



Immaculate Conception

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

October 26, 2025

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

www.icc-columbia-il.us

*Blessed are those who mourn
for they shall be comforted.*

Matthew 5:4



This year, All Souls' Day falls on Sunday, November 2 and will be celebrated at the 11:00 a.m. Mass. In remembrance of All Souls, as in the past, all parishioners who have lost a loved one this past year are invited to attend in remembrance of their spouse, mother, father, child, brother or sister. All parishioners are welcome to attend this memorial. Mass Candles are a large part of our faith and lifestyle. This is the season of Jack O'Lanterns, firelight, window lighting, Baptism candles, birthday candles, candles during power outages to provide light, and the Unity candle in a marriage ceremony. We ask God to "Light our way" and believe, He is "our light in times of sorrow."

In addition to the general gathering of the faithful, we will contact all parishioners who have suffered a loss and will ask one family member to process in with a lighted candle. This candle will shine in remembrance for the remainder of the Mass. During this Mass, our candles remind us of warm feelings, memories, the joy of sharing in a life whether young or old, and to be grateful for the years spent together. One family member is welcome to take the candle to burn brightly in your home as you remember your loved one throughout the days to come. Let us be comforted as Matthew has written. Let us all provide light and

love in a world that too frequently dwells in darkness. Let us remember the Souls of the faithful departed who are waiting for us. Let this Mass be a small step in your journey of healing.

– The Bereavement Ministry

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.

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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 2025-2026 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, October 27	8:05 a.m.	We Remember Holy Souls in Purgatory
Tuesday, October 28	8:05 a.m.	We Remember Mary Albers
Wednesday, October 29	8:05 a.m.	We Remember Josh Ritter
Thursday, October 30	8:05 a.m.	We Remember Mike Markus
Friday, October 31	8:05 a.m.	We Remember Norm Schmidt
Saturday, November 1	5:00 p.m.	We Remember Raymond Krippel
Sunday, November 2	7:00 a.m.	We Remember Robert Reichert
	9:00 a.m.	We Remember Edward & Mary Smugala
	11:00 a.m.	We Remember Jim Vogt



Please Pray For

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

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, Kaiden Timmons, 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

October 26, 2025

First Reading: Sirach 35:12-14, 16-18
Second Reading: Second Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18
Gospel: Luke 18:9-14



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!

October 19, 2025

Actual	75,327.17
Budget	63,000.00
Actual YTD	632,602.57
Budget YTD	650,850.00
Over (under)	(18,247.43)
Prior YTD	607,497.46
Over (under)	25,105.11
Guatemala	890.00
Votive	205.00
SVDP	25.00
Capital Improvements	735.00
Gibault	230.00
Cemetery Maintenance	20.00
Retired Priests	20.00
World Mission Sunday	370.00
Sr. Thea Bowman	545.00
Eugene Schorb Edu.	
Endowment	53.00
Phase 3	1,337.00
CEAC	440.00



From Our Young Stewards

Time and Talent: I practiced Piano, helped mow the lawn.

Treasure: 124.50

*The above totals include online giving through 10/15/2025.

SAVE TAXES ON IRA REQUIRED MINIMUM DISTRIBUTIONS

Individuals subject to Required Minimum Distributions (RMD) from their Individual Retirement Accounts (IRA) have an opportunity to use the distributions for charitable giving instead of taking a taxable distribution. If you are age 70½ or older, the IRS will allow you to distribute up to \$108,000 annually directly to qualified nonprofit organizations without incurring any taxable income. The benefit is known as the Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD). A QCD is a direct transfer of funds from your IRA, payable to a qualified charity, like Immaculate Conception Church or School. QCDs can be counted toward satisfying your required minimum distribution (RMD) for the year, if certain rules are met.

