

Immaculate Conception Parish Bulletin

LENT

2019

MARCH 10, 2019

First Sunday of Lent

*Very Reverend Thomas Paul, V. F. K.H.S.
Pastor*

*Reverend Christopher Lankford
Parochial Vicar*

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MASS SCHEDULE

Weekdays: 6:15 and 7:30AM

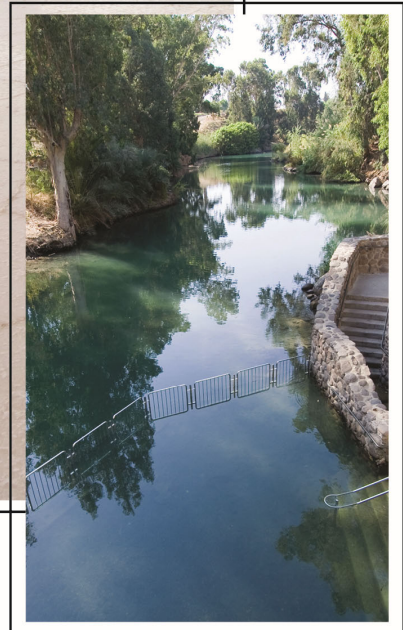
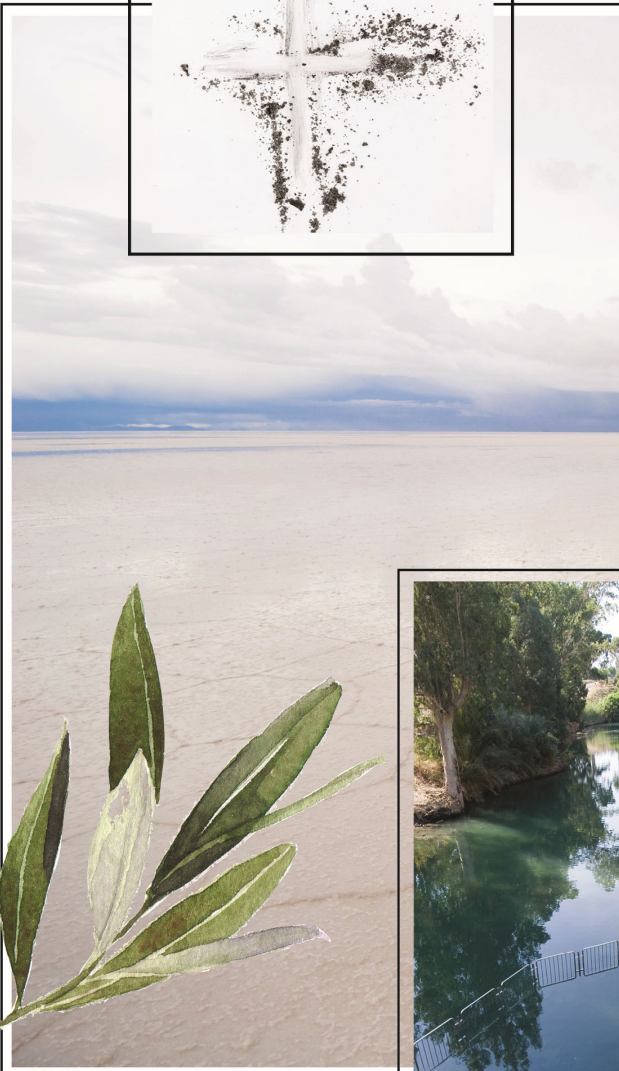
Saturdays: 8:00AM

Weekend Masses: Saturday: 5:15PM

**Sunday: 7:30, 9:00, 11:30AM and
5:15PM**

Jesus was led by the Spirit into
the desert for forty days,
to be tempted by the devil.

~ Luke 4:1-2



Lent 2019

Dear Friends In Christ,

When I was a child it was customary for me to give up chocolate during the Lenten season. I must admit, I found it very hard to do so. As time has passed, I've come to a greater realization that the season of Lent can have far more implications for spiritual growth if we are willing to look at ourselves. For Lent this year I am trying to grow closer to Christ as I reflect upon the seven Capital Sins and their existence in my life. I hope to deepen my relationship with Christ through recognizing how I have failed to be like Him because of the presence of these sins. Perhaps you might also consider looking at the Capital Sins in order to develop a better understanding of what is in your heart and soul. During the weeks of Lent I'll share with you some reflections about each of them.

Pride

Mother Teresa spoke about some ways to reduce the presence of this sin in our lives. Without a doubt she is a modern day example of a person who had no pride. Mother encouraged us to speak as little as possible about ourselves. She also taught us that we should not speak to be admired or loved and that we should not dwell on faults of others. Mother encouraged her sisters to give in, in discussions, even if you are right. Her suggestions certainly are contrary to the times when make sure that we are right and others are wrong. Sometimes it is better to simply listen and not to speak.

