

# IMMACULATE



# CONCEPTION

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**November 6, 2011**  
Thirty-second 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.*  
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## Parish Renewal...

**B**ishop Braxton recently mandated that every parish in our Diocese participate in his Pastoral Plan for Parish Renewal and Restructuring as part of our observance of the 125th anniversary of the establishment of the Diocese of Belleville. Bishop Braxton believes that, since we currently have only 69 active diocesan priests (plus about 25 temporary international priests) to serve 117 parishes, we need to do a Diocesan wide review to determine if we need to consolidate or close some parishes that may no longer be viable. Even though our parish, one of the largest in the Diocese, is very viable and not in danger of consolidation or closure, the Bishop asks every parish to participate in this process as an opportunity for self-assessment.

Part of this process of renewal for every parish in the Diocese, as outlined by the Bishop, is a parish wide, “town hall” style meeting, where after reflection and discussion, each participant will be asked to complete a confidential “Parish Evaluation Instrument.” Our Parish Pastoral Council will host our parish meeting next **Sunday, November 13, at 2:00 p.m. in church.** Enjoy a delicious fried chicken dinner (11:30 a.m. – 2 p.m.) in our school cafeteria, then come over to church and join us at 2 p.m. as together we reflect upon the strengths and growth areas of our parish. The meeting will end by 3:30 p.m.

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13, at 2:00 p.m. in Church.**

I look forward to seeing you there!

~Fr. Carl

### Welcome Home!

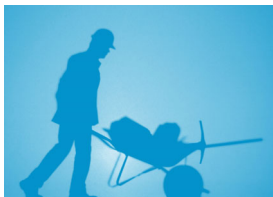
If you are visiting, we hope you enjoy your stay, and we are glad you decided to join us in this celebration.

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](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.

## New Church Update....



This past week, more concrete footings were poured for the foundation of our new church. Work is also progressing on setting of the forms for the first concrete wall pour, which will occur soon. Ameren Energy relocated the support wires for one of the electric poles that were in the pathway of the new private drive to the new church site. To keep updated on construction progress, go to our parish website ([www.icc-columbia-il-us](http://www.icc-columbia-il-us)) and click on the link, "Building Church While Building A Church."

The BCWBC committee invites everyone to come and take a look around the construction site on the weekend of November 19 & 20. On Saturday, from 1 – 3 p.m., and on Sunday from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., members of the BCWBC committee will be on-site to show you around and answer your questions. Also, everyone will be invited to inscribe their name on a small rock that will be placed in the final foundation pour of the new church, reminding us that we are all living stones of God's holy temple.

Please continue to pray for the success of this building project, and for the safety of all our construction workers.

## Parish Workday:

Next Sat., **Nov. 12**, beginning at **8 AM and ending with lunch at noon**. We have lots of leaves to rake! Come for an hour or stay all morning.



## Are you registered for the Men's ACTS Retreat?...

The parish ACTS retreat for men, 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.

ADVERTISER OF THE WEEK

**Johnny's Pizza**

281-7330

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

## Favorite Holiday Recipes Wanted...



Please send your favorite holiday recipes to be published in The Messenger during December 2011. Please include your name, parish and city; and if there is some particular memory associated with the recipe (example: recipe is from a favorite relative or prepared only for special occasions, etc.) please include that as well. We will print as many recipes and memories as space allows.

Deadline to submit – before November 16, 2011. Please mail to The Messenger, 2620 Lebanon Avenue, Belleville, IL 62221, Fax: 618-235-9605 or Email: [cathews@bellevillemessenger.org](mailto:cathews@bellevillemessenger.org)

## 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 \_\_\_\_\_

# Knights of Columbus 13th Annual Parish Christmas Party

December 10, 2011

ICS Gym

Doors open at 5:30 p.m. and Dinner starts at 6:30 p.m.

Reservations are required, Please Pay in Advance.

