



Immaculate Conception

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

January 11, 2026

The Baptism of the Lord

www.icc-columbia-il.us

Ladies, we belong to the LIGHT!

Two questions for the women of the parish:

- 1) How many of us heard these compliments during the holiday season (or deserved to)?

Your smile lights up the room and makes us all welcome!

Thank you for being the glue that holds us together!

We could not have done this without you!

You are a shining star, thank you for taking the lead!

- 2) How many of us found it exhausting (and probably gratifying, but truly... tiring) to be the light, the glue, and/or the fulcrum for family and friends?

SOMETIMES BEING THE LIGHT REQUIRES RECHARGING BY REMEMBERING THE LIGHT TO WHOM WE BELONG

Recharge at the upcoming Women's ACTS Retreat, leaving the evening of January 22 and returning for 9am Mass on January 25.

Brochures are available in Gathering Space kiosk, and online at www.ic-columbia-il.us/acts-retreats/womans-acts-retreat

You can also contact Krystal at 708-491-8577, Tammy at 314-265-1767, or Lizanne at 314-306-0981. *Rest, reset, recharge, remember: we belong to the LIGHT!*

Yes, gentlemen, you also need and deserve a recharge!
The next Men's ACTS Retreat is scheduled for April 23-26, 2026.

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 Católica en Immaculata Concepción. ¡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@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, January 12	8:05 a.m.	We Remember Ruby Faust
Tuesday, January 13	8:05 a.m.	We Remember Sandra Gaines
Wednesday, January 14	8:05 a.m.	We Remember Margaret Byerley
Thursday, January 15	8:05 a.m.	We Remember Bob Braun
Friday, January 16	8:05 a.m.	We Remember Mary Albers
Saturday, January 17	5:00 p.m.	We Remember Jim Vogt
Sunday, January 18	7:00 a.m.	We Remember Catherine Linnemann
	9:00 a.m.	We Remember Rita Zoeller
	11:00 a.m.	We Remember Patti Rottler



Please Pray For

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

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; Ensign Kalia Jerkatis, US Coast Guard

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

January 11, 2026

First Reading: Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7

Second Reading: Acts 10:34-38

Gospel: Matthew 3:13-17



Our Sympathies...

To Betty Siburt and her Family on the death of her sister Peggy Ann Ries, 76, of Waterloo.

To the Family of Lisa Laforge Ruskaup who passed away at the age of 67.



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.



EUCARISTIC 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!

December 21, 2025	
Actual	22,388.07
Budget	73,400.00
Actual YTD	1,035,270.49
Budget YTD	1,070,731.00
Over (under)	(35,460.51)
Prior YTD	1,023,119.38
Over (under)	12,151.11
Guatemala	355.00
Votive	213.35
SVDP	5.00
Capital Improvements	110.00
Gibault	20.00
Needy	240.00
Retirement Fund for the Religious	499.00
Christmas Collection	450.00
Flowers	280.00
ICCCW Dues	30.00
Phase 3	10,932.50

From Our Young Stewards

I did my chores and helped with the dishwasher.
Treasure: 145.27

December 25, 2025	
Actual	41,163.69
Budget	64,000.00
Actual YTD	1,076,434.18
Budget YTD	1,134,731.00
Over (under)	(58,296.82)
Prior YTD	1,053,883.68
Over (under)	22,550.50
Guatemala	100.00
Votive	212.00
Capital Improvements	35.00
Gibault	70.00
Needy	2,265.00
Retirement for the Religious	70.00
Christmas Collection	16,935.00
Flowers	195.00
Phase 3	7,670.00

From Our Young Stewards

I cleaned off our driveway.
Treasure: 507.75

December 28, 2025	
Actual	26,297.23
Budget	46,500.00
Actual YTD	1,102,731.41
Budget YTD	1,181,231.00
Over (under)	(78,499.59)
Prior YTD	1,086,028.29
Over (under)	16,703.12
Guatemala	77.00
Capital Improvements	30.00
Gibault	25.00
Needy	135.00
Retirement for the Religious	45.00
Christmas Collection	960.00
Flowers	10.00
Phase 3	1,479.00

From Our Young Stewards

Treasure: 92.23

WHY DONATE APPRECIATED STOCK OR MUTUAL FUNDS TO CHARITY?

