

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

March 2019 Newsletter

Dear Friends in Christ,

Paczki Day is almost here! On Sunday, March 3rd, following all three of the morning Masses, these delicious pre-Lenten treasures will be served in Plunkett Hall. What is a Paczki? For some reason, some of us, including myself assume that everyone knows the answer to this question. There are however many people who every year remark that they have never heard of Paczki. When I was growing up, a favorite treat from the local bakery were the jelly-filled donuts called bismarks. I'm not sure if they even exist anymore, however paczki are very similar to them. On the Sunday before Lent, we enjoy special treats before our time of prayer and fasting begins. Enjoying a pre-Lenten pastry will lead to being marked with ashes a few days later.

*The
Season
of
Lent*



On Ash Wednesday as ashes are placed upon your forehead, you will be reminded to turn away from sin and follow the Gospel. It has long been the custom during these 40 days to recognize the need that we have to enhance our relationship with Christ. Prayer is an essential part of this season. Fasting from pleasures can also help us to place more of an attention upon God. Being mindful of the needy will remind us of the importance of how to live the Christian way of life.

All are encouraged to have a meaningful experience in the Lenten season. I ask you to even consider now how you will spend Lent this year. It is up to us as individuals to develop good Lenten practices. Here at Immaculate Conception, we will be offering several opportunities for your Lenten spiritual growth. We will also be listing various Lenten schedules from other parish communities. I highly encourage you to especially try to attend Mass once during the weekdays. Some parishioners make it their Lenten goal to try to attend Mass every day. Without a doubt, receiving the Eucharist deeply unites us with Christ.

On Ash Wednesday once again you will receive white bags for you to use for your almsgiving. Funds from these bags will go to St. Mary's Mission in Red Lake, Minnesota. In recent years our donations, especially those given during Lent, have made remarkable differences in the lives of many. The children of St. Mary's school are hoping to be able to stay for 8th grade next year. Through previous Lenten donations, we were able to assist them in starting a 7th grade class. Now we hope to extend the school's program into 8th grade. Every time that you sacrifice and save the money by doing so, one of the children of St. Mary's will benefit from what you have done.

I hope you have a prayerful and holy season. May these 40 days join us closer to Jesus and to one another.

Sincerely,
Father Tom

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Dear Friends in Christ,

Last month I mentioned I was going to be starting a three part series around the **P.R.AYER diet**. That each month I would go over another part of the acronym. For those of you who didn't read last month's article, or forgot, the acronym stands for:

P = Prayer

R = Recreation

AYER = And You Eating Right

I thought each month for the next three months I would go over helpful tips, and things that I have heard and / or picked up along the way for each of these categories, and that when they are all put together, they help lead to good things. Once again, I am not a doctor, and this is not medical advice.

This month of March, I will be going over Prayer.

So the most important part of this whole P.R.AYER diet is prayer! Hence the name, and hence it being the first thing. What is prayer? Ultimately prayer is conversation with God. Everything in our life can be brought into conversation with God, and diets are especially good things to bring into conversation with Him.

Why do we want to bring diets into conversation with God? One reason is because we are loved unconditionally by God. No matter what the world says, (how one should look, how one should eat, how one should...whatever) a truth we can all hold onto is we are loved by God! Going on a diet to help extend and better our lives, to help enhance our temples of the Holy Spirit, is a great thing; and what a good thing to ask God for His assistance in.

That leads into a second point, we bring our diets into prayer because we don't diet alone. Jesus is there to assist us. Just like having an accountability buddy, someone we honestly check in with about our goals and progress, He is always there for us to check in with. To offer Him our total selves. He is there to encourage us and remind us of His love for us. That we may have these great plans and goals in our diet and exercise plan, and we may slip up, but that all is not lost if we do, and He still loves us. Messing up on a diet can be a huge thing that keeps us away from continuing forward. "I messed up...oh well...better luck next (time, year, etc.)." When we bring these moments into prayer, however, we can turn to Him and receive from Him strength to continue on. We can relate our experience to His. "Hey Jesus, I messed up today..." and He says back to us, "Even I fell on the way of the Cross, but be like me, get up and keep going...I'm with you, and I love you!"

When we engage regularly in prayer, good things happen in our lives. Just like a best friend, Jesus wants us to share every moment, and to hear about every moment of our lives.

Next month I will cover R = Recreation
God bless!

In Christ,
Fr. Chris

March Prayer

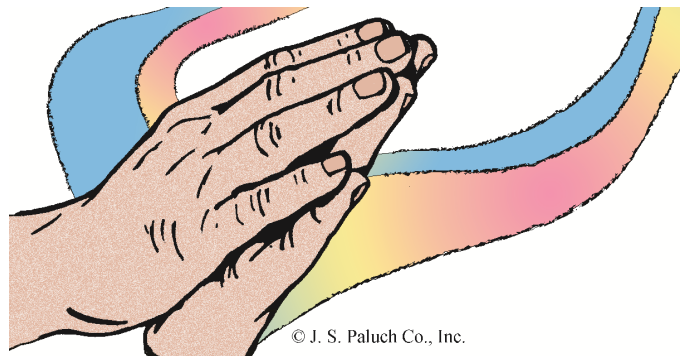
As We begin our Lenten Journey:

Let nothing disturb you; Let nothing dismay you; All things pass; God never changes.

