
Elliana Cloin
Earl & Arlene Kruse
Mrs. Steele
Julien Wade Kinane
Charlie Hamilton

Troops in Service...

SGM Joseph Pope, US Army



Weekly Reflections



April 2, 2023

First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-7

Second Reading:

Philippians 2:6-11

Gospel:

Matthew 26:14-27:66 or 27:11-54

Little Black Books...

Please take a copy to help you on your Lenten journey! These books are sponsored by: **McAuliffe Chiropractic**, 109 Wedgewood, Drive-Columbia 618-281-7171.

Go see Dr. Kathy for all your chiropractic needs!

Our Sympathies...

To Steve Sainz and his family on the death of his father, Joseph of Ballwin, MO, who died on March 12, at the age of 89; and to **John & Judy Kinane and their family**, on the death of their great-grandson, Theodore Joseph Kinane who died on March 19, 2023, at birth.

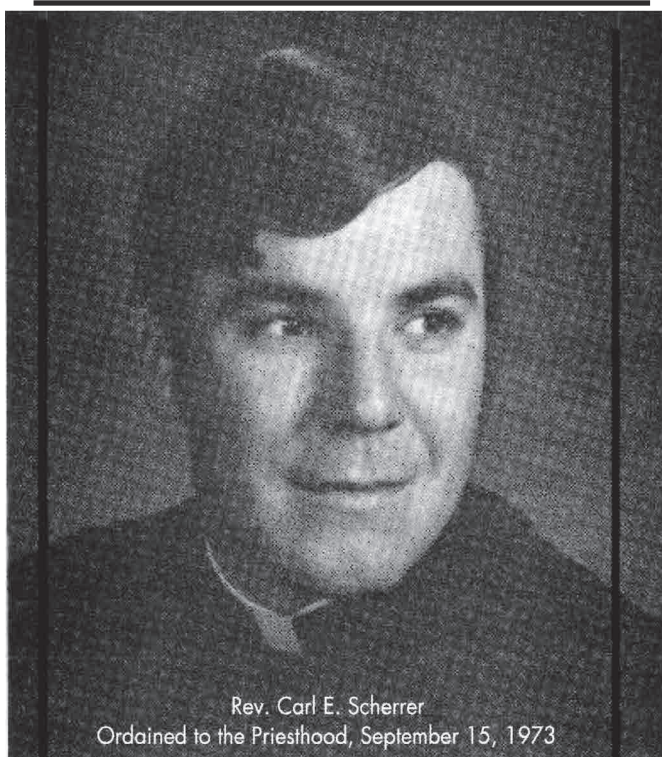
Parish Events & News...

Lenten Regulations...

1. Everyone 14 years of age or over is bound to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and all Fridays of Lent.
2. Everyone 18 years of age and under 59 years of age is also bound to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.
3. On these two days of fast and abstinence, only one full meatless meal is allowed. The other meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to one's needs, but altogether they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted on these two days, but liquids, including milk and fruit juices are allowed. When health or ability to work would be seriously affected, the obligation of the law is modified. Because Lent is a special season for all Christians, we should not lightly excuse ourselves from these penitential practices.
4. To completely disregard the law of fast and abstinence is seriously sinful.

Baptismal Prep Announcement

Due to Easter being on the 2nd Sunday of the month, there will be no baptismal prep in April. We will resume the second week of May.



Rev. Carl E. Scherrer
Ordained to the Priesthood, September 15, 1973

SAVE THE DATE

Fr. Carl's Golden Jubilee

September 17, 2023, 11:00 A.M.
Immaculate Conception Catholic Church
Columbia, IL

Formal Invitation To Follow

It's Fish Fry Time!

The Knights of Columbus are hosting drive-thru only fish fries **from 3-7 p.m.** on the following dates: **Fridays, March 31 and April 7.** If you are interested in helping at any or all of the fish fries, please email the Knights gk@ofc6165.org or go to www.kofc6165.org to sign up online.

Kids Easter Egg Hunt...

after the 9 a.m. Mass on Easter Sunday!
All children ages 0-10 are welcome!
Sponsored by ICY!

