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April 10, 2022 — Palm Sunday

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# A Look At Easter Week...

Holy Hour and Confessions—Tuesday, April 12, 7-8 p.m.

Holy Thursday- April 14, Morning Prayer at 8 a.m. Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7 p.m.

Good Friday—April 15, Morning Prayer at 8 a.m.; Stations of the Cross at Noon; The Passion of the Lord at 3 & 7 p.m. K of C Fish Fry Drive Thru Only—3-7 p.m.

Holy Saturday- April 16, Morning Prayer at 9 a.m.; Easter Vigil & Mass at 7:45 p.m. (No 5 p.m. Mass)

**Easter Sunday**- April 17, Mass at 7, 9 & 11 a.m. (Easter Egg hunt for children up to age 10 after the 9 a.m. Mass)

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,
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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...

Prayer for Mary Ann Roediger's 100th Birthday: April 5, 2022

Loving God, send down your blessing from up above, On Mary Ann, whom we all do so much admire and love. As she celebrates her 100th year of life today

We thank you for her, and for all the blessings you have sent her way.

Keep her happy and healthy for many more years; And may her life never be filled with any tears.

Help her continue to enjoy the wonder & beauty of life here on earth,

And may she always know how much to you and to us she is worth!

Bless all gathered here today for his special celebration,

Who wish to express to Mary Ann our great adulation.

May this amazing lady from Cairo who came here to teach 4th grade,

Always know what a big impact on the lives of children she has made.

Finally, we pray that her CUBS will have an occasional win,

Even though rooting for them may be a Cardinal Sin. In the name of your Son, we do pray;

This day, and each and every day. AMEN.

### Happy Anniversary!

Congratulations to Ed and Mary Schaefer who are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary with us at the 5 pm Mass this weekend. Ed and Mary were married at Immaculate Conception Church on April 8, 1972, by Fr. Jansen. We thank them for their faithfulness to each other, to their family and to their Church.

#### All Are Invited To Adoration!!

On April 12 from 7-8 pm., we will have Adoration with music and silence. Fr. Nick will be available for Confession and end with Benediction. Join us afterwards in the Garden Level for light refreshments and social time hosted by the Theology on Tap group.

#### Found Glasses...

There were prescription glasses found in our parish cemetery. Please contact Angie at the parish office 281-5105 if they belong to you!

#### Park & Pray...

Since Bishop McGovern has announced the lifting of the dispensation to attend Sunday Mass effective this weekend, our last Park & Pray Mass was on Sunday, April 3. Thanks to all our faithful volunteers who have made this opportunity available to so many during these past two years of the pandemic.

## Parish Work Day Thank You...

Thanks to all who helped with the parish work day Saturday, April 11.

#### An Invitation...

Over the next several months the School Board of Immaculate Conception School will be engaged in the development of a strategic plan. The plan will guide our principles and values as they are applied to our evolving needs and priorities. This strategic plan will create a roadmap for how to best allocate our resources in the coming years. Our steering committee will be led by our School Board President, Jason Moore, current school board members, and parish leaders. To achieve the most comprehensive plan, our planning committee hopes to include voices from all constituencies of our school; teachers, staff, alumni, and parish members.

The steering committee has identified three priorities: **Formation of Youth, Formation of School,** and **Formation of Future**. Each priority contains several areas of focus. We are seeking ICS staff members, ICS Parents, ICC Parishioners, and ICS Alumni to join the Strategic Planning Committee. After reviewing the outlined priorities and corresponding areas of focus below, please consider joining the strategic planning committee.

Formation of Youth: faith formation, character formation

**Formation of School**: curriculum, student activities, teacher/employee, budget **Formation of Future:** community engagement, buildings and grounds

We anticipate the process from start to finish to be at least two years. We welcome you to communicate your desire to be a participant in this endeavor by emailing Jason Moore at boardpresident@icsmail.org.

We recognize the generous stewardship to our ICS community and thank you for your consideration.

