



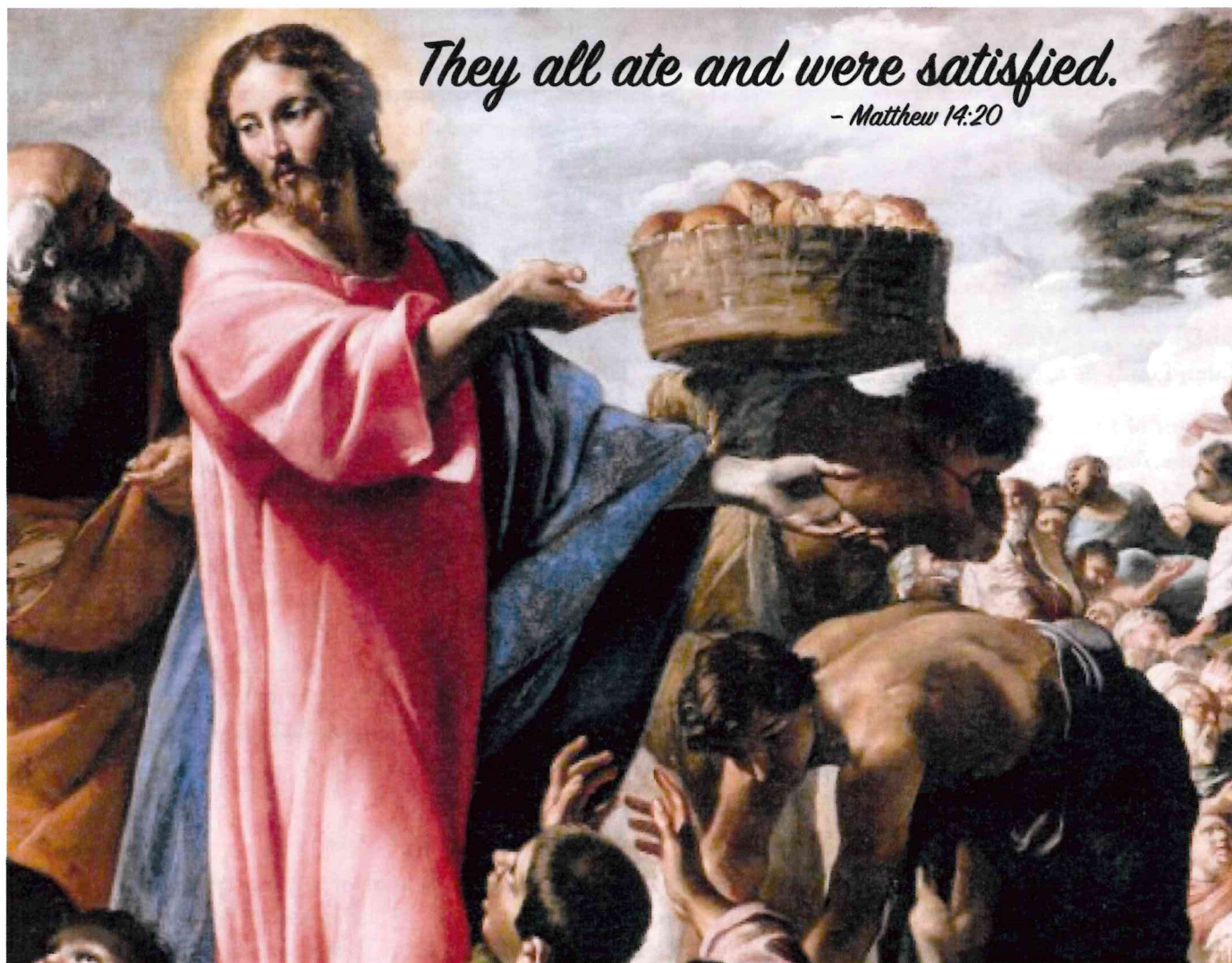
Immaculate Conception

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

August 2, 2026

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

www.icc-columbia-il.us



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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**School Advisory Council
President, Ali Kosydor,**
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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, August 3	8:05 a.m.	We Remember JoAnn Sander
Tuesday, August 4	8:05 a.m.	We Remember Mike Markus
Wednesday, August 5	8:05 a.m.	We Remember Doris Ling
Thursday, August 6	8:05 a.m.	We Remember James & Anna Lawlor
Friday, August 7	8:05 a.m.	We Remember Ray & Ruby Faust
Saturday, August 8	5:00 p.m.	We Remember Margaret Ann Conrad
Sunday, August 9	7:00 a.m.	We Remember Carl & Bernice Riebeling
	9:00 a.m.	We Remember Margie Pautler
	11:00 a.m.	We Remember Arlin Stechmesser



