



# Immaculate Conception

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

April 12, 2026

Divine Mercy Sunday

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

## ARE YOU BEING CALLED TO SERVE?

*"For the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve."  
(Mark 10:45)*

The hallmark of discipleship is service. Each of us has been given unique talents, and faithful stewards invest their talents in lives of service to the Church and the community, another way to express gratitude to God for the gifts and talents He has given us. Someone once said, "The service we give is the rent we pay for the space we occupy."

At this time each year, we invite all parishioners to prayerfully discern whether they feel called by God to serve on our School Advisory Council or Pastoral Council. We are currently collecting names of those interested in serving. Names will be prayed over and selected on Saturday, May 2, at the conclusion of the 5:00 p.m. Mass. Please review the brief descriptions below and pray about where God may be calling you to serve. Three-year terms begin in June.

School Advisory Council Members meet on the 3rd Tuesday of each month and serve as an advisory group supporting the Principal and Pastor in developing and implementing school policies.

Pastoral Council Members meet on the 4th Tuesday of each month and help shape the future of our parish. By listening to the needs of parishioners and reflecting on pastoral priorities, members advise the pastor on ways to continue fostering spiritual growth and the parish mission.

If you would like more information about serving, please contact:

Jessica Wachtel, School Advisory Council President, at [boardpresident@icsmail.org](mailto:boardpresident@icsmail.org) or 314-749-1663.

Tammy Hoeflinger, Pastoral Council Chairperson, at [parishcouncil@iccmil.org](mailto:parishcouncil@iccmil.org) or 314-265-1767.

Please prayerfully consider placing your name in one of the discernment boxes located in the Gathering Space.

Stewardship is like a good potluck – no one should come empty-handed. Like a successful potluck, a vibrant community of Faith can only happen when everyone contributes to the common good.



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 Católica Immaculata Concepción. ¡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*

**Pastor, Fr. Brian Barker**  
ext. 358, frbrian@iccmil.org

**Deacon Tom Helfrich**  
deacontom@iccmil.org

**Business Manager,**  
**Kara Dell-Hunt**  
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**Director of Liturgy & Music,**  
**TBD**

**Director of Faith Formation,**  
**Lizanne Young**  
ext. 354, lyoung@iccmil.org

**IC-PSR Coordinator,**  
**Rebecca Husman**  
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**Bookkeeper,**  
**Sheryl Oglesby**  
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**Secretary,**  
**Michelle Muckensturm**  
ext. 300, iccmil@iccmil.org

**Spiritual and Mental Health**  
**Advocate, Shea Christensen**  
ext. 352, schristensen@icsmail.org

**ICS Principal,**  
**Mike Crean**  
281-5353, ext. 202  
mcrean@icsmail.org

**Pastoral Council Chair,**  
**Tammy Hoeflinger**  
parishcouncil@iccmil.org

**School Advisory Council**  
**President,**  
**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, April 13	8:05 a.m.	We Remember Mike Markus
Tuesday, April 14	8:05 a.m.	We Remember Job George & Family
Wednesday, April 15	8:05 a.m.	We Remember Vernon & Ruth Friedrich
Thursday, April 16	8:05 a.m.	We Remember Raymond W. & Ruby V. Faust
Friday, April 17	8:05 a.m.	We Remember Lorraine Westerheide
Saturday, April 18	5:00 p.m.	We Remember Walter Novak
Sunday, April 19	7:00 a.m.	We Remember Jackie Lutman
	9:00 a.m.	We Remember Bob Braun
	11:00 a.m.	In Honor of Don Williams

## *Please Pray For*

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

*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, United States Army;  
Colonel Brian Schoellhorn, Samuel Campbell, Chief Petty Officer Seth Spencer,  
LT John Paul Winkler, LTJG William Winkler, United States Navy;  
Captain Benjamin Thoma, Captain Alex Kawalec, United States Air Force;  
Ensign Kalia Jerkatis, United States 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*

*April 12, 2026*

**First Reading:** Acts 2:42-47

**Second Reading:** First Peter 1:3-9

**Gospel:** John 20:19-31



## **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!

April 5, 2026

Offertory not available at time of printing.



## WHY DONATE APPRECIATED STOCK OR MUTUAL FUNDS TO CHARITY?

Giving stocks or mutual funds instead of cash as a charitable donation can greatly benefit the donor as well as the recipient. You will find that many charities, churches, schools, and other nonprofit organizations will accept stock or mutual funds as a gift.

