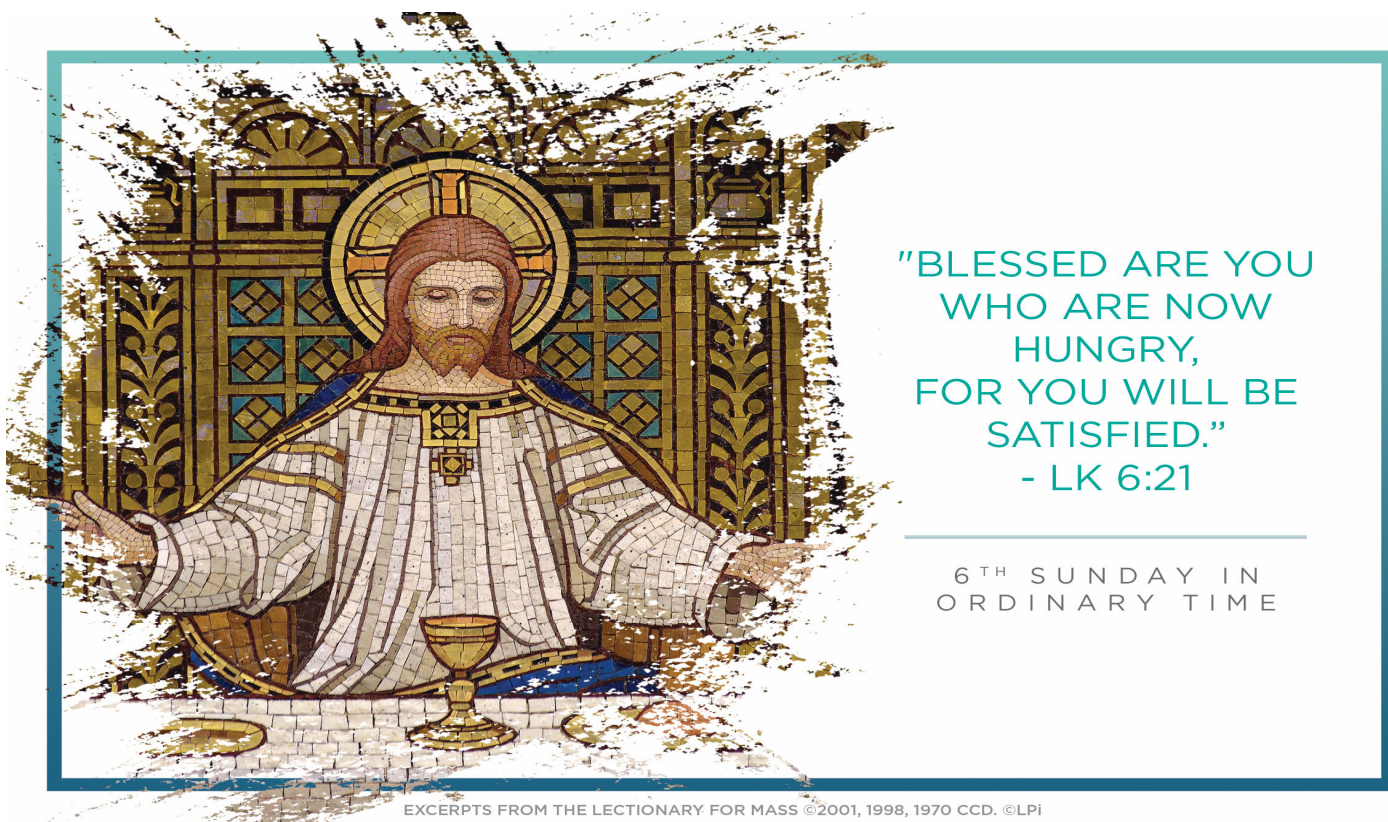


Immaculate Conception Parish Bulletin

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time, February 16, 2025

Welcome

Very Reverend Thomas Paul, V. F. K.H.S. Pastor
Reverend Jeremy Leganski, Parochial Vicar



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

Friday: 8:30 a.m. ~ Noon

Phone: 530-8515

Website: icelmhurst.org

Eastern DuPage Deanery: easterndupagedeanery.org

Facebook @ICElmhurst

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 7:00am

Saturday 8:00am and 4:30pm

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

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Saturdays after 4:30pm Mass until 6pm

First Fridays after 7am Mass & First Saturdays after 8am Mass



KNOWING GOD THROUGH SACRED ART

The ceiling of our Sacred Heart Chapel is full of artwork that not only adds great beauty to this place of worship, but it also has deep religious significance. Over the next few months, we take a closer look at each of the symbols, understanding how they teach us more about our Lord. The majority of the artwork is inspired by the Litany of the Sacred Heart, which is a prayer of special devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. This is of course the namesake of our chapel. There are 13 works of sacred art on our chapel ceiling, all of which are unique to our chapel, being hand-painted by a local artist. We will start with the image that is directly above the crucifix.

