

# *Immaculate Conception Parish Bulletin*

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

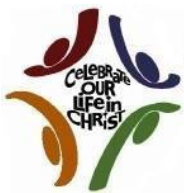
*Fourteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time July 9, 2023*



*Immaculate Conception  
Welcomes  
Father Jeremy Leganski*

*Fr. Jeremy was ordained in  
May of this year.*

*May God Bless him during his  
continued service to our  
Parish Community.*



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

**Friday: 8:30 a.m. ~ Noon**

**Phone: 530-8515**

**Website: [icelmhurst.org](http://icelmhurst.org)**

**Eastern DuPage Deanery: [easterndupagedeanery.org](http://easterndupagedeanery.org)**

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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, 11:00am, and 7:00pm**

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

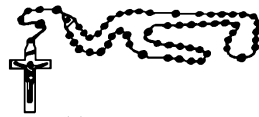
**First Fridays after 6:15am Mass until all are heard**



### Mass Schedule

Monday, July 10	6:15am and 7:30am Mass Church
Tuesday, July 11	6:15am and 7:30am Mass Church
Wednesday, July 12	6:15am and 7:30am Mass Church
Thursday, July 13	6:15am and 7:30am Mass Church
Friday, July 14	6:15am and 7:30am Mass Church
Saturday, July 15	8:00am Mass Church 4:30pm Mass Church
*Reconciliation will be held after 4:30pm Mass until 6:00pm	
Sunday, July 16	7:30am, 9:00am 11:00am, & 7:00pm Mass 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.



### Pray the Rosary with your Immaculate Conception Family

We are celebrating the Eucharistic Revival across the country from 2022 to 2025. Please join us each Saturday 4:00pm (immediately preceding the 4:30pm Mass) in the Chapel to pray a Rosary for the Eucharistic Revival. If you would like to lead the Rosary, please contact Karina Gildea at [kgildea@icelmhurst.org](mailto:kgildea@icelmhurst.org). Find more information about the Eucharistic Revival at <https://www.eucharisticrevival.org>

## Job Opportunities

**Part Time Accounting Clerk:** Immaculate Conception Parish is seeking to hire a part-time Accounting Clerk. Monday – Thursday, with occasional Fridays; not to exceed 29 hours per week. This individual will be responsible for Providing accounting services, which includes, but is not limited to, overseeing the counting of cash received by the Parish, collection of cash and checks in a variety of locations, G/L Entries, creation of a variety of reports, and coverage of front desk in the absence of the Receptionist. Must possess a high school diploma, or GED. Some college level coursework preferred. Minimum of 3 years in an administrative capacity within a Catholic Church and/or School preferred. To apply for this amazing opportunity, please send a cover letter and resume to [clewandowski@icelmhurst.org](mailto:clewandowski@icelmhurst.org)

**Parish Office:** The Immaculate Conception Parish Office is seeking a part-time (20 hours per week), Volunteer Coordinator. This position requires a person with good pastoral skills, a willingness to work cooperatively with volunteers and staff, computer experience, and organizational skills. Responsibilities include scheduling of all liturgical ministers, mailings, special projects, front desk help, and other duties as needed. Applicants should send resume to [ccohen@icelmhurst.org](mailto:ccohen@icelmhurst.org) or [clewandowski@icelmhurst.org](mailto:clewandowski@icelmhurst.org)

# Bishop Hicks' Column

July 2023

A month to refresh and recharge



RECENTLY, I VISITED A PARISH IN OUR DIOCESE. Immediately after the Mass, I was delighted to begin the “meet and greet” in the narthex. Per usual, the topics of conversation were widely varied. I was struck, however, by a comment made by one of the

parishioners. Seemingly out of nowhere, she exhorted me: “Bishop, we are all in need of the month of July!” I think she read the polite—yet confused—look on my face, as she explained, “Life gets so busy and crazy. It seems that July is the only month to slow down, enjoy the warm weather and just chill out!” Nodding with affirmation, I smiled and chuckled as I replied to her, “I think you are right. We all need a little summer in our lives.” With that, a huge smile appeared on her face as she raised her hand to give me an enthusiastic high five.