SVDP is hosting a Lenten Food Drive

Now April 2 This will support local food pantries. Please drop off food items in the designated area in the Gathering Space. We will deliver the items prior to Easter. Items requested are: canned fruit, chicken, chili and chicken & dumplings and also boxed potato mixes.



D.C. Pretzel and Donut Sales...

The Next Pretzel and Donut weekend will be April 15 & 16.

Found...

Someone has turned in a fob to a Mazda with 2 keys attached. If this is yours, please call the parish office to claim. 618-281-5105.

Cemetery Cleanup

Last call! If you have a loved one in our cemetery and would like to save anything you have placed on their grave, please go up and remove it. Cleaning and mowing start soon!

Bulletin Deadline...

We now have an earlier bulletin deadline. All submissions for the bulletin will need to be in to Angie two Fridays before you need it in the bulletin. If you have any questions, please call the Parish Office at 618-281-5105.

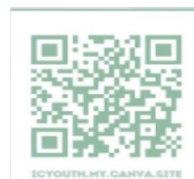
Ministry News & Happenings

Women's ACTS...

✝ The next Women's ACTS Retreat will be Thursday, **April 20, through Sunday, April 23, 2023**, at the King's House in Belleville, IL. This parish-based retreat offers the opportunity to renew your spirituality, to strengthen your faith, and to build and deepen lasting friendships throughout your parish community. Registration forms can be found online at <http://www.icc-columbia-il.us/acts>. If you need further information on the retreat weekend, please contact one of the following: Director: Laura Whelan- 618-698-2462. Co-Director: Penny Prindiville - 314-707-0783.

ICY Odd Sundays

Every Sunday with an odd date is an Odd Sunday ICY Meeting. Check out the QR code for more details!



ICY Hosting Bra Drive...

Please consider donating your clean, gently used, ill fitting and overlooked bras. A box will be in the vestibule of the church for you to drop off these needed items. The organization we will donate them to is I Support the Girls, a national organization, but the items donated stay local. Help less fortunate ladies with this item of clothing. You can also donate feminine hygiene products as well. If you have questions, please contact Laura Whelan, 618-698-2462. *The drive goes thru April 10.*

Coming Soon — Welcome Reception...

Thank you to Kevin Glasscock who has volunteered to head up our new Welcoming Committee! We are planning to have the first Welcoming Reception on **June 4, after the 9 a.m. Mass**. Come join us in the welcoming of our new parish family members. All are welcome!!

Lenten Prayer Calendar Program...

Lent seems to be speeding by, but there's still time to join your parish family in prayer with the Lenten Prayer Calendar. Whether it's still in your bulletin or posted on your fridge, take a look and see who we are praying for today. As you pray, let your mind imagine our whole community standing before God as a family as we pray for the intended group. There is power in these prayers, yet it is also a selfless act of love for another. The act can also help us develop or strengthen our daily prayer habit. Can't find your calendar? There are extras in church. You can also pray for a general cause and ask your guardian angel for help with the dedication. Feel a part of our parish family as we focus the power of our prayers each day in Lent.

Women's Bible Study...

Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. in the library. All are welcome! Contact Lizanne for more info—618-281-5105, ext 354.

Theology on Tap Upcoming Events...

3/27 -- Easter

4/17 -- Catholic Trivia (with prizes!)

5/1 -- St. Ignatius' Teachings

****All events begin at 7 p.m. and are held at Sunset Overlook.****

Position Available—Administrative Assistant...

The Diocese of Belleville is seeking a part-time (20-25 hours per week) Administrative Assistant for its bi-monthly newspaper, *The Messenger*. This position is responsible for maintaining subscriptions, including a subscription database, generating reports, answering incoming calls and routing accordingly, placing editorial copy on stock pages in the newspaper and retaining historical copies of the newspaper. The administrative assistant plays a key role to ensure all aspects of generating a newspaper are completed. This position works closely with the editor in scheduling and dispersing email traffic to parishes. Essential qualifications include a minimum of a high school diploma, Associate's Degree preferred, or equivalent experience; and 1-3 years' experience in a related role of providing administrative/clerical support. Knowledge of Microsoft Office, Adobe Suite preferred but not required, and other computer programs/applications. Practicing Catholic preferred with thorough knowledge and understanding of Catholic teachings, practices, and organizational structure. To apply, send cover letter with résumé to Human Resources, Diocese of Belleville, 222 S. 3rd St., Belleville, IL. 62220. FAX to 618-722-5020; email humanresources@diobelle.org. Application deadline: March 31, 2023.

