



Immaculate Conception

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

September 10, 2023

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

www.icc-columbia-il.us

RCIA are you someone —or do you know someone— who...



- Has expressed an interest in becoming Catholic?
- Has a child over the age of seven who has not been baptized?
- Was baptized Catholic as a child, but has not celebrated the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist?

We offer an opportunity to come together in a small group to learn more about our faith. Sessions focus on the teachings and experience of Church and prepare individuals to celebrate the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist during the Easter season. There are separate sessions for children or youth. You are welcome to participate in the process with your questions, your insights and your faith story in a warm, accepting setting. For information please contact Lizanne Young at lyoung@iccmil.org or 618-281-5105, x354.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

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, September 11	8:05 a.m.	We Remember Edith Sexauer & Jenny Eckenfels
Tuesday, September 12	8:05 a.m.	We Remember Holy Souls
Wednesday, September 13	8:05 a.m.	We Remember Herb and Betty Lehr
Thursday, September 14	8:05 a.m.	We Remember Betty Lang
Friday, September 15	8:05 a.m.	We Remember Margie Pautler
Saturday, September 16	5:00 p.m.	We Remember John, Catherine, & Jane Mallett
Sunday, September 17	7:00 a.m.	We Remember Job George & Family
	9:00 a.m.	We Remember Ray Ratajczyk
	11:00 a.m.	We Remember Margaret Hart



Please Pray For

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

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 10, 2023:

First Reading: Ezekiel 33:7-9

Second Reading: Romans 13:8-10

Gospel: Matthew 18:15-20



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

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.

ICY ODD SUNDAYS

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



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 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...

Everyone's talents and involvement are needed to redress the damage caused by human abuse of God's creation. (Southern African Catholic Bishop's Conference, 1999, quoted in LS 14)

What can I do? Create less trash. Plant a tree. Learn about alternatives to household cleaning items that do not use hazardous chemicals.

Discipleship

Now that school has resumed, an upsurge in Covid-19 cases is not unlikely. Covid-19 vaccination is an "act of love." "Love for oneself, love for our families and friends, and love for all peoples. Getting vaccinated is a simple yet profound way to care for one another, especially the most vulnerable." As of May 2023, over one fourth of Monroe County residents five years of age or older had not received even the first Covid-19 vaccination shot. Unvaccinated people increase the likelihood of not only more infections but also the development of new variants, each possibly more infectious and/or more lethal. Make a "gesture of love." (Quotes from Pope Francis)

Vocation

As we look forward to celebrating Fr. Carl's 50th anniversary of priesthood, and the Congregation of the Resurrection's upcoming gala, we are reminded that God continues to call men and women to faithfulness through special vocations. Please continue to pray for Fr. Carl as we celebrate with him 50 wonderful years of service and living out his call as a priest of the Diocese of Belleville. May his witness and example inspire others to hear God's call and respond generously.

Please continue to pray for future vocations!

NEWS FROM THE KNIGHTS

Luminous Mysteries of the Most Holy Rosary

The Knights of Columbus invites everyone to join them for prayer and reflection on the Luminous Mysteries of the Most Holy Rosary on Thursday, September 14th outside at the Mary statue starting at 6:15 p.m.

Tootsie Roll Drive

Their annual Intellectual Disabilities Drive, commonly known as the Tootsie Roll Drive, will be held on Friday, September 15th and Saturday, September 16th. Watch for them on street corners and please be generous.

Car Show

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.

IC-CCW NEWS

- 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.
- BUNCO will now take place on Thursday, November 9th due to the evening remembrance Mass on All Souls Day.

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. Today, hundreds of young adults find a comfortable, secure, faith-based home during their college years as a "family" member of the Newman Catholic Student Center at Southern Illinois University. Your contribution to The Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal helps make this experience possible. Partner with Newman's students and staff by making your gift to The Appeal today!

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.

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.



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.

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 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.

Stewardship...

Thank you for sharing your blessings with us!

No Financial Report due to Labor Day

September 3, 2023

Actual	\$	0
Budget	\$	0
Actual YTD	\$	0
Budget YTD	\$	0
Over (under)	\$	0
Prior YTD	\$	0
Over (under)	\$	0



From Our Young Stewards

Treasure: \$

Time and Talent:

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

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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

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PRESENTS

TO BENEFIT:
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
COLUMBIA, ILLINOIS

QUEEN OF HEARTS & 50/50 RAFFLE

LOCATION:
SUNISSET OVERLOOK
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?

Hawks battled in the heat last night and today and earned themselves the 2nd place hardware at the New Athens Labor Day Tournament. Seniors, Kate Kreps and Lucy Range were voted to the All Tournament team. Congrats to our Lady Hawks on a successful tournament!! [#gibaultproud](https://twitter.com/gibaultproud)



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...



BLUE MASS HONORING FIRST RESPONDERS

Immaculate Conception will honor our police, firefighters, EMTs and other First Responders with a Mass on Sunday, October 1, at 11:00 a.m., including a special blessing, and followed by a gathering in the Garden Level. Please share this with your friends and family, and mark the date on your calendar to honor those who serve us so well!

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

RSVP BY SEPTEMBER 26

ANNUAL REVIVAL

St. Augustine of Hippo Catholic Church
 408 Rev. Joseph Brown Blvd.
 East St. Louis, IL 62205

ANNUAL REVIVAL

WITH

FR. MAURICE NUTT, C.Ss.R.

