



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

April 16, 2023— Second Sunday in Easter

Remember your first thanksgiving?

On Saturday morning, about 60 second graders assembled, fueled by doughnuts (every year I question my judgment), and worked with their parents and other volunteers to dive into the meaning of their First Holy Eucharist.

They display their banners, paint blessing cups, put together a workbook demonstrating that they know how to participate in the Mass (“We do!”), and have a taste of the unconsecrated host (“It’s plain!”). We pray as a group and I get to remind them that the word “Eucharist” comes from a Greek word

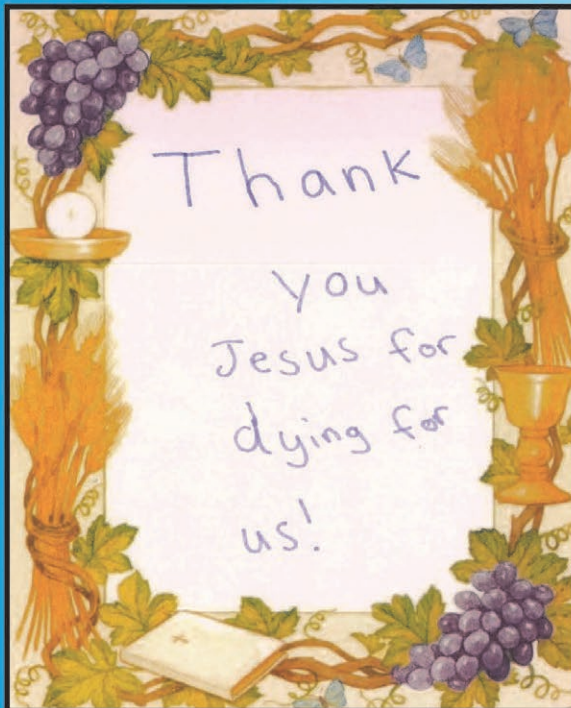
meaning “thanksgiving.” It’s my second favorite part of the day, talking about a meal that is very different from turkey and cranberries. But do they understand?

St. Pius X, when he was a pope, decided that age seven was an excellent age to receive the Living Bread for the first time, saying these little ones had reached the Age of Reason and were able to fully participate in the sacrifice of the Mass. It seems counterintuitive that we should entrust the Body of Jesus to hands that routinely—well, you know, they’re children!

But we are asked as grown ups to have the faith of children, and Pope Pius X was wonderfully wise, recognizing that their hearts and imaginations were more than capable of understanding that God—very unfairly (they are experts in equity)—died for something that is our fault. They know Love and Gift and Gratitude. They absolutely understand the need to give thanks for death-to-eternal life.

My most favorite activity is when they write letters to Jesus, which we will hang in church along with their banners to remind our whole congregation just how special the Eucharist is. The example here is from a few years ago. I pray it every time I go through my door.

Thank you for your prayers for the wise ones joining us at the Table of the Lord on April 23! ~Lizanne Young, DFF



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Parish Office Information

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

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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 1st 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 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, April 17, 8:05 a.m......We Pray For Job, George & Family
Tuesday, April 18, 8:05 a.m.We Pray For Special Intentions
Wednesday, April 19, 8:05 a.m......We Remember John Woods
Thursday, April 20, 8:00 a.m......We Remember Chester & Lillian
Kopec
Friday, April 21, 8:00 a.m......We Remember Bill Leingang
Saturday, Apr 22, 9:00 a.m.We Remember Greg Fasnacht
Sunday, Apr 23, 7:00 a.m......We Remember Bernie Kutz
9:00 a.m.....We Remember Arthur Burlison
11:00 a.m.....We Remember Fr. Gary Hogan, C.R.



Weekly Reflections



April 23, 2023

First Reading: Acts 2: 14, 22-28

Second Reading:
First Peter 1:17-21

Gospel: Luke 24:13-35

Little White Books

Please take a copy to help you on your Easter journey! These books are sponsored by:

Khoury Pharmacy,

101 N Main St. ~ 618-281-7133

Go see Paul for all of your pharmacy needs!

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.

Our Sympathies...

To the family of LuAnn Wolf of our parish, who died on April 8, at the age of 88.



