



Immaculate Conception

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

March 8, 2026

Third Sunday of Lent

www.icc-columbia-il.us

As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace. 1 Peter 4:10

As part of Immaculate Conception's *Full-Stewardship Spirituality*, we will participate in our annual parish "Stewardship of Charity" giving practice from now through Sunday, April 12, 2026.

Each year we designate 2% of our previous year's collections to be given to various charitable organizations that serve the poor and align with **Catholic Social Teaching** (USCCB.org), especially the *Option for the Poor and Vulnerable*, and regard for *Life and Dignity of the Human Person*. To help as many organizations as possible, no charity may receive more than 10% of the fund, and groups that are regularly supported by our parish through envelopes or special events are not eligible. *To date, we have given more than \$440,000 to charities selected by our parishioners.*

We encourage all parish families to get involved in this

gift-giving. *Every household that is a full-stewardship participant in our parish is welcome to nominate an organization* (one per household please). See the timeline at right for instructions, and visit the parish website for a complete list of guidelines (or contact the parish office).

Charities that have participated in the past may be nominated again, and new organizations that meet the criteria may be introduced. We are looking forward to helping as many as possible!

Voting to allocate funds will take place *in person* after Masses the weekends of April 4 & 5 (Easter!), and 11 & 12. Each household may cast up to 10 votes. This is an excellent opportunity for all ages to get involved in active giving. Gather your family members and decide where your 10 votes will go.

Help make a difference to those in need of our support!

Stewardship of Charity 2026

We hope every household participates!

Here is our 2026 timeline:

Sunday, March 8 **Nominations open**

Submit a charity that serves the poor/vulnerable using the online form on the parish website. Contact the parish office if you need assistance submitting.

Friday, March 20..... **Nominations close at 4pm**

The Stewardship of Charity Committee will check all nominations for eligibility and create this year's final list of nominees. The list will be posted online and a display will go up in the Gathering Space.

Saturday, Mar. 28 - Sunday, Apr. 5 **Review and learn**

Parishioners take time to learn about the good work of the organizations. Talk with family and friends!

Saturday, April 4 - Sunday, April 12..... **Vote!**

Voting takes place after all Masses these weekends. (Easter too!) Each household may cast 10 votes!

Saturday, May 2 & Sunday, May 3..... **Results!**

After the Committee tabulates the votes, the funds will be allocated. Results will be published in the corresponding weekend's bulletin.

Visit <https://icc-columbia-il.us/stewardship/stewardship-of-charity/> for complete details and the online nomination form.

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

Welcome New Parishioners

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

Hola, Bienvenidos – a la iglesia Católica en Immaculata 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
boardpresident@icsmail.org

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, March 9	8:05 a.m.	We Remember Mike Markus
Tuesday, March 10	8:05 a.m.	We Remember Rita Zoeller
Wednesday, March 11	8:05 a.m.	We Remember Clara Naumann
Thursday, March 12	8:05 a.m.	We Remember Jim & Anna Lawlor
Friday, March 13	8:05 a.m.	We Remember Lillian Lampe
Saturday, March 14	5:00 p.m.	We Remember Rita, Jesse, & Nicholetta Howell
Sunday, March 15	7:00 a.m.	We Remember Chester & Lillian Kopec
	9:00 a.m.	We Remember Helen Marquardt
	11:00 a.m.	We Remember Peggy Schutt



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 Frierdich
Arlene Kruse	Betty Schmieder	Sarah Davis	Susie Settle
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

March 8, 2026

First Reading: Exodus 17:3-7

Second Reading: Romans 5:1-2, 5-8

Gospel: John 4:5-42



Our Sympathies...

To the family of Janice Joseph who passed away at the age of 78.



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

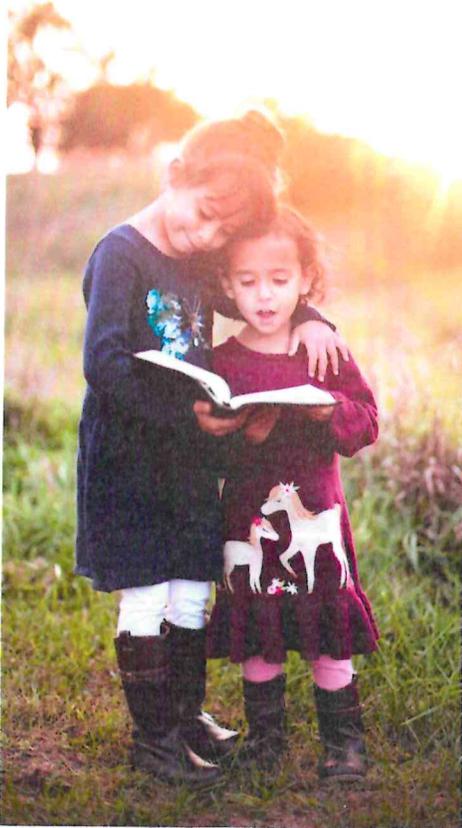
Please join us for Eucharistic Adoration on Tuesdays from 4:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. Spend some quiet time with the Lord.

