



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

May 7, 2023— Fifth Sunday in Easter



The Stone Which the Builders Rejected...

Every year, I have the honor and fun of composing a song that is used for our Immaculate Conception School theme. This was something that started back when Fr. Steve Gira was our pastoral associate. He and Fr. Carl worked on a theme together back then and I soon became part of the planning process.

So, the year that our “new” church was being built, I came up here and sat on the property asking God to give me some ideas for a theme. That was the inception of the song entitled “*Living Stones*,” commonly known around here as “Upon This Rock.”

Therefore, when I looked at the readings for this weekend having volunteered for this bulletin cover, I was excited to see that the story of the rejected cornerstone is found in our second reading. I wonder how many things/ideas/people any of us have “rejected” over time that could have turned out to be a central point to our becoming?

It gives one pause to consider this, as we navigate our “cancel culture.” There are times and situations where rejection of an idea, concept, or even a human

seems appropo. And yet, I am just pondering if perhaps we really need to be mindful of what gets “cancelled.” Because, Jesus obviously was rejected and yet became the cornerstone. Jesus is also our model for befriending those rejected, those on the margins. These become the recipients of God’s grace and mercy.

And then there is this amazing, amazing gospel. The words “Do not let your hearts be troubled” are balm for my soul. Philip’s words from the gospel of John begging Jesus to be shown the Father. Jesus then telling him basically, “Um, you have SEEN the Father. Right here.” Wow. Attempted cancellation became our Living Bread.

Going back to reading 2 again from 1 Peter: “let yourselves be built into a spiritual house.” What a beautiful Easter goal and Easter message. May our eyes be open to the cornerstone and may we join in the journey of being part of the holy priesthood! May you be the Christ shining for all and may you see the Christ shining in all.

~Karen Lundy, ICC Director of Music

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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@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 8, 8:05 a.m.....We Pray For Holy Souls In
Purgatory

Tuesday, May 9, 8:05 a.m.We Remember Special Intentions

Wednesday, May 10, 8:05 a.m.....We Remember Herb &
Betty Lehr

Thursday, May 11, 8:05 a.m.....We Remember Eugene Brigs

Friday, May 12, 8:05 a.m....We Remember Carl & Bernice
Riebeling

Saturday, May 13, 5:00 p.m.We Remember Angela Krupp

Sunday, May 14, 7:00 a.m.....We Pray For All Parishioners

9:00 a.m...We Remember Genevieve Doerr

11:00 a.m.....We Remember Margie Pautler



Weekly Reflections



May 14, 2023

First Reading:

Acts 8:5-8, 14-17

Second Reading:

First Peter 3:15-18

Gospel:

John 14:15-21

Little White Books

We still have a few little white books in the Gathering Space! 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 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

Joan Thoma

Jodie Ward

Grace Nolan

Special Intention

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Jill Bean

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Norman Pautler

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Heather Mestadagh-Muertz

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Charlie Hamilton

Troops in Service...

SGM Joseph Pope,

US Army

Parish Events & News...

Immediate Job Opening...

Immaculate Conception Church is seeking a full-time Parish Receptionist/Secretary. This position is immediately available. Please send cover letter and resume with references available upon request to Kara Dell-Hunt kdell-hunt@iccmail.org, or by postal mail at 411 Palmer Rd., Columbia, IL 62236. Full job description available on our website.



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.

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@iccmail.org or **John Adams for Pastoral Council** at JohnADAMS@ampf.com

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. 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.

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LABOR DAY WEEKEND, 2023

Interested in joining the planning committee?

Contact:
ICCPicnicChairs@gmail.com
to get more information!



Evening Band Event

- Live Music: 7pm-10pm
- Food & Drinks
- Select Booths & Games



Parish Picnic, 11am-7pm

- Chicken Dinner, Fish & Grill Stands
- Book Store, Dessert Stand
- Kids & Adult Games
- Quilt Bingo: 11am-7pm
- Live music through the day



Ministry News & Happenings

Coming Soon — Welcome Reception...

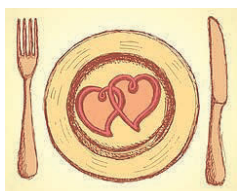
Thank you to Kevin Glasscock, who has volunteered to head up our new Welcoming Committee! We are planning to have the first Welcoming Reception on June 4, after the 9 a.m. Mass in the Garden Level.

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



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.



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.

Mother's Day Breakfast

May 14

8:00 - 11:00am

Immaculate Conception Church

The Knights of Columbus cordially invites you to the Garden Level for pancakes and sausage.

