



Immaculate Conception

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July 2, 2023

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

www.icc-columbia-il.us



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 lyoung@iccmil.org



Jesus Shines His Light: Get Ready for a STELLAR Vacation Bible School Experience!

Immaculate Conception's 2023 Vacation Bible School is scheduled for July 31-August 3, Monday-Thursday evening, 6:00-8:00 p.m. VBS is open to all space explorers who want to follow the Light of Jesus, starting at age 3 (potty trained, please!) up to rising 4th graders. Classes will be mixed ages so that everyone learns together by helping and setting examples.

ICC Vacation Bible School needs volunteers July 31-August 3, 5:30-8:15 p.m., *plus a 1-hour training session Sunday, July 30, 6:00-7:00 p.m., and set-up times TBA Saturday & Sunday, July 29-30.* Seeking adults, high school students, and students entering 8th grade. For students with full volunteer participation, a minimum of 12 service hours are available. Ages 18+ must be current with diocesan Child Protection Policy certification. Use the QR code to sign up!

If you have any questions, contact Lizanne Young at lyoung@iccmil.org. Four evenings of faith and fun await: please register your explorer(s) by July 28!

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 Staff

Pastor, Fr. Steve Thoma, C.R.
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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.

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| Monday, July 3 | 8:05 a.m. | We Remember Vivienne Keeven |
| Tuesday, July 4 | 8:05 a.m. | We Remember Marlene Augustine |
| Wednesday, July 5 | 8:05 a.m. | We Remember Albert Lampe |
| Thursday, July 6 | 8:05 a.m. | We Remember Catherine Linnemann |
| Friday, July 7 | 8:05 a.m. | We Remember Anna Lawlor |
| Saturday, July 8 | 5:00 p.m. | We Remember John Catherine & Jane Mallet |
| Sunday, July 9 | 7:00 a.m. | We Remember Chester & Lilian Kopec |
| | 9:00 a.m. | We Remember Margie Pautler & Craig Chaput |
| | 11:00 a.m. | We Remember Chester & Lilian Kopec |



Please Pray For

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| Steve Dressler | Brian Kreher | Baby Marcella |
| Patty Pulcher | Rich Sambo | Norman Pautler |
| Danielle Dorlac | Catherine Sambo | Don & Shirley Mehrmann |
| Donna Archambault-Kania | Nicole Pennington | Dolores G. |
| Arlin Stechmesser | Ruth Herrmann | Elliana Cloin |
| Catherine Marlo | Bill Kutz | Earl & Arlene Kruse |
| Margaret Ann Conrad | Chris Peel | Mrs. Steele |
| Peggy Schutt | Joan Thoma | Brian Hirsh |
| Dakota Schutt | Jodie Ward | Bob Frey |
| Mike Conrad | Grace Nolan | The Kruse Family |
| Janice McDermott | Special Intention | Betty Schmieder |
| Delores Deleveski | Liam Pugh | Lynn Naumann Casey |
| Ginny Lambert | Jill Bean | |

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.



Weekly Reflections

July 2, 2023:

First Reading: 2 Kings 4:8-11, 14-16a

Second Reading: Romans 6:3-4, 8-11

Gospel: Matthew 10:37-42



Parish Events & News...

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.

D.C. PRETZEL AND DONUT SALES

The next Pretzel and Donut weekend will be **July 15 & 16**. All proceeds go to the 8th graders' trip to Washington, D.C.

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 iccmil@iccmil.org. If you have any questions, please call the Parish Office at 618-281-5105.

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 iccmil@iccmil.org. Thanks!



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SAVE THE DATE!
411 PALMER ROAD - COLUMBIA, ILLINOIS

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



In honor of 4th of July, Women's Bible Study and Eucharistic Adoration will not be held.

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 (excluding July 4th), 6:30 p.m. in the library. All are welcome! Contact Lizanne for more info at 618-281-5105, ext. 354.

