



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

March 17, 2024

Fifth Sunday of Lent

www.icc-columbia-il.us

Review this year's nominees

This year, 10 nominees were put forward and approved to receive funding. Please take some time to check out their websites (or social media sites) listed below, or review their application summaries at the display in the Gathering Space.

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| 1. TREE House of Greater St. Louis
thstl.org | 6. Life Network of Southern Illinois
supportmylifenet.com/ |
| 2. Maddison Rodriguez Foundation
facebook.com/maddisonrodriguezmemorialfoundation | 7. Annunciation House
annunciationhouse.org/ |
| 3. Our Brothers' Keepers of Southern Illinois
obkministry.org/ | 8. Glenmary Home Missioners
glenmary.org |
| 4. Songs 4 Soldiers
songs4soldiersstl.org | 9. Hospitality House of Chester
hospitalityhouse.yolasite.com |
| 5. Catholic Indian Mission
catholicindianmission.com | 10. Stewards of Hope International
stewardsofhope.org |

Stewardship
of charity 2024

How to vote March 16/17 and 23/24

To disburse the available funds, each parish household is eligible to cast up to 10 votes, with no more than 5 votes going to a charity. Voting takes place after all Masses this weekend and next weekend. Review the nominees, then check in at the Voting Ballot Table in the Gathering Space to pick up your ballots. Cast your votes by placing your ballots in the boxes corresponding to your selected charities. The results will be posted in the bulletin the weekend of April 21.

BLESSED ARE YOU
WHO ARE POOR
FOR THE KINGDOM
OF GOD IS YOURS!

Luke 6:20

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, March 18	8:05 a.m.	We Remember Holy Souls in Purgatory
Tuesday, March 19	8:05 a.m.	We Remember Betty Lang
Wednesday, March 20	8:05 a.m.	We Remember Marlene Augustine
Thursday, March 21	8:05 a.m.	We Remember The Urhan Family
Friday, March 22	8:05 a.m.	We Remember Arnold Mudd
Saturday, March 23	5:00 p.m.	We Remember John Hart
Sunday, March 24	7:00 a.m.	We Remember Carl & Bernice Riebeling
	9:00 a.m.	We Remember Peggy Meier
	11:00 a.m.	We Remember Babs Jackson



Please Pray For

Danielle Dorlac	Chris Peel	Lynn Naumann Casey	Katie Schoellhorn
Donna Archambault-Kania	Joan Thoma	Kate Patterson	Kristen Brewer
Arlin Stechmesser	Grace Nolan	Ellen Dietz	Jenny Candler
Catherine Marlo	Special Intention	Sharon Nealon	Rosina Belt
Dakota Schutt	Liam Pugh	Jamie Moravec	Kasen Greer
Mike Conrad	Baby Marcella	Mary Lou Mees	Christine Baldas
Janice McDermott	Don & Shirley Mehrmann	Jean Conrad	Gary May
Delores Deleveski	Dolores G.	Jim Grau	Irma Proffer
Brian Kreher	Elliana Cloin	Geri Griffin	Joanne Schilling
Rich Sambo	Earl & Arlene Kruse	Donna Ritson	Bill Kessler
Catherine Sambo	Mrs. Steele	Owen Kinane	Beth Johns
Nicole Pennington	Brian Hirsh	Ken Breitenstein	Mike Gober
Ruth Herrmann	The Kruse Family	Amy Adler	John Kennedy
Bill Kutz	Betty Schmieder	Wanda Schewe	Madeline Ritter
		Eris Wood	

Troops in Service... SGM Joseph Pope, US Army; Colonel Brian Schoellhorn; Alex Lochirco, Lance Corporal, Marines; Samuel Campbell, Navy; Captain Benjamin Thoma, United States Air Force

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

March 17, 2024:

First Reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34

Second Reading: Hebrews 5:7-9

Gospel: John 12:20-33



Our Sympathies...

To Kathy Hofstetter and her family on the death of her mother Elsie Hofstetter, 90, of Columbia



Stewardship...

Thank you for sharing your blessings with us!

