



Immaculate Conception

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

October 15, 2023

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

www.icc-columbia-il.us



The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

Psalms 23:1

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: 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 16	8:05 a.m.	We Remember Pat & Eddie Vogt
Tuesday, October 17	8:05 a.m.	We Remember Delores Wenkel
Wednesday, October 18	8:05 a.m.	We Remember Ray & Velma Budde
Thursday, October 19	8:05 a.m.	We Remember John Woods
Friday, October 20	8:05 a.m.	We Remember Ed & Mary Smugala
Saturday, October 21	5:00 p.m.	We Remember Ray Ratajczyk
Sunday, October 22	7:00 a.m.	We Remember Craig Chaput
	9:00 a.m.	We Remember William & Genevieve Doerr
	11:00 a.m.	We Remember Calvin Fries



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	Cletus Whelan
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 15, 2023:

First Reading: Isaiah 25:6-10a

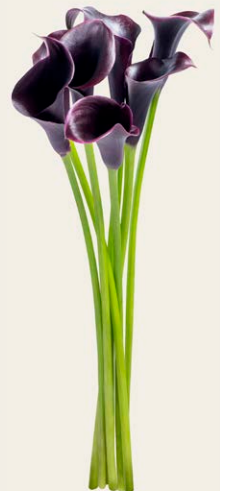
Second Reading: Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20

Gospel: Matthew 22:1-14



Our Sympathies...

To Hope Wienhoff and her family on the death of her brother, Chris Schreder, of Freedom, OK



Parish Events & News...

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Father Steve on his “Veritas et Caritas” award from the Congregation of the Resurrection.



TRUNK OR TREAT – OCTOBER 29!



Bring your family and your ghoulish friends to TRUNK OR TREAT on Sunday, October 29, from 4:00-6:00 p.m.! If you are decorating your trunk, please park in the Lower Lot, which will be open to traffic from 4:00-4:30 p.m. Otherwise, please park in the top lot and walk down. Lot closes to ALL traffic from 4:30-6:00 p.m. “Treating” begins at 5:00 p.m., and the Schaefer Hayrides will start loading around 6:00 p.m. The Knights of Columbus will provide lemonade and hot dogs, and ICY will make sure the hayrides go through the “Haunted Trail.” It will be spooktacular if you’re there!

PARISH WORK DAYS!

Please come and help on Parish Work Days. More hands make for less work! **November 11th, December 9th**

D.C. PRETZEL AND DONUT SALES

The next Pretzel and Donut weekend will be **November 18 and 19**. 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 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.



[ICYOUTH.HY.CANVA.SITE](https://www.canva.com/ICYOUTH.HY.CANVA.SITE)



Pope Francis Says...

The contemplation of creation allows us to discover in each thing a teaching which God wishes to hand on to us. (LS 85)
What can I do? Join the Sierra Club, the Arbor Day Foundation., Wild Ones.

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.

Discipleship

There is no guarantee of an earthly life without problems. But there are things we can do to minimize the number and severity of difficult times. One important habit is to associate with the wise, not the foolish. "Go from the face of the fool; you get no knowledge from such lips. The wisdom of the shrewd enlightens their way, but the folly of fools is deceit" (Prov 14:7-9). And remember, "There are two ways to be fooled. One is to believe what isn't true; the other is to refuse to believe what is true." (Soren Kierkegaard).

IC-CCW NEWS

Immaculate Conception Council of Catholic Women Present
Ladies Night Out!
Thursday, November 9th, 2023

BUNCO

\$20 Admission!

Prizes for Most Buncos, Most Baby Buncos, Most Wins, Most Losses
If there is more than one winner, the prizes will be split.

*Reserve your spot! Glenda Sexauer: 618-520-9369; glenda.sexauer@gmail.com

*Two glasses of complimentary wine! You can also BYOB!

*Free Snacks at the snack table! You can also bring your own snacks!

*Great baskets for the **Basket Raffle!**

Door Opens: 6:00pm.

411 Palmer Road, Columbia, IL

Browse the quilt and baskets, get snacks/drink and have a seat!

Games begin at 6:30pm. Four games of six rounds!

YOU DO NOT NEED TO KNOW HOW TO PLAY! NO SKILL REQUIRED!!

THE 2023 CATHOLIC SERVICE AND MINISTRY APPEAL

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

The homebound, sick and seniors living in the southernmost part of the state are assured they will have food to eat thanks to Daystar Community Program's mobile food pantry, which delivers groceries on a regular basis to those not able to visit Daystar's on-site food pantry. YOUR GIFT to The Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal makes Daystar's truly life-saving ministry possible. If you haven't already done so, please donate today and help Daystar to serve truly the poorest of the poor; they are counting on YOU!

