

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.

#### Parish Office Summer Hours starting May 24th: Monday-Thursday 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Friday 8:00 a.m.-12:00 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@iccmail.org.

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

### **IMPORTANT VOLUNTEER INFO!**

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

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

# This Week's Liturgical Celebrations

Masses – Saturday, 5:00 p.m. and Sunday, 7:00, 9:00, 11:00 a.m.				
Monday, May 20	8:05 a.m.	We Remember Holy Souls in Purgatory		
Tuesday, May 21	8:05 a.m.	We Remember Elsie Hofstetter		
Wednesday, May 22	8:05 a.m.	We Remember Babs Jackson		
Thursday, May 23	8:05 a.m.	We Remember Betty Lang		
Friday, May 24	8:05 a.m.	We Remember Sarah Matlock		
Saturday, May 25	5:00 p.m.	We Remember John, Catherine, & Jane Mallet		
Sunday, May 26	7:00 a.m.	We Remember Anna Lawlor		
	9:00 a.m.	We Remember Genevieve Doerr & Gerry Schilling		
	11:00 a.m.	We Remember Babs Jackson		



# 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 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 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 19, 2024: First Reading: Acts 2:1-11 Second Reading: First Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13 Gospel: John 20:19-23



## EUGENE J. SCHORB – IMMACULATE CONCEPTION FUND FOR CATHOLIC EDUCATION MEMORIAL DONATIONS:

Evelyn Hopkins \$25.00Helen Shea Estate \$57,761.67EJ Trust \$630.73Tom Diehl \$25.00

### PHASE 3 CAMPAIGN MEMORIALS:

Doris Wilson \$50.00 Steven Hornacek, Sr. \$50.00 Kenneth Reichert \$545.00 Elsie Hofstetter \$50.00 Dean Erpenbach \$265.00 Michael Conrad \$10.00

# Stewardship...

Thank you for sharing your blessings with us!

May 12, 2024					
Actual	\$	12,099.12			
Budget		64,500.00			
Actual YTD		1,939,646.23			
Budget YTD		2,041,900.00			
Over (under)		(102,253.77)			
Prior YTD		1,879,536.92			
Over (under)		60,109.31			
CEAC Debt Status					
Endowment Loan		625,000			
Diocese Loan		1,900,580			
	<u>\$</u> \$	2,525,580			
Capital Improvements		220.00			
Sr. Thea Bowman		5.00			
Guatemala		684.00			
Seminarian Collection		490.00			
Catholic Communication					
Campaign		480.00			
Gibault		20.00			
Votive		234.00			
Catholic Home Mission		130.00			
Phase 3		35,510.00			



From Our Young Stewards Treasure: \$4:10 Time and Talent: I helped with yard work; I behaved; I cleaned the bedroom.

### 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

### LOOKING FOR A LITURGY DIRECTOR

Immaculate Conception is seeking a Director of Liturgy who will report to the pastor and be responsible for planning and coordinating all liturgical celebrations, including Sunday and daily Masses, as well as funerals, weddings and special occasions. The ideal candidate will have a love of God and Church, spirit of collaboration, independent judgement and initiative, and liturgical/ theological education and experience. Please contact Kara Dell-Hunt, IC business manager, for a complete job description. Kara can be reached at kdell-hunt@iccmail. org or 618-281-5105, ext. 350.



# MARK YOUR CALENDARS AND PLAN TO ATTEND!

The Capital Campaign Committee is hosting two receptions in June to provide you with more information about Phase 3 of the Capital Campaign and the proposed projects. All are welcome to attend! The receptions will be held in the Garden Level on June 2nd at 10:15 a.m. and June 23rd at 12:15 p.m.

Parish Events & News...

### YOUR TIME & TALENT MINISTRY

If you signed up for a ministry on your Time & Talent form, but haven't heard from the ministry leader yet, now is the time to take action! We don't want you to "fall through the cracks." Contact Kathy Schmidt at 618-281-4529 or email: kschmidt@wcusd5.net. She can help get you properly connected.

PARISH WORK DAYS! June 8, July 13

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

The next Pretzel & Donut weekend will be June 15 & 16. All proceeds go to the 8th graders' trip to Washington, D.C.

# ROSARIES

Do you have a surplus of rosaries around your house? Perhaps your aunt left you several, or one of your favorite charities sends you one every 6 months or so. Now is the time to clean out the drawer and let them get into the hands of someone who wishes they had a rosary. Simply place them in an envelope marked "rosaries" and place it in the collection basket or turn it in to the Parish Office. They will be shared with the missions or other Catholics in need.

Do you need a rosary or know of someone in need? Contact Maggie Burns at jmburns@htc.net. Praying is good for the mind, the body, and the soul.

# 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!



**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

### 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...

Responsibility for God's earth means that human beings, endowed with intelligence, must respect the laws of nature and the delicate equilibria existing between the creatures of this world. *(LS 68)* 

What can I do? Watch nature documentaries on Public Television, or YouTube. Put out some tomato plants, watch them grow, and enjoy!

