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May 8, 2022 — Fourth Sunday Of Easter

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I could not let Mother's Day go by without sharing another story from "The Vault". This is the harrowing tale about 2 sisters looking for something to break up a boring afternoon, the brother that helped them & their unbreakable mother.

It was a hot summer day back in the late 70's and my mom was out for the afternoon. My sister, Melissa was left in charge and promptly went to take a nap on the living room couch, leaving my sister Kelly and I bored and looking for adventure.

Enter my brother, a young teen, with no plans for the day. Kelly and I enlisted him to help us hatch a plan for a little afternoon adventure. Let me tell you, he thought of a good one! We would take all of our mattresses outside, stack them along side of the clubhouse, and jump off the roof (probably only 6 feet high). **OH MY GOSH!** This was the best idea my 6 year-old self had heard of—*probably ever!* None of us gave any thought to getting our mattresses dirty, getting in trouble, or not to mention, hurt. Kelly and I just gladly ran upstairs and helped our brother take the mattresses outside and stack them up along side of the clubhouse. While our plan continued to unfold Melissa continued to sleep on the couch.

I remember being in a euphoric state of disbelief that we were going to do such a **fun and daring** thing! Kelly probably warned us a few times that Mom would not like this, but that didn't stop any of us!

We got my dad's ladder from the shed & propped it up on the opposite side of the clubhouse from the mattresses. What happened next was a blur of thrill and exhilaration: Leaping off the roof with wild abandon! The wind rushing through my hair! And then getting the wind knocked out of myself upon landing. To my dismay, there was *no* bouncing back up as if it were a trampoline. Yet it was still the best day of my 6 year old life!

We were having an good old time. **Then it happened**. Only a few jumps in, my mom came home! **We were BUSTED!** She was in a state of shock & disbelief! I remember her yelling out the bathroom window, "WHAT IN THE HECK (I am being polite here) **ARE YOU KIDS DOING?!!"** I think we all froze for a moment and then went back to our rebel adventure. (In case you are wondering, Melissa was still asleep.)

Then the next thing we knew **she was there**,...about 3 feet from the action, scolding us all for taking our mattresses outside.: "What did we think we were doing? Someone could have gotten hurt!" And in the **stemest** of Mom Voices: "Mattresses stay **on the beds**, and we had better "**NEVER DO THAT AGAIN!**" After all we were "**old enough to know better!**"

I recall being upset because we had gotten in trouble, but most of all I remember being *really disappointed*—that was probably the most fun we had had in a while! It was a childhood hall of fame moment. After all, it has stayed in my mind as if it was yesterday for many years!

Isn't it funny how we can only *fully understand* the past by looking back *over time*? I think maybe God makes it like this so that when we do look back we will *truly see* and *appreciate* EVERYTHING, *especially* everything we have in our moms!

My mom was usually frazzled when I was younger, back then I could never understand why—after all in my mind she was **lucky** to have so many kids!!

Now I more than understand why and I truly appreciate her even more with each passing day. We sure gave her a run for her money! I am beyond relieved that she let us live!

My mom always told me she hoped I would have a child just like me when I grew up! And to her satisfaction I do, which makes me appreciate her even more! This Mother's Day let us call to mind all the many ways our moms (by birth or choice) make our childhood safe, and stay the pillar of strength and composure, even when frazzled beyond belief! Let us lift up many prayers in their honor and be <a href="extra thankful">extra thankful</a> for them today!

\*Angie Bueltemann, Parish Secretary

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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...

If you were there, you'll never forget it! John O'Leary's presentation this past Tuesday morning brought inspiration, tears & laughter to all present, especially the students from ICS. As he recounted his story of experiencing 3<sup>rd</sup> degree burns over 99% of his body as a nine year old, and spending 5 months in the burn unit at Mercy Hospital, he encouraged everyone to remember these three things: 1) God is still God; 2) Your life still matters: and 3) The best is yet to come!

