



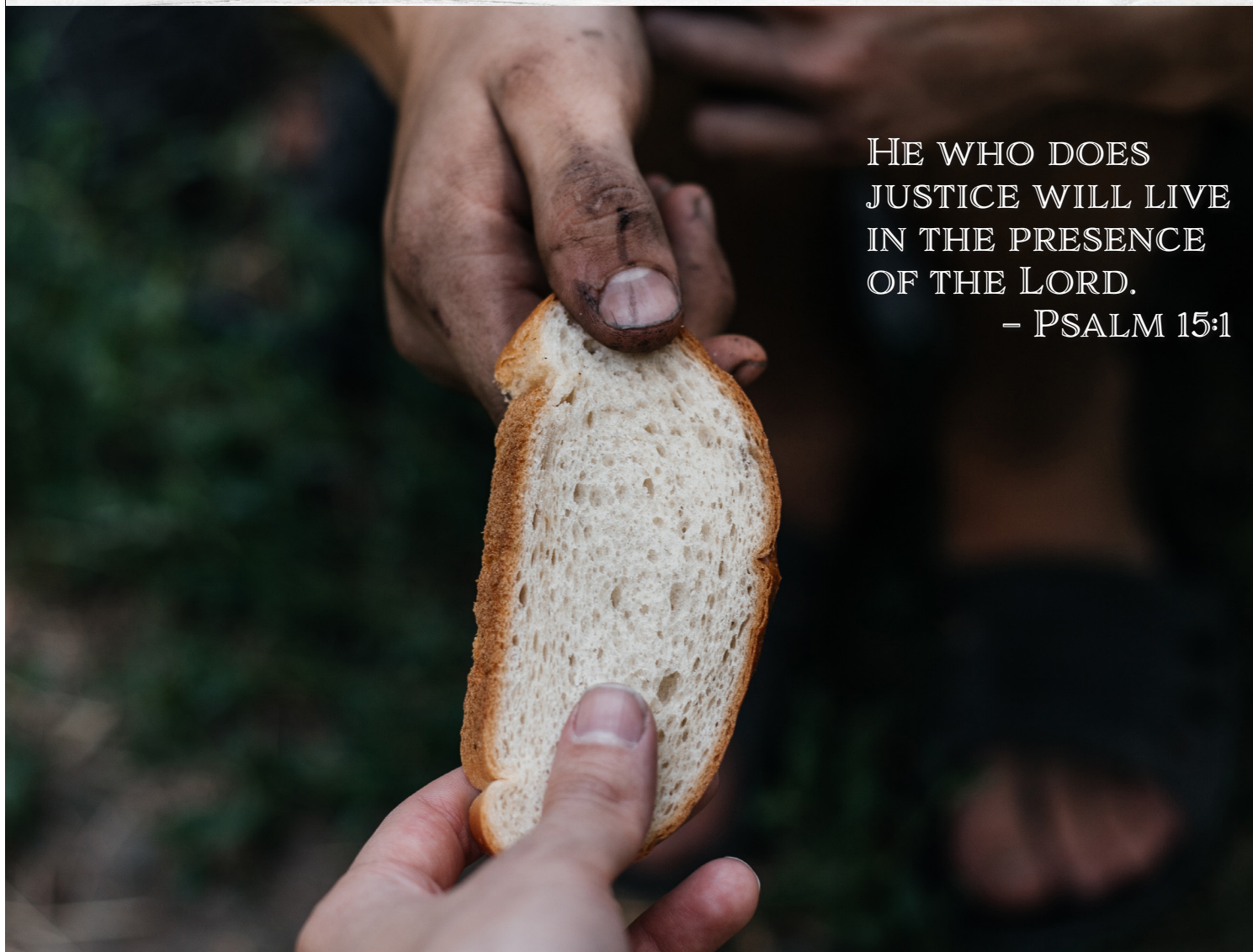
# Immaculate Conception

A Full Stewardship Parish ~ Partner Parish of Sacred Heart of Jesus, Dupo, IL  
411 Palmer Road, Columbia, IL 62236 | 618-281-5105 | Fax 281-6848

July 20, 2025

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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HE WHO DOES  
JUSTICE WILL LIVE  
IN THE PRESENCE  
OF THE LORD.  
– PSALM 15:1

ROOTED IN THE GOSPEL OF CHRIST AND IN THE TRADITION OF CATHOLICISM AND UNDER THE PATRONAGE  
OF MARY IMMACULATE, WE COMMIT OURSELVES TO BE A WELCOMING COMMUNITY OF FAITH,  
WORSHIPPING WITH GENERATIONS OF BELIEVERS AND SERVING GOD IN ALL PEOPLE.