Patience attains all that it strives for; Those who have God find they lack nothing; God alone suffices.

Amen.

-St Teresa of Avila



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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 from 4:00 to 4:45.

March 9 (Sacred Heart Chapel)

March 16 (Sacred Heart Chapel)

March 23 (Sacred Heart Chapel)

March 30 (Sacred Heart Chapel)

April 6 No Reconciliation 4-4:45pm

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

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

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.

March 6 Ash Wednesday Schedule

6:00 A.M. Mass Church

7:30 A.M. Mass Church

8:15 A.M. Mass Sacred Heart Chapel ICGS

9:15 A.M. Mass Church ICCP

12:00 Noon Mass Hammerschmidt Chapel
Elmhurst College

12:00-1:00 Continuous Distribution of Ashes
(No Service) Church

4:30 P.M. Prayer Service Sacred Heart
Chapel

7:00 P.M. Mass Church

Ashes will be distributed at all Masses and Prayer Services

Stations of the Cross

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

March 13 March 20 March 27

April 3 April 10

IC Grade School students will pray the Stations in the Church at 2:30 P.M.

March 8 March 15 March 22

And

April 5 in Sacred Heart Chapel

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.

Lent 2019

2019 PARISH MISSION March 31, April 1, and April 2, 2019 *John Michael Grossman*



“Live in the Light”

Join us for 3 evenings of music, inspiration and prayer as John Donahue-Grossman leads us on a spiritual awakening to walk in and become a light in the world as disciples of Jesus Christ. We are invited and we are called to bring hope, love, and compassion into our homes, workplaces, and communities.

John Donahue-Grossman is a gifted story teller who inspires others with his passionate faith. For more than 30 years, John has served the Kingdom of God as a Religion Teacher, Parish Youth Minister and Retreat Director. His service to the Church has been honored with an Apostolic Blessing from St. John Paul II, the Bishop Sartain Award, the Columbian Squires Award from the Knights of Columbus and he was named Who's Who among Teachers in America at two separate Catholic Schools. John earned a Youth Ministry Certificate from Loyola University and studied theology at Catholic Theological Union in Chicago, IL. He has been married to Lauren since 1987. Together they have 3 adult children and 2 grandchildren.

Men's Prayer Breakfast

March 9 and April 13

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

Women's Breakfasts

*Saturday mornings from 8:30—9:30 am
beginning March 16*

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 March 16th for a study on the book The Biggest Lie in the History of Christianity by: Matthew Kelly. This is the book that IC distributed at the Christmas Masses. 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!

IC Lenten Outreach Project

Our Lenten alms bags will be distributed on Ash Wednesday. Bags will be available in the narthex and rectory thereafter. Once again, **our alms will benefit St. Mary's Mission School** in Red Lake, Minnesota. As we pray and fast during this holy season of Lent, **let us also “give back” to God**, who has given us so much.

Over the past few years, our alms have helped the children of St. Mary's Mission School in various ways. We have donated computers for all of the classrooms, which resulted in higher reading, math and testing scores. We also established a scholarship fund for those unable to pay full tuition. We provided funds to furnish a “sensory room” for the students. Last year, our alms were used to help defray some of the costs of the fire which destroyed the community's Catholic Church. Funds were also used to implement a seventh grade classroom. This year, funds are needed to establish an eighth grade classroom and “baby space.” Fr. Jerry reminds us that the statistics for a child living on the Red Lake Indian Reservation offer a unique challenge. He states “Our goal is to create the best possible learning experience for these students, which will result in a thirst for continuing education beyond our doors.” The goal of the mission is not to educate students to move “away” from the reservation in search of a better life, but to have them “return” to the reservation in order to initiate needed change.

We need your help in offering these children HOPE for their future. Let us prayerfully consider what we can give to St. Mary's in their efforts to build and strengthen the faith of the children and their families on the reservation and beyond.

**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.**

Around the Parish in March

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

Weekend 2/3

Weekend Food collection accepted at all Masses

Saturday, March 2 Coaches' Prayer Breakfast 8:30am Agnesian Room

Sunday, March 3 PACZKI Sunday after all morning Masses in Plunkett Hall

Sunday, March 3 RCIA Journey 8am-Noon PAC Resource Room

Sunday, March 3 Spiritual Classics 10:15am Dyer Center

Sunday, March 3 Religious Ed 10:10-11:15am ICGS Classrooms

Sunday, March 3 Baptisms 1:00pm Church

Monday, March 4 Transitional Housing 6:30pm Resource Room

Tuesday, March 5 Lectio Divina Join Anne Hohbein after the 7:30am Mass PAC-Resource Room

