



Immaculate Conception

A Full Stewardship Parish ~ Partner Parish of Sacred Heart of Jesus, Duplo, IL
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May 5, 2024

Sixth Sunday of Easter

www.icc-columbia-il.us

*Sing to the LORD a new song,
for he has done wondrous deeds;
Psalm 98:1*



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

Welcome New Parishioners

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

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

We livestream! To participate, please use this link:
<https://www.youtube.com/c/ImmaculateConceptionCatholicChurchColumbiaIL>

Parish Office Hours

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

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Sacramental Information

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

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

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

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults): The RCIA is for everyone who has been drawn by God to form a deeper relationship. Wherever you are in your faith practice – baptized in another Christian faith, starting from the beginning, or simply enriching your Catholic practice – consider the RCIA. Get to know God better and find out what it means to be Catholic. We meet in the Parish Office on Sundays (September-Easter), starting with “Breaking Open the Word” dismissal from 9:00 a.m. Mass, and catechetical sessions from 10:00-11:30 a.m. Contact Lizanne Young at the Parish Office at 281-5105, ext. 354, or email lyoung@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, May 6	8:05 a.m.	We Remember Holy Souls in Purgatory
Tuesday, May 7	8:05 a.m.	We Remember Cletus & Pat Whelan
Wednesday, May 8	8:05 a.m.	We Remember The Uhrhan Family
Thursday, May 9	8:05 a.m.	We Remember Pat Stadler
Friday, May 10	8:05 a.m.	We Remember Babs Jackson
Saturday, May 11	5:00 p.m.	We Remember Gloria Thoma
Sunday, May 12	7:00 a.m.	We Remember Carl & Bernice Riebeling
	9:00 a.m.	We Remember Elsie Herrmann
	11:00 a.m.	We Remember Babs Jackson

Please Pray For

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

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.



Weekly Reflections

May 5, 2024:

First Reading: Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48

Second Reading: First John 4:7-10

Gospel: John 15:9-17



Our Sympathies...

To Laurie and her family on the death of her husband, Mike Conrad, 51, of Columbia.



Stewardship...

Thank you for sharing your blessings with us!

April 21, 2024

Actual	\$	16,392.80
Budget	\$	23,500.00
Actual YTD	\$	1,848,309.73
Budget YTD	\$	1,889,925.00
Over (under)	\$	(41,615.27)
Prior YTD	\$	1,742,511.13
Over (under)	\$	105,798.60
Capital Improvements	\$	35.00
Guatemala	\$	309.00
Gibault	\$	120.00
Votive	\$	145.00
Catholic Home Mission	\$	15.00
SVDP	\$	25.00
Phase 3	\$	1,347.00
CEAC	\$	120.00

April 28, 2024

Actual	\$	9,985.24
Budget	\$	64,475.00
Actual YTD	\$	1,862,744.97
Budget YTD	\$	1,954,400.00
Over (under)	\$	(91,655.03)
Prior YTD	\$	1,811,497.29
Over (under)	\$	51,247.68
Capital Improvements	\$	130.00
Guatemala	\$	220.00
Gibault	\$	150.00
Votive	\$	183.00
Catholic Home Mission	\$	349.00
SVDP	\$	25.00
Holy Land	\$	25.00
Seminary Education	\$	45.00
Catholic Communication		
Campaign	\$	25.00
CEAC	\$	1,045.00



From Our Young Stewards

April 21, 2024

Treasure: \$19.50
Time and Talent: Help take out my dogs,
mowing the grass

April 28, 2024

Treasure: \$2.50
Time and Talent: I shared my snack,
I did the dishes, I helped mow the grass.

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.

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

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

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 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.

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.

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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 northern part of the state 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">• DISHES• POTS AND PANS• SKILLETS• WOMEN'S CLOTHING• MEN'S CLOTHING• COMPLETE BEDS/BED FRAMES• TABLES AND CHAIRS• LIVING ROOM FURNITURE• CHEST OF DRAWERS• YARD TOOLS• DECOR IN GOOD CONDITION• COSTUME JEWELRY• BEDDING AND TOWELS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• NO ELECTRONICS• NO KIDS CLOTHES• NO TOYS• NO BIG HUTCHES• NO ENTERTAINMENT CENTERS• NO DESKS• NO TOOLS• NO FAKE FLOWERS• NO WINTER COATS• NO JACKETS• NO SHOES

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. 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!

