

# Immaculate Conception Parish Bulletin

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

*Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe November 26, 2023*



## OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

“Amen, I say to you,  
whatever you did for one  
of the least brothers  
of mine, you did for me.”  
- Mt 25:38-40

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

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

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**NEW PARISHIONERS, WELCOME!**

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

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

**Saturday 8:00am and 4:30pm**

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

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

**First Fridays after 6:15am Mass & First Saturdays after 8am Mass**



# Bishop Hicks' Column

November 2023

## LAUNCHING OUR 75<sup>TH</sup> JUBILEE



A "JUBILEE" IS A SPECIAL ANNIVERSARY, marking a certain time period. For example, a twenty-fifth anniversary is universally recognized as a silver jubilee, whereas the fiftieth is known as the golden jubilee. This month, we are officially launching the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Diocese of

Joliet, or the celebration of our diamond jubilee.

As they say, "diamonds are forever." This celebration gives us the opportunity to honor our past, commemorate our present, and look forward to the future with hope. Our year-long celebration will officially begin in December 2023 and end in December 2024. However, we have a few things happening in November that I would like to share with you and encourage your participation.

On Monday, November 6, 2023, we launched the first episode of a 14-part podcast series produced specifically for our 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary. In our pilot episode, Fr. Tom Paul, the chair of the Jubilee planning committee, and I talked about different ways that you can participate in our anniversary celebration. If you are a podcast aficionado, just listen on your favorite app by searching "Faith Into Action." Or you may try watching it on the diocesan YouTube channel. Either way, the links can always be found in the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary section of our website, [diojoliet.org/75th](http://diojoliet.org/75th), which can be read in English, Spanish, and Polish.

As we celebrate with great faith, hope, and love, I want to make sure we have many opportunities to pray together. A nine-day novena will begin on November 25, the Saturday after Thanksgiving. This Novena of Grace is based on the writings of the patron saint of our diocese, St. Francis Xavier. For daily prayers and devotions, visit the website or see your Sunday bulletin.

The novena concludes on December 3, 2023. On that same day we will host an event at the Blanchette Catholic Center at 1 p.m., where I will bless a new statue of St. Francis Xavier. He will beautifully welcome employees and visitors at the main entrance to our diocesan offices to remind us of our missionary call to share our faith with all people.

Then, for an entire year we will celebrate in ways that highlight my vision of catechesis, evangelization, and faith into action:

1. We will promote **catechesis** through faith formation to help the next generations *know about* Jesus and the Church. Through novenas, prayer cards, and lesson plans, we will grow the knowledge of our faith for all ages. We are blessed that our celebration is occurring in harmony with the three-year National Eucharistic Revival, which reminds us how the Eucharist is the source and summit of our lives.
2. We will also continue to **evangelize**, which is needed to truly know Jesus and *love* Him. True evangelization is realized when we believe in our minds, hearts, and souls that Jesus is real: He loves us, and we love Him. Through liturgies, prayers, media posts, podcasts, printed calendars, and commemorative books, we will actively **share** our faith and love of Jesus, who gives us eternal life through His life, suffering, death, and resurrection.
3. With catechesis and evangelization as our foundation, we will continue to put our **faith into action**. As Catholics, we *serve* the poor, the needy, and the marginalized. We speak for the unborn, the stranger, the abandoned, and those who are in most need of our care. As part of the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary, I encourage all parishes to establish a day of service in the fall of 2024, responding to the various needs of each distinct community.

Jesus gave us such an incredible gift in the Church, and as baptized Christians, we are called to pass our faith on to the next generations. No one wants to belong to a Church that is merely surviving. Instead, we should have a burning desire to be a thriving Church that truly reflects God's light and God's love.

I encourage you to participate in some aspect of our 75<sup>th</sup> Jubilee during this next year. There is truly something for everyone, and I want each of you to know that YOU are a vital part of our celebration. So, together, rooted in Christ, let's live out the theme of our 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary: founded in faith, called to witness, and sent forth to serve!



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

## DIOCESE OF JOLIET



## Eucharistic Revival

### How Eucharist is Christ the King's greatest gift to Universe

On the last Sunday of each liturgical year, the Church celebrates the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, or Christ the King.

Pope Pius XI instituted this Feast Day in 1925 to respond to growing secularism and atheism. This solemnity reminds us that while governments come and go, Christ reigns as King forever. We also recognize that the real presence of Christ is in the Eucharist and that this is Christ the King's greatest gift.