Truth be told, I love the month of July. I have great childhood memories of mid-summer, specifically about Independence Day. Each year on the Fourth of July, my grandma would host an all-day family gathering at her house in Blue Island, Illinois. My uncles would fire up the large, charcoal grills around 7 a.m. After cooking many pounds of bacon, the eggs then were fried in the drippings. But this annual ritual divided the family down the middle—there were about half of us (including me) who viewed this breakfast as one of the greatest culinary delights of the year. The other half would not permit the grill masters to touch their plates, opting instead for kitchen-made eggs and pancakes with some coffee cake and fruit.

After this grand breakfast, the day would be filled with music, conversation, volleyball, croquet, a beanbag toss, and—for some—a walk to Western Avenue to watch the Fourth of July parade. The day concluded by sitting on lawn chairs and blankets as we watched the fireworks from the local high school as we passed around bug repellent to keep the mosquitoes away.

To this day, I still cherish those family memories of the Fourth of July at my grandma’s. Instead of work, study, or chores, it was a day to truly disconnect from the obligations of life and simply enjoy a full day of food, fun, family, and friends. And like most of us, I relished a break from work and school.

As we enter fully into this month of July, maybe it is not only time to refresh and recharge our lives with some good food, fun, family and friends. Perhaps summertime also is our opportunity to refresh and recharge our *spiritual* lives.

One way to revive ourselves is to immerse ourselves in God’s creation. In contrast to those gray periods of winter, the sun now shines brightly as our days are longer between sunrise and sunset. The flowers are blooming with vivid colors and the canopy of full trees offer coolness and shade. We can open our windows and listen to birds chirp as we bite into garden-fresh tomatoes, peppers, cherries, and watermelon. It is also a time to notice our neighbors, as many people enjoy a morning or evening walk and children ride bikes around the neighborhood.

How will you refresh and recharge this summer? Perhaps it is the promise of a long-awaited family vacation to a nearby campsite, lake, or amusement park. Or maybe you’ll take a trip to sightsee or visit family and friends afar. During your travels, consider stopping at a shrine or spirituality center along the way.

For others, a “staycation” sounds heavenly. Maybe July will provide you the time to leisurely read a recommended book, clean out the garage, play a board or card game, walk the dog a little longer, or leisurely lay in a hammock or favorite lawn chair and just stare up at the trees or the stars.

On the spiritual level, if you find yourself traveling away from home this summer, please do not take a vacation from attending Mass. Instead of looking at it as a way to merely fulfill an obligation, remember that you’re participating in and receiving the greatest gift that God has given to us—Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist. Attending a different Catholic church also can invigorate us while we experience new congregations, listen to different homilists, and worship with other choirs and musicians.

As Catholics, we are reminded that while we embrace the downtime of summer, there is no need to take a break from God! In fact, it’s a wonderful time to invite Jesus Christ into your summer experience. For like I was told in the narthex after Mass, we need the month of July! This is the perfect month to refresh and recharge our spiritual lives.

May you have a happy summer and may God bless and protect you always.

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## Worship

### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading:** See, your king shall come to you; a just savior is he, meek, and riding on an ass, on a colt, the foal of an ass. (Zec 9:9)

**Second Reading:** For if you live according to the flesh, you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. (Rom 8:13)

**Gospel:** Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart; and you will find rest for yourselves. (Mt 11:29)

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### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Zec 9:9-10/Ps 145:1-2, 8-9, 10-11, 13-14  
(see 1)/Rom 8:9, 11-13/Mt 11:25-30

Monday: Gn 28:10-22a/Ps 91:1-2, 3-4, 14-15ab/  
Mt 9:18-26

Tuesday: Gn 32:23-33/ Ps 17:1b, 2-3, 6-7ab, and 15/  
Mt 9:32-38

Wednesday: Gn 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a/Ps 33:2-3,  
10-11, 18-19/Mt 10:1-7

Thursday: Gn 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5/Ps 105:16-17,  
18-19, 20-21/Mt 10:7-15

Friday: Gn 46:1-7, 28-30/Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28,  
39-40/Mt 10:16-23

Saturday: Gn 49:29-32; 50:15-26a/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4,  
6-7/Mt 10:24-33

### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Tuesday: St. Benedict, Abbot

Thursday: St. Henry

Friday: St. Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin

Saturday: St. Bonaventure,  
Bishop and Doctor of the Church



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.

