



# Immaculate Conception

A Full Stewardship Parish ~ Partner Parish of Sacred Heart of Jesus, Dupou, IL  
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April 28, 2024

Fifth Sunday of Easter

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O, our Mother the Earth, blessed is your name.  
Blessed are your fields and forests,  
your rocks and mountains,  
your grasses and trees and flowers,  
and every green and growing thing.  
Blessed are your streams and lakes and rivers,  
the oceans where our life began, and all your waters  
that sustain our bodies and refresh our souls.  
Blessed is the air we breathe, your atmosphere,  
that surrounds us and binds us to every living thing.  
Blessed are all creatures who walk along your surface  
or swim in your waters or fly through your air,  
for they are all our relatives.  
Blessed are all people who share this planet,  
for we are all one family,  
and the same spirit moves through us all.  
Blessed is the sun, our day star, bringer of morning  
and the heat of summer, giver of light and life.  
Blessed is the moon, our night lamp,  
ruler of the tides, protector of all women,  
and guardian of our dreams.  
Blessed are the stars and planets, the time-keepers,  
who fill our nights with beauty and our hearts with awe.  
O Great Spirit whose voice we hear in the wind  
and whose face we see in the morning sun,  
blessed is your name.  
Help us to remember that you are everywhere,  
and teach us the way of peace.

*Helen Weaver – Earth Prayers from Around the World*

*"We praise God for our Mother Earth  
who gave us birth and keeps all beings in existence.  
Let us join the world to protect and take care of her."  
Laudato Si – Sacred Air, Sacred Land, Sacred Water*



ROOTED IN THE GOSPEL OF CHRIST AND IN THE TRADITION OF CATHOLICISM AND UNDER THE PATRONAGE  
OF MARY IMMACULATE, WE COMMIT OURSELVES TO BE A WELCOMING COMMUNITY OF FAITH,  
WORSHIPPING WITH GENERATIONS OF BELIEVERS AND SERVING GOD IN ALL PEOPLE.

## *Welcome New Parishioners*

If you are new to our parish and reside within the parish boundaries, and would like to be members, please call the Parish Office at 618-281-5105, and our secretary will be happy to help make that happen!

Hola, Bienvenidos – a la iglesia Catolica en Immaculata Concepcion. ¡Que tengas una bendita semana!

We livestream! To participate, please use this link:

<https://www.youtube.com/c/ImmaculateConceptionCatholicChurchColumbiaIL>

## Parish Office Hours

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

Phone: 618-281-5105

## Parish Staff

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## Sacramental Information

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

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

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

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

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

## IMPORTANT VOLUNTEER INFO!

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

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



## *This Week's Liturgical Celebrations*

Masses – Saturday, 5:00 p.m. and Sunday, 7:00, 9:00, 11:00 a.m.		
Monday, April 29	8:05 a.m.	We Remember Josh Ritter
Tuesday, April 30	8:05 a.m.	We Remember Holy Souls in Purgatory
Wednesday, May 1	8:05 a.m.	We Remember Margaret Ann Conrad
Thursday, May 2	8:05 a.m.	We Remember Laura Straub
Friday, May 3	8:05 a.m.	We Remember Alberta “Jean” Brown
Saturday, May 4	5:00 p.m.	We Remember Angela Krupp
Sunday, May 5	7:00 a.m.	We Remember Babs Jackson
	9:00 a.m.	We Remember William F. Ott, Sr.
	11:00 a.m.	We Remember Walter & Helen Menner



### *Please Pray For*

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

*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.



### *Weekly Reflections*

*April 28, 2024:*

**First Reading:** Acts 9:26-31

**Second Reading:** First John 3:18-24

**Gospel:** John 15:1-8



### *Our Sympathies...*

To Kristen Butler & Kalli Zavorka and their families on the death of their mother, Pat Stadler, 74, of Columbia.

To Jennifer Thorne and her family on the death of her mother, Carlene Wiegand who passed away at the age of 79.



## Stewardship...

Thank you for sharing your blessings with us!

