



Immaculate Conception

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

August 27, 2023

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

www.icc-columbia-il.us

*In the presence of
the angels I will
sing your praise;
I will worship at
your holy temple.*

Ps 138:2

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.

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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 28	8:05 a.m.	We Pray for the Safety of ALL students
Tuesday, August 29	8:05 a.m.	We Remember Josh Ritter
Wednesday, August 30	8:05 a.m.	We Remember Harold Netemeyer
Thursday, August 31	8:05 a.m.	We Remember Bob Stadler
Friday, September 1	8:05 a.m.	We Remember Anna Lawlor
Saturday, September 2	5:00 p.m.	We Remember Ray Ratajczyk
Sunday, September 3	7:00 a.m.	We Remember Edith Sexauer
	9:00 a.m.	We Remember Paul Toenjes
	11:00 a.m.	We Remember Mae & Henry Doerr



Please Pray For

Danielle Dorlac	Nicole Pennington	Elliana Cloin
Donna Archambault-Kania	Ruth Herrmann	Earl & Arlene Kruse
Arlin Stechmesser	Bill Kutz	Mrs. Steele
Catherine Marlo	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
Catherine Sambo	Dolores G.	Jamie Moravec

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 27, 2023:

First Reading: Isaiah 22:19-23

Second Reading: Romans 11:33-36

Gospel: Matthew 16:13-20



Our Sympathies...

To Maria Renner and her family on the death of Maria's husband, Keith, 60, of Columbia

To Diane Zika and her family on the death of Diane's mother, JoAnn Swip, 86, of Belleville

To Joan Wessel and Melissa Kohlenberger on the death of their father-in-law & grandfather, Norm Wessel, 97, of Columbia



Parish Events & News...

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



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PARISH

Labor Day Weekend Picnic

2023

For those who want to donate pies/cakes to the picnic, but are unable to bake, Sisters' Sweets to the rescue! You can order directly from them and they will bake AND deliver just for you.



Order by Sat. Aug. 26

<https://tinyurl.com/iccpies>



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

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.

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.

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!

MASS OF THANKSGIVING AT CATHEDRAL FOR MILESTONE ANNIVERSARIES

On Sunday, October 15, at 1:00 p.m., Bishop McGovern will offer a Mass of Thanksgiving for married couples celebrating milestone anniversaries of 25, 30, 40, 50, 60 and all years beyond. If you are celebrating a milestone anniversary in 2023 and would like to join the bishop at the Cathedral of St. Peter for this special Mass, please RSVP to Michelle at the Parish Office at 618-281-5105, or iccmil@iccmil.org no later than Tuesday, August 29. (Congratulations to all our married couples!)

Ministry News & Happenings

MEALS FROM THE HEART...

Meals from the Heart is still available to those in need! We have volunteers ready to provide meals on a temporary basis to any parishioner experiencing a death, illness or trauma in their family. Please contact the Parish Office for assistance.

THEOLOGY ON TAP'S UPCOMING EVENTS

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

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

Pope Francis Says...

We were not meant to be inundated by cement, asphalt, glass and metal, and deprived of physical contact with nature. (LS 44)

What can I do? Admire nature with a walk in the park or hike in the woods.

Discipleship

I know that I am a “child” of God. But in a way, that seems like a metaphor, nothing more. There’s no way we human beings can really be God’s “child.” How can we be God’s? This is where a simple but profound truth comes in. Jesus came down from heaven so that we could be joined to Him. Jesus became one of us so that He could then bring us into the same relationship He has with His Father. I am joined to Jesus Christ. I’m not a half-brother or a half-sister. I receive the gift of His own Spirit. I have God’s life within me. If I let myself think about that... believe it...then I might begin to act more like who I am: a child of God, a child of the light, a child of the day.

