

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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August 21, 2011
Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

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.
MissionstatementrevisedSeptember23,2008.

Loving God and serving others...

The Parish School of Religion (PSR) believes that everybody can be great, because anybody can serve!

Another exciting PSR school year has begun and in keeping with the theme from last year, "Go make a difference," which

taught the students about respect and concern for others, our theme for this year is a quote from Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., "Everybody can be great, because anybody can serve."

Our dedicated catechists will guide the children in the PSR program in learning about the Catholic faith not only through use of text books, but also by reaching out in love and service to others. They will work in cooperation with the parents, the primary religious educators of the children, instilling that we are the Body of Christ and we, the Church, make Christ visible by serving others. Through their education in the PSR program we strive to prepare the students to see, hear, live and proclaim the good news of the Gospel and it's when the students become involved in doing the work that they truly learn. Our hope is that by

becoming engaged in programs that help others, the students along with their families will learn what a great blessing it is to know that you have made life even a little easier, perhaps a little better and hopefully happier for others.

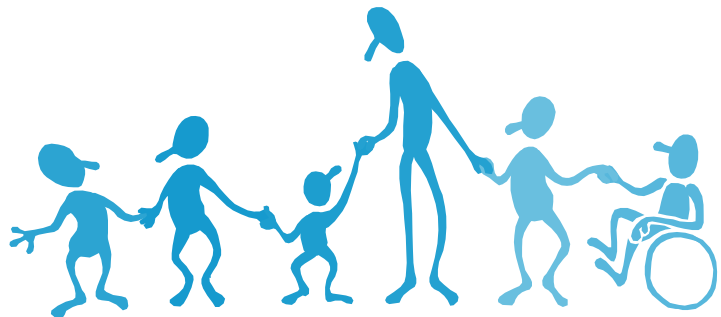
"Everybody can be great, because everybody can serve!"

—Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

This excerpt from "The Drum Major Instinct" by Martin Luther King Jr. in 1968 speaks volumes about ordinary people and service. "...Everybody can be great, because everybody can serve. You don't have to have a col-

lege degree to serve. You don't have to make your subject and your verb agree to serve. You don't have to know about Plato and Aristotle to serve. You don't have to know Einstein's theory of relativity to serve. You don't have to know the second theory of thermodynamics in physics to serve. You only need a heart full of grace, a soul generated by love."

When you educate children on serving others you teach them an important lesson that living our faith involves making good choices, loving God and serving others.



Welcome Home!

If you are visiting, we hope you enjoy your stay, and we are 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. 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.



Building Church Update...

This past week the clearing of the trees and brush along Palmer Lane was completed, as well as the clearing of the brush where the new road will cross over Palmer creek. The new access road to our property will intersect at Quarry Road with the Gedem Estates entrance, and has been marked with stakes. Also, the temporary electric service for construction is being installed.

Also, this past week we received an important permit from the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, which granted us the necessary permission to construct the new church's sanitary sewer. This permit was delayed several weeks because of some miscommunications, so it has been holding us up a bit. Once the sanitary sewer is completed, the contractor will be able to begin the heavy equipment earthwork.


The Building Church While Building Church committee met on August 11 to review some of the recommended value engineers recommendations, to discuss our proposed follow-up capital campaign and to review the recommendations for the colors for the new church brick and exterior trim work.

The contractor will install small cameras at the construction site so that we can have up-to-date photos of the construction progress which can be able to be viewed on the parish website.

I'm in the process of putting together a steering committee for our follow-up capital campaign for the project, which we hope to begin this Fall. If you're interested in helping with this campaign, please let me know at 281-5105 or at clown@htc.net.

--Fr. Carl

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Our parish family:

Our Sympathy :

To Fr. Gary Hogan, C. R., on the death of his uncle, Lonell Hogan of Jacksonville, FL, who died on August 8;

To **Kathy Cavaletti and her family**, on the death of her mother, Dorothy Eckenfels of St. Genevieve, MO, who died on Aug. 5 at the age of 86;

To **Calvin Fries and his family**, on the death of his brother, Karle Fries, 89, of St. Louis.

