

Immaculate Conception Parish Bulletin

Very Reverend Thomas Paul, V. F. K.H.S., Pastor
Reverend Jose Cerna, Parochial Vicar



3rd SUNDAY OF LENT

Jesus answered and said to her, "If you knew the gift of God and who is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him and he would have given you living water." - Jn 4:10

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

Friday: 8:30 a.m. ~ Noon

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NEW PARISHIONERS, WELCOME!

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

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

Saturday 8:00am and 4:30pm

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

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

First Fridays after 6:15am Mass until all are heard



Lent 2023

Lenten Outreach Project

Message from Fr. Jerry originally posted March 27, 2022

From the moment they walk through the school doors in the morning, students are greeted with delight by every adult they meet—telling them just how special and loved they are. Throughout the school day, we celebrate the Ojibwe culture of our students. We want every student, their families, and everyone in our community to **celebrate what's right with our students and the people of Red Lake—to believe in themselves and have the courage to soar!**

Our school provides a safe haven for students where they can have fun while they learn. And learn they do—test scores verify the significant academic progress our students are achieving.

Our guided reading and math programs provide individualized attention and a variety of approaches to support and reinforce learning. Because reading and math skills are essential for future academic and life success, we focus on helping students to be confident and adept at using math skills, to fall in love with reading, and to become lifelong readers. **We want our students to have the skills, knowledge, and confidence to grow up to be whatever they want to be!**

Our Lenten alms will be collected on Palm Sunday.

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 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.

FORMED

Immaculate Parishioners are able to sign up at www.formed.org for content provided to you with our parish subscription. Lent is a special time to take advantage of this gift! We encourage you to browse around this site and utilize the many Lenten programs available.

Stations of the Cross

All are encouraged to pray the Stations at

6:30pm in the Church on the following dates:

March 15 March 22
 March 24 March 29

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 14 ICGS Students
March 21 ICCP Students

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

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.

Bible Study

Read John's Gospel in 5 short sessions this Lent. We will meet on Tuesdays 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.



You ARE invited!
Enjoy "Cod for God" every "Fryday Knight" of Lent 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



Easter Memorial Flowers



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

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PLEASE PRINT ALL INFORMATION

In Loving Memory Of:_____

Donated by:_____

Amount Donated \$_____

Suggested donation is \$20



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.

♪♪ Calling all 1st & 2nd graders who love to sing! ♪♪

The **Cherub Choir** will sing at our 2nd grade Family Mass on Sunday, May 9 at 9am. The choir is open to all 1st and 2nd graders in the parish. All rehearsals and the Family Mass will take place at the Sacred Heart Chapel.

Rehearsals: Wednesdays 4/19, 4/26, 5/3 from 4:15-5:00pm
 * *Wednesday RE students can be walked to class after rehearsal on 4/19.*

Please contact Director of Music Lisa Grisolia to sign-up:
lisagrisolia@icelmhurst.org ♪♪ 630-530-3489

EXPLORING PRIESTHOOD WEEKEND AT
MUNDELEIN SEMINARY
 OCTOBER 21-23, 2022
 JANUARY 13-15, 2023
 MARCH 17-19, 2023

REGISTER AT WWW.USML.EDU/EPW

NO COST - PRIVATE ROOM AND MEALS INCLUDED
 PICKUPS FROM O'HARE OR METRA PROVIDED

MUNDELEIN
SEMINARY



Worship

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: "Strike the rock, and the water will flow from it for the people to drink." (Ex 17:6)

Psalm: If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts. (Ps 95)

Second Reading: And hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us. (Rom 5:5)

Gospel: "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again; but whoever drinks the water I shall give will never thirst; the water I shall give will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." (Jn 4:13-14)

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 (8)/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab/Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4/
Lk 4:24-30

Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9/
Mt 18:21-35

Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20/
Mt 5:17-19

Thursday: Jer 7:23-28/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/
Lk 11:14-23

Friday: Hos 14:2-10/Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14
and 17/Mk 12:28-34

Saturday: Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab/
Lk 18:9-14

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Lent,
Daylight Saving Time begins

Friday: St. Patrick, Bishop, St. Patrick's Day

Saturday: St. Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop and
Doctor of the Church

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, MARCH 13

6:15AM:†Dane LeClaire

7:30AM:†James Hendricks / Tim Hendricks
†Kay Revane

TUESDAY, MARCH 14

6:15AM:†David Smith

7:30AM:†Anthony Cossa / Cossa Family

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15

6:15AM:Elizabeth Ouiment / Barbara & Chris

Lukas

7:30AM:†Alice Senior / Wood Family

THURSDAY, MARCH 16

6:15AM:†Mary Jane LeGere / Family

7:30AM:†Jackie Costello / Tim Costello

FRIDAY, MARCH 17

6:15AM:Tovey Family / Family

8:15AM:†ICGS

SATURDAY, MARCH 18

8:00AM:†Kevin Kelly

4:30PM:†Katherine Therese Russell Chapman /
Family

SUNDAY, MARCH 19

7:30AM:O'Brien Family / Family

9:00AM:†Josephine Martucci / Family

†Dorothy C. Frey / Barbara Lukas
Amaryllis Gil

Ken Lalla / Family

11:30AM:†Andy Rossi

7:00PM:†Parish Family

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

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.