### Tax Benefits of Donating Stock or Mutual Funds to Charity

If the stock or mutual fund has increased in value from the time of purchase, the owner can avoid paying long-term capital gains tax by donating the security to a qualified charitable organization. When an appreciated security held for a minimum of one year is donated to a charitable organization, its fair market value may be itemized as an income tax deduction if the donor is eligible to itemize on their tax filing. The resulting tax savings could be factored in to allow for a larger donation. For publicly traded shares, the fair market value is the average of the high and low price on the transfer date.

Considerations:

- Many nonprofits, such as hospitals, schools, and various other organizations, will accept stock or mutual funds as a gift or donation.
- Giving securities often results in a larger donation to the organization, as the gift is tax-deductible and there are no long-term capital gains taxes to pay.
- If your security has risen in value since purchase, donating it directly is preferable, but if it has lost value, it may be more advantageous to sell it first and then donate the proceeds, so you can take the tax loss.
- Most organizations will immediately liquidate the donation, converting the security to cash.
- Depending on the organization you donate to and your adjusted gross income, a varying amount of your donation may be able to be deducted on your taxes.

Contact Kara Dell-Hunt at 618-231-5105, ext. 350 at the Parish Office if you would like to donate securities to Immaculate Conception Parish or School.

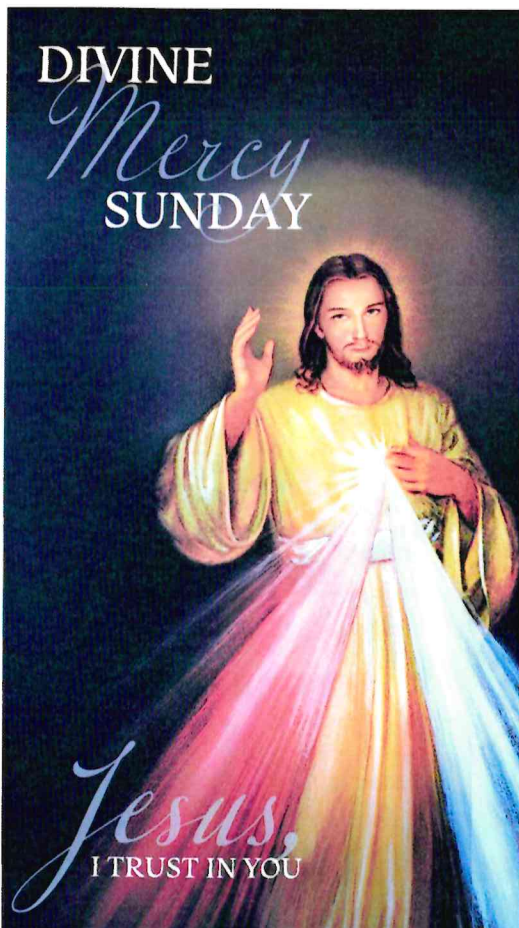
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## Parish Events & News...

### 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.



## 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!*

**BLOOD DRIVE:**  
May 8, 2026 in the garden level

### BULLETIN DEADLINE...

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

*Parish Work Day!* May 9, 2026

## Ministry News & Happenings

### ALZHEIMER'S & DEMENTIA SUPPORT GROUP

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

*Snippet from Mrs. Shea*  
"Happy Easter Season!"

### 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 with any 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.

### 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.



### 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 of 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](http://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.

Lizanne for more info at 618-281-5105, ext. 354.

## UKRAINIAN OIL PAINTING RAFFLE

Enter to Win! The Immaculate Conception Council of Catholic Women in conjunction with St. Michael the Archangel Ukrainian Orthodox Church (Verchy, Ukraine) invites you to participate in the raffle of an original oil painting by renowned Ukrainian artist, Yuri Patsan. The painting features an entrance to the territory of Kiev-Pechersk Lavra monastery complex. This complex is one of the largest Christian centers in Ukraine.



Tickets can be purchased after Masses on the weekends of April 25/26 and May 2/3. The winning ticket will be drawn on May 7, 2026.

**Ticket prices: \$5.00 = 1 ticket. \$10.00 = 4 tickets.  
\$20.00 = 10 tickets.**

Half of the ticket proceeds will go to the ICCCW and half the proceeds will go to St. Michael the Archangel Ukrainian Orthodox Church in Verchy, Ukraine. Dimensions are 20" x 24." For more information, call or text Karen Waide at 703-304-0642 or John Waide at 618-910-1929.

