



# IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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May 1, 2022 — Third Sunday Of Easter

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## Wasting Time With God...

During the course of a lifetime we all receive invitations: Baptisms, Confirmations, birthday parties, weddings, graduations, retirements. If you are like me, some we can't miss because of the expected fun, some we won't miss because of a family or friendship obligation, some we "forget" to attend or start looking for an excuse not to attend. This is life. This is human.

**God sends us invitations too** and gently invites us to become closer to Him. Jesus gently invites us spend time with him. Men of our parish, consider this your invitation

from your parish family to a "God event" where you "waste time", that is, "hang out" with your God.

Since 2011, over 300 members of our parish have attended an A.C.T.S. retreat. Adoration, Community, Service, Theology. Though humanly delivered by a retreat team of men with over 700 hours invested since February 15 in preparation, our retreat is an invitation to "waste time" with God at the beautiful setting of King's House in Belleville from **Thursday evening, May12, to Sunday morning, May15.**

The journey of life that we walk is spent trying to find our God, to get closer to God, to know God better. You cannot do this without making the time to take the time to be with your God. Take some time for yourself. Take the day off from work on Friday and spend time having the time of your life in a new way. We will be spiritual beings for eternity. We are physical beings only a short time.

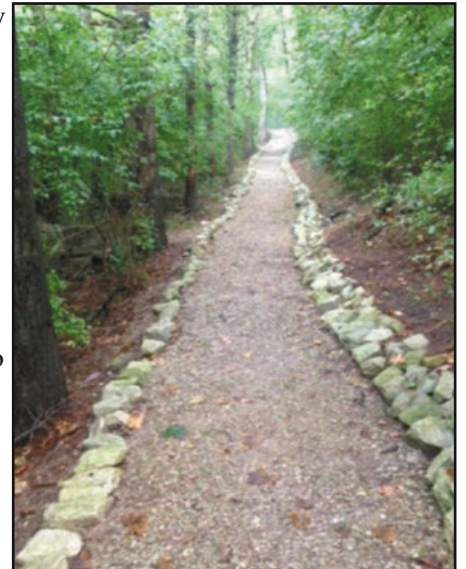
We spend time on the things and people we love. Give God the gift of your time.

The Retreat Theme is *Jesus' New Commandment to Love One Another*. Loving one another takes time. Invest in yourself. Grow yourself. Do the same with God.

Our Father invites you to spend time with Him. Take the time. You won't pay the price. You will reap the benefits! Please say yes because you don't want to miss the fun or the family obligation. If your calendar is booked and can't be cleared, commit to yourself to attend the next retreat. A.C.T.S. has changed my life. I am sure it will change yours too.

Your invitation is on the kiosk in the Gathering Space or contact Keith Renner, Director, at 314-750-3801.

~Mike Kish



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 Catolica en Immaculata Concepcion. ¡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...**

It was on June 19, 1955, that I made my First Communion at St. Mary's Church in Old Shawneetown, IL. My memories are many: 1) All the boys and girls wore all white suits and white dresses, and my biggest challenge was to keep that white suit clean until I got to church; 2) We had to fast for three hours (or maybe it was after Midnight) before Communion, which was no easy challenge either; and 3) We all knelt down at the Communion Rail to receive our First Holy Communion from our pastor, Fr. John O'Keefe, reciting both pre-Communion prayers and post-Communion prayers in unison from our Magnificat prayer books while the Mass continued in Latin. I suspect some of you have similar memories. This Sunday, the Third Sunday of Easter, 59 children from our parish will be receiving their First Holy Communion at a special Mass at 1:30 pm. Unlike in my day, the Ordo of the Church now recommends that First Communion be celebrated on one of the Sundays (2nd – 6th) of the Easter Season. Also, in my day, there was no reception of the Blood of Christ, which has become the custom since 1979, though that has been temporarily discontinued due to COVID-19 restrictions. And even though all of the 2nd graders will be dressed up in their Sunday best today, there is no requirement that everyone wear white suits or white dresses with veils, although some still do. And of course the pre-Communion fast is now only one hour. But regardless of when or how we made our First Holy Communion, the essence is still the same. It is a glorious day to celebrate and to remember as we receive for the very first time the Bread of Life, the Body of Christ.

