

Immaculate Conception Parish Bulletin

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



*Blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord,
whose hope is in the Lord.
He is like a tree planted beside the waters
that stretches out its roots to the stream.*

Jeremiah 17:7-8

*Sixth Sunday in
Ordinary Time*

February 13, 2022

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

Friday: 8:30 a.m. ~ Noon

Phone: 530-8515

Website: icelmhurst.org

Eastern DuPage Deanery: easterndupagedeanery.org

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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



WE ARE IC! Capital Campaign

Naming opportunities are still available for many items in the Sacred Heart Chapel.

The following three windows have been committed and are in production:

St. Maximilian Kolbe, St. Francis Xavier Cabrini, and St. Gianna Baretta Molla

There are still three open panels for saints and their symbols.

We also continue to welcome donations to the general campaign fund for the Sacred Heart Chapel Renovation.

There are two complete and several partial pews remaining. If you donated a pew memorial, you will receive a letter in the upcoming weeks to confirm the spelling of your plaque. After all are confirmed, the plaques will be ordered and placed in the pews. Thank you for your continued generosity. We ARE IC!!!

Naming Opportunities

There are several ways to remember deceased loved ones, or honor the living, as part of the **We are IC** capital campaign. If you should choose to make a gift at one of these levels, or would like more information, please contact Catey Cohen in the parish office at 630-530-8991.

ITEM TO RESERVE	QUANTITY	AMOUNT TO RESERVE IN PERPETUITY
<u>Sacred Heart Chapel Renovation</u>		
Pews	5	\$ 3,000 each
(Can do partial pews for \$500, \$1,000, and \$1,500)		
Sacred Heart Shrine Memorial Candle Holders	2	\$ 3,000 each
Additional Sanctuary Chairs	5	\$ 5,000 each
(servers /seminarians /additional priests)		
Altar Candles	5	\$ 5,000 each
Processional Candles for Servers	2	\$ 5,000 each
Exterior Glass Panels	1	\$ 5,000
(above Arthur St center doors)		
Reconciliation Rooms	2	\$ 10,000 each
Stations of the Cross	12	\$ 15,000 each
Sacristy Updates	1	\$ 20,000
Sound System	1	\$ 30,000

Saint Windows

\$ 25,000 each

At the present time, there are 3 areas for depictions of saints and their symbols. This list includes some suggested saints to be honored, however a donor may choose another particular saint.

- Saint Pope John XXIII
 - Saint Isaac Jogues
 - Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton
 - Saint John Neuman
 - Saint Kateri Tekakwitha
 - Saint Damien of Molokai
 - Saint Marianne Cope
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- Saint Peregrine (Smaller window set located in the northwest corner of Sacred Heart Chapel where a statue and shrine will also be located) \$ 15,000

*The amounts shown are established as sacrificial memorials to help Immaculate Conception complete the **We are IC** capital campaign. Any amount in excess of the actual completed cost of the memorial item will be included in the general campaign fund.*

Throughout these unprecedented times, That Man Is You! has continued to provide a gathering place for men of the Eastern DuPage Deanery parishes to grow in their faith and experience fellowship. TMIY is an interactive men's program combining the best research from science with the teachings of the Catholic faith and the wisdom of the saints to develop the **VISION OF A MAN, FULLY ALIVE**. Each week a large group of men gather together to learn to become true Catholic leaders in our families and communities. Our Spring Semester will began on Saturday, February 5th Come try a session and discover what TMIY has to offer!

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION For more information go to www.TMIY.org, or contact either Andrew Morgan at 630-276-6401 or Ken Gillie at 847-980-2803

Advanced registration is not required, but is encouraged to receive all TMIY emails.

To Register, please visit www.TMIY.org

Click on 'FIND A GROUP/REGISTER FOR A CLASS' near top

Search near Elmhurst, IL —> Select Mary Queen of Heaven

MEETING SCHEDULE

Every Saturday Morning beginning February 5th

6:30am - Breakfast & Fellowship

6:55am - Welcome & Video Presentation

7:30am - Small Group Breakout Discussions

Concludes no later than 8:00am



That Man Is You! is open to men from all parishes!

Video Series: Parables of Jesus

with Dr. Joan Gorski

Join Us Online for an Amazing New Series of Presentations

View a new video each week:

February 7th Parables of Jesus

14th Parables in Mark/Parables Matthew shares with Mark

21st Parables of Matthew

28th Parables of Luke

Go to the Holy Ghost website:
holyghostparish.org.

