

FAITH FLASH!

Faith Tip of the Week: Great excuse!

“Mass should be your excuse for missing everything else.” I saw this quote from Scott Hahn and thought it was worth repeating. What a great excuse!

Youth Group

Next Youth group meeting is May 15th. All newly confirmed 8th graders are welcome to attend!

Dave Hollinshead, Director of Faith Formation



FORMED AND AMEN are streaming platforms of religious resources that are available to all of our parishioners. Information for both are on the bulletin table.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

The Cupboards Are Bare

St. Vincent De Paul Needs Your Help!

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul Belleville Council reports record numbers of people staying at its OverNite Center and 300+ people per day coming for meals at Cosgrove's Kitchen. With these increased numbers, there is an urgent need for food. We humbly ask for your prayers for SVDP and its clients and, if you are able, your donation of food (all kinds) that will be cooked and served at the soup kitchen and/or individually packaged food items (cookies, fruit cups, tuna and chicken snack packs, chips, crackers, cheese sticks, yogurt, cereal, instant oatmeal, Pop Tarts, breakfast bars, soup or pasta in a cup) to distribute at the OverNite Center. Items can be dropped off at:

St. Vincent de Paul Council Office-8800 West Main, Belleville (across from Blessed Sacrament Church) Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 9:00-2:30pm. or **SVDP Thrift Store/Soup Kitchen**-3718 State Street, East St. Louis. Monday-Friday 9:00-1:30 pm.; Saturday 9:00-Noon. For additional info contact Joe Hubbard or Pat Hogrebe at 618-394-0126. Thank you and God bless you for your generosity which enables St. Vincent de Paul's ministry to the poorest among us.

Can You Help?

CATHOLIC SERVICE AND MINISTRY APPEAL

Serve the Lord with gladness!--Psalm 100

Your contribution to The Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal enables the Office of Education to impact the lives of over 11,128 students at 25 Catholic grade schools, three Catholic high schools and in PSR (Parish School of Religion) classes throughout our Belleville Diocese. If you haven't already done so, we prayerfully ask you to consider making a gift to The 2024 Appeal today...no amount is too large or too small! Thank you.

GIBAULT CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL NEWS



7th Grade Shadow Program – LAST CALL

Last call for Shadow Visits! Your 7th grader can spend the day at Gibault as a Shadow Visitor. Shadows will be matched with a current student with similar interests and together, they'll attend classes, meet teachers, enjoy lunch in our cafeteria, and more! 7th grade shadows are welcome to come back as 8th graders for another Shadow Visit, too!

Summer Camps-Registration for our summer camps is now open! Choose from art, boys' and girls' basketball, boys' and girls' volleyball, and boy's soccer.

<https://gibalthawks.com/2024-summer-camps/>

Future Hawk Baseball Tailgate-Cheer on the State Champion Hawks on May 1 at 4:30 p.m.

Summer Classic Golf Tournament-Tee up for the students of Gibault Catholic High School as part of our 27th Summer Classic Golf Tournament! This year's tournament will be held on Friday, June 21, 2024, and there are lots of ways to get involved. You can sponsor our event, donate raffle prizes, or gather a team to play at the beautiful Annbriar Golf Course. For more info, email dfrasure@gibalthawks.com or visit our event website: <https://SummerClassic.givesmart.com>

Poker Run-Join the Gibault Women's Club for an afternoon of fun on April 28.

SJB SCHOOL NEWS

Spring Rummage Sale-Our Spring Rummage Sale will be: Sunday, April 28th (8am-1pm.; \$4/bag). Cash or local check with ID only.

St. Joseph's BBQ
FUNDRAISER
Sunday, April 28th
Red Bud IGA
Starting at 10:30 a.m.



PORK STEAKS & BRATS
Sandwiches or Plates
PLATES COME WITH CHOICE OF 2 SIDES:
Sweet & Smoky Baked Beans
Homemade Potato Salad
Picnic Recipe Slaw

RESPECT LIFE

“Virgin of Guadalupe, Patroness of unborn children, we implore your intercession for every child at risk of abortion. ... Guide our public officials to defend each and every human life through just laws. Inspire us all to bring our faith into public life, to speak for those who have no voice. We ask this in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ, who is Love and Mercy itself. Amen.”
USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, “A Prayer to Our Lady of Guadalupe”

Pregnancy Resource Highlight

Pregnancy Care Center, 180 South 3rd St. Belleville, IL
Phone: (618) 233-2273
Pregnancycarecenter.org, open Mon, Tue, Wed from 10 am-2 pm
Provide referrals for pregnancy care, clothing, diapers, and other assistance to mothers and families free of charge.