--Fr. Carl



**Our Sympathies...**

To Gail Warden and her family on the death of her mother, Blanche Synder, who died on April 23, at the age of 95; and to the family of Mary Krebel who died on April 27, at the age of 98.

**Happy Anniversary!**

To Bob and Gayle Braun, Who celebrated 60 years on April 26! Thank you to your commitment to each other and to the church!

**Mother's Day Roses...**

There will be a Mother's Day rose sale at all weekend Masses on May 7 & 8. Roses will be \$3 each (\$2 for each additional rose). \*\* All proceeds benefit Project Rachel through the Diocese of Belleville.



**News From The Knights...**

The Knights of Columbus, in coordination with the Council of Catholic Women, will be leading the parish in praying the Rosary before each weekend Mass throughout the month of May. Please arrive at Mass 30 minutes early to pray with them.

The Knights of Columbus will conduct a membership drive on May 14 and 15 after all masses. They will give a Three Minutes More appeal and will be available to answer any questions in the Gathering Space after each Mass. The Knights will conduct a degree exemplification (member induction) on Sunday, May 22 at 12:15pm. If you would like to join the Knights, please contact Membership Director David Bodinet-618-910-4885 or Financial Secretary Matt Sainz-314-605-0302.

**Welcome to the Supper of the Lord!**



Easton Armstrong  
James Boul  
Nolan Busby  
Maximus Carrow  
Carrie Casey  
Everett Darr  
Stella Day  
Annie DeBarry  
Colin DeBourge  
Madeline Dickman  
Andrew Durnell  
Cheyanne Embrich  
Dylan Endraske  
Ella Ernst  
Alexandra Evans  
Joseph Francis  
Alyssa Georger  
Nathan Georger  
Harper Gilbreth  
Savanah Goldschmidt  
Paige Hesterberg  
Brynlie Hibdon  
Kathryn Hoeflinger  
Addison Holdener  
Allison Hrdlicka  
Jacob Jordan  
Quynn Kenner  
Zoe Klingert  
Mason Knobloch  
Landen Lowe  
Zane Malamas

Cason Mathews  
Chase Mathews  
Sumner Mestdagh  
Cameron Meyer  
Elliana Mize  
Charli Moss  
Gabiella Muehl  
Gianna Mueth  
Eli Neff  
Graeme Saathoff  
Will Saathoff  
Addelyn Sander  
Kaid Schilling  
Vivienne Schilling  
Piper Schuette  
Eleanor Smith  
Luke Sommer  
Averie Stahl  
John Sternau  
Byron Story  
Adeline Sturm  
Luke Thieret  
Camille Vail  
Holden VanMatre  
Liam Veteto  
Gus Wachtel  
Sullivan Weiser  
Rebecca Williamson  
Sydney Zabel



## ICCCW News...

**April 30 & May 1-** Women's Weekend at all Masses. Join us for the rosary 30 minutes before each Mass. All Ladies, please take home a special gift from the ICCCW as you leave Church.

**May 7-** Public Rosary Rally at the City Hall fountain. Come and honor the Blessed Mother during this nationwide Rosary and Prayer Service. Our Lady of Fatima, pray for us!

**WHAT DOES ICCCW DO???** The Council of Catholic Women (formerly The Altar Society) provides for the hosts and wine for communion; the linens and candles for Holy Mass & pray the rosary before the mass for every woman's funeral in our parish. The Funeral Meals Program is a Sub Committee of the ICCCW. The quilters also began as part of the Altar Society many years ago. We help support many other programs within our church community.

All women age 18 & older automatically belong to this organization and we are so very grateful for all that you do!

**Thursday, May 5** is our ICCCW Banquet in the Garden Level at Church. Time: 5:30. All ladies of the Parish are welcome to come enjoy a picnic dinner. A special thank you to the Knights of Columbus for treating us to grilled burgers and brats grilled by the KC's themselves! We will have a short meeting and the installation of our officers. **Please welcome** Glenda Sexauer, President; Lori Doerr, Vice President; Brenda Zipfel, Secretary; Mary Wilson, Treasurer. Please make your reservation by this Tuesday, May 3 by calling/emailing Kathy Ritter: 628-719-6819; kriter1634@hotmail.com.

