

April 17  
2022

# Easter

# SUNDAY

HE HAS BEEN RAISED FROM THE DEAD,  
AND HE IS GOING  
BEFORE YOU TO GALILEE.

Matthew 28:7



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### ***The Easter Proclamation— “The Exsultet”***

The Easter Vigil, celebrated on Holy Saturday night, is the greatest liturgical celebration of the year. This joyous hymn is the oldest known hymn of praise sung the night of Easter. Tracing Jesus' redemptive act back to Adam and Eve's sin (“O Happy Fault”) it cries, (“...which gained for us such a Redeemer”). It concludes by describing the Easter Candle as a symbol of the invisible Lord. The candle is lit for all masses for the 50 days of Easter. It is also used throughout the year for Baptisms and Funerals.

Because this hymn is of such significance, portions of the text have been printed for you. Consider using these words as a source of prayerful reflection focused on the joy of this great feast.

#### **The Easter Proclamation**

This is the night,  
when once you led our forebears, Israel's children,  
from slavery in Egypt  
and made them pass dry-shod through the Red  
Sea.

This is the night  
that with a pillar of fire  
banished the darkness of sin.

This is the night  
that even now, throughout the world,  
sets Christian believers apart from worldly vices  
and from the gloom of sin,  
leading them to grace.  
and joining them to his holy ones.

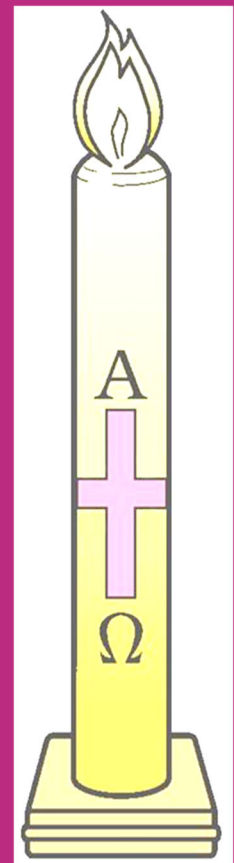
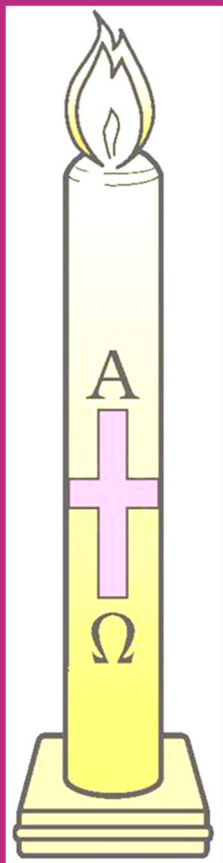
This is the night,  
when Christ broke the prison-bars of death  
and rose victorious from the underworld.

Our birth would have been no gain,  
had we not been redeemed.  
O wonder of your humble care for us!  
O love, O charity beyond all telling,  
to ransom a slave you gave away your Son!  
O truly necessary sin of Adam,  
destroyed completely by the Death of Christ!  
O happy fault  
that earned so great, so glorious a Redeemer!  
O truly blessed night,  
worthy alone to know the time and hour  
when Christ rose from the underworld!

This is the night  
of which it is written:  
The night shall be as bright as day,  
dazzling is the night for me,  
and full of gladness.

The sanctifying power of this night  
dispels wickedness, washes faults away,  
restores innocent to the fallen, and joy to mourners,  
drives out hatred, fosters concord, and brings  
down the mighty.

On this, your night of grace, O holy Father,  
accept this candle, a solemn offering,  
the work of bees and of your servants' hands,  
an evening sacrifice of praise,  
this gift from your most holy Church.





# Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

## Christ is Risen!



*We welcome all as we celebrate this day of the Lord's Resurrection! We join together as the IC family in this unique way to share the great joy and peace of Easter. Christ has given to us the gift of new and eternal life!*

*May this Holy Easter Day be a time of blessings and good health for all!*

*We invite and welcome you to attend mass at I.C. each week as we continue to celebrate the Resurrection of Christ from the dead.*

## Happy Easter!

*Very Rev. Thomas L. Paul, V.F.*

*Rev. James Corona-Bernal*

*and the Immaculate Conception Parish Staff*

*Deacon John Feely   Mrs. Colleen Lewandowski   Mrs. Martha Deatsch   Mrs. Kathy Leonard  
 Ms. Catey Cohen   Ms. Pam Stefik   Ms. Lisa Grisolia   Mr. Nick Simpson   Mr. Jeff Williams  
 Mrs. Josephine Bastianoni   Sr. Mary Francis, SSFCR   Mrs. Julie Blaszak   Mrs. Christine Brazeau  
 Mrs. Anne Hohbein   Mr. Jon Muchowski   Mrs. Cathy Linley   Mrs. Sharon Meyer   Mrs. Sheila Wachholder  
 Mrs. Marcie Wolbeck   Mrs. Barb Repking   Mr. Steve Davidson   Mrs. Danielle Wagner   Mr. Jack Doyle  
 Mrs. Ellen Polzin   Ms. Peg Slavik   Mrs. Nikki Kanzia   Mr. Brendan Marshall  
 Mrs. Jenna Goworowski   Mr. Bryant Romero   Mrs. Jen Ryan*

***We Are IC!***



## Dispensation from Attending Mass

IC Parish Family,

A few weeks ago, we received the following letter regarding dispensation to attend Mass. Approximately two years ago, Catholics in our diocese as well as the rest of our state and country were given permission to not follow the obligation for Sunday Mass. Thankfully, because we now live in a much healthier environment and are able to worship together, effective Palm Sunday, the dispensation no longer exists. What this means is that, in our roles of being active members of the Catholic Church, attending Mass weekly is an obligation we need to follow. As always, if you are ill or contagious to other, according Canon Law, you may decide for yourself whether to attend Mass or not.

Fr. Tom

Diocese of Joliet



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Crest Hill, Illinois 60403  
[www.dioceseofjoliet.org](http://www.dioceseofjoliet.org)

Dear Friends,

With the onset of the coronavirus pandemic more than two years ago, our goal in the Diocese of Joliet has been to ensure the safety and well-being of all clergy, religious, lay ministers, parishioners, employees and volunteers while providing access to worship and the Eucharist. We have adjusted our safety protocols as COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations increased and then decreased. I want to personally thank you for your diligence in safeguarding the health of our brothers and sisters in Christ.

When the state of Illinois lifted its mask mandate for indoor public places on February 28, we followed suit for all church and office activities. We also removed practically all other precautions, but left in place the dispensation from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass.

The time has come to remove that final provision, and we will do so on Palm Sunday. What better time for us all to come together again than Palm Sunday, which marks the triumphant entry of Jesus into Jerusalem and the beginning of Holy Week.

Of course, if individuals are ill or contagious to others, Canon law allows them to decide for themselves if they should attend Mass.

I am excited the Diocese of Joliet will fully reunite as one body in Christ for the liturgies leading up to Easter and beyond.

I am reminded of the words Pope Francis wrote in *Fratelli Tutti* during the initial months of the pandemic: "Let us dream, then, as a single human family, as fellow travelers sharing the same flesh, as children of the same earth which is our common home, each of us bringing the richness of his or her beliefs and convictions, each of us with his or her own voice, brothers and sisters all." (Paragraph 8)

Let us welcome home our family with joy and continue to pray for each other.

Paz y bien,

**Most Reverend Ronald A. Hicks**

Bishop of Joliet

# Sacred Heart Chapel

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
<b><u>Sacred Heart Chapel Renovation</u></b>		
Pews	2	\$ 3,000 each
(Can do partial pews for \$500, \$1,000, and \$1,500)		
Additional Sanctuary Chairs (servers /seminarians /additional priests)	5	\$ 5,000 each
Altar Candles	5	\$ 5,000 each
Processional Candles for Servers	2	\$ 5,000 each
Exterior Glass Panels (above Arthur St center doors)	1	\$ 5,000
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
  
- 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.*



## Worship

### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — Peter is an eyewitness: The Lord is risen (Acts 10:34a, 37-43).

**Psalms** — This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad (Psalm 118).

**(1) Second Reading** — All who are baptized, set your hearts in heaven (Colossians 3:1-4) *or*

**(2) Second Reading** — Christ our Passover is sacrificed; therefore let us celebrate (1 Corinthians 5:6b-8).

**Gospel** — Three witnesses, Mary, Peter, and John; each responds to the empty tomb (John 20:1-9) *or* Luke 24:1-12 (*or, at an afternoon or evening Mass, Luke 24:13-35*).

