



# Immaculate Conception

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

February 22, 2026

First Sunday of Lent

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

## THE SEASON OF LENT



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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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## 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, February 23	8:05 a.m.	We Remember Jim Vogt
Tuesday, February 24	8:05 a.m.	We Remember Doris Ling
Wednesday, February 25	8:05 a.m.	We Remember Clara Naumann
Thursday, February 26	8:05 a.m.	We Remember Jeanette Distler
Friday, February 27	8:05 a.m.	We Remember Betty Beckerle
Saturday, February 28	5:00 p.m.	We Remember Josh Ritter
Sunday, March 1	7:00 a.m.	We Remember Carl & Bernice Riebeling
	9:00 a.m.	We Remember Margie Pautler
	11:00 a.m.	We Remember Cletus Whelan



### *Please Pray For*

Grant Koenigstein	Steve Dineen	Tonya Richardson	Karin Bennett
Doug Mercille	Emmalyn Richardet	Jane Quernheim	Julie Beckert
Theresa Zeisler	Corynn Becker	Andy Amann	Jim Grau
Larry Greenfield	Teresa Dorshorst	Nicole Hughes	Adam Brandt
Beth Heisel	Bo Taylor	Laura Tasted	Tim Friedrich
Arlene Kruse	Betty Schmieder	Sarah Davis	
Delores Deleveski	Gary Hoeffken	Thomas Oleski	
Susan Oswill	Joyce Rose	Lindsey Proksha	

***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 22, 2026*

**First Reading:** Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7

**Second Reading:** Romans 5:12-19

**Gospel:** Matthew 4:1-11



### **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 15, 2026

Actual	74,727.41
Budget	22,425.00
Actual YTD	1,523,161.51
Budget YTD	1,553,106.00
Over (under)	(29,944.49)
Prior YTD	1,458,562.85
Over (under)	64,598.66
Guatemala	710.00
Votive	226.00
Capital Improvements	865.00
Cemetery Maintenance	105.00
Sr. Thea Bowman	445.00
Gibault	255.00
ICCCW Dues	20.00
Black and Indian Missions	160.00
Eugene Schorb	
Edu. Endowment Fund	53.00
Phase 3	10,505.91
CEAC	440.00



\* The above totals include  
online giving

## 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](mailto:gk@kofc6165.org).

Below are the dates:

- 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

## SCRIPTURE DISCUSSIONS FOR MEN AND WOMEN

**How's this for a Plan:** Come to Mass on Sunday ready to engage in the Gospel, Old and New Testament Readings and even the homily by spending an hour praying with them in advance, with friends!

Women's Bible Study meets every week in the Library on Tuesday evenings from 6:30-7:30 p.m.

The Pathfinders Men's Group meets every week in the Knights of Columbus Room on Saturday mornings from 7:30-8:30 a.m.

*Just show up, you're more than welcome!*



## BULLETIN DEADLINE...

All submissions for the bulletin will need to be in to the Parish Office two Thursdays before you need it in the bulletin. Submissions will need to be sent to [iccmil@iccmil.org](mailto:iccmil@iccmil.org). If you have any questions, please call the Parish Office at 618-281-5105.

# Ministry News & Happenings



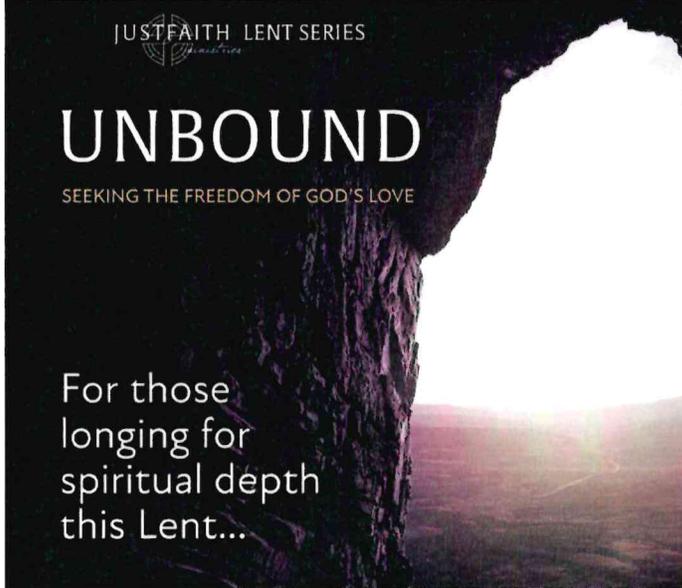
## ICC Ministry Spotlight

### Liturgy Committee

The Liturgy Committee is made up of representatives from various parish ministries, as well as the clergy of the parish. We meet the first Tuesday evening of every month to plan ahead for all liturgies, particularly special liturgies and events, and to discuss ways to make our parish liturgies reverent and organized. We work closely with all volunteer Mass ministers to ensure proper training and knowledge. All inquiries may be directed to the Director of Liturgy at the Parish Office.



"The liturgy is the summit toward which the activity of the church is directed; at the same time it is the fount from which all the church's power flows."  
Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy (CSL), 10.



