

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

June 2019 Newsletter

Thank you and God Bless you,
Fr. Chris!



Please join us after all the Masses on June 8th and 9th to celebrate the ministry of Fr. Chris Lankford in our parish. Following all of our liturgies, receptions will be held in his honor so that you will have the opportunity to thank him and to wish him well in his new assignment. In his three years of service at IC, Fr. Chris has touched the lives of many parishioners. He has been a tremendous asset to our parish and will be especially missed. Fr. Chris' last day here will be on June 19th as he celebrates the 6:15am Mass and then begins ministry at Sts. Peter and Paul in Naperville. Please keep him in your prayers.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,
The month of June is dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Most appropriately, in the past year, we have brought back the original name for our chapel as it was dedicated to the Sacred Heart when it was built in 1961. Phase one of the renewal of Sacred Heart Chapel is presently underway. Work on the construction of the new elevator will also soon commence.

I'd like to share with you once again the beautiful prayer of the sacred heart that was written when began the capital campaign. Once again, I am asking for your prayers, that through the Sacred Heart of Jesus, continued blessings will come upon our entire parish community. Consider saying the words of this beautiful prayer as often as possible and perhaps even daily.

May the Sacred Heart of Jesus touch all of our hearts with His merciful and generous love. I hope all of you have a happy and safe summer.

Father Tom

Welcome To IC

Join us in welcoming our new parish families.

Almighty God We give you thanks for the many and varied ways you build up your Church. Bless these new parishioners. Grant them the peace of a new parish home. As we are enriched with their presence may they find enrichment through the Body of Christ present in this parish community.

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Dear Friends in Christ,

Time certainly does seem to fly at times. For me, these past three years have FLOWN by! I can't believe my term as Associate Pastor at Immaculate Conception has come to an end. June 22, 2016 I began my journey with all of you. In a few days my time with you will be completed. The only words that come to mind during this time of transition is, THANK YOU!

Thank you for all you have done for me these past three years. It has truly been an amazing blessed experience to be part of the Immaculate Conception family. So many of you have gone out of your ways to make me feel welcome and part of the IC Family, for which I'm truly grateful. I have really appreciated the kind words many of you have expressed to me since news of my move was made public. You have no idea how good that has made me feel as a priest, which is a true blessing and grace. It has been an honor to serve you as your priest. Whether it was through Mass, the Sacraments, a visit to the hospital or house, in our schools, out walking around the streets of Elmhurst, wherever it may have been, thank you for the opportunity to be your priest! Many have been asking, "am I excited to be starting my new assignment?" I am excited, but it is very bittersweet. I have made so many friendships here at IC, and I love being here, so it is definitely hard to leave. However, there is excitement with the new journey ahead. I'm excited to take all that I have learned here and apply it to my ministry as I serve the people of Sts. Peter and Paul in Naperville.

At this time I'd like to also say a word of thanks to Fr. Tom Paul. Fr. Tom has taught me so much. I feel very well prepared for my next assignment as a result of all he has had me be a part of. He told me I will experience every kind of ministry while I'm here at IC, and he wasn't kidding! I feel I have been able to grow these three years as a priest and I'm grateful for his assistance and the experiences I've been able to have. I also want to thank all of the IC staff, school staffs, and all who help run our parish. Thank you for all you do for our IC Family and all you have done for me. We have an amazing staff here at IC, and I thank you for all you do for the Lord and His Church. Well friends, it's not easy to say good bye, but it is about that time. Please feel free to stay in touch, and know the spot IC has in my heart. Most importantly, please know of my prayers for you! Please also pray for me. God bless you all!

In Christ,

Fr. Chris Lankford

June Prayer

Father, creator of all, thank you for summer.

Thank you for the beauty I see around me and

the opportunity to be outside and enjoy all your creation.

Thank you for the increased time to be with my family and friends.

Draw me closer to you.

Teach me how to pray no matter where I am and what I am doing.

Warm my soul with the awareness of your presence and light my path with your word and counsel.

As I enjoy your creation, create in me a pure heart and a hunger and a thirst to be closer to you.

Amen



Welcome Fr. Santiago Corona! Ordained on May 25, 2019, Fr. Santiago will join our parish on June 19! We look forward to the next three years with Fr. Santiago. Please join us in welcoming him and helping to make Immaculate Conception his new home.

