



Immaculate Conception

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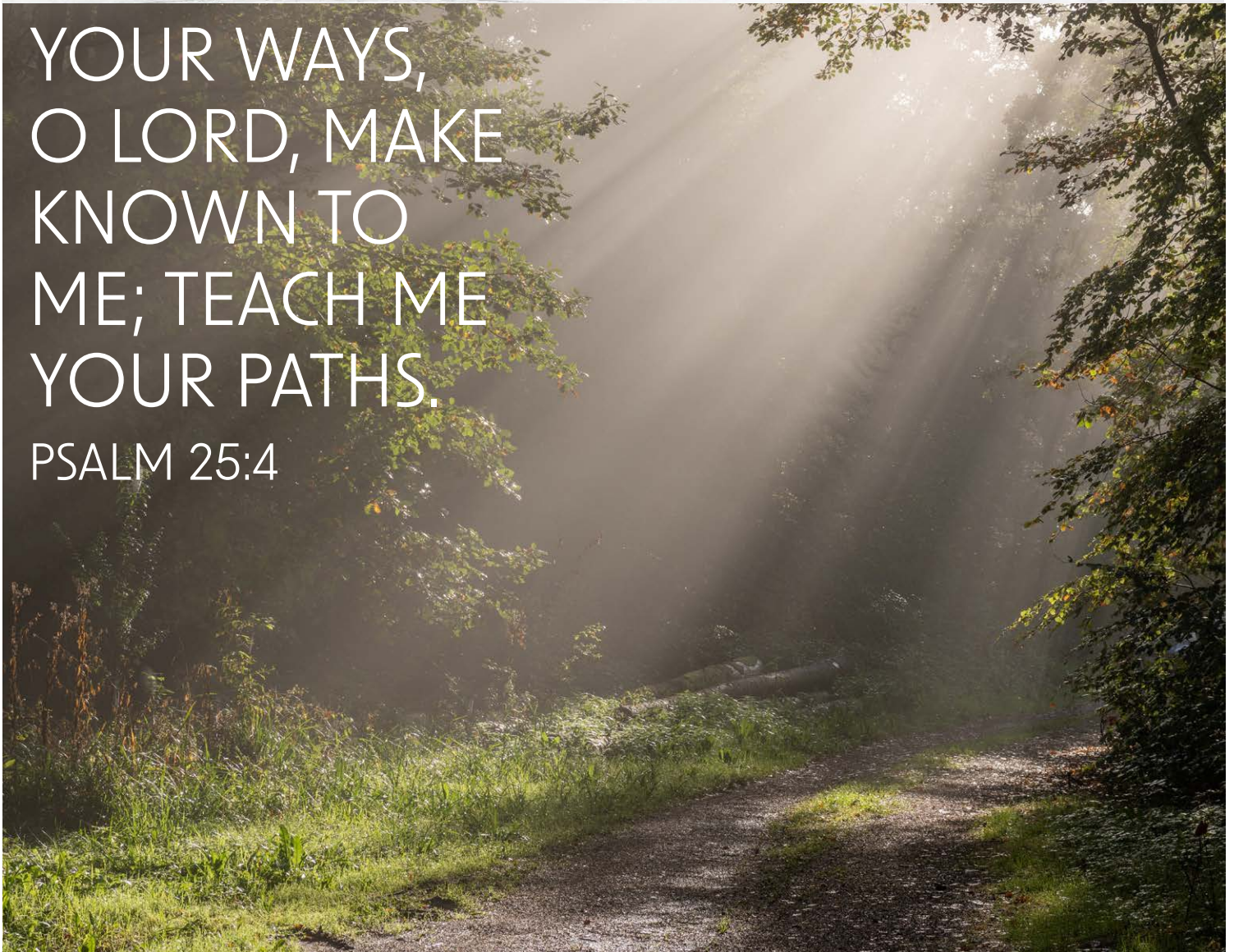
January 21, 2024

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

www.icc-columbia-il.us

YOUR WAYS,
O LORD, MAKE
KNOWN TO
ME; TEACH ME
YOUR PATHS.

