



# 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 17, 2024

Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

[www.icc-columbia-il.us](http://www.icc-columbia-il.us)



For in him our hearts rejoice; in his holy name we trust.  
May your mercy, LORD, be upon us; as we put our hope in you.

Psalm 33:21,22

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.

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## 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 18	8:05 a.m.	We Remember Holy Souls in Purgatory
Tuesday, November 19	8:05 a.m.	We Remember Mary Jane Frey
Wednesday, November 20	8:05 a.m.	We Remember Harold Netemeyer
Thursday, November 21	8:05 a.m.	We Remember Norm Schmidt
Friday, November 22	8:05 a.m.	We Remember Margie Pautler
Saturday, November 23	5:00 p.m.	We Remember Carl & Bernice Riebeling
Sunday, November 24	7:00 a.m.	We Remember Laura Straub
	9:00 a.m.	We Remember Edward & Mary Smugala
	11:00 a.m.	We Remember Cletus & Pat Whelan

### *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	Molly Blevins
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 17, 2024:*

**First Reading:** Daniel 12:1-3

**Second Reading:** Hebrews 10:11-14, 18

**Gospel:** Mark 13:24-32



## Stewardship...

Thank you for sharing your blessings with us!

November 10, 2024

Actual	\$	13,658.90
Budget	\$	22,300.00
Actual YTD	\$	699,514.55
Budget YTD	\$	749,875.00
Over (under)	\$	(50,360.45)
Prior YTD	\$	723,125.94
Over (under)	\$	(23,611.39)
Guatemala	\$	763.00
Capital Improvements	\$	375.00
Cemetery Maintenance	\$	875.00
SVDP	\$	325.00
Gibault	\$	60.00
Votive	\$	71.00
World Mission Sunday	\$	20.00
Human Development	\$	85.00
Phase 3	\$	2,577.00



### From Our Young Stewards

Treasure: \$1.40

Time and Talent: Made my bed; helped make food for the homeless.

## 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...

## WELCOMING RECEPTION

Please join us in welcoming our newest members to Immaculate Conception Church on Sunday, December 8th after the 9:00 a.m. Mass in the garden level. Breakfast items will be served. Help us to help them feel a warm welcome.

## 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.



## ICY

**ICY  
COOKIE  
BAKING PARTY**

STEP 1 - BAKE COOKIES  
STEP 2 - DECORATE COOKIES  
STEP 3 - DELIVER TO HOMEBOUND

DEC. 1 | 12:30 PM | ICS CAFETERIA  
SERVICE HOURS AVAILABLE

## ICY - SAVE THE DATE

DECEMBER 2024

SUN  
01  
12-30PM

ICY  
COOKIE  
BAKING PARTY

SERVICE HOURS AVAILABLE  
MEET IN THE CHURCH GATHERING SPACE

SUN  
15  
11-00AM

ICY MASS  
GET INVOLVED



SUN  
15  
12-30PM

ICY  
REINDEER  
GAMES

MEET IN THE CHURCH GATHERING SPACE  
BRING A FRIEND!

## 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.

## 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](mailto:iccmil@iccmil.org). If you have any questions, please call the Parish Office at 618-281-5105.

## PARISH WORK DAYS!

December 14, January 11

## 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 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.

## 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

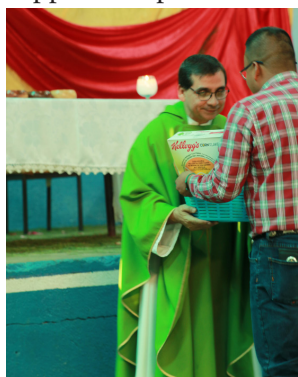
Every Sunday with an odd date is an Odd Sunday ICY Meeting. Check out the QR code for more details.



## St. Raymond's Corner

Meet Padre Walver! He is the new priest at St. Raymond parish. He was assigned in February to replace Padre Abdias. Those of us who went on the trip in July were blessed to meet him. Padre Walver recently celebrated his 19th anniversary of ordination on October 29th. While visiting, we experienced many sides to Padre Walver – we saw him dance with the kids, celebrate a wedding ceremony with a homebound elderly couple, say an energetic TEC Mass and be a gracious host. He also gave an unplanned sermon at a Mass that was supposed to be canceled, however when people showed up he said Mass anyway. Just like Padre Abdias, Padre Walver works tirelessly for the parishioners at St. Raymond's. In an average non-holiday week, he says 14 Masses.

