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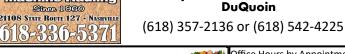
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Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday

4:00pm at Sacred Heart 6:00pm at St. Mary Magdalen

Sunday

8:00am at St. Bruno 10:00am at Immaculate Conception



Second Sunday of Advent — December 7th, 2025



Images show us the way. Isaiah's image – new sprout from an old stump. From Jesse's stump (the father of King David) comes Jesse's flower (Jesus the Christ). Matthew's image – it hints at new people from baptismal waters. From the font comes new Christians bathed in Christ, clothed in Christ, and illumined by Christ. Like Christ and claimed by him. On this Second Sunday of Advent as we wait for Christ to come again – John the Baptizer does not mince words. Behavior is far more important than pedigree, than lineage, than ancestors. We are called to live in faithful harmony, to be the brood of the baptized.

- —How will I "be justice" this week, giving to others what they are due?
- —How will I be faithful?
- —How will I do what is right?

Reconciliation

3-3:30pm Sat at SH—7:30am at STB Prior to or following weekend mass at SMM, and IC Or anytime by Appointment



Rosary:

Tues, at 7am at SH Sun at 7:30am at StB Sat at 5:30pm at StMM

Baptisms contact the Parish Office. Weddings: Must have at least 4 month advance notice.

Perry County Catholic

Business Office Email: Stbrunochurch@yahoo.com Facebook: Perry County Catholic Churches

Sacred Heart / Immaculate Conception Parish Office: 618-542-3423

Hours: Mon, Wed, Thurs, & Fri 9am-3pm Email: sacredheartduquoin@gmail.com Website: www.sacredheart-duquoin.org

St. Bruno / St. Mary Magdalen Parish Office: 618-357-5510

Hours: Mon, Tues, Thurs, Friday 9am-2pm Email: stbsmm@yahoo.com

Website: www.stbrunostmarymagdalen.com

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Questions: Call or email the Parish Office at 618-357-5510 or stbsmm@yahoo.com

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Principal: John Smith John.smith@stbrunoschool.com

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What Is the Immaculate Conception?

Join Drs Tim Gray and John Sehorn as they examine Mary under her title of the Immaculate Conception. This dogma of the Catholic faith, promulgated in 1854 by Pope Plus IX, speaks of Mary's conception and what it means to





Second Sunday of Advent - Year A

Masses for this week December 6th, 2025 — December 14th, 2025

Saturday, December 6	December oin, 2023 — December 14th, 2023	Parish Trustees and Staff			
•		Parish Council Presidents:			
4:00 pm Mass (Sacred Heart)	Ed Kern, Molly Kern, Alice Perryman	"St. bi dilo. Valene Opp			
6:00 pm Mass (St. Mary Magdalen)	Genevieve Barnowski, Pauline Majewski, Peter Ochap	St. Mary Magdalen: Matthew Bathon			
Sunday, December 7		Sacred Heart: Kim Dorsey			
8:00 am Mass (St. Bruno)	Sylvester Epplin	Immaculate Conception: Jamie Schrader			
10:00 am Mass (Immaculate Conception)	All Perry County Catholic Families	Finance Council Presidents:			
Monday, December 8- Holy Day of Obligation	The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary	St. Bruno: Jennifer Robb			
7:00 am Mass (Sacred Heart)	Phyllis Majewski	St. Mary Magdalen: Kim Kellerman			
8:30 am Mass (St. Bruno) - School Mass	All Perry County Catholic Families	Sacred Heart: Allen Reaves			
6:00 pm Mass (Immaculate Conception)	All Perry County Catholic Families	Immaculate Conception: Mary Heck			
Tuesday, December 9		Parish Trustees:			
8:30 am Mass (St. Bruno)	James Baudison	St. Bruno: Sandy Ferrero &			
Wednesday, December 10		James Wittenauer			
	F	St. Mary Magdalen: Kim Kellerman &			
5:30 pm Mass (Sacred Heart)	Emerenciana Calderon	Bob Ryterski			
Thursday, December 11		Sacred Heart: John Childs			
8:30 am Mass (St. Bruno)	Dennis Fontana	& Kathy Scaglione			
Friday, December 12		Immaculate Conception: Janet Harris &			
8:30 am Mass (Sacred Heart)	Living & Deceased Members of the John Schneider Family	Diana Majowski			
Saturday, December 13		Finance: Kathy Travis (All)			
4:00 pm Mass (Sacred Heart)	Randy Smith, Ruth Beard, Alice Perryman	Maintenance: Olin & Colleen Lacy (St. B)			
6:00 pm Mass (St. Mary Magdalen)	Michael Grzegorek, Ted Stern, Living & Deceased Members of the Jack & Jane Valkamp Family	Tony Kellerman (SH)			
Sunday, December 14		Erica Woodside (SH & IC)			
8:00 am Mass (St. Bruno)	Skip Crain	•			
10:00 am Mass (Immaculate Conception)	Gerald Ratajczyk	Janet Hayden			
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Please pray for our seminarians: Casmir Cozzi, Terry Marmion, Greg Kassen, Kyle Kellerman, Grant Fender



