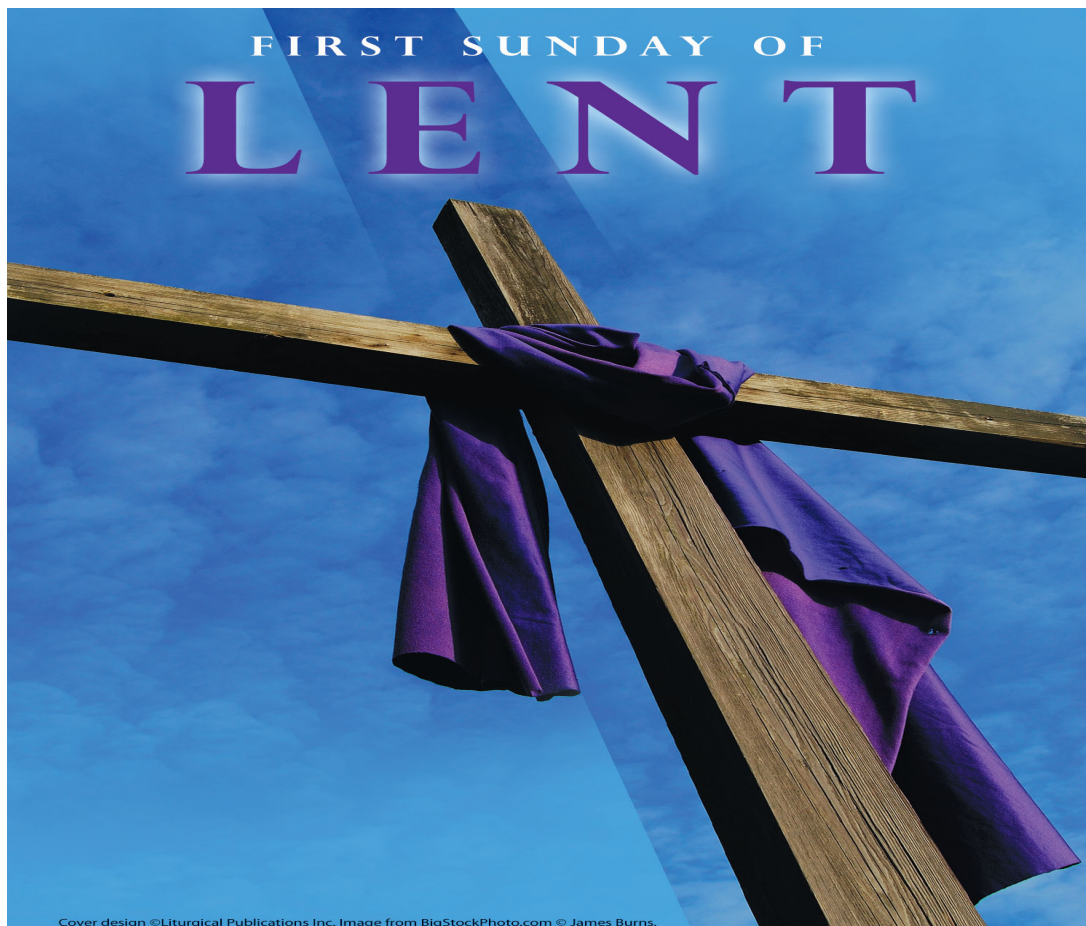


Immaculate Conception Parish Bulletin

Very Reverend Thomas Paul, V. F. K.H.S., Pastor
Reverend Jose Cerna, 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 6:15am and 7:30am

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 6:15am Mass until all are heard



Lent 2023

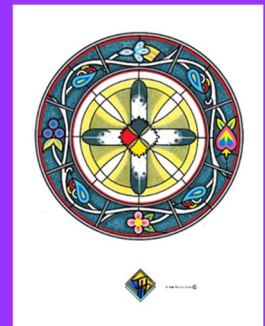
Lenten Outreach Project

Our Lenten alms bags were distributed on Ash Wednesday. If you did not receive one, please take one from the baskets in the narthex this weekend. Some bags are also available at the Parish Administration Center.

