



Immaculate Conception

A Full Stewardship Parish ~ Partner Parish of Sacred Heart of Jesus, Dupou, IL
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August 13, 2023

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

www.icc-columbia-il.us



See God in Everything

It is time to welcome all the students and staff back to school!!! I always get excited this time of year. I look forward to seeing all the students, hearing about their summer, and being amazed how much they have grown over the past three months. (I know most parents are excited, too, this time of year but it is usually not for the same reasons I am.)

The theme for this year at ICS is "See God in Everything." This can be easy and challenging at the same time. I feel the "trick" to living this lies in the word "See." We are taught from a very early age that God is everywhere and a part of everything in our lives. We determine if we want to "see" God in everything or not. The 2nd week of July, I found myself, along with my wife Lois, overlooking and hiking through Bryce Canyon and also bike riding through and repelling into deep beautiful crevices in Zion Canyon in Utah. It is so easy to "see" God when you experience sights like these.

A week before our trip to Utah, a storm came through Columbia. I am sure you all have your stories about the storm on June 30th: power lines down, limbs broken off trees that were scattered on roofs, roads, and driveways, and giant trees uprooted from the ground. At the end of the road we live on, the largest tree in our subdivision was uprooted that night. The ball of roots was at least 10 feet in diameter. It is a challenge to "see" God in this. Most might "see" that God destroyed this magnificent tree. Maybe we need to "see" the magnificent ball of roots as a reminder of the underlying faith, intellect, and love we are developing in the students at ICS.



The theme does not only have to be practiced at ICS this school year. I challenge all of you to practice it in your lives together as parishioners of Immaculate Conception. No matter how challenging or easy it may seem at times, always remember that God is in everything; you just need to open your eyes and see Him.

Here's to a great 23-24 school year as we strive to fulfill our mission:

"The mission of Immaculate Conception School is to provide experiences to inspire, challenge, and nurture the mind, body, and spirit of our students within the framework of the Gospel of Jesus Christ and the tradition of the Catholic Church."

Dave Gregson, Principal

"Make Me a Channel of Your Peace"

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.

*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, August 14	8:05 a.m.	We Remember Holy Souls
Tuesday, August 15	8:05 a.m.	We Remember Job George & Family
Wednesday, August 16	8:05 a.m.	We Remember Ray & Velma Budde
Thursday, August 17	8:05 a.m.	We Remember Geneva Lambert
Friday, August 18	8:05 a.m.	We Remember Ron & Margaret Wallace
Saturday, August 19	5:00 p.m.	We Remember John Woods
Sunday, August 20	7:00 a.m.	We Remember Lucille Warden
	9:00 a.m.	We Remember Joanne Hoffman
	11:00 a.m.	We Remember Dean & Marian Keim



Please Pray For

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

Troops in Service... SGM Joseph Pope, US Army; Colonel Brian Schoellhorn

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



Weekly Reflections

August 13, 2023:

First Reading: First Kings 19:9a, 11-13a

Second Reading: Romans 9:1-5

Gospel: Matthew 14:22-33



Parish Events & News...

PLANT LOVERS!

The Plant Booth for the Parish Picnic is gearing up! Please remember us and get your plants potted and trimmed and ready to donate. We were a little short last year and had to close down early. We hope our Parish Family comes through to make this year's picnic a huge success. Bring donations to the drop-off point on the morning of the picnic. Volunteers will grab them from you and get them to the right place. Thanks so much for your help. Pam and Carol

D.C. PRETZEL AND DONUT SALES

The next Pretzel and Donut weekend will be **September 9 and 10**. 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!



 IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

PARISH
PICNIC

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!

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.

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.

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.

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

ICY ODD SUNDAYS

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



PSR

Share Your Faith: PSR Catechists & Aides Needed

Love sharing your love of God? Our Parish School of Religion (PSR) needs people like you! Catechists and aides spend an hour Wednesday evenings during the school year making sure our Columbia Eagles (grades K-8) grow in love and faith. It's a great way to learn more yourself, as you hand on the faith to others. Check the parish website for the PSR Volunteer application, or email Rebecca Husman at rhusman@iccmil.org.



Pope Francis Says...

These problems (of pollution) are closely linked to a throwaway culture which affects the excluded just as it quickly reduces things to rubbish. E.g. most of the paper we produce is thrown away and not recycled. (LS 22)

What can I do? Use both sides of paper. Use old newspaper for packing instead of styrofoam bubbles.