Here are the requirements:

- You must be 70½ or older to be eligible to make a QCD.
- QCDs are limited to the amount that would otherwise be taxed as ordinary income. This excludes non-deductible contributions.
- The maximum annual amount that can qualify for a QCD is \$108,000. This applies to the sum of QCDs made to one or more charities in a calendar year. (If, however, you file taxes jointly, your spouse can also make a QCD from his or her own IRA within the same tax year for up to \$108,000.)
- For a QCD to count toward your current year RMD, the funds must come out of your IRA by your RMD deadline, generally December 31.
- Any amount donated above your RMD does not count toward satisfying a future year RMD.
- The QCD must be paid directly from your IRA to the charity to qualify. In addition to the benefits of giving to charity, a QCD excludes the amount donated from taxable income, unlike regular withdrawals from an IRA. Keeping your taxable income lower may reduce the impact to certain tax credits and deductions, including Social Security and Medicare. Also, QCDs require that you itemize, which, due to the tax law changes means you may decide to take advantage of the higher standard deduction, but still use a QCD for charitable giving.

Funds distributed directly to you, the IRA owner, which you then give to charity do not qualify as a QCD. There are some other tax rules that may also apply to your situation, so consult with a financial professional for more details about this strategy.

— Immaculate Conception Planned Giving Council

Parish Events & News...



PRE-CANA MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Our parish Pre-Cana is held once a year, and this year's date is Saturday, January 24th. We're looking for couples to join this beautiful ministry to help guide and support engaged couples preparing for marriage. If you feel called to share your experiences and witness of married life, please consider joining us! For more information or to sign up, contact Sarah & Eric Piel via email at smuss12@gmail.com.

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.

Parish Work Day! November 8, 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!

BULLETIN DEADLINE...

All submissions for the bulletin will need to be in to the Parish Office two Thursdays before you need it in the bulletin. Submissions will need to be sent to iccmil@iccmil.org. If you have any questions, please call the Parish Office at 618-281-5105.

D.C. PRETZEL AND DONUT SALES...

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

Ministry News & Happenings

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!

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK:

Once upon a time, there was a young woman who died and went to heaven. Her life on earth had been bad - very bad. When she arrived at the gates of heaven, she was told that she could be admitted to heaven on only one condition: She must return to earth and bring back the gift that God values above all other gifts.

So the young woman returned to earth. There she thought and thought about what gift God values above all other gifts. Then one day she came upon a guy who had just died for his faith in God. "Ah!" she thought, "this is indeed the gift that God values most: the blood of someone who has died for his or her faith." So she took the drop of the man's blood and brought it back to heaven. An angel told her to go back to earth; there was something that God values more than the blood of martyrs.

So she returned to earth again and deeply pondered what God values more than the blood of someone who died for their faith. Then she came upon an old missionary preaching God's word among the poor. "Ah!" she thought, "this is indeed the gift God values most: the sweat of the brow of someone who has spent his or her life bringing the Good News of salvation to the poor." But when she presented it to heaven, she was told that there was something that God values even more highly than this.

So back to earth she goes: again and again and again she went back to heaven with precious gifts, but each time she was told that there's still something that God values more highly.

Finally, one day when she was about to give up, she came upon a child playing at a fountain. The child's face was beautiful and innocent. Then a man on horseback rode up. He dismounted to get a drink at the fountain. When the man saw the child, he remembered his own childhood innocence.

Then the man peered into the fountain's water and saw

the reflection of his own face. It was worn, hardened and filled with sadness and regret. As he stared at his image in the water, he suddenly realized how wrongly he had wasted his life that God had given him. And at that moment, tears of repentance welled up in his eyes and rolled down his cheeks and fell into the fountain.

The young woman took one of the man's tears and brought it back to heaven. When she presented it, there was great joy among the angels and saints. This was, indeed, the gift God values most: the tears of a repentant sinner.

In today's Gospel, two men are praying. The first, a Pharisee, a learned scholar of Jewish law and practices, and second, a Jewish tax collector who took money from his fellow Jews and gave it to the enemy, the Roman occupiers. The Pharisee had rank, status, honor and esteem. The tax collector was hated by all the Jews for collaborating with the enemy. Yet God goes much deeper than human opinions and feelings. God looks at the heart, the core of every soul.

The tax collector's prayer is from the heart. It's honest, genuine, real. The Pharisee's prayer, to me, sounds arrogant, condescending, even judgmental.

The challenge is for our prayer to be meaningful, honest, authentic. Superficial thoughts and feelings and prayers by rote won't cut it when we're praying, really praying to God, the forgiver and healer of souls. We've got to pray from the heart and nothing short of that. I think God is more interested in the quality of our prayers than quantity. A prayer that's direct, brutally honest and to the point is a sincere prayer that pierces the heart of God. Spend a little time reflecting on your prayer life, your conversation with God. Could it use a bit of an upgrade? Something to think about....

