

Immaculate Conception Parish Bulletin

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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, 9:30am, 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



FOUNDED IN FAITH, CALLED TO WITNESS, SENT FORTH TO SERVE

The Diocese of Joliet is preparing to celebrate the 75th Anniversary of the Announcement of the Establishment of the Diocese. Our Anniversary year will begin on December 11, 2023 and conclude on December 8, 2024. As the people of the Diocese of Joliet-in-Illinois we have much for which to be grateful and we are asking every person in our Diocese to enter into the prayer of this celebration.

Thus, we are inviting you to draft a prayer asking God's blessings upon our Anniversary Year and the Diocese. As you pray with the theme of this Anniversary "Founded in Faith, Called to Witness, Sent Forth to Serve" write down your reflections, then use them to develop a prayer text that can be easily prayed aloud in a group setting. The Anniversary Prayer will be translated into the languages used for prayer in the Diocese, so write your prayer in your spoken language.

We encourage all people to spend time in prayer developing our Anniversary Prayer—children, teens, young adults, adults of all ages, priests, deacons, religious. Catholic School teachers and Religious Education catechists might make this a class project. Parents might make this a family project. Parish Organizations might also make this a group project.

All prayers should be sent to the Office of Divine Worship via USPS or email by June 1, 2023, and should include name, address, phone number and name of parish or institution. The 75th Anniversary Prayer will be created by the Anniversary Committee using the prayers received from the people of the Diocese.

Should you have any questions please contact Sister Sharon Marie Stola, OSB at the Office of Divine Worship and she will respond to your inquiry.

Office of Divine Worship and the Catechumenate
Email: sstola@dioceseofjoliet.org

Sacred Heart Chapel

Naming Opportunities

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>		
Additional Sanctuary Chairs (servers /seminarians /additional priests)	5	\$ 5,000 each
Altar Candles	5	\$ 5,000 each
Processional Candles for Servers	2	\$ 5,000 each
Exterior Glass Panels (above Arthur St center doors)	1	\$ 5,000
Reconciliation Rooms	2	\$ 10,000 each
Stations of the Cross	12	\$ 15,000 each
Sacristy Updates	1	\$ 20,000
Sound System	1	\$ 30,000
<u>Saint Windows</u>		\$ 25,000 each

At the present time, there are 2 areas for depictions of saints and their symbols. This list includes some suggested saints to be honored, however a donor may choose another particular saint.

- Saint Pope John XXIII
- Saint Isaac Jogues
- Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton
- Saint John Neuman
- Saint Kateri Tekakwitha
- Saint Damien of Molokai
- Saint Marianne Cope

Easter Parking

Please respect the parking lots that belong to our neighboring churches when attending Mass at IC. The lot directly behind the Chapel/Gym belongs to the First United Methodist Church. The lot directly behind the Rectory and east of the High School belongs to St. Peter's United Church of Christ. The entrances to these lots are clearly marked with the names of the appropriate churches. These lots are for the use of their parishioners for their services.

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

Please note parking is not allowed in the Foodmix lot located directly across from the Chapel on Arthur Street.

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



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This year, we are 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



Worship

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: I gave my back to those who beat me, my cheeks to those who plucked my beard; my face I did not shield from buffets and spitting. (Is 50:6)
Psalm: My God, my God, why have you abandoned me? (Ps 22)

Second Reading: He humbled himself, becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Because of this, God greatly exalted him. (Phil 2:8-9)

Gospel: The centurion and the men with him who were keeping watch over Jesus feared greatly when they saw the earthquake and all that was happening, and they said, "Truly, this was the Son of God!" (Mt 26:54)

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Mt 21:1-11/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 (2a)/Phil 2:6-11/Mt 26:14—27:66 or 27:11-54

Monday: Is 42:1-7/Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14/Jn 12:1-11

Tuesday: Is 49:1-6/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 and 17/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a/Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 and 33-34/Mt 26:14-25

Thursday: Chrism Mass: Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9/
Ps 89:21-22, 25 and 27/Rv 1:5-8/Lk 4:16-21
Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/Ps 116:12-13, 16-16bc, 17-18
(see 1 Cor 10:16)/1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15

Friday: Is 52:13—53:12/Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25 (Luke 23:46)/Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/Jn 18:1—19:42