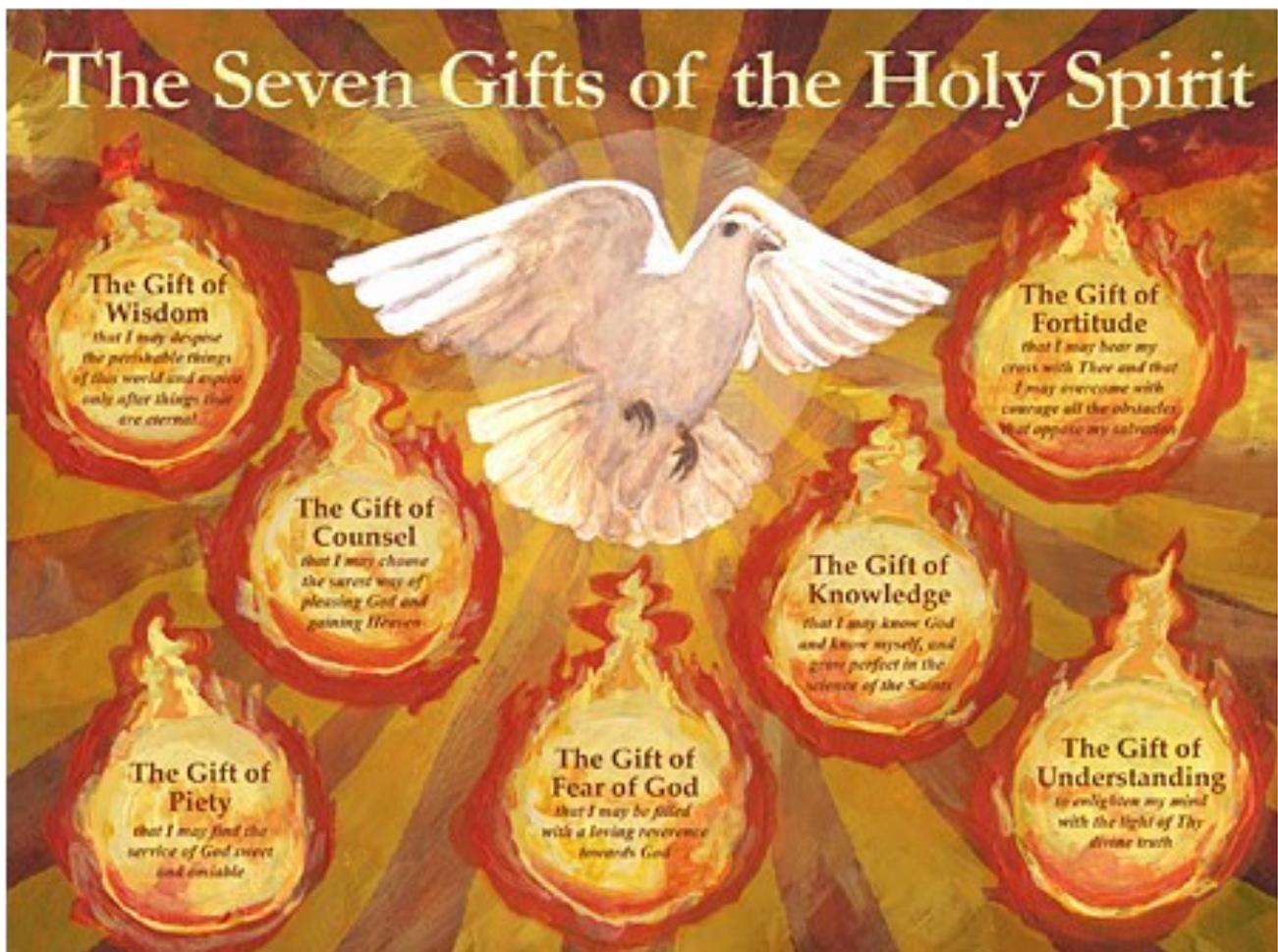


Pentecost Sunday Celebration

June 9, 2019

Sacred Heart, St. Pius X, Christ the King, Ascension of our Lord, St. Alexander, St. John the Apostle, Immaculate Conception, Visitation, Mary Queen of Heaven, St. Alexis, St. Charles Borromeo, St. Philip, St. Joseph, St. Peter, Holy Ghost, and St. Andrew Kim
The members of all of the 16 parishes in the Eastern DuPage Deanery in the Diocese of Joliet are invited to join in the celebration of the coming of the Holy Spirit. The sacred Easter season officially comes to an end on the Solemnity of Pentecost, June 9. All of us are called to give witness to the presence of the Spirit in our lives. You are especially invited on this day to consider how you will show the guidance of the Holy Spirit in your life. Please consider making a difference, as we celebrate the birthday of the church, by the ways in which we proclaim that we are Christ's followers.

- * Invite a friend or neighbor to come to church with you!
- * Go out of your way to encourage someone to come to Mass that perhaps does not regularly attend!
- * All day on June 9, wear the colors of the Holy Spirit. Red, Yellow, and Orange clothing can be outward reminders of the presence of the Spirit. Congratulate others, when you see them dressed this way, for proclaiming the presence of the Spirit!
- * Show that you are filled with the Holy Spirit in any way you can by reaching out to a stranger or a needy person. Talk to others after Mass that you normally don't talk to!
- * Pray with thanks for the gifts of the Holy Spirit and think about how important they are in your life!



Around the Parish in June

Weekend 1/2

Weekend Food collection accepted at all Masses

Saturday, June 1 Anna's Lemonade Stand

10am-2pm York Parking Lot

Saturday, June 1 Women's Prayer Breakfast

8:30am Resource Room

Sunday, June 2 Pam Levar and Cindy Thomas

Mass 11am followed by reception on the lawn.