As we remove pride from our lives, we can replace it with humility. I certainly have greater respect for the deep humility that I often see in people as opposed to prideful words or actions. The most humble man to ever walk the earth was Jesus Christ. He taught His disciples to learn from His example. Let us pray during the journey of this Lenten season that we will become more like Jesus, who has humbled Himself for our welfare. The people around Jesus expected Him to start a great kingdom here on this earth. It was very hard for them to realize that the kingdom He was preparing for all of us would be in heaven.

Fr. Tom

Daily Masses

Daily Masses are celebrated in the Church Monday through Friday at 6:15 am and 7:30 am. Fridays when there is a school mass, masses will be held at 6:15 am and 8:15 am. Saturday at 8:00 am.

Parishioners are especially encouraged to attend daily mass during these 40 days.

Parish Mission

*March 31, April 1, & April 2
7:00 p.m. Church*

John Michael Grossman

"Live in the Light"

Sunday: You are the Light of the World

Monday: Do as I Have Done For You

Tuesday: Called to Discipleship



Join us for 3 evenings of music, inspiration and prayer as John Donahue-Grossman leads us on a spiritual awakening to walk in and become a light in the world as disciples of Jesus Christ. We are invited and we are called, to bring hope, love, and compassion into our homes, workplaces, and communities.

Reconciliation

April 5 12:00 pm—10:00 pm Church

April 6 8:00 am—4:00 pm Church

18 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.

April 2 ICCP Students

April 9 ICGS Students

Individual Reconciliation will also be held on the following dates from 4-4:45pm:

March 16 (Sacred Heart Chapel)

March 23 (Sacred Heart Chapel)

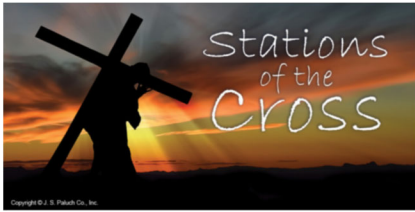
March 30 (Sacred Heart Chapel)

April 6 No Reconciliation—4:00- 4:45 pm

April 13 3:00- 4:45 pm (Sacred Heart Chapel)

April 16 4:00 to 7:00 pm (Church)





Stations of the Cross

*All are encouraged to pray the Stations at
7:00 P.M. in the Church on the following
dates:*

*March 13 March 20 March 27
April 3 April 10*

ICGS students will pray the Stations

March 15: 2:30 P.M. Church

March 22: 2:30PM Church

April 5: 2:30 P.M. Sacred Heart Chapel

Living Stations of the Cross

April 12 —2:00—Grade School—Church

Lectio Divina

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

Anointing of the Sick

*The Sacrament of the Sick will be available
for all in need following all weekend Masses
on April 6 & April 7*

Eucharistic Adoration

April 3

*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 9 and April 13

8:30-9:30 am in the Agnesian Room

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 the Women's Prayer Breakfast on five Saturdays of Lent. We will start Saturday March 16th for a study on the book The Biggest Lie in the History of Christianity by: Matthew Kelly. This is the book that IC distributed at the Christmas Masses. Come for one, two or all five weeks - whatever your schedule allows. Our meetings will be in the Resource Room of the Parish Administration Center from 8:30 - 9:30AM. If you need a copy of the book or if you have any questions, please contact Mary Lynn at rpollastrini@sbcglobal.net. Please join us! We would love to be with you this season!

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.





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Worship



Welcome to the Word

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading— God brought us into this land flowing with milk and honey (Deuteronomy 26:4-10).

Psalm — Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble (Psalm 91).

Second Reading — The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart (Romans 10:8-13).

Gospel — Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus was led into the desert for forty days (Luke 4:1-13).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mt 25:31-46

Tuesday: Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-7, 16-19; Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19; Lk 11:29-32

Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8; Mt 7:7-12

Friday: 1 Pt 5:1-4; Ps 23:1-3a, 4-6; Mt 16:13-19

Saturday: Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48

Sunday: Gn 15:5-12, 17-18; Ps 27:1, 7-9, 13-14; Phil 3:17-4:1 [3:20-4:1]; Lk 9:28b-36

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: First Sunday of Lent; Rite of Election; Rite of Calling the Candidates to Continuing Conversion; Rite of Sending; Daylight Saving Time begins; Girl Scouting Sunday

