



Immaculate Conception

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

September 13, 2026

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

www.icc-columbia-il.us

Never Too Late: Becoming Catholic as an Adult

Everyone we know is on a faith journey, and each person's journey is as individual as his or her fingerprint. Many of us have similar paths on the journey: baptized into the Catholic faith as an infant, reception of First Eucharist around the age of seven, and Confirmed some time later, often at junior high or high school age. **Baptism, First Eucharist, and Confirmation are known as the Sacraments of Initiation,** and – as the name implies – the completion of all three indicates that we have full membership in the Catholic faith.

The journey to full communion takes a more winding path for others, perhaps even for you or someone you know. Perhaps they were baptized in a different Christian denomination, or perhaps they were not baptized at all. Maybe they began their journey in the Catholic faith

with infant baptism, but did not complete all the Sacraments of Initiation.

Through the grace of the Holy Spirit, these people may be drawn to our Church and our practices, seeking to know God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—through our community, the living Body of Christ.

How do we respond to this grace? **The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA, formerly RCIA),** is a beautiful series of rites to guide those seeking baptism or full communion. The OCIA formation process helps each person discern how God is moving through their lives, leading them to become a member of the Body of Christ in the Catholic tradition. Inquirers work with our director of faith formation, Lizanne Young, and a team of volunteers to break open Scripture, and begin to understand our

teachings and practices. As most Catholics already know, this learning is a lifetime process, but it has to start somewhere.

Every year at the Easter Vigil, we—along with Catholics around the world—welcome those who are newly baptized or newly received into full communion. We as a parish accompany our inquirers over weeks and months of preparation and prayer. **The best thing we can do as the Body of Christ is to provide a warm welcome to those inquirers!**

If you would like to know more about becoming Catholic or completing the Sacraments of Initiation, please reach out to Lizanne Young at lyoung@iccmil.org or call/text 314-306-0981. She and the team are excited to meet all inquirers and start the discussion and discernment.

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

Office Hours: Monday-Friday
8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
Phone: 618-281-5105

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 2026-2027 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, September 14	8:05 a.m.	We Remember Rich Weber
Tuesday, September 15	8:05 a.m.	We Remember Margie Pautler
Wednesday, September 16	8:05 a.m.	We Remember Eugene Toenjes
Thursday, September 17	9:00 a.m.	We Remember Jerome & Alma Buss
Friday, September 18	8:05 a.m.	We Remember James & Anna Lawlor
Saturday, September 19	5:00 p.m.	We Remember Jason Mueller
Sunday, September 20	7:00 a.m.	We Remember Chester & Lillian Kopec
	9:00 a.m.	We Remember Leo & Evelyn Sander
	11:00 a.m.	We Remember Elsie Hofstetter



Please Pray For

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

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

September 13, 2026

First Reading: Sirach 27:30 – 28:7

Second Reading: Romans 14:7-9

Gospel: Matthew 18:21-35



Our Sympathies...

To Tammy Hoeffinger and her family on the death of her father Ronald Gordon, 77, 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!

September 6, 2026

Actual	72,452.20
Budget	72,000.00
Actual YTD	371,342.56
Budget YTD	416,300.00
Over (under)	(44,957.44)
Prior YTD	371,262.01
Over (under)	80.55

Guatemala	858.00
SVDP	56.00
Votive	200.00
Gibault	261.00
Capital Improvements	230.00
Cemetery Maintenance	95.00
Retired Diocesan Priests	197.00
Sr. Thea Bowman	869.00
Picnic Donation	750.00
Phase 3	2,207.02
CEAC	320.00



From Our Young Stewards:

I took the dogs out to play, I made lunch for everyone.

Treasure: 30.50

**The above totals include online giving through 8/31/2026*

WHAT IS A 529 PLAN?

A 529 plan is an investment account that offers tax-free withdrawals and other benefits when used to pay for qualified educational expenses. You can use a 529 plan to pay for college, K-12 tuition, apprenticeship programs, and even student loan repayments. Any leftover funds can be used in different ways, including funding a Roth IRA. There are two primary 529 plans: education savings plans and prepaid tuition plans.

Education Saving Plans – Also known as 529 college savings plans, these are tax-advantaged investment accounts that are designed for educational savings. They work much like a Roth 401(k) or Roth IRA by allowing you to invest your after-tax contributions in mutual funds or similar investments. 529 plans offer several investment options from which to choose. The 529 plan account will go up or down in value based on the performance of the investment options.

Prepaid Tuition Plans - These plans let you prepay all or part of the costs of an in-state public college education. You may also convert them for use at private and out-of-state colleges. Educational institutions can offer a prepaid tuition plan but not a college savings plan.