March 10, 2024

Actual	\$	16,161.55
Budget	\$	30,450.00
Actual YTD	\$	1,464,536.76
Budget YTD	\$	1,569,425.00
Over (under)	\$	(104,888.24)
Prior YTD	\$	1,392,146.15
Over (under)	\$	72,390.61
Capital Improvements	\$	100.00
Guatemala	\$	1,517.00
Gibault	\$	500.00
Votive	\$	230.00
Black & Indian	\$	45.00
Catholic Relief	\$	1,429.00
SVDP	\$	115.00
Easter Flowers	\$	265.00
Holy Land	\$	230.00
Phase 3	\$	10,220.00
Messenger	\$	60.00
Sr. Thea Bowman	\$	200.00
Christmas Offering	\$	100.00



From Our Young Stewards

Treasure: \$2.00

Time and Talent: Helped mom; prayed for the sick; been good.

WHAT IS A DONOR-ADVISED FUND?

A donor-advised fund is a charitable gift fund administered by a third party public foundation created for the purpose of managing charitable donations on behalf of an organization, a family, or an individual. Donor-advised funds have become increasingly popular, primarily because they offer the donor greater ease of administration while still allowing them to maintain significant control over the placement and distribution of charitable grants after making a tax-deductible contribution.

Donor-advised funds offer the maximum tax benefit available for a charitable gift. Unlike private foundations, donor-advised fund-holders enjoy a federal income tax deduction of up to 60% of adjusted gross income (AGI) for cash contributions and up to 30% of AGI for the appreciated publically traded securities in the year contributed. When donors contribute appreciated assets to donor-advised funds, they avoid long-term capital gains taxes and receive immediate fair market value tax deductions.

Many national and local foundations offer donor-advised funds. Each fund sponsor has different minimums to open, maintain, and grant. You may recommend an investment strategy for the assets in your fund for tax-free growth until you decide to recommend grants to the organizations you choose on your own timeline.

Donor-advised fund sponsors generally accept more contributions of more complex assets like real estate or closely held business interests as well.

Advantages and Disadvantages of Donor-Advised Funds

Pros:

- Ability to recommend grants on your own timeline
- Maximum tax benefit available for a charitable contribution
- Allows donation of non-cash assets
- No required minimum distributions

Cons:

- Contributions are irrevocable.
- Grants are subject to final approval of the fund sponsor
- Subject to administrative and investment fees

There are no specific tax laws stipulating how long after setting up a donor-advised fund it can be inactive, but many fund providers have their own timeline for giving.

Donor-advised funds offer both legacy and succession options which may vary with each fund sponsor. After the lifetime of the initial donor, the fund may be passed to children or trusted family members with full discretion to continue charitable grant-making or distribute the remaining funds to one or more approved charities.

For more information about Donor-advised funds, contact your financial or tax advisor.

– 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 yellow 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).

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

Parish Events & News...

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

March 22: 1:30 – Living Stations of the Cross in ICS Gym & 7:00, Church

March 29: 3:00 – Good Friday Stations of the Cross, Church

PADRE ABDIAS IS COMING TO IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

The Sister Parish ministry is excited to announce that Padre Abdias, the pastor at St. Raymond's, our sister parish in Guatemala, will visit us this fall – from **September 20th through September 27th**.

Still in the early planning stages, this weeklong visit marks the first time that a priest from St. Raymond's will join us as part of a parish-wide event. While here, Padre's schedule includes: Meeting parishioners at a welcome ceremony, touring the church and school, concelebrating Mass, engaging with parish, school, and ministry leaders, spending time with ICS students and staff, visiting a local farm, touring St. Louis, attending a sports event, touring Our Lady of the Snows, visiting Cosgrove's Soup Kitchen, St. Vincent de Paul, and Sister Thea Bowman in East St. Louis, and more.

If you would like to be part of organizing one or more of these activities, please contact Karen Waide at cooperwaide@aol.com or 618-281-4715. Additionally, the ministry is also in need of interpreters, drivers (to transport Padre/others to and from events), and help with occasional meal preparation. All help is greatly appreciated.

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.