Fr. Brian

Pope Francis Said:

"Many of those who possess more resources and economic or political power seem mostly to be concerned with masking the problems or concealing the symptoms, simply making efforts to reduce some of the negative impacts of climate change." (Laudato Si #26)

What can I do? Ask yourself if you ever "mask" the problems or "conceal" the symptoms of climate change. Resolve that you will try to change these behaviors.

Snippet from Mrs. Shea

50% of all lifetime mental illness begins by age 14, and 75% by age 24.



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 next meeting will be November 6th at 6:30 p.m.
Come welcome Liz to the Board.

Thursday, November 13th is our Annual Bunko night.
Doors open at 6:00 p.m. Bunko begins at 6:30 p.m.
Cost is \$20.00 and includes a snack buffet & wine.
Our Fall Raffle winners will be drawn at the end of the
Bunko evening.

Thursday, December 4th is the CCW Christmas party.
Cost is \$15.00 and will be catered by Mission Catering.
We will begin at 5:00 p.m. We will then attend the
Advent piano concert presented by Fr. Brian in the
church at 7:00 p.m.

We are also in the process of scheduling our Annual
Trip to the Hincke-Sense Home for retired priests in
the beginning of December. We attend Mass with them
and then share lunch and take them some Christmas
gifts in appreciation for their many years of service to
our Diocese. It is a very enjoyable Christmas outing.

THANK YOU!!

We would like to thank you for your continued generosity
to our Annual Coat, Warm Clothing, Bedding Drive. We
had a wonderful response again this year. Pat Hogtrebe,
from St. Vincent de Paul, Belleville, says our contributions
are so needed! She is so pleased with our efforts here at
ICC. Your generosity is very heartwarming. May God bless
you and keep you in His loving care!!

– The St. Vincent de Paul Society

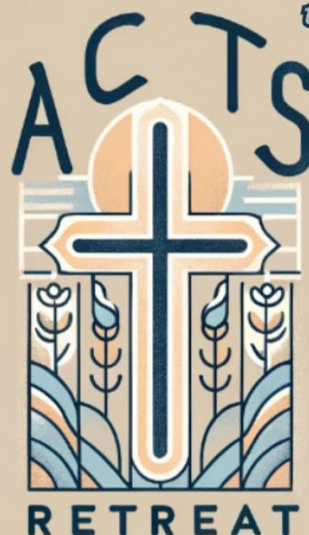
THE 2025 CATHOLIC SERVICE AND MINISTRY APPEAL

Hope in the Lord

With confidence in the Lord, today we are asking for
your support of this year's Catholic Service and Ministry
Appeal. Your generous response will help our diocesan
ministries grow and the compassion of Jesus will be
experienced more profoundly in our communities by
those who are in need.

Please consider making your gift today!

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



BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY

All Souls' Mass Memorial Service

11:00 a.m. Sunday, November 2.

All parishioners who have suffered a loss in the last year
will be contacted by a member of the Bereavement
Ministry to attend.

VOCATION

Next Sunday, November 2nd, starts National Vocation
Awareness Week (declared by the U.S. Bishops) – an
annual weeklong celebration of the Catholic Church in
the United States dedicated to promoting vocations to
the priesthood, diaconate, and consecrated life through
prayer and education, and to renew our prayers and
support for those who are considering one of these
vocations. Suggest to our youth to consider a call from
the Lord to serve the Church and pray every day this
week for an increase in vocations.

COMFORT WITH A PRAYER SHAWL

If you, or someone you know, needs comfort and prayers, consider bringing them a Prayer Shawl, handmade by Immaculate Conception parishioners. Each crocheted or knitted shawl is unique, and prayers are said throughout the process of the creation. The goal is to provide comfort to the recipient, knowing that they are wrapped in the prayers of the parish. The Prayer Shawl can be delivered to you, or you may stop in the Parish Office during business hours and pick up what you need. Prayer Shawls are available for children as well. Call Helen Csik at 314-651-5033 or the Parish Office at 618-281-5105.

