

Immaculate Conception

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October 22, 2023

Twenty-Ninth 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.

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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@iccmail.org.

Reconciliation: Reconciliation is offered from 4:00-4:30 p.m. on Saturdays and by appointment.

IMPORTANT VOLUNTEER INFO!

Anyone who wishes to volunteer at school or church when there are children present MUST be compliant with the Diocesan Child Protection Policy. Please be proactive! *EVERYONE must have an IL state background check, as well as doing the online refresher and filling out CANTS forms. *Coaches and employees will need to be fingerprinted in addition to the usual Child Protection paperwork. Contact Kara at the Parish Office if you have questions. *The initial course is now available online. Please contact Kara at the Parish Office for directions. Not sure if you are compliant? Contact Kara at the Parish Office. *The refresher course for 2023-2024 IS AVAILABLE ONLINE! Follow the link on our website! If you can't find it there, it is also on the Diocesan website at http://diobelle.org/b.aspx. Questions? Contact Kara at the Parish Office at 281-5105. *Sexual Abuse Hotline: Anyone wishing to report an allegation of sexual misconduct by a Priest or other Diocesan personnel, please call the hotline at 800-640-3044.

Purchase Scrip Gift Cards from all of your favorite stores, restaurants, etc... in the Parish Office!

This Week's Liturgical Celebrations

Masses - Saturday, 5:00 p.m. and Sunday, 7:00, 9:00, 11:00 a.m.

Monday, October 23
8:05 a.m. We Remember Stephen Dressler
Tuesday, October 24
8:05 a.m. We Remember Joseph & Dorothy (Dottie) Iorio
Wednesday, October 25
8:05 a.m. We Remember Jesse, Rita, & Nicholetta Howell

Thursday, October 26 8:05 a.m. We Remember Charlie Drinen
Friday, October 27 8:05 a.m. We Remember Joanne Hoffman
Saturday, October 28 5:00 p.m. We Remember Joanne Hoffman
Sunday, October 29 7:00 a.m. We Remember George & Viola Rahn

9:00 a.m. We Remember Josh Ritter

11:00 a.m. We Remember Pete & Rose Kostecki



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

Baby Marcella

Jamie Moravec

Ellen Dietz

Sharon Nealon

Jamie McDermott

Norman Pautler

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Nicole Pennington

Ruth Herrmann

Brian Hirsh

Catherine Samoo

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Cletus Whelan

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.



October 22, 2023:

First Reading: Isaiah 45:1, 4-6
Second Reading: First Thessalonians 1:1-5b

Gospel: Matthew 22:15-21

Our Sympathies...

To Dennis Meier and his family on the death of his wife Peggy, 60, of Columbia.



Parish Events & News...

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 iccmail@ iccmail.org. If you have any questions, please call the Parish Office at 618-281-5105.

TRUNK-OR-TREAT – OCTOBER 29!



Bring your family and your ghoul 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!

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 30: Image of God November 13: Social, No Topic

December 11: Christmas Party & White Elephant

Discipleship

Are you willing to raise the spirits of the poor? To comfort those who mourn. To raise up the meek. To hunger and thirst for righteousness. To be merciful. To be clean of heart. To be a peacemaker. And if you persevere in these things, how willing are you to be insulted and persecuted and to have every kind of evil spoken against you because of your belief in Him? "Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven." (From Mt 5:3-12).

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...
When we can see God reflected in all that exists, our hearts are moved to praise the Lord for all his creatures and to worship him in union with them. (LS 87)

What can I do? Conserve water. Reverence the food we eat. Admire the fall colors in nature.

IC-CCW NEWS

Today in the gathering area - stop by our Raffle table. Purchase tickets for our basket raffle or our Quilt/\$100.00 Linneman Oil Gas card or afghan

ALL women are invited to come to our Ladies Night Out Bunco on Thursday, November 9th, \$20.00 admission for Bunco, 2 glasses of wine and snacks!! And maybe you will win a prize! Absolutely NO skill needed to play Bunco! Come and enjoy an evening with women from our church. Doors open at 6:00 p.m.

Next meeting, Thursday, November 2nd at 6:00 p.m. NOTE the earlier time. We will meet and still be able to attend All Souls' Day Mass at 7:00 p.m!

ICY ODD SUNDAYS

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



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!



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



"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



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.



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Stewardship...

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| Actual | \$ | 50,533.80 |
| Budget | \$ | 63,200.00 |
| Actual YTD | \$ | 654,485.66 |
| Budget YTD | \$ | 645,000.00 |
| Over (under) | \$ | 9,485.66 |
| Prior YTD | \$ | 521,106.04 |
| Over (under) | \$ | 133,379.62 |
| *includes online giving totals | | |
| CEAC | \$ | 5,202.77 |
| Gibault | \$ | 140.00 |
| Guatemala | \$ | 618.00 |
| Votive | \$ | 164.00 |
| World Mission Sunday | \$ | 105.00 |
| Sr. Thea Bowman | \$ | 95.00 |
| Capital Improvements | \$ | 229.00 |
| Cemetery Maintenance | \$ | 35.00 |
| SVDP | \$ | 90.00 |



From Our Young Stewards

Treasure: \$17.00

Time and Talent: I helped clean and take care of my brother; emptied the dishwasher; I picked up sticks for the fire; I changed my brother's diaper.

QUILTERS' CORNER...

Join our super fun quilters' group on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:00-11:30 a.m. All skill levels welcome and appreciated, even beginners! Contact Carlene at 281-5877.



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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?

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!

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:

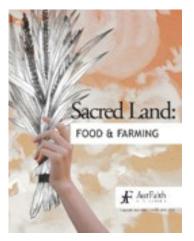
Faith and Poverty: A Biblical Response Through Catholic Social Teaching – Mondays, September 11-November 6, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Facilitators: Kathy Daniels and Maria Renner

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-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.





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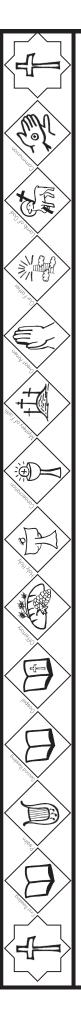
Mark Your Calendars! to join us at the weekend Mass on November 4th or 5th, followed by retreat services on November 6th and 7th with refreshments afterwards.

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: ssppcc.org.

OUILT 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.



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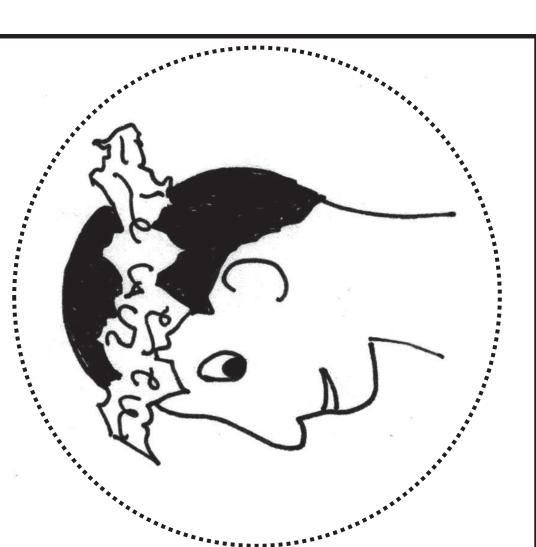
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