

# Immaculate Conception Parish Bulletin

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

## Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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**February 27, 2022**

A good tree does not  
bear rotten fruit,  
nor does a rotten tree  
bear good fruit.  
For every tree is known  
by its own fruit.

Luke 6:43-44

**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](http://icelmhurst.org)**

**Eastern DuPage Deanery: [easterndupagedeanery.org](http://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**



## Lent 2022

### March Ash Wednesday Schedule

|            |  |                                       |
|------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| 6:00 A.M.  | Mass   | Church                                |
| 7:30 A.M.  | Mass   | Church                                |
| 8:15 A.M.  | Mass   | Sacred Heart Chapel: ICGS             |
| 9:50 A.M.  | Mass   | Church: ICCP                          |
| Noon       | Mass   | Hammerschmidt Chapel Elmhurst College |
| 12:00-1:00 | Continuous Distribution of Ashes (No Service) Church |                                       |
| 4:30 P.M.  | Prayer Service and Ashes Sacred Heart Chapel         |                                       |
| 7:00 P.M.  | Mass   | Church                                |



Ashes will be distributed at all Masses and Prayer Services

If you or a member of your family are homebound and would like to receive ashes, please contact the Christian Ministry Office at 630-530-3497 prior to Ash Wednesday, March 2. One of our homebound Ministers of Care will accommodate your request.

### Daily Masses

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. All are encouraged to attend daily Masses, especially during Lent.

### Lenten Outreach Project

As a parish family, it is customary that we collect Lenten Alms for those less fortunate. This year, we will be collecting our alms for **St. Mary's Mission School in Red Lake, MN**. In prior years, our alms have provided computers, aided in the establishment of seventh and eighth grade classrooms, provided scholarships for needy students and paid for the equipment needed for a new Science Lab. St. Mary's has had numerous challenges. As you recall, a fire destroyed their mission church 2017. Since then, families have been gathering for Mass in the school gym. Covid-19 meant that the students did not attend school in person for over a year and relied on remote learning. Currently, the church is being rebuilt and will open its doors by fall, 2022. During Lent, as we seek to draw closer to God, let us remember God's favor to us and ways in which we might share our favor with our lesser brothers and sisters in Christ.

### Parish Mission

*March 27, 28, & 29*

*7:00 p.m. Church*

*Fr. Tom McCarthy*

**"What Does it Mean to be Catholic Today?"**

#### **Sunday: The Saints**

How are they heroes of our faith?  
Am I a saint in training?

#### **Monday: Prayer**

Is it worth it?  
Does God listen to me?  
Answered or unanswered prayers;  
which do I believe?

#### **Tuesday: The Family of Faith**

Do I consider my parish a family?  
How do I build up my family of faith?  
I want to belong - how do I do it?

### Reconciliation

**April 2 8:00 am—3:00 pm Church**  
7 hours of Reconciliation. Priests from the 16 parishes in our Deanery will be available at all times for English Confessions and at some times for Spanish and Polish Confessions.

**March 22 ICCP Students**

**April 6 ICGS Students**

Individual Reconciliation will also be held on the following dates following 4:30 Mass until 6pm:

**March 5 (Sacred Heart Chapel)**

**March 12 (Sacred Heart Chapel)**

**March 19 (Sacred Heart Chapel)**

**March 26 (Sacred Heart Chapel)**

**April 2 No Reconciliation after Mass**

**April 9 2:00pm - 4:00pm Church and**  
**After 4:30pm Mass until all are heard**

**April 12 4:00 to 7:00 pm (Church)**



## Lenten Reflection Books

*The Black Books for Lenten Reflection are available in the narthex*

### Stations of the Cross

*All are encouraged to pray the Stations at  
6:30pm in the Church on the following  
dates:*

*March 9    March 16    March 23  
March 30    April 6*

*ICGS students will pray the Stations*

*March 4: 1:45pm Church*

*March 11: 1:45pm Church*

*March 18: 1:30pm Church with Benediction  
and Exposition*

### Living Stations of the Cross

*April 8 — 1:30pm—Grade School—Church*

### Lectio Divina

*Join Anne Hohbein on Tuesdays from  
8:00 to 9:00 a.m. to pray the Sunday gospel.*

### Open House

**March 20**

All are invited to come to the Sacred Heart Chapel Open House 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.