Quilters' Corner

Join our super fun quilters' group on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:00-11:30 a.m. All skill levels welcome and appreciated, even beginners! Contact Carlene at 281-5877.

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.



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

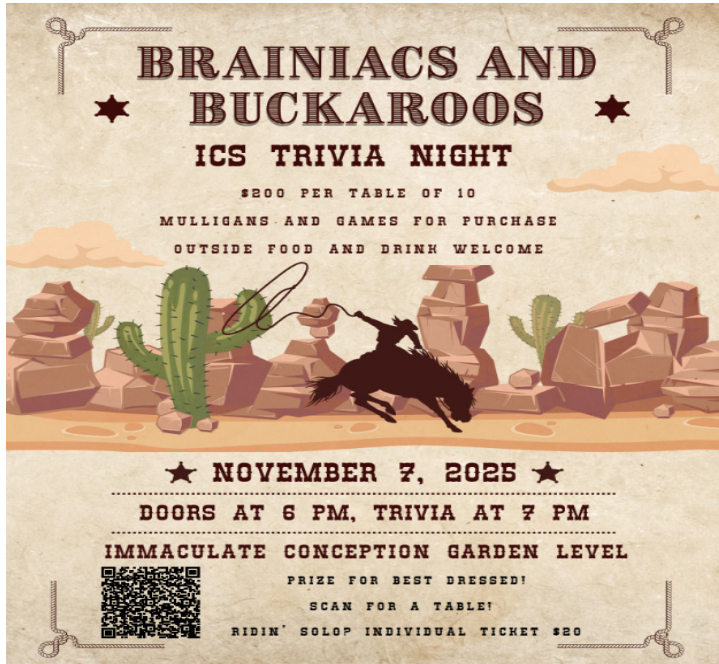
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UPCOMING PARENTS AND FRIENDS MEETINGS

November 3rd, 2025 • 7:00 p.m. in the Garden Level

UPCOMING FATHER'S CLUB MEETINGS

November 20th, 2025 • 7:30 p.m. in the Garden Level

What's Happening at Gibault?

Join us for an entertaining night of theater as our Hawks put on the play, "Twelve Angry Jurors," Thursday-Saturday, October 23-25 at 7:00 p.m., and Sunday, October 26 at 2:00 p.m., in the GCHS Auditorium. The 2026-27 New Student Application is NOW OPEN! Go to <https://gibaulthawks.com> and click "APPLY" to apply. All 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? Go to <https://gibaulthawks.com> and click "INQUIRE" to fill out our inquiry form. Any questions can also be emailed to our Admissions Coordinator, Pam Kueker at pkueker@gibaulthawks.com.



Gibault Women's Club

RUMMAGE SALE

Saturday, November 8, 2025

8 a.m. - 2 p.m.

(1/2 price and bag sale after noon)

Donation drop-off at the front entrance:

Monday, November 3: 3 p.m. - 6 p.m.

Tuesday, November 4: 8 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Wednesday, November 5: 8 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Thursday, November 6: 8 a.m. - 6 p.m.

- We will be accepting clean donations of any kind. (Large furniture, exercise equipment, TVs, and computers will be accepted at our discretion.)
- All items should be recently cleaned.
- Please try to have like items bagged together when dropping off donations in order to help our volunteers. (Ex: Men's small, Women's dresses XL, sheets (including sizes), knick-knacks, kitchen tools, baby boy (include sizes), etc.

Diocesan and Area Interests...

Peace

A RETREAT FOR SINGLE MOMS

A time to pause and experience God's peace in the company of other women who understand your journey. Come as you are, with or without your children.

When: Saturday, November 1st, 12:00-5:30 PM (Including Mass)

Where: St. Nicholas Parish, 625 St. Nicholas Drive, O'Fallon, IL

Who: Single moms and their children (all ages welcome)

