

# Immaculate Conception Parish Bulletin

*Very Reverend Thomas Paul, V. F. K.H.S., Pastor*  
*Reverend Santiago Corona Bernal, Parochial Vicar*

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## *The* *Epiphany* OF THE LORD

Magi from the east  
arrived in Jerusalem, saying,  
“Where is the newborn  
king of the Jews?  
We saw his star at its rising and  
have come to do him homage.”

Matthew 2:1-2

**Parish Office Hours: Monday—Thursday 8:30 a.m. ~ 4:30 p.m.**

**Friday: 8:30 a.m. ~ Noon**

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**NEW PARISHIONERS, WELCOME!**



Please click on “New to IC?” on our parish website homepage or call the office at 530-8515 for more information.

**Mass Times: Monday-Friday 6:15am and 7:30am**

**Saturday 8:00am and 4:30pm**

**Sunday 7:30am, 9:00am, 11:30am, and 7:00pm**

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Saturday: After 4:30pm Mass until 6pm**



## IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

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Please call Martha Deatsch for information  
(530-8515).

### **MARRIAGES:**

Please call Catey Cohen at least 6 months in  
advance (530-8991).

## *Celebrating the Epiphany in your home*



The blessing of the home on the Epiphany is an invitation to Jesus to be a daily guest in our lives and to bless all who come in and out of our home. There will be cards available to take home this weekend which include the following prayer to pray and chalk. The tradition is to write the numbers of the new year over your front door with the chalk.

Pictured above are the numbers for 2022.

C+M+B are the cross and initials of the Magi:

Caspar, Melchior and Balthazar.

They also abbreviate the Latin phrase

**Christus Mansionem Benedicat** (Christ bless this house).

*Bless, O Lord God almighty, this home, that in it there may be health, purity, the strength of victory, humility, goodness and mercy, the fulfillment of Thy law, the thanksgiving to God the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. And may this blessing remain upon this home and upon all who dwell herein.*

*Through Christ our Lord.*

We encourage you to participate in this activity.

### **THE PROCLAMATION OF EPIPHANY**

The glory of the Lord has shone upon us, and shall ever be manifest among us, until the day of His return. Through the rhythms of times and seasons let us celebrate the mysteries of salvation.

Let us recall the year's culmination, the Easter Triduum of the Lord: His last supper, His crucifixion, His burial, and His rising celebrated between the evening of the Thirteenth of April and the evening of the Seventeenth of April. Each Easter – as on each Sunday – the Holy Church makes present the great and saving deed by which Christ has for ever conquered sin and death. From Easter are reckoned all the days we keep holy.

Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent, will occur on the Second of March. The Ascension of the Lord will be commemorated on the Twenty-sixth of May. Pentecost, the joyful conclusion of the season of Easter, will be celebrated on the Fifth of June. This year, the First Sunday of Advent will be on the Twenty-Seventh of November.

Likewise, the pilgrim of Church proclaims the Passover of Christ in the feasts of the Holy Mother of God, in the feasts of the Apostles and Saints, and in the commemoration of the faithful departed. To Jesus Christ, who was, who is, and who is to come, Lord of time and history be endless praise, for ever and ever. Amen.



## Worship

### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — Rise up in splendor,  
Jerusalem! The LORD shines upon you and the  
glory of the Lord appears over you  
(Isaiah 60:1-6).

**Psalm** — Lord, every nation on earth will adore  
you (Psalm 72).

**Second Reading** — The mystery has been  
made known that the Gentiles are coheirs,  
copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus  
through the gospel (Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6).