### Eucharistic Adoration

**March 23**

*Following 7:30 am Mass, the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed and the Church will remain open for private prayer before the Eucharist. At 7:00 pm we will have Stations of the Cross followed by Benediction.*

### Men's Prayer Breakfast

*March 12th and April 9th*

## Lenten Bible Study - The Gospel of Luke

Take a fresh look at Luke's familiar teachings and parables this Lent. We'll read Chapters 4- 24, beginning Tuesday, March 8 at 7:00pm and continuing for 5 weeks. Each session is an hour long. Email [annehohbein@aol.com](mailto:annehohbein@aol.com) and she will send you the Zoom link.

### Women's Lenten Prayer Breakfast

If you are looking for a way to spend more time with God and your fellow women parishioners, please join us on the six Saturdays of Lent starting Saturday March 5th for a study on the book: Domestic Monastery by: Father Ronald Rolheiser. We will also be using a few excerpts from Matthew Kelly's book, Life is Messy, which was passed out at IC during Christmas. We will meet in the Parish Administration Center following the 8:00am Mass until 9:30. There is also an option to join us through Zoom. The book is available online from Amazon for \$16. If you have any questions, please contact Mary Lynn at [rpollastrini@sbcglobal.net](mailto:rpollastrini@sbcglobal.net) Please join us!

### Lenten Regulations

1. Everyone 14 years of age or over is bound to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent.
2. All from the age of 18 years up to the beginning of their 60th year are bound to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.
3. On these two days of fast and abstinence, only one full meatless meal is allowed. Two other meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted on these two days, but liquids, including milk and fruit juices are allowed. When health or ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not oblige.
4. To disregard completely the law of fast and abstinence is seriously sinful.
5. Lent is the principal season of penance in the Church year. All of the faithful are strongly urged to develop and follow a program of voluntary self-denial (in addition to following the Lenten regulations), serious prayer, and a performance of works of charity and mercy.

**Those who are sick, pregnant, or nursing, or whose health would adversely be affected by fasting or abstinence, should not consider themselves bound by these norms.**





# Worship

## TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — One's speech shows the bent of one's mind. Praise no one before he or she speaks (Sirach 27:4-7).

**Psalm** — Lord, it is good to give thanks to you (Psalm 92).

**Second Reading** — We are given victory over death through Jesus. In the Lord our labor is not in vain (1 Corinthians 15:54-59).

**Gospel** — A good person produces good, an evil person produces evil. The mouth speaks from the goodness of the heart (Luke 6:39-45).

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## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Pt 1:3-9; Ps 111:1-2, 5-6, 9, 10c; Mk 10:17-27

Tuesday: 1 Pt 1:10-16; Ps 98:1-4; Mk 10:28-31

Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-6ab, 12-14, 17; 2 Cor 5:20 — 6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-

18Thursday: Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 9:22-

25Friday: Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-6ab, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15