**Ladies Night Out Bunco:** A Special Thanks to all who gave of their Time, Talent, and Treasure to make sure this was a great success! We appreciate all your support! Our fundraisers ensure we can continue to provide for all the supply needs for the celebration of our Holy Mass, the funeral meals, and a variety of other needs.

## 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 [frcarl@iccmail.org](mailto:frcarl@iccmail.org), 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](http://icc-columbia-il.us) and scrolling down to the job description.

## St. Vincent de Paul will host an Essential Needs Collection

Collection to benefit Catholic Urban Programs (CUP). Saturday May 14 and Sunday May 15 at all Masses! Please bring items to church and hand to the SVdP representatives in the upper parking lot. They are especially needing The following items: Thank you in advance for your generosity!!

**Canned meat (pork, beef, chicken)**

**Flour**

**Sugar**

**Cooking oil**

**Bar Soap**

**Bleach**

**Conditioner**

**Diapers (especially size 4-6)**

**Dish Soap**

**Hand Sanitizer**

**Laundry Soap**

**Lysol Wipes**

**Lotion**

**Maxi Pads**

**Paper Towels**

**Shaving Supplies**

**Shampoo**

**Tampons**

**Toilet Paper**

**Please no vegetables, CUP is also the beneficiary of the Postal Workers food drive.**



## Celebrating Little Church!

Miss Lauren and Miss Catie had so much fun with our Little Church friends (and we are all so happy this ministry returned)! **The last session for 2021-22 will be Sunday, May 29.** Little Church takes a break over the summer and resumes again after Labor Day, September 11. **Keep your eyes open for a registration link in August.** If you have any questions, contact Lauren Bernhard at [lbernhard104@gmail.com](mailto:lbernhard104@gmail.com).



## John O'Leary Coming To ICC May 3, 9am!

St. Louis native John O'Leary will bring his personal brand of hope and faith—forged in childhood

adversity—in a presentation to our upper-grade students on Tuesday, May 3, at 9am in church.

All parishioners are welcome to attend! The author of best-selling books *On Fire* and *In Awe* will spend about an hour talking about his life and how he goes about making positivity contagious.

Fr. Carl is especially excited to bring John, a fellow Cardinals fan, to Immaculate Conception. Sample a few of John's quotes to see why:

"Hope doesn't ignore the difficulties you face. It just doesn't let you give up in the face of them."

"The fact that each one of us is here—is nothing short of a miracle. Perhaps it's time we started acting like it." "Frequently our apparent mistakes give birth to our biggest blessings."

"The number one joy indicator, the one thing that will predict whether someone feels joy in their life or not, is the practice of gratitude." **Come spend a part of your morning with John O'Leary, Tuesday, May 3, at 9am!**

## Found Glasses...Last Call!

There were a pair of men's prescription glasses found in our parish cemetery. Please contact Angie at the parish office 281-5105 if they belong to you! **If no one claims them by Monday May 2, they will be donated.**

## Eucharistic Adoration...

*Eucharistic Adoration is held Tuesdays from 5-8p.m. Come and join us!*

**Men's ACTS retreat...May 12-15! For more info see the parish website: [icc-columbia-il.us](http://icc-columbia-il.us) You can register online too!!**



## 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.



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

April 24, 2022

Actual .....	\$19,443.05
Budget.....	\$22,400.00
Actual YTD.....	\$1,724,307.14
Budget YTD.....	\$1,733,400.00
Over (under).....	<b>(\$9,092.86)</b>
<b>Prior YTD.....</b>	<b>\$1,587,217.63</b>
<b>Over (under).....</b>	<b>\$137,089.51</b>
CEAC.....	\$3,761.66
CI .....	\$10.00
Gibault .....	\$150.00
Guatemala .....	\$357.00
CRS.....	\$515.00
Black & Indian Missions .....	\$25.34
Votive Offering.....	\$147.00
SVdP .....	\$420.00
Holy Land .....	\$415.00
Catholic Home Mission .....	\$390.00
Religious Retirement .....	\$15.00

## 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: \$20



**Time & Talent:** Made a card for someone I know was not feeling good.; helped with the laundry; helped with the house; helped with the dishes; helped with the dishwasher.

