

Immaculate Conception

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

February 11, 2024

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

www.icc-columbia-il.us

What will you do for Lent?

You may already be thinking "what am I going to give up?" as Ash Wednesday approaches. This year, Immaculate Conception Parish offers a few things you can *add* to help you make Lent a fertile "spring" for your faith and prayer life. The basic expectations and regulations of the Catholic Church during the Lenten Season are listed inside this bulletin. If you would like to take your experience deeper, check out these opportunities.

Ash Wednesday Mass

February 14 8:05am & 7pm

Prayer Cards This Weekend

Pick up a prayer card and pray for the intentions of someone completing their sacraments of initiation, seminarians, and our homebound, by name.

Stations of the Cross

Every Friday during Lent at 2pm (with ICS) and 7pm. If you or your ministry members would like to lead the Stations, email lyoung@iccmail.org to pick a date.

Reconciliation

This sacrament of God's love and mercy is available every Saturday from 4-4:30pm.

Lenten Speaker Series

Three Thursdays in Church at 7pm
February 15: Fr. Steve Thoma,
c.r., presents "Sunday Lenten
Scriptures in the Holy Land"
February 29: Shea Christiansen,
MSW/MAPS, presents a special
program for parents, "Social
Media, Bullying, and Our Kids."
March 14: Kristy Frawley, director
of CUPS, presents "Seeing Christ
in the Face of the Poor."

A Biblical Walk Through The Mass

Five Mondays in the Garden Level at 7pm: February 19 & 26, March 4, 18 & 25. Pre-register for your materials: Joe Dent at joe@ dentsoft.com or (618) 210-2003.

St. Vincent de Paul Casseroles

March 2/3 at all Masses, pick up container and recipe. Prepare a hearty dish for Cosgrove's Kitchen and return your casserole frozen on March 9/10.

Knights of Columbus Fish Fries

The first one is Ash Wednesday (Fish Only) Feb. 14. Check inside the bulletin for Friday dates!

Knights of Columbus Blood Drive

Friday, March 1, Garden Level (If you really want to give up something, make it the gift of life!)

Scripture Study Prep for Sunday

Women's Bible Study every Tuesday at 6:30pm, Library Pathfinder's Men's Group every Saturday at 7:30am, KC Room

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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School Board President, Kyle Doerr boardpresident@icsmail.org

Sacramental Information

Baptisms: Parents/guardians are asked to attend a Preparation Seminar scheduled on the second Sunday of the month after 9:00 a.m. Mass (approximately 10:00 a.m.) in the lower-level library. We celebrate Baptisms on the first Sunday of the month during any Mass, and the third Sunday of the month after the 11:00 a.m. Mass. (No Baptisms are scheduled during Lent.) Please call the office to schedule at 281-5105.

Weddings: The parish is happy to celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony with adults who are currently registered members of Immaculate Conception Church (bride or groom). If you are one of many who would like to "come home" to celebrate the Sacrament with family and friends, please provide the name of the parish where you are now a member, along with contact information. We ask that you contact the IC Parish Office a minimum of four months prior to Marriage, but in most cases couples will need to allow time for Pre-Cana formation, and we suggest beginning to plan your Sacrament 12 or 18 months prior to Marriage.

Anointing of the Sick & Funerals: Since individual needs differ, please contact the Parish Office at 281-5105 for pastoral care. Do not hesitate to call; we are grateful for the opportunity to open our hearts to you and your family and offer these sacramental services.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults): The RCIA is for everyone who has been drawn by God to form a deeper relationship. Wherever you are in your faith practice – baptized in another Christian faith, starting from the beginning, or simply enriching your Catholic practice – consider the RCIA. Get to know God better and find out what it means to be Catholic. We meet in the Parish Office on Sundays (September-Easter), starting with "Breaking Open the Word" dismissal from 9:00 a.m. Mass, and catechetical sessions from 10:00-11:30 a.m. Contact Lizanne Young at the Parish Office at 281-5105, ext. 354, or email lyoung@iccmail.org.

Reconciliation: Reconciliation is offered from 4:00-4:30 p.m. on Saturdays and by appointment.

IMPORTANT VOLUNTEER INFO!