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 & Family
Larry Greenfield	Tonya Richardson	Adam Brandt	James Glasscock	David Thomas
Beth Heisel	Jane Quernheim	Tim Friedrich	Cheryl Cobin	David Meyer
Arlene Kruse	Andy Amann	Susie Settle	Chris Curtis	
Delores Deleveski	Nicole Hughes	Larry Shuler	Irma Naumann	
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

August 2, 2026

First Reading: Isaiah 55:1-3

Second Reading: Romans 8:35, 37-39

Gospel: Matthew 14:13-21



Our Sympathies...

To John Oglesby and his family on the death of his father James Oglesby, 86, of Columbia.

To Kris Ninnis and his family on the death of his father Thomas Ninnis, 84, of Millstadt.

To Fr. Brian Barker and his family on the death of his uncle Bruce Barker, 85 of Jacksonville, FL.

To Patricia Dougherty and her family on the death of her mother Donna Bauer, 88, 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 19, 2026

Actual	72,908.27
Budget	72,000.00
Actual YTD	106,577.57
Budget YTD	106,800.00
Over (under)	(222.43)
Prior YTD	96,317.47
Over (under)	10,260.10
Guatemala	835.00
Votive	155.00
Peter's Pence	25.00
Gibault	535.00
Sr. Thea Bowman	45.00
Capital Improvements	725.00
Cemetery Maintenance	30.00
Eugene Schorb	
Edu Endowment Fund	53.00
Phase 3	6,154.35
CEAC	340.00

From Our Young Stewards:

Treasure: 68.75

** The above totals include online giving through 7/15/2026.*



July 26, 2026

Actual	12,183.00
Budget	21,500.00
Actual YTD	118,760.57
Budget YTD	128,300.00
Over (under)	(9,539.43)
Prior YTD	115,904.47
Over (under)	2,856.10
Guatemala	217.00
Votive	220.00
Gibault	135.00
Sr. Thea Bowman	150.00
Capital Improvements	10.00
Cemetery Maintenance	
Phase 3	2,329.00

From Our Young Stewards:

Treasure: 51.00

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...

A LITTLE STORY... AND A BIG INVITATION

Recently, I called a longtime Funeral Luncheon volunteer to ask if she could help at an upcoming luncheon. Her husband answered and, after hearing why I was calling, laughed and said, "You may want to take her off the list – she's 94, and I'm 97!"

We shared a good laugh, but it was also a reminder of how faithfully many volunteers have served our parish for decades. Their kindness has brought comfort to countless families during difficult times. Now, we invite a new generation to help carry on this meaningful ministry.

Volunteers help prepare, serve, and clean up after funeral luncheons. You do not need to help every time – simply volunteer when your schedule allows. It is a simple but powerful way to share Christ's love through hospitality. To volunteer or learn more, contact Julie Ingold, Director of Funeral Luncheon Coordination, at 618-719-5524 or julieingold11@gmail.com.

"Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me." – Matthew 25:40

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](https://www.facebook.com/ImmaculateConceptionParishPicnic)



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.

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 26-27 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



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.



ALZHEIMER'S & DEMENTIA SUPPORT GROUP

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

Snippet from Shea:

Surprise, it's August! Wasn't it just New Year's Eve a second ago? It is time once again to gather the pencils and markers, to shop for shoes and plaid skirts, to adjust our sleep schedule back to that of waking before noon – a new school year.

For all of the students and parents preparing for a new school year at ICS: *May you walk through the coming weeks knowing that God has great plans for you.*

See you soon!

–Mrs. Shea

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.

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 p.m. in the Library. Because no one should have to suffer alone. For further questions, please contact Shea Christensen (schristensen@icsmail.org).

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK:

This weekend, we welcome back the Resurrectionist Community to Immaculate Conception. It's great to have Father Steve back with us and celebrate Mass.

The Congregation of the Resurrection community has been serving our parish for over a decade. They are a dedicated and faithful group who since their inception have been serving the Church around the world.

In our little corner of the world, think of the Resurrectionists who have served here: Father Steve Gira, Father Gary Hogan, Father Steve Thoma, Father Eric Wagner, and Father Rich Greck. All of them have used their unique gifts and talents to proclaim the Good News and share their faith, their hopes and their dreams for what we can become, not just where we've been. They've helped us grow in faith by their own examples and witness. They have given their all and our parish is better for it.

