



# Immaculate Conception

A Full Stewardship Parish ~ Partner Parish of Sacred Heart of Jesus, Dupo, IL  
411 Palmer Road, Columbia, IL 62236 | 618-281-5105 | Fax 281-6848

July 9, 2023

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

[www.icc-columbia-il.us](http://www.icc-columbia-il.us)

## Adventures in Cairo!



We worked so hard on our trip to Cairo, IL, near the confluence of the Mississippi and Ohio Rivers. We cleaned the Kitchen Table (soup kitchen), cleaned deep freezes (scraping frost!), scrubbed floors, rehung a fence gate, laid a floor, painted the Senior Center's dining room, power washed the entrance to St Patrick's parish office, moved furniture (too many times to count!), sorted dry goods, cleaned out the storage shed, AND cleaned the apartment at Daystar Ministries. We thank YOU for your generous donations to Daystar and your support of our pie sales! We are proud to represent Immaculate Conception Youth (ICY) and be (as best we can) the hands and feet of Christ. For more info ➡ <https://icyouth.my.canva.site/>

### ICY Participants

Luke Dalpoas  
Broedy Furlow  
Avery Herrmann  
Will Jansen  
Max Keeven  
Logan Loport  
Genevieve Nadziejko  
Audrey Randle  
Caroline Randle  
Hope Schwartz  
Sydney Wahle  
Joe Whitworth



### ICY Chaperones

Adam Randle  
Joyce Randle  
Jane Whelan  
Laura Whelan  
Catie Whitworth  
John Whitworth

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*

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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@iccmil.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.

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## *This Week's Liturgical Celebrations*

Masses – Saturday, 5:00 p.m. and Sunday, 7:00, 9:00, 11:00 a.m.

|                    |            |  |
|--------------------|------------|--|
| Monday, July 10    | 8:05 a.m.  | We Remember Harold Netemeyer               |
| Tuesday, July 11   | 8:05 a.m.  | We Remember Beverly Heller                 |
| Wednesday, July 12 | 8:05 a.m.  | We Remember Herb & Betty Luhr              |
| Thursday, July 13  | 8:05 a.m.  | In Honor of Fr. Carl                       |
| Friday, July 14    | 8:05 a.m.  | We Remember The Urhan Family               |
| Saturday, July 15  | 5:00 p.m.  | We Remember Jesse Riter & Nicholett Howell |
| Sunday, July 16    | 7:00 a.m.  | We Remember Leo Thoma                      |
|                    | 9:00 a.m.  | We Remember Ray Ratajczyk                  |
|                    | 11:00 a.m. | We Remember Steve Hamilton                 |



### *Please Pray For*

Steve Dressler  
Patty Pulcher  
Danielle Dorlac  
Donna Archambault-Kania  
Arlin Stechmesser  
Catherine Marlo  
Margaret Ann Conrad  
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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  
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  
Lynn Naumann Casey

*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 9, 2023:*

**First Reading:** Zechariah 9:9-10

**Second Reading:** Romans 8:9, 11-13

**Gospel:** Matthew 11:25-30



### *Our Sympathies...*

*To Elaine Matlock  
Kish and her family  
on the death of  
her daughter,  
Sarah Matlock of  
Belleville, at the  
age of 41.*



# 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](mailto: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](mailto:iccmil@iccmil.org). Thanks!



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**LABOR DAY WEEKEND, 2023**

Interested in joining the planning committee?

Contact:  
[ICCPicnicChairs@gmail.com](mailto:ICCPicnicChairs@gmail.com)  
to get more information!

**SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 2**

**Evening Band Event**

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



**MONDAY SEPTEMBER 4**

**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

### 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.

### 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!

### 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



## 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.

### ICY ODD SUNDAYS

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



### *Pope Francis Says...*

Pope Francis says: Rather than a problem to be solved, the world is a joyful mystery to be contemplated with gladness and praise. (LS 12) What can I do? Visit a park, the Botanical Gardens, the zoo. Admire the beauty.

