

# Immaculate Conception

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June 4, 2023

The Most Holy Trinity

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Members of the Bereavement Ministry here at Immaculate Conception are acutely aware that the early days of summer can be bittersweet, or even painful, for those navigating Mother's Day, Memorial Day, and Father's Day after the loss of a loved one. If these weeks are challenging for you, and you would like to make sure your loved one is not only honored but remembered, please consider joining us in church for a Remembering Service on Sunday, June 11 at 3:00 p.m.

In memory of our mothers, fathers, veterans, and others who have passed away, we will share a short memorial service. We will then have an opportunity to tell stories about these very special people and how their presence made a difference in our lives. Everyone who attends is encouraged to bring a memento, such as a picture, card, or small item to share with the group and aid in the storytelling.

Grief in death is reciprocal to love in life, and the greater the love, often the stronger the grief. Grief is a burden that is incredibly personal, but it can be shared and borne together. Whether you have a loved one to honor and a story to share, or you are simply interested in supporting those who mourn, consider spending an hour in the afternoon with us in church on June 11.

~Your friends on the Bereavement Committee



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



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

Phone: 618-281-5105

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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 through 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, 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 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 online 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: 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: 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 5,	8:05 a.m.	We Remember Loretta Spellmeyer
Tuesday June 6,	8:05 a.m.	We Remember Leo & Evelyn Sander

8:05 a.m. We Remember Edith L. Sexauer & Joseph Colley Wednesday June 7,

8:05 a.m. Thursday, June 8, We Remember Jerome & Alma Buss

Friday, June 9, 8:05 a.m. We Pray for Anna Lawlor

We Remember Angela Krupp & Fr. Gary Hogan, C.R. Saturday, June 10, 5:00 p.m.

Sunday June 11, 7:00 a.m. We Remember Alven C. Wiegard

> 9:00 a.m. We Remember Ed Smugala & Ron and Margaret Wallace

We Remember Mike Farrel 11:00 a.m.

# Please Pray For

Patty Pulcher Rich Sambo 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

Catherine Sambo Nicole Pennington Ruth Herrmann

Bill Kutz

Chris Peel Joan Thoma Iodie 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 Charlie Hamilton Delores Wenkel Steve Dressler

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 11, 2023:

First Reading: Deuteronomy 8:2-3, 14b-16a Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 10:16-17

Gospel: John 6:51-58



# Our Sympathies ...

To Peggy Rettle and her family on the death of her father, Bob Rettle, of Belleville, who died on May 20 at the age of 87.



# Parish Events & News ...

## **INVITATION** FROM THE BISHOP

With great joy, I announce that on Saturday, June 3, 2023, I will ordain 14 men of our Diocese to the Order of Deacon (Permanent Diaconate). The Liturgy will take place at the Cathedral of St. Peter at 10:00 a.m. All are invited to attend. Please pray for our candidates as they prepare for ordination.

#### PIE SALES ARE BACK!!

The ICY will be baking homemade cherry and apple pies for sale after all Masses Father's Day Weekend, June 17 and 18. Save your pennies and pick up a pie for Dad!

#### 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 to the 8th graders trip to Washington, D.C.

## **MASK MANDATE** ENDED MAY 28...

The CDC has announced that Corona Virus crisis has ended and the diocese is no longer requiring the use of masks during Mass. Those facts coupled with school ending gives us the opportunity to end the use of masks by Eucharistic Ministers including Fr. Steve and Fr. Eric while distributing Communion.

IF anyone requires Communion distributed to them by someone wearing a mask, please contact Fr. Steve.

#### PSR – REGISTER NOW!

PSR registration for the 2023-2024 year is now taking place. 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.

#### HOLY TRIVIA...

In speaking about a pilgrimage to the Holy Land, Pope Paul VI said, "the fifth gospel is not written with ink, but written on stone." Christians can't read the fifth gospel but can go and experience it. Do you have an interest in visiting "the fifth gospel" in 2025? Information to come!

#### 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!



## LABOR DAY WEEKEND,

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



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# Ministry News & Happenings

#### 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 9:00 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 at 618-281-5105, ext. 354.