Monday, June 3 Leadership Night 7pm Marian Room

Tuesday, June 4 Lectio Divina Join Anne Hohbein after the 7:30am Mass PAC-Resource Room

Tuesday, June 4 ICGS School Board Meeting

6:30pm Dyer Center

Thursday, June 6 Baptism Prep 7pm Resource Rm

Weekend 8/9

Celebration Farewell Fr. Chris All Masses

Weekend Food collection accepted at all Masses

Saturday, June 8 Men's Prayer Breakfast 8:30am

Agnesian Room

Sunday, June 9 Baptism 12:30 Church

Tuesday, June 11 Lectio Divina Join Anne Hohbein after the 7:30am Mass PAC-Resource Room

Tuesday, June 11 Cup of Hope 9am Meeting Rm 2

Weekend 15/16

Weekend Food collection accepted at all Masses

Sunday, June 16 Soccer Camp Family Night

following 5:15pm Mass in Costello Hall

Tuesday, June 18 Lectio Divina Join Anne Hohbein after the 7:30am Mass PAC-Resource Room

Weekend 22/23

Weekend Food collection accepted at all Masses

Sunday, June 23 Cookies and Lemonade following

the 7:30am and 9:00am Mass Outside Church

Sunday, June 23 Baptism 12:30pm Church

Tuesday, June 25 Lectio Divina Join Anne Hohbein after the 7:30am Mass PAC-Resource Room

Thursday, June 27 Kerr Restaino Rehearsal 5pm Church

Thursday, June 27 Respect Life Rosary and Benediction 7pm Church

Weekend 29/30

Weekend Food collection accepted at all Masses

Saturday, June 29 Wedding 2pm Church

Sunday, June 30 Cookies and Lemonade following

the 7:30am and 9:00am Mass Outside Church

The Parish Administration Center will close at noon on Fridays through Labor Day.

June Reconciliation Times

Saturday, 1st 4-4:45pm Church

Friday, 7th Following 6:15am Mass Church

Saturday, 8th 4-4:45pm Church

Saturday, 15th 4-4:45pm Church

Saturday, 22nd 4-4:45pm Church

Saturday, 29th 4-4:45pm Church

June Mass Schedule

Weekdays

6:15am and 7:30am

Saturday

8:00am and 5:15pm

Sunday

7:30am, 9:00am, 11:00am, and 5:15pm

All Masses are held in the Church



Catholic Soccer Camp returns for its third year in Summer 2019! Held in Elmhurst, Illinois with strong involvement by the Diocese of Joliet seminarians, Catholic Soccer Camp continues to grow in popularity and reputation! Led by "The Soccer Priest" Fr. Chase Hilgenbrinck - Catholic Soccer Camps masterfully combine elements of our Catholic faith with the intense skills learned in the game of soccer. Skilled seminarians from the Diocese of Joliet help teach campers about soccer techniques and growing to love Jesus Christ more. Soccer Camps for the next generation of players!

When: June 17-19, 2019 - 8:00am to 3:00pm

Location: IC Catholic Prep Fields, Plunkett Park, 186 S. West Avenue, Elmhurst, IL

Grades: 6th-12th boys & girls

Catholic Family Night:

Sunday, June 16th

Immaculate Conception Church
5:15pm Mass, Talks & Pizza for the whole family!

To register and for more information:

<http://www.catholicsportscamps.org/Site/Camps/Soccer>

Donations can be made on our website, www.catholicsportscamps.org Please note that it is for the soccer camp!

Coming Events



IC CCW Woman of the Year Luncheon

Honoring Peg Cello, 2019
Woman of the Year

The Drake Hotel, Oak Brook
Friday, June 7th

Arrival 11:30 a.m. - Lunch will be served at 12 noon

Your \$30 payment

(cash or check made to IC CCW)

Call Marilyn Hanrahan Speck for reservation details at (630)690-3940



Summer Book Discussion Group

Would you like to read and discuss Father Richard Rohr's Falling Upward: a spirituality for the Two Halves of Life this summer? Get the book, start reading and join a group at Loretta's for informal discussions. We will gather on Thursday evenings June 13, July 11 and August 8 at 7:00 p.m. This will be a light, summer version of spiritual classics. Call Loretta at 630-834-8664 for more information and to sign up.

Hope you're interested in this idea!