Tuesday, March 5 Prayer Shawl Ministry 9:30am Elmhurst College

Tuesday, March 5 RCIA Children Classes 3:45pm Resource Room

Tuesday, March 5 Grade 4 Tour of the Church 7:00pm

Wednesday, March 6 ASH WEDNESDAY

Ash Wednesday Mass schedule

6:00am: Mass Church

7:30am: Mass Church

8:15am: ICGS Mass Sacred Heart Chapel

9:15am: ICCP Mass Church

Noon-1:00pm: Continuous Ashes Church

Noon: Mass Elmhurst College

4:30pm: Prayer Service with Ashes: Sacred Heart Chapel

7:00pm: Mass Church

Thursday, March 7 Parish Choir Rehearsal 7pm Sacred Heart Chapel

Thursday, March 7 Baptism Prep Class 7pm Resource Room

Thursday, March 7 Fr. Kartje Presentation From Science to Faith 7:00pm Church

Friday, March 8 GS Stations of the Cross 2:30pm Church

Weekend 9/10

Weekend Food collection Distribution at all Masses

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

Sunday, March 10 RCIA Journey 8am Resource Room

Sunday, March 10 Religious Edu 10:10-11:15am ICGS Classrooms

Sunday, March 10 Spiritual Classics 10:15am PAC Dyer Center

Monday, March 11 GS School Board Meeting 6:30pm Dyer Center

Tuesday, March 12 Lectio Divina Join Anne Hohbein after the 7:30am Mass PAC-Resource Room

Tuesday, March 12 Cup of Hope 9:00am Meeting Room 2

Tuesday, March 12 Eastern DuPage Deanery Steering Committee Meeting 7:00pm Marian Room

Tuesday, March 12 Worship Committee Meeting 7:00pm Resource Room

Wednesday, March 13 Bible Study 9:30-11:30am Resource Room

Wednesday, March 13 Religious Ed 5:10-6:15pm ICGS Classrooms

Wednesday, March 13 Parish Children's Choir Rehearsal 3:30pm Sacred Heart Chapel

Wednesday, March 13 Parent's Club 7pm Agnesian Room

Wednesday, March 13 ICCP Board Meeting 7pm Dyer Center

Wednesday, March 13 Stations of the Cross 7pm Church

Thursday, March 14 Parish Choir Rehearsal 7pm Sacred Heart Chapel

Friday, March 15 Lasater Heller Rehearsal 4pm Church

March Reconciliation Times

Friday 1st-Following 6:15am Mass Church

Saturday 2 4-4:45pm Church

Saturday 9 4-4:45pm Sacred Heart Chapel

Saturday 16 4-4:45pm Sacred Heart Chapel

Saturday 23 4-4:45pm Sacred Heart Chapel

Saturday 30 4-4:45pm Sacred Heart Chapel

Weekend 16/17

Weekend Food collection Distribution at all Masses

Saturday, March 15 Women's Prayer Breakfast 8:30am Resource Room

Saturday, March 16 Lasater Heller Wedding 2pm Church

Sunday, March 17 RCIA Journey 8am Resource Room

Sunday, March 17 Religious Ed 10:10-11:15am ICGS Classrooms

Sunday, March 17 Spiritual Classics 10:15am Dyer Center

Sunday, March 17 St. Joseph Table Noon-5pm Plunkett Hall

Monday, March 18 Bread Breaking Group A 6:30pm Plunkett Hall

Monday, March 18 Parish Council Meeting 7pm Resource Room

Tuesday, March 19 Lectio Divina Join Anne Hohbein after the 7:30am Mass PAC-Resource Room

Tuesday, March 19 Prayer Shawl Ministry 9am Elmhurst Library

Tuesday, March 19 RCIA Children Classes 3:45 Resource Room

Tuesday, March 19 Bread Breaking Group B 6:30pm Plunkett Hall

Tuesday, March 19 Finance Committee Meeting 6:30pm Dyer Center

Wednesday, March 20 Bible Study 9:30-11:30am Resource Room

Wednesday, March 20 Religious Ed 5:10-6:15pm ICGS Classrooms

Wednesday, March 20 Parish Children's Choir Rehearsal 3:30pm Sacred Heart Chapel

Wednesday, March 20 Stations of the Cross 7pm Church

Thursday, March 21 Parish Choir Rehearsal 7pm Sacred Heart Chapel

Friday, March 22 GS Stations of the Cross 2:30pm Church

Weekend 23/24

Vis Rosary Makers and Weekend Food collection Distribution at all Masses

Saturday, March 23 Women's Prayer Breakfast 8:30am Resource Room

Sunday, March 24 RCIA Journey 8am Resource Room

Sunday, March 24 Spiritual Classics 10:15am Dyer Center

Monday, March 25 Adult Confirmation Classes 6:30pm Resource Room

Tuesday, March 26 Lectio Divina Join Anne Hohbein after the 7:30am Mass PAC-Resource Room

Tuesday, March 26 RCIA Children Classes 3:45 Resource Room

Wednesday, March 27 Bible Study 9:30-11:30am Resource Room

Wednesday, March 27 Parish Children's Choir Rehearsal 3:30pm Sacred Heart Chapel

Wednesday, March 27 Stations of the Cross 7pm Church

Thursday, March 28 Parish Choir Rehearsal 7pm Sacred Heart Chapel

Thursday, March 28 Respect Life Rosary and Benediction 7pm Church

Weekend 30/31

Weekend Food collection Distribution at all Masses

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

Sunday, March 31 RCIA Journey 8am Resource Room

Sunday, March 31 9am Mass of Thanksgiving in Celebration of the Ordination of Michael Groth to the Sacred Order of the Diaconate Reception to follow in Plunkett Hall

Sunday, March 31 Parish Mission Begins 7pm Church

Coming Events

St. Joseph Table

Sunday, March 17, 2019



Would you like to DONATE A DISH?

