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 The Ascension of the Lord www.icc-columbia-il.us May 12, 2024



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 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.		
8:05 a.m.	We Remember Margie Pautler	
10:30 a.m.	We Remember Robert Frey	
8:05 a.m.	We Remember Herb & Betty Lehr	
8:05 a.m.	We Remember Dean & Marian Keim	
8:05 a.m.	We Remember Harold Stemler	
5:00 p.m.	We Remember Lillian & Chester Kopec	
7:00 a.m.	We Remember Stephen Dressler	
9:00 a.m.	We Remember Peggy Meier	
11:00 a.m.	We Remember Lillian Lampe	
	8:05 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 8:05 a.m. 8:05 a.m. 8:05 a.m. 5:00 p.m. 7:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m.	



Please Pray For

Danielle Dorlac Donna Archambault-Kania Arlin Stechmesser Dakota Schutt 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 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 Kristen Brewer Jenny Candler Rosina Belt Kasen Greer Christine Baldas Irma Proffer Bill Kessler Mike Gober Madeline Ritter Sandy Kirpatrick Darrell May Joyce Schmidt Beth Johns Hope Weinhoff Marie Doyle Susie Colbert-Curtis Carol Spurgeon Mary Schutz Mark Belt

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



May 12, 2024: First Reading: Acts 1:1-11 Second Reading: Ephesians 4:1-13 Gospel: Mark 16:15-20



To Valerie and her family on the death of her husband Jim Stokes, 65, of Columbia.

To Travis Denison and his family on the death of his father Darrel Wolff, 72 of Columbia.



Stewardship...

Thank you for sharing your blessings with us!

May 5, 2024		
Actual	64,965.14	
Budget	23,000.00	
	927,547.11	
	977,400.00	
	49,852.89)	
	829,323.12	
Over (under)	98,223.99	
* The above totals include a	online giving	
	4/30/2024.	
Capital Improvements	689.10	
Catholic Relief Services	60.00	
Cemetery Maintenance	20.00	
Sr. Thea Bowman	248.00	
Guatemala	804.00	
Holy Land	100.00	
Seminarian Collection	602.00	
Catholic Communication		
Campaign	80.00	
Gibault	265.00	
Votive	117.00	
Catholic Home Mission	537.00	
SVDP	95.00	
Phase 3	5,899.00	
CEAC	2,235.00	
Eugene – Schorb Education		
Endowment Fund	50.00	



From Our Young Stewards Treasure: \$13.84 Time and Talent: I loaded the dishwasher; I played outside; I made my bed.

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

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 the first time that a priest from St. Raymond's will join us as part of a parishwide 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.

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.

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.



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.

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 20: Lawn games & outdoor fun!

OUR CAMPAIGN PRAYER

Heavenly Father, You have created us in Your own image, to love, serve and honor You with our lives. You have tasked us with building Your Church, and passing from one generation to the next the treasure trove of our faith. Bless the work of our hands as we undertake our next phase in serving You. Keep us strong in faith, hope, and love, so that all we do may bring glory and honor to You, forever and ever. AMEN



Pope Francis Says...

The bishops of Brazil have pointed out that nature as a whole not only manifests God but is also a locus of His presence. The Spirit of life dwells in every living creature and calls us to enter into relationship with Him. *(LS 88)* **What can I do?** Take a wonder walk outside. Become a Nature Guardian. Plant a tree or native flowers. Care for birds.

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



Discipleship

We become Christians when we are baptized. But Christ did not say, "go forth and make Christians." He said "Go, therefore, and *make disciples* of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. (Mt 28:19-20). Baptism marks admittance to the Christian family. As a member of that family, we are expected to develop our knowledge of what Jesus commanded of His followers, to follow those commandments, and, as we mature in knowledge and obedience, to help others along the same path.

ICCCW NEWS:

2024 Spring Raffle Winners Quilt: ZoeAnn Schwarze Schnucks Certificate: Steph Burns Afghan: Ruth Levin Lottery Board: Cindy Grau *Thank you to everyone who purchased Spring Raffle tickets*.

THE 2024 CATHOLIC SERVICE AND MINISTRY APPEAL

Serve the Lord with gladness – Psalm 100

A special thanks to everyone who has so generously supported The 2024 Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal – we are most grateful. If you haven't had an opportunity to make a gift as of yet, we hope you will prayerfully consider doing so now. Gifts can be made through your parish or by visiting www.diobelle.org and clicking on "Giving." Seventeen (17) ministries and programs and all those they so faithfully serve are counting on YOU. Please make your contribution today!

