



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 23, 2026

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

www.icc-columbia-il.us

AND SO I SAY TO YOU, YOU ARE PETER, AND UPON THIS ROCK
I WILL BUILD MY CHURCH, AND THE GATES OF THE NETHERWORLD
SHALL NOT PREVAIL AGAINST IT. I WILL GIVE YOU THE KEYS TO THE KINGDOM
OF HEAVEN. – MATTHEW 16:18-19



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.
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Parish Staff

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Sacramental Information

Baptisms: Parents/guardians are asked to attend a Preparation Seminar scheduled on the second Sunday of the month after 9:00 a.m. Mass (approximately 10:00 a.m.) in the lower-level library. We celebrate Baptisms on the first Sunday of the month during any Mass, and the third Sunday of the month after the 11:00 a.m. Mass. (No Baptisms are scheduled during Lent.) Please call the office to schedule at 281-5105.

Weddings: The parish is happy to celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony with adults who are currently registered members of Immaculate Conception Church (bride or groom). If you are one of many who would like to “come home” to celebrate the Sacrament with family and friends, please provide the name of the parish where you are now a member, along with contact information. We ask that you contact the IC Parish Office a minimum of four months prior to Marriage, but in most cases, couples will need to allow time for Pre-Cana formation, and we suggest beginning to plan your Sacrament 12 or 18 months prior to Marriage.

Anointing of the Sick & Funerals: Since individual needs differ, please contact the Parish Office at 281-5105 for pastoral care. Do not hesitate to call; we are grateful for the opportunity to open our hearts to you and your family and offer these sacramental services.

OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults): OCIA (formerly known as RCIA) is for everyone who has been drawn by God to form a deeper relationship. Wherever you are in your faith practice – baptized in another Christian faith, starting from the beginning, or simply enriching your Catholic practice – consider the OCIA. Get to know God better and find out what it means to be Catholic. Individuals will meet with our director of faith formation (Lizanne Young) to discuss the process. We meet as a group on Sundays (from Autumn through the Triduum just before Easter), starting with “Breaking Open the Word” dismissal from 9:00 a.m. Mass, and catechetical sessions from 10:00-11:30 a.m. Contact Lizanne at the Parish Office, 281-5105, ext. 354, or email lyoung@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, August 24	8:05 a.m.	We Remember Albert Lampe & Matt Hart
Tuesday, August 25	8:05 a.m.	We Remember Norine Schmidt
Wednesday, August 26	8:05 a.m.	We Remember Irene Schmidt
Thursday, August 27	8:05 a.m.	We Remember Jackie Lutman
Friday, August 28	8:05 a.m.	We Remember Rita Zoeller
Saturday, August 29	5:00 p.m.	We Remember Josh Ritter
Sunday, August 30	7:00 a.m.	We Remember William & Viola Sander
	9:00 a.m.	We Remember Nancy Buss Bahari
	11:00 a.m.	We Remember Babs Jackson



Please Pray For

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

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 23, 2026

First Reading: Isaiah 22:19-23
Second Reading: Romans 11:33-36
Gospel: Matthew 16:13-20



Our Sympathies...

To Kevin Glasscock and his family on the death of his brother James Glasscock, 71, 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...

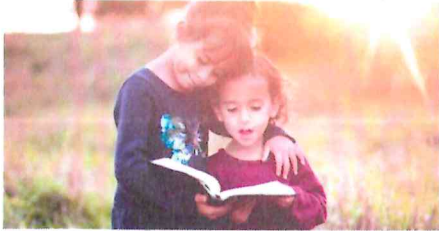
Thank you for sharing your blessings with us!

August 9, 2026

Actual	16,887.25
Budget	22,000.00
Actual YTD	184,116.16
Budget YTD	217,300.00
Over (under)	(33,183.84)
Prior YTD	182,299.17
Over (under)	1,816.99
Guatemala	692.00
Votive	206.00
Gibault	40.00
Capital Improvements	235.00
Sr. Thea Bowman	562.00
Phase 3	1,042.67

From Our Young Stewards:

Treasure: 140.50



August 16, 2026

Actual	81,615.25
Budget	82,000.00
Actual YTD	265,731.41
Budget YTD	299,300.00
Over (under)	(33,568.59)
Prior YTD	249,295.09
Over (under)	16,436.32
Guatemala	1,195.00
SVDP	146.00
Retired Priests	200.00
Votive	153.00
Gibault	340.00
Capital Improvements	735.00
Cemetery Maintenance	30.00
Eugene Schorb Edu.	
Endowment Fund	53.00
Sr. Thea Bowman	340.00
Phase 3	8,268.91
CEAC	340.00

From Our Young Stewards:

I showed compassion to my puppy when she couldn't sleep. I took out the trash.

