

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

April 2019 Newsletter

Dear Friends in Christ,

Without speaking too quickly, I do believe that Spring has arrived! Because Easter is so much later this year than in the past, the birth of Spring can encourage us to prepare ourselves to celebrate the gift of our rebirth. In a matter of a few weeks, we will recall the greatest days of the year for all Christians. The season of Lent will end and the sacred Triduum will begin on April 18th. On Holy Thursday night, we will celebrate the liturgy that reminds us of the Last Supper which the Lord shared with His apostles. Following this celebration, the Lord will be placed in the garden created for this special night within our church. We spend the late evening hours of Holy Thursday recalling the time Christ spent in the garden before He died.

It seems somewhat strange to call Good Friday something good. And yet, of course it is. The good deed that the Lord did for us can never be measured in human terms. Christ died on the cross to attain for us the gift of salvation. On this unique day, there is no Mass celebrated. This is the only day of the year when we do not do so. At our 3:00pm service, we will recall His bitter Passion and sacred death before we venerate His cross. Communion is then distributed with the Eucharist that was consecrated at Mass on Holy Thursday evening. Good Friday is one of the two days of the year when Catholics are asked to both fast and abstain.

At the great vigil of Easter, which begins in darkness, we will gather around a fire and proclaim Christ's Resurrection. Our Easter candle will be brought into the church and will be used to help announce that Christ is Risen. There is no other liturgical celebration more important than the Easter Vigil. If you have never attended this service, please consider doing so. Several elements of the liturgy only occur during this most important service. We will be blessed to baptize our Catechumens and to also celebrate with them Confirmation and First Communion.

I look forward to celebrating Easter Sunday with you and your families. Please note that there will be two extra Masses celebrated in the Church that day. Also, in order to help ease the flow of traffic, Mass will be celebrated at 9:30am instead of 9:00am. There still are opportunities available for the sacrament of Reconciliation. On April 5th and 6th, we will have 18 Hours for individual Confessions. Several priests from around the deanery will be here to assist you. Also, on April 13th, Reconciliation will be celebrated from 3pm-4:45pm in the Sacred Heart Chapel. On April 16th, Reconciliation will be celebrated from 4pm-7pm in the Church. Please do not hesitate to come and receive God's mercy in this beautiful and powerful sacrament. Try not to be over concerned about how long it has been since your last confession or any fears of the priests thinking less of you because of your sins. The Lord's unconditional love is totally evident through this sacrament.

I hope and pray that all of you have a blessed Easter and a Holy week. May the Lord, Jesus truly touch your hearts with Easter joy and love!

Sincerely in Christ,
Father Tom

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Dear Friends in Christ,

I want to continue part 3 of a 4 part series on the next part of the P.R.AYER. Diet. This month we will cover R. Once again, my usual announcement, I'm not a trained medical professional or doctor. I'm just trying to hand on what I've heard and/or read about.

R = Recreation

Heard a good joke one time that the punch line of it was "and Jesus walked everywhere!" WALKED everywhere!

To move is so important. The R. for Recreation really stands for any kind of movement. Any movement we do adds benefit. Many of you know I like to walk. Being at IC is such a wonderful location, because I can walk to so many places, especially into town! Just adding little things like walking into town and back for a cup of coffee versus driving adds up over time. Think about it. It's approximately 700 steps from IC into town, and another 700 back. Do that 2 times a week. That's 2,800 steps a week or 145,600 steps a year. If a mile is about 2,000 steps, that's an extra 72.8 miles of walking a year. 2,800 steps a week doesn't seem like much, but 72.8 miles is a lot! In terms of exercise, what worked for me was weight lifting and cardio. I try to lift 3 to 4 times a week, and do some cardio after I lift. I also try to get 10,000 steps a day (about 5 miles of moving). Depending on what I'm trying to do will determine how long I lift for. If I'm trying to increase muscle mass I lift longer than my cardio time. If I'm trying to burn fat, I try and incorporate more cardio in my routine. My suggestion, don't over do it! Little by little. I know about wanting instant results! I get it. But it takes time. Just like a habit of prayer doesn't happen overnight, neither does a workout routine. If you are new to lifting weights, don't try and lift too much. Many things that I have read suggest light weights and many reps for fat loss. I still only lift fairly light weights at the gym. For me, that has brought decent results. I've seen an increase in muscle mass, and also I know have lost fat. I didn't have to bench hundreds of pounds daily to get there. Rather, through a consistent routine.

A Fitbit or app on phone is a good thing to have. It helps us truly track how much we move. 10k steps a day is recommended by the National Heart Association. Once again, if you're not moving that much a day, don't think you instantly need to get to 10k a day. Work at it slowly. If you go from 4k steps a day to 7k for example, that is an awesome improvement!

Another suggestion I would have is to include moving into your spiritual life. For me, the Liturgy of the Hours priest prayers are something I will do time to time while walking. There is an audio Podcast version of them. Sometimes you will see me walking around Elmhurst with an earbud in. I sometimes will be doing these prayers while I walk. Another great thing to do is to pray the Rosary while walking, or even just to talk to God!

So if I pray about it and move, I'll lose weight?! Well.....it helps, but one more key thing...the last part of the acronym we will cover next month "AYER, And You Eating Right." This...this is key. Until next time!

In Christ,
Fr. Chris

April Prayer

Alleluia! Praise God in his holy place,
Praise him in the heavenly vault of his power,
praise him for his mighty deeds,
praise him with harp and lyre,
praise him with tambourines and dancing,
praise him with strings and pipes,
praise him with the clamour of cymbals,
praise him with triumphant cymbals.
Let everything that breathes praise Yahweh.
Alleluia!
Psalm 150



Lent 2019

Daily Masses

Daily Masses are celebrated in the Church Monday through Friday at 6:15 am and 7:30 am. Fridays when there is a school Mass, Masses will be held at 6:15 am and 8:15 am. Saturday Mass is at 8:00 am. Parishioners are especially encouraged to attend daily mass during these 40 days

Reconciliation

April 5 12:00 pm—10:00 pm Church
April 6 8:00 am—4:00 pm Church
18 hours of Reconciliation. Priests from the 16 parishes in our Deanery will be available at all times for English and at some times for Spanish and Polish Confessions.