Discipleship Corner...

If Jesus had to let Lazarus die in order to bring people to His Father, why did He cry? He knew everything would be ok. I love that our faith gives us a God that can cry. Jesus walked the very earth we walk. His humanity exposed Him to the same emotions we feel. He laughed, sweated in fear, became exhausted, erupted in anger and frustration, and cried with His friends even though He knew everything was going to be ok in the end. We are so blessed to have a God with which we can truly share our humanity.

Vocation Corner... "I grew up in Haiti as the first child in a family of cradle Catholics. I heard stories about how my dad discerned the priesthood before he married my mom, and I witnessed the humanity of the religious sisters who taught me in school. This faith-filled environment sowed the seeds of my religious vocations, and as a young girl I believed I was called to be a sister. Years later, after my family settled in the United States, I became a lost sheep on a college campus. In 2008, I began to go to daily Mass, participated in Eucharistic adoration, and found a spiritual director. My discernment journey took me to many communities until, in 2010, I knew that the Lord was asking me say "yes" to him through the Sisters of Mary, Mother of the Church."

*~Sister Christiana Marie Rene; Sisters of Mary, Spokane Wash.
Columbia November 2018*

God Calling: Vocation Awareness

Moms and dads, how often do you speak to your children about becoming a priest or a sister?

They are wonderful vocations! It's never too early to start the conversation.

Eucharistic Adoration...

Eucharistic Adoration is held **Tuesdays from 5-8 p.m.**
Come and join us!



Pope Francis Says...

We have come to see ourselves as lords and masters, entitled to plunder her (Mother Earth) at will. The violence present in our hearts, wounded by sin, is also reflected in the symptoms of sickness evident in the soil, in the water, in the air and in all forms of life. (LS 2)



Prayer Shawls Available!

Do you know someone who needs prayers?? Why not bring them some comfort with a handmade prayer shawl, from our Prayer Shawl Ministry??

Each Shawl will wrap your loved one in the prayers of our parish! Even during this vastly different time with COVID, we can get your loved one a prayer shawl. We deliver in sanitized bags and will leave on a porch or you can still pick up at the office during office hours. Call Marsha Narzinski at 314-517-4927 or Angie at the Parish Office, 618-281-5105.

Quilters' Corner...

Join our super fun quilters' group on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9-11:30 a.m. All skill levels welcome and appreciated, even beginners! Contact Carlene at 281-5877.



Pro-Life/Pregnancy Resources...

~Free and confidential pregnancy testing, counseling, and practical support: **-Life Network** of Southern Illinois (in Waterloo & Red Bud) 618-939-4224 mylifenet.org

~**Birthright Counseling STL** (3 locations in St. Louis) birthrightstl.org

~Free and confidential counseling for anyone hurt by abortion-Project Rachel 618-722-5068 hopeafterabortion.com

~A caring place for women who are pregnant and experiencing homelessness-**Fontebella Maternity Home** 618-406-4355.

If you, or someone you know, have an unborn baby diagnosed with "fetal abnormalities" or an "adverse prenatal diagnosis," please refer to: BeNotAfraid.net or PrenatalPartnersforLife.org. Both offer free parent-centered case management and parental support for parents carrying to term following a prenatal diagnosis. Birthrightstl.org offers their Melissa's Smile program, a counseling and supportive resource for mothers and fathers whose baby has been diagnosed prenatally with a genetic abnormality or whose baby has been born with a disability or serious medical condition.



Stewardship Of Treasure...

Thank You For Sharing Your Blessings



With Prayerful Gratitude

We thank our recently departed parishioner, Helen Shea and her family for the generous bequest given to our St. Vincent de Paul Society, The Eugene J. Schorb Fund For Catholic Education & Immaculate Conception Church.

The 2023 CSMA

The one who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord.