Treasure: 155.57

**The above totals include online giving through 8/15/2026.*

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.



FELLOWSHIP SUNDAY

It's time!

This Sunday after 9am Mass in the garden level.
Join us for Donut Panic, coffee, juice, and visiting with your fellow parishioners!

Let's grow our community of faith!

Parish Work Day! September 12, 2026



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
@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

Upcoming ICY Events:

Aug 19. 6:30pm – ICY Leadership Meeting
Open to Youth interested in planning our future events. Meet us in the Garden Level.

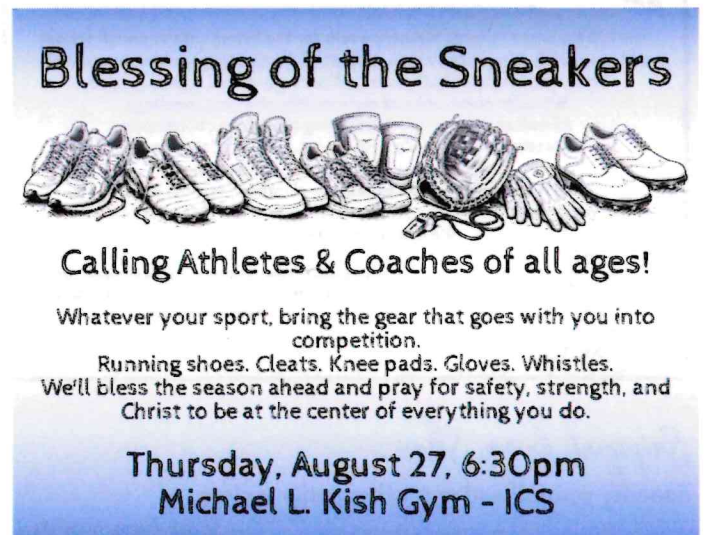
Aug 27. 7pm – Blessing of the Sneakers
Open to all ages! Join us in the ICS Gym.

Sept 13. 2:30-4:40pm – Scavenger Hunt
Meet us in the Garden Level!

Immaculate Conception Youth is open to all parish high school students. Check out our website for more details:



ICY@ICCMAIL.ORG



Blessing of the Sneakers

Calling Athletes & Coaches of all ages!

Whatever your sport, bring the gear that goes with you into competition.
Running shoes. Cleats. Knee pads. Gloves. Whistles.
We'll bless the season ahead and pray for safety, strength, and Christ to be at the center of everything you do.

Thursday, August 27, 6:30pm
Michael L. Kish Gym - ICS

BLOOD DRIVE:
September 11, 2026 in the Garden Level

SCRIPTURE DISCUSSIONS FOR MEN AND WOMEN

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

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

Ministry News & Happenings



ICC Ministry Spotlight

ICS Parents & Friends

The ICS Parents & Friends Ministry works for the benefit of the parish school and the parish. Our purpose is to support and assist Immaculate Conception School and Parish faculty and staff with any needs that may arise.

We build community at our monthly planning meetings as well as through the fundraising events we coordinate. Meetings are typically held the first Friday of the month at 8:15am in the garden level of church.

All ICS parents are automatically members, but the more active participants we have, the more things we are able to accomplish. We'd love for you to join us!

If you'd like to be part of this fun active ministry, come to a meeting or reach out to: Jackie at 618-973-1378 or icspf@iccmil.org



Snippet from Shea:

Sanctify yourself and you will sanctify society.

— Saint Francis of Assisi



**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 September 20 at 10:00 a.m. in the KC Room.

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@iccmil.org.

MEALS FROM THE



Just a reminder that we have a group of parishioners available to make meals. So, if you're going through a rough time, let us help you out! We provide meals as needed on a temporary basis. Just call or text Robin Billmeyer at 314-604-4495 if we can help out!

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.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK:

My Fellow Christians on the Journey,

It has now been about a year since I joined you. I have found that the older I get, the harder it is to move and start anew. I want to thank those who have made me feel so welcome here. I appreciate your hospitality, especially those who have welcomed me into their homes.

Hospitality is an important part of being a Catholic Christian. I believe that the more hospitable we are, the more welcoming we are, the more we can grow in our faith and help others grow in their faith.

I would like to set as a focus for the year ahead that hospitality be an area where we can work together as a faith community for our parish. Our Pastoral Council/Counsel, our Liturgy Committee and our School Advisory Council will be asked to brainstorm, create and dream of ways we can be more welcoming and more faith-filled, as we encourage others to grow in their faith and to be a part of our growing and vibrant parish community.

