



Immaculate Conception

A Full Stewardship Parish ~ Partner Parish of Sacred Heart of Jesus, Dupou, IL
411 Palmer Road, Columbia, IL 62236 | 618-281-5105 | Fax 281-6848

August 4, 2024

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

www.icc-columbia-il.us

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

PARISH

Labor Day Picnic



Quilt Bingo 11am-7pm

Play an hour or stay all day!
\$500 final game payout



Chicken Dinner 11am-4:30pm

Tickets on sale at the door. Dine-in or Carry-out. (Cash, Credit & Checks accepted)



Live Music 1pm-3pm:

Waterloo German Band

4pm-6:30pm:
Main Street Jazz

Booths, Stands & Games

11am-7pm

Bookstore - Homegrown & Homemade Market -
Dessert Stand - Raffle Stand - Plant Stand
Food & Drink Stands -
Adult Games - Children & Youth Games

409 Palmer Road | All parking will be onsite.

More information on
Facebook
@ImmaculateConception
ParishPicnic



Sign up to volunteer after
all masses on Aug. 10/11
& Aug. 24/25.

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.
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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, August 5	8:05 a.m.	We Remember Margie Pautler
Tuesday, August 6	8:05 a.m.	We Remember Elsie Hofstetter
Wednesday, August 7	8:05 a.m.	We Remember Babs Jackson
Thursday, August 8	8:05 a.m.	We Remember Bridgette Littmann
Friday, August 9	8:05 a.m.	We Remember James Law
Saturday, August 10	5:00 p.m.	We Remember Lillian & Chester Kopec
Sunday, August 11	7:00 a.m.	We Remember Leanard Reinhardt
	9:00 a.m.	We Remember Edward & Mary Smugala
	11:00 a.m.	We Remember Calvin Fries

Please Pray For

Danielle Dorlac	Liam Pugh	Donna Ritson	Beth Johns
Donna Archambault-Kania	Don & Shirley Mehrmann	Owen Kinane	Hope Weinhoff
Arlin Stechmesser	Dolores G.	Ken Breitenstein	Mark Belt
Dakota Schutt	Elliana Cloin	Wanda Schewe	Doug Mercille
Janice McDermott	Earl & Arlene Kruse	Katie Schoellhorn	Brian Hirsh
Delores Deleveski	Mrs. Steele	Kristen Brewer	Lou Cindell
Brian Kreher	The Kruse Family	Jenny Candler	Don Day
Rich Sambo	Betty Schmieder	Rosina Belt	Brother John Ritter
Catherine Sambo	Lynn Naumann Casey	Kasen Greer	Elaine Matlock-Kish
Nicole Pennington	Ellen Dietz	Christine Baldas	Mary Schroeder
Bill Kutz	Jamie Moravec	Irma Proffer	Tom DeClue
Chris Peel	Mary Lou Mees	Bill Kessler	Laurie A. Brown
Joan Thoma	Jean Conrad	Mike Gober	
Grace Nolan	Jim Grau	Sandy Kirpatrick	
Special Intention	Geri Griffin	Darrell May	

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

August 4, 2024:

First Reading: Exodus 16: 2-4, 12-15
Second Reading: Ephesians 4: 17, 20-24
Gospel: John 6: 24-35



Our Sympathies...

To Walter House and his family on the death of his mother, Betty Jean, 94, of Columbia.

To the family and friends of Mary Wessel who passed away at the age of 91.



Stewardship...

Thank you for sharing your blessings with us!

July 28, 2024

Actual	\$	18,704.74
Budget	\$	23,300.00
Actual YTD	\$	94,421.47
Budget YTD	\$	131,400.00
Over (under)	\$	(36,978.53)
Prior YTD	\$	149,856.60
Over (under)	\$	(55,435.13)
Guatemala	\$	198.00
Gibault	\$	60.00
Votive	\$	131.00
Sr. Thea Bowman	\$	350.00
Phase 3	\$	8,779.00



From Our Young Stewards

Treasure: \$4.00

Time and Talent: I made my mom feel special on her Birthday; helping to pick up the living room; cleaned my room.

WILLS AND LIVING TRUSTS

In the world of estate planning, Wills and Living Trusts often take center stage because they are the most common documents used to pass assets after one's death. They are similar, yet different - kind of like siblings, but without all the fighting. Both are legal tools that transfer your property to those you love. The main difference is that one can be effective while you are still alive and the other goes into effect only after you die. There are a few more important distinctions you should know about. Let's go over each one, starting with the basics, so you can decide what's best for you.

What Is a Will?