## *Welcome New Parishioners*

If you are new to our parish and reside within the parish boundaries, and would like to be members, please call the Parish Office at 618-281-5105, and our secretary will be happy to help make that happen!

Hola, Bienvenidos – a la iglesia Catolica en Immaculata Concepcion. ¡Que tengas una bendita semana!

We livestream! To participate, please use this link:  
<https://www.youtube.com/c/ImmaculateConceptionCatholicChurchColumbiaIL>

## Parish Office Hours

Monday-Friday  
8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Phone: 618-281-5105

## Parish Staff

**Pastor, Fr. Steve Thoma, C.R.**  
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**Business Manager,**  
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**Tammy Hoeflinger**  
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**School Board President,**  
**Jessica Wachtel**  
boardpresident@iccmil.org

## 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, July 21	8:05 a.m.	We Remember Eva Roeder
Tuesday, July 22	8:05 a.m.	We Remember Al Lehr, Sr.
Wednesday, July 23	8:05 a.m.	We Remember JoAnn Sander
Thursday, July 24	8:05 a.m.	We Remember Raymond Krippel
Friday, July 25	8:05 a.m.	We Remember Jim Vogt
Saturday, July 26	5:00 p.m.	We Remember John Schmidt
Sunday, July 27	7:00 a.m.	We Remember Bernie Kutz & Betty Friedrich
	9:00 a.m.	We Remember Mary Smugala
	11:00 a.m.	We Remember Bernice Lawler



## *Please Pray For*

Adam Brandt	Craig Greer	Harold Lutman	The Matt Smith Family
Shane Martin	Janet Michael	Jackie Lutman	Mark Fiore
Jacob Nelson	Patricia Pulcher	Elsa Wiemerslage	Emily Koenigstein
Bob Beckert	Maryanne Klosterman	John Stonis	Robert Niebruegge
Amanda Boitano	Barbara Kendall	Pedro Acevedo	Doug Mercille
Trace Ahrens	Jim Grau	Taylor Cygan	Kirsten Halton Williams
Molly Blevins	Dolores G.	Helen Nowack	
Curtis Sievers	Nicole Pennington	Nate Meyer	

*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; US Army, Dustin Crawford

**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*

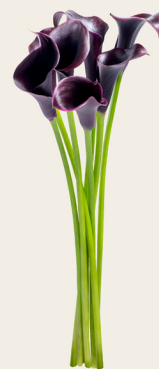
*July 20, 2025*

**First Reading:** Genesis 18:1-10a  
**Second Reading:** Colossians 1:24-28  
**Gospel:** Luke 10:38-42



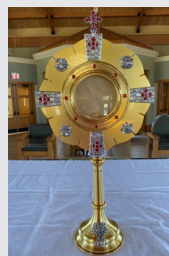
## *Our Sympathies...*

To Justin Wilkerson and his family on the death of his father  
 Larry Lee Wilkerson, 62, of Belleville.



## **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.*



## **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.

## Stewardship...

Thank you for sharing your blessings with us!

