

Immaculate Conception Parish Bulletin

January 14, 2024

Welcome

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



2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

John was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he said, "Behold, the Lamb of God." The two disciples heard what he said and followed Jesus. - Jn 1:35-36

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COMMEMORATING 75 YEARS OF CATECHESIS, EVANGELIZATION AND SERVICE

75th Anniversary Opening Liturgy



A beautiful opening liturgy was held at the Cathedral of St. Raymond Nonnatus in Joliet on Monday, December 11, 2023. This special Mass incorporated seven languages and performances by four choirs.

Honored guests included (left to right) Mar Joy Alappatt (Bishop of the St. Thomas Syro-Malabar Catholic Eparchy of Chicago), Bishop Michael McGovern (Belleville), Bishop Christopher Glancy, CSV (Belize), Bishop Louis Tylka (Peoria), Bishop Ronald Hicks (Joliet), Bishop Joseph Siegel (Evansville, former Joliet), Bishop Benedict Venedykt Aleksiychuk (Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of Chicago), Auxiliary Bishop Mark Bartosic (Chicago), and Abbot Austin Murphy, OSB (St. Procopius Abbey).



75th Anniversary Series

Faith into Action

Sponsored by the Diocese of Joliet

Faith Into Action Podcasts

We've released three episodes of a 14-part series being produced for our 75th Anniversary. Justin Reyes, who leads the Department of Catechesis and Evangelization, and Michelle Dellinger, director of communications, co-host the series, interviewing a wide variety of clergy, religious, and parishioners across the diocese.

New episodes are released on YouTube and podcasts platforms the first Monday of each month. Find them anywhere you get your podcasts, and be sure to hit follow or subscribe so you never miss an episode!

Homily by Bishop Hicks

We had a great launch of the 75th Anniversary! Visit the DOJ website (*see below*) to watch the homily by Bishop Hicks at the Opening Liturgy.



Catholics have been putting their faith into action for 75 years in the Diocese of Joliet — and we have a lot to celebrate!



Faith Into Action YouTube (video)



Faith Into Action Podcast (audio)



EPISODE 1

This episode features Bishop Ron Hicks and Fr. Tom Paul, the chair of the 75th Anniversary committee, who share their excitement for the year-long celebration of the Diocese of Joliet's jubilee, highlighting many of the events and activities planned starting in November 2023.



EPISODE 2

The focus of the second episode of the podcast is on St. Francis Xavier — the patron of the diocese and a fascinating 16th-century saint who was one of our Church's greatest evangelists. Justin and Michelle will unveil 10 facts about St. Francis Xavier, including why he was chosen as our patron, details about his upbringing and pivotal college experience, and his travels around the world.



EPISODE 3

The focus of the third episode of the podcast is on the Holy Eucharist. Justin sits down with Fr. Gregor Gorsic, who gives a beautiful overview on the Church's teaching on the source and summit of our faith: the celebration of the Eucharist.

From podcasts and youth events to service and prayer cards, scan the QR code or visit diojoliet.org/75th for the full list of events and activities surrounding the 75th anniversary.



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Eastern DuPage Deanery Diocese of Joliet

Join Us as we Welcome

Fr. Michael Pawlowicz

“Understanding the Structure of the Vatican”

January 22, 2024

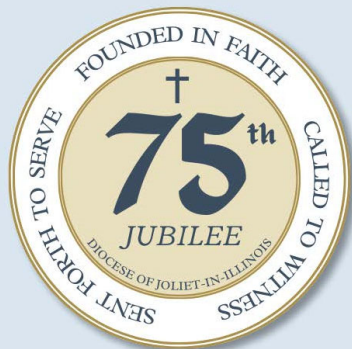
7:00pm

Immaculate Conception Church
132 Arthur St. Elmhurst, IL 60126



All are welcome to join us for an engaging presentation! No registration required! A priest of the Diocese of Joliet, Fr. Michael is a member of the Vatican diplomatic core and is currently assigned to the Apostolic Nunciature of Indonesia.