To **Nancy Braun and her family**, on the death of her father, Walter Slattery of Belleville, who died on Aug. 13 at the age of 87

And to Steve Richter and his family, on the death of his father, Alvin Richter of Collinsville, who died on Aug. 13 at the age of 83.

Our Congratulations:

To **George & Irma Naumann** who are celebrating their **62nd anniversary** this Saturday. They were married here at ICC on August 20, 1949

Welcome New Parishioners!

Please take a moment to register with Immaculate Conception Parish by filling out all the information below and allow us to welcome you fully into our faith community. Return the completed form by collection basket, by mail, or by bringing it to the Parish Office, so that your information can be accurately added to our parish database.

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 _____

Would you be interested in being part of our "Welcoming and Blessing of New Parishioners" at 9 a.m. Mass on the 1st Sunday of the month? Yes No

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

___ Grade School (ICS)	___ PSR	___ St. Vincent de Paul
___ Quilting	___ Altar Society	___ Knights of Columbus
___ Liturgical Ministries	___ ICY (Youth)	___ Parents & Friends of ICS
___ Parish Council	___ Choir	___ Other _____

It's time for pickles!!

The St. Vincent de Paul Society will be selling their famous dill pickles after Masses **THIS WEEKEND**. Your support is **greatly** appreciated!!



Wanted: Books, Movies, Music & More...

We will be collecting books, movies, and music for our book stand at the parish picnic.

You can drop off your gently used books at the old convent starting this weekend after all masses and continuing after weekend masses until the picnic.

Please no text books, out of date encyclopedias, or out of date computer manuals.

If you need someone to pick up your books etc..., please call Mary Shroeder at 281-7498 or email mks1354@htc.net. We will also be holding a pre-sale. More info in next weeks bulletin.



Extra weeks added...

There is still time to have your portrait taken for our new parish pictorial directory! We have the following dates available: September 27-October 1.

You can make your appointment by going online to the parish website and clicking on the "Pictorial directory sign-ups" link, or call the parish office at 281-5105.

BCWBC needs you! ...A Call to Service:

Memorials Team:

Pay It Forward: *"We remember, we celebrate, we believe!"* Help future generations understand and celebrate our Church as a living, ongoing gift from the past.

The Memorials Team works with other teams to develop the Memorial Book for our campaign, coordinate memorial or honorarium donations, and implement an approach that accommodates and acknowledges the givers without personally assigning individual "ownership" to elements of the community's space and art, recognizing that WE are the Body of Christ. Contact Tom Lantsberger if you would like to help us treasure our past to ensure our future.

BCWBC Liaison: Tom Lantsberger · 281-7056
pacc@charter.net

Fine Arts Team:

A Dwelling Place of Faith: *"See in this space, our fears and our dreamings, brought here to you in the light of this day."* This team has been working for several years in collaboration with the Design Coordination and Furnishings teams as well as the architect and selected artisans to develop design concepts for new and/or repurposed devotional art (e.g. stained glass, statues, Stations of the Cross).

Meetings are ongoing as needed – to join this dynamic group, call or email Lynetta Newton or Joe Stonich.

BCWBC Liaison: Lynetta Newton · 281-3948
lsnewton@htc.net

BUILDING CHURCH
—while building a church—

Time for Sunday School...

Pre-School Sunday School is an hour of Bible stories, crafts, songs, and fun for children ages 3-5. Classes are held during the 9 AM mass starting October 2. Fee is \$25 per child. Registration forms are available in the rear of church or call Lori Hennes 476-7502 or email @lorihennes@prodigy.net. We are also looking for anyone interested in helping to co-teach a class, or to be a student helper. If interested, please contact Lori Hennes. All volunteers must be in compliance with the Diocesan Child Protection Policy.

Discipleship: A way of life that puts God first

Take time with God...

In August, as summer wanes and many schools resume classes, time seems to disappear as schedules intensify. St. Ignatius of Loyola developed a simple method of meditation known as the Daily Examine. This form of prayer encourages us to review each day and to recognize God as active in our daily lives. Follow these steps:

Set aside 10 minutes.

~Quiet yourself and recall God's presence, thanking God for His love and asking the Holy Spirit for guidance.