-Psalm 15

On behalf of Bishop Michael McGovern and diocesan ministries and programs, a most heartfelt thanks to all those who have already responded with a gift to The 2023 Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal. If you have not done so as yet, there's still plenty of time. One-time donations or pledges – in any amount – are needed and can be made through your parish or at www.diobelle.org (click on "Giving to the Diocese"). Your generosity supports 17 agencies and programs that daily serve thousands of people. Please consider making your gift today or at any time you are able in the coming months. We also ask for your prayers for the success of this year's appeal and all those we serve. Thank you and may God bless you always.

Stewardship Commitment Renewal

Even if you do not have kids in ICS or PSR, this information is VERY important to us! Your completed form will help with budget planning, ministry planning and contact info updating. We are a full-stewardship parish. In order for us to have the most accurate info, we need everyone to fill out a *form*. **Thank you!!**

*Want to Make a Difference in the
Life of a Child?*



Catholic Schools
Learn. Serve. Lead. Succeed.

Retired too soon and still want to teach and/or lead? Why not collect your retirement and work in a Catholic school? We want you and our students need you!

Come share your expertise and passion in a faith-based setting! Contact the Diocese of Belleville, Office of Education at Officeofeducation@diobelle.org for More Information!

March 19, 2023

Actual.....	\$74,858.84
Budget.....	\$74,450.00
Actual YTD.....	\$1,466,904.99
Budget YTD.....	\$1,628,350.00
Over (under).....	(\$161,445.01)
Prior YTD.....	\$1,438,029.46
Over (under).....	\$28,875.53
Guatemala.....	\$906.00
Easter Flowers.....	\$498.00
Gibault.....	\$480.00
STBS.....	\$270.00
SVdP.....	\$105.00
Messenger.....	\$30.00
CRS.....	\$490.00
CEAC.....	\$7,716.00
Capital Improvements.....	\$226.00
Black & Indian Mission.....	\$25.00
Cemetery.....	\$55.00

* This week's collection contains figures from online giving March 1-March 17, 2023*

From Our Young Stewards...

Treasure : \$4.74

Time: Helped set up for our party; Played with my magnets & helped my mom; cleaned my bedroom; collected money.



Eugene J. Schorb -Immaculate
Conception Fund for Catholic
Education

Memorials:

Mary Ann Roediger.....	\$50.00
Jane Stahlschmidt.....	\$695.00
EJ Trust.....	\$647.83

CEAC Memorials:

Gary Limestall.....	\$300.00
IHO Joe Koppeis.....	\$1,000.00

Immaculate Conception School

Mission – Community – Service

409 Palmer Road ~ 281-5353

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~ School Secretary: Beverly Epplin Ext. 200 bepplin@icsmail.org



From the ICS Pre-S & K to The School Block Challenge at the National Quilt Museum in KY, our students had quite an adventurous week.



Secure Your Spot
At Camp Invention
TODAY!

Register at [INVENT.ORG/CAMP](https://www.invent.org/camp) or
800-968-4332 Grades: K - 6th

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

Date: June 12 - 16, 2023

Time & Cost: 9:00 a.m. to 3:30p.m. \$260
(before discount)

Extended Day Hours Available: 7:30 a.m.
-5:30 p.m. | Additional \$100

Camp Director: Ashley Wright, awright@icsmail.org.

If these dates/times don't work for you, please
visit [invent.org/camp](https://www.invent.org/camp) for other locations near you.



The 2023 Zac Epplin Memorial Golf Tournament

Friday, April 28. Lunch begins at 11:00 a.m.

Golf starts at 12:00 noon. For more details, and to register your
team and/or sponsor the event, please visit [icsfathers.square.site](https://www.icsfathers.square.site).

Elite Fitness Training Summer Soccer Camp...

July 18-21— Oerter Park – 1 Gall Road, Columbia

Pre-K-Age 3 – 5:45-6:15 p.m.

Age 4 – 6:15-6:55 p.m.

Grades K-8 – 6-8 p.m.

Now thru March 26, take 15% off with
code: summer15.

Pre-K camps- \$85; K-8- \$135.

We now have payment plan options!



What 's Happening At Gibault?

Junior High Mixer

Glow Crazy at our Glow Volleyball night on March 31 from 6-8 p.m. at the Gibault gym! All 6th – 8th graders are invited to play or watch. Reserve your space at: <https://bit.ly/gchsglow>

State Championship Shirts

Gibault Catholic Basketball State Championship commemorative shirts are now available! All styles feature the state championship logo on the front and team roster on the back. Place your order online at: <https://gibaultbb23.itemorder.com/>. Store closes on April 2! Proceeds benefit Gibault's Post Prom.