Email Barb Repking at
brepking@icelmhurst.org
or call 630.530.3479

Sign up here to [DONATE YOUR TIME!](#)

The Visitation Rosary Makers will be available the weekend of March 23-24 to repair your rosary for free, collect unwanted rosaries in any condition, and offer for sale some beautiful Irish St. Patrick's and Lenten rosaries. The Irish rosaries have a Celtic or Claddagh crucifix and shamrock Our Lady of Knock, Claddagh, or St. Pat in the center. Also available are rosaries for Lent with Our Blessed Mother hugging the crucifix, and a rosary center with Pieta and more. There are **many** new items such as Divine Mercy Chaplet with half red and half clear beads and a variety of rosary cases. Please visit the table in the back of the church or chapel for a free gift for your child.

Make Joyful Unto The
a joyful noise Lord!

CALLING ALL 1ST and 2ND GRADERS WHO LOVE TO SING:

Come share your spirit and song in the **Cherub Choir!**

The **Cherub Choir** will sing at our **2nd Grade Family Mass** on **Sunday, May 5** at 9am in the Sacred Heart Chapel.

Four after school rehearsals will be held in the Sacred Heart Chapel on **Thursdays April 4, 11, 25 & May 2** from **3:30-4:00pm**.

Please contact Director of Music Lisa Grisolia to sign-up:
lisagrisolia@icelmhurst.org
630-530-3489

Coming Friday, March 8!

The western suburb's ***BEST fish fry!**
Mark your calendars and plan to join us!....”

*Why are we the BEST...

The FISH - Our COD is an awesome COD! We use only wild caught Icelandic Cod from Supreme Lobster which we hand cut and dip in Uncle Bill's special recipe beer batter. Better fish + better batter = GOOD EAT'n!

The Mac 'n Cheese – home made every week, this creamy blend of 3 artisan cheeses is the epitome of comfort food! Seriously, it's really GOOD!

The Shrimp – We start with premium 16-20 ct. tail-on shrimp, dredge them in Joey B's special blend of 36-ish herbs and spices and flash fry them. These shrimp have a light delicate flavor that would make Bobby Flay cry!

The Taco's – We take our world famous fried Cod, top it with Napa cabbage, drizzle it with Blas's secret Chipotle sauce and wrap it in a warm flour tortilla. Blas's grandmother would be proud, just don't tell her he stole her recipe.

The Soup – Brothers Bill, Chris and Bill start with a creamy New England Clam Chowder and add sautéed Cod, crawfish tails and a dash of sherry to create a dish worthy of the world's BEST Fish Fry. Who ever said too many cooks.....

New for 2019 – PIZZA for both kids and adults! When you get the urge, nothing beats pizza!

The People – Where else can you find 40+ people who **VOLUNTEER** every week for 6 weeks to serve 400 meals a night for **charity**? Either love us - or commit us!



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Liturgical Day

Eastern DuPage Deanery Liturgical Enrichment Day

A New Paradigm of Evangelization: The Importance of Liturgy in Today's Culture

Saturday, March 16, 2019, 8:00 a.m. – Noon

Ascension Parish, 1S314 Summit Ave. Oakbrook Terrace, IL 60181

All Liturgical Ministers in our parish are encouraged and invited to attend, including Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Ushers, Music Ministry, and Mass Captains. Ongoing formation for those involved in ministry is a very important part of serving in these roles. Even if you are not involved in a ministry, all are invited and welcome to attend.

To register online go to: easterndupagedeanery.org

OR fill out the form below and place the bottom half of this form in the box in your church narthex. (No cost to attend)

Do **not** register directly to Ascension Parish.

Door will open at 7:30 to begin check-in. Our day opens with 8:00 a.m. Mass with Father Tom McCarthy, O.S.A.

Check-in will continue with Continental Breakfast following mass

Come and hear **Linda Couri** present:

The Relevance of the Mass in a Busy World that Just Won't Stop

Also, please join us as we hear **Fr. David Mowry** talk about how the Liturgy of the Word tells us the story of salvation in a way that opens our eyes to seeing that story playing out in the culture around us.

I plan to attend the Liturgical Enrichment Day event on March 16th.

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Parish: _____

Around the Deanery

HOLY GHOST PARISH MISSION
254 N. Wood Dale Rd, Wood Dale
MARCH 31 ~ 4:00 PM
APRIL 1 & 2 ~ 7:00 PM
"Lord, Make Me a Channel of your Peace"
MISSION DIRECTOR: FATHER ED SHEA, OFM

ST. ALEXANDER • ST. JOHN THE APOSTLE • ST. JOSEPH

LENTEN MISSION

Wednesday, March 27: Open My Eyes, Lord

*Called to be a welcoming and vibrant community of believers.
Open to seeing and loving the way that God sees and loves.
Mission Talk in English.*

7:00 PM at St. John the Apostle, Villa Park

Jueves, 28 de marzo: En pie en medio de la tormenta – Mateo 14

**7:00 PM Misa y Lectura en Español
en San José, Addison**

Friday, March 29: All You Need Is Love

Love is it for us as Christians – growing into the Greatest Commandment

**6:00 PM Reconciliation Available
7:00 PM Bilingual Mass • Mission Talk
at St. John the Apostle**

Reception to follow each evening.