Hospitality is much more than greeting someone and welcoming them to our parish. It goes much deeper than that. Bishop Godfrey strongly believes that hospitality is one of the four main pillars of being a disciple and a good steward (The other three are prayer, formation and service.)! With this in mind, Christian hospitality intentionally welcomes strangers, visitors and members with kindness, safety and generosity.

Hospitality is rooted in the Scriptures. Think of Abraham welcoming the three strangers to his tent for a meal. Think of Jesus practicing hospitality by sharing meals with outcasts, washing feet and meeting physical and spiritual needs. Think of the passages in the Letter to the Hebrews which urges "Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers," (13:2) or the First Letter of Peter: "Show hospitality to one another without grumbling." (4:9).

Done in the right way, hospitality gives us an opportunity to serve others, prioritize people over stuff, and allows us to deepen our relationship with God and God's people. It is a way of living out the Gospel values Jesus set forth to us.

I believe that Bishop Godfrey is going to be stressing hospitality and stewardship with us a lot this year. Perhaps we're just going to get a little head start, but I'm sure he'll catch up.

I encourage you to dream a little and think of ways that we as a parish can practice the art of hospitality. You can drop me an email or message or perhaps to a member of the parish organizations that I've mentioned above or a parish staff member. I'm convinced that the more welcoming we are, the more God will welcome us into His heavenly home at the end of our lives. We will grow interiorly and we will grow as a parish in faith and hope.

Blessed are those who dream new dreams, and are ready to pay the price to make them come true.

Fr. Brian

SVDP

St. Vincent de Paul Conference Highlight

Our Immaculate Conception St. Vincent de Paul Society had a busy second quarter. Following are some highlights:

Twenty neighbors in need were provided assistance with rent, utilities, transportation and/or food.

The Immaculate Conception Society of St. Vincent de Paul Conference works to carry out the mission of the Society: A network of friends, inspired by Gospel values, growing in holiness and building a more just world through personal relationships with and service to people in need. One way we carry out this mission is by providing breakfast on Fridays at Hubbard's Haven (formerly known as Cosgrove's Kitchen) in East St. Louis. Every Friday, SVdP members purchase breakfast items from Schnucks and deliver them to the kitchen. The staff at the facility prepares breakfast for those in need. The kitchen serves breakfast 365 days per year – the only one in the Metro East to do so. As food prices continue to rise, the breakfast contributions become ever more important to Hubbard's Haven. Your support of our parish SVdP conference helps people in need in so many ways, but particularly those who face hunger.

Thank you for your prayers, financial support and participation in the casserole program and food drives, as well as the other activities we operate to help those in need. We are grateful to the parish for the special collection on Holy Thursday and throughout the year. If you would like to learn more about Hubbard's Haven, visit <https://svdp-southil.org/daily-soup-kitchen>. If you would like to join SVdP, please contact Sue Taylor at smtaylor55@gmail.com.

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!**

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.

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

"In early 2020, I returned to the United States from a visit to Ghana. My family stayed behind, and I expected them to follow a week later. But the next day, the airports closed due to the onset of COVID-19. As I prayed for their safe and swift return, I grappled with the fear of the unknown in my work as a registered nurse. Amid daily silence at home, I turned to Jesus, whom I knew had the answers. My relationship with Him deepened, and I invited Him into every aspect of my life. I will always cherish my first "date" with Jesus – setting the table for two and sharing a delightful supper. That evening, the Holy Spirit led me to watch a film about Venerable Henriette DeLille, who founded the Sisters of the Holy Family. Moved by her courage and perseverance, I discerned a call to religious life and entered the community in 2021. I now serve at the oldest Catholic nursing home in the country.

– Sr. Seyram Mary Adzokpa; Sisters of the Holy Family,
New Orleans, Columbia December 2025

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.



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.



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

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

MISSION • COMMUNITY • SERVICE



FALL MUMS ARE HERE!

Support Immaculate Conception School while decorating for fall.

Immaculate Conception School students are selling **Harvest Mum Buddies!** Available products include premium greenhouse-quality mums and fall-themed tin character pots (Mum Buddies).

ALL ORDERS MUST BE SUBMITTED BY MONDAY, AUGUST 31.

READY TO PURCHASE?

Reach out to your favorite ICS student or contact Emilee Dufford

618-616-6878

emileedufford@gmail.com

Thank you for supporting ICS!



