



SEPT 24,  
2017  
TWENTY-  
FIFTH  
SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY  
TIME

A FULL STEWARDSHIP PARISH

411 PALMER ROAD | COLUMBIA, IL 62236

# IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Partner Parish of Sacred Heart of Jesus, Dupon, IL

[www.icc-columbia-il.us](http://www.icc-columbia-il.us)  
618-281-5105



Mass Times  
Monday-Friday  
8:05 a.m.  
Saturday 5:00 p.m.  
Sunday 7:00, 9:00 &  
11:00 a.m.

Deaf Ministry Mass  
5 p.m. Saturdays

Sacrament of  
Reconciliation  
offered every  
Saturday  
4:00-4:30 p.m. or  
anytime by  
appointment.

## Welcome!

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 on page 6.

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. There is even more info on our website!

If you have any questions, please call the Parish Office at 281-5105, or stop by for a visit.

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.

## Matthew 19:14

But Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven."



Walk to Remember

For many couples, the instant you knew you were pregnant, your life changed forever. Whether you were feeling joy or apprehension, this new baby was an important part of your future. No one could imagine a bad ending to such a beautiful part of growing a family.

One in four pregnancies end in sadness with a miscarriage or stillbirth. The feelings you have after the death of a baby can be overwhelming and intense, as the death of a baby at any stage is a very real loss. You will not only begin a journey of recovering physically, but also emotionally and spiritually.

You may feel...

*Overwhelming shock, Confusion; Low self-esteem, Loss of control, Disappointment, Jealousy; Anger, Frustration; Guilt and/or self-blame; Sadness and/or depression; Physical symptoms related to hormonal changes*

Finding ways to express your grief and finding support can help you feel less "crazy."

When a baby dies, so many expectations and hopes were shattered, and you find yourself trying to put the pieces of life back together when some of them don't fit anymore. The intense feelings of your grief will not last forever. Know that there will come a time when the heartache is less painful.

It is important for you to know that what you are feeling is normal. Give yourself permission to grieve. Intense feelings associated with grief can last up to 2 years, but not all that time is spent in deep grief. Incorporating your loss into daily life for you and family members takes patience and time.

There is no need for your family to grieve alone. If you have lost a baby through miscarriage, stillbirth, abortion, sudden death or a part of a family who has suffered a loss including a lost adoption, join us.

**On Sunday, October 15, at 4:00 in the ICS upper parking lot**, the Bereavement Ministry in celebration of the life of our babies lost to miscarriage, stillbirth and sudden death will hold a memorial services and Walk to Remember. The service will include a .5 mile walk for those who are able. This service is open to parents, families, grandparents, friends and members of other congregations in our community.

Come share, remember and celebrate the lives of your baby(ies) with us at our annual walk. October is the memorial month for pregnancy loss and observed nationally. Can't join us but want to know more about loss during pregnancy? Please check out this link for a local support group that can help <http://nationalshare.org>

~Kathy Fern, Bereavement Ministry

# Parish Staff Directory

## Immaculate Conception Church

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For information on committees and meetings please check out the  
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## Sacramental Preparations

**Baptisms:** Parents/guardians are asked to call the Parish Office to register to attend a preparation seminar available the 2nd Sunday of each month at 10 a.m. in the Parish Library. Baptisms are celebrated at all Masses the first weekend of the month, and every third 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.

**RCIA:** Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults: Deepen Your Experience of God Through the Catholic Faith In the Gospel of John, Jesus says, "No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draw him, and I will raise him on the last day." The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is for everyone who has been drawn by God to form a deeper relationship.

Wherever you are in your faith practice – whether baptized in another Christian faith, starting from the very beginning, or simply interested in enriching your Catholic practice – consider the RCIA. Get to know God better and find out what it means to be Catholic. We meet in the Parish Office on Sundays, starting with "Breaking Open the Word" dismissal from 9 a.m. Mass, and catechetical sessions from 10-11:30 a.m.

