

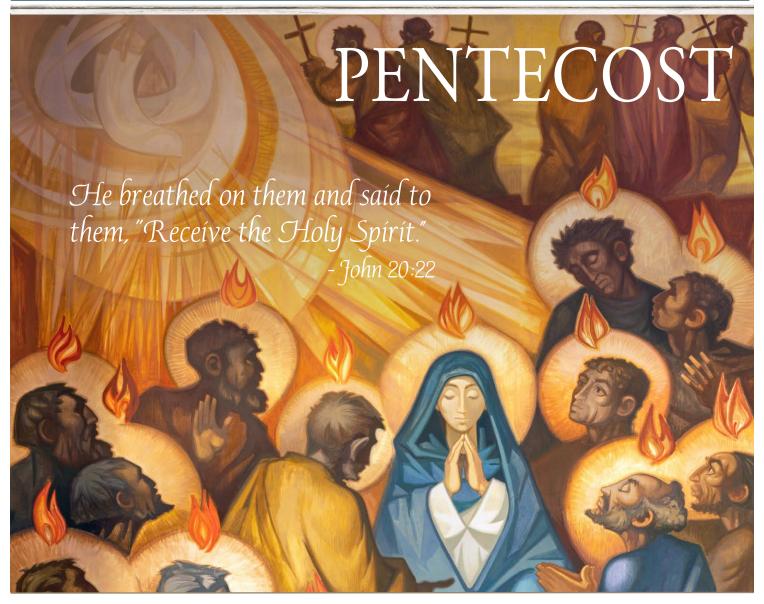
Immaculate Conception

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June 8, 2025

Pentecost Sunday

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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@iccmail.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, June 9 8:05 a.m. We Remember Judy Albrecht We Remember Fr. Gary Hogan C.R. Tuesday, June 10 8:05 a.m. 8:05 a.m. We Remember Eva Roeder Wednesday, June 11 Thursday, June 12 8:05 a.m. We Remember Ruth Herrmann Friday, June 13 We Remember Jane Stahlschmidt 8:05 a.m. Saturday, June 14 We Remember Raymond Krippel 5:00 p.m. Sunday, June 15 7:00 a.m. We Remember David Smith 9:00 a.m. We Remember William Doerr & Glenn Grayson 11:00 a.m. We Remember Michael Conrad



Please Pray For

Adam Brandt Craig Greer Shane Martin **Janet Michael** Jacob Nelson Patricia Pulcher Bob Beckert Jane Menner Amanda Boitano Maryanne Klosterman Trace Ahrens Barbara Kendall Molly Blevins Patricia Gober Curtis Sievers Jim Grau

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Taylor Cygan

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.



June 8, 2025

First Reading: Acts 2:1-11 Second Reading: First Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13

Gospel: John 20:19-23

Our Sympathies...

To Catherine Siener and her family on the death of her husband, Richard Siener, 61, of Columbia.

To Cara Pulcher and her family on the death of her husband, Michael (Wayne) Pulcher, 51, of Columbia.



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!

June 1, 2025		
Actual	\$	66,624.28
Budget	\$	23,000.00
Actual YTD	\$ 2,	088,814.92
Budget YTD	\$ 2,	004,800.00
Over (under)	\$	84,014.92
Prior YTD	\$ 2,	124,143.15
Over (under)	\$	(35,328.23)
Guatemala	\$	1,006.00
Sr Thea Bowman	\$	969.00
SVDP	\$	181.00
Votive	\$	192.00
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Retired Priests Fund	\$	50.00
Catholic Communication		
Campaign	\$	392.00
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Holy Father	\$	115.00
Capital Improvements	\$	626.00
Gibault	\$	271.00
Phase 3	\$	10,834.60
CEAC	\$	595.00
* The above totals include		
online giving through 5/31/25.		



From Our Young Stewards

Treasure: \$1.00
Time and Talent: I have been nice to my mom.

HEALTHCARE DIRECTIVES

During an emergency or at the end of life, you may face questions about your medical treatment and not be able to answer them. You may assume your loved ones know what you would want, but that's not always true. In one study, people guessed nearly one out of three end-of-life decisions for their loved one incorrectly. Research shows that you are more likely to get the care you want if you have conversations about your future medical treatment and put a plan in place. It may also help your loved ones grieve more easily and feel less burden, guilt, and depression.