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.

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.



“Rise! Eat! For your journey before you is great!”

~ God’s angel to Elijah (1 Kings 19:7)

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

Do you crave spiritual nourishment?

Do you seek HOPE or look to foster it?

Would you like spiritual guidance and time to reflect?

**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



Stewardship...

Thank you for sharing your blessings with us!

October 8, 2023

Actual	\$	27,162.85
Budget	\$	22,200.00
Actual YTD	\$	603,951.86
Budget YTD	\$	581,800.00
Over (under)	\$	22,151.86
Prior YTD	\$	464,477.04
Over (under)	\$	139,474.82

CEAC Debt Status

Endowment Loan	\$	625,000.00
Diocese Loan	\$	2,096,108.00
	\$	2,721,108.00

CEAC	\$	3,427.00
Gibault	\$	20.00
Guatemala	\$	978.00
Votive	\$	92.29
World Mission	\$	75.00
CSMA	\$	250.00
Sr. Thea Bowman	\$	500.00
Capital Improvements	\$	175.00



From Our Young Stewards

Treasure: \$6.00

Time and Talent: Helped my sister get to class; I helped decorate a wedding hall; I read for 20 minutes.

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.



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION SCHOOL

409 Palmer Road ~ 281-5353

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

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

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WE ARE "FALLING" FOR TRIVIA!

ICS TRIVIA NIGHT

NOVEMBER 10, 2023

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

REGISTER HERE:



PRIZE FOR BEST FALL DECORATED TABLE!

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

\$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 SCHOOL

Annual Craft & Vendor Fair

SATURDAY | DECEMBER 2ND | 9AM - 2PM

409 PALMER ROAD, COLUMBIA IL 62236

CRAFTERS & VENDORS WANTED

To register, access the registration at icscolumbia.org, email icscraftfair@icsmail.org, or contact Tiffany Taylor 314.660.1026.

Register by November 15th and SAVE!

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PRESENTS

QUEEN OF HEARTS & 50/50 RAFFLE

TO BENEFIT: IMMACULATE CONCEPTION COLUMBIA, ILLINOIS

LOCATION: SUNSET 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?

OKTOBERFEST 2023

Oktoberfest 2023 is ONE WEEK away! We hope you'll join us on October 21 for "*Havana Nights!*" Event tickets are still available! We are also accepting donations for our live and silent auctions. Tickets, raffles, and sponsorship information available at www.Gibault2023.givesmart.com or by contacting dfrasure@gibaulthawks.com.

BONFIRE BASH

Save the date for our Bonfire Bash on October 27 from 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. All 6th -8th graders are invited. We'll have snacks, drinks, music, and a photo station! Sign up at [https://bit.ly/bonfirebash23!](https://bit.ly/bonfirebash23)

SHADOW VISITS

We're excited to announce we are officially scheduling shadow visits! On select Tuesdays and Fridays, your 7th or 8th grader or current high school student can spend the day living like a Gibault Hawk. Shadow visitors will be matched with a current student with similar interests and together, they'll attend classes, meet teachers, enjoy lunch in our cafeteria, and more! Get started at: <https://bit.ly/GCHSInquire>.

OPEN HOUSE 2023

You're invited to our Open House on November 5! It's the perfect time to learn more about Gibault Catholic High School and what all we can offer your family! Take a private tour of the campus, meet our faculty, learn about sports and clubs, and ask any questions you may have. Reserve your space: <https://bit.ly/gchsopenhouse23>.

NOW HIRING – BUS DRIVER

Gibault Catholic High School is looking for more bus drivers to add to our transportation department. If you or someone you know is interested in filling in here and there, please reach out to Mr. Montgomery at jamontg@gibaulthawks.com.

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 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-ill/>. 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.



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	OCT	NOV	DEC
16	14	11	09

Growth, Not Perfectionism
A Holistic Approach to Discernment

Interior Freedom
Becoming Ourselves in Christ

God's Will vs. My Desires?
The Role of Desire in Discernment

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

Holy Family presents:

CASH & QUILT BINGO



Sunday, October 29th

**412 W Washington St.
Millstadt, IL 62260**


(St. James Gymnasium)

Doors open at 10:30 a.m.
Bingo begins at 1:00 p.m.

