



Immaculate Conception

A Full Stewardship Parish ~ Partner Parish of Sacred Heart of Jesus, Dupou, IL
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November 12, 2023

Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

www.icc-columbia-il.us

BEARING GIFTS: A GIFT FOR EVERYONE

Some of you already know: Our Church is in the middle of a Eucharistic Revival! We are called to spend more time in the presence of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, and we are reminded of our baptismal commitment to “full and active participation” in the Mass.

Think about upping your participation at Mass, and demonstrating your devotion to the Body and Blood of Christ, by signing up to be an Offertory Gift Bearer! This essential element of our Liturgy, when we present the work of our hands to God as a most heartfelt but unworthy gift, represents everyone in the congregation.



Being a Gift Bearer requires minimal training. If you can carry dishes in your own home, you can carry them in church. Almost anyone can participate in this ministry, and I am hoping to add enough ministers so that we can have several at every Mass, representing bread, wine and offering. It's an obvious ministry for families, but I would also like to incorporate singles, couples, groups of friends, and even groups-who-are-not-yet-friends.

Signing up is easy! Send me an email at lyoung@iccmil.org, or call me at the Parish Office, 618-281-5105, and let me know which Mass you attend most often and your contact information. I will enter your info into the Ministry Scheduler system, and you will receive a schedule, a reminder that your time is coming up, and an easy way to request a sub if something comes up.

Not to put too fine a point on it, but Jesus literally gave up everything for us. During this time of Eucharistic Revival, please consider how you can show your gratitude.

~ Lizanne Young, Director of Faith Formation

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@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, November 13	8:05 a.m.	We Remember Ollie & Alicia Zapf
Tuesday, November 14	8:05 a.m.	We Remember Bernie Kutz
Wednesday, November 15	8:05 a.m.	We Remember Ray & Velma Budde
Thursday, November 16	8:05 a.m.	We Remember Marlene Augustine
Friday, November 17	8:05 a.m.	We Remember Margaret Ann Conrad
Saturday, November 18	5:00 p.m.	We Remember Greg Fasnacht
Sunday, November 19	7:00 a.m.	We Remember Andrew Valleroy
	9:00 a.m.	We Remember Joanne Hoffman
	11:00 a.m.	We Remember John Woods



Please Pray For

Danielle Dorlac	Chris Peel	Betty Schmieder
Donna Archambault-Kania	Joan Thoma	Lynn Naumann Casey
Arlin Stechmesser	Grace Nolan	Kate Patterson
Catherine Marlo	Special Intention	Ellen Dietz
Peggy Schutt	Liam Pugh	Sharon Nealon
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	Jim Grau
Catherine Sambo	Mrs. Steele	Geri Griffin
Nicole Pennington	Brian Hirsh	Donna Ritson
Ruth Herrmann	Bob Frey	
Bill Kutz	The Kruse Family	

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

November 12, 2023:

First Reading: Wisdom 6:12-16

Second Reading: First Thessalonians 4:13-18

Gospel: Matthew 25:1-13



Stewardship...

Thank you for sharing your blessings with us!

Updated financial information will be available next week.

October 29, 2023

Actual	\$	10,034.34
Budget	\$	22,250.00
Actual YTD	\$	677,036.55
Budget YTD	\$	689,450.00
Over (under)	\$	(12,413.45)
Prior YTD	\$	574,731.85
Over (under)	\$	102,304.70
Votive	\$	173.00
Gibault	\$	40.00
Guatemala	\$	232.00
World Mission Sunday	\$	185.00
Catholic Campaign for Human Development	\$	15.00
Cemetery Maintenance	\$	70.00
SVDP	\$	25.00
CEAC	\$	1,560.00
Capital Improvements	\$	50.00



From Our Young Stewards

Treasure: \$3.50

Time and Talent: Not complaining all week; emptied the dishwasher.

HOW TO SAVE TAXES ON IRA REQUIRED MINIMUM?

Distributions (RMDs) with charitable donations.

When do I need to take RMDs?

The SECURE Act 2.0 has changed the ages of eligibility for taking RMDs. The RMD beginning date gradually increases to 75 over the next decade. If you were born in 1950 or earlier your RMD start date is at age 72; Between 1951-1959 your RMD start date is at age 73; 1960 or after your RMD start date is at age 75.

How are RMDs taxed?

RMDs will be taxed as ordinary income in the year that you take them, although there are some opportunities that can eliminate the tax or defer when those RMDs must begin. Many accounts that require RMDs are tax-deferred accounts, which means that the contributions were made with dollars you hadn't paid taxes on, and your tax liability is due at the point of withdrawal. (Roth IRA accounts do not tax RMD's).