# Pope Francis Says...

Exposure to atmospheric pollutants produces a broad spectrum of health hazards, especially for the poor, and causes millions of deaths. What can I do? – Don't idle in the carpool lane – the emissions are bad for children and adults, (LS 14)

# Discipleship Corner...

We have all experienced genuine, true love in our lives. It may be our love for our parents, or love for our own children. I can draw on that experience in learning how I am to love others. Jesus tells me I am to love everyone, my enemy as well as someone I truly cherish. For a lot of good reasons, I may have a tough time loving certain people in my life. But I need to try to love them with the same love that I have for everyone. Want to know how to love someone who seems unlovable? Think about the way God loves me.

# THE 2023 CATHOLIC SERVICE AND MINISTRY APPEAL...

"The one who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord"

– Psalm 15

Did you know YOUR GIFT to The 2023 Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal can be made online? Visit your Belleville Diocese's website at www.diobelle.org and click on "Giving." It's that simple! Every donation – large or small – is needed to continue our diocesan ministry to those in need. We are counting on YOU. Please visit www. diobelle.org today!

#### **ICY ODD SUNDAYS**

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



## ICY IS GOING TO WORK AT DAYSTAR IN CAIRO, IL

June 23, 24, 25. We leave at noon on the 23rd and return by 7:30 p.m. on the 25th. These hours count towards the volunteer hours students need in high school.

All High School aged students are welcome to attend – new freshman to just graduated Seniors.

Parents – we need you to go as well. You must be in compliance with The Diocese of Belleville's Child Protection Policy. The cost is \$45.00 a person. Call Laura Whelan for more information, 618-698-2462

We can use your donations to Daystar in Cairo, IL. This year we are not taking kids clothing or toys. But we will take household items, furniture and adult clothing.

Please put donations by the stairs near the elevator downstairs at Immaculate Conception by June 22nd.

#### THEY ARE BACK!

ICY Is baking Pie again!! On June 17th from 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. in the school kitchen. We will be making apple and cherry pie. The sale of these pies on June 17/18 will offset the cost of the Cairo trip.

#### 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.

## God Calling: Vocation Awareness

On May 26th, we celebrated the feast day of Saint Philip Neri. He lived his life filled with laughter and joy while trying to help reform the Catholic Church, in particular the Catholic clergy of the sixteenth century. It was a tough job then (as priesthood is today) but very rewarding. Perhaps God is calling you to church ministry as a sister, brother or priest. God doesn't guarantee that a vocation to the church will be easy, but it will be rewarding!

#### 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.



## Stewardship...

Thank you for sharing your blessings with us!

May 30, 2023		
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Votive Offerings	. \$	139.00
Guatemala	. \$	215.00
Seminarian Ed	. \$	85.00
CCC	. \$	410.00
CEAC	\$	1,725.00
CI	. \$	40.00
Gibault	. \$	110.00



From Our Young Stewards

Time and Talent: I cheered up my sister. Split wood with grandpa.

### 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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# High School Bound!

On Friday May 16, ICS said farewell to the 2023 Eighth Grade class. We wish them Congratulation and Good Luck!



#### HELP WANTED - FOOD SERVICE MANAGER

Immaculate Conception School is currently seeking a Food Service Manager for the 2023-2024 school year. The ideal candidate will have had food service experience in a school kitchen or similar food service setting. The Food Service Manager will serve as the head cook. Duties include but are not limited to: cook daily menu, work on serving line, maintain cleaning of kitchen, help check in orders, put away deliveries, help to pull inventory from freezer to prep for the next week, and daily operations of the cafeteria during days that ICS is in session, and other duties as needed.

Salary will commensurate with experience. As an employee of the Diocese of Belleville, you will be eligible for the following benefits (based on benefit eligibility):

- Term Life
- Voluntary Life for Employee and Qualified Dependents
- Vision
- 403(b) Retirement Plan with Employer Contributions TO APPLY:

Email resume to Dave Gregson dgregson@icsmail.org

Medical and Prescription Drug Coverage

- Dental
- Pre-tax and Post Tax Supplemental Coverage

Call Principal Dave Gregson at Immaculate Conception School (618-281-5353) for more information

# 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 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:

The Gibault Catholic Class of 2023!