~Sincerely, ICS Strategic Plan Steering Committee

#### ICCCW News...

**Save the Date!** Bunco Ladies Night Out—Thursday, April 28. Doors open at 6 pm in the Garden Level of Church.

**Calling all women in the diocese!** The Metro-East Vicariate Council of Catholic Women warmly welcomes you to our Spring Day of Prayer on Thursday, April 28 at Holy Trinity Parish in Fairview Heights. The doors open at 8:30 am for registration, refreshments, and a variety of informational booths from diocesan organizations. The theme for the day is *We Are Called*.

Our primary speaker, Father Sal Gonzalez, OMI, will inspire and uplift us as he teaches us what being *called* truly means to us as followers of Christ. The program starts promptly at 9:00am and ends at 2:00pm. A multi-cultural lunch will be served! The day ends with a short business meeting that includes reports from parish presidents on the good works their councils perform. \$10 covers the cost of the day and includes refreshments, lunch, & informational materials. Attendance prizes and 50/50 will be awarded at 2:00pm. Bring a friend to receive a special gift! Come join the ladies of the St. Ann's Council of Catholic women, who are hosting, and fellow sisters in Christ from across the vicariate for a joyful day as we celebrate our faith and learn how to truly live the life "*We Are Called*" to. Registration forms are available from your parish secretary, CCW President, or on the diocesan website at <a href="https://dps.diobelle.org/dps/bdccw/home">https://dps.diobelle.org/dps/bdccw/home</a>



#### Quilter's Corner...

Join our super fun quilter's group on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9-11:30 a.m. All skill levels welcome and appreciated—even beginners! Contact Carlene at 281-5877

#### SVdP Lenten "Meal Menu" Food Drive...



During the first 2 weekends of April, SVdP is once again sponsoring a Lenten food drive in support of our local food pantries and our own SVdP clients. Please drop off your items in the designated area in the gathering space through April 10 so that delivery can be made before Easter. Thank you in advance for your generosity! The following items are especially needed: Canned Chicken

& Dumplings; Canned Chicken; Canned Chili; Canned Fruit; Canned Hams

## Important Announcement About Food Donations...

Going forward, we will not be accepting anything but canned goods or food in plastic microwavable containers for our SVdP Pantry, 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!

## **Business Manager Position Available...**

Immaculate Conception Parish in Columbia, IL is seeking a full time (40 hour week) Parish Business Manager for a parish of approximately 1500 households. The position is responsible for all parish administrative and financial functions as delegated by the pastor. The ideal candidate will possess a college degree in business administration and be knowledgeable of financial software, banking and investment management. A competitive salary and benefits package is available. This position is immediately available. Please send cover letter and resume with references available upon request to the attention of Fr. Carl E. Scherrer at <a href="mailto:ficarl@iccmail.org">ficarl@iccmail.org</a>, by fax at 618-281-6848, or by postal mail at 411 Palmer Road, Columbia, IL 62236. Full job description is available by clicking *icc-columbia-il.us and scrolling down to the job description*.

# 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, 5pm Fri – 2 pm Sun;

**Cost:** \$350 per couple (includes lodging and meals). Register online at snows.org/programs, or call 618-394-6281 to register.

## Need gift cards??

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

# Is It YOUR Turn To Answer The Call?

Please prayerfully consider placing your name in the discernment box in the Gathering Space to serve a term of three years (beginning in June) on the Pastoral Council or School Board.

The School Board is an advisory group supporting the Principal and Pastor in developing and implementing school policies. You do not need to be a parent of a student to serve. School Board meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of every month. For more information, contact Jason Moore at Boardpresident@icsmail.org

The Pastoral Council recommends policy to the Pastor and supports pastoral initiatives regarding spiritual, educational and financial parish matters. For more information, contact John Adams at jadams 3182@outlook.com. With the aid of the Holy Spirit, names will be drawn from the discernment boxes at 5pm Mass on May 14. Please consider spending your time and talent in this fulfilling ministry!