Week of July -15

Sacred Heart Candle: †Maria Thu Tran

### MASS INTENTIONS

#### MONDAY, JULY 10

6:15AM †Helen & Anthony LaBarbera / Ron  
& Linda Stedman

7:30AM †Sharon Natanek  
†Tom Morgan / Morgan Family

#### TUESDAY, JULY 11

6:15AM †Gabe Remy

7:30AM †Janine Mara / Anne Hohbein

#### WEDNESDAY, JULY 12

6:15AM †Leo Faklaris

7:30AM †Fran Butler

#### THURSDAY, JULY 13

6:15AM †Dane LeClair

7:30AM †Brady Doherty

#### FRIDAY, JULY 14

6:15AM †Alexia Mendoza

7:30AM †Catherin Ptak / Pat Rosen

#### SATURDAY, JULY 15

8:00AM †Michael Galvin

4:30PM †Gregory Stall / Stall Family

#### SUNDAY, JULY 16

7:30AM †Jackie Costello / Tim Costello

9:00AM †Reginald Darley / Monica & Ken  
Rahilly

†Brittany Sue Battaglia

†Frank Kurash / Anna Falco

11:00AM †Anne & Ray Vertovec / Family

7:00PM †Parish Family

†Denotes deceased

### 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.*

**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.**

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| Adkins, Finley  | Greenlee, Raymond  |
| Bloc, Michael   | Koch, Susan        |
| Campbell, Donna | Kuzlik, Therese    |
| Devin           | McCann, Mary       |
| Durgan, Bob     | Pacurek, Robert    |
| Durgan, Lindsey | Reedy, Barbara     |
| Durgan, Terri   | Schramm, Colleen   |
| Earnisse, Diane | Teruel, Ellen      |
| Earnisse, Dick  | Vogel, Renee Moran |
| Gow, Olivia     | Wilki, Carl        |

- 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  
**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  
**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

**If you would like your name or that of a loved one listed, please email [bulletin@icelhurst.org](mailto: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”

- †Baby Alexia Mendoza  
†Kathleen Reaney

*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 June:

- |                              |                              |
|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| ◆ William Mackenzie Grodecki | ◆ Charlie Aloysius VanEkeren |
| ◆ Harper Jeanne Swenor       | ◆ Milo James Joslin          |
| ◆ Ella Jean Beyer            | ◆ Francis Louie D'Ambrose    |
| ◆ Martin Thomas Hanley       | ◆ Megan Muratta              |

### 2023 ENGAGED COUPLES

- Margaret Hickey & Daniel Manchen 10/7*  
*Margie Acton & Michael O'Leary 10/14*  
*Pamela Livorsi & Derek Hermansen 10/28*



## Christian Ministry



### IC DAYBREAK TRANSITIONAL HOUSING

Do you have life skills that would benefit someone in need? Are you willing to invest time to help someone move from homelessness to self-sufficiency? 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 – 630-530-3497 - to RSVP or request additional information.



### Catholic Charities Backpack Collection

**NEXT WEEKEND / July 15 & 16**

New backpacks and school supplies are given to low-income students at the annual Catholic Charities Back to School Fair.