Rev. Ed Shea, OFM is our Mission Leader.

Franciscan Father Ed Shea has spent most of his priesthood in parish work with both English and Spanish communities. Fr. Ed is currently serving at St. Peter's Church in downtown Chicago. During the past several years he has done a good deal of itinerant preaching, in the Chicago area and beyond. Fr. Ed loves to sing and tell stories, and he thrives on celebrating the sacraments of the Church. A true follower of St. Francis, Father Ed finds reasons to rejoice often in the goodness of God's presence in our world.



Thursday Evening Masses
Visitation Parish
779 S. York Rd, Elmhurst
7:00pm in Church

March 14 – Mass for Peace & Justice
Fr. Michael Kearney
After Mass Presentation (Podesta Hall):
By Michael Okinczyc-Cruz, from the Coalition for Spiritual & Public Leadership.

March 21 – Mass for Life
Fr. Tom Milota
After Mass Presentation (Podesta Hall)
By Paul Esposito, Visitation parishioner

March 28 – Votive Mass of Holy Eucharist
Fr. Gene Gratkowski
After Mass Presentation (Podesta Hall)
By Matt Pozen

April 4 – Mass for the Spread of the Gospel
After Mass Presentation (Parish Center)

St. Philip the Apostle Parish
1233 W. Holtz Ave
Addison, IL 60101

Lenten Parish Mission
Sunday to Tuesday
March 10 to March 12
Fr. Bob Hutmacher presents:
Sunday – Lead Us Not Into Temptation: who and what keeps us from God?
Monday – Forgiveness: a lost art
Tuesday – Carry the Cross with Joy: It is possible

SACRED HEART PARISH, 114 S. ELIZABETH ST. LOMBARD, IL 60148



Monday Vespers at 7:00 p.m.:
March 11, March 25, April 8

Holy Hour



March 15 at 7:00 p.m.

Apostolic Sisters of St. John
lead us in Holy Hour meditations and music

Michael Groth



Since August of 2017, Immaculate Conception parish has been blessed with Seminarian Michael Groth. On March 30th, his Ordination to the Sacred Order of the Diaconate will be conferred by His Excellency, The Most Reverend R. Daniel Conlon. The ceremony will take place at the Cathedral of St. Raymond Nonnatus at 604 North Raynor Ave in Joliet at 11am. This is an open event. The following day, Michael will assist as a Deacon at a Mass of Thanksgiving here at Immaculate Conception Church at 9am. A reception will follow in Plunkett Hall. Please consider joining us to help celebrate our new “Deacon Michael.”

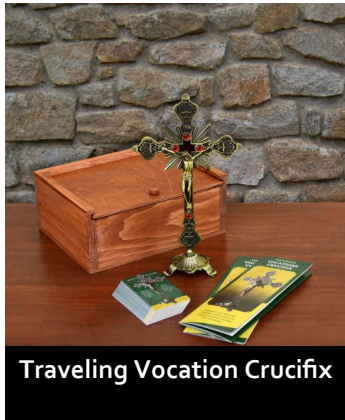
Please keep Michael in your prayers as he takes the next step in his journey towards the priesthood. We pray that Michael and his classmates feel the closeness to Jesus that they desire and that the Lord keeps them safe and focused as they continue their studies. Please also pray for the leaders and teachers of St. Mary of the Lake Seminary as well as the priests of the diocese that they continue to guide Michael and his classmates along this path towards the vocation God has chosen for them.

Community Life

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



Traveling Mary



Traveling Vocation Crucifix

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 March 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.

TMIY
THAT MAN IS YOU!

COME JOIN OUR LENTEN JOURNEY THIS SPRING

The That Man Is You! program will be kicking off its Spring semester soon! A very successful Fall semester averaged over 50 men per session and laid the foundation for a journey towards Easter. The time is NOW for the men of our communities to stand up and become the Leaders, Husbands, Fathers, and Grandfathers that they were truly meant to be! Come to a session and see what it's all about. That Man Is You! is an interactive men's program combining the best research from science with the teachings of the Catholic faith and the wisdom of the saints to develop the **VISION OF A MAN, FULLY ALIVE.**

For more information go to www.TMIY.org, or contact either Andrew Morgan at 630-276-6401 or

Ken Gillie at 847-980-2803 Advanced registration is preferred, but not required. To Register, go to www.TMIY.org: Click on 'FIND A GROUP/REGISTER FOR A CLASS' Search near Elmhurst, IL —> Select Mary Queen of Heaven Complete Registration Information

LOCATION: Mary Queen of Heaven Parish Barrett Hall 426 West Ave., Elmhurst, IL 60126

(note 2/9 Session to be held at Visitation Parish, Elmhurst)

That Man Is You! is being sponsored by the Eastern DuPage Deanery and is open to men from all parishes.