### End of Fiscal year:

Actual	261,626.39
Budget	150,300.00
Actual YTD	2,474,229.87
Budget YTD	2,246,200.00
Over (under)	228,029.87
Prior YTD	2,375,956.05
Over (under)	98,273.82

*\* The above totals include online giving through 6/30/2025.*

Guatemala	2,358.00
Catholic Communication Campaign	90.00
Newman Auxiliary	290.00
Sr. Thea Bowman	419.00
Holy Father	570.00
Seminarian Edu.	60.00
Capital Improvements	125.00
SVDP	51.00
Gibault	301.00
Phase 3	14,150.27
CEAC	630.00

### July 6, 2025

Actual	9,256.27
Budget	23,000.00
Actual YTD	9,256.27
Budget YTD	23,000.00
Over (under)	(13,743.73)
Prior YTD	12,807.33
Over (under)	(3,551.06)

Guatemala	205.00
Votive	139.00
Holy Father	178.00
Capital Improvements	250.00
Gibault	25.00
Phase 3	856.00
CEAC	250.00

### Loan Debt Status as of 6/30/2025

Diocese Loan	\$633,094
Endowment Loan	\$625,000
	\$1,258,094

## WHY DONATE APPRECIATED STOCK OR MUTUAL FUNDS TO CHARITY?

Giving stock or mutual funds instead of cash as a charitable donation can greatly benefit the donor as well as the recipient. You will find that many charities, churches, schools, and other nonprofit organizations will accept stock or mutual funds as a gift. **Tax Benefits of Donating Stock or Mutual Funds to Charity.** If the stock or mutual fund has increased in value from the time of purchase, the owner can avoid paying long-term capital gains tax by donating the security to a qualified charitable organization. When an appreciated security held for a minimum of one year is donated to a charitable organization, its fair market value may be itemized as an income tax deduction if the donor is eligible to itemize on their tax filing. The resulting tax savings could be factored in to allow for a larger donation. For publicly traded shares, the fair market value is the average of the high and low price on the transfer date.

### Considerations:

- Many nonprofits, such as hospitals, schools, and various other organizations, will accept stock or mutual funds as a gift or donation.
- Giving securities often results in a larger donation to the organization, as the gift is tax-deductible and there are no long-term capital gains taxes to pay.
- If your security has risen in value since purchase, donating it directly is preferable, but if it has lost value, it may be more advantageous to sell it first and then donate the proceeds, so you can take the tax loss.
- Most organizations will immediately liquidate the donation, converting the security to cash.
- Depending on the organization you donate to and your adjusted gross income, a varying amount of your donation may be able to be deducted on your taxes.

Consult your tax or financial advisor for more information.

– Immaculate Conception Planned Giving Council



# Parish Events & News...



Save the date!

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

**PARISH PICNIC**

MONDAY  
SEPTEMBER  
**1**  
2025

Bingo, Chicken Dinner,  
Booths, Stands & Games

11am-7pm

Bookstore - Homegrown & Homemade Market - Dessert Stand -  
Raffle Stand - Plant Stand - Food & Drink Stands -  
- Adult Games - Children & Youth Games

409 Palmer Road | All parking will be onsite.

More information on Facebook  
@ImmaculateConceptionParishPicnic  
Sign up to volunteer online 8/1 or in-person after  
all masses on Aug. 9/10 & Aug. 23/24.

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

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@icmail.org](mailto:schristensen@icmail.org) or extension 352 in the Parish Office.

## 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@icmail.org](mailto:kdell-hunt@icmail.org) or by mail at 411 Palmer Road, Columbia, IL 62236. For more information or to apply, please contact Kara Dell Hunt or check out the ICC website. (<https://icc-columbia-il.us/>).

## PARISH WORK DAY!

August 9th, 2025

## 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 and Donut weekend for the 8th graders will be August 16 & 17. All proceeds go to the 8th graders' trip to Washington D.C.



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

# Ministry News & Happenings

## Snippet from Mrs. Shea

### Mental Health Fast Fact:

People with depression have a 40% higher risk of developing cardiovascular and metabolic diseases than the general population. People with serious mental illness are nearly twice as likely to develop these conditions.

## WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Tuesdays, 6:30 p.m. in the library. All are welcome! Contact Lizanne for more info at 618-281-5105, ext. 354.

## 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:

Our summer hiatus is coming to an end. Our next meeting is August 7th at 6:30 p.m.

