

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 30, 2023 - Fourth Sunday in Easter



A Season of Sacraments...

Our Easter season has been busy to say the least! On April 12, our 8th graders received the Sacrament of Confirmation (pictured below with Fr. Steve & Bishop McGovern), and our 2nd graders received the Sacrament of First Eucharist on April 23 (pictured above with Fr. Steve). Let us all be good examples of faith as these young people continue their journeys of faith.



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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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School Board President, Kyle Doerr boardpresident@icsmail.org

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@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 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, May 1, 8:05 a.m.....We Pray for Holy Souls in Purgatory

Tuesday, May 2, 8:05 a.m.We Remember Timothy Walster Wednesday, May 3, 8:05 a.m......We Remember Rich Dreher Thursday, May 4, 8:05 a.m......We Remember LuAnn Wolf Friday, May 5, 8:05 a.m.......We Remember Ron &

Margaret Wallace

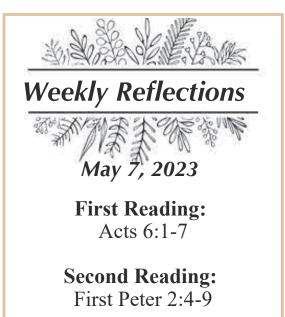
Saturday, May 6, 5:00 p.m.We Remember George Naumann & Harold Stemler

Sunday, May 7, 7:00 a.m.....We Remember Chester & Lilian Kopec

9:00 a.m.......We Remember Greg Fasnacht **11:00 a.m.**.....We Remember Henry & Mae

Doe

Chris Peel



Gospel: John 14:1-12

Troops in Service...

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.

Please Pray

Our Sympathies...

To Al Hudzik and his family, on the death of his mother, Clara Hudzik, of Granite City, IL, who died on April 18 at the age of 97; and to Patty Pulcher on the death of her husband, Lloyd, who died on April 21, at the age of 94.



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

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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

Fr. Carl's Golden Jubilee

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

Formal Invitation To Follow

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.

PSR— REGISTER NOW!

PSR registration for the 2023-24 year will take place now through June 1.

Parish school of religion

PSR is for children grades K-8 not attending a Catholic school, and takes place on Wednesday evenings during the regular school year. You can register your child/children on the parish website under the PSR tab. If you have any questions, please contact the parish office.



The Knights of Columbus would like to thank everyone for their support and patronage to the Lenten fish fry events. The four fish fry events were the most successful that were ever held by the Knights and they look forward to serving you next year.

Mother's Day Pancake Breakfast is Back!

The Knights of Columbus will be hosting a complimentary pancake and sausage breakfast on Mother's Day, May 14 in the Garden Level from 8-11am. All are welcome!!! To volunteer, go to gk@kofc6165.org or call 314-494-8874.



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!!



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.



Tuesdays Bible Study 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.**

News From the Knights...

Congratulations, Matt Sainz!

Mr. Matt Sainz, the Financial Secretary of the Knights of Columbus Council 6165, received the Rising Star Award at the State Convention in Springfield on Saturday, April 22. The Rising Star Award is presented to a council member who

shows exemplary leadership and have the potential for further leadership roles within the order. We look forward to Matt's future with his brother Knights!

Matt, a former Grand Knight, has held the Financial Secretary

position for two years and was Knight of the Year for Council 6165 in 2022. The entire Council congratulates Matt and is for ever grateful for his dedication to our Parish Family.



ICY Odd Sundays

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



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...

Our next meeting will be our Spring dinner on May 4th, at 5:30pm in the Garden Level. ICCCW will provide the chicken, you provide a side! Raffle winners will be drawn!

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...

"...those who believe; in my name they will drive out demons..." Mark 16:17 Jesus promises that all who believe in Him will be able to drive out the demons or evil spirits. Students talk about school spirit; adults talk about the spirit of a home or workplace. When something goes wrong at school or work or home, we don't blame the problem on demons. But there's something about a "spirit" in the air that makes sense. For example, sometimes people gather in groups and talk cruelly about others. Then, there's a bad spirit in the air. Like Jesus' promise, we can drive out the bad spirits by putting prayer in the air. By speaking kindly. By being forgiving. By telling the truth. With goodness, I can "drive out demons" because I have, within me, the Holy Spirit and because I believe.

Vocation Corner...

Today we acknowledge the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Will you make a special effort to ask the Lord for vocations to the priesthood and religious life? Pray for the priests who have ministered to you throughout your life, both living and dead. Encourage your children, grandchildren, or other young people to consider a vocation as a priest or religious brother or sister. Pray a Rosary for more young men and women in our diocese to respond to God's call. To quote Pope Francis, "Each one of us is called – whether to the lay life in marriage, to the priestly life in the ordained ministry, or to a life of special consecration – in order to become a witness of the Lord, here and now."

https://vianneyvocations.com/product-category/wdpv/https://worlddayofprayerforvocations.com

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.

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) 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 ~ IC Planned Giving Committee taxes.

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 catholic Schools 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	23,	2023
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Actual	\$13,562.50
Budget	\$23,475.00
Actual YTD	\$ 1,742,411.13
Budget YTD	\$1,874,275.00
Over (under)	(\$131,863.87)
Prior YTD	
Over (under)	\$18,103.99
Guatemala	
Gibault	\$145.00
SVdP	\$75.00
CEAC	\$11,955.00
Catholic Home Missions	
Holy Land	\$25.00
Black & Indian Missions	\$20.00
Holy Father	
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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: \$12.50

Time: Helping Mom cook dinner; be kind; help sell donuts; helping my brother look for his bunny when he lost it.



