

# IMMACULATE



# CONCEPTION

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January 4, 2009  
Epiphany of the Lord

*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.*

Mission Statement revised September 23, 2008.

## National Migration Week 2009

For more than 25 years now, the U. S. Conference of Catholic Bishops has designated this Epiphany week as National Migration Week. As we remember the flight of Mary and Joseph into Egypt with their newborn son to escape the wicked designs of King Herod, we are reminded that fleeing one's homeland for self-preservation is not just a past event, but also a present reality.

The World Refugee Survey 2008 reports that there are more than 14 million refugees worldwide. Many are trapped in isolated camps indefinitely and forced into circumstances that tax hope. We, as a nation and as a Church, must open our arms to refugee communities, so that they can flourish in their new home.

The Pew Hispanic Forum estimates that about 12 million undocumented immigrants currently work and live in the United States. Almost every diocese in our country, including our own, has experienced a growing number of migrant workers and their families. As Bishop Braxton reminded us in his Messenger article recently, these are not "illegal aliens," but they are our neighbors, our sisters and brothers in Christ, many of them fellow Catholics. They are husbands, wives, fathers, mothers and young children desperately seeking ways to provide the basic necessities of life for their families. Our Diocese has provided — and will continue to provide — appropriate assistance to these migrant workers and their families, for in them we see the presence of Christ, who too once in desperation fled his homeland with his family.

While we do not question the right and duty of our government to enforce the law, the American bishops have joined their voices with others in urging the development of a more comprehensive immigration plan, to replace the seriously flawed present system, and that will

address all aspects of this complex issue in a manner that is fair, compassionate and just to all.

In his Christmas Day "*Urbi et Orbi*" message, Pope Benedict XVI warned that the world was headed toward ruin if selfishness prevails over solidarity during these tough economic times. The message of Epiphany is that Christ came as Savior of all, and hence to neglect any of our sisters or brothers in need, is to reject Christ himself.

To learn more about the plight of migrants, immigrants and refugees, the Church's teaching on this important Pro-Life issue, and how you can help, go to the United States Conference of Bishops website: [www.usccb.org/mrs](http://www.usccb.org/mrs).

*Fr. Carl E. Scherrer  
Great-grandson of  
German & Irish Immigrants*



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There are more than  
14 million refugees  
worldwide.... They are our  
neighbors, our sisters and  
brothers in Christ.

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### Welcome Home!

If you are visiting, we hope you enjoy your stay, and we're glad you decided to join us in this celebration.

If you are new to the Immaculate Conception parish community, welcome home! To become a registered parishioner, please complete the registration form inside.

If you are a former parishioner or a graduate of our school, we are genuinely glad to see you back home and hope you will return often.

This weekly bulletin offers information about our parish life and activities, and even more details are available on our website at [www.icc-columbia-il.us](http://www.icc-columbia-il.us). If you have any questions, please call the Parish Office at 281-5105, or stop by the Rectory for a visit. We are looking forward to hearing from you.

**Welcome!** During the 9 a.m. Mass on the first Sunday of the month, we welcome our new parishioners. All are invited to the ICS cafeteria after Mass for a reception, and to personally greet the new members of our parish community.

## Angel Food

St. Paul United Church of Christ is now a host site for Angel Food Ministries, which is a non-profit, non-denominational food program dedicated to providing food assistance to families.



Once a month families needing assistance can order a box or boxes of food consisting of high quality items at substantial savings (approximately 50%).

**Deadline for January orders is Jan. 12. Pick-up day is Jan. 24.** For more information, call Mary Lou Oglesby, Site Director, at 281-4622.

ADVERTISER OF THE WEEK

**Mortgage Haus**  
281-3330

*Please patronize our bulletin advertisers to thank them for their generous support!*

## Welcome New Parishioners!

Please take a moment to register with Immaculate Conception Parish and allow us to welcome you fully into our faith community. Complete this form and return it in the collection basket, by mail, or stop by the Parish Office.

Check one:  New Parishioners  Change of Address  Leaving ICC Parish

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse's Name \_\_\_\_\_

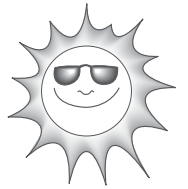
Children living at home, and dates of birth \_\_\_\_\_

We will be happy to contact you with more information about:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Grade School (ICS)    | <input type="checkbox"/> PSR           | <input type="checkbox"/> St. Vincent de Paul      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Quilting              | <input type="checkbox"/> Altar Society | <input type="checkbox"/> Knights of Columbus      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Liturgical Ministries | <input type="checkbox"/> ICY (Youth)   | <input type="checkbox"/> Parents & Friends of ICS |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Parish Council        | <input type="checkbox"/> Choir         | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____              |

## Our parish family The Sunshine State

Fr. Carl will be taking on the hot, sunny weather of Bonita Springs, Florida from Jan. 4–19, searching for the best palm branches available!