**Backpacks may be dropped off at the Parish Administration Center any time between now and July 17. If you don't have time to shop, your donation will be gratefully accepted.**

**Checks should be made payable to Catholic Charities / Back to School Collection.**

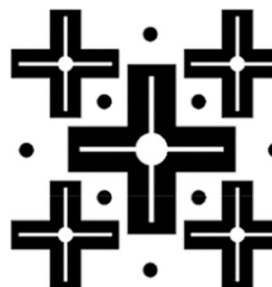
### GOOD USED CAR DONATIONS NEEDED

**IC Daybreak Transitional Housing** partners with Bridge Communities, who provides numerous resources for our client families, which often include educational classes in nutrition, parenting, resume-building, office skills and more. One of the program requirements is that a client is employed full-time. One of the most significant barriers to finding and keeping employment is unreliable transportation. Many clients enter our program with either no car or a car that needs extensive and costly repairs. Bridge relies on donations to provide cars to these families. Reliable transportation is a necessity, as public transportation in DuPage County is limited. One of our current clients is currently in need of a good used vehicle. If you have a vehicle in working condition that you wish to donate, please contact Paul at Bridge Communities 630-403-5104 or



[paul.matthews@bridgecommunities.org](mailto:paul.matthews@bridgecommunities.org)

Thank you for considering this valuable donation to our transitional housing program.



The Christian Ministry Office is seeking individuals interested in becoming bereavement ministers. This is a flexible ministry with no rotating schedules. The role of the bereavement minister is to assist the family in planning the Rite of Christian Burial (funeral Mass), which includes choosing the readings, songs and intercessions. The bereavement minister attends the wake and is present on the day of the funeral. The only requirement is a compassionate heart. Training is provided. If you are interested and want to learn more, please contact Pam Stefik at 630-530-3497 or [pstefik@icelmhurst.org](mailto:pstefik@icelmhurst.org)

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Maria with her two sons and three IC Daybreak Mentors:  
Julie Hanebuth, Suzanne Mahoney and Ann Kilgast

Maria is a 2022 graduate of our **IC Daybreak Transitional Housing** program. She was recently honored at Bridge Communities' "Celebrating Women / Transforming Lives" luncheon with the "Lives Transformed" award. When Maria graduated from our program, she sent a heartfelt letter, which we share below. **Our donors truly transform the lives of the families in our transitional housing program. Thank you!**

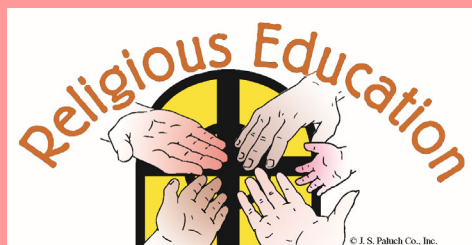
*I want to share a little of the big impact this program has done to transform my family's life.*

*I have been with the program for over a year now and I can truly say I am a completely transformed person. My mentors meet with me weekly, and together as a team we set goals and time of completion. They provide their wisdom and tools to help me pay off my debt completely, their support gave me the confidence to request to refinance my car loan at an amazing low interest rate. Their love and support have helped me become assertive and set boundaries for my people pleasing personality traits. For a person who has a hard time asking for help, I was overwhelmed as I never had anyone go out of their way to drive me to the hospital on the day of my surgery and then arrive with groceries during the week for my kiddos. My mentors are truly ambassadors of bringing light into the world.*

*This program has provided unlimited resources such as getting you prepared for career vision as well as how to connect to home buying. I know?! This completely destroyed my unbelief system! Through a different resource for home buying program (Home DuPage), I was introduced to Habitat for Humanity, and accepted into their program. All the hard work from our weekly meetings paid off. It was preparation to what Habitat for Humanity requested as requirements before being accepted. And as of today, preparations for a house offer are taking place. Truly a miracle!! In just under 2 years, I have paid off my debt, refinanced my car, soon to be a homeowner, a budget foreseer, someone who has formed healthier eating habits by cooking more instead of eating out. Yep, whole transformation! And through it my two boys 10-year-old and 11-year-old are inheriting its roots. They are building healthy habits and wiser alongside with me.*

*There are not enough words to describe my heartfelt gratitude for all the support, the love, the accountability and generosity that has been provided to us. A second chance at life! An opportunity not many get. We truly feel blessed beyond measures!*

*May God bless you and enrich you a thousand-fold for all your generosity, to continue to transform and empower others.*



**Register NOW for  
IC Religious Education!**  
Class options are  
**Wednesdays 5:10-6:15**  
**OR**  
**Sundays 10:10-11:15**  
**for children K—8th**



Complete your 2023-24 RE Registration by July 15th and receive an early bird savings on your Tuition & Fees. Please complete ALL requested information.

