



# Immaculate Conception

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

November 23, 2025

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

[www.icc-columbia-il.us](http://www.icc-columbia-il.us)

A TRADITION CONTINUES, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5 FROM 6:30-8:30PM:

## Advent By Candlelight FOR WOMEN

**ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT** is an opportunity for the women of our parish and their guests to focus minds and hearts on the Advent season—the joyful anticipation of our Messiah's incarnation—setting aside the hustle and bustle of holiday preparation.

In fellowship, and fortified by music and delicious desserts, we will explore the theme "**Magnifying Presence: The Visitation**" with our guest **Sr. Janet McCann, ASC.**

All women are welcome, Friday, Dec. 5, from 6:30-8:30pm in the Garden Level.

We encourage parish ladies to host a table of 8-10, and provide dessert and decor for your table.

(Coffee, tea and water will be provided, BYOB is optional.)

**To host a table or come as a guest, please see the sign-up sheet in the Gathering Space, or contact Beth Pembrey at [beth.s.pembrey@gmail.com](mailto:beth.s.pembrey@gmail.com) or 636-328-6556.**

### Parish Mass of Thanksgiving

♦ **NEW:** Wednesday evening, November 26, 6pm

### Additional Advent Opportunities

♦ **Sacrament of Reconciliation:** Advent Saturdays, for everyone, 3:30-4:30pm. *ICS Student Services* Dec. 4 at 1pm. *PSR Family Services* Saturday, Dec. 13 at 2pm.

♦ **NEW: Fr. Brian's Advent Music & Reflection,** Thursday, Dec. 4 at 6:30pm

♦ **Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception Masses** on Monday, Dec. 8, morning & evening (check bulletin)

♦ **Decorate for Christmas,** Sunday, Dec. 21, after 11am Mass

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

### Welcome New Parishioners

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

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

We livestream! To participate, please use this link:

<https://www.youtube.com/c/ImmaculateConceptionCatholicChurchColumbiaIL>



## *Parish Office Hours*

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

Phone: 618-281-5105

## *Parish Staff*

**Pastor, Fr. Brian Barker**  
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**Pastoral Council Chair,  
Tammy Hoefflinger**  
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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@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 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 24	8:05 a.m.	We Remember Jackie Lutman
Tuesday, November 25	8:05 a.m.	We Remember Jim Vogt
Wednesday, November 26	6:00 p.m.	We Remember Babs Jackson
Thursday, November 27	8:05 a.m.	No Mass
Friday, November 28	8:05 a.m.	No Mass
Saturday, November 29	5:00 p.m.	We Remember Josh Ritter
Sunday, November 30	7:00 a.m.	We Remember Carl & Bernice Riebeling
	9:00 a.m.	We Remember Kathy Fransecon
	11:00 a.m.	We Remember Charles & Amelia Menner



### *Please Pray For*

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

### *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 23, 2025**

**First Reading:** Second Samuel 5:1-3

**Second Reading:** Colossians 1:12-20

**Gospel:** Luke 23:35-43



### *Our Sympathies...*

To the family of Harold Steffenauer who passed away at the age of 86.

Rev. Monsignor Daniel Jurek, age 79, former associate pastor of our parish, and teacher at Gibault.



## **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!

November 16, 2025

Actual	73,675.19
Budget	63,800.00
Actual YTD	816,039.41
Budget YTD	835,200.00
Over (under)	(19,160.59)
Prior YTD	775,167.97
Over (under)	40,871.44
Guatemala	834.00
Votive	155.00
SVDP	325.00
Capital Improvements	815.00
Cemetery Maintenance	320.00
Gibault	270.00
Human Development	170.00
Eugene Schorb	
Edu. Endowment	53.00
Sr. Thea Bowman	45.00
Mission Sunday	90.00
Phase 3	9,985.91
CEAC	440.00



*From Our Young Stewards*

Treasure: 195.67

*\*The above totals include online giving through 11/15/2025.*

## 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...

## 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!* December 13, 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](mailto: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 December 20 & 21. All proceeds go to the 8th graders' trip to Washington D.C.