Discipleship

We are far more often guided between right and wrong by our conscience than by laws and rules. God has endowed us with a good conscience. "They (Gentiles) show that the demands of the law are written in their hearts, while their conscience also bears witness and their conflicting thoughts accuse or even defend them on the day when, according to my gospel, God will judge people's hidden works through Christ Jesus." (Rom 2:15). But, when we enmesh ourselves in lies and foolishness, our conscience becomes more and more difficult to hear. Therefore, we must diligently discern truth and develop wisdom ourselves and seek truth and wisdom in others.

THANK YOU!

Thank you to all who donated to support the Newman Center and the Newman Auxiliary. ICC has such a long and generous tradition of supporting the Newman Center and our ministries to our students. We are blessed to have such loyal supporters.

Tim Taylor

THE 2023 CATHOLIC SERVICE AND MINISTRY APPEAL

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

YOU have the opportunity to support the men who have answered "YES" to God's call to serve in the Priesthood of Jesus Christ in our Belleville Diocese. The annual cost for each of our seminarians is approximately \$50,000.00. Funding from The Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal helps support the expenses of our seminarians and Vocation Office; your pledge or one-time gift is truly an investment in our faith and the life of the Church here in southern Illinois. Please continue to pray for vocations and consider making your gift today!

IC-CCW NEWS

Fall Events:

- The Metro East Vicariate will have its Fall Day of Prayer at St. Stephen in Caseyville on Thursday, September 21
 - The Belleville Diocese will have its Convention at St. James in Millstadt on Wednesday, October 11
- Please contact Glenda Sexauer if you are interested in attending.

Fall Fundraiser:

- Mark your calendars for Bunco Night Thursday, November 2nd in the Garden Level. We will draw the winners of the Quilt/Linneman Gas Card/Afghan raffle AND the Basket raffle!!

NEWS FROM THE KNIGHTS

K of C 4th Degree Restaurant Raffle

The local Knights of Columbus 4th Degree Assembly 1529 is selling tickets for a 12-month Restaurant Raffle. Each winner will receive a \$250.00 gift card to the sponsored restaurant of the month. Alternatively, the winner can elect to receive \$200.00 in cash. The drawings will happen the 3rd Wednesday of each month beginning October 2023. All winning tickets are re-entered for subsequent monthly drawings. Only 400 tickets will be sold at a cost of \$20.00 each. For tickets contact Wes Hoeffken, Ken Ebers, or any other K of C 4th Degree member.

HOMEBOUNDED MINISTRY

The schedule will be coming out soon for September. We are looking for a few more volunteers to help. If you know anyone who may be interested in being a volunteer, please reach out to the Parish Office at 281-5105 or email iccmil@iccmil.org.

Vocations

The Lord is calling. Are you listening? The best way to know if God is calling you to be a priest, permanent deacon or religious sister or brother, is simply to ask! For the unmarried members of our Immaculate Conception parish, here is a prayer to help you with your discernment: *Lord, my God and my loving Father, You have made me to know You, to love You, to serve You and thereby to find and fulfill my deepest longings. I know that You are in all things, and that every path can lead me to You. But of them all, there is one especially by which You want me to come to You. Since I will do what You want of me, I pray You, send your Holy Spirit to me: into my mind, to show me what You want of me; into my heart, to give me the determination to do it, and to do it with all my love, with all my mind, and with all of my strength right to the end. Jesus, I trust in You. Amen.*

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.

PRO-LIFE/PREGNANCY RESOURCES...

- Free and confidential pregnancy testing, counseling, and practical support: Life Network of Southern Illinois (in Waterloo and 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!

August 6, 2023

Actual	\$	44,149.05
Budget	\$	23,050.00
Actual YTD	\$	237,909.05
Budget YTD	\$	214,150.00
Over (under)	\$	23,759.05
Prior YTD	\$	167,902.93
Over (under)	\$	70,006.12
Guatemala	\$	641.00
Gibault	\$	285.00
St. Thea Bowman	\$	670.00
SVDP	\$	95.00
CI	\$	49.00
Newman Aux	\$	25.00
Retired Belleville Priest	\$	50.00
CEAC	\$	4,850.00
CEAC Debt Status		
Endowment Loan.....	\$	625,000
Diocese Loan.....	\$	<u>2,142,469.99</u>
		2,767,469.99

Eugene J. Schorb – Immaculate Conception Fund for Catholic Education:

EJ Trust	\$	500.00
CEAC Memorials:		
Gary Limestall	\$	50.00
Steven “Charlie” Hamilton	\$	875.00
Sarah Matlock	\$	830.00
Geneva Lambert	\$	210.00
Stephen Dressler	\$	50.00
In Honor of		
Arlie Traugher	\$	500.00

From Our Young Stewards

Treasure: \$ 14.75
Time and Talent: Gave veggies to my neighbors, helped clean up after my puppy, I helped a poor man.