April 14, 2024

Actual	\$	52,724.35
Budget	\$	87,000.00
Actual YTD	\$	1,831,911.93
Budget YTD	\$	1,866,425.00
Over (under)	\$	(34,513.07)
Prior YTD	\$	1,728,948.63
Over (under)	\$	102,963.30

*\*The above totals include online giving through 4/14.*

Capital Improvements	\$	524.00
Guatemala	\$	964.00
Gibault	\$	130.00
Votive	\$	96.05
Sr. Thea Bowman	\$	45.00
Catholic Home Mission	\$	60.00
Catholic Relief	\$	20.00
SVDP	\$	245.00
Holy Land	\$	30.00
Phase 3	\$	1,011.00
Cemetery Maintenance	\$	25.00
CEAC	\$	2,048.27



### From Our Young Stewards

Treasure: \$6.30

Time and Talent: I picked up my room; I did the dishes.

## HEALTHCARE DIRECTIVES

During an emergency or at the end of life, you may face questions about your medical treatment and not be able to answer them. You may assume your loved ones know what you would want, but that's not always true. In one study, people guessed nearly one out of three end-of-life decisions for their loved one incorrectly. Research shows that you are more likely to get the care you want if you have conversations about your future medical treatment and put a plan in place. It may also help your loved ones grieve more easily and feel less burden, guilt, and depression.

### What is advance care planning?

Advance care planning involves discussing and preparing for future decisions about your medical care if you become seriously ill or unable to communicate your wishes. Having meaningful conversations with your loved ones is the most important part of advance care planning. Many people also choose to put their preferences in writing by completing legal documents called advance directives.

### What are advance directives?

Advance directives are legal documents that provide instructions for medical care and only go into effect if you cannot communicate your own wishes. The two most common advance directives for health care are the living will and the durable power of attorney for health care.

- **Living will:** A living will is a legal document that tells doctors how you want to be treated if you cannot make your own decisions about emergency treatment. In a living will, you can say which common medical treatments or care you would want, which ones you would want to avoid, and under which conditions each of your choices applies.
- **Durable power of attorney for health care:** A durable power of attorney for health care is a legal document that names your health care proxy, a person who can make health care decisions for you if you are unable to communicate these yourself. Your proxy, also known as a representative, surrogate, or agent, should be familiar with your values and wishes. A proxy can be chosen in addition to or instead of a living will. Having a health care proxy helps you plan for situations that cannot be foreseen, such as a serious car accident or stroke.

Think of your advance directives as living documents that you review at least once each year and update if a major life event occurs such as retirement, moving out of state, or a significant change in your health.

### Who needs an advance care plan?

Advance care planning is not just for people who are very old or ill. At any age, a medical crisis could leave you unable to communicate your own health care decisions. Planning now



for your future health care can help ensure you get the medical care you want and that someone you trust will be there to make decisions for you.

### What happens if you do not have an advance directive?

If you do not have an advance directive and you are unable to make decisions on your own, the state laws where you live will determine who may make medical decisions on your behalf. This is typically your spouse, your parents if they are available, or your children if they are adults. If you are unmarried and have not named your partner as your proxy, it's possible they could be excluded from decision-making. If you have no family members, some states allow a close friend who is familiar with your values to help. Or they may assign a physician to represent your best interests. To find out the laws in your state, contact your state legal aid office or state bar association.

### Will an advance directive guarantee your wishes are followed?

An advance directive is legally recognized but not legally binding. This means that your health care provider and proxy will do their best to respect your advance directives, but there may be circumstances in which they cannot follow your wishes exactly. For example, you may be in a complex medical situation where it is unclear what you would want. Talking with your loved ones ahead of time may help them better navigate unanticipated issues.

Contact your attorney to find out more about advance care planning and the various legal forms.

- 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@iccmil.org](mailto:capitalcampaign@iccmil.org).

