



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 8, 2026

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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**Cross Catholic
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Welcome back, Fr. Alan Bower!

For more than 20 years, Cross Catholic Outreach has brought food, water, shelter, education, orphan support, medical care, microenterprise support and disaster relief to the poorest of the poor. We welcome Fr. Alan to Immaculate Conception to share his personal mission stories with us, and encourage us to be the Light of Christ to those in greatest need through specific acts of mercy. Join Cross Catholic Outreach to proclaim God's love in both word and deed! God will multiply your generosity, please consider how you can help!



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

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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 9	8:05 a.m.	We Remember Nancy Weillbacher
Tuesday, February 10	8:05 a.m.	We Remember Lawrence Spier
Wednesday, February 11	8:05 a.m.	We Remember Bridgette Littmann
Thursday, February 12	8:05 a.m.	We Remember Shirley Friesz
Friday, February 13	8:05 a.m.	We Remember Babs Jackson
Saturday, February 14	5:00 p.m.	We Remember John, Catherine, & Jane Mallet
Sunday, February 15	7:00 a.m.	We Remember Bob Braun
	9:00 a.m.	We Remember Helen Marquardt
	11:00 a.m.	We Remember Joshua Stuart & Mitchel Rick



Please Pray For

Grant Koenigstein	Susan Oswill	Betty Schmieder	Laura Tasted
Doug Mercille	Steve Dineen	Gary Hoeffken	Sarah Davis
Theresa Zeisler	Emmalyn Richardet	Joyce Rose	Thomas Oleski
Larry Greenfield	Corynn Becker	Tonya Richardson	Lindsey Proksha
Beth Heisel	Teresa Dorshorst	Jane Quernheim	
Arlene Kruse	William Christopher Crosson	Andy Amann	
Delores Deleveski	Bo Taylor	Nicole Hughes	

If you need someone to continue to be on the prayer list, please contact Michelle at the Parish Office to add them back on.

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 8, 2026
First Reading: Isaiah 58:7-10
Second Reading: First Corinthians 2:1-5
Gospel: Matthew 5:13-16



Our Sympathies...

To Daniel Siwiecki and his family on the death of his mother Phyllis Siwiecki, 82, of McKean, PA.

To Mike, Mary, Joe, Lisa, & Dan and their family on the death of their father Earl Menner, 89, of Columbia.

To Earl and Arlene Kruse and their family on the death of their son Steve Kruse, 67, 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.



EUCHARISTIC 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!

February 1, 2026

Actual	80,837.57
Budget	70,000.00
Actual YTD	1,418,661.11
Budget YTD	1,507,231.00
Over (under)	(88,569.89)
Prior YTD	1,350,883.51
Over (under)	67,777.60
Guatemala	948.00
Votive	102.00
Capital Improvements	330.00
Cemetery Maintenance	25.00
Sr. Thea Bowman	519.00
Gibault	286.00
SVDP	46.00
Needy	100.00
ICCCW Dues	48.00
Black and Indian Missions	85.00
Phase 3	9,349.75
CEAC	420.00



From Our Young Stewards

Helped my siblings.

Treasure: 6.00

**The above totals include online giving through 1/31/2026.*

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 interested 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 and 15. All proceeds go to the 8th graders' trip to Washington, D.C.

Ministry News & Happenings

ALZHEIMER'S & DEMENTIA SUPPORT GROUP



IC Alzheimer's and Dementia Support Group is proud to host the seminar, *Caring for Loved Ones with Dementia* by Lisa Meyer, MBA, PT, Certified Dementia Practitioner.

February 15th at 10:00 a.m. in the Garden Level. All are welcome, no registration

necessary! For any additional information, please contact Shea Christensen at schristensen@iccmil.org.

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!

ICY ODD SUNDAYS

Every Sunday with an odd date is an Odd Sunday ICY Meeting.

Check out the QR code for more details.



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.

CHANGE A LIFE FUNDRAISER

Thank you to those who took home a cup to save their spare change/bills for our ongoing fundraiser to support our neighbors in need. We have extra cups in the Parish Office with instructions if you were not able to get one and would like to participate. Or, you can simply use any container from home. Complete instructions are in the January 18, 2026 bulletin you can find online. We will also have periodic reminders in the bulletin, and on the weekend of May 2nd and 3rd we will have a large container for you to drop in your change/bills, as well as other weekends throughout the year(s). If you have any questions, please reach out to any SVdP member. Thanks!

