

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

November 2019 Newsletter

November Prayer

Loving God, We thank you for having created us and given us to each other.

Thank you for being with us in our joys and sorrows, for your comfort in our sadness, and your companionship in our loneliness.

Thank you for yesterday, Today, and tomorrow.

Thank you for friends, for health, and for grace.

May we always be grateful for all that has been given to us.

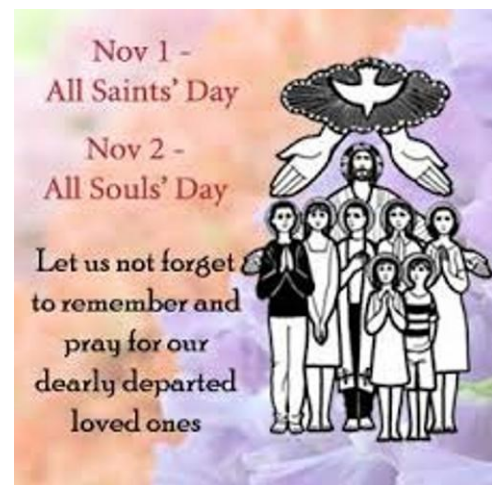
Amen.



Welcome To IC

Join us in welcoming our new parish families.

Almighty God We give you thanks for the many and varied ways you build up your Church. Bless these new parishioners. Grant them the peace of a new parish home. As we are enriched with their presence may they find enrichment through the Body of Christ present in this parish community.



PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

We the people of Immaculate Conception Parish are Christians who worship and glorify God as a sign of our faith. Empowered by the Holy Spirit, we proclaim our faith to the world through prayer, education, concern, and service to our community. By participating in the sacraments and giving of our time, talent and treasure, we help to make Christ present and share God's love in our community and the world around us.

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Can you believe it is already November? For many people, myself included, this is one of my favorite months of the year. We begin this time celebrating the great feast in honor of all the Holy Saints. We stop and recall all the special men and women that the church honors with this title. Often we pray through their intercession for God's help and blessings to come upon us with our many needs. How often have you asked St. Anthony to help you find something? We also remember the saintly people that have been part of our lives in many different ways. Although they will never have the official title of being saints, it certainly seems to be ok in our own minds for us to look upon them in this way. How blest have we all been to have had so many outstanding role models in our lives that have helped us to see the face of God.



November 2nd is All Souls Day. On this occasion we pause and we pray for all of our beloved dead; that they may rest in peace. At 10:00am Mass that day, we will in a special way pray for all who have died in the past year. If you would like to have a family member or friend prayed for, please make sure that you let us know so that we are able to do so. We pray that the souls of all the faithful departed will rest in peace.

On November 11th, our country will celebrate Veteran's Day. We pause and give thanks for the dedicated service of countless men and women for the sake of freedom. It is impossible for most of us to try to comprehend the experiences that many of them faced during their time of service. Many lost their lives and many yet still feel the pain caused to them by others. At our Masses on the weekend of November 9th and 10th, we will have a special blessing for all veterans. Most appropriately, at the 11:30am Mass on November 10th, we will celebrate the Anointing of the Sick. At that time, we will bless those in need of healing for their bodies, minds, or spirits.

A favorite holiday for many people comes rather late this year. Thanksgiving will be celebrated on November 28th. The beauty of this day is reflected in the spirit of gratitude that is present in the hearts of so many. We are so very blessed by God that we can never thank Him enough. We are also so very blessed to be part of this great country. Please join us to celebrate the start of this very holy day at 7:30am for the celebration of our Thanksgiving Liturgy. I realize that celebrating Mass at this time will be an early start for this day for many of you. Our time is arranged in order to accommodate the Turkey Trot that has become an Elmhurst tradition. Please do not be concerned about being able to leave after Mass is completed, as provisions will be provided for you to do so. After Mass, I have the honor annually of saying the prayer blessing at the start of the race. Our food pantry is amongst the many charitable organizations that benefit greatly from the Turkey Trot.

The holy season of Advent will begin with our celebration of Mass at 5:15pm on Saturday, November 30th. Our focus will then be upon our eager anticipation for the coming of the Lord. A new church year will begin as we look forward for the coming Christ.

Happy Thanksgiving!

Sincerely in Christ,
Father Tom

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The fall season definitely reminds us that nature is constantly moving, transforming and renewing. Just as nature is transforming, so we too. However, we can change for the better not only physically but also spiritually. So, this month I would like to reflect on our spiritual transformation since the book of the prophets. Accordingly, having an individual that is aiming for personal betterment, we are going to archive real progress in our society.

Throughout ancient times—consisting of many centuries—the prophets were a great source of social morality, justice, and peace. In their teachings, we can find a solid doctrine of transformation, not just in a social way, but also in a personal way. From ancient times, up to and including now, people have longed to have a better society and be better citizens. Of course, many communities and individuals have indeed reached these admirable goals, yet many others have not. Whether it is an ancient or modern society, many people have struggled with psychological issues, have tried to fight against vices, and have sought desperately to change their negative behaviors. These people want to change their life—if not their entire life, at least some parts of it. As a solution, modern-day thinking recommends turning toward medicine (for pharmaceuticals), neuroscience (for brain mapping), genetics (for DNA analysis), psychology (for cognitive therapy), Transcendental Meditation (for relaxation techniques), etc. Rarely does contemporary society turn to religion for answers and aid.

