



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

October 1, 2023

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

www.icc-columbia-il.us

"Every human life, from the moment of conception until death, is sacred because the human person has been willed for its own sake in the image and likeness of the living and holy God." Catechism of the Catholic Church, 2319

Dear Friends,

October is Respect Life Month, and the ICC Sanctity of Life Committee invites you to join us in praying for a greater respect for human life from conception to natural death. Respecting and protecting life from its most tender beginning is key to respecting life in all its stages. We challenge each of you to grow your pro-life awareness and support by attending one or more of the Respect Life events listed inside the bulletin each week and by keeping these intentions in your prayers. (A complete list of Respect Life Month events is posted on the parish website.)

We are grateful to those who have been so generous with support and donations to our collections throughout the year for Birthright Counseling, Life Network of Southern Illinois, Monroe County Right to Life, St. Anne's Cradle of Hope, and other special collections such as helping high school students attend the March for Life in DC. Providing these corporal and spiritual works of mercy as our faith leads us is a double blessing – for receiver and giver!

If you would like to join the ICC Sanctity of Life group, please email laurasusanrn@yahoo.com to be added to our email distribution list for meeting invitations and updates on our activities. Our group meets in the Knights of Columbus room at 6pm on the 2nd Tuesday of each month. Our next meeting is on **October 10th**, and we would love to see you! With grace, compassion, mercy, and the truth of Christ, we celebrate and promote LIFE.

Peace and blessings,
The ICC Sanctity of Life Committee



"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born, I set you apart..." Jeremiah 1:4-5

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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Kyle Doerr**
boardpresident@icsmail.org

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: The parish is happy to celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony with adults who are currently registered members of Immaculate Conception Church (bride or groom). If you are one of many who would like to “come home” to celebrate the Sacrament with family and friends, please provide the name of the parish where you are now a member, along with contact information. We ask that you contact the IC Parish Office a minimum of four months prior to Marriage, but in most cases couples will need to allow time for Pre-Cana formation, and we suggest beginning to plan your Sacrament 12 or 18 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!

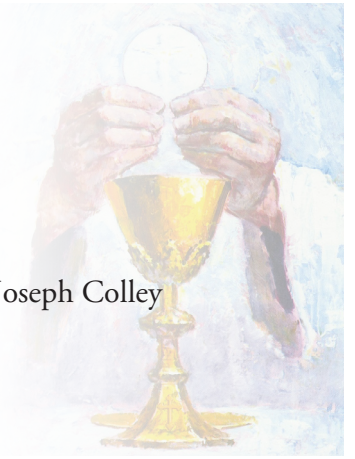
Anyone who wishes to volunteer at school or church when there are children present MUST be compliant with the Diocesan Child Protection Policy. Please be proactive! *EVERYONE must have an IL state background check, as well as doing the online refresher and filling out CANTS forms. *Coaches and employees 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, October 2	8:05 a.m.	We Remember Luann Wolf
Tuesday, October 3	8:05 a.m.	We Remember Marlene Augustine
Wednesday, October 4	8:05 a.m.	We Remember Geraldine Hoffman
Thursday, October 5	8:05 a.m.	We Remember Margie Pautler
Friday, October 6	8:05 a.m.	We Remember George Naumann, John Delveski, Joseph Colley
Saturday, October 7	5:00 p.m.	We Remember Melvin Bond, Sr.
Sunday, October 8	7:00 a.m.	We Remember Edith Sexauer
	9:00 a.m.	We Remember Keith Renner
	11:00 a.m.	We Remember Anna Lawlor



Please Pray For

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

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

October 1, 2023:

First Reading: Ezekiel 18:25-28

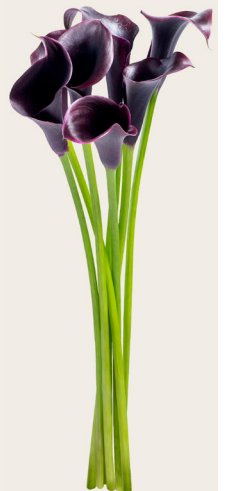
Second Reading: Philippians 2:1-11

Gospel: Matthew 21:28-32



Our Sympathies...