The faith formation of your children is an important responsibility of all parents. Let us assist you through our RE Program. Contact the Office with questions.

The Summer months offers additional time for reflection. Kindly reflect on serving through volunteering as a Catechist or Aide. Contact the RE Office for details. Your assistance is appreciated. We will provide you with the necessary training and weekly lessons. Prayerfully consider this important ministry.

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



ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS  
*a journey of faith*



### To-Do List Before Summer Vacation

Contact Pam Stefik at 630-530-3497 to inquire about joining the Catholic Church this year. **Classes now forming.** The journey begins in September.



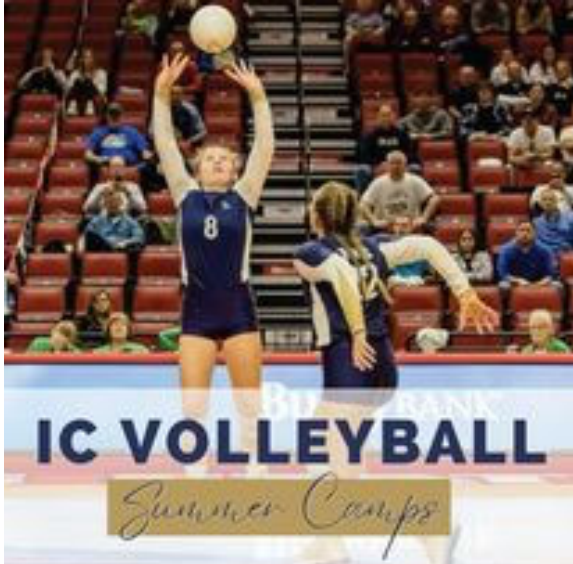
**PARENTS:** Do you have a child **7 years of age or older** who has not yet been baptized and/or has not received their First Holy Communion? Please contact Pam Stefik at 630-530-3497 regarding the Order of Christian Initiation adapted for children. Special Sacrament classes run concurrently with ongoing religious education, either through our RE program or Catholic school.

What is Spiritual Direction?  
Wondering where God is in your life? Searching for answers, but not sure where to find them?  
Spiritual direction is a confidential, one-hour monthly conversation focusing on your inner spiritual self. The premise is that the answer lies in the silence within. If now is the right time for you to grow deeper in your relationship with God, this may be for you. To learn more, contact: Anne Hohbein Certified Professional Spiritual Director





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# IC VOLLEYBALL

*Summer Camps*

For incoming 9th grade and all levels

CAMP DATES	
Tuesday 6/27	5-7:15pm
Thursday 6/29	5-7:15pm
Thursday 7/6	5-7:15pm
Monday 7/10	5-7:15pm
Thursday 7/13	5-7:15pm
Monday 7/17	5-7:15pm
Thursday 7/20	5-7:15pm
Monday 7/24	5-7:15pm

Camps will be held at  
Triton College  
Robert M. Collins Center Gymnasium  
2000 5th Ave  
River Grove, IL



# Baseball CAMP INFO

FOR CURRENT & INCOMING STUDENTS

**July 18 & 19**  
9th grade camp  
(incoming freshmen only)  
8am to 10am  
Plunkett Field

**July 25 & 26**  
All players camp  
9am to 11am  
Plunkett Field

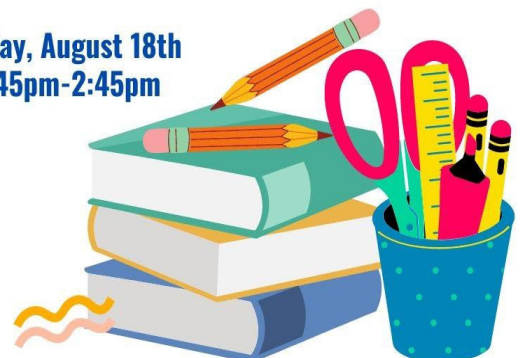


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ICGS welcomes Fr. Jeremy! We look forward to the upcoming school year with you as our Parochial Vicar!