What is advance care planning?

Advance care planning involves discussing and preparing for future decisions about your medical care if you become seriously ill or unable to communicate your wishes. Having meaningful conversations with your loved ones is the most important part of advance care planning. Many people also choose to put their preferences in writing by completing legal documents called advance directives.

What are advance directives?

Advance directives are legal documents that provide instructions for medical care and only go into effect if you cannot communicate your own wishes. The two most common advance directives for health care are the living will and the durable power of attorney for health care.

- Living will: A living will is a legal document that tells doctors
 how you want to be treated if you cannot make your own
 decisions about emergency treatment. In a living will, you
 can say which common medical treatments or care you would
 want, which ones you would want to avoid, and under which
 conditions each of your choices applies.
- Durable power of attorney for health care: A durable power of attorney for health care is a legal document that names your health care proxy, a person who can make health care decisions for you if you are unable to communicate these yourself. Your proxy, also known as a representative, surrogate, or agent, should be familiar with your values and wishes. A proxy can be chosen in addition to or instead of a living will. Having a health care proxy helps you plan for situations that cannot be foreseen, such as a serious car accident or stroke.

Think of your advance directives as living documents that you review at least once each year and update if a major life event occurs such as retirement, moving out of state, or a significant change in your health.

Who needs an advance care plan?

Advance care planning is not just for people who are very old or ill. At any age, a medical crisis could leave you unable to communicate your own health care decisions. Planning now for your future health care can help ensure you get the medical care you want and that someone you trust will be there to make decisions for you.

What happens if you do not have an advance directive?

If you do not have an advance directive and you are unable to make decisions on your own, the state laws where you live will determine who may make medical decisions on your behalf. This is typically your spouse, your parents if they are available, or your children if they are adults. If you are unmarried and have not named your partner as your proxy, it's possible they could be excluded from decision-making. If you have no family members, some states allow a close friend who is familiar with your values to help. Or they may assign a physician to represent your best interests. To find out the laws in your state, contact your state legal aid office or state bar association.

Will an advance directive guarantee your wishes are followed?

An advance directive is legally recognized but not legally binding. This means that your health care provider and proxy will do their best to respect your advance directives, but there may be circumstances in which they cannot follow your wishes exactly. For example, you may be in a complex medical situation where it is unclear what you would want. Talking with your loved ones ahead of time may help them better navigate unanticipated issues.

Contact your attorney to find out more about advance care planning and the various legal forms.

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Parish Events & News...

MEMORIAL DAY MASS AT OUR CEMETERY

Thanks to everyone who attended 9:00 a.m Mass on Monday, May 26, to honor those in our community who served our country. We are grateful to God for the break in the weather and the faith of our forefathers and -mothers. We thank our Mass ministers, Fr. Steve, Mike Kish, and Rita Wallace, and also Jayci Papenberg who shared these photos. Finally, and with special admiration, we thank Steve Krebel for organizing this annual tradition. God bless America and all those who serve others.





POSITIONS AVAILABLE

Position: Janitor and Maintenance

Job Type: Full-Time (approx. 40 hrs. weekly) **Benefits:** Diocese of Belleville – Benefits

Salary Range: \$30,000-\$40,000 + benefits (Final salary will be

determined by relevant skills and experience.)

To apply: Send cover letter and resume to kdell-hunt@iccmail.org or

by mail at 411 Palmer Road, Columbia, IL 62236.

Position: Principal opening

Position Overview: The Principal serves as the educational and spiritual leader of the school, responsible for its overall operation and management. This includes overseeing daily administration, staff supervision, and the implementation of policies and procedures. The Principal also provides stewardship of school resources through budget oversight and works collaboratively with parish and diocesan leadership. Two key aspects of this role are fostering a sense of community within our school and a vibrant Catholic identity by promoting spiritual development and integrating faith into the curriculum. The Principal leads curriculum development to ensure academic excellence in accordance with diocesan and state standards.