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
Delores Deleveski
Ginny Lambert
Brian Kreher
Rich Sambo
Catherine Sambo
Nicole Pennington
Ruth Herrmann
Bill Kutz
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 & Shirley Mehrmann
Heather Mestadagh-Muertz
Dolores G.
Elliana Cloin
Earl & Arlene Kruse
Mrs. Steele
Julien Wade Kinane
Charlie Hamilton
Brian Hirsh
Bob Frey

Troops in Service...

SGM Joseph Pope, US Army

Parish Events & News...

Thank You!

To Rich and Donna Buck who surprised us and came to clean the church windows and spruced up the church so that it could look beautiful for Easter! May God bless you for your spirits of service!!

The Cupboards Are Bare—Society of St. Vincent De Paul Needs Your Help!

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul Belleville Council reports record numbers of people staying at its OverNite Center and 300+ people per day coming for meals at Cosgrove's Kitchen. With these increased numbers, there is an urgent need for food. We humbly ask for your prayers for SVDP and its clients and, if you are able, your donation of food (all kinds) that will be cooked and served at the soup kitchen and/or individually packaged food items (cookies, fruit cups, tuna and chicken snack packs, chips, crackers, cheese sticks, yogurt, cereal, instant oatmeal, Pop Tarts, breakfast bars, soup or pasta in a cup) to distribute at the OverNite Center.

Items can be dropped off at:

St. Vincent de Paul Council Office
8800 West Main Street, Belleville, Illinois 62223 (across from Blessed Sacrament Church)

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 9:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m. or SVDP Thrift Store/Soup Kitchen

3718 State Street, East St. Louis

Monday-Friday 9:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m.; Saturday 9:00 a.m.-12 Noon

For additional information contact Joe Hubbard or Pat Hogrebe at 618-394-0126. Thank you and God bless you for your generosity which enables St. Vincent de Paul's ministry to the poorest among us.

Congratulations!

To the following parishioners who were recently confirmed by Bishop McGovern last Wednesday evening.

Lainey Ames
Aidan Berdeaux
Ella Boyd
Paul Cueto
Easton Dill
Cameron Donjon
Sean Frederick
Delaney Glasscock
Liam Heinen
Julia Hoefflinger
Cannon Hogan
Emmalynne Hoke
Jack Holston
Mason Homeyer
Anna Hornacek
Alexander Hrdlicka
Hailey Huntman
Makenna Huntman

Adam Jansen
Megan Janson
Regan Kenner
Sophia Kienzle
Ryan Kroenig
Naomi Langhans
Jack Leitschuh
Hayden Lieber
Eleanor McGuire
Avery Melliore
Kallie Ninnis
Garrett Patton
Carolyn Randle
Cooper Reuss
Steven Schaefer
Malia Schaffer
August Schmidt
William Schmoll

Audrey Schwab
Lucas Sheehan
Jack Siegel
Adeline Steckler
Shawn Stuart
Ethan Stuckmeyer
Elijah Thebeau
Carson Timmons
Reese Toenjes
Mason Tonsor
Claire Wachtel
William Wittenauer



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.

D.C. Pretzel and Donut Sales...
The Next Pretzel and Donut weekend will be April 15 & 16.
All proceeds to the 8th graders trip to Washington DC.

Farm Blessing...

Bishop Michael McGovern invites you to the Annual Diocesan Spring Blessing of the Farm on Wednesday, **April 26**, at 1:00 PM at the Farm of Paul and Jan Blankenberger. The Farm is located at the Corner of US-Hwy 45 & County Hwy 1850 N in Enfield, Illinois 62835. "Farm Blessing" signs will lead you to the farm. Those attending are invited to bring seed and soil in marked containers along with animals and farm machinery to be blessed. Food will also be collected for the needy of the area. We look forward to having you join us!



Landscaping Committee...

Our Landscaping Committee is going to be meeting again soon! If you are interested in being a part of this committee, please call Kara at the Parish Office! 618-281-5105.

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

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.

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 in the Garden Level. Come join us in the welcoming of our new parish family members. All are welcome!!

Mother's Day Right To Life Ad...

