



# 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

September 15, 2024

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS Auto Show

Saturday, October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024  
Immaculate Conception Church  
411 Palmer Road, Columbia, IL 62236

TAKE A  
Kid Car  
TO A Show

Rain or Shine Show  
Registration 8:00am-11:00am, Show 11:00am-3pm  
Dash plaque & Attendance Prizes for all Registrants

\$15 Entry – Display

\$20 Entry – Judged – Judging by the “Give Back Pack”

Three Awards per Class

50/50

Raffle

Raffle Lic. #5131

&

A Raffle for a  
Certificate for 4 New Tires  
Of Choice from



Continental

Music by Best Sounds Entertainment

Photographers on hand.  
Pics will be posted on website.  
[www.kofc6165.org/kc-car-show](http://www.kofc6165.org/kc-car-show)



Columbia Knights of Columbus Council #6165  
annually benefit:  
Immaculate Conception School, St. Vincent De Paul,  
Monroe Council for the Handicapped,  
Camp Ondessonk,  
Life Network of Southern Illinois  
and many other programs benefiting  
church, community & youth.

Portion of Judged entry fees to be donated to the Give Back Pack's charity of choice  
Concessions available to purchase - No alcohol

Paved show area - No pop-up canopies in the Show Field.

Knights of Columbus, Immaculate Conception Church & affiliates are not responsible for accident, injury, damage or loss.

For more information, please contact Steve at [KC6165Show@yahoo.com](mailto:KC6165Show@yahoo.com)

Previous year's pics & Pre-Registration & Pay at Show available at [www.kofc6165.org/kc-car-show](http://www.kofc6165.org/kc-car-show)

Dash card and registration forms will be preprinted for all pre-registrants



All are invited to the show. It's free for spectators to attend and walk the show. All Kids can vote for their favorite Hot Rod or Classic Car and the winner receives a Trophy like the one pictured.



The Bob Stadler Memorial Award, Best Of Show and Kid's Choice Trophies above.

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.

Phone: 618-281-5105

## Parish Staff

**Pastor, Fr. Steve Thoma, C.R.**  
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**Business Manager,**  
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**Bill Simmons**  
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**Kyle Doerr**  
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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 2024-2025 IS AVAILABLE ONLINE! Follow the link on our website! If you can't find it there, it is also on the Diocesan website at <https://diobelle.safeenvironment.org/login/index.php>. 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, September 16	8:05 a.m.	We Remember Elsie Hofsetter
Tuesday, September 17	8:05 a.m.	We Remember Raymond Krippel
Wednesday, September 18	8:05 a.m.	We Remember George Perry
Thursday, September 19	8:05 a.m.	We Remember Loretta Weiler
Friday, September 20	8:05 a.m.	We Remember Brad Trigg
Saturday, September 21	5:00 p.m.	We Remember Joe Hoguet
Sunday, September 22	7:00 a.m.	We Remember Carl & Bernice Riebeling
	9:00 a.m.	We Remember James Law
	11:00 a.m.	We Remember Babs Jackson

### *Please Pray For*

Danielle Dorlac	Liam Pugh	Geri Griffin	Doug Mercille
Donna Archambault-Kania	Don & Shirley Mehrmann	Donna Ritson	Brian Hirsh
Arlin Stechmesser	Dolores G.	Owen Kinane	Don Day
Dakota Schutt	Elliana Cloin	Ken Breitenstein	Brother John Ritter
Janice McDermott	Earl & Arlene Kruse	Wanda Schewe	Mary Schroeder
Delores Deleveski	Mrs. Steele	Katie Schoellhorn	Roger Karsten
Brian Kreher	The Kruse Family	Kristen Brewer	Barbara Kendall
Rich Sambo	Betty Schmieder	Kasen Greer	Adam Brandt
Catherine Sambo	Lynn Naumann Casey	Bill Kessler	Shane Martin
Nicole Pennington	Ellen Dietz	Sandy Kirpatrick	JoAnn Sander
Bill Kutz	Jamie Moravec	Darrell May	Jacob Nelson
Chris Peel	Mary Lou Mees	Beth Johns	
Joan Thoma	Jean Conrad	Hope Weinhoff	
Special Intention	Jim Grau	Mark Belt	

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

**Prayer List Guidelines:** Please be mindful – if your loved one no longer needs to be on the Prayer List, call the Parish Office at 281-5105.