This image presents the letters “IHS”, with a cross above and three nails below, which of course signify the instruments of our Lord’s crucifixion. The golden rays

surrounding it represent the sun, which we see as a symbol of the light of Christ. Perhaps this image reminds you of a monstrance, which is used during Eucharistic adoration. If so, that should also clue us in to what the letters stand for. While it might look like an acronym, those capital letters do not stand for individual words. (However, some sources argue that they stand for “I Have Suffered” or “Iesu Hominem Salvator”, which is Latin for “Jesus Savior of Mankind”.) The consensus of tradition is that the letters are the latinized rendition of the first three letters of Jesus’s name in Greek, which is Ἰησοῦς. It was common in the early Church to use abbreviated words as simpler ways to express and symbolize the full term. Also, during times of Christian persecution, abbreviated words like this were used to proclaim Christ, while not attracting attention from persecutors.

The name of Jesus originally comes from Hebrew, and it literally means “God Saves.” As Catholics, we believe that the name of Jesus is immeasurably powerful, and we continue to proclaim it not only in word, but also through art, as the image of “IHS” can be found in churches around the globe. This image actually became the official symbol of the Jesuit religious order. This relates to our chapel because the prayers of the Litany of the Sacred Heart were first composed by Fr. Jean Croiset, a priest of the Jesuit order, in the late 17th century.



The Jubilee Prayer

Father in heaven, may the *faith* you have gifted us in your son Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of *charity* kindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us, the blessed *hope* for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us into diligent cultivators of the evangelical seeds that make humanity and the cosmos rise unto the confident expectation of the new heavens and the new earth, when with the powers of Evil overcome, your glory shall be manifested eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, *Pilgrims of Hope*, the yearning for heavenly treasures and pour over all the earth the joy and peace of our Redeemer. To you God blessed in eternity, be praise and glory for ever and ever.
Amen.



Bishop Hicks' Column February 2025

The Gift of Imagination



Whenever I fly, I frequently do three things. First, I always pray a rosary—that's a given! Then, I catch up on some work or necessary reading. Finally, I relax a bit and watch a movie. I admit I am quite conscious that, by wearing my Roman collar, many people in the seats around me take note of the movie I have selected. The last thing I want is for them to go home and tell their family and friends that they witnessed a Catholic bishop praying a rosary and then watching a super-violent or unseemly movie!

On my most recent flight, I selected the family-friendly movie *Harold and the Purple Crayon*. It is a heartwarming film about the power of imagination and the beauty of creativity. The hero of the story is Harold, a young boy who is gifted with a purple crayon that allows him to bring his drawings to life. As he sets out on an adventure, Harold learns valuable lessons about courage, problem-solving, and the responsibility that comes with shaping the world around him.

Spoiler alert: toward the end of the movie, Harold finds a touching letter from the author who created him. In it, he reads:

"Dear Harold, one day you might want to know why I made you. I wanted to show folks that, with a little imagination, you can make your life whatever you want it to be."

This film reminds us that, like Harold, we all have the ability to create, dream, and make a difference in this world through our imaginations. How true!

Our imagination is truly a gift from God, allowing us to see beyond what is and dream of what could be. We are made in the image of God, and our ability to imagine and create reflects His divine nature. This gift allows us to participate in our Creator's ongoing work of beauty and goodness in the world.

Perhaps you are familiar with *Ignatian Contemplation*, also known as *imaginative prayer*. Through this method, St. Ignatius of Loyola teaches us to pray using our imaginations. This practice encourages us to place ourselves inside a biblical scene, using all our senses to experience the story as if we were truly there. If you have never used this form of prayer, I invite you to try it using these basic steps:

- Imagine yourself in a scene from Scripture, such as being present at Jesus' birth, walking with Him along the road, or witnessing His miracles.
- Engage your senses by seeing the setting, hearing the voices, feeling the textures, smelling the surroundings, and experiencing the emotions.
- Interact with Jesus directly by listening to His words, speaking to Him, and experiencing His love.