Please contact John Haubrich for reservations at 281-6021 or email: [kcchristmasparty@gmail.com](mailto:kcchristmasparty@gmail.com)

Ticket information:

\*Adults (13 and older): \$10

\*Children (ages 7-12): \$5

\*Kids 6 and under: FREE!



## Welcoming Sunday...

**This Sunday, November 6**, we will offer our welcome blessing to our new parishioners during the 9 AM Mass. Afterward, everyone is invited to a reception over in the school cafeteria. Please come over to personally welcome and introduce yourself to our new parishioners.

## Adeodatus Says:

*"When you forgive, you in no way change the past – but you sure do change the future."*

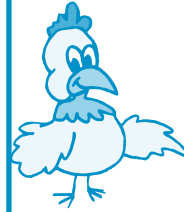


## Support Pro-Life by sending Pro-Life Christmas cards...

Buy Christmas cards from MO Right to Life and help fund the pro-life billboard you see along I-255 / I-55 interchange in south county. The cards are printed on heavy-duty card stock and come 18 per box for \$9. All proceeds go directly to funding the billboard because the card company donates all the cards. 3 ways to buy!

- 1) Buy them at church the weekend of November 12 and 13
- 2) Buy them at the church office any day during regular business hours
- 3) Call Charlotte Romano ([618-363-4707](tel:618-363-4707)) and she'll personally deliver them to your house.

# Chicken Dinner Time...



**Our next chicken dinner will be served on Sunday**

**November 13!**

**11:30 a.m. – 2 p.m.**

**We even have dessert...**

For this month's dinner, we are asking families with last names beginning **A-H** to bring a pie or dessert to the cafeteria anytime between 8-11 a.m.

**Dine-in or take out available!**

We need a total of 5 teams of 10-11 people on each team to assist with the dinners on a rotating basis. On the job training provided. If you are interested, please contact Steve Dressler at 281-7889.

\$2 off if you are a veteran!!

## 18 Days until...



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

## Come out to meet Him!...

We are all called to be disciples of Christ. He loves each one of us, as we are and where we are. He calls us to follow Him; to love Him. What better way to follow Him during our parish ACTS retreats. He is waiting for you to come out o meet Him!

## Stewardship tip:

Spend time with the Lord during an ACTS Retreat.

Adoration, Community, Theology, Service

Our Parish, Men's ACTS retreat is December 1-4 at Sojourn Retreat Center. Registration forms are in the back of the ChurchSpace is limited, so please register as soon as possible. The next parish ACTS retreat for women will be February 23-26.

"Stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour"  
~Matthew 25:13



## From Our Young Stewards

Helped rake leaves; Helped mom straighten the house; Helped people; prayed to God; Spent time with Grandma; gave money to poor

## Financial Stewardship

### Weekly Collection for October 29 & 30, 2011

Total envelopes and loose .....	\$18,623.31
Budget for week .....	\$21,500.00
Fiscal year to date collected ...	\$327,126.13
Fiscal year to date budget .....	\$332,305.00
Over (under) budget .....	\$(5178.87)

### Additional Offerings:

Votives .....	\$81.25
Gibault .....	\$40.00
St. Raymond's in Guatemala .....	\$253.00
New Church Fund .....	\$9,188.67
Capital Improvements .....	\$50.00
Children's Collection ....	\$29.67 (included in envelope total)
World Mission Sunday .....	\$87.00
St. Vincent DePaul .....	\$52.00
Human Development .....	\$20.00

*\*This weeks collection includes online giving from Oct 15-31, 2011*

### BCWBC

### Memorials:

Earl W. Wilde .....	\$125.00
Alvin Richter .....	\$ 50.00
Shirley Eckert .....	\$ 145.00