### *Weekly Reflections*

*September 15, 2024:*

**First Reading:** Isaiah 50:5-9a

**Second Reading:** James 2:14-18

**Gospel:** Mark 8:27-35



### *Our Sympathies...*

To Jaime Stoops and her family on the death of her father, James Causey, 74, of Millstadt.

To Dennis Gilbreth and his family on the death of his father, Eugene Gilbreth, 98, of Columbia.

To Kevin Beabout and his family on the death of his Grandpa, Norman Beabout, 93, of Belleville.



## Stewardship...

Thank you for sharing your blessings with us!

### September 8, 2024

Actual	\$	23,272.55
Budget	\$	62,700.00
Actual YTD	\$	373,348.34
Budget YTD	\$	429,925.00
Over (under)	\$	(56,576.66)
Prior YTD	\$	368,431.66
Over (under)	\$	4,916.68
Guatemala	\$	861.00
Capital Improvements	\$	235.00
Picnic Donation	\$	150.00
Gibault	\$	40.00
Votive	\$	87.00
Retired Priests	\$	960.00
Phase 3	\$	4,235.00



### From Our Young Stewards

Treasure: \$8:00

Time and Talent: Being good in the store; help my grandpa clean the basement; love all God's people.

## 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

# Parish Events & News...

## DIRECTOR OF MUSIC & LITURGY

**IMMEDIATE OPENING:** Immaculate Conception Parish seeks a **Director of Music & Liturgy** who will answer God's call to lead worship music and coordinate liturgical celebrations. This full-time position includes managing coverage for weekend and Holy Day Masses, up to three weekday Masses with school children, as well as funerals, weddings and special occasions (be present or delegate). The position calls for a love of God and Church, the ability to play and lead choirs and congregational music, a spirit of collaboration, independent judgement and initiative, and liturgical experience. The ideal candidate will be proficient on piano and organ, and a strong cantor. Salary commensurate with experience. To request a complete job description, contact Kara Dell-Hunt, parish business manager, at 618-281-5105 or email [kdell-hunt@iccmail.org](mailto:kdell-hunt@iccmail.org).

## CAPITAL CAMPAIGN PHASE 3 UPDATE

We continue to see the generosity of our parishioners in regards to Phase 3 of the Capital Campaign. We are slightly over the halfway point toward the goal of eliminating the current debt and enhancing the church and school with the four proposed projects. Please take time to prayerfully consider making a pledge to the campaign so we can reach our goal. You can mail your pledge card to the Parish Office or drop it in the offertory basket. Thank you for your support!

**Phase 3**  
**\$4,500,000**



## 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.

## 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!

## 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](mailto: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

## PARISH WORK DAYS!

**October 12, November 9**

## 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](mailto: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 September 21 & 22. 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 unless otherwise noted. All at 7:00 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.**

## ICY ODD SUNDAYS

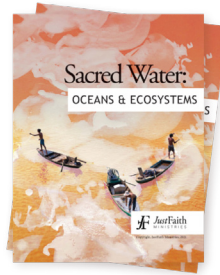
Every Sunday with an odd date is an Odd Sunday ICY Meeting. Check out the QR code for more details.



## Pope Francis Says...

“Men must respect the particular goodness of every creature to avoid any disordered use of things.” (*Catechism of the Catholic Church, 339, as quoted by Pope Francis in Laudato Si 69*)

**What can I do?** Feed the birds, plant flowers for pollinators. Walk through the woods or park and note the contribution of each creature.



## JUST FAITH CLASS

You are invited to participate in the last of the three classes on the Climate, *Sacred Water: Oceans and Ecosystems*. Water is central both to our Christian theology and to our survival. *Sacred Water: Oceans and Ecosystems* guides small groups in discerning how they

can better care for the earth's waters, as well as the creatures and communities who live in and around them.

Sr. Marcia Kruse, 618-570-4084, ASC, Faith Clark, 618-420-3164, and Carol Waide, 618-910-1648, will facilitate the 8 sessions which will begin September 18. Mark your calendars. If interested, you can register at <https://justfaith.org/product/sacred-water-immaculate-conception-catholic-church/>. You will need to set up an account in order to register. If you had one from last year you will need to set it up again, as a new system was put in place. Cost will be \$35.00-\$75.00. Our two previous classes have been well received. Come join in and learn how you can help.

