



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

September 14, 2025

The Exaltation of The Holy Cross

www.icc-columbia-il.us



Every once in a while, we need to consider:

- Where is my path in life going?
- What do I want for my life?
- What is truly important to me?

What are YOU looking for in your life?

- A closer relationship with God?
- More meaning in your life?
- Closer relationships with your family members?
- To make new and closer relationships with the people in your parish?

Contact us:

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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>

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@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, September 15	8:05 a.m.	We Remember Margie Pautler
Tuesday, September 16	8:05 a.m.	We Remember Jim Vogt
Wednesday, September 17	8:05 a.m.	We Remember Holy Souls in Purgatory
Thursday, September 18	8:05 a.m.	We Remember Doris Ling
Friday, September 19	8:05 a.m.	We Remember Gerald Metts
Saturday, September 20	5:00 p.m.	We Remember Pete & Rose Kostecki
Sunday, September 21	7:00 a.m.	We Remember Mary Reichert
	9:00 a.m.	We Remember Ed & Mary Smugala
	11:00 a.m.	We Remember Jim Vogt



Please Pray For

Adam Brandt	Barbara Kendall	Nate Meyer	Ed Evertsen
Shane Martin	Jim Grau	The Matt Smith Family	Arlene Kruse
Jacob Nelson	Dolores G.	Mark Fiore	Delores Deleveski
Bob Beckert	Nicole Pennington	Emily Koenigstein	Bob Braun
Amanda Boitano	Harold Lutman	Doug Mercille	Susan Oswill
Trace Ahrens	Jackie Lutman	Kirsten Halton Williams	Steve Dineen
Molly Blevins	Elsa Wiemerslage	Theresa Zeisler	Walter Novak
Curtis Sievers	John Stonis	Doris Boss	
Craig Greer	Pedro Acevedo	Karen Miller	
Janet Michael	Taylor Cygan	Larry Greenfield	
Maryanne Klosterman	Helen Nowack	Beth Heisel	

Troops in Service... SGM Joseph Pope, US Army; Colonel Brian Schoellhorn, Samuel Campbell, Navy; Captain Benjamin Thoma, 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

September 14, 2025

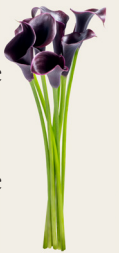
First Reading: Numbers 21:4b-9
Second Reading: Philippians 2:6-11
Gospel: John 3:13-17



Our Sympathies...

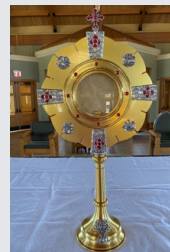
To Linda Wheatley and her family on the death of her husband Michael Wheatley, 68, of Dupo.

To Anthony Valleroy and his family on the death of his mother Sharon Valleroy, 81, of Waterloo



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!

September 7, 2025

Actual	21,124.00
Budget	23,350.00
Actual YTD	371,262.01
Budget YTD	392,150.00
Over (under)	(20,887.99)
Prior YTD	373,348.34
Over (under)	(2,086.33)
Guatemala	148.00
Votive	238.00
Capital Improvements	200.00
Diocese Retired Priests	832.00
Phase 3	1,570.67



From Our Young Stewards

Treasure:

Time and Talent:

**The above totals include online giving through 8/31/25.*

WHAT IS A 529 PLAN?

A 529 plan is an investment account that offers tax-free withdrawals and other benefits when used to pay for qualified educational expenses. You can use a 529 plan to pay for college, K-12 tuition, apprenticeship programs, and even student loan repayments. Any leftover funds can be used in different ways, including funding a Roth IRA. There are two primary 529 plans: education savings plans and prepaid tuition plans.

Education Saving Plans

Also known as 529 college savings plans, these are tax-advantaged investment accounts that are designed for educational savings. They work much like a Roth 401(k) or Roth IRA by allowing you to invest your after-tax contributions in mutual funds or similar investments.

