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June 25, 2023 Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time www.icc-columbia-il.us



The Mission of St. Anne bradle of Hope:

St. Anne Cradle of Hope is a non-profit Catholic organization that provides material and spiritual assistance to pregnant mothers and families with young children. We work to save lives and strengthen families by helping a mother know that she and her baby are loved and valued. At St. Anne Cradle of Hope, we strive to work with other Christians in the community, and together provide material assistance to anyone in need by distributing diapers, wipes, formula, bathing necessities, clothing, and other items for mother and child.

We seek to help pregnant women in the community choose life for their babies by providing practical assistance and emotional support while sharing God's love and plan for their lives. We are committed to upholding the Sanctity of Human Life and demonstrating the love of Christ.

(The St. Anne Cradle of Hope is a resource center for pregnant mothers as well as families with infants and toddlers. It is not a medical facility. St. Anne's gives out formula, diapers, wipes, toys, books, clothing and other needed items. If the needs of a family exceed the ability of St. Anne's to help, referrals will be made to other organizations.)

Although there are many reasons to despair in the state of Illinois, such as the 2 abortion clinics already open in Carbondale and another planning to open soon, and a hospital in Shiloh making plans to offer late-term, elective abortions, there are reasons to hope for a better future. Praying and working together, we can make a difference. Locally, there are many resources available for pregnant mothers such as Life Network, Birthright, Coalition Life, and the Fontebella Maternity Home. Additionally, the St. Anne Maternity Fund, the St. Anne Cradle of Hope, and Project Rachel, are all sponsored by the Diocese of Belleville.

More good news here in Illinois includes the fact that Bishop Michael McGovern, our Pastor, Fr. Steve Thoma, and our Associate Pastor, Fr. Eric Wagner have all been very supportive of the right to life. Especially, Bishop McGovern started the St. Anne Maternity Fund to help pregnant mothers, the St. Anne Cradle of Hope in Carbondale has opened under his leadership, and he has written articles in the Messenger, supporting the right to life. Of course, this is not an all-inclusive list of his efforts. Both Fr. Thoma and Fr. Wagner have been supportive of all the efforts made at the parish level to support the right to life.

Please remember that with God all things are possible. Please continue to pray for greater respect for all human life. Please do your part to help those most in need. Thank you for your support of St. Anne Maternity Fund/St. Anne Cradle of Hope.

"For I know the plans I have for you" declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you, plans to give you hope and a future." Jeremiah 29:11 The Sanctity of Life Committee will be collecting items for the St. Anne Cradle of Hope from July 1 until July 31, 2023. The most needed items are: diaper bag, bouncy seats, diapers and Pull-Ups, especially sizes 6-7, swim diapers, and car seats. Of course, cash is always appreciated since it allows the volunteer staff at St. Anne's to buy exactly what is needed as well as making it easier and more convenient than transporting large items. The address is: St. Anne Cradle of Hope

C/O Mary Fleming 222 South Third Street Belleville, IL 62220

Thanks in advance for your generosity. Please place your donated items in the baby crib or in the bins next to it in the Gathering Space.

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.

Welcome New Parishioners

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 our secretary will be happy to help make that happen!

Hola, Bienvenidos – a la iglesia Catolica en Immaculata Concepcion. ¡Que tengas una bendita semana!

We livestream! To participate, please use this link: https://www.youtube.com/c/ImmaculateConceptionCatholicChurchColumbiaIL

Parish Office Hours

Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Phone: 618-281-5105

Parish Stakk

Pastor, Fr. Steve Thoma, C.R. ext. 358 or 805-670-3541 frsteve@iccmail.org

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Sacramental Information

Baptisms: Parents/guardians are asked to attend a Preparation Seminar scheduled on the second Sunday of the month after 9:00 a.m. Mass (approximately 10:00 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 11:00 a.m. Mass. (No Baptisms are scheduled during Lent.) Please call the office to schedule at 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 (September-Easter) starting with "Breaking Open the Word" dismissal from 9:00 a.m. Mass, and catechetical sessions from 10:00-11:30 a.m. Contact Lizanne Young at the Parish Office at 281-5105, ext. 354, or email lyoung@iccmail.org.

Reconciliation: Reconciliation is offered from 4:00-4:30 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 Kara at the Parish Office if you have questions. *The initial course is now available online. Please contact Kara at the Parish Office for directions. Not sure if you are compliant? Contact Kara at the Parish Office. *The refresher course for 2023-2024 IS AVAILABLE ONLINE! Follow the link on our website! If you can't find it there, it is also on the Diocesan website at http://diobelle.org/b.aspx. Questions? Contact Kara at the Parish Office at 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 at 800-640-3044.

Purchase Scrip Gift Cards from all of your favorite stores, restaurants, etc... in the Parish Office!