# Ministry News & Happenings



## ICC Ministry Spotlight

### Bible Study for Women

This faith-filled group of women meets every Tuesday in the Fr. Steve Gira Memorial Library from 6:30-7:30pm to discuss readings for the upcoming Sunday Mass. Walk ins welcome - no sign ups needed. Come check it out!



Contact Lizanne at  
[lyoung@iccmil.org](mailto:lyoung@iccmil.org)  
with any questions

*Snippet from Mrs. Shea*

### Notable Quotes

"We become what we love and who we love shapes what we become." – St. Clare of Assisi

## 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!

## ICCCW NEWS:

Thursday, December 4th is the CCW Christmas Party. Cost is \$15.00 and will be catered by Mission Catering. Please RSVP to Karen Waide by text or call to 703-304-8642 by November 23rd. We will begin at 5:00 p.m. and then attend Fr. Brian's Advent Concert at 7:00 p.m. in the church.

The CCW annual visit to the Hincke-Sense Home for retired priests will be Tuesday, December 9th. We will leave from the Garden Level at 10:45 a.m. for Mass with the priests at 11:30 a.m. and lunch to follow. Possibly some caroling, too! It is a very enjoyable Christmas tradition.



## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK:

Corrie ten Boom and her sister Betsie were put behind barbed wire during World War II for helping and sheltering Dutch Jews. One day, they were moved by the Nazis to a shelter completely infested with fleas. Corrie became depressed, but Betsie recalled a passage from St. Paul: "Be thankful in all circumstances." So they knelt down and thanked God for their new shelter, fleas and all.

In the weeks ahead, they noticed that they enjoyed a remarkable lack of supervision from guards. They were able to talk freely, even read and discuss the Bible with other prisoners. They were also able to pray, free from harassing and menacing prison guards.

One day, Corrie learned why. Someone called the guards to settle a dispute. They refused, saying, "You settle it. We're not entering that flea bag!" Now Corrie understood why they enjoyed so much freedom. And her mind went back to the day when she and Betsie knelt down and gave thanks for their shelter, fleas and all.

This week, we celebrate Thanksgiving. It's a time to reflect on the gifts and blessings in our lives. Sure, we've got our crosses to carry and hardships to bear, but we've also been incredibly blessed. Like Corrie, we've got to give thanks to God for the gift of life, even if it can be quite rough around the edges.

I think it comes down to our attitude. If we strive to be positive and find the good in our lives, I believe it opens our hearts to be more thankful and appreciative. Some complain that God put thorns among roses. Others give thanks that God put roses among thorns. Better to give thanks than complain.

A Blessed Thanksgiving to you and yours!  
Fr. Brian

## 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.

## ICY ODD SUNDAYS

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




## SVDP

The SVDP Ministry thanks all who took the time to prepare the casseroles for those in need. "He who has compassion on the poor lends to the LORD, and He will repay him for his good deed."