# ICGS OPEN HOUSE & MEET THE TEACHERS

Friday, August 18th  
1:45pm-2:45pm





## Eucharistic Revival



### Eucharist and the Call to Evangelize

The Church in the US began a three-year Eucharist Revival last year with the ‘Planning’ Phase. On the Solemnity of Corpus Christi, June 11, 2023, we began the Second year with the ‘Parish’ Phase (June 2023–July 2024). The past three weeks, we have focused on the first three important Eucharistic beliefs: 1) Paschal Mystery and the Eucharist; 2) Real Presence and Eucharistic Worship; and 3) Eucharist and the Call to Holiness. Today our focus is: 4) Eucharist and the Call to Evangelize.

The Eucharist is “the source and summit of the Christian life”. In the Eucharistic liturgy and our prayer before the Blessed Sacrament, we encounter God’s presence in personal and profound ways. But the Eucharist is also social, as Pope Benedict XVI reminds us in *Deus Caritas Est*: “A Eucharist which does not pass over into the concrete practice of love is intrinsically fragmented.” And as Pope Francis said, “Jesus is not a personage from the past; he is a person living today; we encounter him in life”. As Christian disciples, we are called to bring this ever-present Life of God into the world.

The Eucharist, celebrated as a community, teaches us about human dignity, calls us to right relationship with God, ourselves, and others, invites us to community and solidarity, and sends us on mission to help sanctify and transform our communities, neighborhoods, and world. But the way we invite others to “come and see” as Jesus invited his apostles, matters. Think about a time you were invited somewhere new. What made you go? What made you unafraid?

In this Year of the Parish Revival, we plan to launch an “Invite One Back” initiative. When we hear the words, “Go forth, the Mass is ended,” our work as missionary disciples begins anew as we respond to the Lord’s command to “go and make disciples” by the faithful witness of our lives. We will also consider how we can better identify and accompany those in need and on the margins. We as part of the “Mystical Body of Christ” can become the hands and feet of Jesus to bring his Good News to the poor of our neighborhood and parish. Watch for more to come.

Are you wondering how to thank our priests, Father Tom and Father Jeremy for all the good things they have done and continue to do, for our parish family? Would you like to start with prayer? We invite you to commit to praying for our IC Priests, Father Tom and Father Jeremy. You can choose a day of the month where you will join others in the parish, in private prayer, for God to protect, nourish and intercede for them. This is part of a diocese wide effort “Rosa Mystica – Pray for our Priests” where parishioners pray one day a month for their parish priests. If you are interested, please choose a day of the month you would like to commit to pray for them. Contact Mary Pat Tyson-Vanderlaan to sign up and for further information at (630) 624-1333 or [mptyson@gmail.com](mailto:mptyson@gmail.com)

### Intercessor’s Prayer for Priests

*Our Father, we urgently beg you to sanctify our priests.*

*Immerse them continuously in your deep love*

*and fill them with the transforming power of your Holy Spirit.*

*Make their desires holy as you are holy.*

*Give them the manifold gifts of wisdom, discernment and knowledge  
to effectively carry out their priestly duties.*

*Purify their hearts, minds and hands*

*as they consecrate bread into the Body of Christ  
and wine into the Blood of Christ*

*and let it wash over them to sanctify them wholly, body and soul.*

*Lead them with holy inspiration as they prepare their homilies  
so that the words they speak are your Words.*

*Let the Holy Spirit use their mouths to proclaim the gospel boldly,  
penetrating into the hearts and minds of your people.*

