



# Immaculate Conception

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

November 5, 2023

Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

[www.icc-columbia-il.us](http://www.icc-columbia-il.us)

## A Prayer For Our Earth

All powerful God, You are present in the whole universe  
and in the smallest of Your creatures.  
You embrace with Your tenderness all that exists.  
Pour out upon us the power of Your love,  
that we may protect life and beauty.  
Fill us with peace, that we may live  
as brothers and sisters, harming no one.  
O God of the poor,  
Help us to rescue the abandoned and forgotten of this earth,  
so precious in Your eyes.  
Bring healing to our lives,  
that we may protect the world and not prey on it,  
that we may sow beauty, not pollution and destruction.  
Touch the hearts  
of those who look only for gain  
at the expense of the poor and the earth.  
Teach us to discover the worth of each thing,  
to be filled with awe and contemplation,  
to recognize that we are profoundly united  
With every creature  
as we journey towards Your infinite light.  
We thank You for being with us each day.  
Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle  
For justice, love and peace.  
Pope Francis,  
Laudato Si, 264



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 Staff

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Kyle Doerr**  
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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.

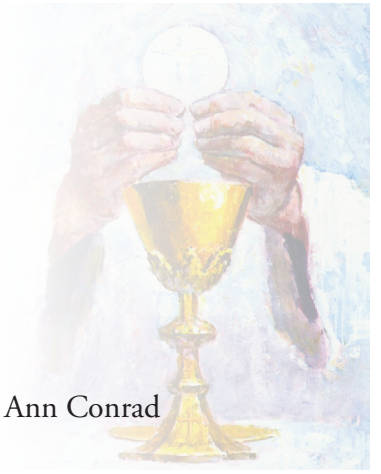
**Purchase Scrip Gift Cards from all of your favorite stores,  
restaurants, etc... in the Parish Office!**



## *This Week's Liturgical Celebrations*

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

Monday, November 6	8:05 a.m.	We Remember Harold Netemeyer
Tuesday, November 7	8:05 a.m.	We Remember LuAnn Wolf
Wednesday, November 8	8:05 a.m.	We Remember Herb & Betty Lehr
Thursday, November 9	8:05 a.m.	We Remember Mary Smugala
Friday, November 10	8:05 a.m.	We Remember Anna Lawlor
Saturday, November 11	5:00 p.m.	We Remember Melvin Bond, Sr.
Sunday, November 12	7:00 a.m.	We Remember Norm Schmidt
	9:00 a.m.	We Remember Paul D. Porterfield and Margaret Ann Conrad
	11:00 a.m.	We Remember Aldan & Viola Wiegard



### *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	Jim Grau
Ruth Herrmann	Brian Hirsh	Geri Griffin

*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.



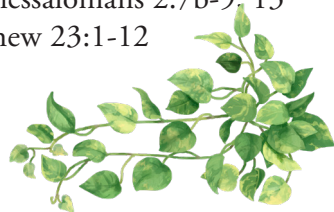
### *Weekly Reflections*

*November 5, 2023:*

**First Reading:** Malachi 1:14b–2:2b, 8-10

**Second Reading:** First Thessalonians 2:7b-9, 13

**Gospel:** Matthew 23:1-12



### *Our Sympathies...*

To Mike Whelan and Jan Walsh on the death of their father Cletus Whelan, 92, of Columbia



## Stewardship...

Thank you for sharing your blessings with us!

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.

### PARISH WORK DAYS!

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

### 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

### SISTER PARISH NEWS

Between January 1 and June 30, 2023, Immaculate Conception parishioners gave **\$24,467.00** to St. Raymond of Penafort, our Sister Parish in Guatemala. These funds were used as follows:

CATEGORY	\$ Amount	ADDITIONAL INFORMATON
Nuestra Senora de Candelaria	\$4,206.84	Major remote site within St. Raymond's
Diocesan Support	\$3,670.05	Portion allocated to Diocese of Jalapa
Training/Education/Pastoral Spt	\$3,339.03	Includes lay ministers & youth education
Building Construction & Repair	\$2,784.96	Ex: chapel repairs & new construction
Vehicle Repairs & Gasoline	\$2,173.05	The terrain is very hard on vehicles
Fair Trade Projects	\$1,521.66	Investment in sustainable projects
Utilities	\$1,330.99	-
Food	\$1,257.18	-
Seminarian Support	\$1,227.40	-
Retreats	\$1,144.76	-
Church Supplies	\$966.44	-
Medicine	\$844.64	-
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$24,467.00</b>	



# Parish Events & News...

## What's Ahead for ICY?

10/29-Haunted Hayride at Trunk or Treat- 5:45

11/5- Open Gym 7pm-8:30  
Ice Cream Sundae "Sunday"/TEC presents

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

## 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.

## ICY ODD SUNDAYS

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



## Pope Francis Says...

We must regain the conviction that we need one another, that we have a shared responsibility for others and the world, and that being good and decent are worth it. (LS 229)

**What can I do?** "Be humble and kind." Help a neighbor with his/her yard work. Diffuse arguments.

## Discipleship

We all know that Jesus is good to us...but sometimes we don't believe it. We may think of God as someone who sends sufferings, trials, challenges and tests. But nowhere in the Gospel does Jesus come across as someone who comes to bring hardship, a rough road. What He does say is that these kinds of things happen in life, and He wants to be there with us when they happen. There is a great difference between seeing God as the one who sends suffering, and seeing Jesus as a close friend who wants to walk with me through every rough spot.