ICY ODD SUNDAYS

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



Vocation

St. Ignatius of Loyola knew a thing or two about prayer. This is a wonderful prayer for all occasions and circumstances. As you continue to pray for yourselves and for vocations, say the following:

Take, Lord, receive all my liberty, my memory, my understanding, my entire will, all that I have and possess. You have given all to me. To You, Lord, I return it. All is Yours, dispose of it according to Your will. Give me only Your love and Your grace. For they are enough for me.

– St. Ignatius of Loyola

JOIN THE IC YOUTH
for a
Back to School Bash

All high schoolers welcome! Bring your friends!

**FOOD, GAMES,
AND SLIP & SLIDE KICKBALL!**

SUNDAY 8/27 6:30-8:00

MEET AT UPPER PARKING LOT

Bring school supplies to be donated to Sr. Thea Bowman School

~Youth Led Mass at 11:00 am~

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 third 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.

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.

IC-CCW NEWS

- The Metro East Vicariate will have its Fall Day of Prayer at St. Stephen in Caseyville on Thursday, September 21st.
- The Belleville Diocese will have its Convention at St. James in Millstadt on Wednesday, October 11th. Please contact Glenda Sexauer if you are interested in attending.
- Next meeting September 7th, 6:30 p.m. in the Garden Level.

THE 2023 CATHOLIC SERVICE AND MINISTRY APPEAL

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

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul truly serves the poorest of the poor through its Cosgrove's Soup Kitchen, SVDP Thrift Store, Help Center and Night Drop-In Center. Men, women and children are provided the basic necessities of life – food, clothing and shelter – and the hope and the tools they need for a better tomorrow. Help St. Vincent de Paul serve those who have no place else to turn. Please make your gift to The Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal today.

HOMEBOUND 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.

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 20, 2023

Actual	\$ 77,158.55
Budget	\$ 62,575.00
Actual YTD	\$ 328,436.60
Budget YTD	\$ 299,800.00
Over (under)	\$ 28,636.60
Prior YTD	\$ 233,645.24
Over (under)	\$ 94,791.36
Guatemala	\$ 715.00
Gibault	\$ 240.00
St. Thea Bowman	\$ 555.00
CEAC	\$ 15,544.43
CI	\$ 156.00
SVDP	\$ 145.00
Votive	\$ 162.00
Retired Belleville Priest	\$ 25.00
Cemetery Maintenance	\$ 45.00
Eugene Schorb Education	
Endowment Fund	\$ 103.00
Picnic Donation	\$ 225.00



From Our Young Stewards

Treasure: \$37.00

Time and Talent: Cutting the grass, I helped unload the dishwasher, I read for 30 minutes.

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 Eplin, Ext. 200 ~ bepplin@icsmail.org

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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

TO BENEFIT:
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IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PRESENTS

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OF
HEARTS
& 50/50 RAFFLE

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ROAD
COLUMBIA,
ILLINOIS

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.

MUMS SALE

Fall Mum Fundraiser has returned to ICS! Now through September 5. The ICS Fall mum fundraiser is in full swing at ICS. The mum fundraiser consists of two types of products: premium mum with a fall-themed tin character pot OR just a premium mum. Mums come in four colors and the character tins have four fun fall designs.

For more information, to volunteer or to place an order contact: Emilee Dufford at 618-616-6878 or emileedufford@gmail.com (or talk with an ICS student). Sponsored by ICS Parents and Friends, all proceeds benefit Immaculate Conception School.



What's Happening At Gibault?

Our faculty and staff took time to both pray together and play together as we begin a new school year!



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. 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.

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...

GATORADE AND BOTTLED WATER NEEDED!

