

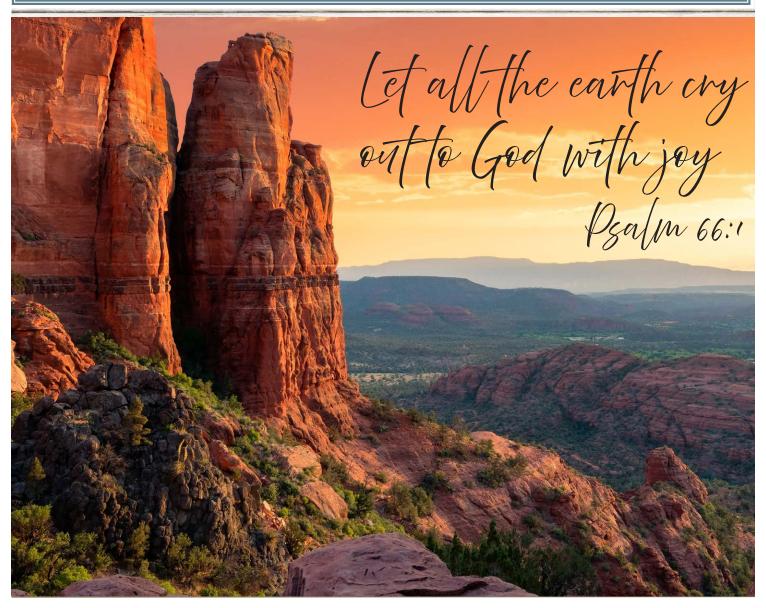
Immaculate Conception

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July 6, 2025

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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



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@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 July 7, 8:05 a.m. In honor of Rick Mehigh & Family Tuesday July 8, 8.05 p.m. We Remember Doris Ling Wednesday July 9, 8:05 a.m. We Remember Joe Matlock Thursday, July 10, 8:05 a.m. We Remember Judy Albrecht Friday, July 11, 8:05 a.m. We Remember Al Kish, Sr. Saturday, July 12, 5:00 p.m. We Remember Jim Vogt Sunday, July 13, 7:00 a.m. We Remember Phillip & Mary Frierdich 9:00 a.m. We Remember Margie Pautler 11:00 a.m. We Remember Babs Jackson



Please Pray For

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

Nicole Pennington Harold Lutman Jackie Lutman Elsa Wiemerslage John Stonis Pedro Acevedo Taylor Cygan Helen Nowack

Nate Meyer The Matt Smith Family Mark Fiore Emily Koenigstein Robert Niebruegge Doug Mercille

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

July 6, 2025

First Reading: Isaiah 66:10-14c Second Reading: Galatians 6:14-18 Gospel: Luke 10:1-12, 17-20



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 29, 2025

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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

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE

The Campus Enhancement Committee invites you to join us for a Groundbreaking Ceremony for Phase 3!

When: Sunday, July 13, at 12:15 p.m.

(immediately following the 11:00 a.m. Mass)

Where: The side lot next to the school building

accessible from the upper parking lot.

What: A prayer and blessing by Father Steve for our parish and all those who have worked tirelessly to bring us to the point of construction and for those who will continue to see the project through to completion, Ceremonial groundbreaking by Father Steve, the Parish Trustees, and Campus Enhancement Committee Leaders and Updates on the status of the project, questions and answers, and walking tours identifying the locations of the Rosary walk, pavilion and athletic fields.

Parish Events & News...



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.



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Sign up to volunteer online 8/1 or in-person after
all masses on Aug. 9/10 & Aug. 25/24.

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.

PARISH WORK DAY! July 12

D.C. PRETZEL AND DONUT SALES...

The next Pretzel and Donut weekend for the incoming 8th graders will be July 19 & 20.

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

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

BLOOD DRIVE:

July 18th from 8:00-12:00 in the garden level.



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

Suppet from Mrs. Shea

Mental Health Fast Fact – 1 in 6 U.S. youth aged 6-17 experience a mental health disorder each year.

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 Said...