Click on the "Parables of Jesus" button.



Dr. Joan Gorski grew up in Naperville and has made it her life's work introducing others to the many aspects of Scripture, and sharing her knowledge with those interested in obtaining a deeper understanding of the Bible.

If you would prefer to watch these videos in person, registration will be available on the parish website Signup Genius link beginning January 24th, or call Frannie at 630-766-4508.

The in-person meetings will be:

February 9th Parables of Jesus

16th Parables in Mark/

Parables Matthew shares with Mark

March

2nd Parables of Matthew

9th Parables of Luke

Please contact Holy Ghost 630-860-2975 with questions or email: stutaj@holyghostparish.org



Worship

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The one who trusts in the LORD is like a tree planted beside the waters (Jeremiah 17:5-8).

Psalms — Blessed are they who hope in the Lord (Psalm 1).

Second Reading — Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep (1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20).

Gospel — Blessed are you who are poor, hungry, weeping. Woe to you who are rich, filled, laughing (Luke 6:17, 20-26).

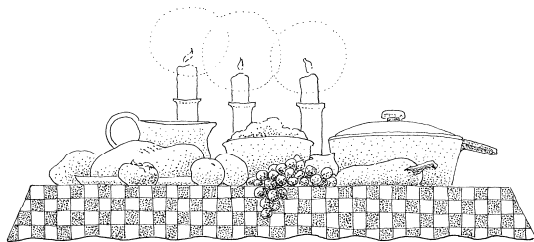
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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Jas 1:1-11; Ps 119:67-68, 71-72, 75-76; Mk 8:11-13
 Tuesday: Jas 1:12-18; Ps 94:12-13a; 14-15, 18-19; Mk 8:14-21
 Wednesday: Jas 1:19-27; Ps 15:2-4ab, 5; Mk 8:22-26
 Thursday: Jas 2:1-9; Ps 34:2-7; Mk 8:27-33
 Friday: Jas 2:14-24, 26; Ps 112:1-6; Mk 8:34 — 9:1
 Saturday: Jas 3:1-10; Ps 12:2-3, 4-5, 7-8; Mk 9:2-13
 Sunday: 1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13; 1 Cor 15:45-49; Lk 6:27-38

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time; World Marriage Day
 Monday: Ss. Cyril and Methodius; Valentine's Day
 Thursday: The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order
 Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary



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

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 14

6:15AM:†Mary Collis / Family

7:30AM:†David Nelson

†Helen Kwasniewski / Anne Hohbein

†Sally Spinelli / Don & Jo LaMonica

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 15

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

8:00AM:†In Thanksgiving

†The deceased members of the Bura Family / ICGS

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 16

6:15AM:†Amy Guca / Family

7:30AM:†Don Jaeger / Carolyn Jaeger

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 17

6:15AM:†Art Stadtler

7:30AM:†Jackie Costello / Tim Costello

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 18

6:15AM:†Helen C. Costello / Costello Family

8:00AM:†Marie DiFazio / ICGS

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 19

8:00AM:†Mercedes & Ronald Stedman / Ron & Linda Stedman

4:30PM:†James (Jimmy) Mooradian / Maher Family

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 20

7:30AM:†Conor Hendricks / Hendricks Family

9:00AM:†Marci Morgan and Deceased members of the Morgan/Hayes Family

†Donald Brian Gidcumb / Don & Jo LaMonica

†Richard Benedetto / Don & Jo LaMonica

†Presentacion De Asis / Family

11:30AM:†Michael Galvin / Calles Family

7:00PM:†Elizabeth McCarren / ICCP

2022 ENGAGED COUPLES

Brenna Dunckel & Scott Blaszak	3/19
Francesca Cozzi & Matthew Collins	5/28
Katrina Skarzynski & Matthew Shannon	6/4
Ali Julian & Michael Romano	6/11
Natalie Wilbur & Colin Hohman	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.

Cadaoas, Nick	Krummer, Lori
Chaplin, Scott	LaBelle, Christine
Collado, AnnaBelle	LaBelle, Marty
Connelly, Claire	LaMonica, Don
Darley, Reginald	Mallon, Mark
Dennis, Diane	Monaghan, Kendall
Durgan, Lindsey	Perez, Aaron
Durgan, Terri	Ross, Bernadette
Glynn, Tom	Sehl, Ed
Gow, Olivia	Sinson, Dorothy
Harrison, Pat	Zasiebida, Ann Marie
Heffernan, James	

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



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 or call the Parish office if you would like to reserve the intention in memory of a loved one or for a living prayer.

