



Immaculate Conception

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

July 19, 2026

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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We know that all things work for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. *Romans 8:28*

Join the celebration!
**Bishop Godfrey Mullen, OSB,
Will Install Fr. Brian Barker
as Pastor of
Immaculate Conception Parish,
Columbia, at Mass
July 26, 2026, at 7:00am**

Wait a second, hasn't Fr. Brian been our pastor for awhile already? Fr. Brian has been our shepherd and administrative leader, but his Installation as Pastor indicates Bishop Godfrey's discerned confidence that Fr. Brian and Immaculate Conception will work well together for God's glory.

What happens at this celebration? Bishop Godfrey will preside at the beginning of the Mass, read the formal announcement of Fr. Brian's appointment, receive Fr. Brian's Oath of Fidelity, and Fr. Brian will lead the congregation in the Creed. The congregation will also be given the opportunity to declare our support. After the Creed, Fr. Brian will preside over the Liturgy of the Eucharist. Take note of the liturgical colors and ritual movements!

Will there be a gathering afterwards? Of course! Congratulate Fr. Brian, greet Bishop Godfrey, and enjoy donuts and breakfast treats with your friends and neighbors after the 7am Mass.

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 Information

Summer Hours: Monday-
Thursday 8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
Friday: 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Phone: 618-281-5105

Parish Staff

Pastor, Fr. Brian Barker
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**Director of Faith Formation,
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**School Advisory Council
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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. Contact Michelle at the Parish Office if you have questions. *The initial course is now available online. Please contact Michelle at the Parish Office for directions. Not sure if you are compliant?? Contact Michelle at the Parish Office. *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: <http://diobelle.org/b.aspx>. Questions? Contact Kara at the Parish Office, 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: 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, July 20	8:05 a.m.	We Remember Eugene Toenjes
Tuesday, July 21	8:05 a.m.	We Remember Patricia McMullan
Wednesday, July 22	8:05 a.m.	We Remember Clara Naumann
Thursday, July 23	8:05 a.m.	We Remember Hugh & Mattie McMullan
Friday, July 24	8:05 a.m.	We Remember Babs Jackson
Saturday, July 25	5:00 p.m.	We Remember Mike Markus
Sunday, July 26	7:00 a.m.	We Remember Bernie Kutz
	9:00 a.m.	We Remember Betty Beckerle
	11:00 a.m.	We Remember Babs Jackson



Please Pray For

Grant Koenigstein	Teresa Dorshorst	Laura Tasted	Larry Shuler	Chris Curtis
Doug Mercille	Betty Schmieder	Sarah Davis	Kasen Greer	Irma Naumann
Theresa Zeisler	Gary Hoeffken	Thomas Oleski	Jim M.	Julie Beckert
Larry Greenfield	Joyce Rose	Lindsey Proksha	Jessica Oertwig	Janice Whelan
Beth Heisel	Tonya Richardson	Karin Bennett	Don Williams	Beckham Tatum
Arlene Kruse	Jane Quernheim	Adam Brandt	Dolores G.	Brooks Tatum
Delores Deleveski	Andy Amann	Tim Frierdich	James Glasscock	
Susan Oswill	Nicole Hughes	Susie Settle	Cheryl Cobin	

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...

CSM 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

July 19, 2026

First Reading: Wisdom 12:13, 16-19

Second Reading: Romans 8:26-27

Gospel: Matthew 13:24-43



Our Sympathies...

To the family and friends of Virginia Cruz who passed away at the age of 76.

To Mary Landgraf and her family on the death of her husband Carl Landgraf, 86, 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 3:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. Spend some quiet time with the Lord.

Stewardship...

Thank you for sharing your blessings with us!

July 6, 2026

Actual	15,798.00
Budget	16,000.00
Actual YTD	15,798.00
Budget YTD	16,000.00
Over (under)	(202.00)
Prior YTD	9,286.27
Over (under)	6,511.73

July 12, 2026

Actual	33,669.30
Budget	34,800.00
Actual YTD	33,669.30
Budget YTD	34,800.00
Over (under)	(1,130.70)
Prior YTD	28,008.90
Over (under)	5,660.40
Guatemala	1,021.00
Votive	146.00
Newman Auxiliary	20.00
Peter's Pence	620.00
Gibault	85.00
Capital Improvements	190.00
Phase 3	2,822.00



From Our Young Stewards:

Treasure: 65.30

Thank You for Sharing Your Blessings!