Raffles: Queen Size Quilt, Baskets, 50/50

**For more information contact Cindy
618-779-6000**

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REKINDLING The Spirit PARISH RETREAT

NOVEMBER 4-7, 2023

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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".

NOVEMBER 4-7, 2023

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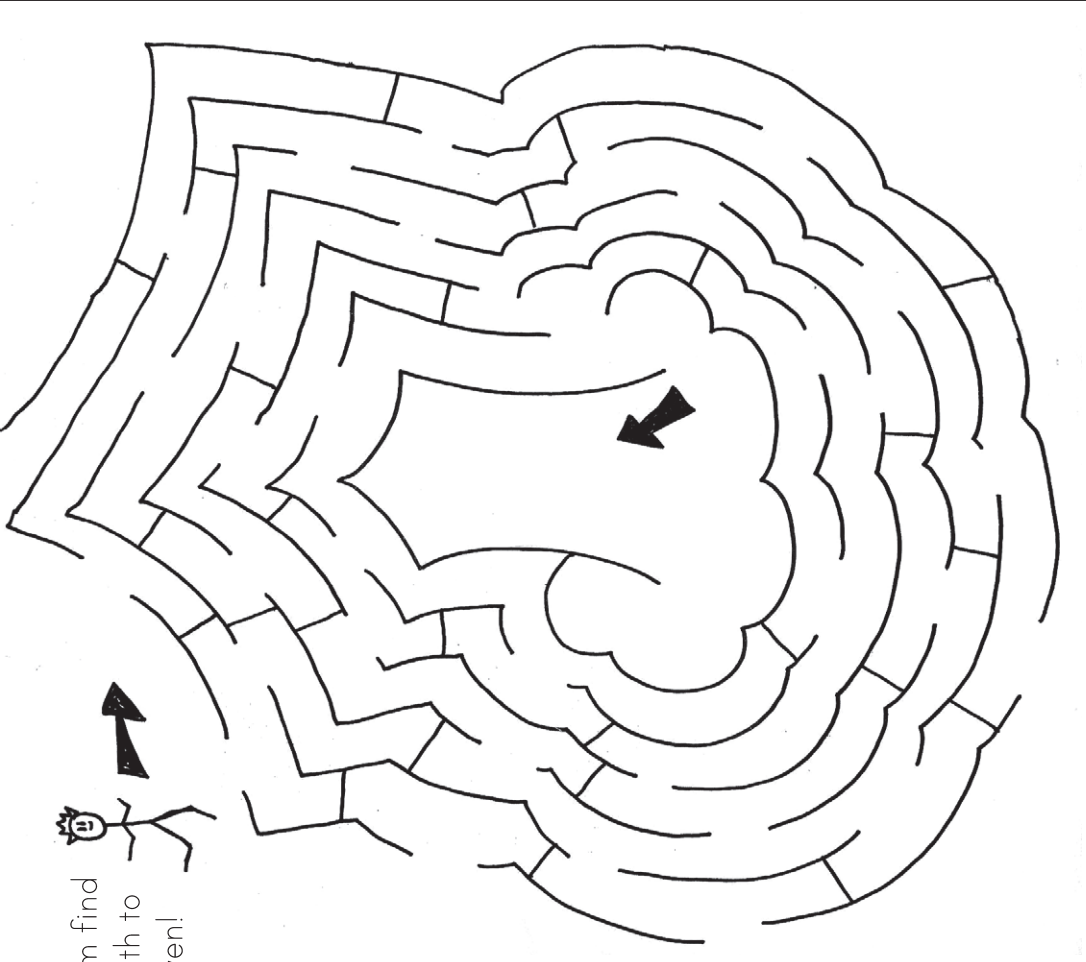
Mark Your Calendars! to join us at the weekend Mass on November 4th or 5th, followed by retreat services on November 6th and 7th with refreshments afterwards.

Childcare will be provided for the evening sessions. All members of the community are welcome! More information to follow in the bulletins and on the parish website: sppcc.org.

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.



Help him find the path to Heaven!

Draw a picture of a party in Heaven.



Gospel

In the parable, Jesus is telling a story of a party. Everyone was invited to this party, even the poor and the homeless. This reminds us that everyone is invited to heaven!

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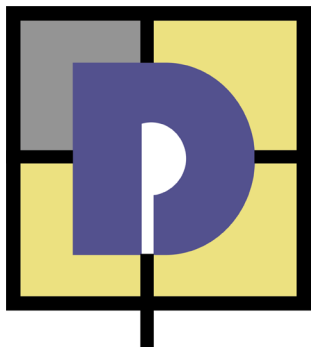
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