Offering Totals —November 30th, 2025

SACRED HEART Sunday Envelopes Church Loose Online Thanksgiving Nov Pickleball Nov Candles	\$ \$ \$ \$ \$	2,297 315 50 553 274 268	ST. BRUNO Sunday Envelopes Online Thanksgiving School Support Total	\$1,835 \$1,080 \$ 305 \$ 50 \$3,315	IMMACULATE CON. Sunday Envelopes Church Loose Sweet Treats Total	\$ 725 \$ 255 \$ 108 \$1,088	ST MARY MAGDALEN Sunday Envelopes All Saints Christmas Flowers 2025 Legacy Fund	\$ \$ \$	996 5 10 2,010
Total	\$	3,757	St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 641	Kyle Kellerman	\$ 224	CCHD St. Vincent de Paul	\$ \$	10 238
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December 7th, 2025

SACRED HEART

Saturday, December 13th-4pm

Lector: Kathleen Heine

<u>Eucharistic Ministers:</u> Priest, Kathleen Heine, Shawn Kellerman, Rose Numi

Servers: Bruce & Harrison Still

<u>Ushers:</u> Harold Calderon, Matt May, Tony Jones

Rosary led by volunteers at 3:25pm Tuesday, December 16th

Money Counters: Ruth Pierce & Patty Reaves



Eucharistic Adoration: Sacred Heart will have

Adoration every other Wednesday from 7 am to 5pm. Next will be Wednesday,

December 10th.

St. Bruno will have Adoration the first Thursday of every month **8:30am to 2pm**.

The next adoration will be
Thursday, January 8th.

ALL ARE WELCOME AT ANYTIME!!!



Did you know that St. Bruno holds a Novena the first Monday of every month? The next one will be Monday, January 5th at 3:30pm. All are welcome to join.

The Venegoni Chapel at St. Bruno is open during the day for 9am-2pm for private prayer Mon, Tues, Thurs, & Fri. The side door on the north of the Chapel will be open for anyone wishes to spend quiet prayerful time with the Lord.

LITURGICAL SCHEDULES ST. BRUNO

Sunday, December 14th-8am

Lector: Tyler Stern

Eucharistic Ministers: Priest (H), Dale Winter (H), Ruben Davis (C), Kathy Lott (C), Rich Robb (Balcony)

<u>Servers:</u> Collin Henk, Oliver Witges,

Cody Epplin **Greeters:** Mary Roe

Rosary led by volunteers at 7:30am

PSR/FFC-

Faith Formation of Children

NEXT CLASS

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10
We will meet every Wednesday
6-7pm at the Sacred Heart
Youth Center (Sacred Heart
School). If you still need to
register your child or have
questions, contact either parish
office.

Sacred Heart/Immaculate Conception 618-542-3423 or St. Bruno/St. Mary Magdalen 618-357-5510

STAY INFORMED!