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### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-11; Mt 28:8-15

Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41; Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22; Jn 20:11-18

Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9; Lk 24:13-35

Thursday: Acts 3:11-26; Ps 8:2, 5-9; Lk 24:35-48

Friday: Acts 4:1-12; Ps 118:1-2, 4, 22-27; Jn 21:1-14

Saturday: Acts 4:13-21; Ps 118:1, 14-21; Mk 16:9-15

Sunday: Acts 5:12-16; Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24; Rv 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19; Jn 20:19-31

### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord;

Julian Calendar Palm Sunday

Monday: Monday within the Octave of Easter

Tuesday: Tuesday within the Octave of Easter

Wednesday: Wednesday within the Octave of Easter

Thursday: Thursday within the Octave of Easter

Friday: Friday within the Octave of Easter; Julian Calendar Good Friday;

Earth Day

Saturday: Saturday within the Octave of Easter

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

### MASS INTENTIONS

#### MONDAY, APRIL 18

8:00AM:†Eddington Family

#### TUESDAY, APRIL 19

6:15AM:†Philomena Greco / Olivia Gow

7:30AM:†Don Jaeger / Carolyn Jaeger

†Alan Montella / Family

†Fran Butler / Family

†Marcie Morgan & the deceased members of the Morgan Hayes Family

#### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20

6:15AM:†Rita Ann Lusk

7:30AM:Barney Family / Grace Barney

#### THURSDAY, APRIL 21

6:15AM:†Deceased members of the Campbell & Crowley Families / Jack & Donna Campbell

7:30AM:†Conor Hendricks / Hendricks Family

#### FRIDAY, APRIL 22

6:15AM:†John Moran

8:00AM:†Diane Rockett / ICGS

#### SATURDAY, APRIL 23

8:00AM:†Gabe Remy / Family

4:30PM:†Rose Hawkinson / Mary & Jean Hawkinson

#### SUNDAY, APRIL 24

7:30AM:†Frank Hendricks / Donna Chaplin

9:00AM:†Linda Squier / Pat & Len Hohbein

†Colben Bachman / Tom & Sue

Westhoff

†Vera Wartner / The Anthony Family

†Annette Reilly

11:30AM:†Mary Ann Lombardo / Stavropoulos Family

7:00PM:†Evelyn Mundle



### Candle Intentions

You can visit the parish office to have a candle lit in honor of a living or deceased loved one at the Shrine of Saint Peregrine or the Sacred Heart Shrine. Each intention will be for a full week.



## 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.*

Broz, Jack (ICHS '75)	Heffernan, James
Broz, Marilou	Hines, Cyd
Cadaoas, Nick	Jazwiec, John
Chaplin, Scott	Kinion, Lillian
Collado, AnnaBelle	Krummer, Lori
Connelly, Claire	LaBelle, Christine
Cooper, Carolyn	LaBelle, Marty
Darley, Reginald	LaMonica, Don
Durgan, Lindsey	Mallon, Mark
Durgan, Terri	Monaghan, Kendall
Frehr, Mike	Mushow, Frank
Genthe, Candace	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

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

†Maureen Lyons

*It is not customary to baptize babies during Lent. Therefore, no children were baptized during the month of March at Immaculate Conception. Please continue to pray for all the children of our parish during this Easter Season.*

### 2022 ENGAGED COUPLES

Francesca Cozzi & Matthew Collins	5/28
Katrina Skarzyński & Matthew Shannon	6/4
Ali Julian & Michael Romano	6/11
Natalie Wilbur & Colin Hohman	7/9
Abby Delaney & Robert Turza	8/13
Sabrina Vorn & Brendan O'Brien	8/13
Emily Westlake & Michael Shannon	9/3
Morgan Fafinski & Andrew Spangler	9/24

### 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  
**Sgt. 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, ICCHS 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



## Christian Ministry



### He is Risen! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Through the extraordinary generosity of the IC parish family, we were able to provide gift cards to our food pantry clients, transitional housing families and many families from Catholic Charities. We also prepared over 100 children's baskets. **HEARTFELT THANKS** to all who assisted in this outreach: those who donated gift cards, children's toys, Easter baskets—those who helped assemble children's baskets---those who delivered or distributed baskets to our families and their children--- those who helped in any other way or prayed for the success of this program.