After an imaginative prayer experience, St. Ignatius invites us to reflect on what we felt, learned, or heard. In other words, we can ask ourselves, *"How did God speak to me through my imagination?"*

Faith itself requires the gift of imagination. It gives us the ability to believe in what we cannot see (Hebrews 11:1). Imagination allows us to trust in God's plan, envision a better future, and hold onto hope even in difficult times. It also builds our capacity for compassion and empathy by helping us put ourselves in others' shoes and understand both their joys and struggles. This ability to see the world from different perspectives strengthens our call to love one another, just as Christ taught.

Of course, like all gifts, we can misuse our imagination. According to John Lennon, we can *"imagine there's no heaven. It's easy if you try."* Why would we do that? Sometimes our world or life experiences bring us to imagine sad, evil, and immoral things. Yet God gifted us with our imaginations so that we may be fully alive and joyful through, with, and in Him.

So, I invite you to imagine the Holy Trinity—being in the presence of God the Father and feeling His eternal love, peace, and mercy; walking and talking with Jesus; and experiencing the Holy Spirit descending upon you, filling you with wisdom, strength, and courage. Imagine there is a beautiful heaven, teeming with saints, angels, and your loved ones in God's eternal presence.

Ultimately, imagination is a sacred gift that allows us to create, love, hope, and draw closer to God in all that we do. Please join me in imagining a Church and a world where every heart is filled with God's love and mercy, abounding in kindness, respect for life, justice and peace for all people—now and forever!



Worship

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: Blessed is the one who trusts in the LORD, whose hope is the LORD. (Jer 17:7)

Second Reading: If the dead are not raised, neither has Christ been raised, and if Christ has not been raised, your faith is vain. (1 Cor 15:16-17)

Gospel: "Blessed are you who are poor, for the kingdom of God is yours." (Lk 6:20)

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD. The English translation of Psalm Responses from Lectionary for Mass © 1969, 1981, 1997, International Commission on English in the Liturgy Corporation. All rights reserved.
©LPi

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Gn 4:1-15, 25/Ps 50:1 and 8, 16bc-17, 20-21/Mk 8:11-13
Tuesday: Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10/Ps 29:1a and 2, 3ac-4, 3b and 9c-10/Mk 8:14-21
Wednesday: Gn 8:6-13, 20-22/Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 18-19/Mk 8:22-26
Thursday: Gn 9:1-13/Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29 and 22-23/Mk 8:27-33
Friday: Gn 11:1-9/Ps 33:10-11, 12-13, 14-15/Mk 8:34—9:1
Saturday: 1 Pt 5:1-4/Ps 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6/Mt 16:13-19
Next Sunday: 1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23/1 Cor 15:45-49/Lk 6:27-38

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order; Presidents' Day
Friday: St. Peter Damian
Saturday: The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle
Next Sunday: 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time



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.

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17

7:00AM †Rita and Gregory Sulgit / The Rudd Family
†Donna Campbell / Mary & Bob Matton

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18

7:00AM †Mercedes & Ron Stedman / Ron & Linda Stedman

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19

7:00AM †Donna Campbell / Greer Family

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20

7:00AM †Connor Hendricks / Family

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21

7:00AM †Carol Yesko
8:15AM †Betty Ann Roth / ICGS

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22

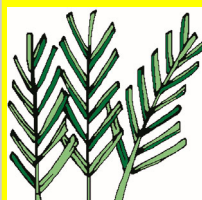
8:00AM †James Lanphier / Lanphier Family
4:30PM †Parish Family

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23

7:30AM †William "Liam" Douglass / Jo & Don LaMonica
9:00AM †Barbara Boarke / O'Brien & Perez Families
†Cindy Dettloff / Dettloff Ramsey Family
†Doris Kaps / The Loch Family
11:30AM †Bill Everson / Everson Family
7:00PM †Ginny Fillicaro / Gloria Cossa

†Denotes deceased

*Denotes Living Intention



The Collection of Palms

The Holy Season of Lent begins on March 5, Ash Wednesday. It is our custom of that day to have ashes made of burnt palm branches placed on our foreheads. We receive and wear them as a sign of our willingness to turn away from sin and to follow the Gospel. The forty days of this special season are meant to be for us a time of spiritual change and growth. All are encouraged to begin now to consider what steps you will take to have a good Lent.