Expected start date: July 1, 2025

Starting Salary Range: \$72,000-\$92,000 (Final salary will be determined by relevant skills, education, and experience.)

Benefits: Diocese of Belleville - Benefits

To apply: Submit a cover letter, resume, transcripts, three current letters of recommendation, proof of Illinois Professional Educator's License with General Administrative Endorsement, to Beverly Epplin and Kara Dell-Hunt, Immaculate Conception Parish, 411 Palmer Road, Columbia, IL 62236 or email to bepplin@icsmail.org and kdell-hunt@iccmail.org. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled.

For more information or to apply, please contact Kara Dell Hunt or check out the ICC website. (https://icc-columbia-il.us/)

DO YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW STRUGGLE WITH **ALZHEIMER'S?**

Are you a caregiver for a loved one with Alzheimer's? We are seeking individuals who would be interested in attending a peer-led support group for those impacted by Alzheimer's disease. If you are interested in joining us, please contact Shea Christensen at schristensen@ icsmail.org or extension 352 in the Parish Office.

SAVE THE DATE:

June 22, 2025 - Fellowship Sunday after the 9:00 a.m. Mass in the garden level. Please join us for coffee and donuts.

PARISH WORK DAY! June 14

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 iccmail@ iccmail.org. If you have any questions, please call the Parish Office at 618-281-5105.

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE

Immaculate Conception's sign is up, and it looks great! The plans for the Rosary Walk are coming into focus. The athletic field and pavilion are moving toward a groundbreaking! Immaculate Conception's phase 3 and capital campaign are moving forward.

Please continue to pray for the success of this campaign. If you have not done so yet, please consider donating. We appreciate it very much.



D.C. PRETZEL AND DONUT SALES...

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

Ministry News & Happenings Pope Francis Said... THE 2025 CATHOLIC



"From the beginning of the world, but particularly through the incarnation, the mystery of Christ is at work in a hidden

manner in the natural world as a whole, without thereby impinging on its autonomy." (Laudato Si 99)

What can I do? Look for God's presence in a tree, in a quiet rain, in the stars.

THE 2025 CATHOLIC SERVICE AND MINISTRY APPEAL

Hope in the Lord - A donation to the Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal assists people throughout southern Illinois through the work of 17 diocesan ministries and programs. Your donation can be a one-time gift or a pledge and be made in cash, by check, credit card (MasterCard or VISA) or stocks and securities. If you haven't yet done so, please consider making your gift today! Thank you for your generosity.

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 everyone who purchased Spring tickets.

Here are the winners:

1. Lottery Board: Karen Waide

2. Quilt: Jan Lewis3. Afghan: Amy Mueth

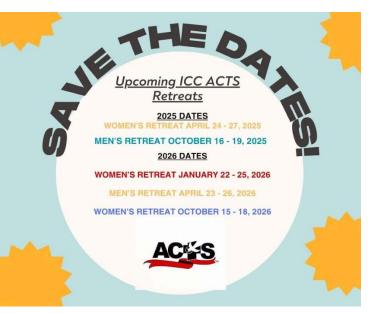
4. \$100.00 Walmart Card: Aria Pretto

Look for news about our Boxes of Joy project in July. Start stocking up on items now. Our goal is to fill 150 boxes.

Our next meeting will be August 7, 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

Upcoming Memorial Events held at ICC – All are welcome!

October 19, 3:00 p.m. – Walk to Remember (Babies lost to Miscarriage, Stillbirth, SIDS, Lost Adoptions, Abortion) November 2, 11:00 a.m. Mass – Annual Candle Lighting Remembrance for Parishioners.

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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What's Happening at Gibault?



We are looking forward to getting preparations underway for our incoming Class of 2029! Private tours can still be scheduled throughout the summer – reach out to me by email, calling the school or through our inquiry form on our website to schedule. The summer will focus on getting our incoming students acquainted with each other. Details will be out soon about a Bowling Night coming in June! If you know someone who might be interested in coming to Gibault, we would love to know who they are! For any questions, please feel free to reach out at pkueker@gibaulthawks.com.





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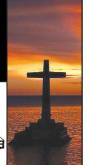
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