Special thanks to the **ICGS and Religious Ed students**, who donated a sundry of children's basket items, enabling us to provide baskets to children who would not ordinarily receive one.

Many thanks to our chairpersons, **Noreen Cheng, Mary Milling** and **Maria Shannon**. The successful execution of our outreach programs depends solely upon our volunteer base and the generosity of our parish family. **We are grateful.**

May God return to you what you so generously share with others.

### Nursing Home Mass Helpers Needed

Pre-Covid, Immaculate Conception held Mass at Elmhurst Extended Care on a weekly basis and also presided over a Communion/Rosary Service at Liberty Village. Volunteers help to set up for Mass and assist the Priest or the individual presiding over a Communion Service. We will, once again, be visiting the residents of EEC, as well as those living at Liberty Village. Are you able to help us coordinate our visits? Please contact Pam Stefik at 603-530-3497 for additional information.



### Bridge Communities Offers Mentor Training

If you are interested in learning more about becoming a mentor in our Daybreak Transitional Housing program, please sign up for mentor training, being held on April 23 from 8:15 – 3:00PM in Wheaton. Topics include challenges our client families face and the impact of trauma, practical aspects of mentoring and collaboration between Bridge and its program partners, like IC Daybreak. You may sign up at [www.bridgecommunities.org/Support-us/mentor](http://www.bridgecommunities.org/Support-us/mentor) If you would like more information regarding IC Daybreak, please contact Pam Stefik at 603-530-3497.



We are expanding our Bereavement Ministry team. Bereavement Ministers meet with the families of our deceased to plan the funeral liturgy and attend the funeral service. This is a beautiful ministry of "presence." We are not trained counselors. If you have lost a loved one, you have probably experienced the peace that a beautiful funeral liturgy brings. There is no rotation or set schedule for our ministers. Bereavement ministers are notified of upcoming funerals and volunteer as their time permits. If you would like to learn more about this rewarding ministry, please contact Pam Stefik at 630-530-3497.

### NAMI HelpLine

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

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

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





# LENT

Pray + Fast + Give

## IC Parish-Wide Lenten Outreach Project St. Mary's Mission School, Red Lake, MN

If you were unable to return your Lenten offering for St. Mary's Mission School last week, please drop your alms off at the Parish Administration Center this week. All checks should be made payable to Immaculate Conception, with a notation "St. Mary's Mission Donation." Thank you for helping the students at St. Mary's Mission School.

### Youth Ministry

IC hosts monthly gatherings for high school teens called Students of Impact! This year has been a great success! Please see the website ICElMhust.org (under Faith Formation and Youth Ministry) for pictures and descriptions of our gatherings! We invite all 8<sup>th</sup> grade and high school students to participate and bring a friend--*teens from all schools and churches are welcome!* We serve delicious food, play fun games and have meaningful discussions to build community and faith alongside of friendly people! For information on Summer events for incoming freshman and all current high school students, please contact Jenny Krumdrick at [jkrumdrick@icelmhurst.org](mailto:jkrumdrick@icelmhurst.org) or 815-514-0051



This year, we are giving our parishioners the opportunity to remember their deceased family members by donating flowers in their memory. The many beautiful Easter flowers that will adorn our church and chapel can be given in memory of loved ones. A list of those remembered will be included in the bulletin at a later date. A flower envelope was included in your envelope packets. You can also fill out the form below and place it in the collection basket or return it to the Parish Office.

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**PLEASE PRINT ALL INFORMATION**

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

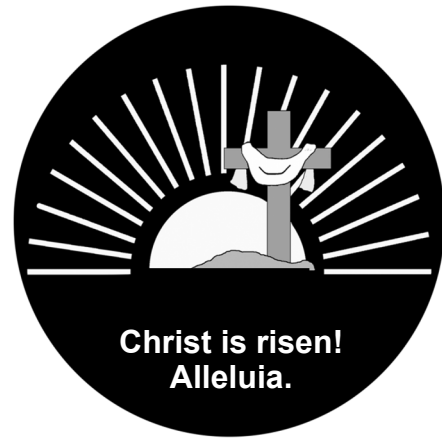
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**Amount Donated \$** \_\_\_\_\_