Enrollment News

It's an exciting time to be a Gibault Hawk! Learn more during a Shadow Visit or Private Tour. Get started at: <https://bit.ly/GCHSInquire>. Still enrolling for the Class of 2027! Visit <https://bit.ly/GCHSApply>.

Post Prom Raffle...

Take a chance on this "Family Adventure Ready" Raffle and support Gibault's Post Prom. Prize pack includes a Blackstone Tabletop Griddle, a Tundra Wheeled Yeti, and a \$100 Kenrick's Meats & Catering Gift Card. All proceeds support Gibault Catholic High School's safe and substance-free Post Prom activities! Winner drawn on April 28. (Need not be present to win.) Stop by the Gibault office for tickets during school hours. For electronic entry, Venmo Angie Kesler, @Angie-Kesler

Poker Run

The Gibault Women's Club invites you to be part of their Poker Run on April 23.

We're #gibaultproud of: Brock Murphy

(Immaculate Conception Parish) for his final four finish in the JVN State Debate Tournament and **Kyra Newton** (Immaculate Conception Parish) for being selected for the People's Choice Award at the Art du Jour Contest.

Diocesan And Area Interests...

Reconciliation on Weeknights in Our Area

Every Tuesday evening, 6-7 p.m., St. Clare, O'Fallon.
Every Thursday evening, 6-7 p.m., St. Peter Cathedral, Belleville.

Journey to Justice Retreat:

Catholic Reflections on Our Call to Address Racial Inequity
Developed by the Catholic Campaign for Human Development
Sponsored by the Belleville Diocesan Racial Justice and Equity Committee **Saturday, April 22, 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.** (Continental Breakfast Available at 8:30 a.m.) Cabrini Hall, Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, 104 N. 17th St., Herrin, IL
Cost: \$15 (Includes Lunch and Continental Breakfast) Register at forms.gle/WgyqHf1y239zhMoz7 or email chddiobelle@gmail.com

The Serra Club of St. Clair County

Serra Club is an organization of Catholic men and women dedicated to foster and affirm vocations to the Priesthood and vowed religious life.

Our purpose is to pray for vocations and inform our community about the need for vocations. We provide many social events for our Priests, Deacons and Nuns. We sponsor occasional visits to the Seminaries for our grade and high students guided by a priest or a seminarian. You are most welcome to be a part of our organizations. Our group meets every first and third Friday of the month at the Shrine of our Lady of the Snows. We begin Mass at 11:45 a.m., followed by lunch and a brief meeting, with a prominent speaker.

For additional information, please call Marvin Winkeler (402- 214-1155) or Mel Lucash (618-531-4244). Serra has a new web page: serrastclair.org
PLEASE PRAY FOR VOCATIONS!

The Harp Twins

As the world's only identical twin professional harpists, Camille and Kennerly were trained classically, but have a passion and flair for arranging and performing rock, metal, and soundtrack music for Harp Duet. The Harp Twins perform on statuesque acoustic Concert Grand Harps as well as Electric Harps. We are pleased to have the Harp Twins return to Columbia for an evening of amazing music!