Prepaid Tuition Plans

These plans let you prepay all or part of the costs of an in-state public college education. You may also convert them for use at private and out-of-state colleges. The Private College 529 Plan is a separate prepaid plan for private colleges sponsored by more than 250 private colleges. Educational institutions can offer a prepaid tuition plan but not a college savings plan.

Tax Advantages of 529 Plans

529 plans offer federal tax benefits and may offer state tax benefits depending on the state where the account owner or person contributing to the plan lives.

Federal Tax Benefits

There are two primary federal tax benefits associated with 529 plans:

- Earnings in your account accumulate tax free. In other words, no income taxes are due on earnings as long as the money stays in your account.
- You will not have to pay federal income taxes on withdrawals as long as the money is used to pay for qualified educational expenses.

Note that similar to a Roth IRA, contributions to a 529 plan are not deductible for federal income tax purposes. Some families use 529 plans as an estate planning vehicle because contributions are considered completed gifts to the beneficiary.

Using a 529 Plan for Education Expenses

There are various ways to use your 529 plan assets for the benefit of the student beneficiary. The most common is tuition, but there are many other related expenses that are now eligible education related expenses. The terms of the plan or your financial advisor can assist you with determining the various qualifying expenses. It's important to understand that with a 529 plan, only qualified withdrawals are tax-free. You should only use your 529 plan to pay for qualified educational expenses. 529 plan withdrawals must happen in the same tax year as the expenses incurred. This means that if you're paying for January expenses, you can't withdraw funds in December of the previous year, even though it's only weeks from when you need the money. In recent years, the IRS has expanded the definition of qualified education expenses beyond traditional higher education costs, including K-12 tuition expenses and student loan repayments. There is a \$10,000 annual limit on qualified K-12 withdrawals and a \$10,000 lifetime limit on student loans. 529 plans can also be used to pay for qualified expenses at a trade or vocational school or for registered apprenticeship program expenses. A common concern in the past has been what to do in case you don't use all the money you've saved in a 529 account. This is now less of a potential drawback as the definition of qualified expenses has expanded, and parents have more options than ever on what to do with unused 529 funds.

For more information about 529 plans, contact your financial or tax advisor.

– Immaculate Conception Planned Giving Council

Parish Events & News...

WELCOMING COMMITTEE



Save the date for Fellowship Sunday: God desires fellowship because it strengthens faith, encourages believers, and reflects His own nature of shared unity. It allows for mutual support, growth

in understanding God's Word, and the opportunity to serve others in the name of Christ. Please join us for Fellowship, for coffee and donuts on the *fourth Sunday* of each month after the 9:00 a.m. Mass in the garden level.

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

Do you or someone you know struggle with Alzheimer's or Dementia? Are you a caregiver for a loved one with memory loss? We are seeking individuals who would be interested in attending a peer-led support group for those impacted by Alzheimer's and other diseases that cause dementia. If you are interested in joining us, please contact Shea Christensen at schristensen@iccmail.org or extension 352 in the Parish Office.

D.C. PRETZEL AND DONUT SALES...

The next Pretzel and Donut weekend for the 8th graders will be September 20 & 21. All proceeds go to the 8th graders' trip to Washington D.C.

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.

Parish Work Day!

October 11, 2025

PICNIC WINNERS WILL BE LISTED NEXT WEEK!

Ministry News & Happenings

ICY ODD SUNDAYS

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



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.

MEALS FROM THE

Just a reminder that we still have a group of parishioners available to make meals. So, if you're going through a rough time, let us help you out! We provide meals as needed on a temporary basis.

Just call or text Robin Billmeyer at 314-604-4495 if we can help out!

Snippet from Mrs. Shea

Mental Health Fast Facts:

- At least **8.4 million** people in the U.S. provide care to an adult with a mental or emotional health issue.
- Caregivers of adults with mental or emotional health issues spend an average of **32 hours** per week providing unpaid care.