Saturday: Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-6; Lk 5:27-32

Sunday: Dt 26:4-10; Ps 91:1-2, 10-15; Rom 10:8-13; Lk 4:1-13

## SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

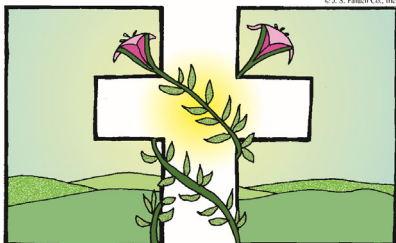
Tuesday: Mardi Gras; Shrove Tuesday

Wednesday: Ash Wednesday; Fast and Abstinence; Almsgiving

Thursday: St. Katharine Drexel

Friday: St. Casimir; First Friday; Abstinence; World Day of Prayer

Saturday: First Saturday



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

## MASS INTENTIONS

### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 28

6:15AM:†Dane LeClaire / Family

7:30AM:†Mary Koch / Susan Koch

†Michael Galvin / Morgan Family

### TUESDAY, MARCH 1

6:15AM:†Edward A Caron / Family

7:30AM:†Bernice Ann Garbacz

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2

6:00AM:†Georgiana Ketchum / Family

7:30AM:Russana Children & Grandchildren / Joe & Joann Mills

8:00AM:†Vera Wartner / ICGS

9:50AM:†ICCP

Noon :†Elmhurst University Alumni

7:00PM:†James Masterson / Elsie Masterson

### THURSDAY, MARCH 3

6:15AM:†Phil Leonard / Friends

7:30AM:†donald Gidcumb / Mary Ann & Jim McLean

### FRIDAY, MARCH 4

6:15AM:†Gwen & Tom Eddington & Family

7:30AM:†Mary Koch / Susan Koch

### SATURDAY, MARCH 5

8:00AM:†Bill Cello / Friends

4:30PM:†John Murray / Lamborn Family

### SUNDAY, MARCH 6

7:30AM:†Michael Francis Galvin

9:00AM:†Elizabeth McCarren / ICCP

†Tom Wallace / ICCP

†John Heinan / Winkel Family

11:30AM:†Parish Family

7:00PM:†Linda Tauchen / Family

## 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     | Mushow, Frank        |
| Durgan, Terri       | Perez, Aaron         |
| Genthe, Charlotte D | Ross, Bernadette     |
| Genthe, Karl W.     | Sehl, Ed             |
| Glynn, Tom          | Sinson, Dorothy      |
| Gow, Olivia         | Spencer, Nora        |
| 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.*

†Dennis Farnan, Father of Sean



## 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. **2/27-3/5**

**Sacred Heart:** †

**St. Peregrin:** Diane Dennis / Premo Family

*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



## Around the Diocese

### ENCOUNTERING THE LORD JESUS CHRIST IN THE HOLY EUCHARIST:

A six-week online Lenten series  
inviting the people of God to  
renew and rekindle their love for  
the Real Presence of Jesus  
in the Eucharist.



Date: Tuesday evenings  
in Lent

Time: 7:00 – 8:15 pm CST

Cost: \$20 per session  
\$100 for entire series

*Mayslake Ministries*  
Engaging Catholics in a Modern World  
Celebrating 30 Years

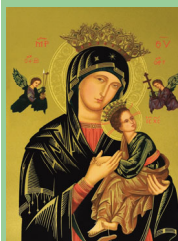
**Register now for  
Unbound Freedom In Christ Conference**  
**MARCH 18 & 19**  
FATHER BURKE MASTERS  
FATHER STEVE BORELLO  
FATHER JAMES GUARASCIO  
THE UNBOUND TEAM

Friday evening March 18 from 6:30pm to 9:15pm  
Saturday all day March 19 from 9am to 9pm

REGISTRATION & DETAILS  
[WWW.OLMERCY.COM/UNBOUND](http://WWW.OLMERCY.COM/UNBOUND)

Fee \$40 online or \$50 at the door\*  
\*for catered lunch, dinner & materials

### Novena and Rosary & Divine Mercy Chaplet to Our Lady of Perpetual Help



Join us each **Wednesday at 6pm** as  
we pray to Our Lady of Perpetual  
Help. We pay tribute to the Blessed  
Virgin Mary in asking for her  
assistance. This icon of the Blessed  
Mother with her Divine Son has  
helped her provide strength, comfort  
and even miracles to the faithful for centuries!