Jesus gives himself to us in the Eucharist as spiritual nourishment because he loves us. By eating the Body and drinking the **Blood of Christ** in the Eucharist, we become united to the person of Christ through his humanity. "Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him" (Jn 6:56). In being united to the humanity of Christ, we are at the same time united to his divinity. Our mortal and corruptible natures are transformed by being joined to the source of eternal life.

St. Teresa of Avila said that one might be overcome by the chance to meet a king. However, it should never be forgotten that the King of the Universe has made Himself available to us at all times, in every Catholic church. In every chapter of the story of salvation, Our Lord seeks us out and draws ever closer to us, to be with us in the most radical way in the Eucharist.

In the Eucharist, the Church both receives the gift of Jesus Christ and gives thanks to God for such a blessing. Through this gift of Himself in the celebration of the Eucharist under the appearances of bread and wine, Christ the King gives us the gift of eternal life.



### Rosary

Pray the Rosary with your Immaculate Conception Family  
Please join us each Saturday at 4:00pm  
(immediately preceding the 4:30pm Mass) in the Chapel  
to pray a Rosary for the Eucharistic Revival.

Every Saturday morning after the 8:00 am mass several parishioners gather to pray for our priests, our Church, our pope and for more vocations to the priesthood and to the religious life.  
Please consider joining us!



## Worship

### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading:** As for you, my sheep, says the Lord GOD, I will judge between one sheep and another, between rams and goats. (Ez 34:17)

**Second Reading:** When everything is subjected to him, then the Son himself will also be subjected to the one who subjected everything to him, so that God may be all in all. (1 Cor 15:28)

**Gospel:** "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit upon his glorious throne, and all the nations will be assembled before him. And he will separate them one from another, as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats." (Mt 25:31-32)

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### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Dn 1:1-6, 8-20/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/  
Lk 21:1-4

Tuesday: Dn 2:31-45/Dn 3:57, 58, 59, 60, 61/  
Lk 21:5-11

Wednesday: Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28/  
Dn 3:62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67/Lk 21:12-19

Thursday: Rom 10:9-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/  
Mt 4:18-22

Friday: Dn 7:2-14/Dn 3:75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81/  
Lk 21:29-33

Saturday: Dn 7:15-27/Dn 3:82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87/  
Lk 21:34-36

Next Sunday: Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7/Ps 80:2-3,  
15-16, 18-19 (4)/1 Cor 1:3-9/Mk 13:33-37

### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Thursday: St. Andrew, Apostle

Next Sunday: 1st Sunday of Advent

### UPCOMING BULLETIN DEADLINES

BULLETIN DATE	SUBMISSIONS DUE
December 3	November 26
December 10	December 1
December 17	December 7
December 24	December 11
December 31	December 17
January 7	December 18

*Thank You!*

### MASS INTENTIONS

#### MONDAY, NOVEMBER 27

6:15AM †Teresa Stock / Charles Hull Family

7:30AM †Michael Galvin

†Sandy McNamara / McNamara  
Family

†Gregory Kramar / Linda Smith

†Gregory Luczak

#### TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 28

6:15AM †Souls of Purgatory / Dick Eddington

7:30AM †Pat Hill / Anne Hohbein

#### WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 29

6:15AM †Peggy Bailey / McNamara Family

7:30AM †Alexander F. Marchetti, Jr. / Jean  
Marchetti

#### THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 30

6:15AM †Robert Cronin, Sr. / Family

7:30AM †John O'Connor / Joan & Joe  
Devereux

#### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1

6:15AM †Gwen & Tom Eddington & Family

8:15AM †Kathy Gullang / ICGS

#### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2

8:00AM †Laura Bresnahan-Bush

4:30PM †Joey Hendricks / Tim Hendricks

#### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3

7:30AM †Carol Yesko / Tom & Mary Kay  
Livorsi

9:00AM †Lilah Rose Madding / 2nd Grade  
Families

†John O'Connor / Gloria Cossa

\*Pam Stefik / Bert Wisbrock

11:30AM †Carol Yesko / Mary Anne Luczak

7:00PM †Parish 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.



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

**If you would like your name or that of a loved one listed, please email [bulletin@icelmhurst.org](mailto:bulletin@icelmhurst.org) or call 630-530-8991.**

*Please remember recently deceased family, friends and parishioners in your prayers. Grant them eternal rest and may your light shine on them forever.*

**“HEAVENLY FATHER, ACCEPT OUR PRAYERS WHICH WE OFFER FOR THEM”**



*We pray for the newly baptized babies in our church. May their journey of faith be one that is close to Jesus. We pray for their Godparents and parents as they bring Christ to the lives of the next generation of Catholics.*

Baptized at Immaculate Conception in October:

- ◆ Lucy Jean Wypijewski
- ◆ Sloane Marie Jorgensen
- ◆ Kameron Douglas Jorgensen
- ◆ Elias Casimir Petersen
- ◆ Penelope Taylor Dimare

## 2023 ENGAGED COUPLES

*Moira Hillsman & John Woodhull 12/29*

**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



## *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/diocesefjoliet](https://freewill.com/diocesefjoliet) 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](mailto:clewandowski@icelmhurst.org).