For more information, contact Lizanne Young at 281-5105, x354, or email [lyoung@iccmail.org](mailto:lyoung@iccmail.org).

## Office Hours...

Parish Office hours: 8:30-4:30 Monday-Friday.



## Fr. Carl's Little Reservoir...

"My people need me. A shepherd cannot run from his flock." With these words, Fr. Stanley Rother, priest of the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City, who at his own request had been assigned to mission work in Santiago Atitlan, Guatemala in 1968, despite the pleas of his family returned to his mission for Easter in 1981 after a brief hiatus from this war torn country from January to March of that year. A few months later, on July 28, 1981, three armed hitmen broke into the rectory to kidnap and kill Fr. Rother. Fr. Rother, age 46, was buried in his hometown of Okarche, Oklahoma, where he had grown up on the family farm with his older brother and his younger sister, who is now Sister Marita, a member of the Adorers of the Blood of Christ in Wichita, Kansas. But Fr. Rother's heart remained in Guatemala, where he had built schools, hospitals, wells and a Catholic radio station, and will become a relic once he's beatified (final step before canonization) as a martyr on September 23, in Oklahoma City, by Cardinal Amato on behalf of Pope Francis.

Like The Good Shepherd, Blessed Stanley Rother always put the sheep before the shepherd! I humbly bask in the glow of glory of this saintly priest, and pray that I might imitate his example of faithfulness to his flock.

~Fr. Carl

## Our Sympathies...

To Rebecca Lawrence and family on the death of her mother, Delores Menard who died on Sept 13 at the age of 72; and to Jim Schmidt and his family, on the death of his sister, Janet Dillard who died on Sept 14 at the age of 81; and to Wayne Pulcher and his family and Lloyd Pulcher and his family on the death of their father and nephew, Mike Pulcher, of East Carondelet, who died on Sept 16 at the age of 68.

## Hurricane Relief...

Your generosity to our special collection for Hurricane Relief for those who lost so much to Hurricanes Harvey and Irma is most inspiring. We have forwarded a check for \$8,835.40 to the Diocese to be forwarded to Catholic Charities to help in their relief efforts. This combined with our picnic donation of \$5,305.10 totals \$14,140.50 given for relief efforts.

## Parish Potluck...

All are invited to the parish potluck in the garden level this Sunday, September 24, after the 11a.m. Mass to welcome back the women participating in this weekend's ACTS retreat.



## Come Observe the Transitus...

You are invited to join the Franciscan Friars of East St. Louis in observing the Transitus-The commemoration of the death of St. Francis. Tuesday Oct 3, at 7 p.m. at St. Augustine of Hippo Catholic Church 408 Rev. Joseph Brown Blvd. East St. Louis, IL Reception to follow in Fr. Augustus Tolton Hall. For more info call the church office 274-0655.

## Blessing of Teen Drivers...

We will have a blessing of all teen drivers at all Masses NEXT weekend of Sept 30 and Oct 1.



## October—Together on a Mission...

Family Project: Pray the Rosary together as a family. The Knights of Columbus invites you to join them as they observe October as the Month of the Holy Rosary by praying the Rosary 20 minutes before each of the weekend Masses. In addition, everyone is invited to celebrate The Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary on Saturday, October 7th following the 5p.m. Mass. We will begin the Living Rosary outside the front entrance of the church. Candles, torches, and a huge rosary rope will make this a special "experience" for all ages. Please call Joe Dent (618) 210-2003 or Nick Matrisotto (314) 609-7092 if you have any questions. Please Note!~ The Living Rosary on October 7th takes place of the one from former November Fall Festivals. ~Building the Domestic Church While Strengthening our Parish!