2/13-2/19

Sacred Heart: †Mary Ann Cronin
St. Peregrin: Terri Durgan

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 January at IC:

- ♦ James Francisco Norton
- ♦ Michael John Bean
- ♦ Colin Michael Lyons
- ♦ Peter Stephen Kloet Gill

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
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, 2/14	6:15am and 7:30am Mass Church
Tuesday, 2/15	6:15am and 8:00am (ICGS) Mass Church
Wednesday, 2/16	6:15am and 7:30am Mass Church
Thursday, 2/17	6:15am and 7:30am Mass Church
Friday, 2/18	6:15am and 8:00am (ICGS) Mass Church
Saturday, 2/19	8:00am Mass Church 4:30pm Mass Sacred Heart Chapel
*Reconciliation will take place following the 4:30pm Mass until 6pm	
Sunday, 2/20	7:30am Mass Church 9:00am Mass Sacred Heart Chapel (Available via Livestream) 11:30am Mass Sacred Heart Chapel 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.

Open House

All are invited to come to the Immaculate Conception Sacred Heart Chapel Open House on Sunday, March 20th from 1-3pm. Take this opportunity to look closer at our newly renovated worship space. Guided tours will be available for those who would like them.

Paczki Sunday

All are invited to join in a Pre-Lenten Treat on February 27th!

From 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in Plunkett Hall

Immigrants of Poland pronounce them "Pooch-key" or "Punch-key" which means "little package" in Polish. These round, sugar coated, filled Polish pastries are served up annually on the day before Lent, a period of abstinence observed by Roman Catholics. Originally, **PACZKI** were made for practical reasons, to use up the sugar and eggs which were prohibited during Lent.



The Collection of Palms

The Holy Season of Lent begins on March 2, Ash Wednesday. It is our custom of that day to have ashes made of burnt palm branches placed on our foreheads. We receive and wear them as a sign of our willingness to Turn Away from Sin and to Follow the Gospel. The forty days of this special season are meant to be for us a time of spiritual change and growth. All are encouraged to begin now to consider what steps you will take to have a Good Lent.

We need your palms to make ashes. Please drop them off in the baskets at the entrance to the Church and Chapel on the weekends of February 19/20 and February 26/27.



Synod ^{2021/2023}

For a synodal Church

communion | participation | mission

This is the first of a series of bulletin articles to describe the Synod on Synodality and what it means to us as a Church. Perhaps you have heard about the Synod and wonder what it is. The Synod on Synodality is a two-year process of listening and dialogue, which Pope Francis convoked with a solemn opening in Rome in October 2021, and which will conclude in 2023.

Pope Francis' hope, in line with his emphasis on the Church being intrinsically synodal, is to invite the world to participate and talk about how the Church is living out its Communion, Participation, and Mission.

The diocesan phase consists of each diocesan Church hosting "listening sessions." Each parish is welcome to share the results of these discussions with the diocese so that a report can be created for its Bishop to provide to Pope Francis. Our input is due to the Diocese of Joliet in early May 2022.

For more information from the Diocese of Joliet, see <http://www.dioceseofjoliet.org/synod>

Virtual Event

The Joseph Cardinal Bernardin Lecture

ELMHURST AT 150: THE CRITICAL NEEDS OF HIGHER EDUCATION FROM A ROMAN CATHOLIC FAITH

Tuesday, February 22, 2022

7:00pm (Remote)

Admission is free, but reservations are required. Visit Elmhurst.edu/cultural. An access link will be provided closer to the event date.

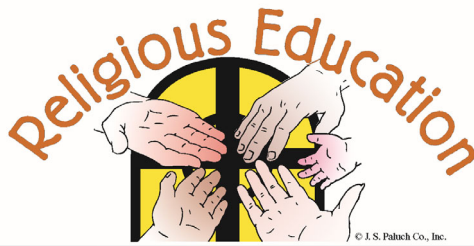
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Sunday RE

February 13

February 27

March 6

Wednesday RE

February 16

March 9

March 16

There will be no Religious Education on Sunday, February 20th or Wednesday, February 23rd.

Grade 4 students will participate in the sacrament of Reconciliation during the regularly scheduled RE sessions on Wednesday, February 16th and Sunday, February 27th. Students are reminded to review the Act of Contrition prior to the sacrament.

The First Communion Parent meeting is scheduled for Sunday, February 27th.

