Immaculate Conception

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

November 8, 2026 | Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time | www.icc-columbia-il.us

A Prayer for Stewardship Spirituality

Dear Heavenly Father,
Our parish is composed of people like me; we make it what it is.
It will be friendly, if I am.
Its pews will be filled, if I help fill them.
It will do great work, if I work.
It will make generous gifts to many causes, if I am a generous giver.
It will bring other people to worship and fellowship, if I invite them.
It will be a parish of loyalty and love, fearless faith, and noble spirit,
if I ask the Holy Spirit for help to fill me with these same things.
Therefore, O God, help me to dedicate myself to growing my own faith
by being all the things I want our parish to be.
I will strive toward full stewardship by building my life
on the rock of our faith, Jesus Christ.
Amen

As a show of faith in God and love of His people, please return your annual stewardship commitment form by January 6. Bless you and thank you.

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.
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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, November 9	8:05 a.m.	We Remember Holy Souls in Purgatory
Tuesday, November 10	8:05 a.m.	We Remember Patricia McMullan
Wednesday, November 11	8:05 a.m.	We Remember Ray & Ruby Faust
Thursday, November 12	8:05 a.m.	We Remember James & Anna Lawlor
Friday, November 13	8:05 a.m.	We Remember Louise Beren
Saturday, November 14	5:00 p.m.	We Remember Harold Stemler
Sunday, November 15	7:00 a.m.	We Remember Dennis Goddard
	9:00 a.m.	We Remember John Standbrook
	11:00 a.m.	We Remember Charles & Amelia Menner

Please Pray For

Grant Koenigstein	Joyce Rose	Susie Settle	David Thomas	Emmy Richardet
Doug Mercille	Tonya Richardson	Larry Shuler	David Meyer	Charles Dressler
Theresa Zeisler	Andy Amann	Kasen Greer	Barbara Kendall	Jim Reeves
Larry Greenfield	Nicole Hughes	Jim M.	Connie Cox	Linda Deutschlander
Arlene Kruse	Laura Tasted	Jessica Oertwig	Howard Martin	Cheryl Moore
Delores Deleveski	Sarah Davis	Dolores G.	Terry Mouser	Beth Johns
Susan Oswill	Thomas Oleski	Cheryl Cobin	DeeDee Birkner	Steve Crook
Teresa Dorshorst	Lindsey Proksha	Julie Beckert	Skeets & Judy Dumstorff	Jan Sheridan
Betty Schmieder	Karin Bennett	David Procasky & Family	Kathy Chandler	
Gary Hoeffken	Adam Brandt			

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

November 8, 2026

First Reading: Wisdom 6:12-16
Second Reading: First Thessalonians 4:13-18
Gospel: Matthew 25:1-13

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.



EUCHARISTIC 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!

November 1, 2026

Actual	69,279.25
Budget	77,000.00
Actual YTD	732,122.01
Budget YTD	832,100.00
Over (under)	(99,977.99)
Prior YTD	707,007.45
Over (under)	25,114.56
Guatemala	761.00
SVDP	661.00
Votive	158.00
Gibault	376.00
Capital Improvements	345.00
Cemetery Maintenance	790.00
Eugene J. Schorb Fund for Catholic Education Memorials:	
Irma Naumann	400.00
Phase 3 Campaign Memorials:	
John Reichert	300.00
Catholic Campaign for Human Development	30.00
Retired Diocesan Priests	150.00
World Mission Sunday	392.00
Sr. Thea Bowman	1,544.00
Phase 3	10,214.02
CEAC	270.00



From Our Young Stewards:

Treasure:	174.50

**The above totals include online giving through 10/31/2026.*

SAVE TAXES ON IRA REQUIRED MINIMUM DISTRIBUTIONS

Individuals subject to Required Minimum Distributions (RMD) from their Individual Retirement Accounts (IRA) have an opportunity to use the distributions for charitable giving instead of taking a taxable distribution.

If you are age 70 ½ or older, the IRS will allow you to distribute up to $111,000 per individual annually directly to qualified nonprofit organizations without incurring any taxable income. The benefit is known as the Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD).

A QCD is a direct transfer of funds from your IRA, payable to a qualified charity, like Immaculate Conception Church or School. QCDs can be counted toward satisfying your required minimum distribution (RMD) for the year, if certain rules are met.