Cost: Free - Lunch, snacks, and childcare provided

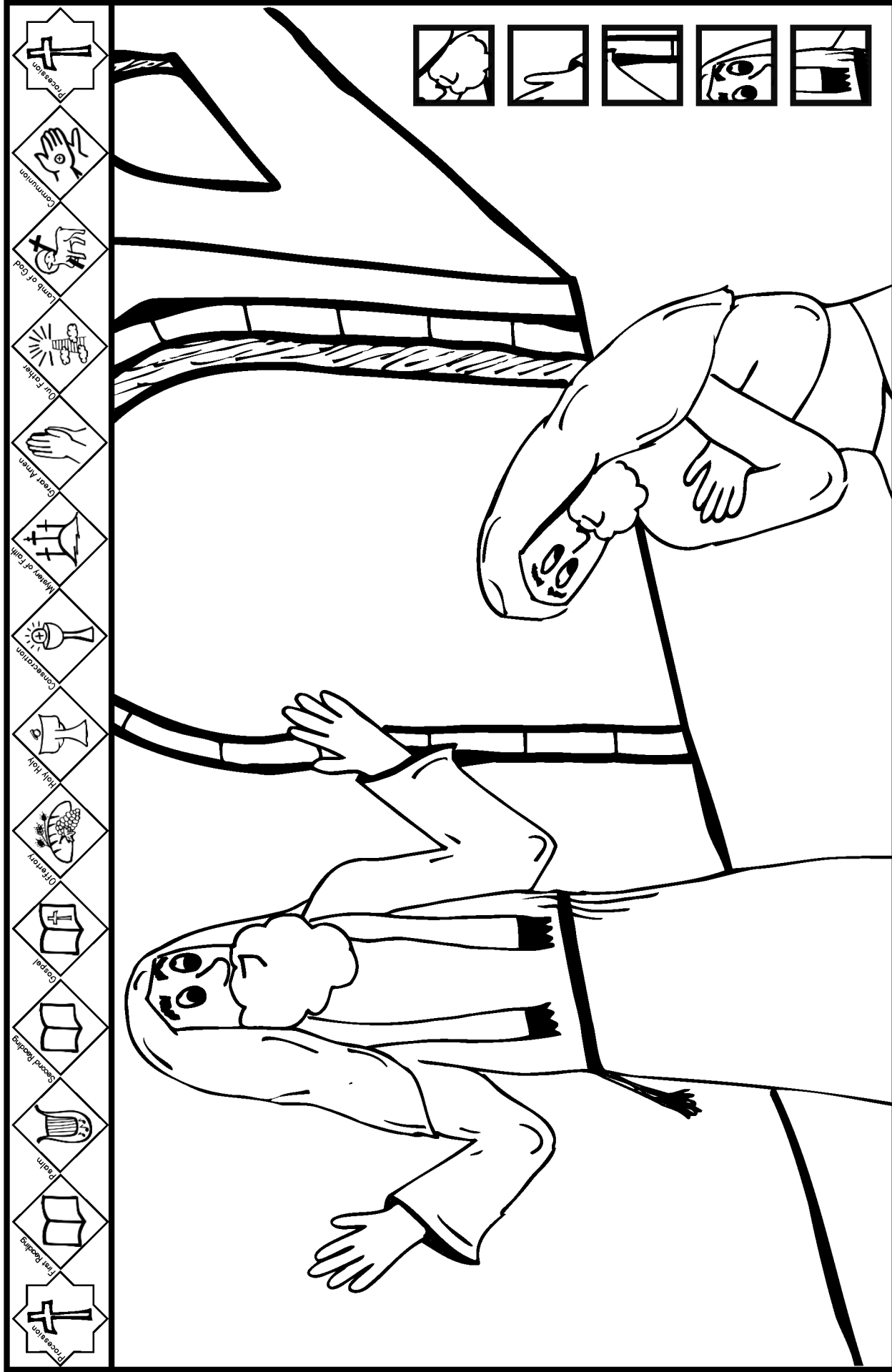
Questions? Email: bellevillechapter@momentummothers.org

To Register



www.momentummothers.org





Gospel

Jesus talks about two men praying. One man stands up and tells God about his own greatness. The other man bows his head and asks God for help, praying about God's greatness. The second man is humble. Jesus asks us to be humble.



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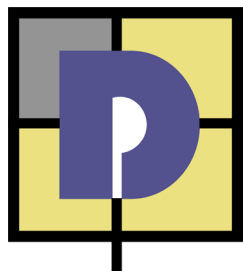
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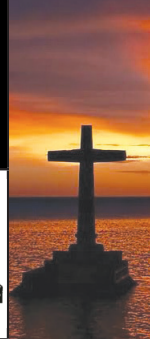
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