April 2 IC Catholic Prep Sacred Heart Chapel & Church

April 9 Grade School Students Church

Individual Reconciliation will also be held on the following dates:

April 13 3 to 4:45 pm (Sacred Heart Chapel)

April 16 4:00 to 7:00 pm (Church)

Men's Prayer Breakfast

April 13

8:30 - 9:30am in the Agnesian Room

Women's Breakfasts

Saturday mornings from 8:30—9:30 am

If you are looking for a way to spend more time with God and your fellow women parishioners, please join the Women's Prayer Breakfast on five Saturdays of Lent. We will start Saturday a study on the book The Biggest Lie in the History of Christianity by: Matthew Kelly. Come for one, two or all five weeks - whatever you schedule allows. Our meetings will be in the Resource Room of the Parish Administration Center from 8:30 - 9:30AM. If you need a copy of the book or if you have any questions, please contact Mary Lynn at rpollastrini@sbcglobal.net. Please join us! We would love to be with you this season!

Eucharistic Adoration

April 3

Following 7:30 am Mass, the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed and the Church will remain open for private prayer before the Eucharist. At 7:00 pm we will have Stations of the Cross followed by Benediction.

Stations of the Cross

All are encouraged to pray the Stations at **7:00 P.M.** in the Church on the following dates:

April 3 April 10

IC Grade School students will pray the Stations on April 5 in Sacred Heart Chapel at 2:30pm.

Living Stations of the Cross

April 12—2:00—Grade School—Church

Anointing of the Sick

The Sacrament of the Sick will be available for all in need following all weekend Masses on April 6 & April 7

Lectio Divina

Join Anne Hohbein on Tuesdays from 8:00 to 9:00 a.m. to pray the Sunday gospel.

Lenten Regulations

1. Everyone 14 years of age or over is bound to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent.
2. All from the age of 18 years up to the beginning of their 60th year are bound to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.
3. On these two days of fast and abstinence, only one full meatless meal is allowed. Two other meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted on these two days, but liquids, including milk and fruit juices are allowed. When health or ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not oblige.
4. To disregard completely the law of fast and abstinence is seriously sinful.
5. Lent is the principal season of penance in the Church year. All of the faithful are strongly urged to develop and follow a program of voluntary self-denial (in addition to following the Lenten regulations), serious prayer, and a performance of works of charity and mercy.

Those who are sick, pregnant, or nursing, or whose health would adversely be affected by fasting or abstinence, should not consider themselves bound by these norms.

18 Hours of Reconciliation

Friday, April 5, Noon - 10 pm

Saturday, April 6, 8 am - 4 pm

All are invited to receive God's grace

Please come to Immaculate Conception Church
132 Arthur Street, Elmhurst 630 530-8515

April 5	English	Spanish/English	Polish/English
12:00pm	Fr. Steven Bondi Fr. Larry Brunette Fr. Tom Milota	Fr. Luis Gutierrez Fr. Matt Nathan	
1:00 pm	Fr. Steven Bondi Fr. Larry Brunette Fr. Tom Milota	Fr. Luis Gutierrez Fr. Matt Nathan	
2:00 pm	Fr. Larry Brunette Fr. Chris Lankford		
3:00 pm	Fr. Michael Kearney Fr. Chris Lankford	Fr. William Conway	
4:00 pm	Fr. Michael Kearney Fr. Tom Paul	Fr. William Conway	
5:00 pm	Fr. Jason Stone Fr. Jose Kadukunnel Fr. Tom Paul		
6:00 pm	Fr. John Hornicak Fr. Jason Stone Fr. Jose Kadukunnel	Fr. Mark Rosenbaum	
7:00 pm	(until 7:30) Fr. Jason Stone (7:30) Fr. Jeff Stoneberg Fr. John Hornicak	Fr. Mark Rosenbaum	
8:00 pm	Fr. Jeff Stoneberg Fr. John Hornicak	Fr. Mark Rosenbaum	
9:00 pm		Fr. Mark Rosenbaum	
April 6	English	Spanish/English	Polish/English
8:00 am	Fr. Josh Miller Fr. Tom Paul	Fr. Matt Nathan	
9:00am	Fr. Josh Miller Fr. Tom Paul	Fr. Luis Gutierrez Fr. Matt Nathan	
10:00 am	Fr. Josh Miller Fr. Jason Stone	Fr. Luis Gutierrez	Fr. George Zieba
11:00 am	Fr. Larry Brunette Fr. Jason Stone		Fr. George Zieba
12:00 pm	(until 12:30) Fr. Jason Stone (12:30) Fr. Jeff Stoneberg		
1:00 pm	Fr. Jeff Stoneberg Fr. Tom Milota	Fr. William Conway	
2:00 pm	Fr. Chris Lankford	Fr. William Conway	
3:00 pm	Fr. Chris Lankford		

Come and receive God's forgiveness in the Sacrament of Reconciliation

Easter 2019

Palm Sunday - April 13/14

Mass: Saturday: 5:15 pm

Mass: Sunday: 7:30am, 9:00am, 11:30am, and 5:15pm

Reconciliation

Saturday, April 13 3:00 - 4:45 pm Sacred Heart Chapel
Tuesday, April 16 4:00 - 7:00 pm Church

Holy Thursday - April 18

Morning Prayer: 8:00 am Church
Mass of the Lord's Supper: 7:00 pm Sacred Heart Chapel
(Adoration of the Eucharist will follow in the Church)
Night Prayer: 11:45 pm Church

Good Friday - April 19

Morning Prayer: 8:00 am Church
Passion of the Lord: 3:00 pm Church
Stations of the Cross: 6:30 pm Church
A Day of Fast and Abstinence

Holy Saturday - April 20

Morning Prayer: 8:00 am Church
Blessing of Easter Food: 12:00 pm Church
Easter Vigil: 8:00 pm Church

Easter Sunday - April 21

Mass: 7:30 am, 9:30 am, 11:30 am Sacred Heart Chapel
Mass: 9:30 am, 11:30 am Church

(Please note: There will be no 5:15pm Mass on April 20 & April 21)

Incense will not be used at the 7:30 am Mass on Easter. It will be used at the 9:30 and 11:30 am Masses in the Church and Chapel

Please note the times of Easter Sunday Masses have been adjusted to ease traffic flow. Mass will be at 9:30, NOT 9:00.