All are welcome!



To volunteer: gk@kofc6165.org
or call 314-494-8874

ICY Odd Sundays

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

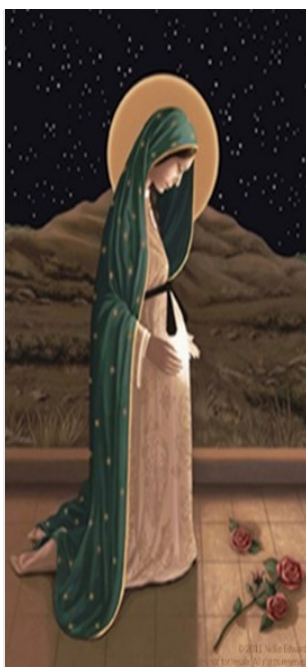


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IC-CCW News...

Happy Women's Weekend. Be sure to pick up a small token of our appreciation in the gathering area.

Join us at noon on Saturday, May 13, in front of City Hall to pray the Holy Rosary for peace in the world. We are participating in a national Public Rosary as one of more than 20,000 groups across the United States praying on the same day at the same time. All are welcome to join us for this powerful 30-minute prayer event.



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

Eucharistic Adoration...

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

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.



Pope Francis Says...

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



Prayer Shawls Available!

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

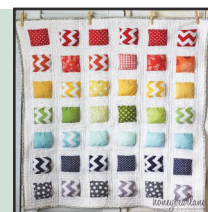
Each shawl will wrap your loved one in the prayers of our parish! Even during this vastly different time with COVID, we can get your loved one a prayer shawl. We deliver in sanitized bags and will leave on a porch or you can still pick up at the office during office hours. Call

Marsha Narzinski: 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 taxes.

~ IC Planned Giving Committee



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April 30, 2023

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| Actual | \$68,986.16 |
| Budget..... | \$64,475.00 |
| Actual YTD | \$1,811,397.29 |
| Budget YTD..... | \$1,938,750.00 |
| Over (under) | (\$127,352.71) |
| Prior YTD | \$1,781,812.16 |
| Over (under) | \$29,585.13 |
| Guatemala..... | \$539.58 |
| Gibault..... | \$395.00 |
| SVdP..... | \$675.00 |
| CEAC | \$11,955.00 |
| Catholic Home Missions | \$200.00 |
| Holy Father | \$110.00 |
| CRS..... | \$170.00 |
| Holy Land..... | \$25.00 |
| STBS..... | \$25.00 |
| Capital Improvements | \$49.00 |
| Cemetery | \$10.00 |
| Eugene J. Schorb -Immaculate Conception Fund for Catholic Education | |
| Memorials: | |
| LuAnn Wolf..... | \$660.00 |
| CEAC Memorials: | |
| Gary Limestall..... | \$125.00 |
| Richard Dreher | \$100.00 |

CEAC Debt Status

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|--------------------------|----------------|
| 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: Helped with laundry; helped with lawn; cutting the grass; going to

Communion; helping take the dogs out; helping Dad with mulch; Cleaning the basement.



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



Another Week In The Books, And What A Week It Was!

From the school play, to field trips to Grant's Farm, Magic House, World Bird Sanctuary, and Columbia Library, to chicks, recorders, and a first place for the girls track team. ICS had an awesome week!!



The girls track team took 1st place at the Regional meet. There were 14 athletes that qualified for state, along with 10 alternates. We have a 24-person roster for the state track meet on May 13.



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/GCHSApply>. 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

All are invited to join us on May 7 at 7 p.m. for our annual concert.

Senior Art Show

View the Class of 2023's exhibits before & after the following events: Awards Night - May 18 at 7p.m. and Graduation - May 22 at 7p.m.

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/>

We're #gibaultproud of: Jack Wightman (Sts. Peter & Paul Parish) who was recognized in the Hawk Spotlight.

Congratulations!..



To the following Gibault Juniors, from our parish who were inducted into the National Honor society: Kyra Newton, Allison Stark, Gavin Kesler, Brock Murphy, Hope Pollman & Ling Pace. We are proud of you!

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 questions, 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.



Get Ready to Have a Berry Good Time at the St. Patrick's—Ruma Strawberry Festival...

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

Chicken dinner and so much more!!

Come out to St. Patrick's in Ruma for a day full of family fun!!