Monday: Julian Calendar Lent begins

Friday: Abstinence



Masses for the Week

MONDAY, MARCH 11

6:15AM—†Peter & Cecilia Livorsi *By: Livorsi Family*

7:30AM—†Jack Capron

TUESDAY, MARCH 12

6:15AM—†Edward & Catherine Merkel *By: Suzanne Reinfranck*

7:30AM—†Patricia McLaughlin *By: Lanphier Family*

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13

6:15AM—†James Hendricks *By: Family*

7:30AM—†Barbara Sylvester *By: Family*

THURSDAY, MARCH 14

6:15AM—†Paul & Catherine Pacilio *By: Livorsi Family*

7:30AM—†Brady Doherty *By: Shannon Family*

FRIDAY, MARCH 15

6:15AM—†Bill Cello *By: Friends*

8:15AM—†Richard Laluya, grandfather of Faith and Brynn

SATURDAY, MARCH 16

8:00AM—†Greg Luczak *By: Jo & Don LaMonica*

5:15PM—†The deceased members of the Immaculate Conception Parish Family

SUNDAY, MARCH 17

7:30AM—†Frank Sagilio *By: Judy Sagilio*

9:00AM—†Deceased members of James Hendricks Family *By: Family*

†Ralph Spinelli *By: Jo & Don LaMonica*

Millar Family *By: Wilke Family*

†Brady Doherty *By: Callahan Family*

11:30AM—†Francis Joseph McMahon & †Francis Joseph McMahon III *By: Mary McMahon, wife and mother*

5:15PM—†Frank Connell *By: Curran Family*



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.*

Ancel, Brian	Martin, Chris
Chaplin, Scott	Munn, Donna
Chornij, Jane	Myer, Tom
Curtin, Judy	O'Brien, Rich
Dudenhoeffer, Edwin	Olson, Cheryl
Esposito, Michael	Petros, Haley
Frer, Michele	Robert, Michele
Frer, Mike	Roderer, David
Genthe, Denise	Rossi, John
Howard, Cathy	Ruiz, Maria
Humann, Michelle	Salerno, Madeline
Huster, Mary Ann	Weppner, James
Johnson, Matthew	Williams, Judi
Kaprelian, Jean	Wilson, James
Letson, Robert	Young, Ray

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



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†Jean Kotowski
 †Joseph Siranovic, father of Mark Siranovic
 and Michelle Paprocki

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 February at Immaculate Conception

* William Matthew	* Sophia Iliana
Pines	Adame
* Piper Francis	* Gustavo Lionel
McGrath	Adame

2019 ENGAGED COUPLES

<i>Danielle Lasater & Christopher Heller</i>	<i>3/16</i>
<i>Maurene Damm & Ryan Svoboda</i>	<i>4/27</i>
<i>Meagan Kerr & Christopher Restaino</i>	<i>6/29</i>

**Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands. Protect
 them as they protect us. Bless them and their families
 for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of
 need. Give us peace. I ask this in the name of Jesus.**

Lt. Joe Doyle, US Army, Son of Deb and Tom Doyle
1st Lt. Ryan Kenny, USMC, Son of Mary Beth Kenny
Gunnery Sgt. Melinda Jolly, USMC

Daughter of Linda and Tom Makinney

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
Capt. Andrew Smyrnios, USAF, Brother of Stephanie Alfini

Recruit Garrett Gong, USMC

LCpl. Troy Rosenbury, USMC

Cpl. Zack Bright, USMC

Sgt. Ben Bright, USMC, Friend of the Genthe Family

LCpl. Vincent Joseph Genthe, USMC,
 Son of Denise Genthe

Capt. Jeffrey Robbins, USMC,
 Son of Barb & Larry Robbins, Grandson of Georgiana Ryan
Maj. Kevin Mott, 101st Airborne, US Army

Nephew of Greg & Mary Pat Vanderlaan

Paul Hornstra, USMC, ICHS Class of 2009
 Son of Paul and Dawn Hornstra

Sgt. Patrick O'Hara, USM,
 Nephew of Francis & Sheila O'Hara

Cpl. Brittney Young, US Army
 Cousin of Denise and John Doherty

Lt. Joe Shannon, US Navy, Son of John & Maria Shannon

Cpl. Matthew R. Mundle, USMC,
 Grandson of Evelyn Mundle

Sgt. Ethan Zielinski, USMC
 Son of Michele and Dolph Zielinski

Capt. Christopher Bertucci, USMC
 Nephew of Mary Anne & Greg Luczak

Lt. Andrea Bertucci, US Navy
 Niece of Mary Anne & Greg Luczak

Pfc. Joseph Fischer, USMC
 Son of George & Sharon Fischer

Specialist Jacob Ezekiel Austin, US Army
 Nephew of Paul & Marita Kasley

1st. Lt. 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

Cpl. Matthew Schlipper, USMC
 Son of Martha McAllister

Pfc. Jack Mallon, USMC
 Grandson of Mary and Bob Mallon
 Nephew of Mark Mallon and Lauren Lent

2nd. Lt. Dylan Sullivan, US Army
 Grandson of Mary Sullivan

1st. Lt. Samuel Westhoff, US Army
 Nephew of Tom and Sue Westhoff

2nd. Lt. Liam Hendricks, 101st Airborne, ICCP Class of '14
 Son of Tim and Julie Hendricks



