



Immaculate Conception

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

September 27, 2026

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

www.icc-columbia-il.us

October is Respect Life Month and the ICC Sanctity of Life Ministry invites you to work and pray for a greater respect for human life from conception to natural death. Respecting and protecting life from its most tender beginning is key to respecting life in all stages. We challenge each of you to grow your pro-life awareness and support by attending one or more of the Respect Life Month events listed below as well as any others occurring throughout the year. With grace, compassion, mercy, and the truth of Christ, we celebrate and promote LIFE.

RESPECT LIFE MONTH EVENTS

Sept 23
thru
Nov 1

40 Days for Life 7am-7pm: Be a prayerful peaceful witness for life at Planned Parenthood, Fairview Hts. Sign up individually, or get a group together. Email breinholz@gmail.com with the Sts. Peter and Paul Parish Life Team to coordinate a time with their ministry on Oct 8, or choose your own day/time at www.40daysforlife.com/en/fairviewheights

Sat/Sun
Oct 3/4

Respect Life Educational Display in the Gathering Space: Stop by to pick up pro-life prayer guides, information, bookmarks, etc. What will you do to promote a greater respect for life this week/month/year?

Sun
Oct 4

Life Chain National Event: Stand & Pray 2-3 pm in Millstadt along Washington St (Rte 158) between Lafayette St & Kossuth St. Meet in the St. James Church parking lot to pick up signs. Questions? Call 618/476-3513 M-F 8:30-3.

Sat
Oct 10

Public Holy Rosary for Life Program: noon-12:30ish near the fountain in front of Columbia City Hall.

Sat/Sun
Oct 10/11

Blessing of Expectant and Adopting Parents at all Masses

Tues
Oct 13

Eucharistic Adoration at ICC, with a special **Holy Hour for the Sanctity of Human Life** at 7pm to include a Pro-Life Rosary, Adoration, and Benediction. The Holy Hour will be in place of our Sanctity of Life monthly meeting.

Sat/Sun
Oct 17/18

ICC's Sanctity of Life Ministry will be selling Christmas cards with proceeds used to raise awareness of and promote the sanctity of all human life.

Sun
Oct 25

ICC's Sanctity of Life Ministry is cohosting Fellowship Sunday. Join us in the Garden Level for donuts, fruit, and community of faith building.

"Every human life, from the moment of conception until death, is sacred because the human person has been willed for its own sake in the image and likeness of the living and holy God."

-Catechism of the Catholic Church, 2319



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 Michelle 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 28	8:05 a.m.	We Remember Hugh & Mattie McMullan
Tuesday, September 29	8:05 a.m.	We remember Josh Ritter
Wednesday, September 30	8:05 a.m.	Special Intention Anna McCandless
Thursday, October 1	8:05 a.m.	We Remember Harry Bates
Friday, October 2	8:05 a.m.	We Remember Babs Jackson
Saturday, October 3	5:00 p.m.	We Remember John & Louise Prindable
Sunday, October 4	7:00 a.m.	We Remember Esther Kretz
	9:00 a.m.	We Remember Margie Pautler
	11:00 a.m.	We Remember Joseph Colley



Please Pray For

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

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 27, 2026

First Reading: Ezekiel 18:25-28

Second Reading: Philippians 2:1-11

Gospel: Matthew 21:28-32



OUR CAMPAIGN PRAYER

Heavenly Father, You have created us in Your own image, to love, serve and honor You with our lives. You have tasked us with building Your Church, and passing from one generation to the next the treasure trove of our faith. Bless the work of our hands as we undertake our next phase in serving You. Keep us strong in faith, hope, and love, so that all we do may bring glory and honor to You, forever and ever. AMEN.



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Please join us for Eucharistic Adoration on Tuesdays from 3:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. Spend some quiet time with the Lord.

Stewardship...