To Karen Weiler and her family on the death of her father, George Perry, 82, of Columbia



Parish Events & News...

D.C. PRETZEL AND DONUT SALES

The next Pretzel and Donut weekend will be **October 14 and 15**. 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.

Ministry News & Happenings

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.

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.

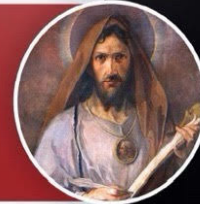


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The Arm of ST. JUDE THE APOSTLE

is visiting the United States and is coming to
THE ARCHDIOCESE OF SAINT LOUIS

Known as the *Apostle of the Impossible*, Saint Jude is revered for his unwavering dedication and steadfast faith. Millions have experienced his intercession in times of adversity and need.



DATE: Tuesday, October 3, 2023

LOCATION: St. Joseph Catholic Church

ADDRESS: 567 Saint Joseph Lane - Manchester, MO 63021 (636) 227-5247

VENERATION OF THE RELIC BEGINS: 1:00 PM

TIME OF MASS IN HONOR OF SAINT JUDE: 7:00 PM

VENERATION ENDS: 10:00 PM

CHECK THE WEBSITE FOR OTHER LOCATIONS



THE APOSTLE OF THE
IMPOSSIBLE
TOUR OF THE RELICS OF
ST. JUDE THE APOSTLE

Treasures
OF THE CHURCH

VISIT www.ApostleOfTheImpossible.com FOR COMPLETE DETAILS



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.



Pope Francis Says...

We must forcefully reject the notion that our being created in God's image and given dominion over the earth justifies absolute domination over other creatures. (LS 67)

What can I do? Talk to a creature. Care for a plant. Visit the zoo.

ICY TRIP TO VENERATE ST. JUDE RELICS – OCTOBER 3

Immaculate Conception Youth (ICY) is planning an evening trip to St. Joseph in Manchester, MO, to venerate the relics of St. Jude the Apostle on Tuesday, October 3, followed by a stop for ice cream and discussion. Any teens (and adult chaperones) who would like to participate may contact Melissa Jansen at 314-368-8117 or melissa.jansen@sbcglobal.net for information about meeting time and travel arrangements. Visiting this saintly relic is open to all the faithful, so feel free to make your own arrangements! More information is available at www.ApostleOfTheImpossible.com.

ICY PARISH FAMILY DRIVE-IN MOVIE NIGHT

Showing: *Casper*



Discipleship

I am a temple of the Holy Spirit. That is not poetry. The Scriptures tell us that it is a reality. God is present in me.

I am a temple of the Holy Spirit. There are many implications to that truth. For example, it means that I should take care of my body. Do I take care of my health? Do I keep myself in good condition?

I am a temple of the Holy Spirit. It means there should be a difference in how I take care of others around me. Do I treat other people with an awareness of God within me... within them? Sometimes we have the attitude that as long as we are correct, we can treat others roughly. I have to think about that.

I am a temple of the Holy Spirit.

IC-CCW NEWS

- Ladies - Please pick up your raffle tickets in the back of church today!! Save us the postage, please!!
- Mark your calendars! Invite your friends! BUNCO November 9th! Enjoy a glass of wine and snacks! Basket and Quilt Raffle Winners will be drawn.
- Next meeting Thursday, October 5th at 6:30 p.m. in the Garden Level.

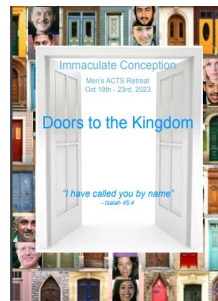
NEWS FROM THE KNIGHTS

Knights of Columbus Car Show 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m., Saturday, October 7th. The upper lot at ICC will be filled with Hot Rods, classic cars, trucks, Military vehicles, tractors and much more! Concessions with brats, burgers, and nachos. Bring a kid to the Car Show to vote for their favorite. Want to help or have an attendance prize to donate? Call Steve Wilson at 314-497-0798.