IC FAMILIES

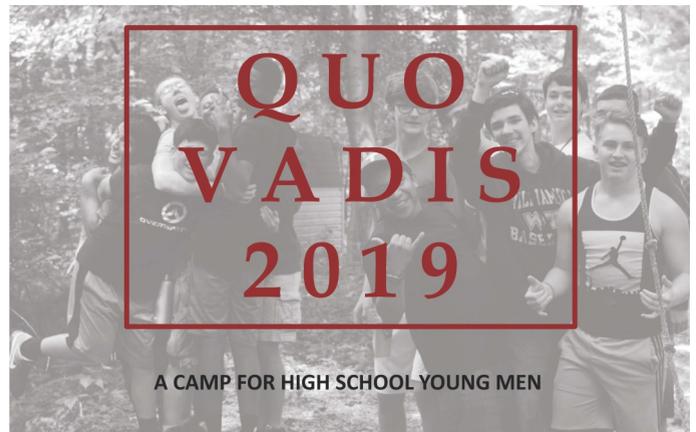


Would you like to host a
"Cookies and Lemonade"
Sunday?

It's a **Fun Family** opportunity to get to know your fellow Parishioners. Your family's name will appear in our bulletin and newsletter. Supplies and instructions will be provided and everyone is welcome to help!

Email Barb Repking at brepking@icelmhurst.org
This event is hosted outside of Church after the 7:30 & 9:00 Masses (weather permitting)

2019 Cookies and Lemonade weekends
June 23, June 30, July 14, July 21, July 28
Aug 4, Aug 11, Aug 18



MAN FULLY ALIVE

July 28 – 31, 2019

Loyola Retreat and Ecology Center
Woodstock, IL



VOCATION OFFICE
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Registration Deadline: July 18
[vocations.archchicago.org/
events/quo-vadis-days](http://vocations.archchicago.org/events/quo-vadis-days)
or call 312.534.8292

WE GIVE THANKS



Many thanks to our Immaculate Conception family for supporting St. Mary's Mission School in Red Lake, MN through your generous donation of Lenten alms. We will be sending Fr. Jerry a check in the amount of \$36,000.00, which will significantly aid in the establishment of an eighth grade classroom. This will have an enormous positive impact not only for the families of St. Mary's, but for the entire reservation. May God return to you one hundred-fold what you have shared with those less fortunate.

Our 53rd Sunday collection is a way to help IC pay for unexpected costs and balance our Parish budget. To those of you who returned your 53rd Sunday donations, **THANK YOU**. If you have not yet and are able to do so, please make sure to send your gift before June 30, 2019 to be included in this fiscal year. If you prefer to donate online, please go to the IC Parish website, www.icelmhurst.org. Click on the orange circle on the left side that says "Donate Today". If you have an account, you will find 53rd Sunday on the "Give a New Gift" drop down menu for your convenience. If not, please create an account for access. Once again, **THANK YOU** for all that you do!



Immaculate Conception celebrates another successful year of hosting Pads (Public Action to Deliver Shelter). Many thanks to our co-chairs Mary

O'Leary and Julie Easton Peterson, for their leadership in a year of transition. We thank all of our volunteers from the bottom of our hearts; those who donate food, bake deserts, transport the food to the site, prepare the food, set up the site, check-in guests, chaperone the guests, pick up and deliver the laundry, prepare breakfast, clean up the site, donate gift cards for food purchases or engage with this ministry in any other way.

Volunteers are the heart and soul of the PADS ministry at IC. We could not do it without your passion and commitment to the homeless population. For more information on DuPage Pads, please visit www.dupagepads.org May God bless you abundantly for your generosity of time and talent.

Thank you to all who lovingly prepared special Mothers' Day gift bags for us. We were overwhelmed by the generosity of our parish family. Not only have our food pantry moms received their bag of goodies, but we were able to bless women who frequent our food pantry, 67 seniors at Greencastle Senior Housing, and patrons of the Elmhurst Clothing Center and the People's May God continue to bless your generous hearts!



Community Life

IC is pleased to present **two** traveling worship opportunities for IC families!



Traveling Mary



Traveling Vocation Crucifix

Since the Year of Mary in 2013, IC families have been enjoying a visit from **Traveling Mary** as she becomes part of their family for approximately one month.

IC is now pleased and proud to announce a new addition to the Traveling Worship program: our **Traveling Vocation Crucifix** is now available to visit IC homes to help families guide prayers for vocations. If your family would like to participate in the Traveling Worship program, [click here](#) for more information.

Interested in becoming a Boy Scout?
Click the link below for more information on IC Troop 77!

<https://www.troopwebhost.org/Troop77Elmhurst/Index.htm>

To help an Eagle Scout project or to learn more about our scout's efforts, [click **HERE!**](#)

The SERRA CLUB of DuPage, an organization supporting vocations to the priesthood and religious life, invites the members of the IC Community to join Serra for Mass and Dinner at St Michael's Church in Wheaton at 6:00:PM pm Monday, June 24, 2019

Vocations

Please remember these men and women in your daily prayers – Priests, Deacons, Seminarians, and Women & Men Religious in the Diocese of Joliet. Click [HERE](#) to download our Vocation Calendar for June 2019.

The Vocation Ministry's mission is to create an atmosphere in our parish that is supportive of religious vocation and provides information about events where young people and families can learn more about discerning this call. One of our goals is to increase prayers for vocations in our parish. Please join us in adoration on every second Monday of each month, from 7-8 PM, at the Visitation Adoration Chapel.

