



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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March 6, First Sunday In Lent

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Update On Covid Protocols

On February 24, we received updated Covid Protocols from the Diocese. Below is a summary of the items pertaining to us, plus some additional items from our parishes re-opening team.

Church Capacity and Masking

- ~ Beginning Ash Wednesday, March 1, masks will be optional at Mass and all liturgical celebrations.
- ~ Churches may be at 100% capacity. If you would still like to social distance, there is seating behind the altar that you are welcome to use.

Celebration of the Liturgy

- ~ Hymns, votive candles and holy water may all be in use.
- ~ Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion may assist with the distribution of Communion.
- Ministers of Holy Communion are required to wear masks during the distribution of Communion and to sanitize hands (before and after distribution).
- ~ Congregational singing, choirs and instrumentalists are allowed.
- ~ Processions may resume and continue. (We will resume Offertory Processions and Altar Servers at Easter.)
- ~ The Sign of Peace: It will be the decision of individual worshippers as to how they will offer the sign of peace. There are various ways to extend sign of peace by gesture.
- ~ Holy Communion: For the foreseeable future, Holy Communion will remain only under the form of the consecrated HOST.
- Communion on the tongue will be permitted, but it is recommended that those wishing to receive in this manner present themselves at the end of the Communion procession.

Sacraments

Funerals and Weddings

- ~ Follow same guidelines as Mass.

Baptism, Confirmation and Anointing of the Sick

- ~ At this time, the use of cotton swabs or cotton balls for anointing should continue.

Reconciliation

- ~ Face-to-face may continue.

Adoration chapel

- ~ Adoration chapels may continue as normal. (Our adoration will continue to be on Tuesdays from 5-8 p.m. until further notice.)

Post-Celebration of Mass and Liturgies

- ~ Sanitizing and Disinfecting
- ~ It is no longer required to sanitize the church on a weekly basis. However, it is recommended that during flu and cold seasons, disinfecting high-traffic and high-touch surfaces resumes for a period of time.
- ~ After every Mass (daily and weekly), it is still required that chalices and patens be washed with soap and water.

Other

Live-Streaming will be permanent at 5 p.m. Mass here at Immaculate Conception.

Park & Pray will continue until Bishop lifts the dispensation from obligation to attend Sunday Mass.

Pastoral/Nursing Home Visits ~ Pastoral visits may resume with caution in cooperation with facility and county guidelines.

Funeral Lunches, Meetings, Social Events, Fish Frys, Parish Festivals ~ Capacity may be 100% of area/building space.

~ If serving food, food safety precautions must continue to be maintained per the local county health department.

~ Staff and volunteers serving food are highly encouraged to wear masks and gloves.

The past two years have been an extremely challenging time for everyone – physically, mentally, emotionally and spiritually. We have appreciated your patience, understanding and hard work as we navigated the waters of the unknown with the pandemic. We will continue to support you in your ministries and thank you for allowing us to accompany you.

~The Diocesan & Parish Reopening Teams

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.

We Live-Stream!

To participate please use this link: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC8Qrck7-IpPOOcA9UQ2qRqQ/>

Hola, Bienvenidos – a la iglesia Católica en Immaculata Concepción. ¡Que tengas una bendita semana!

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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!

Fr. Carl's Little Reservoir

As most of you are probably aware, I'm not a big fan of snow. I don't like rain either, but at least we don't have to shovel rain. Recently I met a young lady from Florida who was in town for a wake, and she got to see her first snowfall ever. She was very excited about it, and I was very excited for her, but I bet if she had to shovel as much snow as I have through the years, her excitement would soon wane.

We are so blessed here at Immaculate Conception to have such great parishioners who volunteer for snow removal every winter. We have the cleanest roads, sidewalks and parking lots in Columbia when it snows or sleets, thanks to their dedication. Fr. Nick and I are also very blessed to have such kind neighbors who always show up and shovel the snow or sleet off our driveway and sidewalk. As often is the case, the little things in life can become the big things! My back and I thank all our snow removal volunteers.

Fr. Nick is heading this week for a few days in the snowy mountains of the West, not to shovel the snow, but to play in it, so obviously he appreciates the snow a lot more than I do. Our Lady of the Snows, protect him!
~Fr. Carl

The Season Of Lent Lenten Regulations...