**Gospel** — Magi from the east arrived, saying,  
“Where is the newborn king of the Jews?”  
(Matthew 2:1-12).

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### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Jn 3:22 — 4:6; Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a;  
Mt 4:12-17, 23-25  
Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10; Ps 72:1-4, 7-8;  
Mk 6:34-44  
Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18; Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13;  
Mk 6:45-52  
Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19 — 5:4; Ps 72:1-2, 14, 15bc,  
17; Lk 4:14-22a  
Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20;  
Lk 5:12-16  
Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21; Ps 149:1-6a, 9b;  
Jn 3:22-30  
Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 40:1-5, 9-11;  
Ps 29:1-4, 3, 9-10 or Ps 104:1b-4,  
24-25, 27-30; Acts 10:34-38 or  
Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7; Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Epiphany of the Lord;  
National Migration Week  
Monday: The Most Holy Name of Jesus  
Tuesday: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton  
Wednesday: St. John Neumann  
Thursday: St. André Bessette  
Friday: St. Raymond of Penyafort;  
First Friday  
Julian Calendar Christmas

You can follow the readings for Mass each day by  
visiting <http://usccb.org/> and selecting the date on  
the calendar on the right.

### MASS INTENTIONS

#### MONDAY, JANUARY 3

6:15AM:†Gwen & Tom Eddington and Family /  
Family

7:30AM:†Rose Hughes  
†Jaime Galiano / Wolbeck Family

#### TUESDAY, JANUARY 4

6:15AM:†Roger Venverthoh / Judy Finch

7:30AM:†First Sergeant Cardan J Walsh /  
Tom & Sue Westhoff

#### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 5

6:15AM:†Georgiana Ketchum

7:30AM:†Mary Dal Pino / Family

#### THURSDAY, JANUARY 6

6:15AM:†Stephen Brinkoetter / Wolbeck Family

7:30AM:†Joyce Milder / Lamborn Family

#### FRIDAY, JANUARY 7

6:15AM:†Gwen & Tom Eddington and Family /  
Family

8:00AM:†Beverly Lanphier / Lanphier Family  
†ICGS Alumni / ICGS

#### SATURDAY, JANUARY 8

8:00AM:†Gwen & Tom Eddington and Family /  
Family

4:30PM:†Conor Hendricks / Hendricks Family

#### SUNDAY, JANUARY 9

7:30AM:†Michael Galvin / Ted Vatch Family

9:00AM:†James G Smith / ICCP

†Bill & Cathy Arenz / Ahern Family

†Tom Kinsella / Kowieski Family

11:30AM:†Robert Ceddia / Calles Family

7:00PM:†Parish Family

### *2022 ENGAGED COUPLES*

|                                                 |      |
|-------------------------------------------------|------|
| <i>Brenna Dunckel &amp; Scott Blaszak</i>       | 3/19 |
| <i>Christina Pucek &amp; Jordan Cater</i>       | 4/30 |
| <i>Francesca Cozzi &amp; Matthew Collins</i>    | 5/28 |
| <i>Katrina Skarzynski &amp; Matthew Shannon</i> | 6/4  |
| <i>Ali Julian &amp; Michael Romano</i>          | 6/11 |
| <i>Natalie Wilbur &amp; Colin Hohman</i>        | 7/9  |

## Stewardship of Our Prayer for...



*We pray for those suffering from illness. Loving God, give strength and protection to all who struggle with illness of any kind. Calm their fears and uncertainties. Provide them with loving and tender care. Grant them courage when they are afraid and comfort when they are in pain.*

Darley, Reginald  
Knudsen, Thomas

**On January 1st, we started a new "Pray For" list. If you would like your name or that of a loved one listed, please email [bulletin@icelmhurst.org](mailto:bulletin@icelmhurst.org) or call 630-530-8991.**

*Please remember recently deceased family, friends and parishioners in your prayers. Grant them eternal rest and may your light shine on them forever.*

†Jacqueline Fratella



### Candle Intentions

Each week from Sunday to Sunday, the candles near the Shrine of St. Peregrine and the Shrine of the Sacred Heart will each be lit with special intentions. Visit the Parish office if you would like to reserve the intention in memory of a loved one or for a living prayer.

This week's (1/2-1/8) candle intentions are:

Shrine of the Sacred Heart:

Candle 1 & 2: Immaculate Conception Parishioners

Shrine of St. Peregrine:

Candle 1: Those afflicted with cancer

Candle 2: Those afflicted with serious illness.

