

December 18, 2022

FOURTH SUNDAY

of *Advent*

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Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,
and they shall name him Emmanuel, which means “God is with us.”

Matthew 1:23



Fourth Week of Advent



Come Lord Jesus

Today is the Fourth Sunday of Advent, when we light the fourth candle on the Advent Wreath. Today's candle is the Angel Candle, or sometimes called the Candle of Love. We are reminded that the Angels announced the Good News of a Savior. We are also reminded of God's great love for us, and his only Son Jesus, who was sent to save us.

If you have an Advent Wreath at home, consider reciting this scripture passage as you light the first candle of Advent:

"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him."

(John 3:16-17)

Marantha! Come to your Church, O Lord, make us a home for your wisdom and your will; Come, guide us in truth.

Marantha! Come to our land, O Lord, may we hear your prophets' voice in the cries of the poor and weak.

Marantha! Come to our hearts, O Lord, let your freedom flower in our charity, may your liberty blossom, may its fragrance lead us to work for justice.

Marantha! Come to our streets, O Lord, guide us to see your face in the unwanted, the unloved, raise our hands to give them shelter and safety.

Marantha! Come to our dwellings, O Lord, shelter them with the peaceful light of love, fill them with abundant joy and laughter.

Marantha! Come to our dreams, O Lord, help us to hear your angels' tidings and yearn for your kingdom.

Marantha! Come to your Bride, O Lord! We unceasingly call out aloud with your saints and with your Spirit.

CHRISTMAS MASSES—NEIGHBORHOOD PARKING

It does not take long for a newcomer or a visitor, or even a parishioner, to discover that parking can be quite an adventure at IC, especially during the busy seasons of the year. On our block alone, there are three churches, all of which offer simultaneous services on Sunday mornings. On December 24th, all three churches will be offering simultaneous Christmas Eve services. **Please respect the parking lots that belong to our neighboring churches when attending Mass at IC.** The lot directly behind the Chapel/Gym belongs to the First United Methodist Church. The lot directly behind the Rectory and east of the High School belongs to St. Peter's United Church of Christ. The entrances to these lots are clearly marked with the names of the appropriate churches. Please do not park in the lots of these churches.

Busy seasons call for creative responses. In addition to our parish lot on York Street, we have some additional parking in the Hawthorne School lot on weekends, with its entrance on Arthur Street. Additional areas are available on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. There are a few spaces in Wilder Park at the intersection of Cottage Hill and Arthur. The Dist. 205 Main Office lot is a half block north of the Chapel on York Street. Gibbons Funeral Home lot is just one block north of the Chapel, also on York Street. A little advance planning might save some of the aggravation when all of the regular parking spaces are taken.

"The Lord is Coming"



Christmas Eve Masses

Saturday, December 24

3:00 pm Church, Sacred Heart Chapel* and Plunkett Hall

5:00 pm Sacred Heart Chapel

10:30 pm Sacred Heart Chapel

Preceded by a program of Christmas music at 10pm.

(Incense will be used at the 5:00pm and 10:30pm Masses on Christmas Eve.)

Christmas Day Masses

Sunday, December 25

7:30 am Church

9:00 am Sacred Heart Chapel

11:30 am Sacred Heart Chapel

(No 7pm Mass will be celebrated on Christmas Day)

(Incense will be used at the 9:00am and 11:30am Masses on Christmas Day.)

Monday, December 26 8:00 am Mass Church

(No 6:15 a.m. or 7:30 am Mass will be celebrated)

****PLEASE NOTE:** At the 3:00 p.m. Mass on Christmas Eve, in the Chapel (only), a special focus will be given to the children of the Parish. Children four years old, in Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd grades will have the opportunity to participate in the Living Nativity. Patterns of sheep, stars and angels can be downloaded. You can simply print the pattern and trace and cut it out on poster board or cardboard. Decorate the sheep, star or angel and attach a paint stick or ruler to it. When Father is proclaiming the gospel and calls for the sheep, all who are sheep will come to the front, etc. The patterns will be available in the Grade School, Religious Education office and on the parish website. The Children's Choir will perform at this Mass.*



Christmas Memorial Flowers



This year, we are giving our parishioners the opportunity to remember their deceased family members by donating flowers in their memory. The many beautiful Christmas plants that will adorn our Church and Chapel can be given in memory of loved ones. A list of those remembered will be included in the bulletin at a later date.