An Invitation to the Easter Vigil

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



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

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



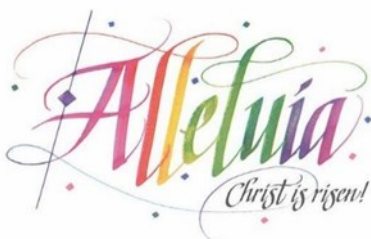
The third part of the Easter Vigil is the sacramental initiation of the catechumens. Here we witness the blessing of the water and the Baptism of two individuals who are newborn children of God.



Following the two Baptisms and the Profession of Faith by the entire faith community, our two neophytes will then be anointed with sacred chrism and confirmed.

We wait in joyful anticipation as the bread and wine become the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ and our neophytes, Jada and Kim, are welcomed to the Eucharistic Table of the Catholic Church for the very first time.

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



Let us show our support for our fully initiated members and lovingly welcome them into our parish family on this most holy night. **Please join us on Saturday, April 20 at 8:00 PM. Extraordinary grace awaits us all!**

Around the Parish in April

Mass schedule

Saturday	5:15p.m.	Sacred Heart Chapel
Sunday	7:30a.m.	Church
	9:00a.m.	Sacred Heart Chapel
	11:30a.m.	Sacred Heart Chapel
	5:15p.m.	Sacred Heart Chapel

April Reconciliation Times

Friday, 5th	Following 6:15am	Mass Church
Friday, 5th	noon-10pm	Church
Saturday, 6th	8am-4pm	Church
Saturday, 13th	3-4:45pm	Sacred Heart Chapel
Tuesday, 16th	5-7pm	Church
Saturday, 27th	4-4:45pm	Sacred Heart Chapel

Wednesday, April 3 Adoration 8am-7pm Church

Wednesday, April 3 Stations of the Cross 7pm Church

Thursday, April 4 Parish Choir Rehearsal 7pm Sacred Heart Chapel

Thursday, April 4 Baptism Prep 7pm Resource Room

Thursday, April 4 CRHP Meeting 7pm Marian Room

Friday, April 5 18 Hours Reconciliation

Noon-10PM Church

Weekend 6/7

Easter Outreach, Respect Life Petition Drive, and Weekend Food collection accepted at all Masses

Saturday, April 6 18 Hours Reconciliation

8am-4pm Church

Saturday, April 6 Women's Prayer Breakfast

8:30am Resource Room

Sunday, April 7 RCIA Journey 8am-Noon

Resource Room

Sunday, April 7 Religious Ed 10:10-11:15am ICGS

Classrooms

Sunday, April 7 Youth Ministry Kick Off 6:30pm

MPH

Monday, April 8 ICGS School Board 6:30pm Dyer

Center

Tuesday, April 9 Lectio Divina Join Anne Hohbein

after the 7:30am Mass PAC-Resource Room

Tuesday, April 9 Cup of Hope 10am Meeting Rm 2

Tuesday, April 9 RCIA Children Classes 3:45pm

Resource Room

Tuesday, April 9 Transitional Housing Mts 6:30pm

Resource Room

Tuesday, April 9 Parish Council Meeting 7pm Dyer

Center

Wednesday, April 10 Bible Study 9:30am

Resource Room

Wednesday, April 10 Stations of the Cross 7pm

Church

Thursday, April 11 Cherub Choir Rehearsal

3:30pm Sacred Heart Chapel

Thursday, April 11 Parish Choir Rehearsal 7pm

Sacred Heart Chapel

Thursday, April 11 Faith Formation Committee

7pm Resource Room

Friday, April 8 GS Living Stations of the Cross 2pm

Church

Weekend 13/14—Palm Sunday

Weekend Food collection Distribution at all Masses

Saturday, April 13 Men's Prayer Breakfast 8:30am Agnesian Room

Saturday, April 13 Women's Prayer Breakfast 8:30am Resource Room

Monday, April 15 Parish Choir Rehearsal 7pm Sacred Heart Chapel

Tuesday, April 15 Lectio Divina Join Anne Hohbein after the 7:30am Mass PAC-Resource Room

Tuesday, April 16 Prayer Shawl Ministry 9am Elmhurst Public Library

Weekend 20/21—Easter

Weekend Food collection Distribution at all Masses

Tuesday, April 23 Lectio Divina Join Anne Hohbein after the 7:30am Mass PAC-Resource Room

Tuesday, April 23 Respect Life Rosary & Benediction 7pm Church

Tuesday, April 23 Eastern DuPage Deanery Steering Committee 7pm Marian Room

Tuesday, April 23 Worship Committee Meeting 7pm Resource Room

Wednesday, April 24 Bible Study 9:30-11:30am Resource Room

Wednesday, April 24 Parish Finance Committee Meeting 6:30pm Dyer Center

Wednesday, April 24 ICCP Spring Concert 7pm Sacred Heart Chapel

Thursday, April 25 Cherub Choir Rehearsal 7pm Sacred Heart Chapel

Thursday, April 25 Parish Choir Rehearsal 7pm Sacred Heart Chapel

Thursday, April 25 1st Communion Reconciliation Group A & B 7pm Church

Friday, April 26 Damm/Svoboda Rehearsal 6pm Church

Weekend 30/31

Weekend Food collection Distribution at all Masses

Saturday, April 30 Daddy Daughter Dance 7pm Gym

Sunday, April 30 RCIA Journey 8am Resource Room

Sunday, April 30 Baptism 1pm Church

Coming Events



Immaculate Conception Altar of Repose

On Holy Thursday evening following the Mass of the Lord's Supper and our procession of the Blessed Sacrament to the Altar of Repose at Immaculate Conception, you are invited to depart from our parish via bus to visit seven churches in Chicago, praying at their respective altars of repose. We encourage families to participate in this pilgrimage. We will pray on the bus as we travel from church to church. Please consider joining us on this holy evening as we prayerfully prepare for the days to follow.

