



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 15, 2026

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

www.icc-columbia-il.us

Grow in faith for Lent

Ash Wednesday signals the beginning of the Lenten season, and Immaculate Conception Parish offers abundant options to make Lent a fertile "spring" to grow your faith life. Please take advantage of these opportunities!

Ash Wednesday Masses

February 18 at 8:05am & 6:30pm

Offer Your Prayers for Someone

Prayer works wonders! Take a card to remember the intentions of one of our homebound, or this year's Confirmandi, OCIA catechumens and candidates, or seminarians.

Eucharistic Adoration & Holy Hour

Tuesdays during Lent: 4pm, Silent Adoration in church begins; 6:30pm, Holy Hour (Holy Rosary, individual Reconciliation); 7:30pm, Benediction at 7:30pm.

Stations of the Cross

Fridays at 2pm (with ICS students) and 7pm (parish ministries lead).

Knights of Columbus Blood Drive

Friday, March 6, Garden Level, 8am-1pm. (A beautiful sacrifice.)

Reconcile Tuesdays & Saturdays

Feel God's magnanimous love in the Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturdays from 3:30-4:30pm, and Tuesdays from 6:30-7:30pm.

UNBOUND: Seeking the Freedom of God's Love (an invitation)

Wednesdays, Feb. 25 - April 1, 6:30pm in the Gira Library. Jesus invites us, and those he meets in the Gospels, to find a deeper spirituality and step into the Light. (No cost, materials provided.)

Scripture Study Prep for Sunday

Women's Bible Study every Tuesday at 6:30pm, Library
Pathfinder's Men's Group every Saturday at 7:30am, KC Room

CRS Rice Bowls AND Change for Life

Your change can bring change! Practice almsgiving in a

meaningful way by picking up a CRS Rice Bowl in the Gathering Space, and/or continuing to use your SVDP Change for Life. Your monetary sacrifice makes a life-giving difference to the poorest of the poor. (Don't forget Cross Catholic Outreach, too!)

Knights of Columbus Fish Fries

The famous drive-thru Fish Fry serves from 3-7pm on Ash Wednesday and select Fridays! Check the bulletin for details.

Lenten Speaker Series

Thursdays in Church:

February 19, 7pm: **Benjamin**

Parviz, Grief and Hope

March 12, 6:30pm: **Fr. Brian**

Barker, Reflections on Lent

March 19, 6:30pm: **Louis Damani**

Jones, Mental Health & Faith

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

Welcome New Parishioners

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

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

We livestream! To participate, please use this link:

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

Parish Office Hours

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

Phone: 618-281-5105

Parish Staff

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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.

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| Monday, February 16 | 8:05 a.m. | We Remember Jackie Lutman |
| Tuesday, February 17 | 8:05 a.m. | We Remember Kathy Francescon |
| Wednesday, February 18 | 8:05 a.m. | We Remember Norine Schmidt |
| | 6:30 p.m. | We Remember Ed Janson |
| Thursday, February 19 | 8:05 a.m. | We Remember Patty Juengling |
| Friday, February 20 | 8:05 a.m. | We Remember Anna Lawlor |
| Saturday, February 21 | 5:00 p.m. | We Remember Walter Novak |
| Sunday, February 22 | 7:00 a.m. | We Remember Donna Kocher |
| | 9:00 a.m. | We Remember Mary Obermier |
| | 11:00 a.m. | We Remember Dean & Marian Keim |



Please Pray For

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| 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 | Karin Bennett |
| Arlene Kruse | William Christopher Crosson | Andy Amann | Julie Beckert |
| Delores Deleveski | Bo Taylor | Nicole Hughes | Adam Brandt |

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, Dustin Crawford, Kaiden Timmons, US Army;
Colonel Brian Schoellhorn, Samuel Campbell, Chief Petty Officer, Seth Spencer, Navy;
Captain Benjamin Thoma, Captain Alex Kawalec, United States Air Force;
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 15, 2026

First Reading: Sirach 15:15-20

Second Reading: First Corinthians 2:6-10

Gospel: Matthew 5:17-37



Our Sympathies...