The Act of Contrition

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



***Are you an adult Catholic who has not yet been confirmed?
 Are you a teen or do you have a teen that is not confirmed and would like to be?***

Immaculate Conception will offer Confirmation classes for **teens and adults** who wish to be confirmed, beginning on **Tuesday, April 19** from 6:30 – 8:00 PM. Classes will be held either via Zoom or in person at the Parish Administration Center. We will meet for **four sessions**:

April 19, April 26, May 3 and May 10.

You do not need to be a member of Immaculate Conception Parish to participate in these classes. Teens will be confirmed at Immaculate Conception with our eighth grade Students on May 13, 2022 at 7:00pm. Adults will be confirmed at the Cathedral of St. Raymond in Joliet on Sunday, May 15 or Sunday, June 5 at 2:00 PM. To register or to obtain additional information, please contact Pam Stefik at 630-530-3497.

Christian Ministry



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.



“SOUPER BOWL” SUNDAY FEBRUARY 13, 2022

ICGS and ICCP students, along with IC Parish, will collectively join in our sixth annual “Souper Bowl” Sunday. If you would like to donate soup, please bring it to the rectory during normal business hours or drop it off at the food pantry from 10:00 to noon M-F. Soup is a winter staple in most households and our food pantry benefits greatly from this collection. All types of canned soup are welcome. Thanks for participating!



PLEASE REMEMBER US AS YOU DO YOUR WEEKLY SHOPPING

Our Food Pantry “needs” list includes the following items:

Milk, eggs, fresh or canned fruit and vegetables, pancake mix, tortillas, condiments, salad dressing, pasta sauce, toothpaste, body soap/wash, shampoo, personal hygiene products, laundry detergent, and dish soap. We are enormously grateful to our donors, who enable us our continued operation. If you are too busy to shop, monetary donations are gladly accepted! God bless you for holding those who hunger close to your heart.

KITCHEN ANGELS NEEDED!

Immaculate Conception has a wonderful ministry that provides meals to those who need a little extra help when experiencing a specific life event. These events include, but are not limited to, illness, a recent hospitalization, a death in the family or the birth of a child.

If you would like to participate in the program, you may do so by cooking a meal or providing one through one of our local restaurants. When a request is made, an e-mail is sent to all who have volunteered to help. You do NOT need to help with every single request. You prepare meals when you are able. You may sign up for one day or multiple days.

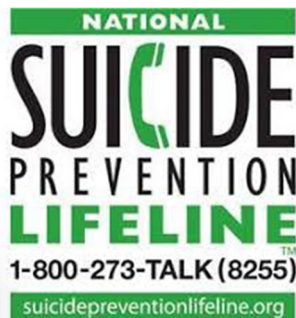
The more committed volunteers we have, the better able we can meet the needs of those who truly need meals. Please contact Betsy Cello at elizabeth.cello@gmail.com if you are interested in becoming a Kitchen Angel!



NAMI HelpLine

1-800-950-NAMI (6264) or info@nami.org
The NAMI HelpLine can be reached Monday-Friday, 10 am-6 pm, ET.

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



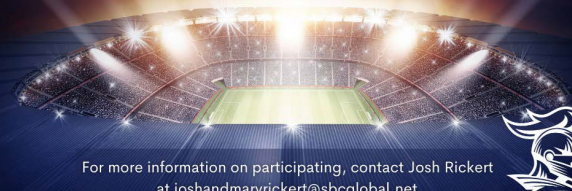


ICCP BOOSTER CLUB SUPER BOWL PARTY

Sunday, February 13th

Elmhurst Knights of Columbus Hall

- Complimentary food catered by Spizzico's,
Owned by Michelle and Rocco Spizzirri
- Cash Bar



For more information on participating, contact Josh Rickert
at joshandmaryrickert@sbcglobal.net.



JOIN US FOR THE *Knight OF Jewels*

to help support our community &
the future of our students

Saturday, March 19, 2022

7:00-10:00 PM

at the Elmhurst Hall
119 N York St, Elmhurst 60126

Cocktail Attire

Includes hors d'oeuvres, open bar, music, dancing and raffles.
Enjoy opportunities to win dozens of extraordinary prizes!

Proceeds benefit the ICCP community.

To purchase tickets and sponsorship, please visit
<https://one.bidpal.net/koj2022>

RSVP by March 2, 2022



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Good Luck Alexis

STUDENTS OF IMPACT

Immaculate
Conception
Parish



**Monthly High School Nights
Equipping Teens
To Become**

STRONG, CONFIDENT & RESILIENT
in their LIFE & FAITH!