## Capital Campaign Update...

Thanks to all who have made a generous commitment to this campaign. We've already begun moving dirt for the site of our new Catholic Education and Activity Center, and look forward to beginning construction in a couple of months. We still need more pledges, so if you have not yet returned your letter of intent, please do so as soon as possible. Every gift is greatly appreciated! ~Fr. Carl

Goal .....\$11,600,000  
 Total Pledged .....\$7,691,001.85  
 Number of Pledges.....532  
 % of Goal Reached.....66%

## Council of Catholic Women News...

**\*\* Keeping College Kids Connected:** Parents please remind your children they MUST RE-sign up for the program to make sure the contact info is correct. Mailings will begin soon. Questions? Call or text Maggie at 618-792-4644.

**\* Shrine of St. Joseph Church Tour:** Come join us at 10am on October 6th for our first Church tour. We will tour, celebrate Mass, receive a blessing with the St Peter Claver relic, then enjoy lunch at Das Bevo. Send a text to Maggie at 618-792-4644 or email to [jmburns@htc.net](mailto:jmburns@htc.net) to secure your spot!



## Please join us for a ROSARY RALLY!

The Immaculate Conception Council of Catholic Women invites you to join us in praying the Holy Rosary for world peace on Saturday, October 14, 2017, at 12:00 noon by the fountain in

front of Columbia City Hall. We are participating in a national Rosary Rally as one of more than 17,000 groups praying on that day and time. This month commemorates the 100th anniversary of the "Miracle of the Sun" in Fatima, Portugal, where our Blessed Mother appeared and encouraged people to pray the Rosary for peace in the world. All are welcome to join us for this 30-minute prayer event.

## Trip to Guatemala/St. Raymond's in 2018

The Sister Parish Committee is in the early planning stages for a possible trip to St. Raymond's sometime next year. **Representatives from the committee will be available following all masses on the weekend of October 14/15 to discuss.** If you'd like to learn more about the trip and contributing your time and talents to the committee, please see one of the committee members after mass. They will have a one-page flyer/travel interest form to read and fill out.

## Life Chain 2017...

Metro East Millstadt  
**Sunday, October 1, 2-3 pm** Along Hwy. 158 -- Washington St., Millstadt, IL "Could You Not Watch One Hour With Me?" Call Charlotte Romano for more information 618-363-4707.



## Paul Finley In Concert...

Please join us for a concert with Paul Finley (acoustic guitar player/singer/songwriter) **on Oct 16, at 7p.m. in church.** The concert is free but a free-will offering will be taken up at the end. All are welcome!!! Bring your family and friends!



## Family Movie Night...

Friday, September 29th starting at 6:30 pm —You're invited! Please come and join us in the Garden Level-Lower Level of the Immaculate Conception Church as the Knights of Columbus and J.U.S.T. Families presents the next film from Building

the Domestic Church program: "The Boss Baby". We will have free popcorn and drinks available. If you would like, please bring comfortable chairs, bean bags and/or sleeping bags.

**If you have any questions, contact Nick Matrisotto at (314) 609-7092 or Katie Hart at (618) 973-0828.** Keeping with the Sept. theme of charity, please attend and donate newborn items for Birthright STL: Onesies & Sleepers(0-3months), Diapers, (size 1&2), wipes, New Blankets & Bottles. Thanks!

## Priesthood Sunday...

In observance of Priesthood Sunday, The Messenger, the Belleville Diocesan Catholic newspaper, **will publish a special section in the October 19 issue** to recognize all of our priests: active and retired, pastors, administrators, associate pastors and sacramental ministers. This is your opportunity to tell us briefly some of their best qualities. Please email your remarks to: [cathnews@bellevillemessenger.org](mailto:cathnews@bellevillemessenger.org), or mail to The Messenger, 2620 Lebanon Avenue, Belleville, IL 62221. **Deadline to submit remarks on or before October 6.**

## Post Picnic Meeting...& Wine Sale...

We will have a post-picnic meeting Monday, **September 25th at 7:00 p.m.** Garden Level Please check your emails for details.

**We also have wine for sale that we didn't sell at the picnic.**

If you would like to buy a bottle or two or three, contact Georgia Hutchinson at 618-401-2626.

