



Immaculate Conception

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

March 22, 2026

Fifth Sunday of Lent

www.icc-columbia-il.us

Men's ACTS Retreat

April 23-26, 2026



I Will Follow

Why do you go to Church? That is a question that most of us have been asked at some point in our lives, maybe even by ourselves. If you are like me, you go to give thanks and praise to God and to deepen your relationship with God. You might (also) go for the community celebration of your faith, with others who have similar beliefs, morals and values. You could also answer that you are committed to receiving the Eucharist and desire the graces that flow from Holy Communion, and the sacraments. All of these are good answers. Interestingly, the exact same answers can be given for another question.

Why would you attend an ACTS Retreat? When you attend an ACTS Retreat, you experience all of these and more! ACTS is a great way to experience your faith for an entire weekend. The dedicated time will allow you

to: deepen your relationship with God, enjoy companionship of others with similar beliefs and life journeys, receive the Sacraments, and participate in other faith strengthening activities. So that leaves one remaining question ...

Are you ready to attend an ACTS Retreat? If so, we would love to welcome you to the next Men's ACTS Retreat on April 23rd to April 26th or the next Women's ACTS Retreat on October 15th to October 18th. Scan the attached QR Code above, or call Mike at 618-281-3913 or Jim at 618-834-0510 for more information or to register!

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 y bienvenidos a la iglesia Catolica Immaculata Concepcion. ¡Tengas una semana bendita!

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@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 23	8:05 a.m.	We Remember Holy Souls in Purgatory
Tuesday, March 24,	8:05 a.m.	We Remember JoAnn Sander
Wednesday, March 25	8:05 a.m.	We Remember Clara Naumann
Thursday, March 26	8:05 a.m.	We Remember Betty Beckerle
Friday, March 27	8:05 a.m.	We Remember Babs Jackson
Saturday, March 28	5:00 p.m.	We Remember Doris Ling
Sunday, March 29	7:00 a.m.	We Remember Rose Herbeck
	9:00 a.m.	We Remember Doris Ling
	11:00 a.m.	We Remember Rose & Pete Kostecki



Please Pray For

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

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 22, 2026

First Reading: Ezekiel 37:12-14

Second Reading: Romans 8:8-11

Gospel: John 11:1-45



Our Sympathies...

To Teresa Dorshorst and her family on the death of her mother Florence Dorshorst, 92, of Hillsboro, MO



OUR CAMPAIGN PRAYER

Heavenly Father, You have created us in Your own image, to love, serve and honor You with our lives. You have tasked us with building Your Church, and passing from one generation to the next the treasure trove of our faith. Bless the work of our hands as we undertake our next phase in serving You. Keep us strong in faith, hope, and love, so that all we do may bring glory and honor to You, forever and ever. AMEN.



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

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

Stewardship...

Thank you for sharing your blessings with us!

March 15, 2026

Actual	74,835.79
Budget	52,500.00
Actual YTD	1,691,237.39
Budget YTD	1,762,993.00
Over (under)	(71,755.61)
Prior YTD	1,656,933.87
Over (under)	34,303.52
Guatemala	1,880.00
Votive	253.00
Capital Improvements	760.00
Cemetery Maintenance	30.00
Catholic Relief Services	587.00
Gibault	295.00
Sr. Thea Bowman	1,045.00
Black and Indian Missions	90.00
Flowers	428.00
Eugene Schorb	
Edu. Endowment	53.00
Phase 3	7,916.19
CEAC	440.00

For our Guatemala Medical Mission Trip, we have collected \$8,825.00 of our \$10,000 dollar goal.



From Our Young Stewards

Time: I helped my sister & I helped my dad pick up our dogs from daycare.

Treasure: 191.31

* The above totals include online giving through 2/28/2026.

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 Fry, please contact Pat Grawitch at gk@kofc6165.org.

Last Fish Fry of the season will be:

- April 3, 2026 (Good Friday)



BLOOD DRIVE:
May 8, 2026 in the garden level

Parish Work Day! April 11, 2026

CEMETERY COMMITTEE:

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



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!