~Review your day, thanking God for the ways He blessed you this day.

~Review your day again, thinking about the opportunities you had to use the gifts God has given to you, identifying the times you either did or didn't.

~Thank God for the ways you grew closer to Him and ask forgiveness for the opportunities you missed or rejected.

~Resolve to cooperate with God's grace in the days to come.

Conclude with the Lord's Prayer.

By waiting and by calm you shall be saved, in quiet and in trust your strength lies." __Isaiah 30:15

Financial Stewardship

Weekly Collection for August 14 & 15

Total envelopes and loose.....	\$22,811.20
Budget for week.....	\$21,165.00
Fiscal year to date collected...	\$133,829.28
Fiscal year to date budget	\$123,605.00
Over (under) budget.....	\$10,224.28
Additional Offerings:	
Votives.....	\$74.39
Gibault	\$125.00
St. Raymond's in Guatemala	\$1324.00
New Church Fund.....	\$5,651.99
Capital Improvements.....	\$107.00
Children's Collection...\$51.95 (included in envelope total)	
Sr. Thea Bowman	\$1,255.00
SVDP	\$20.00

****This report includes online giving from 8/1-8/15 of this year.

Thank you for sharing your blessings!!

From our Young Stewards:
Helped mom get ready for school; singing; went to the movies with my grandpa; babysat sister



Matching gift for STBS...



An anonymous donor has pledged a \$2,500 matching gift toward our financial support of Sister Thea Bowman Catholic School. For every dollar we give, it will be matched up to \$2,500. Envelopes for Sister Thea Bowman School are in our August packets. Thanks to all who have already made a donation

95 Quilts Complete 5 to go!

As you can see, our quilters work SEW hard to support our parish with their special ministry. Show your support for them by helping to supply lunch on a Tuesday (generally 18-20 quilters). Do it with a friend! Call **Mary Leingang at 281-4437**, or sign up at the Parish Office if you are interested.

Thank you to Laura Feltz, Charlotte Romano & Fran Kellett for providing lunch this past week.

Adeodatus says:

"Chicken soup is good for everything..."



Prayer for Life...

There is a special prayer intention for the Sanctity of Human life during our Eucharistic Adoration held the 2nd Tuesday of every month. Adoration takes place from 9a.m. to 10 p.m. with the rosary and holy hour from 6-7 p.m. . Please remember this special prayer intention as part of your own intentions.

Help the unborn...



~Life Network of Southern Il Lifewalk and 5K run to take place Saturday, Sept. 17. Sign-up forms are available in the back of church. Don't have time for the Walk but would still like to donate? Donations will be accepted at all masses the weekend of Sept 3 & 4. Call Charlotte Romano with any questions at 618-363-4707.

~Are you interested in supporting ICC's Sanctity of Life ministry? Come to our next meeting held Wednesday, Sept 7 at 9:45am in the church cry room! We'll show you how you can help.

Do you use, teach or promote Natural Family Planning?

Matt and Emily Joost of Belleville are the new NFP Program Managers for the Diocese. They want to connect with people who use, teach or promote NFP in the Diocese. Please contact them at mejoost@diobelle.org or at (618) 355-7535.

ACTS RETREAT:

The next parish ACTS retreat will be for men, and will be held Dec. 1-4 at the Sojourn retreat center. Registration forms are now available. The next parish ACTS retreat for women will be Feb. 23 – 26, 2012 at Sojourn as well.

Sanctity of Life...



LIFE Network of Southern Illinois Check out our new website at www.mylifenet.org The Care Center'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.

They offer pregnancy testing, STD Testing, Abstinence Outreach Education, confidential consultation, and education on options, physician referrals, practical assistance, and ultrasounds. All services are free. Call 939-4224.

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 Project Rachel phone number change: 1-888-456-HOPE

CSMA update...

It's never too late to make a commitment to this year's Catholic Services and Ministry Appeal. Thanks to all who have already made their commitment for this year. Many Diocesan outreach ministries depend upon our financial support each year to serve in our name those in need throughout the 28 counties of southern Illinois.