SEPTEMBER 18, 19, 20, 2023 AT 6:00 PM.

"WON'T GOD DO IT?"

MON., SEPT. 18:

"WHEN GOD DOESN'T MAKE SENSE."

TUES., SEPT. 19:

"FORGIVING WHAT YOU CAN'T FORGET."

WED., SEPT. 20:

"WHEN THEY WORK YOUR LAST NERVE."



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CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS:
HOLY MASS, 9 AM
 PRESENTATIONS ON TIMELY TOPICS:
 Missouri Ballot Initiative
 Best Practices in Pro-life Messaging and Conversations
 Abortion Statistics in Missouri and the U.S.
 Pro-Life Strategies Post Dobbs

NETWORKING & FELLOWSHIP
MINISTRY PARTNER TABLES

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SAVE THE DATES!



A PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND



Walking in the Footsteps of Jesus

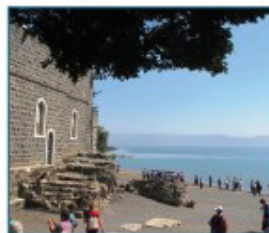
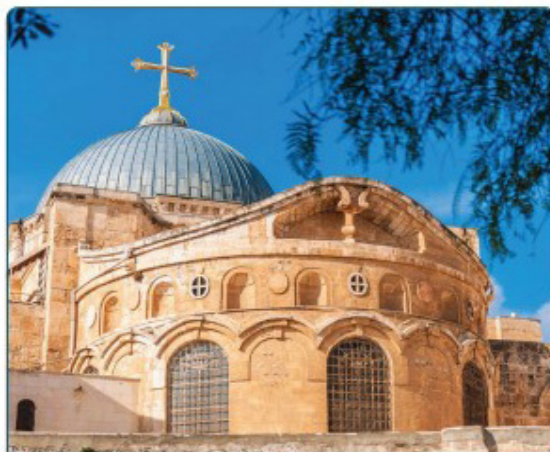
Under the Spiritual Direction of: Rev. Steve Thoma, C.R.

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@iccmil.org

Tel: (618) 281-5105

Travel arrangements by:



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CHURCH HAPPENINGS

Holy Trinity

Fairview Heights, IL

September 16

Mass at 4:00 p.m.

4:00-10:00 p.m. Food, Inflatables,

Quilt & Cash Raffles.

St. Augustine

Belleville, IL

September 23

Mass at 4:00 p.m.

Chicken Dinner 3:00-6:30 p.m.

Quilt n Cash Bingo at 7:00 p.m.

Immaculate Conception

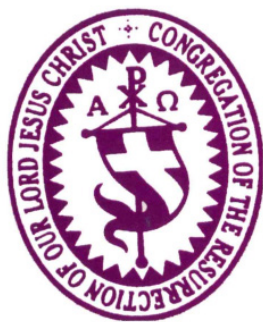
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October 15

Doors open at 11:00 a.m.

Quilt/Cash Bingo starts

1:00 p.m. at KC Hall in Dubois



Resurrectionist
Gala 2023

Sunday
September 24, 2023

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Cash Bar

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Dinner 3:30 p.m.

Program 4:30 p.m.

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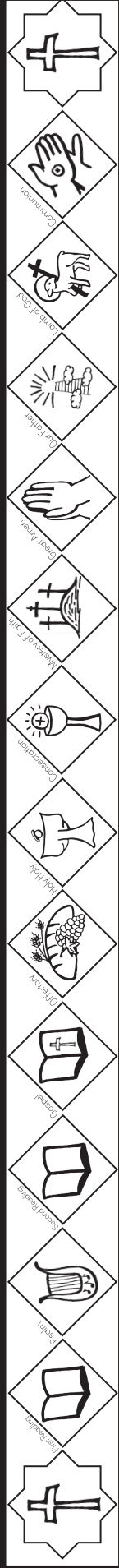
and

Rev Steve Thoma, CR

Pastor, Immaculate Conception Parish
Columbia, Illinois

with the

Veritas et Caritas Award 2023



Use the coordinates to finish the sentence.

Jesus said,
 “Where two or three are
 gathered...”

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
1	T	I	L	R	I	N	O
2	F	S	T	H	E	X	F
3	M	I	D	S	T	X	R
4	O	F	P	L	K	J	H
5	C	B	T	H	E	M	X
6	H	E	B	E	A	Q	R
7	S	J	R	L	M	G	H

- _____ 1,A 2,D 2,E 6,G 5,E
- _____ 3,A 3,B
- _____ 1,E 1,F 5,C 2,D 6,B
- _____ 3,A 1,E 3,C 7,A 5,C
- _____ 4,A 4,B 5,C 2,D 6,B 3,A



Jesus is teaching the disciples about the church. The church isn't just the building—it's all of the people that worship God!

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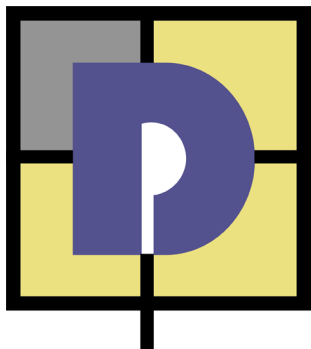
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