

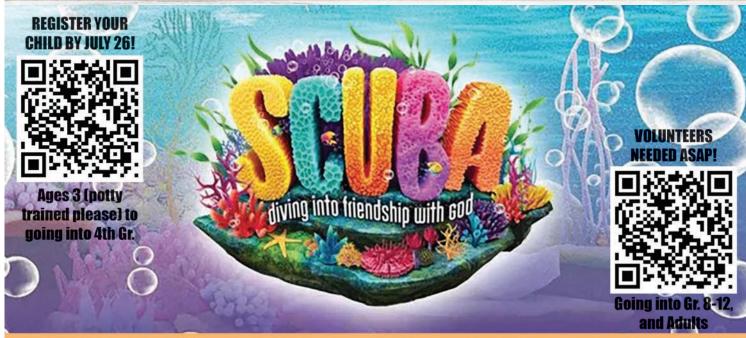
# Immaculate Conception

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

June 16, 2024

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

www.icc-columbia-il.us



# "Sea" You at Vacation Bible School July 29-August 1, evenings 6-8pm!

### Sign up through the parish website (icc-columbia-il.us) or follow the QR codes above!

PARTICIPANTS: Monday-Thursday Evening Vacation Bible School is open to Immaculate Conception and Sacred Heart (Dupo) Parish children, ages 3 (potty trained please!) up to rising 4th graders. Mixed ages means everyone learns together by helping and setting examples. We will "dive into" God's love with games, stories, crafts and snacks!

VOLUNTEERS: We are looking for playful and prayerful adults, high school students, and students entering 8th grade. Time commitment is Sunday (set up) - Thursday 5:30-8:30pm, for a total of 15 possible service hours for anyone in 8th-12th grade. Ages 18+ must be current with diocesan Child Protection Policy certification. SEA YOU THERE!

### Check the registration info for details, or email Lizanne Young at lyoung@iccmail.org

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-Thursday 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Friday 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Phone: 618-281-5105

Parish Staff

Pastor, Fr. Steve Thoma, C.R. ext. 358 or 805-670-3541 frsteve@iccmail.org

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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.

We Remember Job George & Family Monday, June 17 8:05 a.m. We Remember Mary Jane Frey Tuesday, June 18 8:05 a.m. Wednesday, June 19 8:05 a.m. We Remember Elsie Hofstetter Thursday, June 20 8:05 a.m. We Remember Joseph Murphy Friday, June 21 8:05 a.m. We Remember Babs Jackson

We Remember Lillian & Chester Kopec Saturday, June 22 5:00 p.m. Sunday, June 23 7:00 a.m. We Remember Carl & Bernice Riebeling

> 9:00 a.m. We Remember Herb & Betty Lehr & Catherine Linnemann

11:00 a.m. We Remember Joyce Schmidt



Danielle Dorlac Special Intention Donna Archambault-Kania Liam Pugh Arlin Stechmesser Dakota Schutt Dolores G. Elliana Cloin Janice McDermott Delores Deleveski Brian Kreher Mrs. Steele Rich Sambo Brian Hirsh Catherine Sambo

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Christine Baldas

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Hope Weinhoff Susie Colbert-Curtis

Mark Belt Doug Mercille Brian Hirsh

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.



June 16, 2024:

First Reading: Ezekiel 17:22-24 Second Reading: Second Corinthians 5:6-10

**Gospel:** Mark 4:26-34



### Bur Sympathies...

To Stephen Sullivan and his family on the death of his father Donald Sullivan, 81, of Florida.

To Brad Weier and his family on the death of his mother Valerie Weier, 64, of Columbia.

To Carol Fries and her family on the death of her sister. Ruth Herrmann, 94, of Columbia



### Stewardship...

Thank you for sharing your blessings with us!

June 9, 2024		
Actual	\$	16,562.86
Budget	\$	22,000.00
Actual YTD	\$	2,092,706.01
Budget YTD	\$	2,173,450.00
Over (under)	\$	(80,743.99)
Prior YTD	\$	2,001,372.62
Over (under)	\$	91,333.39
CEAC Debt Status		
Endowment Loan	\$	625,000
Diocese Loan	\$	1,856,476
	\$	2,481,476
Capital Improvements	\$	205.00
Guatemala	\$	588.00
Gibault	\$	20.00
Votive	\$	146.00
Newman Auxiliary	\$	255.00
Phase 3	\$	44,729.17
Holy Father	\$	180.00



From Our Young Stewards
Treasure: \$5.00

Time and Talent: I put the dogs in the crate; I helped my parents cut the lawn; I helped my family.