## Holyland's Art Will Be Here NEXT Weekend...

With the hostilities worsening in the Holy Land and due to lack of Christian pilgrims, unemployment rate increased to almost 70%.

Holyland's Arts is one of the few Christian Organizations that took the responsibility of helping Christians of the Holy Land market their hand crafts in the United States.

Many Christian Palestinians have responded by fleeing the Holy Land. And, it is conceivable that all Christians could leave. However, the absence of a living Christian community is very dangerous for the Holy sites such as the Nativity Church in Bethlehem.

By buying these engraved pieces of art, you help strengthen the Christian presence in the city of Bethlehem, the birthplace of Jesus Christ, and the surrounding areas. Proceeds go to the Christian families (the artisans) who have been working hard for ages in this type of hand carving work. Purchasing one of these unique items will help prevent Christians from leaving the Holy Land and build new hope in keeping the Christian culture alive.



## Adeodatus Says:

"I believe getting into hot water – it keeps you clean!"

**Thanks to all who came out to walk/run or support Life Walk in any way!!**



## This Week's Liturgical Celebrations

Please note— now that the school year is underway, Tuesday, Wed & Thurs Mass will be at ICS. Monday and Friday will be here at church, unless otherwise noted.

**Monday, Sept 25 ....8:05a.m. Church** We Remember Leo & Evelyn Sander  
**Tuesday, Sept 26....8:05 a.m. ICS**..... We Remember Loretta Spellmeyer  
**Wednesday, Sept 27 .8:05 a.m. ICS** ..... We Remember Betty Kish  
**Thursday, Sept 28...8:05 a.m. ICS**..... We Remember Joe Rotty  
**Friday, Sept 29.....8:05 a.m. Church**..... We Remember James Zoeller  
**Saturday, Sept 30 . 5:00 p.m.** ..... We Remember Jan Siburt  
**Sunday, Oct 1....7:00 a.m.**..... We Celebrate all our parishioners  
**9:00 a.m.** ..... We Remember Harry Bates  
**11:00 a.m.** ..... We remember Barb Winschel

### Please Pray For...

Charles Caesar  
 Joy Bretz  
 Sanela Spahic  
 Billie Bates  
 Crystal Henry  
 Grace Ryterski  
 Dennis Kish  
 Allie Boss  
 Ruth Diehl Toal  
 Clara Liszewski  
 Dee Reed  
 Joe Descher  
 Sharon Moeller  
 Carmen Kofarago  
 Special Intention JMD  
 Sharon Grathwohl  
 Shirley Holmes Family  
 Matthew Cameron  
 Mardell Pelch  
 Jeremy Kunklemaan  
 Jan & Charles Jenne  
 Tom Siburt  
 Sarah Watts  
 Maria Elena Araiza  
 Vivian Gardner  
 Noreen Nesler  
 Laurie Austin  
 Joyce Rose  
 Marla Miller Vogt  
 Donna Whitworth  
 Jessica Smart  
 Harold Barks  
 Breanna Colombo  
 Jackie Cleveland  
 Debbie Westbrook  
 Dave Nicklay  
 Bill Wolf  
 Carol Schwartz  
 Annette DeGreeff  
 Lydia Boyer  
 Joan Touchette  
 S.J. Brown  
 Josh Ritter  
 Sharon Lewis  
 Luke Meyer

Jack Finney  
 Jeremy Kohlberg  
 Brendan Schaper  
 Charlsie Ritson  
 Gary Hoguet  
 George Wiligek  
 Special Intention  
 Special Intention—D.F.  
 Lisa Straub  
 Terry Rausch  
 Rich Cullen  
 Derek Dillon  
 Aiden Howard Maul  
 John Brugman  
 Katie Huch  
 Susie Settle  
 Ryton Miller  
 Garrett Patton  
 Emily Schmidt  
 Margaret Schenewerk  
 Deb Gomez-Trost  
 Carolyn Holt  
 Kirk Brinovec  
 Donna Greene  
 Danny Saltzman  
 John L. Adams  
 Tom Kish  
 Desiree Frasure  
 Tom Range  
 Carolyn Messerly  
 Richard Sambo  
 Cheryl McAlister  
 Dan Whelan  
 Carl Garvach  
 Tyler Dillon  
 Donna LaCourse  
 Gertrude Scherrer  
 Penny Reeves  
 Louise Mihalic  
 Stephen Marlo  
 Vic Rose  
 Edie Smith  
 Betty Lehr  
 Jessica Barcik  
 Patrick Shannon  
 Jim Brown  
 Jim Gidley  
 Robert Brown

