



# IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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January 9, 2022 Baptism Of The Lord

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## *An Invitation*

**To:** All the women of Immaculate Conception Parish

**When:** Begins Thursday Evening, January 27 – Sunday January 30

**Where:** King's House Retreat Center-Belleville Illinois

**Bonus:** Everyone has their own private room—peaceful and serene!

**Why:** Share your faith with women of your community, find hope in these trying times, and experience God's love for you like never before. It is the best gift to give yourself.

Hope to see you there!

**RSVP:** Marty Colley 618-978-9505 or Bonnie Witges 219- 393-8144

Or registration forms can be obtained in kiosk in the Gathering Space

or through the parish website .....and the greatest of these is **LOVE**



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,

### **Pandemic Protocol**

**Due to the uptick in COVID cases and the new mask mandate from the Governor we now require all parishioners, vaccinated and unvaccinated to wear a mask while inside the building. We will still live stream Mass as long as needed.**

To participate please use this link: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC8Qrck7-1pPOOcA9UQ2qRqQ/>

**Hola, Bienvenidos- a la iglesia Catolica en Immaculata Concepcion. ¡Que tengas una bendita semana!**

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**Office Hours**

**Monday– Friday**

**8 a.m.-4 p.m.**

**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 281-5105, and Angie will be happy to help make that happen!

**Fr. Carl's Little Reservoir...**

A few years ago, my New Year's Resolution was to challenge myself to read at least 10 books, which I was able to do. Each year since then I've raised this challenge by one book, so this year I was able to achieve my goal of reading 14 books. As I have done in previous years, I'm sharing with you the titles and authors of the books I've read in 2021.

- 1) CASTE: THE ORIGINS OF OUR DISCONTENT by Isabel Wilkerson;
- 2) TALKING TO GOATS by Jim Gray;
- 3) AN UNCOMFORTABLE CONVERSATION WITH A BLACK MAN by Emmanuel Acho;
- 4) HOW TO BE AN ANTIRACIST by Abram X. Kendi
- 5) LET US DREAM by Pope Francis
- 6) RETURN by Brandon Vogt
- 6) BLESSED STANLEY ROTHER by Susan Rother Bond
- 7) FALLING UPWARDS by Fr. Richard Rohr, OFM;
- 8) THE SUN DOES SHINE by Anthony Ray Hinton;
- 9) ON FIRE by John O'Leary;
- 10) MIDWIFE FOR SOULS by Kathy Kalina;
- 11) ARE YOU STILL A PRIEST by Fr. Gerry Kleba;
- 12) OVERWHELMING ODDS by Susan & Kenny O'Leary;
- 13) LIFE IS MESSY by Matthew Kelly.

I'm looking forward to getting a head start on my challenge to read 15 books in 2022 while relaxing on the beach in Bonita Springs, Florida, January 10–24.

~Fr. Carl

**Our Sympathies...**

To **Art Lehr and all his family** on the death of his wife, Janet, who died on Dec 20 at the age of 71;

to **Tim Keefe and his family** on the death of his dad, Rick Keefe who died on Dec 23, at the age of 72;

to the **family of Norman Knight** of our parish who died on January 4, at the age of 94; and to **Bud Warden and his family** on the death of his mother, Lucille Warden of DeSoto, MO, who died on Dec 22, at the age of 95.

**Special Visitor...**

Since Fr. Carl & Fr. Nick will both be out of town next weekend, January 15/16, we will have Fr. William Spencer, OFM, taking all the weekend Masses.

**Florida...**

Fr. Carl will be away from the parish Jan. 10–24, searching Southwest Florida for the best palm branches available.

**Volunteers Needed...**

Today, Sunday, January 9, after the 11:00 am Mass to help down the Christmas decorations in church. Many hands make for light work!

**It Won't Be Complete Without YOU!**

Our Pictorial Directory is now outdated. We need all families to have their picture taken so that it will be as accurate as possible!

**Every family photographed for the directory will receive a copy of the directory and an 8x10 portrait at no cost.** Photography dates will be **February 15-19 and 22-25 2022.** Sign-up information will be coming soon!

