



Immaculate Conception

A Full Stewardship Parish ~ Partner Parish of Sacred Heart of Jesus, Dupou, IL
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December 8, 2024

Second Sunday of Advent

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Chance

THIS CARD MAY BE KEPT
UNTIL NEEDED, OR SOLD

GET OUT OF JAIL
FREE



GET OUT OF JAIL FREE

If you're anything like me, you are your own toughest critic. Life is tough and then some... and then some. However, we seem to be our worst enemy and put ourselves in "man made" jails/prisons.

Please consider coming to the upcoming Men's Acts Retreat (January 23-26) at Our Lady of the Snow's Shrine in Belleville. I remember my first Acts Retreat in 2015. "I'll go and I'm sure it will be OK, and if nothing else, it will get all those who keep asking me to go to leave me alone."

The Result: It changed my life in such positive ways!!! (I think this upcoming January Retreat will be my 9th or 10th Retreat. What does that tell you! ☺)

As I have matured in life, I've learned to never guarantee anything. However, I guarantee you will love it and say, "I really wish I did this sooner." These retreats are amazing!!!

You get your own room and the food and fellowship are second to none.

You will get out of jail. Sorry, not the "criminal justice" jail, but more importantly, the Jail of Fear, Anxiety, Doubt, Guilt and Shame that we all put ourselves in. You will truly be Free and this Retreat will help you dismiss all the junk we worry about and focus on what's truly important.

We all want to give our loved ones great Christmas presents this year. I promise you this Retreat will not only benefit you but all those who love you!

Merry Christmas! – Jason Donjon



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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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, December 9	8:05 a.m.	We Remember Joseph & Dorothy (Dottie) Iorio
	7:00 p.m.	We Remember Kenneth Mohr, Sr.
Tuesday, December 10	8:05 a.m.	We Remember Earl Niermann
Wednesday, December 11	8:05 a.m.	We Remember Carrie Collrad
Thursday, December 12	8:05 a.m.	We Remember Mary Ann Roediger
Friday, December 13	8:05 a.m.	We Remember Harold Stemler
Saturday, December 14	5:00 p.m.	We Remember Roland Schilling
Sunday, December 15	7:00 a.m.	We Remember Sylvester & Hildagerd Schneider
	9:00 a.m.	We Remember Helen Marquardt
	11:00 a.m.	We Remember Ed Janson



Please Pray For

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

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

December 8, 2024:

First Reading: Baruch 5:1-9

Second Reading: Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11

Gospel: Luke 3:1-6



Stewardship...

Thank you for sharing your blessings with us!

December 1, 2024

Actual	\$	80,718.88
Budget	\$	67,000.00
Actual YTD	\$	873,299.89
Budget YTD	\$	905,475.00
Over (under)	\$	(32,175.11)
Prior YTD	\$	830,022.56
Over (under)	\$	43,277.33

**The above totals include online giving through 11/30/24.*

Guatemala	\$	933.00
Capital Improvements	\$	827.00
Cemetery Maintenance	\$	130.00
SVDP	\$	1,751.00
Christmas Flowers	\$	825.00
Christmas Offering	\$	985.00
Gibault	\$	236.00
Votive	\$	170.00
Human Development	\$	410.00
Needy	\$	290.00
Retirement Fund for Religious	\$	425.00
Eugene Schorb Edu. Endowment	\$	53.00
Sr. Thea Bowman	\$	219.00
Mission Sunday	\$	15.00
Phase 3	\$	7,204.73
CEAC	\$	4,435.00



From Our Young Stewards

Treasure: \$10.00

Time and Talent: Shoveling snow off the driveway; helping my dad with woodworking; helped with the dishes.

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 toward 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...

We have **SCRIP** gift cards available for your holiday shopping – a percentage of all sales goes toward our Capital Campaign Fund! Here is a list of some of the cards you can purchase in the Church Office:

Amazon – \$10, \$25, \$50, \$100	Macy's – \$25, \$100
Applebees – \$25	Marshalls/T.J. Maxx – \$25
Arby's – \$10	McDonalds – \$10
Bath & Body Works – \$10, \$25	Old Navy/Gap – \$25
Best Buy – \$25, \$100	Outback – \$25
Bob Evans – \$10, \$25	Panera – \$10, \$25
Burger King – \$10	Papa Johns – \$10
Claire's – \$10	Red Lobster – \$25
Cracker Barrel – \$10, \$25	Red Robin – \$10, \$25
CVS – \$25	Reifschneiders – \$25
Dairy Queen – \$10	Shell – \$25, \$50, \$100
Denny's – \$10	Sonic – \$10, \$25
Dillard's – \$25, \$100	Starbucks – \$10, \$25
Dominos – \$10	Steak-N-Shake – \$10
Fridays – \$25	Subway – \$10, \$25
Hardees – \$10	Taco Bell – \$10, \$25
Home Depot – \$25, \$100	Target – \$10, \$25, \$50, \$100
JC Penney – \$25, \$100	Texas Roadhouse – \$25
JoAnn Fabrics – \$25	Visa Gift Card – \$25, \$50, \$100
Joe Boccardi's – \$25	Walgreens – \$25
Kohl's – \$25, \$100	Wal-Mart – \$10, \$25, \$100
Lowe's – \$25, \$100	Wendy's – \$10