He recalled how his survival was the result of constant encouragement from his family, Jack Buck, the Cardinals, and the St. Louis Blues. Even though he has recovered, his fingers on both hands are missing, and his skin grafts are readily apparent all over his body. After his accident, his mother made him take piano lessons for five years, and even though he has no fingers, he played his mom's

favorite song for us on the piano, "Amazing Grace".

John also challenged us all to be grateful, as he is, despite the daily pain he still endures from his burns. He is now married and has four children, and is an active member of Holy Redeemer Parish in Webster Groves, MO. He has made presentations in 49 states and in 30 different countries. My favorite quote from his presentation was, "I love you, and there is nothing you can do about it!" If you'd like to read more about his story, he has written two books: ON FIRE and IN AWE!

~Fr. Carl

# Our Sympathies...

**To Alan Lesko and all his family** on the death of his dad, Dr. William P. Lesko, who died on May 1, at the age of 92; and to **Joe Murphy and his family** on the death of his dad Joe Murphy Sr., of Leesburg Mo on April 30 at the age of 75.

### Red Cross Blood Drive...

**Next Sunday, May 15,** in Garden Level, 8 am – 1 pm.

# 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.

# Mother's Day Roses...

There will be a Mother's
Day rose sale this weekend. Roses will be \$3
each (\$2 for each additional rose). \*\* All proceeds
benefit Project Rachel
through the Diocese of Belleville.

# Parish Work Day...



The monthly parish workday will be this Saturday, May 14, from 8:30 – 11:30 am. All volunteers are welcome and needed. Please come to the garden level of the church.

#### Men's ACTS Retreat...

May 12-15! For more info see the parish website: icc-columbia-il.us You can register online too!!



#### ICCCW News...

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!

#### 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!!

More info?? Contact Ernie Schoellhorn: 314-775-6929

Canned meat (pork, beef, chicken) Tampons

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Lotion

Maxi Pads

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**Shaving Supplies** 

Shampoo

**Toilet Paper** 

\*\*Blue Jeans & Underwear

especially needed!!

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

#### 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 9, they will be donated.

#### **Eucharistic Adoration...**

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

#### Need gift cards??

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

#### 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 1/4 Mile Kids Run with FREDBIRD. Register or donate at runsignup.com/run4lifeandlearning. Contact us at 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.



#### 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.



### PICTORIAL DIRECTORY...LAST CALL!

We have added 2 more dates!

June 27 & 28. IF you have not gotten your photo taken, please go to the parish website and register to have it done now! You will receive a free 8x10 and church directory for having your

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

#### May 1, 2022

Actual\$57,505.02
Budget\$59,400.00
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Catholic Home Mission\$85.00
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STBS\$70.00
Flowers
CCC\$60.00
** This Week's Collection contains fig-
ures from online giving April 16-30,
2022



# Adeodatus Says:

"The loveliest masterpiece of the heart of God is the heart of a mother!"



# omen's 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@iccmail.org



# AA Open Meeting

All are welcome.

Thursdays at 6:30pm in the Fr. Steve Library (Garden Level). For questions or info, contact Karen at 618-719-8529.

#### 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 CONCEPTION 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!

#### 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!

#### 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

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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

Scott Dabbs

Jim Bulinski Delores Deleveski Jayne Rettle Mary Helregel Jean Eugea Steve Herbel Ginny Lambert Norm Schmidt Troops in Service... Army Ranger Joseph Pope Katherine Gilbreth EM2 COL Brian Schoellhorn, US Armv OSŚN 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 Army Master Sgt Eve Dorshorst, USAF Capt Aaron Toenjes USAF

Chase Mansfield, USMC

Tanner Autry, USMC

#### This Week's Liturgical Celebrations

Monday May 9, 8:05 a.m	We Remember Chester & Lilian Kopec
Tuesday, May 10, 8:05 a.m	We Remember Patricia Gardener Braxton
Wednesday May 11, 8:05 a.m	We Remember Virginia Hoekstra
Thursday May 12, 8:05 a.m	
Friday, May 13, 8:05 a.m	We Remember Harold Stemler
Saturday May 14, 5:00 p.m	We Remember Esther Eckart
Sunday May 15, 7:00 a.m	We Remember Bernard & Ida Weilbacher
9:00 a.m	We Remember Gerry Schilling
11:00 a.m	We Remember Carl & Bernice Riebeling