How to manage taxes on RMDs?

When you have money in retirement accounts, you'll generally have to pay taxes on that money at some point, depending on when each account is taxed. Once you withdraw your annual RMD, the money is taxed at your current income rate. The federal income tax impact is similar to the income you earn from working at a job—the higher your income for the year, the higher your tax rate. However, you might have some control over the timing and amount of your withdrawals. Any strategy has pros and cons, and it's critical to review your situation carefully with a certified public accountant (CPA) and financial advisor before making any decisions.

Explore qualified charitable distributions (QCDs).

If you give money to charity, QCDs offer a unique way to reduce taxes associated with RMDs. Money donated through a QCD counts toward your RMDs and may reduce your taxes since you can exclude the distribution from your tax return. Charitable giving is an important value for many. Using a QCD is one way to help reduce the funds you may have otherwise needed to withdraw as an RMD. The SECURE Act 2.0 caps the limit at \$100,000 per year, with inflation adjustments beginning in 2024. However, the SECURE Act 2.0 hasn't impacted the age you can take QCDs. That remains 70½. For these gifts to count toward your RMDs, the contributions must come from your IRA by December 31 each year. Contact your financial or tax advisor for further information.

– Immaculate Conception Planned Giving Council

Parish Events & News...

What's Ahead for ICY?

11/19 Youth Mass 11 am
Friendsgiving 12:00 After in Cafeteria
Make Casseroles for SVDP

12/3 - Advent By Candlelight Prayer Service 7pm
Gift Wrapping/Open Gym

12/17-- Youth Mass 11 am
Drive-By Caroling and Pizza 5pm-7pm

See our website for details!



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.



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.

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.

November 13: Social, No Topic

December 11: Christmas Party & White Elephant



Pope Francis Says...

Everything is related, and we human beings are united as brothers and sisters on a wonderful pilgrimage, woven together by the love God has for each of His creatures and which also unites us in fond affection with brother sun, sister moon, brother river and mother earth. (LS 92)

What can I do? "Watch the film "Brother Sun, Sister Moon" about St. Francis of Assisi, or the video "Mother Earth" with Jane Goodall.

Discipleship

Service and discipleship go hand-in-hand in many religious and philosophical traditions, emphasizing the importance of selfless giving and learning from wise mentors. Service is a fundamental aspect of discipleship, as it involves actively helping others and demonstrating compassion. By engaging in acts of service, disciples not only fulfill a moral duty but also strengthen their connection to their faith or belief system. It is through service that they put into practice the teachings and values imparted by their spiritual leaders.

Discipleship, on the other hand, is a lifelong journey of learning and growth under the guidance of a mentor or a spiritual leader. It involves not only acquiring knowledge but also embodying the principles and virtues taught by the mentor. Disciples are expected to serve as humble learners, seeking wisdom, and striving to become better individuals. In this symbiotic relationship, service becomes a means of deepening one's understanding of the teachings and values, while discipleship provides a framework for service that is grounded in wisdom and purpose. Together, they form a powerful combination that fosters personal growth and positive contributions to 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 the ministries and programs funded by The Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal and those they serve, we thank you for your prayers and continued generosity to the 2023 campaign. May you and your families feel the warmth of God's love and the comfort of His peace at Thanksgiving and always.

ICY ODD SUNDAYS

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



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.



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.

Vocation

The month of November is a time for us to remember the deceased of our family and friends. It affords us time to reflect upon God's goodness to them and what they meant to us in life. As we have been praying for vocations in this section of the bulletin, the month of November gives us a chance to reflect upon all the wonderful priests, sisters and brothers who have served the Lord well, but now have gone to meet the Lord face-to-face. They may have taught us in school or visited us in the hospital. They may have given us our First Communion or listened to our Confessions. In one way or another, we all have been formed by faithful priests, brothers and sisters. Take some time this month to remember them, give thanks to God for their vocations, and to pray for their souls! While remembering those who were faithful to their vocations in life, pray too for future vocations!

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.

IC-CCW NEWS

Thank you for purchasing Raffle tickets. Winners will be announced soon. Dates to Remember:

- Tuesday, December 5th, Mass and Lunch with retired priests at Hincke House. Carpooling available. Leave ICC lower level at 10:30 a.m.
- Thursday, December 7th, Christmas Party 5:30 p.m. More to follow.

RSVP to Glenda Sexauer for both events at glenda.sexauer@gmail.com or 618-281-8452.

NEWS FROM THE KNIGHTS

The October winner for the Knights of Columbus 4th Degree Restaurant-of-the-Month raffle is Mary Kay Miller of Waterloo, IL. Tickets are still available for the remainder of the year. Please contact Wes Hoeffken at hoeffken@htc.net for inquiries.

