

# 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 30, 2024

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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#### 2024 – The Year of Our Sister Parish – St. Raymond of Penafort

In 2024, for the first time ever, parishioners from Immaculate Conception and St. Raymond will celebrate Mass at each other's parish. To some, this may not seem like a big deal. But for those who know, this achievement has been literally years in the making. It's the result of prayer, hard work, persistence, and faith. In spite of obstacles, and at times there were many, it was faith that helped us to persevere in bringing Padre Abdias to Immaculate Conception. And it's faith that brings together our two communities who, though thousands of miles apart, are one family.

"One Faith - One Family"











#### THE JOURNEY BEGINS AT ST. RAYMOND'S - JULY 11 TO 17

The journey begins in July, when four members from Immaculate Conception go to Guatemala to spend time with the parishioners of St. Raymond's. These ICC parishioners are Catie Evans, Phil Evans, John Waide, and Karen Waide. We will be joined by 26 other travelers – people from parishes throughout the Belleville and Springfield dioceses – who will also make the pilgrimage to their sister parishes. We will be blessed to not only walk with our brothers and sisters in Guatemala, but we will also visit Santiago Atitlan, where (now) Blessed Stanley Rother was murdered in 1981. It's at Santiago Atitlan where his heart remains enshrined today.

#### ST. RAYMOND'S COMES TO ICC – SEPTEMBER 20 TO 27

The good news is that the journey doesn't end in July. It continues in September, when **Padre Abdias Sanchez**, a longtime pastor at St. Raymond's, makes his first ever visit to Immaculate Conception. We hope you will become part of the experience when Padre Abdias and a fellow traveler join us, their "faith family" at Immaculate Conception. Here are a few (tentative) events:

Sept 20 – Padre Abdias arrives

Sept 21 – Padre meets parish leaders Sept 21 – Padre tours church/school

Sept 21 – Padre meets ministry leaders

Sept 21 – Padre attends 5 o'clock Mass

Sept 22 – Padre attends morning Masses

Sept 22 – Padre attends **WELCOME CEREMONY** 

Sept 23 – Padre meets ICS students

Sept 23 - Padre tours area farm

Sept 24 – Padre visits Cosgroves

Sept 24 – Padre visits Sister Thea

Sept 25 – TBD

Sept 26 – Padre tours St. Louis

Sept 27 – Padre Abdias departs

Stay tuned to find out about how you can be part of the **WELCOME CEREMONY**. If your family would like to host Padre for dinner one evening or if you want more information, contact Karen Waide at 618-281-4715 or at cooperwaide@aol.com.

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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School Board President, Kyle Doerr boardpresident@icsmail.org

## 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 Holy Souls in Purgatory Monday, July 1 Tuesday, July 2 We Remember Edward & Mary Smugala 8:05 a.m.

Wednesday, July 3 8:05 a.m. We Remember Albert Lampe Thursday, July 4 8:05 a.m. We Remember Pat Stadler Friday, July 5 8:05 a.m. We Remember Thomas Lepp Saturday, July 6 We Remember Angela Krupp 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, July 7 7:00 a.m. We Remember Lillian & Chester Kopec

> 9:00 a.m. We Remember Margie Pautler We Remember Norm Schmidt 11:00 a.m.



# Please Pray For

Danielle Dorlac Special Intention Donna Archambault-Kania Liam Pugh Arlin Stechmesser Don & Shirley Mehrmann Dakota Schutt Dolores G. Elliana Cloin Janice McDermott Delores Deleveski Earl & Arlene Kruse Brian Kreher Mrs. Steele The Kruse Family Rich Sambo Catherine Sambo Betty Schmieder Nicole Pennington Lynn Naumann Casey Ellen Dietz Bill Kutz Chris Peel Jamie Moravec Joan Thoma

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

Bill Kessler Mike Gober Sandy Kirpatrick Darrell May Beth Johns Hope Weinhoff Susie Colbert-Curtis

Mark Belt Doug Mercille Brian Hirsh

Grace Nolan

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

Irma Proffer

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 30, 2024:

First Reading: Wisdom 1:13-15; 2:23-24 Second Reading: Second Corinthians 8:7, 9, 13-15

**Gospel:** Mark 5:21-43



#### **EUGENE J. SCHORB -**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION FUND FOR CATHOLIC EDUCATION:

Memorial Donations:

Patricia Stadler 10.00 \$ Joyce Schmidt 10.00

#### PHASE 3 CAMPAIGN MEMORIALS:

Michael A. Conrad	\$ 550.00
Joyce Schmidt	\$ 2,185.00
Robert Reichert	\$ 50.00

# Stewardship...

Thank you for sharing your blessings with us!