### Discipleship Corner...

Most of us acknowledge that we are sinners. But, sometimes, it is difficult for us to identify the specific sins that we have committed. That is why a thoughtful Examination of Conscience is a prerequisite to a good Confession. Identifying our specific sins helps lead us from the theoretical to the practical. Yes, I am a sinner and here is some evidence. Most importantly, during Confession, I bring myself humbly before the Lord and admit my sins injure my relationship with Him, I receive his forgiveness, and I seek his grace to help me sin no more.

#### Vocation Corner...

Today is World Day of Prayer for Vocations. The purpose of the World Day of Prayer for Vocations is to publically fulfill the Lord's instruction to, "Pray the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his harvest" (Mt 9:38; Lk 10:2). As a climax to a prayer that is continually offered throughout the Church, it affirms the primacy of faith and grace in all that concerns vocations to the priesthood and to the consecrated life. While appreciating all vocations, the Church concentrates its attention this day on vocations to the ordained ministries (priesthood and diaconate), to the Religious life in all its forms (male and female, contemplative and apostolic), to societies of apostolic life, to secular institutes in their diversity of services and membership, and to the missionary life, in the particular sense of mission "ad gentes". (From the USCCB website)We also celebrate and congratulate all our Mothers today in their acceptance of this very special call in life. Blessings on

# 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/ boxtopsforyoureducation/crc-downloads/2020/2020-08/ site download btfeoverview2020.ashx?la=en

# Weekly Reflections May 15, 2022

First Reading: Acts 14:21-27 Second Reading: Revelation 21:1-5 Gospel: John 13:31-33, 34-35



# 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

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 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 or contact Cheryl Sommer, CRS Diocesan Animator at 618-624-2838.





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& she will add you to our distribution list.





# ICS Welcomes John O'Leary...

Tuesday May 3 we hosted John O'Leary! He was full of inspiration as he shared his story and how he remains focused on God gratitude and love!
What a blessing he was to our 5th –8th graders, family and parishioners who witnessed his testimony!



# 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 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 for more information!

Thank You!-Thanks to all of our Shadow Visitors this school year! We enjoyed having you as our guests for the day. Our Shadow Program will resume Fall of 2022. If you'd like to visit Gibault, we offer Private Tours all summer long. Contact Kelly Day at kday@gibaulthawks.com.

**Summer Camps-**Keep your kids busy at our 2022 Summer Camps! Download registration forms at: https://gibaulthawks.com/summer-camps-2022/

Summer Classic-Be part of our 2022 Summer Classic on Friday, June 17. Register your team and learn about sponsorship opportunities online at www.bidpal.net/gibaultgolfclassic. You may also contact Desiree at 939-3883 or dfrasure@gibaulthawks.com.

Whole Hog Raffle-Fill your freezer just in time for summer grilling! This prize package includes a whole hog and processing. Tickets are \$20 and can be purchased online at www.bidpal.net/gibaultgolfclassic or by contacting Desiree at 939-3883 or dfrasure@gibaulthawks.com. Drawing will be held on June 17; winner need not be present to win.

Trivia Night - Future Hawks! You're invited to a Junior High Trivia Night - June 3, 2022, from 6-8 p.m. at Gibault. All incoming 6-8 graders are invited. You can bring a team of up to 6 students or we will combine students to make a

team. Snacks and drinks provided! RSVP at: https://bit.ly/gchstrivia

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: Adelynn Murphy (Immaculate Conception Parish) for being recognized in the Hawk Spotlight; our April artist of the month, Jacob Whitworth (Immaculate Conception Parish); and Mitchell Kohnz who signed his letter of intent to play soccer at Quincy University.

#### **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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