### Education Fund:

Knights of Columbus .....	\$100.00
From a Parishioner .....	\$500.00

**Personal donations for 2011 \$14,117.85**

**Thank you for sharing your blessings!!**

## Did you know?...

**Immaculate Conception offers online giving!** For more information, go to the parish website at: [www.icc-columbia-il.us/](http://www.icc-columbia-il.us/) click on the donations tab and then go to online giving. If you would like to sign up but do not have access to a computer, stop by the parish office and we will assist you in creating your on-line giving account. Utilize the internet for the good of the parish through this secure and convenient process. Track parish giving along with your other finances by signing up today. If you will be giving online, but would still like to receive envelope packets, please advise Angie Bueltemann at the Parish Office 281-5105. **Please call the parish office before you register for online giving to insure that you are not already registered. Thank you!**

## K of C Holiday Raffle...



1st Prize- iPad-2 (32 gb WiFi)  
2nd Prize Xbox 360 with Kinect  
3rd Prize-iPod Touch (32gb-WiFi)  
300 Chances to win! **Drawing held at the Christmas Party, December 10, 2011.** You do not need to be present to win. Price is \$10 per ticket.

Available at church and from KC board members. For more information contact Keith Renner at 314-750-3801.

## Quilter lunches needed...

The quilters are back at work already, making quilts for next years picnic!

They really work up an appetite, and are currently in need of people to provide lunch. Please contact Mary Leingang at 281-4437.



## Quilter news...

Thank you to **The Market Place** for providing lunch this past week. If you have a hand-sewn quilt you would like to donate, please let us know. Cash donations to cover our costs are always welcome!



## Sanctity of Life...

### LIFE Network of Southern Illinois

Check out our new website at [www.mylifenet.org](http://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 h brings hope and healing to the hurting. Please give us a call at Project Rachel phone number change: 1-888-456-HOPE.



## Fanning the Flame...

### A Diocesan Wide 125th Anniversary Journey of Faith

In celebration of the 125th anniversary of the founding of the Catholic Diocese of Belleville, an initiative known as Fanning the Flame is being offered for all within our community of faith to join in a year-long journey of study, reflection, and renewal. The mission of Fanning the Flame is to strengthen Catholics and those drawn to the Catholic faith, by exploring the richness of our faith through the United States Catholic Catechism for Adults (USCCA).

**Small group sharing is being offered here at Immaculate Conception for Fanning the Flame.** Some groups have remained formed and still gather periodically ever since the time of RENEW in 2001, while other groups have formed for various studies over the years and then dissolved. You may want to gather with those you are familiar with or choose to meet all new people for this study.

Sign-up for Fanning the Flame will take place after all the Masses during the weekend of Nov. 5/6 and also during the Welcoming in the cafeteria. Various times and different days of the week will be offered in hopes of meeting the needs of many. A group will also be available to meet on the internet for those interested in this avenue.

In honor of the 125th Diocesan Anniversary, and in support of Fanning the Flame, USCCB will be making the United States Catholic Catechism for Adults available for the special price of \$12.99 (regular price is \$24.95!). We can send in a group order and receive a discount.

Please note: The United States Catholic Catechism for Adults is the local adaption of the Catechism of the Catholic Church and is presented in a very accessible and user friendly format, rather than a reference format. At its heart is the celebration of the Christian mysteries, especially the Eucharist and the life of prayer with the readers being called to witness Christ, the Church, and God's Kingdom of salvation, love, justice, mercy, and peace in the world.

For further information, please contact Janet Janson @ the parish office.

## 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.

## Calling all bakers and candy makers....

The I.C.S. Craft Fair and Christmas Cookie & Candy Booth will be open for business Saturday, December 3rd. We need volunteers to bake Christmas cookies or candies, *AND* to work at the wonderful cookie booth the day of the fair. Please contact Desiree Frasure for more information at: [desireefrasure@yahoo.com](mailto:desireefrasure@yahoo.com) (281-4078)



## ICS Book Fair... Win \$50 at the ICS Book Fair... Today!, Nov. 6 8 a.m.-1 p.m.

Stop by Sunday after all Masses to enter for your chance to win \$50 Scholastic Dollars for use toward the purchase of books at the fair!! *Winner will be announced at 12 p.m., Sunday.*

*\*No purchase necessary, don't have to be present to win.*

Visit us in Room 122 (across from the computer lab)

Other fair times: *Mon., Oct. 31-Thurs., Nov. 3 & Mon., Nov. 7 • 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Tues., Nov. 8 & Wed., Nov. 9 • 8 a.m. to 9 p.m.*

*Can't make it to the fair??... Visit our On-line Book Fair at:*

<http://www.scholastic.com/schoolbookfairs/2885167>

Shop online for all your needs! **Orders ship to school for FREE!** Be sure to check out the Teachers Wish Lists!