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

## Advent Bible Study

Isaiah's voice is as relevant today as when he first spoke over 2,700 years ago. Open your Bible and Zoom in for a brief look at his prophetic words. Our small group will meet from 7:00 to 8:00pm on Tuesdays, beginning December 5. No homework, just interesting conversation. Email [annehohbein@aol.com](mailto:annehohbein@aol.com) for the link and the course outline.

# 6 Hours of Confession

## When was the last time you received Reconciliation?

Was it recently?    In the past year?    Awhile ago?

**You are invited to prepare your heart and soul for Christmas.**

The priests of the 15 parishes of Eastern DuPage County will be available to celebrate the Sacrament of Healing of Sin.

**Saturday, December 16, from 9am until 3pm**

There will be select times when the Sacrament will be offered in Spanish.

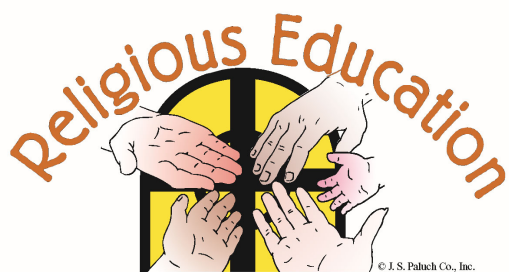
**All Catholics are invited to receive God's grace**

Please come to Mary Queen of Heaven  
430 N. West Ave, Elmhurst, IL  
630 279-5700

### 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.*

*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.*



<u>Children's Church</u>	<u>Sunday RE</u>	<u>Wednesday RE</u>
December 17	December 3	November 29
January 7	December 10	December 6
	December 17	December 13

Blessings on this Feast of Christ the King and this final Sunday of the liturgical year!

Parents are invited and encouraged to invest some quality time as a family to plan for the season of Advent. Join us for Family Advent Night on Tuesday, December 5 at 6:30pm in Plunkett Hall. Kindly RSVP to Sr. Mary Francis so supplies may be in place.

As part of the Celebration of the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Diocese of Joliet, RE Catechists, Aides, and students will review the life of St. Francis Xavier, Patron Saint of the Diocese. Additional Anniversary information is posted on the Diocesan website.

## Tree Lot

Each year the 1990 Club, which is comprised of ICGS Dads, sells trees, wreaths and garland in the Church parking lot. All proceeds go to the grade school. It is one of the largest fundraisers of the year!

**Now Open!**

### Tree Lot Hours

**MONDAY-FRIDAY 6PM-9PM**

**SATURDAY 10AM-8PM**

**SUNDAY 10AM-5:30PM**



If you have questions, please contact us at:

**ICTreelot@gmail.com**

## LECTIO DIVINA

**When?** Tuesday mornings, after 7:30 Mass.

**Who?** Anyone. Drop-ins welcome. Knowledge of scripture is not necessary.

**Book?** None. Materials are provided.

**Format?** Read the coming Sunday gospel 4 times. Talk, pray, meditate.

**Where?** Resource Room or Zoom.

**Contact?** [annehohbein@aol.com](mailto:annehohbein@aol.com)





**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION  
GRADE SCHOOL**

**630.530.3490**

**FAITH. FAMILY.  
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**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](mailto:brepking@icgradeschoolelmhurst.org)

Thank you in advance for helping provide this opportunity for our students!

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Do you know an ICGS alum (graduated 10+ years ago) who has made a significant impact on the Catholic Church or American Life? Nominate them for this special award! Email nominations to:

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**Have an ICGS Alumni update? Email us at  
[development@icgradeschoolelmhurst.org](mailto:development@icgradeschoolelmhurst.org)**



This is a senior from ICCP during our day of service at Villa St Benedict with 100-year-old Dorothy Kett who went to IC High School two years after it opened. 💙💜. #onceAKnight



## Youth Ministry

### When life gets stressful and tough to balance...

God calls us to connect with each other and HIM! At Students of Impact in November, teens enjoyed yummy pizza, delicious Twizzler challenges and opportunities to try out a variety of prayer experiences in small groups.