Did you know that priests in Guatemala do not get paid? Everything they have is either donated by the parishioners or provided by their family. None of the funds we send down are used for the priest, either – everything goes to support the parishioners.



## CHILDREN'S CHOIR

# THE CHILDREN'S CHOIR BEGINS AGAIN!

- WE WOULD LIKE TO INVITE ALL CHILDREN GRADES 3-8 WHO ARE INTERESTED IN SINGING TO SIGN UP FOR CHOIR. WE WILL FIND ADDITIONAL ROOM IF NEEDED!
- WE REHEARSE MONDAY NIGHTS FROM 6-7PM IN CHURCH.
- OUR FIRST IMPORTANT MASS WILL BE CHRISTMAS EVE AT 4PM, AND WE WILL SING ONE SATURDAY 5PM MASS PER MONTH BEGINNING IN 2025.
- REHEARSALS BEGIN MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18.

CLICK HERE TO SIGN UP: [HTTPS://FORMS.GLE/GHXKWVZT-VAW3JPS9](https://forms.gle/GHXKWVZT-VAW3JPS9)

PLEASE CONTACT MRS. THERESA FLORES, THE DIRECTOR OF MUSIC AND LITURGY, WITH ANY QUESTIONS.

TFLORES@ICCMAIL.ORG



## Pope Francis Says...

Triune Lord, teach us to contemplate you in the beauty of the universe, for all things speak of you. Awaken our praise and thankfulness for every being that you have made. Give us the grace to feel profoundly joined to everything that is. (*Laudato Si* 246)

**What can I do?** Watch "The Story of Plastic" on YouTube.

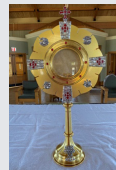
## Discipleship corner

None of us know when the last days will come. "For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief at night. When people are saying 'peace and security,' then sudden disaster comes upon them..." (1 Th 5:2-3). "But understand this: there will be terrifying times in the last days. People will be self-centered and lovers of money, proud, haughty, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, irreligious, callous, implacable, slanderous, licentious, brutal, hating what is good, traitors, reckless, conceited, lovers of pleasures rather than lovers of God as they make a pretense of religion, but deny its power. Reject them." (2 Tim 3:1-5)

## ICCCW NEWS:

### UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES:

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



## 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.

## SVDP

Thank you to all those who took the time to make casseroles. Those receiving these casseroles are very appreciative!!

– The St. Vincent de Paul Society

## THE 2024 CATHOLIC SERVICE AND MINISTRY APPEAL

*Serve the Lord with gladness – Psalm 100*

On behalf of the ministries and programs funded by The Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal and those they serve, we thank you for your prayers and continued generosity to the 2024 campaign. May you and your families feel the warmth of God's love and the comfort of His peace at Thanksgiving and always.

## 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!

## BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY

### Tips about Grieving over the Holidays

If you have lost a loved one, there is NO right way to grieve that loss. Grief is individualized. Take away the “shoulds” about how to behave. There are no “have to’s.” The only way to heal is your way and letting “it” happen. And, “it” will happen!

- 1) Grief will happen – acknowledge it and accept it.
- 2) Expect the unexpected – you will see triggers everywhere – and allow yourself to feel.
- 3) Speak up – seek support, say NO, let friends be there when needed.
- 4) Invent new traditions – family, friends, all are sharing the void.
- 5) Remember them, honor them, let them live on in the new; share stories, donate.
- 6) Set realistic expectations for the future – spiritually, emotionally, physically, mentally.
- 7) Take care of yourself! Stay nourished physically, mentally, spiritually and emotionally.

## COMFORT WITH A PRAYER SHAWL

If you, or someone you know, needs comfort and prayers, consider bringing them a Prayer Shawl, handmade by Immaculate Conception parishioners. Each crocheted or knitted shawl is unique, and prayers are said throughout the process of the creation. The goal is to provide comfort to the recipient, knowing that they are wrapped in the prayers of the parish. The Prayer Shawl can be delivered to you, or you may stop in the Parish Office during business hours and pick up what you need. Prayer Shawls are available for children as well. Call Helen Csik at 314-651-5033 or the Parish Office at 618-281-5105.