Anyone who wishes to volunteer at school or church when there are children present MUST be compliant with the Diocesan Child Protection Policy. Please be proactive! *EVERYONE must have an IL state background check, as well as doing the online refresher and filling out CANTS forms. *Coaches and employees will need to be fingerprinted in addition to the usual Child Protection paperwork. Contact Kara at the Parish Office if you have questions. *The initial course is now available online. Please contact Kara at the Parish Office for directions. Not sure if you are compliant? Contact Kara at the Parish Office. *The refresher course for 2023-2024 IS AVAILABLE ONLINE! Follow the link on our website! If you can't find it there, it is also on the Diocesan website at http://diobelle.org/b.aspx. Questions? Contact Kara at the Parish Office at 281-5105. *Sexual Abuse Hotline: Anyone wishing to report an allegation of sexual misconduct by a Priest or other Diocesan personnel, please call the hotline at 800-640-3044.

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

This Week's Liturgical Celebrations

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

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Monday, February 12	8:05 a.m.	We Remember Margie Pautler		
Tuesday, February 13	8:05 a.m.	We Remember Herb & Betty Lehr		
Wednesday, February 14	8:05 a.m.	We Remember George Perry		
	7:00 p.m.	We remember Marlene Augustine		
Thursday, February 15	8:05 a.m.	We Remember Gloria Thoma		
Friday, February 16	8:05 a.m.	We Remember Urhan Family		
Saturday, February 17	5:00 p.m.	We Remember Joanne Hoffman		
Sunday, February 18	7:00 a.m.	We Remember Chester & Lillian Kopec		

9:00 a.m. We Remember Peggy Meier 11:00 a.m. We Remember Babs Jackson



Please Pray For

Danielle Dorlac Donna Archambault-Kania Arlin Stechmesser Catherine Marlo Dakota Schutt

Mike Conrad Janice McDermott Delores Deleveski Brian Kreher Rich Sambo Catherine Sambo

Nicole Pennington Ruth Herrmann

Bill Kutz Chris Peel Joan Thoma Grace Nolan Special Intention Liam Pugh Baby Marcella Don & Shirley Mehrmann Dolores G. Elliana Cloin

Earl & Arlene Kruse Mrs. Steele

Brian Hirsh

The Kruse Family Betty Schmieder Lynn Naumann Casey Kate Patterson Ellen Dietz Sharon Nealon Jamie Moravec Elsie Hofstetter Mary Lou Mees Jean Conrad Jim Grau Geri Griffin Donna Ritson

Owen Kinane

Gina Haberl Alan Schertel Ken Breitenstein Amy Adler Wanda Schewe Eris Wood Katie Schoellhorn Kristen Brewer Jenny Candler Rosina Belt Kasen Greer Christine Baldas Gary May

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

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.



February 11, 2024:

First Reading: Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46 Second Reading: First Corinthians 10:31–11

Gospel: Mark 1:40-45

Bur Sympathies...

To Geralyn Kutz and her family and to David Straub and his family on the death of their daughter Laura Straub Buckley, 38, of Waterloo.



Stewardship...

Thank you for sharing your blessings with us!

February 4, 2024				
Actual	\$	59,726.06		
Budget	\$	65,900.00		
Actual YTD	\$1,.	365,360.82		
Budget YTD	\$1,.	360,325.00		
Over (under)	\$	5,035.82		
Prior YTD	\$1,	212,492.94		
Over (under)	\$	152,867.88		

^{*} the above totals reflect online giving totals from 1/16/24-1/31/24.

CEAC	\$ 2,090.00
Capital Improvements	\$ 444.00
Gibault	\$ 795.00
Guatemala	\$ 1,022.00
Votive	\$ 156.00
ICCCW Dues	\$ 50.00
Phase 3	\$ 2,486.00
Black & Indian	\$ 120.00
Sr. Thea Bowman	\$ 168.00
SVDP	\$ 120.00
Eugene Schorb Education	
Endowment Fund	\$ 50.00



From Our Young Stewards Treasure: \$7.00

Time and Talent: I helped my friend when she fell down; being nice to Grace; for dinner, I helped my sister get food.

THE IMPORTANCE OF NAMING BENEFICIARIES

What do I need to know?

Taking the time to choose your beneficiaries now can help your family avoid probate later. Please tell your family or friends if you have selected them as a beneficiary, because your beneficiaries must contact your investment firm themselves to receive their assets. Your assets can then be distributed to your beneficiaries without requiring a will or other legal documents.

You will need to assign at least one beneficiary for each account; most of the time you can add, change, or delete your beneficiaries online. To get started, you will need to provide the following for each beneficiary:

- Beneficiary type (e.g., spouse, non-spouse, trust, entity)
- Full name
- Date of birth
- Social Security number (optional)

You can also name contingent beneficiaries. Contingent beneficiaries receive your assets if there is no living primary beneficiary.