75th Anniversary Prayer



*Commemorating
75 Years of
Catechesis,
Evangelization
and Service*



DIOCESE OF JOLIET
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All-knowing and loving God,
we give you thanks for your blessings upon
the Diocese of Joliet.

For 75 years, we have been
‘founded in faith,’ ‘called to witness,’ and
‘sent forth to serve.’

In thanksgiving
for your abiding presence among us,
and with gratitude for the life and service
of those who have gone before us,
we recommit ourselves
to carrying out this mission entrusted
to them, to us, and to future generations.

Relying on the intercession of our patron,
St. Francis Xavier,
may our diocese continue to be a source of hope
for the Church and all peoples,
now and in the years to come.

We pray this in the name
of Jesus, your Son
by the power of the Holy Spirit.
Amen

Worship

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: The LORD came and revealed his presence, calling out as before, "Samuel, Samuel!" Samuel answered, "Speak, for your servant is listening." (1 Sm 3:10)

Second Reading: Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? But whoever is joined to the Lord becomes one Spirit with him. (1 Cor 6:15, 17)

Gospel: So they went and saw where Jesus was staying, and they stayed with him that day. (Jn 1:39)

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Sm 15:16-23/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mk 2:18-22
 Tuesday: 1 Sm 16:1-13/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 27-28/Mk 2:23-28
 Wednesday: 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10/Mk 3:1-6
 Thursday: 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Ps 56:2-3, 9-10a, 10b-11, 12-13/Mk 3:7-12
 Friday: 1 Sm 24:3-21/Ps 57:2, 3-4, 6 and 11/Mk 3:13-19
 Saturday: 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27/Ps 80:2-3, 5-7/Mk 3:20-21
 Next Sunday: Jon 3:1-5, 10/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9(4a)/1 Cor 7:29-31/Mk 1:14-20

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Monday: Martin Luther King Day
 Wednesday: St. Anthony, Abbot
 Thursday: January 18-25 is the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
 Saturday: St. Fabian; St. Sebastian
 Next Sunday: 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

2024 ENGAGED COUPLES

<i>Madison Brown & TC Malik</i>	5/11
<i>Gianna Grollo & Matthew Mihic</i>	6/1
<i>Abigail Geislinger & John Enochs</i>	6/28
<i>Alyssa Dorning & John Shipman</i>	6/29
<i>Jolanta Hyc & Jake Gora</i>	7/27
<i>Luaren Fisher & Michael Buck</i>	8/10
<i>Lexi Olson & Peter Karahalios</i>	8/16
<i>Melissa Brunke & Matt Kearney</i>	8/24
<i>Alyssa Menolascino & Tim Hipskind</i>	8/31
<i>Abigail Dronen & Daniel McDaid</i>	9/6

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, JANUARY 15

6:15AM †Julie Paris
 7:30AM †Leslie Jones / Barbara & Christopher Lucas
 †Mary Lou Juettner / Patrick & Ursula McGowan

TUESDAY, JANUARY 16

6:15AM †PJ O'Connor / Katie Barrett
 7:30AM †Jacquelyn Costello / Tim Costello

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17

6:15AM †Sean Presley / Katie Barrett
 7:30AM †Amy Guca / Jo & Don LaMonica

THURSDAY, JANUARY 18

6:15AM †Mercedes & Ronald Stedman / Linda & Ron Stedman
 7:30AM *Dan Joslin & *Judy Friewald / Adam Joslin

FRIDAY, JANUARY 19

6:15AM †Ed Burke / Burke Family
 8:15AM †Benedict Kass Jr / ICGS

SATURDAY, JANUARY 20

8:00AM †Liz Smeriglio / Olivia Gow
 4:30PM †Parish Family

SUNDAY, JANUARY 21

7:30AM †Rita Hanrahan / Wally & Joyce Callahan
 9:00AM †Angeline Nelligan / McNamara Family
 †John A Terranova Sr. / Tom & Marguerite Paravola
 †Ferris Shadid
 11:30AM †Ole Matutiene / Loretta Kalina
 7:00PM †Tom Moran / The Calles Family

†Denotes deceased

*Living Intention

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.