## Discipleship

The second reading from James talks of faith and/or works. The age-old debate continues. When I was little we were taught to “give the shirt off your back.” This was a hard lesson since I tended to take things literally. I understood it to mean that Catholics couldn't have nice things. I had enough fear of the Lord that I was always seen as “generous” in my giving, but had loads of guilt over the few nice things I had and found myself less than confident of my chance of salvation. As an adult I met a Baptist with a strong confidence in her salvation...it had been already bought and paid for by Jesus' death on the cross. I had never seen a stronger faith in a person's salvation, however, she came across as uppity and condescending. Her matter-of-fact tone was sharp as she was quick to tell people how they made a mistake. I found myself having to defend her to others and assure them she was a kind and loving person that would go the extra mile to help them and make sure a task was done well. Which is more important, faith or works? Whatever you choose to believe, please let it start with the willingness to show the Jesus in your heart to others. We need to be able to recognize each other, then link arms...build His Church. Someone recently told me that evil exists in the absence of God. If that's true, all we need to do is bring God into our daily living and bring His light into the world.

## ICCCW NEWS:

**BOXES OF JOY** – We are still 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 Boxes of Joy. Items suggested are small toys, school supplies, bar soap, comb/brush, toothbrush and toothpaste, socks, chapstick, rosary, headbands and ponytail holders, etc....

### UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES:

**September 13, 2024** – Fall Raffle Tickets go on sale!  
**Sunday, September 22, 2024** – Some funeral food teams will be getting calls to provide side dishes that day for the welcome lunch for Padre Abdias.  
**Thursday, November 14, 2024** is our annual Bunko Night of Fun! We will also be drawing our Fall Raffle winners on this evening. More details to come.  
**Thursday, December 5, 2024** – IC Council of Catholic Women Christmas Extravaganza.  
Next meeting is **Thursday, October 3, 2024** at 6:30 p.m. in the Garden Level. Come enjoy a fun evening with other ladies of the parish.

## THE 2024 CATHOLIC SERVICE AND MINISTRY APPEAL

*Serve the Lord with gladness – Psalm 100*

*The Messenger*, our diocesan newspaper, brings local, national and international news of our Catholic faith right into your home through its print and online editions. Your gift to The Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal helps to support *The Messenger*. If you haven't done so, subscribe to *The Messenger* today and also make your gift to The Appeal! Thank you for your generosity.

## 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 with your interest.

### Upcoming events:

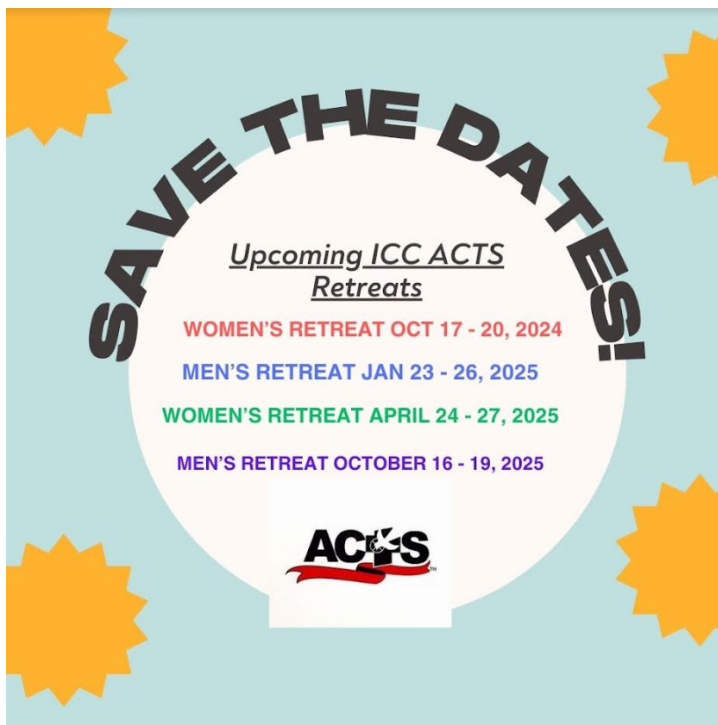
October 20th: Walk to Remember – 3:00 p.m.  
November 2nd: All Souls Mass – 5:00 p.m.

## 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](mailto: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](mailto:acts@iccmail.org) with your latest contact information. Let's keep you in the loop and build a stronger, connected ACTS family together!