Mark your calendars:

## Parish Mission February 1–4

We will have a Parish Mission Feb. 1–4, given by the Precious Blood Mission Team.

*Calendar note: there will be no scheduled parish events, meetings or extracurricular ICS activities during those four days!*

## COMMUNITY NEED BOARD



**Are you in need?—Do you know someone in need?**

Please contact Roland or Joanne Schilling (281-5582) or Kim Huetsch (939-5658). Your call is confidential.

**Do you want to help someone in need?**

View the Need Board on our website at [www.icc-columbia-il.us](http://www.icc-columbia-il.us) by clicking "St. Vincent dePaul Needs Board" OR look for the print out of needs on the bulletin board at the back of church.

Sponsored by the Immaculate Conception St. Vincent dePaul Society

# Celebrate the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity!

Join in on a **Community Prayer Luncheon** celebrating the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. The luncheon and Bible study will be held on **Thursday, January 22**, from 11:45 a.m. – 1 p.m., at St. Paul UCC. Join Christians from the whole community as we come together for table fellowship and a time to feast on God's Word all in the name of Christian Unity. The cost for the lunch is \$5, and tickets are available at the parish office.

## Calendars here!

Pick up your 2009 Parish Calendars (at the church exits) sponsored by **Bob Brockland Pontiac Buick GMC**. Purchase your new or used car or truck at Bob Brockland, and you'll add \$250 to our fund to build a new church.



**Go in peace**  
*to love and serve*

SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE

*"Catholic teaching calls us to serve those in need and to change the structures that deny people their dignity and rights as children of God. Service and action, charity and justice are complementary components of parish social ministry. Neither alone is sufficient; both are essential signs of the Gospel at work."*

*U. S. Catholic Bishops,  
Communities of Salt and Light*

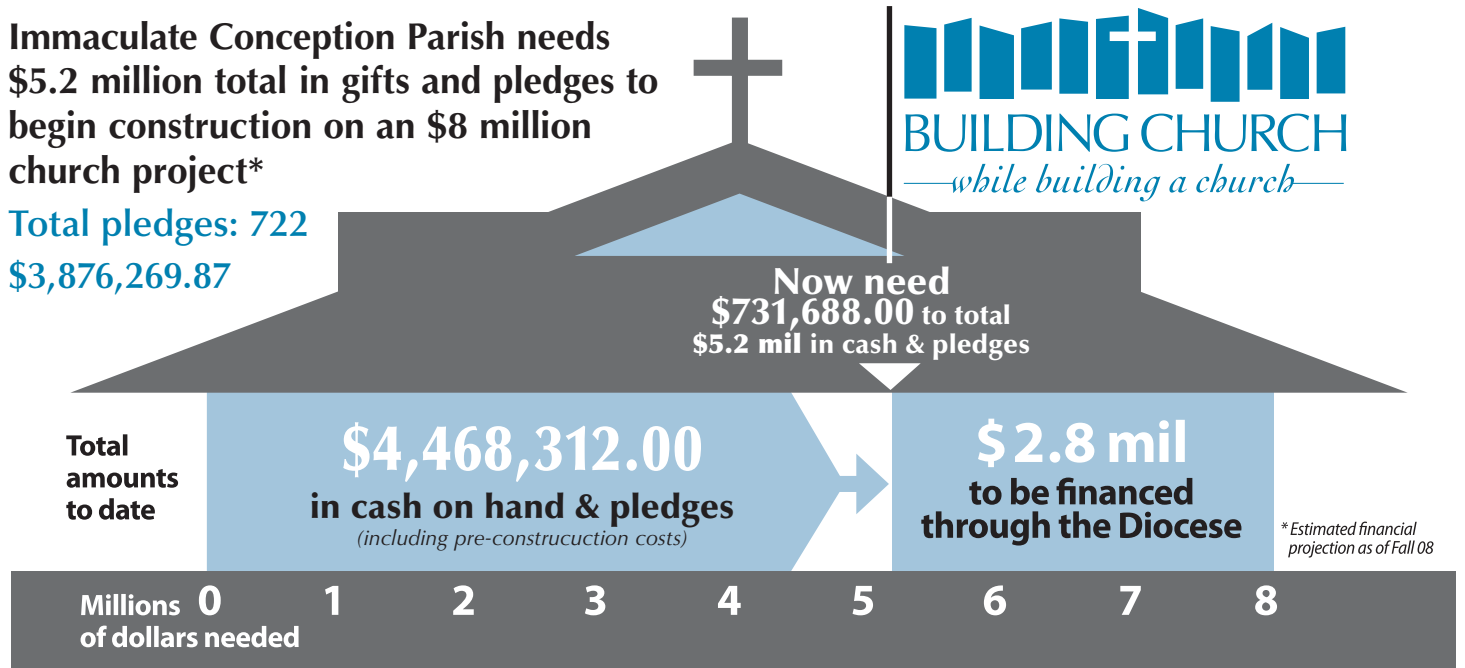
# Less than \$732,000 will fill the last gap!