Suggested donation is \$20



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



Grade School Registration Open  
Please call Sheila Wachholder  
630.530.3490 for more information

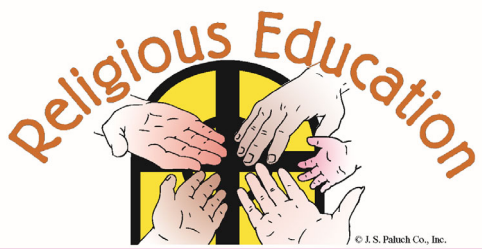
**May the beauty of this day fill your hearts  
with joy and your life with love.  
Easter Blessings  
from everyone at IC Grade School.**



**IGNITE** *the Knight*

Summer Camps 2022

Register online at [ICCatholicPrep.org](http://ICCatholicPrep.org)

Sunday RE

April 24 (Last Class)

Wednesday RE

April 20 (Last Class)

Easter blessings! May this holy day and season be a time of spiritual renewal for you and your family.

Sr. Mary Francis, DRE K-5  
 srmmaryfrancis@icelmhurst.org  
 Josephine Bastianoni, DRE 6,7,8,  
 jbastianoni@icelmhurst.org

1<sup>st</sup> Eucharist children will join for the sacrament of Reconciliation on Wednesday, April 27 at 6:30 p.m. in the IC Church.

1<sup>st</sup> Eucharist banners are due April 20th and 24th at class.

The Kindergarten & Grade 1 Family Liturgy is scheduled for 9 a.m. on Sunday, April 27<sup>th</sup>. Contact Sr. Mary Francis if your child would like to participate in this liturgy.

The Immaculate Conception Religious Education Office is seeking a part-time (24 hours per week), RE Administrative Assistant. This position requires a person with good pastoral skills, a willingness to work cooperatively with RE Co-Directors and staff, computer experience, billing experience, and organizational skills.

Applicants should send resume to [srmmaryfrancis@icelmhurst.org](mailto:srmmaryfrancis@icelmhurst.org) or [jbastianoni@icelmhurst.org](mailto:jbastianoni@icelmhurst.org)



As a parish family, we congratulate and warmly welcome those who were received into full Communion with the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil. **Brian Page** was baptized and received the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Eucharist.

We also congratulate his sponsor, Olivia, who journeyed with him. Let us rejoice with him and pray for him in a special way as he joins us at the Eucharistic table.

As a parish family, let us continue to pray for those who will complete their Sacraments of Initiation in the upcoming weeks.

We pray for Isabella Ronchetti, Emmett Kanno, Logan Kanno, Vito Campanelli and Grace Fitzgerald, who will receive the Sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation.

We also pray for those teens and adults preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation: Tania Boigues, Christine Brooks, and Myles Holubowicz.

*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.*







***The Little Sisters of the Poor***  
***Helping those who are hands of Jesus!***

Consider making a gift, and being part of the beautiful work of the Little Sisters of the Poor... *help them, help others!* The Sisters have served the elderly poor of the greater Chicago area and beyond for over 130 years. They encourage independence, preserve dignity and respect for life, respect individuality, nurture the human spirit and involve family and friends. The care they provide the elderly poor is unparalleled. They strive to see Jesus in everyone they serve, and it is a privilege for our parish to be given the opportunity to be included in their beautiful work. The homes for the elderly poor, which they sponsor in Chicago and in Palatine, are icons of mercy where Christ is welcomed and served in the elderly poor with the utmost respect for their dignity. The Little Sisters of the Poor welcome the needy elderly into their homes, and the care of the elderly, especially the dying, has always been the summit of the sisters' apostolate and it is an ever more powerful witness of the culture of life. For more information about the Little Sisters of the Poor, check out their website: [littlesistersofthepoorpalatine.org](http://littlesistersofthepoorpalatine.org)



**A PRAYER FOR PEACE BY POPE FRANCIS**

Lord God of peace, hear our prayer!

We have tried so many times and over so many years to resolve our conflicts by our own powers and by the force of our arms. How many moments of hostility and darkness have we experienced? How much blood has been shed? How many lives have been shattered? How many hopes have been buried? But our efforts have been in vain.

Now, Lord, come to our aid!