*We pray for the newly baptized babies in our church. May their journey of faith be one that is close to Jesus. We pray for their Godparents and parents as they bring Christ to the lives of the next generation of Catholics.*

### Baptized in December at IC:

- ♦ Ada Virginia Walsh
- ♦ Kenzie Roma Gardner

### Our Troops

**Lt. Joe Doyle**, US Army, Son of Deb and Tom Doyle  
**1st Lt. Ryan Kenny**, USMC, Son of Mary Beth Kenny  
**Pvt. Jeffery Crones**, US Army, Grandson of Joan Leyden  
**Cpl. Ben Gieser**, USMC, son of Monica and William Gieser  
**Specialist Jonathan M. Pichler**, US Army,  
 Son of Ginny & Mark Gronek, Grandson of Catherine Young  
**Recruit Garrett Gong**, USMC  
**LCpl. Troy Rosenbury**, USMC  
**Cpl. Zack Bright**, USMC  
**Sgt. Ben Bright**, USMC, Friend of the Genthe Family  
**Cpl. Vincent Joseph Genthe**, USMC Son of Denise Genthe  
**Capt. Jeffrey Robbins**, USMC, Son of Barb & Larry  
 Robbins, Grandson of Georgiana Ryan  
**Maj. Kevin Mott**, US Army  
 Nephew of Greg & Mary Pat Vanderlaan  
**Paul Hornstra**, USMC, ICHS Class of '09  
 Son of Paul and Dawn Hornstra  
**Cpl. Brittney Young**, US Army,  
 Cousin of Denise and John Doherty  
**Lt. Joe Shannon**, US Navy, Son of John & Maria Shannon  
**Sgt. Ethan Zielinski**, USMC  
 Son of Michele & Dolph Zielinski  
**Capt. Christopher Bertucci**, USMC,  
 Nephew of Mary Anne & Greg Luczak  
**Lt. Andrea Bertucci**, US Navy, Niece of Mary Anne Luczak  
**Cpl. Joseph Fischer**, USMC Son of George & Sharon Fischer  
**Capt. Kathleen M. Donofrio**, US Army Reserves,  
 Daughter of Tom & Marge Donofrio  
**Pfc. Ian Morser**, USMC, Son of John and Tracy Morser  
 Cousin of Todd and Ellen Greer  
**LCpl. Jack Mallon**, USMC, Grandson of Mary and Bob  
 Mallon Nephew of Mark Mallon and Lauren Lent  
**1st. Lt. Dylan Sullivan**, US Army  
**PFC. Cavan Sullivan**, US Army  
 Grandsons of Mary Sullivan  
**Capt. Samuel Westhoff**, US Army  
 Nephew of Tom and Sue Westhoff  
**1st. Lt. Liam Hendricks**, 101st Airborne, ICCP Class of '14  
 Son of Tim and Julie Hendricks  
**1st Lt Matthew Kizys**, US Army, son of  
 Marky and Nancy Tinsley  
**Chf. Warrant Officer John Dal Pino**, US Army  
 Son of Joe and Valerie Dal Pino  
**1st Lt. Francesca Cervone**, US Army, ICCP Class of '15,  
 Daughter of Jeanmarie Cervone,  
 Granddaughter of Cay Calcagno  
**1st Lt. Molly Manion**, EOD US Army, ICCP Class of '15,  
 Daughter of Tom & Nancy Manion  
 Granddaughter of Rita Manion  
**MAJ Thomas Gildea**, US Army, Husband of Karina,  
 Father of Enya, Grace, and Ignacio  
**1st Lt. Kyle Koch**, 1st Cavalry Division US Army, ICCP  
 Class of '15, son of Laura & Paul Koch  
**Capt. Carla A. Schuit**, US Army Reserves,  
 Daughter of Lisa Schuit  
**1st. Lt. Grayson Becker**, US Army  
**CDR Kevin Groch**, US Navy, Grandson of Marie Groch