WILL OR REVOCABLE TRUST?

In the world of estate planning, wills and trusts often take center stage. They are kind of like siblings (without all the fighting). Both are legal tools that transfer your stuff to those individuals and charities you love. The main difference is that one can benefit you while you are still alive and the other goes into effect only after you die. There are a few more important distinctions you should know about. Let's go over each one, starting with the basics, so you can decide what's best for you.

What is a Will?

A will is a legal document that directs what happens when you die—and puts it all in writing. It outlines things like who you want to get your stuff, your money, and guardianship of your kids or pets. For some people, a simple will may be enough. However, a will does not avoid probate, the court directed process of administering your assets after your death.

What is a Trust?

Trusts come in lots of different forms, so let's focus on the most common ones and what they do.

Revocable Trust

A revocable trust (also called a living trust) allows you to transfer your assets into the trust during your life and retain control of those assets, but then allows the assets to be passed to loved ones and charities more easily after you die, without probate. It's "revocable," which means you can revoke it (or more likely, amend it) prior to your death. You can transfer things like bank or savings accounts, cars, real estate, art, and jewelry into a revocable trust. A revocable trust becomes irrevocable after your death. At that time, a revocable trust takes the place of your will, just without the necessity of probate. For most people, a simple revocable trust makes a lot of sense and is not significantly more expensive than a standalone will.

Charitable Trust:

As the name suggests, a charitable trust is used to give away part of your estate to a charity. You can create a charitable lead trust (CLT) or a charitable remainder trust (CRT). The CLT is simple: You designate particular assets to go toward your favorite charity (like ICC, for example) and your beneficiaries get the rest. With a CRT, you put certain assets into the trust that you or your beneficiaries will get income from, and the rest of your assets go to one or more charities either at your death or after a period of years. There are other types of trusts such as testamentary, spendthrift, special needs and life insurance trusts that can be beneficial. Contact your attorney to learn more about them.

Estate Taxes:

Under current law, only the estates of individuals over \$15 million are subject to federal estate tax. However, the estates of individuals over \$4 million are subject to Illinois estate tax. If you fall into one of those categories, there are options available to you for reducing those taxes after your death. You should contact your attorney for more information about wills and trusts and estate taxes. If you would like a referral, please contact the Parish Office who will connect you with one of our council members.

— Immaculate Conception Planned Giving Council

Parish Events & News...

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
Parish

LABOR DAY PICNIC

Monday | September 7



Chicken Dinner

11am-4pm
(or until sold out)
Dine-in or Carry-out.



Quilt Bingo

11am-6pm
Play a bit or stay all day!
\$500
FINAL GAME PAYOUT



Booths & Games

11am-7pm
Books - Country Store -
Desserts - Raffles - Plant
Stand - Food & Drink -
Adult & Kid Games

Live music throughout the day

MORE INFO
ON FACEBOOK
@ImmaculateConception
ParishPicnic



Ways to Support the Picnic
• Donate books, desserts & homegrowns
• Sell Raffle Tickets
• Sign up to help (August 1)

411 PALMER ROAD | COLUMBIA, IL 62236 | ALL PARKING WILL BE ONSITE.

UPDATE MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

Does our church database have YOUR family membership record correct? Here is your chance to update YOUR record for our Annual Guide Book and Directory (if you haven't already done so). It is time for us to update our database with any changes, additions, or deletions that may have occurred in YOUR family over the past year. Have you changed your phone number? Have you moved? Are you preparing to move soon? Are all of your children still at home and are they all included in your membership record? Do you want your record published? If you have not already informed the Church Office about changes to your record, please let us know now so that the information in the Guide Book and Directory is correct.

*Please update this information
to the Parish Office by July 30th.*

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:

September 11, 2026 in the Garden Level

PSR

Do you have a love for God? Volunteer for PSR. We are looking for volunteers for the 2026-2027 school year to help our PSR program continue to grow. Contact Rebecca Husman at 618-281-5105, ext. 353, or Lizanne Young at 618-281-5105, ext. 354. We look forward to meeting you.