**A Letter From Padre' Abdias...**

Dear Brothers of Sister Immaculate Conception Parish

This message is sent on behalf of Father Abdías Raquel Sánchez Vásquez and all the parishioners of Saint Raymond's. In these very important holidays we celebrate the birth of the baby Jesus and the end of the year 2021.

We want to thank you for the economic collaboration throughout the year 2021.

Thank you very much for your prayers, we also pray for you.

We want to wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year 2022, full of many material and spiritual blessings.

Thank you Father Carlos and Father Nick and all the lay faithful of the Immaculate Conception parish. Your brothers and sisters of the San Raymundo de Peñafort parish send you a big hug and a very special greeting with these end of the year festivities. May the child Jesus be born in every family.

It is our hope that our Christmas greetings reach all the faithful.

Sincerely,

Fr. Abdías Raquel Sánchez Vásquez

Parish priest

**Happy Birthday...**

To **Catherine Linnemann** who will celebrate her 95th birthday on January 13!

**Thank You!**

Thanks to all who donated to our SVdP Meal Menu Christmas Food Drive. We collected 225+ cans of hams, hearty soups, stews, and fruit. This was donated to St. Paul Lutheran's food pantry as well as to our own IC SVdP group for distribution at client interviews. Your generosity in helping to feed those in need is greatly appreciated!

**Blood Drive...**

**Today, January 9,** Garden level 8 a.m.-1 p.m.

**Special Thanks!**

Fr. Nick and Fr. Carl extend their deep appreciation and heartfelt gratitude for all the Christmas cards and gifts they received during this holiday season. Thanks for all your kindness and support. Happy New Year!

**2022 Calendars...**

We still have 2022 church Calendars available in the gathering space, compliments of Bob Brockland Buick, GMC.

**Christmas Gift...**

Once again this Christmas season we are giving out copies of a Matthew Kelly book, "Life Is Messy," as a Christmas gift to all parishioners & visitors, compliments of Braun Funeral Homes.



## Quilter's Corner

In response to everyone who has said that they would like to learn to quilt, the ICC quilters will be dedicating Thursday mornings in January to quilting lessons!

Our experienced quilters will guide you along in learning the basics of hand quilting!

Come give it a try! No prior experience required!

Hours will be 8:30-11:30 a.m. Come anytime within this time frame!

In case of school closing because of bad weather, we will cancel.

Any questions?? Contact Carlene Kisro at 281-5877.

## Want to Know What is Going On in YOUR Diocese??

Make the Messenger a part of your New Year's Resolution! The Messenger brings you the stories of real people quietly living their faith through compassion and good works. Inspirational stories that show our Catholic faith is alive and well in southern Illinois.



## Online Giving Right Now!

Use this QR code to visit ICC's online giving page. Update your monthly offerings, check your pledge balance OR make a one-time gift to a special cause. *Thank you for sharing your blessings!*

## Sister Thea Bowman Catholic School Cash Mega Raffle & Early Bird Drawing...

**Ticket Cost?** \$100.00. Buy 1 Ticket – Get 1 Free. Buy 2 Tickets – Get 3 Free. Buy 3 Tickets – Get 5 Free. **Prizes??** \$10,000 Grand Prize - \$1,000 Second Prize - \$500 Third Prize. Winners will be announced when 300 tickets are sold or May 22, 2022 – whichever comes first.

**In addition, there are at least Six Early Bird Drawings**-\$100 each - starting in October. To purchase a ticket on line: go to [www.stbcs.com](http://www.stbcs.com) and click on Donate Now. Mail check to: 8213 Church Lane, East St. Louis, IL 62203. Or contact Karen Waide at [kwaide@srthea.org](mailto:kwaide@srthea.org) or call 618-281-4715.

## Women's Bible Study



## Women's Tuesday Bible Study Has Returned!

To fill our minds and hearts with holy anticipation and enjoy the Spirit stirring in community, Women's Tuesday Bible Study has returned to the Fr. Steve Library on Tuesday evenings, at 6:30pm. We spend

an hour reflecting on upcoming Sunday readings and accompanying Advent reflections, and this community will meet and grow throughout the liturgical year.