Everyone 14 years of age or over is bound to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday & Good Friday, and all Fridays in Lent. Everyone 18 years of age and under 59 years of age is also bound to fast on Ash Wednesday & Good Friday. On these two days of fast and abstinence, only one full meatless meal is allowed. The other meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength may be taken according to ones needs, but altogether they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted on these two days, but liquids, including milk and fruit juices are allowed. When health and ability to work would be seriously affected, the obligation of the law is modified. Because Lent is a special season for all Christians, we should not lightly excuse ourselves from these penitential practices. To completely disregard the law of fast and abstinence is seriously sinful.

Stations of the Cross...

Each Friday at 2:15 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. in church.

Lenten Reconciliation...

During this season of Lent, we will have reconciliation after all weekend Masses.

Little Black Books..

The Lenten Reflection books are available in the pews, compliments of McAuliffe Chiropractic in Columbia.

K of C Fish Fry Schedule...

The Knights of Columbus will be holding their drive-thru-only 3-7 p.m. fish fries on Fridays: March 18, April 1, and April 15.

Come Help Out!

The K of C's need help on any given fish fry day from 2pm until 7pm. Duties would include, but are not limited to, cutting and breading fish, cooking, plating, traffic control, dish washing, clean-up, and order taking. Your flexibility is appreciated, as needs change throughout the day. We request anyone interested in helping please email the Knights at gk@kofc6165.org or go to their website at www.kofc6165.org to sign up online. Thank you.



Our Sympathies...

To Sara Furlow and family on the death of her grandmother, Marian Catherine Guastella who died on Feb 25 at the age of 88; to the family of James Hugger, of Columbia who died on Feb 23: at the age of 39 and to Bryan Handyside and his family on the death of his father, John Handyside, of Columbia who died on February 24, at the age of 81.

Blood Drive...

TODAY, March 6, the Garden Level 8am-1 p.m.

Fr. Nick Snowboarding...

Fr. Nick will be enjoying the snow covered mountains for some relaxation March 9 – 13.

Parish Work Day...

Our monthly work day will be this Saturday, March 12, from 8:30 – 11:30 am. All volunteers are welcome. Please come to the garden level to get your assignment.

Synod—What Is It??

Synod is a Greek word (Synodos) meaning a meeting assembly. The two Greek words that make up Synod are syn meaning together and hodos meaning way or journey. The entire Catholic Church is called to participate in the upcoming Synod of Bishops! The upcoming Synod is entitled: "For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation, and Mission. Our Parish is hosting a Synod Listening Session on March 27 From 12:15p.m. to 1:45 p.m. in the ICS Gym. Watch for more information coming in subsequent bulletins. Or go to <https://www.diobelle.org/>



Reminder...

If ICS is cancelled due to inclement weather, there will be NO morning Mass & the Parish Office will also be closed.

ICS New Student Registration...

Sunday March 21, 10 a.m.– 12:30 p.m. in the ICS office.



36th Annual - Knights of Columbus Essay Contest...

2022 K of C - Catholic High School Scholarship - Essay Contest will be held Sunday, March 13, at 12:30 pm. The Contest is currently scheduled to be held in ICS/CEAC - Room 225 (Mr. Kassebaum's classroom).

In accordance with Contest rules: No late entry/or make-up dates. The Contest prize is one \$2000 scholarship - payable in (4) installments of \$500 - directly to the Catholic high school of winner's choice. The Contest participant must be an ICC Parish Member, who will be an entering freshman of a Catholic high school for the 2022-2023 school year. ****Contest will be social distanced due to Covid-19. It would be helpful to get a head count of participants prior to the event, so room lay-out can be set.**** Please contact Kevin W. Hutchinson @ 314-974-7072 by March 8, with name(s) of planned participants and/or questions.

It Won't Be Complete Without YOU!

Photography for our new directory has started. It isn't too late to sign up to have your photo taken!!! **Times have been added April 19. SIGN-UP ON OUR CHURCH'S WEBSITE, USE THE QR CODE PROVIDED, or call the parish office and Angie or Sheryl can help you!** Your participation will help the church and you!