Immaculate Conception Church 411 Palmer Road Columbia, IL	Friday, April 21 7:00 p.m.	Free Family Concert 618 660-4255
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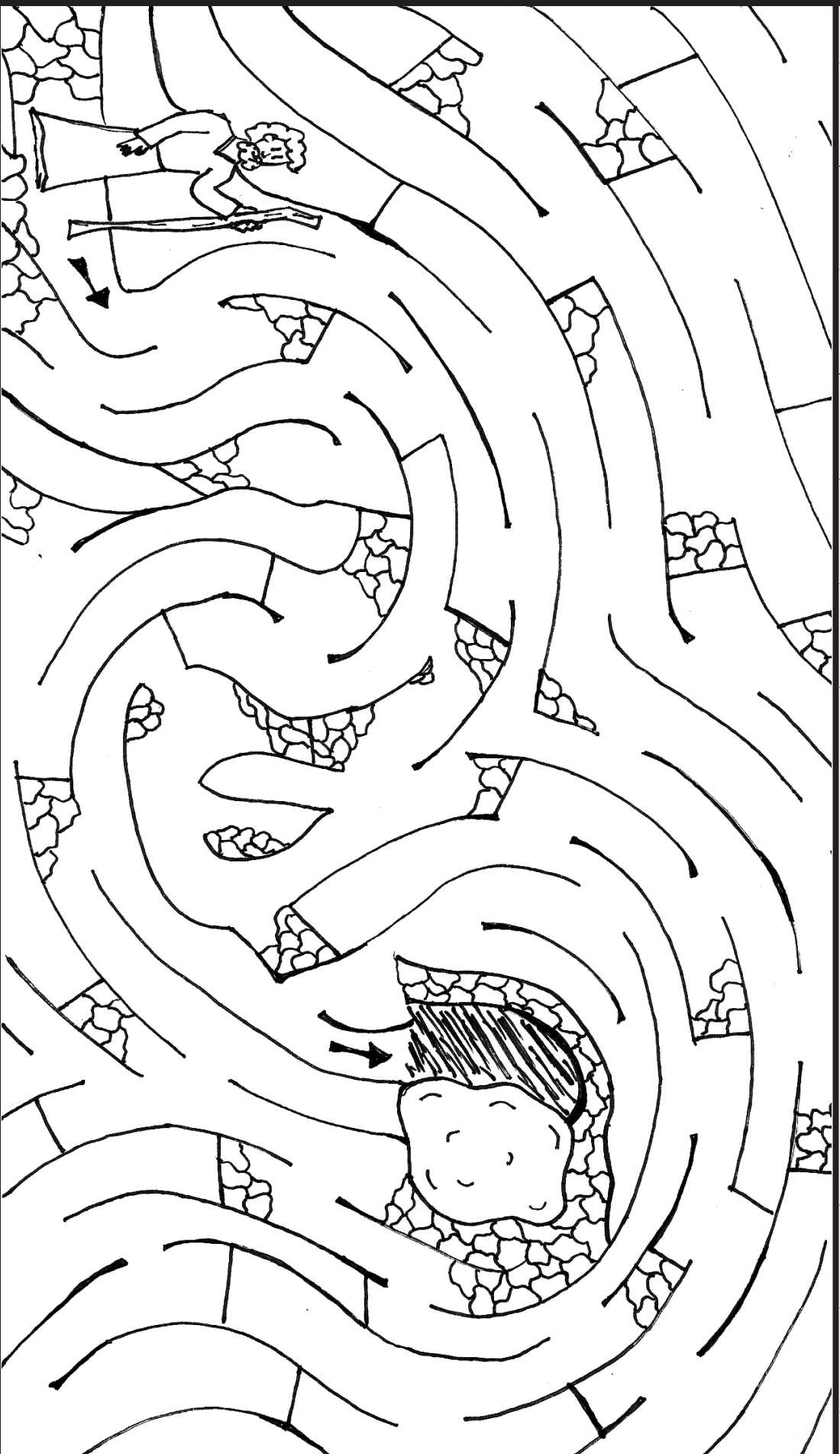
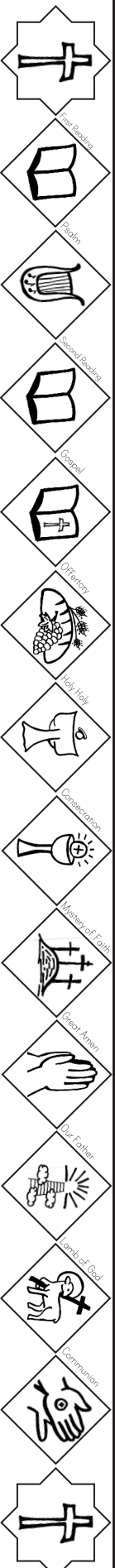
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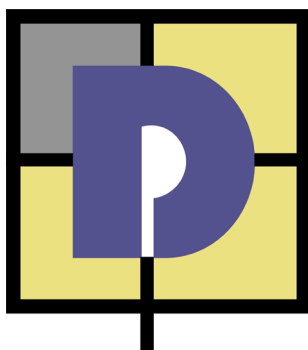
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