Start the new church year with friends old and new, and join us for an hour on Tuesday evenings. Questions? Contact Lizanne: [lyoung@iccmil.org](mailto:lyoung@iccmil.org)

## Full Stewardship Spirituality...

By our Baptism, we are all called to discipleship. Full Stewardship Spirituality is about making a full response to the Lord's call to live out that Baptismal commitment. **Please prayerfully return your annual stewardship commitment form of time, talent and treasure by January 17.** Thanks to all who have already returned their commitment form. Teamwork makes the dream work. No one of us, nor no one group of us, can be Church by ourselves.

## ICCCW News...

\*Our next meeting is February 3rd.

\*Come to our next meeting and sign up for our Sisters of St. Joseph tour in February.

If you can't make the meeting, but want to go, call Kathy Ritter: 618-719-5819.

\*Consider donating a basket for our spring **ABUNCO Fundraiser**. Email Kathy Ritter: [kritter1634@hotmail.com](mailto:kritter1634@hotmail.com) if you are interested in donating.

\*Consider donating a gift card for the **Pop-sicle Pick game at our Spring Fundraiser**.

Amounts are: \$25-2; \$20-4; \$10-16; \$5-20.

Send them marked ICCCW to the Church office - 411 Palmer Road, Columbia, IL 62236, or mark an envelope ICCCW, and place it in the church offertory basket.

\*Consider donating **Silent Auction gifts for our Spring Bunco fundraiser**.

\*Sign up to work at our **Spring Bunco Fundraiser** —the best part is that you get to play!

## The 2021 Catholic Service & Ministry Appeal

Whoever believes in me will do the works that I do

-John 14:12

**THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO DONATED!!**

**We have made our parish goal!!!**

**244 donors and \$59,093.20**

If you have not donated to the CSMA and would like to, you still can!! The CSMA funds all types of ministry's in the Diocese of Belleville! More help is needed, especially during the holidays! Stop by the parish office if you need more info!

## A Pilgrimage of Peace to the Holy Land..

Co-Sponsored by Catholic Relief Services in the Diocese of Belleville and The Messenger November 28 to December 9, 2022

Pilgrimage Director: Fr. Steve Beatty

This pilgrimage will include important sites in Jesus' life as well as visits to places in the Holy Land where CRS is carrying on the work of Jesus today. Pricing, complete itinerary, and registration will be available after Feb. 28, 2022. To be placed on the priority mailing list to receive a full itinerary and registration information, contact Cheryl Sommer, CRS Animator for the Diocese of Belleville at [crsdiobelle@gmail.com](mailto:crsdiobelle@gmail.com) or 618-624-2838.

## Adeodatus Says:



"Sometimes the best thing to do, and the hardest thing, is nothing!"



# Stewardship... Thank you for sharing your blessings with us!

## Christmas Collection

Actual .....	\$27,534.00
Budget .....	\$25,000.00
Prior year .....	\$22,862.00

## December 26, 2021

Actual .....	\$34,390.01
Budget .....	\$29,300.00
Actual YTD .....	\$915,312.35
Budget YTD .....	\$998,100.00
Over (under) .....	\$ (83,087.65)
Prior YTD .....	\$874,246.37
Over (under) .....	\$41,065.98
Votive Offerings .....	\$94.06
Retired Priests .....	\$505.00
Needy .....	\$1,836.00
Flowers .....	\$30.00
STBS .....	\$250.00
Holy Angels Shelter .....	\$250.00
Capital Improvements .....	\$110.00
CEAC .....	\$25,459.50