Saturday: Easter Vigil: Gn 1:1—2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a/
Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35 (30) or
Ps 33:4-5, 6-7, 12-13, 20-22 (5b)/Gn 22:1-18 or
22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11 (1)/
Ex 14:15—15:1/ Ex 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18 (1b)/
Is 54:5-14/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13 (2a)/Is 55:1-11/
Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 (3)/Bar 3:9-15, 32—4:4/Ps 19:8, 9,
10, 11 (Jn 6:68c)/Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28/Ps 42:3, 5;
43:3, 4 (42:2)/ Rom 6:3-11/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23/
Mt 28:1-10

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, APRIL 3

6:15AM:†August C Taddeo / Patrick Lambert
7:30AM:†Tommy O'Brien / Lamborn Family
†Marie Doherty / Theresa Kean

TUESDAY, APRIL 4

6:15AM:†Gwen & Tom Eddington & Family
7:30AM:†John Murray / Lamborn Family

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5

6:15AM:†Brandon Hemstreet / Patrick Lambert
7:30AM:†Frank Thrall / Thrall Family

THURSDAY, APRIL 6

8:00AM:Morning Prayer
10:45AM:ICGS Prayer Service
1:00PM:ICCP Prayer Service
7:00PM:Mass of the Lord's Supper
11:45PM:Night Prayer

FRIDAY, APRIL 7

8:00AM:Morning Prayer
Noon: Stations of the Cross
3:00PM:Passion of the Lord

SATURDAY, APRIL 8

8:00AM:Morning Prayer
Noon: Blessing of the Easter Food
8:00PM:Easter Vigil Mass

SUNDAY, APRIL 9

7:30AM:†James Brennan / Mary LaPointe
9:30AM Church:
†Helen & Anthony LaBarbera / Ron & Linda Stedman
†Laura Bresnahan Bush / Massel Family
9:30AM Chapel:
†Rita & Urban Phillips
†Deceased members of the Wojinski / Gallagher Family
†Delores Meyers / Jo & Don LaMonica
†Kevin Kelly
†Willis Hamilton / Sally Trotter & Family
11:30AM Church:†Ruth Martin
11:30AM Chapel:†Rose & Stephen Paul
†Deceased members of the Thomas Family

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

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.

2023 ENGAGED COUPLES

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| Victoria Bautista & Michael Wons | 5/12 |
| Molly Cronin & John Anschuetz | 6/2 |
| Jennifer Lee & Michael Mehilos | 6/3 |
| Emily Meyers & Joseph Conroy | 6/9 |
| Olivia Schmitt & Brian Page | 6/10 |
| Margaret Ewing & Jack Novy | 7/1 |



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.

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

Holy Week 2023

Immaculate Conception Parish

Come and Celebrate the Most Important Days of the Church Year
On the evening of Holy Thursday, April 6 Lent comes to an end, and we enter into the Three Days that are the center of our year: The Sacred Paschal Triduum



On these Three Days, the Church is at its best.

In song, scripture, and ritual, we proclaim the heart of what we believe and celebrate throughout the year. We gather often - at church, at home - during the Triduum to reflect on the central reality of our faith: the Death and Resurrection of Jesus. During these Three Days, Christians renew their vows and new Christians are initiated. These are the “high holy days” of Christianity.

You are asked to make these Three Days different from all the other days of the year.

Adults in our parish are invited to plan ahead so that the entire time from Holy Thursday evening until the Easter Vigil is free of social engagements, free even of work, free of entertainment, free of meals except for the simplest nourishment, free from electronic devices. The Triduum continues until Easter Sunday evening.

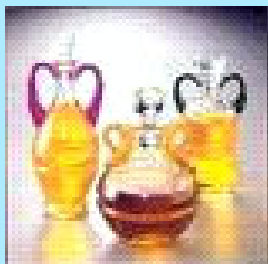
*Because of the importance of these days, we are not merely invited:
We are all needed to be present for these liturgies.*

All of us need the whole community together on its greatest days, the evening of April 6 through the evening of April 9 in this year of our Lord, 2023.

*Begin plans now to celebrate with our community
these most significant days.*

The Mass of Chrism, Monday, April 3

On Monday of Holy Week, Bishop Ronald A. Hicks will bless the Holy Oils at a liturgy in The Cathedral of St. Raymond in Joliet. All of the priests and deacons from the diocese will also participate. They will all renew their commitments of service to the Church. A Time of Prayer and Reflection for all the priests will also be held.



There are three types of oil that will be blessed. The Oil of Catechumens is used for Baptism. The Oil of the Sick is used when celebrating the Anointing of the Sick. The Holy Chrism is used when celebrating Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Orders. Chrism is also used for the blessing of Church walls and altars when they are dedicated or consecrated.