PSALM 25:4



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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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, January 22	8:05 a.m.	We Remember Arnold Mudd
Tuesday, January 23	8:05 a.m.	We Remember Lawrence Spier
Wednesday, January 24	8:05 a.m.	We Remember Ervin Haisler
Thursday, January 25	8:05 a.m.	We Remember The Urhan Family
Friday, January 26	8:05 a.m.	We Remember John Hart
Saturday, January 27	5:00 p.m.	We Remember Norm Knight & Marian
Sunday, January 28	7:00 a.m.	We Remember Stephen Dressler
	9:00 a.m.	We Remember Carl & Bernice Riebeling
	11:00 a.m.	We Remember Cheri Garcia



Please Pray For

Danielle Dorlac	Special Intention	Mary Lou Mees
Donna Archambault-Kania	Liam Pugh	Jean Conrad
Arlin Stechmesser	Baby Marcella	Jim Grau
Catherine Marlo	Don & Shirley Mehrmann	Geri Griffin
Dakota Schutt	Dolores G.	Donna Ritson
Mike Conrad	Elliana Cloin	Owen Kinane
Janice McDermott	Earl & Arlene Kruse	Gina Haberl
Delores Deleveski	Mrs. Steele	Alan Schertel
Brian Kreher	Brian Hirsh	Ken Breitenstein
Rich Sambo	The Kruse Family	Amy Adler
Catherine Sambo	Betty Schmieder	Wanda Schewe
Nicole Pennington	Lynn Naumann Casey	Eris Wood
Ruth Herrmann	Kate Patterson	Madison Bueletmann
Bill Kutz	Ellen Dietz	Katie Schoellhorn
Chris Peel	Sharon Nealon	Kristen Brewer
Joan Thoma	Jamie Moravec	Jenny Candler
Grace Nolan	Elsie Hofstetter	Rosina Belt

Troops in Service... SGM Joseph Pope, US Army; Colonel Brian Schoellhorn;
Alex Lochirco, Lance Corporal, Marines

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

January 21, 2024:

First Reading: Jonah 3:1-5, 10

Second Reading: First Corinthians 7:29-31

Gospel: Mark 1:14-20



Our Sympathies...

To the family and friends of
Peggy Schutt, of Waterloo
who died January 11
at the age of 62.



Stewardship...

Thank you for sharing your blessings with us!

January 14, 2024

Actual	\$ 115,469.25
Budget	\$ 65,900.00
Actual YTD	\$1,271,123.86
Budget YTD	\$1,248,625.00
Over (under)	\$ 22,498.86
Prior YTD	\$1,123,926.45
Over (under)	\$ 147,197.41

*the above totals include online giving totals through 1/15/2024

CEAC	\$ 4,729.85
Capital Improvements	\$ 309.00
Cemetery Maintenance	\$ 45.00
Gibault	\$ 120.00
SVDP	\$ 333.61
Guatemala	\$ 1,912.00
Votive	\$ 102.48
Sr. Thea Bowman	\$ 1,145.00
Retired Priests	\$ 250.00
Needy	\$ 300.00
ICCCW Dues	\$ 135.00
Phase 3	\$ 250.00



From Our Young Stewards

Treasure: \$2.25

Time and Talent: Helped grandma make scones; emptied dishwasher.

PAYROLL TAX WITHHOLDING

As we start the new year 2024, it's time to consider reviewing your payroll tax withholding for the following:

- When the tax law changes
- When you have life changes:
 - Lifestyle – Marriage, divorce, birth or adoption of a child, home purchase, retirement, filing Chapter 11 bankruptcy
 - Wage income – You or your spouse start or stop working or start or stop a second job
 - Taxable income not subject to withholding – Interest income, dividends, capital gains, self-employment income, IRA (including certain Roth IRA) distributions
 - Adjustments to income – IRA deduction, student loan interest deduction, alimony expense
 - Itemized deductions or tax credits – Medical expenses, taxes, interest expense, gifts to charity, dependent care expenses, education credit, child tax credit, earned income credit

To Change Your Withholding:

Note: You may use the results from the IRS Tax Withholding Estimator:

Tax Withholding Estimator | Internal Revenue Service (irs.gov)

To change your tax withholding, you should:

- Complete a new Form W-4, Employees Withholding Allowance Certificate, and submit it to your employer.
- Complete a new Form W-4P, Withholding Certificate for Pension or Annuity Payments, and submit it to your payer
- Make an additional or estimated tax payment to the IRS before the end of the year.