"The Lord was able to invite others to be attentive to the beauty that there is in the world because He Himself was in constant touch with nature, lending it an attention full of fondness and wonder." (*Laudato Si #97*)

What can I do? Consider a passage in the Gospels where Jesus was in touch with nature. (Luke 12:27) Reflect on the "wonder" of nature evoked in this passage.

THE 2025 CATHOLIC SERVICE AND MINISTRY APPEAL

Hope in the Lord

As Christians we are called to serve the Lord...service not just done out of obligation but with a spirit of hope, joy and gladness. Today we ask for your support of this year's Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal. Sharing our resources together, we can truly serve the Lord throughout southern Illinois.

Please consider making your gift today!

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.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS 4TH DEGREE

4th 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



Tickets will be sold after all Masses August 2nd & 3rd

or Contact Steve Wilson at 314-497-0798

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.

ICCCW NEWS:

The Council of Catholic Women is going to participate in the Boxes of Joy program again this year.

We would like to start the process of asking for items in July. We will have a box in the gathering space to collect items and on July 26/27 Mary Wilson will be available to answer any questions.

See the list for suggested items.

The Knights will be paying the \$9.00 postage per box to fill 150 boxes. Last year, we filled 133 boxes. Please help us to reach our goal!

GIFT DEAS PERSONAL NOTES & PHOTOS Children who receive Box of Joy

Children who receive Box of Joy gifts love it when you enclose a personal note or a handmade Christmas card and share a photo of yourself or your family. (It is advisable for parents or teachers to review notes written by children.)

TOYS

Ball (deflated) with pump*

Balloons

Binoculars

Cars or trucks

Craft kit (beads, elastic, etc.)

Doll*

Finger puppets

Handheld toys

Harmonica, kazoo or other small instrument

lump rope

Lego building blocks

Mini board games

Mini puzzle

Small balls (tennis, etc.)

Small plush animals*

Slinky

Unopened fast-food toys

Yo-yo

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

Coloring book*

Crayons*

Erasers

Flash cards

Glue stick (no liquid)

Notepads

Pencil case

Pencil sharpener

Pencils, colored pencils

Pens, markers

Safety scissors

Small board books

Solar calculator

Stickers

CANDY & GUM

Unexpired candy that will not melt, sealed in a zip closure style bag

Bandanas

Dresses*

Flip-flops

Hats

Plastic poncho

Socks

Shorts

T-shirts*

Underwear

NECESSITIES/HOME

Bandages

Comb or brush

Cup or bottle with lid*

Hand wipes

Lip balm

Manicure kit

Nail clippers or emery board

Toothbrush*

ACCESSORIES

Barrettes

Bracelets Earrings

Hair bands or headbands*

Hair ribbons*

Necklace*

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Compass

Drawstring bag*

Sewing kit

Utensils

PLEASE DO NOT PACK

Liquids/gels (shampoo, body wash, lotion, toothpaste, nail polish, hand sanitizer, bubbles, paint, glue, soap, perfume, etc.) Food (anything with an expiration date) or beverages • Chocolate or JOLLY RANCHER® • Medicine or vitamins Anything with a battery • Knives, tools or toy weapons • Glass or breakable objects • Cash, checks or gift cards

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^{*}Highly desired items.

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.

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 For those who 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.

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 hopeafter abortion.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.

"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"



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Diocesan and area Interests...

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: 314-283-5102

MID-LIFE SINGLES

Are you looking for a renewed sense of purpose & belonging? Register today for a life-changing REFLECT weekend retreat at the Pallottine Renewal Center, Florissant, MO (30 minutes from downtown St. Louis), on August 15-17, 2025. Take a chance and get involved... you won't regret it! Cost is \$290.00 including meals. Visit www.ReflectRetreat.com, email reflect.stlouis@gmail.com, or call 630-222-8303 for details.

RESPECT LIFE CORNER

"O God our Creator... through the power and working of your Holy Spirit, you call us to live out our faith in the midst of the world, bringing the light and the saving truth of the Gospel to every corner of society." – United States Conference of Catholic Bishops "Prayer for Religious Liberty."