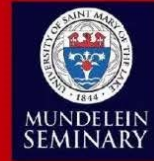
Your RSVP is necessary, as we will rent a bus for transportation. A minimum of 25 participants are needed to rent the bus. Please contact Pam Stefik at 530-3497 for further information and/or to reserve a space.



Red Lake/St Mary's Mission Sewing Class
Last year, a group of women traveled to Red Lake, MN to teach sewing classes to 6th graders at St. Mary's

Mission School. It was a wonderful experience. The children were excited and attentive. They made hats, pillow cases and table runners. We are excited that Fr. Jerry and the students are interested in having us return this year. We are looking for a few people who would be willing to join to help teach the classes. The group leaves Elmhurst on May 4th and returns on May 11th. Do you know how to sew on a button? You may join us! Cannot sew on a button?? We will teach you before we leave. We stay at the rectory so there is no housing cost. Please call or email Teri Coha tericoha@gmail.com, 630-277-2493.

VISIT



JEREMIAH DAY

BOYS GRADES 7-10

Saturday, April 6, 2019

- Campus Tour
- Lunch
- Mass
- Meet Our Seminarians
- Sports
- Adoration



Register Online - \$10 Fee
<https://conta.cc/2STdLEV>

www.vocations.com 815-221-6141



***The western suburb's *BEST fish fry!**
LAST CALL ! (coming soon!)
Only 2 more "FryDay Knights" in Lent 2019!
Friday April 5 and April 12 will be our last 2 Lenten Fish Fry's for 2019!

Enjoy our famous beer battered cod from Supreme Lobster!

Try our delicious Seafood Chowder!
Kids AND adults rave about our Mac n' Cheese; remember, man cannot live by Cod alone!

Join us for a delicious dinner this Friday 'Knight' and be served by one of our cheerful Mermaids!

Knights of Columbus Hall
537 S York Street
(across from USBank)
Serving from 5-8 PM



Fr. McDonald Council #1911
(est. 1918)

Around the Parish Last Month



Our annual St. Joseph Day Table took place on March 17th. Immaculate Conception would like to thank our generous volunteers and sponsors for their support. Thank you Diane Narcisi and Norma Williamson for once again spearheading a most successful event. Over \$1,000 was raised for St. Mary's Mission in Red Lake, Minnesota.

Thank you also to the following:

Chickies	Angelos
Maggiano's	100 South
Roberto's	Da Luciano
Livia	Phillips Flowers
Pazzi Di Pizza	Doti Liquors
Lezza's Bakery	Two Brother's

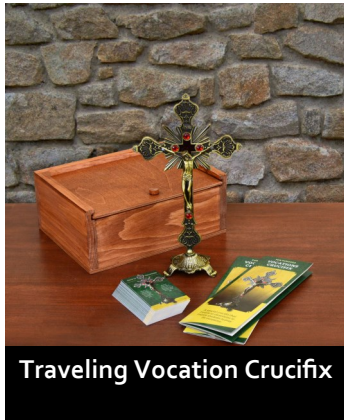


Congratulations to all of the newly ordained to the Order of the diaconate in the Diocese of Joliet. We are especially proud of our very own Seminarian, Deacon Michael Groth. May God continue to bless him on the road to priesthood. Deacon Michael was ordained with 7 others on March 30th at the Cathedral in Joliet. On March 31st, Immaculate Conception hosted a Mass of Thanksgiving followed by a reception.



Community Life

IC is pleased to present **two** traveling worship opportunities for IC families!



Since the Year of Mary in 2013, IC families have been enjoying a visit from **Traveling Mary** as she becomes part of their family for approximately one month.

IC is now pleased and proud to announce a new addition to the Traveling Worship program: our **Traveling Vocation Crucifix** is now available to visit IC homes to help families guide prayers for vocations. If your family would like to participate in the Traveling Worship program, [click here](#) for more information.

Vocations

Please remember these men and women in your daily prayers – Priests, Deacons, Seminarians, and Women & Men Religious in the Diocese of Joliet. Click [HERE](#) to download our Vocation Calendar for April 2019.

The Vocation Ministry's mission is to create an atmosphere in our parish that is supportive of religious vocation and provides information about events where young people and families can learn more about discerning this call. One of our goals is to increase prayers for vocations in our parish. Please join us in adoration on every second Monday of each month, from 7-8 PM, at the Visitation Adoration Chapel.

Scouts

ATTENTION GIRL SCOUTS AND BOY SCOUTS Annual Diocesan Scout Recognitions Ceremony

Attention **ALL** youth members of the American Heritage Girls, Boy Scouts of America, Camp Fire & Girl Scouts of the USA. If you have earned your Catholic Religious Recognition for your age group then come and get it blessed at the Annual Diocesan Religious Recognition Ceremony. It will be held on Saturday, April 27, 2019, from 10am - 12:30pm (registration begins at 9am) at St. Jude Catholic Church, 241 W. Second Avenue, New Lenox.