## Simple ways to help fill the gap:

**Don't forget!** You can help our new church fund by purchasing **Scrip** at our parish office or in church after Mass; by purchasing tickets for **The Falls Sunday Brunch** at the parish office or Scrip table after Mass; by bringing **aluminum cans** to be recycled to the parish recycling bins; or by purchasing a **vehicle at Bob Brockland Pontiac, Buick, GMC**, which will add \$250 to our new church fund. **It all helps!**

Immaculate Conception Parish needs \$5.2 million total in gifts and pledges to begin construction on an \$8 million church project\*

Total pledges: 722  
\$3,876,269.87



**FILL THE GAPS AND HOLD DOWN COSTS**  
**BREAK GROUND IN 2009 AND OPEN THE DOORS IN 2010**

**Discipleship:** A way of life that puts God first

# A Christian Steward

- **Receives God's gifts gratefully**
- **Cherishes and tends them in a responsible and accountable manner**
- **Shares them in justice and love with all**
- **Returns them with increase to the Lord.**

## How can I be a good Steward of my treasure ?

- Acknowledge that all of my material possessions are gifts from God.
- Understand that my offering is a thank you to such a generous God.
- Give in proportion to the gifts I have received.
- Strive to follow the biblical tithe of 10%:
  - † 5% to weekly Sunday collection
  - † 5% to other charities (including second collections, offerings for the poor, etc)

**How shall I make a return to the Lord for all the good God has done for me. Psalm 16:12**

**From our**

## **YOUNG STEWARDS**

Prayed for the sick, serving Mass, helping Mom, unload dishwasher, drawing, taught dad how to play the Wii

**Begin the New Year in faith, and take time to return your Stewardship of Treasure Commitment Form as a way of renewing your covenant to keep God first in your life.**

## Financial stewardship

### Weekly Collections for December 25, 2008

Total envelopes and loose .....	\$22,026.85
Budget for week .....	\$27,750.00
Fiscal year to date collected .....	\$454,238.42
Fiscal year to date budget .....	\$492,180.00
<b>Over (under) budget.....</b>	<b>\$(37,941.58)</b>

### Additional Offerings:

Votives .....	\$46.00
Gibault .....	\$1.00
St. Raymond's in Guatemala .....	\$70.00
Children's Collection .....	\$15.75
Catholic Charities .....	\$2,370.10
Christmas Flowers .....	\$75.00

### Weekly Collections for December 28, 2008

Total envelopes and loose .....	\$15,764.50
Budget for week .....	\$17,835.00
Fiscal year to date collected .....	\$470,002.92
Fiscal year to date budget .....	\$510,015.00
<b>Over (under) budget.....</b>	<b>\$(40,012.08)</b>

### Additional Offerings:

Gibault .....	\$120.00
St. Raymond's in Guatemala .....	\$449.00
New Church Building Fund.....	\$30,162.08
Capital Improvements .....	\$120.00
Children's Collection .....	\$7.62
Catholic Charities .....	\$171.00
Christmas Flowers .....	\$5.00

### Education Fund

Thank you for the following contributions:

Memorials:

Charlene Killy .....	\$180.00
Jack Johnson.....	\$100.00
Roman Altgilbers .....	\$25.00
Charlie Grueninger.....	\$75.00
From a Parishioner .....	\$100.00
From a Parishioner .....	\$125.00
From a Parishioner .....	\$3,000.00
<b>Personal contributions, 2008: .....</b>	<b>\$18,360.00</b>

### New Church Memorials:

Charlene Killy .....	\$215.00
Roman Atlgilbers.....	\$50.00
Alan Metter.....	\$15.00

*Thank you for sharing your blessings!*

# March for Life in Washington, D.C.

Thursday, January 22

Join us on pilgrimage to Washington DC as we gather with hundreds of thousands from throughout our nation to pray and publicly witness so that hearts and minds may be opened to the Gospel of Life and laws may be changed to reverence all human life. A bus will be traveling to DC from all Our Lady of the Snows in Belleville, *departing Wednesday, Jan. 21, and returning Friday, Jan. 23.* For more information and to register please contact Doug Lugge at 618-476-9505 or [jdlugge@wisperhome.com](mailto:jdlugge@wisperhome.com).