### This Week's Schedule

|                                                                     |                                                                                                                 |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Monday, 1/3                                                         | 6:15am and 7:30am Mass Church                                                                                   |
| Tuesday, 1/4                                                        | 6:15am and 7:30am Mass Church                                                                                   |
| Wednesday, 1/5                                                      | 6:15am and 7:30am Mass Church                                                                                   |
| Thursday, 1/6                                                       | 6:15am and 7:30am Mass Church                                                                                   |
| Friday, 1/7                                                         | 6:15am and 8:00am (ICGS) Mass Church                                                                            |
| Saturday, 1/8                                                       | 8:00am Mass Church<br>4:30pm Mass Sacred Heart Chapel                                                           |
| *Reconciliation will take place following the 4:30pm Mass until 6pm |                                                                                                                 |
| Sunday, 1/9                                                         | 7:30am Mass Church<br>9:00am Mass Sacred Heart Chapel<br>11:30am Mass Sacred Heart Chapel<br>7:00pm Mass Church |



On Tuesdays and Fridays, when there is a Grade School Mass at 8:00 am, masses will be celebrated at 6:15 and 8:00am. On these days there will be no 7:30 am mass. When there is not a grade school mass, masses will be celebrated at 6:15 and 7:30 am. Those who regularly attend the 7:30 am mass are encouraged and welcome to participate either in the 6:15 or 8:00 am masses when there is not a 7:30 am mass. Please note the change in schedule this week.

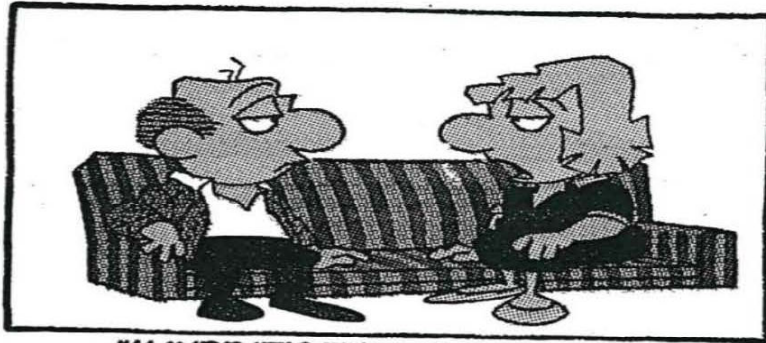
### IN Person Mass Attendance Guidelines

- No reservations are needed.
- Per CDC guidelines, all parishioners are required to wear masks inside the church, regardless of vaccination status.
- All pews are used.
- The exception to the above will be for those people who are more comfortable in a designated seating area where social distancing is still kept. The side aisle of pews nearest the music on the east side of the church will be reserved for those people who wish to social distance and remain in their pews for Communion.
- If it is your preference to receive Holy Communion on the tongue, please let the greeter know. We ask that you sit on the left (east) side of the church in either of the sections where the priest typically distributes Communion. These sections include the purple section or the green section. Those in the green section are asked to come up last to receive Communion on the tongue so the priest has the opportunity to sanitize his hands as he distributes the Eucharist.
- Everyone may now sing.
- Two lectors read at each Mass from the ambo.
- Hospitality Ministers bring collection baskets through the aisles.
- Presentation of the gifts occurs after the collection.

The following items will not change at the present time:

- The church will continue to be sanitized on a daily basis.
- No Holy water will be in the fonts.
- Please continue to sanitize your hands both as you enter church and before you receive Communion.
- The Sign of Peace should be shared without physical contact.
- There will not be distribution of the Precious Blood.
- Dispensation from in-person Mass attendance remains in place.

## “Re-‘NEW YEAR’ ” Relationship in 2022!



"MAYBE IT'S TIME TO GIVE LIVING  
HAPPILY EVER AFTER A TRY."

- Feeling a little disconnected from your spouse?
- Added stressors starting to impact your marriage?
- Is it time to remind yourselves:

*I Still Do!*

Just in time for St Valentine's Day

~Share the gift of time with your loved one

by joining Karin McNicholas, LCSW and her husband Dennis for a

### **FOUR (4) SESSION WORKSHOP**

enjoyed via Zoom in the privacy of your own home, that will give you the practical tools you can use to

~Reconnect

~Refresh

~Rejuvenate.