A Will is a legal document that explains what you want to have happen when you die – and puts it all in writing. It outlines things like who you want to get your property, your money, and guardianship of your kids or pets. The important thing to note about a Will is that it does not avoid the probate process, which is a common misconception. When you die, the person(s) you've named as Personal Representative (a.k.a. Executor), must present your Will to the court in the county where you reside at death and ask the judge to recognize your Will as valid and grant what are known as "letters testamentary" to the person(s) you've named. It is only then that your Personal Representative has the legal authority to administer the terms of your Will.

What Is a Living Trust?

A living trust is a legal document that governs what happens to your assets during your lifetime as well as at death, quickly and easily. It's referred to as "living" because the Trust goes into effect while you're alive, as opposed to a Will, which only becomes effective at your death. You can transfer things like bank or savings accounts, cars, real estate, art, jewelry and even intellectual property (like your novel manuscript) into a Living Trust. There are several significant advantages that a Living Trust provides that a Will does not. Those include incapacity planning – your Trustee (i.e. the person(s) you've designated to manage trust assets after you can no longer do it yourself) can manage your trust assets for you if you become incapacitated; privacy – the actions taken under a Living Trust are private between your Trustee and your beneficiaries; and probate avoidance – a Living Trust if properly funded will avoid the probate process, where a Will does not. Also Living Trusts, just like Wills, can be changed or completely rewritten as many times as you determine necessary prior to your incapacity or death. When a Living Trust is used as the primary estate planning document, a Will is still recommended to "catch" any property that was not placed in your Living Trust prior to your death, and to then add that property to your Trust at that time.

– 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.



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.

LABOR DAY PICNIC:

Plants needed – The plant booth counts on your plant donations every year to make our booth successful. This is a great time to start dividing any house plants you have. This way they have a chance to root in before picnic day. We appreciate all our donors and look forward to seeing you on Labor Day.

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!

PARISH WORK DAYS!

August 10, September 14

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.

D.C. PRETZEL AND DONUT SALES...

The next Pretzel & Donut weekend will be August 17 & 18. All proceeds go to the 8th graders' trip to Washington, D.C.

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE

If you weren't able to attend one of the Phase 3 receptions held by the capital campaign committee, scan the code and listen to the presentations and learn about our history, information about our current debt, and the plans for future projects. Please turn in your pledge card to the Parish Office or drop it in the offertory basket.



Ministry News & Happenings

THEOLOGY ON TAP'S UPCOMING EVENTS

Dates and Topics are below. All dates are at Sunset Overlook in Columbia, IL unless otherwise noted. All at 7:00 p.m.

- August 5 – Lawn Games (Summer Wrap-up)
- August 19 – Topic: The Eucharist – More Than Just a Symbol
- September 9 – Gym Fun @ ICS gym, 7:00-9:00 p.m.
- September 23 – Salt Lick hike (weather permitting), 5:30 p.m.
- October 7 – Knights of Columbus Speaker Series, location TBD
- October 21 – Board Game Night!

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

YOUNG ADULT SURVEY

Please fill out and drop in the box at the back of the church.

- In your family, is there someone ages 18-40?
 - Yes, myself
 - Yes, a child/relative
 - No
- If yes, is this person currently enrolled in college/trade school or a young professional living near Immaculate Conception?
 - Yes, attending local college/trade school
 - Yes, attending out of state college/trade school
 - Yes, professional that lives locally
 - No
- What is the most frequent method of communication this person uses with you and/or their friends?
 - Text/phone call
 - Email
 - Social Media: _____
(Please provide which app)
 - Other: _____
- Rate on a scale from 1-5 the likelihood that they might attend a social IC Young Adult event in the future if given the information:
Not at all 1 2 3 4 5 YES!
- Rate on a scale from 1-5 the likelihood that they might attend an educational/spiritual IC Young Adult event in the future if given the information:
Not at all 1 2 3 4 5 YES!
- If willing, please provide contact information for said 18 to 40-year-old to be contacted about IC Young Adult events:

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Tuesdays, 6:30 p.m. in the library. All are welcome!
Contact Lizanne for more info at 618-281-5105, ext. 354.

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...

The pace of consumption and environmental change has so stretched the planet's capacity that our contemporary lifestyle, unsustainable as it is, can only precipitate catastrophes. (*Laudato Si* 161)

What can I do? Help halt the waste and consumption by choosing to reuse and repurpose clothes, containers, bags and boxes.

Discipleship Corner

Jesus says, "This I command you: Love one another." Why is Jesus so insistent that I have to love other people? Why can't I just love God? Let's face it. It's a lot easier. God loves me. I wouldn't even exist if God hadn't loved me and created me. God wants me to share that love within me with others. I shouldn't love other people just because it's a rule, a commandment from the Lord. I should love other people because they are God's friends and family. Love God, love God's people. It's a package deal.

