



Immaculate Conception

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

February 1, 2026

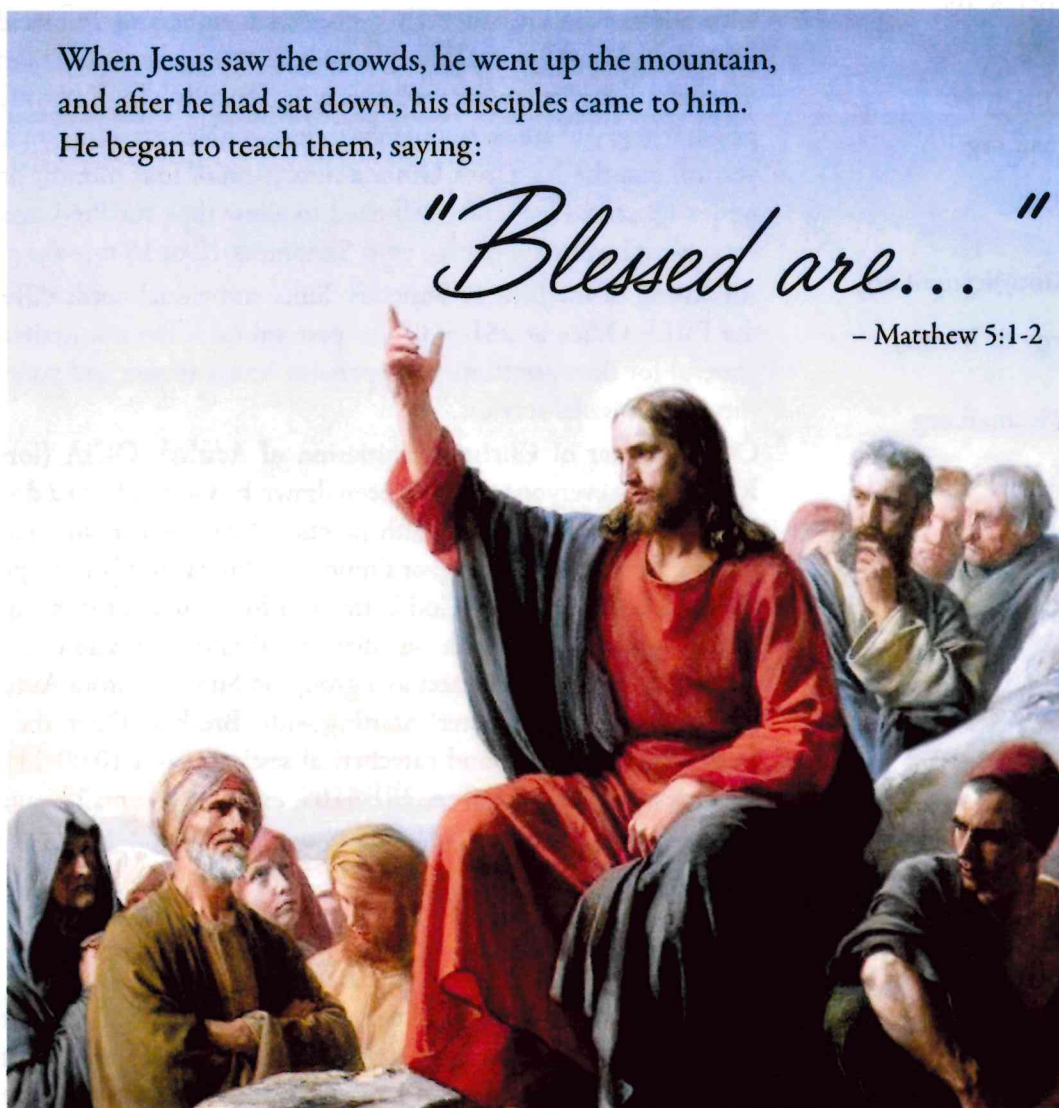
Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

www.icc-columbia-il.us

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain,
and after he had sat down, his disciples came to him.
He began to teach them, saying:

"Blessed are..."