We need your palms to make ashes.
Please drop them off in the baskets at the entrance to the Church and Chapel during the weekends of February 22/23 and March 1/2



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.

Baldikoski, Michael	Gow, Olivia
Durgan, Bob	Kalina, Laima
Durgan, Lindsey	Malik, Lois
Durgan, Terre	Pesola, Jeannette
Earnisse, Diane	Romo, Tera
Earnisse, Dick	Toepfer, Al
Evans, Jane	Ziccarelli, Serafino
Filippini, Jim	

On February 1st, we started a new "Pray For" list. If you would like your name or that of a loved one listed, please email bulletin@icelmhurst.org or call 630-530-8991.

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

†Mike Viola

We pray for the newly baptized babies in our church. May their journey of faith be one that is close to Jesus. We pray for their Godparents and parents as they bring Christ to the lives of the next generation of Catholics.

BAPTIZED IN JANUARY

- ◆ Charles Joseph Erangey
- ◆ Alexander Wesley Pick
- ◆ Amelia Whelan Berkemeyer

2025 ENGAGED COUPLES

Katie Mullen & Eric Caskey	3/1
Grace Radoha & Michael Hoffman	4/26
Lindsay Neuberger & Phillip Cozzi	6/20
Sara Zgonina & Ryan Kreiser	7/5
Kaitlyn Falduto & Keaton Ringhand	7/26
Megan Lawlor & Dylan Half	8/2

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.

Maj. 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
Lt. Col. Kevin Mott, US Army
Lt. Col. Andrew Tyson USMC
SGM Bill Benesi, US Army
 Nephews 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
LCDR Joe Shannon, US Navy
 Son of John & Maria Shannon
SSgt. 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
Capt. Kathleen M. Donofrio, US Army Reserves,
 Daughter of Tom & Marge Donofrio
Cpl. Cavan Sullivan, US Army
 Grandsons of Mary Sullivan
Capt. Samuel Westhoff, US Army
 Nephew of Tom and Sue Westhoff
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
Capt. 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
Petty Officer 2nd Class James Arndt, US Navy



Taizé Prayer Service Friday, February 21 7pm in the Church

Join us for an hour of meditative singing, candlelight, silent reflection, and prayers for peace in our world.

For more information, contact Lisa Grisolia at lisagrisolia@icelmhurst.org.

"The environment is beautiful, the music is so enchanting, and the format of music and prayer is very spiritual. It allows you to leave your day behind and focus on the spirit around and within!"



Please join us for
IC PACZKI SUNDAY
Our Pre-Lenten Treat
Sunday, March 2
8:00am-1:00 pm in MPH

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

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR PACZKI SUNDAY

Sunday, March 2, 2025
From 7:30 am to 1:00 pm in MPH

We need your Help! Students needing service hours may also volunteer! Please contact Marianne Sajn if interested. msajn@icelmhurst.org 630.530.3482

Women's Lenten Prayer Breakfast

Come and join the women of Immaculate Conception in fellowship this Lent as we discuss the book, *Here and Now* by Henri Nouwen. We will meet the six Saturdays of Lent starting March 8 in the PAC following the 8:00 am Mass. Come for one, two or all six weeks - whatever your schedule allows. Please purchase a copy of this book at Amazon.com and join us. We would love to share this Lent with you. If you have any questions, please contact Mary Lynn at rpollastrini@sbcglobal.net.



Lenten Bible Study - Jeremiah

Some say that there was no person in the history of Israel more like Jesus than Jeremiah. Purchase the New Collegeville Bible Commentary by Pauline Viviano entitled *Jeremiah, Baruch*, (it's recommended, but optional) and follow along as we read his prophetic words.

There will be five one-hour sessions during Lent, Tuesday nights at 7:00pm on Zoom.

The first meeting will be March 11. Please contact the Adult Faith Coordinator, Anne Hohbein, for the link. annehohbein@aol.com.



NATIONAL Eucharistic Revival

National Eucharistic Revival, 'Year of Eucharist Mission'

As we continue in the Third year of the National Eucharistic Revival, with the 'Year of Eucharist Mission', the focus will be for Catholics to help bring those who have fallen away, back to Christ and His Church.

The "[Walk With One](http://www.eucharisticrevival.org/walk-with-one)" (www.eucharisticrevival.org/walk-with-one) initiative is inspired by the parable of the Good Shepherd leaving the 99 sheep to find a single lost one. 'Walk With One' encourages individuals to act as instruments of Christ in reaching out to those who have drifted from the Church.