Registration forms and info are also on the Diocese of Belleville Respect Life website at [www.RespectLife.catholicweb.com](http://www.RespectLife.catholicweb.com).

# Sanctity of Life Ministry:



## Neither do I condemn you...

The Catholic Church lovingly offers help with neither judgment nor condemnation through the ministry of Project Rachel which brings hope and healing to the hurting.

Please give us a call at **1-800-618-HEAL (4325)**.

## LIFEnetwork of Southern Illinois:

[www.mylifenet.org](http://www.mylifenet.org)

LIFEnetwork's mission is to defend the unborn by supporting and educating men, women, and families faced with the challenges associated with pregnancies and to encourage women to carry their babies to term. All services are free. Call 939-4224. They offer:

- *Pregnancy Testing*
- *Abstinence Outreach Education*
- *Confidential Consultation*
- *Physician Referrals*
- *STD Testing*
- *Ultrasounds*
- *Education on Options*
- *Practical Assistance*

## Please consider spending some time with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament

We are trying to get 2 people for each hour, so that if someone can't make it, there will still be someone visiting with Jesus. If you are available any of these times and would like to grow closer in your relationship with Jesus in this special way please contact the Parish Office at 281-5105.

### 1st Tuesday of the month:

9:00-10:00 am  
10:00-11:00 am  
4:00-5:00 pm

### 2nd Tuesday of the month:

9:00-10:00 am  
10:00-11:00 am  
1:00-2:00 pm  
4:00-5:00 pm  
5:00-6:00 pm  
7:00-8:00 pm  
9:00-10:00 pm

### 3rd Tuesday of the month

9:00-10:00 am  
10:00-11:00 am  
1:00-2:00 pm  
5:00-6:00 pm  
7:00-8:00 pm  
9:00-10:00 pm



### 4th Tuesday of the month

9:00-10:00 am  
10:00-11:00 am  
1:00-2:00 pm  
2:00-3:00 pm  
3:00-4:00 pm  
5:00-6:00 pm

### 5th Tuesday of the month

9:00-10:00 am  
10:00-11:00 am  
1:00-2:00 pm  
9:00-10:00 pm

**Snow Removal Team: Call the church office if you want to be on the team!**

## RCIA: a journey for anyone

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is a journey for anyone, non-baptized, or baptized in another Christian religion, who now feels that he/she is being called to conversion and desires to learn more about the Catholic faith. Those who are baptized Catholic add seek full communion in the Church (Confirmation) are also welcome to participate.

Call Janet Janson at the parish office, 281-5105, ext. 154 as soon as possible for more information.

## Catholic ladies of all ages:

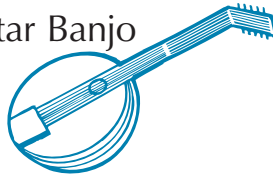
The Altar Society's new year is rapidly approaching. We would like to invite you to come and join our Society. Yearly dues are \$5.

Our first meeting of the new year will be **February 8** at 6:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria. Any questions, call Lucy Hollman at 281-2461.

## Pay it forward!

**TAX-EFFECTIVE GIVING:** The government is providing you with an outstanding way to help others. If you are looking for the most tax-effective gift to make to a cause you care about, Congress has extended a law that allows individuals 70-1/2 or older to make tax-free gifts now to qualified charitable organizations like ours using funds transferred directly from their IRAs. You can transfer any amount up to \$100,000 each year in 2008 and 2009.

Enjoy the music of "Papa the Old Guitar Banjo Man" (Kenny Oexner) for free every 2nd Friday at Columbia Convalescent Center from 2:30-3:30 p.m.



### Child Protection Training

*Note: To be in compliance, the following items are required: 1) volunteer application form, 2) a Child Abuse and Neglect Tracking (CANTS) form filed within the last 24 months and 3) diocesan training within the last 12 months.*

### The Child Protection Refresher

**2008-09 Refresher Course online.** Go to the diocesan website at [www.dio-belle.org](http://www.dio-belle.org), click on "Diocesan Events" to follow the links.