Signup to PSR Flocknote group to get messages and updates on PSR.

https://perryillinoiscatholic.flocknote.com or text "PerryCatholic+" to 84576!

Sexual Abuse Hotline- To report an allegation of sexual misconduct by a priest or other diocesan personnel, please call 1-800-640-3044

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Sunday, December 14th–10am

Lector: Tiffany Kujawa

Eucharistic Ministers: Kathy Rulevish

& Gary Reidelberger

Servers: Vaida Woodside & Hope Rojek

<u>Ushers:</u> Chad Schrader & Raymond George

Sweet Treats: Kathy Rulevish **Rosary led by volunteers at 9:30am**

ST. MARY MAGDALEN

Saturday, December 13th-6pm

Lector: Jean Suchomski

Eucharistic Ministers: Priest, Tim Bronke (H), Norb Ryterski & Gloria

Kellerman (C)

Offertory Gifts: Sallie Stern Family

Rosary: Jim & Barb Forys

Ushers: Bob Ryterski & Adam Ryterski



Our OCIA— Order of Christian Initiation of Adults program will meet at Sacred Heart's Haffner Hall in DuQuoin at 6:00pm.

If you know of anyone being inspired by the Holy Spirit to learn more about the Catholic Faith, please encourage them to call one of the church offices for more information.

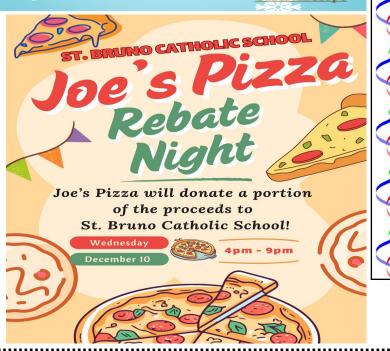
Also, anyone who is already a member of our faith family is welcome to attend any or all of the sessions! There is always something to learn!

Please Pray For All On The Prayer List: Terry Chastain, Carol Collins, Robin Duncan, Jerry Harsy, Carolyn Johnson, Ray Kellerman, Julie Lunnemann, John May, Liam Shurtz, Jay Smith, Harriet West, Bill Whitman, Dorothy Wiehn, Mike Woodside, Tyler Mitchell, Blaise Mezo, David Sheets, Richard W. Taylor, Robert M. Taylor, RoseEllen Greten, Rachel Rider, Rose & Jack Beckerle, Steve & Sharon Huelsmann, Jean Jones, Jeff Bathon, David Bathon, John Davis, Eli Leinicke, Doris Beaty

*Names will remain on the prayer list for **one month** unless the parish office is notified of updates or a request for an extension.

Please Pray For All Our Military Personnel: SSgt. Jordan Keller, Sgt. Derek S. Sims, SCPO (SS/AW) John Kelley, SPC Mark Yanez, Sgt. Ist. Cl. Caleb VanVoorhis, SSgt Tyler Jeffers, Lt. Col. Andrew Martin, Master Sergeant & Medical Intel. NCOIC Terry E. Chastain Jr., Nick Depyatic (Airforce), James Deering (Airforce), Capt. Jeremy Roznowski Airborne Army Ranger, Shyanne Roznowski Medical Tech., Senior Airman Anthony Beaty, Lance Corporal Gabriel Paredes, Senior Airman Abbigail Luke, MSGT Dustin VanMeter (US Airforce), Grayson Benson (USMC), SSG Bryant Lively, SSgt. Joel Martin, All Active Duty Military and families.