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Name:	 	 _
Address:_		 
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Phone:		 _
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## Stewardship...Thank you for sharing your blessings with us!

#### **April 3, 2022**

11pin 5, 2022				
Actual	\$174,946.61			
Budget				
Actual YTD				
Budget YTD	\$1,602,900.00			
Over (under)				
Prior YTD	\$1,485,092.34			
Over (under)				
CEAC				
CI	\$396.00			
Gibault				
Guatemala	\$799.00			
CRS				
Easter Flowers				
Black & Indian Missions	\$75.00			
Votive Offering	\$318.80			
SVdP				
STBS				
Holy Land	\$185.00			
Catholic Home Mission	\$138.00			
Cemetery				

\*\* This week's collection contains figures from online giving from 3/14-3/31, 2022\*\*

#### From Our Young Stewards...



Children's Collection:

Time & Talent: I helped my friend and helped pick up the yard.; I played with my sister.; Let

my little brother have first video and back scratch at bedtime; let my little brothers lay in my room.



## **Adeodatus Says:**

"Education is not the filling of a pail, but the lighting of a fire!"

#### Women's Tuesday Bible Study



Come, enjoy the Spirit stirring in Bible Study 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@iccmail.org

#### 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 doinging 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.

#### 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!

#### CSMA Go and do likewise...-Luke 10:37

Thanks to those 139 households that have already made their commitment to the annual Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal. Our goal this year is to have 250 participants. Please take time to return your commitment form to the parish, or make your commitment online. There are also extra commitment envelopes in the Kiosk in the gathering space. As the largest parish in the Diocese we want to always be a pacesetter! Let us show our appreciation for Bishop McGovern and support those social and charitable agencies that serve so many people in the 28 counties of the Diocese of Belleville, making Christ visible in Southern Illinois.

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 Patty Pulcher 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

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Olin Gossett

Mary Krebel

Scott Dabbs Jim Bulinski Delores Deleveski

# Troops in Service... Army Ranger Joseph Pope

Katherine Gilbreth EM2 COL Brian Schoellhorn, US Army OSSN Seth Spencer Brandon Molner USMC, SPC Dylan Stern US Army Capt. Benjamin Thoma UŜAF

Kristopher Castellanos, US Marines

Andrew J. Gilbreth, *USAF* 2nd Lt. Justin Habiger, US

Master Sgt Eve Dorshorst,

Capt Aaron Toenjes USAF Chase Mansfield, USMC Tanner Autry, USMC

## This Week's Liturgical Celebrations

Monday April 11, 8:05 a.m	We Remember Virginia Hoekstra			
Tuesday, April 12, 8:05 a.m.	We Remember Marlene Augustine			
Wednesday April 13, 8:05 a.	mWe Remember George Naumann			
Thursday April 14, 8:00 a.m	Morning Prayer			
7:00 p.mMass of the Lord's SupperWe pray For				
_	All Parishioners			
Friday, April 15, 8:00 a.m	Morning Prayer			
12:00 p.m.	Stations of the Cross			
7:00 p.m				
Saturday April 16, 9 a.m	Morning Prayer			
	Easter VigilWe Pray For Peace In Ukraine			
11:00 a.m				

#### Discipleship Corner...

"War is hell." (W. T. Sherman). "What difference does it make to the dead, the orphans and the homeless, whether the mad destruction is wrought under the name of totalitarianism or in the holy name of liberty or democracy?" (Mahatma Gandhi). Always be thankful for the sacrifices of our brave soldiers and their families, but, otherwise, our civilian population has not been directly touched by battle since 1865. Feel the war in Ukraine just a little bit to be empathetic with those who are feeling it a lot. Make a sacrificial offering at https://support.crs.org/donate/donate-ukraine to help the refugees.