THE 2024 CATHOLIC SERVICE AND MINISTRY APPEAL

Serve the Lord with gladness – Psalm 100

YOU have the opportunity to support the three men who have answered YES to God's call to serve in the Priesthood of Jesus Christ in our Belleville Diocese. The annual cost for each of the seminarians is over \$50,000. Funding from The Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal helps support the expenses of our seminarians and Vocation Office; your pledge or one-time gift is truly an investment in our faith and the life of the Church here in southern Illinois. Please continue to pray for vocations and consider making your gift today!

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!

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.

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.

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. **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.

WOMEN'S ACTS



ACTS TESTIMONIAL

I was really drawn to the ACTS retreat over the years but to be honest I was really intimidated by it. All of these women (most I didn't know), being vulnerable and being away from my family, it all seemed like too much! My friend asked me to join and it was perfect timing, I had just felt so overwhelmed at home and honestly needed a break.

Somehow everything worked out and I was set to go. I knew nothing about this other than my Brother in law had gone on one and said it was life changing! He was right, I didn't know how much my heart needed this "weekend away".

The women were wonderful- they are there to serve you and spoil you with such a joyful heart! I felt such peace being here.

I didn't grow up Catholic so I thought I would be an outsider, but I found, as eye opening as it was for me to learn more about our religion and about myself, life long Catholics were doing the same.

I came back with a clear head and a full heart! It was like my heart was on fire to spread God's word and I just had a peace about me that I had really been missing! I urge you to take the leap of faith and just go! You will not regret it!

JAYCI PAPERBERG



ICCCW NEWS:

We are collecting items for the Keeping College Kids Connected bags to be handed out to students heading off to college at the August 10th/11th Masses. If you have any items to be picked up, please call or email Lori Doerr at 618-210-5881 or ladoerr61@yahoo.com.

ALL COLLEGE STUDENTS – We wish you the very best in your new school year. We hope and pray for your success in all your endeavors. Please be sure to sign up every year for the Keeping College Kids Connected program, so we have your updated information. Parents can also sign up their kids. Forms can be found in the gathering space. You can return them in the collection basket or to the Parish Office.

Would you like to donate a basket for our Fall Raffle?

Baskets are due at the September 5th meeting. Contact Lori Doerr if you can donate a basket.

We are also collecting items for the Boxes of Joy program. You can donate items for a box (see box in gathering space) and we will pack it, you can take a whole box to fill, or you can make a donation and we will do the shopping for you. Just drop your donation in the collection basket and mark it ICCCW Boxes of Joy. The boxes are about the size of a shoe box. Items suggested are small toys, toothbrushes & toothpaste, coloring books & crayons, school supplies, rosary. You can look up information on Boxes of Joy at crosscatholic.org. We will need the items/boxes by our October 3rd meeting.

PRO-LIFE/PREGNANCY RESOURCES...

- Free and confidential pregnancy testing, counseling, and practical support: Life Network of Southern Illinois (in Waterloo & 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.
- 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

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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LOOKING FOR:

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.

Cafeteria Worker/Dishwasher – Monday-Friday 11:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m. (or can be broken up into 2-3 days a week)

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.

What's Happening at Gibault?

ENROLLING FOR FALL 2024

There is still time to be a Gibault Hawk this fall! Summer is a great time to bring the entire family for a private tour of Gibault Catholic! We are accepting incoming freshmen and transfer students at all other grade levels. See the school and get all your questions answered by our admissions staff. To learn how you can be part of the Gibault family, visit <https://bit.ly/GCHSInquire>.

Diocesan and Area Interests...

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 Hoqrebe thank you for any help you can give!

Donations Needed St. Anne Cradle of Hope, Carbondale

St. Anne Cradle of Hope needs clothing donations to help families in need!

We are asking for summer clothing for boys sizes 2T-4T



To donate:

Drop off at 2015 W Main St suite b, Carbondale, IL 62901 on Mon or Wed 10-2 pm,
Mail to St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church at 303 S Poplar St, Carbondale, IL 62901,
Or visit our Amazon wish list at <https://www.diobelle.org/stanne-coh>

**SIGN UP FOR THE PADRE ABDIAS
WELCOME CEREMONY/LUNCHEON**

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

GARDEN LEVEL

FOLLOWING THE 11 AM MASS

Hear From PADRE ABDIAS:

"What the Sister Parish Relationship Means"

There is No Cost to Attend

RSVP BY SEPTEMBER 8

- (1) Contact Karen Waide at 618-281-4715 or cooperwaide@aol.com or
- (2) Call Parish Office at 618-281-5105 or
- (3) Fill Out & Drop Off RSVP Slip – Found in the Gathering Space



David Kauffman will perform a concert for our community on Saturday, September 7, at 7:00 p.m. in the Church Sanctuary. David Kauffman is a songwriter, recording artist, and filmmaker. He has written many songs for ACTS Retreats, and he is co-composer of The Mass of Renewal.