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN ANNOUNCEMENT

As the year draws to a close, we invite you to join us in making a lasting impact through our capital campaign. Your generosity enables us to expand, improve, and enrich our parish's future. With your help, we can bring transformative changes that will benefit countless lives in the years to come. Whether you've supported us in the past or are considering your first gift, year-end donations provide a wonderful opportunity to make a difference. Every contribution brings us closer to reaching our goal, and no gift is too small.

Help us end the year on a high note! Together, we can build a brighter future. Thank you for your support and for considering a year-end donation.

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.

PARISH OFFICE HOLIDAY HOURS:

Christmas:

Monday, December 23:

8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

December 24th-December 27th:
Closed

New Year's:

December 31-January 2: Closed

ICY

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!

D.C. PRETZEL AND DONUT SALES...

The next Pretzel & Donut weekend will be December 14 & 15. All proceeds go to the 8th graders' trip to Washington, D.C.

PARISH WORK DAYS!

December 14, January 11

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 are needing/wanting something in the January 5 or 12 bulletin, I will need submissions by December 20. If you have any questions, please call the Parish Office at 618-281-5105.

DECEMBER 12 AT 8PM:

Advent By Candlelight

FOR WOMEN

Set aside the hustle of holiday preparation, and focus minds and hearts on Advent. We will explore the theme “*Feeding Our Souls*” with Karen Seaborn, MDiv., and share music, fellowship and dessert! Join us at Immaculate Conception (Columbia) Thursday, Dec. 12, from 8-9:30pm in the Garden Level. All women are welcome, and we encourage ladies to host a table of 8-10, and provide dessert and decor for your table. (Coffee, tea and water will be provided, BYOB is optional.)

To host a table or come as a guest, contact Beth Pembrey at beth.s.pembrey@gmail.com or 636-328-6556.

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!

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.

Theology on Tap's Upcoming Events

- Monday, December 16 – Theology on Tap Christmas Party at 7:00 p.m. at ICC Garden Level

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.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

THE CHILDREN'S CHOIR HAS BEGUN 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 HAVE STARTED, BUT IT IS NOT TOO LATE TO JOIN!

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

TFLORES@ICCMAIL.ORG

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 poor and the earth are crying out. O Lord, seize us with your power and light, to help us to protect all life, to prepare for a better future, for the coming of your Kingdom of justice, peace, love and beauty. Praise be to you! Amen. (*Laudato Si* 246)

What can I do? Watch “The Story of Stuff” on YouTube

St. Raymond's Corner

You may have noticed in last week's post that the largest budget item was facility improvements. St. Raymond's is currently expanding their "Garden Level" so they can host larger gatherings and also ample space for when two groups within the parish need to gather. Padre Walver told us the next project is a new roof. He recently sent me photos of why their roof is in need of repair. It's not just the roof but rather the entire ceiling structure of the building. They are extremely grateful for the assistance we provide which allows them to continue to minister and have adequate facilities in which to do so. In this season of giving, please consider if you can send a little extra to help our sister parish reach their goal of replacing the roof of their church.



SVDP

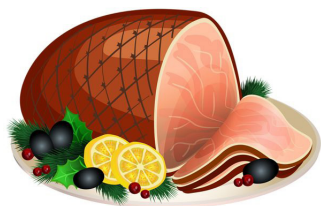
The SVDP FOOD DRIVE for this year is the following weekends; DECEMBER 7/8 AND 14/15. We would gladly appreciate any canned goods, including: chili, tuna, chicken, beef, etc., and any fruit and any vegetables. There will be a table set up in the Gathering Space to accommodate the goods. Thank you for your generosity.

Sincerely, the SVDP Team

NEWS FROM THE KNIGHTS

Too busy to order your Christmas ham? Let the Knights do it!

The Knights of Columbus will be selling Wenneman's hams after all weekend Masses on December 7th and 8th, and December 14th and 15th. You can pick them up at the chicken coop on the lower level (or have them delivered for a \$10.00 delivery fee) on Saturday, December 21st or on Sunday, December 22nd. Will accept cash, check, credit card, or Venmo at pickup. Questions? Email gk@kofc6165.org or call 314-494-8874.



ICCCW NEWS:

CCW will be visiting the retired Priests at the Hinke-Sense Home in Belleville on Tuesday, December 10, 2024. We will meet at 10:45 a.m. and carpool from the Garden level at church. We will join the Priests for Mass at 11:30 a.m. followed by lunch and some caroling. Please call or text Lori Doerr at 618-210-5881 so we can let them know how many will be attending. It is always an enjoyable visit that is greatly appreciated by the retired Priests.