As a matter of fact, several prophets talked about personal transformation. Consider the words of Ezekiel 36, *"I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within. . . I will give you a heart of flesh."* This promise clearly reflects the desire of God to transform the person. Ezekiel uses the adjective *new* to indicate a replacement, something recent, something fresh, or something not contaminated. His crucial point is clear: God is always seeking to renew man. All of mankind has to be aware that the personal transformation being sought can be accomplished only by God. Another clear example is found in Jeremiah 18, *"I went down to the potter's house and there he was. . . Whenever the vessel of clay he was making turned out badly in his hand, he tried again, making another vessel... Can I not do to you. . . as this potter has done?"* This passage without question asserts that God can re-create us according to His will. We must always remember that the purpose of God's will for us is to have life, to be truly happy, and to have everlasting life. Without question, we can be the person that God wants us to be if we live according to His will. Interestingly, the prophet Isaiah uses the same imagery as Ezekiel. In Chapter 64, Isaiah says, *"Yet, Lord, you are our father; we are the clay and you our potter: we are all the work of your hand."* These words are said with conviction. Isaiah is very aware and strongly trusts, that we can be transformed only by God. From the perspective of this passage, modern society would be wise to acknowledge that God is our creator and that He has the power to re-create us. Therefore, God is the one who has the solution to our personal problems. Accordingly, if we wish to be a complete and fully-functioning person, we should turn towards God.

It is quite obvious that the prophets' messages do not align with the thinking of today. These days, we are told that we are just the result of genetics, of cultural heritage, or the environment. We are like an organism that only responds to external stimuli without any capacity for decision-making. This way of thinking is wrong, of course. We are not just a biological organism. We are a person comprised of a body, soul, and spirit. As the prophets remind us, we owe our existence to God and only He is able to re-create us because of His vast love for us.

In particular, the prophet Hosea describes the pure tenderness of God's love for His people. In Chapter 11 Hosea says, *"I drew them (His people) with human cords, with bands of love; I fostered them like those who raise an infant to their cheeks; I bent down to feed them."* Although the reference here is to a group of people as a whole, we can interpret those words in a personal way. God is talking to us—in an individual way. Thus, we can understand how greatly God seeks our well-being, and how much He is willing to heal all our wounds so that we can be restored to a full life. God is the one who can restore, renew, and re-create.

To clarify, I am not saying that scientific disciplines are not useful. What I am saying is that modern society seems to have forgotten that God plays a crucial role in our lives. Indeed, the sciences are very useful, and they empower us to achieve a productive life. However, we should consider the wise advice of the prophets: *"I know well the plan I have in mind for you—oracle of the Lord—plan for your welfare and not for woe, so as to give you a future of hope"* (Jer 29:11). In short, we should trust in God whose love is sure to transform us.

Brethren, I wish you the best throughout all your duties and activities in this month of November, and I repeat my thanks to all of you. Likewise, I can assure you of my prayers for the success of all your many projects and the well-being of your families.

God bless each one of you.

Yours in Christ

Fr. James Corona

Around the Parish in November

November Mass Schedule

Weekdays
6:15am and 7:30am
Saturday
8:00am 5:15pm
Sunday
7:30am, 9:00am, 11:30am, and 5:15pm

All Saints' Day

Friday, November 1
6:00am, 7:30am, 9:15am(ICCIP)
and 7pm in Church
8:15am(ICGS) in Sacred Heart Chapel
Noon in Spanish at Elmhurst College
Holy Day of Obligation

Weekend 2/3

Weekend Food collection accepted & Masses Knights of Columbus at all Masses

Saturday, 11/2

- **Dumke / Fischer Wedding 2pm Church**
- ICCP Fall Play 7:30pm MPH

Sunday, 11/3

- Spiritual Classics 10:15am Dyer Center
- Religious Education 10:10am ICGS Classrooms
- ICCP Fall Play 2:00 pm MPH

Monday 11/4

- ICGS Board Meeting 6:30pm Dyer Center

Tuesday, 11/5

- Lectio Divina Join Anne Hohbein after the 7:30am Mass Resource Rm
- Prayer Shawl Ministry 9:00am Resource Room
- **3rd Grade Walk-through Mass 6:30pm Church**
- Women's CRHP 7pm Marian Rm

Wednesday, 11/6

- Bible Study 9:30am Resource Room
- Religious Education 5:10pm ICGS Classrooms

Thursday, 11/7

- **Grisanzio / Manion Rehearsal 5pm Church**
- **NHS Induction Prayer Service 7pm Church**
- Baptism Prep 7pm Resource Room
- **Parish Choir Rehearsal 7pm Sacred Heart Chapel**
- NHS Reception 8pm Agnesian Room

Friday, 11/8

- **Holy Hour of Prayer for Vocations 7pm Church**

Weekend 9/10

Weekend Food collection accepted, Thanksgiving Outreach, and Bethlehem Nativity Crafts at all Masses

Saturday, 11/9

- Men's Prayer Breakfast 8:30am Agnesian Room
- Women's Prayer Breakfast 8:30am Resource Room
- **Altar Server Training 10am Sacred Heart Chapel**
- **Grisanzio / Manion Wedding 2pm Church**

Sunday, 11/10

- Spiritual Classics 10:15am Dyer Center
- Religious Education 10:10am ICGS Classrooms
- Anointing of the Sick after 11:30am Mass Sacred Heart Chapel
- **Baptism 1pm Church**
- **First Reconciliation Meeting 1pm Sacred Heart Chapel**

Monday, 11/11

- Veteran's Day—No School
- Parish Council Meeting 7pm Resource Room

November Reconciliation Times

Friday 1st, Following 6:15am Mass Church
Saturday 2nd, 4-4:45pm Church
Saturday 9th, 4-4:45pm Sacred Heart Chapel
Saturday 16th, 4-4:45pm Sacred Heart Chapel
Saturday 23rd, 4-4:45pm Church
Saturday 30th, 4-4:45pm Church

Tuesday, 11/12

- Lectio Divina Join Anne Hohbein after the 7:30am Mass Resource Rm
- Cup of Hope 9am Meeting Room 2
- Parish Finance Committee 6:30pm Dyer Center
- Women's CRHP 6:30pm Marian Room

Wednesday, 11/13

- Bible Study 9:30am Resource Room
- ICCP Board Meeting 7pm Dyer Center
- ICGS Parents' Club 7pm Agnesian Room