## THANK YOU!!

We would like to thank you for your continued generosity to our Annual Coat, Warm Clothing, and Bedding Drive. We had a wonderful response again this year. Always keep this Drive in your thoughts in the fall. Pat Hogrebe, from St. Vincent de Paul, Belleville, says our contributions are so needed! She is so pleased with our efforts here at ICC. (Men's winter shoes are urgently needed as the weather will be changing and tennis shoes do not cut it for the homeless.) Your generosity is very heartwarming. May God bless you and keep you in His loving care!!

The St. Vincent de Paul Society



## 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

*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.*

## 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!

## 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

### COME JOIN US FOR BUNCO NIGHT!!

Thursday, November 9th, 6:00 p.m. SEE OUR AD  
It's EASY – you just have to be able to roll dice.  
It's FUN!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Immaculate Conception Council of Catholic Women Present

### Ladies Night Out!

Thursday, November 9<sup>th</sup>, 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!!**

## 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

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 presents

## MOE'S ORNAMENTS FUNDRAISER

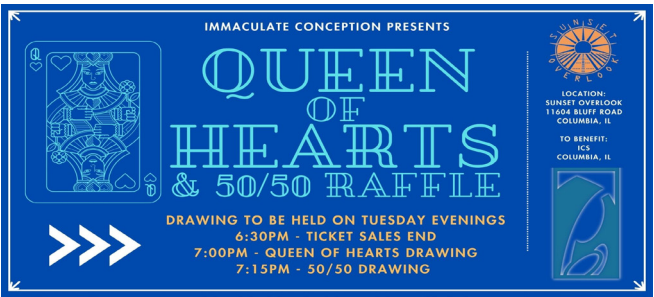
SHOP:  
**MOESORNAMENTS.COM**

Use Coupon Code  
**ICS**  
at checkout

This fundraiser is being run to help our 8th grade class trip to Washington! Please support us. Thank you.

SALE ENDS 12/15/2023

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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 THREE 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.**



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](http://icscolumbia.org), email [icscraftfair@icsmail.org](mailto:icscraftfair@icsmail.org), or contact Tiffany Taylor 314.660.1026.

Register by November 15th and SAVE!



**ICS 7TH GRADE  
SPACE CAMP FIELD TRIP  
FUNDRAISER**

*Holiday Wreaths & More*

ORDER DEADLINE: November 10th  
PICK UP : November 26th  
at Immaculate Conception  
Church from 10am-1pm

*3 ways to order:*

Text ICSWREATH  
to 41444

Scan the QR Code



Visit the website

<https://fundraise.givesmart.com/e/1PIv5g?vid=11b7a1>

EXAMPLES OF A FEW PRODUCTS FOR PURCHASE



24" Extra Special  
Wreath \$44



Candle Centerpiece  
\$58



36" Candy Cane  
Wreath \$32

## *What's Happening At Gibault?*

### 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>

### 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](mailto: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.

PSR CLUE



### 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.





## 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
<b>16</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>09</b>

**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

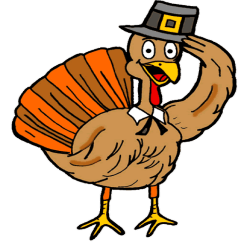
Pauline Books & Media | 9804 Watson Road, St. Louis

**REGISTER**

Email Sr. Amanda Marie at [stlouisvocations@paulinemediamedia.com](mailto:stlouisvocations@paulinemediamedia.com)

## 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  
**SPONSORED BY**

**THE BELLEVILLE COUNCIL  
SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL and  
THE CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF BELLEVILLE**

Serving 10:45 a.m.-12:00 Noon

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.*

**REKINDLING**  
*The Spirit*  
**PARISH RETREAT**

**NOVEMBER 4-7, 2023**

**SAINTS PETER AND PAUL  
CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
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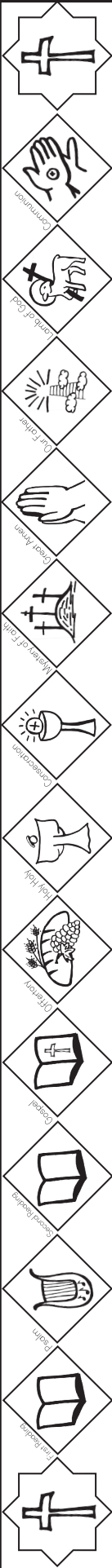
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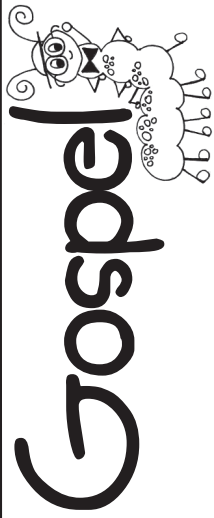
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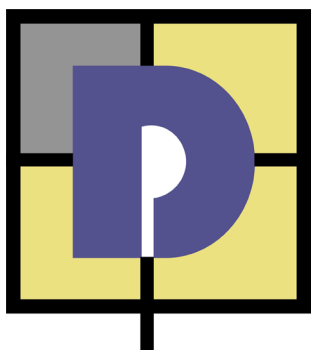
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