



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

November 10, 2024

Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

www.icc-columbia-il.us

Stewardship Weekend

This year, Stewardship Weekend is **November 9 and 10**. This is the weekend we submit our offering of Time, Talent, and Treasure for the coming year. We say “Here God, I choose to return to You this many hours and this much money to support the wonderful parish of which I am a member. I realize everything I have and everything in the world belongs to You. Thank You for letting me use it!”

You are asked to complete the 2025 Stewardship Commitment Form and return it to the office via mail or in the collection basket by January 5, 2025. You can also go online and submit it. You will receive the form in the mail with the 2025 Directory and Ministry Catalogue.



Why is it so important for you to complete and return the form?

- 1) It lets our ministry leaders know who is interested in volunteering with their ministry so they can contact you with details.
- 2) It lets our office staff budget for the coming year. (Can you imagine your company or you personally not knowing how much money you will have to operate or live on?)
- 3) Making a commitment in writing is more likely to be kept.

Also, at Stewardship Weekend Masses, we will be blessing and thanking our amazing Ministry Leaders. Because of them so much gets done! If you have a chance, please take a moment to thank them for their leadership.

Thank you for the generosity of your time, talent, and treasure!

May God bless you abundantly!

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

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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.

OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults): OCIA (formerly known as 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 OCIA. Get to know God better and find out what it means to be Catholic. Individuals will meet with our director of faith formation (Lizanne Young) to discuss the process. We meet as a group on Sundays (from Autumn through the Triduum just before 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 at the Parish Office, 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. *The initial course is now available online. Please contact Michelle at the Parish Office for directions. *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>. Not sure if you are compliant, or have additional questions? Contact Michelle 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, November 11	8:05 a.m.	We Remember Judy Simek
Tuesday, November 12	8:05 a.m.	We Remember Margaret Ann Conrad
Wednesday, November 13	8:05 a.m.	We Remember Louise Beren
Thursday, November 14	8:05 a.m.	We Remember Joyce Schmidt
Friday, November 15	8:05 a.m.	We Remember Bernie Kutz
Saturday, November 16	5:00 p.m.	We Remember Job George & Family
Sunday, November 17	7:00 a.m.	We Remember Ida & Bernard Weilbacher
	9:00 a.m.	We Remember Eugene Gilbreth
	11:00 a.m.	We Remember Charles & Amelia Menner



Please Pray For

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

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

November 10, 2024:

First Reading: First Kings 17:10-16

Second Reading: Hebrews 9:24-28

Gospel: Mark 12:38-44



Stewardship...

Thank you for sharing your blessings with us!

November 3, 2024

Actual	\$ 67,577.13
Budget	\$ 63,300.00
Actual YTD	\$ 685,855.65
Budget YTD	\$ 727,575.00
Over (under)	\$ (41,719.35)
Prior YTD	\$ 645,584.45
Over (under)	\$ 40,271.20

**The above totals include online giving through 10/31/2024.*

Guatemala	\$ 854.00
Capital Improvements	\$ 84.00
Cemetery Maintenance	\$ 15.00
Eugene Schord Education Endowment Fund	\$ 53.00
Sr. Thea Bowman	\$ 249.00
SVDP	\$ 406.00
Gibault	\$ 361.00
World Mission Sunday	\$ 105.00
Human Development Phase 3	\$ 6,756.44
CEAC	\$ 1,385.00

EUGENE J. SCHORB – IMMACULATE CONCEPTION FUND FOR CATHOLIC EDUCATION:

Memorial Donations:

James Kelemetc	\$ 10.00
James Law	\$ 110.00
Donald Sullivan	\$ 50.00
EJ Trust	\$ 500.00
IHO Steve & JoAnn Krebel 50th Anniversary	\$ 100.00
From a Parishioner	\$ 2,500.00

PHASE 3 CAMPAIGN MEMORIALS:

James Kelemetc	\$ 2,065.00
Joyce Schmidt	\$ 35.00
James Law	\$ 740.00
Eugene Gilbreth	\$ 1,280.00
Ed Janson	\$ 1,975.00
Kimberly LaReau	\$ 20.00
Thomas Range	\$ 25.00
IHO Steve & JoAnn Krebel 50th Anniversary	\$ 50.00

From Our Young Stewards

Treasure: \$5.59

SAVE TAXES ON IRA REQUIRED MINIMUM DISTRIBUTIONS

Individuals subject to Required Minimum Distributions (RMD) from their Individual Retirement Accounts (IRA) have an opportunity to use the distributions for charitable giving instead of taking a taxable distribution.