Arlin Stechmesser  
 Mary Consolino  
 Marge Sander  
 Peggy Schutt  
 Robin Henry  
 Lynette Toenjes  
 Elana Schmelzle  
 For peace & guidance  
 Bob & Marie  
 Marchetti  
 Erin & Joe Muller  
 James Reed  
 Ron Hanewinkel  
 Rachel Warden  
 R.J. Brown  
 Jan Habermehl  
 Tootie May  
 Sister Beth  
 Barbara Thompson  
 Alicia Cohen  
 Audrey Sambo  
 Alan Congiardo  
 Mia Simpson  
 Patresia Kish  
 Bev Tredway-  
 Johnson  
 Donald Crosby  
 Jennifer Trousdale  
 Mary Gonzales  
 Bailey George  
 Patty Heath  
 Janet Bentley  
 Richard Wenkel  
 Delores Eynon  
 Nicholas Eynon  
 Angie Rose  
 Speical Intention PBJ  
 Diane Heisler  
 Kathy Viers  
 Suzanne Rautman  
 Jacob & Taylor  
 Stevenson  
 Darrell Wolff  
 Charles Farley  
 Barbara Buchheit  
 Larry Pelker  
 Joel Rivera  
 Denise Touchette-  
 Crump  
 Jean Brown

Dan McGilligan  
 Diane Silva  
 Philip Bohn  
 Joe Stamelos  
 Special Intention  
 John Murphy  
 Angela Hughes Voss  
 Rose Kelly  
 Evola Neiermann  
 Kim Von Der Haar  
 Special Intention  
 Donna Kania  
 Ginny Devenport  
 Jim Vogt  
 Cletus Helfrich  
 Special Intention  
 Jean Lindhorst  
 Ron Rohlfing  
 Special Intention NB,  
 KH,TH  
 Mary Alpiser  
 Ann Mohesky  
 Nancy Steinmeyer  
 Jay Wolfineier  
 Ted Haar

If you know of anyone we need to remove from the prayer list, please call the church office and let us know. Thank you!



## Financial Stewardship

SEPTEMBER 17, 2017

TOTAL: .....\$15,290.03  
 BUDGET: .....\$20,940.00  
 YTD ACTUAL: .....\$342,104.19  
 YTD BUDGET: .....\$374,080.00  
 OVER (UNDER): .....(\$31,975.81)  
 Votive .....\$100.00  
 Capital Improvements .....\$47.00  
 Gibault .....\$314.00  
 Guatemala.....\$227.00  
 CEAC .....\$2444.66  
 Seminarian Ed.....\$2.00

Thank you for sharing your blessings with us!

## From Our Young Stewards...



Helped by getting out dog food; helped my brother when he got hurt; helped collect money for the K of C Tootsie Roll drive; helped dad when mom was gone; handed out water to the biathlon participants; helped Amelie look for her tooth.

# CSMA

The Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal... join us as Partners in Hope

Hundreds of young adults find a comfortable, secure, faith-based home during their college years as a "family" member of the Newman Center at Southern Illinois University. The CSMA helps makes this experience possible. If you haven't already done so, please consider making your gift to the Appeal today! Heartfelt thanks for your generosity. To date our parish has pledged/donated \$38,618.75 of our \$49,650.00 goal with 200 households participating.