**COME AND PRAY WITH US!**

**EVERY WEDNESDAY AT 6:00PM IN THE CHURCH  
ASCENSION OF OUR LORD PARISH**

**1 SOUTH 314 SUMMIT AVENUE  
OAKBROOK TERRACE, ILLINOIS 60181  
630-629-5810 PARISH OFFICE FOR MORE DETAILS**

### HOLY GHOST CHURCH 254 NORTH WOOD DALE RD., WOOD DALE, IL

#### PARISH LENTEN MISSION

Sunday, March 6<sup>th</sup> @ 4pm Monday,  
March 7<sup>th</sup> @ 7pm

*Ransomed: Living in the Freedom and  
Truth of the Cross*

**With Deacon Keith Strohm**

Enrich your Lenten journey this year by  
attending our Mission with Deacon Keith  
Strohm. He will break open how we each can  
live in the freedom and truth of the cross.

**PLEASE JOIN US!**  
**A Morning of Reflection**  
for the  
**DIVORCED**  
April 2, 2022  
10-12PM  
In-Person Event  
Blanchette Catholic Center





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. **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION** For more information go to [www.TMIY.org](http://www.TMIY.org), or contact either Andrew

Morgan at 630-276-6401 or Ken Gillie at 847-980-2803

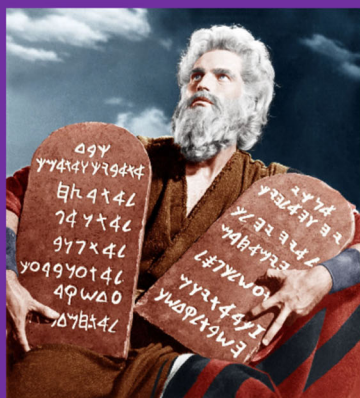
Advanced registration is not required, but is encouraged to receive all TMIY emails.

To Register, please visit [www.TMIY.org](http://www.TMIY.org)

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

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

## Ascension of Our Lord Parish Oakbrook Terrace Presents



The Exciting study  
of  
**Exodus**  
Beginning  
Wednesday,  
March 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Following the  
Mass and Rosary  
From 1-3pm

This 6-week course is the perfect Bible Study to help experience Lent and Holy Week in the context of God's love for His people. Each session will require participants to read assigned Scripture and answer the questions provided prior to class. Class will begin with a group discussion and conclude with a lecture. The course is being presented by Elizabeth Edens.

A Thursday evening class (6:30-8:30pm) will be offered if a minimum of eight (8) people are registered.

Participants must register by 2/27/22. The fee is \$15.00. To register, please call the office at 630-629-5810 or email Deacon Mick at [mruddle@ascensionofourlord.net](mailto:mruddle@ascensionofourlord.net)



The Inter-parish Marriage Enrichment Team presents our 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Event:

***Dreaming Together***  
***A Faith-filled Journey for Your Marriage***

**Marriage Enrichment Presentation**

**Saturday, March 19, 2022 9am – 1pm**

St. Elizabeth Seton, 2220 Lisson Road, Naperville

**\$40 per couple / \$20 per individual**

**When was the last time you dreamt together?** At the beginning of new relationships, many couples share dreams and goals, but as years go by, it is easy to fall into routine and forget what those dreams are. With their light, comedic style, Chris and Linda Padgett will share practical advice on how to start dreaming together again and how to make those dreams a reality. Please mail with your check **made out to IMET** to: Cathy and Phil Gorski, 633 Maywood Ln., Lisle, IL 60532 **OR register by Pay-pal on our website at [www.imetevents.org](http://www.imetevents.org)**

The Women's Giving Circle, a fund of the Catholic Education Foundation, is hosting an afternoon event on Saturday, February 26th from 1-3pm, to sip, savor and be spiritual with other like-minded Catholic women.

Tickets may be purchased online and include 2 glasses of wine and charcuterie: [givecentral.org/cefwgcwinter2022](http://givecentral.org/cefwgcwinter2022)

Virtual attendance is also an option.

Please email Emily at [ESpray@dioceseofjoliet.org](mailto:ESpray@dioceseofjoliet.org) for more information about the event or for more information on the Women's Giving Circle.