Parish Work Day! August 8, 2026

SCRIPTURE DISCUSSIONS FOR MEN AND WOMEN

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

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

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

Just show up, you're more than welcome!

BULLETIN DEADLINE...

All submissions for the bulletin will need to be in to the Parish Office two Thursdays before you need it in the bulletin. Submissions will need to be sent to iccmil@iccmil.org. 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 August 15 and 16. All proceeds go to the 8th graders' trip to Washington D.C.

Ministry News & Happenings

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK:

This weekend's Gospel I think is enormously profound. It's a parable that deals with one of the greatest mysteries of life: the mystery of evil. We don't have answers to mysteries. And so it goes with evil. Where did it come from? Why does it exist? Why doesn't God do something about it? And sometimes this mystery of evil hits home. A family member says or does something that is really painful and hurtful. We see on the news about wars that never seem to end and only get worse. We see kids that are starving. We see the problems with homelessness. We see issues of addiction and depression that ravage our families and communities. Why does all this nasty stuff exist? Where is God in all this? Has God turned a blind eye to it all?

In this parable we have the figure of speech of good seed being sown and all of a sudden this evil weed is coming up and choking it to death. The only semi-answer that Jesus gives us is that at judgment time, things will be evened out, but in the meantime you live with this tension and ambiguity; you let the weeds and wheat, the good and the evil, grow up together.

So, the question that pops in my mind and heart is this: Can you live with this tension? Are you willing to acknowledge that there is some bad, really bad things going on and that you want no part of it? And here's Jesus seeming to say something like this: "Look, there's not an answer but there's a way that you must act." Perhaps a story will better explain it. I use a lot of stories in my homilies because Jesus did the same thing. If it worked for him, I'm hoping it will work for me. So, here's a little story. Some of you may be familiar with it.

There was a musical long ago called *Man of La Mancha*. It's based on the story of a character named Don Quixote. Don is often not playing with a full deck. He runs around tilting at windmills and he does a lot of ridiculous stuff. He adores a woman who is named Aldonza, who is pretty much a mess and a laughingstock of the community. Yet in Don Quixote's mind and heart, he calls her Dulcinea. If you know any of the Romance languages, you'll see the word "sweet" in it. Dulcinea, or Aldonza, is Don's "Sweet One." This causes everyone in the town to roar in laughter because Aldonza is anything but sweet. She's a tramp and she's a mess. As the story goes on, in spite of Aldonza's shortcomings, Don Quixote loves her as no one else in her entire life loved her. Then there's a scene when Don is dying and breathing his last. Aldonza breaks out into song and sings *The Impossible Dream*. After she sings the song, someone calls out her name, "Aldonza," and she lifts herself up from the dead Quixote, holds her head high, and says "My name is Dulcinea!" It was the love of this man that transformed her and made her over. And so it is with the love and the goodness of God when we have to face evil. Jesus tells us in this Gospel that in the end, everything will be all right but, in the meantime, you make a difference where you can. That's the only response. So, you know what that means. It means that you and I are called upon to make a leap of faith. There's no commonsense way of dealing with evil. Evil doesn't respond to logic and common sense. And at times it's overwhelming. And the only response to this incredible thing called evil is to believe, I mean really believe, that you can make a difference, just like Don Quixote made a difference with Dulcinea. Your act of goodness and love can bring some light into the darkness. And that somehow it will count.

Patience is needed. We have to let God do the sifting. We are asked that when others use names that sting, degrade, hurt and label, we use different names, names that are "sweeter." Jesus tells us with this parable that the approach, if not the answer to evil, is always love.

Fr. Brian

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 of your issues. Any questions, please call Kevin Glasscock at 314-565-4418. Next meeting is August 11th at 6:30 p.m. in the Garden Level.

ALZHEIMER'S & DEMENTIA SUPPORT GROUP

Age Smart and the IC Alzheimer's & Dementia Support Group present "Laugh Lab" – an evidence-based experience to combat isolation and cognitive decline for older adults and individuals living with dementia.

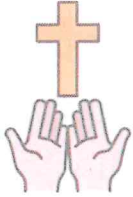
Next monthly meeting is August 16 at 10:00 a.m.



Are you or someone you know unable to attend Mass?