## Scrip Helps CEAC Fund!

Just a reminder that you can purchase Scrip (gift cards to MANY local and area restaurants and stores), right here in our church office! We will now be putting all of our earnings from the Scrip we sell in the office towards the CEAC fund! If you need something please stop by the Parish Office M-F 8:30a.m.- 4:30 p.m. Thanks!

## Ministry Leaders...

If you are planning an event, please check out our online parish calendar first to avoid conflicting dates. Call Angie at the parish office if you need assistance!

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



## Troops in Service...

Army Ranger Joseph Pope, Carrie Gilbreth USN, Katherine Gilbreth EM2 USN, Justin Weiler USAF, LTC. Brian Schoellhorn, US Army, OSSN Seth Spencer, Brandon Molner USMC, SSGT Rebecca Millas; Chelsea Sackman, US Army, Colin Juengling, USAF, SPC Maria Witges MP Army; Madeline Reichert, US Navy, CPT Russ Sneddon, US Army; PFC Kenny Fields, USMC; Carol Mattingly; SPC Dylan Stern, US Army; Benjamin Thoma 2nd Lt., USAF; Major Matthew A. Greb, Us Army; Kristopher Castellanos, US Marines; Andrew J. Gilbreth, USAF

## Advertiser of the Week:





## 2017 Picnic & Upcoming Events Schedule:

### September Picnics-

30 Cathedral of St. Peter, Belleville

30 St. Clare of Assisi, O'Fallon

30 Holy Rosary Fairmont City Quartermania

### ~Cathedral 2nd Annual Food Truck Fest

**Saturday, September 30 from 4-9 pm**

200 South 2nd Street, Belleville

There will be 16 food trucks...so something for everyone!

Boutique trucks, kids area, craft beer, wine and sangria.

Free admission. No coolers or pets please.

Check our facebook page for more information.

Join us for an enjoyable evening!

### ~Holy Schnikes! It's the 90's Trivia Night~

**Sat Oct 7th –Doors open at 6p.m. Trivia Starts at 7p.m.**

all proceeds go directly toward Jessica Burns' trip to Bolivia! It will be held in the Garden Level at ICC 411 Palmer Rd. \$10 per person or \$80 per table (max 8 per table). Cash prizes for top 3 teams—silent auction—90's costume contest photo booth and MUCH MORE!

Contact Jessica by email at [1burns.jessica@gmail.com](mailto:1burns.jessica@gmail.com)

or by phone 618-980-9113 for more information!

### ~All-You-Can-Eat Chicken Dinner at Holy Family School, 1900 Saint Clair Ave, Granite City IL 62040 on Sunday October 8th, 2017 from 11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Adults \$10.00, Kids 5-12 \$ 6.00, Kids 4 and under \$2.00. Carry-outs available and are \$10.00.

## TEC (Teens Encounter Christ)...

Calling all high school juniors and seniors : TEC (Teens Encounter Christ) weekends: Jan. 13-15, 2018 at Immaculate Conception in Columbia, IL, or Feb. 17-19, 2018 at Mater Dei High School in Breese, IL. Teens Encounter Christ (TEC) is a three-day Catholic retreat for the young adults of Southern Illinois. It's a place for older teens and young adults to reflect-through talks, skits, art, music, sacraments, fellowship and fun-on where they are in life and where they're going, where God fits in, where their faith is leading them, and how they can live their faith with love, joy and courage. TEC is also open to adult observers (18+). To learn more and/or to apply visit: [www.bellevilletec.org](http://www.bellevilletec.org)

## Weekly Reflection...

Oct 1, 2017

**First Reading:** Ezekiel 18:25-28

**Second Reading:** Philippians 2:1-11 or 2:1-5

**Gospel:** Matthew 21:28-32



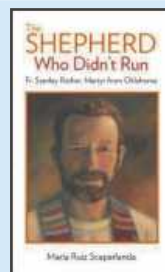
## We Still Have Space in Fr. Chris's Book Discussion...

