

# Immaculate Conception

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October 29, 2023

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

www.icc-columbia-il.us

Candles play varied roles in our lives from illuminating our surroundings when there is a power outage to creating scariness in our jack-o-lanterns by highlighting the visage carved in the pumpkin. As small children we delight in having an added candle each year on the birthday cake. A candle in the window was a sign that a loved one was away from home serving in the military. Romantic, other special, and holiday dinners are frequently eaten by candlelight. The illusion of candlelight is available by purchasing battery operated candles with handheld remotes.

Candles also have many uses in our church lives. Upon walking into church, one sees the Sanctuary lantern, the Easter Candle, and the votive candles that have been lit for family members and other loved ones that are ill or have died or other personal reasons. Candles are lit prior to celebrating Holy Mass and other liturgical services. Processions are led with candles. At ICC we have an annual All Souls Mass on November 2nd when we recognize the loss of loved ones in our personal and church families who have died in the previous twelve months. During Mass each name is read aloud as a chime is sounded and a candle is lit. A family member is welcome to take a candle home. Some families incorporate that candle into their holiday celebrations to remember their loved one. We hope that this candle lightens the gloom of bereavement and calls to mind past celebrations of life.

The Bereavement Ministry personally invites families of the recently deceased to attend this Mass. We also invite all parishioners whether or not they have recently lost a loved one to come and offer solace to members of their church family. Let us all provide light and love in a world that too frequently dwells in darkness as we remember the Souls on their way to sainthood.



Mass is at 7:00 p.m. November 2, 2023

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

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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 30	8:05 a.m.	We Remember Greg Fasnacht	
Tuesday, October 31	8:05 a.m.	We Remember Martha Sport	
Wednesday, November 1	8:05 a.m.	We Remember Lucille Warden	
Thursday, November 2	8:05 a.m.	We Remember Bob Stadler	
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7:00 p.m. We Remember All Deceased Members

Friday, November 3 8:05 a.m. We Remember Joseph Colley Saturday, November 4 5:00 p.m. We Remember Angela Krupp

Sunday, November 5 7:00 a.m. We Remember George & Viola Rahn

9:00 a.m. We Remember Carl & Bernice Riebeling

11:00 a.m. We Remember Sophie Evanoff



## Please Pray For

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

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Troops in Service... SGM Joseph Pope, US Army; Colonel Brian Schoellhorn

Brian Hirsh

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.

Geri Griffin



Nicole Pennington

## Weekly Reflections

October 29, 2023:

First Reading: Exodus 22: 20-26 Second Reading: First Thessalonians 1: 5c-10

Gospel: Matthew 22: 34-40



## Stewardship...

Thank you for sharing your blessings with us!

October 22, 2023			
Actual	\$	12,516.55	
Budget	\$	22,200.00	
Actual YTD	\$	667,002.21	
Budget YTD	\$	667,200.00	
Over (under)	\$	(197.79)	
Prior YTD	\$	563,996.81	
Over (under)	\$	103,005.40	
Votive	\$	176.50	
Gibault	\$	220.00	
Guatemala	\$	215.00	
World Mission Sunday	\$	540.00	
Retired Priests	\$	60.00	
CEAC	\$	970.00	
Capital Improvements	\$	40.00	



From Our Young Stewards

Treasure: \$6.00

Time and Talent: I studied hard this week; helped bring up the fire pit; I listened.

## **ICY ODD SUNDAYS**

Every Sunday with an odd date is an Odd Sunday ICY Meeting.



Check out the QR code for more details.

# Parish Events & News...

## PICNIC RESULTS

The profit from this year's picnic is \$48,162.57. Thanks to everyone who donated their time to make it a success. A detailed report is available in the gathering area Kiosk for those who are interested.

### 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.

# 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



Pope Francis Says...

Everything is connected. Concern for the environment... needs to be joined to a sincere love for our fellow human beings and an unwavering commitment to resolving the problems of society. (LS 91)

What can I do? Consider how extreme heat, water and air pollution affect the poor.