To the family of James McDaniels who passed away at the age of 97.

To the family of Gale Goudey who passed away at the age of 90.



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!

February 8, 2026

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| Actual | 29,772.99 |
| Budget | 23,450.00 |
| Actual YTD | 1,448,434.10 |
| Budget YTD | 1,530,681.00 |
| Over (under) | (82,246.90) |
| Prior YTD | 1,379,317.94 |
| Over (under) | 69,116.16 |
| Guatemala | 754.00 |
| Votive | 93.00 |
| Capital Improvements | 130.00 |
| The Messenger | 400.00 |
| Gibault | 120.00 |
| ICCCW Dues | 30.00 |
| Black and Indian Missions | 140.00 |
| Phase 3 | 2,620.67 |



From Our Young Stewards

I cleaned out the dishwasher, I shoveled the driveway, and I made a Valentine's card for my buddy.

Treasure: 92.99

WHAT IS A DONOR-ADVISED FUND?

A donor-advised fund is a charitable gift fund administered by a public foundation created for the purpose of managing charitable donations on behalf of an individual or family. Donor-advised funds have become increasingly popular, because they offer the donor a tax-efficient, organized planned giving solution with the opportunity to recommend grant distributions to the charitable organizations of their choosing on their own timeline. Donor-advised funds offer the maximum tax benefit available for a charitable gift. Unlike private foundations, donor-advised fund-holders enjoy a federal income tax deduction of up to 60% of adjusted gross income (AGI) for cash contributions and up to 30% of AGI for the appreciated, publicly traded securities in the year contributed. When donors contribute appreciated assets to donor-advised funds, they avoid long-term capital gains taxes and receive immediate fair market value tax deductions.

Beginning in 2026, the total of all itemized charitable contributions will be reduced by .5% of your AGI to comply with new tax laws passed in the OBBBA. Many national and local foundations offer donor-advised funds. Each fund sponsor has different minimums to open, maintain, and grant. You may recommend an investment strategy for the assets in your fund for tax-free growth until you decide to recommend grants. Donor-advised fund sponsors may accept contributions of complex assets as well, like crypto-currency, real estate or closely held business interests.

Advantages and Disadvantages of Donor-Advised Funds

Pros

- Ability to recommend grants on your own timeline.
- Maximum tax benefit available for a charitable contribution
- Allows donation of non-cash assets.
- No required minimum distributions

Cons

- Contributions are irrevocable.
- Grants are subject to final approval of the fund sponsor.
- Subject to administrative and investment fees

Donor-advised funds offer both legacy and succession options which may vary with each fund sponsor. After the lifetime of the initial donor, the fund may pass to children or trusted family members with full discretion to continue charitable grant-making or distribute the remaining funds to one or more approved charities. For more information about Donor-advised funds, contact your financial or tax advisor.

— Immaculate Conception Planned Giving Council

Parish Events & News...

HOW TO HAVE A HOLY LENT

Each year, the Lord Jesus calls the entire Church to a special season of penance and renewal. As we journey through this holy time of Lent, we should reflect on our need for conversion of heart, prayer, charitable works and penance. The Season of Lent extends this year from Ash Wednesday, February 18, to the Mass of the Lord's Supper, April 3, inclusive.

1. Everyone 14 years of age or over is bound to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and all Fridays of Lent.
2. Everyone 18 years of age and under 59 years of age is also bound to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.
3. On these two days of fast and abstinence, only one full meatless meal is allowed. The other meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to one's needs, but altogether they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted on these two days, but liquids, including milk and fruit juices are allowed.
4. When health or ability to work would be seriously affected, the obligation of the law is modified. Those that are excused from fast and abstinence outside the age limits include the physically or mentally ill including individuals suffering from chronic illnesses such as diabetes. Also excluded are pregnant or nursing women. In all cases, common sense should prevail, and ill persons should not further jeopardize their health by fasting.
5. Because Lent is a special season for all Christians, we should not lightly excuse ourselves from these penitential practices.