Everyone Can Evangelize

There is someone in your life *right now* whom Jesus longs to call to himself. The Lord is asking each of us to step out of our comfort zone and evangelize one-on-one. The process to do this is through [Spiritual Companionship](#), which contains 4 stages. The last 2 weeks we discussed the First and Second steps – **Identify** and **Intercede**

Some key points were:

- Write down a list of people you know and pray over the list
- Visit Lord in Eucharistic adoration and ask him to show you whom to reach out to.
- Write down the person's name on a sticky note and keep it in your wallet to remember during prayer
- Ask for God to open the heart of the person you are called to meet, to be receptive to him
- Consider offering a holy hour, rosary or a novena of prayer for that person.
- Pray the [Eucharist Examen](#)

The Third Step is: **Connect**

Look for ways to accompany the person you have prayed for, to build a deeper relationship, and to practice the art of empathetic listening. Eucharistic friendship builds upon the dynamic that Jesus revealed in his relationships with the disciples and, above all, at the Last Supper—he takes bread, blesses it, breaks it, and gives it.

It is important to take or receive what the other person has to share, to bless or lift it up in prayer, to let the Holy Spirit help break open an area for potential growth, and then to give of yourself in response. It is also important to recognize that this may not be a "one and done" conversation but is more likely to be a series of conversations and invitations, developing a real friendship with that person.

Find an appropriate time to begin growing in your friendship, perhaps over coffee or lunch. Listen deeply for promptings from the Holy Spirit as you get to know your friend's joys and struggles. Share with them some of your own. Listen respectfully when the conversation turns to spiritual matters, including their relationship with God and questions or concerns about the Church, and reserve judgment about their opinions. Some people might be ready to discuss the spiritual life after only a conversation or two, while for others it might take more time

Getting Started:

Meet up for coffee • Share lunch together • Plan a weekly phone call with someone you plan to walk with throughout the year.

Next Week -Fourth Step – **Invite**



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION GRADE SCHOOL 630.530.3490

FAITH. FAMILY. ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

ICGS honored several Distinguished Graduates on January 31st. Any graduate from the ICGS Class of 1960 or earlier was honored. It was great to have (pictured from left to right) Sue & Tom Westoff (Class of 1958), Veronica Murphy (Class of 1957), Fr. Bill Conway (Class of 1960), Anne Murphy Schiller (Class of 1956), Fr. Tom Paul, Frances Hawkinson Giles (Class of 1960) and Jerry Britz (Class of 1958) in attendance!



**Alumni, Alumni Families, Former Staff
and friends of ICGS!**



SAVE THE DATE!

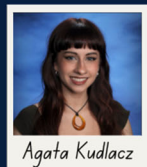
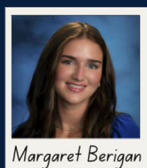
Saturday, May 10th, 2025

4:30pm Mass with the Most Reverend Ronald A. Hicks, Bishop of the Diocese of Joliet
Jubilee Anniversary Celebration to Follow

Contact the ICGS Development Office at
development@icgradeschoolmelmhurst.org or (630) 530-3486
for more information and to be added to our email list!

IC CATHOLIC PREP 630.530.3460

ILLINOIS STATE SCHOLARS

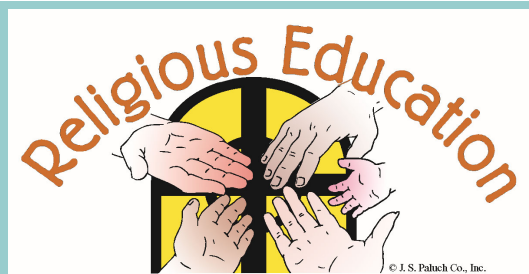


The best way to get to know ICCP is by experiencing the students, teachers, and campus on a shadow day. grade school students will be hosted by a current ICCP student with similar interests - together they will attend classes, enjoy lunch, and engage in exciting challenges to win prizes!

Shadow Days:

- Feb. 14 - Turnabout Pep Rally
- Feb. 28
- Mar. 21

To schedule a campus tour or arrange a Shadow Day visit
icatholicprep.org or call
Patrick Gaeger at 630-530-3484
or pgaeger@icatholicprep.org



<u>Children's Church</u>	<u>Sunday RE</u>	<u>Wednesday RE</u>
February 23	February 23	February 26
March 16	March 2	March 12
March 23	March 9	March 19

No Sunday morning RE today due to President's Day Holiday. No RE on Wednesday, February 19th due to a Deanery Catechist Evening of Reflection in Naperville. Please note your calendars.