JUST FAITH LENT SERIES

# UNBOUND

SEEKING THE FREEDOM OF GOD'S LOVE

For those longing for spiritual depth this Lent...

## 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.

## Snippet from Mrs. Shea

Happy Black History Month, everyone! Since we are talking about **Honesty** at ICS this month for Character Education, here is a quote about Honesty from the autobiography of human rights activist Malcolm X:

*"I'm for truth, no matter who tells it. I'm for justice, no matter who it is for or against. I'm a human being first and foremost, and as such I'm for whoever and whatever benefits humanity as a whole."*

May we pray for the courage to be honest with ourselves and one another this month and every month of 2026!

## 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.

## ICY ODD SUNDAYS

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



## 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!

## 2026 K of C – 40th ANNUAL CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP – ESSAY



**CONTEST** will be held on **Sunday, March 15** at **12:30 p.m.** (after 11:00 a.m. Mass).

The Contest will be held in the ICS/CEAC –  
Room 225 (Mr. Kassebaum's classroom).

In accordance with Contest rules:

**No late entry/or make-up dates.** The Contest prize is one \$2,400.00 scholarship – payable in (4) annual installments of \$600.00 – directly to the Catholic High School of winner's choice.

The Contest participant must be **ICC Parish Member**, who will be an entering freshman of a **Catholic High School** for the **2026-27** school year. The Contestant must currently be attending either ICS Grade School OR the Columbia public school system.

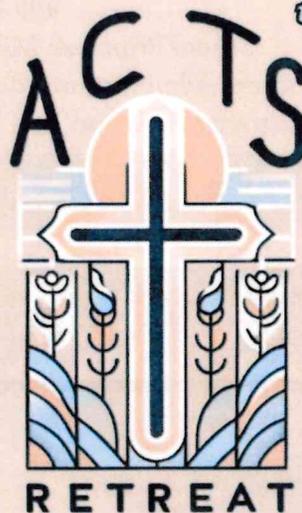
*Any questions, please call Kevin W. Hutchinson, KC Council 6165 at 314-974-7072. Please RSVP to Kevin one week prior to Contest if possible, for planning the room setup.*

## VOCATION

“From a young age, I desired to be noticed by Jesus in a particular way. By age 13, Good Friday left me with an ache to suffer with the crucified Lord. At age 16, I read the Song of Songs and declared, “I want a love like that.” Jesus became my first love. Though I was open to religious life, I also loved the idea of marriage. In college, I replaced Jesus as the center of my life with the man I thought I'd marry. Deep down, I felt Jesus' claim on my life and fought against Him for it, in restless pursuit of a tangible spouse. But Jesus brought me to surrender. In the Eucharistic presence of the divine bridegroom, the attraction of all earthly bridegrooms faded away. Jesus gave Himself entirely for me on the cross. I now yearned to give my whole self to Him. Today, as a Passionist nun, I stand at the foot of the Cross, wedded to Redeeming Love. Jesus crucified does not disappoint. He is the fairest bridegroom of all.”

Sr. Maria Faustina Carmichael; Passionist Nuns of St. Joseph Monastery; Columbia Magazine October 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](mailto:acts@iccmail.org), you might be missing out! Update Your Info Now! If you're not on our mailing list, simply send us an email at [acts@iccmail.org](mailto:acts@iccmail.org) with your latest contact information. Let's keep you in the loop and build a stronger, connected ACTS family together!**



**Retreat for Men:  
April 23-26**



**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

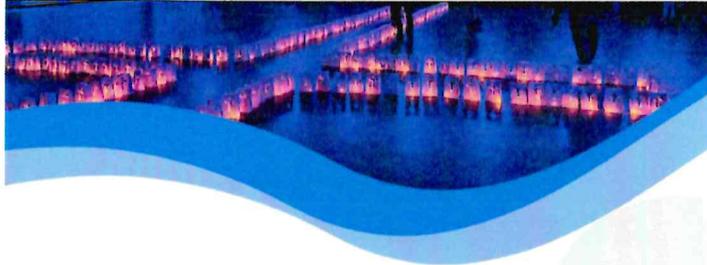
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School Principal: Mike Crean, ext. 202 - mcrean@icsmail.org

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

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

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## New Student Registration Preschool - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade

Admissions Portal Opens March 4th  
Link found at [www.icscolumbia.org](http://www.icscolumbia.org)

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## UPCOMING PARENTS AND FRIENDS MEETINGS

March 6, 2026

8:15 a.m. in the KC Room

## What's Happening at Gibault?

The 2026-27 New Student Application is NOW OPEN! Go to <https://gibalthawks.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://gibalthawks.com> and click "INQUIRE" to request more information.

GIBAULT  
WOMENS  
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PRESENTS:



MARCH  
21  
5PM

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

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



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 7, 2026!

PURCHASE TICKETS NOW		
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# Gibault Catholic High School



**\$100 Daily Winners**  
**March 1<sup>st</sup> - 31<sup>st</sup> 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

SPONSORED BY GIBAULT ALUMNA:

**Judy Fruth-Long**

Designated Managing Broker

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### OBK CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

We are thrilled to be purchasing a larger, one-story building that will allow returning citizens to receive expanded programs and services, all in an accessible building closer to the bus stop! We will still be in East St Louis where the IDOC Transitional Houses are.