THEOLOGY ON TAP'S UPCOMING EVENTS

Dates and Topics are below. All dates are at Sunset Overlook in Columbia, IL at 7:00 p.m. unless otherwise noted.

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

THANK YOU

The Bereavement Ministry would like to thank everyone who came out for the "Remembering" Service, and shared their stories of their mothers, fathers, and veterans we have lost. Much thanks goes to our musically talented parishoners Todd Biske, Steve Wilson and John Waide for their playing and singing. If you missed it, put it on your calendar for June next year.

The Ministry's next event will be the .5 mile Walk to Remember in October to pray for babies lost to miscarriages, lost adoptions, stillbirths, and their families who are grieving these experiences.

ICY ODD SUNDAYS

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



THANK YOU!

The St. Vincent de Paul ministry thanks all those who made casseroles to feed the needy. They were much appreciated!



Pope Francis Says...

Pope Francis says: St. Francis, faithful to Scripture, invites us to see nature as a magnificent book in which God speaks to us and grants us a glimpse of his infinite beauty and goodness. (LS 12) What can I do? Watch a David Attenborough documentary on nature.

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.

Discipleship Corner

We have a beautiful planet, but it's not a perfect planet. We don't have peace, justice, and goodness everywhere in this world. We try to plant the seeds so that peace, justice, and goodness reign. Jesus taught us that we plant those seeds by responding to evil with goodness. When we surround evil and immerse it in goodness, the earth moves a tiny bit closer to becoming what God intended. Even the smallest act of love changes the balance of love in this world. Little by little, goodness grows. It'll take a long time, and we don't expect to live to see it finished. But that is what we're called to do.

Some people add goodness and love through married life, some through single life. Some do it as laypersons, a few do it as religious. Some do it through the power and the influence they have, most do it in ways that hardly anybody notices. Some do it through a broken life. Some do it in sickness. No one way is better than another, but each way is important.

I can only do what is given me to do...and that's all God asks of me.

Vocations

Prayer for the Light of the Holy Spirit for the General Chapter

Please pray with the priests and brothers of the Congregation of the Resurrection as the delegates gather for the 34th General Chapter in Rome:

Risen Lord Jesus,
send Your Spirit upon the delegates of the
Thirty-Fourth General Chapter
of the Brothers of the Resurrection,
as we journey together in hope.
Grant them the gifts of wisdom and understanding,
the gifts of counsel and fortitude,
the gifts of knowledge, piety and fear of the Lord;
so that they might know what is the will of God
and what is the Resurrectionist vocation,
charism, common life and mission
for this day and age.
Grant, Lord Jesus, that the delegates,
filled with HOPE, by the grace of the Holy Spirit,
may desire to do everything for God's glory,
for our resurrection and the resurrection of society,
and for the growth of the Congregation.
Amen.

THE 2023 CATHOLIC SERVICE AND MINISTRY APPEAL...

“The one who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord”
– Psalm 15

“With confidence in the Lord, I am turning to you today asking for your support of this year’s Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal. My hope is that your generous response will help our ministries grow and the compassion of Jesus will be experienced more profoundly in our communities.”
– Bishop Michael McGovern

Please consider making your gift today!

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!

| June 25, 2023 | |
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| Actual..... | \$ 8,633.01 |
| Budget | \$ 23,600.00 |
| Actual YTD..... | \$ 2,075,510.48 |
| Budget YTD | \$ 2,250,000.00 |
| Over (under) | \$ (174,489.52) |
| Prior YTD..... | \$ 2,078,967.65 |
| Over (under) | \$ (3,457.17) |
| Votive Offering | \$ 186.00 |
| Guatemala..... | \$ 130.00 |
| CCC | \$ 25.00 |
| Peter’s Pence..... | \$ 640.00 |
| CEAC | \$ 1,660.00 |
| CI | \$ 40.00 |
| Gibault..... | \$ 75.00 |
| Newman Auxiliary | \$ 285.00 |



From Our Young Stewards

Treasure: \$7.00

Time and Talent: Made my bed, Love you God and Jesus, I helped the hungry.