If you are age 70 ½ or older, the IRS will allow you to distribute up to \$105,000 annually directly to qualified nonprofit organizations without incurring any taxable income. The benefit is known as the Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD).

A QCD is a direct transfer of funds from your IRA, payable to a qualified charity, like Immaculate Conception Church. QCDs can be counted toward satisfying your required minimum distribution (RMD) for the year, if certain rules are met.

Here are the requirements:

- You must be 70½ or older to be eligible to make a QCD.
- QCDs are limited to the amount that would otherwise be taxed as ordinary income. This excludes non-deductible contributions.
- The maximum annual amount that can qualify for a QCD is \$105,000. This applies to the sum of QCDs made to one or more charities in a calendar year. (If, however, you file taxes jointly, your spouse can also make a QCD from his or her own IRA within the same tax year for up to \$105,000.)
- For a QCD to count towards your current year RMD, the funds must come out of your IRA by your RMD deadline, generally December 31.
- Any amount donated above your RMD does not count toward satisfying a future year.
- The QCD must be paid directly from your IRA to the charity to qualify.

In addition to the benefits of giving to charity, a QCD excludes the amount donated from taxable income, unlike regular withdrawals from an IRA. Keeping your taxable income lower may reduce the impact to certain tax credits and deductions, including Social Security and Medicare.

Also, QCDs require that you itemize, which, due to the tax law changes means you may decide to take advantage of the higher standard deduction, but still use a QCD for charitable giving.

Funds distributed directly to you, the IRA owner, which you then give to charity do not qualify as a QCD.

There are some other tax rules that may also apply to your situation, so consult with a financial professional for more details about this strategy.

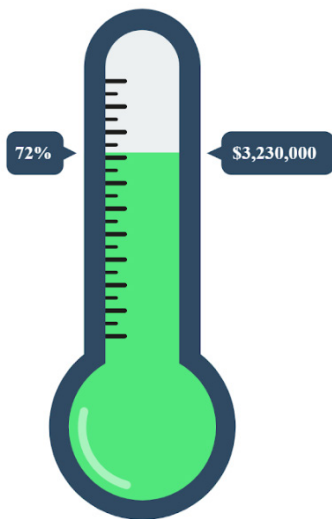
– Immaculate Conception Planned Giving Council

Parish Events & News...

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN PHASE 3 UPDATE

We would like to offer a big **THANK YOU** for the generosity of over 300 parish families that have already responded and helped us reach 72% of the \$4,500,000 goal. We need everyone's help to hit the 100% mark. If you have not turned in your pledge card, please consider doing so today. The pledge card provides many ways to show your support.

GOAL: \$4,500,000



BULLETIN DEADLINE

All submissions for the bulletin will need to be in to the Parish Office two Thursdays before you need it in the bulletin. Submissions will need to be sent to iccmil@iccmil.org. If you have any questions, please call the Parish Office at 618-281-5105.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

After serving as the Head of Funeral Lunches for many years, Judy Kinane wants to retire from her position. Since this is a service of the Council of Catholic Women, she asked that we find her replacement. Please prayerfully consider taking the lead on this wonderful service to our parish family. Judy would be happy to explain what is involved and what she and her crew are responsible for to put on a funeral lunch. Please call or text Lori Doerr at 618-210-5881 if you would like to know more.

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!

December 14, January 11

D.C. PRETZEL AND DONUT SALES...

The next Pretzel & Donut weekend will be November 23 & 24. All proceeds go to the 8th graders' trip to Washington, D.C.

Ministry News & Happenings

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.

THE 2024 CATHOLIC SERVICE AND MINISTRY APPEAL

Serve the Lord with gladness – Psalm 100

The Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal Fund for Ministry provides funding to parishes, schools and organizations throughout our diocese for local projects. A total of 37 grants were awarded throughout our diocese in the past year. Help this popular program which funds local projects continue through your gift to this year's Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal.

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.

Theology on Tap's Upcoming Events

- **Monday, November 18** – Trivia Night at 7:00 p.m. at Sunset Overlook
- **Tuesday, December 3** – An Introduction to Adoration at 7:00 p.m. at ICC Gathering Space
- **Monday, December 16** – Theology on Tap Christmas Party at 7:00 p.m. at ICC Garden Level

ICY ODD SUNDAYS

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



St. Raymond's Corner

Thank you so much to everyone who helped make Padre Abdias and Alicia's visit here at Immaculate Conception so wonderful. We couldn't have done it without all of you. Padre Abdias said the people were amazing, the food was unforgettable, the memories will last forever and the trip was a dream come true. A special thank-you to Karen, John and Carol Waide for offering up their homes for the duration of the trip.