## January 2, 2022

Actual .....	\$111,710.60
Budget .....	\$60,300.00
Actual YTD .....	\$1,027,022.95
Budget YTD .....	\$1,058,700.00
Over (under) .....	\$ (31,677.05)
Prior YTD .....	\$954,811.81
Over (under) .....	\$72,211.14
CEAC .....	\$28,005.58
CI .....	\$801.00
Cemetery .....	\$10.00
Gibault .....	\$470.00
STBS .....	\$575.00
SVDP .....	\$120.00
Guatemala .....	\$519.00
Needy .....	\$1,135.00
Religious Retirement .....	\$110.00
Flowers .....	\$54.00

\*\* The Jan 2 collection contains figures from 12/13-12/31, 2021. All funds were recorded in the year of donation, but were included in the January 2 totals.\*\*



## From Our Young Stewards...

**Children's Collection: \$27.00**

### Time & Talent:

“Cleaned up the house”; “helped Dad Clean up the basement”; “giving Emma cookies”; “Picking up my room”; “I was thankful for my presents.”; “I helped pick up the house”; “saying ‘thank you’”.

## CEAC Debt Status...

**There is \$4.723 million .... as of 12/15/2021.**

- If you have an outstanding pledge from the 7 year campaign, you should have received an updated letter statement with your status.  
Thanks for continuing to honor your pledge commitment.
- If you have already fulfilled your campaign pledge commitment, I thank you and ask that you consider making a new pledge or continuing to donate on an ongoing basis until the debt is retired.
- If you have not yet made a pledge, I ask you to please consider doing so.  
We are focusing on paying down the remaining debt as quickly as possible to avoid paying interest. Thanks for your continued support of the parish.

~Fr. Carl

## A Reminder to Check Your W4 Tax Withholding for 2022

If you have a salary, an hourly job, or collect a pension, it's a good idea to check your payroll tax withholding at the beginning of each year. The IRS encourages everyone to use their Tax Withholding Estimator to perform a “paycheck checkup.” It's a self-service tool you can use to complete or adjust your Form W-4 or W-4P. This will help you make sure you have the right amount of tax withheld from your paycheck.

There are several reasons to check your withholding:

Checking your withholding can help protect against having too little tax withheld and facing an unexpected tax bill or penalty at tax time next year.

At the same time, you may prefer to have less tax withheld up front, so you receive more in your paychecks and get a smaller refund at tax time.

If you changed your withholding for the past year, the IRS reminds you to be sure to recheck your withholding at the start of the next year. A mid-year withholding change may have a different full-year impact. So, if you do not file a new Form W-4, your withholding *might be higher or lower than you intend*. Also, if you had a major life change, such as marriage, the birth of a child, adoption or bought a home.

*If you have additional questions about your withholding, consult your em-*

**Prayer List Guidelines:** Please be kind and call the office when someone needs to come off of the prayer list. **Please only put troops on the list that are on active duty in harms way.** Thank you!

### Please Pray For...

Connie Luechtefeld  
Danielle Dorlac  
Donna Archambault-Kania  
Arlin Stechmesser  
Jan Hoffman  
Jane Frey  
M. Brown  
Donna Marlo Wirz  
Jack Finney  
Sherri Kay Bradley-Whitehouse  
Bill Huss  
Catherine Marlo  
Mary Consolino  
Nicole Pennington  
Gerri Griffin  
Margaret Ann  
Conrad  
Dolores G.  
Joy Bretz  
Alan Mattingly  
Ellen Dietz  
A. Moore  
S. Wright  
S. Brown  
Fr. Paul Gallagher, OFM  
Joe Hubbard  
Sabo Family  
Geneva Lambert

Angela Krupp  
Robyn Henry  
Richard Sambo  
Rose Reichert  
Carolyn Beatty  
John Stonis  
Donald Nicoloff  
Gary Pinson  
Carole Paris  
Paul Kjosja  
Michael Robinson  
Debbie Murphy  
Art Carle  
Kate Beck  
Margaret Wallace  
Ron Wallace  
Brian Kreher  
Special Intention  
Derek Hoppe  
Bill Kutz  
Kelsey Christisen  
Theresa Dorshorst  
Mike Conrad  
Rowan Mueth  
Donald Mehrmann  
Diane Maxson  
Stephen A. Marlo  
Christine and baby boy Gossett  
Tootie May  
Super Special Intention