Christian Ministry



FOOD PANTRY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are seeking additional volunteers for our food pantry, especially during the summer months. The pantry is

open from 10:00AM – Noon Monday through Friday from Labor Day to Memorial Day (with the exception of holidays) and Monday through Thursday during the summer months. Volunteers work in teams of two or three, assisting clients in acquiring the food they need. Training is provided. Please contact Pam in the Christian Ministry Office if you might be able to help one or two days per month.

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.

“Life’s most persistent and urgent question is ‘What are you doing for others?’”

Martin Luther King, Jr.

HOSPITALIZED or HOMEBOUND? PLEASE LET US KNOW!



If you know someone who is HOMEBOUND, either Temporarily or permanently and unable to attend Mass, please let us know. We will contact them to see if they would like to receive Communion on a weekly basis. Mutually agreeable times and dates are determined between the individual and the Minister of Care. Please call Pam at 530-3497 with names and contact information.



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 rbese@comcast.net



IC FOOD PANTRY PLEASE REMEMBER US AS YOU DO YOUR WEEKLY SHOPPING

Food may be dropped after all masses on Sunday or at the PAC/Rectory during normal business hours. Our needs this month include cereal, oatmeal, pasta and pasta sauce, canned fruit and vegetables, pancake mix and syrup, chili, canned tuna and chicken, eggs, shampoo, bath gel, toothpaste and personal hygiene products. If you are **TOO BUSY TO SHOP**, monetary donations are always appreciated. By supporting our pantry, **you are helping members of our own community.**

Joyful Again Retreats

March 9 & 10: Mount Assisi Center, Lemont
March 30 & 31: Holy Family Medical Center
Golf and River Roads, DesPlaines



Consider joining others who have lost a spouse at a weekend retreat designed to help at tendees reflect and recognize new paths for their lives, while treasuring memories of their loved ones. Early registration is encouraged. Phone: 708-354-7211
E-Mail: joyfulagain7211@gmail.com

Although our season is winding down, with only two months remaining, Immaculate Conception is still in need of volunteers to transport food (from the Rectory to the PADS site), purchase and/or prepare food, serve our guests, be present for the overnight hours, prepare breakfast and lunches and clean up.



We can't do this without you! Please contact Mary O'Leary at maryoleary1@yahoo.com if you can help in some way.

“To love God and neighbor is not something abstract, but profoundly concrete: it means seeing in every person and face of the Lord to be served, to serve him concretely. And you are, dear brothers and sisters, the face of Jesus.” (Pope Francis, Address during Visit at the Homeless Shelter “Dona Di Maria,” 5/21/13)



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 630-971-0565

Community Clothing Center UMC

www.umcelmhurst.org 630-834-2440

St. Vincent de Paul

www.svdpjoliet.org 630-628-9008

Poised for Success

www.poisedforsuccess.org 630-691-1455

Salvation Army

800-728-7825

www.satruck.org

40 BAGS IN 40 DAYS



A Lenten challenge to
declutter and simplify

- each day in Lent, fill a bag (any size)
- donate the bags to charity

"WHOEVER HAS TWO CLOAKS
SHOULD SHARE ONE WITH THE
PERSON WHO HAS NONE..."
Luke 3:11
Catholic Teaching



March 18 – March 22, 2019

Everyone deserves a good pair of shoes.

ICGS, ICCP and Religious Ed are partnering with Brighton to collect gently used shoes for infants, children, men and women, to be distributed in Madagascar. Every day children are prevented from attending school and adults are unable to work. Walking becomes unbearable. A pair of shoes provides relief in many developing nations around the globe in times of disaster.

As you purchase new shoes prior to spring break vacation, First Communion, Confirmation or Graduation, please donate your used shoes to this drive. Tie or rubber-band your pair of shoes together and place them in the bins provided in each of the schools. To view the impact your gift has on our needy neighbors, visit www.soles4soles.org.

Thank you for your generosity.

CHANGING THE WORLD
ONE PAIR AT A TIME



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

- * String tags and decorate envelopes for our Easter outreach on **Wednesday, March 27 after school until 5:00PM.**
- * 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.



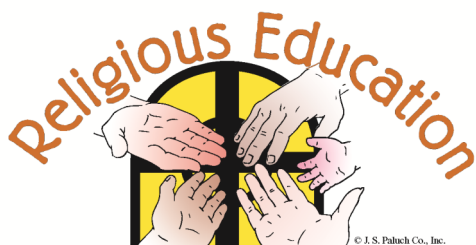
IC will offer its next Protecting God's Children workshop on Wednesday, **May 1, 2019** at 6:30 PM in the Resource Room of the PAC/Rectory. To register, please access our website at www.icelmhurst.org and click on the Promise to Protect/Pledge to Heal icon. This will direct you to a list of workshops being offered.

Any adult who works with minors in the parish setting must attend this class. Please call 630-530-3497 for further information. Registrations cannot be handled over the phone.

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>
March 3	March 3	March 13
March 10	March 10	March 20
	March 17	

All children preparing for 1st Eucharist in May, 2019 are invited to participate in the special "Bread Breaking" celebration on Monday, March 18 or Tuesday, March 19 at 6:30 p.m. in MPH. This unique prayer experience is for 1st Eucharist children and their parents only. Details concerning this prayer service may be found in the 1st Eucharist materials distributed at the February 24th meeting.