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK:

In our first reading today, Isaiah presents the people of Israel with a simple proposition: If they help the poor and needy in their midst, God will immediately hear their prayers and heal them. The implication is clear: The people have not shared what they had with the hungry. They have not sheltered the homeless, they have not clothed the naked. Because of this, God refuses to hear them, leaving them in their self-inflicted gloom and darkness. But, Isaiah insists, if they turn away from false and malicious speech and satisfy the hunger of the afflicted, God's light will rise on them until it is as bright as high noon on a summer day.


In the Gospel, Jesus also uses the metaphor of light to describe His disciples. They will shine before others, not to bring glory to themselves, but so that people will see their good deeds and give glory to God.

How powerful that the poor become a light for the world to see, and more importantly, that they reveal the face of God! The light that breaks forth is like a moment of clarity when we see things as they really are. God is present all the time, but the humblest of people and the simplest of actions pull back the curtain and give the world a glimpse of who God is and where we can find God.

Years ago, when I was doing missionary work in northern Peru, one of the places we went to once or twice a month for Mass was a little town called Naranja (which means "orange"). There were about 500 people in this village. It was in the mountains, and they had no roads or electricity. The whole town only had two Coleman lanterns. But everyone had a small oil lamp or two, much like those used in Jesus' time, to light their homes. The church had a large frame hanging from its ceiling. Cut into the frame were a hundred slots into which the small oil lamps could be placed. The Masses were always in the evening. We were very close to the equator, so the sun would always set year-round at about 6:00 p.m. When the people came to Mass, they were carrying their oil lamps from their homes to guide them through the darkness. When they came to the church, the people would place their lamps in the slots. By the time the last person came, the darkness of the church was transformed into a glorious sea of light. Then, after the Mass and prayers, they would take their lamps and head home.

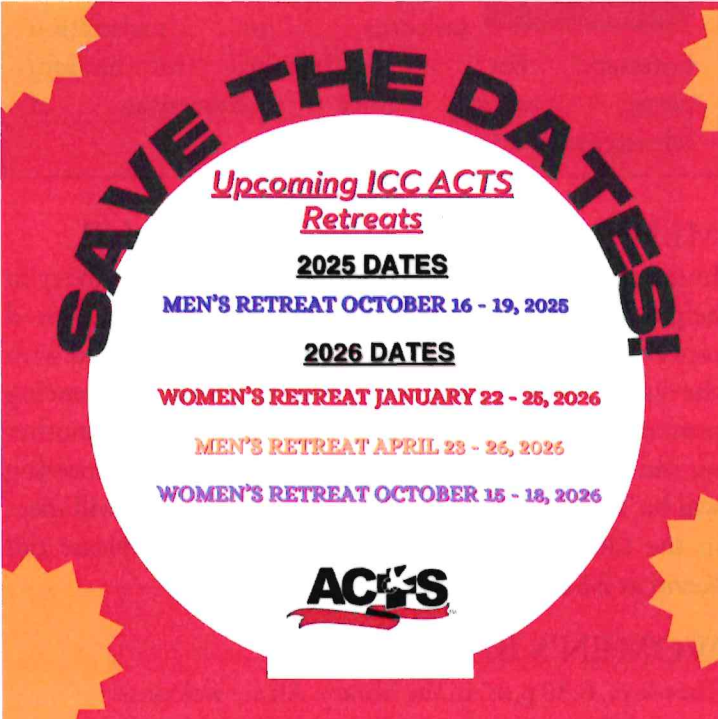
We all have the light of Christ given to us from our Baptism. And when we gather as Christian community, that light really shines. Strengthened by the Eucharist, the Scriptures and each other, we carry that light back into our world. Jesus tells us in today's Gospel to let our light shine. Try to be a beacon of hope, of light. As St. Pope John XXIII said, "Every believer in this world must become a spark of light." May your light shine this week and bring some hope, joy and faith to a world that could really use it.

Fr. Brian



**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

ACTS

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

A sage once wrote that a good marriage is like a fire around which others come to warm themselves. So, as we celebrate World Marriage Day on this Sunday, we realize that no matter what our station in life – married, single or religious – we have benefited from this sacred covenant relationship whether through the example of our parents, grandparents, and other role models or through our own stewardship of the marriage covenant.

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

If you, or someone you know, has an unborn baby diagnosed with “fetal abnormalities” or an “adverse prenatal diagnosis,” please refer to: BeNotAfraid.net or PrenatalPartnersforLife.org.

Both offer free parent-centered case management and parental support for parents carrying to term following a prenatal diagnosis. Birthrightstl.org offers their Melissa's Smile program, a counseling and supportive resource for mothers and fathers whose baby has been diagnosed prenatally with a genetic abnormality or whose baby has been born with a disability or serious medical condition.