Do you know the other St. Francis?



The Daughters of St. Francis de Sales: A Spirituality of the Heart

If in your heart you have been longing for a more intimate relationship with God, Salesian Spirituality may be an answer for you. St. Francis de Sales, a 17th century French Bishop and Doctor of the Church, taught that all of us are unique, each with different gifts. He believed that lay people could deepen their friendship with God simply by being who they are and doing that well. This incorporates the support of spiritual friends and a little time committed to daily prayer. His approach is amazingly well adapted to busy contemporary lives. We are a spiritual family of Catholic laywomen, single, married, divorced, or widowed, recognized by the Pontifical Council for the Laity. We offer a gentle focus on conversion of self through listening to the Holy Spirit, knowing ourselves, and faithfully seeking our unique path toward deepening our relationship with God. We meet in the morning of the 1st Saturday of the month.

Would you like to know more?

Please contact

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Josephine Bastianoni at jbastianoni@icelmhurst.org
Beth Fiset at fisetteelizabeth@gmail.com
Judy Everson at jude350@comcast.net

Christian Ministry

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.



ELMHURST
WALK-IN
ASSISTANCE NETWORK

formerly known as
Elmhurst Walk-in Ministry

We partner with the Elmhurst Walk-In Assistance Network (EWAN), a local not-for-profit formed in 1997 to respond to emergency needs in Elmhurst, IL. EWAN's mission statement reads, "The people of our faith communities, service organizations, businesses, and caring individuals unite in partnership to provide compassionate and effective assistance to people in need within our community."

For the first quarter of 2019, EWAN spent \$27,066 serving 213 clients, with 284 services provided (some clients needed assistance in multiple ways). Approximately 66% of EWAN's annual budget is used for rental assistance and utilities for those who are struggling. EWAN also vets clients who use the **IC food pantry**. Food pantry vouchers were given 179 times this quarter.

To learn more about EWAN, please visit their website at www.elmhurstwalkin.org



Our most needed items in the **Food Pantry** are brown and white rice, salad dressing, canned tuna and chicken, pasta and pasta sauce, canned or fresh fruit, coffee, milk, eggs, pancake mix and syrup, body soap/wash, toilet paper, shampoo, laundry detergent and dish soap. Cleaning items (sponges, Lysol, Clorox bleach, etc) are especially needed. Personal hygiene products are always welcome.

"In the poor and the outcast, we see Christ's face; by loving and helping the poor, we love and serve Christ."
Pope Francis

If you or someone you know are experiencing health issues, facing surgery, receiving or recuperating from medical treatments, healing through grief or experiencing a significant life crossroads and would like to receive a prayer shawl, please contact the parish office at 630-530-8515. One of our Prayer Shawl Ministers will contact you to obtain additional information.

Prayer shawls are a tangible sign of healing prayers from our parish and a way in which to feel the healing presence of God.



Are you in need of an annulment? Do you have questions about the process, timeline or requirements? Please contact Pam Stefik at 530-3497 for information.

Joyful Again! Retreats for Widows and Widowers

June 22 & 23 St. Julie's, Tinley Park
July 20 & 21 Holy Family, Inverness
September 7 & 8 Mary Queen of Heaven, Elmhurst



Catholic Charities, Diocese of Joliet

...operates an 18-bed homeless shelter in Villa Park called **Hope House**. They are seeking volunteers to prepare and serve

meals at the shelter. Volunteers are also welcome to prepare meals offsite and bring them to the shelter to serve. The ingredients will be provided. This is a great opportunity to help homeless families! Please contact Joy Newburn at jnewburn@cc-doj.org or 630-519-6547 for additional information. To learn more about Hope House, please visit catholiccharitiesjoliet.org.

SHARING CONNECTIONS

 we furnish hope

www.sharingconnections.org

Due to a lack of storage space, IC is unable to accept furniture for use in our Transitional Housing program. Our clients are sent to Sharing Connections, located in Downers Grove, to choose furnishings for their new apartments. To view a complete list of accepted items, please access

RULE OF THUMB: IF THE DONATED ITEM IS NOT READY TO GO DIRECTLY TO ONE OF OUR FAMILIES, THEN IT WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. HELP US SERVE FAMILIES WITH DIGNITY, AS WE DO NOT BELIEVE "SOMETHING IS BETTER THAN NOTHING".

Christian Ministry Continued...

The Shrine of Christ's Passion / Second Annual Trip St. John, Indiana



The Shrine of the Christ's Passion is a multi-media interactive, half-mile winding Prayer Trail that depicts the last days of Jesus Christ's life. Forty life-size bronze sculptures in a tranquil setting, complete with beautiful music and amazingly sculptured gardens allow visitors to experience the story of the crucifixion and resurrection as never before! We will also tour St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, which borders the shrine.