The season of Lent gives way to the celebration of Easter in Holy Week, the most sacred period of the liturgical calendar. Holy Week includes both the Church's most solemn observances and joyous feasts. Unique, beautiful liturgies fill the period of time that begins on Palm Sunday and culminates with Easter Sunday. Holy Week 2026 is a great time to recommit to prayer and draw close to God.

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! March 14, 2026

FAT TUESDAY

PANCAKE & SAUSAGE DINNER

FEBRUARY 17 • 5:00-7:00 PM



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH

FREE EVENT  **GARDEN LEVEL**
BRING A DESSERT TO SHARE

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.

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

ICC Ministry Spotlight

Book Club

Women, Faith, and Fiction: The Book Club invites ladies of the parish aged 18+ to discuss literary fiction through the lens of Catholic Social Justice. The group meets in the Fr. Steve Gira Library on most second Sundays of the month from 6:30-7:30pm, and generally discusses one book per four-week period, with a discussion every two weeks to cover the first and second halves of the book. Women may join at any time (even mid-book). Book selections are made by women present at the meeting, and if adjustments need to be made to meeting dates due to holidays, etc., the group works those out in advance.

Reach out to Lizanne
at lyoung@iccmil.org
to learn how you can be a part
of this engaging literary group!

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.



ALZHEIMER'S AND DEMENTIA SUPPORT GROUP



IC Alzheimer's and Dementia Support Group are 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.

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. 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.

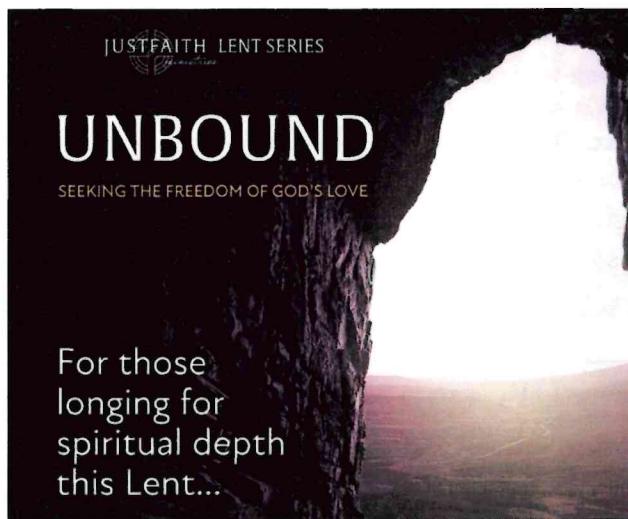
CHANGE A LIFE FUNDRAISER

Thanks 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 17, 2026 bulletin you can find online. We will also have periodic reminders in the bulletin, and on the weekend of May 2/3, 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!

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.



JUST FAITH FOR LENT – UNBOUND: SEEKING THE FREEDOM OF GOD'S LOVE

If you feel weary and long for a deeper spirituality; want to seek justice and connections; yearn for the Resurrection and long to begin again, you are in the right place. For six weeks here at ICC, we will gather, read, reflect and share about the Gospel. This Lenten season, let's join together in following Jesus through the wilderness. We'll meet characters like Nicodemus, the Samaritan woman at the well, the man born blind, and Lazarus, and explore how Jesus invites each of them – and us – to step into the light. Each session of *Unbound: Seeking the Freedom of God's Love* is based on Jesus' stories. We will gather on Wednesday nights, February 25-April 1, 2026 at 6:30 p.m. in the Fr. Steve Gira Library. (There is no fee for this weekly hour session.) Contact Carol Waide at 618-910-1648 if you have questions or to sign up.