Federal Tax Advantages of 529 Plans: Earnings in your account accumulate tax free. In other words, no income taxes are due on earnings as long as the money stays in your account. You will not have to pay federal income taxes on withdrawals as long as the money is used to pay for qualified educational expenses. In most cases, these withdrawals will also be exempt from state income taxes. Note that similar to a Roth IRA, contributions to a 529 plan are not deductible for federal income tax purposes. Some families use 529 plans as an estate planning vehicle because contributions are considered completed gifts to the beneficiary. Up to \$20,000.00 per donor, per beneficiary, qualifies for the annual gift tax exclusion in 2026. State Tax Benefits can also be available. The steps on how a 529 plan works are:

1. Choosing a 529 Plan;
2. Opening an Account and Designating a Beneficiary;
3. Contributing to 529 Plans;
4. Choosing a 529 Plan Investment Portfolio; and
5. Withdrawing Funds from 529 Plans to Pay for Qualified Expenses.

Using a 529 Plan for Education Expenses – It's important to understand that with a 529 plan, only qualified withdrawals are tax-free. You should only use your 529 plan to pay for qualified educational expenses. 529 plan withdrawals must happen in the same tax year as the expenses incurred. This means that if you're paying for January expenses, you can't withdraw funds in December of the previous year, even though it's only weeks from when you need the money. Qualified expenses for college include costs required for enrollment or attendance, such as tuition and fees, books and materials, room and board (for students enrolled at least half-time), computers and related equipment, internet access, and special needs equipment for students attending a college, university, or other eligible post-secondary educational institutions. In recent years, the IRS has expanded the definition of qualified education expenses beyond traditional higher education costs, including K-12 tuition expenses and student loan repayments. There is a \$10,000.00 annual limit on qualified K-12 withdrawals and a \$10,000.00 lifetime limit on student loans. 529 plans can also be used to pay for qualified expenses at a trade or vocational school or for registered apprenticeship program expenses. A common concern in the past has been what to do in case you don't use all the money you've saved in a 529 account. This is now less of a potential drawback as the definition of qualified expenses has expanded, and parents have more options than ever on what to do with unused 529 funds. For more information about 529 plans, contact your financial or tax advisor.

– Immaculate Conception Planned Giving Council

Parish Events & News...

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:
November 13, 2026 in the Garden Level

Parish Work Day! October 10, 2026

Upcoming ICY Events:

Sept 13. 2:30-4:40pm - Scavenger Hunt

Sept 16. 7pm - ICY Leadership Meeting

Oct 14. 7pm - ICY Pumpkin Carving Contest

Nov 1. 6pm - ICY Movie Night: Coco!

Nov 14. 8:30am - Work & Play Day!

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



ICY@ICCMAIL.ORG

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!

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.



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION YOUTH
PUMPKIN Carving Contest
SOLO or AS A TEAM
Show off your skills!
14th OCTOBER | **Immaculate Conception Garden Level** | **START AT 7PM**
PUMPKINS PROVIDED. BRING YOUR OWN TOOLS.

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 iccmail@iccmail.org. If you have any questions, please call the Parish Office at 618-281-5105.

Ministry News & Happenings

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



ICC Ministry Spotlight

Just Faith Ministry

Just Faith is a national initiative small-group program that challenges participants to live out the Gospel call to care for the poor and marginalized among us. Through the lens of Catholic Social Teaching, Just Faith uses books, articles, online videos, and immersion experiences to expose participants to obstacles that hinder human flourishing, so the group might explore together how their own gifts and skills can meet the world's needs.

Our parish group meets irregularly but would like to pursue more of the topics discussed in the Just Faith Program: Life and Dignity of the Human Person, Call to Family, Community and Participation, Rights and Responsibilities, Options for and with the Poor and Vulnerable, The Dignity of Work and Rights of Workers, Solidarity, and Care for God's Creation.



If interested in learning more about the Just Faith Program contact Carol at 618-281-4186 or Faith at 618-420-3164.



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.

Snippet from Shea:

*"What does love look like?
It has the hands to help others.
It has the feet to hasten to the poor and needy.
It has eyes to see the misery and want.
It has the ears to hear the sighs and sorrows of men.
That is what love looks like."* – St. Augustine

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 **October 14th 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.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK:

Powerful readings this week! The first reading encourages us to let go of feelings of wrath, revenge and getting even when we're hurt. The second reading reminds us that we belong to God: We are the Lord's. Can people tell that? Like that old church song from the 60s goes: Will they know we are Christians by our love?

