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January 23, 2022, Third Sunday In Ordinary Time

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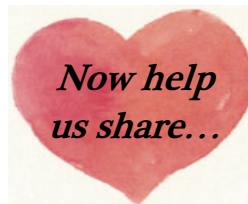
Stewardship of Treasure

As part of our Full Stewardship Spirituality, we will hold our annual parish Stewardship of Charity event remotely again this year on **Sunday, February 20**. Each year we designate 2% of our previous year's collections to be given to charitable organizations. Charities eligible for nomination must serve the poor, their mission and work must be consistent with Catholic moral teaching, and they must be charities not already regularly supported by our parish (for example, through envelopes or special events). To date, we have given approximately \$272,000 to charities that our parishioners have chosen. This year we will donate \$40,500, an 8.5% increase over last year. Any parish member may nominate a charity (one per family) online using the following link:

<https://www.icc-columbia-il.us/stewardship-of-charity>, which **must be submitted by February 7, at 4:00 pm for consideration**. Charities nominated in previous years may be nominated again.

We like to help as many as possible, so no one charity may receive more than 10% of the fund. Come make a difference for the charity of your choice! Please be prepared to provide the name, mailing address, email, and phone number of the charity you are nominating. If you do not have a charity to nominate, you may still participate in the voting process and help decide where the parish funds will be allocated. This is appropriate for all ages and an excellent opportunity to get future generations involved in actively giving.

We hope you will participate in this rewarding event!!



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/>

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!

Our Sympathies...

To Penny Prindiville and her family on the death of her dad, Patrick Wheatley of Arnold, who died on January 12 at the age of 69.

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...

2021 tax 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 have not received your statement by now, and want it, please call the parish office.



It Won't Be Complete Without YOU!

A pictorial directory is a powerful tool in our church to help each of us know each other better. Our last directory is now out-dated and it is time for a new one. Please make an appointment to have your picture taken at one of the sign-up locations at the entrance of church this weekend or next weekend. You can also SIGN-UP ON OUR CHURCH'S WEBSITE, or by USING THE QR CODE PROVIDED. Your participation will help the church and yourself. Every family photographed for the directory will receive a copy of the directory and an 8x10 portrait at no cost. So please, sign-up today!

Happy Birthday Fr. Vince!

Fr. Vince Haselhorst (IC– 1985-1993) is turning 90 on January, 27!

Fr. Vince was instrumental here at IC for founding the sister parish program (Guatemala)! If you would like to send him a birthday card, his address is : Hincke-Sense Home for Retired Priests 2620 Lebanon Avenue, Belleville, IL 62221

Women' ACTS Retreat...

There is still time to register, if you haven't for the Women's ACTS Retreat. It is Jan 27-30 at the King's House in Belleville! You can Register online or pick up a registration form in the Kiosk and drop it off in the Parish Office! Can't wait to see you there!



Fr. Carl will be away from the parish until

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

PRE-SCHOOL – 8TH GRADE
OPEN HOUSE

January 30th | Noon-2pm
All Are Welcome
For questions call 618-281-5353

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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!

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

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. 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.

Job Opportunity...

The Diocese of Belleville is seeking a part-time (20 hours per week) Director of the Respect Life Apostolate (RLA) to educate Catholics on the issues surrounding the Catholic Church's teachings regarding the dignity of the human person and sanctity of human life. The Director provides leadership for the RLA and works towards collaboration among offices and agencies within the Curia.

The Director supervises, develops, and directs the Office in fulfilling the three-fold mission: to educate, to advocate, and to provide pastoral and spiritual programs that protect and respect human life from conception to natural death. The Director empowers parishes and schools to form strong respect life ministry programs by providing support and resources.

The Director oversees the coordination of respect life activities and programs within the diocese, represents the diocese at the Illinois Catholic Conference and the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) Pro-Life Secretariat; and establishes a working relationship with the media, as well as with other pro-life organizations. The Director takes direction from the Bishop, the Illinois Catholic Conference, and the USCCB. He/she serves as an advisor to the Bishop. Essential qualifications include being a practicing Catholic; Bachelor's Degree preferred, or equivalent experience; and 1-3 years' experience in a related role plus knowledge in Microsoft Office and other computer programs/applications.

TO APPLY: Send resume, cover letter, and references to Human Resources, Diocese of Belleville, 222 South Third Street, Belleville, IL 62220 or email humanresources@diobelle.org **Application Deadline: February 11, 2022.**



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 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!

Holy Land Pilgrimage Of Peace

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.

We Did It!

Thank you to everyone who donated to the 2021 CSMA!!! 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!

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

January 16, 2022

Actual	\$70,128.50
Budget	\$58,400.00
Actual YTD	\$1,113,978.45
Budget YTD	\$1,139,500.00
Over (under)	\$ (25,521.55)
Prior YTD	\$1,030,670.81
Over (under)	\$83,307.64
CEAC	\$19,492.35
CI	\$254.00
Gibault	\$700.00
Guatemala	\$1,770.00
STBS	\$995.00
Religious Retirement	\$50.00
First offering	\$155.00
SVdP	\$110.00
Altar Society Dues	\$135.00
Christmas Offering	\$218.00
Votive Offering	\$146.00

** This week's collection contains figures from online giving 1/1-1/15, 2022**

From Our Young Stewards...