Whether it be a temporary or ongoing injury or illness that keeps you away from joining us in person, our Homebound Ministers are ready to bring the Holy Eucharist to you on Sunday mornings.

Call the parish office at 618/281-5105
with questions or to get signed up.



GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

Do you or someone you know struggle with the loss of a loved one? ICC is looking to start a support group for those struggling to cope with grief in their everyday lives. Grief is an experience that can be deeply personal, but it is also an experience understood by many regardless of age, socioeconomic status, gender, or religion. Whether your loved one has been gone for days, months, or years – we hope that you join us for our next meeting on **August 12th at 6:00** in the Library. Because no one should have to suffer alone. For further questions, please contact Shea Christensen at schristensen@icsmail.org.

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!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS 4TH DEGREE

Your Knights of Columbus 4th Degree Assembly 1529 are selling tickets for the 2026-2027 season 12-month Restaurant Raffle. Each month's winner will receive a choice of a \$250.00 gift card to the restaurant of the month or \$200.00 in cash. Drawings happen the 3rd Wednesday of each month beginning October 2026 through September 2027. Only 400 tickets will be sold at a cost of \$20.00 each. They will be selling tickets after all Masses the weekend of August 1st and 2nd or contact Steve Wilson at steverdean@yahoo.com or 314-497-0798 to get your tickets now.

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.



CHRISTMAS IN JULY

The Council of Catholic Women (CCW) will be kicking off their Box of Joy campaign the weekend of July 25th and 26th. Members will be available after all Masses to distribute boxes to fill, share lists of items for purchase, and collect any cash donations. Questions can be directed to Mary Wilson at 618-920-0319 or auntmary60@yahoo.com.



Most Needed Items:

- Diapers, all sizes Newborn - 7
- Pajamas sizes 2T & 3T
- Washcloths & Hooded Towels for newborns, infants, toddlers
- Onesies (short sleeved) sizes 3 - 12 months

THANK YOU!

Hosted by ICC Sanctity of Life Ministry

BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY

Next meeting is September 10th at 6:30 p.m. in the GL Library.

Walk to Remember – October 4 at 3:00 p.m.

**All Souls Mass/Annual Parishioner Memorial
Candlelighting** – November 2 at 6:30 p.m.



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION SCHOOL

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

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

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JOB OPPORTUNITY

ICS is looking to hire a Co-Director for our afterschool Latchkey Program! The ideal candidate will have a passion for working with children ages 3-13 and strong leadership skills! Hours will be 3:00-5:30 p.m. a few days a week. Please email Mr. Crean at mcrean@icsmail.org.



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 options
- ✓ 1:10 teacher to student ratio

Enroll Now →

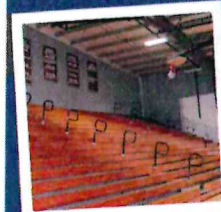
Contact us
618-281-5353

register online at
icscolumbia.org



What's Happening at Gibault?

Gibault Catholic High School's Catholic's GYM ENHANCEMENTS: PROGRESS UPDATE



Air Conditioning: Concrete Pads Poured
Bleacher Handrails: Completed
New Lobby Flooring: Installation in Progress

WE'RE ALMOST THERE!



SCAN TO DONATE OR



HOW YOU CAN HELP

MAIL PAYMENT TO:

Gibault Catholic
High School
Gym Enhancements
501 Columbia Ave
Waterloo, IL 62298

PAUL J. KIM

Catholic Speaker



COMING TO
GIBAULT CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

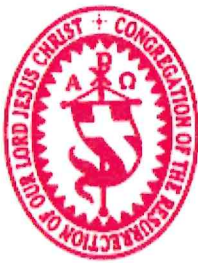
SEPTEMBER 10 2026

Festivities, Music, Food & Drinks starts at 5PM

"Life is Short, Eternity is Forever"
starts at 7PM

No RSVP Needed. **Free & Open to the Public!**

Diocesan and Area Interests



RAFFLE TICKET SALES

for support of the

Congregation of the Resurrection.

Next weekend, Fr. Steve Thoma, Brother Bill Hallas and Fr. Joe Malczyk of the Congregation of the Resurrection will be with us. They will be selling raffle tickets to support the Senior Priests and Brothers and the Formation Program for the Congregation of the Resurrection. You may have received tickets, in the mail. Tickets are \$25.00 each or 6 for \$100.00.