Thursday, 11/14

- ICGS Information Night 6:30pm Marian Room
- ICCP Wine and Cheese Knight 6:30pm Dyer Center
- Faith Formation Commission 7pm Resource Room
- **Parish Choir Rehearsal 7pm Sacred Heart Chapel**

Weekend 16/17

Weekend Food collection accepted at all Masses

Saturday, 11/16

- Confirmation Retreat 1-5pm MPH

Sunday, 11/17

- Spiritual Classics 10:15am Dyer Center
- Religious Education 10:10am ICGS Classrooms
- ICCP Open House 2pm Gymnasium

Monday 11/18

- Worship Committee Meeting 7pm Resource Room

Tuesday, 11/19

- Lectio Divina Join Anne Hohbein after the 7:30am Mass Resource Rm
- Prayer Shawl Ministry 9:00am Elmhurst College

Wednesday, 11/6

- Bible Study 9:30am Resource Room
- Religious Education 5:10pm ICGS Classrooms
- ICGS Athletic Board 7pm Agnesian Room

Thursday, 11/21

- **Parish Choir Rehearsal 7pm Sacred Heart Chapel**

Weekend 23/24

Weekend Food collection accepted at all Masses

Saturday, 11/23

- RCIA Sponsor Workshop 9am Resource Room

Sunday, 11/24

- Spiritual Classics 10:15am Dyer Center
- Religious Education 10:10am ICGS Classrooms
- **Baptism 1pm Church**

Monday 11/25

- **Parish Choir Rehearsal 7pm Sacred Heart Chapel**

Tuesday, 11/26

- Lectio Divina Join Anne Hohbein after the 7:30am Mass Resource Rm
- Cup Of Hope 9am Meeting Room 2

Wednesday, 11/27

- **Centracco / Iannotta Rehearsal 5pm Church**

Thursday, 11/28—Happy Thanksgiving!

Weekend 30/1

Weekend Food collection and Giving Tree at all Masses

Saturday, 11/23

- **Centracco / Iannotta Wedding 2pm Church**

Liturgy Information



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Remember Our Dead

All Souls' Day
Saturday, November 2
Memorial Mass
10:00am in Church

We invite you to gather with your Immaculate Conception family to honor and celebrate the lives of our loved ones who have gone before us to live in the light of the Lord. We will celebrate our annual Mass of Remembrance on **Saturday morning, November 2, 2019 at 10:00AM in the Church.** If you wish to have someone recognized, please contact Pam at 530-3497.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK WILL FOLLOW THE 8:00AM MASS ON SATURDAY MORNING, November 10, 2018 IN THE CHURCH.

We invite parishioners to experience the power, healing, and hope that is given through this Sacrament. Once given only for those near death, Anointing of the Sick is intended for all who need healing – physical, mental, emotional, or spiritual. Anyone who suffers from chronic illness, anxiety, depression, grief, or addiction is encouraged to receive this Sacrament.



Prayer for Veterans Day

God of peace,
we pray for those who have served our nation
and have laid down their lives
to protect and defend our freedom.
We pray for those who have fought,
whose spirits and bodies are scarred by war,
whose nights are haunted by memories
too painful for the light of day.
We pray for those who serve us now,
especially for those in harm's way.
Shield them from danger
and bring them home.
Turn the hearts and minds
of our leaders and our enemies
to the work of justice and a harvest of peace.
Spare the poor, Lord, spare the poor!
May the peace you left us,
the peace you gave us,
be the peace that sustains,
the peace that saves us.
Christ Jesus, hear us!
Lord Jesus, hear our prayer!

Amen.



Tree of Light Memorial Mass Sponsored by The Office of Family Ministry Diocese of Joliet Nov. 3rd 2:00 p.m.

Tree-Blessing Ceremony
Preceding Mass. Reception
Following Blanchette Catholic
Center 16555 Weber Rd. Crest
Hill, IL This special Mass
remembers infants lost through
miscarriage, stillbirth, other pregnancy losses and
infant or early childhood death. To register, or to
have a baby remembered please call 815-838-5334
or register online: <https://conta.cc/30Vbbi7> by
October 28, 2019.

Give thanks
to the Lord, for
He is good; His love
endures forever.
Psalm 107:1



THANKSGIVING DAY NOVEMBER 28, 2019

Please join us for Mass on
Thanksgiving Day at
7:30 am in the Church

Coming Events



The Knights of Columbus Council 1911 In Elmhurst is seeking Catholic gentlemen 18 years and older to join their ranks during their Fall recruitment drive. Please stop by the table at the back of church after all masses **November 2 & 3**. Make a difference in your community! Talk to a member to see how becoming a Knight will benefit you and your family. For additional information, please feel free to contact John Kwit at 630/886-6178.

Next installation of new members:

Tuesday, December 3 @ 6 PM

Knights of Columbus Hall
537 S York Street, Elmhurst

[To register online, Click here!](#)

IC CATHOLIC PREP KNIGHTS THEATER

WCKY

by
Flip Kobler & Cindy Marcus

Murder and mayhem collide in hilarious fashion as new radio station WCKY is preparing to air its first show in 1939.

Directed by **Julia Jazwiec**

NOV 1 & 2 at 7:30PM
NOV 3 at 2:00PM

MONSIGNOR PLUNKETT HALL
130 ARTHUR ST • ELMHURST

TICKETS \$10 • ADULTS \$5 • STUDENTS & SENIORS

TICKET SALES OPEN OCTOBER 1
ADVANCED TICKET RESERVATIONS RECOMMENDED
PURCHASE AT icatholicprep.org

**Turn Clocks
Back**



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Bethlehem Nativity Products

Bethlehem Nativity Products will be visiting IC on behalf of the Christian families in Bethlehem. For centuries, the Christian and Catholics in Bethlehem have earned a living by carving olive

wood religious art to sell to visiting pilgrims. Fewer pilgrims are visiting journeying to the Holy Land today, making it difficult for Catholic artisans to support their families by the dignified work of Christ's birth. They will have hand carved Nativities scenes, Ornaments, Statues, Crosses and other beautiful olive wood hand carved religious items. All purchases from the Holy Land support your fellow Catholics who choose to stay and protect the Holy sites where Jesus himself lived. www.bethlehemnativity.com .