#### **Vocation Corner...**

"A difficult freshman year of high school left me feeling alone and far away from God, in part because of my sins. I decided to do something different and attended a Catholic youth conference. It was there that I heard Jesus say, "Estevan, you're not just a face in the crowd. I love you, and I'm calling you to be a saint." From that moment on, I sought to give my life to him. After graduating high school, I entered seminary. The biggest thing I've learned is to lean into the Lord's grace. No matter where your discernment leads, open wide your heart to Christ, and he will not disappoint you."

Fr. Estevan Wetzel; Diocese of Phoenix; Columbia Magazine December 2021

### 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

## 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!!!! <a href="https://www.boxtops4education.com/-/media/gmi/boxtopsforyoureducation/crc-downloads/2020/2020-08/site-download-btfeoverview2020.ashx?la=en">https://www.boxtops4education.com/-/media/gmi/boxtopsforyoureducation/crc-downloads/2020/2020-08/site-download-btfeoverview2020.ashx?la=en</a>

## Weekly Reflections

April 17, 2022

First Reading: Acts 10:34, 37-43 Second Reading: Colossians 3:1-4 or First Corinthians 5:6-8 Gospel: John 20:1-9

## 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.

### 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.

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& she will add you to our distribution list.







The ICS 6th Grade took a class trip to Memphis on April 1! Among the sites visited were: The Lorraine Motel where Martin Luther King Jr. was assassinated, Slave Haven Underground Railroad Museum, Graceland and much more!



## Soccer Camp...

Join us this summer for a fun soccer camp! We have partnered with Elite FT again and are hosting the camp from July 18th to 21st from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Oerter Park in Columbia, IL. The kids can expect to improve foot skills, learn moves, play small-sided games and have FUN! Elite FT coaching is led by back Dave

Fernandez. Dave is an amazing coach of youth soccer. His reputation is superb and your kids will have a blast! All information can be found at <a href="https://www.eliteft.com/soccer-camps">www.eliteft.com/soccer-camps</a> The cost of the camp is \$75 for ages 3-4 (6:00pm to 6:45pm) and \$125 for ages Kinder to 8th.If anyone has any questions, please contact Brian Boyd @ bmboyd02@yahoo.com.

#### News From Gibault...

#### **Enrolling for 2022-2023**

There's still time to become at Hawk! We are accepting applications for incoming freshmen and transfer students. See how you can "Find your home at Gibault!" Contact Kelly Day at kday@gibaulthawks.com for more information!

#### **Last Call for Shadow Visitors!**

Our Shadow Program runs until the end of April. If you have been meaning to schedule a Shadow Visit, now is the perfect time! Your 7th-8th grader or transfer student can spend the day living like a Gibault Hawk. Contact Kelly Day at kday@gibaulthawks.com for more information! Shadow Program will resume Fall of 2022.

#### Gibault's 50th Spring Musical

It's our 50th Spring Musical! Join us for a fan favorite, "The Wizard of Oz." April 7-9 at 7 p.m.; and April 10 at 2 p.m. For advance performance tickets, visit https://actorsattic.square.site.

#### Poker Run

The Gibault Women's Club's Poker Run is Sunday, April 24. Take a scenic afternoon drive through Monroe County, with stops along the route to draw cards. Best hand wins, no skill necessary! All vehicles are welcome. Designated drivers get free soft drinks and entered in a special drawing! Register online at https://GHS-WomensClub.square.site or stop by the Gibault office.

#### **Post Prom**

Our parent volunteers are busy planning for this year's Post-Prom on Friday, May 6. This event provides a drug and alcohol-free, well-chaperoned event to keep our students and the community safe. The committee is looking for donations to help make this a great event for our students. Ideas include gift cards, dorm items, sports tickets, and cash donations. Donations may be dropped off at the Gibault office. Thank you for your generosity!

#### **Host Families**

Gibault is seeking host families for our international students for the 2022-2023 school year. Current Gibault families receive a \$1,000 discount off their tuition for hosting. For more information on how you can help a student experience Gibault, contact Patty at plderousse.educatius@gmail.com.

We're #gibaultproud of: our FFA Chapter for hosting a fun week of activities for our students!

#### **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.

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 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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