St. Mary's Mission School has faced a number of challenges in the ten years that Immaculate Conception has supported them through our Lenten alms, the latest of which was a 2017 fire which demolished their worship space. IC has been enormously generous in the past and our efforts have been recognized and appreciated by Fr. Jerry and his staff. Fr. Jerry Rogers died suddenly this past fall. IC wishes to honor his legacy by donating the (only) stained-glass window in the new church and funding some school-related needs. During Lent, as we seek to draw closer to God, let us remember God's favor to us and ways in which we might share our blessings with our lesser brothers and sisters in Christ.

Will you

- ◆ Forego Starbucks one day per week and donate those funds to St. Mary's? \$5 x 6 weeks = \$30
- ◆ Forego eating out as a family once during the Lenten season and donating to St. Mary's? \$40 - \$50
- ◆ Resist Amazon impulse buying? \$25 - \$100
- ◆ Do without one manicure / pedicure during Lent? \$40



Daily Masses

On Fridays when there is a Grade School Mass at 8:15am, masses will be celebrated at 6:15am and 8:15am. On these days there will be no 7:30 am mass. When there is not a grade school mass, masses will be celebrated at 6:15am and 7:30am. Those who regularly attend the 7:30 am mass are encouraged and welcome to participate either in the 6:15 or 8:15am masses when there is not a 7:30 am mass. All are encouraged to attend daily Masses, especially during Lent.

Lenten Reflection Books

The Black Books for Lenten Reflection are available in the narthex

Lenten Regulations

1. Everyone 14 years of age or over is bound to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent.
2. All from the age of 18 years up to the beginning of their 60th year are bound to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.
3. On these two days of fast and abstinence, only one full meatless meal is allowed. Two other meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted on these two days, but liquids, including milk and fruit juices are allowed. When health or ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not oblige.
4. To disregard completely the law of fast and abstinence is seriously sinful.
5. Lent is the principal season of penance in the Church year. All of the faithful are strongly urged to develop and follow a program of voluntary self-denial (in addition to following the Lenten regulations), serious prayer, and a performance of works of charity and mercy.

Those who are sick, pregnant, or nursing, or whose health would adversely be affected by fasting or abstinence, should not consider themselves bound by these norms.

Stations of the Cross

All are encouraged to pray the Stations at 6:30pm in the Church on the following dates:

March 1 March 8 March 15 March 22
 March 29

ICGS students will pray the Stations at 2pm in the Church on the following dates:

February 24 March 3
 March 10 with Benediction and Exposition

Living Stations of the Cross

March 17 —2pm—Grade School—Church

Anointing of the Sick

The Sacrament of the Sick will be available for all in need following 8am Mass on March 18th

Anointing of the Sick is one of two Sacraments of Healing, the other being Reconciliation. Many people think of asking for this anointing only when they are nearing death through sickness or old age. However, if this is the case, we would be missing out on the opportunity for God to heal and help us at times when we might need God the most - when we are having surgery, dealing with a physical, mental, emotional, or even spiritual affliction. It is during these difficult times that we need the Holy Spirit's gifts of strength, faith, peace and courage. It is during these times, as well, that we should seek to receive this God-given Sacrament of Healing. Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. James 5:14

Eucharistic Adoration

March 22, 23, & 24

Following 7:30 am Mass on Wednesday and Thursday, the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed and the Church will remain open for private prayer before the Eucharist. On Friday, The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed and the Church will remain open following the grade school 8:15am Mass. On Wednesday and Friday there will be 6:30pm Stations of the Cross followed by Benediction. On Thursday, a Respect Life Rosary will be said followed by Benediction.

Reconciliation

March 25 8:00am—3:00 pm Church

7 hours of Reconciliation. Priests from the 16 parishes in our Deanery will be available at all times for English Confessions and at some times for Spanish and Polish Confessions.