– Immaculate Conception Planned Giving Council

PHASE 3 IS COMING!

Phase 2 of our most recent Capital Campaign for the Catholic Education and Activity Center officially came to an end on December 31, 2023. For those of you who were able to complete your pledges, we are grateful. Our debt is so much smaller because of your generosity!

Your next packet of stewardship envelopes, which should have arrived in December, includes a new white envelope with a blue border, titled, "Building the Church, Continuing the Dream, Campus Enhancement." This envelope is for Phase 3 of our Capital Campaign, (the soccer field, Rosary and Stations of the Cross walk, the pavilion, and a new lighted sign) which will be kicked off officially in January 2024. More about this soon, but you are most welcome to begin your donations now using the new white with blue border envelopes!

Thank you so much for your generosity...past, present, and future!

Parish Events & News...

ICY

Attention 8th graders to High School Seniors!

Our parish is gathering a group to go to the Steubenville Conference on July 12-14, 2024, at Missouri State in Springfield, MO. Registration is due February 5, 2024. Use the QR code or text the keyword: ICY Conference to 41444 for more information and the link to sign up online.



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.

SCRIPTURE DISCUSSIONS FOR MEN AND WOMEN

How's this for a New Year's Resolution: Come to Mass on Sunday ready to engage in the Gospel, Old and New Testament Readings and even the homily by spending an hour praying with them in advance, with friends!

- Women's Bible Study meets every week in the Library on Tuesday evenings from 6:30-7:30 p.m.
- The Pathfinders Men's Group meets every week in the Knights of Columbus Room on Saturday mornings from 7:30-8:30 a.m.

Just show up; you're more than welcome!

PARISH WORK DAYS

February 10, March 9, April 13, 2024



D.C. PRETZEL AND DONUT SALES

The next Pretzel and Donut weekend will be **February 10 and 11**. All proceeds go to the 8th graders' trip to Washington, D.C.

Ministry News & Happenings

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...

Society as a whole, and the state in particular, are obliged to defend and promote the common good. (Laudato Si, 157)
What can I do? Ask, how do I defend and promote the common good?

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.

Discipleship

While researching information on developing a Nominating Committee for my ladies group, I stumbled across the obvious. I felt it was worth sharing: We are disciples, not volunteers. Every believer has a part in God's plan. Every believer has talents and strengths – something to contribute. It is actually our diversity that miraculously unites us into the one body. We fit together like a puzzle. I urge you to read 1 Corinthians 12. The question is not whether you should be participating in a ministry. The question is, for which one was I created?

- Discipleship Committee Member



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.

IC-CCW NEWS:

Our Spring Raffle will be happening soon! This year, we will not only have our Handmade quilt, Handmade afghan and gas card raffle, but we will also have a raffle for a lottery ticket board! If anyone would like to make a cash donation for the purchase of lottery cards, please phone/text Glenda Sexauer at 618-520-9369 or email glenda.sexauer@gmail.com or drop a donation marked "ICCCW lottery board" in the basket. THANK YOU!!

FYI, for those who practice online giving or do not receive giving envelopes; January envelope packets contain the annual dues envelope. Feel free to use any envelope to submit the annual \$15.00 dues and mark it "ICCCW." Thanks for all your support!

Vocations...

The Diocese of Belleville is hosting an informational meeting for men (and their spouses) who are interested in the Permanent Diaconate. This meeting will take place on Saturday, February 3, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. in the Undercroft of the Cathedral of St. Peter, 200 W. Harrison Street, Belleville, IL 62220.