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

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PLEASE PRINT ALL INFORMATION

In Loving Memory of: _____

Donated by: _____

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



Worship

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — You will be given this sign: the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall name him Emmanuel (Isaiah 7:10-14).

Psalm — The king of glory shall come in (Psalm 24).

Second Reading — God has called us to belong to Jesus Christ (Romans 1:1-7).

Gospel — The son born of Mary shall be called Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins. He shall be Emmanuel, "God is with us" (Matthew 1:18-24).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a;
Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25

Tuesday: Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-4ab, 5-6; Lk 1:26-38

Wednesday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a;
Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45

Thursday: 1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd;
Lk 1:46-56

Friday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-34; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-10, 14;
Lk 1:57-66

Saturday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16;
Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Lk 1:67-79

Sunday: Vigil: Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27-29;
Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 [18-25]
Night: Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-3, 11-13; Ti 2:11-14;
Lk 2:1-14
Dawn: Is 62:11-12; Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12;
Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20
Day: Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1-6; Heb 1:1-6;
Jn 1:1-18 [1-5, 9-14]

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Fourth Sunday of Advent;
Hanukkah begins

Wednesday: St. Peter Canisius; Winter begins

Friday: St. John of Kanty

Saturday: The Vigil of Christmas (Christmas Eve)



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.

Week of 12/18-12/25

St. Peregrine Candle: †Laura Bresnahan Bush

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, DECEMBER 19

6:15AM: †Dane LeClaire

7:30AM: †Marcia and David Nelson
†Tom Thrall / Thrall Family

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 20

6:15AM: †Roberta Sobieraj / Jane Evans

7:30AM: †Jerome Chaplin / Donna Chaplin

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 21

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

7:30AM: †James O'Connell / Wood Family

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 22

6:15AM: †Leo Faklaris

7:30AM: †Sean Kahovec / Mary Beth Kenny & Family

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 23

6:15AM: †Kevin Kelly

7:30AM: †Jeanne S Boehm / Stephen & Susan Jordan

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24

8:00AM: †Special Intention

3:00PM Church: †Conor Hendricks / Hendricks Family

3:00PM Chapel: †Frank, Mary Ann, and Tom Thrall / Thrall Family

3:00PM Plunkett: †Michael Galvin

5:00PM Chapel: †Albin & Emily Stall / Stall Family

10:30PM Chapel: †Parish Family

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25

7:30AM: †Anne & Mary Jane LeGere / Family

9:00AM: †Mary Ann Lombardo / Stavropoulos Family

†Marge & Gahan Hangsterfer / Family

†Jeanne Costello / Cheryl Dubose

†Urban & Rita Phillips

†Rose & Stephan Paul

†The Gallagher and Wojinski Families

11:30AM: †Ruth Martin

UPCOMING BULLETIN DEADLINES

BULLETIN DATE

SUBMISSIONS DUE

January 1

December 19

Thank You!



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, Marilou	Heffernan, James
Burke, Edward	Jazwiec, John
Cadaoas, Nick	Kaprelian, Jean
Campbell, Donna	Kinion, Lillian
Chaplin, Scott	Krummer, Lori
Ciner, Alan	LaBelle, Christine
Ciner, Janice	LaBelle, Marty
Collado, AnnaBelle	LaMonica, Don
Connelly, Claire	Mallon, Mark
Cooper, Carolyn	McCann, Mary
Cooper, Margaret	Metzker, Sandy
Cooper, Mary Lyn	Osmanski, Gregory
Czyzycki, Mary	Perez, Aaron
Darley, Reginald	Pircon, Carol
Durgan, Lindsey	Ross, Bernadette
Durgan, Terri	Schramm, Colleen
Feely, Deacon John	Sehl, Ed
Genthe, Candace	Senior, Fr. Don
Genthe, Denise	Sinson, Dorothy
Glynn, Tom	Spencer, Nora
Goebel, Deacon Tom	Vogel, Renee Moran
Gow, Olivia	Zasiebida, Ann Marie
Harrison, Pat	

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



Our Sympathy

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.