The Sanctity of Life Committee is collecting signatures and money for the annual Mother's Day Right to Life Ad. The Ad will be published prior to Mother's Day in the *Waterloo Republic-Times*. To have your name published as someone who supports the Right-to-Life, please mail a donation to Monroe County Right to Life, 521 S. Church St., Waterloo, IL 62298. Please print your name exactly as you want it to appear; a \$5.00 per line donation is suggested. Must be post marked by Monday, May 1, 2023. Thanks for your support.

Theology on Tap Upcoming Events...

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

5/1 -- St. Ignatius' Teachings
**All events begin at 7 p.m.

and are held at Sunset Overlook.**

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 the end of April.*

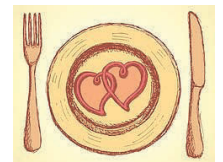


Women's
Bible Study

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

Meals From The Heart...

Meals from the Heart is still available to those in need! We have volunteers ready to provide meals on a temporary basis to any parishioners experiencing a death, illness or trauma in their family. Please contact the Parish Office for assistance.



IC-CCW News...



Don't forget to send in your ICCCW raffle tickets!!

Raffle #1 for Quilt, afghan or \$100 Linnemann Oil gas card

Raffle #2 for over \$300 of scratch off lottery tickets

If you've misplaced your tickets? **Don't worry, tickets will be sold at Mass on April 22/23 and April 29/30. Drawing May 4.**

Next Meeting - Spring Dinner and Raffle drawing Thursday, May 4, at 5:30 p.m. We will provide the chicken, you provide the side. RSVP to glenda.sexauer@gmail.com or text/call 618-520-9369

East Vicariate CCW Spring Meeting & Day of Prayer

Thursday, April 20, from 8:30 a.m. – 2 p.m. at St. Peter's Cathedral in

Belleville. Please contact glenda/sexauer@gmail.com or 618-281-8452 if interested in attending. Carpooling will be available.

ICCCW Public Rosary, May 13-

The Immaculate Conception Council of Catholic Women invites you to join in praying the Holy Rosary for peace in our world on Saturday, May 13, at 12:00 noon by the fountain in front of Columbia City Hall. We are participating in a national Public Rosary as one of more than 20,000 groups across the United States praying on that same day and time. All are welcome to join them for this powerful 30-minute prayer event.



Discipleship Corner...

Jesus was always interested in the faith of people, more than anything else. Of course, He liked acts of charity and mercy. But nothing made Jesus as happy as the discovery of faith in a person. On the other hand, nothing seemed to make Jesus sadder than a lack of faith. To believe or not to believe is the whole difference. If I have faith, I see money differently. If I have faith, I see life itself differently—my job, my ambition. If I believe, I see death differently. That is why, while Jesus was certainly interested in the way people acted, He responded most excitedly to faith in the people He met. He knew that if people believed, if they saw all of life differently because of faith, everything else He wanted to teach them would be easy.

Vocation Corner...

Today's readings offer so many lessons on our Call to Holiness. The reading from Acts tells of the community being one in sharing their possessions with everyone. What a wonderful response to the call. The Gospel tells of Thomas' doubt in the Risen Christ. This doubt can creep into our lives with us wondering if God is really present in our daily lives. It is even more challenging for those discerning a religious vocation. Let us pray for our proper response to community and for the discerners' doubt to be relieved.

God Calling: Vocation Awareness

Have you ever thought about becoming a Priest or Sister? Maybe it's time to re-visit those thoughts! Please see Fr. Steve or Fr. Eric if you have questions or would like to discuss the path to Priesthood or Sisterhood further.

Eucharistic Adoration...

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

Pope Francis Says...



"If we feel intimately united with all that exists, then sobriety and care will well up spontaneously." (LS 11)



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, has 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!



The 2023 CSMA

*The one who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord -
Psalm 15*

“Each year, the faithful of our Belleville Diocese are asked to help the works of Christ continue and grow through their support of The Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal. By making a gift, you are helping build up the Body of Christ in our various ministries and providing help for the poor and vulnerable.”

-Bishop Michael McGovern

Please consider a gift to the appeal today!

So far, we have 85 donors.

Let's reach our goal of 200 donors before summer!!

Naming a charity as the beneficiary of your IRA or 401(K)

If you wish to make a gift to charity as part of your estate planning, making that gift by naming the charity as the direct beneficiary of your IRA or 401(k) can not only benefit the charity, but can also have tax advantages for your non-charitable beneficiaries (e.g. children or other loved ones).