“Virgin of Guadalupe, Patroness of unborn children, we implore your intercession for every child at risk of abortion. ... Guide our public officials to defend each and every human life through just laws. Inspire us all to bring our faith into public life, to speak for those who have no voice. We ask this in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ, who is Love and Mercy itself. Amen.”

– USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, “A Prayer to Our Lady of Guadalupe”

“Virgen de Guadalupe, patrona de los niños en el vientre materno, te imploramos tu intercesión por cada niño en peligro de ser abortado. ... Guía a nuestros funcionarios públicos a defender cada vida humana mediante leyes justas. Inspíranos a todos a traer nuestra fe a la vida pública, para hablar por aquellos que no tienen voz. Te lo pedimos en el nombre de tu Hijo, Jesucristo, quién es Amor y Piedad. Amén”.

– USCCB Secretariado de Actividades Pro-Vida, “Oración a Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe”



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION SCHOOL

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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!

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** to 41444

Questions? Email: icsfathers@gmail.com

Thank you for your support!



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

March 6, 2026

8:15 a.m. in the Garden Level

What's Happening at Gibault?

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.

**GIBAULT
WOMENS
CLUB
PRESENTS:**



**MARCH
21**

5PM

**GIBAULT
FR. HUSTEDDE GYM**
**TICKETS: \$40 IN ADVANCE
\$45 AT THE DOOR**

**FEATURING APPETIZERS,
DESSERTS, DRINKS & MORE
FROM 20+ VENDORS**



Gibault Catholic High School



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



HOP INTO FUN!

EASTER EGG HUNT

MARCH 22 | 12:30PM

GIBAULT CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL
FREE & OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
RAIN OR SHINE
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Diocesan and Area Interests

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.

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.

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

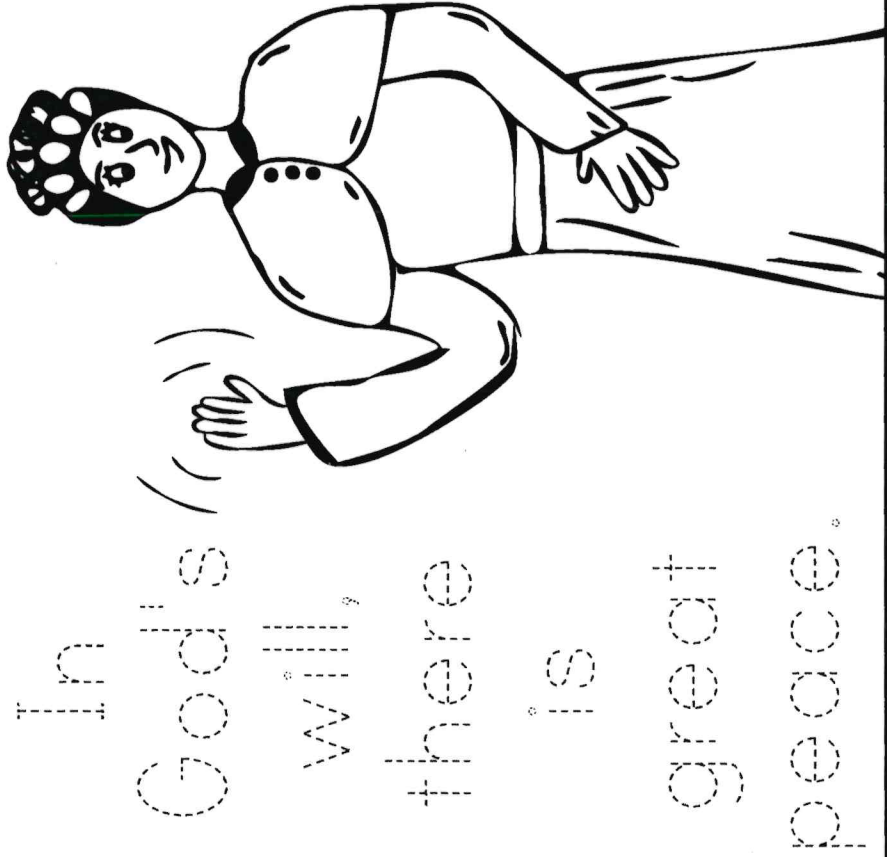
For info, e-mail Molly King (mking@diobelle.org)
Register with QR code at or
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Saint Josephine Bakhita

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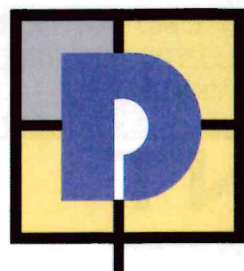
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