Giving stock or mutual funds instead of cash as a charitable donation can greatly benefit the donor as well as the recipient. You will find that many charities, churches, schools, and other nonprofit organizations will accept stock or mutual funds as a gift.

Tax Benefits of Donating Stock or Mutual Funds to Charity

If the stock or mutual fund has increased in value from the time of purchase, the owner can avoid paying long-term capital gains tax by donating the security to a qualified charitable organization. When an appreciated security held for a minimum of one year is donated to a charitable organization, its fair market value may be itemized as an income tax deduction if the donor is eligible to itemize on their tax filing. The resulting tax savings could be factored in to allow for a larger donation. For publicly traded shares, the fair market value is the average of the high and low price on the transfer date.

Considerations:

- Many nonprofits, such as hospitals, schools, and various other organizations, will accept stock or mutual funds as a gift or donation.
- Giving securities often results in a larger donation to the organization, as the gift is tax-deductible and there are no long-term capital gains taxes to pay.
- If your security has risen in value since purchase, donating it directly is preferable, but if it has lost value, it may be more advantageous to sell it first and then donate the proceeds, so you can take the tax loss.
- Most organizations will immediately liquidate the donation, converting the security to cash.
- Depending on the organization you donate to and your adjusted gross income, a varying amount of your donation may be able to be deducted on your taxes.

Consult your tax or financial advisor for more information.

— Immaculate Conception Planned Giving Council

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.

ST. RAYMOND'S UPDATE

While we were visiting St. Raymond's in November, Padre Walver shared with us that the parish is in the middle of a three-part renovation. Phase One is complete and involved updating their gathering space. They enlarged it and added a full kitchen at one end so they can serve meals at parish events, provide low cost lunches and in general have an up-to-date food prep area. Phase Two is an update to the main church space and will include new floors, pews, a Baptismal font and a new roof. Phase Three will be to update the rectory space. The rectory is mostly adobe (mud and straw) and due to the heavy rains has started to deteriorate. They recently had to take the old roof off and put in a lighter, temporary roof the walls are able to support until they can repair the entire structure. This is one of several building projects we help fund with the money we send down to our sister parish.

We are hoping to hold a few different fundraising events to help with this building project specifically. We can also find out specific costs within the renovation project if there is something in particular you would like to fund. Feel free to reach out with any questions – cevans@icsmail.org. And be on the lookout for more exciting updates on our sister parish program!

Parish Work Day! February 14, 2026

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.

D.C. PRETZEL AND DONUT SALES...

The next Pretzel and Donut weekend for the 8th graders will be January 17 & 18. All proceeds go to the 8th graders' trip to Washington D.C.

Ministry News & Happenings

Snippet from Mrs. Shea

"Empathy may be the single most important quality that must be nurtured to give peace a fighting chance."

– Arundhati Roy (Indian author and activist)

MEN'S CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

Have you or someone you know been diagnosed with prostate cancer? Are you a prostate cancer survivor wanting to talk about your experience? ICC is looking to start a men's Prostate Cancer support group to provide a place for individuals to share their experiences and support each other. If you or someone you know is interested in joining, please contact Kevin Glasscock (soccerkevn@att.net) or Shea Christensen (schristensen@icsmail.org) for more information.

Note: All individuals who have experience with cancer, whether prostate or another type, are welcome!

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.



ICCCW NEWS:

Greetings to all the ladies of the parish!

Did you know that All ladies of the parish are members of CCW? Dues are \$15.00 and there is an envelope in the January church envelope packet. We use the dues money to support the needs of anything used on the altar like a new Book of the Gospels, hosts, wine and candles. We also paid for the gold chalices to be refurbished and most recently paid for the new server albs. Another ministry we do is to provide funeral lunches to any family who has lost a loved one. The funeral teams provide side dishes and the Council provides the main entree. This program is led by Julie Ingold and Geralyn Furmanek. If anyone wants to join a funeral team, call or text me at 618-210-5881.

We also have two raffles a year and a Bunko night to support our ministry.

