



Immaculate Conception

A Full Stewardship Parish ~ Partner Parish of Sacred Heart of Jesus, Dupou, IL
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April 7, 2024

Second Sunday of Easter

www.icc-columbia-il.us

A Refuge for All Souls

This weekend, we celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday, based on Sister Faustina Kowalska's revelations from her encounters with Jesus. He told her to tell the whole world of His great mercy, and that whoever approached the Fountain of Life on this day would be granted complete forgiveness – in effect, a refuge and shelter for all souls. This very weekend, we are also inviting you to a different type of refuge. It is called an ACTS Retreat. Life is hard, and can wear you down with what feels like an endless treadmill of schedules, commitments and responsibilities. An ACTS Retreat is a chance to completely unplug for three days. Once you're on a retreat, you realize you've given yourself a precious gift ... time to catch your breath and reflect, perhaps even encountering Jesus in a new way.

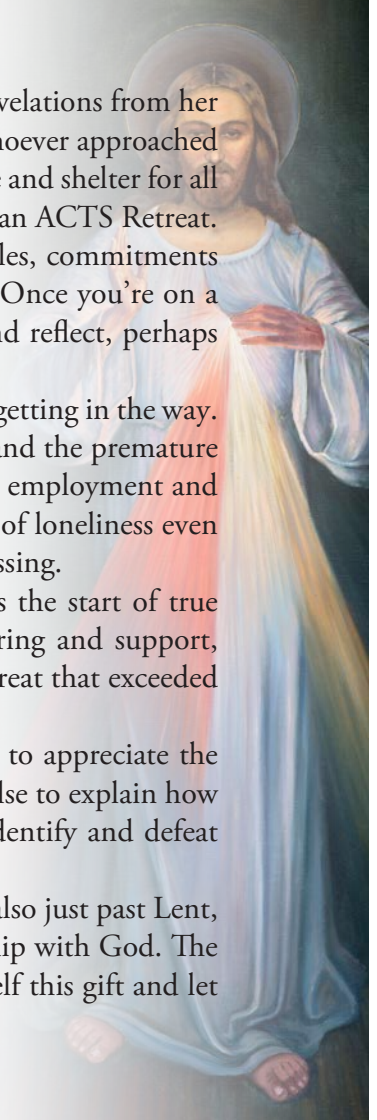
It's a chance to think about your life ... where you're at, where you want to go and what's getting in the way. All of us face difficulties that can make God feel distant and uncaring. Terrible illnesses and the premature death of loved ones; struggles loving someone in your family who is difficult; fears about employment and providing for your family; ongoing bitterness because someone did you harm; or a sense of loneliness even when surrounded by people. On my retreat, I realized I had questions I had been suppressing.

As I realized these questions, I also realized that everyone has such questions. This was the start of true listening, which is something most of us rarely do. As I listened I heard empathy, caring and support, without judgment. And I realized there was a deep connection with the others on the retreat that exceeded that of friendships I have had for years.

It occurred to me that I had a new definition of Love. This was the point that I began to appreciate the religious aspect of the retreat. Our faith tells us, "God works in mysterious ways." How else to explain how rapidly I had been surrounded by a trusted Community, men who were helping me identify and defeat obstacles to the Joy of Life that Jesus wants for us all?

Going on an ACTS retreat is like rebooting your life. Perhaps not coincidentally, we are also just past Lent, a time when our faith instructs us to "reboot" through prayer toward a deeper relationship with God. The next men's retreat is April 25-28. A team of men are praying you'll decide to give yourself this gift and let them take care of you for a weekend.

Your Brother in Christ,
Bill Ott



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 8	8:05 a.m.	We Remember Holy Souls in Purgatory
Tuesday, April 9	8:05 a.m.	We Remember Laura Straub
Wednesday, April 10	8:05 a.m.	We Remember Bob Frey
Thursday, April 11	8:05 a.m.	We Remember Margaret Ann Conrad
Friday, April 12	8:05 a.m.	We Remember Babs Jackson
Saturday, April 13	5:00 p.m.	We Remember Molly Adams & Jonathan Schutte
Sunday, April 14	7:00 a.m.	We Remember Anna Lawlor
	9:00 a.m.	We Remember Carl & Bernice Riebeling
	11:00 a.m.	We Remember Cherie Garcia

Please Pray For

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

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 7, 2024:

First Reading: Acts 4:32-35
Second Reading: First John 5:1-6
Gospel: John 20:19-31



Our Sympathies...

To the family & friends of Catherine Marlo of Arizona, formerly of Columbia who passed away at the age of 97.

To the family and friends of Alberta “Jean” Brown of Waterloo who passed away at the age of 97.



Stewardship...

Thank you for sharing your blessings with us!

March 31, 2024

Stewardship information
not available at time of printing



From Our Young Stewards
information not available
at time of printing

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*

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

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 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.