The event is free and open to **ALL** who would like to come and share in the achievements of these young men and women. **No** pre-registration is needed (check-in at the door). For more information visit: dioceseofjoliet.org/scouting and click on the 'A - Z Directory' from the main page. From there scroll down alphabetically to: 'Annual Recognitions Mass'.

Christian Ministry



Christian Ministry offers the following **service hour opportunities** for our junior high students:

Assist with Easter toy/candy sort on the evening of Sunday, **April 7 in the Rectory after 5:15 Mass.**

Many students are needed for these events. Contact Pam at 530-3497 to volunteer.



Are you interested in becoming a Eucharistic Minister to the homebound or hospitalized? **Training will be held in-house at IC on upcoming Saturday morning, to be determined by the participants.** Please RSVP your interest / attendance to Pam at 630-530-3497.

Have you considered becoming a Bereavement Minister? Bereavement Ministers aid the family in planning the funeral liturgy, as well as attending the wake and funeral. This is a ministry of compassion and presence. If you want to learn more, please contact Pam in the Christian Ministry office.

MOTHER'S DAY GIFT COLLECTION

Once again, we are collecting self care packages for women who visit the IC Food Pantry and the People's Resource Center.

Individual gift bags can include items such as shampoo, conditioner, hand or body lotion, face soap, nail polish and polish remover, shower/bath gel,

cologne, cosmetics, gift certificates, jewelry, socks, note cards and **anything that would make someone feel special.** Items should be in a **gift bag** and deposited in the marked bins in the narthex the weekend of **May 4/5.**

Thank you for helping to make someone's Mother's Day a little more special.



COMMUNAL ANOINTING OF THE SICK APRIL 6 & 7 AT ALL WEEKEND MASSES

Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. James 5:14

HOSPITALIZED or HOMEBOUND? PLEASE LET US KNOW!



Please remember to notify the Rectory if you or a member of your family is hospitalized and wants to receive Communion or a pastoral visit from one of our Ministers of Care or priests. We visit Elmhurst Hospital several times a week and convenient times can be arranged.

If you are **HOMEBOUND**, unable to attend Mass and wish to receive Communion, our Eucharistic Ministers will visit on a weekly basis. Please call Pam at 530-3497 to arrange a convenient time.



Our most needed items are milk, eggs, pancake mix and syrup, canned tuna and chicken, pasta and pasta sauce, canned fruit and vegetables, canned tuna and chicken, coffee, body soap/wash, toilet paper, shampoo, laundry detergent and dish soap. Any cleaning items (sponges, Lysol, Clorox bleach, etc.) are always needed and appreciated. Personal hygiene products are needed, as well. **"You pray for the hungry. Then you feed them. That's how prayer works." Pope Francis**



Are you in need of an annulment? Do you have questions about the process, timeline or requirements? Please contact Pam Stefik at 530-3497 for information.



If you or someone you know are experiencing health issues, facing surgery, receiving or recuperating from medical treatments, healing through grief or experiencing a significant life crossroads and would like to receive a prayer shawl, please contact Rita Beese at 630-279-6811 or rbeese@comcast.net



Catholic Charities, Diocese of Joliet operates an 18 bed homeless shelter in Villa Park called **Hope House**. They are seeking volunteers to prepare and serve meals at the shelter. Volunteers are also welcome

to prepare meals offsite and bring them to the shelter to serve. The ingredients will be provided. This is a great opportunity to help homeless families! Please contact Joy Newburn at jnewburn@cc-doj.org or 630-937-4259 for additional information. To learn more about Hope House, please visit catholiccharitiesjoliet.org.

Christian Ministry

CHRISTIAN MINISTRY refers its transitional housing clients and others to the following organizations, who provide many items free of charge.

Donations may be made to the following organizations:

Sharing Connections: www.sharingconnections.org

Community Clothing Center UMC:

www.umcelmhurst.org

St. Vincent de Paul: www.svdpjoliet.org

Poised for Success: www.poisedforsuccess.org

Salvation Army: www.satruck.org



IC Lenten Outreach Project

Message from Fr. Jerry

Thank you for the warm welcome I received when I visited IC a few weeks ago. If you can ignite faith, inspire hope and empower love, **YOU CAN CHANGE THE WORLD!** That vision energizes our mission at St. Mary's. We are anxious this year to ignite the faith of a record number of students! We are literally using refurbished storage spaces to accommodate all the kids! We are excited to continue to inspire the hope of our last year's sixth graders who celebrate returning to St. Mary's, as this year we bring back 7th grade! And we have worked hard as a faculty and staff to create a community within a community that will surround our students with the strength of our faith, the power of prayer and the living witness of our beliefs and values that empower love!

We take seriously the Lord's mandate to bring about the kingdom, not

some "pie-in-the-sky" when you die, but rather the transformation of this world, where life and love, truth and goodness, justice and peace have a chance. St. Mary's needs your help to help us educate and form the most precious children you could ever meet! Last Spring, reading scores continue to reveal that 91% of our students are at grade level or above; we are doing now with math what we did with reading. Our faculty and staff are tops and visitors to our school remark about how contagious is the spirit to learn and how impressed they are as the kids live up to the high standards of behavior we set for them. Never underestimate all the good that you do as you work with us to make this all possible. St. Mary's Mission gives our students and people the opportunity to imagine their world at Red Lake in a much better way, where the Kingdom is experienced and lived.

Please prayerfully consider how your sacrifice will make a difference to the children at St. Mary's Mission School. Checks should be made payable to Immaculate Conception, with a memo for St. Mary's Mission. Alms will be collected on Palm Sunday in the narthex.



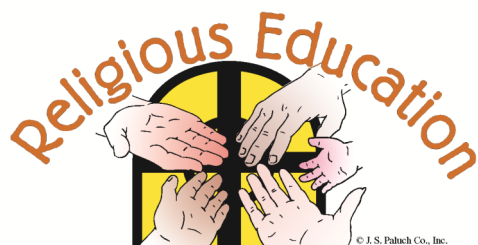
IC will offer a Protecting God's Children workshop on **Wednesday, May 22, 2019** at 6:30 PM in the Resource Room of the PAC/Rectorry. To register, please access our website and click on the "Promise to Protect Pledge to Heal" button on the left side. You will be directed to a list of workshops where you can register for the session of your choice. Any adult who works with minors in the parish setting must attend this class. Please call 630-530-3497 for further information.