### *Discipleship Corner*



### ASSISTING WITH TUESDAY ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

If you would like to assist in transferring the Blessed Sacrament for Eucharistic Adoration on Tuesdays, training will be held on **Tuesday, July 18th**. Training for **Exposition** will be held at 3:30 p.m. in Church, Adoration will follow

from 4:00-8:00 p.m., and training for **Reposition** will follow immediately at 8:00 p.m.. This beautiful, rewarding, needed ministry is open to all practicing Catholics who have been confirmed.

## *Vocations*

### SISTER PARISH NEWS

*Meet St. Raymond's Pastor – Padre Abdias.* Padre Abdias Raquel Sanchez Vasquez is the pastor at St. Raymond of Penafort, our Sister Parish in Jalapa, Guatemala. Padre Abdias is 38 years old. He entered the Seminary for Priestly Formation when he was 21. On January 5, 2013, he was ordained a Deacon and on December 18, 2013, he was ordained a priest. Padre Abdias' mother is Marina de Jesus Vasquez Sanchez and his father is Magdealeno Sanchez Gonzales. Padre Abdias comes from a family of 8. His family works in agriculture, planting corn and beans. Padre Abdias loves his priestly ministry, to include celebrating the Eucharist and administering the sacraments. He also likes working with children, young people, adults, and the elderly. As the pastor at St. Raymond's for 7 years, Padre Abdias is very happy to serve the Lord through this ministry. He also thanks his fellow priests and parishioners at Immaculate Conception for their friendship and affection and asks us to pray for him.



### 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.



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@iccmail.org](mailto:lyoung@iccmail.org)



## 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](http://mylifenet.org).
- ~ Birthright Counseling STL (3 locations in St. Louis) – [birthrightstl.org](http://birthrightstl.org)
- ~ Free and confidential counseling for anyone hurt by abortion; contact Project Rachel at 618-722-5068 or [hopeafterabortion.com](http://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](http://BeNotAfraid.net) or [PrenatalPartnersforLife.org](http://PrenatalPartnersforLife.org).

Both offer free parent-centered case management and parental support for parents carrying to term following a prenatal diagnosis. [Birthrightstl.org](http://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!

July 2, 2023

Actual..... \$ 44,081.30

\* Budget information unavailable due to the power outage.

Votive Offering ..... \$ 135.00

Guatemala..... \$ 1,009.00

Peter's Pence ..... \$ 353.00

CEAC ..... \$ 5,165.00

CI ..... \$ 149.00

Gibault..... \$ 345.00

Newman Auxiliary ..... \$ 160.00

Sr. Thea Bowman ..... \$ 160.00

SVDP..... \$ 95.00

\* These totals reflect online giving from June 17-30, 2023.



## From Our Young Stewards

Treasure: \$2.00

Time and Talent: Sharing with my Family, making my bed, cutting the grass.

## 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

409 Palmer Road ~ 281-5353

School Principal: Dave Gregson, Ext. 202 ~ [dgregson@icsmail.org](mailto:dgregson@icsmail.org)

School Secretary: Beverly Epplin, Ext. 200 ~ [bepplin@icsmail.org](mailto:bepplin@icsmail.org)

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3-day (Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday) Pre-K program.  
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## **Luck Be a Lady on Tuesday Nights: First Queen of Hearts Drawing, July 11!**

On Tuesday nights, the place to be is Sunset Overlook (11604 Bluff Road). ICS/ICC has partnered with parishioners Julie & Pete Ingold for a Queen of Hearts fundraiser to benefit our students and educational programs. Tickets go on sale at Sunset Overlook beginning July 5th during business hours.

