



Immaculate Conception

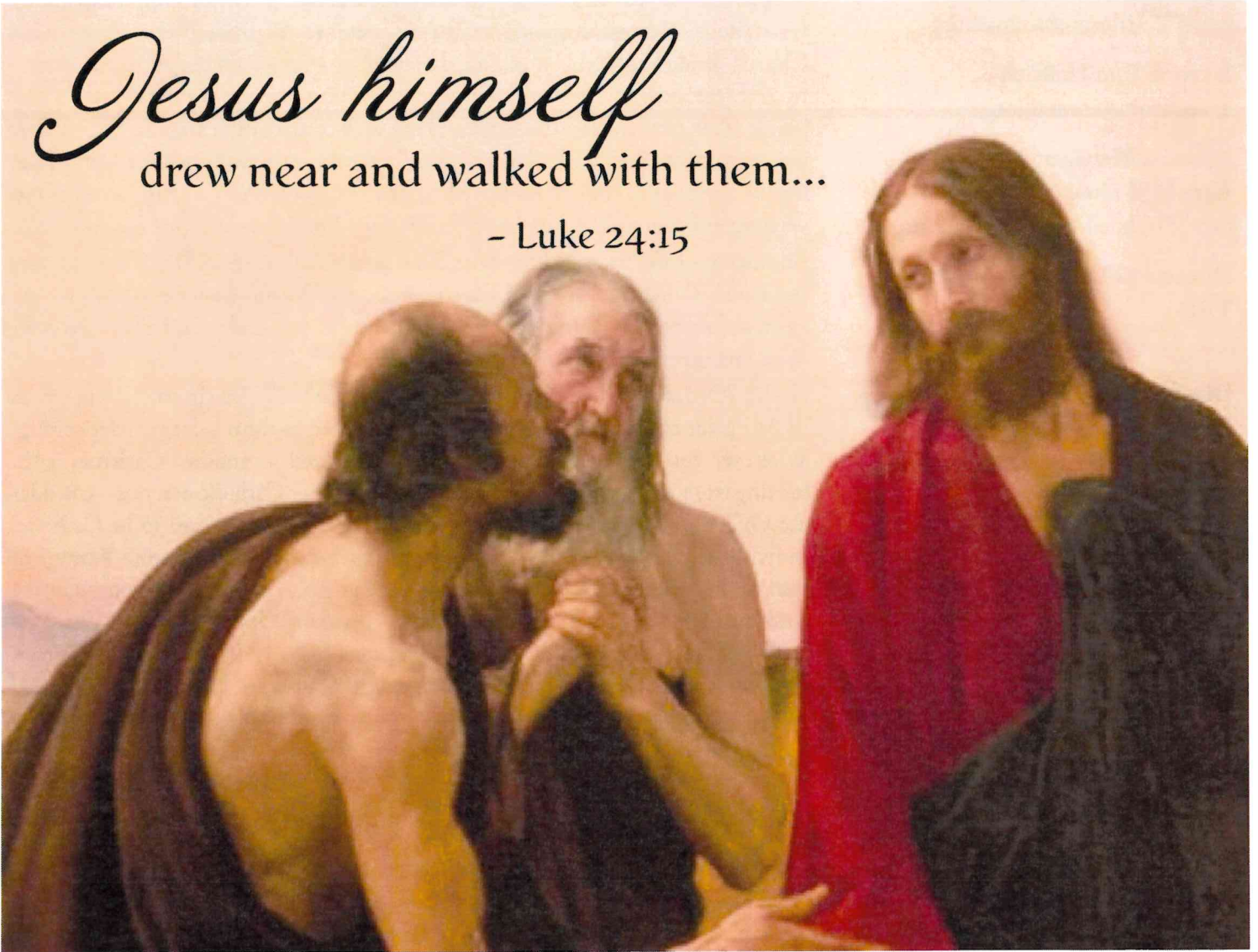
A Full Stewardship Parish - Partner Parish of Sacred Heart of Jesus, Dupo, IL
411 Palmer Road, Columbia, IL 62236 | 618-281-5105

April 19, 2026

Third Sunday of Easter

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Jesus himself
drew near and walked with them...
- Luke 24:15