Janice McDermott  
Chandler Moore  
Dennis Krupp  
Pam Keeven  
**Troops in Service...**  
*Army Ranger* Joseph Pope  
Katherine Gilbreth *EM2 USN*  
*COL* Brian Schoellhorn, *US Army*  
*OSSN* Seth Spencer  
Brandon Molner *USMC*,  
SPC Dylan Stem *US Army*  
Capt. Benjamin Thoma *USAF*  
LTC Matthew A. Greb, *US Army*  
Kristopher Castellanos, *US Marines*  
Andrew J. Gilbreth, *USAF*  
2nd Lt. Justin Habiger, *US Army*  
Master Sgt Eve Dorshorst, *USAF*  
Capt Aaron Toenjes *USAF*  
Chase Mansfield, *USMC*  
Tanner Autry, *USMC*

## This Week's Liturgical Celebrations

**Monday Jan 10, 8:05 a.m.**..... We Remember Ray & Velma Budde  
**Tuesday Jan 11, 8:05 a.m.**..... We Remember Kay Lawler  
**Wednesday Jan 12, 8:05 a.m.**..... We Remember Joan Johns  
**Thursday Jan 13, 8:05 a.m.**..... We Remember Veronica Haley  
**Friday, Jan 14, 8:05 a.m.**..... We Remember George Naumann  
**Saturday Jan 15, 5:00 p.m.**..... We Remember Jesse, Rita & Nicholetta Howell  
**Sunday Jan 16, 7:00 a.m.**..... (Park & Pray) We Remember Leo Thoma  
**9:00 a.m.**..... We Pray For Job, George & Family  
**11:00 a.m.**..... We Pray For All Parishioners

### Discipleship Corner...

Still thinking about your New Year's resolutions? Consider resolving to increase your boldness in the things of the Lord. "I command you: be strong and steadfast! Do not fear nor be dismayed, for the Lord, your God is with you wherever you go." (Josh. 1:9). Invite those who have fallen away from the Church back to their baptismal home. Be extravagant in alms giving and sharing of time and talent. Change yourself for the better. Pray God will give you the wisdom to mitigate at least one problem in the world. We are not alone; God is with us always and forever.

### Vocations Corner...

"I attended Catholic school in Guiana and the missionary priests there were my role models. Their authentic joy and unconditional love attracted me to religious life and I had a growing desire to respond to God's love through service to the poor. As I.. began my career as a teacher, I made time to pray and attend daily Mass. One day, I was meditating on the verse: "For I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope" (Jer 29:11). An online search led me to the Oblate Sisters of Providence. Despite the long distance, I felt an inner peace and happiness that I might join the congregation one day. I made my first profession in August 2019. Sr. Mary Pauline Tamakloe Oblate Sisters of Providence; Columbia Oct. 2019.

### Pro-life Resources...

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 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, have 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.

### Diocese of Belleville: Mass for Life

Please join Bishop Michael McGovern for Holy Mass on Sunday, January 16, at 10:30am at Holy Trinity Church, 505 Fountains Parkway, Fairview Heights, IL.

We are especially mindful in the month of January of the tragic anniversary of Roe v. Wade. Together we need the power of prayer and God's grace to build a culture where every human life is cherished and respected from conception until natural death. All are invited to draw strength from the power of Christ's holy word and the gift of the Holy Eucharist. For more information, contact Judy Hoffmann at (618) 722-5003 or by e-mail at mail to: jhoffmann@diobelle.org

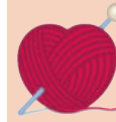
## Weekly Reflections

January 16, 2022

**First Reading:** Isaiah 62:1-5

**Second Reading:** First Corinthians 12:4-11

**Gospel:** John 2:1-12



### Prayer Shawls Available!

Do you know someone who needs prayers?? Why not bring them some comfort with a hand made prayer shawl, from our Prayer Shawl Ministry?? Each Shawl will wrap your loved one in the prayers of our parish! Even during this vastly different time with COVID, we can get your loved one a prayer shawl. We deliver in sanitized bags and will leave on a porch or you can still pick up at the office during office hours. Call Marsha Narzinski at 314-517-4927 or Angie at the parish office 281-5105.