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



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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| Adkins, Finley | Koch, Susan |
| Bloc, Michael | Kuzlik, Therese |
| Bohn, Rob | Livorsi, Tom |
| Burke, Debbie | Lucchesi, Jim |
| Campbell, Donna | McCann, Mary |
| Costello, John "Jack" | Pacurek, Michelle |
| Devin | Quinn, Jack |
| Durgan, Bob | Reedy, Barbara |
| Durgan, Lindsey | Schramm, Colleen |
| Durgan, Terri | Stella, Dawn |
| Earnisse, Diane | Teruel, Ellen |
| Earnisse, Dick | Toepfer, Al |
| Gow, Olivia | Vogel, Renee Moran |
| Kaprelian, Jean | Wilki, Carl |

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"

- †Joseph Mills, Sr.
- †Nancy Maloney
- †Barbara Collins
- †Christine O'Connell-McAleer

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 December:

- ◆ Michael Jude Mocchi
- ◆ Arabella Lee Dian
- ◆ Liam Michael Conran

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

Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. Give us peace. I ask this in the name of Jesus.

- Maj. Joe Doyle**, US Army, Son of Deb and Tom Doyle
- 1st Lt. Ryan Kenny**, USMC, Son of Mary Beth Kenny
- Pvt. Jeffery Crones**, US Army, Grandson of Joan Leyden
- Specialist Jonathan M. Pichler**, US Army
Son of Ginny & Mark Gronek
Grandson of Catherine Young
- Sgt. Vincent Joseph Genthe**, USMC Son of Denise Genthe
- Capt. Jeffrey Robbins**, USMC, Son of Barb & Larry Robbins, Grandson of Georgiana Ryan
- Maj. Kevin Mott**, US Army
- Lt. Col. Andrew Tyson** USMC
- SGM Bill Benesi**, US Army
Nephews of Greg & Mary Pat Vanderlaan
- Paul Hornstra**, USMC, ICHS Class of '09
Son of Paul and Dawn Hornstra
- Cpl. Brittney Young**, US Army,
Cousin of Denise and John Doherty
- 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
- Cpl. Cavan Sullivan**, US Army
Grandsons of Mary Sullivan
- Capt. Samuel Westhoff**, US Army
Nephew of Tom and Sue Westhoff
- 1st Lt Matthew Kizys**, US Army, son of Marky and Nancy Tinsley
- Chf. Warrant Officer John Dal Pino**, US Army
Son of Joe and Valerie Dal Pino
- 1st Lt. Francesca Cervone**, US Army, ICCP Class of '15,
Daughter of Jeanmarie Cervone,
Granddaughter of Cay Calcagno
- Capt. Molly Manion, EOD** US Army,
ICCP Class of '15,
Daughter of Tom & Nancy Manion
Granddaughter of Rita Manion
- MAJ Thomas Gildea**, US Army, Husband of Karina,
Father of Enya, Grace, and Ignacio
- 1st Lt. Kyle Koch**, 1st Cavalry Division US Army, ICCP Class of '15, son of Laura & Paul Koch
- Capt. Carla A. Schuit**, US Army Reserves,
Daughter of Lisa Schuit
- 1st. Lt. Grayson Becker**, US Army
- Lt. Keith Wolfe**, CHC, US Navy



Jesus and the Eucharist: A Small Group Series for Eucharistic Revival

As we continue this year of Eucharistic Revival, we would like to invite you to grow closer to Jesus alongside fellow parishioners through the Jesus and the Eucharist study, designed for this Year of Parish Revival.

Each session is full of rich theological content and an opportunity to dive more deeply into the richness of our Eucharistic faith and share the “Good News” with others. This study will be a special time to grow in community within our parish as we walk this sacred year together, and we really desire you to join us. All are welcome and please join us whenever you can!

