



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 23, 2023— Third Sunday in Easter

Laudato Si Social Justice Group

Our Sacred Air and Social Justice Ministry has change its name! "Praised Be You, Lord" are repetitive words of St. Francis of Assisi in his *"Canticle of the Creatures."* Pope Francis uses these words in the original Italian, "Laudato Si," for his Encyclical on the Environment called "Our Common Home." Watch for Pope Francis' insights on how to care for our Common Home and one another in the bulletin.

Canticle of the Creatures

Praised be You, my Lord, with all Your creatures,
especially Sir Brother Sun,
Who is the day and through whom You give us light.
And he is beautiful and radiant with great splendor;
and bears a likeness of You, Most High One.

Praised be You, my Lord, through Sister Moon and Stars,
in heaven You formed them clear and precious and beautiful.

Praised be You, my Lord, through Brother Wind,
and through the air, cloudy and serene, and every kind of weather,
through whom You give sustenance to Your creatures.

Praised be You, my Lord, through Sister Water,
who is very useful and humble and precious and chaste.

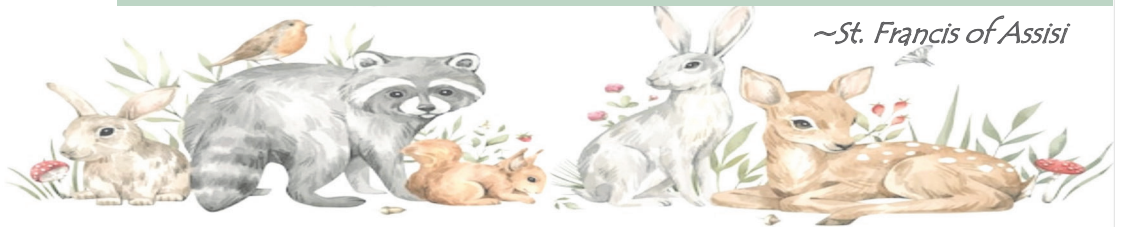
Praised be You, my Lord, through Brother Fire,
through whom You light the night,
and he is beautiful and playful and robust and strong.

Praised be You, my Lord, through our Sister Mother Earth,
who sustains and governs us,
and who produces various fruit with
colored flowers and herbs.

Praised be You, my Lord, through those who give pardon
for Your love, and bear infinity and tribulation.

Blessed are those who endure in peace
for by You, Most High, shall they be crowned.

~St. Francis of Assisi



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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 1st Sunday of the month during any Mass, and the 3rd 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 24, 8:05 a.m.....We Pray for Holy Souls in Purgatory

Tuesday, April 25, 8:05 a.m.We Remember Timothy Walster

Wednesday, April 26, 8:05 a.m.....We Remember Ray & Velma Budde

Thursday, April 27, 8:05 a.m......We Remember Rich Dreher

Friday, April 28, 8:05 a.m......We Remember Josh Ritter &
Edith Sexauer

Saturday, April 29, 5:00 p.m.We Remember Mary Krebel & Josh Ritter

Sunday, April 30, 7:00 a.m......We Remember LuAnn Wolf

9:00 a.m......We Remember Greg Fasnacht

11:00 a.m......We Pray for Holy Souls in Purgatory

WHY DO YOU LOOK FOR THE LIVING
AMONG THE DEAD? HE IS NOT HERE;
HE HAS RISEN!
LUKE 24:5-6



Weekly Reflections



April 30, 2023

First Reading:

Acts 2:14, 36-41

Second Reading:

First Peter 2:20-25

Gospel:

John 10:1-10

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
Brian Hirsh
Bob Frey

Troops in Service...

SGM Joseph Pope, US Army

Parish Events & News...

Are YOU Being Called To Serve??

It is that time of year again when we ask all parishioners to discern as to whether or not they are feeling called by God to serve on our School Board or Pastoral Council.

We are currently collecting names to be drawn on May 13, at the end of 5 p.m. Mass for new members of School Board and Pastoral Council. Below is a brief synopsis of what is involved in serving on School Board or Pastoral Council.

School Board

- Serve as an advisory group to support the Principal and Pastor in developing and implementing school policies.
- Meet every 3rd Tuesday of the month, 3-year term beginning in June.

Pastoral Council

- Serve to recommend policy to the Pastor for parish spiritual, educational & financial matters.
- Meet 4th Tuesday of the Month, 3-year term beginning in June

Please prayerfully consider placing your name in the discernment box (located in the gathering space here at church)! If you have questions or want to submit your name by email, please contact

Kyle Doerr for School Board at 618-604-7808, or boardpresident@icsmail.org or **John Adams for Pastoral Council** at JohnADAMS@ampf.com.