HONORING JOURNEYS  
 INSPIRING TRANSFORMATION

Thanks to some generous early donors, we have already raised \$81,000 of the \$125,000 asking price!!



READY TO SUPPORT OUR CAMPAIGN?

You can mail a check to:

Our Brothers' Keepers of Southern Illinois

614 North 7<sup>th</sup> Street

East St Louis IL 62201 or online at [www.obkministry.org](http://www.obkministry.org)

Thank you SO much!



## 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

## Diocesan and Area Interests

SAVE THE DATE!



Catholic Youth Program  
**TOTUS TUUS**  
 2026

Totus Tuus summer youth program is back at Ss. Peter and Paul, Waterloo, and Immaculate Conception will help to host! Exciting weeklong summer

program for Grades 1-12! Totally Catholic program in a fun learning environment.

Grades 1-6\* – July 6-10, Monday-Friday, 9:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Bring a sack lunch.

Grades 7-12\* – July 5-9, Sunday-Thursday, 6:30-8:45 p.m. Dinner provided.

Registration info coming in March.

Students grade 7-12 may apply to be volunteers for daytime.

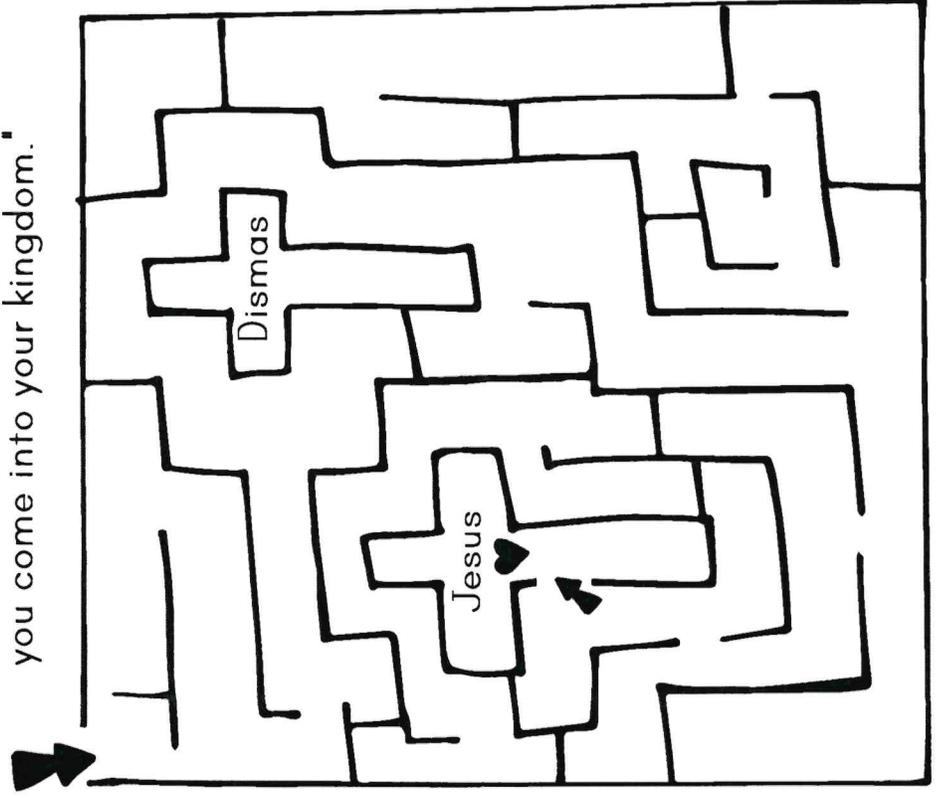
*\*Grade entering in fall 2026*

Sign up to pray with us at [fvh40days@yahoo.com](mailto:fvh40days@yahoo.com)

# Saint Dismas

Saint Dismas was crucified on the cross next to Jesus. Saint Dismas was a criminal, but he asked for forgiveness before he died.

Saint Dismas said,  
"Jesus, remember me when  
you come into your kingdom."



# Catholic Kids Bulletin

February 22, 2026  
Lent  
Color: Purple

A girl in a dress and a boy with a speech bubble.

BPOIJBEMERCIFULWPZOINS  
POWOKJOWLORDIZH  
BPEOHAVEOSINNEKDS  
BOEFOROWIWEKJCOIAHBPKE

Be merciful,  
O Lord, for  
we have  
sinned.



Do you remember that the priest wore purple during Advent? That was when we were waiting for Jesus to be born at Christmas. The priest is wearing purple again as we wait for Jesus to rise at Easter.

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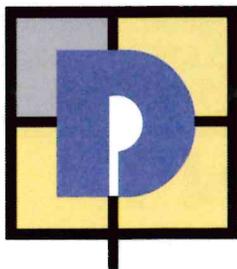
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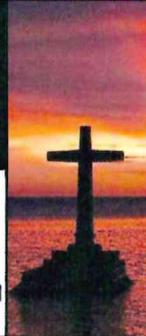
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