### **ICCCW NEWS:**

Please welcome your new Council of Catholic Women officers: Lori Doerr – President; Vice President – open; Secretary – Kathy Ritter And Mary Ann Moses-Farley will be returning as Treasurer

# Discipleship

When told of seeing the Risen Lord, the disciples did not believe it. Like the disciples, we don't come to faith just because of the word of another person. We come to faith because we experience the presence of the Living Lord. When the community of believers comes together, we are given the chance to *experience* the Risen Lord. It's no longer just words. It's no longer another person telling us what their faith is. It is now *my* experience of the Lord, made possible by many believers who come together and manifest their faith. That's why it's so good that we come together at Mass. It makes it possible for us to experience the Risen Lord among us, in life after death. When we come together on Sunday for Eucharist, we can have that experience over and over again.

### THE 2024 CATHOLIC SERVICE AND MINISTRY APPEAL

#### Serve the Lord with gladness – Psalm 100

Did you know YOUR GIFT to The 2024 Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal can be made online? Visit your Belleville Diocese's website at www.diobelle.org and click on "Giving." It's that simple! Every donation – large or small – is needed to continue our diocesan ministry to those in need. We are counting on YOU. Please visit www. diobelle.org today!

### ACTS



#### StayConnected with the ACTS Community

Embrace the calmness and reconnect with the ACTS family. If you're not receiving emails from acts@iccmail.org, you might be missing out! Update Your Info Now! If you're not on our mailing list, simply send us an email at acts@iccmail.org with your latest contact information. Let's keep you in the loop and build a

stronger, connected ACTS family together!



### 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.

### **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.

### 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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# CONGRATS TO THE TERRIFIC KIDS FOR QUARTER 4

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?

GRADUATION ON MAY 20 AT 7:00 P.M.

# **VISIT GIBAULT!**

Summer is a great time to bring the entire family for a private tour of Gibault Catholic! See the school and get all your questions answered by our admissions staff. Get started at: https://bit.ly/GCHSInquire.

### 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.



### 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.

### **ENROLLING FOR FALL 2024**

There is still time to be a Gibault Hawk this fall! We are accepting incoming freshmen and transfer students at all other grade levels. To learn how you can be part of the Gibault family, visit https://bit.ly/GCHSInquire.

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"

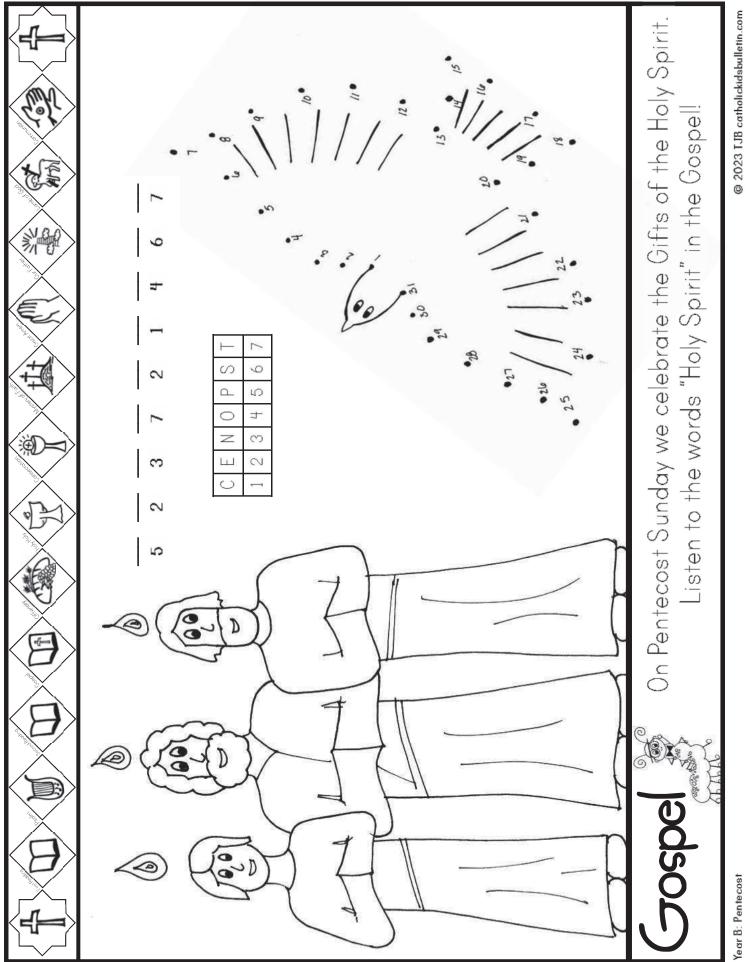


#### SAVE THE DATE! The *Run for Life and Learning* is June 1! Benefiting Birthright Counseling, St. Louis

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<sup>®</sup>. 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.

# 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 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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