These oils will be presented to our parish at the evening Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday. Throughout the year, we will use them for the celebration of the Sacraments. They are kept on display in the Ambry by the Baptismal font in the Church. The Oil of the Sick will also be kept in the Ambry by the Shrine of St. Peregrine in Sacred Heart Chapel.

Reconciliation - Tuesday, April 4

Reconciliation - 4:00 to 7:00 P.M. - Church

Holy Thursday - April 6

Morning Prayer - 8:00 A.M. - Church

Prayer Service ICGS - 10:45A.M. - Sacred Heart Chapel

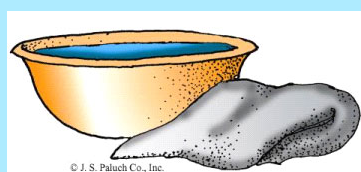
Prayer Service ICCP - 1:00 P.M. - Sacred Heart Chapel

Thursday of the Lord's Supper Evening Mass - 7:00 P.M. - Sacred Heart Chapel

On Holy Thursday early evening brings an end to Lent, as we enter the sacred Triduum. In the Gospel reading John tells us that Jesus washed the feet of his disciples, and told them, "as I have done, so you must do." We will be reminded of the invitation that Christ gives us to be of service to one another as we witness the washing of the feet.



Adoration of the Eucharist - 8:15 P.M.- 11:45 P.M. - Church



At the conclusion of the Liturgy, the Blessed Sacrament will be taken in procession to the "place of repose" for private adoration in the Church until midnight. We strongly encourage you to stop in for a few moments of quiet prayer during this time. A harpist will play reflective music during the adoration. Many people follow the tradition of visiting churches on this night. Our parish is sponsoring a bus trip to do so.

Night Prayer - 11:45 P.M. - Church

At 11:45 P.M., a night prayer service will be held. As Holy Thursday ends, the Eucharist will then be placed in reserve in a non-public place. The church is stripped of all decoration in preparation for the **Celebration of the Passion on Good Friday.**

Good Friday - April 7

Easter Fast

Good Friday is a day of fast and abstinence. Because Lent is over, it is not a Lenten Fast but rather considered an Easter Fast. All are encouraged to keep this fast also on Holy Saturday. Although not required on Holy Saturday, keeping the fast is a way of continuing to prepare for Easter.

- Everyone 14 years of age or over is bound to abstain from meat.
- Everyone 18 years of age and under 59 years of age is bound to fast on Good Friday.
- On 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 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.

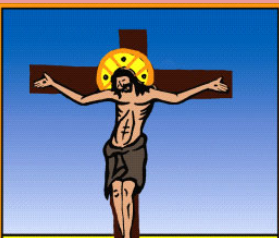
Morning Prayer - 8:00 A.M. - Church

Morning Prayer marks the beginning of our commemoration of the Lord's Passion. This is the only day of the year when Mass is not celebrated. At morning prayer, we will pray psalms and prayers that remind us of the Lord's great deeds for us.

Stations of the Cross - Noon - Church

As we pray the Stations we will recall the journey of Jesus that led Him to the grave. At the conclusion of the service, all will be invited to venerate the cross.

Friday of the Passion of the Lord - 3:00 P.M.- Church



The Commemoration of the Passion includes the readings of the Passion, offering of intercessory prayers and the Solemn Veneration of the Cross. Holy Communion that was consecrated on Holy Thursday will be distributed. Please bring your entire family and friends and join us for the Passion and Veneration of the Cross of Jesus. Especially on Good Friday, you are encourage to remember what Christ did for us by His death on the cross. Try to be as isolated as you can be from all pleasures.

Good Friday Collection

On Good Friday, a collection will take place to help support young families in the Holy Land who try to live Christian lives as we do. These Christians living where Christ walked and taught, lived and died, still live in a land of war, death and destruction. The work of the Franciscan Friars for these native Christians depends greatly on your generous support. Baskets will be available at the entrances to the church for your donations. Funds from this collection also are used to care for the holy places where the Lord and His Disciples lived.



Holy Saturday - April 8

Morning Prayer - 8:00 A.M. - Church

Please join us in prayer and song.



Food Blessing - 12:00 P.M. - Church

The tradition of blessing food is a beautiful way of celebrating the joy of Easter. We bless the foods that we have been fasting from during the days of Lent. After the Easter Vigil, this blessed food is shared to celebrate the Lord's New Life. Consider starting this tradition with your family.

The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night - 8:00 P.M.- Church

On Saturday evening, we will celebrate the Easter Vigil. In the darkness, we will assemble in front of the Chapel with a bonfire to light the paschal candle and process to the Church.