This Week's Liturgical Celebrations

Masses – Saturday, 5:00 p.m. and Sunday, 7:00, 9:00, 11:00 a.m.				
Monday, June 26	8:05 a.m.	We Remember Jason Mueller		
Tuesday, June 27	8:05 a.m.	We Remember Mary Jane Frey		
Wednesday, June 28	8:05 a.m.	We Remember Virginia Hoekstra		
Thursday, June 29	8:05 a.m.	We Remember Josh Ritter		
Friday, June 30	8:05 a.m.	We Remember Fr. Chris Rueter OFM		
Saturday, July 1	5:00 p.m.	We Remember Ray Ratajczyk		
Sunday, July 2	7:00 a.m.	We Remember Lucille Shannon		
	9:00 a.m.	We Remember Carl & Bernice Riebeling		
	11:00 a.m.	We Remember Ron & Margaret Wallace		



Steve Dressler 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

Please Pray For

Brian Kreher Rich Sambo Catherine Sambo Nicole Pennington Ruth Herrmann Bill Kutz Chris Peel Joan Thoma Jodie Ward Grace Nolan Special Intention Liam Pugh Jill Bean Baby Marcella Norman Pautler Don & Shirley Mehrmann Dolores G. Elliana Cloin Earl & Arlene Kruse Mrs. Steele Brian Hirsh Bob Frey The Kruse Family Betty Schmieder

Troops in Service ... SGM Joseph Pope, US Army

Prayer List Guidelines: Please be mindful if your loved one no longer needs to be on the Prayer List, and call the Parish Office at 281-5105.



June 25, 2023: First Reading: Jeremiah 20:10-13 Second Reading: Romans 5:12-15 Gospel: Matthew 10:26-33



Our Sympathies ...

To the Family of Helen Flinn of Waterloo, who died on June 5, at the age of 90. To Joel Blaise and his family on the death of his grandmother, Margaret Blaies of Fairview Heights, who died May 14th, at the age of 86. To Anita O'Connor and her family on the death of her mother, Florence Ducat of Kankakee IL, who died on June 11, at the age of 82.

Parish Events & News...





SEEKING EXPLORERS (age 3 to 4th grade) for 4 evenings of fun following the light of Jesus. Check the QR code for details and registration form. God's love is infinite, let's take off together!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO LAUNCH! (8th grade to adult). Assistance needed July 29-Aug 3. Check the QR code for details and application. Questions: Lizanne Young at Iyoung@iccmail.org



REMINDER TO GET YOUR PSR STUDENTS **REGISTERED!**

All registrations received after July 30 will have an additional \$10.00 per student late registration fee. You can register at the link on our website. Contact the Parish Office for any questions.

BULLETIN DEADLINE...

All submissions for the bulletin will need to be in to the parish office two Thursdays before you need it in the bulletin. Submissions will need to be sent to iccmail@iccmail.org. 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 June 24 & 25. All proceeds go to the 8th graders' trip to Washington, D.C.

TIME TO UPDATE YOUR INFO...

In preparation for this year's guidebook and ministry catalogue, please let us know if your Name, Address, Phone Number, or Email has changed. We only know to change it if you tell us! Send all changes to iccmail@iccmail. org. Thanks!

ZIMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH ICNIC SAVE THE DATE!



Interested in joining the planning committee?

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

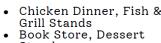
Evening Band Event

Live Music: 7pm-10pm Food & Drinks



Parish Picnic, 11am-7pm

Select Booths & Games



- Stand
- Kids & Adult Games
- Quilt Bingo 11am-7pm Live music through the
- day



Ministry News & Happenings

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.

THEOLOGY ON TAP'S UPCOMING EVENTS

Dates and Topics are below. All dates are at Sunset Overlook in Columbia, IL unless otherwise noted. June 26: Havana Cigar Lounge visit (115 E. Whiteside Street, Columbia, IL) Month of July: None – enjoy summer! August 7: Purgatory & Afterlife August 21: Hiking – location TBD September 4: None September 18: Service Outing – details TBD October 2: Book of Leviticus October 16: Game Night!! October 30: Image of God November 13: Social, no topic December 11: Christmas Party & White Elephant

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

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



Pope Francis Says ...

We have not yet managed to adopt a circular model of production capable of preserving resources for present and future generations while limiting as much as possible the use of non-renewable resources, moderating their consumption, maximizing their efficient use, reusing and recycling them.

What can I do? Use reusable containers to store food, instead of aluminum foil and cling wrap (LS 12)

Vocations

A Resurrectionists Prayer for Vocations:

Loving God, in baptism You gifted me with life and faith. In a loving community of believers I grow in faith through prayer and service. Guide me in the path of Your son, Jesus. Remove what hinders me from serving You. Help me as I strive to be more faithful to the Gospel and to the graces which You have bestowed upon me.