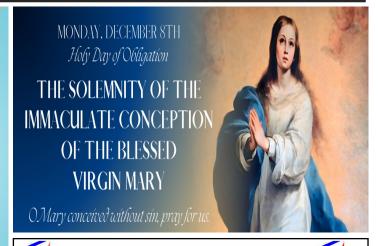
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"Lighting the Way to Hope" Tree Lighting Event

Sunday, December 7, 2025

The National Shrine of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal in Perryville, Missouri, invites you and your family to be a part of our annual tree lighting event on the Shrine grounds. The Vincentian Marian Youth Mass will begin at 5:00 p.m. A tree near the Shrine Church will be lit at 6:00 p.m. in honor of the Advent and Christmas seasons. We encourage visitors who attend this event to bring at least one non-perishable item to help the Ladies of Charity Food Pantry address the needs of others in our community. Hot chocolate and cookies will be available as you enjoy the Christmas decorations on the grounds. There will be a photo opportunity with the historic and legendary Saint Nicholas. Please share this opportunity with family and friends to come together as a community to celebrate the Advent and Christmas seasons. If you have questions, please contact us at 1-800-264-6279 or email us at ammfather@amm.org.



Sacred Heart Church Members

are invited to an

Appreciation Potluck Luncheon

on

Sunday, December 7 @ 12:30pm

We will be celebrating as a Church Family!

Join us for food, fellowship and fun!

Sign up sheet is in the back of church

SNOWBALL DANCE

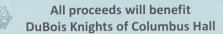
Saturday, January 17, 2026 KC Hall, 130 S 8th St, DuBois IL

Fried Chicken Served at 6:30 PM
Music from 7:30-11:30 PM by

ONE NIGHT STAND

Adults: Advance \$25 \$30 at the door 1st_8th Grade: \$10 K & Under: Free

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At DuBois Farmers & Merchants Bank and DuBois KC Hall
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Feel free to bring your own snacks and sides



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Contact Kathy Conner 618-214-1233 or Rick Reidelberger 618-559-6328

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December 7th, 2025

<u>St. Vincent DePaul</u> If you or someone who you are aware of need help, please call 618-318-6765 confidentially.



Scan the QR Code or call 618-318-2208 to join! We are always welcoming new members.

<u>Christmas Mass Schedules</u> for Perry County Catholic Parishes

Advent Reconciliation Service

6:00pm— Tuesday, December 16th at St. Bruno, Pinckneyville 6:15pm— Wednesday, December 17th at Sacred Heart, Du Quoin

Christmas Eve Mass, Wednesday, December 24th

4:00pm at Immaculate Conception, Tamaroa

🕈 4:00pm at St. Mary Magdalen, Todds Mill

🕻 6:00pm at Sacred Heart, Du Quoin

7:00pm at St. Bruno, Pinckneyville

Christmas Day Mass, Thursday, December 25th

8:00am at St. Bruno, Pinckneyville

9:00am at Sacred Heart, Du Quoin

Father John would like to begin visiting more of the elderly and the families of the Perry County Catholic community to offer blessings and get to know everyone better. If you would welcome a visit, please contact either parish office.

The 2025 Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal Hope in the Lord

Your contribution to the Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal enables the Office of Education to impact the lives of over 9,140 students at 23 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 2025 Appeal today...no amount is too large or too small! Thank you.

Reminder: If the Mass Intention is for your friend or family member, please consider bringing up the gifts during Mass. If no one steps up, we welcome volunteers and/or any children present!



ST. BRUNO SCHOOL NEWS

https://www.facebook.com/stbrunoschool/

December 10th—Fundraising Night at Joe's Pizza



2026 Gun of the Month Tickets are for sale! Contact any St. Bruno School Family or you can purchase them after St. Bruno or St. Mary Magdalen Mass or at the Sacred Heart Parish Office

Distinguished Alumni

Each fall St. Bruno Catholic School asks for you to nominate and Alumni/graduate of our school that is leading an exemplary life to spotlight and honor as our St. Bruno Catholic School Distinguished Alumni at the Catholic School's Week kick off mass. This persons achievements can be but are not limited to: Professional achievements, outstanding service to our parish, community, etc.; a faith-filled life that shows in all they do; an honorable personal/family life, etc.; Is this describing your Parent

Grandparent, Adult Child? Let them know people are aware of their acts of kindness and achievements!!

Send nominations to:

St. Bruno Church, 210 N. Gordon St., Pinckneyville, IL 62274 or place in the collection basket.