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Weekly Calendar

Monday, March 11

6:15 am Mass: Church
7:30 am Mass: Church
6:30 pm GS Board Meeting: Dyer Center

Tuesday, March 12

6:15 am Mass: Church
7:30 am Mass: Church
8:00 am Lectio Divina: Resource Room
10:00 am Cup of Hope: PAC Meeting Rm 2
3:45 pm RCIA Children Class: Resource Rm
7:00 pm Deanery Steering Committee: Marian Room
7:00 pm Worship Committee: Resource Room

Wednesday, March 13

6:00 am Mass: Church
7:30 am Mass: Church
9:30 am Bible Study: Resource Room
7:00 pm ICCP Board Meeting: Dyer Center
7:00 pm Parents' Club: Agnesian Room
7:00 pm Stations of the Cross: Church

Thursday, March 14

6:15 am Mass: Church
7:30 am Mass: Church
7:00 pm Parish Choir Rehearsal: Sacred Heart Chapel

Friday, March 15

6:15 am Mass: Church
8:15 am Mass: Church
2:30 pm ICGS Stations of the Cross: Church
4:00 pm Lasater / Heller Rehearsal: Church

Saturday, March 16

8:00 am Mass: Church
8:30 am Women's Prayer Breakfast: Resource Room
2:00 pm Lasater/Heller Wedding
4-4:45pm Reconciliation: Sacred Heart Chapel
5:15 pm Mass: Sacred Heart Chapel

Sunday, March 17

Happy St. Patrick's Day!
7:30 am Mass: Church
9:00 am Mass: Sacred Heart Chapel
10:10-11:15am Religious Ed: ICGS Classrooms
10:15 am Spiritual Classics: Dyer Center
11:30 am Mass: Sacred Heart Chapel
Noon St. Joseph Table: MPH
5:15 pm Mass: Sacred Heart Chapel

IC Parish-Wide Lenten Outreach Project

Our Lenten alms bags were distributed on Ash Wednesday. If you did not receive one, please take one from the baskets in the narthex this weekend. **Our alms will benefit St. Mary's Mission School** in Red Lake, Minnesota. The children are the future of St. Mary's in Red Lake. Father Jerry's dream of adding "baby space" and an eighth grade classroom can only be realized with our help. Through our donations, we are gifting the children not only with an education, but **HOPE** in their future. As we pray and fast during this holy season of Lent, **let us also "give back" to God**, who has given us so much, by sharing our good fortune with others.

MESSAGE FROM FATHER JERRY

Matthew Kelly, a **New York Times** bestselling author, tells the story of a young boy interrupting his busy father complaining "*Daddy, I'm bored!*" The father spent some time trying to amuse his son while also trying to finish a project that he was working on that needed to get done. What could he find that would entertain his son but also allow him to make his deadline? Picking up a magazine, he thumbed through the pages until he came to a large, colorful map of the world. He ripped the picture into pieces. Tossing them onto the living room floor, he told his son, "*If you can put the map of the world back together I will take you to the movies.*" The father returned to his project thinking he had just bought himself some much needed time to finish his project; he knew his son had no idea what the map of the world looked like. The boy immediately began to gather the pieces. Excited at the prospect of going to the movies, he put the pieces of the puzzle together within minutes. To his father's surprise, the young boy rushed back to his father bringing him the completed map of the world. His surprised father said in amazement, "*How did you finish it so quickly!?!?*" The boy smiled and said, "*You know, Dad, I didn't know what the world looked like, but I had an idea what the kid looked like that was on the other side of the picture. So, I put the picture of the kid together and turned it over knowing if I got the kid right, the world would be right!*" "*If you can get the kid right, the world will be right . . .*" ***if you can get the child right, the Red Lake Reservation will be right!*** I have been known to say, "*we're not going to change the nearly impossible situations that challenge Red Lake, but our hope is to change one student at a time and they will make the necessary changes!*" My personal motto as a Pastor is to "***Change a Nation one saint at a time!***" . . . if you get the child right, the world will be right!



Coming Events



We welcome Fr. Jerry Rogers from St. Mary's Mission in Red Lake, MN back "home" to IC!

PLEASE JOIN US THIS SUNDAY AFTERNOON at 3:00PM in the Church, as Fr. Jerry updates us on the progress of plans to rebuild after the devastating church fire in 2018. He will also share success stories of some of the St. Mary's Mission School students. Please come and share your support!

The Visitation Rosary Makers will be available the weekend of March 23-24 to repair your rosary for free, collect unwanted rosaries in any condition, and offer for sale some beautiful Irish St. Patrick's and Lenten rosaries. The Irish rosaries have a Celtic or Claddagh crucifix and shamrock Our Lady of Knock, Claddagh, or St. Pat in the center. Also available are rosaries for Lent with Our Blessed Mother hugging the crucifix, and a rosary center with Pieta and more. There are **many** new items such as Divine Mercy Chaplet with half red and half clear beads and a variety of rosary cases. Please visit the table in the back of the church or chapel for a free gift for your child.

