



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

March 2, 2025

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

www.icc-columbia-il.us

What will you *do* for Lent?

You may already be thinking “what am I going to give up?” as Ash Wednesday approaches. Once again, Immaculate Conception Parish offers events and opportunities you can *add* to help you make Lent a fertile “spring” for your faith life. The basic expectations and regulations of the Catholic Church during the Lenten Season are listed inside this bulletin. If you would like to take your experience deeper, try these!

Ash Wednesday Mass

March 5, at 8:05am & 7pm

Offer Your Prayers for Someone

Pick up a prayer card and pray for the intentions of Confirmandi, OCIA, seminarians, and our homebound. See details inside.

Stations of the Cross

Every Friday at 2pm (with ICS) and 7pm. If you or your ministry would like to lead the Stations, email lyoung@iccmil.org.

Knights of Columbus Blood Drive

Friday, March 7, Garden Level, 8am-1pm. (A beautiful sacrifice.)

Reconciliation

Embrace God’s love and mercy every Saturday from 3:30-4:30pm, and Tuesdays from 7-8pm.

Lenten Speaker Series

Three Thursdays in Church at 7pm

March 13: **Deacon John Gomez** presents “God Gives Us Life,” about our sacred covenant to cooperate in the work of creation.

March 20: **Rose Carlson**, program director at Share, discusses how to accompany parents, grandparents, and caregivers impacted by the loss of a baby.

March 27: **Fr. Carl E. Scherrer** talks about the architecture of our worship space in “Building Church while building a church.”

Knights of Columbus Fish Fries

The famous drive-thru Fish Fry serves from 3-7pm on Ash Wednesday and select Fridays! Check inside page for details.

Eucharistic Adoration & Holy Hour

Tuesdays, Eucharistic Adoration will be silent from 4-7pm. After 7pm, Holy Hour begins with meditation on the Sorrowful Mysteries, and will include an opportunity for Reconciliation. Benediction concludes at 8pm.

CRS Rice Bowls: 50 Years of Service

Take home a Rice Bowl from Catholic Relief Services and fill it with your sacrificial alms. This saving effort puts food in the mouths of our sisters and brothers in the most dire circumstances.

Scripture Study Prep for Sunday

Women’s Bible Study every Tuesday at 6:30pm, Library
Pathfinder’s Men’s Group every Saturday at 7:30am, KC Room

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

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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, March 3	8:05 a.m.	We Remember JoAnn Sander
Tuesday, March 4	8:05 a.m.	We Remember Betty Lang
Wednesday, March 5	8:05 a.m.	We Remember Mary Jane Frey
	7:00 p.m.	We Remember Mary Ann Roediger
Thursday, March 6	8:05 a.m.	We Remember Harold Netemeyer
Friday, March 7	8:05 a.m.	We Remember Anna Lawlor
Saturday, March 8	5:00 p.m.	We Remember Rita, Jesse, & Nicholetta Howell
Sunday, March 9	7:00 a.m.	We Remember Carl & Bernice Riebeling
	9:00 a.m.	We Remember Nancy Barcheck-Kish
	11:00 a.m.	We Remember Ralph Herrmann



Please Pray For

Adam Brandt	Curtis Sievers	Margie Kolaz	Jackie Lutman
Shane Martin	Craig Greer	Barbara Kendall	Donna Archambault-Kania
Jacob Nelson	Janet Michael	Patricia Gober	Bill Kutz
Bob Beckert	Patricia Pulcher	Jim Grau	Elsa Wiemerslage
Amanda Boitano	K. Myers	Dolores G.	
Trace Ahrens	Jane Menner	Nicole Pennington	
Molly Blevins	Maryanne Klosterman	Harold Lutman	

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; Dustin Crawford, US Army

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



Weekly Reflections

March 2, 2025

First Reading: Sirach 27:4-7

Second Reading: First Corinthians 15:54-58

Gospel: Luke 6:39-45



Our Sympathies...

To Fr. Carl and his family on the death of his aunt, Kathleen Bernice Lawler, 100, of Harrisburg, IL.