Ministry News & Happenings

ICC Ministry Spotlight

Prayer Shawl Ministry

We take the love of knitting and crocheting and combine it with a blessing of shawls at Mass as a physical representation of the prayers of the parish for those in need. Shawls are made and distributed as a way to bring God's love, comfort, and peace to those who are suffering.

Anyone can be a part of this ministry. Those who are unable to create a shawl can assist by delivering shawls to the recipients, by attaching a decade of the Rosary and patches to the shawls, helping with the blessing of shawls at Mass, or offering prayers for the makers and recipient.

If you would like to be part of this rewarding ministry, please contact Helen Csik at hlc3kids@gmail.com



ALZHEIMER'S & DEMENTIA SUPPORT GROUP

Next meeting will be April 19th at 10:00 a.m. in the KC Room.

Snippet from Mrs. Shea

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

— *Saint Therese of Lisieux*

MEN'S CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

Immaculate Conception has formed a men's group to try to help other men who have cancer or who have encountered cancer in the past. We are also open to those afflicted with the disease, those undergoing special testing or experiencing prostate issues. We hope through bonding with one another we can ease your mind with your issues. Any questions, please call Kevin Glasscock at 314-565-4418.

UPCOMING MEETING: April 7th at 6:30 p.m. in the KC Room.

MEALS FROM THE

Just a reminder that we 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!

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.



ICCCW NEWS

IT'S ICCCW SPRING RAFFLE TIME, LADIES.

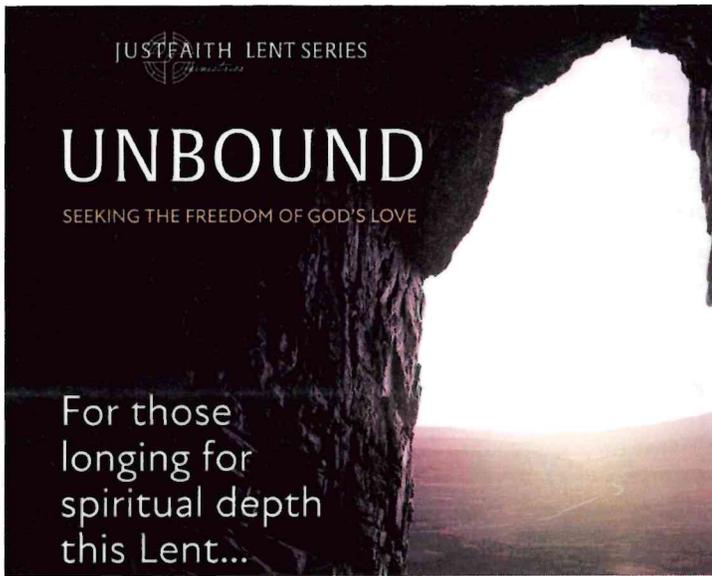
Please pick up your envelopes with raffle ticket in the Gathering Space so we can save on postage.

The quilters have made us a beautiful Patriotic Quilt for our Raffle in honor of the 250th Birthday of the USA. We will be selling raffle tickets in the Gathering Space April 25/26 & May 2/3.

Karen & John Waide are also spearheading a raffle for an oil painting of a church by a Ukrainian Artist.

The proceeds will be split between our CCW and the Church in Ukraine.

The Painting will be on display and tickets will also be sold in the Gathering Space on April 25/26 & May 2/3.



**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.

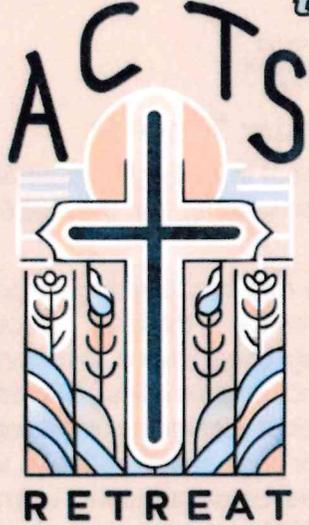
**THE 2026 CATHOLIC SERVICE AND
MINISTRY APPEAL**

Those who are kind to the needy honor Him
On behalf of Father Godfrey Mullen, Diocesan Administrator, and diocesan ministries and programs, a most heartfelt thanks to all those who have already responded with a gift to the 2026 Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal. If you have not done so as yet, there’s still plenty of time. One-time donations or pledges – in any amount – are needed and can be made through your parish or at www.diobelle.org (click on “Giving to the Diocese”). Your generosity supports 17 agencies and programs that daily serve thousands of people. Please consider making your gift today or at any time you are able in the coming months. We also ask for your prayers for the success of this year’s Appeal and all those we serve. Thank you and may God bless you always.

