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January 16, 2022, Second Sunday In Ordinary Time

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We just completed the celebration of the 175th anniversary of the founding of our parish, and now we want to insure a vibrant future for our parish. Because of the generosity of many of you, we have built a beautiful new church and new Catholic education and activity center on a new campus. The new church is completely paid for, and the debt on the CEAC is being retired ahead of schedule. We have completed the fifth year of our seven year capital campaign, but if all current pledges are fulfilled, we will still be \$3,000,000 short of what we need to pay off the debt. And there are still many other campus enhancements and ministries that we hope we can begin in the near future.

After consultation with our Pastoral Council and Finance Council, our Planned Giving Committee and I are announcing the formation of the parish Guardian Angel Legacy Society to help insure a vibrant future for our parish. To become a charter member of the Guardian Angel Society, simply indicate how you will include Immaculate Conception parish in your estate plan. Use the membership form you should have received in the mail recently. Return the form to the parish office in the confidential envelope provided. All those who make a commitment during this calendar year will be considered charter members of the society, and will receive special recognition. I have already indicated in my personal will that all my assets will go to Immaculate Conception Parish.

Thank you for your generous stewardship of your time, talent and treasure. Joining the Guardian Angel Legacy Society is a way we can insure a bright future for our parish by being good stewards long after our demise. If you have any questions or need more information about the legacy society, please contact Keith Huels, our parish business manager, at the parish office. May the God who is never outdone in generosity reward you as only God can!

~ Fr. Carl, Pastor

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.

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-IpPOOcA9UQ2qRqQ/

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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!

Our Sympathies...

To Jack Shuler, on the death of his brother William Shuler, of Effingham, IL who died on Jan.7 at the age of 70.

Special Visitor...

Please welcome Fr. William Spencer, OFM, who will be taking all the Masses this weekend.

Time To Pick Up Your Photos...

If you contributed photos or memorabilia to our 175th anniversary display, we have them in the Parish Office for you to retrieve. All items need to be picked up by February 1. Thank you!

Yearly Tax Statements...

2021tax statements were emailed on Tuesday January 11, to all parishioners who have supplied their email to the parish. If we did not have an email for you, we mailed yours on January 11. If you do not receive your statement this week, please contact the Parish Office. Thank you!



Fr. Carl will be away from the parish until

Jan.25, searching Southwest Florida for the best palm branches available.

Thank You!

From Life Network...

Life Network of Southern Illinois would like to thank the Sanctity of Life Committee and everyone who made a donation to the Giving Tree at Immaculate Conception Church. Your kindness and generosity to our clients is truly overwhelming. Once again, you have blessed so many and filled our near empty shelves with much needed items. God bless each of you for supporting LIFE!! Please know if you would like to visit Life Network for a tour or to get to know us better, our doors are always open.

~In His Service, Life Network Staff & Board

From St. Vincent de Paul...

From the bottom of our hearts we want to thank everyone for their continued support of our ministry here at ICC and Sacred Heart during 2021!

Your generosity in the Thanksgiving and Holy Thursday envelopes, the SVDP boxes at church and the casserole and food pantry food collections continues to help fund our work to help the less fortunate in our area especially during this ongoing pandemic. We are grateful for the other monetary donations and all of the clothes, coats & warm items that were collected and delivered to the sVdp in East St. Louis. Unfortunately we had to cancel several of our projects again this year, including the canned food drive and activities at the Nursing home. We cannot wait until we can resume all of our works! Best wishes for 2022!!

~The St. Vincent de Paul Society





Ouilter'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!

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 info, contact Cheryl Sommer, CRS Animator for the Diocese of Belleville at crsdiobelle@gmail.com or 618-624-2838.

Women's Tuesday Bible Study Has Returned!

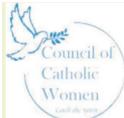
To fill our minds and hearts with holy anticipation and enjoy the Spirit stirring in community, Women's Tuesday Bible Study has returned to the Fr. Steve Library on Tuesday evenings, at 6:30pm. We spend an hour reflecting on upcoming Sunday readings and accompanying Advent reflections, and this community will meet and grow throughout



the liturgical year. Start the new church Bible Study year with friends old and new, and join us for an hour on Tuesday evenings. **Questions? Contact Lizanne:** lyoung@iccmail.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. Jo**seph** 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 Bunco Fundraiser. Email Kathy Ritter: kritter1634@hotmail.com if you are interested in donating.

*Consider donating a gift card for the Popsicle 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!

Christmas Gift...

We still have a few copies of "Life Is Messy," as a Christmas gift to all parishioners & visitors, compliments of Braun Funeral Homes.