Every family photographed for the directory will receive a copy of the directory and an 8x10 portrait at no cost. Please, sign-up today!



POSITION AVAILABLE SEASONAL GROUNDSKEEPER

The Diocese of Belleville is seeking a part-time seasonal Groundskeeper. This position offers flexible daytime hours working 24-30 hours per week. This position supports the Maintenance Technician in preserving the grounds of the Pastoral Center and other diocesan-owned buildings. While most work will involve lawn care, some exterior and interior general maintenance may be performed. Essential qualifications include a minimum of a high school diploma or GED and experience using lawn equipment. To apply send cover letter with résumé to Human Resources, Diocese of Belleville, 222 S. 3rd St., Belleville, IL, 62220. FAX to 618-722-5020; email to humanresources@diobelle.org. **Application deadline: March 15, 2022**

ICCCW News...

***Bunco Ladies Night Out:** Thursday, April 28! Too fun to miss! Laughing is contagious here!

***ICCCW is now accepting names for the position of Vice President and Secretary for the 2022-2024** two year term. Please call or email Kathy Ritter to express your interest. 618-719-6819; kritter1634@hotmail.com

***Our Spring Quilt and Basket has begun!** Com to our March 3rd meeting and see them! Check out our Parish website soon to review the contents of these exquisite baskets.

***Save the Date!** Our Thursday, April 28th Bunco Ladies Night Out will feature our Bunco game, a silent auction, the quilt and basket raffle, 50/50, and the Popsicle Pick! There will be a wine bar and a snacks galore table!

Important Announcement...

Going forward, we will not be accepting anything but canned goods or food in plastic microwavable containers unless we specifically ask for other things. There is a rodent problem in the storage area and pre-packaged meals in cardboard etc... are being ruined. Thank you for understanding!

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!*



Sacred Heart Valley Park Peace & Justice Ministry Presents the

2022 Lenten Speaker Series

We have all recently faced difficult and challenging times as individuals, as families and as a community. Let's step away from our busy-ness to explore how to bring peace back into our lives this Lent.

Tuesday Evenings via Zoom 7:30 - 9:00 p.m.


March 8 - Finding personal peace of mind:
Tom Duff, LCSW Executive Director of St. Louis Counseling

March 15 - Bringing peace to our families:
Chelsea Link, MA, LPC; Supervisor & Clinical Therapist, St. Louis Counseling School Partnership Program

March 22 - Building peace in our communities:
Sr. M. Karolyn Nunes, Vocation Director at Sisters of St. Francis of the Martyr St. George

*Peace Be With You...
... Jesus spoke these words to his followers as they huddled in fear in the upper room. He speaks them to us today, as we struggle with the stress and negativity of our times. Take time this Lent to prepare your heart for the Peace that only He can give!*

To register go to sacredheartvp.org/
OR scan this QR code



Questions? Email peaceandjustice@sacredheart-vp.com

MASS FOR RACIAL UNITY

March 16, 2022 7:00 pm

Co-hosted by the Archdiocese of St. Louis
and St. Peter Parish in Kirkwood, MO



Celebrant: Archbishop Mitchell T. Rozanski
Featuring: St. Augustine Catholic Church Choir & St. Peter Choir

EVERYONE WELCOME

Please join us at
St. Peter Catholic Church:
243 W. Argonne Dr.
Kirkwood, MO 63122
***masks are optional**

Livestream:
Website: stpeterlive.com
Youtube: youtube.com/stpeterkirkwood
Facebook: facebook.com/STPKirkwood/live




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

February 27, 2022

Actual	\$65,217.02
Budget	\$59,400.00
Actual YTD	\$1,343,602.00
Budget YTD	\$1,384,900.00
Over (under)	\$ (41,298.00)
Prior YTD	\$1,241,755.96
Over (under)	\$101,846.04
CEAC	\$18,819.58
CI	\$114.00
Gibault	\$495.00
Guatemala	\$672.00
Votive Offering	\$158.29
Messenger	\$130.00
SVdP	\$400.00

**** This week's collection contains figures from online giving 2/14-2/28, 2022****

CEAC Debt Status...