And the Gospel challenges us to forgive and keep forgiving. If we do this, God will forgive us. This of course is often a challenge. Some people are hard to forgive. Or sometimes the hurt is so deep, we just can't possibly get to a position where we can forgive and let go. And so we keep going; hoping, waiting, praying for God's help in letting us go of past hurts and try to move forward, rather than dwelling on the past.

If you're struggling with letting go of past hurts or some actions of your own past, remember this: **God is much more interested in your future than your past.** Bank on it. As long as our hearts are still beating, God's ready to give us another shot at trying to be the person we're called to be.

I want to thank everyone who participated and attended our annual parish picnic. Though the weather wasn't as perfect as last year's picnic, I'm deeply grateful for the many hands that made the work easier and actually for many, more fun! My favorite thing about the picnic isn't raising money. It's raising spirits. Seeing the parish community working together. Making new friends. Having a common goal and purpose, that is, to make a difference in our parish. A difference for the better! THANKS!!

This weekend, our PSR starts a new year. I am so grateful for the teachers and staff that have volunteered to teach our young ones the importance of faith. This is no easy task and it's often thankless. Leading a young Catholic Christian to a deeper faith by your own teaching and example is a powerful, selfless gift. They are planting seeds. We hope and pray that their parents, the sacraments and our parish will nurture these seedlings so that they may indeed bear fruit. Thanks to all who give so much to increase the faith and joyful hope of our young people! I am grateful.

Fr. Brian

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.

JUST FAITH:

The Just Faith group will be offering a seven-week course on Wednesday evenings from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Beginning September 30 and concluding November 11, just ahead of the holidays. The goal of the course is to educate parishioners about Catholic Social Teachings and explore how we can apply these teachings to our lives as we live out God's love for the world. If you are interested in participating, please contact Carol Waide at 618-910-1648 or Faith Clark at 618-420-3164.

ICCCW NEWS:

Boxes are due September 20th! If you have taken a box to fill, please return the box(es) to the Gathering Space by next Sunday at 11:00 a.m. Mass. Each box requires \$9.00 postage. If you are able, please place the postage either inside the box or in the collection basket at any Mass. If you are not able or are uninterested in filling a box, you can support this great ministry by placing a monetary donation (marked Box of Joy) in the collection basket at any Mass. Thanks to all who have already returned filled boxes, contributed items to fill boxes and/or made a monetary contribution. Your generosity will help make this a wonderful Christmas for a child who wishes for only one gift. Your participation is greatly appreciated! Questions can be directed to Mary Wilson at 618-920-0319 or auntmary60@yahoo.com.

THE 2026 CATHOLIC SERVICE AND MINISTRY APPEAL

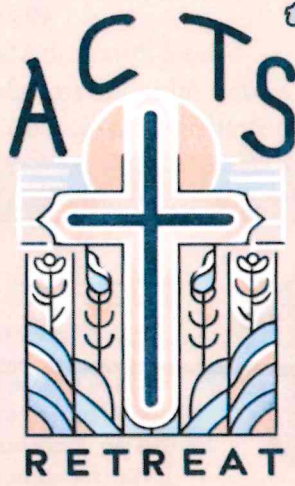
Those who are kind to the needy honor Him

YOU have the opportunity to support the eleven men who have answered "YES" to God's call to serve the Priesthood of Jesus Christ in our Belleville Diocese. The annual cost for each of our seminarians is over \$50,000.00. Funding from the Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal helps support the expenses of our seminarians and Vocation Office. Your pledge or one-time gift is truly an investment in our faith and the life of the Church here in southern Illinois. Please continue to pray for vocations and consider making your gift today!

VOCATION

"I graduated from the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, MD, and served for five years as a surface warfare officer on a Navy destroyer. We had the extraordinary grace of having the Blessed Sacrament onboard during hundreds of days at sea, and I experienced, in the Eucharist, God's extravagant love and unfailing presence... Jesus was stirring in my heart a desire to do something great and meaningful. He was waiting for me...and He was the answer to my infinite desires that the world could never satisfy. He showed me that He wanted to write a beautiful story with my life. In the silence of prayer, I heard the invitation to become a bride of Christ. I met the Sisters of Life and knew I was being called to lay down my life so that others might have eternal life. I received the name Sister Maris Stella in honor of Our Lady, Star of the Sea, who guides us to safe harbor in the heart of her son, Jesus."

Sr. Maris Stella Karalekas; Sisters of Life
Columbia Magazine Jan.-Feb. 2023



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:
NEW DATE:
January 21-24, 2027**

Save the date!

BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY

Walk to Remember – October 4 at 3:00 p.m.
All Souls Mass/Annual Parishioner Memorial
Candlelighting – November 2 at 6:30 p.m.