Bless all those who dedicate their lives to You through consecrated life. May other men and women desire to dedicate their lives to You through poverty, chastity and obedience. Especially awaken in the hearts of men the desire to serve You as members of the Congregation of the Resurrection.

I offer You this prayer in the name of Jesus, through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

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 success of The Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal depends upon the generous response of every Catholic household – it depends on you!! Every dollar donated to The Appeal is restricted and supports only the work of 17 diocesan ministries which serve thousands of people throughout southern Illinois each year. To learn more about the good works your gift makes possible, visit www.diobelle.org and click on The Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal poster or call Judy Phillips at 618-722-5007 – she'd love to hear from you!

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 the Parish Office at 618-281-5105.

ICY ODD SUNDAYS

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



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; contact Project Rachel at 618-722-5068 or hopeafterabortion.com.
- A caring place for women who are pregnant and experiencing homelessness; contact Fontebella Maternity Home at 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.

Diocesan and Area Interests...

NATIONAL SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF THE SNOWS – VISITORS CENTER

Journey to Nicaea: The Evolution of Christianity from Gospel to Creed Presenter: Mark Etling, PhD

Saturdays, July 1, August 5 and September 2 – 10:00 a.m.-Noon The first four centuries of the Christian era saw an incredible evolution – from a tiny movement in Israel to a vast, thriving institution in much of the Roman Empire. In its earliest days, the Christian movement was a disorganized network of communities with no Bible, no central authority, and no unified system of beliefs. But by the year 400, the Church had adopted a universal statement of faith – the Nicene Creed. In this three-part series, we will explore Christianity's historical and theological journey from Jerusalem to Nicaea.

Cost: \$10.00 per session/\$30.00 for the series. For more information, call 618-394-6281. Register online at https://snows.org.

ST. MICHAEL, PADERBORN PARISH PICNIC

July 1, Chicken dinner from 3:00-7:00 p.m. in air conditioned hall. Quilt Bingo starting at 6:00 p.m. Mass at 3:30 p.m. Thank you for sharing your blessings with us!

Stewardship ...

June 18, 2023				
Actual	\$	65,504.85		
Budget	\$	64,550.00		
Actual YTD	\$2,			
Budget YTD	\$2,226,400.00			
Over (under)	\$(1	59,522.53)		
Prior YTD	\$2,	018,061.83		
Over (under)	\$	48,815.64		
Votive Offering	\$	165.35		
Guatemala	\$	733.00		
Seminarian Ed	\$	30.00		
CCC	\$	25.00		
Peter's Pence	\$	45.00		
CEAC	\$	7,790.35		
CI	\$	206.00		
Gibault	\$	353.00		
Sr Thea Bowman	\$	45.00		
Newman Auxiliary	\$	328.00		
SVDP		130.00		
* These totals reflect of 6/1/23-6/16/23	nline g	giving from		

CEAC Debt Status

Endowment Loan	. \$	625,000.00
Diocese Loan	. \$2	2,188,776.19
	\$2	2,813,776.19



From Our Young Stewards

Treasure: \$6.50

Time and Talent: I helped cheer up my sister. I helped take the dogs out, helped empty the dishwasher.

QUILTERS' CORNER...

Join our super fun quilters' group on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:00-11:30 a.m. All skill levels welcome and appreciated, even beginners! Contact Carlene at 281-5877.



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION SCHOOL

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It's time to replace those worn out and too small uniforms!

Uniform Resale Is Here!

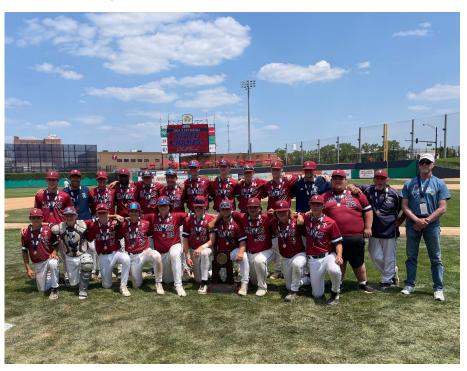
June 25th from 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

In the ICS cafeteria

What's Happening At Gibault?