VOCATION

"When I was little, I remember a teacher asking me, 'What do you want to be when you grow up?' Right away, I envisioned myself drawing buildings and houses. I wanted to become an architect. That dream became real but in a different way, for God had another blueprint for my life – to help build His kingdom. When I was 25 years old, I attended a 'Come and See' retreat with the Missionaries of the Holy Spirit, not knowing what to expect. During that retreat, I realized I liked living in community, and I also love centering everything around the Eucharist. Letting go of my dreams of becoming an architect and of getting married was difficult, but I sensed a deep fire within me that could not be contained. I thought, 'This is something I could happily see myself doing.' Now, 20 years after joining the congregation, I'm blessed to serve as vocations director and a spiritual director. In this way, I firmly believe I am building God's kingdom as an architect for the Lord."

– Bro. Lucio Galicia; *Missionaries of the Holy Spirit*;
Columbia Magazine, September 2025.



**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!



Retreat for Men:
April 23-26

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Retreat for Women:
October 15-18

Save the dates!

COMFORT WITH A PRAYER SHAWL

If you, or someone you know, needs comfort and prayers, consider bringing them a Prayer Shawl, handmade by Immaculate Conception parishioners. Each crocheted or knitted shawl is unique, and prayers are said throughout the process of the creation. The goal is to provide comfort to the recipient, knowing that they are wrapped in the prayers of the parish. The Prayer Shawl can be delivered to you, or you may stop in the Parish Office during business hours and pick up what you need. Prayer Shawls are available for children as well. Call Helen Csik at 314-651-5033 or the Parish Office at 618-281-5105.

Quilters' Corner

Join our super fun quilters' group on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:00-11:30 a.m. All skill levels welcome and appreciated, even beginners! Contact Carlene at 281-5877.



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION 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!

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

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
PHOTO OPPORTUNITY WITH EASTER BUNNY

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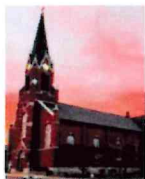
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Diocesan and Area Interests

Ss. Peter & Paul Catholic Church

**ANNUAL WURSTMARKT
AND
QUILT & CASH BINGO**



SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2026

DINE-IN/CARRY-OUT
SSPPCS CAFETERIA 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM
PORK SAUSAGE, MASHED POTATOES, SAUERKRAUT,
GREEN BEANS, BREAD, DESSERT, AND A DRINK.

QUILT & CASH BINGO
SSPPCS GYM STARTING AT 1:00 PM
PAPER CARDS WILL BE USED
\$1.00/CARD

For more information, contact the Ss. Peter & Paul
Parish Office at (618) 939-6126, ext. 101

40 DAYS FOR LIFE *Fairview Heights, IL*

Sign up to come pray
peacefully for an hour at
the Fairview Heights
Planned Parenthood clinic!



THE 2026 SPRING
CAMPAIGN RUNS
FROM FEB 18-
MAR 29.



331 SALEM PLACE,
FAIRVIEW HGTS, IL

FREE PARKING
NEXT TO MOSAIC
ULTRASOUND VAN

Sign up to pray with us at fvh40days@yahoo.com

EUCHRE TOURNAMENT

St. Michael's Church (Paderborn) Parish Hall
Saturday February 28 at 7:00 p.m.

For reservations, contact Rich Kreher at slark4@yahoo.com or call/text 314-341-4904.

Hearts Aflame

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

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| 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



Saint Valentine

Saint Valentine was a kind man in Rome. The emperor made a rule that young men couldn't marry. Saint Valentine knew this was wrong, so he helped couples get married in secret. The emperor found out and put Saint Valentine in jail.

Even in jail, Saint Valentine was kind. He wrote letters to the jailer's daughter, signed "From your Valentine." This is why people give Valentine's cards to their friends! Saint Valentine showed that love and kindness are powerful. His story reminds us to be brave and spread love.

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Saint Valentine is the patron saint of love.



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Blessed are
they who
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When we say, "And with your spirit," we remember that God is working through the priest to offer the Mass.

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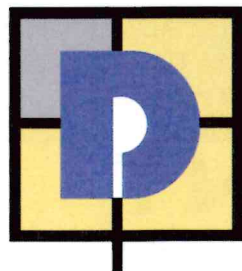
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