*"I really liked hearing how other people pray. It's nice to know that other teens pray too. I'm not alone."* - Teen

### We practiced praying with Scripture and personalizing it:

"[Insert your name], I can do all things [insert your challenge] through Christ who strengthens me."

Philippians 4:13

### Please encourage your teen to bring friends for the Youth Night on Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> 5:30-7 pm!

Teens will practice how to MANAGE OVERWHELM and experience some peaceful prayer in Eucharistic Adoration!



## Christian Ministry



Our annual **Giving Tree** will consist of gifting retail or bank cards to our families in lieu of physical gifts, thereby allowing each family to purchase their own gifts.

In the past, we have purchased two gifts for each adult and three gifts for each child under the age of 18. Thus far, we have approximately 100 families on our giving list. Our names are vetted with other agencies to ensure that our recipients are not receiving anything elsewhere.

We will collect gift cards for Kohl's, Walmart and Target, along with Visa gift cards, in increments of \$25, \$50 or \$100. The generosity exhibited from our parish family in past years has been astounding. We are hopeful that Christmas, 2023 will prove to be as generous, especially since the need is great and resources for many people we serve remain meager. **Gift cards may be dropped off at the Rectory or in the collection basket from now until December 18.** Distribution to our families will occur on December 19. **Thank you** for your ongoing commitment to help those less fortunate.

If you or a loved one are in the hospital, please let us know. The priests of the Eastern DuPage deanery, and specifically priests from IC, Visitation, and Mary Queen of Heaven visit Elmhurst Hospital on most days. Call the office at 630-530-8515 or email us at [info@icelmhurst.org](mailto:info@icelmhurst.org) so that we can make sure you're visited and that we can pray for you.



Calling or texting 988 will connect you with mental health professionals 24/7.





## **Immaculate Conception Daybreak Transitional Housing for the Homeless 2023 Annual Appeal**

For nearly 30 years, **Immaculate Conception Daybreak of Elmhurst** has rented apartments to house homeless families. This is a self-supporting ministry, funded solely through personal donations.

IC Daybreak commits to pay rent and utilities every month for the **FIVE** units it provides to those in need. Mentors meet with these families on a weekly basis to teach budgeting and life skills. Families transition out of these apartments within a two-year period. Since inception, **IC Daybreak has helped 90 families transition from homelessness to self-sufficiency.**

Families exiting our program have been able to purchase homes because of major accomplishments achieved during their tenure in our program: reduced or eliminated debt, increased savings and improved credit score. None of them ever dreamed this was possible when they entered Daybreak. We currently have two families in Daybreak and just interviewed two new prospective families. We are extremely proud of our families' accomplishments. Your generosity in providing them safe shelter when it was needed, and our mentors' guidance has literally changed their lives. It is a privilege to work with those who want to change their lives. Our families all have unique stories, but they share in the same struggle to have a place to call "home" and learn the skills necessary to become and remain self-sufficient.

### **CAN YOU:**

- FUND A FAMILY FOR A YEAR (\$12,000)?**
- FUND A FAMILY FOR A MONTH (\$1,025)?**
- FUND A FAMILY FOR A WEEK (\$250)**
- HELP IN ANY AMOUNT?**

Please prayerfully consider responding to the needs of the homeless within our community. **100%** of your donation is used for rent and utilities. **We need your financial support to continue this important outreach to homeless families. We are enormously grateful to those individuals and families who continue to support us year-after-year.**

Do you have questions about our program? Contact Dan Doherty at 630-292-8670

**Please remit donations to IC Daybreak of Elmhurst, P. O. Box 2033, Elmhurst, IL 60126**

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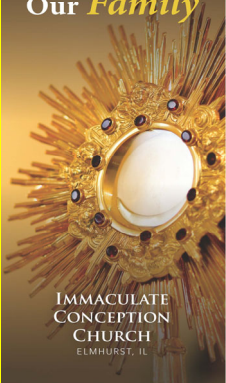


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*Due to early Thanksgiving deadlines, the Weekly giving, Presider Schedule, and Liturgical Ministry Schedules were unavailable at time of production of this bulletin. All will return next week. Thank you for understanding!*

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Our *Family*



Thank you to all parishioners who have completed and submitted your Commitment Card to the church. Each and every one of you is a vital member of our parish community and we want to hear from you! This is an opportunity to **reflect upon and renew** your sacrificial commitment to support the mission of Immaculate Conception Church. For those who are able, there is an opportunity to make a one-time gift to the parish. If you have any questions, please contact the church office. Cards can be returned in the Sunday collection basket or by mailing them to our offices at 134 Arthur St.

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