Padre's trip here marked the end of an era in the Sister Parish Program. Karen Waide has decided to step back after all her amazing years of dedication to the program. Padre's visit was an incredible way to top it off. The visit would not have been possible without her work starting in 2019 to help keep the visa application from stalling out. She navigated many hurdles and pulled off an amazing visit. If you see her - please be sure to thank her for all her time and hard work with the sister parish program over the years.

My name is Catie Evans and I will be taking over the Sister Parish program. I have visited our sister parish twice - in 2018 and 2024, am the Spanish teacher at ICS, have two daughters enrolled at ICS and am currently going back to school to get my Master's of Arts Teaching Spanish. I am looking forward to helping lead the Sister Parish Program into its next phase. However, I need help - if you are interested in joining the sister parish committee or have questions about St. Raymond's please do not hesitate to reach out. My email address is cevens@icsmail.org. Thank you and I look forward to hearing from you!



Pope Francis Says...

Holy Spirit, by your light you guide this world toward the Father's love and accompany creation as it groans in travail. You also dwell in our hearts and you inspire us to do what is good. Praise be to you! (*Laudato Si* 246)

What can I do? One million seabirds and 100,000 marine mammals are killed every year from plastic in the oceans. We can use refillable water bottles, bring our own "doggie bags" for left-overs when we eat out, and reusable shopping bags to the grocery store.

ICCCW NEWS:

UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES:

Thursday, November 14, 2024 is our annual Bunko Night of Fun!

Check-in begins at 6:00 p.m. Bunko starts at 7:00 p.m. Cost is \$20.00

Includes wine, water, lemonade & coffee and a wonderful snack buffet.

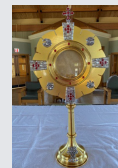
You do not need to know how to play to come join us. All you need to know is how to roll dice! There are also cash prizes for different Bunko categories.

We will also be drawing our fall raffle winners on this evening.

Thursday, December 5, 2024 – IC Council of Catholic Women Christmas Extravaganza.

SANCTITY OF LIFE

The ICC Sanctity of Life Group will be selling Christmas cards this weekend after all Masses, to earn money for items that raise awareness for and promote the Sanctity of Life as well as to support our local crisis pregnancy care centers. The cards come in packages of 10 and are \$10.00 per package. Cash preferred or a check written to Immaculate Conception Church. Christmas Cards will also be available for purchase in the Parish Office while supplies last. Thank you for your support!



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.

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!



SAVE THE DATES!

Upcoming ICC ACTS Retreats

MEN'S RETREAT JAN 23 - 26, 2025

WOMEN'S RETREAT APRIL 24 - 27, 2025

MEN'S RETREAT OCTOBER 16 - 19, 2025

ACTS

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.

BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY

All members of a family, no matter what age, who have lost a loved one, suffer from grief. From toddlers to adults, a death in the family creates a void where it was once filled. A wide range of emotions occur, and these emotions come and go over time. The grieving process can take years. Learn more about grief, its stages and effects in this section in upcoming Sunday bulletins.

Contact Kathy Fern, 618-719-1632, if you have any questions about our activities or the Bereavement Ministry.

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 & 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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MISSION • COMMUNITY • SERVICE

Upcoming Parents and Friends Meetings: November 11, December 9



ICS PARENTS & FRIENDS PRESENTS:

DERBY & DINNER

HORSES, HATS & HIGH BIDS



ICS DINNER AUCTION

SATURDAY, FEB 22, 2025
6:00 IN THE EVENING

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
409 PALMER ROAD, COLUMBIA, IL

EARLY BIRD TICKETS ON SALE NOW  



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION SCHOOL

Annual VENDOR FAIR

DECEMBER 7TH
9AM - 2PM
409 Palmer Road, Columbia IL 62236

GIFTS • CRAFTS • FOOD

FREE ADMISSION!

Shop over 80 vendors including hand-crafted items, home decor, food, cookies, treats, clothing, accessories, toys, books, and so much more!

Stop by our cookie booth to buy your favorite cookies by the pound!

What's Happening at Gibault?



Gibault Women's Club

RUMMAGE SALE

Saturday, November 9, 2024

8 a.m. - 2 p.m.

(1/2 price and bag sale after noon)

Donation drop-off at the front entrance:

Monday, November 4: 3 p.m. - 6 p.m.

Tuesday, November 5: 8 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Wednesday, November 6: 8 a.m. - 8 p.m.

Thursday, November 7: 8 a.m. - 8 p.m.