Our trip is scheduled for Tuesday, June 25. We will leave IC at 9:00AM and return by 4:00PM. Space is limited. Club cars are available on-site for those unable to walk the path. The cost to participate is \$25.00. The shrine's website is www.shrineofchristspassion.org Please contact Pam Stefik at 630-530-3497 for additional Information and/or to reserve your spot.



Reporting Sexual Abuse

Anyone with reason to believe that a child has been abused or is being abused should report their suspicions to civil authorities. **Contact: Illinois Department of Children and Family Services: 1-800-25ABUSE (1-800-252-2873) and local police.** The Diocese of Joliet Victim Assistance Coordinator is available to help victims/survivors of child sexual abuse by a cleric, employee or volunteer of the Catholic Church. The Victim Assistance Coordinator will report to Bishop Conlon and coordinate efforts of pastoral support and outreach to assist in the healing process. The Victim Assistance Coordinator can also assist in making a report to civil authorities. **Contact the Diocese of Joliet Victim Assistance Coordinator at 1-815-263-6467.**

World Refugee Sunday is celebrated on June 20. In their encyclical "**Welcoming the Stranger Among Us: Unity in Diversity**," The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops call us to recognize the diverse gifts our brother and sister refugees and immigrants bring to the Church. We are highlighting portions of this letter and providing some facts on refugees.

- The presence of so many people of so many different cultures and religions in so many different parts of the United States has challenged us as a Church to profound conversion to that we can become truly a sacrament of unity.
- The new immigrants and refugees call us back to our ancestral heritage as descendants of immigrants and to our baptismal heritage as members of the Body of Christ.
- As Catholics we are called to take concrete measures to overcome the misunderstanding, ignorance, competition and fear that stand in the way of genuinely welcoming the stranger in our midst and enjoying the communion that is our destiny as Children of God.
- Immigrants, new to our shores, call us out of our unawareness to a conversion of mind and heart through which we are able to offer a genuine and suitable welcome, to share together as brothers and sisters at the same table, and to work side by side to improve the quality of life for society's marginalized members.
- The Church supports the human rights of all people and offers them pastoral care, education, and social services, no matter what the circumstances of entry into this country, and it works for the respect of the human dignity of all, especially those who find themselves in desperate circumstances.
- Racist attitudes can linger in subtle ways, even when people get to know one another, unless we vigorously educate ourselves about our neighbors, learn to appreciate their heritages, encounter their own images of us, and strive to work with them on behalf of common causes.
- The Church of the twenty-first century requires a profound conversion in spirit and in its institutions to reflect its own cultural pluralism, to address the needs of the whole Catholic community, and to further a genuine communion of solidarity among the diverse members of the Body of Christ.

FACTS ABOUT REFUGEES

- A refugee is a person who has been forced to leave his/her homeland and is unable to return because she or he has experienced persecution or has a well-founded fear of persecution. Persecution can be related to race, nationality, religion, political opinions, or membership in a particular social group.
- There are 22.5 million refugees around the world, with 55 percent from just three countries: Syria, Afghanistan and South Sudan.
- Over 50 percent of refugees are under the age of 18.
- Every minute, 20 people are forced to flee their homes due to conflict and persecution.
- Most refugees wait an average of 17 years in a refugee camp or in urban areas outside the camps before returning to their country or resettling in a new country.
- Less than 1 percent of the world's refugees are ever resettled to a new country.
- Turkey is the top hosting country for refugees with a total of 2.9 million.
- The vetting process that allows for refugees to be resettled in the United States is conducted by both the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) and the United States government, taking up to 2 years and oftentimes longer.
- Since 1975, the U.S. government has welcomed over 3 million refugees for resettlement and these refugees have since built new lives and homes in all 50 states.
- In the fiscal year 2017, Illinois was the ninth top state for refugee resettlement.

2018 Exodus World Service exodusworldservice.org

WORLD REFUGEE DAY



Faith Formation

RCIA or the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults is a process of prayer, reflection, education and faith sharing specifically intended for those who

- Would like to be baptized
- Were baptized into another Christian faith and would like to become Catholic
- Were baptized Catholic and would now like to complete their Sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation



Are YOU or someone that you know being called to “**Come and See**” about the Catholic Church? We welcome you to participate in this prayerful and educational journey of discovery.

The journey begins in September. Please contact Pam Stefik at 630-530-3497 to arrange an informal interview and learn more about the year ahead.



For the first time, RCIA candidates were initiated during a Sunday morning Mass instead of the Easter Vigil. The Easter Vigil is now reserved for those individuals needing to be baptized. As a parish family we congratulate and warmly welcome those who were received into full Communion with the Catholic Church on May 19. **Shauna Brueggen and Christine Harezlak**, entered the Catholic Church from the Presbyterian tradition, made a Profession of Faith, were confirmed and received First Eucharist. **Emil Amerei, Mia Carreon and Nicholas Credidio**, already baptized Catholic, completed their Sacraments of Initiation and received the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Eucharist.