## Second grade field trip...

ICS Second Graders had a wonderful adventure on their first Field trip of the year last Wednesday. They attended the St. Louis Symphony and heard a story "*Who Killed the Composer?*" narrated by local Emmy winning storyteller Bobby Norfolk, & were introduced to the Instrument families. They ate at Tower Grove Park & despite the early drizzle, enjoyed the Giant Pavilion. Then on to The Botanical Garden. They went on a scavenger hunt and saw many impressive sights. Their favorite spots were the maze, the Climatron & the Japanese Garden. Teachers, Diane Stechmesser and Carol Waide said it was another successful field trip. Even the Botanical Gardens were honoring the Cardinals with the fountain colored red!

## TEC Weekend...

Belleville Diocesan TEC is a three day experience in Christian Living. It is designed for high school juniors through adults who are searching for goals, acceptance, meaning, community, values, for God. The next TEC weekend is at St. John the Baptist in Red Bud, January 14-16, 2012. We are offering a buy one get one half price deal so bring a friend! Applications must be sent together to get the deal. For an application, visit [www.belleville.catholicweb.com](http://www.belleville.catholicweb.com)

## Congratulations....

To the former ICS students who achieved honors at Gibault High School this quarter:

### First Honors

Jessica Altadonna, Veronica Becherer, Blake Braun, Claire Buchheit, Emma Burns, Olivia Clements, Alex Dickinson, Molly Diehl, Allison Farr, Nick Fiore, Kate Fletcher, Kelly Fletcher, Josh Gool Austin Gregson, Julianna Hollman, Olivia Hollman, Megan Huether, Lizzie Kuerz, Rachel Kuerz, Katie Lamack, Karli Larson, Natalie Loless, Jacob Lundy, Kaitlyn Meyer, Mitch Meyer, Claire Mueth, John Pratl, Katie Pratl Sergio Alex Raisch, Jared Rueter, Madi Scace, Nathan Schmidt, Nicole Schmidt Steven Soucek, Libby Spurgeon, Spencer Stumpf, Leah Sueme, Angela Vieth, Caleb Weiler, Jacob Weiler, Hannah Wessel, Martin Witges, Millie Wolz & Mark Young

### Second Honors

Zac Eplin, Nick Helm, Colin Juengling, Jacob Knaup, Michael Lesko, Lauren Pennock, Adrianna Lizzie Raisch, Alicia Grace Raisch, Libby Spurgeon, Michelle Sydow, Brian Timmermann, & Evan Wessel