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, April 20	8:05 a.m.	We Remember Holy Souls in Purgatory
Tuesday, April 21	8:05 a.m.	We Remember Norm Schmidt
Wednesday, April 22	8:05 a.m.	We Remember Blanche Snyder
Thursday, April 23	8:05 a.m.	We Remember Norine Schmidt
Friday, April 24	8:05 a.m.	We Remember Betty Beckerle
Saturday, April 25	5:00 p.m.	We Remember Joanne Hoffman
Sunday, April 26	7:00 a.m.	We Remember George & Viola Rahn
	9:00 a.m.	We Remember Catherine Linnemann
	11:00 a.m.	We Remember Charles & Amelia Menner



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 19, 2026

First Reading: Acts 2:14, 22-33

Second Reading: First Peter 1:17-21

Gospel: Luke 24:13-35



Our Sympathies...

To Stephen, Clara, David and Barbara on the death of their mother Elisabeth Weillbacher, 92, of Columbia.



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

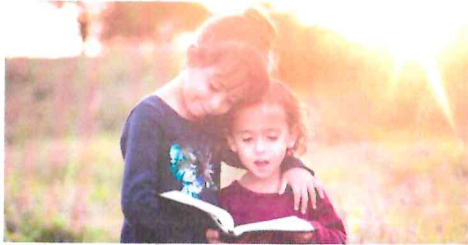
Please join us for Eucharistic Adoration on Tuesdays from 4:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. Spend some quiet time with the Lord.

Stewardship...

Thank you for sharing your blessings with us!

April 5, 2026

Actual	70,319.03
Budget	68,000.00
Actual YTD	1,834,243.79
Budget YTD	1,889,918.00
Over (under)	(55,674.21)
Prior YTD	1,744,597.13
Over (under)	89,646.66
Guatemala	1,571.00
Votive	185.00
Rice Bowl	125.00
Catholic Relief Services	805.00
Catholic Home Missions	120.00
Holy Land	2,225.00
Sr. Thea Bowman	569.00
SVDP	1,616.00
Religious Retirement Fund	150.00
Gibault	286.00
Black and Indian Missions	50.00
Flowers	105.00
Cemetery Maintenance	25.00
Capital Improvements	2,963.00
Phase 3	11,400.42
CEAC	470.00



From Our Young Stewards:

I took my dogs for a walk, I helped my grandpa.

Treasure: 394.00

* The above totals include online giving through 3/31/2026.

April 12, 2026

Actual	10,224.00
Budget	44,100.00
Actual YTD	1,844,467.79
Budget YTD	1,934,018.00
Over (under)	(89,550.21)
Prior YTD	1,800,653.74
Over (under)	43,814.05
Guatemala	637.00
Votive	201.00
SVDP	85.00
Catholic Relief Services	20.00
Holy Land	50.00
Gibault	25.00
Flowers	20.00
Capital Improvements	40.00
Phase 3	5,394.00

Thank You for Sharing Your Blessings!

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.

— Immaculate Conception Planned Giving Council

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.

BLOOD DRIVE:
May 8, 2026 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 pm.

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

Just show up, you're more than welcome!

Parish Work Day! May 9, 2026

BULLETIN DEADLINE...

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

D.C. PRETZEL AND DONUT SALES...

The next Pretzel and Donut weekend for the incoming 8th graders will be May 16 & 17. All proceeds go to the 8th graders' trip to Washington D.C.

Ministry News & Happenings


IS IT YOUR TURN TO ANSWER THE CALL?

Please prayerfully consider placing your name in the discernment box in the Gathering Space to serve a term of three years (beginning in June) on the Pastoral Council or School Advisory Council.

The 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. You do not need to be a parent of a student to serve. For more information, contact Jessica Wachtel, School Advisory Council President, at boardpresident@icsmail.org or 314-749-1663.

The 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. For more information, contact Tammy Hoeflinger, Pastoral Council Chairperson, at parishcouncil@iccmil.org or 314-265-1767.


With the aid of the Holy Spirit, names will be drawn from the discernment boxes after 5:00 p.m. Mass on May 2. Please consider spending your time and talent in this fulfilling ministry!