### The Initial Child Protection Training

Class (for NEW volunteers, employees and COACHES who have not attended before) is available at times listed below. Pre-registration is required. Please arrive early to complete the registration process, pick up handouts, and ensure a prompt start. Thanks!

**Friday, January 9, Catholic Social Services, Belleville, 2-4 p.m.** For reservations (space limited to 30), call Ron Figura at 618-688-1122 or email [ronf@ccsil.org](mailto:ronf@ccsil.org). (Pending weather; call to confirm.)

**Saturday, January 10, Queen of Peace, Belleville, 10 a.m. – Noon.** Call Colleen Cox at 618-234-6196 or email [colleen.cox@qofp.com](mailto:colleen.cox@qofp.com).

**Tuesday, February 10, St. Mary, Mt. Vernon, 6-8 p.m.** Register by calling Susan Kusmer at 618-244-1559.

**Adeodatus says:**  
"Be yourself —  
everyone else  
is taken!"



## YOUTH MINISTRY ICY WEBSITE:

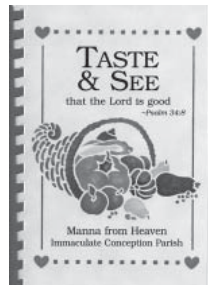
[http://web.mac.com/icc\\_youth](http://web.mac.com/icc_youth)

## Everybody cooks!

Cookbooks are going fast, but you can still get yours.

**The cost is \$11 per book.** (If you pre-ordered and didn't receive a call, please call the Parish Office!)

To reserve a book call the Parish Office (281-5105) and leave your name, phone number and the number of books you would like.



**If you can provide a Tuesday lunch for 15-18 quilters, call Mary Leingang at 281-4437, or stop by the Parish Office.**

**Do it with a friend!**

*The quilters would like to thank the Altar Society for providing lunch on Dec. 16, Eula Bersche for providing lunch on Dec. 23, and Mary Leingang for providing lunch on Dec. 30!*

**Please also consider a cash or quilt donation to help reach the goal of 100 quilts by Labor Day!**



MISSION • COMMUNITY • SERVICE

## ICS Parents & Friends Trivia Night

Saturday, January 10 at 7 p.m.

Doors open at 6:15 p.m. • Soda, water & ice provided • Bring your own snacks & drinks • Pay at the door: \$12 per person.

Reservations: email [amschall@gmail.com](mailto:amschall@gmail.com)

## Renew Magazines with ICS!

The 28th annual ICS Magazine Drive kicks on January 13, with an assembly. Students will be calling on neighbors, family and friends in order to raise funds for the school and parish endowment fund. 40% of the price of your magazine can stay right here in Columbia! Since 1982, we have placed **\$366,640** in the IC Fund for Catholic Education. We receive interest each year (gains are reinvested) almost equal to what we put in the fund and still have the first dollar invested. So don't pay that magazine bill...renew with us in January and help our Endowment Fund grow! *Thanks to our community for making this such a successful event.*

## AT GIBAULT Placement testing

Gibault Catholic High School's placement test for incoming freshmen will be on **January 10, from 8:30 a.m. until 11:45 a.m., in the Gibault Auditorium.**

Please call Pat Herzing at 939.3883 or send an email to [gibault@gibaultonline.com](mailto:gibault@gibaultonline.com) to reserve a spot for your child or for further information. There is no charge for the test.

ICS Parents & Friends

# 2009 Dinner Auction

**Saturday, February 7, at The Falls Banquet Center**

5:00 p.m. Doors Open, Open Bar, Silent Auction, Hors d'Oeuvres Begin

6:45 p.m. Buffet Dinner • 8:30 p.m. Oral Auction

Reservations Required • Dinner Tickets \$50.00 per person

*Use this simple reservation form! List the members of your party (tables seat 10) and return it WITH YOUR PAYMENT to the School Office, or drop it in the Collection Basket at Mass.*

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| 1. _____ | 6. _____  |
| 2. _____ | 7. _____  |
| 3. _____ | 8. _____  |
| 4. _____ | 9. _____  |
| 5. _____ | 10. _____ |

*The success of this evening depends on the generosity of so many. If you would like to be acknowledged in the Dinner Auction Program as one of our sponsors, please complete this form and turn it in with your reservation and donation.*

\_\_\_ \$25 — Friend

\_\_\_ \$50 — Patron

--- \$100+ — Benefactor

*Print your name as you would like it to appear in the program.*

*To donate auction items or cash, call Patty Rachell at 281-4330. If you have reservation questions, call Heather Garcia at 281-9872.*