June 23, 2024				
Actual	\$	14,647.01		
Budget	\$	22,000.00		
Actual YTD	\$	2,184,979.07		
Budget YTD	\$	2,260,000.00		
Over (under)	\$	(75,020.93)		
Prior YTD	\$	2,075,510.48		
Over (under)	\$	109,468.59		
Capital Improvements	\$	60.00		
Guatemala	\$	255.00		
Gibault	\$	80.00		
Votive	\$	313.20		
Newman Auxiliary	\$	185.00		
Phase 3	\$	33,868.00		
CEAC	\$	120.00		
Holy Father	\$	35.00		



From Our Young Stewards
Treasure: \$1.50

Time and Talent: I have been nice; I cleaned the basement.

#### **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



Thank you to those who have shown their support for Phase 3 of the Capital Campaign! Our parish was built on the sacrifices of our families and

friends many years ago. Through our sacrifice we can reach our goal of paying off the debt and funding the new projects as we continue building for the future. We have seen many different types of gifts to the church such as stocks, bonds, CDs, IRA rollovers, qualified retirement plans, and more. Please contact the Parish Office for any questions you may have about different types of giving. If you have not yet participated, please return your pledge card to the Parish Office as soon as possible.

#### 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...

#### **PSR**

Is that still, small voice calling you? **Volunteer for PSR!** A love of God and children is all that is needed. We are looking for volunteers for the 2024-2025 school year to help our PSR program continue to grow. Contact Rebecca Husman at 618-281-5105, ext. 353 or Lizanne Young at 618-281-5105, ext. 354. We look forward to meeting you.

#### **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.

#### PARISH WORK DAYS!

July 13, August 10

# 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 July 13 & 14. All proceeds go to the 8th graders' trip to Washington, D.C.

# 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.

- 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.

#### **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 ...

"To sense each creature singing the hymn of its existence is to live joyfully in God's love and hope." (Conference of Bishops of Japan) This contemplation of creation allows us to discover in each thing a teaching which God wishes to hand on to us. (LS 85)

What can I do? Listen to the sounds of nature. Free each creature from the dangers of plastic. Use alternative products and containers, placemats, tablecloths.

# Discipleship

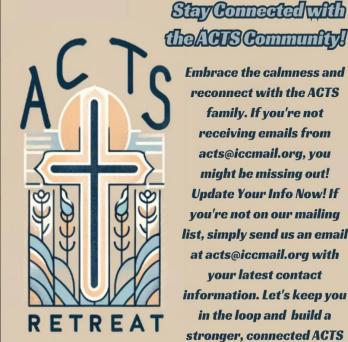
"The Good News of Christ is that He came down not just that He may share in our humanity, but that we may share in His divinity." (Justin Kirkland) As disciples of Christ, we must spread this good news. How do we do this without getting "all preachy"? "...sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts. Always be ready to give an explanation to anyone who asks you for a reason for your hope, but do it with gentleness and reverence..." (1st Peter 3:15-16). In more image-evoking words, "May my teaching soak in like the rain, and my utterance drench like the dew..." (Dt 32:2).

#### 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!

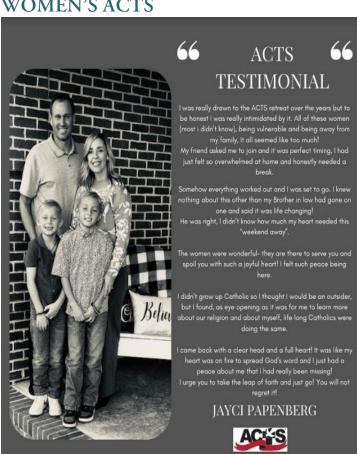
#### **ACTS**



**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!

#### **WOMEN'S 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.

#### 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.

#### **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.

#### **SANCTITY OF LIFE**

The Sanctity of Life Committee is collecting donations for St. Anne Cradle of Hope, located in Carbondale, IL. The collection will start on Saturday, June 29 and end on Sunday, July 29. The St. Anne Cradle of Hope provides material and spiritual assistance to pregnant women and families with young children and seeks to save lives and strengthen families by helping a mother know that she and her baby are loved and valued. There are three easy ways to donate. 1). Just drop off cloth or disposable diapers in the baby crib in the Gathering Space and then the committee members will take the items to Carbondale. 2). Write a check to St. Anne Cradle of Hope and mail it to 222 South Third Street, Belleville, IL 62220. 3). Visit their Amazon wish list at https://www.diobelle.org/stanne-coh, select an item and have it shipped directly. Thanks for your support.

#### 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.

#### 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 hopeafterabortion.com.
- A caring place for women who are pregnant and experiencing homelessness; Fontebella Maternity Home, 618-406-4355.