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...

An inadequate presentation of Christian anthropology gave rise to a wrong understanding of the relationship between human beings and the world. Often, what was handed on was a Promethean vision of mastery over the world, which gave the impression that the protection of nature was something that only the faint-hearted cared about. Instead, our “dominion” over the universe should be understood more properly in the sense of responsible stewardship. (LS 116)

What can I do? Read “Braiding Sweetgrass” by Robin Wall Kimmerer, “Ask the Beasts” by Elizabeth Johnson, or “An Astonishing Secret” by Daniel O’Leary

ARE YOU BEING CALLED TO SERVE??

It is that time of year when we ask all parishioners to discern as to whether or not they feel called by God to serve on our School Board or Pastoral Council. We are currently collecting names for new members of School Board and Pastoral Council. Members will be drawn on May 11, at the end of 5:00 p.m. Mass. Below is a brief summary of roles/responsibilities for serving on each.

School Board:

- Serve as an advisory group to support the Principal and Pastor in developing and implementing school policies.
- Meet the 3rd Tuesday of every month; 3-year term beginning in June.

Pastoral Council:

- In coordination with the Finance Council and the pastoral staff, advise and assist the Pastor with matters pertaining to activities of the parish, both spiritual and temporal.
- Meet the 4th Tuesday of every month; 3-year term beginning in June.

Please prayerfully consider placing your name in the discernment box located in the gathering space at the back of church. If you have any questions or want to submit your name by email, please contact the following:

School Board – Kyle Doerr at 618-604-7808; email to boardpresident@icsmail.org

Pastoral Council – Bill Simmons at 618-593-5296; email to parishcouncil@iccmail.org or wsimmons85@yahoo.com

Discipleship

In today's Gospel, Jn 15:16 worries me a bit, "It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain." God has taken an active interest in me and given me a job! That's kind of scary. It's so much easier to get an assignment from a human boss. After a few minutes learning the details, I'm off on an exciting new adventure. And when I do a good job, I typically hear about it. On the flipside, I feel I have been trying to figure out God's plan for me my whole life. I would love to feel I have borne some fruit that will remain; perhaps some small kindness changed a person's life and they bore fruit for both of us. But, I guess, as long as there is breath in me there is still time. I took Fr. Steve's challenge to attend daily Mass during the 50 days of the Easter season. The couple times I couldn't find a convenient Mass, I spent time with the readings for the day. I can't believe I have been able to do this, but my Mass journal is proof, and I find myself looking forward to the Mass. This is bringing me closer to my spiritual boss. I look forward to the day when I know Him well enough to hear His assignments – that's when true adventure will begin!

ICCCW NEWS:

May 4th & 5th is Women's Weekend at all Masses in appreciation of all the Women of our Parish. All ladies, please take home a special gift from the ICCCW as you leave Church.

May 11th – Public Rosary Rally at noon at the fountain by City Hall. Come and honor the Blessed Mother during this nationwide Rosary and Prayer Service. *Our Lady of Fatima, pray for us!*

WHAT DOES ICCCW DO???

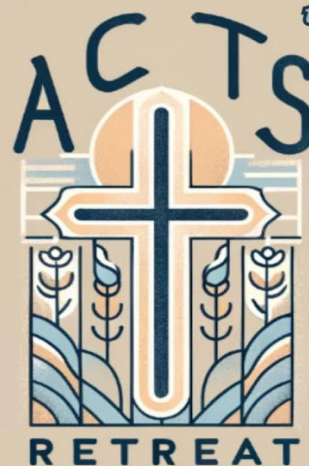
The Council of Catholic Women provides for the hosts and wine for Communion. We provide the linens and candles for Holy Mass. This year, we have paid for the replating of the chalices. We pray the Rosary before the funeral Mass for every woman of our parish. We communicate with encouragement and prayer for the college students who have signed up as part of our Keeping College Kids Connected program. The Funeral Meals Program is a subcommittee of the ICCCW. The quilters also began as part of the Altar Society many years ago. We help support many other programs within our church community.