~ Altar Society Meeting Location Change ~

The Altar Society's September meeting will be in the basement of the Columbia Public Library on September 1, 2011 at 6:30pm. Same date & time, just change of location due to picnic preparations in the school parking lot. There is an elevator at the library for those unable to navigate stairs. The October card party will be discussed and raffle tickets will be distributed. All women of the parish are invited to attend.



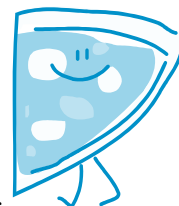
Auditions for The Young Catholic Musicians



The choir and orchestra of The Young Catholic Musicians will hold auditions during August in preparation for its 38th Year of service to the Church. These young people [aged 10-18] represent over 50 parishes and schools in the St. Louis area. They learn quality liturgical music and lead the music for Mass once each month at different parishes. Singers and instrumentalists (Brass, Woodwinds, Strings, and Percussion) please call Fr. Bruce Forman (314-231-7464) or Mrs. Mary Smith (314-962-9260) for additional information and to schedule an audition. Visit our web page at www.archstl.org/musicians.

Help support ICY!

Join us for IMO's every Wednesday from now Through October!



Thanks to Imo's in Columbia for teaming up with ICY (Immaculate Conception Youth) by donating 10% of their sales each Wednesday. This will continue now through October, to help fund the cost of participating in the National Catholic Youth Conference in Indianapolis, November 17-19.

Our gratitude to parishioners Joe and Karen Perotta, owners of Imo's in Columbia, for supporting our high school youth ministry program through this partnership.

New and Current Altar Server Party...

All current servers as well as those going into grade 5 and older who plan to be trained as a server in September are invited to enjoy our Annual **Server Party at the YMCA on Friday, October 14 from 6pm - 9pm**. More information will be forthcoming: please save the date, and thanks for your faithful service as liturgical ministers!!

Countdown to Labor Day...

Picnic set-up help is needed...

Interested in being on the Set Up Crew? We need you! The Set-Up Schedule that came with the picnic envelope and parish email accidentally left out some VERY important set-up items:

Thursday before the picnic at 7:30 a.m. we need your muscles. This is the time when the heavy lifting, loading and unloading of all the picnic "stuff" happens. WE NEED YOU!!! The more strong, able-bodied folks the better. Please consider trying to work this into your busy schedules. The work continues most of the day BUT our biggest need for volunteers is in the morning. Give us an hour or whatever you can spare!

Friday is our biggest pre-picnic day. Help is needed outside and inside as this is the big push for the set-up of the booths, the bingo tent and the dining room. **We work from 8 a.m. until past 8 p.m. usually.** Come enjoy the camaraderie. . .

Saturday we start at 8 a.m. and finish anything that's left undone. Then we eat! Join us!

We can't stress enough how important these crew days are. **Please consider helping out on one or all of these days.** . . in addition to your picnic day shift. IF you traditionally leave town for the Labor Day weekend, consider helping us on the Thursday before or the Tuesday after. These are days of hard work and fellowship that make you proud to be a part of such an incredible parish.

*****Lunch will be served at noon for all who help set up! Please let us know if you will be staying for lunch.**

If you can help, please contact Shari Murphy at murphyshari@mac.com.

Can't commit right now? Just show up, all hands welcome!!!

Arts, crafts & quilts needed...

The Parish Office is now accepting beautiful handmade arts & crafts, and the quilters are happy to accept cash donations as well as finished hand-sewn quilts to **help them reach their goal of 100.**



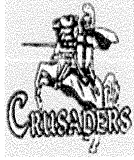


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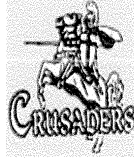
If you would like to receive the **good news** about a Catholic education at ICS, send an email to Mrs. Bev. Epplin at bepplin@htc.net and she will add you to our distribution list.