Include: Nominee's Name, address, phone number and a description of why you nominated them for this honor. Deadline for nominations is January 1st.

There will be a Joint Pastoral Council Meeting on Thursday, December 11th at 6pm at St. Mary Magdalen.

ACTION ALERT

Please contact Governor Pritzker to VETO SB 1950 - Legalizing Assisted Suicide

At 2:54 a.m. on October 31 the Illinois State Senate narrowly passed SB 1950. The State House narrowly passed the bill in the Spring. The bill is now on the Governor's desk. This is the last chance to stop assisted suicide from becoming law in Illinois.

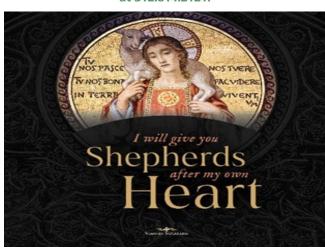
In Canada where assisted suicide has been legal since 2016, 1 in 20 deaths are now due to assisted suicide/euthanasia. Too many are giving up on life under this law.

PLEASE CALL GOV. PRITZKER AND INFORM HIM:

· People with disabilities, the poor and marginalized fear coercion and abuse under assisted suicide laws.

- Suicide rates increase in states where assisted suicide is legal, especially among veterans.
- · There is a possible cost savings to insurance companies as they can provide cheaper lethal drugs instead of lifesaving treatments.

Go to www.ilcatholic.org for e-mail links, or call the Governor's office directly at 312.814.2121.





Topic:

Spiritual Sonship & **Fatherhood**

DAY OF RECOLLLECTION

Join us for a day of prayer, reflection, and fraternity to explore what it means to live as beloved sons of the Father and how that relationship shapes our understanding of spiritual fatherhood. The day will include conferences, Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, time for discussion & lunch. For single Catholic men ages 15-35. Email mskorch@diobelle.org for more information.













"Sequela Christi" Volunteer Days: December 29, 2025

Sequela Christi (the following of Christ) is a series of volunteer days, including the opportunity to join in the apostolate, prayer, and recreation of the Carmelites D.C.J. over winter break. Though no official registration is necessary for Seguela Christi, please notify Sr. Mary Michael at least one day in advance of your anticipated attendance: (314)-965-7616 or vocations@carmelitedci.org.

Who: High school sophomores - college age girls When: 2:30 pm- 8:30 pm Where: 10341 Manchester Rd. Kirkwood. MO 63122

Schedule:

- 2:30 pm Volunteer with residents at St. Agnes Home
- 4:15 Discussion/talk by a Sister on a faith topic
- 5:00 Chanting of Vespers (Evening Prayer) with the sisters followed by half hour of silent prayer
- 6:00 Supper
- 7:00 Recreation with the Sisters
- 8:00 Compline (Night Prayer) with the Sisters (Schedule subject to

SACRED HEART/IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Weekly Happenings Sacred Heart/Immaculate Conception

Monday, December 8

8am—Noon Quilting at Haffner Hall 9:30am Pickleball at Haffner Hall Gym

Tuesday, December 9

8am - Noon Quilting at Haffner Hall

Wednesday, December 10

8:30am - Noon Quilting at IC Rectory 9:30am Pickleball at Haffner Hall Gym

Thursday, December 11

9am—3pm SJTS open 6pm OCIA at Haffner Hall

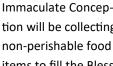
Friday, December 12

Saturday, December 13

9am—NOON SJTS open

9:30am Pickleball at Haffner Hall Gym

Sunday, December 14



tion will be collecting non-perishable food items to fill the Bless-

ing Box in town through the end of the year. Please drop them in the tote at the back of church.



Transition 2 Hope is currently receiving more clients in need of support. Donations listed below will help with the weather becoming colder: Soft "grab and go" food items, hats and gloves, Kohl's coupons you are not using, to help purchase needed apparel, blankets . . .