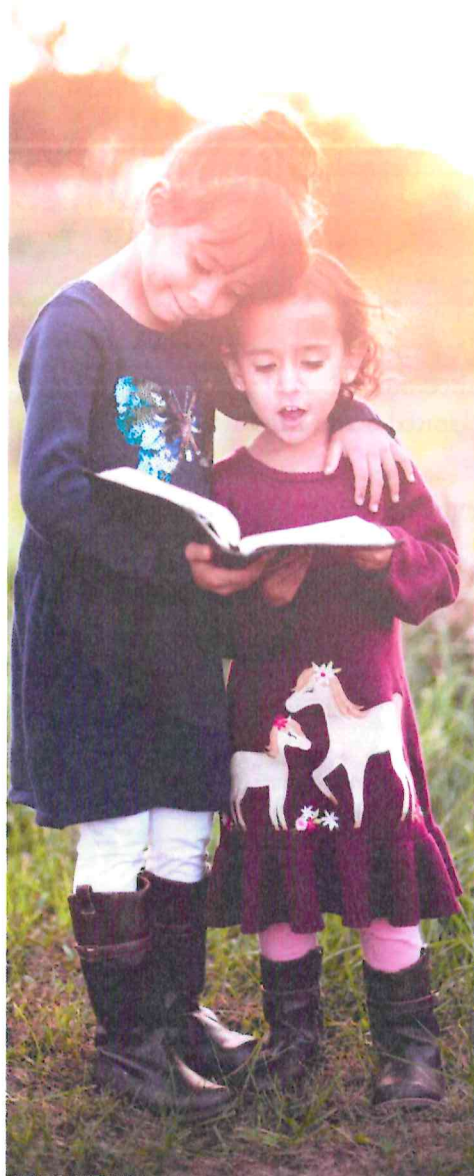
Thank you for sharing your blessings with us!

Offertory not available at time of printing.

Preliminary Picnic Numbers:

Gross amount collected ~ \$110,000

Full accounting and profit report will be available after all bills are paid.



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

D.C. PRETZEL AND DONUT SALES...

The next Pretzel and Donut weekend for the 8th graders will be October 17 and 18. All proceeds go to the 8th graders' trip to Washington D.C.

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!

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION YOUTH

PUMPKIN Carving

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

ALZHEIMER'S & DEMENTIA SUPPORT GROUP

Next monthly meeting is October 18 at 10:00 a.m. in the KC Room.

Snippet from Shea:

Hold your eyes on God and leave the doing to him. That is all the doing you have to worry about.

— Saint Jeanne de Chantal

ICC Ministry Spotlight

St. Vincent de Paul Society

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul Conference at Immaculate Conception Parish strives to fulfill the mission of the national SVdP 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. The local conference carries out this mission by providing direct help to individuals with food, rent, and utility bills. Members also support the Diocesan SVdP Council through donations of food, clothing, and paper goods, among other things.

These donations are made possible by the generosity of our parishioners.

Meetings are held on the first Monday of the month, September through May, at 6:30 p.m. in the Garden Level.



If you have questions, or would like to join SVdP, please contact Sue at smtaylor55@gmail.com or call 618/719-6988.

FELLOWSHIP SUNDAY

It's time!

This Sunday, September 27, 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!



Are you or someone you know unable to attend Mass?

Whether it be a temporary or ongoing injury or illness that keeps you away from joining us in person, our Homebound Ministers are ready to bring the Holy Eucharist to you on Sunday mornings.

Call the parish office at 618/281-5105
with questions or to get signed up.



WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

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

MEN'S CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

Immaculate Conception has formed a men's group to try to help other men who have cancer or who have encountered cancer in the past. We are also open to those with any disease, those undergoing special testing or experiencing prostate issues. We hope through bonding with one another we can ease your mind with your issues. Any questions, please call Kevin Glasscock at 314-565-4418. Next meeting is October 6th 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 October 14th at 6:00 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 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!

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CHANGE A LIFE FUNDRAISER

Next weekend, October 3rd-4th, we will be collecting the change and bills you've been saving in your "Change a Life" cups from church. A large, labeled jar will be placed on a table in the Gathering Space where you can drop off your donations, including cash or checks made payable to St. Vincent de Paul. If you haven't picked up a cup yet, additional cups with instructions will also be available. This is an ongoing fundraiser dedicated to supporting our neighbors in need by helping cover essential expenses such as rent, utilities, food, and other critical needs.

Thank you for your generosity and support!

BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY

Next meeting October 8 at 6:30 p.m.

Walk to Remember – October 17 at 11:00 a.m.