ICC Ministry Spotlight

Gift Bearer Ministry

Parishioners of all ages are invited to deepen their connection to the Mass and share in the sacred tradition of the Offertory. Gift Bearers represent all parishioners with the active participation of bringing forth and offering our gifts of bread and wine to the priest at the altar to begin the Liturgy of the Eucharist. They also present our stewardship of treasure offering. Three Gift Bearers are needed for Offertory at each Mass. Assignments are scheduled and published in the liturgical ministry schedule. This ministry is open to unlimited volunteers.



If you would like to be a Gift Bearer, please call the parish office at 618-281-5105 to be added to the schedule.

ALZHEIMER'S & DEMENTIA SUPPORT GROUP

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

Snippet from Mrs. Shea

- The Most Blessed Sacrament is Christ made visible. The poor sick person is Christ again made visible.

– Saint Gerard Majella

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.

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. Next meeting is May 12 at 6:30 p.m. in the Garden Level.



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!

ICY ODD SUNDAYS

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



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK:

This weekend, we hear the wonderful Gospel of Jesus being recognized by two disciples on the way from Jerusalem to Emmaus. I find it powerful that the two guys didn't fully recognize who Jesus was until they invited Him to their home and had a meal. It was in the breaking of the bread, that their eyes were opened; that they could see Jesus as He really is, God!

Each week, we have the opportunity to recognize Jesus at Mass in four different ways: The Scriptures, the congregation (*When two or three are gathered in my name, I am in their midst*), the actions of the priest, and above all, the Eucharist.

The Eucharist is Jesus' way of telling us that He wants to be a part of our lives. It's often been called the "Bread of Angels." My favorite title for the Eucharist is "Food for the Journey." Food for the journey in life and food for the journey into the next life. This amazing food for our souls is readily available each weekend. It's ours for the taking. Such a great gift that I hope we never take for granted.

Then, strengthened by Christ through the Eucharist, the Scriptures and each other, we're meant to be Christ and reflect Christ in a world that really needs Him. An example of a hurricane can hopefully make my point.

The eye of a hurricane is a remarkable thing. It can be hundreds of miles wide. Usually, there is an "eye" in the center of the storm. This eye is usually about 10-20 miles wide. Inside the eye, there is no wind, no storm, no damage; just blue sky, sunshine and it's totally calm. I think the eye of a hurricane is a great image of the Eucharist. All kinds of storms may rage around us: political, financial, health issues, family breakdowns, war like the war in Ukraine or Iran. Lord knows we've got plenty of storms in our lives. But in the Eucharist there is a peaceful calm, blue skies of hope, and a shining "Son" of love.

Just as the eye of a hurricane lasts only about an hour as it passes over, so the Eucharist or Mass lasts only an hour or so. Jesus never intended that we stay in the "eye" of the Eucharist. He intended that we go back into the storm and become an "eye" of peace to others.

May the Eucharist strengthen us to be an oasis of the peace of Christ to those around us. May this Food for the Journey nourish us on this journey and in the journey to come.

Fr. Brian

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.

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 (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.

BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY

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.

Stay Connected with the ACTS Community!



Embrace the calmness and reconnect with the ACTS family. If you're not receiving emails from acts@iccm.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@iccm.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



I Will Follow

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

VOCATION

"Growing up in a Catholic homeschooling family, I knew my faith well. Though our cattle ranch was 45 minutes from the closest church, Sunday Mass was always a priority. My parents' example of praying with Scripture each morning inspired me to do the same during high school. As my relationship with God grew, I began to hear his call to the priesthood. The priests I knew influenced me greatly, and reading about the life of Blessed Michael McGivney strengthened my desire to serve as a priest. After my ordination as a transitional deacon, I had to take a couple of years for health reasons. During that time, I reread biographies of and letters from Blessed Solanus Casey – who is my great-great-great-uncle – and was inspired by how he always thanked God despite his own suffering and difficulty during seminary. Today, more than a year since my priestly ordination, I cannot thank God enough for the great blessings he gives me as I serve his people, especially by celebrating the Mass and hearing Confessions."