## Society of St. Vincent De Paul Needs Your Help

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul Night-Time Drop-In Center continues to operate at full capacity every night, providing shelter and helping homeless men, women and children survive the dangers of the city streets. In addition, Cosgrove's Soup Kitchen serves an ever-growing number of hungry people each day. We humbly ask for your prayers for St. Vincent de Paul staff and clients and, if you are able, to once again provide any of these much-needed items:

Individually packaged cookies, fruit cups, tuna and chicken snack packs, chips, crackers, cheese sticks, yogurt cups, cereal, Pop Tarts, breakfast bars, soup or pasta in a cup, bottled water and other individual-serve drinks. In addition, laundry detergent pods, paper towels, toilet paper and tissues are always in short supply.

Items can be dropped off Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m., at:

St. Vincent de Paul Office

8800 West Main Street, Belleville, Illinois 62223 (across from Blessed Sacrament Church)

or

SVDP Thrift Store/Soup Kitchen 3718 State Street, East St. Louis 62205

If you have questions or need additional information, please call the SVDP Council office at 618-394-0126. Thank you and God bless you for your generosity which enables our ministry to the very poorest among us.

### 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.



"There is no guarantee of a successful earthly life or even a life without serious problems. But there are things we can do to stack the odds a little more in our favor. 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)."



### **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.

## THE 2023 CATHOLIC SERVICE AND MINISTRY APPEAL

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

– Psalm 15

"With confidence in the Lord, I am turning to you today asking for your support of this year's Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal. My hope is that your generous response will help our ministries grow and the compassion of Jesus will be experienced more profoundly in our communities."

- Bishop Michael McGovern

Please consider making your gift today!

Vocation

As men gather in Chicago this weekend to discern their vocation, please pray for them and for others to follow.

Loving God, in Baptism You gifted me with life and faith. In a loving community of believers, I grow in faith through prayer and service. Guide me in the path of Your son, Jesus. Remove what hinders me from serving You. Help me as I strive to be more faithful to the Gospel and to the graces which You have bestowed upon me. Bless all those who dedicate their lives to You through consecrated life. May other men and women desire to dedicate their lives to You through poverty, chastity and obedience. Especially awaken in the hearts of men the desire to serve You as members of the Congregation of the Resurrection. I offer You this prayer in the name of Jesus, through the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

### **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 raffle.

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.

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!!

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!

## 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.

### **SANCTITY OF LIFE**

For October 28-29 – The ICC Sanctity of Life Group will be selling Christmas cards next weekend (November 4-5) and the following weekend (November 11-12), after all Masses, to earn money for items that raise awareness for and promote the Sanctity of Life. The cards come in packages of 10 and are \$10.00 per package. Cash preferred or a check written to Immaculate Conception Church. Christmas Cards will also be available for purchase in the Parish Office.

## 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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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.





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### SHADOW VISITS

Come see what life as a Gibault Hawk is like! On select Tuesdays and Fridays, your 7th or 8th grader or current high school student can spend the day at Gibault as a Shadow Visitor. Shadows 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 all that 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

### **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...

## 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.









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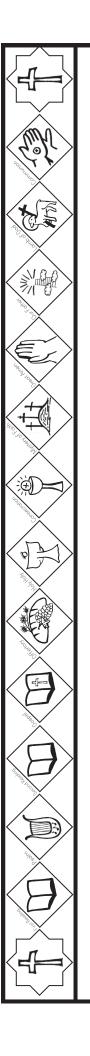
Fr. Joe Nassal, a Missionary of the Precious Blood and author of eight books, will lead us on a faith journey to "Rekindle the Spirit".

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.

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.



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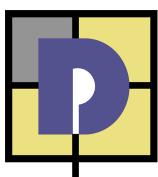
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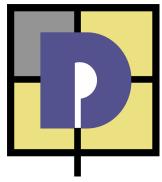
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