March 3 First Friday Reconciliation after 6:15am Mass until all are heard

March 14 ICGS Students

March 21 ICCP Students

Individual Reconciliation will also be held on the following dates following 4:30 Mass until 6pm:

February 25 (Sacred Heart Chapel)

March 4 (Sacred Heart Chapel)

March 11 (Sacred Heart Chapel)

March 18 (Sacred Heart Chapel)

March 25 No Reconciliation after Mass

April 1 2:30pm - 4:00pm Church and After 4:30pm Mass until all are heard

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

Parish Mission

March 19, 20, & 21 7:00 p.m. Church

Fr. Larry Dreffein, O.F.M. "Walking the Walk"

On these nights, we will explore the companions of Jesus in His life, specifically focusing on Peter, James, and John. The hope is we can grow in our relationship with Jesus by reflecting on his "buddies."

Sunday: The Encounter (call)

Monday: The Experiences

Tuesday: The Challenge

Larry Dreffein, OFM, 56 years a Franciscan, 46 years a priest, pastor, teacher, administrator, spiritual director, adult educator. He has experience in both the Roman and Eastern traditions of the Church. He has worked with all ages and 27 years working with ministry focused with Senior Citizens. He has been a teacher, pastor, administrator and confessor.





Women's Lenten Prayer Breakfast

Come and join the women of Immaculate Conception in fellowship this Lent as we discuss the book, *The Book of Joy: Lasting Happiness in a Changing World* by the Dalai Lama and Desmond Tutu. We will meet the six Saturdays of Lent starting February 25th 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.

Lectio Divina

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

Men's Prayer Breakfast

March 11th following 8am Mass

Bible Study

Read John's Gospel in 5 short sessions this Lent. We will meet on Tuesdays, starting Feb. 28, from 7:00 to 8:00 pm. Contact annehohbein@aol.com for the Zoom link.

Web Series:

"Eucharist: The Work of Our Redemption"

Thursdays During Lent at Noon Central Time from February 23-March 23. Registration found at fdlc.org Videos can be watched after the fact if you register.



That Man Is You! Every Saturday During Lent

Each week, dozens of men gather for hot breakfast, fellowship, and most importantly to take the next steps to experience authentic freedom as sons of God together. The Fight of Faith will equip and enable men to engage in the cosmic, spiritual battle raging in our day. Come join us for this uniquely contemplative and practical multi-speaker video series and enter into the Fight of Faith!

Mary Queen of Heaven Parish
Barrett Hall
426 West Ave.
Elmhurst, IL 60126

REGISTRATION & INFORMATION

For more information or to register go to www.TMIY.org.

For questions, please contact:

Andrew Morgan - 630-276-6401 or Ken Gillie - 847-980-2803

Advanced registration is not required to attend any session.

Returning participants DO NOT need to resubmit registration

Immaculate Conception Altar of Repose



For many years, prior to our Covid outbreak, we chartered a bus and embarked on a journey to visit seven different Altars of Repose at various Chicagoland churches on Holy Thursday evening following the Mass of the Lord's Supper at Immaculate Conception, returning to IC around midnight.

Consideration is being given to reinstating this tradition. We would like to gauge interest from our parish family. If you would like to join us on this holy evening, in preparation for the sacred days to follow, please contact the Christian

Ministry office at 630-530-3497 by March 15, indicating how many would like to attend. We encourage families to participate in this pilgrimage.



This Sunday, our Catechumens, Kayla Armstrong, Megan Campbell, Emmeline Durkin, Greg Durkin, Francesco Ferranti, and Stephanie Saltzman, will be “sent” from Immaculate Conception to the Cathedral of St. Raymond in Joliet for the **Rite of Election** this afternoon, celebrated by Bishop Ron Hicks. They have affirmed their intention to be baptized and receive the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil. Next Sunday, March 5, our candidates will participate in the Penitential Rite. Candidates are those who are baptized Catholic but have not yet received the Sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation. Candidates also include those who were baptized into another Christian faith tradition and now desire to join the Catholic Church. The celebration of this rite presumes that the candidates are approaching the maturity of faith and understanding requisite for fuller life within the Catholic community.