Pope Francis Said:

"There has been a tragic rise in the number of migrants seeking to flee from the growing poverty caused by environmental degradation." (Laudato Si #25)

What can I do? Spend a few minutes looking at the "Climate Refugees" organization's website: <https://www.climate-refugees.org/>

THE 2025 CATHOLIC SERVICE AND MINISTRY APPEAL

Hope in the Lord

The Messenger, our diocesan newspaper, brings local, national and international news of our Catholic faith right into your home through its print and online editions. Your gift to the Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal helps to support *The Messenger*. If you haven't done so, subscribe to *The Messenger* today and also make your gift to the Appeal! Thank you for your generosity.

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.

ICCCW NEWS:

Box of Joy/Christmas in July Update:

Thank You! Thank You! Thank You! We've exceeded our goal of 150 boxes! Your support by filling boxes, bringing items or donating cash has helped us smash this goal. We currently have over 200 boxes filled and parishioners are continuing to return their completed boxes. While this is great news, we need to raise the funds to cover the postage for the additional boxes. Our generous Knights of Columbus paid for our initial goal of 150 boxes and some parishioners have provided funds for postage. However, we are currently short the postage for approximately 40-45 boxes or about \$400.00. Please consider dropping a cash donation in the collection basket marked "Box of Joy" to help us cover this additional need. Donations of any amount will help. Anyone who still has a box can return it to the gathering space at church. Boxes are due by September 15th; however, you can always bring it back early. Thanks again to those who helped us exceed our goal!



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

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

VOCATION

Today's Gospel is the popular, often quoted, section from John 3:16 – “For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son.” We see it often proclaimed at professional sporting events. Do we embrace those words? Can we give of ourselves to consider a vocation to the Priesthood or Sisterhood? Can we encourage and support our young folks who might be pondering this path in life? Be bold and pose the question – “Are you considering a religious vocation?”

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 & 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.

“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”



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION SCHOOL

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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

MISSION • COMMUNITY • SERVICE

What's Happening at Gibault?

Happy New School Year! We are rocking and rolling at Gibault – Come check us out! 7th and 8th graders can schedule a shadow visit and spend the day with one of our Student Ambassadors. Come and experience what a day in the life of a Hawk is all about! Want to know more about Gibault? Schedule a private tour! Come and check out our home games and cheer on our Hawks with us! Open House is coming up on October 5th – come and take a tour of the school, meet the teachers, and see what our alumni are up to. Any questions can be emailed to our Admissions Coordinator, Pam Kueker at pkueker@gibaulthawks.com.

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OCTOBER 18, 2025 | OKTOBERFEST DINNER AUCTION

SCAN QR CODE TO BUY TICKETS, DONATE & MORE

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5

Open House

**EMPOWERING MINDS.
ENRICHING SOULS.**

WE ARE GIBAULT

**GIBAULT CATHOLIC
HIGH SCHOOL**

COME AS YOU CAN
DOORS ARE OPEN FROM 12PM - 3PM

**WHETHER YOU'RE SCOPING IT OUT OR STROLLING DOWN
MEMORY LANE, THIS IS YOUR PLACE!**

Diocesan and Area Interests...

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 for additional information and resources.

CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS APPEAL

Support the Catholic Home Missions Appeal today! Over 40% of dioceses in the United States and its territories are considered mission territories because they are unable to fund essential pastoral activities needed in their communities. Your support funds religious education, seminary formation, lay ministry training, and other programs that build vibrant faith communities right here in the United States, including in our own Belleville Diocese. Please be generous. More information can be found at www.usccb.org/home-missions.

Honor your Loved Ones on

All Souls Day

With Your Personalized Tribute In *The Messenger*

Tributes will appear in our October 23rd publication.

Sample Tributes



Please Print the name(s) of your deceased loved one(s) on the line(s) below. \$20 donation for each name.

In Loving Memory of: _____

In Loving Memory of: _____

In Loving Memory of: _____

In Loving Memory of: _____

Please return your All Souls Day Tributes to *The Messenger* (222 S. Third St. Belleville, IL 62220) by October 6, 2025. If you have any questions, please call 618-722-5047 or email advertising@bellevillemessenger.org.

