

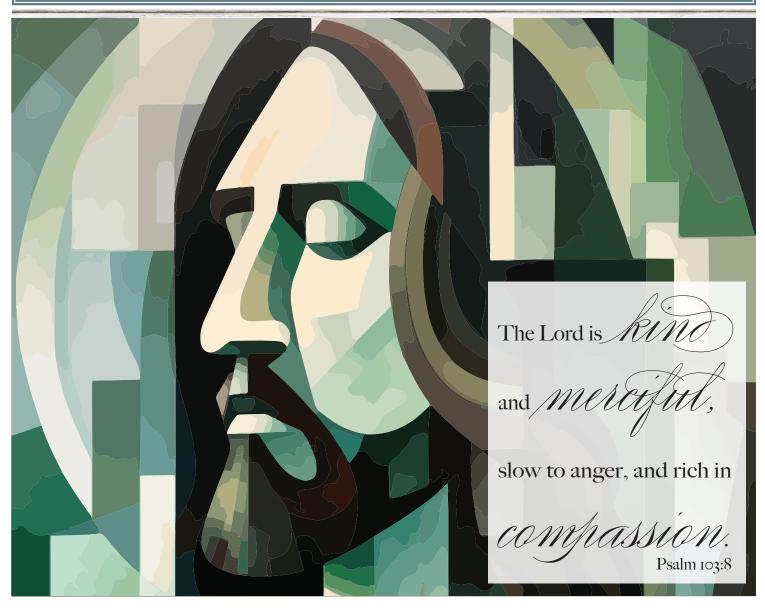
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September 17, 2023

Twenty-Fourth 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

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@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.

We Remember Earl Niermann Monday, September 18 8:05 a.m. We Remember John Woods Tuesday, September 19 8:05 a.m.

We Remember Ray & Velma Budde Wednesday, September 20 8:05 a.m. Thursday, September 21 8:05 a.m. We Remember Pat & Eddie Vogt Friday, September 22 8:05 a.m. We Remember Paul Toenjes

We Remember Jesse, Rita, & Nicholetta Howell Saturday, September 23 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, September 24 7:00 a.m. We Remember Joanne Hoffman 9:00 a.m. We Remember Mercedes Mora

We Remember Anna Lawlor 11:00 a.m.



Please Pray For

Danielle Dorlac

Donna Archambault-Kania

Arlin Stechmesser Catherine Marlo Peggy Schutt Dakota Schutt Mike Conrad

Ianice 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

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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 Jamie 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.



September 17, 2023:

First Reading: Sirach 27:30-28:7 Second Reading: Romans 14:7-9

Gospel: Matthew 18:21-35



Our Sympathies...

To Elsie Hofstetter & Kathy Hofstetter and their family on the death of their son and brother Chief Master Sergeant Gary Hofstetter, 65, of Millstadt.



Parish Events & News...

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THE WINNERS!

\$100 Linnemann Oil & Tire - Dorothy Weiser

\$100 Columbia IMO's – Sharon Ferrell

Annbriar Golf Passes - Valerie Weir

West Park Bowl 3 family passes – Tom Klingert

\$250 Joe Boccardi's - Cheryl Uhran

4 Cardinal Tickets – MaryAnn Moses Farley

\$250 Harres Furniture – Bernice Toenjes

\$100 Columbia IMO's – Steve Kopec

\$100 Sunset Overlook – Rita Procasky

50/50 winners -

Monica Weilbacher April Smith Cindy Friedrich Anonymous donation to ICS Sherry Crook Faith Clark Jane Goeringer Deidra Doerr Karen Kloess Larry Huch

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 iccmail@iccmail.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.

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 have not yet managed to adopt a circular model of production capable of preserving resources for present and future generations. (*Laudato Si*, 22)

What can I do? Refuse, Reduce, Reuse plastic bags and containers.

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.



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.