Complete rules are available at Sunset Overlook and the Parish & School offices, but here are the most important details: Tickets for the weekly Queen of Hearts drawing and 50/50 drawing are \$1.00 each, and participants must be age 21 or older with a valid photo ID. Drawings will be held on Tuesdays beginning at 7:00 p.m. (ticket sales for that week's drawings close Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.). The pot grows weekly until the Queen of Hearts winner is found! Per diocesan guidelines, the Queen of Hearts pot may grow up to \$100,000.00 – funds in excess of that amount will be put towards the next pot.

Who wants to hang out at Sunset Overlook with tastiest food, most delightful beverages, friendliest staff and (with you there!) the best patrons? Get your tickets and join the fun on July 11 at Sunset Overlook! The Queen of Hearts just might be waiting to meet you!

***VOLUNTEERS WILL BE NEEDED, TOO! Visit the Parish website: [ICC-columbia-IL.us](http://ICC-columbia-IL.us) for a link to our Queen of Hearts Sign-up.***

# *What's Happening At Gibault?*

## The Gibault Travel Club



The Gibault Travel Club spent 10 days in total in Paris, Barcelona, and Madrid. The group saw historic sites, art museums, parks, the Mediterranean Sea, and more! Their next trip will be in June of 2025, and the destination will be announced this coming fall!

### 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](mailto: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>.



## 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](http://www.ReflectRetreat.com), email [reflect.stlouis@gmail.com](mailto:reflect.stlouis@gmail.com), or call 314-283-0044 for details.

## THE SERRA CLUB

The Serra Club of St. County is an organization of Catholic men and women dedicated to foster and affirm vocations to the Priesthood and vowed religious life. Our purpose is to pray for vocations and inform our community the need for vocations. We provide many social events for our Priests, Deacons and Nuns. We sponsor occasional visits to the Seminaries for our grade and high school students guided by a priest or a seminarian. Our group meets every first and third Friday of the month at Corpus Christi Parish Hall, 206 Rasp Street, Shiloh, IL 62269. We begin Mass at 11:00 a.m., followed by lunch and a brief meeting, and a prominent speaker. Additional information? Please call Marvin Winkeler at 402-214-1155 or Mel Lucash at 618-531-4244.

Serra has a new webpage: [serrastclair.org](http://serrastclair.org).

**PLEASE PRAY FOR VOCATIONS!**

## NOW HIRING!!! ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION

The Diocese of Belleville is seeking a full-time Associate Director of Education. The Associate Director of Education supports the Office of Education in ensuring that Catholic schools are academically sound and able to carry out their mission by promoting a strong Catholic education identity. To apply, send cover letter with résumé to Human Resources, Diocese of Belleville, 222 S. 3rd Street, Belleville, IL 62220 or by email at [humanresources@diobelle.org](mailto:humanresources@diobelle.org). Application deadline: July 21, 2023