**Saturday & Sunday
November 9th & 10th 2019**

Fall Back! Daylight saving time ends on November 3rd. All clocks are moved back an hour at 2am. So that they will then read 1am.

Attention all Liturgical Ministers! (Lectors, Altar Servers, Eucharistic Ministers & Ushers)

Christmas and New Year's Masses!

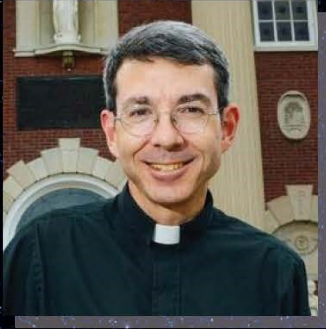
Sign-up sheets will be in the Narthex after all Masses during the weekends of November 23rd and 24th and November 30th and December 1st.

Sign-up online begins December 4th

For those of you who do not have access to email or have a special family member who will be in town for the holidays and is qualified to volunteer, please call Barb Repking at 630.530.3479

Thank you!

How to Engage Mystery Advice from a Scientist for Nones, Nuns, and All



Father **John Francis Kartje** is rector of the University of Saint Mary of the Lake, also known as Mundelein Seminary. With doctoral degrees in both scripture and astrophysics, he brings unique insight to the exploration of how faith and science inform each other.



THE JOSEPH CARDINAL BERNARDIN LECTURE
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2019, 7:30 P.M., FRICK CENTER, FOUNDERS LOUNGE
190 PROSPECT AVENUE, ELMHURST, ILLINOIS

ADMISSION IS FREE AND ALL ARE WELCOME

Questions? Call (630) 617-5186 or visit elmhurst.edu/cultural

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PRESENTATION SERIES Eastern DuPage Deanery

Join Us as We Welcome Dr. Mary Amore
Tinsel, Silent, and Listen
An Advent Women's Night Out

Tinsel, Silent, and Listen are created from the same six letters of the alphabet; yet each word expresses a different reality. Join us for a wonderful evening of reflection and discussion as we explore the ways we can rearrange the letters of our life so that we can prayerfully prepare our lives for the coming of Jesus this Advent season.

December 4th from 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm
Light Refreshments will be Served
Registration is required.

Please go to easterndupagedeanery.org to sign up by filling out a very short form. Event will be held at IC Parish, 134 Arthur Street, Elmhurst in the Marion Room
We are asking you to bring an item to donate to *Stepping Stones Women's Shelter*

Events Continued...



Want to help motivate a deserving child to stay in school and make the honor roll?

Want to repurpose your old bike instead of it hitting the landfill?

PLEASE DONATE YOUR GENTLY USED BIKES!!

Saturday November 2, from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm

Collection Site: Stemple's Cycle Center
494 Spring Road
ELMHURST



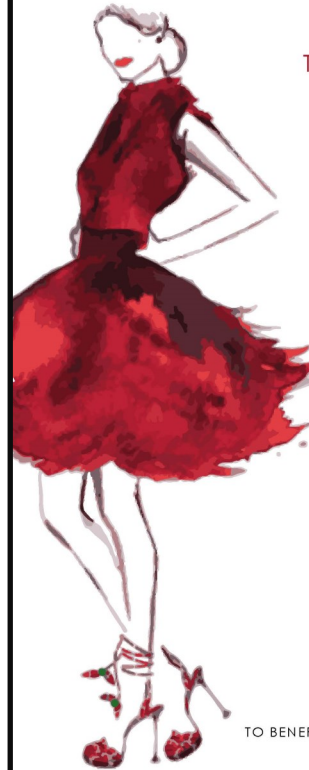
Bikes are donated to children in low income areas of Chicago who make the honor roll at their school

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*Donations are tax deductible

Ladies' Night Out

SHOPPING EVENT & FASHION SHOW



THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2019

7:00 - 11:00 PM

EMPRESS BANQUETS

200 E. LAKE STREET, ADDISON

FASHION SHOW BEGINS AT 8:00 PM

ENJOY A NIGHT OUT FULL OF SHOPPING, FASHION, & FUN!

TICKETS \$65

OPEN BAR / HORS D'OEUVRES / DJ

COMPLIMENTARY TICKET FOR A CHANCE TO WIN A DESIGNER HANDBAG

50/50 RAFFLE

CUSTOMIZED JEWELRY & PERSONALIZED GIFTS
RAFFLE BASKETS, FREE GIVEAWAYS
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Please Join Us!

Old St. Patrick's Adoption Group

Adoption Journey Information Fair

For all those who are seeking knowledge about the miracle of adoption.

November 2, 2019 Hughes Hall 10:00am - Noon

Old St Patrick's Church 700 W Adams St, Chicago, IL 60661

Have you ever thought that adoption could be in your life journey?

Have you wondered how the process works? What the choices are? Who to talk to?

Please join us as experts in many aspects of the adoption journey will present valuable information and resources to you.

We understand that there is a need for more information on adoption within a number of communities and we know from personal experience that the decision to adopt and the adoption process itself can be overwhelming. This event can provide direction, encouragement, and support for those who are thinking about adoption as their choice to build their family.

November is the observance of National Adoption Awareness Month and we will be celebrating the adoption journey in a caring, loving and informative way.

Please RSVP so we may provide our best hosting experience to all attendees.

Cynthia and Ed St. Peter, OSP Family Advisory Board Members, Adoption Group Co-Chairs

cstpeter@att.net

630.258.3416



Community Life

Moms' Group

Play, Meet, and Mingle with other moms in IC Parish!

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1170296366362780/>

Weekly Rosary: Kids are most welcome and can just play while we pray as best we can with kids running around! If you haven't prayed a rosary in awhile (or ever) there are plenty of "cheat sheets" with the prayers on them.

