



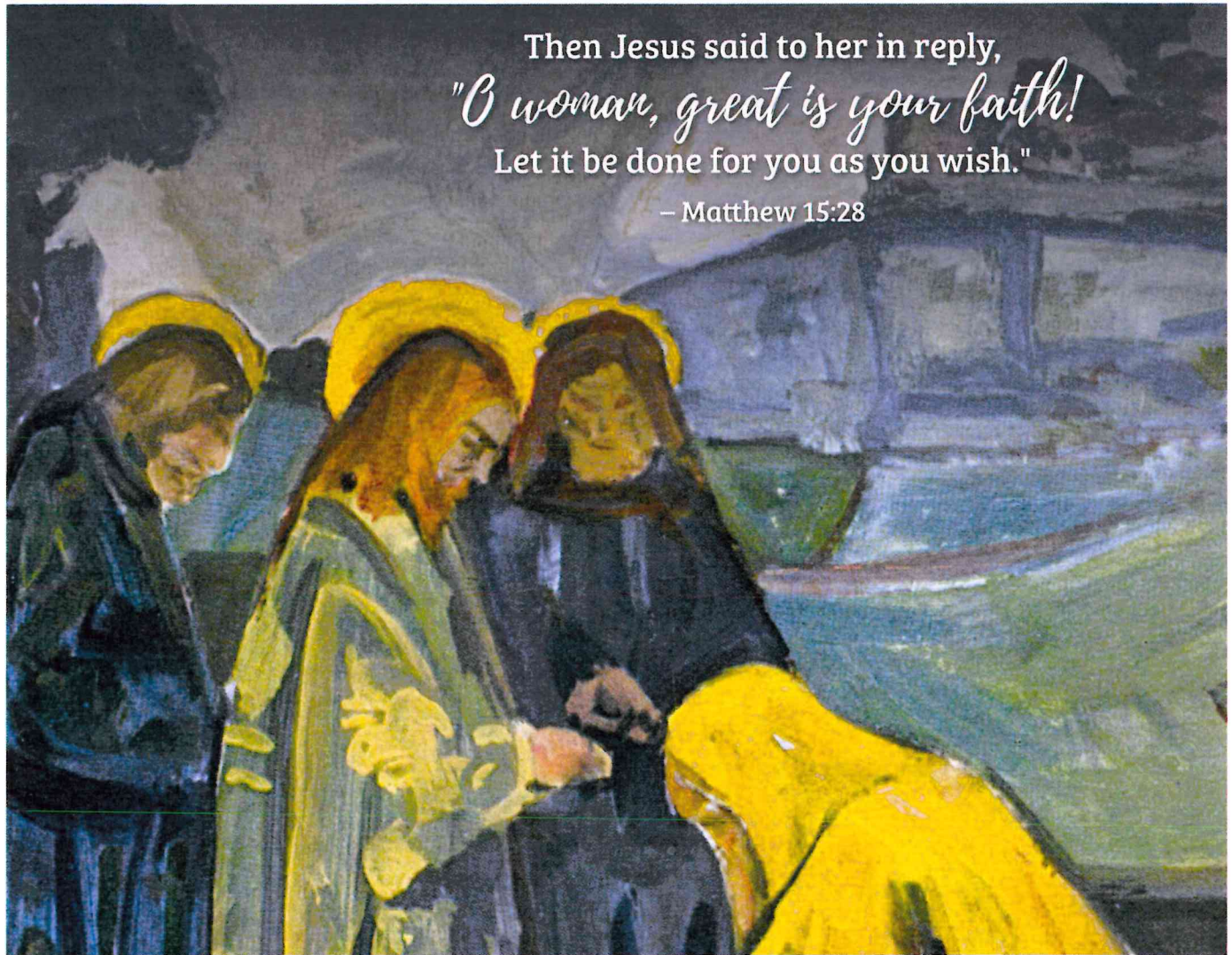
Immaculate Conception

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

August 16, 2026

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

www.icc-columbia-il.us



Then Jesus said to her in reply,
"O woman, great is your faith!
Let it be done for you as you wish."

— Matthew 15:28

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

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Karen Lundy & Emily Holland

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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@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 17	8:05 a.m.	We Remember Hugh & Mattie McMullan
Tuesday, August 18	8:05 a.m.	We Remember Elsie Hofstetter
Wednesday, August 19	8:05 a.m.	We Remember Harry Bates
Thursday, August 20	8:05 a.m.	We Remember Esther Kretz
Friday, August 21	8:05 a.m.	We Remember James & Anna Lawlor
Saturday, August 22	5:00 p.m.	We Remember Jim Vogt & Walter Novak
Sunday, August 23	7:00 a.m.	We Remember Sylvester & Hildagerd Schneider
	9:00 a.m.	We Remember Ed Janson
	11:00 a.m.	We Remember Walter & Helen Menner



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	Patti French
Delores Deleveski	Nicole Hughes	Larry Shuler	Irma Naumann	Barbara Kendall
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 16, 2026

First Reading: Isaiah 56:1, 6-7

Second Reading: Romans 11:13-15, 29-32

Gospel: Matthew 15:21-28



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!