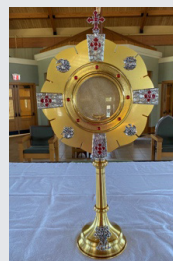


**SAVE THE DATES!**

Upcoming ICC ACTS Retreats

- WOMEN'S RETREAT OCT 17 - 20, 2024
- MEN'S RETREAT JAN 23 - 26, 2025
- WOMEN'S RETREAT APRIL 24 - 27, 2025
- MEN'S RETREAT OCTOBER 16 - 19, 2025

**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.

## 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.

## 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 & 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

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School Secretary: Beverly Epplin, ext. 200 ~ bepplin@icsmail.org

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Upcoming Parents and Friends Meetings: October 14, November 11

**TRICK OR TRIVIA**  
**ICS TRIVIA NIGHT**  
**OCTOBER 18TH 2024**  
Doors at 6 p.m., Trivia Starts at 7 p.m.

Immaculate Conception Garden Level  
409 Palmer Rd., Columbia IL  
**\$200 PER TABLE OF 10**  
**MULLIGANS, GAMES AND RAFFLES FOR PURCHASE**  
**OUTSIDE FOOD AND DRINK WELCOME**

**Halloween Costume Contest!**  
Questions?  
Contact Jackie Weaver at  
schmidjk@gmail.com



# What's Happening at Gibault?

GIBAULT INVITES YOU TO  
**ENCHANTED MASQUERADE**  
 OCTOBER 26, 2024  
 REGISTER ONLINE: [WWW.GIBAULT2024.GIVESMART.COM](http://WWW.GIBAULT2024.GIVESMART.COM)  
 FOR ANY QUESTIONS: (618)-939-3883

BEHIND EVERY MASK  
 THERE IS A FACE &  
 BEHIND EVERY FACE  
 THERE IS A STORY

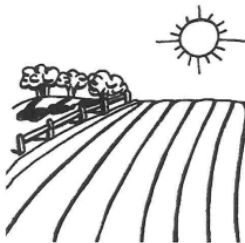



## ENROLLING FOR FALL 2024

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 Diocesan Blessing of the Harvest

**Tuesday, September 24, 2024**

**1:00 PM**

Four Beck Dairy  
 9500 Bartelso Road  
 Bartelso, IL 62218

#### **Traveling Directions:**

**From the West:** One heads East on Rt 161 for approximately 35 miles into Bartelso. Turn LEFT (heading North) onto Bartelso Road.

#### **From the East:**

From Salem Area: Take Rt 37 South for 7 miles. Turn RIGHT onto Rt 161 heading West for 28.8 miles. Turn RIGHT (heading North) on Bartelso Road.

From Carlyle Area: Take Rt 127 South for 6.4 miles. Turn RIGHT onto Rt 161 heading West for 6.3 miles. Turn RIGHT (heading North) on Bartelso Road.

#### **OR**

Take Rt 127 South for 2.3 miles. Turn RIGHT onto Slant Road/County Hwy 1150 for 5.9 miles reaching Rt 161. Turn RIGHT onto Rt 161 heading West into Bartelso. Turn RIGHT (heading North) on Bartelso Road.

#### **From the South:**

From Pinckneyville Area: Take Rt 127 North for 32 miles to Rt 161. Turn LEFT onto Rt 161 into Bartelso. Turn RIGHT (heading North) on Bartelso Road.

"Farm Blessing" signs will guide you along the way. Those attending are invited to bring harvested grain, fruit, vegetables and garden produce in sealed, marked containers along with animals and farm machinery to be blessed.

*You are encouraged to bring non-perishable food items to be donated to the local food pantry.*

*We look forward to having you join us!*



Honor your Loved Ones on  
**All Souls Day**  
 With Your Personalized Tribute  
 In *The Messenger*

#### Sample Tribute



Tributes will appear in our  
 October 24th publication  
 of *The Messenger*.