Plan ahead....ICGS 2nd Graders Communion Banner Workshop is scheduled for Thursday April 11 at 1 p.m. in MPH...start thinking about the design you want to create on your banner.

Confirmation forms are now past due, as is the Letter to the Pastor. If you have not turned both of those in, please contact the Religious Education office as soon as possible.

6th Grade Old Testament Saint Presentations will occur during class time on Sunday, March 10 & Wednesday, March 13

7th Grade Twelve Apostle Project Presentations will occur during class time on Sunday, March 17 & Wednesday, March 20

IMPORTANT DATES

1st Holy Communion: May 4, 2019 Sacred Heart Chapel
Group A: 9:30am
Group B: 1:00pm
Confirmation: May 11, 2019 Sacred Heart Chapel
7:00pm

Reconciliations

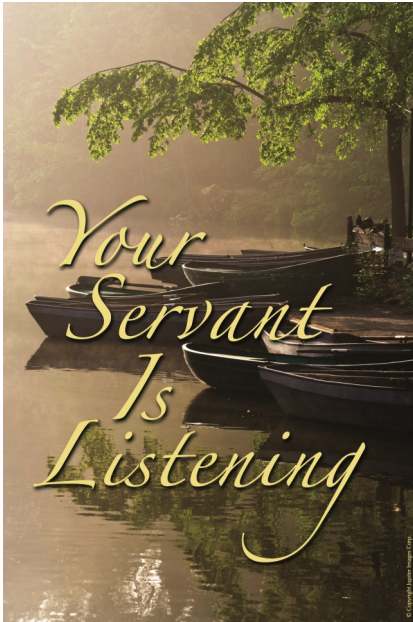
3rd Grade
March 10 (Sunday)
March 13 (Wednesday)

Sunday Family Masses

4th and 5th Grade
March 3rd

Contact Sr. Mary Francis to participate in your grade's family Mass. You may volunteer to read a petition, present an Offertory Gift, or serve as a Minister of Hospitality before or after the liturgy.

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.



On Sunday, March 10, our Catechumen, Jada Cannon, will be "sent" from Immaculate Conception to the Cathedral for the Rite of Election that afternoon, celebrated by Bishop Conlon. She has affirmed her intention to be baptized and receive the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil. The following Sunday, March 17, our candidates will participate in the Penitential Rite. Candidates are those who are baptized Catholic but have not yet received the Sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation. Candidates also include those who were baptized into another Christian faith tradition and now desire to join the Catholic Church. The celebration of this rite presumes that the candidates are approaching the maturity of faith and understanding requisite for fuller life within the Catholic community.

The Sundays during Lent are especially significant for those completing their Sacraments of Initiation. Over the next several Sundays, our Elect (she who will be baptized, receive Eucharist and be confirmed) will celebrate the Lenten Scrutinies. It is the primary way that the Church assists her in her conversion process during Lent. These ritual celebrations on the Third, Fourth and Fifth Sundays of Lent are communal prayers celebrated around the Elect to strengthen them in overcoming the power of sin in their lives, while helping them to grow in virtue. The parish community does not scrutinize the Elect; the Elect scrutinize their own lives and allow God to heal them.

Taking seriously the dynamic of scrutiny and conversion gives us a richer perspective of Lenten "giving up." What we are to give up more than anything else is sin, that which keeps us from living out our baptismal promises fully. **Along with the Elect, we all need to approach the season of Lent by asking ourselves what needs to change in our lives if we are to live out the gospel values that Jesus taught us.** Our journey through these forty days should be a movement ever closer to Christ and to the way of life he has exemplified for us. As we listen to stories about the woman at the well, the man born blind and the raising of Lazarus, we ask ourselves "for whom/what do I thirst? Do I recognize Jesus as the light of the world and ask him to remove my prejudice and complacency, allowing me to see the needs of others? Will I accept Jesus' offer of new life?"

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, 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 for all. Amen.*

IC Grade School

Make dinner a selfless act by joining us for a fundraiser to support IC. Come to Chipotle at Rt. 83 in Elmhurst on Tuesday, March 12th between 4-8. Mention IC to make sure that 33% of the proceeds will be donated. Don't forget to grab a sweet treat next door at Nothing Bundt Cakes! Mention IC during the week of 3/11-3/16 and 30% of all purchases will go to IC. Advanced orders accepted so think ahead for Easter, First Communions, Graduations, etc. Thanks for your support.

Immaculate Conception Grade School Presents *Newsies*



Directed by Emily Leonard
Musical Direction by Helen Knudsen
Choreography by Peg Koch

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Friday & Saturday:
March 1st & 2nd, 7:00p.m.
Sunday: March 3rd, 2:00p.m.

Immaculate Conception Parish
Gymnasium Theatre
Tickets: \$8 Available at the Door

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

EARLY BIRD TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE NOW!
\$40/DADDY-DAUGHTER PAIR, \$5/EACH ADDT'L CHILD
(BASE TICKET PRICE INCREASES TO \$45/DADDY-DAUGHTER PAIR
AFTER 12/31). QUESTIONS? ICDADDYDAUGHTERDANCE@GMAIL.COM

Mom-Son Prom *"A Night with the Stars"*

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DETAILS AND TICKETS AVAILABLE AT
[HTTP://ICPARTIES.GIVEMART.COM](http://ICPARTIES.GIVEMART.COM)

Around the diocese

CONFERENCE FOR THE DIVORCED & WIDOWED

Diocese of Joliet Office of Family Ministry

"Six Keys to Healing & God's Plan for Your Life"

Saturday, March 16, 2019

8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. (Check-in 8:30 a.m.)

