

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/ ImmaculateConception CatholicChurch ColumbiaIL



Immaculate Conception

April 2, 2023— Palm Sunday



Holy Thursday

Morning Prayer - 8:00 a.m. Mass of the Lord's Supper - 7:00 p.m.

Good Friday

Morning Prayer – 8:00 a.m. Stations of the Cross - 12:00 p.m. Mass of the Lord's Passion - 3:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.

Holy Saturday

Morning Prayer - 9:00 a.m. Easter Vigil - 7:30 p.m.

Easter Sunday

Mass—7:00a.m., 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

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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 Parish Staff

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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@iccmail.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, April 3, 8:05 a.mWe	Pray For Holy Souls In Purgatory
Tuesday, April 4, 8:05 a.m	We Pray For Charlotte Gerretts
Wednesday, April 5, 8:05 a.mW	e Remember Raymond Mueller
Holy Thursday, April 6, 8:00 a.m	Morning Prayer
7:00 p.m	Mass of the Lord's Supper
	We Remember Norm Schmidt
Good Friday, April 7, 8:00 a.m	Morning Prayer
Noon	Stations of the Cross
3:00 p.m	Service of the Lord's Passion
7:00 p.m	Service of the Lord's Passion
Holy Saturday, Apr 8, 9:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer
7:30 p.m. Easter Vigil	We Remember Angela Krupp
Easter Sunday, Apr 9, 7:00 a.m	We Pray For All Parishioners
9:00 a.m	We Remember Greg Fasnacht
11:00 a.m	We Remember Craig Chaput



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.



April 9, 2023

First Reading: Acts 10:34, 37-43 **Second Reading**: Colossians 3:1-4 or First Corinthians 5:6-8 Gospel: John 20:1-9

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!

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

Marilvn Peel Chris Peel

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Our Sympathies...

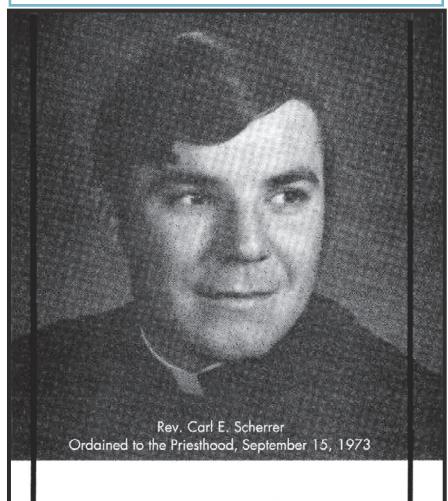
To Nancy Dreher and her family on the death of her husband, Rich, who died on March 24, at the age of 84.

Parish Events & News...

Kids Easter Egg Hunt...

After the 9 a.m. Mass on Easter Sunday!
All children ages 0-10 are welcome!
In case of inclement, weather the hunt will be held in the Garden Level. Sponsored by ICY.





Fr. Carl's Golden Jubilee

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

Formal Invitation To Follow

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.

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

K of C Fish Fry News...

Our last Drive-thru Lenten Fish Fry will be on **Good Friday, April 7th. From 3-7 p.m.** Thank you for supporting the K of C fish fries this Lent!!

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.

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.

Parish Office Closures...

The Parish Office will be closed Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Monday. We will re-open on Tuesday, April 11, at 8 a.m.

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

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...

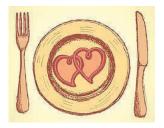
Please consider donating your clean, gently used, ill fitting and overlooked bras. A box will be in the vestibule of the church for you to drop off these needed items. The organization we will donate them to is I Support the Girls, a national organization, but the items donated stay local. Help less 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 April 10*.

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 Linneman Oil gas card Raffle 2 for over \$300 of scratch off lottery tickets. April Meeting - *Note time change* 6 p.m. in the Garden Level Thursday, April 6, before the Mass of the Last Supper at 7 p.m.

Discipleship Corner...

When you're driving, you pay attention to signs. Some signs tell you where to go, others direct you to "turn here," and still others tell you how fast you can go. Signs tell us important things. In the Gospel of John, "sign" is also used to mean "miracle." Raising Lazarus from the dead — is the miracle that brought "his hour" upon Jesus. It is because of this act that the Sanhedrin decided Jesus had to die. This is a sign that points us on the path of discipleship, just as Jesus called Lazarus to, "Come out!" We, too, will be called from death by the Lord and welcomed back to life, but not into this world with all its problems and challenges, but to a world of eternal peace and happiness, to heaven itself.

Vocation Corner...

"I attended Catholic school in Guiana and the missionary priests there were my role models. Their authentic joy and unconditional love attracted me to religious life. As I continued my studies and began my career as a teacher, I made time to pray and attend daily Mass. Still, I ask myself "What next? What am I to do with my life now?" One day, I was meditating on the verse: "For I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope" (Jer 29:11). I began corresponding with the vocations director. Despite the long distance, I felt in inner peace and happiness.." ~Sister Mary Pauline Tamakloe; Oblate Sisters of Providence; Columba Magazine January 2022

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!

Just Faith and Sacred Air Group...

Our next meeting will be April 5 at 6:30 in the Fr. Steve Library. All are welcome.



Pope Francis Says...

We have forgotten that we ourselves are dust of the earth (Gen 2:7); our very bodies are made up of her elements, we breathe her air and we receive life and refreshment from her waters. (LS2) 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 2023 Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal 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 75 donors.

Lets reach our goal of 200 donors before summer!!

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?



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 Catholic Schools 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 26, 2023		
Actual	\$22,216.25	
Budget	\$30,450.00	
Actual YTD	\$1,489,121.24	
Budget YTD	\$1,658,800.00	
Over (under)		
Prior YTD	\$1,447,993.51	
Over (under)	\$41,127.73	
Guatemala	\$262.00	
Easter Flowers		
Gibault	\$125.00	
SVdP	\$265.00	
CRS	\$600.00	
CEAC	\$4,650.00	
Capital Improvements	\$50.00	
Black & Indian Mission		
Holy Land	\$29.00	

From Our Young Stewards...

Treasure: Time: \$7.25

I helped my friend.; helped my dad with landscaping; helped take care of the dogs; helped pick up my room; loading the dishwasher; help clean the Barbie home.



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~ School Principal: Dave Gregson Ext. 202 ~dgregson@icsmail.org ~School Secretary: Beverly Epplin Ext. 200 bepplin@icsmail.org





Boy's Volleyball Fares Well At Diocesan Tourney

Congratulations to our 8th and 6th grade boy's volleyball teams! Our 8th graders clinched the title of Diocesan Champs and our 6th graders brought home 2nd place at the Diocesan Tournament which was held at Gibault last weekend.

Pictured above 8th grade Diocesan Champs!

To the right 6th grade Diocesan 2nd place team.



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Register at 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 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.

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!



What 's Happening At Gibault?

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! 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: Maria Biske

(Immaculate Conception Parish) who was named our March Artist of the Month!

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/WgyqHf1y239zhMoz7or 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!

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Conception	Friday,	Free
Church	April 21	Family
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Columbia, IL	7.00 p.m.	618 660-4255

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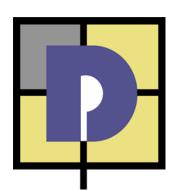
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