

# Immaculate Conception

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September 3, 2023

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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### 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

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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.

Monday, September 4 8:05 a.m. NO Mass

Tuesday, September 5 8:05 a.m. We Remember Ron & Margaret Wallace

Wednesday, September 6 8:05 a.m. We Remember Holy Souls

Thursday, September 7 8:05 a.m. We Remember Alonzo & Theresa Beckerle

Friday, September 8 8:05 a.m. We Remember Paul Kjosa Saturday, September 9 5:00 p.m. We Remember Angela Krupp Sunday, September 10 7:00 a.m. We Remember Joanne Hoffmann

9:00 a.m. We Remember Carl & Bernice Riebeling

11:00 a.m. We Remember Patti Rottler



## Please Pray For

Danielle Dorlac

Donna Archambault-Kania

Arlin Stechmesser Catherine Marlo Peggy Schutt

Dakota Schutt

Mike Conrad Janice McDermott

Delores Deleveski Brian Kreher

Rich Sambo Catherine Sambo

Nicole Pennington

Ruth Herrmann

Bill Kutz

Chris Peel Joan Thoma

Grace Nolan
Special Intention

Liam Pugh 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

Kate Patterson Ellen Dietz

Sharon Nealon

Iamie Moravec

Elsie Hofstetter

Mary Lou Mees

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

September 3, 2023:

First Reading: Jeremiah 20: 7-9

Second Reading: Romans 12: 1-2 Gospel: Matthew 16: 21-27



# Parish Events & News ...



SAVE THE DATE!

411 PALMER ROAD - COLUMBIA, ILLINOIS

### LABOR DAY WEEKEND,

Interested in joining the planning committee?

Contact: ICCPicnicChairs@gmail.com to get more information!



#### **Evening Band Event**

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





#### Parish Picnic, 11am-7pm

- Chicken Dinner, Fish & Grill Stands
- Book Store, Dessert Stand
- Kids & Adult Games
- Quilt Bingo 11am-7pm Live music through the



#### 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 iccmail@ iccmail.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 iccmail@iccmail.org. Thanks!

# 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.

#### **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 ...

Young people demand change. They wonder how anyone can claim to be building a better future without thinking of the environmental crisis and the sufferings of the excluded. (LS 13)

What can I do? Watch a YouTube video of Greta Thunberg.

#### 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.

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

# Discipleship

"People are often unreasonable and self-centered.

Forgive them anyway.

If you are kind, people may accuse you of ulterior motives.

Be kind anyway.

If you are honest, people may cheat you.

Be honest anyway.

If you find happiness, people may be jealous.

Be happy anyway.

The good you do today may be forgotten tomorrow.

Do good anyway.

Give the world the best you have and it may never be enough. Give your best anyway.

For you see, in the end, it is between you and God. It was never between you and them anyway."

(Saint Mother Teresa)

#### **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.

#### **IC-CCW NEWS**

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

# THE 2023 CATHOLIC SERVICE AND MINISTRY APPEAL

Do you remember your or your children's or, perhaps, your grandchildren's first time away from home attending college? While greatly anticipated, it can also be a challenging, sometimes overwhelming experience.

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Your contribution to The Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal helps makes this experience possible. Partner with Newman's students and staff by making your gift to The Appeal today!

### Vocation

As we celebrate the Labor Day weekend, let us remind ourselves that we all are called to work in God's vineyard. Every Catholic is required to live in the world and work to build the Kingdom of God. Some are called to do so in a special way.

Labor Day Weekend is a time to pray for and/or discern future workers as sisters, priests, brothers and permanent deacons. Please continue to ask God for vocations from Immaculate Conception!

As always, if you feel you have a vocation, please contact Fr. Steve. He'd be happy to help you discern how the Lord is inviting you to labor in His vineyard.

#### 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.

#### **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 Hogrebe 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.

#### 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 27, 2023		
Actual	\$	20,769.24
Budget	\$	23,700.00
Actual YTD	\$	349,205.84
Budget YTD	\$	323,500.00
Over (under)	\$	25,705.84
Prior YTD	\$	286,193.22
Over (under)	\$	63,012.62
Guatemala	\$	765.00
Gibault	\$	165.00
St. Thea Bowman	\$	120.00
CEAC	\$	2,190.00
Votive	\$	147.00
Retired Belleville Priest	\$	35.00
Improvements & Repairs	\$	120.00



# From Our Young Stewards

Treasure: \$44.79

Time and Talent: Helped in the garden; doing the dishes; I was nice to a friend.

#### 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.



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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



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.

#### QUEEN OF HEARTS: WE HAVE A WINNER!!!

Congratulations!!! Brandon White – ICC parishioner and ICS Parent Thank you everyone for your support! The next round has already started! Continue to come out to Sunset Overlook and support ICS and the kids!!

#### **MUMS SALE**

Last Chance to order from the Fall Mum Fundraiser now through September 5. The ICS Fall mum fundraiser will be ending on Tuesday. If you haven't already ordered, now is the time to get your order in!! 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.

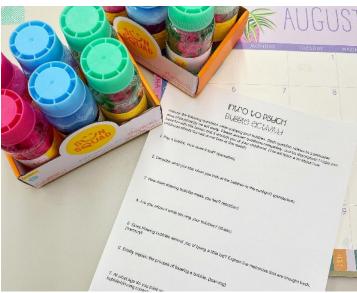


# What's Happening at Gibault?

#### MRS. KNITTIG FOUND A FUN WAY TO KICK OFF HER PSYCHOLOGY COURSE!

Last Friday, the class went outside and blew bubbles to introduce different concepts within the field of psychology. Concepts included memory, cognition, perception, learning, and more! It was great to see teenage students act like kids again!





