Immaculate Conception A Full Stewardship Parish - Partner Parish of Sacred Heart of Jesus, Dupo, IL

October 8, 2023

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

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It is difficult to believe the number of miscarriages, stillborn births and newborn deaths that still occur in a world of so many medical miracles. Up to 25% of pregnancies end in miscarriages. The number drops to 10% of pregnancies that have been medically confirmed. To families who have suffered these losses, these are babies that will never grow up, and in most cases, will never be held by their parents. The families love and grieve for these children but too frequently they grieve alone. Because the news of these pregnancies may have not been shared with others, these losses have traditionally been private. In most cases unless there was a live birth, there was no funeral. Thus, the outpouring of sympathy for these losses does not occur.

The Bereavement Ministry holds an annual walk and prayer service for not only those who have lost babies but also invites those who want to offer sympathy and comfort to those who need it. It does not matter if the loss is recent or occurred many years ago. There are some families who come once, some who come every year.

This year, the walk will be held Sunday, October 15th at 4:00 p.m. The prayer service will be held outside on the upper level outside of the Gathering Space. If you cannot attend but wish to have a baby remembered, there is a designated basket in the Gathering Space to leave the necessary information. The walk will be on the driveway so it will be stroller and wheelchair accessible. You are welcome to attend the prayer service and not participate in the walk itself.

As a merciful church we strive to offer support.

- Bereavement Ministry

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 Stakk

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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

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Masses – Saturday, 5:00 p	.m. and Sunda	ay, 7:00, 9:00, 11:00 a.m.	
Monday, October 9	8:05 a.m.	We Remember Betty Lang	
Tuesday, October 10	8:05 a.m.	We Remember John Hart	
Wednesday, October 11	8:05 a.m.	We Remember Herb & Betty Lehr	
Thursday, October 12	8:05 a.m.	We Remember The Urhan Family	
Friday, October 13	8:05 a.m.	We Remember Ron & Margaret Wallace	
Saturday, October 14	5:00 p.m.	We Remember Carl & Bernice Riebeling, Angela Krupp	
Sunday, October 15	7:00 a.m.	We Remember Leo Thoma	
	9:00 a.m.	We Remember Fr. Gene Linnemann	
	11:00 a.m.	We Remember Chester & Lilian Kopec	

Danielle Dorlac Donna Archambault-Kania Arlin Stechmesser Catherine Marlo Peggy Schutt Dakota Schutt Mike Conrad Janice McDermott Delores Deleveski Brian Kreher Rich Sambo Catherine Sambo Nicole Pennington Ruth Herrmann

# Please Pray For

Bill Kutz Chris Peel Joan Thoma Grace Nolan Special Intention Liam Pugh Baby Marcella Norman Pautler Don & Shirley Mehrmann 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 Kelsey Christensen Jean Conrad

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 8, 2023: First Reading: Isaiah 5:1-7 Second Reading: Philippians 4:6-9 Gospel: Matthew 21:33-43



Our Sympathies ...

To Theresa Stearns and her family on the death of her brother, Marvin Eckart, 65, of Red Bud.



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 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 16: Game Night!! October 30: Image of God November 13: Social, No Topic December 11: Christmas Party & White Elephant

#### 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...

"For you love all things that exist, and detest none of the things that you have made; for you would not have made anything if you had hated it" (Wisdom 11:24). Every creature is thus the object of the Father's tenderness, who gives it its place in the world. (LS 77)

What can I do? Give a name and personality to the trees in your yard.

#### ICY ODD SUNDAYS

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



# Discipleship

"I don't feel like it." Where does this thought come from? It surely didn't exist to any great extent when I was growing up on the farm. Or, if it did, I was better at silencing it. It didn't matter if I felt like feeding the chickens, or checking the animals, or throwing hay bales; the law of the harvest dominated. If I didn't do my part the animals in my care would suffer. I can't count the number of days I didn't feel like going to work. I would have to get myself to the place where I remembered how much my family depended on my income... remembered the security and fun times the steady income provided... and remembered how the hospitalized needed me to come help them. Maybe that's how we can overcome this growing feeling and societal attitude... by remembering those who need us. Well, I need you. I need you to help me in the choir. Singing is good for all of us, physically and mentally, but I am struggling with the "I don't feel like it." There's so few of us in the choir that it's impossible to hide my imperfections. I make a lot of mistakes when I sing, and when there's only a few of us, you can hear my mistakes. It doesn't take long before I feel unworthy of helping to lead the singing. I know there are singers out there. I need you... to cover me when I have to take a breath or cough; to cover me when I tear up because the song makes me think of my daddy and how much I miss him; to cover the melody so I can do a chilling descant once in a while; or to add some harmony to my melody that will give us all goosebumps. Come sing in the choir. Together we can blend our voices, help each other hide our imperfections, and make a joyful noise to the Lord. Jesus didn't feel like dying on the cross, but I bet He sure would appreciate hearing a full choir every time we celebrate His death and Resurrection through our celebration of the Holy Mass!