SANCTITY OF LIFE

The ICC Sanctity of Life Group will be selling Christmas cards this weekend and next weekend, 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.



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION SCHOOL

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

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IMMACULATE CONCEPTION SCHOOL presents

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IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PRESENTS

QUEEN OF HEARTS & 50/50 RAFFLE

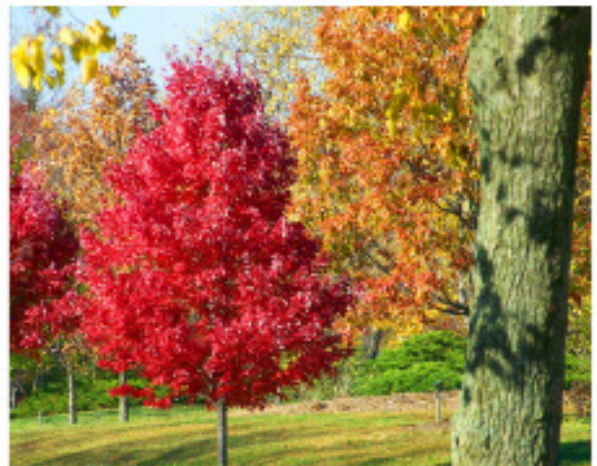
DRAWING TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY EVENINGS
6:30PM - TICKET SALES END
7:00PM - QUEEN OF HEARTS DRAWING
7:15PM - 50/50 DRAWING

LOCATION: SUNSET OVERLOOK 11604 BLUFF ROAD COLUMBIA, IL
TO BENEFIT: ICS COLUMBIA, IL

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.

PSR CLUE



What's Happening At Gibault?

LEARN A LATTE

Join Director of Enrollment Kelly Day for a "Learn a Latte Zoom" on November 17 at 9:00 a.m. It's a great chance to hear about Gibault and ask any questions you may have. If you'd like to take part, email Kelly at kday@gibaulthawks.com, and she will send you the invite link.

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>.

CHEER CAMP

Future Hawk Cheerleaders! You're invited to our Mini Camp! Learn cheers alongside the Gibault Cheer Team and perform at halftime during December 9th's varsity basketball game! Kindergarten-6th Graders are welcome. Camp will be held on Friday, December 8, 5:00-7:00 p.m. and Saturday, December 9, 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. (pizza lunch provided). Visit www.gibaulthawks.com/winter-camps to download registration form.

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...

THE RESURRECTION OF THE DEAD, AND THE LIFE OF THE WORLD TO COME

Our faith tells us that with Christ's Resurrection comes the promise that one day we, too, like Him shall bodily arise. Yet, this belief in the Resurrection also leaves us Christians with many questions: What will we look like in the life to come? Will we recognize our loved ones, and will they recognize us? What kind of existence can we expect? What is the difference between immortality, reincarnation, and resurrected life? How do judgment of the dead, hell, purgatory, and heaven fit into the picture? Drawing from Scripture and Tradition, Fr. Michael Patella will discuss the Christian doctrine of the resurrection of the dead along with its implications for us now and in the hereafter.

November 18, presentation from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m., O'Fallon, IL. Free event. Registration is required: www.collegevilleMN.com/theologyday, 320-363-3560 or theologyday@csbsju.edu.

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.

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.

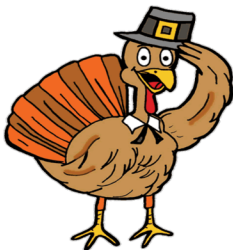
CELEBRATE THANKSGIVING

on Thursday, November 23, 2023



Thanksgiving Day Dinner

At St. Henry's Catholic Church
Msgr. Voss Parish Center
5303 West Main Street, Belleville