Visit ICS on the web:
NEW: www.icscolumbia.org

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17th Annual ICS/Joe Hoguet Memorial Golf Tournament



Immaculate Conception School
Athletic Department & Computer Program

Sponsored by:
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Friday, September 16, 2011
Columbia Golf Club

Three Person Scramble
\$90 per player/\$270 per team

10:00am Registration
12:00pm Shotgun Start
Lunch and dinner provided
For more information contact
Susie (Hoguet) Degener
618-281-7131 (susied@hjfhomes.com)

Please detach and mail to ICS/Joe Hoguet Golf Tournament
c/o Friedrich Construction, 282 Southwoods Center, Columbia, IL 62236

Player #1 _____ Address/Phone _____

Player #2 _____ Address/Phone _____

Player #3 _____ Address/Phone _____

I would like to be a Hole Sponsor. I have enclosed my check for \$50 (Family)/\$100 (Business).
Name of Hole Sponsor _____

I would like to make a Donation for an attendance prize/auction item.
Description of item _____

I am unable to attend. Please accept my donation of \$ _____
Please include your name and address _____

I would like to have dinner only, no golf. Please reserve _____ tickets.
Enclosed is a check for \$20 per ticket. Names of who will be attending:

Total \$ _____

Please make checks payable to ICS/Joe Hoguet Memorial.

NEW INFO! Child Protection Training

This class is required for anyone that has not already taken an Initial Child Protection Class and will be doing any type of volunteering at church or school where children are present.

A schedule of Initial Child Protection courses is on the Diocesan website

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

The Child Protection Refresher Course

2011-12 Child Refresher Course is
now available at

http://diobelle.org/about_db.aspx

With this year's Refresher Course online, you have the option of emailing your Completion Certificate to Stan Osterhage at the Parish Office. When prompted, enter soster@htc.net.

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.

Liturgical Ministry Schedule

August 27 & 28 Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
5 p.m., August 27

Lectors.....1.Melissa Jerome 2. Carol Mattingly
Music.....Rick/Theresa
Eucharistic Ministers.....Diana Kuerz, James Huch, Jeanne Wilde, Sharon Nealon,
Mary Smugala, Brian Smith, Helen Csik
Servers.....2 Servers Needed, Maria Barton
Ushers.....Bill Killy, Jim Juengling, Denise Sueme, Chris Sueme

7 a.m., August 28

Lector.....Dona Toenjes
Music.....Rick
Eucharistic Ministers.....Laura Gilbreth, Renee Gilbreth, Marilyn Lynn
Servers.....Tyler Steppig, John Cygnarowicz
Ushers.....Virginia Spier, Steve Dressler, Vicki Gallagher, Wayne
Gallagher

9 a.m., August 28

Lector.....1Lizanne Young 2. Mike Romano
Music.....Summer Choir
Eucharistic Ministers.....Becky Wise, Marilyn Ziegler, Pat Novak, Olivia Hollman,
Carol Fries, John Haubrich
Servers.....Emma Schmidt, Maria Valleroy, Chloe Valleroy
Ushers.....Lucy Hollman, George Touchette, Mike Hollman, John
Olsson

11 a.m., August 28

Lectors.....1.Lynetta Newton 2. Deidra Doerr
Music.....Karen Lundy
Eucharistic Ministers.....Shari Murphy, Melissa Lantsberger, Lori Doerr, Michael
Doerr, Marcy Ebers, Olivia Ebers, Cyra Herrmann,
Servers.....Brook Vogt, Sammi Vogt, Catherine Whitworth
Ushers.....Dave Straub, Tom Braun, Mark Braun, Blake Braun
Nursing Home Minister: Mike & Jeanne Kish Assistants: Tom & Joan Herrmann
Homebound Ministry:.....Christian Rudolf, Wayne Franklin, Bruce Overbey



Deaf Ministry

Aug 27, 5:00 p.m. Sept 3, 5:00 p.m.
Sept 10, 5:00 p.m. Sept 17, 5:00 p.m.

Sacramental preparations

Baptisms: Parents/guardians must call the Parish Office to register to attend a preparation 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.

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 office or email them to abuelt@htc.net

Weekly reflection

Sunday August 28, 2011 21st Sunday
in Ordinary time

Jeremiah 20:7-9

Romans 12:1-2

Matthew 16:21-27



Parish directory

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Fax: 618-281-6848

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Fr. Eric Wagner, C.R. 773-269-0227

Fr. Gary Hogan, C.R. 773-315-7211

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Pastoral Associate for Liturgy and Music,
Rick Byers ext.153

Pastoral Associate for Community Life,
Catherine Hoeffken ext. 152

Director of Religious Education,
Janet Janson ext.154

PSR Coordinator, Hope Wienhoff ext. 155

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

Angie Bueltemann..... ext.150

Pastoral Council Chair, Dona Toenjes 281-4365

Immaculate Conception School

321 South Metter Avenue281-5353

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 Council3rd Thurs. @ 7:00 p.m.