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 Over-Nite 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.

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 May 20 & 21. All proceeds to the 8th graders trip to Washington, D.C.

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

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!!



ICY Odd Sundays

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



ICYOUTH.MY.CANVA.SITE

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.*

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, 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.** Thanks for your support.

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 parishioner 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.

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.



Women's Bible Study

Tuesdays
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...

5/1 -- St. Ignatius' Teachings

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

Discipleship Corner...

Unfortunately, being a target of meanness and bullying is not an uncommon experience in our current culture. At such times, feelings of anguish are a normal human reaction. During His passion, Jesus had moments when He too was anguished, and He lamented, "Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me..." (Mat 26:39). As Jesus did in His times of anguish, we also should look to the Father in ours. Cast out your frustrations and pain to Him. Call upon Him for comfort, wisdom, strength, and perseverance. And remember, "I have the strength for everything through Him who empowers me." (Phil 4:13).

Vocation Corner...

"A difficult freshman year of high school left me feeling alone and far away from God, in part because of my sins. I decided to do something different and attended a Catholic youth conference. It was there that I heard Jesus say, "Estevan, you're not just a face in the crowd. I love you, and I'm calling you to be a saint." From that moment on, I sought to give my life to Him. After graduating high school, I entered seminary. The biggest thing I've learned is to lean into the Lord's grace. No matter where your discernment leads, open wide your heart to Christ, and He will not disappoint you."

*~Fr. Estevan Wetzel; Diocese of Phoenix; Columbia Magazine
December 2021*

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...

St. Francis of Assisi reminds us that our common home is like a sister with whom we share our life and a beautiful mother who opens her arms to embrace us. (LS 1) This sister now cries out to us because of the harm we have inflicted on her by our irresponsible use and abuse of the goods with which God has endowed her. (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: 314-517-4927 or

Angie in 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. Thanks to Glenda Sexauer for buying our lunch on 4/11!



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



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) cannot 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

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!



April 16, 2023

Actual	\$52,581.20
Budget.....	\$86,075.00
Actual YTD	\$1,728,848.63
Budget YTD	\$1,850,800.00
Over (under)	(\$121,951.37)
Prior YTD	\$1,704,864.09
Over (under)	\$23,984.54
Guatemala.....	\$899.00
Easter Flowers.....	\$25.00
Cemetery Maintenance.....	\$35.00
Gibault.....	\$455.00
STBS.....	\$45.00
SVdP.....	\$540.00
CRS.....	\$97.00
CEAC	\$6,735.77
Capital Improvements	\$264.00
Catholic Home Missions	\$80.00
Holy Land	\$345.00
Endowment Fund.....	\$400.00

CEAC Debt Status

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

From Our Young Stewards...

Treasure: \$6.00

Time: “I feeded my dog”.; helped my sister empty the dishwasher; helped with cleaning; helped my dad; did my chores; being nice; not eating chips; helping to take the dogs out.



Stewardship Commitment Renewal...

Are you a full-Stewardship Parishioner??

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. In order for us to have the most accurate info, we need everyone to fill out a form. **Thank you!!**

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



Congratulations to our First Communicants From ICS & IC-PSR...

Ryan Beabout
Albert Benedick
Isabel Bodinet
Noah Boyd
Quincy Bradshaw
Isla Braun
Savannah Braun
Violet Browning
Lily Burris
Bentley Canull
Caleb Cowger
Danica Daigle
Christopher DeGroot
Gabby Dickman
Charles Dill
Freddy Doerr

Ruth Dohle
Delaney Dufford
McKinley Dufford
John Durako
Isaac Durnell
Eli Foutch
Robert Francis
Maeci Friedrich
Harrison Goedeke
Jackson Gordon
Kennedy Grasle
Jemmye Harrigan
Declan Heinen
James Heutel
Steven Hornacek
David Huels

Judah Jacobs
Hope Jansen
Amelia Janson
Katie Klunk
Gracie Leuty
Oliver Luebbehusen
Elijah Lunk
Finley Moore
Emma Muckensturm
Nadia Muehl
Jax Papenberg
Jessa Pechacek
Michael Poole
Gabriel Sanchez
Acadia Schlemmer
Ava Schrub

Andrew Sievers
Byron Story
Ben Thomas
Louis Tyler
Oliver Urke
Evan Voyda
Rory Webb
Michael Weiler
Mason White
Sawyer Witges
Rose Wrozek
Dalton Yount

May the Lord Bless you all
as you make your First
Communion today!!

Secure Your Spot At Camp Invention TODAY!

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 3:30 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 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!



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?

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. For more info, go to the Gibault website.