## Parish Events & News...

### METROEAST FOOD PANTRY COALITION PRESENTS:

"DROP IN THE  
BASKET TO  
END HUNGER"

## FOOD DRIVE



April 26-May 10



Drop-off Locations:

St. Clare School O'Fallon, IL

Blessed Sacrament Church Belleville, IL

Immaculate Conception Church Columbia, IL



Canned  
Food



Personal  
Care Items



Cleaning  
Supplies

## 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](mailto: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.

Visit Our Event For More info: <https://www.facebook.com/CUPdiobelle>

## 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!

### D.C. PRETZEL AND DONUT SALES...

The next Pretzel & Donut weekend will be May 18 & 19. All proceeds go to the 8th graders' trip to Washington, D.C.

## ICY



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

HOMEMADE PIE SALE FUNDRAISER  
SATURDAY JUNE 22

MORE INFO TO COME

The poster features a map of Illinois with a blue arrow pointing from the Chicago area to Cairo, IL. A QR code is located in the bottom right corner.



ICY IS ACCEPTING ITEM DONATIONS TO BENEFIT  
**DAYSTAR IN CAIRO**

DONATIONS CAN BE DELIVERED TO THE PARISH OFFICE JUNE 1-25. ALL ITEMS MUST BE IN GOOD, CLEAN CONDITION AND BE SAFELY BAGGED OR BOXED FOR TRANSPORT TO CAIRO.

WE WILL ACCEPT:	WE WILL NOT ACCEPT:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• DISHES</li><li>• POTS AND PANS</li><li>• SKILLETS</li><li>• WOMEN'S CLOTHING</li><li>• MEN'S CLOTHING</li><li>• COMPLETE BEDS/BED FRAMES</li><li>• TABLES AND CHAIRS</li><li>• LIVING ROOM FURNITURE</li><li>• CHEST OF DRAWERS</li><li>• YARD TOOLS</li><li>• DECOR IN GOOD CONDITION</li><li>• COSTUME JEWELRY</li><li>• BEDDING AND TOWELS</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• NO ELECTRONICS</li><li>• NO KIDS CLOTHES</li><li>• NO TOYS</li><li>• NO BIG HUTCHES</li><li>• NO ENTERTAINMENT CENTERS</li><li>• NO DESKS</li><li>• NO TOOLS</li><li>• NO FAKE FLOWERS</li><li>• NO WINTER COATS</li><li>• NO JACKETS</li><li>• NO SHOES</li></ul>

ITEM PICK-UP IS NOT AVAILABLE

### 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 [iccmil@iccmil.org](mailto:iccmil@iccmil.org). If you have any questions, please call the Parish Office at 618-281-5105.

## 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.

- 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.

### 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.



### Pope Francis Says...

With regard to climate change, the advances have been regrettably few. Reducing greenhouse gases requires honesty, courage and responsibility, above all on the part of those countries which are more powerful and pollute the most. (LS 169)

**What can I do?** Beware of fake news. Check your source. Never rely only on one news source. Ask what other countries say about the matter, e.g. BBC news.

### ICY ODD SUNDAYS

Every Sunday with an odd date is an Odd Sunday ICY Meeting. Check out the QR code for more details.





## Discipleship

Everybody in the whole world is seeking God – even if they don't use the term "God." We were built for God, like a fish is made for water. We are drawn toward God because God is our only source of peace, happiness, fulfillment, life. But where do I find God?

It doesn't have to be hard.

God is given as a gift to me. God is present to me – not someplace up on a mountaintop or totally apart from the workaday world. God is right here in the field of my everyday life. My task isn't to earn God's presence in my life, or to deserve it, or to work for it. My task is simply to notice God's presence and open up to it.

I have to take the time to look around and see and experience God's presence in my life.

### ICCCW NEWS:

Our Spring Dinner will be Thursday, May 2 at 5:30 p.m. We are having a potluck in the Garden Level. Please RSVP to Glenda Sexauer at 618-520-9369 or [glenda.sexauer@gmail.com](mailto:glenda.sexauer@gmail.com).

Come see our beautiful hand-embroidered and hand-quilted quilt, our hand-crocheted afghan, our lottery board filled with over \$480.00 of scratch-offs and a \$100.00 Schnuck's gift card in the gathering area. Purchase your raffle tickets!!