Submitting Person's Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____



NATIONAL LIFE CHAIN 2025

WHEN: October 5, 2025 2pm-3pm

WHERE: MILLSTADT IL

WHY: SUPPORT LIFE

WHO: ALL ARE WELCOME

Parking and sign pick-up/return available at St. James Catholic church parking lot and Central Bank parking lot starting at 1:45 pm. We will be standing on Washington Street.

In the spirit of Christian love, we will stand peacefully and prayerfully to support the unborn babies and their parents. Please join us and offer your support to protect those who are unable to protect themselves.

If you need more information or would like to donate to this cause, please contact Suzie Kidd at kiddsuz18@gmail.com.

Hincke-Sense Home for Retired Priests 3rd Annual

Open House

**Sunday, September 21st, 2025
3-6 PM**

You and your families are invited for tours, food/drinks, and visits with our beloved retired Priests

**2620 Lebanon Ave, Bldg 4
Belleville, IL 62221
618-234-5722**

diobelle.org/hincke-sense-residence
Rededication of Outdoor Cross at 4pm

GOD CHOSE YOU FOR ME

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Presents...

COUPLES WHO PRAY TOGETHER, STAY TOGETHER

Date: Saturday, September 20, 2025

Time: 9:30 AM - 4:00 PM

Where: St. Peter's Cathedral
200 W Harrison St, Belleville, IL 62220

Pre-registration necessary
\$100 per couple - Includes lunch

Create a personal prayer for your marriage and realize God's call to a relationship of unity and holiness.

Help your love to blossom and mature to strengthen your spiritual commitment!



APPLY HERE



"It's like watering your marriage garden with Miracle Grow."

-Karen and Dave



40 DAYS FOR LIFE

Fairview Heights, IL

Help us cover every hour of all 40 days in prayer at the fence!
September 24 - November 2

We are asking churches, ministries, small groups, and families to prayerfully consider committing to:

- Adopt a Full Day - Your group covers all 12 hours (7 AM-7 PM)
- Adopt a Half Day - Cover either the morning or afternoon/evening
- Adopt a Time Slot - Commit to one or more hours

Substitutes Needed

Campaign Events

Kickoff
Adopt Day 1 of the campaign and receive 40 Days for Life t-shirts for your team!

Midpoint Rally
Illinois Right to Life Ground Zero Tour
Sunday, October 12
MPH Maryville, IL

Closing Rally
Saturday, November 1
Time, date and location TBD



Sign Up Today!

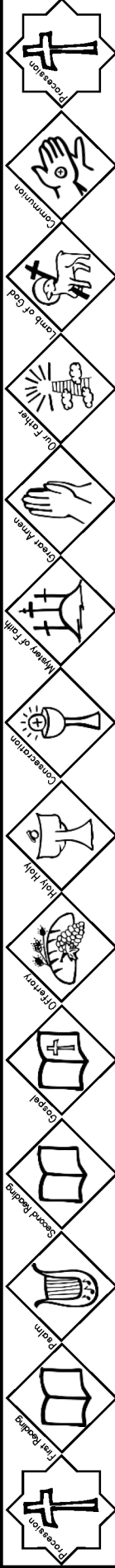
To adopt your day or time slot, or become a substitute, contact:
Kristi, Theresa and Molly
at FVH40Days@yahoo.com

Together, we can fill every hour and make this 40 Days for Life campaign the most prayerful yet!

Follow the campaign on Facebook!



<https://www.facebook.com/FVH40Days>



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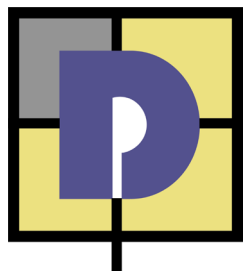
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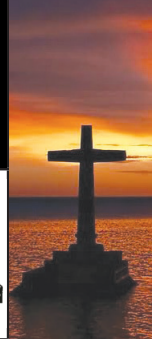
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