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

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

MISSION • COMMUNITY • SERVICE

Keep an eye out for your Latchkey registration email. Make sure you get your kids registered so they have a spot. For questions, contact the School Office.

GOLF TOURNAMENT

ICS Golf Tournament: The Joe Hoguet Memorial | Friday, September 22 at The Acorns | 1:00 p.m. shotgun start. Register your team at icsfathers.square.site



Don't forget to come out on Tuesday nights for our Queen of Hearts drawing. Queen of Hearts drawing is at 7:00 p.m. and 50/50 is drawn at 7:15 p.m. Check back for monthly reports on how much we have been able to raise.

VOLUNTEERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME! Visit the Parish website: ICC-columbia-IL.us for a link to our Queen of Hearts sign-up.

What's Happening At Gibault?

Another amazing mural by Gibault alum Lillian Roever! We're [#gibaultproud](https://twitter.com/gibaultproud) to see her work throughout Waterloo! Lillian has designed a winning mural every year since this contest began! Thank you, Lillian Roever, for your hard work and talent. Lillian was a winner in the Waterloo mural contest several times. You can see her work all over town. Just another person who makes Waterloo great.



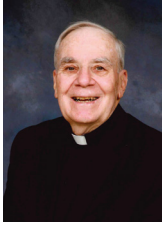
GIBAULT MEN'S CLUB FULL MOON RIDE

The Gibault Men's Club, in coordination with the City of Waterloo, is sponsoring the Full Moon Ride, a five-mile bike ride through the streets of Waterloo on Friday, September 8th. Individuals (\$25.00) and families (\$75.00) are invited. All riders are guaranteed a T-shirt if registered by August 21st. The ride starts at 8:00 p.m. (assembly at 7:00 p.m.) at Gibault Catholic High School. To register, please send your check payable to Gibault Catholic High School, c/o Full Moon Ride, 501 Columbia Avenue, Waterloo, IL 62298 or visit <https://gibaulthawks.square.site>. For additional information, please text Darren Mechler at 618-972-9989, or Mark Reinholz at 314-496-0056. Please include shirt sizes (adult unisex and youth sizes available).

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...



FR. CARL'S 50TH JUBILEE

With gratitude and love, former pastor Fr. Carl E. Scherrer invites Immaculate Conception parishioners to celebrate his Golden Jubilee on September 17, 2023, with Mass at 11:00 a.m., followed by a 1:00 p.m. luncheon in the Michael L. Kish Gymnasium. Fr. Carl requests no gifts, but would appreciate donations to Sr.

Thea Bowman Catholic School (www.stbcs.com). All are welcome, but space for lunch is limited, so please make reservations through Sheryl at the Parish Office at 618-281-5105 or soglesby@iccmil.org. Reservations will be accepted until August 25.

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

Saturday, 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. For more information, call 618-394-6281. Register online at <https://snows.org>.

JUST FAITH

Do you have a passion for eco-justice? *Sacred Land: Food & Farming* is an eight-session small group program that celebrates our interconnectedness with the land and those who live on it.

Together, participants explore how food and farming practices affect the climate crisis, marginalized communities, and their own health and spiritual well-being. For more information, visit <https://justfaith.org/sacred-land-immaculate-conception-columbia-fall-2023-small-group/JustFaith.com>. Local contacts: Cartol Waide at 618-910-1648 or Sr. Marcia Kruse at 618-670-4084.



FUNDRAISER DINNER

On September 24, 2023, the Congregation of the Resurrection is hosting their fundraising dinner for formation and retirement needs. This event will take place at Allegra Banquets in Schiller Park (a suburb of Chicago) Illinois. If anyone happens to be in the Chicago area on that weekend and would like to attend the fundraiser dinner, please contact the Parish Office for details. It's a long way to go, but the Polish food will be delicious! Many of you have already supported the Congregation of the Resurrection by purchasing raffle tickets. We are so grateful for all the support. If you didn't have a chance to purchase tickets and would like some, we have those available in the Parish Office. Your prayers, love and support for the Congregation are always appreciated.

Fr. Steve, C.R.



MASS AND DEVOTIONAL PRAYERS

The parishioners of Our Lady, Queen of Peace in Belleville invite your participation in **8:15 a.m. Mass and Devotional Prayers** following Mass on the **First Thursday of each month** for the Intercession of **St. Peregrine** for all our brothers and sisters who are ill. Queen of Peace Catholic Church
5923 North Belt West
Belleville, IL

CHURCH HAPPENINGS!