This seven-session, study will be offered many times during Lent. Each session is one hour and unless indicated will be in the Parish Administration Center (PAC). Sessions will use video resources from FORMED.org along with guided discussions. Registration details will come soon. Mark your calendars!

Sundays beginning February 11 – March 24 at 10:15 AM

Wednesdays beginning February 7 – March 20 at 5:15 PM

Fridays beginning February 9 – March 22 at 9:15 AM

Saturdays beginning February 10 – March 23 at 8:30 AM. (The Women’s group will meet at PAC and Men’s group will meet in Costello Hall)

Offsite group of young mothers in the parish (The IC Mom’s group-details to follow).

Questions? Contact Tom Kaiser at (630) 699-2079 or tjkaiser@sprynet.com

Or Mary Pat Tyson-Vanderlaan at (630) 624-1333 or mptyson@gmail.com



Our next Holy Hour is Thursday, January 18, starting at 6:00 PM in the Church. Today’s gospel tells how through the words of John the Baptist, two of his disciples are moved by grace to approach the LORD. John’s testimony “Behold the Lamb of God” is an example of the special graces God distributes to attract people to Himself. God’s grace is given sometimes directly, while at other times, He uses someone close to us who knows us, to bring us to meet Christ. The two disciples already had a keen desire to see the Messiah. John’s words move them to try to become friends of Jesus. It is not curiosity, but Jesus’ personality which attracts them. They want to get to know Him, to be taught by Him and to enjoy His company. “Come and see” - a tender invitation to begin that intimate friendship they were seeking. We too are seeking the LORD. There are many ways to

pray during a Holy Hour: personal conversation with the Lord, praying the rosary, praying with scripture, reading devotional materials, or just sitting in the presence of God and listening. Feel free to stay for the entire hour, or to simply stop by. Bring along a friend. Any time spent with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is time well-spent. Join us and rediscover your friendship with the Lord and encounter His real presence in the Eucharist. “Come and see” (John 1:39).



Christian Ministry



Join us in tackling hunger this SOUPER Bowl Sunday, February 11th!

Items may be dropped off at our food pantry between 10am and noon, Monday through Friday or in the narthex before Masses. This year, our grade school, high school, and religious education students will be asked to gather specific items by grade. All donations are needed and appreciated!

- * **1st Grade** Peanut Butter and Jelly
- * **2nd Grade** Cereal (any kind of boxed cereal, oatmeal, breakfast bars)
- * **3rd Grade** Soup (chicken noodle, tomato, chunky soups, low sodium)
- * **4th Grade** Canned Meals (ravioli, spaghetti & meatballs, beef stew, chili)
- * **5th Grade** Juice (any kind of 100% juice – cans, plastic bottles, juice boxes)
- * **6th Grade** Canned Meat (chicken, tuna)
- * **7th Grade** Pasta and Rice (dry pasta, flavored pasta mixes, white or brown rice, flavored rice mixes, macaroni & cheese, raamen noodles)
- * **8th Grade** Tomato Products (any kind of pasta sauce, canned tomatoes)
- * **Kindergarten** Canned Vegetables Canned Fruit, and Baked Beans
- * **High School Students** Personal Care Items (deodorant, bar soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes, shampoo, toilet paper, disposable razors)
- * **Parishioners** Toilet paper, napkins, and paper towels, diapers, adult diapers, and feminine products.

Please check expiration dates on your donations!
Thank you for your kindness!

SAVE THE DATE....

IC BLOOD DRIVE IS BEING HELD ON SUNDAY, JANUARY 21.

SIGN-UP IS THIS WEEKEND, JANUARY 13/14

Kick off 2024 in style with Vitalant's 24 in '24 Blood Donation Extravaganza Giveaway! All donors who give blood, platelets or plasma between Jan. 6 and Feb. 10, 2024, are automatically entered for a chance to win one of 24 \$500 gift cards in our donor rewards store.* Donors must have an online donor account and be opted into the donor recognition program to qualify for this drawing.