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.



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!

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!

ICY ODD SUNDAYS

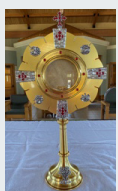
Every Sunday with an odd date is an Odd Sunday ICY Meeting.

Check out the QR code for more details.



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.



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.

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.

Both offer free parent-centered case management and parental support for parents carrying to term following a prenatal diagnosis. Birthrightstl.org offers their Melissa's Smile program, a counseling and supportive resource for mothers and fathers whose baby has been diagnosed prenatally with a genetic abnormality or whose baby has been born with a disability or serious medical condition.



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION SCHOOL

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5TH GRADE DARE GRADUATION!



CONGRATS TO THE SCHOLAR BOWL REGIONAL CHAMPS!!!

UPCOMING PARENTS AND FRIENDS MEETING

May 13, 2024, 7:00 p.m. – TBD



MOTHER/SON EVENT!!!





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. 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!

ENROLLMENT NEWS

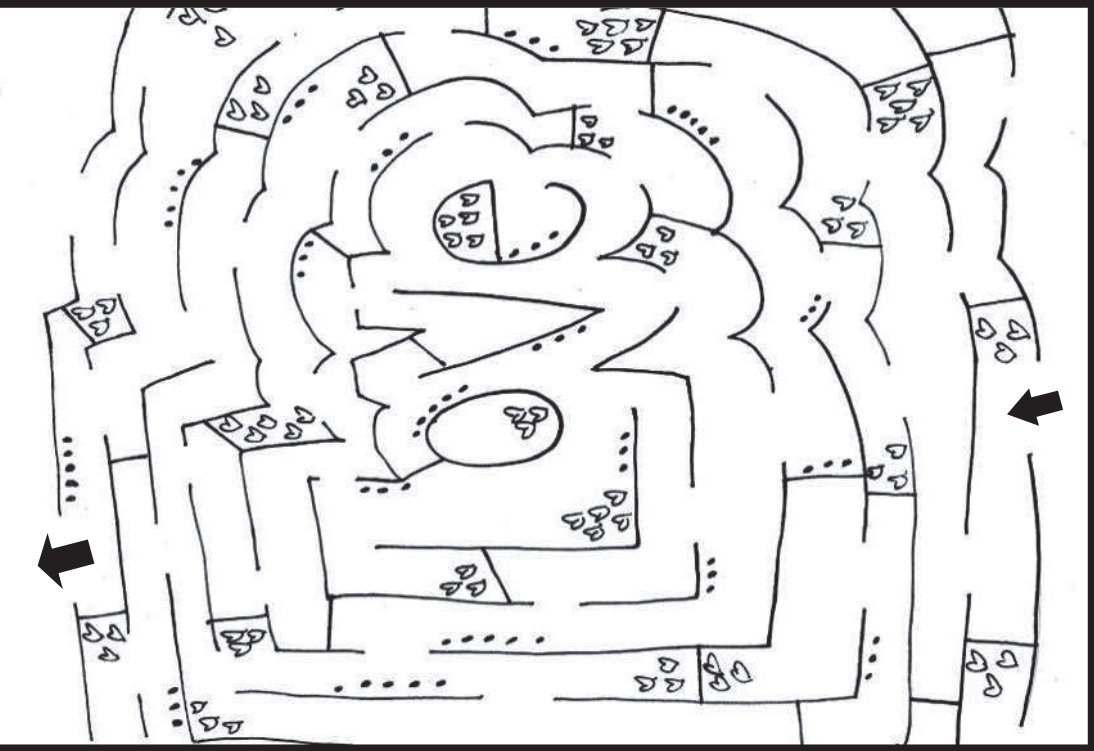
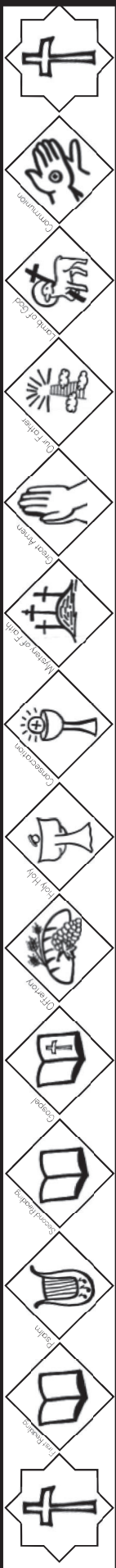
There's still time to become a Gibault Hawk! Get started at: <https://bit.ly/GCHSApply>. Interested in learning more about Gibault Catholic? Contact Kelly Day at kday@gibalthawks.com for information on all things Gibault or to schedule a private tour of our campus.