Because traditional IRA and 401(k) accounts are tax-deferred, if one or more individuals inherits the account from you, that individual beneficiary will have to pay income taxes when he or she withdraws the funds from the account. However, if a charity is named, the charity receives the assets tax free. So, if you were to leave a gift to a charity from non-IRA or non-401(k) assets via a Will or Revocable Living Trust, but leave your IRA or 401(k) to an individual, the charity would receive the same amount, but the individual would have his or her share of your IRA or 401(k) depleted by income taxes and would actually receive less money overall than if the charity received your desired amount from your IRA or 401(k) and the individual received his or her share from your other assets. Also, if your IRA or 401(k) is larger than your total desired gift to charity, you have the option to allocate only a percentage of the account to charity and provide that the balance be paid to your other beneficiary(ies). This does not apply to a Roth IRA because Roth IRAs received by beneficiaries are not subject to income taxes.

~ IC Planned Giving Committee

April 2, 2023

Actual	\$164,832.79
Budget	\$74,950.00
Actual YTD	\$1,653,954.03
Budget YTD	\$1,733,750.00
Over (under)	(\$79,795.97)
Prior YTD	\$1,622,940.12
Over (under)	\$31,013.91
Guatemala	\$550.00
Easter Flowers	\$100.00
Gibault	\$285.00
SVdP	\$316.00
CRS	\$120.00
CEAC	\$294,750.00
Capital Improvements	\$404.00
Black & Indian Mission	\$285.00
Holy Land	\$105.00
STBS	\$190.00
Needy	\$20.00
Religious Retirement	\$20.00
Christmas	\$20.00
CCW	\$15.00

April 9, 2023

Actual	\$22,313.40
Budget	\$30,975.00
Actual YTD	\$1,676,267.43
Budget	\$1,764,725.00
Over (under)	(\$88,457.57)
Prior YTD	\$1,637,418.19
Over (under)	\$38,849.24
Guatemala	\$891.00
Easter Flowers	\$5.00
Gibault	\$90.00
SVdP	\$1655.00
CRS	\$5.00
CEAC	\$8276.00
Capital Improvements	\$125.00
Catholic Home Missions	\$115.00
Holy Land	\$1014.00
Retired Priests	\$100.00
IC-CCW	\$30.00

CEAC Debt Status

Endowment Loan	\$ 625,000.00
Diocese Loan	\$ 2,254,676.41
Total Debt Balance	\$ 2,879,676.41

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

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: ofeducation@diobelle.org for More info!



From Our Young Stewards...

Treasure: \$37.99

Time: Helped Dad at the farm; I helped give Birthday Boxes to the food pantry; helped take the dogs out; I cleaned up my room.; I played my guitar.; listened at Girl Scouts; played with babysitter: I clean! Did dishwasher.

Immaculate Conception School

Mission – Community – Service

409 Palmer Road ~ 281-5353

~ School Principal: Dave Gregson, Ext. 202 ~ dgregson@icsmail.org

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



On Wednesday April 5, the ICS 8th Graders portrayed the crucifixion and last days of Jesus in Living Stations in the gym

Living Stations...

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 3:30 p.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.

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

We now have payment plan options!



April is Child Abuse Prevention Month...

Did you know... Child abuse comes in many forms. Most people identify child abuse as physically hitting a child. Neglect is also a form of abuse. Failing to provide a child with proper nutrition, housing, and supervision can cause irreparable harm. Expectations that a child be an active participant in the care of home and family, or even age-appropriate jobs is a part of healthy development. But excessive demands can cross into a form of servitude that is beyond societal norms. Child pornography is a form of sexual abuse, with real victims in every image. The viewing of these images is an offense against human dignity.

What 's Happening At Gibault?

Rummage Sale

The Gibault Women's Club Rummage Sale is April 22 from 8 a.m. – 2 p.m. in the Gibault Auditorium. (Half price and bag sale after noon.)

Donation drop-off at the front entrance:

Mon. April 17: 3-8 p.m.

Tues. April 18: 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

Wed. April 19: 3-8 p.m.

Thurs. April 20: 8 a.m.-8 p.m.

Clean items only; large furniture, exercise equipment, tvs, and computers will be accepted at our discretion.