## Liturgical ministry schedule

### 5:00 p.m., January 10

Lector.....1. Joanne Schilling, 2. Anna Fiore  
 Music.....Rick Byers/ Pat Scace  
 Servers .....Noah Kelling, Paige Lane, Leah Sueme  
 Eucharistic Ministers.....Barb Fiore, Helen Csik, Liz Diehl, Janette Fields, Yvette Hoeffken,  
 Wes Hoeffken, Tina Drennan  
 Ushers .....Nancy Siegel, Bill Killy, Bob Koberlein, Patrick McDermott

### 7:00 a.m., January 11

Lector.....1. Joann Newcom, 2. Sherry Ziebold  
 Music.....Rick/Theresa  
 Servers .....Nicole Swindle, Greg Mueller  
 Eucharistic Ministers.....Pat Gilbreth, Vernon Ritter, Kathy Ritter  
 Ushers .....Lawrence Beckerle, Marilyn Lynn, Steve Dressler, Kenneth  
 Schmidt

### 9:00 a.m., January 11

Lector.....1. Lizanne Young, 2. Kelly Estes  
 Music.....Adult Choir  
 Servers .....Emily O'Connor, Grace O'Connor, Joshua Witges  
 Eucharistic Ministers.....Sue Schmidt, Dave Haislar, John Haubrich, Jim Lansing, Sue  
 Lewis, Joyce Kruse, Bruce Overbey  
 Ushers .....Don Gallagher, Ann Cygnarowicz, Kevin Pautler, Dave Touchette

### 11:00 a.m., January 11

Lector.....1. Lori Doerr, 2. Marilyn Frasure  
 Music.....Guitar Ensemble  
 Servers .....Jacob Lundy, Owen Murphy, Austin Murphy  
 Eucharistic Ministers.....Michael Doerr, Marian Keim, Laura Whelan, Olivia Ebers, Andrea  
 Ebers, Hannah Lundy, Craig Lundy  
 Ushers .....Ken Ebers, Dave Straub, Lucy Hollman, Mike Hollman

### Nursing Home Ministers

.....Minister: Gregg Billmeyer; assistants: Patricia Korves, Len  
 Raymond, Carol Helmkamp

### Homebound Communion Calls

.....Sue Taylor, Karen Erpenbach, Kim Gool, Sue Schmidt

## Deaf ministry schedule



Saturday, Jan. 10.....5 p.m.	Wednesday, Feb. 4.....7 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 17.....5 p.m.	Saturday, Feb. 7.....5 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 24.....5 p.m.	Saturday, Feb. 14.....5 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 31.....5 p.m.	Saturday, Feb. 21.....5 p.m.
Sunday, Feb. 1.....7 p.m.	Wednesday, Feb. 25.....7 p.m.
Monday, Feb. 2.....7 p.m.	Saturday, Feb. 28.....5 p.m.
Tuesday, Feb. 3.....7 p.m.	Saturday, Mar. 7.....5 p.m.

## Sacramental preparations

**Baptisms:** Parents/guardians must call the Parish Office to register to attend a preparational seminar available the 2nd Sunday of each month at 10 a.m. Baptisms are celebrated at all Masses the first weekend of the month, and every 3rd weekend after 11 a.m. Mass. **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.

## Lend a hand: Christmas Decoration Removal

The Christmas Decorations will be removed in church on **Sunday, Jan. 11,** at 12:30 pm. Please lend a hand as we store our decorations and prepare for the Season of Ordinary Time.

We appreciate your gift of time in this effort. Thank You!!!

## Weekly reflection

For January 11,  
The Baptism of the Lord

Isaiah 42:1-4,6-7

or Isaiah 55:1-11

Acts 10:34-38

or First John 5:1-9

Mark 1:7-11



## Parish directory [www.icc-columbia-il.us](http://www.icc-columbia-il.us) Rector and Parish Office

117 East Madison..... 618-281-5105  
 Columbia, Illinois 62236

**Fax: 618-281-6848**

Pastor, Fr. Carl Scherrer ..... ext. 158

Associate Pastor, Fr. Steve Gira, C.R..... ext. 152

Parish Administrator, Stan Osterhage..... ext. 250

Pastoral Associate, Rick Byers..... ext. 153

Director of Religious Education,

Janet Janson..... ext. 154

PSR Coordinator, Hope Wienhoff.....476-9901

Parish Secretaries, Sheryl Oglesby ..... ext. 151

Patti Webb..... ext. 150

Aquinas Intern, Catherine Hoeffken..... ext. 155

Pastoral Council Chair, Dr. Steve Raney ..... 281-7322

### Immaculate Conception School

321 South Metter Avenue ..... 281-5353

School Principal, Michael Kish..... ext. 111

School Secretary, Beverly Epplin..... ext. 100

### Parish Organization Monthly Meetings

Parish Council .....4th Tue.@7:00 p.m.