♦ Rory Hennessy	♦ Liam Marks
♦ Gaughan	♦ Camila Parrilli
♦ Mary Kate Hoben	♦ Kay Johnston
♦ Newell	♦ Joseph Kilcullen
♦ Vivianne Quinn	♦ Adeline Kilcullen
♦ Alfred Vincent	♦ William Timmins
♦ Jack Forst Fullerton	♦ Joseph Plaumer
♦ Lillian Curulla	♦ Niam Nair
♦ Charlie Muisenga Quinn	♦ Asher Nair
♦ Emma VonderHeide	

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
Pvt. Jeffery Crones, US Army, Grandson of Joan Leyden
Specialist Jonathan M. Pichler, US Army
 Son of Ginny & Mark Gronek
 Grandson of Catherine Young
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, 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
Cpl. Cavan Sullivan, US Army
 Grandsons of Mary Sullivan
Capt. Samuel Westhoff, US Army
 Nephew of Tom and Sue Westhoff
Capt. 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



IC Moms' Group Meet and Greet

Would you like to meet moms like you in our church community for group playdates, moms' night out, service and faith-based events and more while building friendships and a support network?

Please join us for an initial "meet and greet" for moms (kids welcome!) on Tuesday, January 10th from 4:30 to 6:00 pm. email us at icmmsgroup@gmail.com for location



ICGS Tree Lot

Each year the 1990 Club, which is comprised of ICGS Dads, sells trees, wreaths and garland in the Church parking lot. All proceeds go to the grade school. It is one of the largest fundraisers of the year!

Tree Lot Hours

MONDAY-FRIDAY 6PM-9PM

SATURDAY 10AM-8PM

SUNDAY 10AM-5:30PM

If you have questions, please contact us at:
ICTreelot@gmail.com

Grief Support

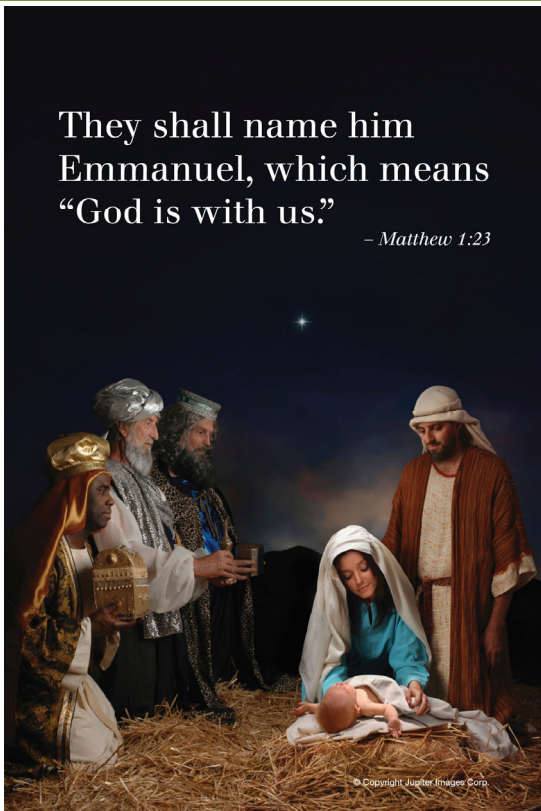
The journey of grief is different for everyone. There are, however, common emotions that we all experience. Beginning Monday, January 16 and continuing for six weeks, we will offer a bereavement support group for anyone mourning the loss of a loved one. Your loss can be old or new. Sessions will begin at 6:30 PM in the PAC/Rectory. If you would like some help to understand and process your grief, please plan to attend. Please contact Pam at 630-530-3497 to RSVP or to request additional information.

Spiritual Classics

St. John Chrysostom is one of the greatest orators in the history of the Church, and is known as the "Golden Mouth" Doctor of the Church. We will focus on extracts from sermons that have survived, covering a variety of themes including social interaction, marriage, family life, and Christian morality. We will use the short book, *On Living Simply*, ISBN 978-0-7648-0056-6, in 7 sessions beginning on Jan. 8, 2023. We meet on Sundays from 10:15 to 11:15 in the Dyer Center. All are welcome. For more information, contact lenhohbein@aol.com

They shall name him
Emmanuel, which means
"God is with us."

— Matthew 1:23





Bishop Hicks' Column

December 2022: 'All are welcome in this place'



I love Jesus! And it is always a source of joy and honor to offer the holy sacrifice of the Mass whenever and wherever I am asked to do so. So when I received a request to celebrate a diocesan-wide Mass for individuals with special needs or disabilities and their families and friends, without hesitation, I responded, "Yes!"