The Sundays during Lent are especially significant for those completing their Sacraments of Initiation. Over the next several Sundays, our Elect (those who will be baptized, receive Eucharist and be confirmed) will celebrate the Lenten Scrutinies. It is the primary way that the Church assists them in their conversion process during Lent. These ritual celebrations on the Third, Fourth and Fifth Sundays of Lent are communal prayers celebrated around the Elect to strengthen them in overcoming the power of sin in their lives, while helping them to grow in virtue. The parish community does not scrutinize the Elect; the Elect scrutinize their own lives and allow God to heal them.

Taking seriously the dynamic of scrutiny and conversion gives us a richer perspective of Lenten “giving up.” What we are to give up more than anything else is sin, that which keeps us from living out our baptismal promises fully. **Along with the Elect, we all need to approach the season of Lent by asking ourselves what needs to change in our lives if we are to live out the gospel values that Jesus taught us.** Our journey through these forty days should be a movement ever closer to Christ and to the way of life he has exemplified for us. As we listen to stories about the woman at the well, the man born blind and the raising of Lazarus, we ask ourselves “for whom/what do I thirst? Do I recognize Jesus as the light of the world and ask him to remove my prejudice and complacency, allowing me to see the needs of others? Will I accept Jesus’ offer of new life?”

As a parish family, let us prayerfully journey with those who will receive the Sacraments of Initiation. We pray for Kayla Armstrong, Megan Campbell, Emmeline Durkin, Greg Durkin, Francesco Ferranti, Stephanie Saltzman, Michael Morsch, Jase Sayre and Danielle Sayre.

***Lord, we pray for those in the OCIA process who journey to you.
Open their hearts to the fullness of your love.
Deepen their understanding.
Set their hearts on fire for the kingdom of God.
We ask this through Jesus, who is the Way,
The truth and the Life. Amen.***



Worship

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: The LORD God formed man out of the clay of the ground and blew into his nostrils the breath of life. (Gn 2:7)

Psalm: Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned. (Ps 51)

Second Reading: For just as through the disobedience of the one man the many were made sinners, so, through the obedience of the one, the many will be made righteous. (Rom 5:19)

Gospel: At that time Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights. (Mt 4:1-2)

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 17 (see 3a)/Rom 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19/Mt 4:1-11

Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15 Mt 25:31-46

Tuesday: Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19/Mt 6:7-15

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

Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8/Mt 7:7-12

Friday: Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 507a, 7bc-8/Mt 5:20-26

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

Next Sunday: Gn 12:1-4a/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22 (22)/2Tm 1:8b-10/Mt 17:1-9

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: 1st Sunday of Lent

Monday: St. Gregory of Narek

Friday: St. Katharine Drexel, Virgin

Saturday: St. Casimir

Next Sunday: 2nd Sunday of Lent

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

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27

6:15AM: †James Metcalf

7:30AM: †Lee Bastianoni

†Dr. Richard Cronin / Family

†Bernadette Ross

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28

6:15AM: †Quin Mulligan

7:30AM: †Mary Koch / Susan Koch

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1

6:15AM: †John R Kish

7:30AM: †Fr. Richard Garbin / Loretta Kalina

THURSDAY, MARCH 2

6:15AM: †Pete Giraffa / George & Denise Loss

7:30AM: †James Masterson

FRIDAY, MARCH 3

6:15AM: †Gwen & Tom Eddington & Family

8:15AM: †ICGS

SATURDAY, MARCH 4

8:00AM: †Bill Cello / Friends

4:30PM: †Tom Morrissey / McCoy Family

SUNDAY, MARCH 5

7:30AM: †Peter Hay / Bar & Don Betley

9:00AM: †Bernadette Ross / Family

11:30AM: †Parish Family

7:00PM: †Georgiana Ketchum

†Indicates Deceased



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.