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

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

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QUEEN OF HEARTS

When I arrived in southern Illinois, all the talk was about Sts. Peter and Paul's Queen of Hearts lottery. I had never heard of the game and wondered what all the buzz was about. Well, it grew and grew and grew. Then I knew!

This past spring, Julie and Pete Ingold (parishioners of ICC) approached me about partnering Immaculate Conception with their business, Sunset Overlook Restaurant and Bar, and creating a Queen of Hearts lottery. All proceeds would benefit Immaculate Conception School. I'm a bit skeptical by nature, so I wanted to do some research and to discern if this is right for us. On one hand, running a school is getting more expensive, and more income would help. On the other hand, can we find enough volunteers so as not to burn out those who do volunteer? Having worked hard with the Diocese of Belleville, the Ingold's, my staff, Parents and Friends (of ICS), Father's Club (of ICS) and the Knights of Columbus, we all agreed that we should go forward with this partnership. We believe we can make this successful, with the help of the parishioners and friends of ICC/S.

On July 11, 2023, we will have our first Queen of Hearts drawing (along with a 50/50 drawing) at Sunset Overlook, 11604 Bluff Road, Columbia, IL 62236. The evening view is incredible, the staff is super friendly and the food is delicious...I'll say nothing about the beverages! Why not come over to Sunset Overlook on July 11th for dinner and stay for the drawing at 7:00?!!?

Tickets will be \$1.00 each for both the Queen of Hearts and the 50/50 drawings, but of course you are welcome to buy more than one! The selling of the first round of tickets will begin on July 5th and **ONLY** be available for purchase at Sunset Overlook during their business hours. More information will be coming in next week's bulletin! For now, suffice it to say, "save July 11th in your calendar." Let's see if we can create a buzz of our own.

After all, the proceeds will benefit our school and the kids.



We still have a few open spots in our
3-day (Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday) Pre-k program.
Contact the school for more info.



What's Happening At Gibault?

CONGRATS TO THE CLASS OF 2023!



The Class of 2023 will be remembered for academic success, championship athletics, artistic talent, and commitment to service. Wishing these graduates all the best in their future endeavors. Once a Hawk, Always a Hawk!

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.

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, 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>.



NATIONAL SHRINE of
OUR LADY of the SNOWS
Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate



REFLECT RETREAT FOR MID-LIFE SINGLES

Friday, July 21, 2023 at 4:45 p.m.-Sunday, July 23, 2023 at 3:30 p.m.

Mid-life Singles: Are you looking for a renewed sense of purpose and belonging? Register today for a life-changing REFLECT weekend retreat at La Salle Retreat Center, Wildwood, MO (35 minutes from downtown St. Louis), on July 21-23, 2023. Take a chance and get involved... you won't regret it! Early bird cost is \$240.00 (\$250.00 after July 7th) including meals and a single room. Visit www.ReflectRetreat.com, email reflect.stlouis@gmail.com, or call 314-283-0044 for details.

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
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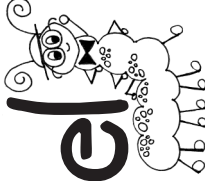
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July 15

Dinner from 3:30-6:30 p.m., Quilt/Cash Bingo starts at 7:00 p.m., Mass at 4:00 p.m.

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Fill the bubbles
with kind things
that you could do
for your family and
friends.



Gospel!

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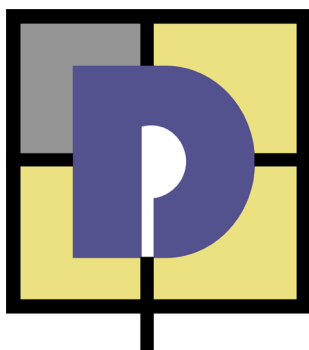
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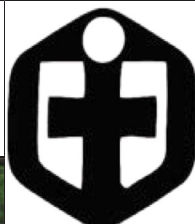
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