## CHURCH PICNICS

**St Bruno's, Pinckneyville Parish Picnic**

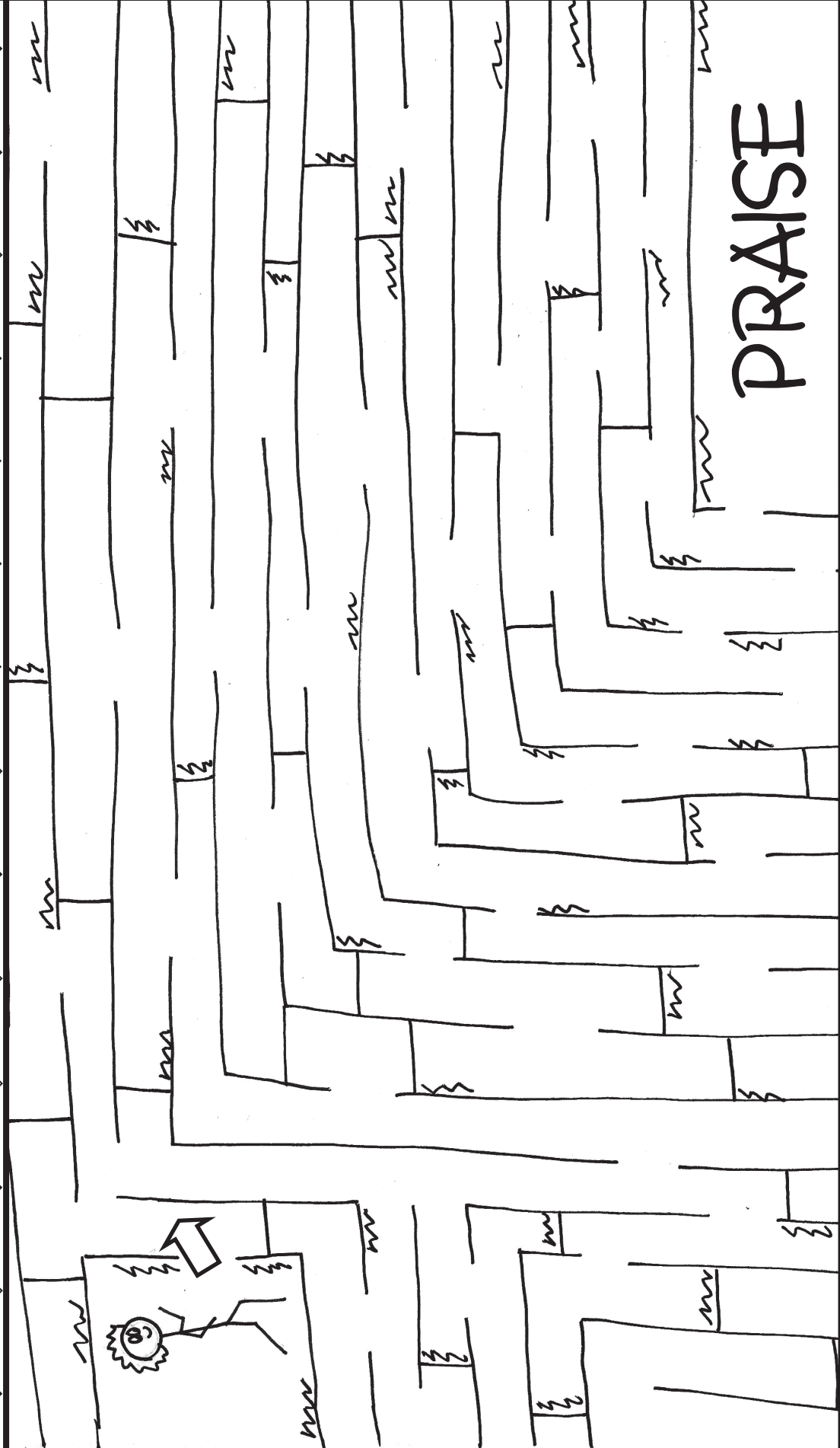
July 15 – Dinner from 3:30-6:30 p.m., Quilt/Cash Bingo starts at 7:00 p.m., Mass at 4:00 p.m.

**St John the Baptist Parish Center, Red Bud**

July 16 – Doors Open/Lunch at 11:00 a.m., Quilt Bingo starts at 1:00 p.m.

**St. Charles Borromeo, Dubois, IL**

July 22 – Polka Mass at 4:00 p.m.



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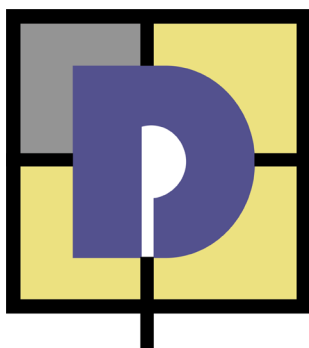
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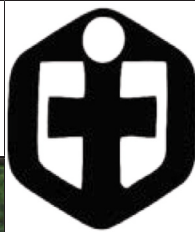
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