ICY



gather your peeps for an
egg dyeing party

- wednesday, march 27, 6-7:30pm
- immaculate conception garden level
409 palmer road, columbia
- this is a fun family event - no drop-offs
- we will provide the dye, decorations,
& a little help
- bring your own boiled eggs
or pre-purchase boiled eggs using the
link below.

this free event is presented by
immaculate conception youth.
all are welcome.



**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION YOUTH
MISSION TRIP TO
CAIRO, IL
JUNE 28-30, 2024**

**HOMEMADE
PIE SALE
FUNDRAISER**

**SATURDAY
JUNE 22**

**MORE INFO
TO COME**



SCRIPTURE DISCUSSIONS FOR MEN AND WOMEN

How's this for a plan? 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!

CEMETERY COMMITTEE:

The cemetery mowing season is coming soon. To not hinder mowing and trimming, please remove any decorations that are on the grass that you wish to keep. Thank you.

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.

PARISH WORK DAYS!

April 13 and May 11

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.

March 18: Trivia

April 8: Video & discussion – “Why Are We So Depressed?” (SEEK 2024 keynote)

April 23: TopGolf at 7:00 p.m. in St. Louis Midtown location; email Shea Christensen to carpool.

May 6: Bible study on Nicodemus

May 20: Lawn games & outdoor fun

SVDP

During the next two weekends in March, SVDP is sponsoring a Food Drive in support of local food pantries. Please place the items on the table in the Gathering Space through March 24th so delivery can be made before Easter. Canned fruit, canned chicken, canned chili, boxes of potatoes or macaroni. Thank you for your generosity.

WELCOMING COMMITTEE

We will hold a welcoming reception in the garden level following the 9:00 a.m. Mass on May 5th. All new parishioners are encouraged to attend and join us for some breakfast items and a welcoming packet. Everyone is invited to meet and greet our growing family.

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...

A consumerist vision of human beings, encouraged by the mechanisms of today's globalized economy, has a levelling effect on cultures, diminishing the immense variety which is the heritage of all humanity. (LS144)

What can I do? As you travel, search for the uniqueness of each place. Eat local cuisine, skip franchise fast food restaurants, support neighborhood businesses.

DISCIPLESHIP CORNER...

The best way to learn how to pray is to pray. Prayer isn't complicated. Unlike learning to play a musical instrument, it doesn't take months or years to learn how to do it. We are made for prayer. Everyone is a “natural” when it comes to prayer. We just need to do it. Prayer should be enjoyable. Early recollections of “having to pray” or of hard kneelers can get in the way of the simple truth that prayer is enjoyable. There may be difficult times of prayer, but generally, it should be enjoyable. Find ways to make it so: a pleasant place to pray, a comfortable chair, a candle, and, with some forms of prayer, a cup of coffee.

Most of all, find a form of prayer that you enjoy.

Discipleship

Lenten Prayer Cards: We hope you are enjoying your prayerful walk through Lent with your adopted “silent” prayer partner. We also hope the commitment you made and the time you are taking to fulfill this promise is bringing you peace and the blessed assurance that you have a friend in Jesus. If you have forgotten, no worries, God is timeless. Begin now. God does not measure us by our failings – but He is “thirsty” to have a closer relationship with us. Prayer cards are still available in the Parish Office. You may turn in the card at any time during Lent by placing it in the purple box in the Gathering Space. After Easter, the Discipleship Committee will send the prayer cards to each “silent” prayer partner. Cards must be turned in by Wednesday, April 10th. These cards serve as a tangible and powerful expression of love from a fellow brother or sister in Christ. Lent doesn’t change us into better disciples. It is the actions we take during Lent that can bring us closer to God. May your journey be blessed.

– The Discipleship Committee

NEWS FROM THE KNIGHTS

FISH FRY

Fish Fry FRIDAYS (sides available) will be from 3:00-7:00 p.m. – March 29.

THE 2024 CATHOLIC SERVICE AND MINISTRY APPEAL

*Serve the Lord with gladness
– Psalm 100*

On behalf of Bishop Michael McGovern and diocesan ministries and programs, a most heartfelt thanks to all those who have already responded with a gift to the 2024 Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal. If you have not done so as of yet, there’s still plenty of time. One-time donations or pledges – in any amount – are needed and can be made through your parish or at www.diobelle.org (click on “Giving to the Diocese”). Your generosity supports 17 agencies and programs that daily serve thousands of people. Please consider making your gift today or at any time you are able in the coming months. We also ask for your prayers for the success of this year’s appeal and all those we serve. Thank you and may God bless you always.