Immaculate Conception will have a special collection each Sunday during Advent to help support our local Seminarian, Kyle Kellerman.

Sacred Heart Parking Lot Project is COMPLETE!!!

Thank you to all who donated to help offse the cost. We plan to continue to upgrade the remainder of the parking lot as funds become available. If you would like to donate directly to the cost of this project, please contact Erica at the Parish Office of leave it in an envelope in the collection basket labeled "Parking Lot". Thank you!

ST JOSEPH THRIFT STORE

December 7th, 2025

Accepting donations Mondays 9-11am

Monday, December 8th

Doris, Heide, Leanna, Mary Jane, Peg, Shawn

Thursday, December 11th

Mary, Don, Peg, Shawn, Patty, Linda, Lucille, Karen

Saturday, December 13th

Mary, Don, Peg Monday, December 15th

Doris, Heide, Leanna, Mary Jane, Peg,

Weekend Warrior Schedule 2025

Dec 8 Lisa Mohr 2 days Dec 15 5 days Reaves

Dec 22 NO SCHOOL

Dec 29 NO SCHOOL

There is a sheet in the back of Sacred Heart Church for Salvation Army Bell Ringers. Please check the dates/times and sign up if you are available. Thank you!

Sacred Heart Parish Council

It is time to nominate 2 new members to begin their service on the Parish Council in January 2026. We will be taking nominations for new members on December 6th & 13th. Nomination slips will be in the pews. Please leave them in the collection basket or the drop box outside the office door when complete. Thank you to Paul Martin and Chris Numi for your service and dedication to Sacred Heart!



We wish to offer condolences to the family and friends of the parishioners and family members of our parishioners who have recently passed —Gene Conte, Archie Lively, Donald Taylor, LaDonna Paxton, and Paul Jones. May they rest in peace and may God's eternal love surround their families during this time and always.

ST. BRUNO/ST. MARY MAGDALEN

St. Bruno Choir –will practice Wednesday December 10th! Voices from all parishes are welcome to join us.

Jesse Tree

Look for the Jesse Tree and giving box in the front of church in the near future. If you are able to help, please consider one of the below options:

- 1. Pick an ornament, purchase items listed, and return the wrapped gifts with the ornament by December 14th.
- 2. Make a donation in the poor box which will be under the Jesse Tree by December 7th. This will allow our shoppers the needed time to purchase the clothing items and get the gifts wrapped in time for pickups.

As in the past, we request that you spend a minimum of \$50 per child. Things are much more expensive now so if you could increase that amount, that would be wonderful! You are always welcome to go together with someone to share the expense.

Instead of a cash donation if you would like to purchase a Walmart gift card through the St Bruno Script program, we will use that gift card to purchase the gifts for you.

Thank you for your generous hearts!

If you have any questions, please contact Kathy Lott at 618-218-9903.



Pinochle Tournament at St.

Mary Magdalen

Play Starts has started already this year. Every Sunday Doors open at 11:00am Play Starts at 12:00am

Pinckneyville Knights of Columbus will meet on Wednesday, December 10th at the CC Hall. There will be a light meal before.

St. Bruno will be putting up the greenery for Christmas after 8:00am Mass on Sunday, December 14th.



ters Christmas Party will be Wednesday, December 10th at 6pm at Pistol City. We will be meeting at the church to carpool at 5:30pm. There is a sign up sheet in the back of church for those unable to sign up at the November meeting. Call 618-599-0478 if you have any questions. Everyone attending is encouraged to purchase a Pistol City Scrip Card from St. Bruno School to help the school out and pay for your

Respect Life Corner—On December 8th, the Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. (This feast is a holy day of obligation for dioceses in the United States.) On this feast, we celebrate Mary's conception free from the stain of Original Sin, and we recognize that Mary's life began the moment she was conceived in the womb of St. Anne. So, too, does every human life begin at the moment of fertilization: "You formed my inmost being; you knit me in my mother's womb" (Ps 139:13). Copyright © 2025, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, Washington, DC. All rights reserved.