Note: Some retirement accounts or plans may require spousal consent (e.g., profit sharing, self-employed, 401k, Keogh) before you can add or change the beneficiary.

What to expect:

After you have updated your beneficiaries:

- If you've updated online, and no additional consent or paperwork is needed, your changes will be effective in just a few minutes.
- If spousal consent is required, your beneficiaries will typically be updated within three business days after the paperwork is received or email approval.

You can name your favorite charity (such as church or school) as beneficiary of your insurance, annuity, real estate or other financial investments. Contact your attorney or investment firm for more information or assistance.

- 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 so grateful. For those who are a little behind, we are still accepting your pledges or donations. If you give in-person, you will have to specify CEAC on your envelope since those are no longer in the packets, or bring your offerings into the office.

When you receive your stewardship envelopes now you will notice the purple ones removed and a new white envelope with a navy blue border inserted. This envelope is for our new Capital Campaign for Phase 3, (the Athletic Complex, Rosary and Stations of the Cross walk, the pavilion, and a new lighted sign) which will be kicked off officially in February 2024.

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

Parish Events & News...

ASH WEDNESDAY - FEBRUARY 14TH

Mass at 8:05 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Call To Lenten Conversion

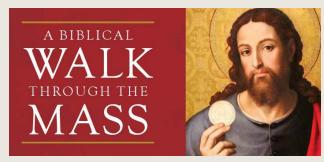
From the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (usccb.org)

As we observe the time of Lent with the universal church, please take a minute to understand the three pillars of this penitential season: Prayer, Fasting, and Almsgiving.

PRAYER: "For me, prayer is a surge of the heart; it is a simple look turned toward heaven, it is a cry of recognition and of love, embracing both trial and joy." -St. Therese of Lisieux (Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC) 2558). During Lent, we are asked to devote ourselves to seeking the Lord in prayer and reading Scripture, to service by giving alms, and to practice self-control through fasting. Dive into God's word in Scripture this Lent or pray the rosary with your family.

FASTING: Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence for Catholics. In addition, Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence. For members of the Latin Catholic Church, the norms on fasting are obligatory from age 18 until age 59. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding upon members of the Latin Catholic Church from age 14 onwards. If possible, the fast on Good Friday is continued until the Easter Vigil (on Holy Saturday night) as the "paschal fast" to honor the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus and to prepare ourselves to share more fully and to celebrate more readily his Resurrection.

ALMSGIVING: The foundational call of Christians to charity is a frequent theme of the Gospels. During Lent, we are asked to focus more intently on "almsgiving," which means donating money or goods to the poor and performing other acts of charity. As one of the three pillars of Lenten practice, almsgiving is "a witness to fraternal charity" and "a work of justice pleasing to God." (CCC 2462). Particular Opportunities for Almsgiving during Lent: There are several special opportunities for almsgiving through donations to Church ministries for which collections are conducted during the Lenten season including: Collection for the Church in Central & Eastern Europe, National Black and Indiana Mission Collection, Catholic Relief Services Collection, Pontifical Good Friday Collection for Care for Christians in the Holy Land, CRS Rice Bowl.



LENTEN FAITH ENRICHMENT OPPORTUNITY

Join us this Lent for A Biblical Walk Through the Mass, as we explore the roots of the words and gestures we experience at Mass and explain their profound significance. This fascinating tour of the Mass will renew your faith and deepen your love for and devotion to the Holy Eucharist.

This study, hosted by the Knights of Columbus, is open to both men and women and intended for all members of the parish aged 8th grade or up. A Biblical Walk Through the Mass will take place at 7pm in the Garden Level on the following Mondays in Lent: 2/19, 2/26, 3/4, 3/18, and 3/25. Note that there will be no meeting on 3/11. Advance registration is appreciated by contacting Joe Dent at joe@dentsoft.com or (618) 210-2003, but walk-ins are welcome. Although not required, we encourage participants to purchase a copy of the study book and companion workbook in advance at a cost of \$32 during registration.



PARISH WORK DAYS

March 9 & April 13

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!

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 February 10 and 11. All proceeds go to the 8th graders' trip to Washington, D.C.

LITTLE BLACK BOOKS

Thank you to Dr. McAuliffe for sponsoring the little black books. They are available in the back of Church.

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.

February 12: Topic Discussion – Lent

February 19: Fun in the ICS Gym (see bulletin for more information)

March 4: Topic Discussion – TBD

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...