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

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

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

Knights of Columbus 6165 ...2nd Thurs. @ 7:30 p.m.

ICY (Youth).....2nd Wed. @ 7:30 p.m.

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

Parents & Friends of ICS2nd Mon. @ 7:00 p.m.

Cemetery Committee4th Thurs. @ 6:30 p.m.

Social Concerns Ministry4th Thurs. @ 7:00 p.m.

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

This Week's Liturgical Celebrations

Monday August 22,..... 8:05 a.m.Mass offered for Robert Stumpf
 Tuesday August 23,..... 8:05 a.m.Mass offered for William Vogt
 9:00a.m.-10:00 p.m.....Eucharistic Adoration
 6:00p.m.-7:00p.m..... Holy Hour Adoration
 Wednesday August 24,..... 8:05 a.m.Mass offered for Special Intention
 Thursday August 25,..... 8:05 a.m.....Mass offered for Carl & Bernice Riebeling
 Friday August 26, 8:05 a.m.Mass offered for Jason Mueller
 Saturday August 27,..... 5:00 p.m.....Mass offered for Agnes Krupp-Williams
 Sunday August 28,..... 7:00 a.m.....Mass offered for Parishioners
 9:00 a.m.....Mass offered for Gene Linnemann
 11:00 a.m.....Mass offered for Sr. Mary Edward
 Gira, C. R.

Music Ministry News...

The Adult Choir resumes weeknight rehearsals on Wednesday, September 7, from 7 to 8:30p.m.

Perhaps you once sang in a choir and, for any number of reasons, have not joined us, or perhaps you just enjoy singing and would appreciate the opportunity of meeting and working with some wonderful people in our parish. We work diligently at our Wednesday practices to produce good efforts at the Sunday 9a.m. Mass, but we have fun as well! Those in high school and older are invited to join the Adult Choir.

We are proud of our guys who sing in the choir, but could always use more, as well as additional ladies. Most of us sing throughout the year, and a few of us sing only for Christmas and Holy Week, so this is an option as well.

The Youth Choir resumes on Wednesday, August 31, from 3:15 to 4:15p.m. in church. The youth choir is open to all ICS and PSR students in grades 3-8. On August 31, I will have a simple private voice check with each student, testing vocal range and pitch. A voice check is not an audition, so please don't be nervous - all who wish to sing are welcomed! You do not need to pre-register and there is no cost.

At our first meeting, annual schedules and parental policies will be given to the students to take home. Parents who are available may choose to stay during our first session, as you and your child may leave after they have completed their individual voice check, which takes only a few minutes.

Otherwise, I will be happy to wait with them until 4:15p.m. However, please be sure to pick up your child at 4:15p.m. in front of church.

Our first two regular rehearsals are September 7 and 14 from 3:15 to 4:15 p.m. in church, and we will sing at 9a.m. Mass on September 18.

For more information on either choir, please email Rick Byers at rbyers@htc.net or call 281-5105.



Please pray for...

Jan O'Leary
 Ron Hanewinkel
 PFC Nick Ganey
 Floyd Crowder
 Baby Adelynn
 Carol Johnson
 Grace Ryterski
 Dennis Kish
 Katie Huch
 Tracie McLaren
 Lester Schumacher
 David Buettner
 Susan Nobbe
 Greg Hamilton
 Brenda Dame
 Susie Settle
 Andrew Hamilton
 Dean Keim
 Ryton Miller
 Velma Budde
 Tony Range
 Garrett Patton
 Suzi (Koenig) Cross
 Richard Burroughs
 Emily Schmidt
 Margaret Schenewerk
 Steve Vaughn
 Kyle Newton
 Shirley Eckert
 Deb Gomez-Trost
 Orlou Reichert
 Jerry Pretto
 Martha Pafford
 Iris Vogt
 Billie Bates
 Laura Straub
 Evelyn & Leo Sander
 Jack Finney
 Donnie Mantz, Jr.
 Carolyn Holt
 Betty McDonald