Discipleship

Prayer holds profound significance in the Catholic life, serving as a cornerstone of spiritual connection and communication with God. It serves as a means of seeking guidance, expressing gratitude, and seeking forgiveness, fostering a deep and personal relationship with the Divine. Through various forms of prayer, such as the Rosary, the Liturgy of the Hours, and spontaneous conversations with God, Catholics find solace, strength, and a sense of purpose in their faith journey. Prayer not only offers a channel for individual devotion but also binds the Catholic community together in collective worship, emphasizing the central role of faith in their daily lives and helping them navigate the challenges and joys of the human experience with faith as their guiding light.

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

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

- Psalm 15

The Messenger, our diocesan newspaper, brings local, national and international news of our Catholic faith right into your home through its print and online editions. Your gift to The Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal helps to support The Messenger. If you haven't done so, subscribe to The Messenger today and also make your gift to The Appeal! Thank you for your generosity.

Silver Rose Prayer Service - Saturday, 23 Sep 2023, 9:00 am



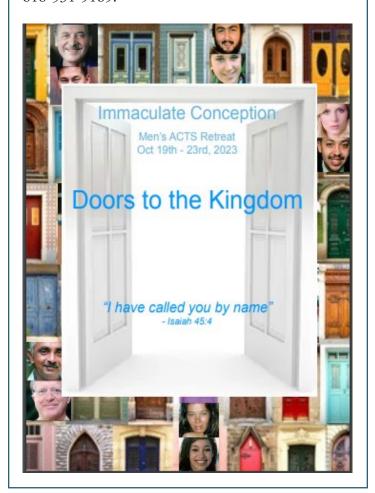
Join us at the **Silver Rose Prayer Service** promoting the sanctity of all human life and honoring **Our Lady**.

This is a rosary-centered occasion for all Knights, families, parishioners, and community members to pray together. We pray for the respect for life, for the spiritual renewal of our nation, and for the advancement of the holy message of *Our Lady of Guadalupe*.

Questions? Contact Kevin W Hutchinson, K of C Council 6165 @ (314) 974-7072.

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.



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.



EUCHARISTIC 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.

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!

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.

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.

Stewardship...

Thank you for sharing your blessings with us!

September 3		
Actual	\$	53,635.72
Budget	\$	62,600.00
Actual YTD	\$	402,841.56
Budget YTD	\$	386,100.00
Over (under)	\$	16,741.56
Prior YTD	\$	303,015.71
Over (under)	\$	99,825.85
CEAC	\$	7,453.00
Capital Improvements	\$	360.00
Cemetery Maintenance	\$	5.00
Picnic Donation	\$	300.00
Gibault	\$	575.00
Sr. Thea Bowman	\$	390.00
SVDP	\$	65.00
Guatemala	\$	534.00
Belleville Priest	\$	260.00
Votive	\$	220.57
September 10, 2023		
Actual	\$	26,822.50
Budget	\$	23,600.00
Actual YTD	\$	429,664.06
Budget YTD	\$	409,700.00
Over (under)	\$	19,964.06
Prior YTD	\$	348,541.42
Over (under)	\$	81,122.64
Votive	\$	249.01
Gibault	\$	10.00
Guatemala	\$	586.00
Retired Priests	\$ \$ \$	936.00
CEAC	\$	915.00
Capital Improvements	\$	130.00



From Our Young Stewards

Treasure: \$25.07 (Combined)

Time and Talent: I read the Bible, shared my lunch with my mom, I practiced reading



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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.

Tickets available now!



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What's Happening At Gibault!

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We're #gibaultproud of Adelynn and Brock Murphy who spent time volunteering in Peru this summer! Adelynn (Class of 2022) and Brock (Class of 2024) traveled to Cusco, Peru, for one month. During this time, they taught English to the schoolchildren outside of the city. They had many amazing cultural experiences and made lifelong friends. Brock said that overall, this was an incredibly rewarding experience.