## THE 2025 CATHOLIC SERVICE AND MINISTRY APPEAL

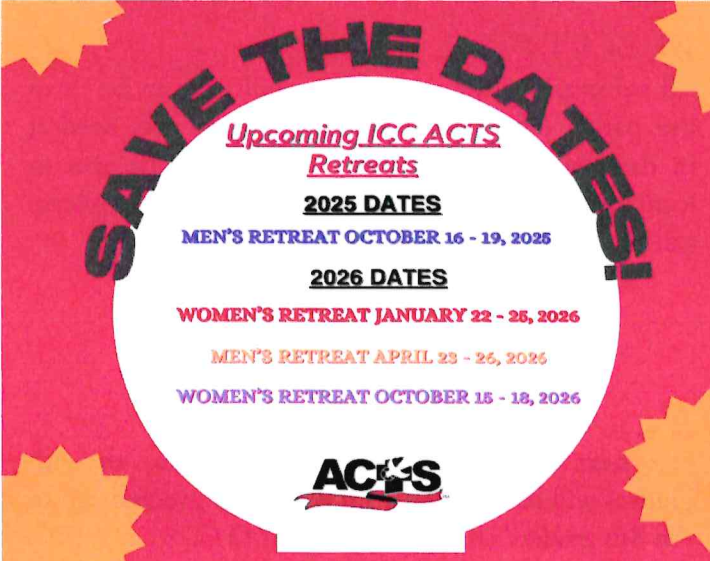
### Hope in the Lord

On behalf of the ministries and programs funded by the Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal and those they serve, we thank you for your prayers and continued generosity to the 2025 campaign. May you and your families feel the warmth of God's love and the comfort of His peace at Thanksgiving and always.



**Stay Connected with the ACTS Community!**

Embrace the calmness and reconnect with the ACTS family. If you're not receiving emails from [acts@iccmail.org](mailto:acts@iccmail.org), you might be missing out! Update Your Info Now! If you're not on our mailing list, simply send us an email at [acts@iccmail.org](mailto:acts@iccmail.org) with your latest contact information. Let's keep you in the loop and build a stronger, connected ACTS family together!



**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**



## Christmas Cards

The ICC Sanctity of Life Ministry is selling Christmas cards to earn money for items that raise awareness for and promote the Sanctity of Life as well as to support our local crisis pregnancy care centers.

\$10 per pack



10 cards / pack

Christmas cards are available for purchase in the ICC parish office during normal business hours and at the ICS Craft Fair on Saturday, Dec 6.

*Thank you for your support!*

## BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY

Looking for a place in our parish to spend your time? The Bereavement Ministry might be the place for you. Contact Kathy Fern for more information on the Ministry and how we help our parishioners. Call 618-719-1632 to learn more.

## VOCATION

This coming week, we celebrate a National Day of Thanksgiving. We, Catholics, give even greater thanks for all the gifts that God has bestowed on us and for us to share. Each one of us has been given a unique calling to Holiness. Each one is to serve the Lord in her/his own "called" way. A vocational calling is asking us to surrender our talents to God so that they may be sanctified and produce fruit for the Kingdom.

## 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.



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

If you, or someone you know, has an unborn baby diagnosed with "fetal abnormalities" or an "adverse prenatal diagnosis," please refer to: [BeNotAfraid.net](http://BeNotAfraid.net) or [PrenatalPartnersforLife.org](http://PrenatalPartnersforLife.org).

Both offer free parent-centered case management and parental support for parents carrying to term following a prenatal diagnosis. [Birthrightstl.org](http://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.





# IMMACULATE CONCEPTION SCHOOL

409 Palmer Road ~ 281-5353

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

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

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

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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!

## UPCOMING PARENTS AND FRIENDS MEETINGS

December 1, 2025  
7:00 p.m. Holiday Party  
TBD on location

## What's Happening at Gibault?

The Freshman Placement Test is Saturday, December 6 at 8:30 a.m. You can sign your student up by emailing Pam Kueker at [pkueker@gibaulthawks.com](mailto:pkueker@gibaulthawks.com). 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. Go to <https://gibaulthawks.com> and click "INQUIRE" to request more information.

## BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7  
9AM - 12PM | GIBAULT'S CAFETERIA  
501 COLUMBIA AVE | WATERLOO, IL

\$15 FOR AGES 6+  
\$10 AGES 2-5  
INFANTS ARE FREE

PLEASE RSVP BY DECEMBER 1



KID-FRIENDLY BREAKFAST  
DIGITAL PHOTO WITH SANTA & MRS. CLAUS  
ENJOY GAMES, MUSIC, CRAFTS & MORE



GIBAULT WOMEN'S CLUB

## 2025 GIBAULT BASEBALL

Winter Camp  
FOR 5-8 GRADERS

ALL CURRENT 5-8 GRADE BASEBALL PLAYERS ARE INVITED TO THE 2025 BASEBALL WINTER CAMP. THIS IS A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO MEET THE COACHES, CURRENT PLAYERS, AND TAKE YOUR GAME TO THE NEXT LEVEL!