Developing the created world in a prudent way is the best way of caring for it, as this means that we ourselves become the instrument used by God to bring out the potential which He Himself inscribed in things: "The Lord created medicines out of the earth, and a sensible man will not despise them. (Sirach 38:4) (LS 124)

What can I do? Look for natural remedies for ailments. Refuse plastic straws and carry-out containers. Buy clothes with natural fibers.

IC-CCW NEWS:

Our Spring Raffle is coming! This year, we will not only have our Handmade quilt, Handmade afghan and \$100.00 gift 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. We would like donations by March 3. THANK YOU!

Discipleship

"There is an appointed time for everything, and a time for every affair under the heavens." (Eccles. 3:1). God has clearly told us there will be ebbs and flows to our lives. But "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever." (Heb 13:8). "Believe God's love and power more than you believe your own feelings and experiences. Your rock is Christ, and it is not the rock that ebbs and flows but the sea." (Sam Rutherford). Don't fear the ebbs and flows in life. Recognize them. Embrace them. Use them as an opportunity for learning and renewal. Trust in the Rock.

NEWS FROM THE KNIGHTS

FISH FRYS ARE BACK

Fish Fry FRIDAYS (sides available) will be from 3:00-7:00 p.m. February 16, March 1, 15, and 29. ASH Wednesday, February 14th, Fish Fry – FISH ONLY – NO SIDES

THE 2024 CATHOLIC SERVICE AND MINISTRY APPEAL

Serve the Lord with gladness - Psalm 100

From the Pastor's Desk... This weekend, our parish, along with all other parishes in the diocese, will conduct our Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal. The CSMA provides a convenient way for all of us, no matter what our time limitations, to take an active role in the mission of our diocesan Church. If you did not receive a pledge card in the mail or forgot to bring it, please use one of the reply envelopes that are available. Please be as generous as you are able.



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.

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.

<u>The Cupboards Are Bare --</u> <u>Society of St. Vincent De Paul Needs Your Help!</u>

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul Belleville Council reports record numbers of people staying at its OverNite Center and 300+ people per day coming for meals at Cosgrove's Kitchen. With these increased numbers, there is an urgent need for food. We humbly ask for your prayers for SVDP and its clients and, if you are able, your donation of food (all kinds) that will be cooked and served at the soup kitchen and/or individually packaged food items (cookies, fruit cups, tuna and chicken snack packs, chips, crackers, cheese sticks, yogurt, cereal, instant oatmeal, Pop Tarts, breakfast bars, soup or pasta in a cup) to distribute at the OverNite Center.

Items can be dropped off at:

St. Vincent de Paul Council Office

8800 West Main Street, Belleville, Illinois 62223 (across from Blessed Sacrament Church) Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 9:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

or

SVDP Thrift Store/Soup Kitchen

3718 State Street, East St. Louis Monday-Friday 9:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m.; Saturday 9:00 a.m.-12 Noon

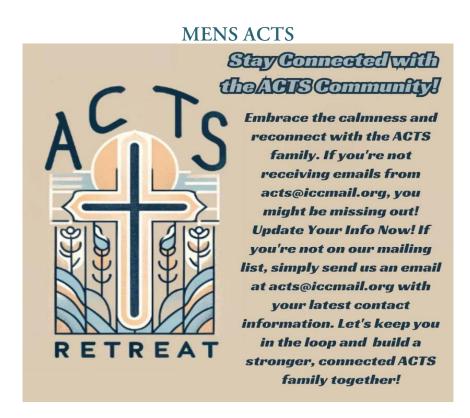
For additional information contact Joe Hubbard or Pat Hogrebe at 618-394-0126. Thank you and God bless you for your generosity which enables St. Vincent de Paul's ministry to the poorest among us.

COMFORT WITH A PRAYER SHAWL

If you, or someone you know, needs comfort and prayers, consider bringing them a Prayer Shawl, handmade by Immaculate Conception parishioners. Each crocheted or knitted shawl is unique, and prayers are said throughout the process of the creation. The goal is to provide comfort to the recipient, knowing that they are wrapped in the prayers of the parish.

The Prayer Shawl can be delivered to you, or you may stop in the Parish Office during business hours and pick up what you need. Prayer Shawls are available for children as well.

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



BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY

Looking for your place in the parish? Do you like helping others, providing comfort and being part of a larger purpose? The Bereavement Ministry is looking for new members. Our ministry is a support ministry for those who have experienced a loss in their family whether adult, child or baby. If you are looking for a way to support your fellow parishioners, let us be your path. Contact Kathy Fern to learn more at 618-719-1632 or email kaammifern@gmail with your interest.