SVDP

During the weekends of March 21/22 and 28/29, SVDP is sponsoring a food drive in support of ICC and other local food pantries. Requested items are CANNED fruit, vegetables, chicken, chili, chicken & dumplings, taco mix packets, boxed potato mixes, and any type of rice and noodles (spaghetti/mac and cheese). Please drop them off in the designated area (table) in the gathering space thru March 29th. These are suggestions but any item is much appreciated!

**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!



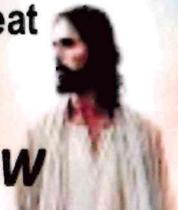
**Retreat for Men:
April 23-26**

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

Save the dates!

Men’s ACTS Retreat
April 23-26, 2026




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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

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JOB OPPORTUNITIES



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STEM/ Computer Teacher

Immaculate Conception School in Columbia is seeking a full-time STEM/ Computer teacher for the 2026-27 school year.

This educator will play a key role in cultivating curiosity, problem-solving, and creative thinking through engaging, hands-on learning experiences in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics. The ideal candidate is passionate about designing meaningful STEM curriculum and working collaboratively with classroom teachers to create cross-curricular learning opportunities that connect STEM concepts to real-world applications.

Middle School Teacher

Immaculate Conception School in Columbia is seeking a dedicated and enthusiastic middle school teacher to join our faculty. This educator will work with students in grades 6-8, fostering a positive learning environment that promotes academic growth, critical thinking, and personal responsibility. The ideal candidate is a collaborative professional who is adaptable, student-centered, and committed to supporting the developmental needs of middle school learners.

Interested candidates should send a cover letter, resume, and list of references to Principal Mike Crean - mcrean@icsmail.org.

For more information regarding either job opening, please contact the school at 618-281-5353.

UPCOMING PARENTS AND FRIENDS MEETING

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

What's Happening at Gibault?

WE ARE STILL TAKING APPLICATIONS

Go to <https://gibaulthawks.com> and click "APPLY" to apply. Freshman Scholarship Applications are due by March 31, 2026. 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. Questions can also be emailed to our Admissions Coordinator, Pam Kueker at pkueker@gibaulthawks.com. We want to welcome your student Home at Gibault!

JUNIOR HIGH MIXER
MEXICAN
FIESTA PARTY

- APRIL 17
- 6PM - 8PM
- SENIOR PATIO AT GCHS

Follow the gym sidewalk to the right

BRING A FRIEND!
RSVPS ARE APPRECIATED BUT NOT REQUIRED

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 grades 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.



331 SALEM PLACE,
FAIRVIEW HGTS, IL

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



Gaudeamus

— Let Us Rejoice!

SEMINARIAN GALA

Answering the Call. Supporting the Journey.

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
mfleming@diobelle.org
or 618-722-5031

OBK CAPITAL CAMPAIGN & ROOF REPLACEMENT

Our Brothers' Keepers of Southern Illinois (OBK) has shown marked growth over the past two years in clients, staff, volunteers, and programs! As a result we are 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.

Although the asking price for the building is \$125,000, we need to raise a total of \$195,000 to cover the purchase of the building AND the necessary roof replacement. As of March 1, 2026 we have raised \$137,099. That means we have the full purchase price and are working towards our roof! *We need to be fully funded by April 2, 2026!!!*

Any person or business donating \$5,000 or more will be mentioned on our website and donations of \$10,000 or more will be on the website and on a plaque as you enter the building. (You can have your gift listed as anonymous should you not want your name known)

OUR ROOF NEEDS TO BE REPLACED! ALL 7,000 SQUARE FEET!!!
We need \$57,901 to be fully funded!