Reporting Sexual Abuse

Anyone with reason to believe that a child has been abused or is being abused should report their suspicions to civil authorities. **Contact: Illinois Department of Children and Family Services: 1-800-25ABUSE (1-800-252-2873) and local police.** The Diocese of Joliet Victim

Assistance Coordinator is available to help victims/survivors of child sexual abuse by a cleric, employee or volunteer of the Catholic Church. The Victim Assistance Coordinator will report to Bishop Conlon and coordinate efforts of pastoral support and outreach to assist in the healing process. The Victim Assistance Coordinator can also assist in making a report to civil authorities. **Contact the Diocese of Joliet Victim Assistance Coordinator at 1-815-263-6467.**

Religious Education



<u>Children's Church</u>	<u>Sunday RE</u>	<u>Wednesday RE</u>
April 7	April 7 (last class)	April 3
April 28		April 10(last class)

IMPORTANT DATES

Confirmation:

(All take place in Sacred Heart Chapel)

Wednesday, May 1st: Communal Penance Service for all candidates, parents, and sponsors 7:00pm

Wednesday, May 8th: Confirmation Rehearsal for all candidates and sponsors 7:00pm

May 11, 2019 Confirmation Liturgy
7:00pm followed by a reception in Plunkett Hall

1st Holy Communion:

(All take place in Sacred Heart Chapel)

Thursday, April 25th: Communal Penance Service for all groups
GROUP A : (Sunday RE children/ Ms. Kennedy's class) :

Tuesday, April 30 PRACTICE 6 :30 p.m.

9:30 a.m. Saturday, May 4 1st Eucharist Liturgy

GROUP B: (Wednesday RE children/Mrs. Estkowski's class) :

Thursday May 2 PRACTICE 6:30 p.m.

1 p.m. Sat May 4 1st Eucharist Liturgy

Personalized Rosaries

Looking for the perfect gift for your son or daughter for
1st Communion or Confirmation?

Hand Strung Assortment of Colors & Styles
Custom Made to Order

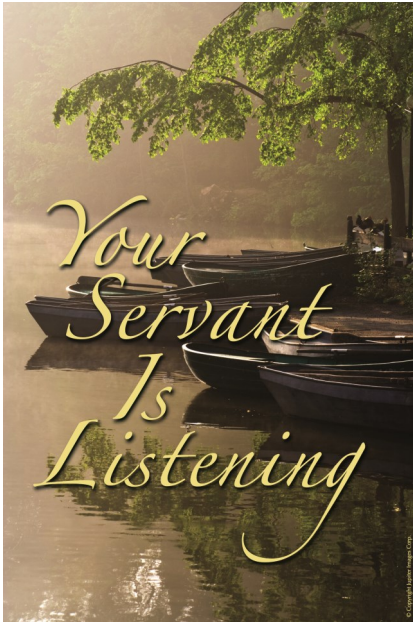
Standard Price is \$40.00: Irish Rosary is \$45.00

To place your order contact: Colleen Lamborn at 630-698-1560
or email thelamborns@comcast.net

Please call ASAP to receive your Rosary before the big day!



Faith Formation

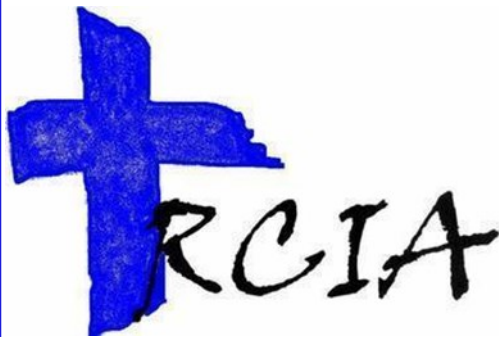


Spiritual Classics Sundays

from 10:15am-11:15am in
the Parish Administration
Center, 134 Arthur
Facilitated by Len Hohbein

Wednesday Morning Bible Study

from 9:30am - 11am In the
Parish Administration
Center, 134 Arthur
Facilitated by Beth Fiset.



As a parish family, let us prayerfully journey with those who will receive the Sacraments of Initiation. We pray for Jada Cannon, Shauna Brueggen, Christine Harezlak, Kim Jentel, Emil Amarei, Mia Carreon and Nicholas Crededio.

*Lord, we pray for those in the RCIA process who journey to you.
Open their hearts to the fullness of your love.
Deepen their understanding.
Set their hearts on fire for the kingdom of God.
We ask this through Jesus, who is the Way,
the Truth and the Life.*

The Little Sisters of the Poor, St. Joseph's Home for the Elderly is celebrating 150 years in America this year (2018-2019). The Sisters arrived from France to New York in 1868. Following in the footsteps of St. Jeanne Jugan, the Little Sisters of the Poor have been caring for the elderly poor at St. Joseph's Home in Palatine for the past 52 years. As part of our celebration, we are asking for the faithful to pray for vocations to the Little Sisters of the Poor so that our work may continue for generations to come. The Little Sisters have had to recently close Homes in the United States due to the lack of religious vocations. Beginning April 15, 2019 until the end of May, 2019, the Little Sisters are inviting the faithful to pray one holy hour for vocations. Our goal is to have 150 people to join us in prayer. You are also invited to join the Sisters on a Sunday evening at 4:30-5:30 for a weekly holy hour. If you are willing to take the challenge, please contact Cindy at volpalatine@littlesistersofthepoor.org or call 847-358-5700 to let you know of your commitment.