*Make Joyful unto The
a Joyful noise Lord!*

CALLING ALL 1ST and 2ND GRADERS WHO LOVE TO SING:

Come share your spirit and song in the **Cherub Choir!**

The **Cherub Choir** will sing at our **2nd Grade Family Mass on Sunday, May 5** at 9am in the Sacred Heart Chapel. Four after school rehearsals will be held in the Sacred Heart Chapel on **Thursdays April 4, 11, 25 & May 2** from **3:30-4:00pm.**

Please contact Director of Music Lisa Grisolia to sign-up: lisagrisolia@icelmhurst.org
630-530-3489



CUP OF HOPE

An invitation to all who feel the sadness, loss and loneliness after the death of someone near and dear (recently or not so recent). Our next gathering will be on

Tuesday, March 12 at 10:00 a.m. in the PAC (Rectory). We will be together to share our stories, hospitality and prayer. Since we will be meeting during Lent it seems especially timely to remind each other of the first Psalm which tells us "Blessed are they who hope in the Lord". And a second reminder that after death comes Resurrection. We are a very informal group—a drop-in group. If you would like more information, please call Loretta Kalina at 630-834-8664.

Seminarian Blog

While on pilgrimage, each seminarian will write a post on our blog. Our very own Michael Groth and his classmates will also post pictures and videos. You can follow along: www.usml.edu/pilgrimage.

Knights of Columbus Lenten Fish Fry !

**Did you miss the first 2019
Lenten "Fryday Knight" Fish Fry
this past Friday night?**

Not to worry; we have plenty of the best beer battered OR baked cod (from Supreme Lobster, of course!) in the near western suburbs.

Enjoy a delicious dinner this coming "FryDay Knight" and be served by one of our cheerful Mermaids!

Knights of Columbus Hall
537 S York Street
(across from USBank)

Serving from 5-8 PM



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Coming Events



St. Joseph Table

Sunday, March 17, 2019

Would you like to DONATE A DISH?

Email Barb Repking at
brepking@icelmhurst.org
or call 630.530.3479

18 Hours of Confession

Are you Roman Catholic?

When was the last time you received Reconciliation?

Was it recently? In the past year? A while ago?

The priests of the Eastern DuPage Deanery will be available to celebrate the Sacrament of Forgiveness of Sin!

Friday, April 5, from 12 pm until 10 pm

Saturday, April 6, from 8 am until 4 pm

All are invited to receive God's grace

There will be select times when the Sacrament will be offered in both Polish and Spanish.

Call for further details: (630) 530-8515

Please come to Immaculate Conception Church
132 Arthur Street, Elmhurst.



Eastern DuPage Deanery
Liturgical Enrichment Day
A New Paradigm of Evangelization:
The Importance of Liturgy in Today's Culture

Saturday, March 16, 2019, 8:00 a.m. – Noon

Ascension Parish, 1S314 Summit Ave. Oakbrook Terrace, IL 60181

All Liturgical Ministers in our parish are encouraged and invited to attend, including Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Ushers, Music Ministry, and Mass Captains. Ongoing formation for those involved in ministry is a very important part of serving in these roles. Even if you are not involved in a ministry, all are invited and welcome to attend.

To register online go to: **easterndupagedeanery.org**

OR fill out the form below and place the bottom half of this form in the box in your church narthex. (No cost to attend)

Do **not** register directly to Ascension Parish.

Door will open at 7:30 to begin check-in. Our day opens with 8:00 a.m. Mass with Father Tom McCarthy, O.S.A.

Check-in will continue with Continental Breakfast following mass

Come and hear **Linda Couri** present:

The Relevance of the Mass in a Busy World that Just Won't Stop

Also, please join us as we hear **Fr. David Mowry** talk about how the Liturgy of the Word tells us the story of salvation in a way that opens our eyes to seeing that story playing out in the culture around us

I plan to attend the Liturgical Enrichment Day event on March 16th.

Name: _____

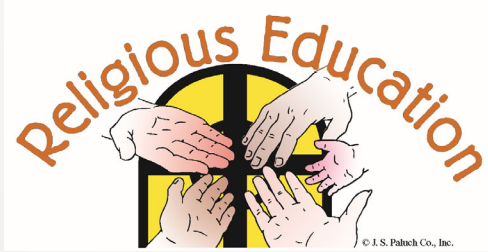
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Religious Education 530-3483



<u>Children's Church</u>	<u>Sunday RE</u>	<u>Wednesday RE</u>
March 10	March 10	March 13
April 7	March 17	March 20
		April 3

3rd Grade Reconciliation March 10 (Sunday) 3rd Grade Reconciliation March 13 (Wednesday)

2nd Grade families, please do not forget to register our Bread Breaking Prayer Services on March 18th and March 19th. This prayer experience is created for the parents and 1st Eucharist children only. The evening focuses on sharing prayer with one another and reviewing the teachings of Jesus as He celebrated the 1st Eucharist with His Apostles. Details may be found in the 1st Eucharist materials distributed at the meeting on Feb 24. Kindly RSVP to Sr. Mary Francis.