ICY



ICY Rotten Egg Scavenger Hunt

Sunday, April 21, 2024, 5-8pm

- ✓ Youth will form into teams with a designated adult (21+) driver, then released on a city-wide scavenger hunt.
- ✓ Participants will need a signed waiver from parents and should dress for the weather.
- ✓ Bring \$10 to cover our post-hunt pizza party.
- ✓ Friends are welcome!

Print your waiver here 

During the hunt we will hold a small informational meeting about ICY for parents of current and incoming ICY members!



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

HOMEMADE PIESALE FUNDRAISER SATURDAY JUNE 22

MORE INFO  TO COME

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 iccmal@iccmal.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

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.



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@icmail.org) to carpool.
- **May 6: Video & discussion – “Why Are We So Depressed?” (SEEK 2024 Keynote)**
- **May 20: Lawn games & outdoor fun!**



Pope Francis Says...

Thanks to the Geneva Convention for the protection of the ozone layer and its implementation through the Montreal Protocol and amendments, the problem of the layer's thinning seems to have entered a phase of resolution. (LS 168)

What can I do? Just as we protected the ozone, we can work together to find alternatives to plastics. Use cloth or reuseable shopping bags. Refuse plastic straws. Have your organization eliminate plastic utensils and containers.

ICCCW NEWS:

Don't forget to send in your tickets for our Spring Raffle! You can put them in the offertory basket, mail them to the office or stop by the office. We will be selling tickets in the Gathering Area before and after Masses the weekend of April 20/21 and 27/28. Our handmade quilt and afghan will be on display along with the lottery board with \$480.00 of scratch-off tickets.

We are in need of a Vice President and Secretary starting in August. If you are interested, please contact Glenda Sexauer at glenda.sexauer@gmail.com or 618-520-9369.

Discipleship

The accounts of Matthew, Mark, and Luke of the Agony in the Garden had Jesus speak of “drinking the cup.” For Jesus, this “cup” is the entire passage through suffering, through death, to the fullness of human life with God. It is all one piece. And Jesus accepts it as all one piece – giving His entire life to God. When I drink from the cup at Eucharist, this same meaning is there for me. I join with the Lord as He gives Himself entirely to God. Today, tomorrow... whatever difficulties and sufferings I might face...my death...all this is one piece, part of my own passage into the fullness of human life. Let me picture myself holding the cup at Eucharist and saying: “O God, by drinking this cup I join with Your Son. With Him I place myself entirely in Your hands. Whatever lies before me – the joys and sorrows, and one day my death – I accept. In Your hands it is all one piece: the path to life.”

Lenten Prayer Cards:

If you have forgotten to turn in your Lenten Prayer Cards, it's not too late. You have until Wednesday, April 10 to place them in the purple box in the Gathering Space. Thank you for participating. One day you will know how much this meant to your prayer partner. Thank you for helping them feel important and loved. May you continue your prayer journey and may your relationship with Jesus blossom as beautifully as the spring flowers.

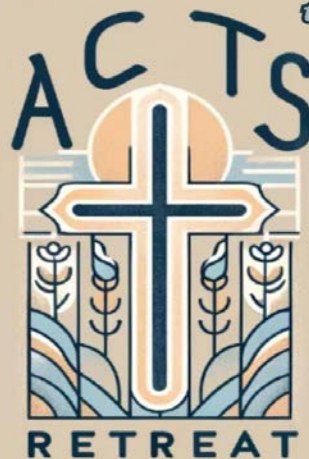
– *The Discipleship Committee*



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.

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!

MEN'S ACTS



ICC Men's ACTS Retreat

"Remain in me, as I also remain in you ... I am the vine, you are the branches" - John 15

We Belong to You

Take time out to reconnect with your God!

April 25-28, 2024



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

SANCTITY OF LIFE



One Year Anniversary Celebration

HOLY MASS

APRIL 11, 2024

11:00 AM

EVERYONE IS INVITED!

SIU-C NEWMAN CENTER

715 S. WASHINGTON ST. CARBONDALE, IL

RECEPTION TO FOLLOW



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 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.



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION SCHOOL

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MOTHER AND SON EVENT

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

Date: Saturday, April 13th
Time: 1pm - 4pm
Location: ICS Gymnasium
Registration Begins at 12:30 pm

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.



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>.

FUTURE HAWK EVENTS

Join us at these fun events!

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 HANG OUT 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!

SPRING RUMMAGE SALE

The Gibault Catholic Women's Club Rummage Sale will be 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.

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!

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 queen-sized 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.