Stewardship...

Thank you for sharing your blessings with us!

March 1, 2026

Offertory not available at time of printing.



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

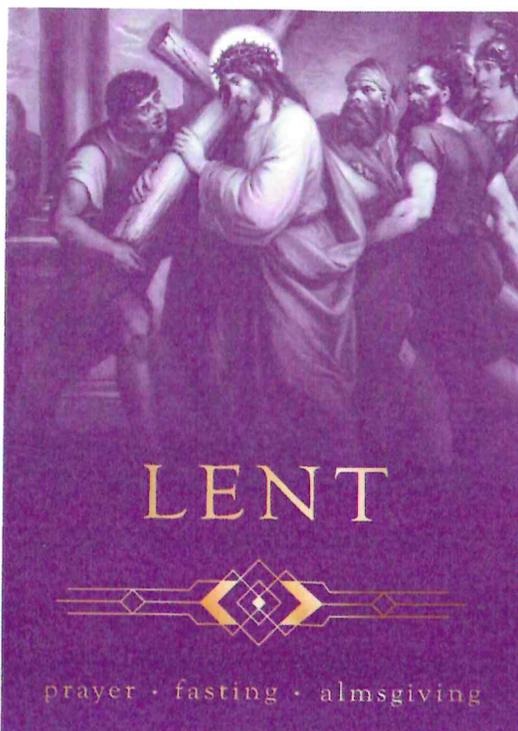
- Ability to recommend grants on your own timeline.
- Maximum tax benefit available for a charitable contribution
- Allows donation of non-cash assets.
- No required minimum distributions

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 2, 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 ARE HERE!

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:

- March 20, 2026
- April 3, 2026 (Good Friday)



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.

BLOOD DRIVE:

May 8, 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!

CEMETERY COMMITTEE:

Mowing will be starting up the end of March. Please remove any items you wish to keep.

Cleanup at the cemetery will be March 21 at 8:30 a.m.

BULLETIN DEADLINE...

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

Ministry News & Happenings

ICC Ministry Spotlight

Snow Shovelers Ministry

When needed, Snow Shoveler volunteers mobilize and coordinate the clearing of snow and ice from all sidewalks in front of church and on the Garden Level entrance before weekday and weekend Masses.

We also clear snow from the entrance to the Parish Office, from all entrances to and sidewalks around the Catholic Education and Activity Center on both upper and lower levels, as well as the from the driveway and sidewalks at the rectory.

Bring your shovel and help any time you are able, especially on weekends.

We have snow blowers to make the job easier!

NO SPECIAL TRAINING REQUIRED.

If you'd like to be part of this dedicated ministry, contact Rich Toenjes at 618-281-7355.



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!

ALZHEIMER'S & DEMENTIA SUPPORT GROUP

Next meeting is March 15th at 10:00 a.m. in the KC Room

Snippet from Mrs. Shea

- Mental health fast fact: 33.5% of U.S. adults with mental illness also experienced a substance use disorder in 2021 (19.4 million individuals).

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 Glasscock at 314-565-4418.

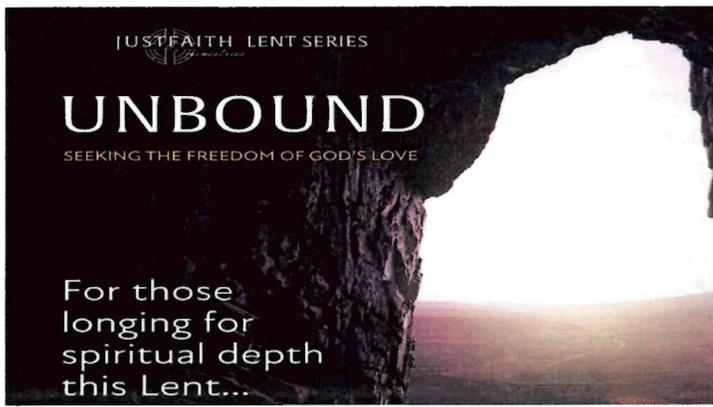
Our next Men's Cancer Group meeting will be Wednesday, March 11 at 6:30 p.m. in the KC Room.