*Give them eyes and ears to see and hear what you desire.*

*Use their hands for your work and their feet to go where you want to go.*

*Assure them of your presence and loving embrace.*

*We ask this in Jesus’ name through the power of the Holy Spirit  
and the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary – The Mother of the Church.*

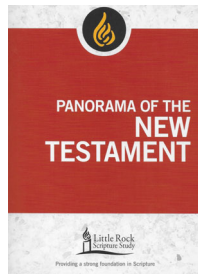
*Amen.*

**Vacation Bible School for Adults**

Summer is the perfect season to dive into Scripture. In our time and place, we have unprecedented access to Catholic biblical scholarship. In just five one-hour sessions, we'll see how the New Testament continues and completes the narrative of God's redemption in the world.

Join us from 7:00 to 8:00 on Tuesday evenings, every other week starting June 27, in the Resource Room. Our text is Panorama of the New Testament by Stephen J. Binz of the Little Rock Scripture Study. It is available at [amazon.com](http://amazon.com) or [litpress.org](http://litpress.org). Order the 2019 edition, as pictured.

Contact Anne Hohbein with any questions.  
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*Beginning this fall at Visitation Catholic Church in Elmhurst!*

**Biblical Institute in the Diocese of Joliet**

Here's your chance to learn about and join our excellent diocesan Bible school, now sponsored by Mayslake Ministries. The Biblical Institute offers in-depth study of the Bible, from the Catholic point of view, presented by trained and experienced Catholic teachers.

**Biblical Institute Preview Night**  
**- Immaculate Conception Catholic Church**  
**August 21 (Monday) 7-8:30 p.m.**

VOCATION PRAYER CALENDAR

God our Father, You made each of us to use our gifts in the Body of Christ. We ask that You inspire young people whom You call to priesthood and consecrated life to courageously follow Your will. Send workers into Your great harvest so that the Gospel is preached, the poor are served with love, the suffering are comforted, and Your people are strengthened by the sacraments. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

Prayer for Vocations  
by Pope Francis

For an increase of vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and religious life, especially in the Diocese of Joliet, we pray to the Lord.  
Lord, hear our prayer.



VOCATION PRAYER CALENDAR

July 2023

*Remember these men and women in your daily prayers -priests, Deacons, Seminarians and Women & Men Religious in the Diocese of Joliet*

- 1 Brs. Peter Tripp, Thomas Dominic Vance, Robert Veselsky, John Vitoris FSC
- 2 **Seminarian Frank Perrotta**
- 3 Sr. Dorothy Birk OSF, Sr. Toby Marie Bonny OSF
- 4 Sr. Alice Drewek OSF, Sr. Martha Friedman OSF
- 5 Fr. Eusebius Martis, OSB
- 6 Dcns. Patrick Lombardo, Jose L. Lopez, Marco Lovero, Ronald Madsen, David Mahoney, Frederick Maier
- 7 Sr. Colette Murawski PCC
- 8 Fr. Robert Basler, Fr. Thomas Osborne O.S.A., Fr. Anthony Pizzo O.S.A.
- 9 **Seminarian Josh White**
- 10 Sr. Maria Murphy PCC
- 11 Fr. Scott McCawley, Fr. John McGeean, Fr. Robert Basler
- 12 Fr. Thomas McGivney, Fr. Don McLaughlin
- 13 Fr. Jason Stone, Fr. Jeffery Stoneberg
- 14 Fr. Alex Lorang
- 15 Sr. Alana Gorski OSF, Sr. Margaret Grepka OSF
- 16 Dcns. Robert Malek, Peter Manning, Thomas Marciani, Philip Marrow, Santos Martinez
- 17 Sr. Yeonsook Choi, Sr. Min Hea Kim SBKM
- 18 Fr. Michael McMahon, Fr. David Medow, Fr. Mark Menezes
- 19 Fr. Carl Markelz O.Carm., Fr. Kevin McBrien O.Carm.
- 20 **Seminarian John Biak Zung Piang**
- 21 Dcns. Artemio Martinez, David Marlowe, Ricardo Marquez, Anthony Martini
- 22 Fr. Timothy Andres O.Carm., Fr. Joseph Atcher O.Carm.
- 23 Sr. Alice Reckamp OSF, Sr. Audrey Marie Rothweil OSF
- 24 Fr. Marcin Michalak, Fr. Joshua Miller
- 25 Todd Bly, Stephen Contreras, Michael Doerries (Deacon aspirants)
- 26 Fr. Thomas Milota, Fr. David Mowry
- 27 Sr. Monica R. Sesko
- 28 Sr. Krystyna Kosakowska MSF, Sr. Teresa Lawicka MSF
- 29 Fr. Bernhard Bauerle O.Carm., Fr. Robert Boley O.Carm.
- 30 Fr. Patrick Mulcahy, Fr. Edward Mumper
- 31 Dcns. Christopher Mazzacano, Christopher McCaffrey, Wilfredo Marrero