August 2, 2026

Actual	48,468.34
Budget	67,000.00
Actual YTD	167,228.91
Budget YTD	195,300.00
Over (under)	(28,071.09)
Prior YTD	168,332.75
Over (under)	(1,103.84)
Guatemala	846.00
SVPD	56.00
Votive	127.00
Gibault	236.00
Capital Improvements	320.00
Cemetery Maintenance	25.00
Sr. Thea Bowman	2,309.00
Phase 3	6,332.02
CEAC	270.00



From Our Young Stewards:

Treasure: 84.85

*The above totals include
online giving through July 31, 2026.

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...



COUNTRY STORE

The ICC Labor Day Picnic Country Store appreciates donations of:

- homegrown fruits and veggies •
- homemade jellies/jams •
- breads • cupcakes • cookies •
- soaps • candles • afghans • baby quilts •

Items must be washed/clean/new.



THANK YOU!

Please deliver to the Parish Office during regular business hours in August. OR bring to the lower parking lot VALET between 8 & 10:30am on 9/1.

Include a note that says COUNTRY STORE & a suggested sale price.



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.



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.

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 September 19 and 20. All proceeds go to the 8th graders' trip to Washington D.C.

Parish Work Day! September 12, 2026

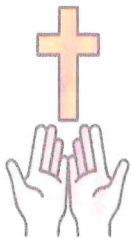
Ministry News & Happenings



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 AND DEMENTIA SUPPORT GROUP

Next monthly meeting is September 20 at 10:00 a.m. in the KC Room.

Snippet from Shea:

Let us run to Mary, and, as her little children, cast ourselves into her arms with a perfect confidence.

— Saint Francis de Sales

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 September 8th 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 has started 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 September 9th at 6:00 p.m. 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!

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Tuesdays, 6:30 p.m. in the Library. All are welcome! Contact Lizanne for more info at 618-281-5105, ext. 354.

ICY ODD SUNDAYS

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



THE 2026 CATHOLIC SERVICE AND MINISTRY APPEAL

Those who are kind to the needy honor Him

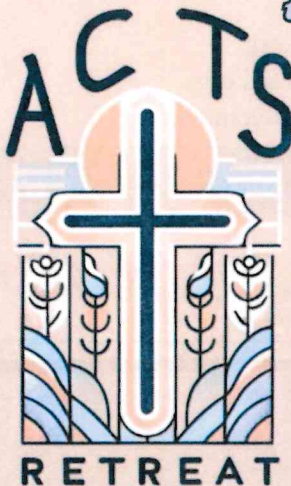
The homebound, sick and seniors living in the southernmost part of the state are assured they will have food to eat thanks to Daystar Community Program's mobile food pantry, which delivers groceries on a regular basis to those not able to visit Daystar's on-site food pantry. YOUR GIFT to the Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal makes Daystar's truly life-saving ministry possible. If you haven't already done so, please donate today and help Daystar to serve truly the poorest of the poor; they are counting on YOU!

VOCATION

Whenever there's a mountain involved in Scripture, it is a moment to pay close attention to. The Lord has brought Elijah here for a "close encounter." Leaving the shelter of the cave, Elijah stands outside waiting because "the Lord is passing by." A strong wind that crushes rocks and then an earthquake, followed by fire, all do not contain the Lord's voice. The Lord revealed himself to Elijah in a "tiny, whispering sound." This story tells us that to hear God's call, we must find time for silence in our lives; a quiet, peaceful time to hear what our call in life is to be – maybe a vocation to the priesthood, diaconate, or religious life.

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!

COMFORT WITH A PRAYER SHAWL

If you, or someone you know, needs comfort and prayers, consider bringing them a Prayer Shawl, handmade by Immaculate Conception parishioners. Each crocheted or knitted shawl is unique, and prayers are said throughout the process of the creation. The goal is to provide comfort to the recipient, knowing that they are wrapped in the prayers of the parish. The Prayer Shawl can be delivered to you, or you may stop in the Parish Office during business hours and pick up what you need. Prayer Shawls are available for children as well. Call Helen Csik at 314-651-5033 or the Parish Office at 618-281-5105.

Quilters' Corner

Join our super fun quilters' group on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:00-11:30 a.m. All skill levels welcome and appreciated, even beginners! Contact Carlene at 281-5877.