Beginning Wednesday **January 19 at 7PM** and continuing weekly through February 9 these 90 minute sessions will afford you the opportunity to have Karin and Denny guide you through exercises that will allow you to connect on a deeper level as you build your relationship and strengthen your marriage. The sharing between spouses is accomplished in complete privacy.

**There is no cost to take part in this workshop**

**Registration is required to receive materials and zoom link**

<https://forms.gle/BKPhcujeFpEQLLo6> Deadline is NOON on Jan 17<sup>th</sup>

NOTE! A min of 10 couples is required to run the program with a max of 20 couples

To view Karin and Denny's credentials, please visit  
[facebook.com/EasternDupageMarriageMinistry/](https://facebook.com/EasternDupageMarriageMinistry/)



For Questions email: EasternDupageMEM@gmail.com


**OBERAMMERGAU PASSION PLAY 2022**

Switzerland ... the Czech Republic ... Germany  
and Austria

11 Days - Central & Eastern Europe

Lucerne ... Munich ... Salzburg ... Prague  
Neuschwanstein Castle and Oberammergau



July 6 ~ 16, 2022

hosted by

**REV. TOM PAUL**

Immaculate Conception Parish  
Elmhurst, Illinois

Fr. Tom Paul invites you to join him on an exciting trip to Switzerland, the Czech Republic, Austria and Germany. The 11-Day tour, scheduled to take place July 6 - 16, 2022.

A highlight of the tour will be the Passion Play in Oberammergau. Performed every 10 years (with very few exceptions) since 1634, the play fulfills a promise made more than 380 years ago by leaders of this quaint Bavarian village: If God would spare the village from the ravages of the Black Plague, the villagers took an oath to create and perform a play depicting Christ's Passion. From the moment the oath was sworn, not another person succumbed to the Plague. Every 10 years, the villagers renew the vow and produce the Passion Play, which has grown from one performance in 1634 to over 100 performances planned for 2022.

An informational meeting has been scheduled for those who would like to learn more about this once-every-ten-years opportunity. The meeting will take place on Sunday, February 6th at 3:00PM.

Please join us at the Parish Administration Center, 134 West Arthur Street Elmhurst, IL

If you have questions or would like to request a copy of the trip brochure, please contact Trans World Travel at 847-432-2400.



## 2021 Chicago March for Life

**January 8, 2022**

**Sponsored by Immaculate Conception Church** *Respect Life Ministry*

Join Us! Purchase a ticket for a seat on the bus. Fill out the form and mail or return to the Parish Office: 134 Arthur Street, Elmhurst. OR, you can purchase tickets online by going to [eventbrite.com](https://eventbrite.com) and search IC Elmhurst or visit <http://bit.ly/30j77q0>

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ CELL: \_\_\_\_\_

FAMILY MEMBERS: \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL # OF MARCHERS: \_\_\_\_\_ TOTAL AMOUNT PAID: \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to Immaculate Conception Parish. Must be received by **January 3<sup>rd</sup>**.  
Contact Tess Hill with any questions at 630-732-1129 or [t.hill@lwreedy.com](mailto:t.hill@lwreedy.com)

**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION  
GRADE SCHOOL  
630-530-3490**

ICGS New Student registration is now **OPEN!**  
Call or email

Mrs. Wachholder at 630.530.3490  
swachholder@icgradeschoolelmhurst.org  
to schedule a tour and start the  
registration process.



**Spiritual Classics**

St. Bonaventure is the Seraphic Doctor of the Church because his thought springs to angelic heights. He speaks of God as the center of all, reaching out to us and drawing us to Him. We will explore his presentation of this circular movement of God. Our book discussion will begin on Sunday, Jan. 9, from 10:15 to 11:15 in the Dyer Center, and continue for 9 sessions. We will be using the book, *Bonaventure – Mystical Writings*, by Zachary Hayes, OFM, ISBN 978-1-935257-96-7. It is available at [TauPublishing.com](http://TauPublishing.com) for \$13.95. The discussion is open to all. For more information contact [lenhohbein@aol.com](mailto:lenhohbein@aol.com).