The 4th Grade Wednesday in class Reconciliation has been moved to February 26th due to the snow day this week.

Parents who missed the 1st Eucharist Parents Meeting are asked to contact Sr. Mary Francis. Additional 1st Eucharist information will be emailed to you in March.

The 6th Grade Family Mass is at 9am on February 23rd. All 6th graders in our grade school and RE are invited to volunteer to participate in this liturgy. Spots as gift bearers and greeters are open. Please contact the RE office to volunteer.

Ash Wednesday is Wed March 5th! Families are encouraged to plan now how to enter into this Holy season of Lent.

The Act of Contrition

My God, I am sorry for my sins with all my heart. In choosing to do wrong and failing to do good, I have sinned against You whom I should love above all things. I firmly intend, with Your help, to do penance, sin no more, and to avoid whatever led me to sin. Amen

Fr. Jeremy posts his Sunday homilies on Spotify in case you would like to refer back to them or share them with someone you know. You can type "Fr. Jeremy Leganski" in Spotify's search bar.

All are invited to pray the rosary as a parish before the 4:30pm Mass on Saturdays.

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.

If you are new to our church or just visiting, please stop and introduce yourself. We are pleased to have you share in this celebration of the Eucharist. If you do not have a church home, or your church is not a home to you, we invite you to become part of our parish family. We are so glad you're here and hope you will come back again for Mass or become a parishioner.



Christian Service

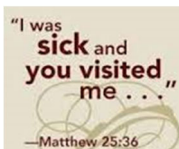
*Thank you to the **Immaculate Conception Parish** blood drive program. Thanks to your efforts, we were able to collect **15 units** of blood from the **16 registered donors**, and an amazing **2 first-time donors** joined in! The blood collected will directly benefit up to **45 patients** in our region, including transplant recipients, critically ill infants, cancer patients, and many others who rely on blood transfusions for their recovery. Your efforts have made an invaluable impact, helping to ensure a sufficient and safe blood supply for our community. We are incredibly fortunate to have volunteers like you, whose kindness and generosity make a lasting difference in the lives of those in need!*



Knights of Columbus Membership Drive

The Knights of Columbus is an international Order of Catholic men who are called to lead with faith, protect our families, serve others and defend values in a busy world.

Our local council Father McDonald #1911 will be holding a membership drive at Immaculate Conception the weekend of March 1st. If you would like to join today or learn more about the Knights of Columbus, use the following QR Code:



HOSPITALIZED or HOMEBOUND? PLEASE LET US KNOW!

Please remember to notify the Rectory if you or a member of your family is hospitalized and want 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. If you are HOMEBOUND, unable to attend Mass and wish to receive Communion, our Eucharistic Ministers will visit on a weekly basis.

If you are interested in becoming a Eucharistic Minister, Altar Server, Lector, or Greeter, please contact Marianne Sajn at msajn@icelmhurst.org
We appreciate your help!

Mayslake Ministries Spring Conference featuring...

Fr. Ronald Rolheiser

SATURDAY, MARCH 1ST from 9am-Noon

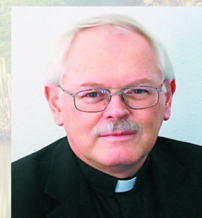
This event will be offered in person
at Ascension of Our Lord Parish

1S 314 Summit Avenue

Oakbrook Terrace, IL 60181

REGISTRATION: \$35 per person

Register online
www.mayslakeministries.org
or by phone 630-852-9000



Bridging the Unbridgeable Gap: Beyond Polarization in the Church and in Society

We live in a bitter divided time. Today, everywhere in the church and in the world, we find ourselves divided by different histories, ideologies, politics, religions, moral views and temperaments. Politics are stalemated, churches are splitting, and families struggle to sit down at a common table. And all of this being fed and enflamed by a hundred million websites vilifying each other. The gap is growing and seems unbridgeable. How can we respond? How can we begin to bridge this unbridgeable gap, as faithful Christians, as loving citizens, and as aching family members?