During the intense heat of summer, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul Belleville Council desperately needs bottled water and Gatorade (or similar drinks) for the homeless who visit the soup kitchen, thrift store and OverNite Center every day. And no matter what the weather, individually packaged food items (cookies, fruit cups, tuna and chicken snack packs, chips, crackers, cheese sticks, yogurt, cereal, instant oatmeal, Pop Tarts, breakfast bars, soup or pasta in a cup) are also needed! If you are able to help, items can be dropped off at: St. Vincent de Paul Council Office, 8800 West Main Street, Belleville, Illinois 62223 (across from Blessed Sacrament Church)

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, 9:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

or SVDP Thrift Store/Soup Kitchen, 3718 State Street, East St. Louis

Monday-Friday, 9:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m.; Saturday, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 Noon

For additional information, contact Joe Hubbard or Pat Hoglebe at 618-394-0126. If you are unable to donate items, we humbly ask for your prayers for SVDP and its clients. Thank you and God bless you for enabling St. Vincent de Paul's ministry to the poorest among us.

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

Consider a Regional JustFaith Small Group Program This Fall How Do I Respond as a Catholic to Today's Challenging Problems? Two regional JustFaith programs will be held this fall at Immaculate Conception Church in Columbia:

Faith and Poverty: A Biblical Response through Catholic Social Teaching
Mondays, September 11-November 6, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Facilitators: Kathy Daniels and Maria Renner

How are we being called to address poverty? What tools does my Catholic faith have to offer? With Pope Francis' *The Joy of the Gospel* as a foundational document of this program, participants will emerge with a transformed understanding of who they are as God's child and how God is calling them to use their lives. To register, go to <https://justfaith.org/faith-and-poverty-a-biblical-response-catholic-version-st-louis-fall-2023-small-group-immaculate-conception-columbia-il/>. For more information, contact Kathy Daniels at 618-610-6290 or JustFaith.com.



Sacred Land: Food & Farming

Wednesdays, September 20-November 15 (skipping November 1)

Facilitators: Sr. Marcia Kruse and Carol Waide

How do we care for our common home? This 8-session program explores our connection with the land and our responsibility for it. With Pope Francis' encyclical *Laudato Si* as a foundational document, participants learn how food and farming practices affect the climate crisis, marginalized communities, and their own health and spiritual well-being. The group explores practical ways to support, advocate for, and implement sustainable food and farming practices in the communities and the institutions of which they are a part. Register at <https://justfaith.org/sacred-land-immaculate-conception-columbia-fall-2023-small-group/>. JustFaith.com. Local contacts: Carol Waide at 618-910-1648 and Sr. Marcia Kruse at 618-670-4084.



MASS FOR YOUNG ADULTS

Bishop McGovern will be hosting his annual Mass for young adults on Sunday, September 10th at the Cathedral of St. Peter, 5:00 p.m. Following Mass, we will have our social downstairs in the undercroft. We will offer sandwiches, snacks and refreshments! We will also have a table available for SEEK Registration, future events, and upcoming opportunities you don't want to miss out on. Address: 200 W. Harrison Street, Belleville IL 62220.

Our Lady of Guadalupe for Life
Sunday, October 15, 2023
14th Annual Benefit Dinner
Orlando's Garden South
4300 Hoffmeister Ave.
 Hwy 55 at Union Rd., St. Louis, MO 63125

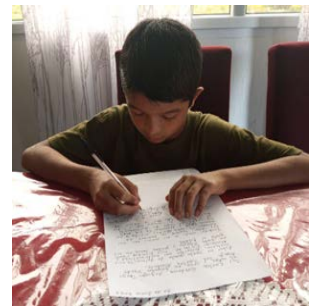
Keynote Speaker
Bishop Mark S. Rivituso
Auxiliary Bishop of St. Louis

Also joining us will be:
Fr. Anthony Wieck, SJ Zip Rzeppa Scott Kennebeck

For More Information call 314-487-2066
Reservations required. Go to: ourladyforlife.com

SISTER PARISH NEWS

Meet Carlos: I am Carlos Cardona Argujo. I am 12 years old and I live in Laguna Verde Abajo, San Carlos Alzatate. I belong to San Raymundo de Peñafort parish. I am in the sixth grade. My favorite subjects are



mathematics and physical education. In my spare time I like to draw and paint; I also like soccer. I also help my mom with my younger brother, his name is Anderson Cardona. I love my mom, dad and brother very much. What I like the most about living in Guatemala is playing in the fields with my brother and my dog named Lobo. On Sundays, I go to Mass at the San Raymundo de Peñafort parish. Father Abdías invites us to pray and pray for the children, the parishioners and the priests of the Immaculate Conception parish – so that God grants them health, gives them strength to continue in the Christian life, and so that they continue to be generous people with a good heart. They are always willing to help, as they have done with our parish. May God bless you always. A hug from your friend Carlos Cardona.