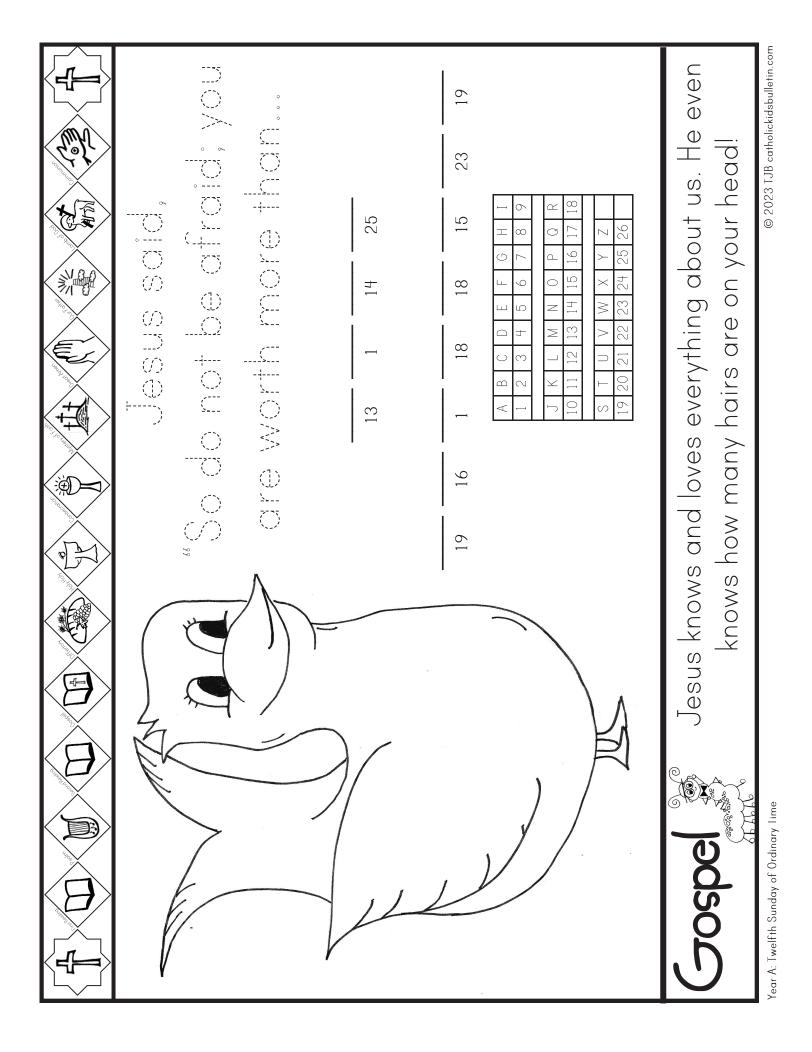
CONGRATULATIONS, HAWKS!

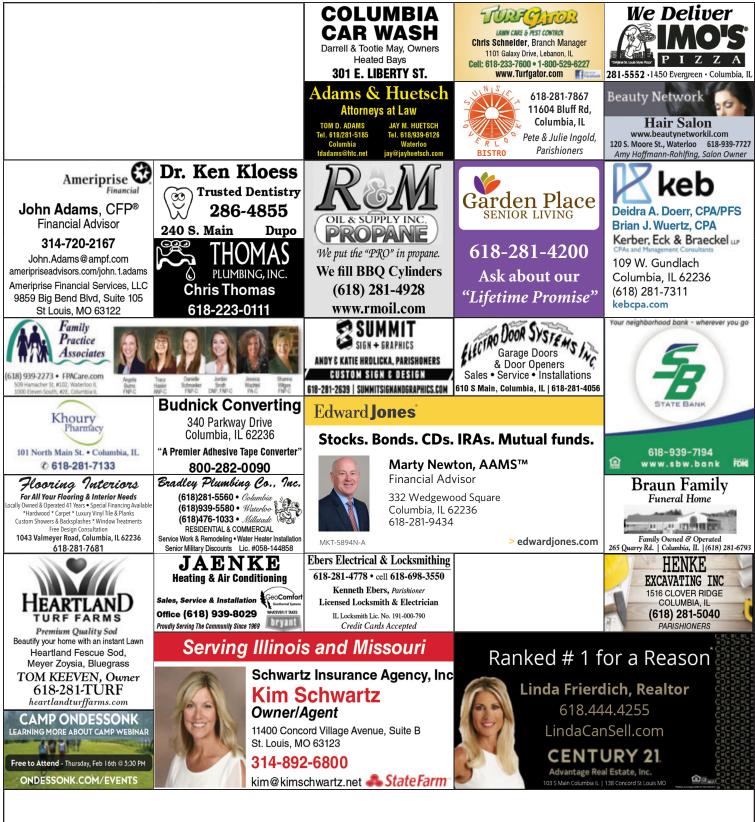
That's a wrap on the 2022-2023 school year! And what a way to end it! We bid farewell to the Class of 2023 and our baseball team brought home our second State Championship of the year!

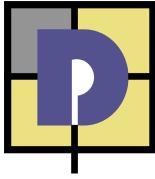


ENROLLMENT NEWS:

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.







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