- Members of Bereavement Ministry

PRO-LIFE/PREGNANCY RESOURCES...

- Free and confidential pregnancy testing, counseling, and practical support: Life Network of Southern Illinois (in Waterloo and Red Bud)
 618-939-4224/mylifenet.org.
- Birthright Counseling STL (3 locations in St. Louis) birthrightstl.org.
- Free and confidential counseling for anyone hurt by abortion; contact Project Rachel at 618-722-5068 or hopeafterabortion.com.
- A caring place for women who are pregnant and experiencing homelessness; contact Fontebella Maternity Home at 618-406-4355.

If you, or someone you know, have an unborn baby diagnosed with "fetal abnormalities" or an "adverse prenatal diagnosis," please refer to: BeNotAfraid. net or PrenatalPartnersforLife.org. Both offer free parent-centered case management and parental support for parents carrying to term following a prenatal diagnosis. Birthrightstl.org offers their Melissa's Smile program, a counseling and supportive resource for mothers and fathers whose baby has been diagnosed prenatally with a genetic abnormality or whose baby has been born with a disability or serious medical condition.



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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



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!

VISIT GIBAULT

We are accepting Shadow Visitors for the second semester. 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.

TASTE OF THE REGION

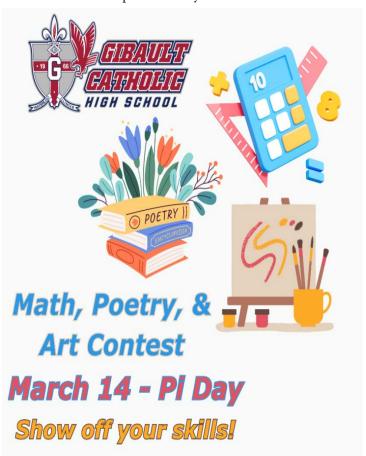
Join the Gibault Women's Club on March 2 for Taste of the Region. For full event info or to purchase tickets, visit: https://givebutter.com/TasteoftheRegion.

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@gibaulthawks.com for information on all things Gibault or to schedule a private tour of our campus.

MATH, POETRY, AND ART CONTEST

Save the date to be part of this year's event!



Diocesan and Area Interests...

LEARN MORE ABOUT BECOMING A PRIEST

Bishop Michael McGovern will host a St. Andrew Dinner for young men interested in learning more about the Catholic priesthood on Sunday, March 10. The St. Andrew Dinner will be held at Gibault Catholic High School in Waterloo. All young men ages 14-32 are invited to attend; parents or guardians are also welcome to join us.

The event will begin at 4:30 p.m. with gathering and introductions and Evening Prayer and will be followed by dinner and conversation.

This is a terrific opportunity to gather information for discerning a call to the priesthood; there will also be time for questions and conversation with Fr. Joel Seipp, Vocation Director.

For more information, or to RSVP, contact Judy Hoffmann at 618-722-5003, or email to: jhoffmann@diobelle.org.

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 24 AT 7:00 PM



(Doors open at 6:00)

Sponsored by St. Michael's Men's Club

- 6 Rounds of Euchre; 12 hands per round
- · Partners randomly rotated each round
- Team Points follow player for all rounds
- All you can drink beer and soda
- All you can eat fried chicken (at end of last round)
- Prizes awarded for top 3 places
- Tickets = \$25 per person

Location: St. Michael's Church (Paderborn) Parish Hall

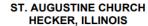
4576 Buss Branch Road

Waterloo, Il 62298

Contact for reservations:

email Rich Kreher at slark4@yahoo.com

or call/text 314-341-4904



(15 miles South of Belleville on State Route 159)

SUPER BOWL SUNDAY







QUILT/CASH BINGO

FEBRUARY 11th, 2024

Hecker Community Center Hecker, Illinois Smoke Free Facility



BINGO 1:30 P.M.

No one under 18 allowed in hall during bingo. BL #50884

Attendance Prizes - Raffle - Pot of Gold

Fried Chicken & Pork Sausage Plates

Serving 10:00 am-1:00 pm

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CEMETERY – TRAILER FOR SALE

For Sale: Pronovost P-510/3S AG trailer S/N 7820

10-ton, 3-way dump trailer with agriculture tires. Has built-in hydraulic system. Swivel drawbar hitch.

Asking \$6,995.00

For more information, 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 11 remaining 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.

Year B: Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

COLUMBIA CAR WASH

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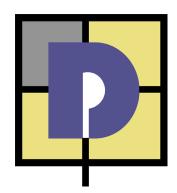
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