



Immaculate Conception

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

November 2, 2025

The Commemoration of All The Faithful Departed

www.icc-columbia-il.us

THE SISTER PARISH MINISTRY HAS A LOT TO OFFER

Learn How You Can Be Part of It



In September 2024, Immaculate Conception parishioners opened their hearts and homes to visitors from our Sister Parish, St. Raymond of Penafort in Guatemala. Padre Abdias Sanchez, St. Raymond's longtime pastor and Ms. Alicia Leiva, a St. Raymond's parishioner experienced the best that the ICC community has to offer. In return, Padre Abdias and Alicia shared their best – their faith, their friendship and their prayers. Building on this experience, Sister Parish would like to do more. But we need people, ideas and energy in order to grow. We need you! Do you see yourself in one of the following?

Trips / Visits – Learn first-hand what a trip to St. Raymond's is all about by talking to any of the more than a dozen parishioners who have made the trip. Or if you have an idea on how we can make visits more appealing to you and other parishioners, let us

know how. If you'd like to help plan a future visit to ICC by St. Raymond's parishioners, contact us.

Prayer – If travel isn't your thing, help us create a prayer group. Did you know that St. Raymond's Feast Day is January 7th? Feast Day prayers, special intentions and group prayers are always needed.

Cultural Awareness – Learn about Guatemalan culture, traditions, and language. Help us plan our very first "St. Raymond's" night here at Immaculate Conception.

Communication – Although several of us are already in contact with St. Raymond's parishioners, there's no reason why you can't be part of the group. Maybe you're a teacher or a health care worker or retired or a young person interested in making new friends. We can help put you in contact with a counterpart at St. Raymond's. And if you're worried because you don't speak Spanish, no problem. There's an APP for that!

Financials – Interested in learning more about St. Raymond's financial needs and how they use the money that we send them? We can show you!

For more info about the Sister Parish ministry, contact Catie at cevans@icsmail.org or reach out to one of the following ICC parishioners, all of whom have been to Guatemala: Mike Kish – John & Carol Waide – Greg Narez – Ray & Mary Anne Farley – Fr. Carl – Fr. Brian – Karen Waide – Catie & Phil Evans.

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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**School Board President,
Jessica Wachtel**
boardpresident@icsmail.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 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, November 3	8:05 a.m.	We Remember Joseph Colley
Tuesday, November 4	8:05 a.m.	We Remember Holy Souls in Purgatory
Wednesday, November 5	8:05 a.m.	We Remember JoAnn Sander
Thursday, November 6	8:05 a.m.	In Honor of Fr. Rich Grek
Friday, November 7	8:05 a.m.	We Remember Sue Spytek
Saturday, November 8	5:00 p.m.	We Remember Angela Krupp
Sunday, November 9	7:00 a.m.	We Remember George & Viola Rahn
	9:00 a.m.	We Remember Margie Pautler
	11:00 a.m.	We Remember Babs Jackson



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.	Grant Koenigstein	Susan Oswill
Bob Beckert	Nicole Pennington	Doug Mercille	Steve Dineen
Amanda Boitano	Harold Lutman	Theresa Zeisler	Carrie Dachsteiner
Trace Ahrens	Jackie Lutman	Doris Boss	Emmalyn Richardet
Molly Blevins	Elsa Wiemerslage	Karen Miller	Corynn Becker
Curtis Sievers	John Stonis	Larry Greenfield	Teresa Dorshorst
Craig Greer	Pedro Acevedo	Beth Heisel	William Christopher Crosson
Janet Michael	Taylor Cygan	Ed Evertsen	Thomas Lorenz
Maryanne Klosterman	Nate Meyer	Arlene Kruse	Fr. Rich Grek

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

November 2, 2025

First Reading: Wisdom 3:1-9

Second Reading: Romans 6:3-9

Gospel: John 6:37-40



Our Sympathies...