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.



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.

Stewardship...

Thank you for sharing your blessings with us!

February 23, 2025

Actual	\$	17,061.14
Budget	\$	22,400.00
Actual YTD	\$	1,475,623.99
Budget YTD	\$	1,469,250.00
Over (under)	\$	6,373.99
Prior YTD	\$	1,394,858.19
Over (under)	\$	80,765.80
Guatemala	\$	155.00
Votive	\$	163.00
Capital Improvements	\$	135.00
Gibault	\$	115.00
Phase 3	\$	2,026.00



From Our Young Stewards

Treasure: \$2.00

Time and Talent: I have been nice; Let my sister get the prize that I won.

THE IMPORTANCE OF NAMING BENEFICIARIES

What do I need to know?

Taking the time to choose your beneficiaries now can help your family avoid probate later. Please tell your family or friends if you have selected them as a beneficiary, because your beneficiaries must contact your investment firm themselves to receive their assets. Your assets can then be distributed to your beneficiaries without requiring a will or other legal documents. You will need to assign at least one beneficiary for each account; most of the time you can add, change, or delete your beneficiaries online. To get started, you will need to provide the following for each beneficiary:

- Beneficiary type (e.g., spouse, non-spouse, trust, entity)
- Full name
- Date of birth
- Social Security number (optional)

You can also name contingent beneficiaries. Contingent beneficiaries receive your assets if there is no living primary beneficiary. Note: Some retirement accounts or plans may require spousal consent (e.g., profit sharing, self-employed, 401(k), Keogh) before you can add or change the beneficiary.

What to expect

After you have updated your beneficiaries:

- If you've updated online, and no additional consent or paperwork is needed, your changes will be effective in just a few minutes.
- If spousal consent is required, your beneficiaries will typically be updated within three business days after the paperwork is received or email approval.

You can name your favorite charity (such as church or school) as beneficiary of your insurance, annuity, real estate or other financial investments. Contact your attorney or investment firm for more information or assistance. Caution: Changing a beneficiary is a change to your estate plan. You should review any planned change with your attorney prior to implementing it.

– Immaculate Conception Planned Giving Council

THE 2024 CATHOLIC SERVICE AND MINISTRY APPEAL

Serve the Lord with gladness – Psalm 100

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul truly serves the poorest of the poor through its Cosgrove's Soup Kitchen, SVDP Thrift Store, Help Center and Night Drop-in Center. Men, women and children are provided the basic necessities of life – food, clothing and shelter – and the hope and the tools they need for a better tomorrow. Help St. Vincent de Paul serve those who have no place else to turn. Please make your gift to The Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal today.

Parish Events & News...

STEWARDSHIP OF CHARITY 2025 RESULTS

Thanks to everyone who participated in discerning how best to distribute the funds our parish shares with deserving charities, and special thanks to the Pastoral Council representatives who administered this effort. This year, 22 households nominated 20 eligible charities, and more than 260 families participated in voting at the designated Masses. Here are the results of your goodwill and good stewardship:

Nominee	Charitable Funds Disbursed
The Backstoppers, Inc.	\$ 4,838.00
Biking for Babies	\$ 1,113.00
Christian Appalachian Project	\$ 1,500.00
de Greef Hospice House of Mercy	
Hospital South	\$ 3,677.00
Glenmary Home Missioners	\$ 822.00
House of Neighborly Service	\$ 3,145.00
Human Support Service	\$ 2,951.00
Illinois Center for Autism	\$ 3,193.00
Life Network of Southern IL	\$ 3,290.00
Lydia's House	\$ 2,951.00
Maddison Rodriguez Foundation	\$ 677.00
Oasis International	\$ 1,355.00
Our Brothers; Keepers of Southern Illinois	\$ 4,838.00
REC-Residents Encounter Christ	\$ 968.00
Reel Recovery	\$ 1,500.00
SHARE Pregnancy and Infant Loss	\$ 2,709.00
St. Anne Cradle of Hope	\$ 2,564.00
Sweet Babies	\$ 2,661.00
TREE House Therapeutic Horsemanship	\$ 1,161.00
World Central Kitchen	\$ 2,467.00
Total Donation for 2025	\$ 48,380.00