THE 2023 CATHOLIC SERVICE AND MINISTRY APPEAL

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

On behalf of Bishop Michael McGovern and diocesan ministries and programs, a most heartfelt thanks to all those who have already responded with a gift to The 2023 Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal. If you have not yet done so, there's still plenty of time. One-time donations or pledges – in any amount – are needed and can be made through your parish or at www.diobelle.org (click on "Giving to the Diocese"). Your generosity supports 17 agencies and programs that daily serve thousands of people. Please consider making your gift today or at any time you are able in the coming months. We also ask for your prayers for the success of this year's Appeal and all those we serve. Thank you and may God bless you always.



MEN'S ACTS RETREAT

ICC Men's ACTS Retreat:
October 19-22, 2023

If you need a break from a busy life... if you're new to ICC or want to better connect with your Church community... if you're working through some difficult transitions...

if Life feels like it is piling on... it's time to sit awhile with Jesus! That's what retreats are for. Registration forms can be found online at the ICC website, or in the Gathering Space. If you need further information about an ACTS Retreat weekend, please contact one of the following: Director Bill Ott at 314-882-7217 or Co-Director Bob Wachtel at 618-531-9169.



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Please join us for Eucharistic Adoration on Tuesdays from 4:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. Spend some quiet time with the Lord.

PRAY AND PLAY AT LITTLE CHURCH

Little Church begins its new school year in Preschool Room #220 of the Catholic Education & Activity Center on Sundays at 11:00 a.m. We are looking forward to greeting all our friends and sharing God's love together! (Register through the parish website!) Little Church participants must be 3 (and potty trained) by this September, and may participate through Kindergarten. The Little Church School Year ends the Sunday before Labor Day, and takes holiday breaks. For more information, contact Lauren Bernhard at 314-461-3530 or lbernhard104@gmail.com.

SANCTITY OF LIFE

October is Respect Life Month, and we invite everyone to consider all the opportunities to learn, grow, heal, and support Life!

TODAY – Saturday/Sunday, September 30/October 1: Blessing of Expectant and Adopting Parents at all ICC Masses.

TODAY – Sunday, October 1: Life Chain national event, Stand & Pray, 2:00-3:00 p.m. in Millstadt along Washington Street (Rt. 158) between Lafayette Street & Kossuth Street. Meet in the St. James Church parking lot to pick up signs. Questions? Call 618-985-3110.

Tuesday, October 3: Eucharistic Adoration at ICC, special Holy Hour for the Sanctity of Human Life, 6:00-7:00 p.m. which includes a Pro-life Rosary. Benediction will be at 7:00 p.m.

Friday, October 6: 40 Days for Life – SPPP Life Team has adopted the sidewalk in front of Planned Parenthood in Fairview Heights for this whole day and are inviting volunteers to join them from 7:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m. Email blreinholz@gmail.com to take an hour (or more) to stand and pray.

Saturday/Sunday, October 7/October 8: Respect Life educational display in Gathering Space; 3 Minutes More Inspiration

Sunday, October 8: Ground Zero Tour/Pizza Event, 4:00-6:00 p.m. in the Garden Level – Brian Westbrook from Coalition Life will be presenting “*Turning Illinois Pro-Life in a Post-Roe America.*” The Illinois Right to Life is stopping at 14 locations in our state, and Columbia is one of them! Please join us to learn more about the laws of our state and how we can speak the truth to those we love. Pizza & salad provided after the meeting. Age appropriate for teens through adults.

ANNUAL ST. VINCENT DE PAUL WINTER CLOTHING AND ITEMS DRIVE

The Drive will be held the weekend of October 14-15, 2023. All items of warm clothing and bedding will be accepted. Sizes of clothing range from infant to adult and bedding items include blankets, quilts, throws, pillows, and sheets. Items collected will be distributed to the Holy Angels Shelter, Cosgrove Kitchen, and to CUP. We have been advised that there is a shortage of these items for this winter season. Questions: Carol or John Waide at 281-4186, or 618-910-1648. We appreciate your help. – ICC St. Vincent de Paul Society

Stewardship...

Thank you for sharing your blessings with us!