To schedule an appointment please call 877.258.4825 or visit vitalant.org. and use group code: ORD0EH07. Or, scan QR code.

Appointments Recommended. Walk-ins Welcome.
Prepare: Eat well, hydrate, & Bring ID.





**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
GRADE SCHOOL**
630.530.3490

**FAITH. FAMILY.
ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE**



Catholic Schools
United in Faith and Community

Catholic Schools week is January 28th-February 3rd. The theme this year is "Catholic Schools: United in Faith and Community" Join us for a Special Open House on Sunday January 28th immediately following the 9am Mass.

A CALL FOR SCIENCE FAIR JUDGES

The ICGS Science Fair will be held on Wednesday, January 24, 2024 here in Plunkett Hall. We have seventh grade students that need their projects judged. Projects are independently judged against a set of objective scientific criteria. We are looking for volunteers to judge projects in the areas of consumer science, biology, chemistry, physics, behavioral health, etc. The fair begins at 2:45 pm and will run until approximately 5:30 pm.

For more information, please call the school office at 630-530-3490 or email Barb Repking at brepking@icgradeschoolelmhurst.org Thank you in advance for helping provide this opportunity for our students!

Have an ICGS Alumni update? Email us at development@icgradeschoolelmhurst.org

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*Save
THE
Date*

FEBRUARY 24, 2024



ANNUAL KNIGHT OF JEWELS GALA
Saturday, February 24, 2024
The Drake Oak Brook
2301 York Road
Oak Brook, IL

COACHES VS. CANCER EVENT

**ALL BASKETBALL LEVELS WILL PLAY
ON SATURDAY 1/20**

**BOYS BASKETBALL WILL TAKE
ON CHICAGO HOPE ACADEMY**

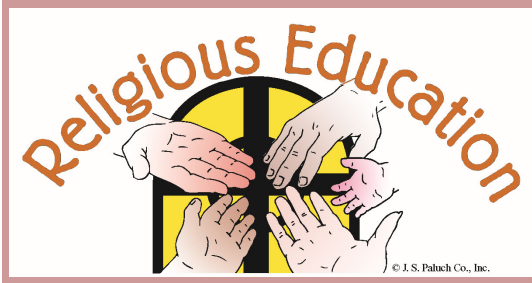
**GIRLS BASKETBALL WILL TAKE
ON TIMOTHY CHRISTIAN**

MASS at 4:30PM



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.



<u>Children's Church</u>	<u>Sunday RE</u>	<u>Wednesday RE</u>
February 4	January 21	January 17
February 25	February 4	January 24
	February 11	February 7

Grade 4 RE students will participate in the sacrament of Reconciliation on Sunday, January 21st and Wednesday, January 24th. Students are reminded to review the process and Act of Contrition prior to these dates.

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

ALL GRADE 6 students and parents : GRADE 6 Family Liturgy is scheduled for SUNDAY, JAN 21st at 9am. Students may volunteer to serve as greeters, Offertory gift bearers, or to distribute bulletins after the liturgy. Contact Mrs. Bastianoni to volunteer.

Parents are reminded of the need for consistent attendance in the scheduled RE sessions. Kindly make these sessions a priority in your calendar.

Please review the RE calendar as we begin the second semester of our program!

Youth Ministry



You are literally God's gift to the people in your life! God gives us what we need to help us love the best way! Parents, IC wants to encourage teenagers to understand and practice the virtues of **CHASTITY & SELF-CONTROL**, so they will be strengthened and get good at loving others rightly!

High School teens are invited to bring friends to Students of Impact on Sunday, January 21 5:30-7 pm in Costello Hall.