On September 18, we gathered as a family of God with our brothers and sisters living with Down syndrome, deafness, amputations and other challenges. The Mass was beautiful. After being nourished by Word and sacrament, I enjoyed a post-Mass gathering with attendees, posing for photographs and engaging in conversation. During these delightful interactions, just about everyone expressed gratitude for the Mass and the fellowship. However, I was also struck by a common theme of their not feeling welcomed – not only in many parts of our society, but also in some of our churches. Participants shared experiences of not being acknowledged or recognized, and even feelings of invisibility.

I was surprised, and probably more accurately, shocked by their comments. Honestly, my heart broke and sank as I reflected on some of their experiences of rejection and isolation. As I drove away from our time together, I wondered, "How is it possible that people with disabilities have experienced exclusion in our Catholic churches, where for decades we have sung an entrance hymn with the lyrics, "All are welcome in this place."

Hopefully, it goes without saying that the Church should be a community in which all people experience an unconditional love that reflects God's love. I am sure that most of us never intentionally intend to be noninclusive. Yet during this month when we celebrate the International Day of Persons with Disabilities, let me take this opportunity to challenge all of us to reflect on some of our unintentional attitudes and actions, and look for ways to see, welcome and include all of our sisters and brothers with disabilities or special needs.

For we should always strive to be a church that lives the words of St. Paul in his Letter to the Galatians 3:26-28: "So in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith, for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus."

As baptized Christians, we are all constantly called to a personal conversion that reflects the love of Christ. But it does not end with our own individual attitudes and actions. As an institution, we as the Church also need to embrace persons with disabilities or special needs concretely with our ministries, policies and programs. I am proud to highlight that in the Diocese of Joliet, Renata Cichowicz is providing the lead for pastoral outreach for such ministries through the Department of Catechesis and Evangelization. The diocese also acts as an affiliate of the National Catholic Partnership on Disability. Additionally, St. Raphael Catholic Church in Naperville and several other parishes intentionally serve these communities with programs like REACH: Religious Education Apostolate for Christian Handicapped. REACH provides simplified religious education lessons at a slower pace using a smaller student-to-catechist ratio. This program also prepares students for the sacraments of reconciliation, the Eucharist and confirmation.

I look forward to whenever I have the opportunity to celebrate Mass and gather with our beautiful community of individuals living with deafness, disabilities or special needs. Until then, I enthusiastically echo our Holy Father's words from his 2021 message for the International Day of Persons with Disabilities: "I would like to speak to all of you who live with any condition of disability, to tell you the Church loves you and needs each of you for the fulfillment of her mission." ✝

Prayer to Foster Belonging

Creator God, we are your people. We look to the future with optimism and with faith in You, as we pursue our call to provide justice and fullness of life for all people with disabilities.

We pray that every man, woman and child may develop their potential and meet You in themselves and in one another.

May we enjoy a totally welcoming community, with You as our center, joined hand in hand with our sisters and brothers. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

From the National Catholic Partnership on Disability and based on the Pastoral Statement of U.S. Catholic Bishops on People with Disabilities.



Worship



SAVE THE DATES in 2023!

Celebrate the
National Eucharistic Revival
With these special
Diocesan Celebrations

DIOCESAN-WIDE FORTY HOURS DEVOTION

FEBRUARY 8, 9, 10

AT THE CATHEDRAL OF ST. RAYMOND NONNATUS, JOLIET

AND

PRAYER SERVICE with NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC PREACHER

MARCH 23, 24, 25

AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS THROUGHOUT THE DIOCESE

Watch for more information in the upcoming bulletins

**Pray the Rosary with your Immaculate
Conception Family**

We are celebrating the Eucharistic Revival across the country from 2022 to 2025. Please join us each Saturday 4:00pm (immediately preceding the 4:30pm Mass) in the Chapel to pray a Rosary for the Eucharistic Revival. If you would like to lead the Rosary, please contact Karina Gildea at kgildea@icelmhurst.org Find more information about the Eucharistic Revival at <https://www.eucharisticrevival.org>



Every Saturday morning after the 8:00 am mass several parishioners gather to pray for our priests, our Church, our pope and for more vocations to the priesthood and to the religious life. We would love to have more people join us. The rosary only takes a half hour to say and it is a wonderful way to start your day. "A day hemmed in prayer is less likely to unravel."

