

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

April 14, 2024

Third Sunday of Easter

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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.

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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.

We Remember Elizabeth Lang Monday, April 15 8:05 a.m. We Remember Job George & Family Tuesday, April 16 8:05 a.m. Wednesday, April 17 We Remember The Urhan Family 8:05 a.m. Thursday, April 18 8:05 a.m. We Remember Marlene Augustine Friday, April 19 8:05 a.m. We Remember Babs Jackson We Remember Bernie Kutz Saturday, April 20 5:00 p.m.

> 7:00 a.m. We Remember Stephen Dressler 9:00 a.m. We Remember Peggy Meier

11:00 a.m. We Remember Clara Naumann



Please Pray For

Danielle Dorlac Donna Archambault-

Kania

Sunday, April 21

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

Mary Lou Mees

Jean Conrad

Jim Grau

Geri Griffin Donna Ritson

Owen Kinane

Ken Breitenstein

Amy Adler

Wanda Schewe

Katie Schoellhorn

Katie Schoellhorn

Kristen Brewer
Jenny Candler
Rosina Belt
Kasen Greer
Christine Baldas
Irma Proffer
Joanne Schilling
Bill Kessler
Mike Gober
John Kennedy
Madeline Ritter
Sandy Kirpatrick

Darrell May

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.



April 14, 2024:

First Reading: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19 Second Reading: First John 2:1-5a

Gospel: Luke 24:35-48



Our Sympathies...

To Mary Reichert and her family on the death of her husband Robert, 91, of Columbia.

To Helen Reichert and her family on the death of her husband Ken, 88, of Columbia



Stewardship...

Thank you for sharing your blessings with us!

March 31,		
Actual	\$	70,684.15
Budget	\$	74,100.00
Actual YTD	\$	1,760,068.26
Budget YTD	\$	1,748,425.00
Over (under)	\$	11,643.26
Prior YTD	\$	1,654,054.03
Over (under)	\$	106,014.23
Capital Improvements	\$	104.00
Guatemala	\$	545.00
Gibault		465.00
Votive	\$ \$	166.00
Sr. Thea Bowman	\$	1,143.00
Catholic Home Mission	\$ \$ \$	70.00
Black & Indian	\$	20.00
Catholic Relief	\$	100.00
SVDP	\$	1,300.00
Easter Flowers	\$	254.00
Holy Land	\$	1,495.00
Rice Bowl	\$	110.00
Phase 3	\$	1,851.00
The Messenger	\$	25.00
Cemetery Maintenance	\$	100.00

* The above totals include online giving through 3/31/2024.

April 7, 2024	ł	
Actual	\$	19,119.32
Budget	\$	31,000.00
Actual YTD	\$	1,779,187.58
Budget YTD	\$	1,779,425.00
Over (under)	\$	(237.42)
Prior YTD	\$	1,676,367.43
Over (under)	\$	102,820.15
Capital Improvement	\$	530.00
Guatemala	\$	154.00
Gibault	\$	40.00
Votive	\$	256.00
Catholic Home Mission	\$	85.00
Black & Indian Catholic Relief	\$	30.00
SVDP	\$	170.00
Easter Flowers	\$	10.00
Holy Land	\$	10.00
Rice Bowl	\$	90.00
Phase 3	\$	373.00
CEAC	\$	480.00



From Our Young Stewards
March 31, 2024 April 7, 2024

Treasure: \$161.00 Time and Talent: I made my bed, I've been nice Treasure: \$3.32 Time and Talent: Mowed the lawn; I've been nice.

CHARITABLE GIFT ANNUITIES

A charitable gift annuity is a contract between a donor and a charity with the following terms: As a donor, you make a gift to charity using cash, securities or possibly other assets. In return, you become eligible to take a partial tax deduction for your donation, plus you receive a fixed stream of income from the charity for the rest of your life.