## Gibault hosts open house...

**Today!! November 6th**  
Gibault Catholic High School  
11 a.m. – 2 p.m.



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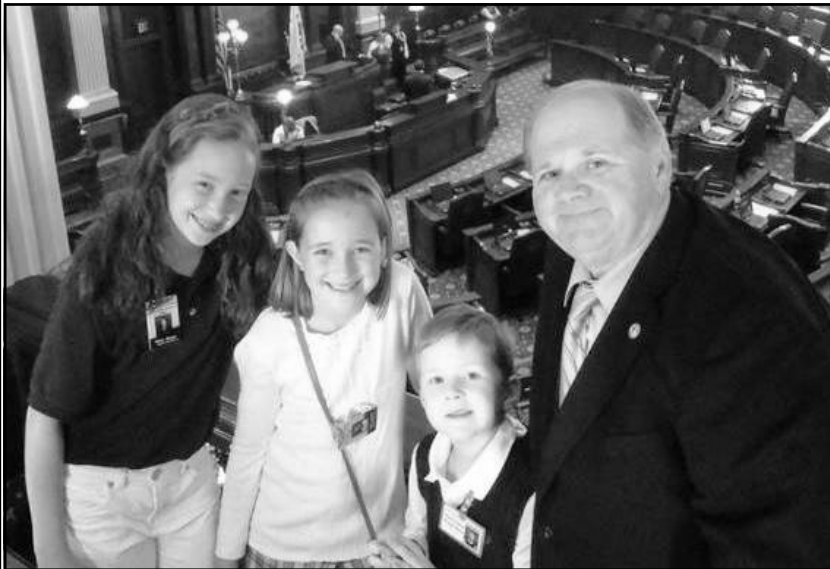
If you would like to receive the **good news** about a Catholic education at ICS, send an email to Mrs. Bev. Epplin at [bepplin@htc.net](mailto:bepplin@htc.net) and she will add you to our distribution list.

**Visit ICS on the web:  
NEW: [www.icscolumbia.org](http://www.icscolumbia.org)**

**MISSION • COMMUNITY • SERVICE**

## *ICS Student is page for a day...*

**Hillary Wessel** enjoyed the opportunity to serve as “page for a day” at the Illinois State Capitol on October 26. She assisted Representative Tom Holbrook on his last day in office and witnessed the swearing in of Jerry Costello II on his first day. Hillary learned that Tuesdays were “slow days” in the Capitol since they are just getting back to session. She also saw hand voting and computer voting and heard a rumor that the page program might be eliminated. She was grateful for the opportunity to see our legislature in action! Hillary attends Immaculate Conception School in Columbia and is the daughter of Jim and Chris Wessel.



Pictured left to right are: Hillary Wessel, Mary Catherine Wessel, Michael Wessel and Representative Tom Holbrook of Belleville in the Illinois House

## **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 additional Initial Child Protection courses is on the Diocesan website <http://diobelle.org>

***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](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](mailto:soster@htc.net).*

## **Sexual Abuse Hotline:**

Anyone wishing to report an allegation of sexual misconduct by a priest or other diocesan personnel please call : **800-640-3044.**

## *ICS Craft Fair Saturday Dec 3...*

**We are in need of crafters!!**

Please call **Beth Gallagher** to reserve your booth **281-2920**, or download an application from the ICS website.



# Liturgical Ministry Schedule

**November 12/13, 2011, 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**November 12, 5 p.m.**

Lectors.....1. Rita Belaska 2. Geri Vogt  
 Music.....Theresa  
 Eucharistic Ministers.....Diana Kuerz, James Huch, Barb Fiore, Jan Fields, Jane Voegele,  
 Brian Smith, Jeanne Wilde  
 Servers.....John Adams, Courtney Steibel, Sophie Spurgeon  
 Ushers.....JoAnn Wright, Chirs Sueme, Don Gallagher, Denise Sueme

**November 13, 7 a.m.**

Lectors.....1. Jim Williams  
 Music.....Theresa  
 Eucharistic Ministers.....Vernon Ritter, Marilyn Williams, Kathy Ritter  
 Servers.....Andrew Gilbreth, Samantha Coleman  
 Ushers.....Virginia Spier, Marilyn Lynn, Wayne Gallagher, Vicki  
 Gallagher

**November 13, 9 a.m.**

Lectors.....1. Cindy Rueter 2. Paula Nunning  
 Music.....Adult Choir  
 Eucharistic Ministers.....Sue Schmidt, Heinz Rudolf, Mike Hollman, Lori Hennes, Lisa  
 Main-Haubrich, Wes Hoeffken, Yvette Hoeffken  
 Servers.....Jake Rowan, Abby Broske, Alec Broske  
 Ushers.....Lucy Hollman, Rick Taylor, Ron Dexter, Carol Dexter