St. Augustine, Hecker, IL

August 19

Annual Kirchenfest

Mass at 3:00 p.m.,

Dinner begins at 3:00 p.m.

Quilt Bingo at 6:30 pm.

Holy Childhood, Mascoutah, IL

August 26

Mass at 4:00 p.m.

Dinner/Quilt Bingo

St. Theresa/St. Luke, Belleville, IL

August 26

Mass at 4:00 p.m.

Dinner at 4:00 p.m./Quilt Bingo

SINKING DOUBT

Reflection on Matthew 14:22-33

Peter, the "rock" upon whom Jesus will build His Church, sinks like a rock in today's Gospel. Jesus' outstretched hand saves Peter, in his doubt born of the strong wind, from sinking.

There seems to be a universal disenchantment today with leaders and authorities in all our institutions – government, church, business, and education – because they come wrapped in faith that sometimes falters, character that sometimes stumbles, vision that sometimes goes murky. Not only can they not walk on water, but they cannot even swim either. Of course, the same is true of all of us.

The Swiss psychiatrist, Carl Jung, had these words inscribed above the door of his office: "Called or not, God is present." The transcendent, Almighty God, chooses to be with humankind: to commune with us, to love and move among us, to be always near, to abide with us, to be present whether called or not, in peace as well as in panic. The same grace and compassion that rescued Peter will rescue us, whether our lives are moving along swimmingly or sinking in some mire.

~ Fr. Jay

KINDNESS AND TRUTH
SHALL MEET; JUSTICE AND
PEACE SHALL KISS.
TRUTH SHALL SPRING OUT
OF THE EARTH,
AND JUSTICE SHALL LOOK
DOWN FROM HEAVEN.

Ps 85:11-12

WEEKLY SCRIPTURE

Sunday, August 13, 2023

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a
Ps 85:9, 10, 11-12, 13-14
Rom 9:1-5
Mt 14:22-33

Monday, August 14, 2023

Saint Maximilian Kolbe,
Priest and Martyr

Dt 10:12-22
Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20
Mt 17:22-27

Tuesday, August 15, 2023

The Assumption of the
Blessed Virgin Mary

Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab
Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16
1 Cor 15:20-27
Lk 1:39-56

Wednesday, August 16, 2023

Saint Stephen of Hungary

Dt 34:1-12
Ps 66:1-3a, 5 and 8, 16-17
Mt 18:15-20

Thursday, August 17, 2023

Weekday

Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17
Ps 114:1-2, 3-4, 5-6
Mt 18:21-19:1

Friday, August 18, 2023

Weekday

Jos 24:1-13
Ps 136:1-3, 16-18, 21-22 and 24
Mt 19:3-12

Saturday, August 19, 2023

Weekday

Jos 24:14-29
Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 11
Mt 19:13-15

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

SAINT JOHN EUDES

Feast Day: August 8

Patron Saint of: Astronomers

John joined the religious community of the Oratorians and was ordained a priest at 24. During severe plagues in 1627 and 1631, he volunteered to care for the stricken in his own diocese.

At age 32, John became a parish missionary. His gifts as a preacher and confessor won him great popularity. He preached over 100 parish missions, some lasting from several weeks to several months.

In his concern with the spiritual improvement of the clergy, John realized that the greatest need was for seminaries. After prayer and counsel, John decided it was best to leave the religious community. That same year John founded a new community, ultimately called the Eudists—the Congregation of Jesus and Mary—devoted to the formation of the clergy by conducting diocesan seminaries.

In his parish mission work, John was disturbed by the sad condition of prostitutes who sought to escape their miserable life. Temporary shelters were found, but arrangements were not satisfactory. A certain Madeleine Lamy, who had cared for several of the women, one day said to him, "Where are you off to now? To some church, I suppose, where you'll gaze at the images and think yourself pious. And all the time what is really wanted of you is a decent house for these poor creatures." The words, and the laughter of those present, struck deeply within him. The result was another new religious community, called the Sisters of Charity of the Refuge. Holiness is the wholehearted openness to the love of God. It is visibly expressed in many ways, but the variety of expression has one common quality: concern for the needs of others.

Read the full article: "Saint John Eudes" Franciscan Media, Franciscan Friars,
<https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saint-john-eudes/>. (Accessed July 28, 2023).



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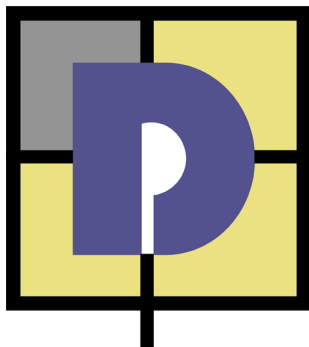
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