Kirk Brinovec
 Jim Gaines
 Alvin Christ
 Bill & Marge Sander
 Michelle Frame
 Kathleen Schlemmer
 Donna Greene
 Jeanette Cozart
 Danny Saltzman
 John L. Adams
 James Johnson
 Esther Kretz
 Walter Slattery
 Kevin Myers
 Nancy Kish
 Tom Kish
 Michael Clements
 Desiree Frasure
 Joy Bretz
 Earl Wilde
 Joan Johns
 Tom Range
 Carolyn Messerly
 Sarah Lantsberger
 Joanne Baum
 Carol Baxmeyer
 Mary Ann Stout
 Richard Sambo
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 Baby Vehige
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 Maj. John Brown
 CPL Elaine Sueme
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 LCPL Matthew
 Everding

“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 email the rectory by noon Monday with any additions or deletions.

Reminder for Liturgical Ministers...

Please remember to check off your name on the minister list in the back of church by the cry room when you are assigned. If you are a substitute, please write your name next to the person originally assigned. This includes Lectors, Servers, Eucharistic Ministers, Ushers, Homebound and Nursing Home Ministers. Thank you!



Community events

Every Thursday night, Ss. Peter & Paul Bingo, VFW Metzger-Crook Post 6504, Waterloo, Doors open: 4 p.m., Early Bird Game: 6:30 p.m., 618-939-4384

Second Sunday of the Month, St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, Red Bud, Cash Bingo, Doors open: 11:30 a.m.; Bingo begins: 1:30 p.m.

August 20, St. Augustine, Hecker, Annual Kirchenfest

September 4, St. Liborius, Sparta, Schlabachfest & Quilt Bingo

September 9 & 10, St. Joseph Freeburg Parish Picnic

9th Annual "Run For The Son" sponsored by St. Liborius, Sparta Youth Ministry. For more information on this event please call 768-4941 or 768-4274.

Vacation opportunity...

Join Fr. Tim Keppel, C.R. on his 25th annual Winter Vacation in beautiful Innsbruck, Austria, January 28-February 4, 2012 for only \$1,859. Call for information: 760-242-4427 or email him at tfkeppel@aol.com. Be sure to put Innsbruck in the subject line. The rate includes: Airfare, Hotel, bus transfers and breakfast. Optional excursions are offered to: Salzburg-Austria, Venice-Italy, Bolzano-Italy, The Castle of Mad King Ludwig at Neuschwanstein-Germany, St. Moritz-Switzerland.

Safety first..

Pedestrian safety: To insure everyone's safety crossing Main St., **please always use the designated crosswalk in front of church.** As an extra precaution, we have also asked one of the ushers to serve as "crossing guard" before and after each weekend and holyday Mass. Please give them your cooperation.



Looking for Caring Person...

Parishioner is in need of a caregiver for her father (a very kind 66 year old stroke victim)-duties include: bathing, toileting, house cleaning, grocery shopping, etc- no experience necessary, we will train. Hours of need are Monday and Friday 8 a.m.-12:30 and 4p.m.-8p.m. and Tuesday mornings 8 a.m.-12:30-salary negotiable-please call Angela 618-281-7888



Aquinas Roundtable

Held at The Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows

Friday, August 26- Saturday, Aug 27

Erase the Stigma of Mental Illness Conference

Please call 618-394-6281 for more information.

Help for addiction...

New Life Meeting of Narcotics Anonymous every Wednesday @ 7:00 p.m. at Human Support Services Waterloo, questions call 939-4444.

VNA-TIP Hospice

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Friendship...Kindness...Respite...Bereavement Hobbies...

Games/BINGO...Reading...Music...Administrative

All Support Is Appreciated

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618-558-1283

Assisted Listening:

Just a reminder that if you are hearing impaired and have trouble hearing everything in church, there are assisted listening devices available from the usher's closet in the back of church, always available for your use. Just ask an usher for assistance .

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