"Oh Señor, creador nuestro.... Por el poder y la obra del Espíritu Santo, nos llamas a vivir nuestra fe en el mundo llevando la luz y la palabra salvadora del Evangelio a todos los confines de la sociedad." – Conferencia de Obispos Católicos de Estados Unidos "Oración por la Libertad Religiosa."



Totus Tuus is a weeklong opportunity for students (grades 1-12) to deepen their faith and relationship with Christ through sacraments, prayer, and fun. Students in grades 1-6

will meet Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Students in grades 7-12 will meet Sunday through Thursday from 6:30-8:15 p.m. The cost is \$25.00 per student or \$65.00 for a family of three or more.

Registration: To register your family to attend, visit https://dio.org/totus-tuus-camper-registration/.

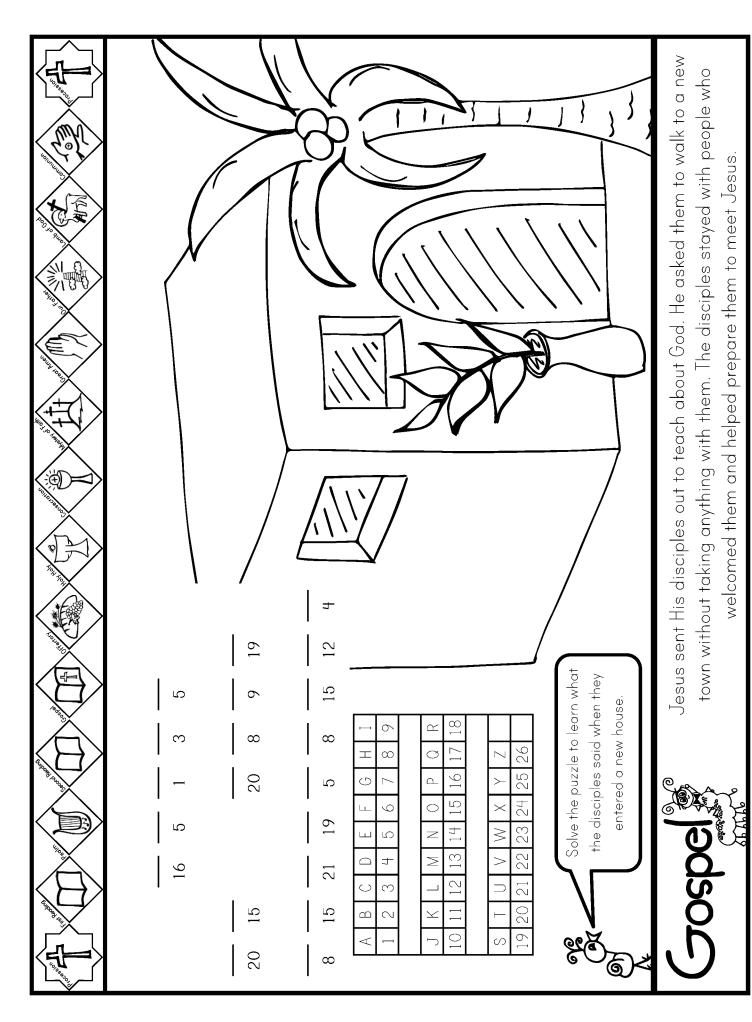
Volunteers: Youth (entering 7th Grade) and adult volunteers are needed throughout the week. To Volunteer to help with Totus Tuus, visit https://www.ssppcc.org/totus-tuus.

Daytime Volunteers, July 14-18, 8:45 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Volunteers will help as teacher assistants throughout the day. Adult Volunteers will help with check-in, snacks and lunch time or may help as teacher assistants as needed.

Evening Volunteers, July 13-17, 6:30-8:45 p.m. Daily Adult volunteers are needed to assist with daily evening activities.

**Volunteers 18 and over must be compliant with the Diocesan Child Protection Policy, including online trainings and background checks.

Students can receive hours for BOTH volunteering and attending Totus Tuus



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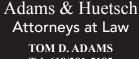
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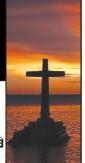


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