There is \$4.266 million...as of 3/1/2022
 ~If you have an outstanding pledge from the 7 year campaign, please continue to honor your 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 that you 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 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, 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!



From Our Young Stewards...



Children's Collection: \$2
Time & Talent: Helped my mommy; I did all of my homework; I picked up my little sisters room.

Sister Thea Bowman

Catholic School

Cash Mega Raffle....

Ticket Cost? \$100 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. **For more info contact Karen Waide:** Cooperwaide@aol.com

CSMA...

The CSMA for 2022 has officially started! **This year our goal is to have 250 participants!** The past two years we have exceeded our monetary goal! Lets do it again!! Every gift, large or small is needed!! There are envelopes in the gathering space if you have not gotten your mailing yet! Every penny of what is given to the CSMA goes DIRECTLY to the agencies that it supports. Now, more than ever with rising inflation and the pandemic, these agencies need our help to help the poorest of the poor. Please support this worthy cause! No gift is too small and EVERY gift is much appreciated!

Need gift cards??

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

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!



Adeodatus Says:
 "A dose of your own sarcasm never hurts!"

Women's Tuesday Bible Study

Come, 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 Advent reflections, this community will meet and grow throughout the liturgical year. Questions? Contact Lizanne: lyoung@iccmil.org

Please Pray For...

Connie Luechtefeld
 Danielle Dorlac
 Donna Archambault-Kania
 Arlin Stechmesser
 Jan Hoffman
 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
 Richard Sambo
 Rose Reichert
 Donald Nicoloff
 Gary Pinson
 Carole Paris
 Paul Kjosa
 Michael Robinson
 Debbie Murphy
 Art Carle
 Kate Beck
 Margaret Wallace
 Brian Kreher
 Special Intention
 Derek Hoppe
 Bill Kutz
 Kelsey Christisen
 Theresa Dorshorst
 Mike Conrad
 Rowan Mueth
 Donald Mehrmann
 Diane Maxson
 Stephen A. Marlo
 Tootie May
 Super Special Intention
 Janice McDermott
 Chandler Moore
 Dennis Krupp
 Evelyn Hopkins

Jo Inman
 Rene Kuzemka
 Olin Gossett
 Mary Krebel

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 March 7, 8:05 a.m. We Pray For A Quick And Merciful End To War In Ukraine
Tuesday, March 8, 8:05 a.m. We Remember Steve Killy
Wednesday March 9, 8:05 a.m. We Remember Ray & Velma Budde
Thursday March 10, 8:05 a.m. We Remember Margie Pautler
Friday, March 11, 8:05 a.m. We Remember Tom Sutterer
2:15 p.m. Stations of the Cross
7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross
Saturday March 12, 5:00 p.m. We Remember Jesse, Rita & Nicholetta Howell
Sunday March 13, 7:00 a.m. (Park & Pray) We Pray For All Parishioners
9:00 a.m. We Remember Loretta Schwer
11:00 a.m. We Remember Lillian Lampe

Discipleship Corner...

"All war is a symptom of man's failure as a thinking animal." (John Steinbeck). "It is very difficult nowadays to invoke the rational criteria elaborated in earlier centuries to speak of the possibility of a 'just war'. Never again war!" (Pope Francis). Pray for peace in Ukraine. Pray that God grants wisdom to the decision-makers. Ask Him to be merciful to the soldiers and their families on all sides of the conflict. Ask Him to protect and comfort the civilians caught in the crossfire of battle and those who become refugees.

"Vocation Corner..."

As we begin our Lenten season, we witness in the Gospel reading Satan tempting our Lord. Jesus final response to Satan's challenges is "The Lord, your God, shall you worship and him alone shall you serve". Those powerful words remind each of us of our individual call to "serve". Encourage each other to live our vocation, especially those considering a choice of religious life.

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.

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.

Lazarus Come Forth:

Our Path to a Better Future Couples Retreat ...

National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows Visitor Center – **In Person** Presenters: Fr. Mark Dean, OMI, Fr. Sal Gonzalez, OMI, Karen & Scott Seaborn; Friday, April 29 – May 1 5 pm – 2 pm Sun; **Cost:** \$350 per couple (includes lodging and meals). Register online at snows.org/ programs, or call 618-394-6281 to register.