#### SUMMER GOLF CLASSIC:

There are still spots open to play in our Summer Golf Classic on June 16! Not a golfer? You can show your support by taking part in one of this year's raffles. (Winner need not be present to win.) Raffles include a Solo Stove, Set of 6 Cardinals tickets in Section 132, whole hog with processing, or a Fore Gift Card package (\$100.00 gift card from each of the following: Annbriar Golf, Schubert's Smokehouse, Schneider's

Quality Meats, and Dick's Sporting Goods.)

Register your team or purchase raffle tickets online at www. bidpal.net/gibaultgolfclassic. You may also contact Desiree 939-3883 or dfrasure@ gibaulthawks.com.



# Diocesan and Area Interests...



# a Pilgrimage of Peace to the Holy Land

Prayer – Solidarity – Peace December 1-13, 2024

Pilgrimage Leaders: Fr. Jim Buerster, Deacon John Gomez, and Sue Huett Asbeck

Hosted by: Catholic Relief Services in the Diocese of Belleville

You are invited to join a Pilgrimage of Peace to the Holy Land for 12-days from December 2-13, 2024. The pilgrimage includes visits to Nazareth, Cana, Sea of Galilee, Mt. Tabor, Mt. of Beatitudes, Jericho, Jerusalem, Bethlehem, CRS Projects in the area, and much more!

To get your name on a priority list for registration when it is available, contact Cheryl Sommer, CRS Animator for the Belleville Diocese, at 618-624-2838 or send an email to crsdiobelle@gmail.com.

## 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.



Order: MarburyDominicanNuns.org/Vocation-Retreat-June23

Cloistered Dominican Nuns, Marbury, Alabama

#### **GOD IS LOVE**

Reflection on John 3:16-18

St. Paul, in today's reading from Second Corinthians, sums up the mystery of the Trinity in words that we use as the greeting at every Mass: "The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with all of you." What a powerful greeting! Everything that follows this greeting is done in the names of these three persons in one God.

The essence of God is relationship. St. John tells us that "God is love." Since love needs somewhere to come from and somewhere to go, God is three in one.

We, who are created in the image and likeness of God, are then caught up into the mystery of the Trinity, and we reflect and show forth this beautiful mystery of the Holy Trinity in the myriad of ways that ordinary Christians express love in their daily lives.

~ Fr. Jay



#### **WEEKLY SCRIPTURE**

#### Sunday, June 4, 2023

The Most Holy Trinity Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9 Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56 2 Cor 13:11-13 Jn 3:16-18

#### Monday, June 5, 2023

Saint Boniface, Bishop and Martyr Tb 1:3; 2:1a-8 Ps 112:1b-2, 3b-4, 5-6 Mk 12:1-12

#### Tuesday, June 6, 2023

Saint Norbert, Bishop Tb 2:9-14 Ps 112:1-2, 7-8, 9 Mk 12:13-17

#### Wednesday, June 7, 2023

Weekday
Tb 3:1-11a, 16-17a
Ps 25:2-3, 4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9
Mk 12:18-27

#### Thursday, June 8, 2023

Weekday Tb 6:10-11; 7:1bcde, 9-17; 8:4-9a Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 Mk 12:28-34

#### Friday, June 9, 2023

Saint Ephrem, Deacon and Doctor of the Church Tb 11:5-17 Ps 146:1b-2, 6c-7, 8-9a, 9bc-10 Mk 12:35-37

#### Saturday, June 10, 2023

Weekday Tb 12:1, 5-15, 20 Tb 13:2, 6efgh, 7, 8 Mk 12:38-44

> Access Daily Readings from the New American Bible, Revised Edition (NABRE) online at https://bible.usccb.org