“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 February :

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| ◆ Logan James Doheny | ◆ Sienna Mae Marino |
| ◆ McKenzie Jean Cagney | ◆ Isabella Lia Pensa |
| ◆ Conor Patrick Lyons | ◆ Victoria Elise Sara |
| ◆ Emmy Grace Schaffer | ◆ Pydo |
| ◆ Brooklyn Jane Fischer | ◆ Margot Jane Vurdelja |
| ◆ Everett William Knoll | ◆ Frederick Patno Miller |
| ◆ Gaetano Pietro Libreri | |

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



Eucharistic Adoration March 22th, 23rd and 24th

Spend time with Jesus and open yourself to His Graces.

In an effort to ensure that He is not alone, please prayerfully consider spending time with Him.

Half hour time slots are from 8:00 AM - 6:30 PM. To sign up email Karina Gildea at kgildea@icelmhurst.org or call 630-530-3482.



Take Time for Adoration -----Pope Francis

"Beauty, just like truth, always engenders wonder, and when these are referred to the mystery of God, they lead to adoration." "...silence moves to sorrow for sin and the desire for conversion. It awakens a readiness to hear the Word and awakens prayer. It disposes us to adore the Body and Blood of Christ. "

What is a Holy Hour?

Venerable Fulton Sheen once wrote that the purpose of the Holy Hour—a sustained, uninterrupted hour of prayer in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament—is to encourage a deep personal encounter with Christ. "Looking at the Eucharistic Lord for an hour, transforms the heart in a mysterious way."

He also wrote: "I keep up the Holy Hour to grow more and more into his likeness. As Paul puts it: "We are transfigured into his likeness, from splendor to splendor." We become like that which we gaze upon. Looking into a sunset, the face takes on a golden glow. Looking at the Eucharistic Lord for an hour transforms the heart in a mysterious way as the face of Moses was transformed after his companionship with God on the mountain. Something happens to us similar to that which happened to the disciples at Emmaus. On Easter Sunday afternoon when the Lord met them, he asked why they were so gloomy. After spending some time in his presence, and hearing again the secret of spirituality - "The Son of Man must suffer to enter into his Glory" - their time with him ended and their "hearts were on fire." - An excerpt from "A Treasure in Clay", Fulton Sheen's autobiography.

Pope St. John Paul II, Pope Benedict XVI, and Pope Francis all joined Sheen in recommending Eucharistic Adoration as a foundational spiritual practice. Watch for more about what our Popes taught about Eucharistic Adoration.

CHRISTIAN MINISTRY



EASTER GROCERY GIFT CARD COLLECTION March 13 - 31

We are once again resuming our Easter Outreach collection.

Grocery cards in \$25 increments from Jewel, Aldi's or Walmart are needed for our food pantry client families, transitional housing families, Catholic Charities families and area Refugee families so they may celebrate Easter with the food of their choice.

If you can donate a food card for our outreach families, please drop it in the Sunday collection or at the IC Rectory prior to noon on Friday morning, March 31. Gift cards will be distributed Monday afternoon.

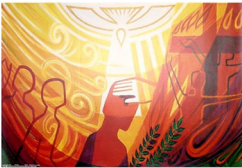
May God bless you for your outstanding generosity to our outreach programs.



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION FOOD PANTRY

We are enormously grateful for those who continue to support our pantry, both through food donations and monetary donations. The IC food pantry subsists solely through the donations of our parish family. Monetary donations enable us to purchase items through the Northern Illinois Food Bank. \$1 purchases approximately \$8 in food.

If the NIFB does not offer items we need, we are then able to supplement from other retail sources. Our volunteers have worked tirelessly throughout the pandemic to share our resources with those who need them. We thank them for their generosity of time. If you would like to volunteer for the pantry, please contact Pam at 630-530-3497.



Adult Confirmation Classes
Are you an adult Catholic who wants to be confirmed?
Are you a high school teen who wants to be confirmed?

Are your children receiving Sacraments this year and you want to be "fully initiated" into the Catholic Church through the Sacrament of Confirmation? Contact the Christian Ministry Office at for further information.



We are expanding our Bereavement Ministry team. Bereavement Ministers meet with the families of our deceased to plan the funeral liturgy and attend the funeral service. This is a beautiful ministry of "presence." We are not trained counselors. If you have had a loved one die, you have probably experienced the peace that a beautiful funeral liturgy brings. There is not a rotation or set schedule for our ministers. Bereavement ministers are notified of upcoming funerals and volunteer as their time permits. If you would like to learn more about this rewarding ministry, please contact Pam Stefik.



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!