**6th Grade Old Testament Saint Presentations:
Sunday, March 10 & Wednesday, March 13**

**7th Grade Twelve Apostle Project Presentations:
Sunday, March 17 & Wednesday, March 20**



The Sundays during Lent are especially significant for those completing their Sacraments of Initiation. Over the next several Sundays, our Elect (she 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 her 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 Jada Cannon, Shauna Brueggen, Christine Harezlak, Emil Amarei, Mia Carreon and Nicholas Crededio.

***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, Amen.***



Immaculate Conception Grade School 530-3490

ICGS Alumni Achieving H.S. Honor Roll Status For 1st Semester of 2018-2019

ICCP High Honors Alexis Brandstatter Eva Calles Roberto Calles Francesca Capannari Frances Cook Max Cook Liam Dacre Annie Guinan Kaya Hood Abigail Idasek Alia Johnson Declan Kenneally Carl Knable Faith Laluya Maddie Leahy Isabella Leslie Ashley Mayr Kyle Mayr Lino Narcisi Maggie O'Brien Emmett Platt Gabe Remy Bella Roelle Ava Rucker Hayley Sennett Rachel Simonides Liliana Suarez Ryan Wojtalewicz	Erin Johnson Aidan Janc Therese Giannini Connor Fahey Anna Dray Anisa Dominguez Brendan Carey Anna Zenk Colin Wright Molly Welsh Michael Kapsch Thomas Kamienski Will Hoeller Clark Davis Joseph Wermes Jared Wermes Emily Wartner Alex Veach Charlie Sullivan Jake Schiele McKenzie Moorman Shane McCarthy Mary Kate Kapsch Taylor Kamienski Erik Janc Colleen Grogan Kaily Fox Caroline Fahey Michelle Eckhoff	St. Ignatius High Honors Samuel Lynas	Hinsdale Central High Honors Maurice Tobiano	Addison Trail Honors Gracie Muccianti	York H.S. High Honors Will Ahern Annalise Belzile Richard Buehling Audrey Buffo Ella Burr Olivia Buscemi Abby Cahill Jack Castanoli Ellie Condon Jack Condon Maeve Condon Brigid Conroy Tess Conroy Dylan Cushing Kathryn Dale Kelsey Devereux Katelin Doughty Nicole Farrow Shannon Farrow Julia Frey Cristina Gamboa Jackson Geiger Kevin Gliatis James Golen Niamh Horan Mary Hughes Ethan Hunter Grace Hunter Elizabeth King Kathryn King Claire Kopec Claire Libert Molly Loch Anthony Lococo Vincent Lococo Leo Macariola Wilke Macariola Grace Maietta Maeve Maietta Luke Malaga Sydney Malaga Alice Martin	John Milling Julia Mooradian Jessica Morey Daniel Morsch Meghan Morsch Alex Norgle Katie Norgle Gillian O'Hara Justin Pajak Ryan Pajak Candice Panahon Aaron Paprocki T.J. Paul Elise Pedote James Petros Daniel Pierotti Maggie Quick Olivia Quick Ellie Ryan Charlie Stern Grace Stewart
Honors Finn Barney Kimberly Mondragon Olivia Palumbo Madison Reaber Thomas Sloan	Second Honors Tommy Sullivan Chloe Miller Louis Kamienski Maddie Miller Mary Kate Reagan Brigid O'Hara Thalia Ortiz					
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ICCP Sunshine Tour in Florida



Tom Schergen, ICCP President, Tracie Ortman, ICCP Dir. Special Events & Alumni Relations, and Very Rev. Thomas Paul, V.F., IC Parish Pastor hosted two successful and engaging alumni gatherings in Naples and Lakeland, Florida areas three weeks ago.

50 alumni (members of the League of Knights) from the Classes of 1957 to 1984 attended two events, including one special evening of cocktails and light hors d'oeuvre and another day of spring training baseball.

Mr. Schergen and Mrs. Ortman will host two more *League of Knights* alumni and friends gatherings in Arizona this week.

For more information, contact Tracie Ortman at (765) 860-8675 or tortman@icatholicprep.org



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Christian Service



IC FOOD PANTRY

PLEASE REMEMBER US AS YOU DO YOUR WEEKLY SHOPPING

Food may be dropped after all masses on Sunday or at the PAC/Rectory during normal business hours. Our needs this month include cereal, oatmeal, pasta and pasta sauce, canned fruit and vegetables, pancake mix and syrup, chili, canned tuna and chicken, eggs, shampoo, bath gel, toothpaste and personal hygiene products. If you are **TOO BUSY TO SHOP**, monetary donations are always appreciated. By supporting our pantry, **you are helping members of our own community.**



FOOD PANTRY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are seeking additional volunteers for our food pantry, especially during the summer months. The pantry is open from 10:00AM – Noon Monday through Friday from Labor Day to Memorial Day (with the exception of holidays) and Monday through Thursday during the summer months. Volunteers work in teams of two or three, assisting clients in acquiring the food they need. Training is provided. Please contact Pam in the Christian Ministry Office if you might be able to help one or two days per month.