"I Have My Doubts," a discussion of two books (The Benedict Option and The Market as God) lead by Fr. Chris over six sessions, beginning September 21 in the Fr. Steve Library. If you haven't signed up yet and want to take part, send an email to [Lizanne Young](mailto:Lizanne_Young@iccmail.org) at [Lizanne Young](mailto:Lizanne_Young@iccmail.org) right away to receive the review questions for the first meeting.

## Library Pick of the Week...

### The Shepherd Who Didn't Run

As we celebrate the canonization of Fr. Stanley Rother, take some time to get to know more about his extraordinarily "ordinary" 46 years on this Earth for yourself. Born and raised in Oklahoma, Fr. Rother brought his Midwestern sensibilities to his priesthood, and looked for good and love in everyone he met. Beloved by the people of Guatemala, he is also an example for all of us. Pick it up in the Fr. Steve Library.



## Quilter's Corner...

We have already started working on quilts for the next picnic. More quilters are needed!! Instruction will be gladly provided. Any questions, call Carlene at 281-5877 or [kisro@htc.net](mailto:kisro@htc.net).

## RCIA: The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults...

If you are considering becoming Catholic, or completing the Sacraments of Initiation (First Eucharist and/or Confirmation), we'd like to see you at the first session of our RCIA program TODAY! **Sunday, September 24, at 10am in Fr. Carl's office (lower level of church).**

Stop in if you're interested, or contact Lizanne Young with any questions:

[Lizanne\\_Young@iccmail.org](mailto:Lizanne_Young@iccmail.org) or 281-5105 xt 354.

## Hispanic Ministry: What We Can Do...

Hola! The Pastoral Council invites you to a presentation from the Diocesan Office of Hispanic Ministry at 7pm on Tuesday, Sept. 26, in the Garden Level. We will be learning how we can take steps at here at Immaculate Conception Parish to grow in our outreach to the Hispanic members of our church and larger community. Join the discussion!



## LIFE Network of Southern IL...

LIFE Network of Southern IL.. All services are free. Call 618-939-4224 or [www.mylifenet.org](http://www.mylifenet.org) 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: 888-456-HOPE. If you know of someone whose unborn baby has been diagnosed with "fetal anomalies" or an "adverse prenatal diagnosis", please refer the parents to the following web sites: [BeNotAfraid.net](http://BeNotAfraid.net) and [PrenatalPartnersforlife.org](http://PrenatalPartnersforlife.org) Fontebella Maternity Home 618-406-4355 or [www.fontebella.org](http://www.fontebella.org).

## Vocation Corner...

"Each of you has a personal vocation which He has given you for your own joy and sanctity. When a person is conquered by the fire of His gaze, no sacrifice seems too great to follow Him and give Him the best of ourselves. This is what the saints have always done, spreading the light of the Lord ... and transforming the world into a welcoming home for everyone." – Pope Benedict, April 3, 2012

**Hour of Prayer for Vocations...** Corpus Christi Parish is beginning a monthly prayer hour for an increase in Vocations to the Priesthood, Diaconate and Consecrated Religious life. This hour will be held on the 1st Thursday of each month. Our first one will be on October 5th at 7p.m., in the Church. The hour will include Eucharistic exposition, Scripture, praying of the Rosary, some meditation time, and concluding with Benediction. Everyone is welcome to attend. Any questions can be forwarded to our Parish Vocations Coordinator, Marvin Winkler, at 402-214-1155 or email to [mewinkel51@gmail.com](mailto:mewinkel51@gmail.com).