All high school teens are invited to enjoy friendly people, good food, great topics, fun games and meaningful conversation at the monthly Students of Impact Youth Night! Please allow IC Youth Ministry to get to know your teen so we can encourage, affirm, and accompany him/her with the skills and mindset he/she needs to become strong, confident, and resilient in life and faith! All teens are welcome to attend any gathering and to bring friends (regardless of what school/church they attend). Our next Students of Impact Gathering is Sunday, February 27th 5:30-7 pm in Costello Hall.

PARENT WORKSHOP

Managing **OVERWHELM**

Thursday, February 24th 7-8 pm

Socializing starts at 6:45; In the Immaculate Conception Marian Room

Parents, do you ever feel:

- Overwhelmed by never-ending demands?
- Exhausted at the end of the day?
- Trapped by negative ruminating thoughts?

You are invited to a practical and helpful **workshop for parents** (with kids of any age) to equip you to manage and break free from feeling overwhelmed. You'll learn and start to practice the foundational **skills of awareness, recalibration and gratitude**. You'll walk away with a clear **action plan** for yourself and a way to **teach your older children/teens simple mind management strategies**. This engaging Parent Workshop is hosted by Jenny Krumdrick and the IC Youth Ministry—**ALL parents are welcome!** Mark your calendar and invite a friend to join you on **Thursday, February 24th from 7-8 pm** in the Immaculate Conception Marian Room. Hospitality and socializing start at 6:45 pm. **We know you're busy... this is worth your time!** Contact Jenny Krumdrick with questions 815-514-0051



Bishop Hicks' Column

February 2022
Kindness: the antidote
to a cold heart



February can be one of the coldest months of the year. While we may differ on our preference between cold or hot weather, I think we can all agree no one wants a cold heart. St. Catherine of Siena reminds us that, "The human heart is always drawn by love." However, without attending to our relationship to Jesus, it is all too easy for our hearts to turn cold or even lukewarm. In a homily by Pope Francis given in 2016, the Holy Father exhorted, "A lukewarm heart becomes self-absorbed in lazy living and it stifles the fire of love."

So, how do we keep our hearts from turning cold or lukewarm until the spring comes? In other words, how do we keep our hearts on fire with our love for God and neighbor? While there are many possible ways to accomplish that, let me suggest one yet profound way: namely, the practice of kindness.

Recently in our Blanchette Catholic Center, one of our employees was asked what she wanted for her birthday. She replied with one word, "Kindness." Why did she ask for the gift of kindness? I think it is because she has been inundated with what so many of us have been experiencing, specifically a growing amount of rudeness, anger and unforgiving spirit in an increasingly polarized world. Anyone who works specifically in customer service, or just with "people" in general, reports a rise in angry outbursts, both verbally and physically.

While we all want others to be more kind to us, we all also need to work on how to be more kind to others. To do this, a few years ago, someone introduced me to the "FIVE" rule. If you are ever provoked to respond to someone in an unkind way, ask yourself, "Before any nasty words leave my mouth, how will I feel about what I am about to say in the next five seconds? In five minutes? In five hours? In five days? And in five years? It is possible that we might feel better in the next five seconds, five minutes or even five hours. However, it is always good to take a wider perspective and ask, "Is what I am about to say something I will be proud of or regret in the next five days or five years?"

In the Gospels, Jesus gives us an example of what it looks like to be grounded in kindness. In the times that he is dismissed, criticized, opposed, jeered, mocked, and even tortured physically, he responds with a

cumulative and resounding, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they do." As we lean into Jesus, our daily prayer lives help to connect to the Sacred Heart of Jesus as we appeal to his love and mercy.

We may be tempted to reject this movement toward kindness because it may be interpreted as a sign of weakness. We might think, "Fine, I am willing to be kinder to others. But that will not help change the rude and angry behaviors of so many other people out there!" However, never forget that kindness is wonderfully infectious. As St. Augustine wrote, "One loving heart sets another on fire." In other words, when we speak and act with kindness, it can spread and multiply in others.

At the Diocese of Joliet, we model and multiply the kindness that Jesus displayed in his life and his works in our ministries. Our Catholic schools teach kindness when students are instructed in Catholic social teaching as part of the regular curriculum. Our Catholic Charities teaches kindness when providing a room for the homeless at Daybreak Shelter or delivering food to the needy through its mobile food pantry. Our adult formation program teaches kindness when accompanying individuals through a study of the Gospels. And our vocations program teaches kindness when helping young men and women discover the fullness of a life devoted to the Lord.

