



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 26, 2026

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

www.icc-columbia-il.us

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
Parish

LABOR DAY Picnic



Monday | September 7



Chicken Dinner

11am until sold out
Dine-in or Carry-out.
(Cash, Credit &
Checks accepted)



Quilt Bingo

11am-6pm

Play an hour 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 you can help!

Volunteer to work!
Bake pies & desserts!
Sell Raffle tickets!

We look forward to seeing
you on September 7!

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

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
ext. 358, frbrian@iccmail.org

Deacon Tom Helfrich
deacontom@iccmail.org

Business Manager,
Kara Dell-Hunt
ext. 350, kdell-hunt@iccmail.org

Co-Directors of Music,
Karen Lundy & Emily Holland

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

**IC-PSR Coordinator &
Liturgy Director,**
Rebecca Husman
ext. 353, rhusman@iccmail.org

Bookkeeper, Sheryl Oglesby,
ext. 351, shoglesby@iccmail.org

Secretary,
Michelle Muckensturm
ext. 300, iccmail@iccmail.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,
Carrie Boser,
parishcouncil@iccmail.org

**School Advisory Council
President, Ali Kosydor,**
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@iccmail.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 27	8:05 a.m.	We Remember Nancy Buss Bahari
Tuesday, July 28	8:05 a.m.	We Remember Doris Ling
Wednesday, July 29	8:05 a.m.	We Remember Josh Ritter
Thursday, July 30	8:05 a.m.	We Remember Jerome & Alma Buss
Friday, July 31	8:05 a.m.	We Remember Richard Sambo
Saturday, August 1	5:00 p.m.	We Remember Clara Liszewski & Matt Hart
Sunday, August 2	7:00 a.m.	We Remember Chester & Lillian Kopec
	9:00 a.m.	We Remember Veronica Kettler
	11:00 a.m.	We Remember Babs Jackson



Please Pray For

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

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

June 26, 2026

First Reading: First Kings 3:5, 7-12

Second Reading: Romans 8:28-30

Gospel: Matthew 13:44-52



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.



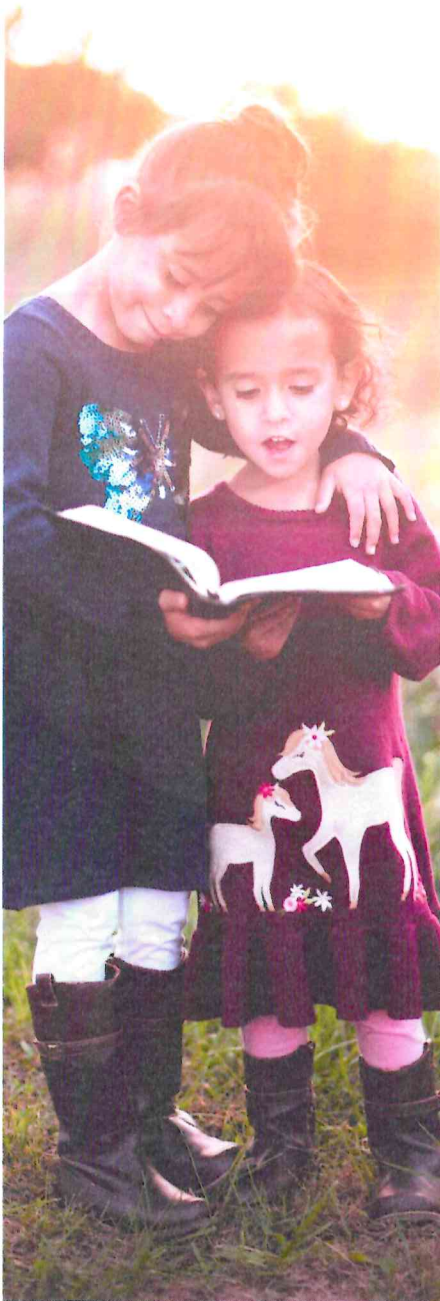
EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

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!

OFFERTORY
NOT AVAILABLE
AT TIME OF PRINTING.



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...

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 of God and working with children? 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

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.

Snippet from Mrs. Shea

Prayer ought to be short and pure, unless it be prolonged by the inspiration of Divine grace.