**Students of Impact  
High School Youth Night**

Sunday, January 9th 5:30-7 pm in Costello Hall

We don't always have to make NEW goals in a new year. Sometimes, we just need new STRATEGIES for reaching the goals we already have. At the January 9th Students of Impact Gathering, teens will learn practical strategies for crystalizing their goals and creating manageable action plans for making progress!

Be encouraged from what God says to us through the Prophet Jeremiah (chapter 29, verses 11-13): **"For I know the plans I have for you,"** declares the Lord, **"plans to prosper you** and not to harm you, plans to give you **hope** and a **future**. Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. **You will find me when you seek me with all your heart."**

ALL teens are invited and encouraged to bring friends (friends from any school/church are welcome!). We always have good food, fun activities, great people and awesome small group discussions!  
Please help us spread the word!

***If you are new to our church or just visiting, Welcome! We are pleased to have you share in this celebration of the Eucharist. If you do not have a church home, or your church is not a home to you, we invite you to become part of our parish family. We are so glad you're here and hope you will come back again for Mass or become a parishioner.***



## Christian Ministry



### Immaculate Conception Daybreak Transitional Housing for the Homeless Annual Appeal 2021

Please prayerfully consider responding to the needs of the homeless. **100% of your donation is used for rent and utilities. We need your financial support to Support our five apartments which house our homeless families.** May God bless you abundantly for your generosity.

**Please remit donations to IC Daybreak of Elmhurst, P. O. Box 2033, Elmhurst, IL 60126**

### DAYBREAK TRANSITIONAL HOUSING MENTOR TRAINING

If you have ever thought about becoming a mentor in our transitional housing program, please Consider attending virtual Mentor Training on January 22, 2022. Registration:

[www.bridgecommunities.org](http://www.bridgecommunities.org)

Mentor training registration can be found on the right-hand side. For additional information about the Daybreak program, please contact Pam Stefik at 630-530-3497.

### NAMI HelpLine

1-800-950-NAMI (6264) or [info@nami.org](mailto:info@nami.org)

The NAMI HelpLine can be reached Monday-Friday, 9 am-8 pm, ET.

HelpLine staff and volunteers are prepared to answer your questions about mental health



Volunteers are needed in the following ministries: IC Food Pantry, Daybreak Transitional Housing, Bereavement, and Kitchen Angels. All ministries can generally fit your personal timetable. Please consider sharing your presence and talent with your parish community.

Contact Pam Stefik At 630-530-3497 for additional information on these opportunities.

### Grief Support

Beginning Monday, January 17 and continuing for six weeks, we will offer a bereavement support group for anyone mourning the loss of a loved one. We experience grief in different ways, but the support of others is essential in our healing process. If you are mourning the loss of someone and would like help to understand and process your grief, please plan to attend. Your loss can be old or new. We will meet in person at the IC Rectory. You do not need to be an IC parishioner to attend.

Please contact Pam Stefik at 630-530-3497.

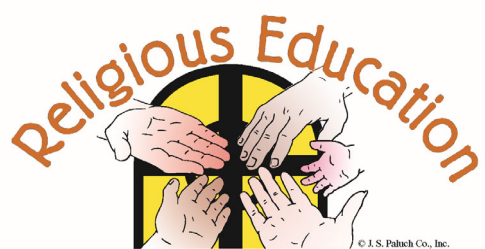


**Would you like to begin the annulment process?** Do you have questions about the process, timeline? Please contact Pam Stefik at 530-3497 for information.

### Reporting Sexual Abuse

Anyone with reason to believe that a child has been abused or is being abused should report their suspicions to civil authorities. **Contact: Illinois Department of Children and Family Services: 1-800-25ABUSE (1-800-252-2873) and local police.** The Diocese of Joliet Victim Assistance Coordinator is available to help victims/survivors of child sexual abuse by a cleric, employee or volunteer of the Catholic Church. The Victim Assistance Coordinator will report to Bishop Hicks and coordinate efforts of pastoral support and outreach to assist in the healing process. The Victim Assistance Coordinator can also assist in making a report to civil authorities. **Contact the Diocese of Joliet Victim Assistance Coordinator at 1-815-263-6467.**





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### Sunday RE

January 9

January 16

January 23

### Wednesday RE

January 12

January 19

January 26

***There will be no Religious Education on Sunday, January 30th or Wednesday, February 2nd.***

God's many blessings on this New Year of 2022! May it be a time of renewed commitment to the values of our faith. We welcome our RE students back to the first class of this new year next week. Be sure to have your textbook, folder, and pens for your class.