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## The 2022 Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal

*Go and do likewise... -Luke 10:37*

"Each year the faithful of our Belleville Diocese are asked to help the works of Christ continue and grow through their support of The Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal. By making a gift you are helping build up the Body of Christ in our various ministries and providing help for the poor and vulnerable." - Bishop Michael McGovern **\*\* As of 4/20 we have 144 donors from ICC! Lets keep going and reach our goal of 250 before summer!**

**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 bend in the road is not the end of the road!"



## 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?

## 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  
 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  
 Super Special Intention  
 Janice McDermott  
 Chandler Moore  
 Dennis Krupp  
 Jo Inman  
 Rene Kuzemka  
 Olin Gossett

Mary Krebel  
 Scott Dabbs  
 Jim Bulinski  
 Delores Deleveski  
 Jayne Rettle  
 Mary Helregel  
 Jean Eugea  
 Steve Herbel  
 Ginny Lambert  
**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*



**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.



## This Week's Liturgical Celebrations

Monday May 2, 8:05 a.m.....	We Remember Martha Sport
Tuesday, May 3, 8:05 a.m.....	We Remember Helen T. Engel
Wednesday May 4, 8:05 a.m.....	We Remember Herb & Betty Lehr
Thursday May 5, 8:00 a.m.....	We Remember June Maglasang
Friday, May 6, 8:00 a.m.....	We Remember All Effected By Cancer
Saturday May 7, 5:00n p.m..	We Remember George Naumann
Sunday May 8, 7:00 a.m.....	We Remember Norine Schmidt
9:00 a.m.....	We Remember Charles Thuro
11:00 a.m.....	We Remember Genevieve Doerr

## Discipleship Corner...

*"When pride comes, then comes disgrace, but with humility comes wisdom."*

(Pr 11:2). "In reality, there is, perhaps, no one of our natural passions so hard to subdue as pride. Disguise it, struggle with it, beat it down, stifle it, mortify it as much as one pleases, it is still alive, and will every now and then peep out and show itself; you will see it, perhaps, often in this history; for, even if I could conceive that I had completely overcome it, I should probably be proud of my humility." (Ben Franklin). Pride tickles the senses but is hard to swallow.

## Vocation Corner...

Today's Gospel story is the powerful question of Jesus to Peter: "Do you love me?" Then Jesus charges him to "Feed my Sheep". This charge is given to each and every one of us. We are all called to tend to the flock in our Parish but also to those who are not among us. We must fulfill this through the living out our own vocation—single, married, religious or ordained. We must encourage and support each other to the max to live our callings. Prayerfully we ask for help to discern our call, perhaps even to the priesthood or religious life.

## 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 AVAILABLE ONLINE! 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.



## 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/boxtops4youreducation/crc-downloads/2020/2020-08/site\\_download\\_btfeoverview2020.ashx?la=en](https://www.boxtops4education.com/-/media/gmi/boxtops4youreducation/crc-downloads/2020/2020-08/site_download_btfeoverview2020.ashx?la=en)



## Messenger Looking For Memorial Day Stories...

Memorial Day is fast approaching, and we hope to do a story related to this holiday. If anyone in the parish has a story to tell about someone they knew or a relative who gave the ultimate sacrifice during a war, please let us know. Send any information to:

[editor@bellevillemessenger.org](mailto:editor@bellevillemessenger.org). We also print the names of service members who were killed in action (WWII onward) in The Messenger. We have a list from years past, but if we have missed anyone, please send that person's name, rank if it is known, and the war in which they served and died. In addition, we would like to include a list of service people who are presently serving in harm's way, asking for prayers for their safe return home. If you or your loved ones served in Iraq or Afghanistan or Syria and have returned home, we would be happy to list their names among those who receive our prayerful support. **Please submit the information to The Messenger by May 1.**

## Weekly Reflections

May 8, 2022

First Reading: Acts 13:14, 43-52

Second Reading: Revelation 7:9, 14-17

Gospel: John 10:27-30



## 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.

## 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](http://mylifenet.org)

~Birthright Counseling STL (3 locations in St. Louis) [birthrightstl.org](http://birthrightstl.org)

~Free and confidential counseling for anyone hurt by abortion-Project Rachel 618-722-5068 [hopeafterabortion.com](http://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](http://BeNotAfraid.net) or [PrenatalPartnersforLife.org](http://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 Pilgrimage of Peace to the Holy Land November 28 to December 9, 2022

Chaplain: Rev. Steven Beatty Vicar General, Diocese of Belleville Pilgrimage Director: Cheryl Sommer Catholic Relief Services Diocesan Animator Worship Director: Sue Huett Asbeck Hosted by Catholic Relief Services in the Diocese of Belleville and The Messenger For pricing and further details email [crsdiobelle@gmail.com](mailto:crsdiobelle@gmail.com) or contact Cheryl Sommer, CRS Diocesan Animator at 618-624-2838.