*Fr. Caleb Cunningham; Diocese of Baker, OR;
Columbia Magazine November 2024*



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

JOB OPPORTUNITIES



IMMACULATE
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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.

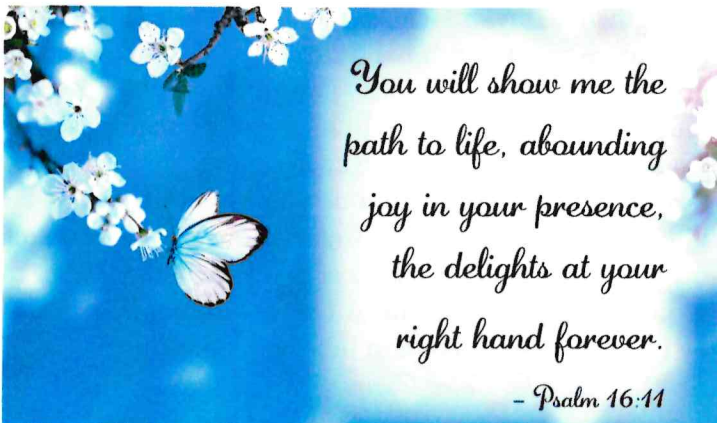
This educator will play a key role in cultivating curiosity, problem-solving, and creative thinking through engaging, hands-on learning experiences in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics. The ideal candidate is passionate about designing meaningful STEM curriculum and working collaboratively 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.

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



*You will show me the
path to life, abounding
joy in your presence,
the delights at your
right hand forever.*

- Psalm 16:11

Immaculate Conception School

PRE-SCHOOL 2026-27

Enrollment is now open, but spots are filling fast! Enroll 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
618-281-5353

register online at
icscolumbia.org

GLO-Bingo

Not Your Grandma's Bingo! BL-51465

**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH
TO BENEFIT ICS FAMILIES FOR
8TH 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**

What's Happening at Gibault?

GCHS Theater Presents

GODSPELL

APRIL 24-25 7PM
APRIL 26 2PM

Fr. Ed Hustedde Gymnasium | Gibault Catholic High School



Varsity Soccer 2007



GIRLS SOCCER ALUMNI NIGHT

APRIL 25

AFTER THE 11AM GAME
GIBAULT CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

CHECK FACEBOOK FOR WEATHER DEPENDENT UPDATES

Upcoming Events:

- Girls' Softball Alumni Game – Friday, April 17, after the game against Freeburg
- Gibault Theater Club presents the Musical “Godspell” – April 24-25 – 7:00 p.m., April 26 – 2:00 p.m.
- Girls' Soccer Alumni Game – Saturday, April 25 after game against Murphysboro

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!

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*

DIOCESAN SPRING FARM BLESSING

All are invited to join Father Godfrey for the Spring Farm Blessing which will be held on Tuesday, April 28th at 1:00 p.m. at the Ryan Peter Family Farm, 7755 Highway 15, Mt. Carmel, IL.

DRIVING DIRECTIONS - From the Belleville area - Heading East on I-64

- Take I-64E toward Mt. Vernon (59.3 miles)
- Keep Left on I-64 toward Louisville (51.3 miles)
- At Exit 130: Head toward IL-1/Grayville/Carmi/Mt. Carmel
- Turn Left onto S. Court Street (IL-1) (12.9 miles)
- Turn Left onto E 700 RD (CR-5/CR-700) toward Maud (1.2 miles)
- Turn Right onto E 700 RD (CR-5/CR-700) (2.1 miles)
- Turn Right onto Hwy 15 (IL-15) (0.8 miles)