PRAYING FOR SEMINARIANS

Please pray for our Diocesan Seminarians.
Each week, we will feature one of our 11 seminarians. Please consider dropping them a note of support. At the very least, a simple prayer would be helpful. For this week:

CASMIR COZZI
Mundelein Seminary
1000 E. Maple Ave.
Mundelein, IL 60060

TERRY MARMION
Mundelein Seminary
1000 E. Maple Ave.
Mundelein, IL 60060

Saint John Vianney, pray for us.



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION SCHOOL

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

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

MISSION • COMMUNITY • SERVICE



2026 ICS

Joe Hoguet Memorial Golf Tournament

Friday September 25, 2026 - Acorns Golf Links - Waterloo, IL
12:00PM Registration/Lunch 1:00PM- Shotgun Dinner & Awards
\$150 per player/ \$600 4 person team



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- **Platinum Sponsors (1 per hole) \$1,000** – 4' X 8' color banner with your logo or photo
- **Gold Sponsors (2 per hole) \$500** - 4' X 6' color banner with your logo or photo
- **Silver Sponsors (4 per hole) \$250** – 3' X 4' color banner with your logo or photo
- **Family/Friend Sponsors \$100** - Sponsor names will be placed on a shared 4' X 8' banner near the clubhouse

Email your high-resolution logo or photo to icsfathers@gmail.com



Book your Sponsorship and Teams by using the QR code

What's Happening at Gibault?

Shadow Visit Days

8th Grade Shadow Days

 September: 17th, 25th

 October: 8th, 27th

 November: 20th

 March: 18th

7th Grade Shadow Days

 March: 18th

 April: 8th



Schedule Your Visit!

2027-2028 School Year
Application Open September 1

Apply Online
gibaulthawks.com

Upcoming Events

 September 19: Boys Soccer Alumni Game, 10AM, GCHS Field

 September 28: Girls Volleyball Alumni Game, 5PM

 October 1: Future Hawks Night Boys Soccer, 5PM

 October 4: Open House, 12-3PM

 October 16: Bonfire Bash Student Mixer, 5-8 Grade, 6-8PM



Gibault Catholic High School
Gibault Catholic High School Athletics



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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

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>

DOCTORS OPPOSE ASSISTED SUICIDE

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

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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.

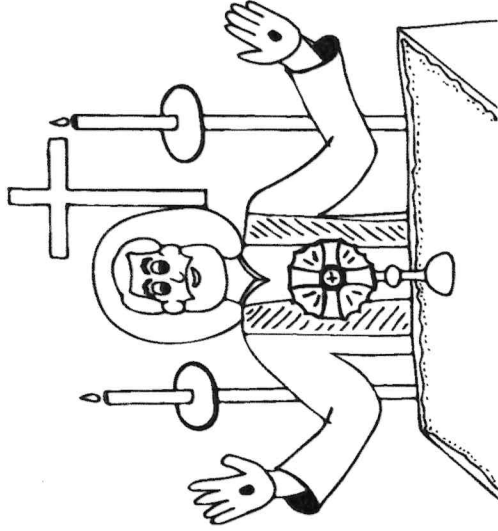
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"A Prayer to Our Lady of Guadalupe"

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.

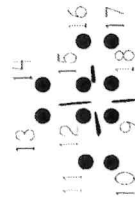
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Saint Padre Pio

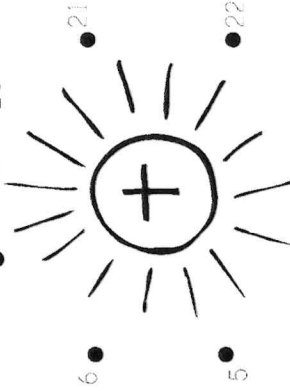


Follow the dots to draw a monstrance. A monstrance is a special place to hold the Eucharist.



Saint Padre Pio told people to pray, go to church, and go to confession.

When people went to confession with him, he KNEW when they were forgetting something. He would help them remember so they could learn from all of their sins.



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The Lord is kind
and merciful,
slow to anger,
and rich in
compassion.

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Pay attention to the ways the Eucharist is kept safe and the holy vessels that show our love for God. What do you see?



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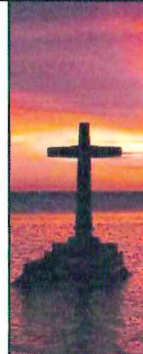
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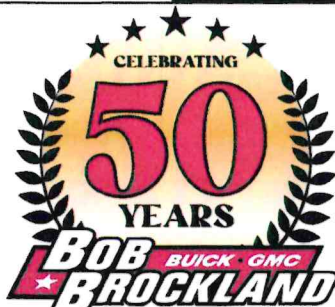
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