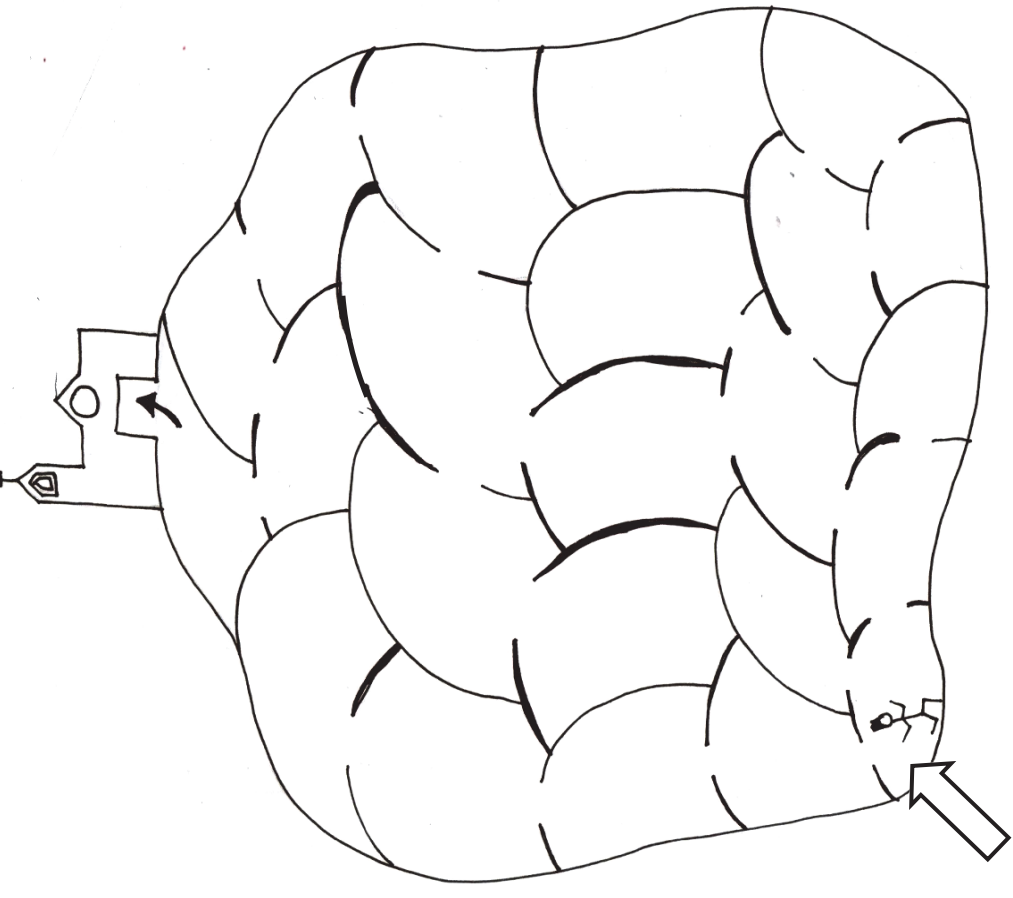
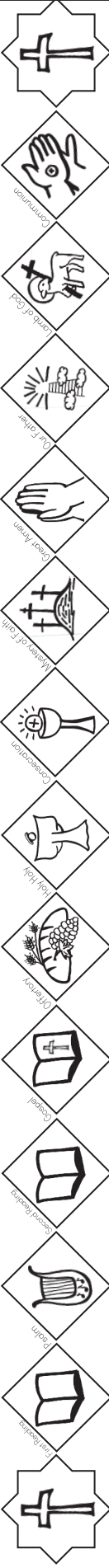
If you'd like to find out more about ICC's Sister Parish ministry, please contact Karen Waide at 618-281-4715 or at cooperwaide@aol.com

CHURCH HAPPENINGS!