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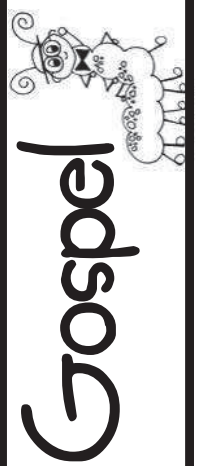
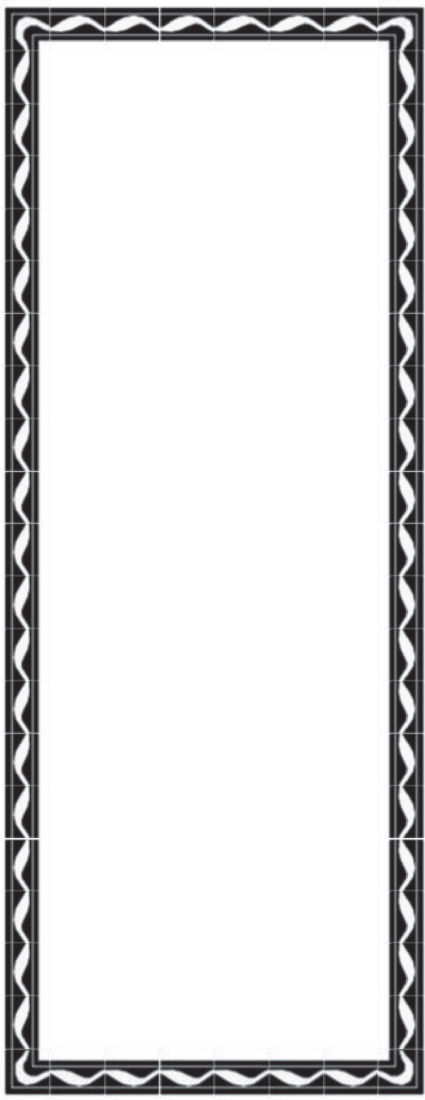
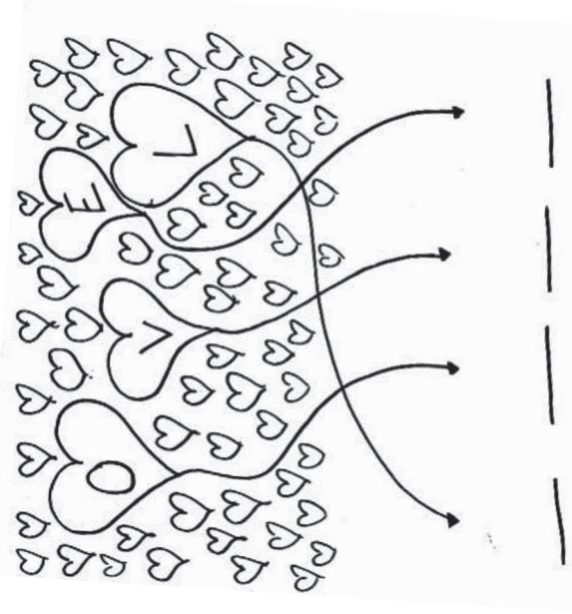
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