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.

ST. RAYMOND'S MEDICAL MISSION TRIP UPDATE!

We are moving forward with our medical mission trip to Guatemala. Dates have been set for June 2-5. The providers met recently to discuss their "wish list" of items they would like to bring with them to treat patients as well as items they would like to leave with the clinic to continue treatment after we are gone. This is based on information from the nurse who regularly works the clinic. Thanks to a program for employees making mission trips, we were able to get about half of the wish list covered by Mercy Hospital! However, the medications we still need to buy. We are looking to raise \$10,000.00 to take down the entire wish list of medication which would allow us to see about 300 patients with a variety of illnesses, and leave their pharmacy stocked for a while as well. Many of you have asked how you can help make this trip a success. I am asking for donations (marked specifically for the mission trip) so we can make this trip the success we are all envisioning. Any amount of money will help us reach our goal of taking medications. I will make sure we take your names with us on our trip so we can pray for you while we are down there and also let the parishioners of St. Raymond's know the trip would not have been possible without you. Dios le bendiga (God bless you.)



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.

THE CATHOLIC SERVICE AND MINISTRY APPEAL – COMMITMENT WEEKEND

This weekend, our parish has an opportunity to support the Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal. Each year, through our prayers and gifts to the Appeal, diocesan ministries continue to feed the hungry, welcome the stranger, care for the sick and elderly, educate children, reach out to youth, train lay ministers and catechists and so much more. If you did not receive a pledge card in the mail or forgot to bring it, please use one of the envelopes available in your pew or bring your card next week. Your contribution will touch the lives of thousands of people throughout southern Illinois; on behalf of each of them, please accept our heartfelt thanks.

BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY

Mark your calendars for our next speakers, both at 6:30 p.m. on the following Lenten Thursdays:

March 12: Fr. Brian Barker, “Reflections on Lent”

March 19: Louis Damani Jones, “Mental Health and Faith”

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.

RETREAT

**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!*

ACTS

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

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**Retreat for Women:
October 15-18**

Save the dates!



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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UPCOMING PARENTS AND FRIENDS MEETING

April 10, 2026
8:15 a.m. in the GL

What's Happening at Gibault?

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

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Diocesan and Area Interests

Diocese of Belleville
YOUNG ADULTS PRESENTS

BIBLES AND BREWS

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11

Rev. Canon Benjamin Coggeshall, ICKSP
Rector of St. Francis de Sales Oratory, St. Louis, MO
Topic: "Liturgical Diversity: What's the Deal with the Latin Mass?"

FOR YOUNG ADULTS AGES 21 - 35
Location: Grùv Bistro & Wine Bar
223 E Main St, Belleville, IL 62220
6:30-7:00PM SOCIAL
7:00-8:30PM EVENT

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DIOCESE OF BELLEVILLE VOCATIONS OFFICE

Retreat Day

for young women

MARCH 14, 2026 | 9:00 A.M. - 2:30 P.M.
ST. NICHOLAS PARISH, O'FALLON, IL

High school & young adult women are invited to a Diocesan day of prayer, sisterhood, and reflection to discover what it means to be beloved daughters of God.

Featuring Sr. M. Karolyn Nunes, of the Sisters of St. Francis of the Martyr St. George, this retreat is for any single young woman desiring to grow her relationship with the Lord.

DAY INCLUDES
MASS | ADORATION | INSPIRING TALKS | LUNCH



SCAN CODE TO REGISTER

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 of 2026*

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.