### "Christmas in July"

Want to show a child a wonderful Christmas? Join the ICCCW in support of Cross Catholic Outreach's 10th Anniversary BOX OF JOY program. What can you do to help? You can take a box (about the size of a box for a pair of shoes) and fill it, or bring items for us to use to fill boxes! We'll have ICCCW members in the gathering space after all Masses next weekend (July 26 & 27). We will have sample filled boxes, empty boxes to take and fill, lists of suggested items to pack and can answer any questions you have. Or, if you don't want to do the shopping, you can make a monetary donation. A member of the ICCCW will do the shopping and fill the box. It only takes approximately \$20.00-\$25.00 to fill a box. Donations of any amount will help. Some of the most wanted items are: Toys – deflated ball with pump, dolls, small plush animals, coloring books, crayons; Clothing – dresses, T-shirts; Other – cups or bottles with lids, toothbrushes, headbands, hair ribbons, necklaces, purses or wallets, sunglasses and drawstring bags. Start your Christmas giving a little early this year. Boxes are due by September 15th. Our goal is to fill 150 boxes; we filled 133 boxes last year. Please help us reach our goal!



## Pope Francis Said...

*"If we wish to lead a dignified and fulfilling life, we have to reach out to others and seek their good."* (The Joy of the Gospel #9)

**What can I do?** This week, do one good action for someone without having to be asked.

## THE 2025 CATHOLIC SERVICE AND MINISTRY APPEAL

Did you know YOUR GIFT to the 2025 Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal can be made online? Visit your Belleville Diocese's website at [www.diobelle.org](http://www.diobelle.org) and click on "Giving." It's that simple! Every donation – large or small – is needed to continue our diocesan ministry to those in need. We are counting on YOU. Please visit [www.diobelle.org](http://www.diobelle.org) today!

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS 4TH DEGREE

### 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Knights 12-Month Restaurant Raffle

Win a \$250 Restaurant Gift Certificate or choose \$200 Cash

Tickets - \$20 each. Only 400 tickets will be sold

Knights of Columbus Fr. Charles E. Hellrung Assembly 1529	12-MONTH RESTAURANT RAFFLE
<b>12-MONTH RESTAURANT RAFFLE</b>	<b>OCTOBER 2025</b> Tucker's Place 3939 Union Road., St. Louis, MO
<b>\$250 Total in Gift Cards or \$200 CASH</b>	<b>NOVEMBER 2025</b> Frederico's Restaurant/Vintage Wine Bar Waterloo, IL
<b>October 2025 thru September 2026</b>	<b>DECEMBER 2025</b> Cafe on the Abbey Columbia, IL
<b>All winning tickets are re-entered</b>	<b>JANUARY 2026</b> Hopskeller Brewing Waterloo, IL
<b>Suggested donation: \$20 for 12 drawings</b>	<b>FEBRUARY 2026</b> Reifschneider's Grill & Grape Columbia, IL
<b>Drawing 3rd Wednesday of the month</b>	<b>MARCH 2026</b> Bean Tree Cafe Waterloo, IL
<b>Only 400 tickets sold!</b>	<b>APRIL 2026</b> Bartolino's South 5914 S. Lindbergh Blvd., St. Louis, MO
<b>List of Restaurants on back.</b>	<b>MAY 2026</b> Graphite Columbia, IL
	<b>JUNE 2026</b> 1860 Public House Red Bud, IL
	<b>JULY 2026</b> Casa Romero Mexican Restaurant Waterloo, IL
	<b>AUGUST 2026</b> Joe Boccardi's Ristorante/Chateau La Vin Columbia, IL
	<b>SEPTEMBER 2026</b> Gallagher's Restaurant Waterloo, IL

Tickets will be sold after all Masses August 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>