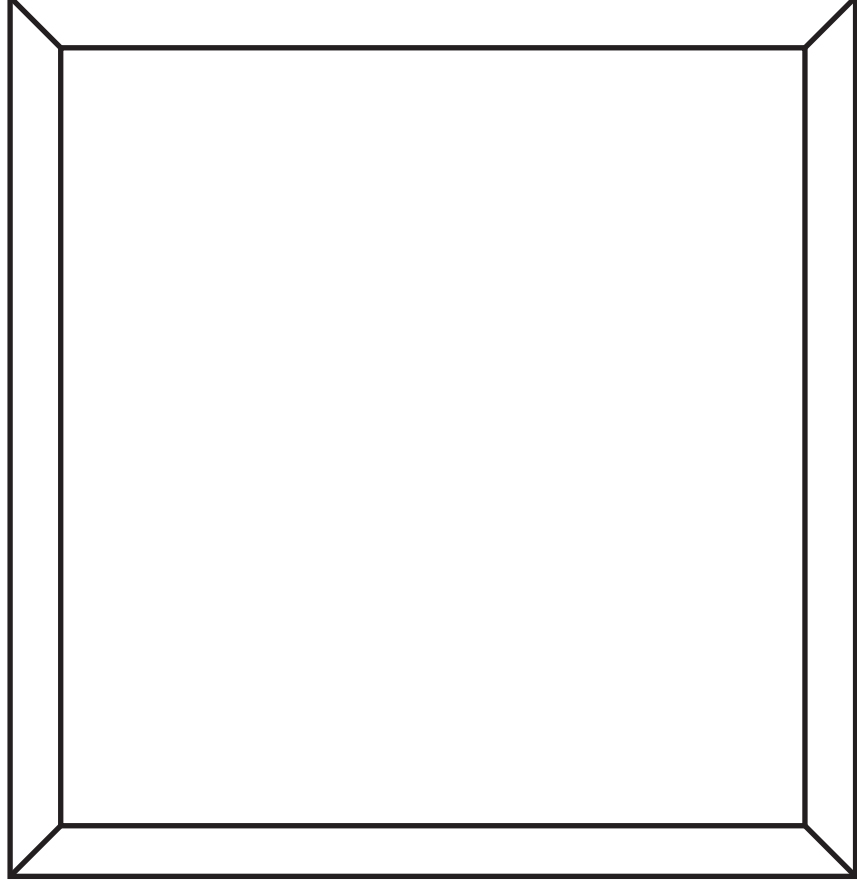
St. Joseph's, Freeburg, IL – September 8 & 9
Mass, Dinner/Cash & Quilt Bingo

St. Stephen, Caseyville, IL – September 8 & 9
Mass at 4:00 p.m., Chicken Dinner 4:00-8:00 p.m.
Quilt/Cash Bingo 5:00-11:00 p.m.

Holy Trinity, Fairview Heights, IL – September 16
Mass at 4:00 p.m.
4:00-10:00 p.m. Food, Inflatables, Quilt & Cash Raffles.



All the people at your church make up God's church. Draw your church family.



Gospel

Jesus said, "And so I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church."

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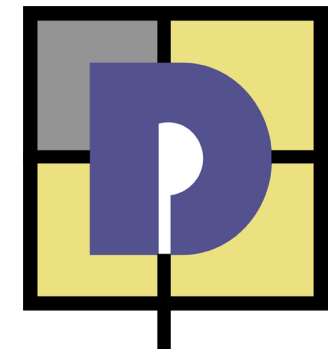
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