A beautiful way to pray!

Every Monday at the home of Erica Landas

Every Thursday at the home of Regina Hughes 9:00am

159 Fairfield Ave

No need to ever RSVP! Just show up! :)



**ELMHURST
WALK-IN**
ASSISTANCE NETWORK

Beautiful weather brought an enthusiastic crowd to the Elmhurst Walk-in Assistance Network's 5th Annual 'Cue for a Cause' fundraiser this past Labor Day weekend. EWAN raised a record 27,100! We are so appreciative of the community support we received. If you were a sponsor, a competitor, or a guest enjoying the activities, we thank you wholeheartedly. We will be back at it again next year! In the meantime, please remember EWAN should you need emergency financial assistance or know anybody else in our community who does. www.elmhurstwalkin.org

Parking!

The City of Elmhurst has altered the "No Parking" restrictions on the north side of Arthur Street. There is now no parking there from 7:45am-4pm. This decision has had a significant impact on our parishioners' ability to find spaces to park while they attend the 7:30am weekday Mass. Listed below are the locations where you can park during that Mass without fear of any negative results:

- The south side of Arthur from Cottage Hill to the driveway that separates the Parish Administration Center from the Church/ICGS. Parking in front of the church/grade school is prohibited.
- Even numbered parking spaces located in the parking lot that is on the west side of the church.
- The parking spaces located in the parking lot that is on the east side of the church, with the exception of the two spaces closest to Arthur Street.
- Any handicapped spot that is on Immaculate Conception property.
- All visitor spaces in the York St. Parking lot.



Help turn hunger into hope by packing food with Feed My Starving Children at the **Hope Filled Holiday** event at the **Schaumburg Convention Center**. The goal is to pack 1,000,000 meals during that weekend. Help FMSC reach that goal! Space has been reserved for a large group on **Saturday, November 23rd from 9:00 - 11:00 am**. Join other IC parishioners and friends to help make a difference in a child's life! Packing can be done by anyone 5 years or older, so bring your whole family and friends!

You can sign up with this link <https://www.fmssc.org/join-group?joincode=0EKP4G> or go to FMSC.org and click the Volunteer tab and use **Join Code OEKP4G** to join the **Campbell Family** group. If all 100 spots in our group have been taken, you can still register to pack by visiting FMSC.org to volunteer at any of the times available. Please register by **November 17th**, so we may fill any open spots with others that may want to pack during that time. If you have any questions or problems registering, contact Donna Campbell, 630-832-4686 or donnaccampbell@att.net.

Vocations

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.

CALLED BY NAME

Vocations and Discipleship Conference

Catholic Family Night

Wednesday, Nov. 6, 6:30PM

Families, Religious Education students, and High School students are invited to join us for an evening of praise and worship music, Eucharistic Adoration, confession, a vocations fair, and more!!!

Featuring popular Catholic speaker

Jimmy Mitchell

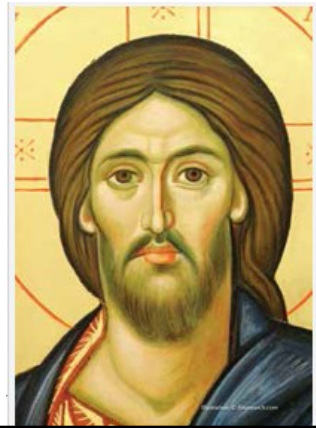
and

Father Ryan Adorjani

LOCATION: St. Isaac Jogues Church, Hinsdale

A free will donation will be accepted at all events.

For more information,
contact Colleen Bruckmann at 815.221.6122 or
cbruckmann@dioceseofjoliet.org



National Vocation Awareness Week

National Vocation Awareness Week will be celebrated in our country November 3-9. Please ask Our Lord for more dedicated, holy priests, deacons and consecrated men and women. May they be inspired by Jesus Christ, supported by our faith community, and respond generously to God's gift of a vocation.

Vocation Holy Hour and Benediction

Friday, November 8, 7pm
Immaculate Conception Church

CALLLED BY NAME IS 43:1

*Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;
I have called you by name:
you are mine. (Is. 43:1)*

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS
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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 November 2019.

Christian Ministry

Many, many thanks to all who donated to our annual coat drive, St. Vincent DePaul clothing and household goods drive and to Catholic Charities' Undy Sunday. May God continue to bless you for answering our many "asks."

THANK YOU.

What does love look like? It has the hands to help others. It has the feet to hasten to the poor and needy. It has the eyes to see misery and want. It has the ears to hear the sighs and sorrows of all. That is what love looks like. -St. Augustine



OUR ANNUAL TRANSITIONAL HOUSING FREE WILL DONATION WILL BE TAKEN AT THE THANKSGIVING MASS.

This is a self-supporting ministry whose only source of funds are derived through personal donations. Please be generous.

ADDITIONAL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Elmhurst Extended Care Ministry is a beautiful ministry that provides a weekly communion service or Mass to the residents of EEC. Volunteers help once a month on Tuesday afternoons from 1:45 – 3:10 pm. The volunteers assist the deacon or priest by setting up the worship space and interacting with the residents who attend. This is an incredible way to help those who truly need some extra love and attention, while also sharing the Eucharist with them. We are seeking new volunteers to join us. This is an ideal ministry for moms of grade school children who want to volunteer in some capacity. If you are interested in joining us, please contact Colleen Maietta at cpmaietta@hotmail.com or Pam Stefik at pstefik@icelmhurst.org.



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.

HOSPITALIZED?

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.

HOMEBOUND?

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



SAVE THE DATE

Our sixth annual Fair-Trade artisans' market is coming to IC on **Sunday, December 8** from **8:00AM – 2:00PM** in MPH.