Concludes with Vigil Mass

Blanchette Catholic Center, 16555 Weber Road, Crest Hill, IL
Our speaker for the day is Catholic author and speaker Lisa Duffy. Lisa has nearly 20 years of personal experience helping people rebuild their lives after the loss of a spouse either through death or divorce.

The suggested donation is \$35 which includes morning coffee and refreshments, lunch and materials. Please register by March 11th by calling the Office of Family Ministry at 815.838.5334 or [online](#).

St. Alexander Church Surviving Spouses

For those who have lost their husband or wife, please join us.

**Sunday, Mar. 10, 2019 @ 1:00pm
Sister's Room in the Parish Center**

St. Alexander Church
300 S. Cornell, Villa park

**Please RSVP to:
Carol Nash @ 630.834.8152**

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in Scripture, Song and Prayer

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of FAITH

Donna Cori Gibson
in concert

Our awesome Faith, a beautiful voice, brought together to draw you closer to God. Come and sing and "pray twice" with internationally known Catholic recording artist, Donna Cori Gibson on Sunday, March 31st at 2:00 p.m. at Our Lady of Peace Catholic Church, 701 Plain Field Road, Darien, IL 60561. For more information: 630-323-4333. Preview and get free music downloads, more information, hear samples and view videos at www.DonnaCoriGibson.com

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STARRING WAYNE MESSMER

AS FATHER (Saint) DAMIEN, "THE LEPER PRIEST OF MOLOKAI"

Produced by: WPM Productions, Inc.

SATURDAY, March 2, 2019

Performance at 7:30pm (doors open at 6:45PM)

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- Reserved Seating
- Wine & Cheese Reception after the play
- Meet & Greet with Wayne Messmer

General Seating: \$15.00

Purchase Tickets at

www.ctlombard.org/342

or

**In person in the Back of Church on
Jan. 12&13, Feb. 2&3 and Feb. 16&17**

or

Call Dick Clish at (630) 935-0288

We Are IC Capital Campaign and Sunday Offerings

Thanks to those who have increased their Sunday offertory giving and those who have made a pledge and supported the We Are IC capital campaign. If you have not yet made a pledge, please consider doing so. We need gifts at all levels and pledges can be paid over a five-year time period. Please fill out and return your Letter of Intent today.

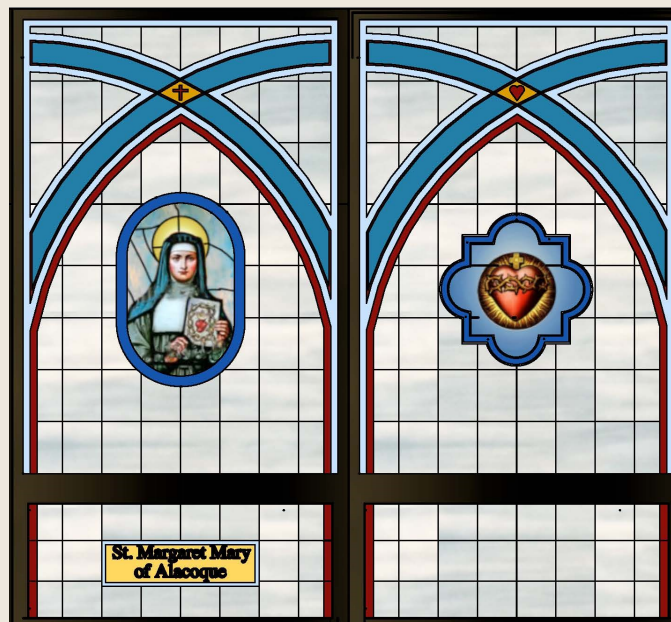
I know that some of you are not comfortable making a pledge and prefer to “give as you are able.” If you would like to support the capital campaign without making a formal pledge, please use the capital campaign envelope in your monthly envelope packet or make a one-time gift online.

To make an online donation to our capital campaign, go to www.icelmhurst.com and click the donate today button located on the left side of the home page. If you have not yet done so, you can create a profile and login. Once you are on the online giving page, click “Give a New Gift” and then select “2018 CAPITAL CAMPAIGN.” Please call the rectory office if you need any assistance.

Naming Opportunities

There are several ways to remember deceased loved ones, or honor the living, as part of the **We are IC** capital campaign. Among those is the opportunity to sponsor one of the beautiful stained glass windows. There are four window panels in each of the 8 large window sets in the Sacred Heart Chapel. Each window panel will hold the image of either a saint or a symbol which corresponds to that saint. Please call Catey Cohen at (630) 530-8991 for more information.

We are happy to announce that the saint and symbol windows on this page and the next page will be fabricated and installed in the new window frames. We anticipate this being done over the course of the summer. These 14 panels of art glass will be backlit like those in the church. Upon their installation, they will have a great impact upon the mood in the Sacred Heart Chapel.



Capital Campaign