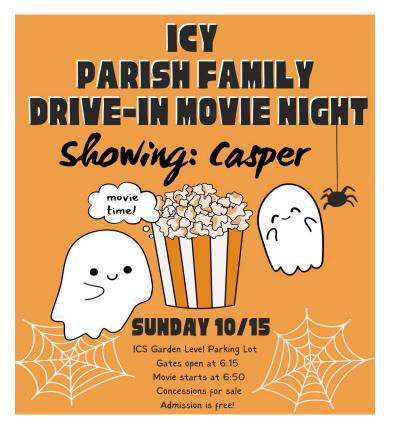
#### **EUCHARISTIC ADORATION**

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.

#### SANCTITY OF LIFE

October is Respect Life Month, and we invite everyone to consider all the opportunities to learn, grow, heal, and support Life!

- Saturday/Sunday, October 7/October 8: Respect Life educational display in Gathering Space; 3 Minutes More Inspiration
- Sunday, October 8: Ground Zero Tour/Pizza Event, 4:00-6:00 p.m. in the Garden Level – Brian Westbrook from Coalition Life will be presenting *"Turning Illinois Pro-Life in a Post-Roe America."* The Illinois Right to Life is stopping at 14 locations in our state, and Columbia is one of them! Please join us to learn more about the laws of our state and how we can speak the truth to those we love. Pizza & salad provided after the meeting. Age appropriate for teens through adults.



#### ANNUAL ST. VINCENT DE PAUL WINTER CLOTHING AND ITEMS DRIVE

The Drive will be held the weekend of October 14-15, 2023. All items of warm clothing and bedding will be accepted. Sizes of clothing range from infant to adult and bedding items include blankets, quilts, throws, pillows, and sheets. Items collected will be distributed to the Holy Angels Shelter, Cosgrove Kitchen, and to CUP. We have been advised that there is a shortage of these items for this winter season. Questions: Carol or John Waide at 281-4186, or 618-910-1648. We appreciate your help. – ICC St. Vincent de Paul Society

# THE 2023 CATHOLIC SERVICE AND MINISTRY APPEAL

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

On behalf of Bishop Michael McGovern and diocesan ministries and programs, a most heartfelt thanks to all those who have already responded with a gift to The 2023 Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal. If you have not yet done so, there's still plenty of time. One-time donations or pledges – in any amount – are needed and can be made through your parish or at www.diobelle.org (click on "Giving to the Diocese"). Your generosity supports 17 agencies and programs that daily serve thousands of people. Please consider making your gift today or at any time you are able in the coming months. We also ask for your prayers for the success of this year's Appeal and all those we serve. Thank you and may God bless you always.



#### 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.

#### 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.





"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 1, 2023					
Actual	\$	53,734.05			
Budget	\$	63,150.00			
Actual YTD	\$	576,789.01			
Budget YTD	\$	559,600.00			
Over (under)	\$	17,189.01			
Prior YTD	\$	449,659.76			
Over (under)	\$	127,129.25			
*These include online giving totals through					
	Septem	ber 30, 2023			
CEAC	\$	5,333.00			
Capital Improvements	\$	374.00			
Gibault	\$	325.00			
Guatemala	\$	759.00			
Belleville Priest	\$	50.00			
Votive	\$	100.00			
World Mission	\$	175.00			
Thea Bowman	\$	1,160.00			
SVDP	\$	125.00			



From Our Young Stewards Treasure: \$7.75 Time and Talent: Helping to care for a new dog; I helped paint; I prayed before bed.

#### 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.



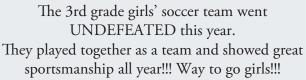
# **IMMACULATE CONCEPTION SCHOOL**

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#### MISSION COMMUNITY **SERVICE** • •

Congrats to girls and boys' cross country teams on winning the Diocesan championship











# WE ARE "FALLING" FOR TRIVIA!





FAL ORAT

> \$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





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?