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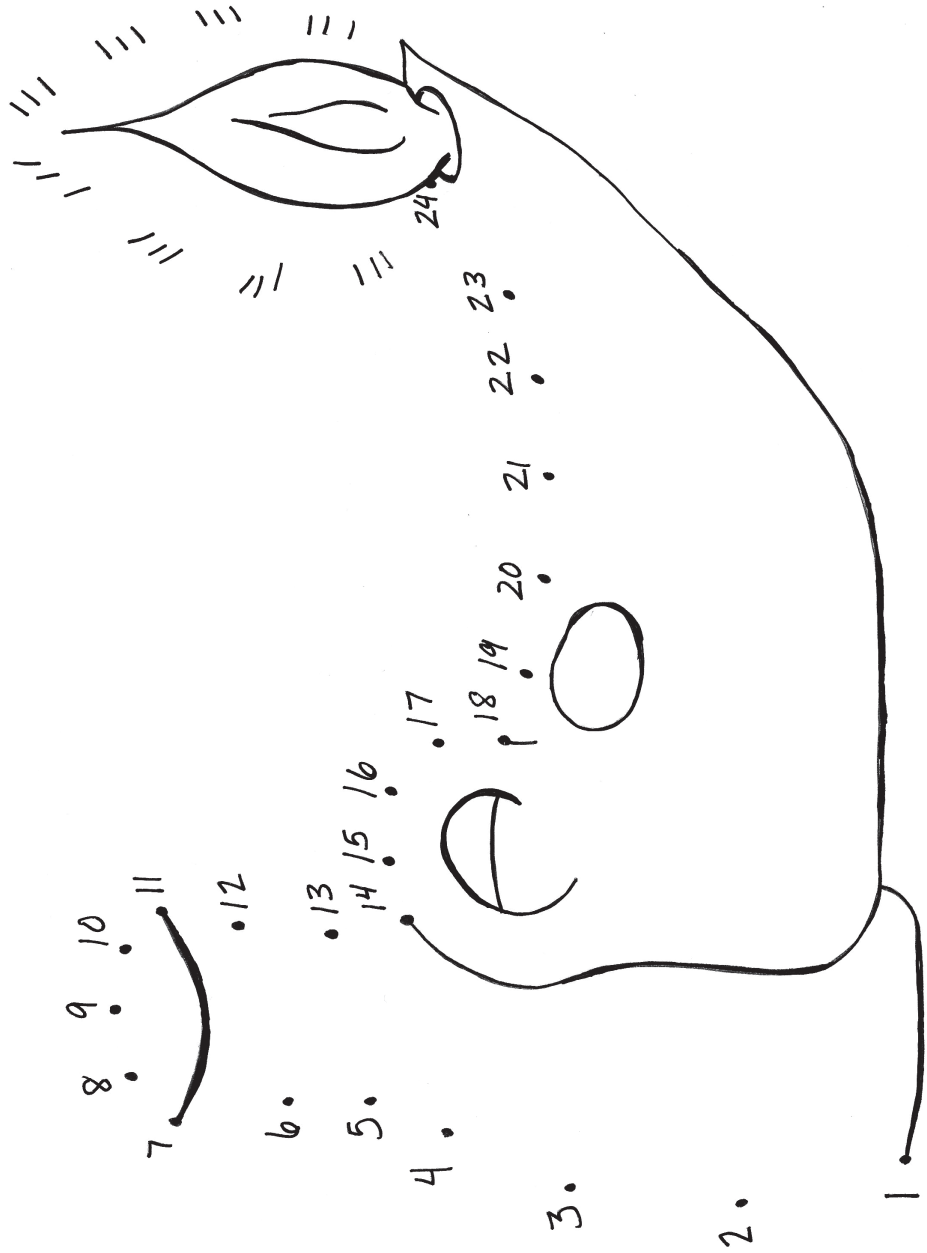
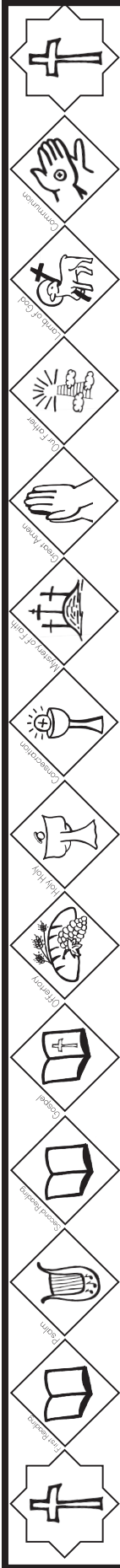
Call **618-722-5024** by November 17

to make reservations.

Please leave your name, phone number, address and number of people attending or number of meals to be delivered.

No Carry-outs Available

A meal delivery (up to three) is available to shut-ins.



Gospel

Jesus told a parable to remind us that we should always be ready for heaven. There were 10 girls waiting for a groom to arrive for a wedding. Only five of the girls brought extra oil for their lamps, so they were ready when the groom arrived.

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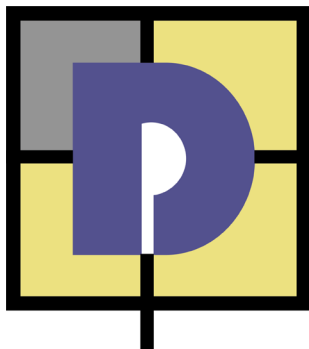
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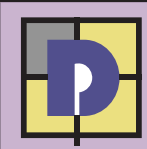
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