Gabriel's Retreat Ministry Donation Needs

Mom Gift

Socks – Most needed
Candy – especially chocolate and most enjoy dark
Candles – most needed
Chapsticks/Lip gloss
Religious & Spiritual books
Small religious decor
Lap Blankets (not baby)
Small/travel-size hand sanitizer

Men's Gift (We launch our NEW Fathers' retreat – Michael's Retreat on February 25)

Small wooden crosses
Chapstick
Candy
St. Michael Chaplets
Bible

St. Michael Socks – <https://sockreligious.com/products/st-michael-the-archangel-adult-socks>

Baby Items

Diapers (size 1 & 3 most needed right now)
Huggies, Pampers, and/or sensitive skin diapers
Small baby toys
Small baby books
Baby wash or lotion

Gift Cards

Walmart
Schnucks
P'sghetti's
Cracker Barrel

Gas Gift Cards

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.

THE 2024 CATHOLIC SERVICE AND MINISTRY APPEAL

Serve the Lord with gladness – Psalm 100

Your contribution to The Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal enables the Office of Education to impact the lives of over 11,128 students at 25 Catholic grade schools, three Catholic high schools and in PSR (Parish School of Religion) classes throughout our Belleville Diocese. If you haven't already done so, we prayerfully ask you to consider making a gift to the 2024 Appeal today...no amount is too large or too small! Thank you.



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

SANCTITY OF LIFE

The Sanctity of Life Committee will be collecting new baby items for Life Network in Waterloo. Please pick up a tag from the Giving Tree in the Gathering Space and bring back your unwrapped item by Monday, January 6, 2025. Thanks for your support. Most needed items include: Aveeno Baby Lotion, Aveeno Baby Wash, Butt Paste, Diapers (especially Pampers or Huggies, sizes 4 and 6), Infant Nail Clippers, Laundry Detergent, Pull-ups (especially for girls, sizes 2T-3T and 4T-5T), Sensitive Wipes, Sippy Cups, Teethers, Toddler Meals/Snacks, Twin Blankets, Walmart Gift Cards, and Washcloths.

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.



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION SCHOOL

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MISSION • COMMUNITY • SERVICE

Upcoming Parents and Friends Meetings: December 16, January 13

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



GOLF BALL DROP



Proceeds benefit ICS 7th Grade Trip to Space Camp

FRIDAY JANUARY 17, 2025

Tickets -\$10 Donation

- Purchase tickets from any participating ICS 7th grade student or from the church office
 - Ticket sales end at 8:00 am on Jan. 17th
 - Golf Balls will be dropped at ICS near the main entrance at 9:00 am
 - All golf balls that land in the hole will split the prize money. If no golf balls land in the hole, the prize will be awarded to the closest to the pin.
- Need Not Be Present to Win

What's Happening at Gibault?

2024 GIBAULT BASEBALL

Winter Camp FOR 5-8 GRADERS

ALL current 5-8 grade baseball players are invited to the 2024 Baseball Winter Camp. This is a great opportunity to meet the coaches, current players, and take your game to the next level!

DECEMBER 26-28
9:00 AM - 11:30 AM
GIBAULT CATHOLIC FR. HUSTEDDE GYM

REGISTER HERE



USE THE QR CODE,
COPY THE LINK
OR TEXT "GIBAULTBASEBALL"
TO 41444

[HTTPS://IGFN.US/FORM/A6YSXG](https://igfn.us/form/A6YSXG)

Please complete registration form by December 7 to assure your child's T-shirt order!
(Late entries are still accepted)
With any questions, please contact Andy Skaer - askaer@gibalthawks.com

SOFTBALL

Winter Warm Up

FOR 5-8 GRADERS

December 26, 27 & 28

1:00 PM - 3:30 PM

Fr. Hustedde Gymnasium @ GCHS

Register Here!

Scan the QR code, use the link
or text "gibaultsoftball" to 41444 to
register

Please register by December 8, 2024
to ensure your athlete's T-shirt order

<https://igfn.us/form/SBiBWQ>
Text "gibaultsoftball" to 41444



Diocesan and Area Interests...



**30th Annual
COOKIE
WALK**

8AM - NOON

SATURDAY DECEMBER 14

SS. PETER & PAUL
CATHOLIC SCHOOL CAFETERIA
217 W 3RD ST - WATERLOO, IL

OPEN TO THE COMMUNITY!
WALK YOUR WAY THROUGH OUR LARGE ASSORTMENT
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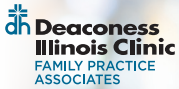
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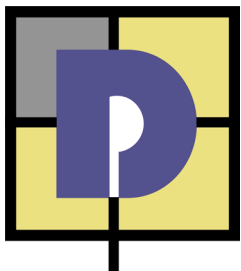
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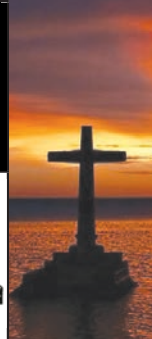
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