– Matthew 5:1-2



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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Jessica Wachtel
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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, February 2	8:05 a.m.	We Remember Mike Markus
Tuesday, February 3	8:05 a.m.	We Remember Norm Schmidt
Wednesday, February 4	8:05 a.m.	We Remember Mary Jane Frey
Thursday, February 5	8:05 a.m.	We Remember JoAnn Sander
Friday, February 6	8:05 a.m.	We Remember Mary Albers
Saturday, February 7	5:00 p.m.	We Remember Edward Richardt
Sunday, February 8	7:00 a.m.	We Remember Carl & Bernice Riebeling
	9:00 a.m.	We Remember Joyce Scherder
	11:00 a.m.	We Remember Babs Jackson



Please Pray For

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

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

February 1, 2026

First Reading: Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13

Second Reading: First Corinthians 1:26-31

Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12a



Our Sympathies...

To Angela Ettling and her family on the death of her brother Nathaniel Meyer of North Carolina.

To Maria Renner and her family on the death of her father Thomas Stewart III, 86, of Columbia, MO



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

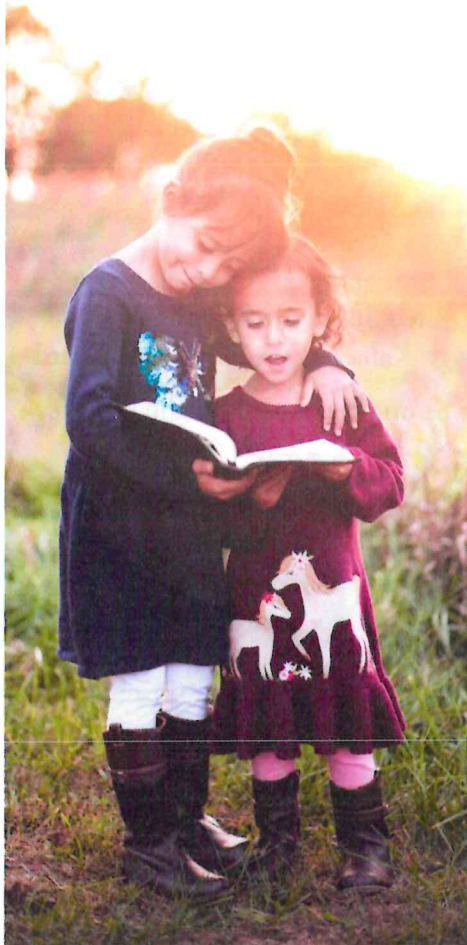
Please join us for Eucharistic
Adoration on Tuesdays
from 4:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.
Spend some quiet time with the Lord.

Stewardship...

Thank you for sharing your blessings with us!

January 25, 2026

Actual	50,600.75
Budget	23,500.00
Actual YTD	1,337,875.54
Budget YTD	1,437,231.00
Over (under)	(99,355.46)
Prior YTD	1,289,989.53
Over (under)	47,886.01
Guatemala	85.00
Votive	152.00
Gibault	335.00
ICCCW Dues	15.00
Phase 3	8,408.00



From Our Young Stewards

Doing the laundry and I helped people inside from the cold.

Treasure: 142.75

AS WE START THE NEW YEAR 2026, IT'S TIME TO CONSIDER REVIEWING YOUR PAYROLL TAX WITHHOLDING FOR THE FOLLOWING:

- When the tax law changes
- When you have life changes:
 - Lifestyle – Marriage, divorce, birth or adoption of a child, home purchase, retirement, filing chapter 11 bankruptcy
 - Wage income – You or your spouse start or stop working or start or stop a second job
 - Taxable income not subject to withholding – Interest income, dividends, capital gains, self-employment income, IRA (including certain Roth IRA) distributions
 - Adjustments to income – IRA deduction, student loan interest deduction, alimony expense
 - Itemized deductions or tax credits – Medical expenses, taxes, interest expense, gifts to charity, dependent care expenses, education credit, child tax credit, earned income credit

To Change Your Withholding:

Note: You may use the results from the IRS Tax Withholding Estimator Tax Withholding Estimator | Internal Revenue Service (irs.gov)

To change your tax withholding, you should:

- Complete a new 2026 Form W-4 and submit it to your employer
- Complete a new 2026 Form W-4P and submit it to your payer
- Make an additional or estimated tax payment to the IRS before the end of the year.

– Immaculate Conception Planned Giving Council

Parish Events & News...

FISH FRY FRIDAYS WILL BE HERE SOON.