Join the **Diocese of Joliet** for the **ILLINOIS** **IS** **MARCH**

Tuesday, March 25, 2025 Springfield, IL

Buses will be departing from 2 locations at 6:30am
returning by approximately 6pm:

Blanchette Catholic Center

16555 Weber Rd.
Crest Hill, IL 60403

Corpus Christi Parish

1415 W. Lies Rd.
Carol Stream, IL 60188

Register for either bus for just \$25 per person.
www.catechesis.diojoliet.org/ministries-of-mercy



Day includes:

Mass celebrated by the Bishops of Illinois Pro-life
March around the state capital Dynamic speakers

Buses are only for individuals ages 18 and up. For families wishing to drive themselves, a limited amount of gas gift cards are available.
Email sdidomizio@dioceseofjoliet.org.



Adoption and Foster Information Night



Have you been thinking about adopting or fostering? Do you have questions for people who have been there and professionals who work in the field?

Join us for an Adoption and Foster Information Night at Old St. Patrick's Church. We'll have brief presentations from people who have adopted both in and out of state and through the foster program, as well as representatives from DCFS, an adoption agency, and an adoption consultant. Pizza and drinks will be provided.

Sunday, February 23, 6:00-7:00 p.m.

At the Old St. Pat's Rectory dining room, the third floor of 718 W Adams, Chicago, immediately following the 5:00 Mass.

RSVP Rachelle Lindo rachelle.lindo@gmail.com



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

134 Arthur St.
Elmhurst, IL 60126

Please visit our website at
www.icelmhurst.org

Parish Office: (630) 530-8515
Fax: (630) 530-9346

PARISH OFFICE

Very Rev. Thomas L. Paul, Pastor
Rev. Jeremy Leganski, Parochial Vicar
jleganski@icelmhurst.org
Deacon John Feely jfeely@icelmhurst.org
Mr. Frank Perrotta, Seminarian Intern
Ms. Catey Cohen ccohen@icelmhurst.org
530-8991 Parish Secretary
Bulletin Editor bulletin@icelmhurst.org
Mrs. Lina Wert lwert@icelmhurst.org
Parish Receptionist / Accounts Payable
Mr. Jon Muchowski, Director of Facilities
jmuchowski@icelmhurst.org
Ms. Marianne Sajn msajn@icelmhurst.org
530-3482 Volunteer & Special Events

GRADE SCHOOL

132 Arthur: www.icgradeschoolelmhurst.org:
530-3490
Mrs. Sharon Meyer, Principal
smeyer@icgradeschoolelmhurst.org
Mrs. Mary Koykar, Asst. Principal
mkoykar@icgradeschoolelmhurst.org
Mrs. Sheila Wachholder Office Manager
swachholder@icgradeschoolelmhurst.org
Mrs. Barb Repking Office Manager
brepking@icgradeschoolelmhurst.org
Mr. Brad Johnson Athletic Director
athleticdirector@icgradeschoolelmhurst.org
Mrs. Marcie Wolbeck ICGS Development
mwolbeck@icgradeschoolelmhurst.org
Mrs. Elizabeth Bulthuis ICGS Development
ebulthuis@icgradeschoolelmhurst.org

MUSIC MINISTRY

Ms. Lisa Grisolia, lisagrisolia@icelmhurst.org 530-3489
Director of Music Ministry

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Sr. Mary Francis, smaryfrancis@icelmhurst.org
530-3480 RE Director Grades K-5
Mrs. Christine Brazeau, cbrazeau@icelmhurst.org
530-8981 Administrative Assistant
Mrs. Josephine Bastianoni, Acting Director RE 6/7/8
530-3480 jbastianoni@icelmhurst.org
Mrs. Lia Camp, lcamp@icelmhurst.org
530-3480 Administrative Assistant
Mrs. Anne Hohbein, ahohbein@icelmhurst.org
Adult Faith Coordinator and Spiritual Director

IC CATHOLIC PREP

217 Cottage Hill: www.iccatholicprep.org
530-3460
Mrs. Danielle Wagner, Principal
dwagner@iccatholicprep.org
Mr. Bob Cronin, President
bcronin@iccatholicprep.org
Ms. Katie Pool, Assistant Principal
kpool@iccatholicprep.org
Mr. Gary Wheaton Assistant Principal / Dean
gwheaton@iccatholicprep.org
Mr. Justin Camp, Director of Finance
jcamp@iccatholicprep.org
Ms. Peg Slavik, Administrative Assistant
pslavik@iccatholicprep.org
Ms. Marianne Betenia Attendance Officer
mbetenia@iccatholicprep.org
Mr. Patrick Gaeger Director of Admissions
pgaeger@iccatholicprep.org
Mr. Rick Bertenshaw, Athletic Director
rbertenshaw@iccatholicprep.org
Mrs. Lisa Groppi McMillen
Director of Alumni Relations & Special Events
lmcmillen@iccatholicprep.org
Mrs. Jenna Goworowski Director of Student Activities
jgoworowski@iccatholicprep.org
Ms. Aileen Grant, Marketing
agrants@iccatholicprep.org