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

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

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







The 8th Grade Had A Monumental Trip To Washington, D.C.!

These are just a sampling of the memories made on the ICS 8th grade D.C. trip! It was a week-long history class! Thank you to our teachers and chaperones for making it a safe and fun trip!





Pictured to the left: Some of the kids even attended a Washington Nationals vs Cardinals baseball game, during their time in Washington.

What 's Happening At Gibault?

Enrollment News

There's still time to become a Gibault Hawk! We are accepting students for the Class of 2027, as well as transfer students for Fall 2023. Get started at: https://bit.ly/

GCHS Apply

Interested in learning more about Gibault Catholic? Contact Kelly Day at kday@gibaulthawks.com for information on all things Gibault or to schedule a private tour of our campus.

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.

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 Grades 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 begins at 4:30 p.m., with Varsity to follow.

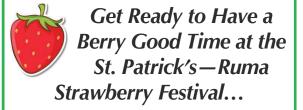
We're #gibaultproud of: our Academic Challenge Team for their 2nd place finish at State and Brady Moore (Immaculate Conception Parish) and Drew Schmoll (Immaculate Conception Parish) who were State Champions in their individual subjects.

Diocesan And Area Interests...

HNS Summer Lunch 2023

Help HNS provide lunch for children in Monroe County this summer! Our summer lunch program was possible last year with financial and food donations provided by YOU! We are preparing early this year as we are gravely concerned about rising costs and availability of food items.

The 2022 program cost over \$30,000 last year, not including your generous food donations. If you wish to help, please check out our list below or if you would like to provide financial support, \$50.00 will sponsor a family with three children for a week or \$200.00 will cover a month. Just to remind you, we cover lunches for a total of 12 weeks during the summer. We are being specific with the sizes of some of our food items as the bags we use easily can accommodate them. Any donation can be dropped off at 217 West Mill Street, Waterloo or mailed to the same address. If you have guestions, please call our office at 939-8900. You can also visit our website and donate online. Be sure to indicate "summer lunch program." www.MonroeCountyHNS.org Thank you for helping us provide food security for our children this summer! We are so very blessed to partner with you! Canned soups and chili Crackers, Canned pasta, Fruit and pudding cups, Mac & cheese, Canned chicken, Dry pasta, Canned vegetables, Canned pasta sauce, Boxes of cereal -15 oz. to 24 oz., Sloppy Joe mix, Cake, brownie and cookie mixes, Peanut butter - 18 oz. jar, Jiffy Corn Muffin mix, Jelly - 30 oz. jar, Canned pork and beans, Granola bars, Hamburger Helper—regular size.



Sunday, May 21, 11 a.m.-2:00 p.m.Sunday Mass at 8 p.m.

Chicken dinner and so much more!!

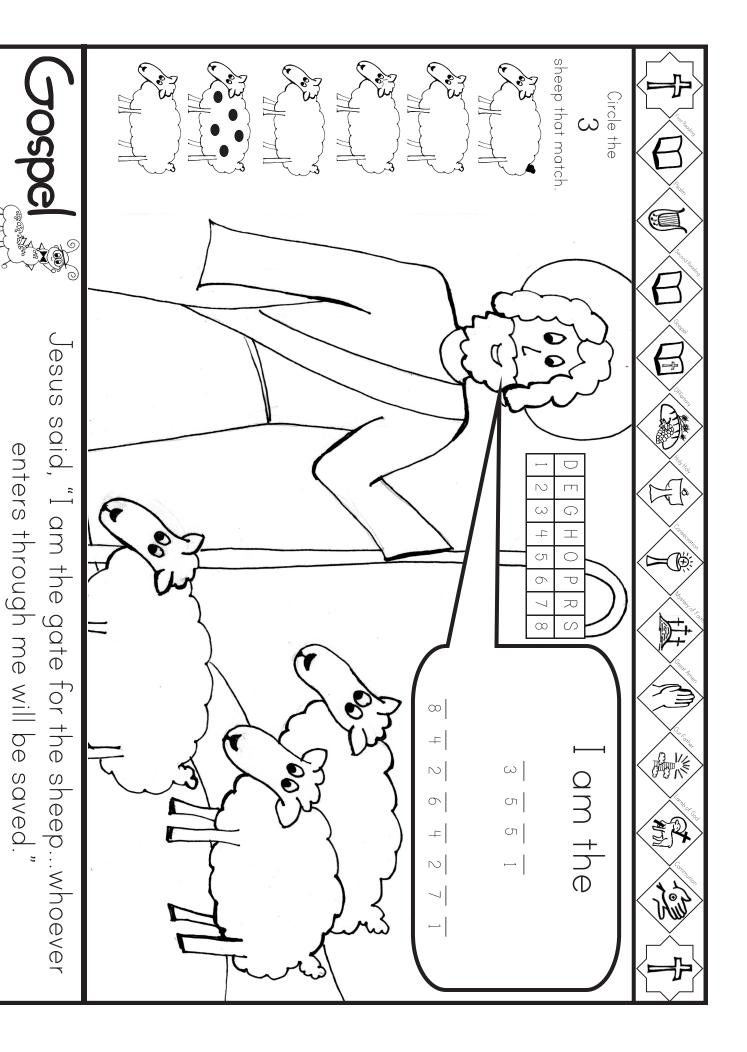
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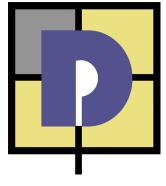
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