Grant us peace, teach us peace; guide our steps in the way of peace. Open our eyes and our hearts, and give us the courage to say: "Never again war!"; "With war everything is lost." Instill in our hearts the courage to take concrete steps to achieve peace.

Lord, God of Abraham, God of the Prophets, God of Love, you created us and you call us to live as brothers and sisters. Give us the strength daily to be instruments of peace; enable us to see everyone who crosses our path as our brother or sister. Make us sensitive to the plea of our citizens who entreat us to turn our weapons of war into implements of peace, our trepidation into confident trust, and our quarreling into forgiveness. Keep alive within us the flame of hope, so that with patience and perseverance we may opt for dialogue and reconciliation. In this way may peace triumph at last, and may the words "division," "hatred," and "war" be banished from the heart of every man and woman.

Lord, defuse the violence of our tongues and our hands. Renew our hearts and minds, so that the word which always brings us together will be "brother," and our way of life will always be that of: Shalom, Peace, Salaam! Amen.



**Coming soon!**  
**Blood Drive May 1, 2022**  
 Visit [www.elmhurstkofc.org](http://www.elmhurstkofc.org)  
 for details

**2022 VISITATION ARTS ALIVE PRESENTS:**

**SINGIN'  
 IN THE RAIN JR.**

**Thursday, April 28th - 7:00 pm**  
**Friday, April 29th - 7:00 pm**  
**Saturday, April 30th - 7:00 pm**  
 Valentino Center Gym  
 851 S. York Rd.  
 Tickets - \$10.00 each at the door

**Stewardship of Time and Treasure**

**Weekly Sharing  
March 27, 2022**

Sunday Envelopes Total: \$ 12,601.41  
 Electronic Offerings: \$ 16,097.69  
 Total Gifts: \$ 28,699.10  
 Amount Budgeted Per Week: \$ 28,000.00

**Thank You in His Name!**

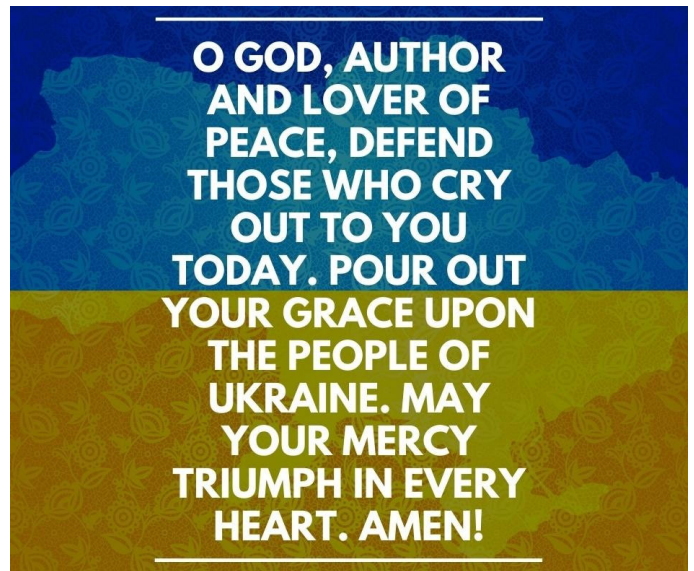
**Presider Mass Schedule**

April 23 & 24

4:30 Fr. James assisted by Dcn. John  
 7:30 Fr. James  
 9:00 Fr. James  
 11:30 Fr. Tom  
 7:00 Fr. Tom

\*Presider schedule is subject to change

	Lector	Altar Server	EM	Greeter
<b>April 23 4:30pm</b>	M. Ryan (1) R. Barnish (2)	K. Harris C. Harris D. Richardson	M. Ahem P. Ahem	T. Kaiser
<b>April 24 7:30am</b>	T. Brown (1) E. Cutri (2)	F. Bibbiano C. Bibbiano J. DiMarco	T. Miller	J. Callahan M. Smith
<b>April 24 9:00am</b>	M. Ashton (1) J. O'Leary (2)	C. McConnell M. McConnell F. Farnan	J. Geiger J. Geiger J. McFarlane	M. Tovey M. Tovey
<b>April 24 11:30am</b>	B. Buis (1) T. Sullivan (2)	J. Roelle W. Gibbons S. Lara	M. Monteleone S. Montella	J. Viola M. Durkin
<b>April 24 7:00pm</b>	A. Serritella (1)			C. Cohen



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