They will be serving 3:00-7:00 p.m. If you are interesting in working the Fish Frys, please contact Pat Grawitch at gk@kofc6165.org.

Below are the dates:

- February 18, 2026 (Ash Wednesday)
- February 20, 2026
- March 6, 2026
- March 20, 2026
- April 3, 2026 (Good Friday)

BLOOD DRIVE:

March 6, 2026 in the Garden level

Parish Work Day! February 14, 2026

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.

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.

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!

D.C. PRETZEL AND DONUT SALES...

The next Pretzel and Donut weekend for the 8th graders will be February 14 & 15. All proceeds go to the 8th graders' trip to Washington, D.C.

Ministry News & Happenings

ALZHEIMER'S & DEMENTIA SUPPORT GROUP

Next meeting will be February 15th at 10:00 a.m. in the Garden level.

MEALS FROM THE ♥

Just a reminder that we still have a group of parishioners available to make meals. So, if you're going through a rough time, let us help you out! We provide meals as needed on a temporary basis. Just call or text Robin Billmeyer at 314-604-4495 if we can help out!

Snippet from Mrs. Shea

You know well enough that Our Lord does not look so much at the greatness of our actions, nor even at their difficulty, but at the love with which we do them.

— Saint Thérèse of Lisieux

MEN'S CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

Immaculate Conception has formed a men's group to try to help other men who have cancer or who have encountered cancer in the past. We are also open to those afflicted with the disease, those undergoing special testing or experiencing prostate issues. We hope through bonding with one another we can ease your mind with your issues. Our first meeting will be Thursday, February 12th at 6:30 p.m. We will meet in the Library. Please join us. Any questions, please call Kevin at 314-565-4418.

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 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.

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.



SAVE THE DATES!

Upcoming ICC ACTS Retreats

2025 DATES

MEN'S RETREAT OCTOBER 16 - 19, 2025

2026 DATES

WOMEN'S RETREAT JANUARY 22 - 25, 2026

MEN'S RETREAT APRIL 23 - 26, 2026

WOMEN'S RETREAT OCTOBER 15 - 18, 2026

ACTS

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.

VOCATION

In 1997, Pope Saint John Paul II instituted a day of prayer for women and men in consecrated life. This celebration is attached to the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord on February 2nd (Candlemas Day). Let us make it a point to begin saying “THANK YOU” to our Sisters and Brothers who have made sacrifices for us by accepting God's call. Let them know how important they are in the life of your church and how they help you to honor and pray to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION SCHOOL

409 Palmer Road ~ 281-5353

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

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

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

MISSION • COMMUNITY • SERVICE

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.



venmo

Thank you for helping us feed the hungry!



IMMACULATE
CONCEPTION
SCHOOL

rescheduled

Open House

Preschool - 8th Grade

Sunday Feb. 1st
11am - 12:30pm

ICS Main Entrance



Mission
Community
Service

616-281-6353 icscolumbia.org



Chicken Wing, Toasted Ravioli, & Pizza Fundraiser ICS Fathers' Club



Jumbo Cut Chicken Wings

20 pieces for just \$25

Deep Fried, light dash of seasoning salt.

Your choice of sauce on the side:
Syrberg's, Hot Sauce, or Ranch



Toasted Ravioli Made Fresh

20 pieces for just \$15

Deep Fried, light dash of parmesan
cheese served with Marinara



Double D's Pizzeria Frozen 12" Pizzas ONLY \$12/each!

Toppings Available: Double Cheese, Pepperoni, Buffalo Chicken, and Meat Lovers

Big Game "Square Board" available for just \$25/square

Drive Thru Pick up from Noon - 4 pm, Sunday Feb. 8th

ICS Lower Level North of ICS Gymnasium.

Please use the same route as the KC fish fry.

1/2 Hog Raffle

4 Chances to Win

Custom processing included by Schubert's

Drawing: April 16, 2026

Proceeds support Immaculate Conception School

To Order, scan the QR code or text [icswings](https://www.icswings.com) to 41444

Questions? Email: icsfathers@gmail.com

Thank you for your support!



Gibault Catholic High School



\$100 Daily Winners
March 1st - 31st 2026



What's Happening 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

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

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.**

- 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 Bellone, 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!**



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.