The Office of Permanent Deacon is considering another new class of aspirants starting in the fall of 2025. Eligibility is extended to men who have reached the ages thirty-three (33) to fifty-six (56) by September 2025. *Men older than fifty-six may still apply but require special approval from the Deacon Formation Office and the Bishop.*

The formation process is a five-year commitment, including academic studies conducted by St. Meinrad School of Theology, spiritual direction, and learning about the deacon's role. Participants are required to attend a three-day meeting once per month over the course of the five-year program.

Interested individuals should first discuss their interest with their pastor. For those unable to attend the initial meeting, another session will be scheduled later. This meeting is an opportunity to learn about the process and requirements for becoming a Permanent Deacon in the Diocese.

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 Helen Csik: 314-651-5033 or the Parish Office: 618-281-5105.

*Start the New Year
with the
Women's ACTS Retreat*

January 25 - 28th

To Register go online to <https://icc-columbia-il.us/acts-retreats/womans-acts-retreat/>

ACTS

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.





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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 ICS Main Entrance

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For more Information:
icscolumbia.org
 618-281-5353



8th Grade Washington D.C. Fundraiser



When: Jan. 26th-Feb. 2nd

The ICS 8th graders are selling TJ's pizza to earn money for their Washington trip. Contact an 8th grader to place your order now.

A pizza for you=A learning experience for them!

UPCOMING PARENTS AND FRIENDS MEETINGS
 February 12, 2024, 7:00 p.m. – Garden Level
 March 11, 2024, 7:00 p.m. – Garden Level
 April 8, 2024, 7:00 p.m. – Garden Level

MUNCHKIN GAME INFO
 Come join us for the 2nd annual Munchkin Game on February 2nd. Kindergarten will kick off the 1st basketball game at 4:30 p.m. with dinner options starting at 4:00 p.m.

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 11608 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.

What's Happening At Gibault?

ALUMNI BASKETBALL GAME

Calling all Hawks! Join us on January 27 for our Alumni Basketball Game at 4:00 p.m. Come out to play or just to cheer on some of your favorite Hawks from the past! Interested players should RSVP to Kelly at kday@gibalthawks.com. Player registration is \$25.00 and includes a T-shirt. Make it a whole evening at Gibault and stay as the Hawks take on Red Bud. JV begins at 5:15 p.m., with Varsity to follow!



GIBAULT CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL PRESENTS

**ONCE A HAWK,
ALWAYS A HAWK**

ALUMNI BASKETBALL GAME

**\$25/
PLAYER**
Includes Game Day
Alumni T-Shirt

Come watch all your favorite GCHS players from over the years!

JAN 27, 2024 **ALUMNI GAME - 4:00 / JV GAME - 5:15**
Varsity to Follow vs Red Bud

Game Admission - \$5 (All proceeds benefit the GCHS Alumni Association)

POTENTIAL PLAYERS CONTACT KELLY DAY AT [KDAY@GIBALTHAWKS.COM](mailto:kday@gibalthawks.com) TO SIGN UP TO PLAY.
REGISTRATION IS \$25 - INCLUDES GAME DAY ALUMNI T-SHIRT - 2ND GAME MAY BE ADDED IF ENOUGH PLAYERS.

VISIT GIBAULT

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! We also offer Private Tours for the whole family. See our campus and get your questions answered by our Director of Enrollment. Get started at <https://bit.ly/GCHSInquire>.

RAFFLE-MANIA

Raffle-Mania is back with bigger prizes! This year's Grand Prize has **DOUBLED** to **\$5,000.00!** Visit givebutter.com/Raffle-Mania to purchase your tickets!

GRAND PRIZES of \$5,000.00, \$1,000.00, \$500.00, and \$250.00, and 6 at \$100.00

Prizes will be drawn on February 1st during Catholic Schools Week.

Tickets are being sold exclusively online. If anyone has difficulty with their online purchase, contact Desiree Frasure at Gibault Catholic High School (dfrasure@gibalthawks.com or 618-939-3883).