Many large nonprofit organizations, including churches and schools, offer charitable gift annuities directly or through third parties. First, you make a donation to a single charity.

Then, the gift is set aside in a reserve account and invested. Based on your age(s) at the time of the gift and applicable interest rate, you receive a fixed monthly or quarterly payout (typically supported by the investment account) for the rest of your life. At the end of your life (as well as your spouse's, if you're giving as a couple), the charity receives the remainder of the gift. Minimum gifts for establishing a charitable gift annuity may be as low as \$5,000, but are often much larger. In addition to the income stream, annuitants may also be eligible to take a tax deduction at the time of the original gift, based on the estimated amount that will eventually go to the charity after all the annuity payments have been made. A portion of the payments you receive may also be tax-free based on your statistical life expectancy. A second tax benefit may come by donating long-term appreciated stock or other property if the charity is able to accept these assets in place of cash. By donating non-cash assets directly, it is possible to reduce or eliminate the capital gains tax you'd ultimately pay if you sold them first and then donated the proceeds.

Benefits of a charitable gift annuity:

- Income stream for the rest of your life
- Immediate (partial) tax deduction, based on your life expectancy and the anticipated income stream
- Potential for a portion of the income stream to be tax-free
- Possibility of donating many types of assets: cash, securities plus personal property
- Reduced or eliminated capital gains tax liability for gifts of appreciated securities and personal property
- Supporting an organization you care about

Potential drawbacks:

- Parting irrevocably with funds donated to create the annuity
- Subject to income tax on the income stream (payments from the annuity)
- Payments are fixed and won't be adjusted for inflation
- Payments may be lower than with a non-charitable annuity because the primary purpose is for nonprofit support

Contact your financial or tax advisor for more information.

Immaculate Conception Planned Giving Council

PHASE 3 IS HERE!

We continue this journey of growth and development in our beloved Immaculate Conception community, as we focus on Phase 3 of our Campus Enhancement project. Our Phase 3 plans include building an Athletic Complex which will consist of a two-tiered set of sports fields and parking lot, a Pavilion with concession stand and restrooms, Rosary/Stations of the Cross Walk, and a digital sign near Quarry Road. To fulfill our mission of evangelization and building up God's Kingdom, it is necessary that we also address the existing financial obligations on our current structures and prepare for any unforeseen future expenses. Phase 3 is not merely about structures and debt; it's about creating a hub where our community can come together, celebrate, and support each other in various aspects of life.

By early fall, all parish households will receive communication about how they can participate in this phase of the campaign. If you have any questions, please contact the Parish Office at capitalcampaign@iccmail.org.

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 September 27th</u>.

Still in the early planning stages, this weeklong visit marks 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.





PARISH WORK DAYS! May 11, June 8

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 23: TopGolfat 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...

True statescraft is manifest when, in difficult times, we uphold high principles and think of the long-term common good. (LS 178)

What can I do? Do something for the common good this week. Shop at thrift stores. Eat fewer packaged snacks.



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.

Discipleship

In today's first reading from ACTS (3:13-15, 17-19), Peter addresses the people. He calmly and completely calls them out on their deed... having Jesus put to death even though Pilate had decided to release Him. He then tells them they acted out of ignorance and that the prophets told us "Christ would suffer." No worries, just repent and your sins will be "wiped away."

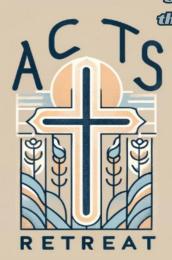
In my work with the sick, I see anguish and suffering. I imagine there was great anguish present. With all that happened in nature when Jesus died, even non-believers realized this was no normal crucifixion. I imagine the guilt would have been crippling. Peter's powerful message would have come with tremendous relief...life-changing relief. Who wouldn't have wanted to join this movement... follow these men...? Can we be a "Peter" for each other and confidently convey the message of God's mercy? The story's already written, we just need to share it like Peter.