## VOCATION

Today's Gospel is the familiar story of Thomas' declaration of unbelief in the Resurrection until "I put my finger in the nail marks." These kinds of thoughts often attack the minds of those discerning a religious vocation. They are seeking that "definite" sign that the path they are pursuing is the right one. The Lord does not always afford that. Let us pray often for these discerners that they "hear the call" of the Lord and continue to respond to it.

## BEREAVEMENT

Memorial for Parents/Veterans – May 17 at 2:00 p.m.  
Walk to Remember – October 4 at 3:00 p.m.  
All Souls Mass/Annual Parishioner Memorial  
Candlelighting – November 2 at 6:30 p.m.



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

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

**Save the dates!**

## PRO-LIFE/PREGNANCY RESOURCES...

~ Free and confidential pregnancy testing, counseling, and practical support: Life Network of Southern Illinois (in Waterloo & Red Bud). 618-939-4224 mylifenet.org

~ Birthright Counseling STL (3 locations in St. Louis) birthrightstl.org

~ Free and confidential counseling for anyone hurt by Abortion – Project Rachel, 618-722-5068 or hopeafterabortion.com

~ A caring place for women who are pregnant and experiencing homelessness – Fontebella Maternity Home, 618-406-4355.

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

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

**Men's ACTS Retreat**  
April 23-26, 2026



**I Will Follow**

Mike (618-281-3913)  
Jim (618-834-0510)

**Stay Connected with  
the ACTS Community!**



**Embrace the calmness and reconnect with the ACTS family. If you're not receiving emails from acts@iccmil.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@iccmil.org with your latest contact information. Let's keep you in the loop and build a stronger, connected ACTS family together!**



# IMMACULATE CONCEPTION SCHOOL

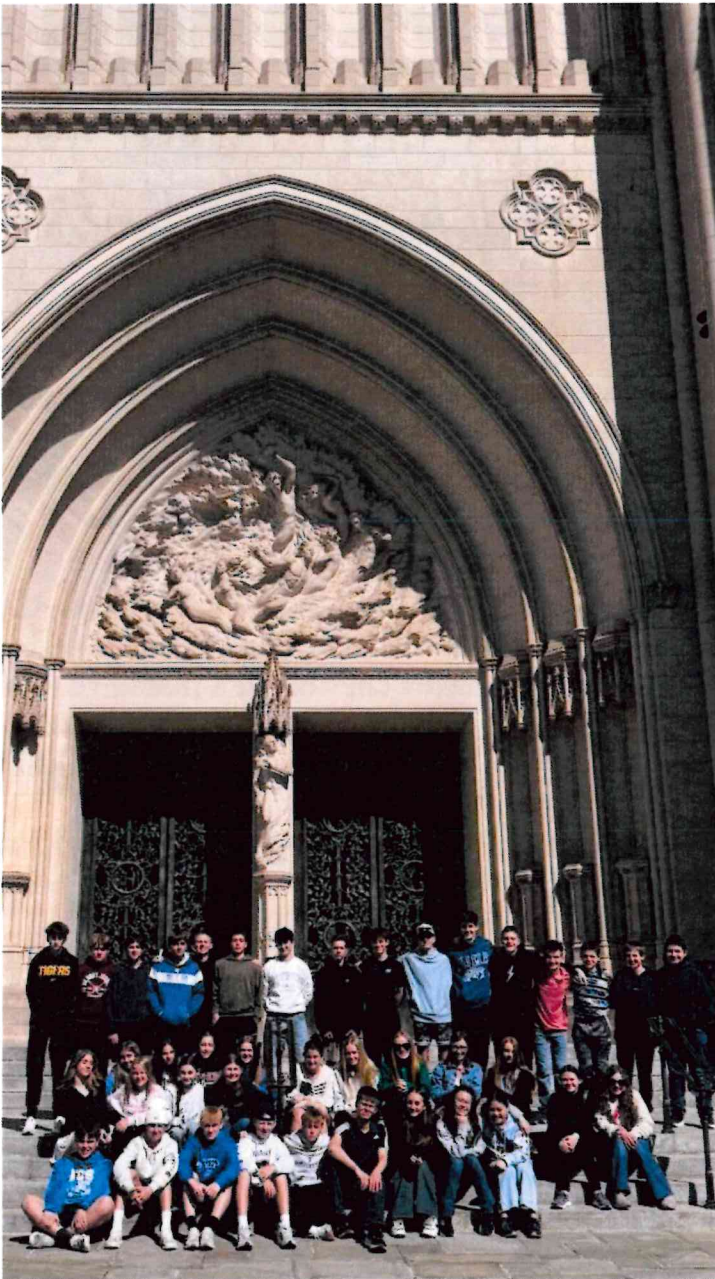
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School Principal: Mike Crean, ext. 202 ~ [mcrean@icsmail.org](mailto:mcrean@icsmail.org)