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 dfasure@gibaulthawks.com.

Spring Band Concert & Senior Art Show

All are invited to join us on May 7 at 7 p.m. for this celebration of the fine arts.

Jr. High Contests

Gibault is hosting a Math Contest and Poetry Contest for Grade 6-8. Full entry information at <https://gibaulthawks.com/learn-more-about-our-junior-high-contests/>

Summer Camps

Register your student for our summer camps! Boys' Basketball, Girls' Basketball, and Girls' Volleyball camp registration forms are available at <https://gibaulthawks.com/summer-camps-2023/>

Grade School Night

Grade school students! Our Boys' Volleyball team invites YOU to join them at Grade School Night on May 4!

Grade school students will receive free admission. JV game beings at 4:30 p.m., with Varsity to follow.

Thank You

Thank you for your prayers and generous donation to our senior service mission trip. With your donation we were able to help so many in the Santiago community in the Dominican Republic. With Love, Anne Alvarez, Trey Fabie, Abby Grohmann, Charles Matthews, Hadley Schneider, Jack Wightman, Ryan & Dawn Grohmann.

We're #gibaultproud of: our April Artist of the Month, Isabella Purcell (Sts. Peter & Paul Parish).

Diocesan And Area Interests...

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!

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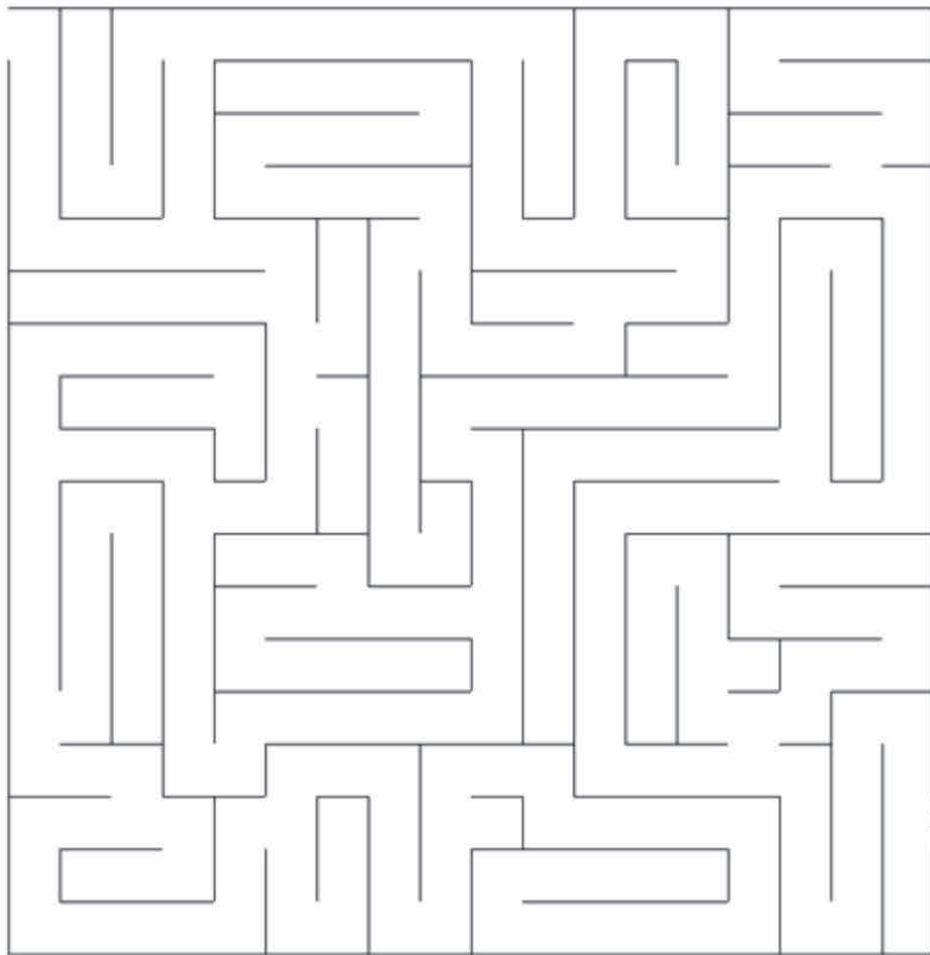
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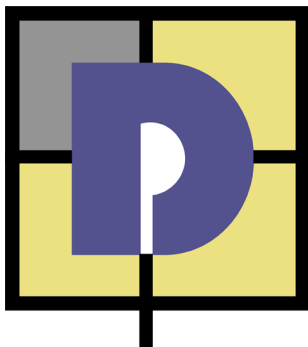
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