These individuals have been in formation through the **RCIA** process since September. We also congratulate their godparents/sponsors who journeyed with them. Let us rejoice with them and pray for them in a special way as they join us at the Eucharistic table.

Religious Education

2019-2020 Re Registration materials are available on the RE website or in the IC Rectory Office. Early registration entitles you to a discount on tuition and fees!

1st Eucharist class pictures have arrived and may be picked up at the Parish Administration Centre during regular office hours.

As we conclude our RE sessions for this 2018-19 term, we ask God to grant special blessings on our Catechists and Catechist Aides.

We thank them for their dedication.

Looking forward to 2019-20, additional Catechists and Catechists Aides will be needed to continue to provide for the spiritual needs of our IC children. Prayerfully consider volunteering for this important ministry. Contact the Religious Education office to volunteer.

Totus Tuus at Visitation Parish July 14-19

The Totus Tuus parish summer catechetical youth program is a week-long “parish mission” for Catholic youth entering grades 1st through 12th. It is dedicated to the proclamation of the Gospel and promoting the Catholic faith through evangelization, catechesis, apologetics, Christian witness, the sacraments, Marian devotion, and Eucharistic worship.

Totus Tuus aims to assist parents and parishes in the evangelizing and catechizing of their youth by supplementing the work they are already doing.

The methodology, structure, content, and enthusiasm of Totus Tuus is concerned not only with teaching the faith, but also igniting the hearts of the team members and young people. The result has been the formation of youth and young adults who continue to dedicate themselves to the Church’s mission of evangelization.

Please go to the Visitation Website for registration!



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Call: 630-530-3460



Knights Golf Classic June 24, 2019



Join us for the 27th annual scholarship fundraiser for IC Catholic Prep.
Tickets are \$150 per golfer or \$600 per foursome.
Discounted tickets are available for young alumni.

Date: Monday, June 24, 2019

Time: 11:00 AM Shotgun Start

Where: Boulder Ridge Country Club

Contact:
Tracie Ortman, 630.530.3491
tortman@iccatholicprep.org

Around the Diocese



Soccer
Baseball
Volleyball
Cross Country

Hockey
Football
Wrestling
Basketball

www.catholicssportscamps.org

Ignite the Fire of the Holy Spirit!

Catholic Sports Camps

Where Skills Are Sharpened & FAITH Comes Alive!



REGISTER NOW

2019

Soccer:	June 16-19, IC Catholic Prep, Elmhurst, IL
Golf:	June 16-20 (Gr. 4-8) & June 23-27 (Gr. 6-12) Avondale Golf Club, Palm Desert, CA
Hockey:	June 17-19, Nelson Arena, Springfield, IL July 14-17, Darien Sportsplex, Darien, IL
Football:	June 30-July 3, Benedictine University, Lisle, IL
Basketball:	July 21-24, Guerin College Prep HS, River Grove, IL
Baseball:	July 28-31, Benet Academy, Lisle, IL
Wrestling:	July 28-31, Joliet Junior College, Joliet, IL
Volleyball:	August 4-7, Montini Catholic HS, Lombard, IL
Cross Country:	August 4-7, Mount Carmel HS, Chicago, IL

www.CatholicSportsCamps.org



RELIGIOUS FREEDOM WEEK

Religious Freedom Week 2019: Strength in Hope

Religious Freedom Week takes place from June 22 to 29. The Week begins with the Feast of Sts. John Fisher and Thomas More, ends with the Solemnity of Sts. Peter and Paul, and includes the Feast of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist.

During Religious Freedom Week, Catholics are encouraged to pray and act each day for religious freedom. The Pray-Reflect-Act series aims to help Catholics build solidarity with people of faith who are persecuted abroad and find strength to carry out the mission of the Church here in the United States.

St. Pius X Carnival & Fest June 27-30

1025 E. Madison (at Westmore), Lombard

CARNIVAL HOURS

Thurs. 5pm – 10pm, Fri. 5pm – 10pm,
Sat. 1pm – 10pm, Sun. 1pm - 8pm

GAMES – FOOD – BEER GARDEN

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Rides for the Whole Family

7 Big Rides – 8 Kiddie Rides

Thursday Family Night: 5-7pm

Magician, Juggler, \$1 hot dogs
TOT LOT (3 & under) 5-8pm nightly

Unlimited Daily Ride Specials:

\$25 per person per session
Thurs-Fri: 5-9pm Sat-Sun: 1-5pm

Advance Sale Savings Wristband

\$60 presale (\$75 at carnival)

Purchase before June 26th

St. Pius X School or Parish Office

Find us on Facebook at

**www.facebook.com/stpiusxlombard/
or www.stpiuslombard.org**

Women of the Way
cordially invites you ...

To a Celebration of Sisterhood!