– Lori Doerr, CCW President

THE 2026 CATHOLIC SERVICE AND MINISTRY APPEAL

Hope in the Lord

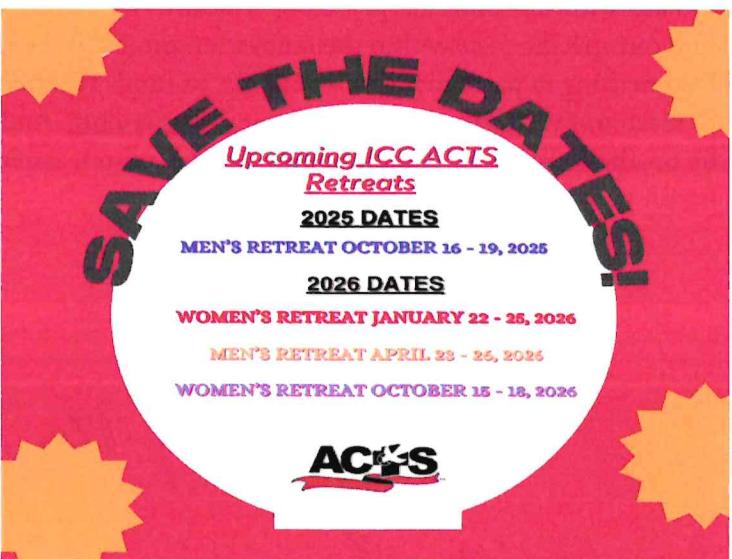
The Society of St. Vincent de Paul truly serves the poorest of the poor through its Cosgrove's Soup Kitchen, SVDP Thrift Store, Help Center and Night Drop-In Center. Men, women and children are provided the basic necessities of life – food, clothing and shelter – and the hope and the tools they need for a better tomorrow. Help St. Vincent de Paul serve those who have no place else to turn. Please make your gift to the Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal today.

VOCATION

Our Gospel for today tells of Jesus beginning His public life by being baptized in the Jordan. He accepts His "call" from the Father to evangelize and ultimately save us from our sins. "This is my Beloved Son; with whom I am well pleased." Our mission is to follow our own call to evangelize. This may be through the priesthood, sisterhood, marriage, or the single life. We need to step up to accept our mission so the Father can say of us "with whom I am well pleased."

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!



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.

BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY

I'm Free

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free
I'm following the path God laid for me.
I took His hand when I heard Him call;
I turned my back and left it all.
I could not stay another day,
To laugh, to love, to work or play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way;
I found that place at the close of the day.
If my parting has left a void,
Then fill it with remembered joy.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss;
Ah yes, these things, I too will miss.
Be not burdened with times of sorrow
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.
My life's been full, I savored much;
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.
Perhaps my time seems all too brief;
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.
Lift up your heart and share with me,
God wanted me now, He set me free.

RESPECT LIFE CORNER

"O Blessed Mother, at the angel's word you went in haste to the aid of your cousin Elizabeth. Although pregnant yourself, you placed her needs before your own. By your example of radical solidarity, teach us to reverence and protect those in need, without conditions or expectations... Obtain for us the grace to bring Christ to any expectant mother who is alone and afraid."

– USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities
Prayer for Radical Solidarity
(www.respectlife.org/prayer-for-radical-solidarity)

"Oh, Santísima Madre, al anuncio del ángel acudiste de prisa a socorrer a tu prima Isabel. Aunque estabas embarazada, antepusiste sus necesidades a las tuyas. Por medio de tu ejemplo de solidaridad radical, enséñanos a amparar y proteger a los necesitados, sin condiciones ni expectativas... Concédenos la gracia de llevar a Cristo a cualquier futura madre que se encuentre sola y temerosa."

– Secretariado de Actividades Pro-Vida de la USCCB Oración por la solidaridad radical
(es.respectlife.org/prayer-for-radical-solidarity)



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.

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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KIDS AGAINST HUNGER

ICS Builders Club is sponsoring a meal packing day February 20, 2026. Goal: Help us reach our \$10,000.00 goal to feed 30,000 people! We have held bake sales, sucker sales, and candy cane sales to get us 40% there. Packing Day will include all 7th and 8th grade Builders Club members, Key Club members from CHS, and Kiwanis volunteers. The group will work for 2.5 hours packing dry ingredients into plastic bags destined to feed the hungry.

All donations can be made:

1. By check to: Kiwanis Club of Columbia, ICS Builders Club and put in the offering basket with a note for KAH.
2. Or to the Parish Venmo with a note for KAH.

Thank you for helping us feed the hungry!



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ICS PARENTS & FRIENDS PRESENT

AN ALPINE GALA GOING FOR GOLD

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2026
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
409 PALMER ROAD, COLUMBIA, IL

JOIN US FOR A SPARKLING EVENING IN SUPPORT OF IMMACULATE CONCEPTION SCHOOL:
A NIGHT OF GOOD FOOD, GREAT FRIENDS AND GOLDEN OPPORTUNITIES TO GIVE BACK!