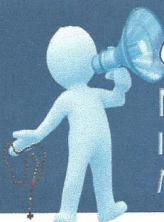


From a humble heart, a great wave of charity
Little Sisters of the Poor
150 years in America

Respect Life

Sign the Petition for Life

Immaculate Conception will be conducting a petition drive after all the Masses on April 6th and 7th. Horrific anti-life legislation has been entered in Illinois that would convert our state into the 'Abortion Capital of America'. Unborn children and their families need you. House Bills 2495 and Senate Bill 1942, labeled by abortion promoters as the "Reproductive Health Act," along with partner components, House Bill 2467 and Senate Bill 1594, comprise "the most radical piece of abortion legislation that has ever been introduced in Illinois . . . and the most radical proposed in any state to date," according to the Thomas More Society's detailed analysis. "The Democratic supermajority's proposals now pending in the Illinois General Assembly are the most pro-abortion legislative measures of their type in the country. The barbaric procedures promoted by this legislation are nothing short of **infanticide**. These bills go well beyond the recent New York law and would turn Illinois into a third-trimester abortion destination and an underage abortion haven. Governor J.B. Pritzker promised that his Illinois Democrats would turn the state into the most 'progressive' in the country on abortion, and these bills deliver on that violent promise: Pritzker and his Democratic supermajorities would convert the 'Land of Lincoln' into the 'Abortion Capital of America'."



CATHOLIC CALL-TO-ACTION

Move Over New York!
Illinois Will Become Even
More Extreme on Abortion!

Immaculate Conception
Catholic Church

HB2495/ SB1942: Known as the "New York Abortion Bill!"



- makes abortion a basic right. For any reason or no reason. Up to birth!
- repeals the ban on *Partial-Birth Abortion*. A 100% repeal!
- Jeopardizes ANY meaningful regulation of abortion clinics.
- repeals legal protections for ALL doctors and hospitals who decline to participate in abortions. Even Catholic hospitals!
- requires private health insurance to fully cover abortion! Even Churches!
- removes abortion clinics from a regulatory framework designed for significant medical procedures, like outpatient surgery.
- removes the requirement that only doctors can perform abortions.
- Allows abortion to be performed anywhere. Even at-home!
- makes the procedure free of charge to the patient. Not even a co-pay!
- would make Roe V. Wade *seem* 'pro-life'



HB2467/ SB1594: Repeal of the parental notice of abortion law



- will no longer require the notice of just one parent when a girl, under 18 years old, seeks an abortion.
- this bill effectively takes the power from parents and transfers it to boyfriends, sex traffickers, bullies, classmates, & educators.
- most states have either consent or notification laws, so Illinois will become an abortion oasis for the entire Midwest for under-aged girls looking to "hide" their "choice" from parents.

Area State Representatives



Senator Suzy Glowiak
(630) 785-3177
senatorsuzyglowiak.com
17W715 E. Butterfield Rd, #F
Oakbrook Terrace, 60181

*Thankfully, Deanne opposes these bills

Representative Deanne Mazzochi*
(630) 852-8633
mazzochi@ilhousegop.org
1 S. Cass Ave.
Westmont Centre, # 205
Westmont, 60559



JOIN THE JOLIET DIOCESE FOR CATHOLIC LOBBY DAY IN SPRINGFIELD ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3

This information was provided by Illinois Citizens for Ethics, with a mission to influence public policy decisions made in Illinois by supporting candidates and issues that value human life, advance family stability, and uphold the dignity of each individual.

Share the online petition with your friends and family at ice-pac.com/petition

IC Grade School



Queen of Hearts

Proceeds Benefiting



50/50 Raffle

Reveal the Queen of Hearts, Win Half the Pot
Draw a Joker or a non-heart Queen. Win \$100
Weekly ticket pulled Wins \$25



DRAWINGS HELD EVERY
THURSDAY AT 7:30PM
UNTIL A WINNER IS DRAWN

TICKET SALES BEGIN MARCH 14
FIRST DRAWING, MARCH 21
TICKETS SOLD WEEKLY

TICKETS \$5 OR 3 FOR \$10
SOLD AND DRAWN
AT DOC'S VICTORY PUB



See ICGS website for official rules

Help ICGS raise money for its Endowment Fund. The Endowment Fund is currently at approximately \$800,000 and once it hits \$1,000,000, the school can start using it to help complement teacher salaries, offset inflation to keep tuition down, and support families in need. For more information and rules, please visit the school website at icgradeschoolelmhurst.org

SEE YOU AT DOC'S!!

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

Daddy-Daughter "Masquerade Ball"

SATURDAY, APRIL 27TH, 2019
7-9 O'CLOCK IN THE EVENING
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION GYM

Open for all ladies in preschool to
8th grades within the IC Parish,
Religious Education & Grade School

TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE NOW!
\$45/DADDY-DAUGHTER PAIR, \$5/EACH ADDT'L CHILD
QUESTIONS? ICDADDYDAUGHTERDANCE@GMAIL.COM



Mom-Son Prom "A Night with the Stars"

SATURDAY, APRIL 13TH, 2019
7-9 O'CLOCK IN THE EVENING
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION GYM

Open for all gents in preschool to
8th grades within the IC Parish,
Religious Education & Grade School

TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE NOW!
\$45/MOM-SON PAIR, \$5/EACH ADDT'L CHILD
QUESTIONS? ICMOMPROM@GMAIL.COM



Details and Tickets available at
<http://ICparties.givesmart.com>

IC Catholic Prep



2019 Wall of Honor Award

Dr. Don Hoffman



This year we honored Dr. Don Hoffman with the Wall of Honor Award for his commitment to Catholic education and the IC Catholic Prep school community. He was joined by his family, friends and the entire ICCP student body and faculty to celebrate the special occasion. This award is designed to celebrate past or present faculty members, staff members, past parents, grandparents, community members, or supporters of ICCP who have shown dedication, love, support, and enthusiasm for Catholic education and our school.