- **ALL 7<sup>th</sup> Graders**, please note the 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Family Liturgy is scheduled for Sunday, January 16 at 9 a.m. Volunteer now for a special ministry. You may volunteer to read a petition, present an Offertory Gift, or serve as a Minister of Hospitality before or after the liturgy.
- 8th Graders, please check your calendars for upcoming Confirmation meetings and requirements.

**Grade 6 Reconciliation January 9th and January 12th**  
**Grade 5 Reconciliation January 16th and January 19th**  
**Grade 4 Reconciliation February 13th and February 16th**

### The Act of Contrition

The Act of Contrition is usually associated with the Sacrament of Reconciliation, but Catholics should also pray it every day as part of their normal prayer life. Recognizing our sins is an important part of our spiritual growth. Unless we acknowledge our sins and ask for God's forgiveness, we cannot receive the grace that we need to become better Christians. There are many, many forms of the Act of Contrition. Here is the Act of Contrition that our second graders are taught in anticipation of the Sacrament. This is the prayer they will use through 8th grade. We encourage you to pray and practice this with your children.

*My God, I am sorry for my sins with all my heart. In choosing to do wrong and failing to do good, I have sinned against You whom I should love above all things. I firmly intend, with Your help, to do penance, sin no more, and to avoid whatever led me to sin. Amen*



## *Year End Giving*

Advent is a time of preparation. The days ahead will seem to go by quickly as we decorate our homes, go shopping and attend the many gatherings that come with the holiday season. Yet, we encourage everyone to carve out time for quiet prayer and create a special place to welcome Jesus at Christmas.

Another way to prepare for the end of the year is through charitable giving. When we look back at the countless blessings many of us have received throughout the year, we hope that you will consider special ways to give back to the Lord for all He has given us. Please remember your spiritual home, Immaculate Conception, as well as our We are IC! Capital Campaign, as you discern your year-end gifts. For traditional monetary donations, contributions may be deductible for tax purposes. Whether you are using offertory envelopes or taking advantage of the safe and convenient Online Giving program, proper credit will be reflected on your Parishioner statement. As a reminder, you can access the Online Giving program on the IC Parish website by clicking the orange "Donate Online" button on the left.

Following are a few alternatives to traditional donations for your consideration. Please know that any form of donation is humbly and greatly appreciated.

### *Qualified Charitable Distributions*

These typically include contributions from Donor Advised Funds, Required Minimum Distributions (RMD), or annuities. If you have an established Donor Advisor Fund or are contemplating creating one, please consider including Immaculate Conception as a charitable recipient of a donation from the fund. A Donor Advised Fund is administered by a third party for the primary purpose of managing contributions to charitable organizations, such as Immaculate Conception Parish.

Additionally, if you are age 70 ½ or older, you can contact your IRA Fund Administrator and arrange for a tax-free direct transfer of your RMD to Immaculate Conception as a charitable donation. By doing a direct transfer from your IRA, the donation may satisfy your required distribution yet may not increase your adjusted gross income for tax purposes.

### *Stock Donation*

For those who may own stocks, a review of your stock portfolio before year end is possibly advantageous. For example, if you have stock(s) that have decreased in value over the past years, you may want to consider donating this stock to Immaculate Conception Parish. The donation could be eligible for a charitable contribution tax deduction, but also may offset capital gains for this year. If stock has increased in value, you may be able to claim a deduction for the full fair market value and eliminate any tax on the appreciation.

### *Employer Matching Gifts*

Companies frequently match their employee's monetary contributions. If your employer has this type of program, please consider utilizing it on behalf of our Immaculate Conception Grade School or High School. Many corporations offer employee matching gift programs for educational institutions.