Discover intriguing gifts and home decor handcrafted by skilled artisans from over fifteen developing countries at our third annual Fair-Trade Market. There is something for everyone; jewelry, clothing, scarves, mittens, hats,

toys, baskets, decorative gifts for your home, stationary, ornaments, crèches, coffee, chocolate and much more. Your purchases mean fair wages and continuing work for artisans around the world, enabling them to dream and plan for a better future, helping pay for food, education, health care and education for their families. **If you have missed this market in the past, you won't want to miss it this year. Support fair trade – where your purchase makes a world of difference. Invest In Your World - Shop Fair Trade!**



Immaculate Conception hosts a **PADS** site on the third Saturday of each month from October through April. Hundreds of volunteers are needed to help pick up and deliver food (from the Rectory to the PADS site), prepare food, serve our guests, be present for the overnight hours, prepare breakfast and lunches and clean up. **You do**

NOT need to help each and every month. This is an outstanding way for our eighth-grade students to obtain some service hours.

We can't do this without you! Please contact Sheryl at sloanfamily173@gmail.com if you can help in some way.

KITCHEN ANGELS NEEDED!

Immaculate Conception has a wonderful ministry that provides home cooked meals to those who have recently been hospitalized, had a baby, experienced a death in the family or otherwise need meals on a temporary basis. We also provide meals to our parish priests several times per week. When a request is made, an e-mail is sent to all who have volunteered to help. You do NOT need to help with every single request. You prepare meals when you are able. The more committed volunteers we have, the better able we can meet the needs of those who truly need meals. Please contact Jayme McConnell at jaymemcconnell@yahoo.com if you are able to help us!



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

rdbeese@comcast.net Prayer shawls are a tangible sign of healing prayers from our parish and a way in which to feel the healing presence of God.

Holiday Outreach



We are finalizing our holiday outreach. **If you would like to Adopt-A-Family or Adopt-A-Senior for Thanksgiving and/or Christmas, please call the Christian Ministry Office at 630-530-3497.** We will match a family to your specifications. Last year, we provided over 125 families with food and Christmas gifts. The number of families we serve in our food pantry has increased, so the need will be great. **Thank you for your generous hearts.**

We need help with all aspects of our Thanksgiving outreach. Volunteer sign-up will occur next weekend, November 9/10 after all Masses in the Narthex. You may also contact the Christian Ministry Office to sign-up. Please consider sharing your time!



THANKSGIVING OUTREACH COLLECTION NOVEMBER 16/17

We invite and encourage all of our parishioners to participate in helping to provide a joyous Thanksgiving to our outreach clients. Each year, we give out approximately 125 turkeys and gift cards with names we receive from Catholic Charities, Transitional Housing, Greencastle Senior Housing, IC parishioners and our own food pantry.

This year, we will provide families with a Thanksgiving turkey and grocery gift cards so they may purchase the items they like and that are essential to their special family gathering.

We need **turkey breasts (for single or two-person households)**, as well as **gift cards in \$25 increments** from Jewel, Aldi, Mariano's or Ultra Foods. If you are able to donate a turkey or food certificate, please drop them off at the IC Rectory from 8:30 – 4:30 Monday through Friday. Gift cards may also be dropped off at the rectory. Any food donations will be used in our food pantry. Client distribution of food and gift cards is Sunday, November 24. **May God bless you for your outstanding generosity to our outreach programs.**

Christian Ministry needs **junior high students** to assist in parish holiday outreach. The following are eligible for service hours.

- * **“Runners”** to take gifts down to MPH before each Mass the weekend of December 14/15.
- * **Envelope Decorating and Tag Stringing for Thanksgiving and Christmas Outreach** / November 6 (3:30 – 5:00), November 12 (3:30- 5:00), November 23 (9:00 – Noon).
- * **Giving Tree Box Assembly** / December 13 (9:00 – 10:00)
- * **Students and Families for Gift Sort** / December 14 at 6:15



....is coming the weekend of November 30

Hundreds of gift tags will be available both for adults and children. Names are received through the IC Food Pantry, Catholic Charities, IC Daybreak Transitional Housing and PADS. We are providing a joyous Christmas to those within our own communities who would otherwise not have one.

It is more blessed to give than to receive. Acts 20:35

Faith Formation

The "Rite of Continuing Conversion" and the "Rite of Welcome" will be celebrated on November 24 at the 9:00AM Mass in the Chapel. Adults and children who are seeking to enter the Catholic Church or complete their Sacraments of Initiation, have been meeting since mid September and learning the basics of our faith. This Rite marks the beginning of a period of more intense spiritual preparation for the catechumens (unbaptized) and candidates (those already baptized) for the completion of their Christian initiation, which will occur during the Easter season, 2020. All individuals throughout the Diocese of Joliet will celebrate a welcoming rite at the Cathedral of St. Raymond Nonatus, celebrated by Bishop Conlon later that afternoon. Please keep the following individuals in your prayers as they journey towards a deeper relationship with God and our Catholic faith: Kseniya Babka Kelly, Kevin Sliva, Ryan Kelly, Alyssa Padilla, Nathan Macias, Jacob Gunther and Isabella Bernardini.



Youth Ministry

Immaculate Conception is happy to announce Maria Chabot has joined us as a part-time youth minister for grades 9-12. Maria will split her time between IC and the Diocese of Joliet working in campus ministry at Elmhurst College. Please introduce yourself and welcome Maria when you see her at Mass. Keep Maria in your prayers; may she successfully renew this program for teens in our parish.

Maria was raised in Ohio and moved to Chicago to attend Loyola University. Her career background is in Project Management and she plans to utilize those skills in the Campus Minister role. Maria is also an eighth grade Faith Formation teacher at Saint Alexander Church. In her free time she enjoys spending time with her husband, Scott (an Elmhurst native), and golden retriever, Clark.

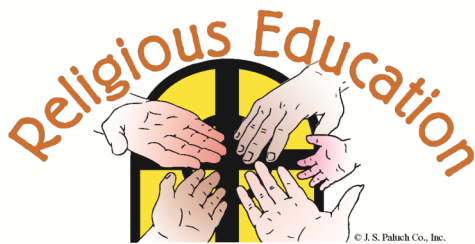


Students and Parents of those in grades 9-12 were recently sent a survey. Please remember to respond!!!