The IC Catholic Prep Knights Baseball Program has selected to partner with Turn Two for Youth as its charitable organization this season. Working through the MLB baseball academies, Turn Two for Youth accepts all kinds of baseball and softball gear from families like yours and distributes it to children in poverty stricken areas. The mission usually is to donate nationally and globally. The IC Catholic Prep Baseball Program's main mission is to begin outreach specifically to Chicagoland areas and organizations in need. Your contribution will spread the love of the game with other baseball families who don't have the means to properly outfit their children. So, clean out that baseball closet, and give other kids a chance to play ball! On behalf of the IC Catholic Prep Baseball program and Athletic Department we thank you for your support in being servant leaders and helping spread the GAME OF BASEBALL!

Drop Off Location

IC Catholic Prep
Plunkett Athletic Complex
150 South West Ave
Elmhurst, IL 60126

Starting Date: April 1st, 2019
Closing Date: May 24th, 2019

Drop-off Time: After 3:15PM daily when the complex is open.
*Scheduled drop-offs can also be made by appointment if the facility is closed.

Questions? Please contact Head Coach Frank DeAngelis at fdeangelis@iccatholicprep.org if you should have any questions and/or want to schedule a drop-off at a different time and/or location.



Equipment Needs

Fielding Gloves
Bats
Batting Helmets
Baseballs/Softballs
Uniforms
Belts
Catcher's Gear
Catcher's Mitts
Equipment Bags
Cleats

WE ARE IC Capital Campaign

Naming Opportunities Available

There are several ways to remember deceased loved ones, or honor the living, as part of the **We are IC** capital campaign. If you should choose to make a gift at one of these levels, or would like more information, please contact Catey Cohen in the parish office at 630-530-8991.

ITEM TO RESERVE	QUANTITY	AMOUNT TO RESERVE IN PERPETUITY
<u>Sacred Heart Chapel Renovation</u>		
Shrine of the Sacred Heart	1	\$ 100,000
Tabernacle & Stand	1	\$ 50,000
Family Chapel	1	\$ 50,000 each
Sound System	1	\$ 30,000
Saint Windows	11	\$ 25,000
Symbol Windows	18	\$ 25,000
Etched Glass Doors (Narthex & Nave)	4	\$ 25,000 each
Narthex upgrades	1	\$ 25,000
Chapel Signage Above Arthur St. Exterior Doors		\$ 20,000
Stations of the Cross (refurbished)	14	\$ 15,000 each
Reconciliation Rooms (enhanced)	3	\$ 10,000 each
Credence Table	1	\$ 5,000 each
Additional Sanctuary Chairs (servers /seminarians /additional priests)	6	\$ 5,000 each
Altar Candles	4	\$ 5,000 each
Processional Candles for Servers	2	\$ 5,000 each
Incense Brazier and Stand	1	\$ 5,000

Stained Glass Saints and Symbols

There are a total of 36 sections of windows in the chapel. In 18 of them, images of various saints will be made. Next to each of the saint windows will be a symbol that represents the life of that particular saint. The saints that have been chosen have had a direct relationship either with our country or have been recently canonized. If, however, someone would like to donate a window in honor of a saint not on this list, provisions may be made to allow that to happen. Below is the list of available saints and their corresponding symbols.

Saints

- St. John XXIII
- St. Isaac Jogues
- St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
- St. John Neuman
- St. Francis Xavier Cabrini
- St. Kateri Tekakwitha
- St. Junipero Serra
- St. Damien of Molokai
- St. Marianne Cope
- St. Faustina
- St. Katherine Drexel

Symbols

- Lamb of God
- Crown of Thorns
- Pelican
- Bible
- House of God
- Holy Spirit
- Trinity
- Sacrifice Cross and Crown
- Anchor
- Mercy
- Eucharist

The following symbols are still available to represent the saints that have already been donated.

Virtues Tree (St. Theodore Guerin)	3 Fish Trinity (St. Anthony)
Justice (St. Rose Duchesne)	Reconciliation (St. John Paul II)
Shield w/Water (St. Therese of Lisieux)	Sacred Heart (St. Margaret Mary Alacoque)
Gates of Heaven (St. Teresa of Calcutta)	

*The amounts shown are established as sacrificial memorials to help Immaculate Conception complete the **We are IC** capital campaign. Any amount in excess of the actual completed cost of the memorial item will be included in the general campaign fund.*

We Are IC!

Capital Campaign Letter of Intent

Dear Father Thomas Paul,
In support of Immaculate Conception Parish, I intend to contribute the sum of

\$ _____ to the "We are IC" capital campaign.

My investment will be made as follows:

- Monthly** Start Date _____ Amount: \$ _____
Over the Course of 1 2 3 4 5 years (circle one)
- Quarterly** Start Date _____ Amount: \$ _____
Over the Course of 1 2 3 4 5 years (circle one)
- Annually** Start Date _____ Amount: \$ _____
Over the Course of 1 2 3 4 5 years (circle one)
- One-Time Gift** Date _____ Amount: \$ _____

Payment Options

- We will make our investment by check. (Please make checks payable to Immaculate Conception Parish)
- We will make our investment through automatic withdrawal.
I authorize IC to withdraw automatically the amount indicated from the bank or credit account checked below:

Bank Account - attach a voided check to this form

Credit/Debit Card (circle one) Visa MasterCard Discover American Express

Card # _____ Expiration _____ CVC# _____
(Monthly and quarterly pledge offerings will be withdrawn on the last work day of each month. Please notify the Parish Office one week prior if you need to make a change.)

- We will make our investment by stock. Please contact Ron Darin in the parish office at 630-530-8848
- Please indicate if you plan to have your gift matched by your employer or your spouse's employer

Potential Matching Gift Amount: \$ _____ Matching Gift Company: _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Please Print Name(s) as you would like to be acknowledged: _____

Name: _____

Address _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Cell: _____

E-mail: _____