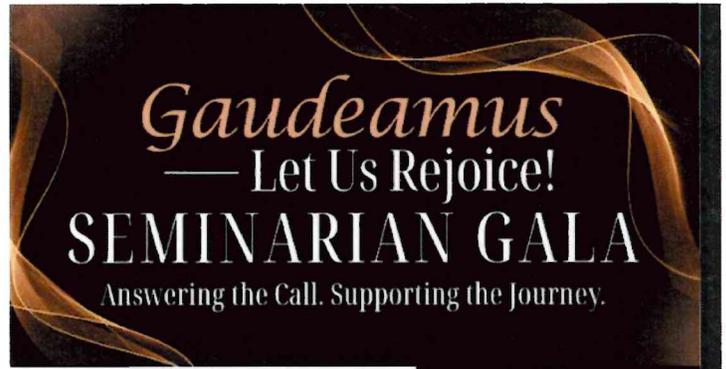


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FAIRVIEW HGTS, IL

FREE PARKING
NEXT TO MOSAIC
ULTRASOUND VAN



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



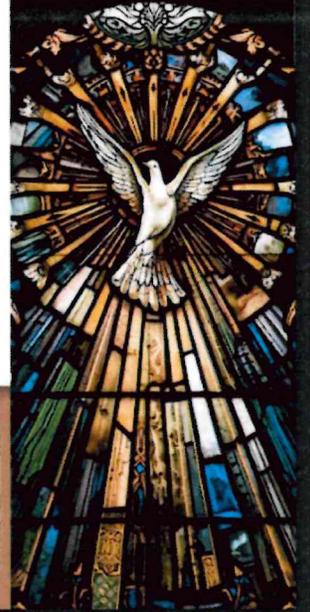
Saturday, April 11
Holy Trinity Church
Fairview Hts., IL

4:00 pm Mass
5:00 pm Cocktail Hour
6:00 pm Dinner & Auction

To Register please visit -
<https://www.diobelle.org/>

Or Scan the QR Code

For more information please contact Mary Fleming
mffleming@diobelle.org
or 618-722-5031



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 7th Street

East St Louis IL 62201 or online at www.obkministry.org

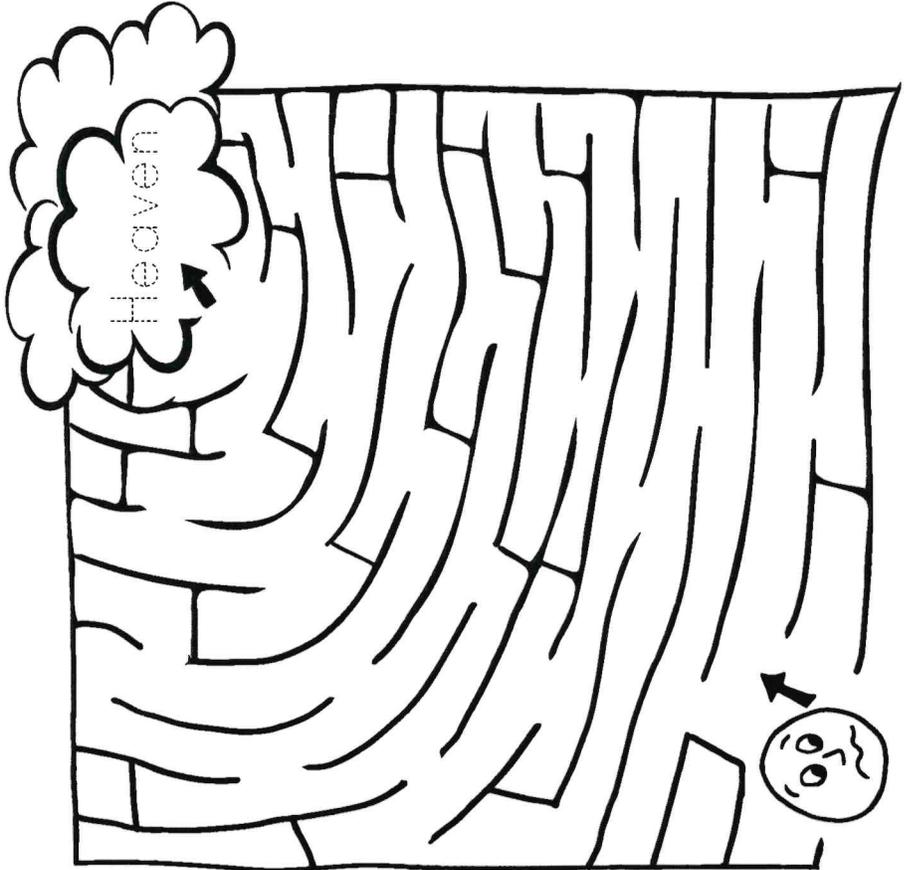
Thank you SO much!



Saint Perpetua and Saint Felicity

Saint Perpetua and Saint Felicity were best friends.
They learned about God together and
became Christians.

God asks us to choose good friends.
Ask them to pray for your friends.



Catholic Kids Bulletin

March 8, 2026
Lent
Color: Purple



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BPWYOURPWHARTS

BKHEAROWHISPWVO

If today you
hear his voice,
harden not
your hearts.

VOICEPWLHARDENSOANOTPEO



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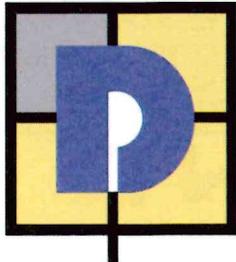
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