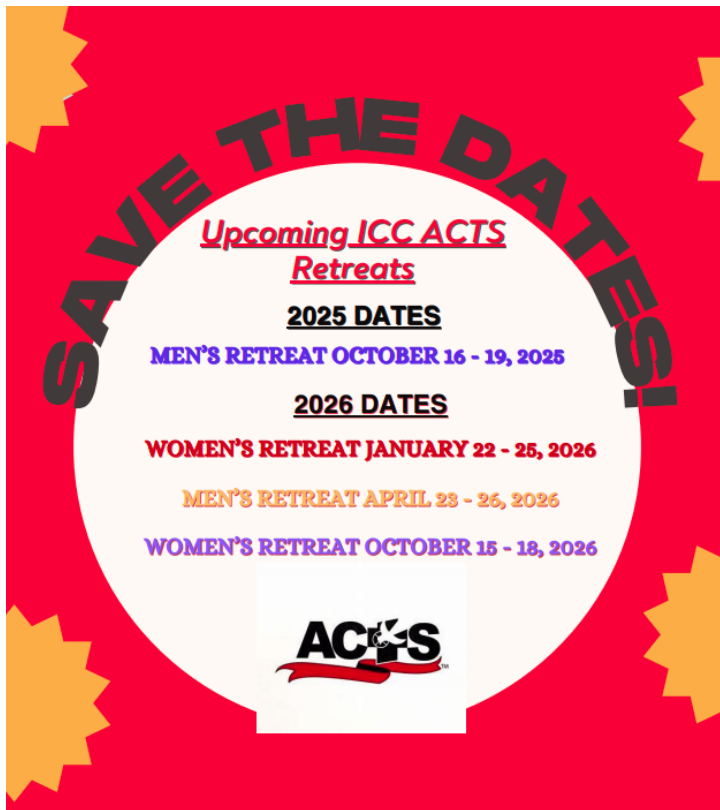
or Contact Steve Wilson at 314-497-0798

## 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!***



***SAVE THE DATES!***

**Upcoming ICC ACTS Retreats**

**2025 DATES**

**MEN'S RETREAT OCTOBER 16 - 19, 2025**

**2026 DATES**

**WOMEN'S RETREAT JANUARY 22 - 25, 2026**

**MEN'S RETREAT APRIL 23 - 26, 2026**

**WOMEN'S RETREAT OCTOBER 15 - 18, 2026**

**ACTS**

## 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.

## SANCTITY OF LIFE

The Sanctity of Life Committee is collecting items for St. Anne Cradle of Hope in Carbondale. This organization serves pregnant women and families with infants and toddlers. They always need diapers and wipes. At this time, they could also use new toddler clothing, including PJs and hooded towels. There are several ways to give. You may purchase your items and drop them off in the baby crib located in the Gathering Space. You may select items from their Amazon wish list: [https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/2JAMAUQS55TX1?ref\\_=wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/2JAMAUQS55TX1?ref_=wl_share).

If someone would like to make a cash or check donation, the check can be made out to St. Anne Cradle of Hope and mailed to 222 S. Third Street, Belleville, IL 62220, or dropped in the collection basket, or you may donate online at <https://www.diobelle.org/stanne-coh>.

The collection ends on Friday, August 1, 2025. Thank you for your support.

## 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.

## 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](http://mylifenet.org)
- ~ Birthright Counseling STL (3 locations in St. Louis) [birthrightstl.org](http://birthrightstl.org)
- ~ Free and confidential counseling for anyone hurt by Abortion; Project Rachel, 618-722-5068 or [hopeafterabortion.com](http://hopeafterabortion.com)
- ~ A caring place for women who are pregnant and experiencing homelessness; Fontebella Maternity Home, 618-406-4355.



# IMMACULATE CONCEPTION SCHOOL

409 Palmer Road ~ 281-5353

School Principal: School Principal: Mike Crean, ext. 202 ~ mcrean@icsmail.org

School Administrator: Beverly Epplin, ext. 200 ~ bepplin@icsmail.org

Administrative Assistant: Lori Deffenbaugh, ext. 201 ~ ldeffenbaugh@icsmail.org

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## CAFETERIA DISHWASHER

THURSDAY, AND EVERY OTHER FRIDAY, 11:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

Duties include: Wash dishes and run the dishwashing machine, maintain cleaning the dishwasher and dishwashing area, help serve the students, help with cleanup of the kitchen. Great work environment, free lunch. Please contact Connie Huebner at mrshuebner@icsmail.org or call the school office 618-281-5353 for more information.