**LET US PRAY TO END ABORTION
AND TO RESPECT ALL LIFE FROM
CONCEPTION TO NATURAL
DEATH!**



**VOCATION PILGRIMAGE WEEKEND WITH
THE DAUGHTERS OF ST. PAUL**

July 5-7-Curious about religious life? Spend a weekend with the Daughters of St. Paul, and participate in the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage as it passes through St. Louis! This dynamic weekend retreat will introduce you to the Eucharistic spirituality, media mission, and community life of the Daughters of St. Paul and give you quiet time with the Lord to pray about your vocation. Open to single Catholic women ages 18-30. Learn more or register at connect.pauline.org/vocational-pilgrimage or contact Sr. Amanda Marie at stlouisvocations@paulinemediamedia.com.

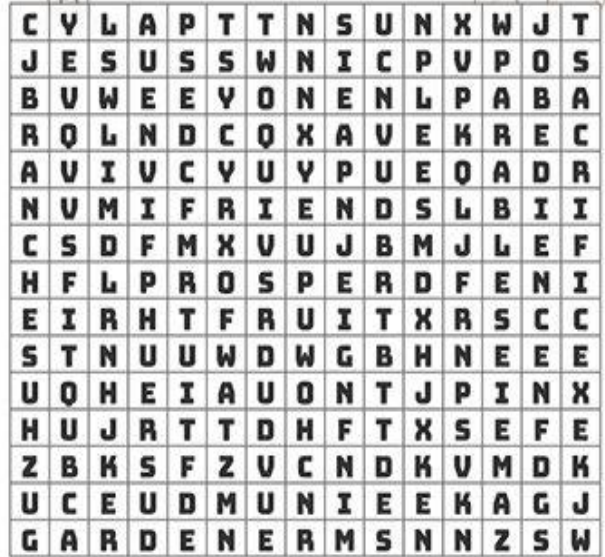
UPCOMING EVENTS

God is Great! Concert by Christian recording artist, Jennie Williamson, April 28th, St. John’s Lutheran School, Red Bud. Free-will offering dinner at 5 p.m.; concert at 6:30 p.m.
Prairie du Rocher American Legion fish fry, May 17th 4:30-8 p.m. Serving three kinds of fish, chicken strips, French fries, slaw, baked beans, mac & cheese, stewed tomatoes. Info: 284-9509.



**“I AM”
THE VINE**

Discover the hidden words.



Word Bank

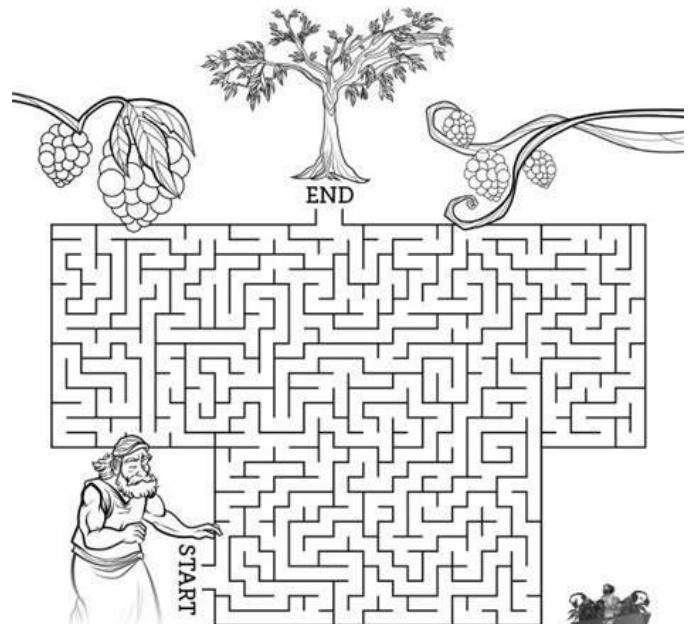
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| OBEDIENCE | JESUS | GARDENER |
| FRIENDS | BRANCHES | GOD |



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Guide the gardener to the fruit tree.



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