Children's Collection: \$6.00

Time & Talent: "to help people read.."

Sister Thea Bowman Catholic School Cash Mega Raffle....

Representatives from Sister Thea Bowman Catholic School will be selling MEGA Raffle tickets following ICC masses on the weekend of February 5 & 6. 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.



Adeodatus Says:

The gate of heaven is very low; only the humble can enter it!"



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

Be A Part Of Our Future...

After consultation with our Pastoral Council and Finance Council, our Planned Giving Committee and I are an-



nouncing 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, on 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.

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!

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 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
Evelyn Hopkins
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*
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 24, 8:05 a.m..... We Remember Nicholas Eynon
Tuesday Jan 25, 8:05 a.m..... We Remember Bill Harbaugh
Wednesday Jan 26, 8:05 a.m..... We Remember Evola Niermann
Thursday Jan 27, 8:05 a.m..... We Remember Tom Giovanni
Friday, Jan 28, 8:05 a.m..... We Remember Josh Ritter
Saturday Jan 29, 5:00 p.m..... We Pray For Holy Souls In Purgatory
Sunday Jan 30, 7:00 a.m..... (Park & Pray) We Remember Lester Friedrich
9:00 a.m..... We Pray For All Parishioners
11:00 a.m..... We Remember Special Intentions

Discipleship Corner...

Being a Christian isn't for pansies. We often take the easier path by "preaching only to the choir". But God expects more. "He said to them, Go into the whole world and proclaim the gospel to every creature." (Mk 16:15). That is a formidable challenge. But remember, "A ship in harbor is safe, but that is not what ships are built for." (John Shedd). We are the ships of the Lord. We have been tasked with going to sea for Him. Will we sometimes encounter storms? Of course. But God is with us and strengthens us through the Holy Spirit.

Vocations Corner...

My parents gave me and my siblings a joyful and loving childhood where the beauty of the Catholic faith shone brightly. They sent us to a school in Madrid operated by the sisters of the Company of the Savior, whose charism is to cooperate with parents by providing a strong education in a faithful catholic environment. The joy, devotion and dedication of the sisters immediately attracted me. During my last years of high school and my first year of college, I was tempted by new experiences and friendships based on different ideals than those of my youth. It was Mary who opened my eyes to see deeper. She brought me back to the heart of Jesus. Eventually, I embraced His loving call to be only his and joined the Sisters of the Company of the Savior. Sr. Maria Alguacil; Sisters of the Company of the Savior;
~Columbia, Sept.2021

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

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Weekly Reflections

January 30, 2022

First Reading: Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19

Second Reading: First Corinthians 12:31-13:13 or 13:4-13

Gospel: Luke 4:21-30

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??

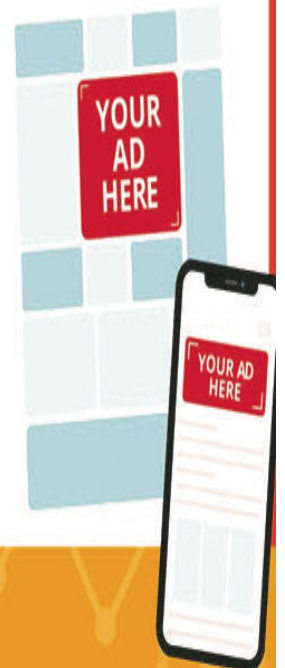
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Important Volunteer Info!

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.

Urgent Need...

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul Night-Time Drop-In Center has operated at full capacity almost every night, helping homeless men, women and children survive freezing temperatures and dangers of the city streets. In addition, Cosgrove's Soup Kitchen serves hundreds of hungry people each week. We humbly ask for your prayers for St. Vincent de Paul staff and clients and, if you are able, to help us provide any of these much-needed Individually packaged cookies, fruit cups, tuna and chicken snack packs, chips, crackers, cheese sticks, yogurt cups, cereal, Pop Tarts, breakfast bars, soup or pasta in a cup and bottled water. In addition, laundry detergent pods, paper towels, toilet paper and tissues are always in short supply. Items can be dropped off Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m., at: St. Vincent de Paul Office 8800 West Main Street, Belleville, Illinois 62223 (across from Blessed Sacrament Church) Or SVDP Thrift Store/Soup Kitchen 3718 State Street, East St. Louis 62205 If you have questions or need additional information, please call the SVDP Council office at 618-394-0126. Thank you and God bless you for your generosity which enables our ministry to the poorest among us.

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 26 at Gibault. Ticketing information coming soon. If you are interested in participating as a vendor, please contact Diane Ramey at ddndoug@charter.net.

Top Golf

Mark your calendars for our Top Golf Fundraiser! March 20, 2022 from 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m., with Registration at 10:30 a.m. and Lunch at 11:30 a.m. For more info, visit <https://one.bidpal.net/gibaulttopgolf>

We're #gibaultproud of: Faith Miskell (Sts. Peter & Paul Parish) for being recognized in the Hawk Spotlight and our senior bowlers, **Noah Newton** (Immaculate Conception Parish), **Katie Scharf** (St. James Parish – Millstadt), and **Keri Brennan** (St. James Parish – Millstadt)!

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