PARISH WORK DAYS! March 8, April 12

BLOOD DRIVE

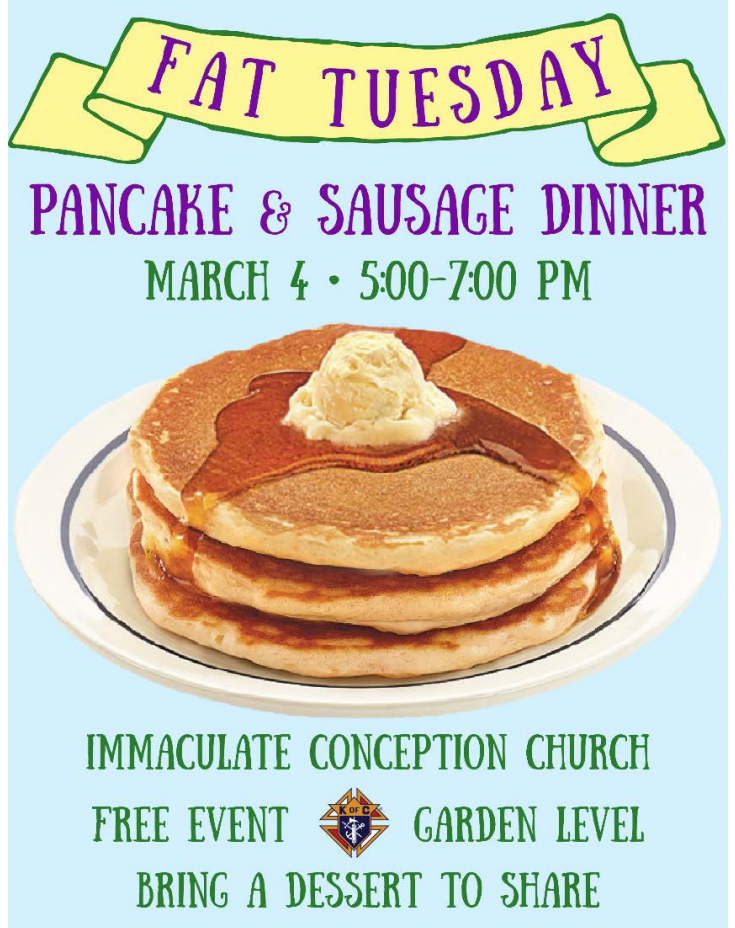
Next Blood Drive is Friday, March 7th in the Garden Level from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Visit <https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/donation-time?dt=WB:PL:DR:PM&zipSponsor=62236>.

FISH FRY FRIDAYS & ASH WEDNESDAY!!!


Serving from: 3:00-7:00 p.m.


March 5 – Ash Wednesday

Fridays – March 7, March 21, April 4, and April 18



FAT TUESDAY
PANCAKE & SAUSAGE DINNER
MARCH 4 • 5:00-7:00 PM



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH
FREE EVENT  **GARDEN LEVEL**
BRING A DESSERT TO SHARE

D.C. PRETZEL AND DONUT SALES...

The next Pretzel & Donut weekend will be March 15 and 16. All proceeds go to the 8th graders' trip to Washington, D.C.

Are you a Catholic man looking to discern God's call in your life? Are you considering a vocation to religious life or the priesthood? Interested in learning more about the Congregation of the Resurrection and its way of life? Join Fr. Eric and Resurrectionists from the U.S. and Canada for a COME-AND-SEE WEEKEND. Presentations, discussions, prayer and discernment aim to foster greater awareness of God's call in your life. Food and accommodations are included, and travel assistance is provided as needed.