ICC Sanctity of Life Ministry



OUR SUMMER COLLECTION FOR BABIES WAS A SUCCESS!
Your truckload of generosity is greatly appreciated!



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.

PRO-LIFE/PREGNANCY RESOURCES...

- ~ Free and confidential pregnancy testing, counseling, and practical support: Life Network of Southern Illinois (in Waterloo & Red Bud). 618-939-4224 mylifenet.org
- ~ Birthright Counseling STL (3 locations in St. Louis) birthrightstl.org
- ~ Free and confidential counseling for anyone hurt by Abortion – Project Rachel, 618-722-5068 or hopeafterabortion.com
- ~ A caring place for women who are pregnant and experiencing homelessness – Fontebella Maternity Home, 618-406-4355.

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

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



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

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

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION SCHOOL

PRE-SCHOOL AIDE

LATCHKEY STAFF



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.

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

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

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

Thursday, October 1, 2026 • 8:15 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

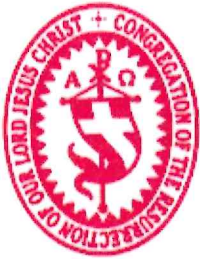
St. James Parish Center

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 21, Mail checks for \$20.00 payable to St. James CCW (to be received by September 21) 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



A THANK-YOU FROM THE CONGREGATION OF THE RESURRECTION.

As we celebrate our 190th Anniversary as a Religious Order in the Church, we are grateful to all those who continue to pray for us. We are grateful to those who supported us by buying the raffle tickets for our upcoming Gala Dinner or made a donation to us. If you were not able to purchase raffle tickets, and would like to, please contact Brother Bill Hallas, CR at 773-320-5782. It was great to be with you.

– Brother Bill Hallas, Fr. Joseph Malczyi and Fr. Steve Thoma

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>

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. Inspiranos 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 Maximilian Kolbe

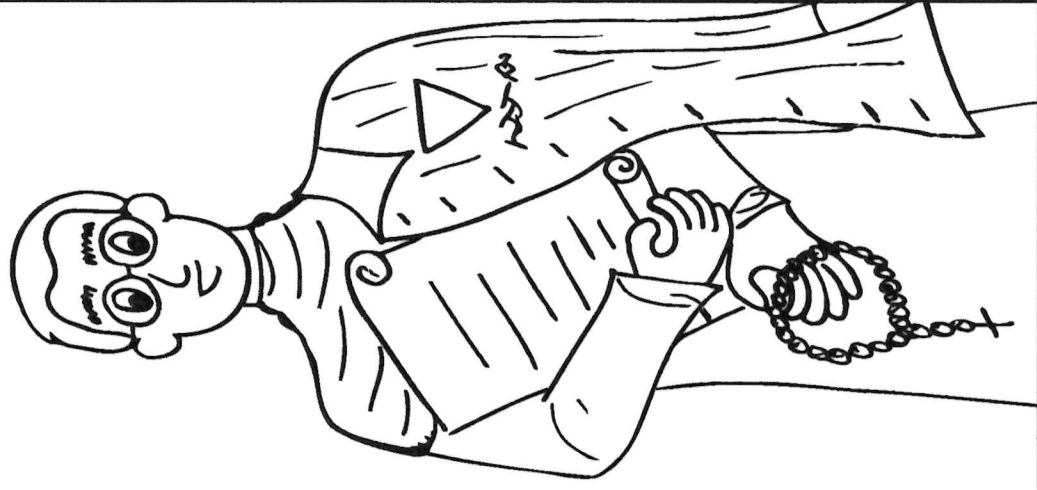
Saint Maximilian Kolbe was a martyr.

A martyr is a person who died for God.

Saint Maximilian Kolbe was captured and held in a prison.

He knew that someone was going to be killed, so he sacrificed himself to save another man.

Pray to Saint Maximilian Kolbe when you need courage.



Catholic Kids

Bulletin

August 16, 2026
Ordinary Time
Color: Green

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KJBPOEIYUROPWAP

XKJPRAISEOBWAOJKJOZHISA

O God, let
all the
nations
praise you!

Watch as people receive
Communion and pray for
them as they receive Jesus.



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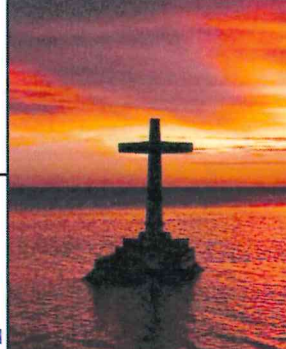
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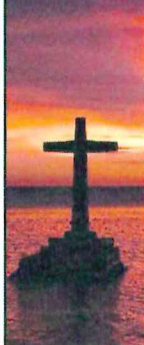
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