Junior High Mixer – New Date!

Glow Crazy at our Glow Volleyball night on April 21 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>

Enrollment News

It's an exciting time to be a Gibault Hawk! Shadow visits for 7th-8th graders and transfer students are open through the end of April, so contact us to get on the calendar! 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.

Spring Musical

The Gibault Theatre Department presents *Freaky Friday!* Performances April 13-15 at 7 p.m. and April 16 at 2 p.m. \$13 reserved seats

Summer Golf Classic

Save the date for our Summer Golf Classic on June 16. Register your team or learn about sponsorship opportunities online at www.bidpal.net/gibaultgolfclassic. You may also contact Desiree at 939-3883 or dfrasure@gibaulthawks.com.

We're #gibaultproud of: our recent Hawk Spotlight students Kaden Augustine (Sts. Peter & Paul Parish), Kameron Hanvey (Holy Trinity Parish), Owen Mechler (Sts. Peter & Paul Parish), and **Emma Schmidt** (Immaculate Conception Parish).

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

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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!

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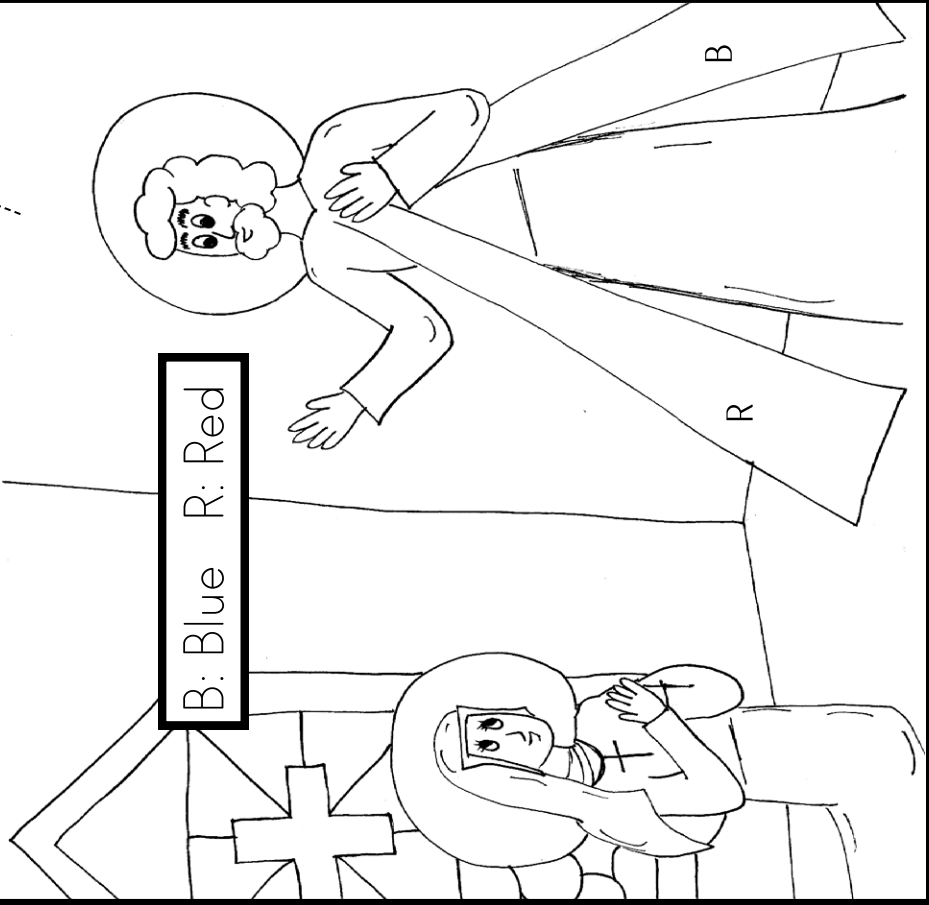


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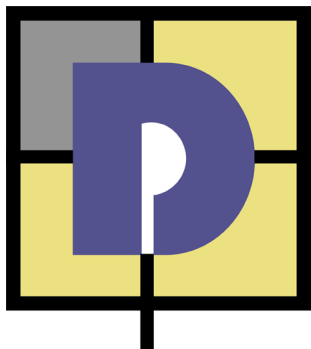
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