Join Fr. Eric Wagner, C.R., at Resurrection House St. Louis
 4252 W. Pine Blvd., St. Louis, MO 63108

➔ RSVP to vocationoffice.usa.cr@gmail.com



A weekend of prayer and discernment for Catholic men ages 18-35

RESURRECTION VOCATION PROJECT

COME-AND-SEE

WEEKEND

March 14-16, 2025

RSVP by March 12

LENTEN PRAYER CARDS

The three traditional pillars of Lent are prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Through the three pillars of Lent, we journey to develop a closer relationship to God. To help you with the first of the three pillars, prayer, we are offering Lenten prayer cards.

As you leave Mass today, you will have the opportunity to accept a prayer card and spiritually “adopt” a parishioner for your journey through Lent. This person may be someone preparing for Confirmation, the Order of Christian Initiation for Adults, a Seminarian, or a homebound parishioner. There are plenty of cards for each to take one, the extra cards will be placed in the gathering space for those who did not get a card today.

The card has a space that says “I commit to.” This is where you record your personal commitment to your prayer recipient.

What types of prayer might you offer? You could...

- Offer daily prayer using the Glory Be, Our Father, Hail Mary, Memorare, or other favorite prayer
- Recite the Holy Rosary or Chaplet of Divine Mercy
- Attend extra Masses
- Participate in weekly Adoration, or
- Spend time daily to reflect on your adopted Parishioner’s journey and offer a spontaneous prayer requesting a special blessing for the challenges they may face.

Over the next few days, consider what you can do to spiritually help your adopted Parishioner on their journey. This is “spiritual” assistance, not material or physical. We ask only that you pray for them.

When you decide what you will do, write the commitment on the card and sign your name. Keep this card handy as a daily reminder of your commitment as you journey through a prayerful Lent.

Turn in the card during Holy Week using the collection basket, or the box in the Gathering Space. The cards will then be distributed to your adopted Parishioner as tangible evidence of your caring for them.

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!

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.

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.

- **March 9** – Family Gym Night at ICS, 4:00-6:00 p.m.
 - Open to all young adults (ages 18-35) with children
 - Come for fun games like Dodgeball, Spikeball, Cornhole and much more!
- **March 24** – Adoration & Board Games
 - Will attend Adoration at Immaculate Conception Church starting at 7:00 p.m., then head down to the Garden Level gathering space for board games and snacks



Pope Francis Prays...

“As believers, we also feel close to those who do not consider themselves part of any religious tradition, yet sincerely seek the truth, goodness, and beauty we believe have their highest expression and source in God.” (The Joy of the Gospel #237)

“**What can I do?**” Talk with someone you know who does not regularly attend any church. Invite that person to join you at Mass some Sunday.

ICY ODD SUNDAYS

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



ICCCW NEWS:

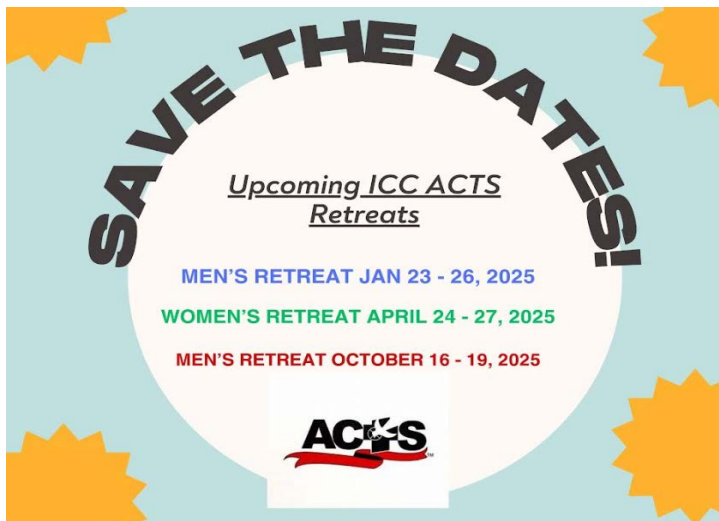
Thank you to all who have paid their 2025 dues. Just a reminder to those who have not, there was an envelope in your January church envelope packet. Dues are \$15.00 and can be dropped in the collection basket or sent to the Parish Office. Just mark them CCW. We are also preparing for our Spring Raffle and need donations of lottery tickets and/or money to purchase lottery tickets for our Lottery Board prize. Any donations can be marked CCW and put in the collection basket or sent to the Parish Office. Our next meeting will be Thursday, March 6, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. in the Garden Level. Please come join us!