The topic is THRIVING RELATIONSHIPS
*This gathering will help teens clarify and have HIGH standards for friends, identify how they can BECOME a great friend, and get practical strategies for sharing God's love with classmates, family members and even the "hard to love" people! There will be food, fun people, games, small group challenges and discussions & practical strategies to help teens cultivate meaningful connections with all the people in their life! **ALL HS teens & friends are welcome from ANY school or church!***

♪♪ *Thank you to all singers and instrumentalists for leading us in joyful song this Christmas!* ♪♪

Accompanists: Steve Bisailon (3pm Church & 5pm Sacred Heart Chapel), Judy Schindler (3pm MPH)

Cantors: Anne Marie Carden (3pm Church), Annamarie Davis & Grace Gildea (3pm Sacred Heart Chapel), Marguerite DiMarco (11pm), Pamela Livorsi Hermansen (9am), Matthew Perez (3pm MPH), Amanda & Sara Zgonina (11:30am)

Instrumentalists: Margaret FioRito (violin, 3pm MPH), John & Liz Mazzocco (violin, 11:30am), Mia Radke (violin, 3pm Sacred Heart Chapel), Beth Sennett (flute), Rick Temple (trumpet)

Parish Choir (11pm): Kari Conkle, Marguerite DiMarco, Stephanie DiMarco, Marilyn Fitzpatrick, Jim Flatley (*Christmas Proclamation*), Carmine Grisolia, Judith Michalski, Joan Obial, Joe Thornton, Joyce Westphal

Youth Choir (3pm Sacred Heart Chapel): Maesie Bedinghaus, Maggie Bero, Bodie Blondell, Brody Breit, Tessa Breit, Cillian Connolly, Joy Czarnowski, Annamarie Davis, Lily Doucet, Claire DuBois, Chase Gallagher, Gracie Gildea, Lily Kohl, Miranda Martinez, Graham Matousek, Lyla McLaughlin, Ema Perez, Emme Pydo, Drew Repking, Connor Smolek, Greta Sweley, Kyle VanKoughnet

3pm Sacred Heart Chapel prelude solos: Lily Kohl, violin: *What Child Is This*; Graham Matousek, piano: *It Came Upon the Midnight Clear*



Year End Giving

Advent is a time of preparation. The days ahead will seem to go by quickly as we decorate our homes, go shopping and attend the many gatherings that come with the holiday season. Yet, we encourage everyone to carve out time for quiet prayer and create a special place to welcome Jesus at Christmas.

Another way to prepare for the end of the year is through charitable giving. When we look back at the countless blessings many of us have received throughout the year, we hope that you will consider special ways to give back to the Lord for all He has given us. Please remember your spiritual home, Immaculate Conception, as well as our We are IC! Capital Campaign, as you discern your year-end gifts. For traditional monetary donations, contributions may be deductible for tax purposes. Whether you are using offertory envelopes or taking advantage of the safe and convenient Online Giving program, proper credit will be reflected on your Parishioner statement. As a reminder, you can access the Online Giving program on the IC Parish website by clicking the orange "Donate Online" button on the left.

Following are a few alternatives to traditional donations for your consideration. Please know that any form of donation is humbly and greatly appreciated.

Qualified Charitable Distributions

These typically include contributions from Donor Advised Funds, Required Minimum Distributions (RMD), or annuities. If you have an established Donor Advisor Fund or are contemplating creating one, please consider including Immaculate Conception as a charitable recipient of a donation from the fund. A Donor Advised Fund is administered by a third party for the primary purpose of managing contributions to charitable organizations, such as Immaculate Conception Parish.

Additionally, if you are age 70 ½ or older, you can contact your IRA Fund Administrator and arrange for a tax-free direct transfer of your RMD to Immaculate Conception as a charitable donation. By doing a direct transfer from your IRA, the donation may satisfy your required distribution yet may not increase your adjusted gross income for tax purposes.

Stock Donation

For those who may own stocks, a review of your stock portfolio before year end is possibly advantageous. For example, if you have stock(s) that have decreased in value over the past years, you may want to consider donating this stock to Immaculate Conception Parish. The donation could be eligible for a charitable contribution tax deduction, but also may offset capital gains for this year. If stock has increased in value, you may be able to claim a deduction for the full fair market value and eliminate any tax on the appreciation.