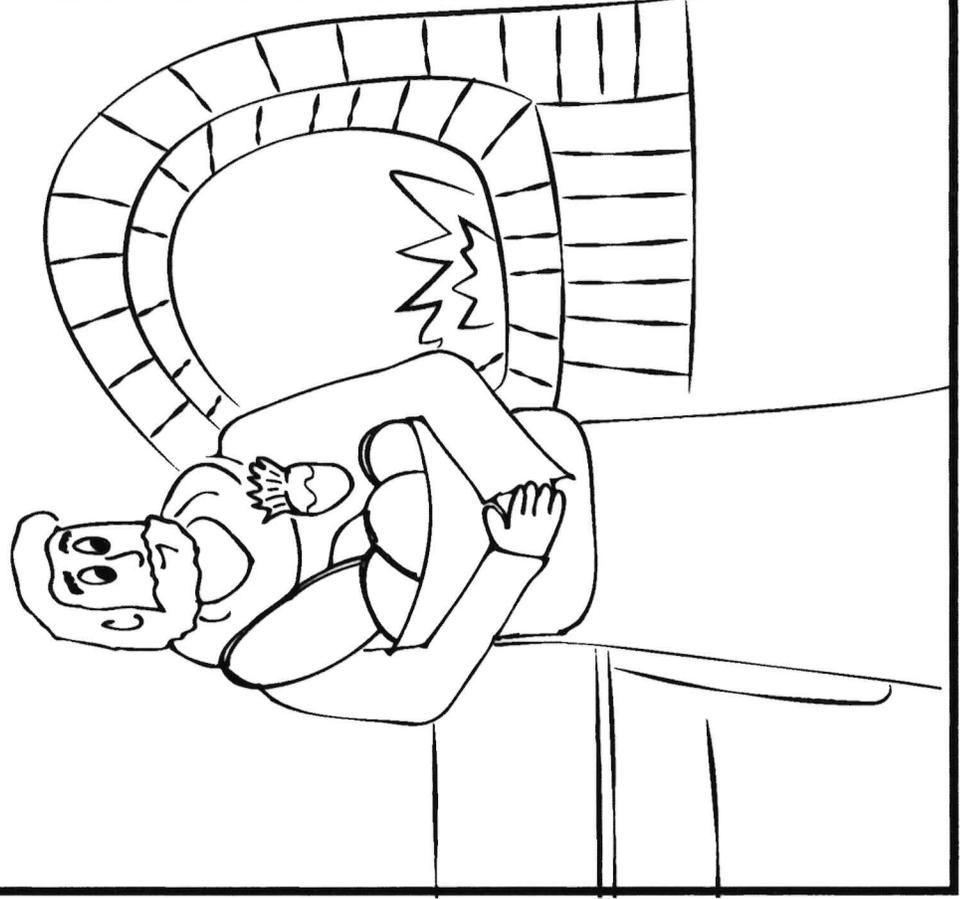
READY TO SUPPORT OUR CAMPAIGN?
You can mail a check to:
Our Brothers' Keepers of Southern Illinois
614 North 7th Street
East St Louis IL 62201 or online at
www.obkministry.org



Our clients appreciate your support!

Saint Benedict of Palermo

Saint Benedict of Palermo worked as a shepherd when he was young and gave his money to the poor. He was often teased but stayed calm and kind even when others weren't kind to him. When he grew up, he joined the Franciscan Order of monks. Saint Benedict didn't know how to read, but he memorized a lot of the Bible and used Scripture to build his faith. He loved to cook and gave away food to the poor. Even when there didn't seem to be enough food, he was able to feed everyone.



Year A Fifth Sunday of Lent

Catholic Kids Bulletin

March 22, 2026
Lent
Color: Purple

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With the Lord
there is mercy
and fullness
of redemption.

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If you have struggled with your Lenten goals, this is a good time to start again with your fasting, prayer, and almsgiving.

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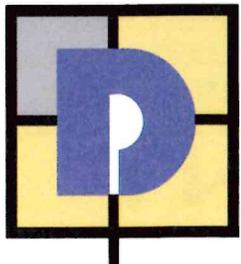
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