Bring your return address labels to use on the ticket stubs. If you are not prepared to purchase the tickets we will have envelopes for you to mail them. The parish of the first place winner will receive a \$500.00 bonus.

The Resurrection Gala, celebrating the 190th Anniversary of the Congregation of the Resurrection will take place on Sunday, September 27th. Contact Brother Bill Hallas for information and reservations at 773-463-7506.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Assistant Director of Outreach

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul Belleville, Illinois, Diocesan Council is seeking either two part-time or one full-time SVDP Charity Coordinator for their facility in East St. Louis. This position needs a compassionate and caring individual(s) committed to serving God and the poor. Requires a background in social service and at least 10 years of experience in the field; managerial and organizational skills required. This person will be working directly with those who are traumatized, homeless and suffering from physical and mental illnesses and supervising volunteers and ancillary staff at the SVDP Outreach Center.

Interested individuals should email their resume to: officeassistant@svdpsouthil.net or drop it off at the SVDP Belleville Office at 8800 West Main Street any morning. More information about SVDP ministries can be found on the website at www.svdpsouthil.org.

GREEN MOUNT CATHOLIC CEMETERY FLOWER POLICY

Attention: Updates to the flower/decor policy for Green Mount Catholic Cemetery were made effective July 1, 2026. New signage is posted at the entrance with basic regulations. Please remove any items you wish to keep in your possession by the grace period, August 1, 2026.

To view the new policy, please visit: <https://cathedralbelle.org/green-mount-catholic-cemetery/>.

St Charles Church Summer Social

Saturday, July 25, 2026

In Air-Conditioned KC Hall, DuBois IL

4 PM Mass at St Charles Church

PRIZES | FOOD | FUN QUILT & CASH BINGO

Doors Open at 4 PM | Games start at 7 PM

1 Quilt GUARANTEED each 4 Game Set

\$50 Cash Payout for other 3 Games

\$1 per card for games or PAY ONE PRICE and play all night!

Lunch Stand featuring Polish Sausage & Pierogi with Sauerkraut, Potato Salad, & Drink for \$15
Sandwiches, Sides, & Desserts also available

GRAND RAFFLE

Prizes include Quilts, \$7000 in Cash Prizes & More!!

Tickets available from St Charles Parishioners and Local DuBois Merchants

Not responsible for accidents - No Carry-Ins

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The American Medical Association (AMA), American Psychiatric Association, and dozens of other medical groups oppose assisted suicide. The AMA says "Physician-assisted suicide is fundamentally incompatible with the physician's role as healer." Physicians are entrusted with saving lives, not ending them, and assisted suicide violates the Hippocratic Oath. Tell your state legislators to Vote NO on SB 3499 – assisted suicide. Visit www.ilcatholic.org for additional information and resources.

Saint Christopher

Saint Christopher was a VERY strong man who carried people across a scary river. One day, a young boy he was carrying grew heavier and heavier. Finally, Saint Christopher realized that he was carrying baby Jesus and the weight of the world.



Saint Christopher is the patron saint of travelers. Ask him to pray for you when you are traveling.

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Lord, you
are good
and
forgiving.

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The priest wears special clothes called vestments to show he is leading us in prayer and helping us meet Jesus at Mass.



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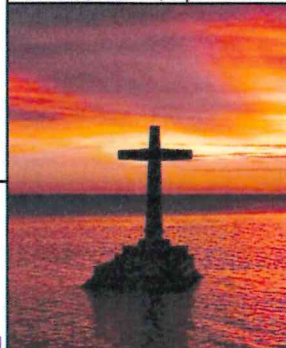
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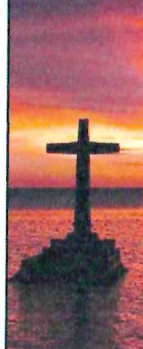
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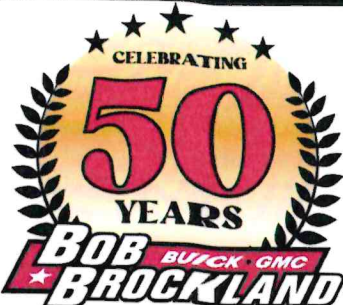
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