22nd Annual Run For Life and Learning... To benefit Birthright Counseling

6K/1 mile/0.25 mile;

June 3, 2023

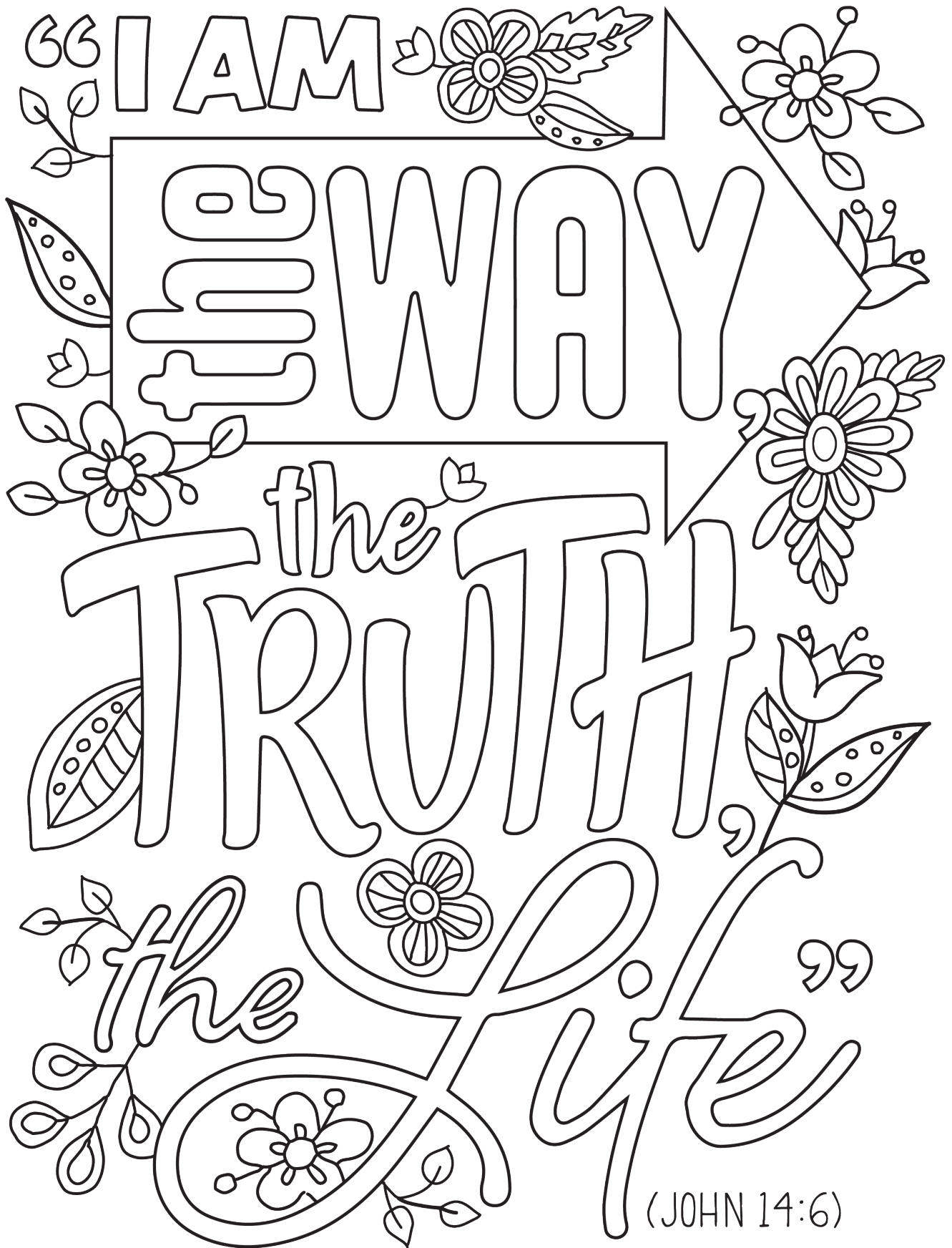
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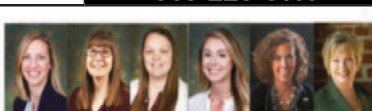
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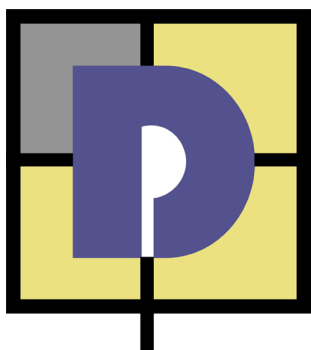
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