#### **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...

#### **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. 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

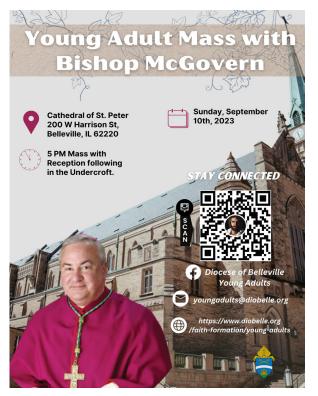
(skipping November 1)

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

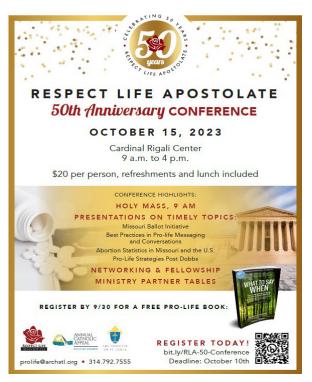


and our responsibility for it. With Pope Francis' encyclical *Laudato Si* as a foundational document, participants learn how food and farming practices affect the climate crisis, marginalized communities, and their own health and spiritual wellbeing. The group explores practical ways to support, advocate for, and implement sustainable food and farming practices in the communities and the institutions of which they're 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.



#### SAVE THE DATES!

# A PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND

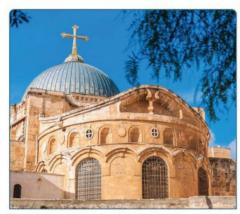


Under the Spiritual Direction of: Rev. Steve Thoma, C.R. and Rev. Eric Wagner, C.R.

13-Days: February 16 to 28, 2025

#### HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE:

- · Nazareth site of Annunciation
- Magdala home of Mary Magdalene
- · Cana Blessing of Marriage vows
- . Boat ride on Sea of Galilee
- Akko best preserved crusader city in the country
- Mt of Beatitudes & Capernaum
- Qsar Al-Yahud baptismal site renew baptismal vows
- · Jericho & Dead Sea
- Ein Karem visit Church of the Visitation
- Bethlehem Shepherds' Field, Church of the Nativity
- · Jerusalem Mt. of Olives & Mt. Zion
- . Upper Room & Garden of Gethsemane
- Via Dolorosa & Church of Holy Sepulchre
- · Plus much, much, more!







Pricing, Brochure and Registration available after May 1, 2024

To be placed on the priority list to receive the brochure PDF, please send your email address to:

Fr. Steve Thoma Email: frsteve@iccmail.org Tel: (618) 281-5105 Catholic Travel Centre

#### **CHILDREN'S CHOIR**

Children' choir will begin rehearsing on Monday, September 11. Rehearsals are on Mondays from 6:00-6:50. Children from any school grades 3-8 are encouraged to participate. The choir will sing at Christmas Eve Mass, Easter Sunday, First Communion and possibly some Sunday liturgies. Please email Karen Lundy if your child is interested in joining at karenslundy@gmail.com.

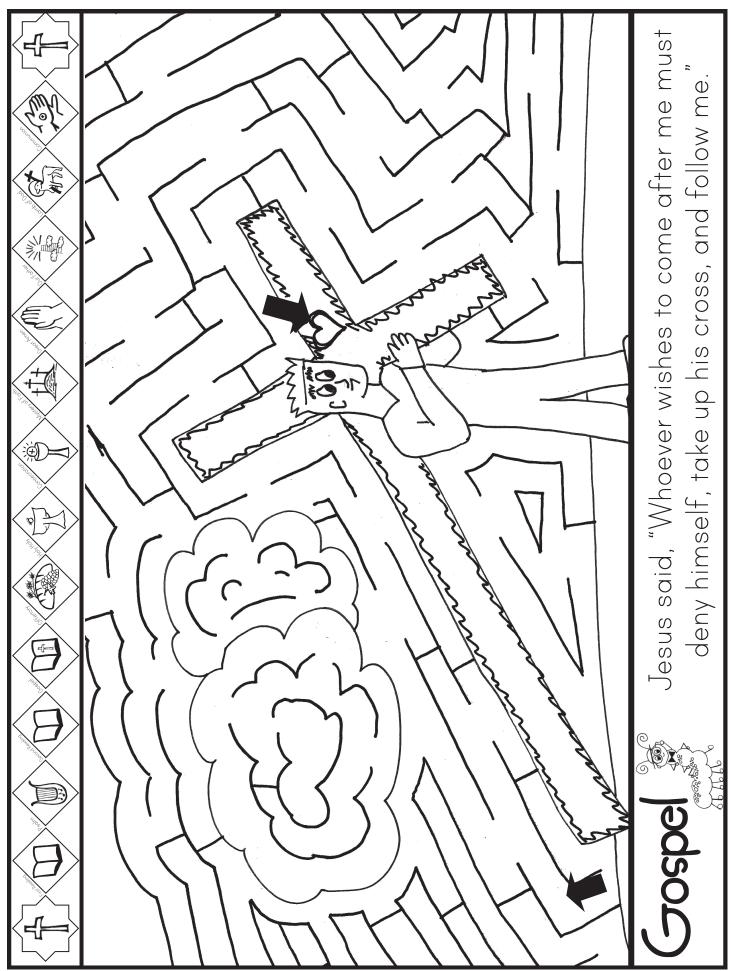
#### **CHURCH HAPPENINGS!**

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.



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