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!



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

The Sanctity of Life Committee will be selling roses after all Masses this weekend. Proceeds benefit the Sanctity of Life Committee for educational materials and for support of Pro-Life Organizations.

BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY

Looking for your place in the parish? Do you like helping others, providing comfort and being part of a larger purpose? The Bereavement Ministry is looking for new members. 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 – 3:00 p.m. November 2nd: All Souls' Mass – 5:00 p.m.

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. On May 2nd one member of our quilters ministry, Mary Leingang, celebrated her 90th birthday. For over 30 years Mary has been piecing quilts (too many to count) for the Parish Picnic. Thank you, Mary for your generosity.

To honor Mary, the Quilters will be holding an Open House in the garden level on May 14th from 12:30-1:30 p.m. to thank her for her service.

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.



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION SCHOOL

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CONGRATS TO THE BOYS AND GIRLS REGIONAL TRACK CHAMPIONS!!

UPCOMING PARENTS AND FRIENDS MEETING May 13, 2024, 7:00 p.m. – TBD



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. 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.

What's Happening At Gibault?

VISIT GIBAULT! 7TH GRADE SHADOW PROGRAM – LAST CALL

Last call for Shadow Visits! Your 7th grader can spend the day at Gibault as a Shadow Visitor. Shadows will be matched with a current student with similar interests and together, they'll attend classes, meet teachers, enjoy lunch in our cafeteria, and more! 7th grade shadows are welcome to come back as 8th graders for another Shadow Visit, too!

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.

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 boys' soccer.



SENIOR ART SHOW

The Class of 2024 art exhibit will be open at Awards Night on May 17 at 7:00 p.m. and Graduation on May 20 at 7:00 p.m.

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 for information on all things Gibault or to schedule a private tour of our campus.

Diocesan and Area Interests...

CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS APPEAL

Support the Catholic Home Missions Appeal today! Over 40% of dioceses in the United States and its territories are considered mission territories because they are unable to fund essential pastoral activities needed in their communities. Your support funds religious education, seminary formation, lay ministry training, and other programs that build vibrant faith communities right here in the United States, including in our own Belleville Diocese. Please be generous. More information can be found at www.usccb.org/home-missions.

"Virgin of Guadalupe, Patroness of unborn children, we implore your intercession for every child at risk of abortion. ... Guide our public officials to defend each and every human life through just laws. Inspire us all to bring our faith into public life, to speak for those who have no voice. We ask this in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ, who is Love and Mercy itself. Amen." USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, "A Prayer to Our Lady of Guadalupe"

"Virgen de Guadalupe, patrona de los niños en el vientre materno, te imploramos tu intercesión por cada niño en peligro de ser abortado. ... Guía a nuestros funcionarios públicos a defender cada vida humana mediante leyes justas. Inspíranos a todos a traer nuestra fe a la vida pública, para hablar por aquellos que no tienen voz. Te lo pedimos en el nombre de tu Hijo, Jesucristo, quién es Amor y Piedad. Amén".

USCCB Secretariado de Actividades Pro-Vida, "Oración a Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe"

SAVE THE DATES Julv July 8

Bishop Michael McGovern and The Diocese of Belleville Invite you to Emmaus Days

Come encounter Jesus, the Bread of Life, as the Diocese of Belleville celebrates the Eucharistic Revival.

Sunday, July 7 National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows Bible Stories and Craft for Kids Retreat for Teens and Talks for Adults Adoration Sacrament of Reconciliation Eucharistic Procession

Monday, July 8 Cathedral of St. Peter Mass at St. Peter Cathedral

Adoration Procession to Collinsville



Diocese of Belleville P: 618.277.8181 W: www.diobelle.org





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SAVE THE DATE! The Run for Life and Learning is June 1! Benefiting Birthright Counseling, St. Louis

Join us at Creve Coeur Lake on June 1 for a chip-timed 6K Run/Walk, 1 Mile Fun Walk/Run, and ¼ Mile Kids Run with FREDBIRD[®]. Register or donate at runsignup.com/run4lifeandlearning. Proceeds enable women who are financially stressed by an unplanned pregnancy to continue their education and secure better lives for themselves and their families. For sponsorship opportunities, email run4lifeandlearning@gmail.com.

OUILT 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 there are 8 remaining 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.





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