– Saint Benedict



ICC Ministry Spotlight

Sister Parish Ministry

St. Raymond of Penafort, located in San Carlos Alzate, Guatemala, is Immaculate Conception's sister parish. This relationship dates back 40 years (to 1986) and was established through the efforts of Fr. Vinco Haselhorst and Missions International. Fr. Vinco, a former pastor at Immaculate Conception, had previously served as a pastor in El Progreso, Guastetoya, Guatemala.

The parishioners of Immaculate Conception parish are invited each month to use the special offering envelope to support the work of St. Raymond's. The children of our school and parish school of religion also contribute throughout the year for the sake of their brothers and sisters in Guatemala. Our annual offering is ten times what the parish in Guatemala would be able to achieve on their own and has allowed for the development of many necessary ministries. Since 1998, there have been six different Journeys of Friendship and Faith to St. Raymond's by members of our parish. The most recent trip was a medical mission trip in June of this year, with nurses, a pharmacist, and interpreters making the journey to treat over 185 patients ranging in age from 8 months to 80+ years. For many, this was their first experience receiving medical care.

You don't need to speak Spanish to be part of the Sister Parish ministry. You only need to speak from the heart to those who might otherwise be marginalized because of their economic or social status.

If you'd like to learn more about the Sister Parish ministry, are interested in making a future trip, or if you want to learn more about what ICC financial support means to the parishioners of St. Raymond's, please contact cevans@icmail.org.




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.



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 August 11th at 6:30 p.m. in the Garden Level.

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!

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@icmail.org.

ICY ODD SUNDAYS

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



KEEPING COLLEGE KIDS CONNECTED

The CCW is collecting items for the goodie bags for our Keeping College Kids Connected Program again this year. Please bring items to the first meeting on August 6th, drop off at the Parish Office or put in the box in the Gathering Space marked KCKC. We usually try to make up about 20 bags so we could use your help. We feel this is an important ministry and want our college students to know we are thinking and praying for them. Watch for the date we will hand them out! The college kids will also receive a blessing at each Mass on August 8 and 9.



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

CHRISTMAS IN JULY

Representatives of the Council of Catholic Women will be in the Gathering Space before and after all Masses this weekend. Stop by their table to grab a box to fill, gather a list of desired items, or make a cash contribution. All boxes must be returned by September 20.

CHRISTMAS IN JULY/BOX OF JOY PROGRAM:

Want to show a child a wonderful Christmas? Join the Council of Catholic Women in support of Cross Catholic Outreach's BOX OF JOY program. These boxes are sent to children in eight impoverished countries who wish for just one gift. What can you do to help?

- Take a box and fill it,
- Bring items for us to use to fill boxes, or
- Make a monetary donation. Cash donations will also be used to cover postage.

Start your Christmas giving a little early this year. Boxes are due by September 20th. Our goal is to fill 275 boxes, which is about the same as the 260 boxes we filled in 2025. Please help us reach our goal! Thanks for your consideration; may God bless you.

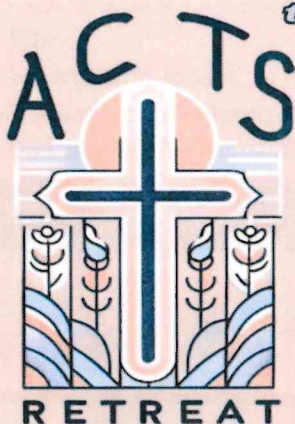
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS 4TH DEGREE

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.

THE 2026 CATHOLIC SERVICE AND MINISTRY APPEAL

Those who are kind to the needy honor Him

Did you know YOUR GIFT to the 2026 Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal can be made online? Visit your Belleville Diocese's website at www.diobelle.org and click on "Giving." It's that simple! Every donation – large or small – is needed to continue our diocesan ministry to those in need. We are counting on YOU. Please visit www.diobelle.org today!



**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 Women:
October 15-18

Save the date!