### 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



### CAPITAL CAMPAIGN RECEPTION

The Capital Campaign Committee is hosting another reception on **Sunday, June 23rd at 12:15 p.m.** in the

Garden Level. Please join us to learn more about Phase 3 of the Capital Campaign which includes paying off the existing debt and building for the future. All are welcome to attend!



### 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.

### Parish Events & News...

### PARISH WORK DAYS! July 13, August 10

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

The next Pretzel & Donut weekend will be July 13 & 14. 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.





#### 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

### 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.

- June 17 Nostalgia Movie Night: *Shrek*, 8:00 p.m. at IC lower parking lot, or ICS gym if weather is bad
- July 9 TopGolf at Midtown, 7:00 p.m.
- July 22 Trivia at Sunset Overlook, 7:00 p.m.
- August 5 Lawn Games at Sunset Overlook, 7:00 p.m.

#### **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...

Our insistence that each human being is an image of God should not make us overlook the fact that each creature has its own purpose. None is superfluous. The entire material universe speaks of God's love, his boundless affection for us. Soil, water, mountains, everything is, as it were, a caress of God. (LS 84)

What can I do? Run water over your hands and see it as a caress of God.

#### **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

### Discipleship

"Stop judging, that you may not be judged. For as you judge, so will you be judged, and the measure with which you measure will be measured out to you." (Mt 7:1, 2). "Everyone has enough to do to judge himself without taking upon himself to judge his neighbor." (St. Francis de Sales). "Any fool can criticize, condemn and complain, and most fools do." (Benjamin Franklin). Neither judgement nor destructive criticism are prerequisites to help, coach, and pray for people who reach out to improve their lives. But love and wisdom are.

### ACTS





### **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.

### THE 2024 CATHOLIC SERVICE AND MINISTRY APPEAL

Serve the Lord with gladness – Psalm 100
Each year the success of The Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal depends upon the generous response of every Catholic household – it depends on you!! Every dollar donated to The Appeal is restricted and supports only the work of 17 diocesan ministries which serve thousands of people throughout Southern Illinois each year. To learn more about the good works your gift makes possible, visit www.diobelle.org and click on The Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal poster or call Judy Phillips at 618-722-5007 – she'd love to hear from you!

#### BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY

Looking for your place in the parish? Do you like helping others, providing comfort and being part of a larger purpose? The 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:

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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### CAFETERIA WORKER/DISHWASHER: MONDAY-FRIDAY, 11:00 A.M.-2:30 P.M.

Responsibilities: Wash dishes and run the dishwashing machine, maintain cleaning the dishwasher and dishwashing area, help serve students, help with cleanup of the kitchen. Please call the school office at 618-281-5353 for more information or email mrshuebner@icsmail.org.

#### **UNIFORM RESALE**

June 23 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Location: ICS cafeteria.

#### LATCHKEY WORKERS

Looking for workers to work 3:00-6:00 after school. Duties include supervision of students and assisting them with their homework. Email Dave Gregson if interested at dgregson@icsmail.org.

## What's Happening at Gibault?

#### 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 information, 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...

### Annual Picnic

& Homecoming

Saturday, July 6, 2024

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#### A Prayer to Our Lady of Guadalupe

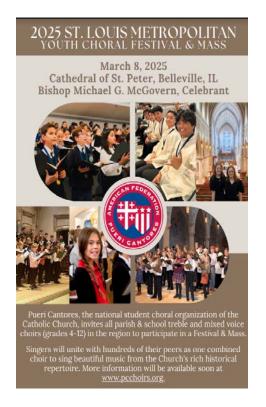
"Virgin of Guadalupe, Patroness of unborn children, we implore your intercession for every child at risk of abortion. ... Guide our public officials to defend each and every human life through just laws. Inspire us all to bring our faith into public life, to speak for those who have no voice. We ask 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"

#### Oración a Nuestra Señora de 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"







### 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 7 remaining chances to win. Please pick up a ticket here at the ICC Parish Office. Our summer hours are Monday-Thursday, 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. and Friday, 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Jesus compared the kingdom of God to a mustard seed. The seed is tiny when it is planted birds can live in the branches! The kingdom of God grows and grows like a mustard seed. but it becomes a GIANT tree. The tree that comes from the tiny seed grows so big that

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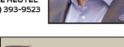
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