Christian Ministry offers the following **service hour opportunities** for our junior high students:

- String tags and decorate envelopes for our Easter outreach on **Wednesday, March 27 after school until 5:00PM.**
- Assist with Easter toy/candy sort on the evening of Sunday, **April 7 in the Rectory after 5:15 Mass.**

Many students are needed for these events. Contact Pam at 530-3497 to volunteer.



40 BAGS IN 40 DAYS

A Lenten challenge to declutter and simplify

- each day in Lent, fill a bag (any size)
- donate the bags to charity

"WHOEVER HAS TWO CLOAKS SHOULD SHARE ONE WITH THE PERSON WHO HAS NONE."

Catholic Living

CHRISTIAN MINISTRY refers its transitional housing clients and others to the following organizations, who provide many items free-of-charge.

Please consider donations to the following organizations:

Sharing Connections www.sharingconnections.org 630-971-0565

Community Clothing Center UMC, Elmhurst

www.umcelmhurst.org 630-834-2440

St. Vincent de Paul

www.svdpojiet.org 630-628-9008

Poised for Success

www.poisedforsuccess.org 630-691-1455

Salvation Army

www.satruck.org 800-728-7825

ICGS, ICCP and RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SHOE DRIVE

March 18 – March 22, 2019

Everyone deserves a good pair of shoes.

ICGS, ICCP and Religious Ed are partnering with Brighton to collect gently used shoes for infants, children, men and women, to be distributed in Madagascar. Every day children are prevented from attending school and adults are unable to work. Walking becomes unbearable. A pair of shoes provides relief in many developing nations around the globe in times of disaster.

As you purchase new shoes prior to spring break vacation, First Communion, Confirmation or Graduation, please donate your used shoes to this drive. Tie or rubber-band your pair of shoes together and place them in the bins provided in each of the schools. To view the impact your gift has on our needy neighbors, visit **www.soles4soles.org**.

Thank you for your generosity.



**CHANGING THE WORLD
ONE PAIR AT A TIME**



Stewardship of Treasure

Weekly Sharing February 24, 2019

Sunday Envelopes Total:	\$ 13,464.63
Electronic Offerings:	\$ 12,504.08
Total Gifts:	\$ 25,968.71
Amount Budgeted Per Week:	\$ 29,310.00
Total Funds Collected 7/1/18-2/24/19 (Including Year End Giving)	\$1,033,699.39
Amount Budgeted:	\$1,047,840.00
Budgeted Shortfall to Date:	\$ 14,150.61

Thank You in His Name!



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.**

Stewardship of Time

Time	Lectors	Servers	Eucharistic Ministers
Saturday, March 16 5:15 PM	M. Ryan (1) V. Murphy (2)	M. Devereux (1) M. Ahern (2) T. Sullivan (3) D. Fahey (4)	P. Ahern, W. Ahern S. Murphy, C. Mushow B. Repking, C. Sullivan
Sunday, March 17 7:30 AM	T. Livorsi (1) E. Cutri (2)	J. Sloan (1) M. Sloan (2) J. Petkus (3) S. Blondell (4)	J. Hilgart, M. Hilgart T. Hilgart, R. McCaffrey D. McCaffrey, S. Sloan T. Sloan
Sunday, March 17 9:00 AM	D. La Monica (1) M. Ashton (2)	A. Karsten (1) E. Miljanovic (2) M. Conneely (3) A. Lisante (4)	B. Geary, K. Grasse M. Karsten, J. La Monica D. Pakenas, L. Ross
Sunday, March 17 11:30 AM	E. Cheng (1) L. Kalina (2)	G. Narcisi (1) E. Giura (2) D. Libert (3) N. Denekas (4)	C. Cohen, P. Krol M. Luczak, K. Sullivan
Sunday, March 17 5:15 PM	N. Shonts (1) T. Sullivan (2)	A. Hill (1) P. Cahill (2) G. Litton (3) S. VanEekeren (4)	M. Cadaoas J. Castanoli D. Tharp

Presider Mass Schedule March 16 & 17

5:15 Fr. Tom
7:30 Fr. Tom assisted by Deacon John
9:00 Fr. Chris
11:30 Fr. Chris
5:15 Fr. Conway

***Presider schedule is subject to change**



Diocese of Joliet Life Advocacy Day – April 3

Horrific anti-life legislation has been entered in Illinois. Unborn children and their families need you.

Prayer: Please pray for the safety of the unborn and their families, and the conversion of hearts for all elected officials so that they might advocate for life. Ask the Lord how he is calling you to pray, fast, and act.