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

NEWS FROM THE KNIGHTS

2025 K of C – 39th Annual/Catholic High School Scholarship Essay Contest will be held on Sunday, March 9 at 12:30 p.m. (after 11:00 a.m. Mass). The Contest will be held in the ICS/CEAC – Room 225 (Mr. Kassebaum classroom).



In accordance with Contest rules: **No late entry/or make-up dates.** The Contest prize is one \$2,400.00 scholarship – payable in (4) installments of \$600.00 directly to the Catholic high school of winner's choice. The Contest participant must be an ICC Parish Member, who will be an entering freshman of a Catholic high school for the 2025-2026 school year. The Contestant must currently be attending either the ICS Grade School OR the Columbia public school system.

If questions, please contact Kevin W. Hutchinson, KC Council 6165 at 314-974-7072.

Want to help a new generation embrace their Catholic faith and God's call for their lives? Join Fr. Eric for three sessions to explore and discuss vocations in the Catholic Tradition. Together we will consider the nature, gift and task of baptismal callings and how they can be discovered and embraced in family life. Experience faith education in relaxed household setting. A light meal will be provided.



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An opportunity for Catholic individuals, and families with pre-teens, teens, and young adults

RESURRECTION VOCATION PROJECT

CATHOLIC VOCATIONS: A (FAMILY) CATECHESIS SERIES

March 21, March 28, April 4
6:30-8:30pm

RSVP no later than noon, day prior

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 and 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 or 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.



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7th Grade Golf Ball Drop has been rescheduled.
Ticket sales continue.

Ticket \$10
50/50 raffle



Come watch!
9:00 am
on March 17th
at ICS

Proceeds benefit
ICS 7th Grade trip to Space
Camp



Upcoming Parents and Friends Meetings:
March 10, April 14

What's Happening at Gibault?

Freshman Registration will now be April 2-3. Course Recommendations will be sent in the mail soon, and a SignUpGenius will be emailed. If you have any questions, please call the school at 618-939-3883 or email Pam Kueker at pkueker@gibaulthawks.com.

Diocesan and Area Interests...

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.



Discernment 101

Saturday morning talks, prayer, and fellowship with the Daughters of St. Paul to explore God's will for your life!

For single Catholic women ages 16-33 | Spring 2025

FEB	MAR	APR	MAY
15	15	12	10
Where Do I Belong? <i>Finding My Place in the Christian Community</i>	Live in Continual Conversion <i>An Essential Attitude for Discernment</i>	Habits for Discernment <i>Cultivating Virtues & Practices</i>	The Art of Decision-Making <i>Choosing with Confidence & Trust</i>

8:30 AM - 1:00 PM

Mass | Talk & Discussion | Eucharistic Adoration | Lunch

To register, contact Sr. Amanda Marie:
stlouisvocations@paulinemedi.com or 617-413-1469

Pauline Books & Media
9804 Watson Road, St. Louis



SACRED HEART CHURCH

Trivia

MARCH 15, 2025

Doors open at 6:00pm
\$100 per table of 8 max
paid in advance

All checks payable to Sacred Heart Church PO Box 35, Dupu, IL 62239

1st Prize \$200
2nd Prize \$100
3rd Prize \$50

What:
silent auction
50/50
lottery board
cooler of booze
attendance prizes
Mulligans \$10

Bring your own
beverage and snacks
Auction Items may be
paid by cash/credit or
bank card

Where:
Sacred Heart Hall
124 South 3rd St
Dupu, IL 62239

Contact Sherri LaCroix 618-696-9451/Karen Pratt 618-541-8698

ILLINOIS PRO-LIFE MARCH



Join the Diocese of Belleville at the Illinois Pro-Life March in Springfield, Illinois, on Tuesday, March 25, 2025!