## IMMACULATE CONCEPTION SCHOOL

409 Palmer Road ~ 281-5353

School Principal: Dave Gregson, Ext. 202 - dgregson@icsmail.org School Secretary: Beverly Epplin, Ext. 200 - bepplin@icsmail.org

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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.

#### LATCHKEY WORKERS

Looking for workers to work 3:00-6:00 p.m. 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.

# FI SCHOOL

#### 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.

#### **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

ST. MICHAEL'S

Paderborn, Il.

#### Paderborn is located:

3 miles off Route 159 / 4 miles South of Smithton, IL 3 miles North of Hecker, IL / 8 miles South of Millstadt, IL On Floraville Road . . . (watch for the signs)

#### FEATURING:

#### "All you can eat" Fried Chicken Dinner

Serving from 3:00 – 7:00 PM In Our Air-Conditioned Hall

### "Hand Stitched" QUILT/CASH BINGO

6:00 p.m. -?

(In case of inclement weather play will move into the Air-Condition hall at 7:00 p.m.)

#### Mass 5:00 PM

5:00 PI

#### \*\*\*RAFFLE PRIZES\*\*\*

- 1) \$500 Cash
- 2) Hand Stitched Quilt
- 3) 3 in 1 Worx Cordless Combo Kit 4) I Home Auto Vac Nova S1
- 5) Emeril Lagasse Power Grill
- Worx Nitro 42 pc Tool Set & Tactix Modular Storage System
- Storage System
  7) 5 Piece Folding Dining Set
- 8) \$100 Cash

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#### 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.

#### Hot Weather Has Arrived and St. Vincent de Paul Needs Your Help Again!

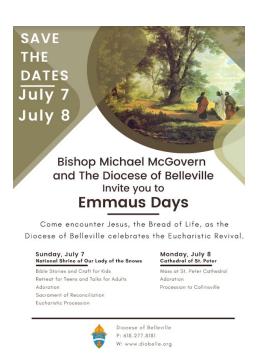
The Belleville Council Society of St. Vincent de Paul again this year needs donations of:

- bottled water, Gatorade (individual bottles) or Capri Sun (individual pouches) or similar drinks
- individually packaged snacks, such as crackers, meat sticks, cookies, fruit cups/puddings, etc.
- new t-shirts (white)

to distribute to the poor and homeless during the next few months of hot summer weather. Items can be dropped off at

St. Vincent de Paul Offices 8800 West Main Street Belleville, Illinois 62223 (across from Blessed Sacrament Church) or call 618-394-0126 for additional information.

Joe Hubbard and Pat Hogrebe thank you for any help you can give!

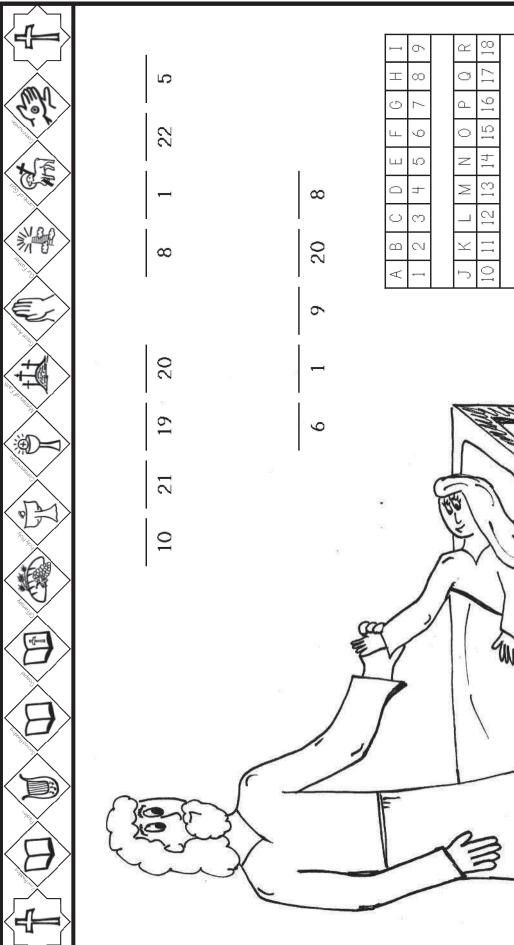


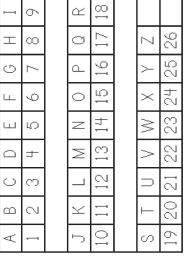




#### QUILT OF THE MONTH

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.







A young girl had died, but Jesus brought her back to life! Jesus said, "Do not be afraid; just have faith." **Ameriprise** Financial

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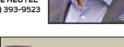
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