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.

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.

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| Campbell, Donna | McCann, Mary |
| Darley, Reg | Schramm, Colleen |
| Feely, Deacon John | Serritella, Annette |
| Gow, Olivia | Severino, Jeffrey |
| Larson, Ronald | Sheridan, Thomas |
| Koch, Susan | Vogel, Renee Moran |
| Maiers, Michelle | |

If you would like your name or that of a loved one listed, please email bulletin@icelhurst.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.

"HEAVENLY FATHER, ACCEPT OUR PRAYERS WHICH WE OFFER FOR THEM"



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 at Immaculate Conception in January:

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| ◆ Parker Elizabeth Bean | ◆ Avi Edward Goel |
| ◆ Rory Lee Cleal | ◆ Cecilia Lorraino |
| ◆ Carter James Cook | ◆ Quien |
| ◆ Grayson William Cook | ◆ Rowan Michael Wons |
| ◆ Samay Ria Goel | ◆ Gia Marie Carfagnini |

2023 ENGAGED COUPLES

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| Victoria Bautista & Michael Wons | 5/12 |
| Jennifer Lee & Michael Mehilos | 6/3 |
| Emily Meyers & Joseph Conroy | 6/9 |
| Olivia Schmitt & Brian Page | 6/10 |
| Margaret Ewing & Jack Novy | 7/1 |

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 Gronck
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
- 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
- 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
- Lt. Keith Wolfe**, CHC, US Navy



St. Joseph Table

Family and Friends of Immaculate Conception Parish

Please join us as we celebrate the Feast of St. Joseph
Immediately following the 11:30 am Mass
until 2:30 pm in Plunkett Hall
Sunday, March 19th, 2023

Come for a Taste of Tradition

Would you like to **DONATE A DISH?** Would you like to **DONATE YOUR TIME?**
Email Karina Gildea at kgildea@icelmhurst.org or call 630-530-3482



Sugar Creek Tuesday Morning Ladies Golf League
For ladies of all ages and golf abilities
9 holes weekly

JOIN US for fun, friendship, and golf

May 2 - Sept. 26

Anyone interested, contact Mary Liz Dudek
maryliz.dudek@gmail.com



DAYBREAK TRANSITIONAL HOUSING VIRTUAL MENTOR TRAINING

We are still seeking additional mentors in our transitional housing ministry. If you are interested, but unsure of what is involved, we invite you to attend one of our monthly meetings. Please contact Pam Stefik in the Christian Ministry Office to RSVP or request additional information on the program. It might also be helpful to speak with one of our existing mentors about the program. We welcome your inquiries!

You ARE invited!

Enjoy "Cod for God"
every "Fryday Knight"
of Lent 2023



(Beginning Friday, March 3, 2023)

Delicious seafood from
Supreme Lobster!

North Atlantic Cod (Fried or baked!)
Jumbo Beer Battered Fried Shrimp
Zesty Fish Tacos Seafood Chowder
Kids meals!

Fr. McDonald Council #1911
1911 Club Hall
537 S York Street
Elmhurst
Serving 5 - 8 PM
www.elmhurstkofc.org



The Inter-parish Marriage Enrichment Team presents our 15th Annual Event:

Marriage and the Messy Family

Making the Most of Your Mess

Marriage Enrichment Presentation

Saturday, March 4, 2023 9am – 1pm

Holy Spirit Catholic Community, 2003 Hassert Blvd, Naperville, IL 60564

\$50 per couple (\$45 per couple if ordered by 2/19/23)

You are not alone! Marriage and family life are messy and unpredictable, but they are the greatest adventures you will ever have. Families come in all shapes and sizes and develop their own unique cultures. Gain insight, inspiration and practical tools to nurture your marriage and build unity and a Catholic culture within your home whether you are a parent or grandparent.