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

We the people of Immaculate Conception Parish are Christians who worship and glorify God as a sign of our faith. Empowered by the Holy Spirit, we proclaim our faith to the world through prayer, education, concern, and service to our community. By participating in the sacraments and giving of our time, talent and treasure, we help to make Christ present and share God's love in our community and the world around us.

Christ the Apple Tree - by Stanford Scriven

The tree of life my soul hath seen, laden with fruit and always green; the trees of nature fruitless be, compared with Christ the apple tree. This beauty doth all things excel, by faith I know, but ne'er can tell the glory which I now can see, in Jesus Christ the apple tree. For happiness I long have sought, and pleasure dearly I have bought; I miss of all, but now I see 'tis found in Christ the apple tree. This fruit doth make my soul to thrive, it keeps my dying faith alive; which makes my soul in haste to be with Jesus Christ the apple tree. I'm wearied with my former toil, here I will sit and rest awhile; under the shadow I will be, of Jesus Christ the apple tree.

Christian Ministry



Immaculate Conception Daybreak Transitional Housing for the Homeless 2022 Annual Appeal

For nearly 30 years, **Immaculate Conception Daybreak of Elmhurst** has rented apartments to house homeless families. This is a self-supporting ministry, funded solely through personal donations.

IC Daybreak commits to pay rent and utilities every month for the **FIVE** units it provides to those in need. Mentors meet with these families on a weekly basis to teach budgeting and life skills. Families transition out of these apartments within a two-year period. Since inception, **IC Daybreak has helped 90 families transition from homelessness to self-sufficiency.**

Three of our families have recently exited our program and one will be leaving by year-end. Two were able to purchase homes because of major accomplishments achieved during their tenure in our program: reduced or eliminated debt, increased savings and improved credit score. None of them ever dreamed this was possible when they entered Daybreak. We have recently added two new families to Daybreak and are currently interviewing 2 additional prospective families. Your generosity in providing them safe shelter when it was needed, and our mentors' guidance has literally changed their lives. It is a privilege to work with those who want to change their lives.

**CAN YOU: FUND A FAMILY FOR A YEAR (\$12,000)? FUND A FAMILY FOR A MONTH (\$1,025)?
FUND A FAMILY FOR A WEEK (\$250) HELP IN ANY AMOUNT?**

Please prayerfully consider responding to the needs of the homeless within our community. **100%** of your donation is used for rent and utilities. **We need your financial support to continue this important outreach to homeless families. We are enormously grateful to those individuals and families who continue to support us year after year.**

Do you have questions about our program? Contact Dan Doherty at 630-292-8670 or Pam Stefik at 630-530-3497. **Please remit donations to IC Daybreak of Elmhurst, P. O. Box 2033, Elmhurst, IL 60126**

DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO IS HOMEBOUND?

PLEASE LET US KNOW!

If you know someone who is HOMEBOUND, either temporarily or permanently and unable to attend Mass, please let us know. We will contact them to see if they would like to receive Communion on a weekly basis. Mutually agreeable times and dates are determined between the individual and the Minister of Care. Please call Pam at 530-3497 with names and contact information.

HOSPITALIZED?

Please remember to notify the Rectory if you or a member of your family is hospitalized and wants to receive Communion or a pastoral visit from one of our Ministers of Care or priests. We visit Elmhurst Hospital several times a week and convenient times can be arranged.



We are seeking individuals who would like to bring Holy Communion to those who are either hospitalized or homebound. We will be offering a training session in January. This is a beautiful ministry of compassion and presence, which easily fits into most personal schedules. If you are interested in learning more, please contact Pam Stefik at 630-530-3497 or pstefik@icelmhurst.org



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

IC Daybreak Transitional Housing
We are currently seeking individuals who are interested in becoming mentors for IC Daybreak. For further information, please contact the Christian Ministry Office at 630-530-3497 or pstefik@icelmhurst.org.



Please note that calling or texting 988 will connect you with mental health professionals 24/7.



**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
GRADE SCHOOL 630.530.3490**



**ICGS Distinguished Graduate Award
Nominations are Being Accepted!**

Do you know an ICGS alum (graduated 10+ years ago) who has made a significant impact on the Catholic Church or American Life? Nominate them for this special award!