Weekly Reflections

March 13, 2022

First Reading: Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18

Second Reading: Philippians 3:17-4:1 or 3:20-4:1

Gospel: Luke 9:28-36

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.

Quest #146 on March 19-20, 2022 in Breese, IL

Quest is a fast-paced 33-hour Christian experience for high school freshmen and sophomores. It is a time to come together to find out about God, friendships, and self in a fun-filled, thoughtful, and carefree surrounding. A time to meet new people while praying, playing, singing, and sharing with them. Quest gives you the chance to search for the real you.

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.

HNS Summer Lunch 2022...

Help HNS provide lunch for children in Monroe County this summer! Our summer lunch program was possible last year with financial and food donations provided by YOU! We are preparing early this year as we are gravely concerned about rising costs and availability of food items. The 2021 program cost over \$28,000.00 last year not including your generous food donations. If you wish to help, please check out our list below or if you would like to provide financial support, \$50.00 will sponsor a family with three children for a week or \$200.00 will cover a month. Just to remind you we cover lunches for a total of 12 weeks during the summer. We are being specific with the sizes of some of our food items as the bags we use easily can accommodate them. Any donation can be dropped off at 1331 Jamie Lane, Waterloo or mailed to the same address. **If you have questions, please call our office at 939-8900.** You can also visit our website and donate online. Be sure to indicate "summer lunch program". www.MonroeCountyHNS.org Thank you for helping us provide food security for our children this summer! We are so very blessed to partner with you!

The following items are needed:

Canned soups and chili Crackers, Canned pasta Fruit and pudding cup, Mac and cheese, Canned chicken, Dry pasta, Canned vegetables, Canned pasta sauce, Boxes of cereal 15 oz. to 24 oz., Sloppy Joe mix Cake, brownie and cookie mixes, Peanut butter - 18 oz. jar, Jiffy Corn Muffin mix, Jelly - 30 oz. jar, Canned pork and beans, Granola bars, Hamburger Helper-regular size.



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.



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Want to receive the good news about ICS? Send an email to: Mrs. Bev Epplin: bepplin@icsmail.org & she will add you to our distribution list.

Another Week In The Life...

You don't have to look far to see why ICS is such a great school! From weekly Mass, to enriched learning activities, ICS provides something for everyone! Don't forget, ICS New Student Registration: Sunday March 21, 10 a.m.– 12:30 p.m. in the ICS office.



News From Gibault...

Class of 2026 Registration

Registration for the Gibault Class of 2026 is almost here! Registration will be held on March 21 and March 22 from 5-8 p.m. Please sign up for a registration time on one of these dates using our Sign-up Genius Link: <https://bit.ly/GCHSreg22> **There is still time to apply.** Contact Kelly Day at kday@gibalthawks.com for more information on how to become a Hawk!

Visit Us!

If you've ever thought about being a Gibault Hawk, now is the perfect time to visit! We invite 7th-8th graders and current high school students to spend the day as Shadow Visitors. Attend classes, meet teachers and coaches, have lunch in our cafeteria, and more! The whole family is welcome on a Private Tour where you can ask questions and see our campus. Schedule your Shadow Visit or Tour at <https://bit.ly/GCHSInquire>.

Taste of the Region

Tickets are now on sale for Taste of the Region, presented by The Gibault Women's Club. This year's event will be held on Saturday, March 26, from 5 p.m. – 9 p.m. at Gibault. Featuring over 20 vendors and live entertainment! Tickets available at the Gibault office or online at <https://GHS-WomensClub.square.site>



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/boxtopsforyoureducation/crc-downloads/2020/2020-08/site_download_btfeoverview2020.ashx?la=en

Sacramental Information

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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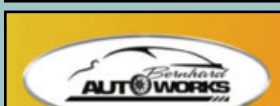
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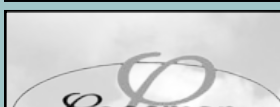
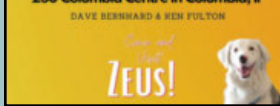
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