VOCATION

"I'll never forget the first time I saw a nun. I was 5 years old, and my family had gone to a convent for Mass. Seeing a woman in a habit, I asked, "Mama, why is she wearing those clothes?" Her reply captivated me: "She's married to Jesus." I thought, "I want to marry Jesus, too." Christ was my first love, and I've never gotten over Him. Growing up in Catholic school, I struggled with academic and social pressures like any girl, but the desire to radically serve Christ kept burning within me. The idea that He could be calling me to be His bride was exciting. Continuing to discern in college, I was open to marriage, but I felt that I had too much love to give to one family. I wanted to be a spiritual mother and adopt the world. My decision to follow Christ came in Adoration. After an hour of silence, I heard Him say, "Be crucified with Me." I knew He was asking me to give my life to Him completely. My greatest joy was returning to my first love."

Sr. Mary Gianna Casino;
Leaven of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, Hanceville, AL;
Columbia Magazine Aug. 2021

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

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

MISSION • COMMUNITY • SERVICE



JOB OPPORTUNITY

ICS is looking to hire a Co-Director for our after school 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 option
- ✓ 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

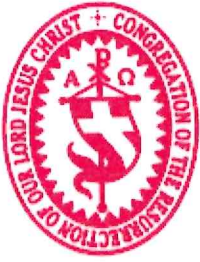
COMING TO
GIBAULT CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL
SEPTEMBER 10 2026

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.

The weekend of August 1 and 2, 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 six 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' 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/>.

RESPECT LIFE CORNER

"Discover the Power of Natural Family Planning"

NFP is a church-approved, scientifically validated system of fertility awareness that honors your marriage vows to love Freely, Totally, Faithfully, and Fruitfully. But how many children should you have? The Church leaves that to your prayerful discernment through "responsible parenthood"—balancing a generous heart with a prudent look at your life circumstances. NFP also empowers ALL women by decoding the body's natural signs. It provides deep insight into reproductive health, helps uncover underlying medical issues, and fosters true marital connection.

Follow the QR code to learn about several different methods of NFP, Responsible Parenthood, and more. Contact mejoost@gmail.com for more help in finding the right method for you.



CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS APPEAL

Support the Catholic Home Missions Appeal today! Over 40% of dioceses in the United States and its territories are considered mission territories because they are unable to fund essential pastoral activities needed in their communities. Your support funds religious education, seminary formation, lay ministry training, and other programs that build vibrant faith communities right here in the United States, including in our own Belleville Diocese. Please be generous. More information can be found at www.usccb.org/home-missions.

Virgin of Guadalupe, Patroness of unborn children, we implore your intercession for every child at risk of abortion. ... Guide our public officials to defend each and every human life through just laws. Inspire us all to bring our faith into public life, to speak for those who have no voice. We ask this in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ, who is Love and Mercy itself. Amen.

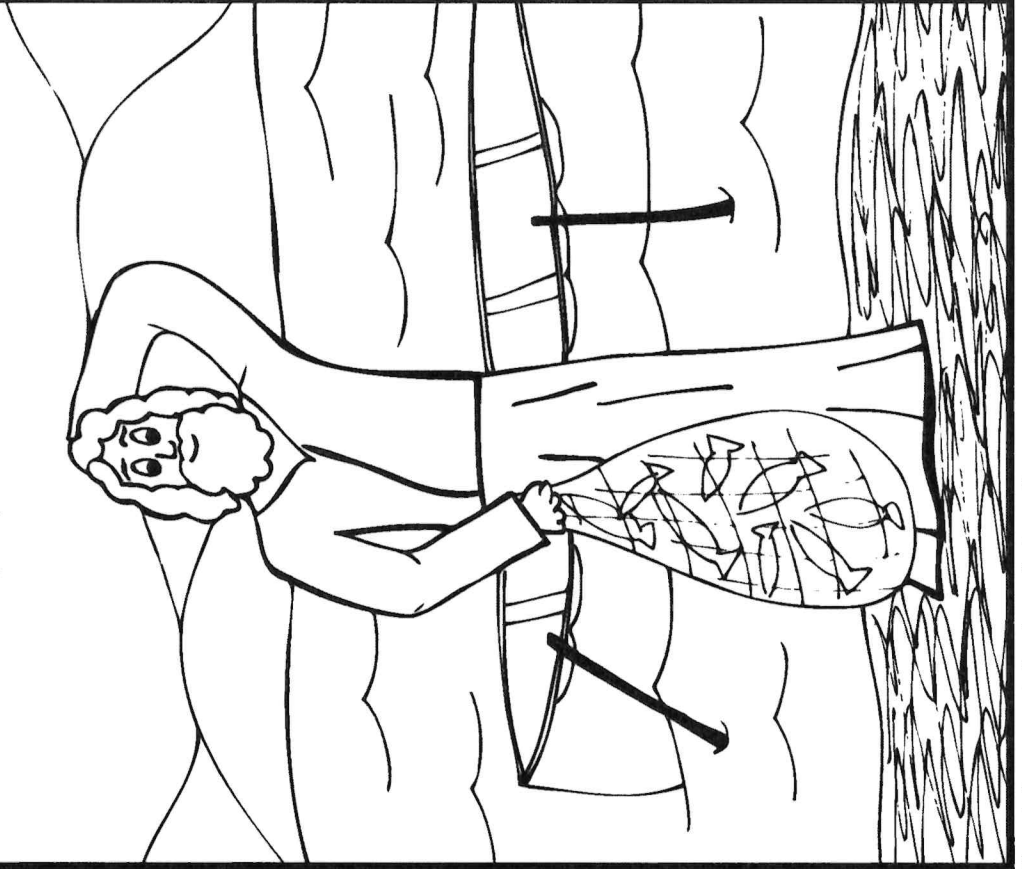
– USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities,
"A Prayer to Our Lady of Guadalupe"