ALL TICKETS INCLUDE:

- DINNER, APPETIZERS & AN OPEN BAR
- SILENT & LIVE AUCTIONS
- RAFFLES & AUCTION NIGHT GAMES
- THIS YEAR'S EXCLUSIVE ALPINE PENTATHLON GAME!

EVERY DOLLAR RAISED SUPPORTS THE STUDENTS OF ICS —
AND THAT'S A WIN WORTH CELEBRATING!

LOOK FOR
OUR RAFFLE
REVEAL
JANUARY 1,
2026!

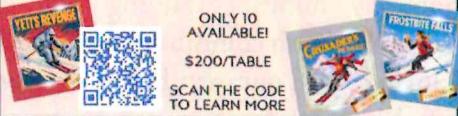
PURCHASE TICKETS NOW

EARLY BIRD PRICE	NOV 7 - DEC 31	\$75
REGULAR PRICE	JAN 1 - JAN 31	\$100
LAST MINUTE PRICE	FEB 1 - FEB 21	\$125

DONATE TO THE
AUCTION

HELP US GO FOR THE
GOLD! WE'RE
COLLECTING SILENT
AND LIVE AUCTION
ITEMS (OR CASH
DONATIONS) TO
SUPPORT
IMMACULATE
CONCEPTION SCHOOL
STUDENTS.

TAKE YOUR AUCTION EXPERIENCE TO THE NEXT LEVEL WITH
OUR AUCTION TABLE ADD-ONS



ONLY 10
AVAILABLE!

\$200/TABLE
SCAN THE CODE
TO LEARN MORE

UPCOMING PARENTS AND FRIENDS MEETINGS

February 2, 2026
7:00 p.m. in the Garden Level

What's Happening at Gibault?

Any students who missed the Placement Test can sign up for the Makeup Placement Test, to be held January 10, 2026 at 8:30 a.m. Contact Pam Kueker to sign up.

Coming soon in the 2026-27 School Year: Enrichment Fridays! Students and staff will get to experience extra Fridays off to explore their personal, professional and educational enrichment! Contact a current student or staff for more information! We are still taking applications – 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. Questions can also be emailed to our Admissions Coordinator, Pam Kueker at pkueker@gibaulthawks.com. We want to welcome your student Home at Gibault!



Need something to keep your softball player busy this winter? Sign them up for our Winter Warmups!


REGISTER NOW

WINTER SOFTBALL CAMPS





HOSTED BY

GIBAULT CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

U.S. Softball Academy's Spring Training Program is a unique concept that provides young players an opportunity to take their game to the next level. USSA camps are designed to develop skills in all facets of the game with an emphasis on teaching proper fundamentals and techniques.

Sun: Feb. 15, 22; March 1, 8

- Grades 1-12. Winter sessions are available in hitting, pitching, fielding/baserunning, and catching. Sessions include six hours of instruction in one skill for \$139. Add a second skill and save \$20. Add a third skill and save \$60!
- A national softball program with a local touch operated by Maggie Bollone, Head Coach, Gibault Catholic HS.
- With a low player to coach ratio, each player gets plenty of individual attention in a small-group atmosphere.
- Scan QR Code to Register! Scan QR Code with your cell phone camera to go to registration website.



MAKE THIS SEASON, THE BEST SEASON!

Diocesan and Area Interests...

STEUBENVILLE STL MID-AMERICA YOUTH CONFERENCE

All current 8th graders and high school youth are invited to sign up with our parish for the Steubenville Catholic Youth Conference, which occurs July 10-12, 2026. This conference is an exciting three-day experience of prayer, community and empowerment for teens and their adult chaperones, sponsored by the St. Louis Archdiocese and Franciscan University of Steubenville. Around 3,000-5,000 young people are expected to participate in Steubenville STL, held on the campus of Missouri State University in Springfield, MO. The theme of this year's conference is **Worthy**.

We will need to know our count by **February 7th** so we can make travel arrangements. We will be traveling by carpool. Meals are included except when we stop for food on the way down and back. The cost of the trip – conference, hotel, meals, and transportation is expected to be around \$350.00/person. We need conference chaperones, volunteers to help with fundraising, and a T-shirt design idea that incorporates the conference theme. If you have any questions, please contact Angela Burns at 618-567-6739 or BunchaBurnses@gmail.com.