Employer Matching Gifts

Companies frequently match their employee's monetary contributions. If your employer has this type of program, please consider utilizing it on behalf of our Immaculate Conception Grade School or High School. Many corporations offer employee matching gift programs for educational institutions.

Charitable Gifts from Your Will or Trust

An easy way to make a gift to Immaculate Conception is to include a bequest in your will or trust. You can give a specific sum, a percentage of your gross estate or your residuary estate. The diocese has partnered with FreeWill to make planned giving easier than ever. Visit freewill.com/dioceseofjoliet to write a will at no personal cost, and include the necessary language to support Immaculate Conception with a gift in your plans. FreeWill's online will writing tools allow you to make a lasting gift to IC quickly and easily.

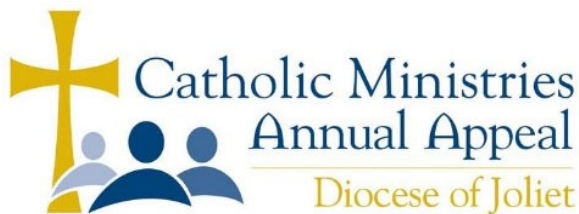
If you have any questions relative to year end giving options, please contact Colleen Lewandowski at 630-530-8848 or at clewandowski@icelmhurst.org.

Thank you for your continued support. We are I.C.!

Stewardship of Treasure

Seniors Invited to Defer Property Taxes
 Qualified senior citizens, aged 65 and older are invited to apply for the Senior Citizen Real Estate Tax Deferral Program. The program allows participants to defer property tax payment until the property is sold. The deferral is treated as a loan and accrues 6 percent simple interest until paid. To qualify, the applicant's household income cannot exceed \$65,000. Additionally, the property must be used exclusively for residential purposes. The application period closes March 1, 2024. For more information, contact the DuPage County Treasurer's Office at 630.407.5900 or www.dupageco.org/treasurer

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



Stewardship of Time

	Lector	Altar Server	EM	Greeter
Jan. 20 4:30pm	A. Paprocki (1) T. Paprocki (2)	T. Levy I. Gildea J. McEvoy	B. Cronin M. Paprocki S. Scott	T. Kaiser
Jan. 21 7:30am	M. Gieser (1) R. Cello (2)	L. Denekas	A. Chiappetta	J. Callahan M. Smith
Jan. 21 9:00am	T. Davis (1) D. La Monica (2)	P. Davis G. Sullivan C. Hill	J. Davis S. Sloan K. Sullivan	M. Tovey M. Tovey
Jan. 21 11:30am	R. Tuttle (1) B. Buis (2)	A. Camp	M. Durkin	J. Viola
Jan. 21 7:00pm	J. Kenneally (1)			C. Cohen

Presider Schedule January 20 & 21

- 4:30 Fr. Jeremy
- 7:30 Fr. Michael Pawlowicz
- 9:00 Fr. Tom
- 11:30 Fr. Jeremy assisted by Dcn. John
- 7:00 Fr. Jeremy

*Schedule is subject to change. Thank you!

The 2024 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal has begun!

As the Diocese of Joliet launches the 2024 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA), we are humbly asking all parishioners to pledge their support for this important effort, as together we can make a profound difference. This year's CMAA theme is *For the Glory of God*. Through our support, we ensure that the mission and ministries of Christ's Church are available to everyone. Together, we can help provide safe shelter for the homeless, feed the physical and social needs of those who are hungry, inspire those discerning a life of vocation, and aid in the education of our next generation of Catholics. Our parish could not accomplish all of this on its own, but together through the appeal we can do so much more.

Our parish's goal for the 2024 CMAA is \$114,500, and 70 percent of any amount we raise over our goal will be returned to us and used fruitfully within our own parish. Please review the materials you receive in the mail from the Diocese of Joliet this month and prayerfully reflect on your gift to this year's annual appeal.

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