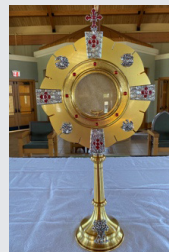
To the family of Kathy Francescon (cousin to Eric Young) of Waterloo, who passed away at the age of 61.

To Patricia Novak and her family on the death of her husband Walter Novak, 96, of Columbia.



OUR CAMPAIGN PRAYER

Heavenly Father, You have created us in Your own image, to love, serve and honor You with our lives. You have tasked us with building Your Church, and passing from one generation to the next the treasure trove of our faith. Bless the work of our hands as we undertake our next phase in serving You. Keep us strong in faith, hope, and love, so that all we do may bring glory and honor to You, forever and ever. AMEN.



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 26, 2025

Actual	12,867.49
Budget	22,950.00
Actual YTD	645,470.06
Budget YTD	673,800.00
Over (under)	(28,329.94)
Prior YTD	618,278.52
Over (under)	27,191.54
Guatemala	151.00
Votive	141.00
Capital Improvements	10.00
Gibault	30.00
World Mission Sunday	440.00
Phase 3	2,324.00



From Our Young Stewards

Time and Talent: I helped clean my room

Treasure: 123.71

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.

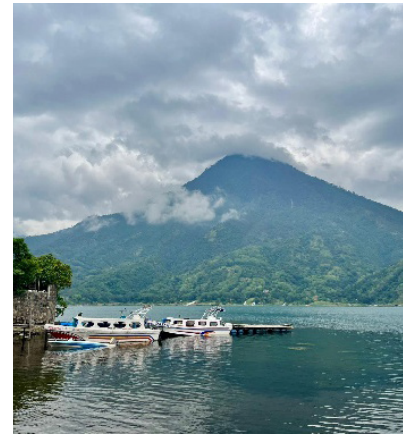
Funds distributed directly to you, the IRA owner, which you then give to charity do not qualify as a QCD. There are some other tax rules that may also apply to your situation, so consult with a financial professional for more details about this strategy.

— Immaculate Conception Planned Giving Council

Parish Events & News...

WOULD YOU LIKE TO GO TO GUATEMALA IN JUNE 2026?

Missions International is organizing a trip to Guatemala at the end of June 2026. If you have never been or are hesitant to travel internationally on your own but would like to visit our sister parish, please reach out to Catie Evans, our sister parish coordinator, for details about the trip at cevens@icsmail.org. PLEASE ACT QUICKLY! Plans will be set in motion November 5, 2025.



PRE-CANA MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Our parish Pre-Cana is held once a year, and this year's date is Saturday, January 24. 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.

Parish Work Day! November 8, 2025

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.

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.

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.

Ministry News & Happenings



ICC Ministry Spotlight

Bereavement

The Bereavement Ministry offers comfort and a healing presence to parishioners experiencing the death of a loved one. This may extend from the time of death, through the wake service and Mass of Christian burial, and on through the first anniversary of death. This ministry coordinates several prayer services throughout the year to remember parishioners' loved ones, including babies. Family members and friends of the deceased are encouraged to attend a special remembrance ceremony at the annual All Souls' Day Mass. A Remembrance/Sharing Gathering event takes place in late fall. Loved ones are also remembered all year in the Remembrance Table next to the Vesting Room in the rear of church. Watch the weekly bulletin for notices of our events. Meetings are held on the second Thursday of the month as needed to plan events and coordinate reaching out to parishioners who are grieving.



Contact Kathy
at kaammifern@gmail.com
if you would like to be part
of this caring group!

ALZHEIMER'S & DEMENTIA SUPPORT GROUP

Our next meeting will be November 16th at 10:00 a.m.
in the Library.

Snippet from Mrs. Shea

Today we remember all the faithful departed souls who have gone before us. Whether you have lost a loved one this year or years prior, know that they are remembered today in our collective prayers for peace. And rest in knowing that the grief you feel, a sign of your love, is held up by believers around the world. *Eternal joy grant unto them, Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon them.*

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!

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.