Early drop-offs by appointment only
(call 618-719-9419 to schedule)

- We will be accepting clean donations of any kind. (Large furniture, exercise equipment, TVs, and computers will be accepted at our discretion.)
- All items should be recently cleaned.
- Please try to have like items bagged together when dropping off donations in order to help our volunteers. (Ex: Men's small, Women's dresses XL, sheets (including sizes), knick-knacks, kitchen tools, baby boy (include sizes), etc.



SOFTBALL

Winter Warm Up

SAVE THE DATES

FOR 5-8 GRADERS

December 26, 27 & 28
1:00 PM - 3:30 PM
Fr. Hustedde Gymnasium @ GCHS

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...

DOES EVERYBODY GO TO HEAVEN?

A Reflection on “the life of the World to Come”
The Most Reverend Edward K. Braxton, Ph.D., S.T.D.
2:00 p.m. Sunday, November 17, 2024
The Cathedral of St. Peter
(In the Blessed Sacrament Chapel)
200 W. Harrison Street, Belleville

Bishop Braxton will explain the teachings of the Catholic Church about Heaven, Hell, Purgatory, and Limbo, as presented in The Catechism of the Catholic Church. He will also examine the prevailing secular, scientific world view that rejects the possibility of “life after death.” He will clarify the difference between “the immortality of the human soul” and “the resurrection of the body” and explain why the Catholic Funeral Mass is correctly called “The Liturgy of Christian Burial” and not “The Mass of the Resurrection.” The presentation will conclude with time for prayer in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament for family members and friends who have died.

ALL ARE WELCOME.

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

The Boy Scouts of America, and various local food pantries need your help - and so do thousands of hungry people in our communities.

Our local Scouts are participating in the annual Scouting for Food drive this fall. The 2024 food drive will take place on two consecutive Saturdays. On November 16th, Scouts will place plastic bags at doors throughout St. Louis City, St. Louis County, the surrounding counties, southeast Missouri, Southern Illinois, and Central Illinois. The following Saturday, November 23rd, Scouts will return to pick up the filled bags. Food donated in a particular area will be distributed through relief pantries in that area.

Please be sure to look for your Scouting for Food bag on November 16th and fill it with any nonperishable food item you can donate. Leave the filled bag on your doorstep Saturday, November 23rd by 10:00 a.m. for the Scouts to pick up. Your donations are greatly appreciated.

This year, the Scouts hope to match or better the success of last year's food drive.

St. Agatha BASKET BINGO



Sunday November 17th 2024
St. Agatha Parish Center
S. MARKET ST., NEW ATHENS, IL
Doors Open 12:00
Play Starts at 1:00
AGES 18 AND UP

Chicken Salad Sandwiches,
BBQ Sandwiches, Desserts,
Coffee and Tea will be served
25 Games/25 Baskets
Baskets valued at \$50

Bring a can of food and receive one
FREE BINGO CARD!
only one free bingo card per person

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

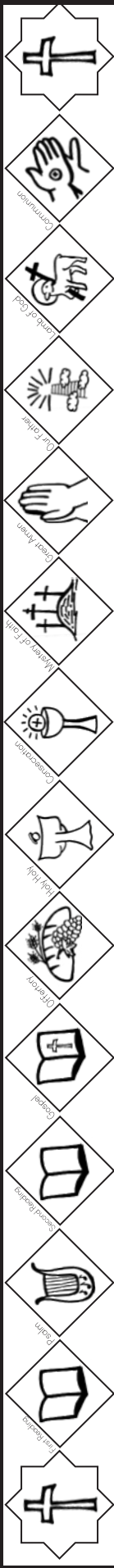


To donate:

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>

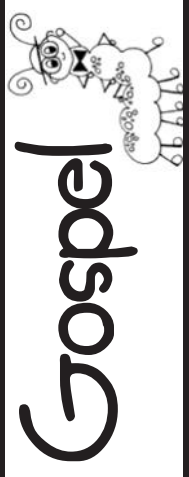
CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS APPEAL

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.



Do you have some money in your piggy bank that you could give to the church?

This story is about a woman who gave 2 coins to the church. Other people were giving more money but Jesus said that this woman was special. She only gave 2 coins but that was all the money she had! She gave everything she had to help other people.



Gospel



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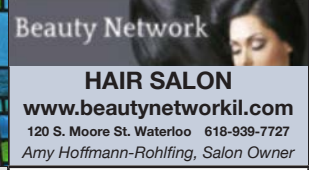
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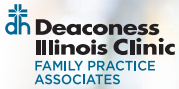


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