September 24, 2023

Actual	\$ 18,767.31
Budget	\$ 23,650.00
Actual YTD	\$ 523,054.96
Budget YTD	\$ 496,450.00
Over (under)	\$ 26,604.96
Prior YTD	\$ 373,249.44
Over (under)	\$ 149,805.52
<i>CEAC Debt Status</i>	
Diocese Loan	\$ 2,119,334
Endowment Loan	\$ 625,000
	\$ 2,744,334
CEAC	\$ 1,150.00
Gibault	\$ 175.00
Guatemala	\$ 233.00
Belleville Priest	\$ 215.00
Votive	\$ 328.00
World Mission	\$ 10.00
Newman Auxiliary	\$ 20.00
Peter's Pence	\$ 20.00



From Our Young Stewards

Treasure: \$29.00

Time and Talent: I read the Bible; I helped with the little kids; I walked the dog; I have been good to my friends.

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.

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.

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.



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION SCHOOL

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

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

MISSION • COMMUNITY • SERVICE

WE ARE “FALLING” FOR TRIVIA!

ICS TRIVIA NIGHT

PRIZE FOR BEST FALL DECORATED TABLE!

CASH PRIZES FOR 1ST, 2ND AND 3RD PLACE!

NOVEMBER 10, 2023

DOORS AT 6 P.M., TRIVIA STARTS AT 7 P.M.

REGISTER HERE:

\$200 PER TABLE OF 10 MULLIGANS, 50/50 AND GAMES AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE
OUTSIDE FOOD AND DRINK WELCOME

Immaculate Conception Garden Level
409 Palmer Road, Columbia IL

QUESTIONS? EMAIL JACKIE WEAVER,
SCHMIDJK@GMAIL.COM

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PRESENTS

QUEEN OF HEARTS & 50/50 RAFFLE

TO BENEFIT: IMMACULATE CONCEPTION COLUMBIA, ILLINOIS

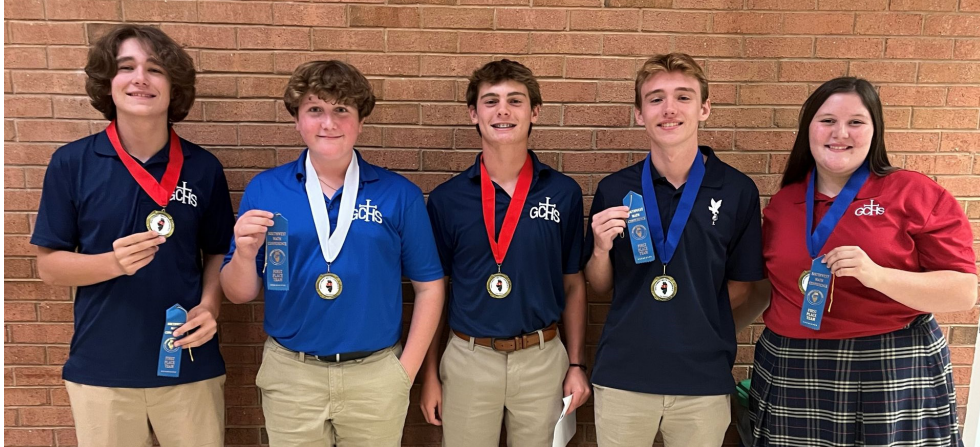
LOCATION: SUNSHINE BELLS
11604 BLUFF ROAD
COLUMBIA, ILLINOIS

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.

What's Happening At Gibault?

Congratulations to our Math Team on their first-place finish at yesterday's competition at SWIC! Individual results include: Fr: Nolan Snell – 2nd; Danny Kinsey – 3rd; So: Paul Ott – 2nd; Jr: Brady Moore – 1st; Sr: Allison Stark – 1st



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...



Day of Discernment for Young Men

Are you a practicing Catholic man, age 18-35?

Are you wondering what God wants for your life?

Do you enjoy prayer and quiet reflection?

Do you long for something more?

Is fostering HOPE appealing?

Would you like guidance?

Attend a

Discernment Weekend
with the Congregation of the Resurrection!!!