St. Augustine once wrote: "We are an Easter people and 'Alleluia' is our song." The Congregation of the Resurrection have been singing "Alleluia" in their own unique way since their founding in 1836. They seek to be a model of what a Christian community should be like. They believe in the unconditional love God has for us by living in a community founded on the love of Christ and His suffering, dying and rising to new life.

This weekend, at all of the Masses, you'll have the opportunity to support this fine group as they have their annual raffle. Proceeds from this major fundraiser for them will help them in recruitment for more vocations to their way of life, care for the elderly and support their missions. I ask you to be generous to their cause as a way to show our gratefulness and appreciation for the wonderful ministry they have provided us. You can support this cause as a sign of your stewardship to God and God's people.

May the good work that has begun in them be brought to fulfillment!

Fr. Brian

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!

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/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? You can take a box from the Gathering Space and fill it, or bring items for us to use to fill boxes! Lists of suggested items to pack are in the Kiosk in the Gathering Space. You can drop any donations in the large plastic tote in the Gathering Space.

If you don't want to shop, you can make a monetary donation. Cash donations will be used to purchase items for boxes (It takes approximately \$25.00-30.00 to fill a box) or to cover postage. Each box requires \$9.00 postage. If you fill a box and can cover your own postage, that would be a great help. Donations of any amount will help and can be placed in the collection basket at any Mass.

Some of the most wanted items are:

Toys – deflated ball with pump, dolls, small plush animals, coloring books, crayons, pens, pencils and erasers

Clothing – Dresses, T-shirts, shorts

Other – Cups or bottles with lids, toothbrushes, hairbrushes, combs, headbands, hair ribbons, necklaces, purses or wallets, sunglasses and drawstring bags.

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! Questions can be directed to Mary Wilson at 618-920-0319 or auntmary60@yahoo.com. Thanks for your consideration; may God bless you.

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.

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!

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.

HIKING WITH FR. BRIAN





IMMACULATE CONCEPTION SCHOOL

409 Palmer Road ~ 281-5353

School Principal: Mike Crean, ext. 202 ~ mcrean@icsmail.org

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

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

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JOB OPPORTUNITIES



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION SCHOOL

409 Palmer Road, Columbia, IL 62236 – 618-281-5353

PRE-SCHOOL AIDE

Immaculate Conception School is looking to hire a classroom aide for the Pre-School class. The ideal candidate will have a passion for 3-year-olds, be willing to assist with various classroom activities and supervise students.

Available Days: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday

Hours: 7:45-11:30 a.m.

Free Lunch, Holidays off, Great Place to Work.

Interested Candidates should contact Mrs. Epplin at bepplin@icsmail.org.

LATCHKEY STAFF

Immaculate Conception School is looking to hire after-school latchkey workers. The ideal candidate will have a passion to work with children from ages 3-13. The hours are 3:00-5:30 p.m. We are willing to work around high school activities. Interested candidates should contact Mrs. Epplin at bepplin@icsmail.org.



**PRE-SCHOOL
2026-27**

Enrollment is now open, but spots are filling fast! Ensure your seat 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 2 & 4 year olds
- ✓ 3 full day or 5 full day option
- ✓ 1:10 teacher to student ratio

Enroll Now →



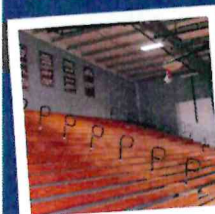
Contact us
618-281-5353



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



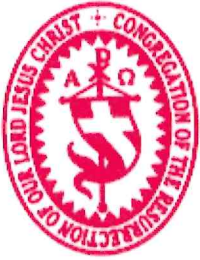
COMING TO
GIBAULT CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL
SEPTEMBER 10 2026

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.

This weekend, we welcome Fr. Steve Thoma, Brother Bill Hallas and Fr. Joe Malczyk. They will be selling raffle tickets to support the Senior Priests and Brothers and the Formation Program for the

Congregation of the Resurrection. Tickets are \$25.00 each or 6 for \$100.00. If you are not prepared to purchase the tickets, we 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.

METRO-EAST VICARIATE CCW FALL MEETING/DAY OF PRAYER REGISTRATION

Thursday, September 24, 2026 • 8:15 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

St. James Parish Center

423 West Madison Street, Millstadt, IL 62260

The ladies of St. James Council of Catholic Women are honored to host the MEVCCW Fall Day of Prayer/Meeting. Join us for fellowship, inspiration, and celebration of faith.