### ICCCW PUBLIC ROSARY –

May 11

The Immaculate Conception Council of Catholic Women invites you to join them in praying the Holy Rosary for peace in our world on **Saturday, May 11, 2024, at 12:00 noon** by the fountain in front of Columbia City Hall. All are welcome and encouraged to join them for this powerful 30-minute prayer event.



## THE 2024 CATHOLIC SERVICE AND MINISTRY APPEAL

*Serve the Lord with gladness – Psalm 100*

Your contribution to The Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal enables the Office of Education to impact the lives of over 11,128 students at 25 Catholic grade schools, three Catholic high schools and in PSR (Parish School of Religion) classes throughout our Belleville Diocese. If you haven't already done so, we prayerfully ask you to consider making a gift to The 2024 Appeal today...no amount is too large or too small! Thank you.

## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

### SANCTITY OF LIFE

If you would like your name to be added to the annual Mother's Day Right to Life Ad in the *Waterloo Republic-Times* to be published on Wednesday, May 8, please mail your name and donation to Monroe County Right to Life, 521 S. Church Street, Waterloo, IL 62298. A donation of \$5.00 is suggested but not required. 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.com](mailto:kaammifern@gmail.com) 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 – 3:00 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.

## 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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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  
11604 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](http://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>.

### 7th Grade Shadow Program – LAST CALL

Last call for Shadow Visits! 7th grade shadows are welcome to come back as 8th graders for another Shadow Visit, too!

## SUMMER CAMPS

Registration for our summer camps is now open at <https://gibaulthawks.com/2024-summer-camps/>! Choose from art, boys' and girls' basketball, boys' and girls' volleyball, and boy's soccer.

## 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! Get started at: <https://bit.ly/GCHSApply>. Interested in learning more about Gibault Catholic? Contact Kelly Day at [kday@gibaulthawks.com](mailto:kday@gibaulthawks.com) for information on all things Gibault or to schedule a private tour of our campus.

## 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](mailto:dfrasure@gibaulthawks.com) or visit our event website: <https://SummerClassic.givesmart.com>.