Email nominations to :

development@icgradeschoolelmhurst.org

A CALL FOR SCIENCE FAIR JUDGES

The ICGS Science Fair will be held on Tuesday, January 18, 2023 here in Plunkett Hall. We have seventh grade students that need their projects judged. Projects are independently judged against a set of objective scientific criteria. We are looking for more volunteers to judge projects in the areas of consumer science, biology, chemistry, physics, behavioral health, etc. The fair begins at 2:45 pm and will run until approximately 5:30 pm. For more information, please call the school office at 630-530-3490 or email

brepking@icgradeschoolelmhurst.org

Thank you in advance for helping to provide this opportunity for our students!



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AT ICCP

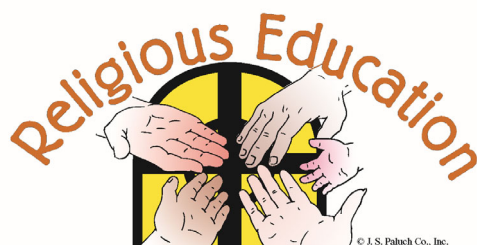
2023 DATES

FRIDAY, **JANUARY 20**
FRIDAY, **FEBRUARY 3**
FRIDAY, **FEBRUARY 17**
WEDNESDAY, **MARCH 1**
WEDNESDAY, **MARCH 15**
THURSDAY, **APRIL 20**
WEDNESDAY, **APRIL 26**

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Religious Education 530-3483



Second Semester begins on January 8 (Sunday) and January 11 (Wednesday), 2022

We are pleased to announce the date of Immaculate Conception's Confirmation. It will be held on Sunday, April 30th, in the Sacred Heart Chapel at 2:00pm.

Parents are reminded to use these Christmas vacation days to review RE lessons with their children and to pray the Act of Contrition. The Celebration of 1st Reconciliation will take place in early February.

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

All families are invited to participate in the Christmas Eve Family Liturgy on December 24th at 3pm in the Sacred Heart Chapel. Children from 4 years old through 2nd Grade may participate in the Living Nativity. Details are provided on the RE website.

As we begin the winter months, please remember to check RE emails should we need to adjust classes due to weather issues. We will do our best to let you know in a timely manner if classes are postponed.

YOUTH MINISTRY

HEALTHY & THRIVING
RELATIONSHIPS
ENCOURAGE ONE ANOTHER & BUILD EACH OTHER UP! 1 THES 5:10

STUDENTS OF IMPACT
Sunday, January 22 5:30-7 pm
Costello Hall ICCP

Students of Impact! Sunday, January 22nd 5:30-7pm ICCP Costello Hall

Teens want and NEED to have healthy, supportive and positive relationships with their friends, family and God. The topic for January's Students of Impact is "Thriving Relationships!" Teens will learn skills of being aware of how they think about and treat others and will be able to recalibrate less-loving thoughts into more loving thoughts and actions. They'll get strategies for connecting with God more and be encouraged to be kind and patient to even the "hard to love" people in their life. Please help spread the word by inviting the high school teens you know to check it out. Teens are welcome to bring a friend (from any high school/church) and come when they can--no commitment is required.

Put these dates on your calendar: January 22nd Thriving Relationships (with God, Family & Friends); February 26th Lenten Worldwide Banquet (dinner will be served); March 12th Ice Cream Social (8th grade students invited).



Year End Giving

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

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

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

Qualified Charitable Distributions

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

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

Stock Donation

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

Employer Matching Gifts

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

Charitable Gifts from Your Will or Trust

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

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

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



Stewardship of Time and Treasure

Presider Mass Schedule



Christmas Eve, December 24

3:00pm Sacred Heart Chapel
3:00pm Church

Fr. Tom
Fr. David Mowry
assisted by Dcn. Jeremy

3:00pm Plunkett Hall
5:00pm Sacred Heart Chapel
10:30pm Sacred Heart Chapel

Fr. Cerna
Fr. Michael Pawlowicz
Fr. Tom and Fr. Cerna
assisted by Dcn. Jeremy (Homily)

Christmas Day, December 25

7:30am Church
9:00am Sacred Heart Chapel
11:30am Sacred Heart Chapel

Fr. Conway
Fr. Tom assisted by Dcn. Jeremy (Homily)
Fr. Cerna

Weekly sharing was not available
at the time of bulletin publication.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS
Our Parish Offices will close for Christmas
Break on Thursday, December 22. We will
open on Tuesday, January 3 at 8:30 am.



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

Friday: 8:30 a.m. ~ Noon

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NEW PARISHIONERS, WELCOME!

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

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

Saturday 8:00am and 4:30pm

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

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

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

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