Diocesan and Area Interests



Boy Scout Troop 328

SPAGHETTI DINNER FOR A CAUSE

A Fundraising Effort to
Help Feed the Less
Fortunate

FEBRUARY 7, 2026
4 - 7 PM
**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
CHURCH**
LOWER LEVEL,
411 PALMER RD, COLUMBIA,
IL

\$10 per person
kids (under age 5) eat
free!
Carry Outs Available
(Dinner includes
spaghetti, salad,
breadstick, and dessert)

THE MESSENGER NEWSPAPER SUBSCRIPTION RENEWAL WEEKEND IS FEBRUARY 7-8.

Please stay connected with your Diocese through a subscription to *The Messenger* Catholic Newspaper. Payments can be made via your Messenger envelope or by credit card at www.bellevillemessenger.org and click SUBSCRIBE or call 618-722-5045 during business hours for phone payment. The cost for a 1-year subscription is \$40.00 for printed, home-delivery, \$35.00 for digital access and \$45.00 for both. Please make checks payable to *The Messenger* and make sure to include your email address if digital subscription is selected.

UPCOMING PARENTS AND FRIENDS MEETINGS

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

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 TO
AVAILABLE!
\$200/TABLE
SCAN THE CODE
TO LEARN MORE



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.

A PILGRIMAGE OF PEACE TO THE HOLY LAND

Prayer – Solidarity – Peace

November 30-December 11, 2026

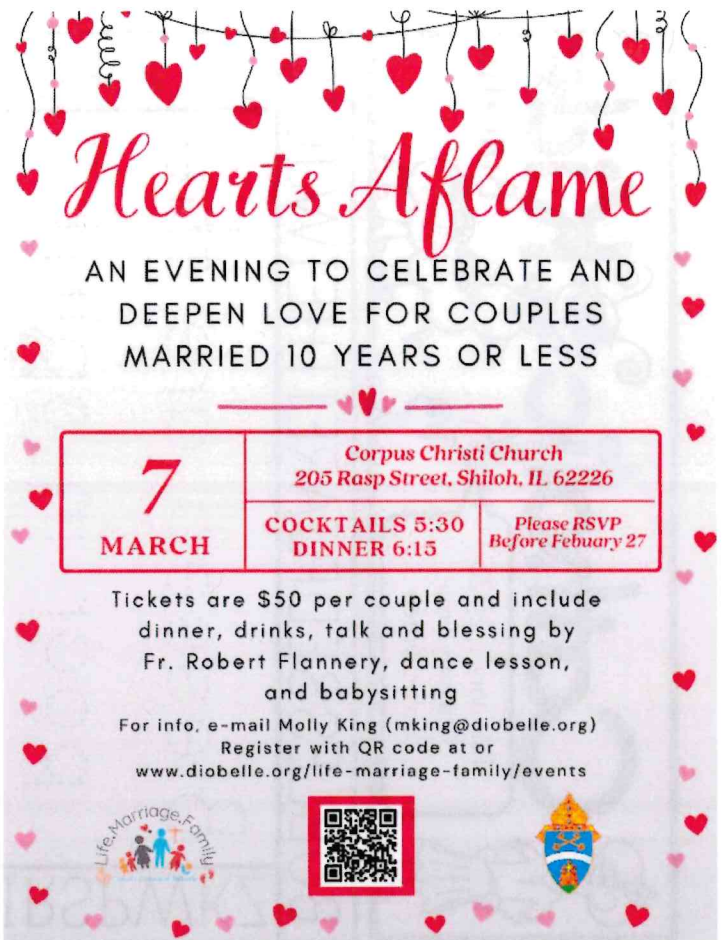
Pilgrimage Leaders: Fr. Jim Nall, Deacon John Gomez,
and Sue Huett Asbeck

Hosted by: Catholic Relief Services in the
Diocese of Belleville

You are invited to join a Pilgrimage of Peace to the Holy Land for 12 days from November 30-December 11, 2026. The pilgrimage includes visits to Nazareth, Cana, Sea of Galilee, Mt. Tabor, Mt. of Beatitudes, Jericho, Jerusalem, Bethlehem, CRS Projects in the area, and much more! To get your name on a priority list for registration when it is available, contact Cheryl Sommer, CRS Coordinator for the Belleville Diocese, at 618-624-2838 or send an email to crsdiobelle@gmail.com.