## Diocesan and Area Interests...

### CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS APPEAL

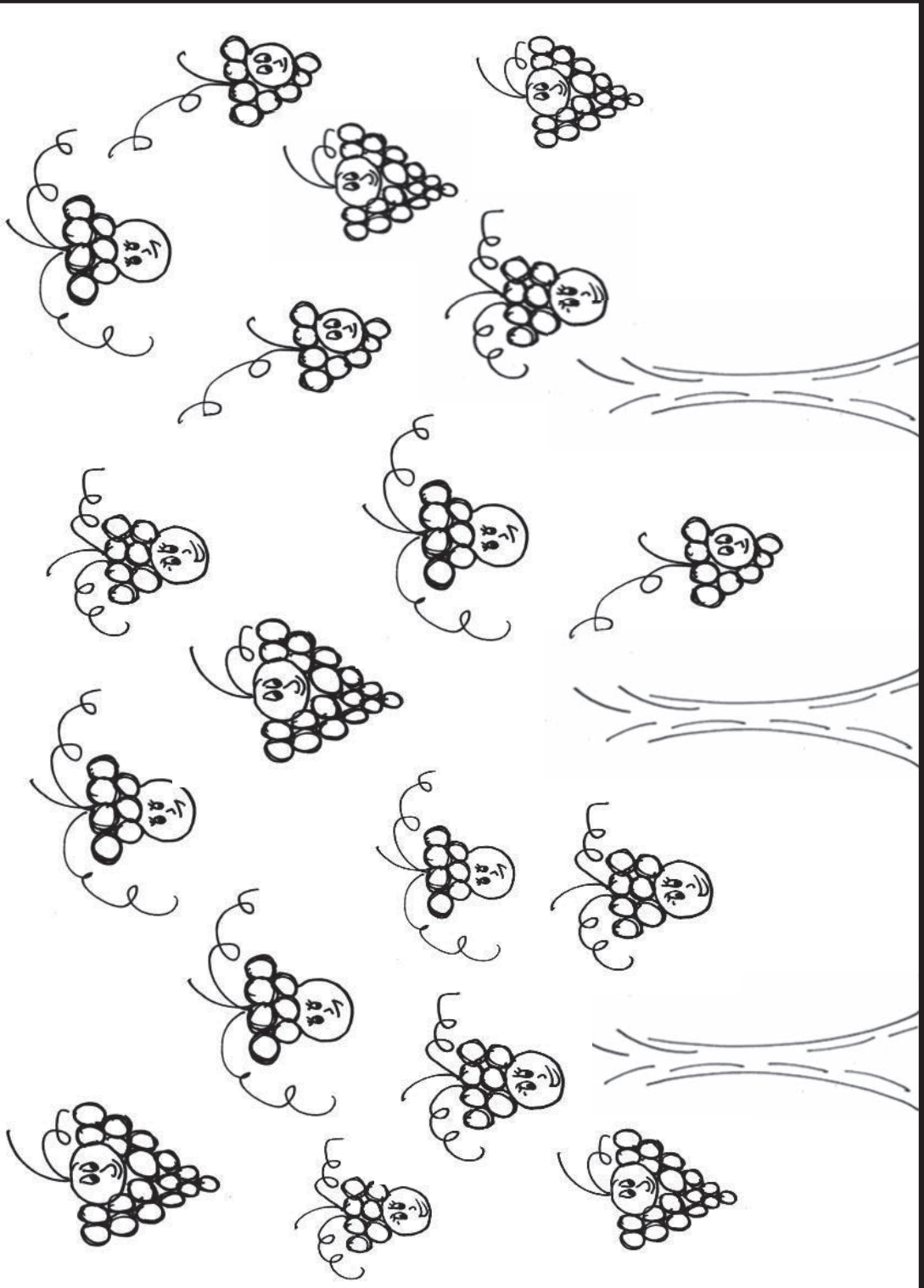
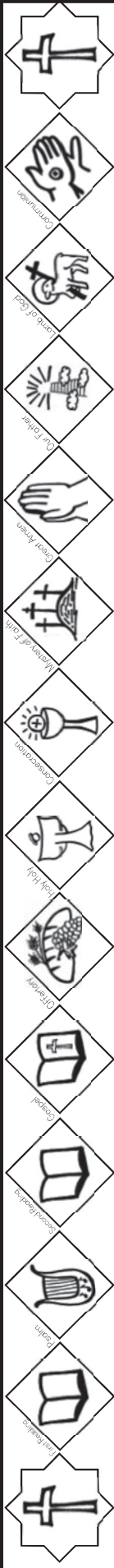
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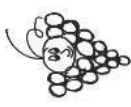
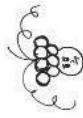

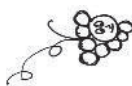
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### MAY PROCESSION

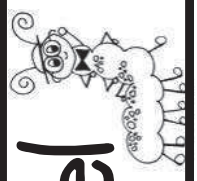
Please join the Association of the Miraculous Medal on Sunday, May 5, at 1:00 p.m., for our annual May Procession at the National Shrine of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal in Perryville, MO. The procession will form in front of Saint Mary's of the Barrens Church. Participants will pray the Rosary as we proceed to the historic grotto on the Rosary Walk. The traditional May Crowning and prayer service will be a part of this tribute to Our Blessed Mother. All are welcome to participate. You are encouraged to bring a chair or blanket, as there is limited seating at the grotto. There will be a Spanish Mass, with live music, in the Shrine Church at 3:00 p.m. For any questions, please call 1-800-264-6279 or visit our website, [www.amm.org](http://www.amm.org).



Count the grapes.  
How many of each style can you find?

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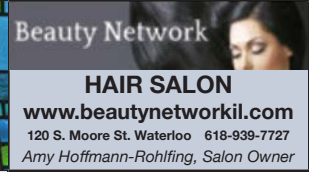
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