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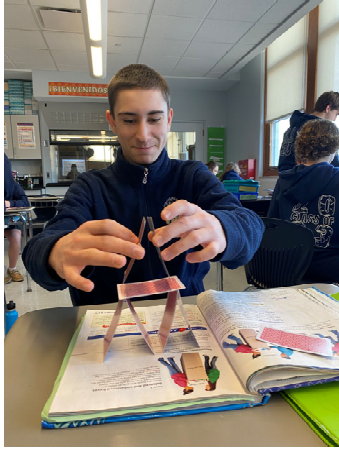
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IMMACULATE CONCEPTION GRADE SCHOOL 630.530.3490 FAITH. FAMILY. ACADEMIC EXCELLANCE

ICGS 8th graders had a lot of fun learning in Science class this month! To learn more about balanced and unbalanced forces they used a deck of cards to build card houses. They then made paper airplanes too learn more about gravity, air resistance and forces.



YOUTH MINISTRY

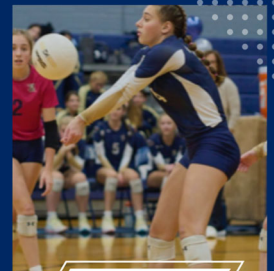
Youth Night Social Gathering for ALL 8th Grade & High School Teens!

Sunday, April 16th 5:30-7 pm in Costello Hall
Bring a friend from ANY school or church!
Our life can feel like a rollercoaster & can be a wild ride! Do you live with FEAR or FAITH? Get excited about ICE CREAM SUNDAES, friendly people, outrageous & fun games, small group challenges and discussions to help you THRIVE without fear! jkrumdrick@icelmhurst.org

IC Catholic Prep 630.530.3460



GIRLS BASKETBALL



GIRLS VOLLEYBALL



DANCE



CHEERLEADING



Spring ATHLETIC CLINICS



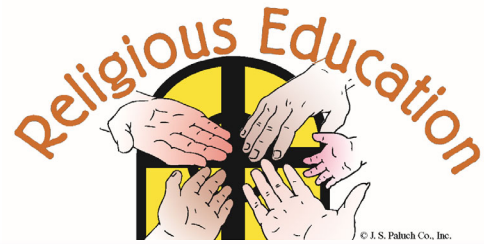
STUDENTS OF IMPACT
YOUTH NIGHT FOR 8TH GRADE & ALL HS TEENS

FAITH OVER FEAR

Super Fun Outdoor Games & Ice Cream Sundaes
Sunday, April 16th 5:30-7 pm

Religious Education 530-3483

Sr. Mary Francis, DRE K-5
 srmmaryfrancis@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>
March 12	March 15
March 19	March 22 (Adoration)
April 16 (last class)	April 12

2nd Graders & their parents who RSVP'd to participate in the Bread Breaking ceremonies on Monday, March 13 or Tuesday, March 14 are to gather in Plunkett Hall. We will begin promptly at 6:30pm. An RSVP is requested to attend due to preparation of materials. Today, Sunday, March 12th, is the final opportunity to RSVP.

1st Eucharist parents are reminded to review the information you received on February 26th. Be sure to note the important 1st Eucharist dates and events listed.

RE Wednesday Evening students and their parents are invited to participate in the Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on March 22. RE students will be present for prayer time during the regularly scheduled RE class time. This is a beautiful prayer experience to include in your Lenten plans.



Last Sunday, we celebrated the "Penitential Rite" at the 9:00AM Mass for those who will make a Profession of Faith or complete their Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil. Our candidates will now receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time.

Over the next several Sundays, our Elect 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. Today, as we hear about the woman at the well, we ask ourselves "for whom/what do I thirst?" Is it for things of this world or for a more meaningful relationship with Jesus Christ? How can I, with the grace of God, be "water for the thirsty?"

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.



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PARISH OFFICE

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Stewardship of Time and Treasure

**Weekly Sharing
February 26, 2023**

Sunday Envelopes Total: \$ 13,183.10
 Electronic Offerings: \$ 14,069.63
 Total Gifts: \$ 27,252.73
 Amount Budgeted Per Week: \$ 29,000.00

Total Funds Collected 7/1-2/26/23 \$1,050,273.00
 Amount Budgeted: \$1,081,569.00
 Budget over/(under) to date: **(\$31,296.00)**

Thank You in His Name!

	Lector	Altar Server	EM	Greeter
Mar 18 4:30pm	N. Shonts (1) M. Ryan (2)	M. Leischner M. Ahern G. Gutierrez	M. Ahern J. Kenneally B. Repking	T. Kaiser
Mar 19 7:30am	E. Landas (1) T. Brown (2)	X. Landas T. Levy	W. Dudek	J. Callahan M. Smith
Mar 19 9:00am	R. Cello (1) M. Ashton (2)	C. Talluto F. Farnan M. White	J. McConnell M. O'Leary S. Sloan	M. Tovey M. Tovey
Mar 19 11:30am	L. Kalina (1) B. Buis (2)	B. Tobin G. Guistolise		J. Viola
Mar 19 7:00pm	J. O'Leary (1)			C. Cohen



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. 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!

Presider Schedule

March 18 & 19

- 4:30 Fr. Cerna
- 7:30 Fr. Larry Dreffein
- 9:00 Fr. Cerna
- 11:30 Fr. Tom
- 7:00 Fr. Cerna

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March 2023

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