## LATCHKEY STAFF

Immaculate Conception School is looking to hire after-school latchkey workers. The ideal candidate will have a passion to work with children from ages 5-13. The hours are 3:00-5:30 p.m. We are willing to work around high school activities. Interested candidates should contact Principal Mike Crean at mcrean@icsmail.org.

## *What's Happening at Gibault?*

<b>GIBAULT CATHOLIC SUMMER CAMPS</b>		<b>BOYS &amp; GIRLS VOLLEYBALL CAMP</b>
		<b>JULY 28 – 31 9:00 – 11:30AM INCOMING 5-8 GRADERS</b>
		

## *Diocesan and Area Interests...*

### ST. CHARLES BORROMEO PICNIC

July 26th – Dubois, IL

Polka Mass at 4:00 p.m.; Bingo begins 7:00 p.m.

Dinner 3:00-7:00 p.m.

### TRIVIA NIGHT FOR ST. JUDE CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL

Royale Orleans Banquet Center – 2801 Telegraph Road, St. Louis, MO 63125. August 9th: 7:00-10:00 p.m. – Doors open at 6:00 p.m. \$25.00/person – Tables of 8. Contact Jim for more information at 314-283-5102.

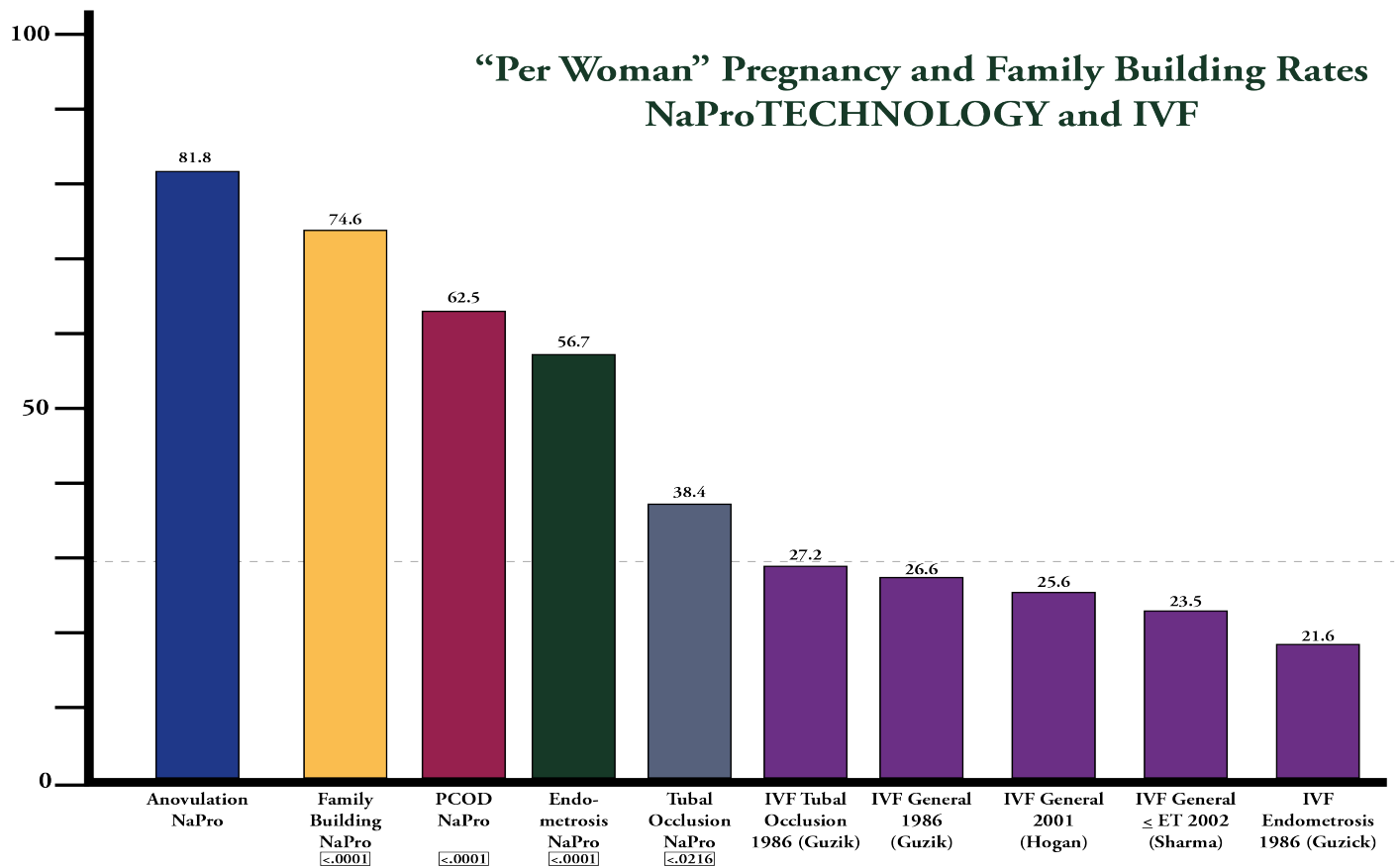
“Virgin of Guadalupe, Patroness of unborn children, we implore your intercession for every child at risk of abortion. ... Guide our public officials to defend each and every human life through just laws. Inspire us all to bring our faith into public life, to speak for those who have no voice. We ask 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”*