Mike and Alicia Hernon

Mike and Alicia are co-founders of The Messy Family Project, a ministry serving overwhelmed, busy, and distracted families. Their podcast, The Messy Family Podcast, focuses on marriage, parenting and Catholic family life and reaches over 38,000 listeners a month. Mike and Alicia are parents to ten children and live in Steubenville, Ohio. Learn more about their ministry and resources at

www.messyfamilyproject.org.



Register now at imetevents.org (Scan the QR code from your phone) or mail check **made out to IMET** to:

John & Betty Schuch 1523 Eton Ln Naperville, IL 60565 (630-983-5999)

Rosary

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>



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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."



Take Time for Adoration---Pope Benedict XVI

"Remember that in the Bread of the Eucharist, Christ is really, totally and substantially present. It is therefore in the mystery of the Eucharist, at Mass and during silent adoration before the Blessed Sacrament of the altar, that you will meet him in a privileged way. By opening your very being and your whole life under the gaze of Christ, you will not be crushed - quite the contrary: you will discover that you are infinitely loved. You will receive the power that you need in order to build your lives and to make the choices that present themselves to you every day."





IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
GRADE SCHOOL 630.530.3490
**FAITH. FAMILY. ACADEMIC
EXCELLANCE**

IC Catholic Prep 630.530.3460

In February, we had nearly 30 ICCP seniors, Mr. Nuccio, Mr. Davidson, and Mr. Cronin go to the Mission of Our Lady of the Angels in Humboldt Park for a senior service day retreat. While there, they assisted in the operations of the Mission's food pantry, received a tour of the Mission and former church, and ate a communal lunch.

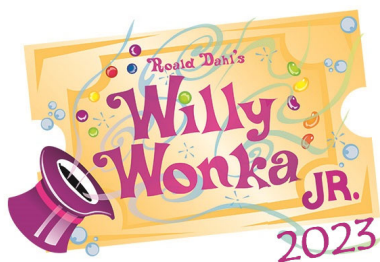


SAVE THE DATE FOR THE ELMHURST ST. PATRICKS DAY PARADE!

GATHER YOUR ICGS LADS AND LASSIES TO SPREAD SOME IRISH CHEER ON MARCH 4TH AT THE ELMHURST ST PATRICK'S DAY PARADE! DRESS IN YOUR ICGS SPIRITWEAR, ATHLETIC JERSEY OR OTHER ICGS ATTIRE ALONG WITH ST PATRICK ACCESSORIES! CLICK THE LINK BELOW TO SIGN UP!

SATURDAY, MARCH 4TH, 2023
LOCATION WILL BE SENT OUT THE WEEK BEFORE
ARRIVE AT 11:30AM

Immaculate Conception Grade School
Presents



Directed by Emily Leonard
Musical Direction by Jennifer McCormick
Choreography by Peg Koch

Friday, March 3rd - 7pm
Saturday, March 4th - 7pm
Sunday, March 5th - 2pm

IC Parish Gymnasium Theatre
Tickets: \$12 Available at the Door

Congratulations to Isaiah Gonzalez, a State Champion wrestler at 285 lbs! Saul Trejo took 3rd Place at 120lbs. and Foley Calcagno took 5th at 182lbs. We are so proud of our wrestling team ~ way to go!

YOUTH MINISTRY

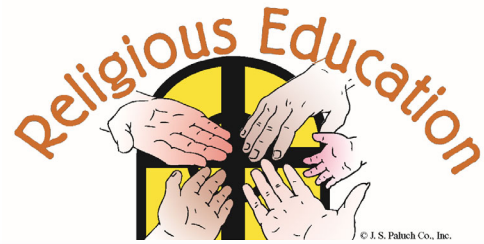
WORLDWIDE BANQUET
STUDENTS OF IMPACT 2.26.23 @ IC COSTELLO HALL 5:30 PM

A COMPELLING DINNER EXPERIENCE
OF GRATITUDE & SOCIAL JUSTICE

See email blasts and Knightly News for links to order play tickets and sign up for St. Patrick's Day Parade. We are IC!