APPLY TO THE CLASS OF 2028

Apply by January 26, 2024, in order to be part of this year's Acceptance Day festivities. Application available at: <https://bit.ly/GCHSApply>.

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 the remainder of the 2023-2024 school year. Get started at: <https://bit.ly/GCHSApply>.

Interested in learning more about Gibault Catholic? Contact Kelly Day at kday@gibalthawks.com for information on all things Gibault or to schedule a private tour of our campus.



FAMILY SPORTS PASS

Show you're #gibaultproud all year long! For \$125.00, Hawk Fans can purchase a Family Pass that covers admission to most of our home games (some exclusions apply.) This pass is valid for girls' and boys' volleyball, girls' and boys' basketball, girls' soccer, softball, baseball, and select boys' soccer home games throughout the 2023-2024 school year! Visit GCHSSportsPass.givesmart.com to purchase your pass!

Diocesan and Area Interests...

BOY SCOUTS!



Boy Scout Troop 320

SPAGHETTI DINNER FOR A CAUSE

A Fundraising Effort to
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Carry Outs Available
(Dinner includes spaghetti, salad, breadstick,
and dessert)

LAUDATO SI SOCIAL JUSTICE MEETING

Laudato Si Social Justice Meeting is rescheduled for January 31 at 6:30 p.m. in the Fr. Steve Library. Any questions or input for the Agenda, contact Carol Waide, 618-910-1648. All are welcome.

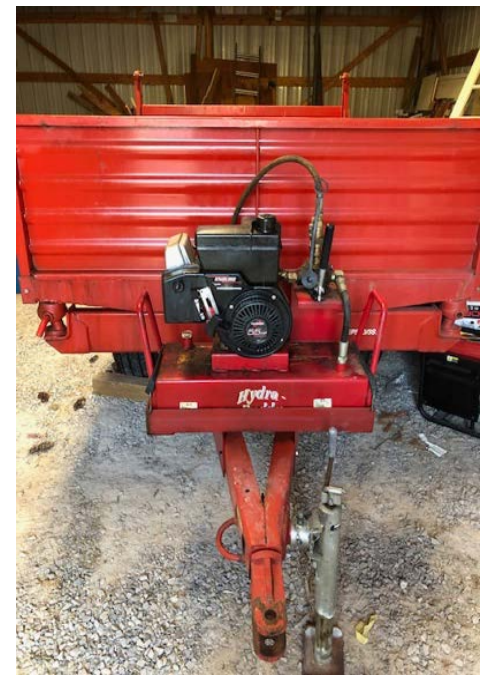
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For Sale: Pronovost P-510/3S AG
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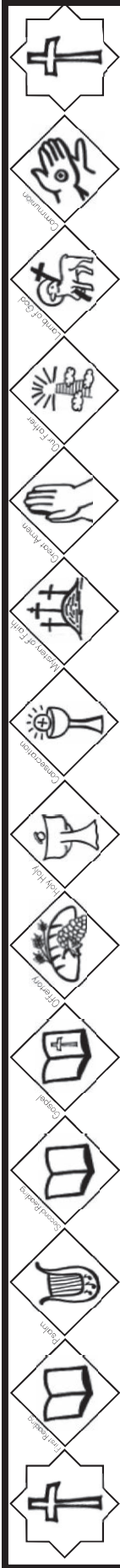
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For more info, contact Steve Krebel at
sjkrebel@htc.net.



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 at the ICC Parish Office. Our hours are Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.



James and John were fishermen. Jesus met them and said,
 "Come after Me, I will make you fishers of men."
 They stopped fishing and followed Jesus.

Gospel

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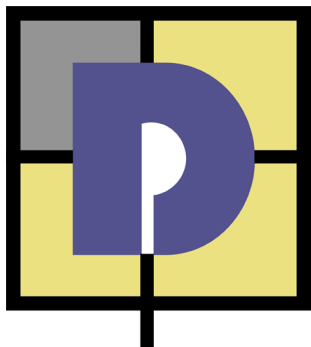


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