**November 13, 11 a.m.**

Lectors.....1. Lori Doerr 2. Deidra Doerr  
 Music.....Karen Lundy  
 Eucharistic Ministers.....Melissa Lantsberger, Pat Novak, Walter Novak, Michael  
 Doerr, Marilyn Frasure, Marcy Ebers, Laura Whelan  
 Servers.....Lucas Herrmann, Elena Biske, Rachel Bell  
 Ushers.....Kathy Sydow, Mariellen Sydow, Ron Ettlign, Tom Braun

## Nursing Home Ministry

Ministers.....Mike & Jeanne Kish  
 Assistants.....Vince & Carol Dabbs

## Homebound Ministry

Bruce Overbey, Sue Schmidt, Sue Taylor



## Deaf Ministry

Sat. Nov 12, 5 p.m.

Sat Nov 19, 5 p.m.

Wed Nov 23, 7 p.m. Ecumenical Service at Christ Community Church

Thurs Nov 24, 9 a.m. Thanksgiving

Sat Nov 26, 5 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](mailto:abuelt@htc.net)

## Weekly reflection



**Sunday November 13, 2011**

**33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31*

*First Thessalonians 5:1-6*

*Matthew 25:14-30*

## Parish directory

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### Rectory and Parish Office

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 Columbia, Illinois 62236

**Fax: 618-281-6848**

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

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

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

Parish Admin., Stan Osterhage ..... ext.250

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 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 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 ICS .....2nd Mon. @ 7:00 p.m.

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

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

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



## Aquinas Roundtable

The Roundtable will be held the last Tuesday of every month at the National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows, 11:30 A.M. – 1:00 P.M.

Pre-registration is required, call 618-394-6281 or 314-241-3400 x6281.

Cost: \$20 a program (lunch included). You may sign up for one or more programs at a time.

### November 29

*God in My Life:*

*What Does Trinity Have to Do with It?*  
*Sr. Colleen Mallon, O.P.*

Take time to reflect on the transformational power of the Christian understanding of the Divine Mystery for daily living. Cost: \$20 a program (lunch included).

## Interested In Becoming Catholic???

### Try RCIA

Many different roads lead individuals to the Catholic Church. Are you or someone you know being called at this time to a conversion of mind and heart and seeking a deeper understanding of the Catholic faith? The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) may be just what you are looking for. The RCIA is a ritual journey for those who are unbaptized and preparing for the reception of sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. It also allows for those baptized in other Christian religions to make a profession of faith and receive full communion with the Catholic Church, receiving Confirmation and Eucharist. Baptized Catholics seeking full communion in the Church (Confirmation) are also welcome and encouraged to participate. Please contact Janet Janson at the parish office (281-5105, ext. 154) as soon as possible for more information and to get started on your journey.

## 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.

**November 13**, St. Augustine, Hecker, Quilt/Cash Bingo  
Lunch served 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m. bingo starts at 1 p.m.



## Cursillo dates announced...

The Belleville Diocesan Cursillo in Christianity has announced the dates for the next upcoming Men and Women's weekends. The dates for the Men's weekend is March 1 - 4, 2012. The dates for the Women's weekend is March 8 - 11, 2012. It's not too early to register to attend. Prayerfully consider this beautiful and very special opportunity of encountering Christ in a whole new way! For more information and application, please contact Anna Feurer at 618.539.5044 or email at [anna.feurer@purina.nestle.com](mailto:anna.feurer@purina.nestle.com). Belleville Cursillo website: <http://home.catholicweb.com/bellevillecursillo/index.cfm>.

## Fall fun for a good cause...

The Nazareth Living Center Annual Fall Craft Fair and Bake Sale will be held on **Friday, November 11, from 8:30 am until 4:00 p.m. & Saturday, November 12, from 8:30 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.** A variety of handcrafted items, Christmas decorations, and gifts for various occasions will be available. Nazareth Living Center is located near the Forder and Ringer Road intersection with access from Ringer Road. Lunch can be purchased from 10:30 am to 1:00 pm on both days. Contact Clare Bass, Interim Volunteer Coordinator, at 314-649-4681 for more information.



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