Virgen de Guadalupe, patrona de los niños en el vientre materno, te imploramos tu intercesión por cada niño en peligro de ser abortado. ... Guía a nuestros funcionarios públicos a defender cada vida humana mediante leyes justas. Inspíranos a todos a traer nuestra fe a la vida pública, para hablar por aquellos que no tienen voz. Te lo pedimos en el nombre de tu Hijo, Jesucristo, quién es Amor y Piedad. Amén.

– USCCB Secretariado de Actividades Pro-Vida,
"Oración a Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe"

Saint James

Saint James loved being a fisherman, but when Jesus asked him to leave his boat and become a "Fisher of Men." He followed Jesus and taught people about God.



Year A: Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Catholic Kids

Bulletin

July 26, 2026
Ordinary Time
Color: Green

KJOLORDPWHIOJELOVJOJHAS

CLSJLOVEPWEKHCIXI

Lord, I love
your
commands.

BLCKCOMMANDSKWA

LKEHBYOURPKDJOWANKXOCJ

Look at the artwork in
your church. Are there
any pictures of Heaven?



Ameriprise Financial
John Adams, CFP®
 Financial Advisor
 314-720-2167
 John.Adams@ampf.com
 ameripriseadvisors.com/john.1.adams
 Ameriprise Financial Services, LLC
 1065 Executive Parkway Dr., Suite 215
 St. Louis, MO 63141

You belong here.
FIND YOUR NEW HOME
CALLTAMMY.COM

Braun Family Funeral Home
 Family Owned & Operated
 265 Quarry Rd. | Columbia, IL | (618) 281-6793

State Farm
Tyler Sonka • 618-281-7181
 400 Columbia Ctr • Columbia, IL 62236

Classic Aire Care
Classic Aire Care
 Making Your Life More Comfortable
 ClassicAireCare.com
 618-213-2682

DIAMOND ROOFING & EXTERIORS
ROOFING SIDING GUTTERS
 (314) 954-7667
 We offer Storm Damage Services and Help with Every Step of Filing a Claim with Your Insurance Company.