Next Sunday, our Catechumen, Brian Page, will be “sent” from Immaculate Conception to the Cathedral of St. Raymond in Joliet for the Rite of Election that afternoon, celebrated by Bishop Ron Hicks. He has affirmed his intention to be baptized and receive the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil. The following Sunday, March 13, our candidate will participate in the Penitential Rite. Candidates are those who are baptized Catholic but have not yet received the Sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation. Candidates also include those who were baptized into another Christian faith tradition and now desire to join the Catholic Church. The celebration of this rite presumes that the candidates are approaching the maturity of faith and understanding requisite for fuller life within the Catholic community.

The Sundays during Lent are especially significant for those completing their Sacraments of Initiation. Over the next several Sundays, our Elect (those who will be baptized, receive Eucharist and be confirmed) will celebrate the Lenten Scrutinies. It is the primary way that the Church assists her in their conversion process during Lent. These ritual celebrations on the Third, Fourth and Fifth Sundays of Lent are communal prayers celebrated around the Elect to strengthen them in overcoming the power of sin in their lives, while helping them to grow in virtue. The parish community does not scrutinize the Elect; the Elect scrutinize their own lives and allow God to heal them.

Taking seriously the dynamic of scrutiny and conversion gives us a richer perspective of Lenten “giving up.” What we are to give up more than anything else is sin, that which keeps us from living out our baptismal promises fully. Along with the Elect, we all need to approach the season of Lent by asking ourselves what needs to change in our lives if we are to live out the gospel values that Jesus taught us. Our journey through these forty days should be a movement ever closer to Christ and to the way of life he has exemplified for us. As we listen to stories about the woman at the well, the man born blind and the raising of Lazarus, we ask ourselves “for whom/what do I thirst? Do I recognize Jesus as the light of the world and ask him to remove my prejudice and complacency, allowing me to see the needs of others? Will I accept Jesus’ offer of new life?”

As a parish family, let us prayerfully journey with those who will receive the Sacraments of Initiation. We pray for Brian Page, Isabella Ronchetti, Emmett Kanno, Logan Kanno, Vito Campanelli and Grace Fitzgerald.

*Lord, we pray for those in the RCIA process who journey to you. Open their hearts to the fullness of your love. Deepen their understanding. Set their hearts on fire for the kingdom of God. We ask this through Jesus, who is the Way, the truth and the Life. Amen.*

## 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.

### NAMI HelpLine

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

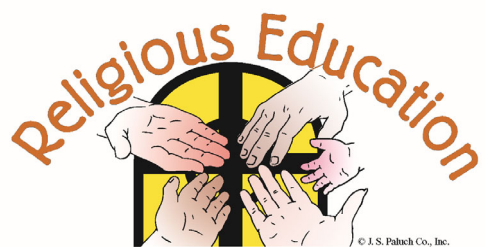


### Reporting Sexual Abuse

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 Conlon 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.**







### Sunday RE

March 6

March 13

March 20

### Wednesday RE

March 9

March 16

March 23

Sr. Mary Francis, DRE K-5  
[srmmaryfrancis@icelmhurst.org](mailto:srmmaryfrancis@icelmhurst.org)  
 Josephine Bastianoni, DRE 6,7,8,  
[jbastianoni@icelmhurst.org](mailto:jbastianoni@icelmhurst.org)

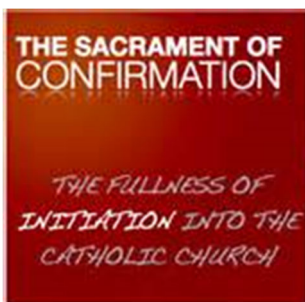
Thank you to ALL the 5<sup>th</sup> Graders who joined us for the 9 a.m. Grade 5 Family Liturgy this morning. We thank the parents, teachers, Catechists, and Aides who were present to support the 5<sup>th</sup> graders.

1<sup>st</sup> Eucharist Parent & Child Meeting will begin promptly at 1 p.m. this afternoon. The meeting will take place in the IC Church. Fr. James is our presenter.