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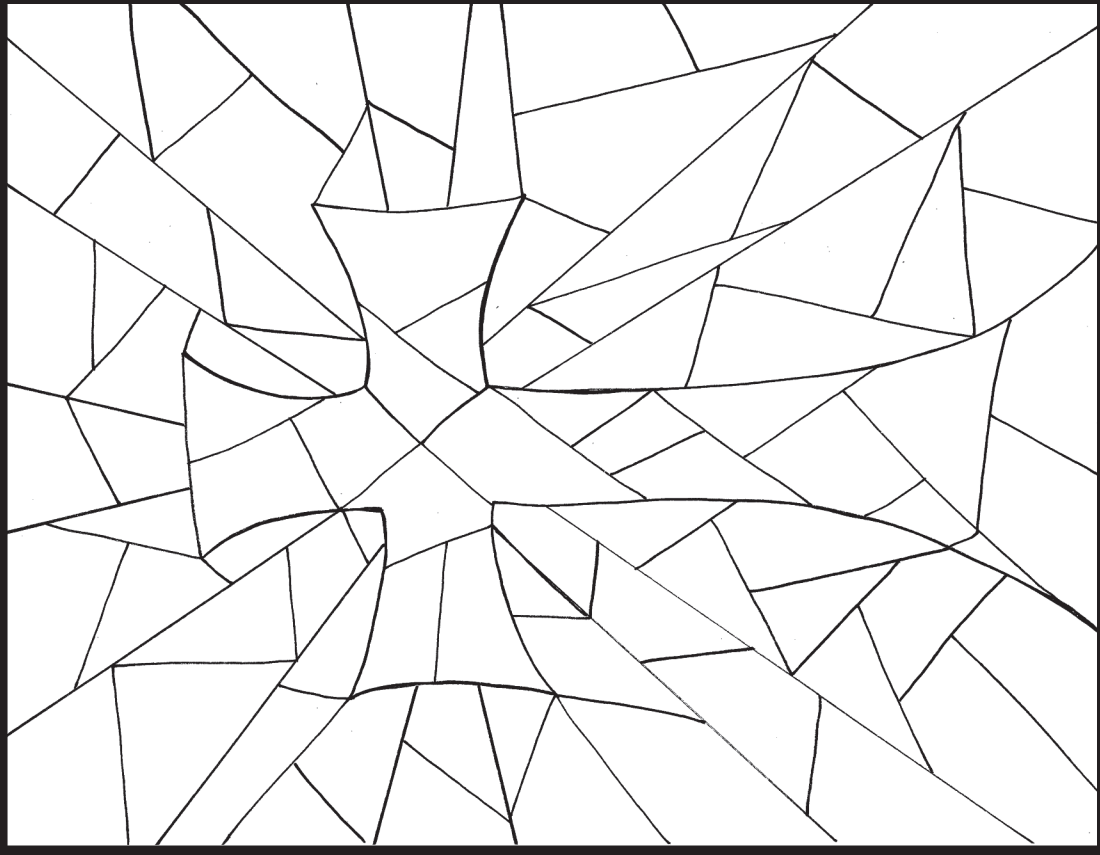
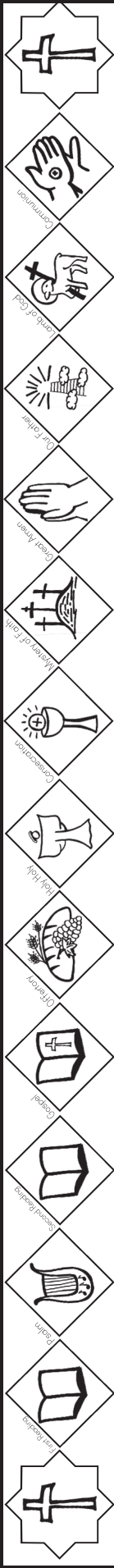
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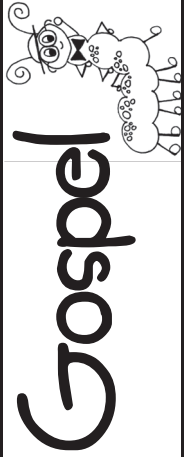
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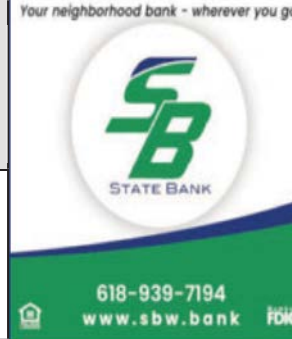


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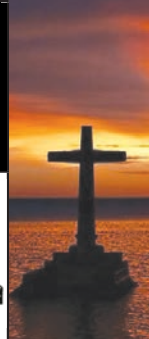
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