The day will include Mass with Bishop Michael McGovern as homilist, followed by the Rally and March around the Illinois State Capitol building.

Parishes, schools, & individuals are encouraged to attend!

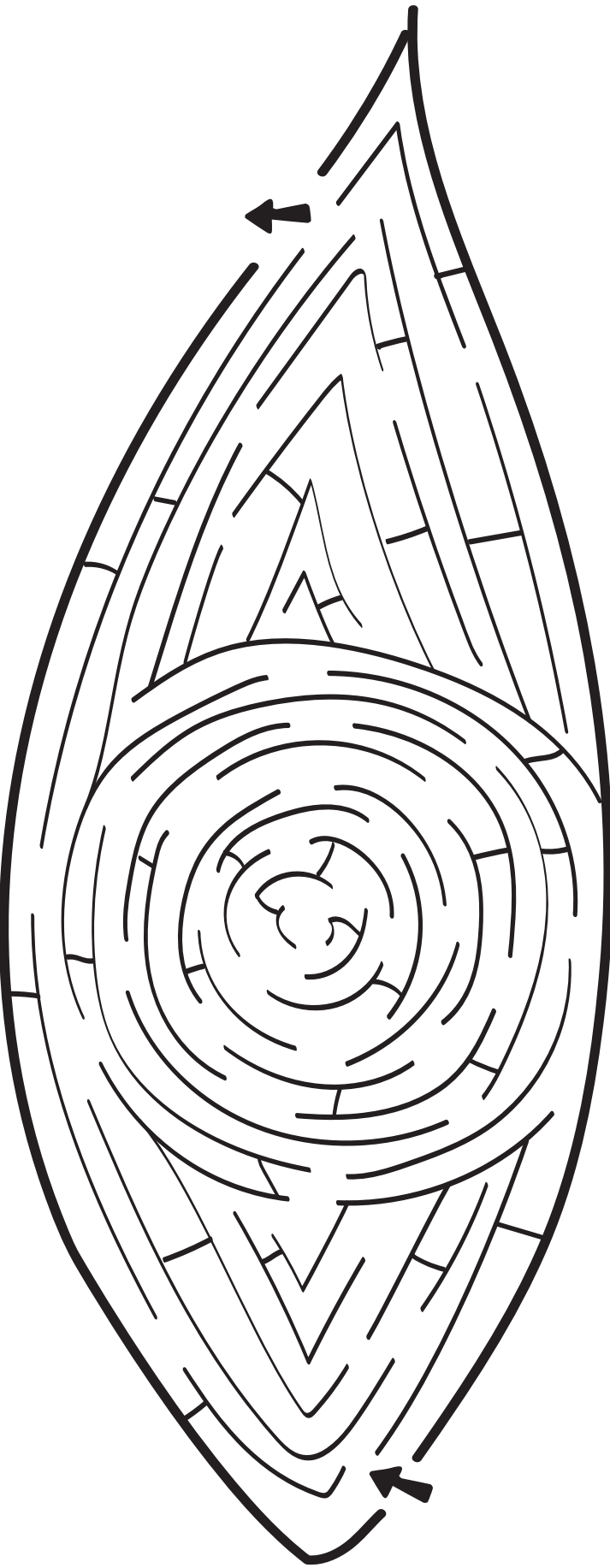
Registration coming soon!



FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT MKING@DIOBELLE.ORG



PARABLES



Gospel

Jesus told parables to His disciples. Parables are stories that teach a lesson.
 One story teaches that we should work on being our best before we correct other people. Listen for more lessons.



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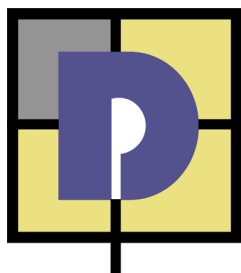


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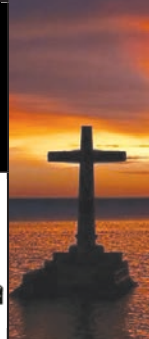
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