Attention ALL 4<sup>th</sup> Graders : You and your parents are invited to participate in a "Tour of the IC Church" by Fr. Tom on Tuesday, March 1<sup>st</sup> at 7 p.m. Contact Sr. Mary Francis to participate.

### 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.



**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION GRADE  
SCHOOL**  
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**Musical Direction by Jennifer McCormick**  
**Choreography by Peg Koch**

**Friday & Saturday: March 4th & 5th, 7:00 p.m.**

**Sunday: March 6th, 2:00 p.m.**

**IC Parish Gymnasium Theatre**  
**Tickets: \$10 Available at the Door**

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**STUDENT OF IMPACT**  
THROUGH AWARENESS & GRATITUDE

ALL HIGH SCHOOL

**Sunday, February 27**

**5:30-7 pm**

**TEENS WELCOME!**

**In Costello Hall**



IC Youth Ministry aims to help high school teens become strong, confident, and resilient in their life and faith! Our February 27<sup>th</sup> gathering (5:30-7 pm in Costello Hall) will equip students with the skills of awareness and gratitude so they can learn and practice managing their thoughts and stress. We will be putting Philipians 4:6-7 into action: "Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, pray with thanksgiving! And the peace of God will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."

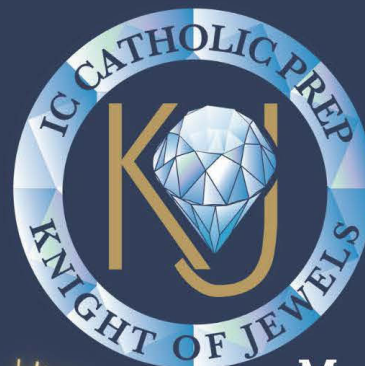
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**March 19th**

**7:00 PM - 10:00 PM**

**Elmhurst Hall**  
**119 N. York Rd**

Come for hors d'oeuvres, open bar, music, dancing, and raffles! Enjoy opportunities to win prizes!

To purchase tickets, please visit  
<https://iccatholicprep.org/knight-of-jewels-2022/>

Sponsorship opportunities are available!





# Synod 2021/2023

## For a synodal Church

communion | participation | mission

### What is Synodality?

By convening this Synod, Pope Francis invites the entire Church to reflect on a theme that is decisive for its life and mission: **synodality**. 'Synod' is an ancient and venerable word in the Tradition of the Church, whose meaning indicates the path along which the People of God walk together. Equally, it refers to the Lord Jesus, who presents Himself as 'the way, the truth and the life' and to the fact that Christians, His followers, were originally called 'followers of the Way'.

First and foremost, synodality denotes the particular style that qualifies the life and mission of the Church, expressing her nature as the People of God journeying together and gathering in assembly, summoned by the Lord Jesus in the power of the Holy Spirit to proclaim the Gospel. Ultimately, this path of walking together is the most effective way of manifesting and putting into practice the nature of the Church as the pilgrim and missionary People of God in the communion that Christ establishes between us.

The entire People of God shares a common dignity and vocation through Baptism. All of us are called in virtue of our Baptism to be active participants in the life of the Church. Through this Synod, we are all invited to listen to one another so that, enlightened by the Word of God and united in prayer, we will be able to discern God's will and pursue the pathways to which God calls us – towards deeper communion, fuller participation, and greater openness to fulfilling our mission in the world.

### What is the aim of this Synod?

The Church recognizes that synodality is an integral part of her very nature. Being a synodal Church finds expression in ecumenical councils, Synods of Bishops, diocesan Synods, and diocesan and parish councils. There are many ways by which we experience forms of "synodality" already across the Church. Yet being a synodal Church is not limited to these existing institutions. Indeed, synodality is a way of being by which the Church lives out her mission in the world. The mission of the Church requires the entire People of God to be on a journey together, with each member playing his or her crucial role, united with each other. A synodal Church walks forward in communion to pursue a common mission through the participation of each and every one of her members.