MEN’S ACTS



ACTS



Stay Connected with the ACTS Community!

Embrace the calmness and reconnect with the ACTS family. If you're not receiving emails from acts@iccmail.org, you might be missing out! Update Your Info Now! If you're not on our mailing list, simply send us an email at acts@iccmail.org with your latest contact information. Let's keep you in the loop and build a stronger, connected ACTS family together!



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.

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.com with your interest.

– Members of Bereavement Ministry

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.

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.

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; Project Rachel, 618-722-5068 or hopeafterabortion.com.
 - A caring place for women who are pregnant and experiencing homelessness; Fontebella Maternity Home, 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

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

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IMMACULATE CONCEPTION SCHOOL
NEW STUDENT REGISTRATION
Mission Community Service
Preschool - 8th Grade
Sunday, March 17th
10am-12:30pm
ICS Main Entrance
For More Information
contact Bev Epplin
bepplin@icsmail.org
618-281-5353
icscolumbia.org
*Please bring birth certificate & baptismal certificate.



THE ZAC EPPLIN GOLF TOURNAMENT

Friday, April 26, 2024, Annbriar Golf Course. 12:00 shotgun start. Registration is open. Use the QR code to sponsor the tournament and/or to register your team.



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
11004 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.

UPCOMING PARENTS AND FRIENDS MEETINGS

April 8, 2024, 7:00 p.m. – Garden Level

May 13, 2024, 7:00 p.m. – TBD

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>.

7TH GRADE SHADOW PROGRAM

Parents of 7th Graders!! Spring is a great time for your student to visit Gibault Catholic! Your 7th grader 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! 7th grade shadows are welcome to come back as 8th graders for another Shadow Visit, too!

If your 8th grader or current high school student is interested in shadowing, there are visit days open for them. 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>

FUTURE HAWK EVENTS

Save the date for these fun events! More info to come!

- 7th & 8th Grade Scavenger Hunt – April 5 from 6:00-8:00 p.m.
- 5th & 6th Grade Future Hawk Hangout – April 12 from 6:00-8:00 p.m.
- Future Hawk Baseball Tailgate – May 1 at 4:30 p.m.

SPRING SPORTS


Spring sports begin soon! Come cheer on our Softball, Baseball, Girls' Soccer, Boys' Volleyball, and Track Teams. Visit www.gibaulthawks.com/calendar for full schedules! Go Hawks!

ENROLLMENT NEWS

There's still time to become a Gibault Hawk! We are accepting students for the Class of 2027. 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...



Fr. Godfrey Mullen, OSB
Rector, Cathedral of Saint Peter
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(618) 234-1166 | www.cathedralbelle.org

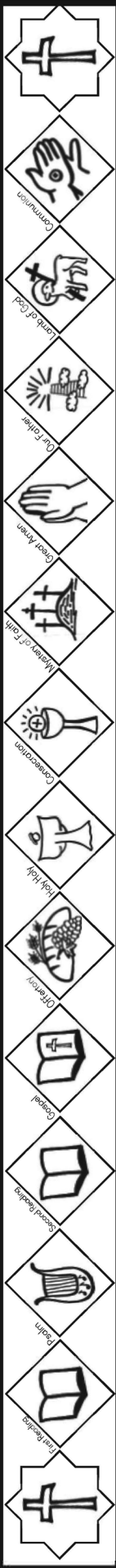
Pastor, Blessed Sacrament Parish
Pastor, Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish
8707 W. Main St. | Belleville, IL 62223
(618) 397-2287 | www.bellevillecatholic.org

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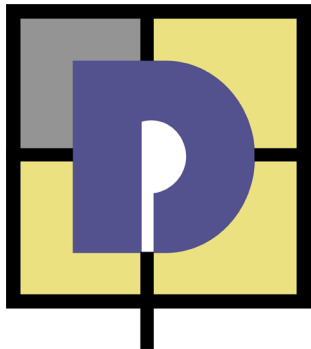
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