DEC. 29 - 31 | 9:00 - 11:30AM  
FR. ED HUSTEDDE GYMNASIUM

REGISTER HERE:

PLEASE COMPLETE REGISTRATION BY DEC. 7 TO ASSURE YOUR CHILD'S T-SHIRT ORDERING. (LATE ENTRIES ARE STILL ACCEPTED)



OR TEXT  
"GIBAULTBASEBALL"  
TO 41444

WITH QUESTIONS, CONTACT ANDY TRACH  
ANDY@GIBAULTBASEBALL.COM



# Diocesan and Area Interests...

## THANKSGIVING DAY DINNER

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 27, 2025



AT ST. HENRY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH  
MSGR. VOSS PARISH CENTER  
5303 WEST MAIN STREET, BELLEVILLE



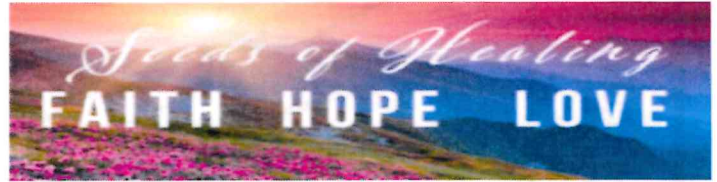
SERVING 10:45 AM - NOON



CALL 618-722-5024  
BY NOVEMBER 20  
TO MAKE RESERVATIONS

No Carry-Outs Available

A meal delivery (up to three) is available  
to the homebound



Seeds of Healing through Faith, Hope, and Love

Join us for our 3rd annual Seeds of Healing retreat on Saturday, January 17, 2026, from 9am-6pm. Bringing God's healing grace to those who have lost loved ones unexpectedly: suicide, sudden, tragic or unforeseen death.

Though the roller coaster of emotions experienced through tragedy can be enough to make one doubt God's presence, this day of reflection is designed to help in the journey through these emotions and come out renewed with confidence in God's love and care for each one of us.

Members of our ministry team for this day will include a variety of gifted individuals, Gerard Fleming (Ambrose Dad), St Joseph Cottleville  
Judy Reel, All Saints, St Peters, MO  
Diane Meyer, St Patrick's, Wentzville  
Sue Vana, Murphysboro, IL – author "Shaken by God's Love"

There will be time for healing prayers, discussions, sharing, for healthy outlet of emotions, and testimony from those who are healing from the same pain you may be feeling. Attendance will be limited to 100 participants total for Saturday, which will run from 9 am - 6 pm and will include lunch and dinner for \$68. We are also offering the option for up to 40 participants to spend the night and to stay through 10 am on Sunday; those who choose to spend the night will have additional time for rest, fellowship, snacks, a private room and breakfast on Sunday morning. The cost of the overnight experience is \$162. We expect to sell out, so please register early. We look forward to spending this beautiful time of healing with you!

For more information, don't hesitate to reach out to Barb @ 314.910.3942 or Mary @ 314.210.5098



## 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](http://www.usccb.org/home-missions).

## RESPECT LIFE CORNER

In November, we join Pope Leo XIV in praying for his monthly intention for the prevention of suicide. Let us pray that those who are struggling with suicidal thoughts might find the support, care, and love they need in their community, and be open to the beauty of life. Please also continue to pray for the defeat of SB 1950, which would legalize assisted suicide in the state of Illinois, and consider contacting Governor Pritzker's office at 312-814-2121, asking him to veto the bill.