School Board..... 3rd Tue.@7:00 p.m.

Finance Council..... 3rd Thur.@7:00 p.m.

Discipleship Committee .....2nd Tue.@7:00 p.m.

Altar Society ..... 1st Thur.@6:30 p.m.

St. Vincent dePaul .....1st Mon.@6:30 p.m.

Knight of Columbus 6165.....2nd Thur.@7:30 p.m.

ICY (Youth) ..... 2nd Wed.@7:00 p.m.

Youth Ministry Commission ..... 1st Wed.@7:30 p.m.

Parents & Friends of ICS..... 2nd Mon.@7:00 p.m.

Cemetery Committee.....4th Thur.@6:30 p.m.

Social Concerns Ministry.....4th Thur.@7:00 p.m.

Building Church Committee ... Thursdays @ 7:00 p.m.

## This week's sacramental celebrations

**Monday, January 5** .....8:05 a.m. .... Mass offered for Kenneth Hofstetter  
**Tuesday, January 6** .....8:05 a.m. .... Mass offered for Rita Howell  
 9:00 a.m.–10:00 p.m. .... Eucharistic Adoration  
 6:00 p.m.–7:00 p.m. .... Holy Hour  
**Wednesday, January 7** ..... 5:00 p.m. .... Mass offered for Special Intention  
**Thursday, January 8** .....9:00 a.m. .... Mass offered for Elmona McCarty  
**Friday, January 9** .....8:05 a.m. .... No Mass  
**Saturday, January 10** ..... 4:00 p.m.–4:30 p.m. .... Reconciliation  
 (Reconciliation available anytime by appointment with Fr. Carl or Fr. Steve)  
 5:00 p.m. .... Mass offered for Altagracia Carrera  
**Sunday, January 11** .....7:00 a.m. .... Mass offered for Parishioners  
 9:00 a.m. .... Mass offered for Shirley Friesz  
 11:00 a.m. .... Mass offered for Robert Ledbetter

When we celebrate the Rite of Christian Burial on Monday or Friday, the 8:05 a.m. Weekday Mass is cancelled. However, when a funeral takes place on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday, the 8:05 a.m. Mass will still be celebrated.

### Park Politely Please

Please remember not to park on private property and not to block private driveways when parking for Immaculate Conception church and school events, whether on weekdays or on weekends.

## Breakfast Brunch at



Every Sunday through May

Just \$15.95 for adults

*\$2 per ticket goes to our New Church Fund*

Purchase your ticket at the Scrip table at the back of church and support our New Church Fund. Tickets are good any Sunday!

**Bulletin Schedule:** Please submit notices, articles and photos (actual or .tif/.jpg) by **MONDAY at NOON** for publication the following Sunday. Just stop by the Parish Office, or email them to pwebb@htc.net.

## Please pray for...

<i>Grace Ryterski</i>	<i>Jenny Harrell</i>
<i>Carol Reinheimer</i>	<i>Jennifer Latinette</i>
<i>Dennis Kish</i>	<i>Susan Nobbe</i>
<i>Shirley O'Brien</i>	<i>Christina Albritton</i>
<i>Michael Marlo</i>	<i>Raley &amp; Lily Albritton</i>
<i>Neil Kuehner</i>	<i>Greg Hamilton</i>
<i>Katie Huch</i>	<i>Andrew Hamilton</i>
<i>Kate Whitford</i>	<i>Susan Settle</i>
<i>Adam Hubbs</i>	
<i>Tracie McLaren</i>	Troops in Service
<i>David Buettner</i>	Army Ranger Joseph Pope
<i>Billie Leone</i>	Capt. Christopher Mueller

"Therefore I tell you, all that you ask for in prayer, believe that you will receive it and it shall be yours."

—Mark 11:24

*Please help us to keep our prayer list up to date. Call or e-mail the rectory by noon Monday with any additions or deletions.*

## Men's Retreat

King's House • Jan. 16-18  
 For more info. contact King's House at 397-0584 or email [kngmsebv@peaknet.net](mailto:kngmsebv@peaknet.net)

## Going my way?

Would you be willing to provide a ride for a couple from the Bridges Assisted Living facility to 11 a.m. Mass a few times a month? Call **Steve Dressler** at 281-7889.

*Matthew Kelly:*

"Is Catholicism Still Relevant?"

Presented at St Clare, O'Fallon Tuesday, January 13, at 7 p.m.