This holy night is the most solemn memorial of the entire year. It is our remembrance of the central mystery of redemption, Christ's saving death and glorious resurrection.

The Vigil has four main parts:

1. *The Service of Light* which includes the blessing of new fire, the blessing and lighting of the Easter candle, the carrying and distribution of this candle through the Church, and the chanting of the Easter song, the Exsultet.

2. *The Liturgy of the Word* invites us to listen to Scripture Readings. We begin with the story of Creation and conclude by proclaiming the Lord's Resurrection.

3. *The Liturgy of Baptism* begins by the singing of the Litany of the Saints. The holy men and women in Heaven welcome us to new life. The water is blest and the Baptisms of our catechumens will occur. All will then be asked to renew their Baptismal Promises. Confirmation will then be administered to the new members of our Church.

4. *The Liturgy of the Eucharist* invites us to share with the newly confirmed the Body and Blood of our Risen Lord.

Easter Sunday - April 9

“This is the day the Lord has made let us rejoice and be glad.”

We will celebrate the Feast of all Feasts with Holy Mass at:

- 7:30 A.M. Sacred Heart Chapel
- 9:30 A.M. Sacred Heart Chapel and Church
- 11:30 A.M. Sacred Heart Chapel and Church



There will be no 4:30PM Mass on April 8th and no 7:00PM Mass on April 9th.

Incense will not be used at the 7:30 A.M. Mass

It will be used at the 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 A.M. Masses in the Church and Chapel.

Have a Blessed Easter!!



EASTER GROCERY GIFT CARD 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 off at the IC Rectory tomorrow morning.** Gift cards will be distributed Monday afternoon. **May God bless you for your outstanding generosity to our outreach programs.**



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!



FOOD PANTRY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! We are seeking additional volunteers for our food pantry, especially individuals who can assist during the summer months. The pantry is open from 10:00AM – Noon Monday through Friday from Labor Day to

Memorial Day (except for holidays) and Monday through Thursday during the summer months. Volunteers work in teams of two or three, assisting clients in acquiring the food they need. Training is provided. Please contact Pam in the Christian Ministry Office at 630-530-3497 if you might be able to help one or two days per month.

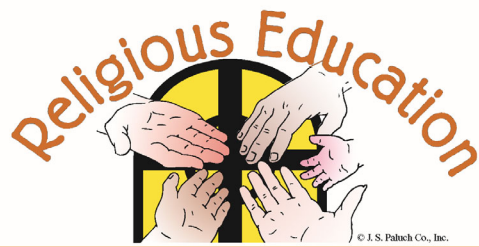


We are expanding our Bereavement Ministry team. Bereavement Ministers meet with the families of our deceased to plan the funeral liturgy and attend the funeral service. This is a beautiful ministry of "presence." We are not trained counselors. If you have lost a loved one, you have probably experienced the peace that a beautiful funeral liturgy brings. There is no 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 at 630-530-3497.



Take Time for Adoration--Pope Benedict XVI "Go to the encounter with Him in the Blessed Eucharist, go to adore Him in the churches, kneeling before the Tabernacle: Jesus will fill you with His love and will reveal to you the thoughts of His Heart. If you listen to Him, you will feel ever more deeply the joy of belonging to His Mystical Body, the Church, which is the family of his disciples held close by the bond of unity and love."





Sunday RE
April 16 (last class)

Wednesday RE
April 12
April 19 (last class)

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

While our RE classes are not in session due to Holy Week, parents are asked to spend some quality time with their children reviewing the key lessons of the RE year and planning to attend Easter liturgy.

Grade 5 Family Liturgy is scheduled for Sunday, April 16. Contact Sr. Mary Francis to volunteer. 5th graders may volunteer to serve as greeters, present Offertory gifts, and distribute bulletins after the liturgy.



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION GRADE SCHOOL 630.530.3490
FAITH. FAMILY. ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

Spring Chess Club is in full swing for ICGS 2nd-4th graders! They are having so much fun learning about chess and playing games with their friends.



IC Catholic Prep 630.530.3460

YOUTH MINISTRY



On March 21st, 38 students represented ICCP at the IL March for Life. The event was a huge success, and ICCP was one of the largest high schools to attend. Students marched around the IL state capital as a voice for the voiceless. Students attended Mass with the Bishop of Joliet, Bishop Ronald Hicks, and truly made a difference towards this important cause. We are so grateful for all of the love, support, and prayers for the success of this trip and for the protection of all human life.