### Need gift cards??

Stop by the Parish Office and buy Scrip! A percentage of each card will go to the CEAC!



### A Simple Way to Help Out Our School!

ICS is still collecting the Box Tops for Education. This is FREE money for the school. You can still cut them off the actual boxes and you can also simply scan your receipt using the app. (see link)). NOW - you can turn in your receipts to the school office and we will do all the work for you. Again, this is FREE money to ICS!!!! [https://www.boxtops4education.com/-/media/gmi/boxtopsforeducation/crc-downloads/2020/2020-08/site\\_download\\_btfeoverview2020.ashx?la=en](https://www.boxtops4education.com/-/media/gmi/boxtopsforeducation/crc-downloads/2020/2020-08/site_download_btfeoverview2020.ashx?la=en)



### AA Open Meeting

All are welcome. Thursdays at 7:30pm in the Fr. Steve Library (Garden Level). For questions or info, contact Karen at 618-719-8529.

**"Take the first step in faith. You don't have to see the whole staircase, just take the first step."**

**MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.**





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Mrs. Bev Epplin: [bepplin@icsmail.org](mailto:bepplin@icsmail.org)  
& she will add you to our distribution list.



## Help Wanted!

Cafeteria worker 2 days/week - W, TH 10:30-2:30. Duties include: preparing the cafeteria for lunch, monitoring students during lunch, running the dishwasher, helping to serve lunches, taking out trash, and mopping the kitchen floor. Great work environment, brand new facility, free lunch. Please contact Connie Huebner at [mrshuebner@icsmail.org](mailto:mrshuebner@icsmail.org) or call the school office 618-281-5353 for more information.

**PLEASE SPREAD THE WORD.**

## 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 Angie at the Parish office if you have questions. **\*The initial course is now available online. Please contact Angie at the parish office for directions.** Not sure if you are compliant?? **Contact Angie at the parish office.** **\*The online refresher course for the 2021-2022 IS NOW AVAILABLE! 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 Angie 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.

## News From Gibault...

### Winter Play

Save the date for the GCHS Theater Department's Winter Play: Failure: A Love Story on **January 27, 28, and 29 at 7:00 p.m.** with a matinee on **Sunday, January 30, at 2:00 p.m.** in the Gibault Auditorium.

### Apply to be Part of our Class of 2026

It's time for our Class of 2026 to begin the application process! The application can be found at <https://bit.ly/GCHSApply>.

### Visit Gibault!

The best way to learn about life as a Gibault Hawk is to experience it! Bring the entire family for a Private Tour or spend a day as a Shadow Visitor. Schedule your tour or shadow visit at <https://bit.ly/GCHSInquire>.

### Raffle-Mania!

It's not too late to be part of Raffle-Mania! With a purchase of a \$25 ticket, you are entered for:

- \$30 Daily Drawings on Monday-Friday from January 1 - May 31
- \$100 Bonus Winner the last day of each month (January - April)
- GRAND PRIZES in May for \$2,000, \$1,000, \$500, and \$250!

If your ticket is pulled for a prize, it goes right back in, so you have the chance to win again! Tickets can be purchased online at: [www.bidpal.net/rafflemania](http://www.bidpal.net/rafflemania), by contacting any Gibault student, or by calling the school office at 939-3883.

**We're #gibaultproud of: Jacob Whitworth** (Immaculate Conception Parish) for being recognized in the Hawk Spotlight and our December Artist of the Month, Dahlia Coats (Sts. Peter & Paul Parish).



## Sacramental Preparation...

**Baptisms:** Parents/guardians are asked to attend a preparation seminar (which happens on the 2nd Sunday of the month after 9am Mass—approximately 10am—in the lower-level library). Please contact the parish office to schedule your baptism or for more info.

**Weddings:** Please contact the Parish office a minimum of four 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.

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