For more information, call 618-632-3562.

*Recycled Clothing needed for men and women at JB Hospital (including shoes and hats). For pick up, call Marsha Stamm at 281-7740.*



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### **Aquinas Illinois Roundtable: January 27**

“Ruth: A Story of Loss, Fidelity and Blessing.” Learn how her story calls every generation to reflect what it means to be a woman of God. The discussion/luncheon will be at the Edward J. Guild Center at the Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows and will begin at 11:30 am. To register or for more information call: 618-394-6272.

### **NEWS FROM AQUINAS INSTITUTE**

**For more information about any of these events please call 314.256.8806 or email admissions@ai.edu.**

### **2-Day Open House: Making faith a career**

How will I serve? Where are my gifts best suited? Learn more about theological education at a 2-Day Open House, February 15–16. Registration is required by February 8. Visit [www.ai.edu/admissions/openhouse](http://www.ai.edu/admissions/openhouse) to register or call 314.256.8806.

### **2009 Annual Aquinas Lecture: January 25**

“The Desires of the Heart: Finding True Fulfillment.” Dr. Eleonore Stump, SLU professor of philosophy. 3 pm at Aquinas Institute of Theology, 23 S. Spring Ave. between Forest Park Blvd. and Laclede. Free and open to the public.

### **Two Discussions: Where Did They Go?**

“Where Did They Go? Catholic Population Trends” with Ann M. Garrido, D.Min., explores the 10% of the U.S. population that is identified as “ex-Catholic.” Join the discussion at one of these events:

- January 21: Roundtable Lunch at Pietro’s — 3801 Watson Rd., St. Louis, at 11:30 a.m. Reservations required (\$23 paid in advance or \$25 at the door). Call 314-256-8856 or email [Henderson@ai.edu](mailto:Henderson@ai.edu).
- January 26: Theology on Tap—Upstairs at the Schlafly Tap Room located at 2100 Locust Street, St. Louis. Presentation at 6:30 pm.

## **Catholicism Uncorked!** **Kick-off Young Adult Event**

**Thursday, Jan. 15 • 6–7:30 p.m.**

St. Michael the Archangel Parish’s Gym Meeting Room (7622 Sutherland Ave., Shrewsbury, MO 63119 — the gym is behind the church). For those mid-20s to mid-40s in all walks of life. Socialize as we discuss topics important to our faith lives over wine and cheese! To kick off the first event Paul Masek (from St. Louis Archdiocese’s REAP Team) will share on “How to Stir Up the Holy Spirit in Your Life.” Contact Christina Sanders at 314.440.4455 or [yam\\_stmike@yahoo.com](mailto:yam_stmike@yahoo.com).

### **Road to recovery for cancer patients**

The ACS has a Road to Recovery program in Monroe County. If a cancer patient lives in Monroe County and needs a ride for a cancer treatment or a doctor appointment please call Dione Kerney at 1-800-227-2345, or Mary Meier 618-939-6527. Drivers can help the patient.

## **Cursillo is more than just a retreat**



Cursillo is an encounter with Christ that continues long after the four day weekend. Many experience an ongoing sense of Christian Community within Cursillo that is similar to the Christian

Community described in the Acts of the Apostles. Attend a Cursillo weekend and experience Christ’s love for you in a very special way! The men’s Cursillo weekend is Feb 5-8, 2009 and the women’s Cursillo weekend is Feb 19-22, 2009. For further info please contact: **Walter & Pat Novak 281-5620; Ralph & Julie Bostick 476-7302, or Fran Kellett 281-5937.**

### **The Messenger now accepts paid obituaries**

*The Messenger* now accepts paid obituaries for publication in the newspaper. For information on cost to run an obituary, please email: [cathnews@bellevillemessenger.org](mailto:cathnews@bellevillemessenger.org) or call 618-233-8670. *The Messenger* will continue to run death notices with name, age, date of death, parish and town at no charge. Death notices are sent from diocesan parishes. Thank you for supporting *The Messenger*.

### **Care Givers Support Groups**

**2nd Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m., at St Paul’s UCC, Waterloo**

**4th Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m., at Red Bud Regional Hospital.**

For information, call 618-443-3045.

### **Next Chapter Separated/Divorced Support Group**

Meets every Tuesday from 7:30-9 p.m. at Diocesan Pastoral Center, Building #6. For more info call 235-9601, at ext 146.

### **‘New Life Meeting’ of Narcotics Anonymous**

Every Wednesday at 7 p.m. at Human Support Services Waterloo. If you have questions, please call **939-4444.**