Blessed are the poor in spirit;
the kingdom of heaven is theirs!

– Matthew 5:3






Hearts Aflame

AN EVENING TO CELEBRATE AND
DEEPEN LOVE FOR COUPLES
MARRIED 10 YEARS OR LESS

7 MARCH	Corpus Christi Church 205 Rasp Street, Shiloh, IL 62226	
	COCKTAILS 5:30 DINNER 6:15	Please RSVP Before February 27

Tickets are \$50 per couple and include dinner, drinks, talk and blessing by Fr. Robert Flannery, dance lesson, and babysitting

For info, e-mail Molly King (mking@diobelle.org)
Register with QR code at or
www.diobelle.org/life-marriage-family/events



Winter Coat Drive

Sponsor a Coat for \$25



Send a check to: Molly King, Life, Marriage and Family
222 South Third St., Belleville IL 62220
or click the QR code to pay on-line

St. Anne Cradle of Hope
Carbondale, Illinois

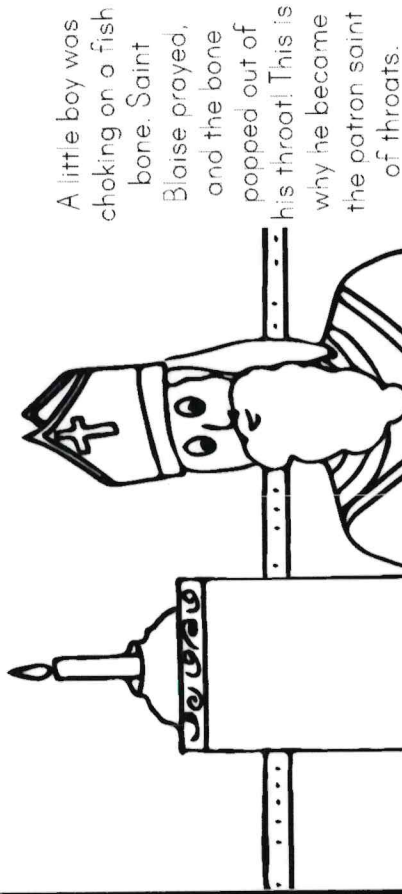
Sponsor a new coat for \$25 or drop off a used coat (sizes NB-5T) at your local Pregnancy Resource Center!

More information:
<https://stannecradleofhope.org/stanne-coh>



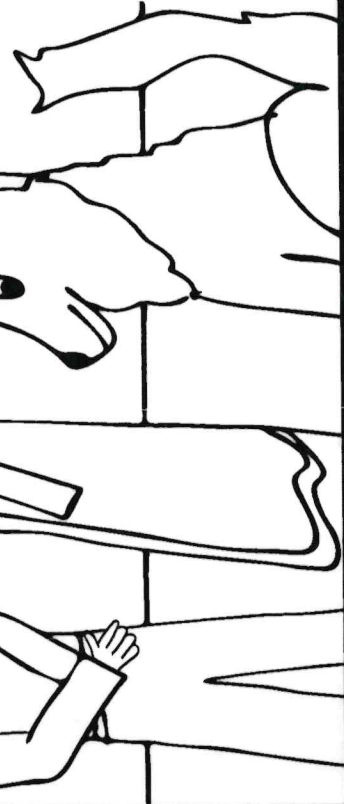
Saint Blaise

Saint Blaise is the patron saint of throats and wild animals.



A little boy was choking on a fish bone. Saint Blaise prayed, and the bone popped out of his throat! This is why he became the patron saint of throats.

Saint Blaise went into the woods and saw a group of sick animals. He was brave enough to help them, so he became the patron saint of wild animals.



Catholic Kids Bulletin

February 1, 2026
Ordinary Time
Color: Green

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Blessed are the
poor in spirit;
the kingdom of
heaven is
theirs!

BOWISOTHEIRSPWKZ



There is a special Mass on February 3rd to celebrate Saint Blaise. You can receive a blessing for your throat in honor of Saint Blaise.

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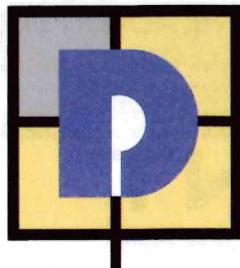
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