## RESPECT LIFE CORNER



July 20, 2025, 2025 NFP Week Series 2 of 3; *Infertility is not a diagnosis; it is a symptom of an underlying issue.* Have you ever heard of Naprotechnology? If you or someone you know is experiencing infertility, this is a safe, more effective solution to achieving pregnancy. Check out <https://naprotechnology.com/infertility/> to learn more and <https://www.diobelle.org/nfp/infertility> to receive guidance.

**CATHOLIC URBAN PROGRAMS**  
**5TH ANNUAL**  
**GOLF TOURNAMENT**

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2025**  
**12 PM REGISTRATION & LUNCH**  
**1 PM SHOTGUN START**

The Orchards Golf Club  
1499 Golf Course Dr,  
Belleville, IL 62220

**CAHOLIC**  
Urban Programs

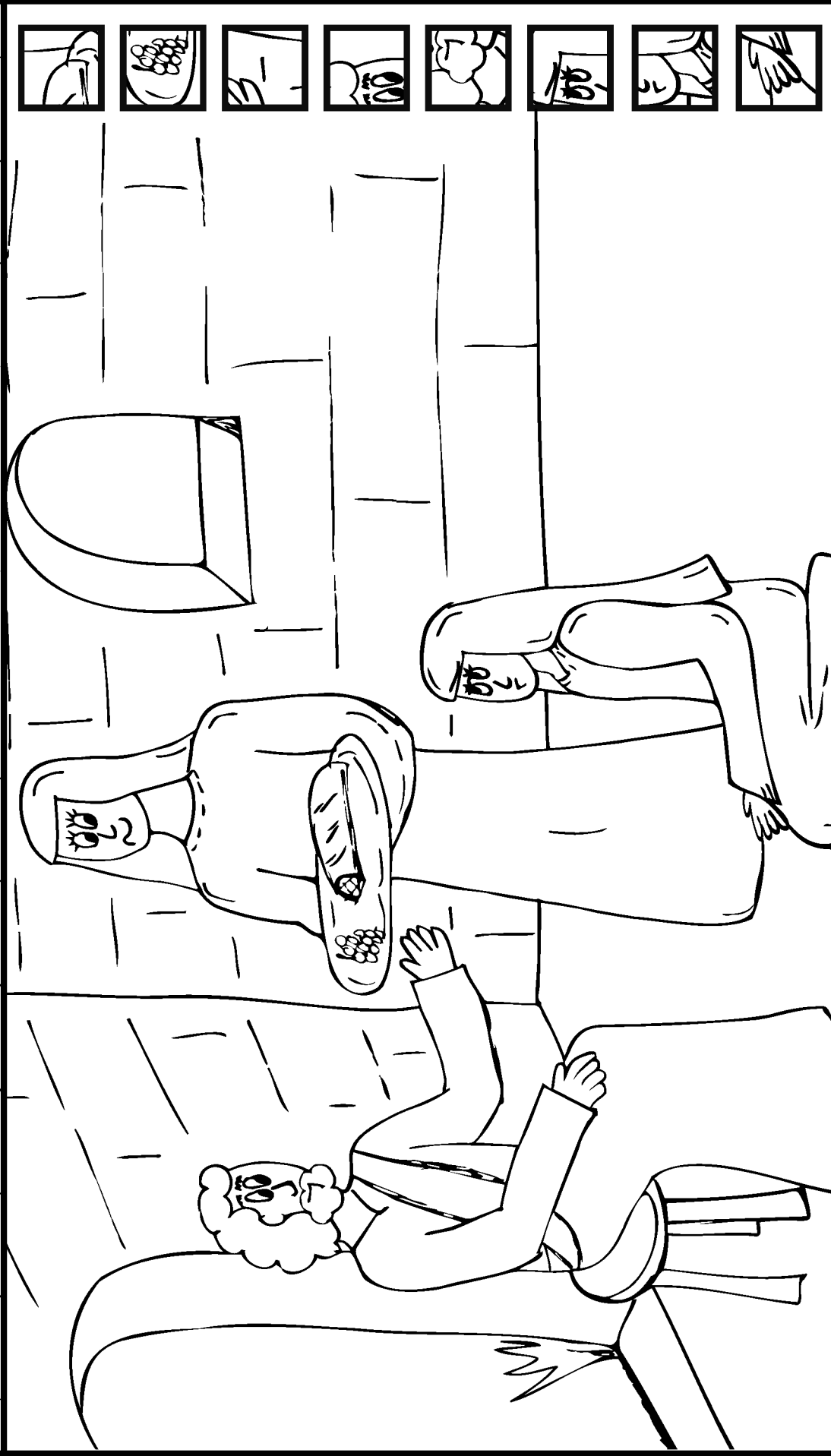
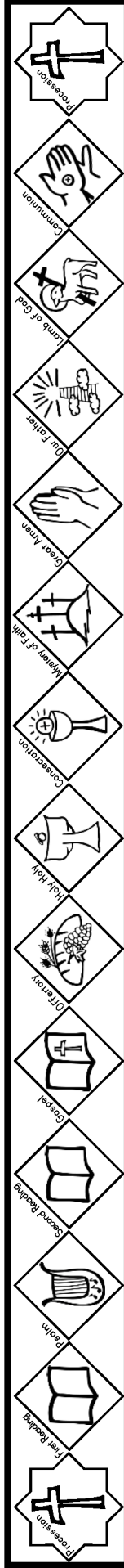
[www.catholicurbanprograms.org/events](http://www.catholicurbanprograms.org/events)

## DOCTORS OPPOSE ASSISTED SUICIDE

The American Medical Association (AMA), American Psychiatric Association, and dozens of other medical groups oppose assisted suicide. The AMA says “Physician-assisted suicide is fundamentally incompatible with the physician’s role as healer.” Physicians are entrusted with saving lives, not ending them, and assisted suicide violates the Hippocratic Oath. Tell your state legislators to Vote NO on SB 3499 – assisted suicide. Visit [www.ilcatholic.org](http://www.ilcatholic.org) for additional information and resources.

## CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS APPEAL

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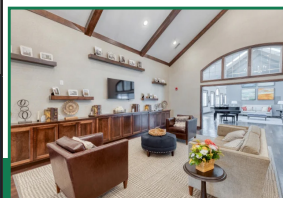
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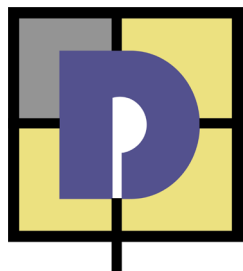
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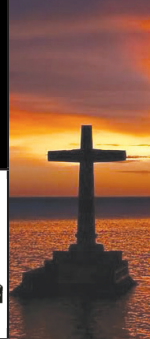
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