#### 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

#### **OKTOBERFEST 2023**

Join us on October 21 for this year's Oktoberfest – *"Havana Nights!"* Tickets, raffles, and sponsorship information available at www.Gibault2023.givesmart.com. Donations are being accepted for our live and silent auctions, too. Contact dfrasure@giabulthawks.com to donate. We hope you'll be part of Gibault's "Party with a Purpose!"

#### **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.

#### 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 wellbeing. 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.

#### 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.

#### **CHURCH HAPPENINGS**

**Turkey Shoot** – St. Augustine's Church in Hecker will be hosting their annual Turkey Shoot, Sunday, October 15th at the Hecker Community Center beginning at 11:00 a.m.

Immaculate Conception, Tamaroa, IL October 15 – Doors open at 11:00 a.m. **Quilt/Cash Bingo** starts at 1:00 p.m. at KC Hall in Dubois

Holy Family, 412 W. Washington Street, Millstadt, IL October 29 – doors open at 10:30 a.m. **Quilt/Cash Bingo** starts at 1:00 p.m. at St. James Gymnasium





With Bishop Michael McGovern Wednesday, October 11, 2023 Immaculate Conception 411 Palmer Road, Columbia, IL

The evening begins at 6:30 p.m. with Eucharistic Adoration, the Bishop speaks at 7:00 p.m., followed by refreshments.



### NOVEMBER 4-7, 2023

SAINTS PETER AND PAUL CATHOLIC CHURCH WATERLOO, IL



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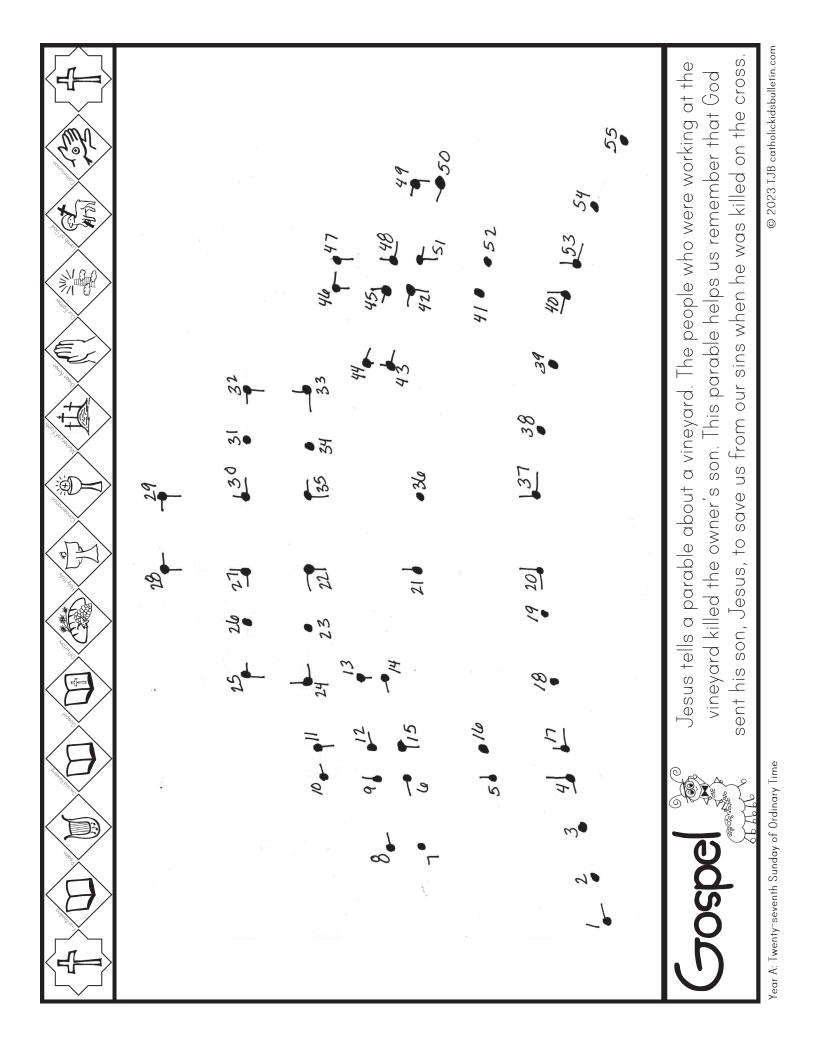
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#### OUR PARISH IS EXCITED TO OFFER THIS OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE IN A PARISH RETREAT THIS FALL.

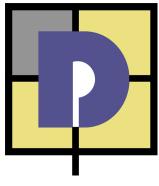
Fr. Joe Nassal, a Missionary of the Precious Blood and author of eight books, will lead us on a faith journey to "Rekindle the Spirit".

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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