School Administrator: Beverly Epplin, ext. 200 ~ [bepplin@icsmail.org](mailto:bepplin@icsmail.org)

Administrative Assistant: Lori Deffenbaugh, ext. 201 ~ [ldeffenbaugh@icsmail.org](mailto:ldeffenbaugh@icsmail.org)

## OUR 8TH GRADERS AT THE NATIONAL CATHEDRAL IN WASHINGTON D.C.



## JOB OPPORTUNITIES



IMMACULATE  
CONCEPTION  
SCHOOL

409 Palmer Rd  
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618-281-5353

### 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](mailto:mcrean@icsmail.org).

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

*This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.*

Psalm 118:24



Immaculate Conception School

# PRE-SCHOOL 2026-27

Enrollment is now open, but spots are filling fast! Ensure your spot by registering online today. Must be 3 years old by Sept 1, 2026 and fully potty trained.

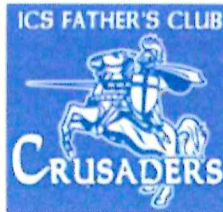
Highlights :

- Loving, faith-filled environment
- Large playground for 3 & 4 year olds
- 3 full day or 5 full day option
- 1:10 teacher to student ratio

Enroll Now →

Contact us  
618-291-5353

register online at  
icscolumbia.org



**1/2 HOG RAFFLE –  
4 CHANCES TO WIN**  
(Includes custom processing by Schuberts)

**\$25 each, 3 for \$50, 7 for \$100**

Drawing: **April 16th, 2026**

Tickets can also be purchased via QR code:



Proceeds support  
Immaculate Conception School

## What's Happening at Gibault?

### Upcoming Events:

- Rummage Sale Saturday, April 11 – 8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m., NOW accepting donations!
- Jr. High Mexican Fiesta Block Party – April 17, 6:00-8:00 p.m.
- Gibault Theater Club presents the Musical “Godspell” April 24-25 – 7:00 p.m., April 26 – 2:00 p.m.

### Be in the Know!

- We are still taking Applications – go to <https://gibalthawks.com> and click “APPLY” to apply today.
- 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 a shadow day.
- Check out our Instagram pages @gibaultproud and @gibault\_ambassadors to find out more about all the great things we have going on!

Not Your Grandma's Bingo! BL-51465

**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH  
TO BENEFIT ICS FAMILIES FOR  
8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE TRIP TO WASHINGTON D.C.**

**Saturday, May 30, 2026**

Doors @ 6pm      Bingo @ 7pm

**ICS Gym**  
411 Palmer Rd, Columbia, IL

**OVER \$1000 IN CASH PRIZES!**

TICKETS AVAILABLE:  
GLO-BINGO.COM/EVENTS  
(\$2/TICKET NON-REFUNDABLE FEE)  
OR HILARY 618-304-9536  
OR KARA 618-830-0895

**\$25 In Advance/\$30 At The Door  
MUST BE 18 OR OLDER TO ATTEND**

Includes 6 bingo cards for 10 games  
Also includes Glow hat & Dauber  
(\$5 per additional 6 cards)

**BYO SNACKS - NO OUTSIDE DRINKS OR CUPS  
BEER/SELTZER/SODA @ CONCESSION STAND  
50/50 - RAFFLES**

**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



**SOFTBALL ALUMNI NIGHT**  
**APRIL 17**  
**AFTER THE 4:30 GAME**  
**TIM RIPPELMEYER FIELD | GCHS**

IN CASE OF WEATHER, THE BACKUP DATE OF MAY 5 HAS BEEN SET

*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 soon.*

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

*\*Grade entering in fall of 2026*

**ST. ANTHONY'S CHURCH RUMMAGE/BAKE SALE**

**April 30, May 1 & 2, 2026**

St. Anthony's Parish Center

451 West Third Street, Beckemeyer, IL

**Hours are:**

- Thursday – April 30 – 9:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m. (Full Price)
- Friday – May 1 – 9:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m. (1/2 Price)
- Saturday – May 2 – 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. (\$4.00/Bag)

**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 7<sup>th</sup> Street  
 East St Louis IL 62201 or online at  
[www.obkministry.org](http://www.obkministry.org)



*Our clients appreciate your support!*

**Birthright Spring Luncheon Card & Game Party**

Hosted by  
 St. Clement of Rome & St. Gerard Majella  
**Thursday, April 30th, 2026**  
**10:00 AM to 2:00 PM**  
 St. Clement of Rome Parish Center

Come Play Bridge, Dominos, Mahjong or any Game or just come for LUNCH!