ICCCW NEWS:

Our Spring Dinner will be Thursday, May 2. Please RSVP to Glenda Sexauer at 618-520-9369 or glenda. sexauer@gmail.com.

We will be selling raffle tickets and have our Quilt, Afghan and Lottery Board on display in the gathering area the weekends of April 20/21 and 27/28.

ACTS



StayConnected with The ACUS 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



THE 2024 CATHOLIC SERVICE AND MINISTRY APPEAL

Serve the Lord with gladness - Psalm 100

"Each year the faithful of our Belleville Diocese are asked to help the works of Christ continue and grow through their support of The Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal. By making a gift you are helping build up the Body of Christ in our various ministries and providing help for the poor and vulnerable."

Bishop Michael McGovernPlease consider a gift to the appeal today!

SANCTITY OF LIFE

Next weekend, the Sanctity of Life Committee will be collecting signatures for the Monroe County Right to Life Mother's Day Ad. Please show your support for the Right-to-Life by submitting your name for the ad which will appear in the Waterloo Republic-Times on Wednesday, May 8. A donation of \$5.00 per line is suggested but not required. You may also mail your name and donation to: Monroe County Right to Life, 521 S. Church Steet, Waterloo, IL 62298. Thank you.

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.

If you, or someone you know, has 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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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 MEETING

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.

FUTURE HAWK EVENTS

Join us at this fun event!

Future Hawk Baseball Tailgate

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

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.

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



Card swaps \$5 each!

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.

Diocesan and Area Interests...

LADIES - SAVE THE DATE!

St. Augustine and St. Henry ladies will co-host the spring meeting of the Metro-East Vicariate Council of Catholic Women on Thursday, April 25th beginning at 8:30 a.m. in the St. Augustine of Canterbury Parish Hall in Belleville. Msgr. William McGhee will celebrate Mass followed by guest speaker Father Nicholas Junker, a delicious lunch and short vicariate business meeting. Plan now to enjoy a day of fellowship and fun with ladies from many neighboring parishes and be inspired by the Catholic women of southern Illinois. Cost for the day is \$15.00. Email smcange84@gmail.com for a registration form or more information. Come and be blessed!

QUILT OF THE MONTH

Our Lady of Good Counsel, Renault, is sponsoring a Quilt of the Month Raffle.

January through December 2024, a beautiful queensized handmade quilt will be given away each month. Tickets are \$25.00 each, and they give you 9 chances to win. Please pick up a ticket here at the ICC Parish Office.

Our hours are Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.



SPRING FARM BLESSING

All are invited to join Bishop McGovern for the Spring Farm Blessing, which will be held on Friday, April 26, 2024, at 1:00 p.m. at Braeutigam Orchards located at 2795 Turkey Hill Lane, Belleville, IL.

From the West: One heads East on Rt. 15 for approximately 3.3 miles (past Green Mount Road intersection) keeping in left lane. Once reaching Tractor Supply (on the right), turn LEFT onto Turkey Hill Lane – frontage road to Maple Hill Subdivision. Keep straight on Turkey Hill Lane for 0.6 miles and veer right to enter the Orchard.

From the North: One heads South on N. Green Mount Road until you reach the intersection of Rt. 15. Turn left onto Rt. 15, heading East, keeping in left lane. Once reaching Tractor Supply (on the right), turn LEFT onto Turkey Hill Lane – frontage road to Maple Hill Subdivision. Keep straight on Turkey Hill Lane for 0.6 miles and veer right to enter the Orchard.

"Farm Blessing" signs will guide you, too. Those attending are invited to bring harvested grain, fruit, vegetables and garden produce in sealed, marked containers along with animals and farm machinery to be blessed.

You are encouraged to bring nonperishable food items to be donated to the local food pantry.

We look forward to having you join us!

Year B. Third Sunday of Easter

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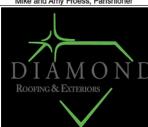
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