David's Mission is simple: Song and Story for Healing and Hope. The Concert is free of charge, but we are invited to donate to David's Mission to help him recoup his costs and support his work. You may scan the QR code, or put a donation in the baskets available at the event. Join us Saturday, September 7, at 7:00 p.m. right here in the church for a night of Song and Story, Healing and Hope!

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.

CENTENNIAL OF OUR ALMA MATER

ACADEMY OF NOTRE DAME



All AND graduates, please join us for a Mass and dinner commemorating the 100th anniversary of the Academy!

Sunday, August 18, 2024

St. Augustine of Canterbury Catholic Church & Parish Hall
1910 West Belle St., Belleville, IL 62226

Mass at 3:00 pm | Dinner at 5:00 pm (\$25/person)

For more information, contact Rita Uhl at ritakayuhl@gmail.com

2025 ST. LOUIS METROPOLITAN YOUTH CHORAL FESTIVAL & MASS

March 8, 2025

Cathedral of St. Peter, Belleville, IL
Bishop Michael G. McGovern, Celebrant



Pueri Cantores, the national student choral organization of the Catholic Church, invites all parish & school treble and mixed voice choirs (grades 4-12) in the region to participate in a Festival & Mass.

Singers will unite with hundreds of their peers as one combined choir to sing beautiful music from the Church's rich historical repertoire. More information will be available soon at www.pcchoirs.org.

"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".

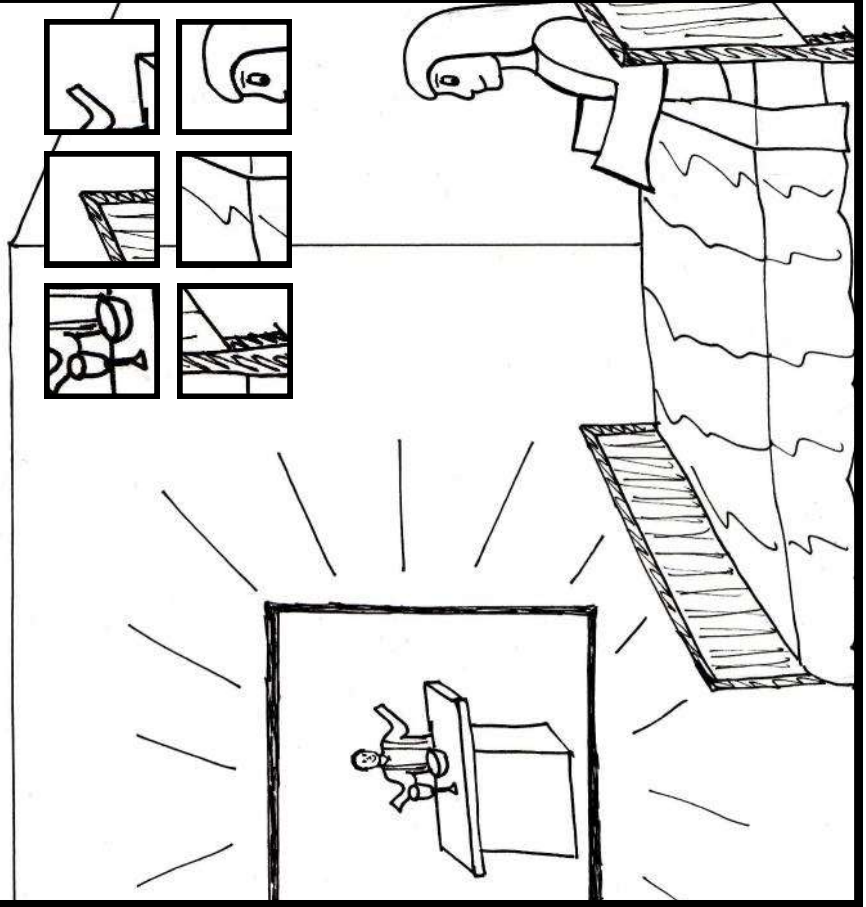
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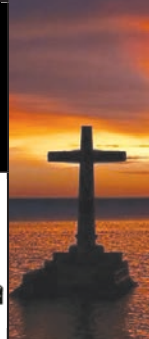
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