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**COLUMBIA-MONROE COUNTY FIELD TRIP...**



ICS' 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Class attended the annual Columbia-Monroe County Field Trip on September 7. Highlights of the trip included Admiral Parkway Development arranged by Lorrie Maag, Director of Rock City, and led by Joe Koppeis, developer of the innovative business center. The students visited the National Archives there which houses 2.5 million boxes of personnel records, the cold storage units, ate lunch at portholes overlooking the Bottoms, and heard of future plans for the 4 million square feet available. Students learned about or visited the Cahokia-Kaskaskia Trail in Columbia, highlighting historical homes; Wardemann Cemetery; ICC Cemetery; Palmier Hill Cemetery where Revolutionary War patriots are buried; the Luntzford-Pulcher Mound, Sugar Loaf Mound; Sand Bank Road for a geologic talk and information on Luhr Brothers, Inc. including Silver Star honoree, *Aloys Luhr*, 11 South and developer Joe Koppeis; Sackmann Field (Columbia Airport); Ft. Piggott; put a scope on the levee at Fountain for a view of Miles Cemetery Mausoleum with its 52 vaults; drove through Old Valmeyer, site of the Flood of '93; walked Salt Lick Trail, highest point in Monroe County and early commercial source of salt; Kidd Lake State Nature Preserve and view of Fults Hill Prairie. **Chaperons**

were: Doug Epplin, Jolene Sasser, Carrie Boser, Kim Schwartz, Holly Blaskiewicz, Shari Smugala, Lauren Powers, Diane Ramey and flora and fauna expert Dan Kassebaum. Roots. We have good ones in Columbia and Monroe County way back to the American Indians and geologic times!!

**News From Gibault...**

~Grandparents' Mass - Gibault Catholic will be celebrating our Grandparents Day mass on **September 28 at 9:00 a.m.** in the Hustedde gymnasium. All grandparents are welcome to join us!

~Comparing high schools? Our innovative schedule and electronic curriculum will get your 7th or 8th grader excited about high school! Schedule your student's date to shadow a Gibault Catholic student for a full day of class by contacting Pat Herzing ([pherzing@gibalthawks.com](mailto:pherzing@gibalthawks.com)). Something different within reach. We look forward to meeting you! Follow us on Facebook, Twitter (@GibaultCatholic) and Instagram (#gibaultproud) for more information.

~Save the date! **Gibault's Oktoberfest Auction will be on October 21, 2017.** Admission is \$50 per person with Mass at 4:30p.m., hors d'oeuvres and dinner to follow. Come join us at our biggest fundraiser of the year! Contact us at [gibault@gibalthawks.com](mailto:gibault@gibalthawks.com) for information, donations or reservations.

~Another Save the date! **Gibault Catholic Open House, November 5,** from 11a.m.-2p.m..

~Fall Play - The Gibault drama department proudly presents "The Wisdom of Eve", a drama, **Sept 28-Sept 30 at 7p.m.** and Oct 1 at 2p.m. For ticket information please contact MaryBeth Babcock at [actorsattic@gmail.com](mailto:actorsattic@gmail.com).



**Parents, Grandparents, ICS & PSR Volunteers—Make Sure YOU are in Compliance...**

Do you want to accompany your child or grandchild on a field trip? Volunteer in the classroom, or help at PSR?

If your answer is "yes!", then you need to make sure you are in compliance with the Diocesan Policy on Child Protection.

To be in compliance and stay compliant just takes a little time each year. **Sometimes getting the paperwork through at the state level takes weeks, it is best to err on the side of caution and get this done early.** If you are unsure if you are in compliance or not, please contact Angie at the parish office, she will be more than happy to help you!

~The Child Protection Refresher Course is now available online. The system automatically generates a certificate and sends it in when you are done!

**\*\*Remember, anyone who wishes to volunteer at school or church when there are children present, MUST be in compliance with the Diocesan Child Protection Policy which includes taking the initial Child Protection Course.** It takes **up to 3 months** to have everything in place, so please be proactive! Information on times and locations throughout the Diocese, is on the diocesan website: <http://diobelle.org/b.aspx> Questions? Contact Angie at the parish office: 281-5105.

~SEXUAL ABUSE HOTLINE: Anyone wishing to report an allegation of sexual misconduct by a priest or other diocesan personnel please call the hotline: 800-640-3044.

**Welcome New Parishioners!**


If you live within the parish boundaries and attend regularly, please take a moment to register with the 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, mail, or bring it to the Parish Office, so that your information can be accurately added to our database.

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