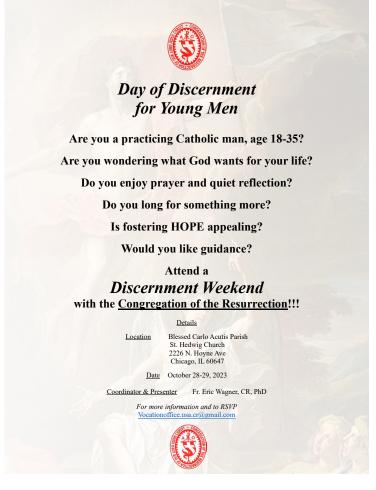




ENROLLMENT NEWS:

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...







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!

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-columbiafall-2023-small-group/. JustFaith.com. Local contacts: Carol Waide at 618-910-1648 and Sr. Marcia Kruse at

618-670-4084.



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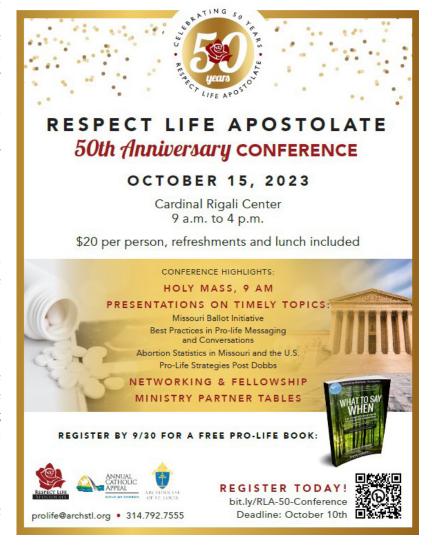
Veritas et Caritas Award 2023

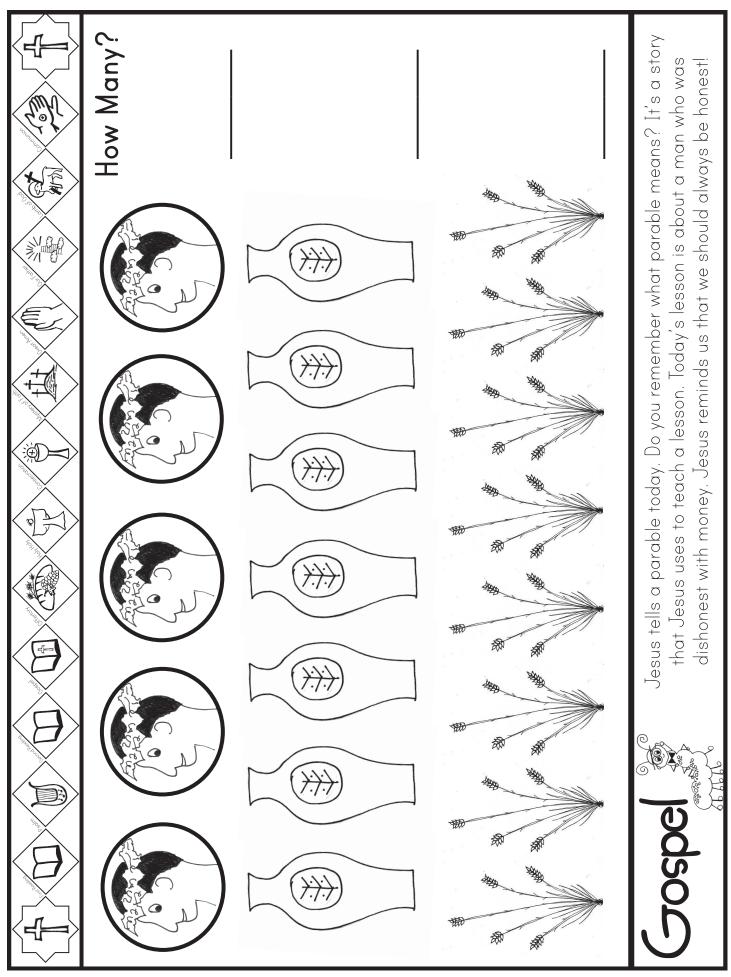


PET BLESSING ON THE FEAST OF ST. FRANCIS, OCTOBER 4

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!





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