R&M OIL & SUPPLY INC. PROPANE
 We put the "PRO" in propane.
 We fill BBQ Cylinders
 (618) 281-4928
 www.rmoil.com

We Deliver IMO'S PIZZA
 281-5552 • 1450 Evergreen • Columbia, IL
 Your neighborhood bank - wherever you go

SB STATE BANK
 618-939-7194
 www.sbw.bank

DL
 Landscape Professional
 Licensed and Insured
(314) 221 - 4995
 Built on Family, Community, & Sow Much More!
 Douglas Landscapes

Edward Jones
Stocks. Bonds. CDs. IRAs. Mutual funds.
Marty Newton, AAMS™
 Financial Advisor
 332 Wedgewood Square
 Columbia, IL 62236
 618-281-9434
 MKT-5894N-A
 > edwardjones.com

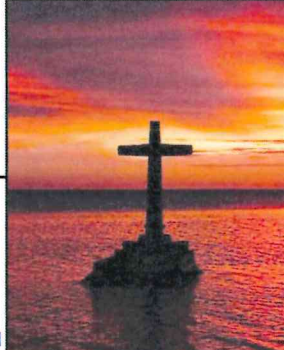
ELECTRO DOOR SYSTEMS INC.
 Garage Doors & Door Openers
 Sales • Service • Installations
 610 S Main, Columbia, IL | 618-281-4056

SUMMIT SIGN + GRAPHICS
 CELEBRATING 25+ YEARS OF SERVICE
 618-281-2639 SUMMITSIGN-STL.COM

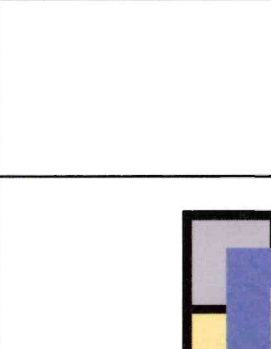


Ebers Electrical & Locksmithing
 618-281-4778 • cell 618-698-3550
 Kenneth Ebers, Parishoner
 Licensed Locksmith & Electrician
 IL Locksmith Lic No. 191-000-790
 Credit Cards Accepted

VETETO CONCRETE SOLUTIONS
FREE ESTIMATES!
 (618) 420-0114
 VETETOCONTRACTING@GMAIL.COM



HEARTLAND TURF FARMS
Premium Quality Sod
 Beautify your home with an instant Lawn
 Heartland Fescue Sod,
 Meyer Zoysia, Bluegrass
TOM KEEVEN, Owner
618-281-TURF
 heartlandturfarms.com



Flooring Interiors
 For All Your Flooring & Interior Needs
618-281-7681

Bradley Plumbing Co., Inc.
 (618)281-5560 • Columbia
 (618)939-5580 • Waterloo
 (618)476-1033 • Milledale
 RESIDENTIAL & COMMERCIAL
 Service Work & Remodeling • Water Heater Installation
 Senior Military Discounts Lic. #058-144858

DIETERICH BANK
 (618) 281-4102
 DIETERICHBANK.COM
 MEMBER FDIC

**TO ADVERTISE HERE,
 CALL DEE PRINTING
 AT 614-777-8700.**

JAENKE Heating & Air Conditioning
 Proudly Serving the Community Since 1969
618 939-8029

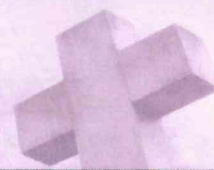
DAVEY
 Proven Solutions for a Growing World
\$20 OFF
 Tree Pruning / Removal / Fertilization
 314-782-5328 | davey.com

ATOP OUTDOORS
 (618) 340-4044
 TREE PRUNING OR TRIMMING • TREE STUMP REMOVAL
 TREE REMOVAL • EXCAVATION
 INVASIVE BRUSH MANAGEMENT

BUDNICK CONVERTING
 LOCALLY OWNED
 Hiring For Multiple Positions
BUDNICK.COM/CAREERS

Compliments of
QUERNHEIM FUNERAL HOME

Our bulletin is printed at no cost to the parish.
 Our advertisers cover all expenses.
 We thank them and encourage you to support their businesses.



Please patronize our advertisers... To place an ad, call 614-777-8700

Immediate Conception, Columbia, IL 61778-1739-JM-5/29/26



109 Wedgewood Dr.
Columbia, IL 62236

618-281-7171

Chiropractic
Massage Therapy
Pediatric Chiropractic
Auto Injuries



**ULTIMATE
TAX SERVICE**
618-476-6128

217 W. WASHINGTON ST
MILLSTADT, IL
ultimatetax.biz

Edward Jones

Member SIPC

College? Retirement? Find out how
to prepare for both.
Let's talk about your options.