2022 Calendars...

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

The 2021 Catholic Service & Ministry Appeal

Whoever believes in me will do the works that I do

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!



Adeodatus Says:

"For the love of God, what are vou doing?"

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

January 9, 2022

Actual	\$16,827.00
Budget	\$22,400.00
Actual YTD	
Budget YTD	\$1,081,100.00
Over (under)	
Prior YTD	
Over (under)	
CEAC	
CI	\$65.00
Gibault	\$65.00
Guatemala	
Needy	
Religious Retirement	
Flowers	



From Our Young

Children's Collection: \$3

Time & Talent: Read to someone; helped someone with rubber bands; helped Mom grocery shop.

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 and click on Donate Now. Mail check to: 8213 Church Lane, East St. Louis, IL 62203.Or contact Karen Waide at kwaide@srthea.org or call 618-281-4715.



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.

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

Fr. Paul Gallagher, OFM

A. Moore

S. Wright

S. Brown

Joe Hubbard

Sabo Family

Geneva Lambert

Angela Krupp Robyn Henry Richard Sambo Rose Reichert Carolyn BeattyStonis Donald Nicoloff Gary Pinson Carole Paris Paul Kjosa 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 **Bob Braun** Troops in Service... Army Ranger Joseph Pope Katherine Gilbreth EM2 COL Brian Schoellhorn, US Army

OSŚN Seth Spencer Brandon Molner USMC, SPC Dylan Stern US Army Capt. Benjamin Thoma USAF

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 17, 8:05 a.m	We Remember Special Intentions
Tuesday Jan 18, 8:05 a.m	We Remember Giles Walsh
Wednesday Jan 19, 8:05 a.m	We Remember Judy Sharky
Thursday Jan 20, 8:05 a.m	We Remember Harold Netemeyer
Friday, Jan 21, 8:05 a.m	Remember Carl & Bernice Riebeling
Saturday Jan 22, 5:00 p.m	We Pray For Holy Souls In Purgatory
Sunday Jan 23, 7:00 a.m(Park & Pray) We Pray For the Intentions of all Parishioners	
9:00 a.m	
	We Remember Stanley Timmerman

Discipleship Corner...

"All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their property and possessions and divide them among all according to each one's need." (Acts 2:44-45). Probably few of us are willing to share all our wealth. But can we consider sharing enough to meet everyone's essential needs? And can we agree that, in our time, food, clothing, shelter, medical care, and education are essential needs? Perhaps, we need to pray for more wisdom about sharing our wealth so, like our Christian forefathers, we assure that no one's essential needs are unmet.

Vocations Corner...

Today we hear the great story of the Wedding Feast at Cana. Jesus is celebrating with the happy couple – a salute to the vocation of marriage. And, He honors His mother's request to intervene as the wine runs out. We are now issued the one of the greatest calls to holiness of the ages – "Do whatever He tells you." As this was the "beginning of his signs...and so revealed his glory", are we seeing his signs and doing whatever he tells us? Are we called to something greater?

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.

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/ boxtopsforvoureducation/crc-downloads/2020/2020-08/

Weekly Reflections January 23, 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!



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business with a print ad in our parish bulletin and/or a digital ad featured on

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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 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

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.

Placement Test Make-Up Date

Missed our December placement test? Your 8th grader can still test on January 28 beginning at noon. Contact Kelly Day at kday@gibaulthawks.com to RSVP or to get more information.

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, by contacting any Gibault student, or by calling the school office at 939-3883.

Taste of the Region

Save the date for Taste of the Region, presented by The Gibault Women's Club. This year's event will be held on Saturday, March 22 at Gibault. Ticketing information coming soon. If you are interested in participating as a vendor, please contact Diane Ramey at ddndoug@charter.net.

We're #gibaultproud of: Kaden Augustine (Sts. Peter & Paul Parish) who was selected by readers as The Belleville News-Democrat Player of the Week in their high school basketball poll.

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.

RCIA: (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) The RCIA is for everyone who has been drawn by God to form 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 RCIA. Get to know God better and find out

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.

7.4: (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) The RCIA is for everyone who has been drawn by God to form 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 RCIA. Get to know God better and find out what it means to be Catholic. We meet in the Parish Office on Sundays, starting with "Breaking Open the Word" dismissal from 9 a.m. Mass, and catechetical sessions from 10-11:30 a.m. Contact Lizanne Young: at the Parish Office, 281-5105, ext. 354, or email lyoung@iccmail.org.



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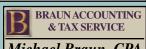


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