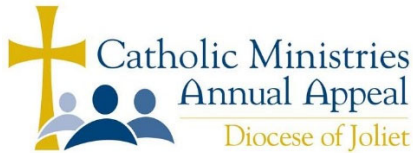
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**Stewardship of Time and Treasure**

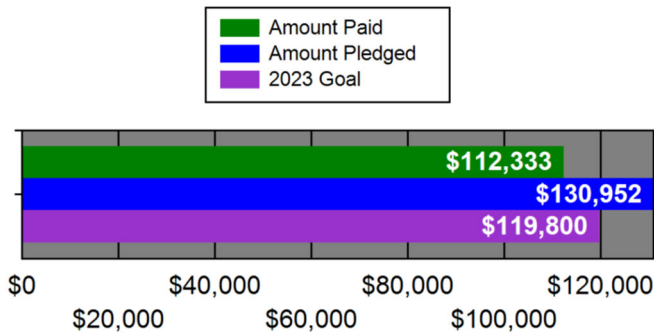
**Weekly Sharing  
June 25, 2023**

Sunday Envelopes Total:	\$	11,328.60
Electronic Offerings:	\$	13,928.08
Total Gifts:	\$	25,256.68
Amount Budgeted Per Week:	\$	29,000.00

**Thank You in His Name!**



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. 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!



**Honor life milestones through an estate plan**  
Spring is a time when we celebrate significant life milestones like graduations, weddings, and Mother's Day. One simple way you embrace these milestones and look to new chapters of life with peace of mind is by creating a will. Using FreeWill, you can create your will for free and make a plan that provides for your loved ones, stewards your assets, and honors your faith and values.  
**Visit [FreeWill.com/DioceseOfJoliet](http://FreeWill.com/DioceseOfJoliet) to learn more and get started.**

	Lector	Altar Server	EM	Greeter
<b>July 15 4:30pm</b>	J. Kenneally (1) A. Serritella (2)	G. Gutierrez L. Wolbeck S. DiMarco	M. Cadaoas D. Carter M. Wolbeck	T. Kaiser
<b>July 16 7:30am</b>	T. Brown (1) J. Vosicky (2)	T. Levy	W. Dudek	J. Callahan M. Smith
<b>July 16 9:00am</b>	M. Ashton (1) S. Whiteside (2)	C. McConnell M. McConnell G. Sullivan	J. McConnell S. Sloan K. Sullivan	M Tovey M. Tovey
<b>July 16 11:00am</b>	L. Kalina (1) R. Tuttle (2)	R. King	M. Durkin	J. Viola
<b>July 16 7:00pm</b>	J. O'Leary (1)			C. Cohen

**Presider Schedule**

July 15 & 16

- 4:30 Fr. David Mowry
  - 7:30 Fr. Jeremy
  - 9:00 Fr. Jeremy
  - 11:00 Fr. Tom
  - 7:00 Fr. Bill Conway
- \*The presider schedule is subject to change.

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