## Save The Date!

The Run for Life and Learning, benefiting Birthright STL, is June 4! Join us at Creve Coeur Lake on June 4 for a chip-timed 6K Run/Walk, 1 Mile Fun Walk/Run, and ¼ Mile Kids Run with FREDBIRD. Register or donate at [runsignup.com/run4lifeandlearning](http://runsignup.com/run4lifeandlearning). Contact us at [run4lifeandlearning@gmail.com](mailto:run4lifeandlearning@gmail.com) for sponsorship opportunities. Proceeds enable women who are financially stressed by an unplanned pregnancy to continue their education and secure better lives for themselves and their families.



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Give STL Day is a 24 hour online campaign organized by the St. Louis Community Foundation to inspire philanthropy in the St. Louis area. The Foundation provides cash prizes and corporate donations to match contributions made during various Power Hours throughout the day. All funds raised during Immaculate Conception's 2022 Give STL Day Campaign will be directed towards hiring a second Resource Teacher for the enrichment of our Immaculate Conception School students. Parents and Friends had committed matching funds in the amount of \$10,000. Please help us reach our full match by visiting [givestlday.org](https://www.givestlday.org) and making a donation to Immaculate Conception: <https://www.givestlday.org/IC> IC has designated 6:00 a.m. to 7:00 a.m. as the "Power Hour" of giving. **If you are able, log in and donate during our "Power Hour" so we can maximize the amount that our dollars are lifted by corporate sponsors. During this "Power Hour," we could earn up to 50 cents on every dollar donated to IC!** If we reach our goal during the "Power Hour," ICS students will also be rewarded with a dress down, crazy socks AND crazy hat day in May. *Thank you for your continued support of ICS!*



## Calling all Boy Moms!!

Come have some fun with your sons at the Parents and Friends Mother and Son Wacky Warrior Event. When: **Saturday, May 7, 1:00 - 4:00 pm** Where: ICS Gymnasium and Lower Level; Who: All ICC and ICS Moms with their son(s) (or aunts, friends, etc.) Most appropriate for boys ages 5 - 15 Please sign up soon using this link: <https://forms.gle/cfQv7SwSgldZbN2TA> Registration ends Friday, April 29. Purchase your optional T-shirts here by Monday, April 18: [https://stores.inksoft.com/ics\\_wacky\\_warriors/shop/home](https://stores.inksoft.com/ics_wacky_warriors/shop/home) Be prepared to laugh and create great memories with your boys as you compete in the silliest of challenges like eating a cookie off of your forehead with no hands or knocking down targets with Nerf guns. We hope to see you there - if you dare

## News From Gibault...

### Spring Concert and Art Show

Join us for the Gibault Catholic High School Spring Concert and Senior Art Show on Sunday, May 1, at 7:00 p.m. in the Fr. Ed Hustedde Gymnasium.

### Enrolling for 2022-2023

There's still time to become a 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](mailto:kday@gibaulthawks.com) for more information!

### 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!

### Summer Classic

Be part of our 2022 Summer Classic on Friday, June 17. Register your team, learn about sponsorship opportunities, or purchase tickets for our whole hog raffle online at [www.bidpal.net/gibaultgolfclassic](http://www.bidpal.net/gibaultgolfclassic). You may also contact Desiree at 939-3883 or [dfrasure@gibaulthawks.com](mailto:dfrasure@gibaulthawks.com).

### 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](mailto:plderousse.educatius@gmail.com).

**We're #gibaultproud of:** our Academic Challenge Team for their second place finish in state competition and **Jacob Whitworth (Immaculate Conception Parish)** for winning the state championship in Engineering Graphics!

## 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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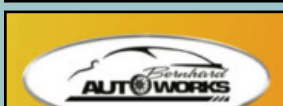
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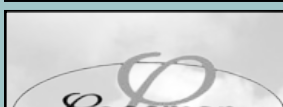
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