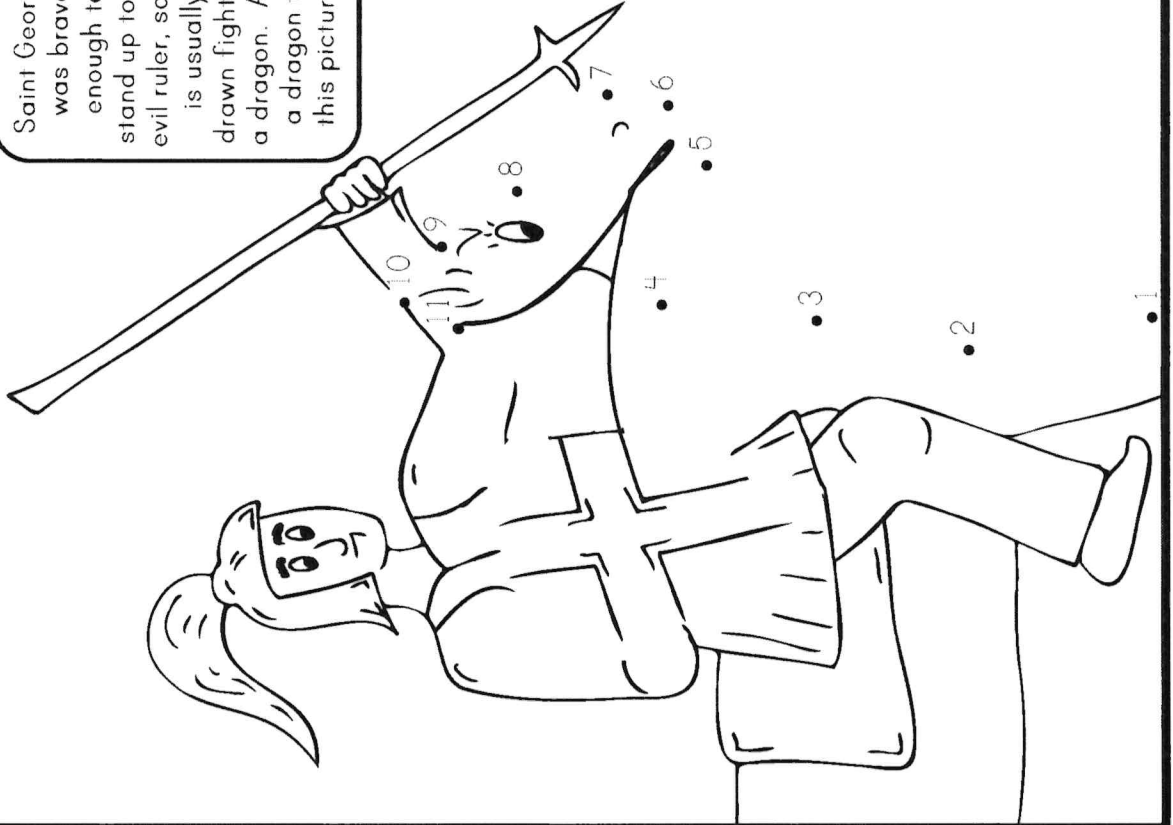
“Farm Blessing” signs will guide you along the way. Those attending are invited to bring seeds, farm animals, farm equipment and machinery to be blessed.

You are encouraged to bring nonperishable food items to be donated to the local food pantry. We look forward to having you join us!

Saint George

Saint George was a brave soldier in the Roman army. The Emperor, Diocletian, hated Christians! Saint George stood up to him and told Diocletian that he was wrong. He is the patron saint of the military.

Saint George was brave enough to stand up to an evil ruler, so he is usually drawn fighting a dragon. Add a dragon to this picture.



Catholic Kids Bulletin

April 19, 2026
Easter
Color: White

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BOWSHOWIZUSO THE
Lord, you
will show us
the path of
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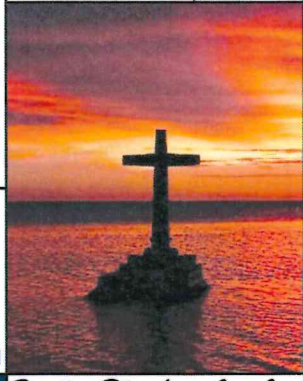


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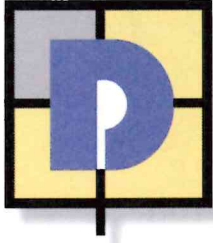
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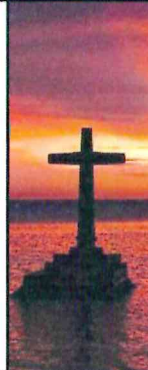
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