The need for kindness is why the theme for our 2022 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA) is "Devoted to the Works of the Lord." It is through the kindness found woven throughout our works dedicated to God that we find peace and salvation. I encourage you to learn more about our ministries and how you can multiply the kindness of our works through the CMAA by going to the following website: www.jolietdioceseappeal.org

I hope you agree that none of us wants to have cold or lukewarm hearts. We long for hearts on fire with love of God and neighbor. As we wait for the spring, might we consider to be the change we want to see in the world by practicing kindness frequently. As St. Teresa of Kolkata said, "Let no one ever come to you without leaving better and happier. Be the living expression of God's kindness: kindness in your face, kindness in your eyes, kindness in your smile." †



Stewardship of Time and Treasure

Weekly Sharing January 23, 2022

Sunday Envelopes Total: \$ 9,446.05
Electronic Offerings: \$ 12,084.46
Total Gifts: \$ 21,530.51
Amount Budgeted Per Week: \$ 28,000.00

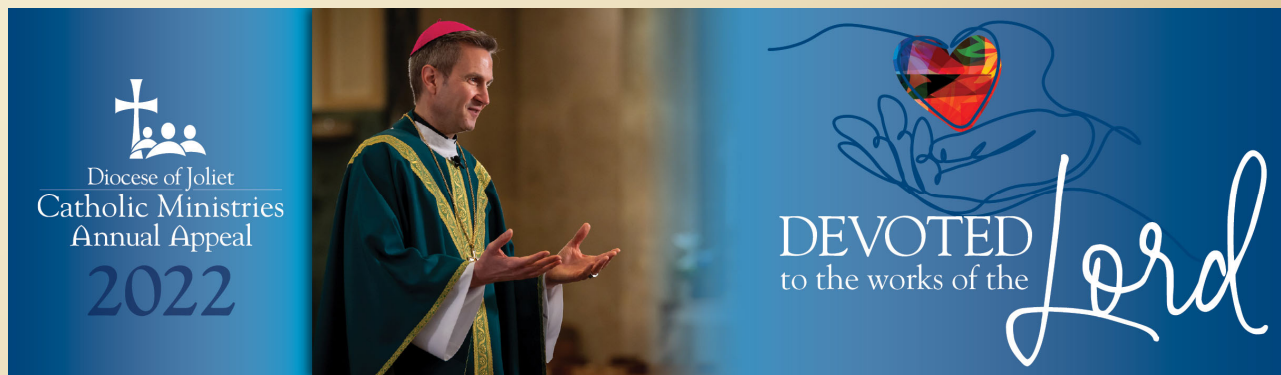
Thank You in His Name!

Presider Schedule February 19 & 20

4:30 Fr. James
7:30 Fr. James
9:00 Fr. David
11:30 Fr. James
7:00 Fr. Jose

	Lector	Altar Server	EM	Greeter
Feb. 12 4:30pm	T. Paprocki (1) A. Paprocki (2)	A. Bucolo G. Gildea	M. Paprocki	T. Kaiser
Feb. 13 7:30am	E. Landas (1) E. Cutri (2)	F. Bibbiano C. Bibbiano	P. McGowan	J. Callahan M. Smith
Feb. 13 9:00am	T. Davis (1) M. Tyson (2)	J. White J. Guttilla	J. La Monica M. O'Leary S. Reilly	M. Tovey M. Tovey
Feb. 13 11:30am	R. Cello (1) L. Kalina (2)	S. O'Day W. Gibbons		J. Viola M. Durkin
Feb. 13 7:00pm	J. Kenneally (1)			C. Cohen

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.



Support the works of the Lord through the 2022 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal

The 2022 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA) is now underway, and we are asking everyone to pledge their support to this important effort for our diocese and our parish. This year's CMAA theme, *Devoted to the Works of the Lord*, illustrates how the many ministries our annual appeal supports allow us to join together to do God's work throughout our diocese. From helping the poor and vulnerable to forming future priests and educating people of all ages in the faith, the ministries funded through your gifts are far more extensive than our parish could provide on its own.

Our Immaculate Conception Parish Goal for this year is \$114,200. This is a great opportunity for our parish as 70 percent of any amount we raise over our goal will be returned to us. Please review the materials and prayerfully reflect on your gift to this year's annual appeal.

If you do not receive a CMAA mailing, please contact the parish office to request one.

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Please call Catey Cohen at least 6 months in
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