Summer Garden Party

Sunday, June 2nd, 2019
4:00-6:30 pm

Blanchette Catholic Center Courtyard
16555 Weber Road, Crest Hill, IL 60403

4 pm Prayer in the courtyard
4:15-6:15 pm Tea & light refreshments, witness talks,
faith fair with displays of Catholic resources for women,
Chapel open for quiet prayer,
prayer teams available to pray with and for you
Books and other items available for sale

Registration is kindly requested
Register via Facebook @WomenoftheWayDOJ
or call Lisa Askew at the diocese 815-221-6234
by Thursday, May 23rd

Sponsored by:



Catholic Education
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Immaculate Conception Parish 2019 IC Fest Saturday, August 24

WOULD YOU LIKE TO SPONSOR AN EVENT FOR OUR 2019 FEST?

HAVE YOUR FAMILY OR BUSINESS SPONSOR ONE OR MORE OF THE EVENTS LISTED!

Your family name/company will be displayed on all posters and flyers that advertise the IC Fest. On the day of the Fest, all sponsors will be listed on signs throughout the event.

Complete the form below. Please mail to:

**Immaculate Conception,
134 Arthur Street, Elmhurst, IL 60126
Attn: IC FEST**

or drop it in the Sunday collection basket by August 4, 2019

Name _____

Address _____

I would like to sponsor/co-sponsor

Enclosed is a check made out to IC Parish in the amount of \$_____

I am not able to sponsor an event, but would like to donate a monetary gift
\$_____



Children's Train \$900

Co-sponsorship \$450

Giant Slide \$500

Co-sponsorship \$250

Children's Games \$300

Co-sponsorship \$150

Magician \$440

Co-sponsorship \$220



Sand Art Table \$600

Co-sponsorship \$300

Craft Table \$600

Co-sponsorship \$300

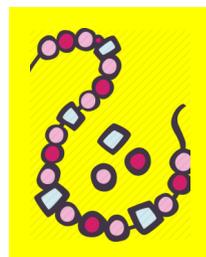


DJ \$450

Co-sponsorship \$160

Tables/Chairs \$800

Co-sponsorship \$400

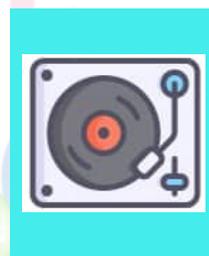


Platinum Sponsor \$250

Gold Sponsor \$100

Silver Sponsor \$50

Bronze Sponsor \$25



WE ARE IC Capital Campaign

Naming Opportunities Available

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
<u>Sacred Heart Chapel Renovation</u>		
Shrine of the Sacred Heart	1	\$ 100,000
Tabernacle & Stand	1	\$ 50,000
Family Chapel	1	\$ 50,000 each
Sound System	1	\$ 30,000
Saint Windows	9	\$ 25,000
Symbol Windows	18	\$ 25,000
Etched Glass Doors (Narthex & Nave)	4	\$ 25,000 each
Narthex upgrades	1	\$ 25,000
Chapel Signage Above Arthur St. Exterior Doors		\$ 20,000
Stations of the Cross (refurbished)	14	\$ 15,000 each
Reconciliation Rooms (enhanced)	3	\$ 10,000 each
Credence Table	1	\$ 5,000 each
Additional Sanctuary Chairs (servers /seminarians /additional priests)	6	\$ 5,000 each
Altar Candles	4	\$ 5,000 each
Processional Candles for Servers	2	\$ 5,000 each
Incense Brazier and Stand	1	\$ 5,000

Stained Glass Saints and Symbols

There are a total of 36 sections of windows in the chapel. In 18 of them, images of various saints will be made. Next to each of the saint windows will be a symbol that represents the life of that particular saint. The saints that have been chosen have had a direct relationship either with our country or have been recently canonized. If, however, someone would like to donate a window in honor of a saint not on this list, provisions may be made to allow that to happen. Below is the list of available saints and their corresponding symbols.

Saints

- St. John XXIII
- St. Isaac Jogues
- St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
- St. John Neuman
- St. Francis Xavier Cabrini
- St. Kateri Tekakwitha
- St. Junipero Serra
- St. Damien of Molokai
- St. Marianne Cope
- St. Katherine Drexel

Symbols

- Lamb of God
- Crown of Thorns
- Pelican
- Bible
- House of God
- Holy Spirit
- Trinity
- Sacrifice Cross and Crown
- Anchor
- Eucharist

The following symbols are still available to represent the saints that have already been donated.

Virtues Tree (St. Theodore Guerin)	3 Fish Trinity (St. Anthony)
Justice (St. Rose Duchesne)	Reconciliation (St. John Paul II)
Shield w/Water (St. Therese of Lisieux)	Sacred Heart (St. Margaret Mary Alacoque)
Gates of Heaven (St. Teresa of Calcutta)	Mercy (St. Faustina)
Symbols for Padre Pio and St. Cecilia tbd	

*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.*

We Are IC!

Capital Campaign Letter of Intent

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

My investment will be made as follows:

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

Payment Options

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

Bank Account - attach a voided check to this form

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

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

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

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

Signature _____ Date _____

Signature _____ Date _____

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

Name: _____

Address _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Cell: _____

E-mail: _____