Here are the requirements:

- You must be 70½ or older to be eligible to make a QCD.
- QCDs are limited to the amount that would otherwise be taxed as ordinary income. This excludes non-deductible contributions.
- The maximum annual amount that can qualify for a QCD is $111,000.00. This applies to the sum of QCDs made to one or more charities in a calendar year. (If, however, you file taxes jointly, your spouse can also make a QCD from his or her own IRA within the same tax year for up to $111,000.00.)
- For a QCD to count toward your current year & RMD, the funds must come out of your IRA by your RMD deadline, generally December 31.
- Any amount donated above your RMD does not count toward satisfying a future year & RMD.
- The QCD must be paid directly from your IRA to the charity to qualify: In addition to the benefits of giving to charity, a QCD excludes the amount donated from taxable income, unlike regular withdrawals from an IRA. Keeping your taxable income lower may reduce the impact to certain tax credits and deductions, including Social Security and Medicare.

Also, QCDs don't require that you itemize, which, due to the tax law changes means you may decide to take advantage of the higher standard deduction, but still use a QCD for charitable giving.

Funds distributed directly to you, the IRA owner, which you then give to charity do not qualify as a QCD.

There are some other tax rules that may also apply to your situation, so consult with a financial professional for more details about this strategy.

– Immaculate Conception Planned Giving Council

Parish Events & News...

LADIES: SAVE THE DATE FOR ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT FOR WOMEN

Friday, December 11, Doors open at 6:00 p.m., Program begins at 7:00 p.m. Garden Level at ICC. Speaker: Beth Rheaume, MAPS, St. Nicholas Parish
Put some peace into your Advent Season. More information for hostesses and guests coming soon! (This is a free event!)

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! November 14, 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!

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.

D.C. PRETZEL AND DONUT SALES…

The next Pretzel and Donut weekend for the 8th graders will be November 21 & 22. All proceeds go to the 8th graders' trip to Washington D.C.

Ministry News & Happenings



ALZHEIMER'S & DEMENTIA SUPPORT GROUP

Next monthly meeting is November 15 at 10:00 a.m. in the KC Room.

Snippet from Shea:

"Remember that it has never been heard of in any age, that any sinner who turned to you was rejected by you. I am a miserable sinner, but I turn to you and trust in you."

– St. Bernard of Clairvaux

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 November 10th at 6:30 p.m. (location TBA).**

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 November 11th 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:

On Saturday, our Diocese celebrated the ordination of Casmir Cozzi to the transitional diaconate. This is a big deal! We haven't ordained a seminarian in a few years. Casmir will be a deacon for several months and then, God willing, he'll be ordained to the priesthood in June. Cas was with me for one summer when I was in Marion. He's a fine young man and he will make a very good priest. Please keep him in your prayers over the next few months as he prepares for priesthood ordination.

Also, I wanted to let you know that we have 11 seminarians! Last year we had four. So this is very positive news. We have a poster of them in our church gathering space and in the school. Please keep them in your prayers as well. Don't be afraid to encourage young men and women in your families and acquaintances to pray and reflect on a possible vocation to this wonderful way of life. Plant some seeds. Let God and God's people do the watering and fertilizing.

I am writing this on my first day back from a pilgrimage I was leading to Italy. It was a great experience shepherding 46 people from several parishes in southern Illinois and also Joliet. We saw amazing sites, prayed and celebrated Masses in the Vatican and cathedrals around Italy, and saw the tombs of several saints, including St. Carlo Acutis and the uncorrupted body of St. Rita of Cascia.

I think the highlight for me was the time I was able to spend with Pope Leo. I was blessed to have some private time with him on two different days. I was especially touched by two events. One was the time I gave to the Pope the Get Well cards from the Kindergartners, Fourth Graders and Eighth Graders from our school. When I handed him the cards, a big smile and joy started emanating from him. He was especially touched by the 8th Graders as they signed their names with their Confirmation names. The other highlight was when each of the pilgrims on our trip had a one-on-one photo opportunity with Pope Leo. They were very much moved by the experience. Many were in tears. A sense of mystery, wonder and awe filled the room.

One thing that I took away from this pilgrimage was the fact that it showed me and the rest of the pilgrims that we are part of something much bigger. We're a worldwide Church with members here and the saints and our loved ones in heaven. We are part of the Communion of Saints. Sometimes we think we're in our own little bubble. That bubble was shattered. What a great heritage and tradition that we're a part of!

May the Communion of Saints continue to pray and intercede for us as we journey with one mind and heart on the way to God.

Fr. Brian

MEALS FROM THE ❤️

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

ICCCW NEWS:

We will be selling Fall Raffle Chances at the weekend Masses November 7 and 8. Please stop by the tables in the gathering space to view the baskets and buy your chances.

Thursday, November 12th is our Annual Bunco night. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. Bunco will start at 6:30 p.m. Cost is $20.00 and includes a snack buffet and wine. Our Fall Raffle winners will be drawn at the end of the Bunco evening. To make your reservation, please text or call Liz Taylor at 618-772-9705.