All Souls Mass/Annual Parishioner Memorial

Candlelighting – November 2 at 6:30 p.m.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Your Knights of Columbus Council 6165 is hosting their 10th and Final Car Show on Saturday, October 3rd, 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. here at the church. Registration for vehicle entries to show is 8:00 to 11:00 a.m. **Spectators are free.** One of the biggest awards is the Kids Choice Trophy, so **Bring the Kids to vote for their favorite** hot rod, classic car, truck or tractor. Some of the area's finest cars and classics will be here and our Best Show Ever!



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

Priesthood Sunday, September 27th, 2026, is a special day set aside to honor the Priesthood in the United States. It is a day to reflect on and affirm the priesthood central role in the life of the Church. Catholics are invited to observe Vatican-backed worldwide events, namely, World Day of Prayer for Vocations and World Day for Consecrated Life. In the United States, we also have National Vocation Awareness Week and National Catholic Sisters Week. Priesthood Sunday, however, specifically honors priests, without whom the Holy Sacraments could not be conferred, for a single day out of the 365 days of the year during which they tirelessly serve their parishes.

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.

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:

Kyle Kellerman – Glennon
Glennon College Seminary

5200 Glennon Drive, St. Louis, MO 63119

Saint John Vianney, pray for us.

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.



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.



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION SCHOOL

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

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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

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.





Discernment 101

Explore God's will for your life with monthly gatherings for women, facilitated by the Daughters of St. Paul.

Join us for Saturday morning talks, small group discussion, prayer, and fellowship. Open to single Catholic women ages 16-33.

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The Art of Attention

Noticing God at work

OCT

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Interior Freedom

Becoming who you are in Christ

NOV*

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Desire for Certainty

**Session held at UMSL Newman Center*

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Tips for Discerning Religious Life

Saturdays from 9:30-11:00 Central Time

Online via Zoom • Onsite at 9804 Watson Road, St. Louis
(onsite option includes 8:30 Mass and lunch)



Learn more and register

Email Sr. Amanda Marie at
stlouisvocations@paulinemedia.com

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.

CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS APPEAL

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

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

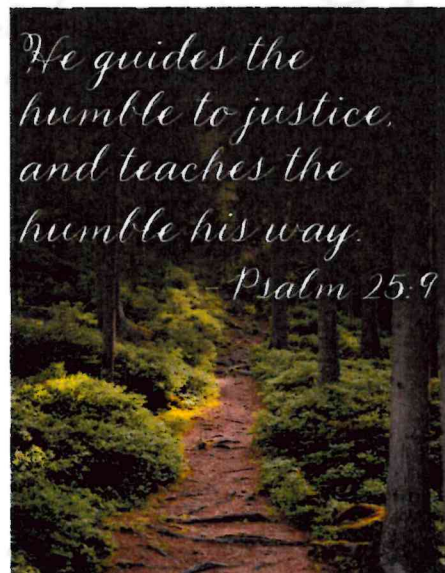
– USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities,
"A Prayer to Our Lady of Guadalupe"

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

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

He guides the humble to justice, and teaches the humble his way.

Psalm 25:9



Saint Teresa of Calcutta

Saint Teresa of Calcutta was born in Albania and travelled to India as a missionary. She started the Missionaries of Charity, which is a group of nuns who take care of the poorest of the poor throughout the world.

Not all of
us can do
great
things.
But we
can do
small
things
with
great
love.



Year A: Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Catholic Kids Bulletin

September 27, 2026

Ordinary Time

Color: Green

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Remember
your
mercies,
O Lord.

BOKEJOLWEJLORDKA
COIWJMERCIESOWKHAOSKIZ



During the Sanctus (Holy), we remember that the angels are worshipping with us.



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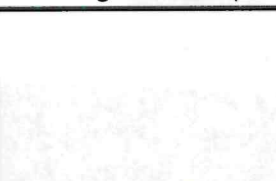
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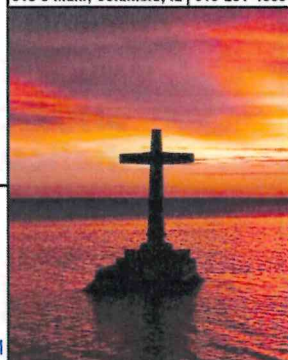
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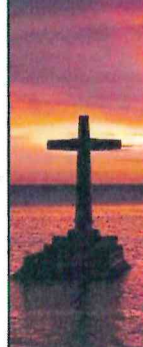
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