#### SAINT BONIFACE

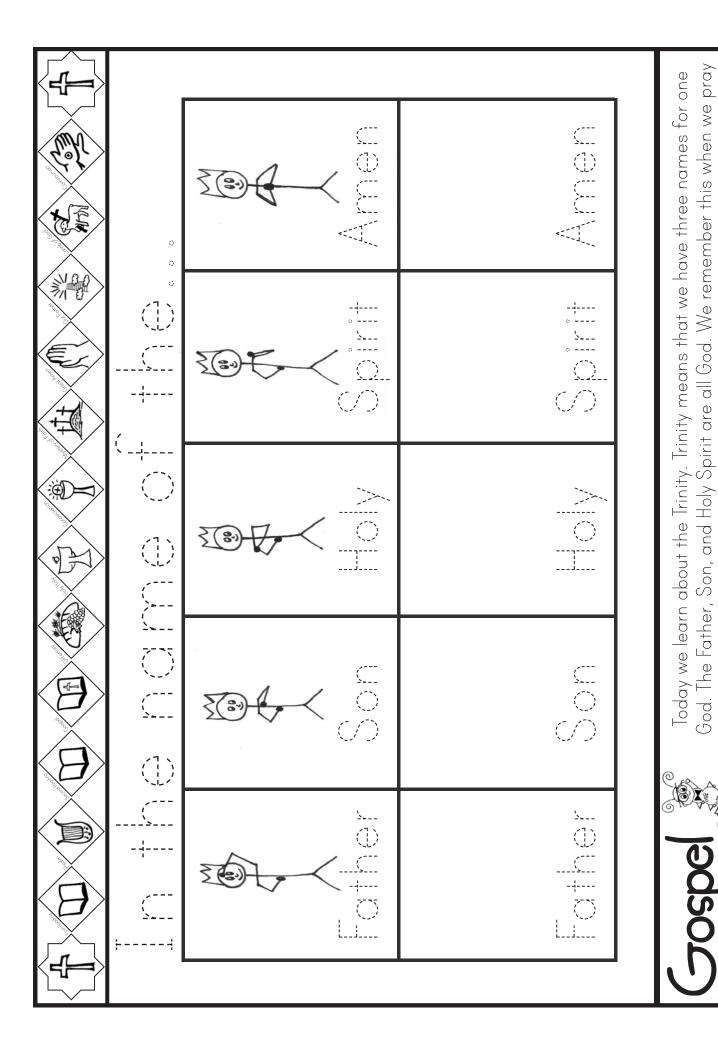
Feast Day: June 5 Patron Saint of: Germany

Boniface, known as the apostle of the Germans, was an English Benedictine monk who gave up being elected abbot to devote his life to the conversion of the Germanic tribes. Two characteristics stand out: his Christian orthodoxy and his fidelity to the pope of Rome.

How absolutely necessary this orthodoxy and fidelity were is borne out by the conditions Boniface found on his first missionary journey in 719 at the request of Pope Gregory II. Paganism was a way of life. What Christianity he did find had either lapsed into paganism or was mixed with error. The clergy were mainly responsible for these latter conditions since they were in many instances uneducated, lax and questionably obedient to their bishops. In particular instances their very ordinations were questionable.

These are the conditions that Boniface was to report in 722 on his first return visit to Rome. The Holy Father instructed him to reform the German Church. The pope sent letters of recommendation to religious and civil leaders. Boniface later admitted that his work would have been unsuccessful without a letter of safe-conduct from Charles Martel, the Frankish ruler, grandfather of Charlemagne. Boniface was finally made a regional bishop and authorized to organize the whole German Church. He was eminently successful. During a final mission to the Frisians, Boniface and 53 companions were massacred while he was preparing converts for confirmation.

Boniface bears out the Christian rule: To follow Christ is to follow the way of the cross. For Boniface, it was not only physical suffering or death, but the painful, thankless, bewildering task of Church reform. Missionary glory is often thought of in terms of bringing new persons to Christ. It seems—but is not—less glorious to heal the household of the faith.



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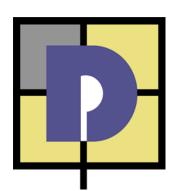
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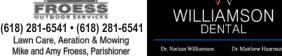
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