STUDENTS OF IMPACT

YOUTH NIGHT FOR 8TH GRADE & ALL HS TEENS



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



An Invitation to the Easter Vigil

With the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday, Lent comes to an end. As the altar is stripped bare, we enter into the peace and glory of the Sacred Triduum. We begin the Paschal Fast and anticipation. We gather quietly on Good Friday, listen to scripture and come forward in faith and humility to venerate the wood of the cross.



With crescendo-like anticipation, we fast and pray through Holy Saturday until the glory of the risen Lord bursts forth at the Easter Vigil. Hungry now and excited, the church gathers in the darkness and lights a new fire that will make this night bright for us. From the bonfire burning outside the Chapel, first the Paschal candle is lit, followed by those who have gathered to witness this extraordinary night. The light is spread from one person to another until the whole church is ablaze with light —the light of Christ.



The second part of the Easter Vigil is the Liturgy of the Word. We listen to the scriptural story of our salvation — our journey out of darkness into light, out of death into life. In proclaiming the gospel, we welcome back the “Alleluia” which went unsung during Lent.



The third part of the Easter Vigil is the sacramental initiation of the Catechumens. Here we witness the blessing of the water and the Baptism of one individual who is a newborn child of God.



Following the Baptism and the Renewal of Baptismal Promises by the entire faith community, one Candidate will make a Profession of Faith, affirming the Catholic Church as his new spiritual home. Our Neophytes, along with three other candidates will then be anointed with sacred chrism and confirmed.

We wait in joyful anticipation as the bread and wine become the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ and our Neophytes Kayla, Megan, Emmeline, Greg, Francesco and Stephanie, along with our Candidates, Mike, Jase and Danielle, are welcomed to the Eucharistic Table of the Catholic Church for the very first time.

Leave your watch at home! The Easter Vigil lasts significantly longer than Sunday Mass. Bring your children. There will be lighting of candles, singing of psalms, ringing of bells, sprinkling with holy water, fragrant clouds of incense, the “smells and bells” of the Catholic Church in all of its regal glory. Come prepared to be a participant rather than a spectator.

Let us show our support for our fully initiated members and lovingly welcome them into our Immaculate Conception parish family on this most holy night. **Please join us on Saturday, April 8 at 8:00 PM — extraordinary grace awaits us all.**

Stewardship of Time and Treasure

Weekly Sharing March 19, 2023

Sunday Envelopes Total:	\$ 12,654.92
Electronic Offerings:	\$ 14,349.98
Total Gifts:	\$ 27,004.90
Amount Budgeted Per Week:	\$ 29,000.00
Total Funds Collected 7/1-3/19/23	\$1,150,570.00
Amount Budgeted:	\$1,174,275.00
Budget over/(under) to date:	(\$23,705.00)

Thank You in His Name!

Presider Mass Schedule

April 8 & 9

8:00PM	Fr. Tom, Fr. Cerna, & D. Jeremy
7:30AM	Fr. Cody Ford, OSA
9:30AM	Church Fr. Cerna
9:30AM	Chapel Fr. Tom & D. Jeremy
11:30AM	Church Fr. Cerna
11:30AM	Chapel Fr. Tom & D. Jeremy

*Presider schedule is subject to change

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Pray + Fast + Give

IC Parish-Wide Lenten Outreach Project

St. Mary's Mission School, Red Lake, MN

Our Lenten alms are being collected to fund St. Mary's Mission School "needs" and to donate the only stained glass window in the new church to honor the legacy of Fr. Jerry Rogers.

The Lenten Alms that we have saved through our Lenten sacrifices during this holy season will be collected today. If you have forgotten your offering and wish to make a contribution, please return it to the PAC/Rectory this week for inclusion in our gift to St. Mary's Mission. Any checks should be made payable to Immaculate Conception, with a notation "St. Mary's Mission Donation."



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!

Full-time Receptionist/Accounts Payable Immaculate Conception, Elmhurst, IL

Immaculate Conception Parish in Elmhurst is seeking to hire a full-time receptionist/accounts payable person. This individual will be responsible for greeting visitors and/or callers to the Parish offices and determining their needs, scheduling Mass intentions and preparing Mass cards, and paying all invoices for the Parish as instructed by the Director of Finance. High School diploma or equivalent required, some college level courses preferred.

Minimum of 3 years in an administrative capacity within a Catholic Church or school preferred. Must be proficient in Microsoft Office skills, knowledge of ParishSoft desirable. To view a full job description, visit:

[The Roman Catholic Diocese of Joliet in Illinois](http://TheRomanCatholicDioceseofJolietinIllinois). To apply for this amazing opportunity, please send a cover letter and resume to CLewandowski@icelmhurst.org.