The objective of this Synodal Process is not to provide a temporary or one-time experience of synodality, but rather to provide an opportunity for the entire People of God to discern together how to move forward on the path towards being a more synodal Church in the long-term.

The Second Vatican Council reinvigorated the sense that all the baptised, both the hierarchy and the laity, are called to be active participants in the saving mission of the Church. The faithful have received the Holy Spirit in baptism and confirmation and are endowed with diverse gifts and charisms for the renewal and building up of the Church, as members of the Body of Christ. The path of synodality seeks to make pastoral decisions that reflect the will of God as closely as possible, grounding them in the living voice of the People of God.

### How can I participate?

Some members of the Parish Commissions are already meeting to gather input from their groups. Beginning in March, you may participate by answering a questionnaire (insert from the bulletin or on-line) which asks you to provide input into two fundamental questions facing the Church:

- 1) How does our "journeying together" allow the Church to proclaim the Gospel?
- 2) What steps is the Holy Spirit inviting us to take in order to grow as a Church?

We will have four categories of specific questions that you may also find helpful to consider and reflect upon in formulating your response (four categories: Companions on the Journey; Listening; Celebration; and Sharing Responsibility for our Common Mission).

Please watch the bulletin or check our parish webpage for more information.



### Stewardship of Time and Treasure

#### Weekly Sharing February 13, 2022

Sunday Envelopes Total: \$ 12,357.82  
Electronic Offerings: \$ 15,315.91  
Total Gifts: \$ 27,673.73  
Amount Budgeted Per Week: \$ 28,000.00

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

*The March Presider Schedule was not complete at the time of publication of this bulletin. Thank you for your understanding!*

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.

|                            | Lector                               | Altar Server                             | EM                                     | Greeter              |
|----------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--|----------------------|
| <b>March 5<br/>4:30pm</b>  | A. Serritella (1)<br>A. Paprocki (2) | L. Cook<br>K. Harris<br>C. Harris        | M. Ryan                                | T. Kaiser            |
| <b>March 6<br/>7:30am</b>  | E. Cutri (1)<br>M. Tyson (2)         | F. Bibbiano<br>C. Bibbiano<br>N. Dewbray | O. Buscemi                             | J. Callahan          |
| <b>March 6<br/>9:00am</b>  | M. Monteleone (1)<br>M. Ashton (2)   | S. Lara<br>C. McConnell<br>M. McConnell  | J. Geiger<br>J. Geiger<br>J. McConnell | M. Tovey<br>M. Tovey |
| <b>March 6<br/>11:30am</b> | R. Tuttle (1)<br>L. Kalina (2)       | L. Reedy<br>D. Richardson<br>W. Gibbons  | S. Montella                            | J. Viola             |
| <b>March 6<br/>7:00pm</b>  | R. Cello (1)                         |  |  | C. Cohen             |

#### Early Bulletin Deadlines

March 27<sup>th</sup> bulletin – articles due March 18<sup>th</sup>

April 3<sup>rd</sup> bulletin – articles due March 22<sup>nd</sup>

April 10<sup>th</sup> (Palm Sunday) bulletin – articles due March 24<sup>th</sup>

April 17<sup>th</sup> (Easter) bulletin – articles due April 4<sup>th</sup>



#### Support the works of the Lord through the 2022 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal Your gift to the CMAA makes a difference

The opening report for the 2022 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA) in today's bulletin illustrates how, when we pledge our support to the CMAA, we are *devoted to the works of the Lord*. Through the CMAA, we serve so many in our diocese, including our most vulnerable brothers and sisters. Every parish, including ours, benefits from the ministries funded through the CMAA, like vocations, Catholic education and faith formation. Our parish's goal for the 2022 CMAA is \$114,200, with 70 percent of the amount we raise over this goal returned to us for our needs. Please prayerfully reflect on your gift to this year's CMAA and make a commitment next week during our CMAA Commitment/InPew Weekend. Thank you for considering the most generous pledge possible to this year's annual appeal.



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