Details

Location Blessed Carlo Acutis Parish
St. Hedwig Church
2226 N. Hoyne Ave
Chicago, IL 60647

Date October 28-29, 2023

Coordinator & Presenter Fr. Eric Wagner, CR, PhD

For more information and to RSVP
Vocationoffice.usa.cr@gmail.com



Discernment 101

Saturday morning talks, prayer, and discussion groups with the Daughters of St. Paul to explore God's will for your life

Open to single Catholic women ages 16-33

SEPT

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Growth,
Not Perfectionism

*A Holistic Approach
to Discernment*

OCT

14

Interior
Freedom

*Becoming Ourselves
in Christ*

NOV

11

God's Will vs.
My Desires?

*The Role of Desire
in Discernment*

DEC

09

Pray,
Choose, Act

*Living the Fruits
of Discernment*

8:30 AM - 1:00 PM

Includes Mass, talk and discussion, Eucharistic Adoration, and lunch

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REGISTER

Email Sr. Amanda Marie at
stlouisvocations@paulinemediamedia.com

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'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.



PET BLESSING ON THE FEAST OF ST. FRANCIS, OCTOBER 4

Celebrate the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi by bringing your furry and feathery friends to the annual Pet Blessing, once again held on October 4 at 6:00 p.m.

in the lower level parking lot (near the flagpole). Fr. Carl will officiate. Please make sure your pets are secured by leash or cages to make sure everyone feels secure and stays safe. St. Francis of Assisi, pray for us!

QUILT OF THE MONTH

Our Lady of Good Counsel, Renault, is sponsoring a Quilt-of-the-Month Raffle. From January through December 2024, a beautiful queen-sized handmade quilt will be given away each month. Tickets are \$25.00 each, and they give you 12 chances to win. Please pick up a ticket here at the ICC Parish Office. Our hours are Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.



Young Adult Eucharistic Revival
(Ages 18-35)



With
Bishop Michael McGovern
Wednesday, October 11, 2023
Immaculate Conception

411 Palmer Road, Columbia, IL

The evening begins at 6:30 p.m. with Eucharistic Adoration, the Bishop speaks at 7:00 p.m., followed by refreshments.

CHURCH HAPPENINGS

Immaculate Conception, Tamaroa, IL
October 15 – Doors open at 11:00 a.m.
Quilt/Cash Bingo starts at 1:00 p.m. at KC Hall in Dubois

REKINDLING
The Spirit
PARISH RETREAT

NOVEMBER 4-7, 2023

SAINTS PETER AND PAUL CATHOLIC CHURCH
WATERLOO, IL



OUR PARISH IS EXCITED TO OFFER THIS OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE IN A PARISH RETREAT THIS FALL.

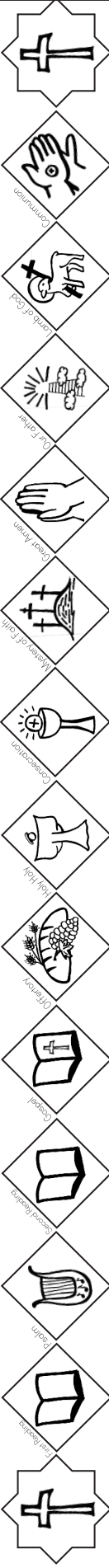
Fr. Joe Nassal, a Missionary of the Precious Blood and author of eight books, will lead us on a faith journey to "Rekindle the Spirit".

Mark Your Calendars! to join us at the weekend Mass on November 4th or 5th, followed by retreat services on November 6th and 7th with refreshments afterwards.

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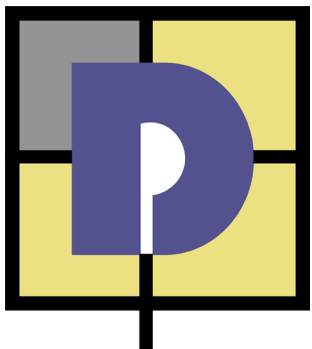


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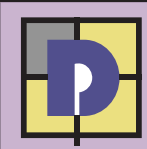
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