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

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

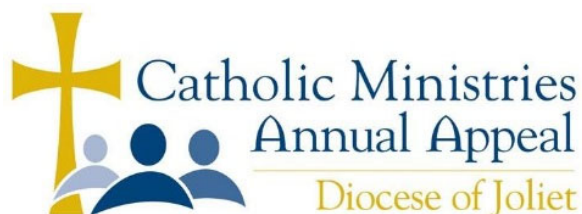
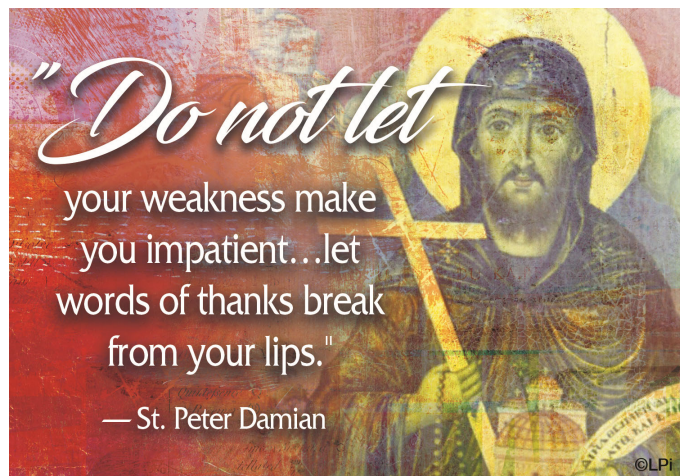


Stewardship of Treasure

Weekly Sharing February 2, 2025

Sunday Envelopes Total:	\$ 14,532.87
Electronic Offerings:	\$ 8,266.75
Total Gifts:	\$ 22,799.62
Amount Budgeted Per Week:	\$ 29,000.00

Thank You in His Name!



Stewardship of Time

	Lector	Altar Server	EM	Greeter
Feb 22 4:30pm	B. Bruen (1) R. Barnish (2)	A. VanKoughnet N. Fahey J. Schrik	D. McCaffrey K. VanKoughnet D. VanKoughnet	T. Kaiser
Feb 23 7:30am	R. Cello (1) T. Brown (2)	M. McKiernan B. Rivera-Hernandez M. Munter	P. Cello M. Gieser T. Miller	J. Callahan M. Smith
Feb 23 9:00am	S. Whiteside (1) M. Ashton (2)	B. Esker J. Esker J. Giovannelli	J. Davis J. La Monica K. Sullivan	M. Tovey M. Tovey
Feb 23 11:30am	L. Kalina (1) B. Buis (2)	W. Bedinghaus B. Hernal L. Denekas	M. Durkin D. Richardson	
Feb 23 7:00pm	J. Kenneally (1)		K. Steele	C. Cohen

Presider Mass Schedule **February 22 & 23**

4:30	Fr. Guest
7:30	Fr. Guest
9:00	Fr. Tom
11:30	Fr. Conway
7:00	Fr. Tom

Want to get our bulletin digitally? You can sign up to have it emailed to you weekly by going to <https://parishesonline.com/organization/immaculate-conception-parish-60126>

The 2025 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal has begun!

As the Diocese of Joliet launches the 2025 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA), we are humbly asking all parishioners to pledge their support for this important effort, as together we can make a profound difference. This year's CMAA theme is *Open your heart to God's goodness*. Through our support, we ensure that the mission and ministries of Christ's Church are available to everyone. Together, we can help provide safe shelter for the homeless, feed the physical and social needs of those who are hungry, inspire those discerning a life of vocation, and aid in the education of our next generation of Catholics. Our parish could not accomplish all of this on its own. As a diocese working together, we can do so much more. Our parish goal this year is \$116,900. 70% of any amount we raise over our goal will be returned to us and used fruitfully within our own parish. Please review the materials you receive in the mail from the Diocese of Joliet this month and prayerfully reflect on your gift to this year's annual appeal.

If you do not receive a CMAA mailing, please contact the parish office. Thank you!