*"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"

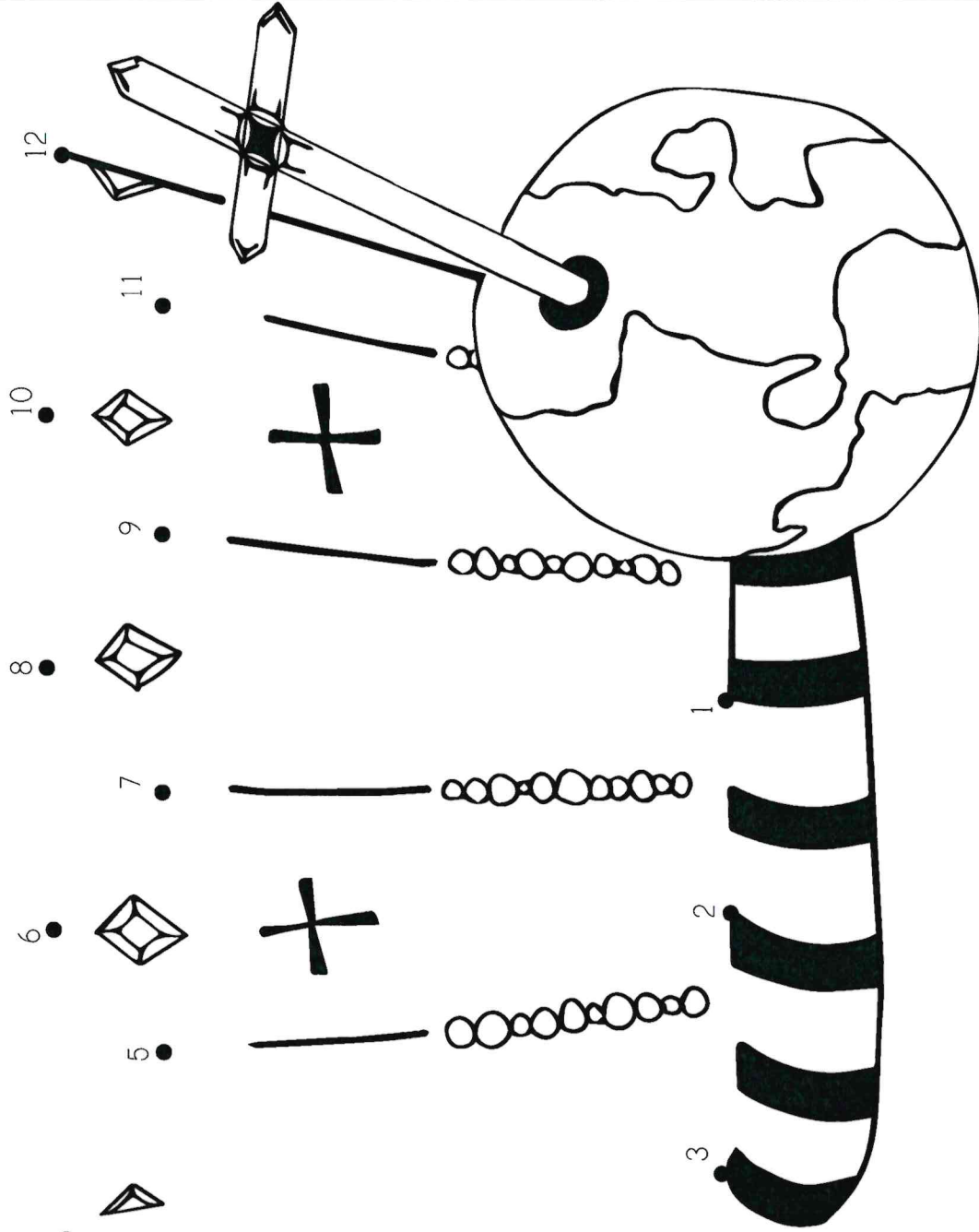




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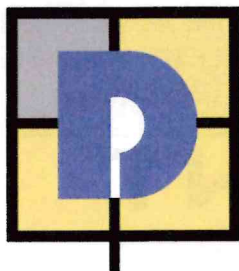
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