Action Part 1: Call and email House and Senate lawmakers

Urge them to vote “no” on House Bill 2467, Senate Bill 1594, House Bill 2495, and Senate Bill 1942. Go to <https://www.ilcatholic.org/take-action/action-center/> and use the composed emails to contact your House and Senate lawmakers. Work to spread the action alert among your family and friends.

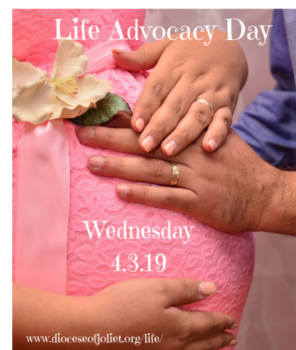
Action Part 2: Register for Life Advocacy Day in Springfield on Wednesday, April 3.

The Diocese of Joliet, Archdiocese of Chicago, and Catholic Conference of Illinois will work together for you to travel to Springfield to meet with legislators at the Capitol Building on April 3rd. The schedule for the day begins at 10:00 am with a briefing at the local Cathedral, lobbying at the Capitol, lunch and then departure for home by 2:00 pm. Bus transportation is being provided. Go to https://dioceseofjoliet-ohd.formstack.com/forms/life_advocacy_day_2019. Cost is \$10 per person. Please register by Wednesday, March 20th. Invite your family and friends to come.

40 Days for Life

The **40 Days for Life** campaign which runs from **March 6 to April 14** will be held at the following location: Access Health Center, 1700 75th Street, Downers Grove, Illinois. To learn more about **40 Days for Life** and to obtain additional information, including maps, vigil schedules, campaign events, contacts, please go to the web site:

<https://40daysforlife.com/local-campaigns/downers-grove/>



We Are IC Capital Campaign

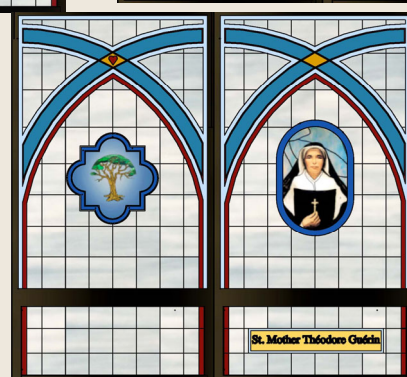
Thanks to those who have made a pledge and supported the We Are IC capital campaign. If you have not yet made a pledge, please consider doing so. We need gifts at all levels and pledges can be paid over a five-year time period. Please fill out and return your Letter of Intent today.

I know that some of you are not comfortable making a pledge and prefer to “give as you are able.” If you would like to support the capital campaign without making a formal pledge, please use the capital campaign envelope in your monthly envelope packet or make a one-time gift online.

Naming Opportunities

There are several ways to remember deceased loved ones, or honor the living, as part of the **We are IC** capital campaign. Among those is the opportunity to sponsor one of the beautiful stained glass windows. There are four window panels in each of the 8 large window sets in the Sacred Heart Chapel. Each window panel will hold the image of either a saint or a symbol which corresponds to that saint. Please call Catey Cohen at (630) 530-8991 for more information.

We are happy to announce that the following saint and symbol windows will be fabricated and installed in the new window frames. We anticipate this being done over the course of the summer. These 14 panels of art glass will be backlit like those in the church. Upon their installation, they will have a great impact upon the mood in the Sacred Heart Chapel.



We Are IC!

Capital Campaign Letter of Intent

Dear Father Thomas Paul,
In support of Immaculate Conception Parish, I intend to contribute the sum of
\$ _____ to the “We are IC” capital campaign.

My investment will be made as follows:

- ☐ **Monthly** Start Date _____ Amount: \$ _____
Over the Course of 1 2 3 4 5 years (circle one)
- ☐ **Quarterly** Start Date _____ Amount: \$ _____
Over the Course of 1 2 3 4 5 years (circle one)
- ☐ **Annually** Start Date _____ Amount: \$ _____
Over the Course of 1 2 3 4 5 years (circle one)
- ☐ **One-Time Gift** Date _____ Amount: \$ _____

Payment Options

- ☐ We will make our investment by check. (Please make checks payable to Immaculate Conception Parish)
- ☐ We will make our investment through automatic withdrawal.
I authorize IC to withdraw automatically the amount indicated from the bank or credit account checked below:

Bank Account - attach a voided check to this form

Credit/Debit Card (circle one) Visa MasterCard Discover American Express

Card # _____ Expiration _____ CVC# _____
(Monthly and quarterly pledge offerings will be withdrawn on the last work day of each month. Please notify the Parish Office one week prior if you need to make a change.)

- ☐ We will make our investment by stock. Please contact Ron Darin in the parish office at 630-530-8848
- ☐ Please indicate if you plan to have your gift matched by your employer or your spouse's employer

Potential Matching Gift Amount: \$ _____ Matching Gift Company: _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Please Print Name(s) as you would like to be acknowledged: _____

Name: _____

Address _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Cell: _____

E-mail: _____