Kim Siegel
Financial Advisor

2810 Frank Scott Pkwy W, Ste 820
Belleville, IL 62223
618-233-3099

Parishioner

MKT-58940-A AECSPAD

> edwardjones.com

HOME IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN EVER.
LIVE WHERE YOU LOVE.

Mandy McGuire

618-558-1350
MOVEWITHMANDY@GMAIL.COM
WWW.MOVEWITHMANDY.COM



**MANDY MCGUIRE
GROUP**
kw PINNACLE



**CATHOLIC
SUPPLY®**
OF ST. LOUIS, INC.

**RELIGIOUS GIFTS & DECOR | BOOKS & BIBLES
STATUARY | NATIVITIES | CHURCH SUPPLIES
CANDLES | SEASONAL & SACRAMENTAL GIFTS**

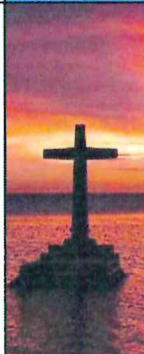
ST. LOUIS HILLS (314) 644-0643
O'FALLON (636) 379-3705

SHOP ONLINE!
catholicsupply.com



**Linnemann
Oil & Tire Co.**

1025 North Main St. | Columbia, IL 62236
4 Generations of Parishioners
Full Service
Gas • Tires • Oil Changes
Batteries • Wipers • Service
618-281-5494



UnitedHealthcare®
Medicare Solutions



JOSEPH SWIERCZEK

618-407-4427

jas1159@gmail.com

10 Hickory Ln, Columbia, IL.

CROWDER & SCOGGINS, LTD
ATTORNEYS AT LAW

Personal Injury • Worker's Compensation
Wills and Trusts • Business/Corporate
Real Estate • General Litigation

(618) 281.7111

"Serving Clients in Illinois and Missouri since 1964"

Scan for more info:



Attorneys:

Mark C. Scoggins • Jordan M. Augustine
Patrick E. Poston • Clara K. Tuake
Andrea Crowder Khoury of Counsel



**FROESS
OUTDOOR SERVICES**
(618) 791-6039

Lawn Care, Aeration & Mowing
Mike and Amy Froess, Parishioner

**Law office of
Traugher & Morris, LTD**
BREIDECKER PLACE
217 S. MAIN ST. | COLUMBIA, IL
TELEPHONE: 618-281-7614



SUNSET FORD
SINCE 1912

"Don't close the deal 'til Sunset!"

SCAN TO SEE
OUR SPECIALS



PETE HEUTEL
(314) 393-9523



CLEMENT

CHRYSLER DODGE Jeep RAM

Your Hometown Dealer with Hometown Values
Veteran Owned & Operated

Lunch • Dinner • Banquets • Catering



(618) 281-6700
117 S. Main St.
Columbia, IL 62236

RISTORANTE www.joeboccardis.com

**WILLIAMSON
DENTAL**

Dr. Nathan Williamson Dr. Matthew Haumann

**RELIABLE
SANITATION
SERVICE, INC.**



618-939-3333

"Our Business is Picking up!"



**THOMAS
PLUMBING, INC.**

Chris Thomas

618-223-0111



Free Estimates
Fully Insured

314-966-8206

John Andres



618-281-2288 • WWW.BROCKLAND.COM

**B BRAUN ACCOUNTING
& TAX SERVICE**

Michael Braun, CPA

219 W. Mill St. Ste. B (618) 939-4888

Waterloo, IL

brauntaxservice.com

Parishioner

Schedule your

appt online

10% of fee donated to the CEAC



Accepting Concrete &
Asphalt Material NOW!

CRUSHED AGGREGATE
PRODUCTS MADE FROM
RECYCLED CONCRETE
& ASPHALT

5490 Club Congress Road • Waterloo
(618) 473-2235

Ted & Cindy Moore, Owners



MOORE ASPHALT

ASPHALT PAVING
& SEALING
OIL & CHIP DRIVEWAYS
PARKING LOTS

#1 Commercial Street
Millstadt

(618) 476-1584

www.mooreasphaltinc.net

Please patronize our advertisers... To place an ad, call 614-777-8700

Immaculate Conception, Columbia, IL 62168-JM-471528