### *Charitable Gifts from Your Will or Trust*

An easy way to make a gift to Immaculate Conception is to include a bequest in your will or trust. You can give a specific sum, a percentage of your gross estate or your residuary estate. The diocese has partnered with FreeWill to make planned giving easier than ever. Visit [freewill.com/dioceseofjoliet](https://freewill.com/dioceseofjoliet) to write a will at no personal cost, and include the necessary language to support Immaculate Conception with a gift in your plans. FreeWill's online will writing tools allow you to make a lasting gift to IC quickly and easily.

If you have any questions relative to year end giving options, please contact Colleen Lewandowski at 630-530-8848 or at [clewandowski@icelmhurst.org](mailto:clewandowski@icelmhurst.org).

*Thank you for your continued support. We are I.C.!*

**Stewardship of Time and Treasure**

**Weekly Sharing  
December 5, 2021**

Sunday Envelopes Total: \$ 20,001.78  
Electronic Offerings: \$ 12,943.79  
Total Gifts: \$ 32,945.57  
Amount Budgeted Per Week: \$ 28,000.00  
  
Total Funds Collected 7/1-12/5/21 \$657,009.00  
Amount Budgeted: \$680,078.00  
Budget over/(under) to date: (\$23,069.00)

***Thank You in His Name!***

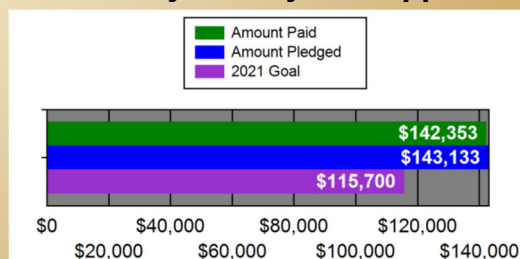
|                           | Lector                            | Altar Server             | EM                                    | Greeter                 |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| <b>Jan. 8<br/>4:30pm</b>  | R. Barnish (1)<br>T. Paprocki (2) | S. Lara<br>MK. Hilgart   | M. Ahern                              | T. Kaiser               |
| <b>Jan. 9<br/>7:30am</b>  | T. Brown (1)<br>R. Cello (2)      | P. Belzile<br>C. Ptak    | J. Kenneally                          | J. Callahan<br>M. Smith |
| <b>Jan. 9<br/>9:00am</b>  | T. Davis (1)<br>John O'Leary (2)  | M. Karsten<br>J. White   | A. Karsten<br>M. Karsten<br>S. Reilly | M. Tovey<br>M. Tovey    |
| <b>Jan. 9<br/>11:30am</b> | E. Cheng (1)<br>L. Kalina (2)     | D. O'Leary<br>M. Denekas | N. Shonts                             | J. Viola                |
| <b>Jan. 9<br/>7:00pm</b>  | M. Tyson (1)                      |                          |                                       | C. Cohen                |



*Thank you for pledging a gift to the CMAA!*  
Below is our progress:

***Our parish goal this year is \$115,700. As of December 19, 2021, \$143,133 has been pledged and \$142,353 has been paid.***

***Thank you for your support!***



An Immaculate Conception Parishioner is interested in selling two cemetery plots. They are located at Chapel Hill Garden, Garden of Good Samaritan, lot 112-A, Spaces 3&4, \$4150 total. Please call the parish office if interested. Thank you.

The Presider schedule was not yet available at time of production of this bulletin.



# Christmas Memorial Flowers



Parishioners once again have the opportunity to remember their deceased family members by donating flowers in their memory. The many beautiful Christmas plants that will adorn our Church and Chapel can be given in memory of loved ones. A list of those remembered will be included in the bulletin at a later date.

A flower envelope was included in your envelope packets - they are also available in the Narthex. You can also fill out the form below and place it in the collection basket or return it to the Parish Office.

**PLEASE PRINT ALL INFORMATION**

In Loving Memory Of: \_\_\_\_\_

Donated by: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Donated: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (Suggested donation is \$20 per plant)