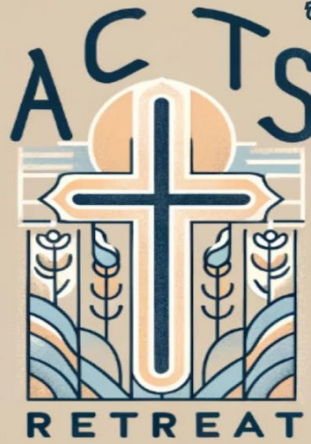


THE 2025 CATHOLIC SERVICE AND MINISTRY APPEAL

Hope in the Lord

The Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal Fund for Ministry provides funding to parishes, schools and organizations throughout our diocese for local projects. A total of 37 grants were awarded throughout our diocese in the past year. Help this popular program which funds local projects continue through your gift to this year's Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal.

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

SANCTITY OF LIFE

We will be selling Christmas cards after all Masses on November 1 & 2 and November 8 & 9. They are \$10.00 for a package of 10 Christmas cards. On November 3 they will be available in the Parish Office for purchase as well.

ICCCW NEWS:

The remaining Raffle chances have been mailed. Please sell or purchase them to help pay for the new server albs.

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

Thursday, November 13th is our Annual Bunco night. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. Bunco 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 Bunco 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.

VOCATION

This Sunday starts National Vocations Awareness Week. National Vocation Awareness Week (NVAW) is 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. Please pray each day this week for an increase in vocations and for young people to hear their call to Holiness.

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.

Immaculate Conception Council of Catholic Women Present

BUNCO NIGHT

Thursday, November 13rd, 2025



\$20 Admission!

First Prize for the Most Buncos:	\$100
Second Prize for the Most Baby Buncos:	\$ 50
Third Prize for the Most Wins:	\$ 30
Fourth Prize for the Most Losses:	\$ 20

If there is more than one winner, the prizes will be split.

You can Reserve a spot by calling or texting
Lori Doerr: 618-210-5881

Please come even if you haven't made a reservation!

*Complimentary wine, lemonade, coffee & water & Free Snack Buffet!
*Quilt & Basket Raffle & 50/50 Raffle

Door Opens: 6:00pm.

411 Palmer Road, Columbia, IL

Browse the raffles, help yourself to snacks & a drink and have a seat!
Games begin at 6:30pm. Three games of six rounds!

BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY

All Souls' Mass Memorial Service
11:00 a.m. Sunday, November 2.



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.



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION SCHOOL

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

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MISSION • COMMUNITY • SERVICE

BRAINIACS AND BUCKAROOS
★ **ICS TRIVIA NIGHT** ★

\$200 PER TABLE OF 10
MULLIGANS AND GAMES FOR PURCHASE
OUTSIDE FOOD AND DRINK WELCOME

★ **NOVEMBER 7, 2025** ★

DOORS AT 6 PM, TRIVIA AT 7 PM

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION GARDEN LEVEL

PRIZE FOR BEST DRESSED!
SCAN FOR A TABLE!

RIDIN' SOLOP INDIVIDUAL TICKET \$20

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?

The 2026-27 New Student Application is NOW OPEN! Go to <https://gibaulthawks.com> 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? Schedule a private tour! Go to <https://gibaulthawks.com> to fill out our inquiry form and we will reach out to get you scheduled. Any questions can be emailed to our Admissions Coordinator, Pam Kueker at pkueker@gibaulthawks.com.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION SCHOOL

Annual VENDOR FAIR

DEC 6

9 AM - 2 PM

CRAFTERS & VENDORS WANTED

Scan Here to register or email Kim Siegel and Kristin Knobloch @ icscraftfair@icsmail.org

REGISTER BY NOVEMBER 15 & SAVE!



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...