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JV STARTS AT 5:15, VARSITY & ALUMNI GAME TO FOLLOW

JANUARY 20, 2026

GIRLS BASKETBALL ALUMNI NIGHT

VARSITY STARTS AT 6 WITH ALUMNI TO FOLLOW

JANUARY 31, 2026

HALL OF FAME NIGHT

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HALL OF FAME INDUCTION HAPPENS BETWEEN JV AND VARSITY GAMES

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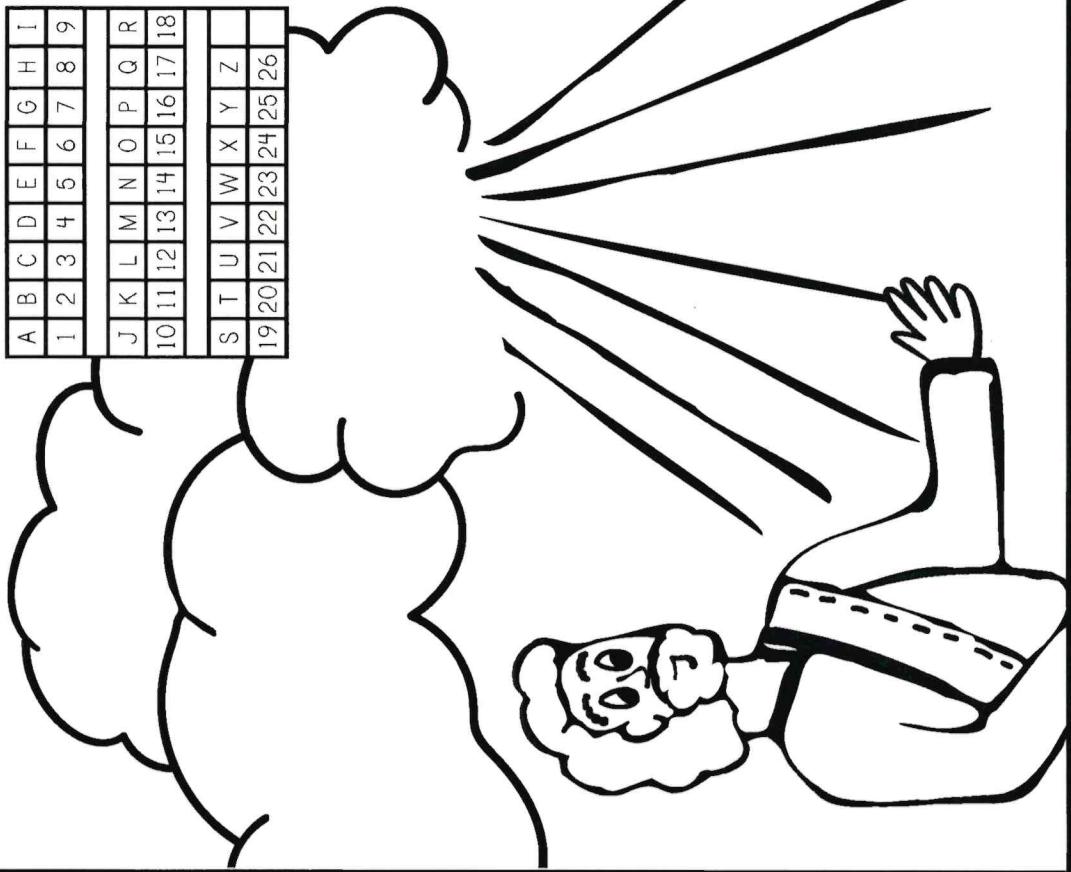
This is my

2 5 12 15 22 5 4

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with whom I am well

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Gospel

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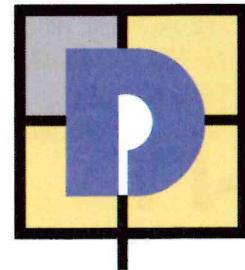
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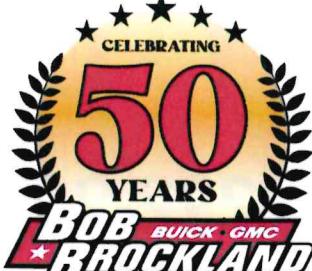
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