For the Parent survey, click [HERE](#)

For the teen survey, click [HERE](#)

Religious Education



Children's Church
No Children's Church in November

Sunday RE
November 3
November 10
November 17
November 24

Wednesday RE
November 6
November 13
November 20

IMPORTANT DATES

Sunday Family Masses

Kindergarten and 1st Grade Family Mass will take place Sunday, November 10th at 9am in Sacred Heart Chapel

3rd Grade

Walk-through the Mass November 5th at 6:30pm in the Church

8th Grade

The 2019-2020 Confirmation Retreat will be held on Saturday, November 16th from 1:30-5:00pm in Plunkett Hall. Sign-in begins at 1:15pm. Please plan to attend the 5:15pm Mass in Sacred Heart Chapel.

2nd Grade

Reconciliation Parent & Child Meeting November 10, 1pm in Sacred Heart Chapel

Reconciliation

- 8th Grade, Wednesday, November 6th
- 8th Grade, Sunday, November 10th
- 7th Grade, Sunday, November 17th
- 7th Grade, Wednesday, November 20th



Do you want to be an Altar Server for IC?

Training for New Altar Servers will be held on **Saturday, November 9 at 10:00 AM in Sacred Heart Chapel.**

Altar Serving is open to boys and girls in grades 6 and up.

If you would like to attend this training session, please contact Barb Repking at brepking@icelmhurst.org or call 630.530.3479

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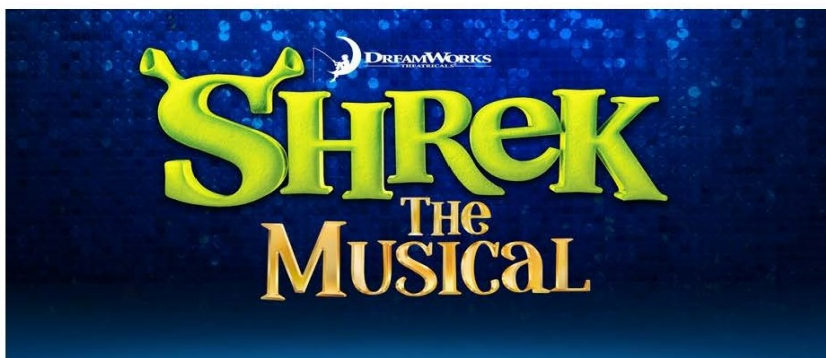
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14TH
6:30 PM - 8 PM
IC RECTORY/MARIAN ROOM
134 ARTHUR STREET, ELMHURST

HEAR FROM ADMINISTRATORS, PARENTS, &
ALUMNI ABOUT THEIR EXPERIENCES AND GET
ANSWERS TO YOUR QUESTIONS.

REGISTER AT
WWW.ICGRADESCHOOLELMHURST.ORG

WINE & CHEESE WILL BE SERVED.
PARENTS ONLY PLEASE

[Click here to register for Info Night](#)



Mark your calendar now for the ICGS
Spring Musical!

March 6, 2020 at 7 pm
March 7, 2020 at 7pm
March 8, 2020 at 2 pm

Save the Date!

**Immaculate Conception
Grade School
New Student
Registration
January 26, 2020
10 am to 1 pm
in the school building**

ICGS Distinguished Graduate Award
nominations are now being accepted!
Do you know an ICGS alum who has
taken their Catholic education and
put it into practice to make a
difference in the Catholic Church
and/or in American Life?
Please send nominations to the
IC Grade School's
Development Office at
khillsman@icelmhurst.org
Thank you!

**Immaculate Conception
Grade school**

is pleased to announce that
(3) of our alumni have been
named

**2020 National Merit
Commended Students!**

Please join us in
congratulating the
following students from the
ICGS Class of 2016:

**William Ahern
Clark Davis
Michael Kapsch**

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When was the last time you updated your IC profile?

iccatholicprep.org/alumni

#LeagueofKnights

Important Dates

Nov. 1 – All Saints Day Mass

Nov. 1-3 – Fall Play - WCKY

Nov. 2 – Math Contest, 8am

Nov. 7 – National Honor Society Induction, 7pm

Nov. 14 – Admissions Reception, 7pm

Nov. 16 – Navy v Notre Dame Tailgate, 8:00am

Nov. 17 – Open House, 2pm

Dec. 1 – ICCP Winter Market, 11:30am

Dec. 3 – Girls Basketball Youth Knight, 5:30pm

Dec. 4 – Social for Prospective Parents, 6:30pm

Dec. 7 – Entrance Exam, 8:00am

Dec. 11 – Boys Basketball & Dance Camp Youth Knight, 5:30pm

iccatholicprep.org/apply



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ANNIVERSARY
CELEBRATION

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KNIGHT OF JEWELS
SAVE THE DATE

Immaculate Conception Parish

2019

Sacred Heart Chapel Memorial Opportunities

The memories of our loved ones stay alive within us. Although they go before us, they are always in our hearts. Please consider joining us in this special time in the history of Immaculate Conception Parish as we have the opportunity to remember our beloved dead.

The renovation of Sacred Heart Chapel will provide the opportunity for memorials that will be part of this sacred space as they will remain in perpetuity. This is now the time to reserve them as renovations will continue to bring the space up to date in safety, function, and beauty. Above all, greater devotion to the Sacred Heart will be manifest.

What can a memorial mean in our lives?

A reflection from Very Reverend Thomas Paul...

"A very special friend of mine some years ago donated a stained glass window in loving memory of his late wife. It gave him great peace and solace to sit by the window and remember her beauty in the glory of the glass in her honor. He came to visit all the time. No longer did she seem far away."

