Immaculate Conception Church

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"The tomb of Christ, who is living, The glory of Jesus' resurrection; bright angels attesting, The shroud and napkin resting. Yes, Christ my hope is arisen; to Galilee he goes before you." -Victimae paschali laudes

Parish Office Hours

Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Phone: 618-281-5105

Parish Stakk

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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@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.				
Monday, April 1	8:05 a.m.	We Remember Margie Pautler		
Tuesday, April 2	8:05 a.m.	We Pray for Peace in Ukraine		
Wednesday, April 3	8:05 a.m.	We Remember Elsie Hofstetter		
Thursday, April 4	8:05 a.m.	We Remember Betty Lang		
Friday, April 5	8:05 a.m.	We Remember Thomas Lepp		
Saturday, April 6	5:00 p.m.	We Remember Angela Krupp & Harold Stemler		
Sunday, April 7	7:00 a.m.	We Remember Chester & Lillian Kopec		
	9:00 a.m.	We Remember Glenn Grayson		
	11:00 a.m.	We Remember Henry & Mae Doerr		



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

Please Pray For 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 Mary Lou Mees Jean Conrad Jim Grau Geri Griffin Donna Ritson Owen Kinane Ken Breitenstein Amy Adler Wanda Schewe Eris Wood

Katie Schoellhorn Kristen Brewer Jenny Candler Rosina Belt Kasen Greer Christine Baldas Gary May Irma Proffer Joanne Schilling Bill Kessler Mike Gober John Kennedy Madeline Ritter

Troops in Service... SGM Joseph Pope, US Army; Colonel Brian Schoellhorn; 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.



March 31, 2024: First Reading: Acts 10:34a, 37-43 Second Reading: Colossians 3:1-4 Gospel: John 20:1-9 The Parish Office will be CLOSED Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Monday.

Stewardship... Thank you for sharing your blessings with us!

March 24,	202	4
Actual	\$	137,847.30
Budget	\$	30,450.00
Actual YTD	\$	1,689,384.11
Budget YTD	\$	1,674,325.00
Over (under)	\$	15,059.11
Prior YTD	\$	1,489,221.24
Over (under)	\$	200,162.87
Capital Improvements	\$	60.00
Guatemala	\$	80.00
Gibault	\$	138.00
Votive	\$	193.75
Black & Indian	\$	20.00
Catholic Relief	\$	290.00
SVDP	\$	195.00
Easter Flowers	\$	393.00
Holy Land	\$	70.00
Rice Bowl	\$	40.00
Phase 3	\$	780.00



From Our Young Stewards Treasure: \$3.00 Time and Talent: Doing the dishes; I picked up my room; I have been nice.

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 <u>private foundations</u>, donor-advised fundholders enjoy a federal income tax deduction of up to 60% of <u>adjusted gross income (AGI)</u> 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 donoradvised funds, they avoid long-term <u>capital gains taxes</u> and receive immediate <u>fair market value</u> 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 <u>recommend</u> 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 grantmaking 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 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).

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

Parish Events & News...

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 <u>September 20th through</u> <u>September 27th</u>.

Still in the early planning stages, this weeklong visit marks the time that a priest from first 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.



HAPPY SOCIAL WORKER MONTH, SHEA!

We didn't want to let March slip by without wishing a Happy Social Worker Month to Shea Christensen, our invaluable ICS Counselor and Parish Spiritual and Mental Health Advocate. Shea holds two Master's Degrees, in Social Work and Pastoral Studies, and is

uniquely qualified to deal with parishioners in crisis as well as folks who simply need an ear and an open heart. We are blessed to have her on our faculty and pastoral team! Send Shea a note at schristensen@icsmail.org.



PARISH WORK DAYS! April 13, May 11

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 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!

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.

- April 8: Bible Study on Nicodemus
- April 23: TopGolf at 7:00 p.m. in St. Louis Midtown location. Email Shea Christensen (schristensen@ icsmail.org) to carpool.
- May 6: Video & discussion "Why Are We So Depressed?" (SEEK 2024 Keynote)
- May 20: Lawn games & outdoor fun!

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 ...

Local individuals and groups can make a real difference. They are able to instill a greater sense of responsibility,



a strong sense of community, a readiness to protect others, a spirit of creativity and a deep love for the land. (LS 179) What can I do? Throw a "swap, borrow or buy" garden party with your neighbors.

Discipleship

"You have given it all to me. To you, Lord, I return it. Everything is yours; do with it what you will. Give me only your love and grace. That is enough for me." (Ignatius of Loyola). The young Ignatius was described as "a fancy dresser, an expert dancer, a womanizer, sensitive to insult, and a rough punkish swordsman who used his privileged status to escape prosecution for violent crimes." During a prolonged recovery resulting from a cannon ball hitting his right leg, Ignatius had a religious conversion. Who among us are awaiting our personal cannon ball before we appreciate that the Lord's love and grace are all that we really need.