SCOUTING FOR FOOD DRIVE

The Boy Scouts of America, and various local food pantries need your help – and so do thousands of hungry people in our communities. Our local Scouts are participating in the Annual Scouting for Food Drive this fall. The 2025 Food Drive will take place on two consecutive Saturdays. On **November 15**, Scouts will place plastic bags at doors throughout Monroe County. The following Saturday, **November 22**, Scouts will return to pick up the filled bags. Food donated will be distributed through relief pantries in our local area. Please be sure to look for your blue Scouting for Food bag on November 15 and fill it with any nonperishable food item you can donate. Leave the filled bag on your doorstep Saturday, November 22 by 10:00 a.m. for the Scouts to pick up. Your donations are greatly appreciated. This year the Scouts hope to match or better the success of last year's Food Drive!

ST. BRUNO CATHOLIC SCHOOL

presents the

20th Annual Dinner & Auction

November 8, 2025 | 6PM

Columbian Club of Pinckneyville

312 N. Gordon St., Pinckneyville, IL 62274

\$25 - Adult

\$12.50 - Children 5 - 12

Free - Children 4 & under

Join us for an evening of
delicious food, exciting
silent & live auctions, and
fun for the whole family!

Please RSVP by calling 618-357-8276 or emailing
stbrunopto@gmail.com

"Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good
deeds and praise your heavenly Father."

Matthew 5:16

Catholic Urban Programs

THANKS FOOD DRIVE GIVING

We would love your help in providing
Thanksgiving meals to our families in need

We Are Collecting The Following Items:

Stuffing Mix
Scalloped Potatoes
Instant Mashed Potatoes
Cranberry Sauce
Mac & Cheese
Canned Yams
Turkey Gravy

Apple Pie Filling
Yellow Cake Mix
Chocolate Cake Mix
White Frosting
Chocolate Frosting
Corn Bread Mix

Items Will Be Collected

NOVEMBER
3-14

Drop Off Location

The HUB
7 Vieux Carre Dr
East St. Louis, IL 62203

Monetary donations may be made to
support a family's Thanksgiving meal.

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@CatholicUrbanPrograms

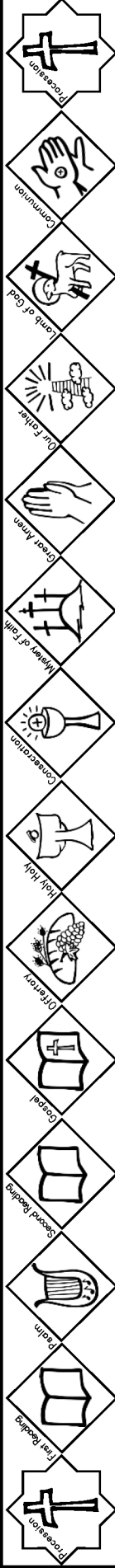


RESPECT LIFE CORNER

The *Diocese of Belleville Annual Respect Life Conference* will be held at St. Clare of Assisi Church, in O'Fallon, IL on November 15, 2025 from 10:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m. with Holy Mass at 5:00 p.m. The conference includes breakout sessions for teens and college-age students. Info and registration can be found at: <https://www.diobelle.org/respectlife/2025-respect-life-conference>.

"We are called to be signs of hope to all people, especially those whose goodness, value, and dignity are undermined. As members of the Body of Christ, we carry this hope with us as we continue Jesus' mission on earth... We have been entrusted with a message of hope for the woman who finds herself unexpectedly pregnant or for the man diagnosed with a terminal illness. At these challenging moments, we must bring God's presence, witnessing to His love, and inspiring a renewal of hope in those whose hearts are burdened."

– USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities
Respect Life Reflection: "Life: Our Sign of Hope"



For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who sees the Son...

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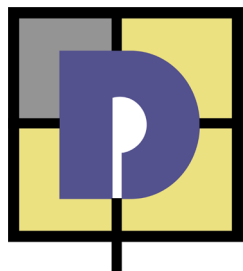


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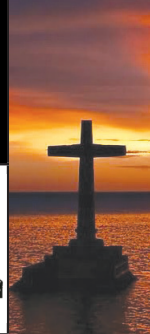
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