For more info, contact  
[JaneJohans@aol.com](mailto:JaneJohans@aol.com) or 314-570-6880  
 Tickets are \$40. Order online at:  
[https://app.etapestry.com/onlineforms/BirthrightCounselingStLouis\\_1/springcardparty.html](https://app.etapestry.com/onlineforms/BirthrightCounselingStLouis_1/springcardparty.html)

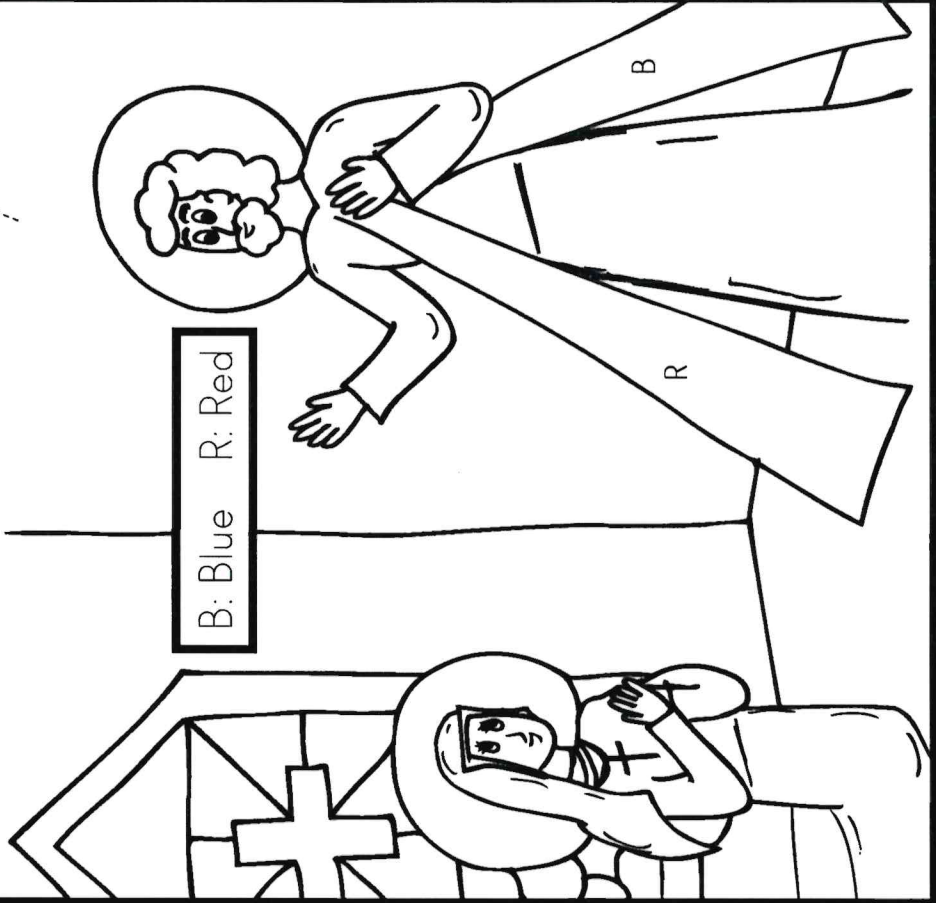
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# Saint Faustina

Jesus appeared to Saint Faustina and asked her to paint a picture of Jesus with the words, "Jesus, I trust in You."

She taught people about Divine Mercy. Divine means God. Mercy means forgiveness.

## Divine Mercy



# Catholic Kids Bulletin

April 12, 2026  
Divine Mercy  
Color: White

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PWLOORDPWFOROHEII  
Give thanks to  
the Lord for  
He is good,  
his love is  
everlasting.

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Learn part of the Divine Mercy Chaplet. "For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world."



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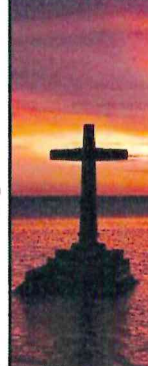
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