RSVP by September 14, Mail checks for \$20.00 payable to **St. James CCW** (to be received by September 14) to St. James Catholic Church, 405 W. Madison, Millstadt, IL

Contact Madonna Stapf with any questions or Venmo information, at 618-791-3675 or gmstapf@gmail.com

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.

SEEKING VOLUNTEERS FOR THE BEATIFICATION OF ARCHBISHOP FULTON J. SHEEN

An historic moment for the Catholic Church in the United States that will bring together thousands of pilgrims from across the country to celebrate the life and legacy of one of America's most beloved Catholic evangelists. This extraordinary event in St. Louis, Missouri, will only happen once, and we are looking for volunteers to help make it a joyful and welcoming experience for everyone who attends. Whether you have a few hours or several days to give, there are a variety of volunteer opportunities available before and during the celebration.

BEATIFICATION MASS AND EXPO

Thursday, September 24, The Dome at America's Center,
St. Louis, MO

To volunteer, go to

<https://www.celebratesheen.com/volunteer>

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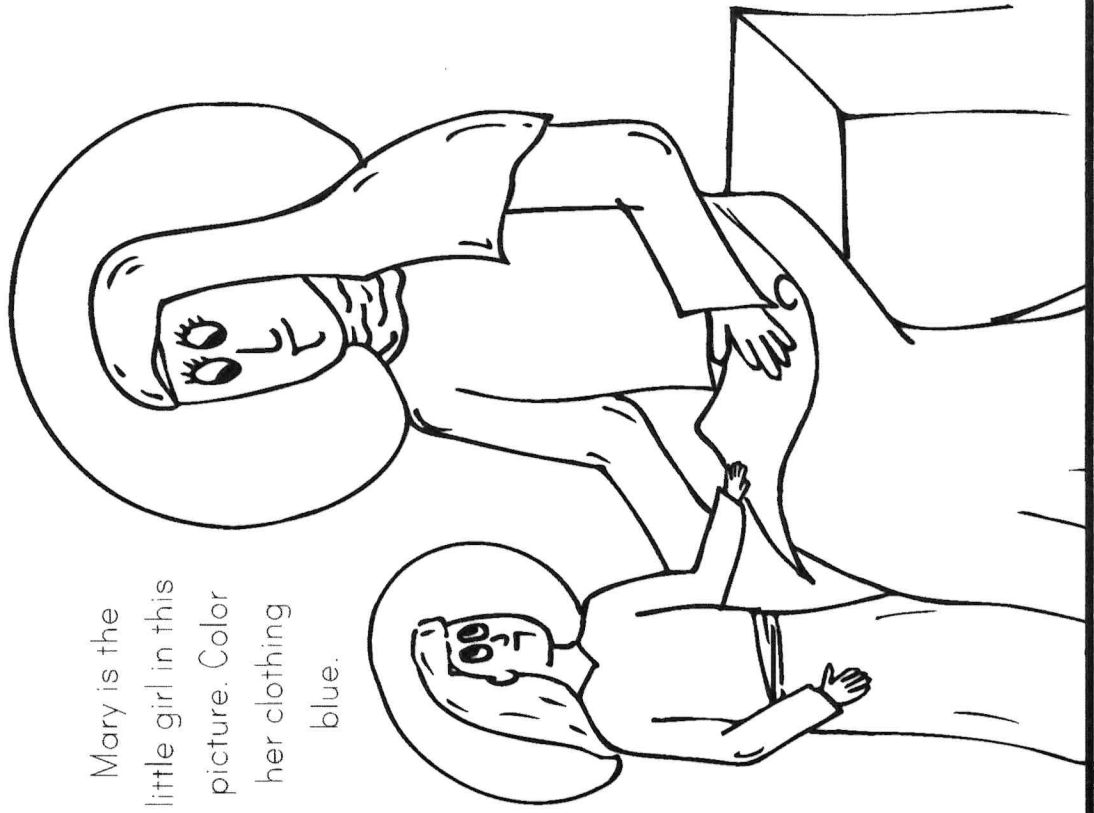
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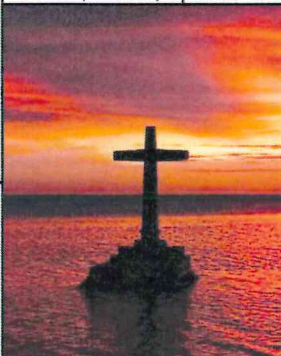
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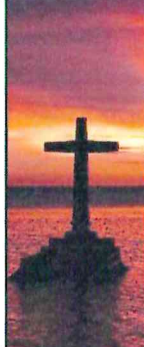
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