Religious Education 530-3483

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



FORMED: RE families are reminded of this valuable, parish provided, spiritual resource. Numerous family centered Lenten programs are available for your use. Click the FORMED icon on the IC website to register .

<u>Sunday RE</u>	<u>Wednesday RE</u>
February 26	March 1
March 5	March 8
March 12	March 15

- 1st Eucharist Parent & Child Meeting is at 1pm today in the Sacred Heart Chapel. This meeting is in preparation for 1st Eucharist in May.
- Grade 4 RE students will participate in the sacrament of Reconciliation today and Wednesday, March 1 during regularly scheduled RE classes.
- ALL Grade 4 students and parents...join us for this Grade 4 special event, " Tour of the IC Church" on Tues March 7th 6:30 p.m. RSVP Sr Mary Francis
- During this holy season , RE classes will focus on the traditional observances of Lent: Fasting, Prayer, Alms Giving. Students will be invited/encouraged to create personal Lenten plans. RE classes will participate in Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in March. Families are invited/encouraged to participate in the Lenten opportunities as posted in the IC bulletin.



***Are you an adult Catholic who has not yet been confirmed?
 Are you a teen who would like to be confirmed?
 Do you have a teen that is not confirmed and would like to be?***

Immaculate Conception will offer Confirmation classes for **teens and adults** who wish to be confirmed, beginning March 6 and continuing for four weeks. Classes will be held from 6:30 – 8:00 PM in person at the Parish Administration Center. You do not need to be a member of Immaculate Conception Parish to participate in these classes.

Teens will be confirmed at Immaculate Conception with our eighth grade students on April 30, 2023 at 3:00PM. Adults will be confirmed at the Cathedral of St. Raymond in Joliet on Sunday, May 21 on Sunday, June 4 at 2:00PM. To register or to obtain additional information, please contact Pam Stefik at 630-530-3497 or pstefik@icelmhurst.org.



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Stewardship of Time and Treasure

**Weekly Sharing
February 12, 2023**

Sunday Envelopes Total:	\$ 14,916.00
Electronic Offerings:	\$ 14,624.13
Total Gifts:	\$ 29,540.13
Amount Budgeted Per Week:	\$ 29,000.00

Total Funds Collected 7/1-2/12/23	\$998,161.00
Amount Budgeted:	\$1,019,765.00
Budget over/(under) to date:	(\$21,604.00)

Thank You in His Name!

Presider Schedule

The presider schedule was not yet complete at time of print of this bulletin. Thank you for your understanding!



If you have already pledged your support to the Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA), thank you! If we all participate, we can meet our parish's CMAA goal of \$119,800. Each and every gift, large or small, makes a difference.



If you still need to make your gift, please prayerfully reflect on how you can best support the CMAA this year

and ensure all in our diocese know that *we belong to God*. There are many options for giving, from pledging to monthly recurring gifts. Pledge envelopes are still available in the church, or you can return the pledge card you received in the mail from the diocese or make a gift online at jolietdioceseappeal.org. Remember, if we raise more than our goal, the diocese will return to us 70 percent of the amount over goal. This is an amazing opportunity for our parish. In advance, thank you for your support!

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Dear Friends,

Our diocese will take up the annual second collection for Catholic Relief Services on March 19, and it could not come at a more fortunate time.

As the arm of the Catholic Church that helps the poor and vulnerable overseas, Catholic Relief Services plays a vital role during emergencies such as the earthquakes that occurred last month in Turkey and Syria. Catholic Relief Services immediately contacted its partners in those countries to provide safe shelter for individuals and families, and access to food, clean water and hygiene supplies.

Your support of Catholic Relief Services funds organizations dedicated to aiding people affected by war and natural disasters, migrants and refugees in need of material and legal assistance, and people worldwide whose livelihoods are impacted by changing political and environmental conditions.

This is life-saving work. Thank you for your support of our neighbors overseas with your donation to the humanitarian mission of Catholic Relief Services.

Paz y bien,
Most Reverend Ronald A. Hicks
Bishop of Joliet