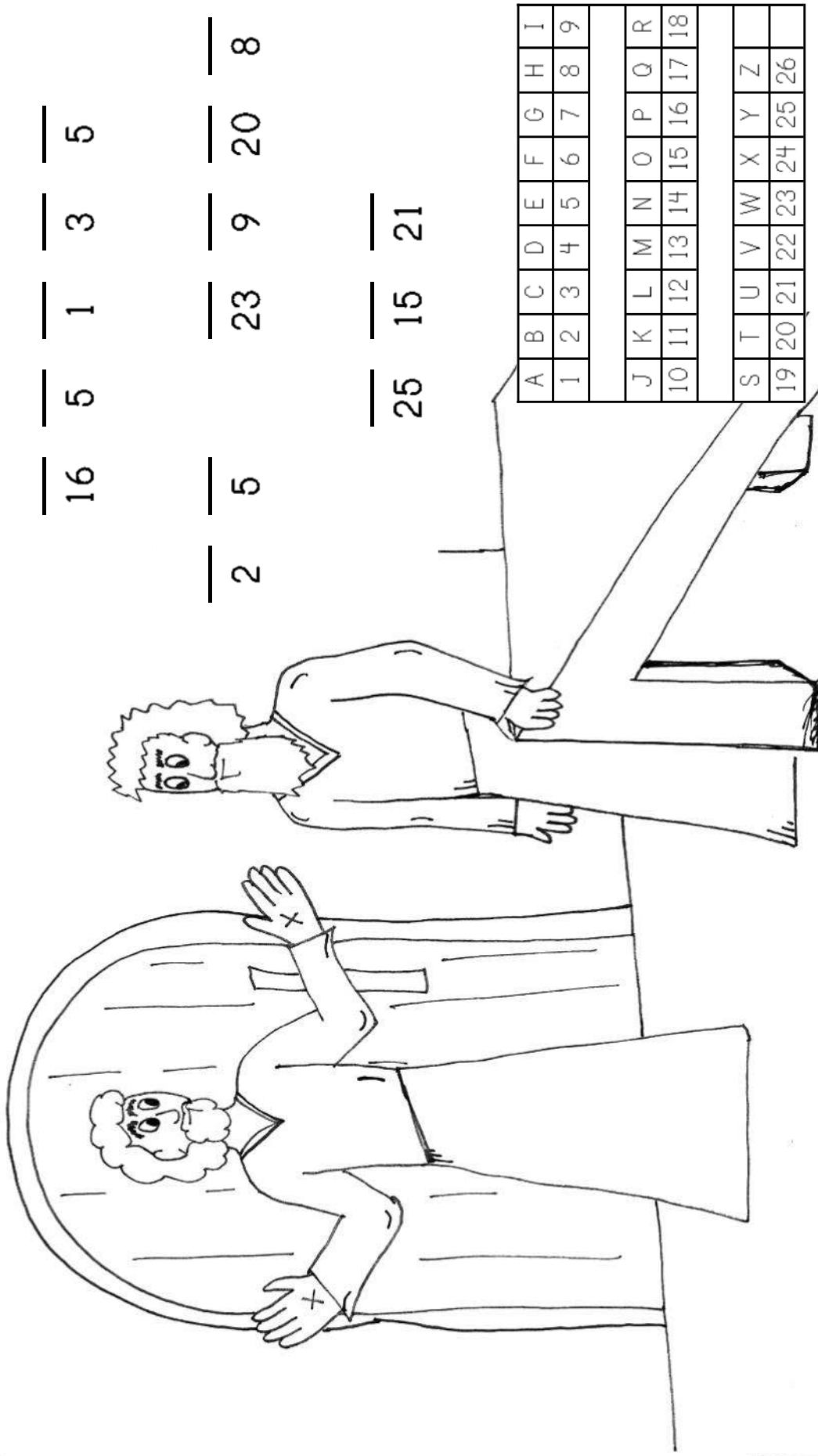
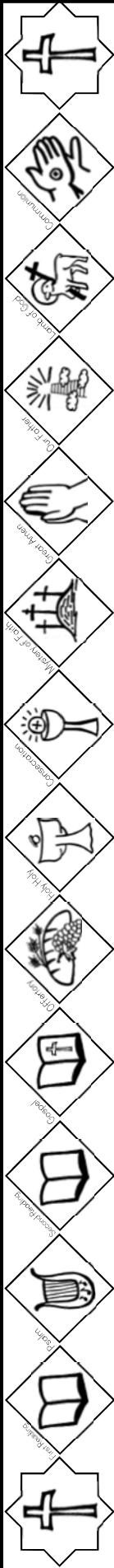
**St. James CCW
presents
Born in the USA**
(A Noon Luncheon Experience)

★ **THURSDAY, April 11, 2024**
St. James Parish Center
405 West Madison, Millstadt
\$15 Per Person
12:00-2:30 pm with doors open at 10:00 am

Menu:
Patriotic Pulled Pork
Uncle Sam's Vegetable Blend
Old Glory Hash Brown Casserole
Abe's Favorite Slaw
Eagle Soaring Jello Salads
All American Apple Pie

Featuring:
Fireworks Sweet Shoppe
Quilt/Cash Raffle
Basket Raffle
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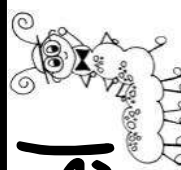
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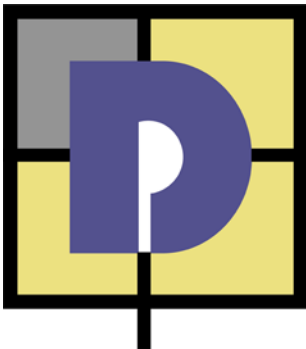
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