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

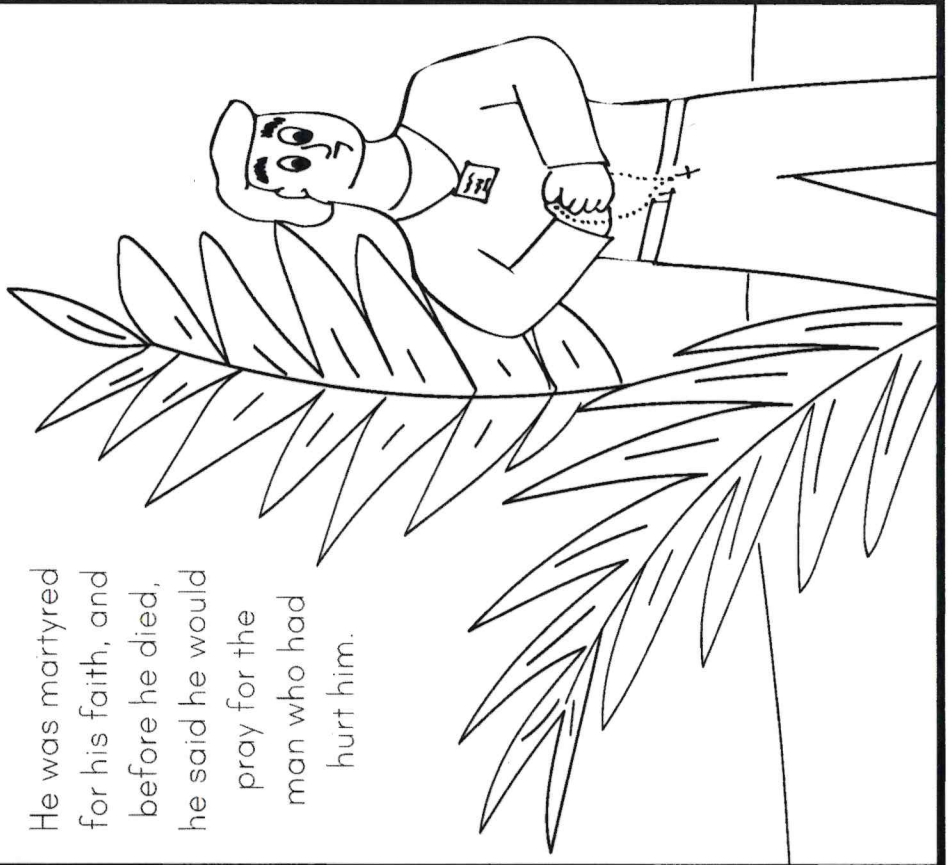
"Life is Short, Eternity is Forever"
starts at 7PM

No RSVP Needed. Free & Open to the Public!

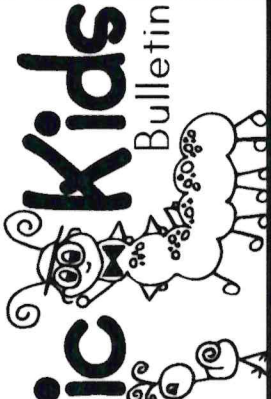
Blessed Isidore Bakanja

Isidore became Catholic when he was 18 and loved to learn about the faith. He prayed the Rosary often and wore a scapular, which is a brown piece of fabric that shows his devotion and love for Mary. At his job, Isidore would tell others about the Gospel and help them become Christians.

He was martyred for his faith, and before he died, he said he would pray for the man who had hurt him.



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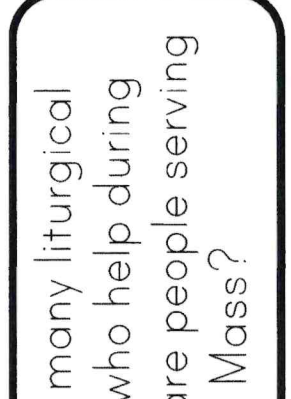


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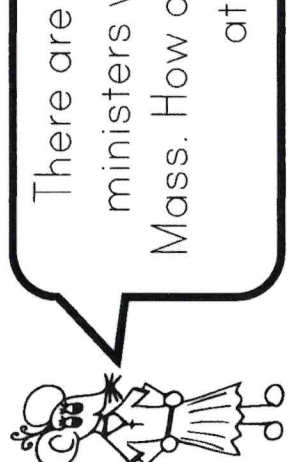
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is eternal; do
not forsake
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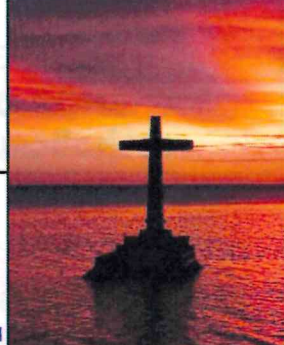
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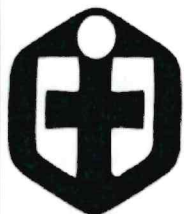
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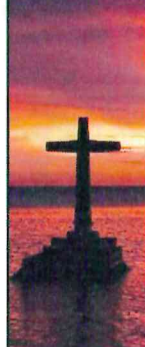
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