Thursday, December 3rd is the CCW Christmas party. Cost is $10.00 and will be catered by Mr. BBQ. We will begin at 5:00 p.m. with our meeting and dinner to follow.

We have scheduled our Annual trip to the Hincke-Sense Home for Retired Priests on December 9th. We attend Mass with them and there will be a luncheon to follow. We present them with some Christmas gifts in appreciation for their many years of service to our Diocese. It is a very enjoyable Christmas outing.



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.

THANK YOU!!

We would like to thank you for your continued generosity to our Annual Winter Clothing, and Bedding Drive. We had a wonderful response again this year. Pat Hogrebe, from St. Vincent de Paul, Belleville, says our contributions are so needed! She is always pleased with our efforts here at ICC. Your generosity is very heartwarming. May God bless you and keep you in His loving care!

– Immaculate Conception's St. Vincent de Paul Society

BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY

Next meeting: November 12 at 6:30 p.m.

THE 2026 CATHOLIC SERVICE AND MINISTRY APPEAL

Those who are kind to the needy honor Him

Do you remember your or your children's or, perhaps, your grandchildren's first time away from home attending college? While greatly anticipated, it can also be a challenging, sometimes overwhelming experience. Today, hundreds of young adults find a comfortable, secure, faith-based home during their college years as a "family" member of the Newman Catholic Student Center at Southern Illinois University. Your contribution to the Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal helps makes this experience possible. Partner with Newman's students and staff by making your gift to the Appeal today!

VOCATION

"Discovering vocation does not mean scrambling toward some prize just beyond my reach, but accepting the treasure of true self I already possess. Vocation does not come from a voice out there calling me to be something I am not. It comes from a voice in here calling me to be the person I was born to be, to fulfill the original selfhood given me at birth by God." – *Thomas Merton*

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:

Jacob Walker – Conception Seminary College
37174 State Hwy V V, P.O. Box 502
Conception, MO 64433

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.







Immaculate Conception School

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Gibault Women's Club RUMMAGE SALE

Saturday
November 14, 2026

8 am - 2pm

(1/2 price & bag sale after noon)

Donation drop-off at the front entrance:
Mon, Nov 9: 3 p.m. - 6 p.m.
Tues, Nov 10: 8 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Wed, Nov 11: 8 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Thurs, Nov 12: 8 a.m. - 6 p.m.

What's Happening at Gibault?

Shadow Visit Days

8th Grade Shadow Days

- **November: 20th**
- **March: 18th**

7th Grade Shadow Days

- **March: 18th**
- **April: 8th**

Schedule Your Visit!

Upcoming Events

November 6-8: Fall Play, Hamlet or Does Father Really Know? in the auditorium

November 13: Alumni & Friends Hawk Hangout Stubborn German's Speakeasy, 5-10pm

November 14: Gibault Rummage Sale Gibault Auditorium, 8am-2pm

November 24: Alumni Thanksgiving Lunch 10:30am-1pm

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Diocesan and Area Interests







Saint Martin de Porres

Saint Martin de Porres is known as the Saint of the Broom. He served everyone as a way to serve God. He worked in a monastery and took care of the priests and brothers. He cooked, cleaned, and cared for the sick. He did every job without complaining.

Pray to Saint Martin instead of complaining when it is time to clean your room.



Catholic Kids Bulletin

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My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

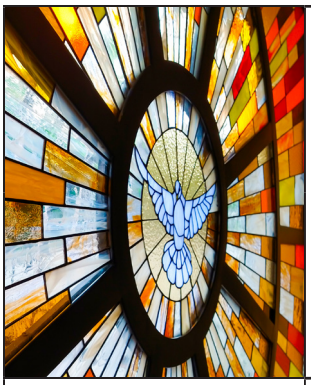
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Look around the church and notice all the symbols of Heaven—things that remind us of God, angels, and the beauty of being with Him forever.

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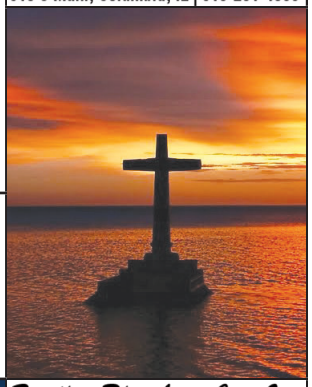
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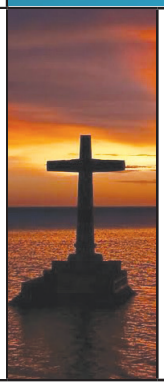
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