The continuation of the **We are IC** capital campaign is vital to completing the renovation of the largest worship space at Immaculate Conception Parish. It will also restore and highlight the space as the Sacred Heart Chapel. The success of raising the remaining **\$1.3 million** is in our hands. We invite you to preserve the memory of your loved ones with a memorial gift towards our Sacred Heart Chapel. If the dollars needed are received through pledges with adequate cash on hand, the final work on the Chapel will begin in May 2020.

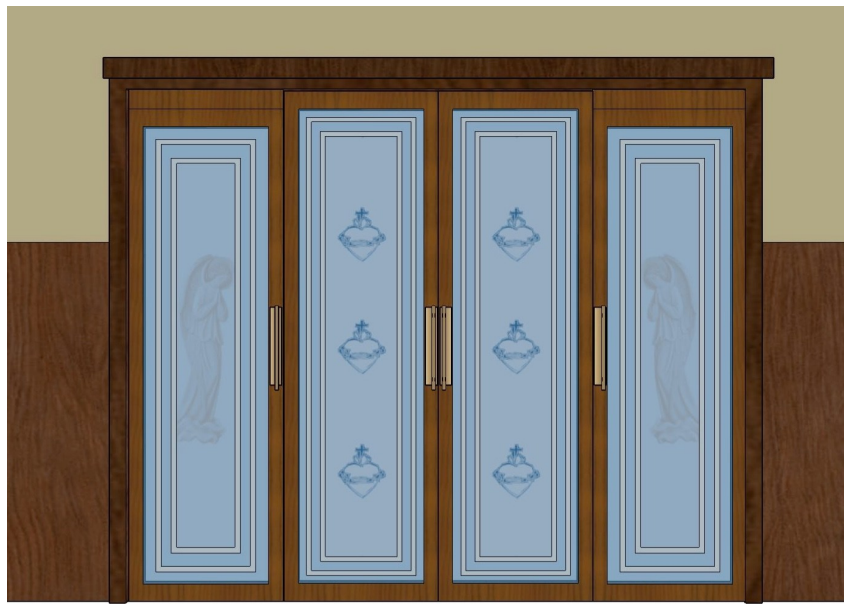


Exterior Stained Glass Panels

In the summer of 2019, new doors were installed on the exterior of the entire building. In order to identify entrance to Sacred Heart Chapel, stained glass panels will be installed in the exterior transoms of all three sets of doors. All who pass by the building while on Arthur Street will be blessed to recognize the special entrances to our Sacred Heart Chapel. There are 8 panels of glass available.

Narthex Upgrades

Upon entering Sacred Heart Chapel, you come into the narthex. The functions of this area are many as it is a very important part of the space. Before you enter the nave, the main worship area, the narthex is above all meant for hospitality. It is here that parishioners can spend time greeting with one another before and after Mass. It is in this area that many of our parish groups share their information with parishioners. The narthex as it stands today was originally intended to be more of a lobby for the upstairs gymnasium. We plan to make the narthex slightly larger by removing the two planters. It is our hope that the narthex will become more useful. New flooring and lighting will enhance this area to help make it a place that speaks of more hospitality. The narthex will then exist with a better sense of transition into the main body of the chapel, the nave.



Possible Depiction

Etched Glass Door Panels

Between the narthex and the nave in the center of the Sacred Heart Chapel, there will be four wood doors that will have glass panels within them. These beautiful pieces of etched glass will continue the sense of welcome as you enter the main part of the chapel. The beautiful panels of glass will be etched with both religious symbols and other design elements. They will provide a beautiful threshold into the main area.

Sound System

The importance of amplifying sound is of great value for all who will use the renovated chapel. A new sound system will make it possible to help you to be able to better hear the priests, deacons, readers, and musicians.



Stations of the Cross

The way of the cross takes us on the path that Jesus traveled that brought us eternal life. The new Stations of the Cross will be made out of natural materials that will relate to the other services within the chapel. One of these memorials will give you the opportunity to remember the life of a loved one, especially as it relates to the life of Christ. Consider someone from your family being amongst those who travel with Christ on His final journey. The stations afford us the beautiful opportunity to connect our many pains and sufferings with the great pain that He endured for us.

Stained Glass Windows

A number of the new stained glass windows have already been memorialized. A symbol for each of the saints will be next to their picture. Many of the saints being remembered are either from our country or are newly canonized. A list of possible saints is provided. However, a family can also possibly choose a saint of their choice. A patron saint of a deceased loved one would be a lasting memorial in their honor. Possible saints for future windows include St. John XXIII, St. Isaac Jogues, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, St. John Neuman, St. Francis Xavier Cabrini, St. Kateri Tekakwitha, St. Damien of Molokai, and St. Katherine Drexel.



Memorial Donations

- ◆ Exterior Stained Glass Panels Memorial Donation \$5,000 each
- ◆ Narthex Upgrades Memorial Donation \$25,000
- ◆ Four Etched Glass Door Panels Memorial Donation \$25,000 each
- ◆ Sound System Memorial Donation \$30,000
- ◆ Fourteen Stations of the Cross Memorial Donation \$15,000 each
- ◆ Eight Stained Glass Saint Windows Memorial Donation \$25,000 each

Other Available Memorials

- ◆ Two Reconciliation rooms will be within Sacred Heart Chapel. Many people will receive God's mercy through the forgiveness of their sins in these spaces. Memorial Donation \$10,000 each.
- ◆ Four altar candle holders will surround the altar during the celebration of Mass. Memorial Donation \$5,000 each.
- ◆ Two processional candles for servers. Memorial Donation \$5,000 each
- ◆ Incense brazier and stand. Memorial Donation \$5,000.
- ◆ One credence table used for items during Mass. Memorial Donation \$5,000.
- ◆ Six sanctuary chairs used for priests, seminarians, and servers. Memorial Donation \$5,000 each.
- ◆ Eighteen symbol windows related to each of the saints. Memorial Donation \$25,000 each.

Memorial Request for Sacred Heart Chapel

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 _____

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

Name: _____

Address _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Cell: _____

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