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 Committe

ICCCW NEWS:

Happy Easter!

Our next meeting will be Thursday, April 4th at 6:30pm in the Garden Level. Just two more meetings left before summer break!

THE 2024 CATHOLIC SERVICE AND MINISTRY APPEAL

Serve the Lord with gladness – Psalm 100 Easter Blessings

We pray that God may bless you and your loved ones with the peace, the hope and the love that the Lord gave to us all through the Resurrection of Jesus.

> Bishop Michael McGovern and the Ministries and Agencies Funded by The Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal

ACTS



StayConnected 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!

MEN'S ACTS





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.

SANCTITY OF LIFE



One Year Anniversary Celebration



BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY

Looking for your place in the parish? Do you like helping others, providing comfort and being part of a larger purpose? The ministry meets on the 2nd Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m. in the Garden level. Contact Kathy Fern to learn more at 618-719-1632 or email kaammifern@gmail with your interest.

- Members of Bereavement Ministry

Upcoming events:

June 9th: Remembering Memorial for Mothers, Fathers, and Veterans – 3:00 p.m.

October 20th: Walk to Remember – 4:00 p.m. November 2nd: All Souls Mass – 5:00 p.m.

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.



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION SCHOOL

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MOTHER AND SON EVENT

https://fundraise.givesmart.com/form/0nLVtw?vid=147n5q



THE ZAC EPPLIN GOLF TOURNAMENT



Friday, April 26, 2024, Annbriar Golf Course. 12:00 shotgun start. Registration

opened on Saturday, March 9. Use the QR code to sponsor the tournament and/or to register your team.

7TH GRADE TRIP TO SPACE CAMP





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.

SPRING RUMMAGE SALE

The Gibault Catholic Women's Club Rummage Sale is Saturday, April 13, from 8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

(1/2 price and bag sale after noon.) Donations can be dropped off April 8 & 9 from 8:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. and April 10 & 11 from 8:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m.

SUMMER CLASSIC GOLF TOURNAMENT

Tee up for the students of Gibault Catholic High School as part of our 27th Summer Classic Golf Tournament! This year's tournament will be held on Friday, June 21, 2024, and there are lots of ways to get involved. You can sponsor our event, donate raffle prizes, or gather a team to play at the beautiful Annbriar Golf Course. For more info, email dfrasure@gibaulthawks.com or visit our event website: https://SummerClassic.givesmart.com.

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.

FUTURE HAWK EVENTS

Join us at these fun events!

7th & 8th Grade Scavenger Hunt

7th and 8th graders are invited to participate in our Junior High Scavenger Hunt on April 5 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. at Gibault Catholic High School. Pizza and Drinks will be included. Bring your own team or sign up individually, and we can create a team. RSVP: https://bit.ly/gchshunt24

5th & 6th Grade Future Hawk Hangout

5th and 6th graders are invited to hang out in the Gibault gym! Shoot hoops, bump volleyballs, play bags, and MORE. Drinks and Snacks included. Come HANGOUT and HAVE FUN! RSVP: https://bit.ly/hawkhangout

Future Hawk Baseball Tailgate

Cheer on the State Champion Hawks on May 1 at 4:30 p.m. More info to come!

POKER RUN

Join the Gibault Women's Club for an afternoon of fun on April 28.



Join us for the fourth annual Gibault Catholic High School Women's Club Poker Run

Sunday, April 28, 2024

Take a scenic Sunday afternoon drive! Stop by each bar and pull a poker card. Best hand wins. No skill necessary! Jeeps, motorcycles, and cars are welcome!

Registration opens at 11:30 am at Hopskeller; ride starts at noon:

- Hopskeller Brewing Company, 116 East Third Street, Waterloo
- Ott's Tavern, 20 E. Washington, Millstadt
- Pete's Hard Stop, 2 South Main Street, Smithton
- Insider, 116 North Main Street, Marissa
- Karban's Knotty Pines, 4569 Buss Branch Road, Paderborn

Turn in hands by 5:30 at Karban's Knotty Pines

Designated Drivers get free soft drinks at each bar and entered in a special drawing!

Two hands for \$25, each additional hand \$5

Five hands for \$40, get 6th free!

50/50, cooler of booze raffle, silent auction! Food available at every stop

Prizes for three best hands!

For more info, call Claudia at (618) 660-6703 or email bcpapenberg@gmail.com Proceeds to benefit GCHS Women's Club



Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Holy Land Collection which will be held on Good Friday. Your support helps the Church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools and offer religious education to our brothers and sisters in the Holy Land. The collection also helps to preserve the sacred shrines. In times of crisis, the Pontifical Holy Land Collection also provides humanitarian aid to refugees. When you contribute to the collection, you become an instrument of peace and join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land. Please be generous.







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