## QUILTERS' CORNER

Join our super fun quilters' group on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:00-11:30 a.m. All skill levels welcome and appreciated, even beginners! Contact Carlene at 281-5877.

## PRO-LIFE/PREGNANCY RESOURCES...

~ Free and confidential pregnancy testing, counseling, and practical support: Life Network of Southern Illinois (in Waterloo & Red Bud) – 618-939-4224, [mylifenet.org](http://mylifenet.org)

**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**



# IMMACULATE CONCEPTION SCHOOL

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Upcoming Parents and Friends Meetings: December 9, January 3

## 4th Grade Field Trip to the Arch



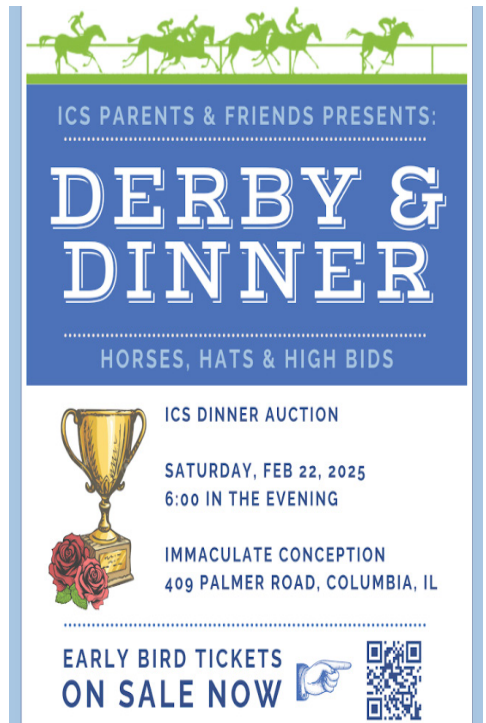

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION SCHOOL  
*Annual*  
**VENDOR FAIR**

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

**GIFTS • CRAFTS • FOOD**  
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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!



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  

## What's Happening at Gibault?



**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...

## 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.

## WHAT HAPPENS WITH ASSISTED SUICIDE?

A doctor prescribes lethal drugs that can be sent through the mail to a person wishing to end his or her life if diagnosed with a terminal illness. There is no requirement that a doctor or anyone be present with a person in case something would go wrong upon consumption of the drugs. The person may take hours to die. Assisted suicide is not dignified, it is deadly. Tell your state legislators: Vote NO on SB 3499 – assisted suicide. Visit [www.ilcatholic.org](http://www.ilcatholic.org) for additional information and resources.

## 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>

## 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.

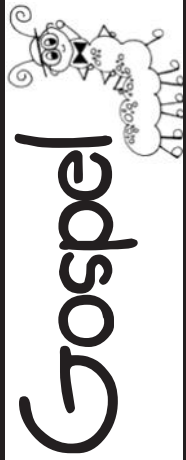
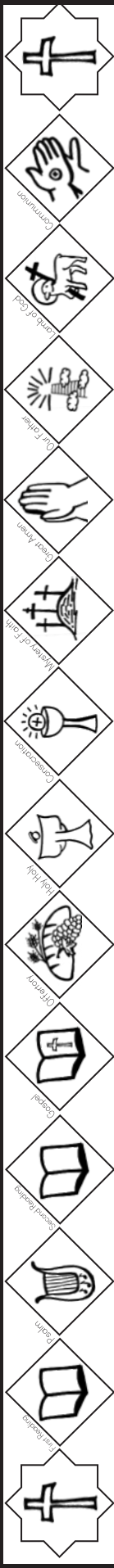
Singers will unite with hundreds of their peers as one combined choir to sing beautiful music from the Church's rich historical repertoire. More information will be available soon at [www.pcchoirs.org](http://www.pcchoirs.org).

“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”.

*USCCB Secretariado de Actividades Pro-Vida, “Oración a Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe”*



# Gospel

In today's Gospel, Jesus talks about coming back to earth. Listen to the words in the Gospel and add details to the picture.



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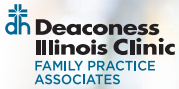


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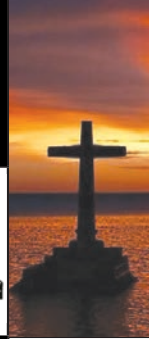
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