

# IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

## October 2019 Newsletter

### October Prayer

Hail, Holy Queen, mother of mercy,  
Our life, our sweetness,  
and our hope.

To you do we cry,  
Poor banished children of Eve.  
To you do we send up our sighs,  
Mourning and weeping in this  
valley of tears.

Turn then, O most gracious  
advocate, Your eyes of mercy  
toward us,

And after this our exile  
Show unto us the blessed fruit of  
your womb, Jesus.

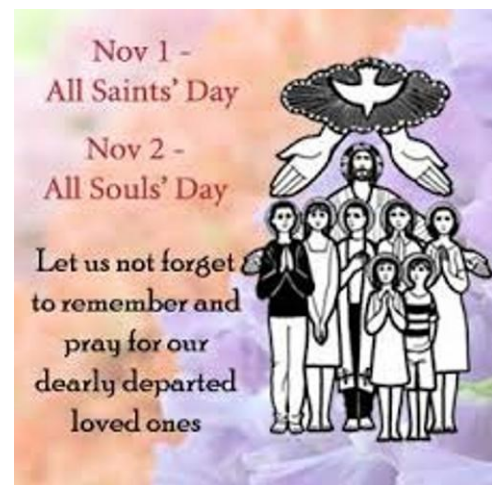
O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin  
Mary. Pray for us, O holy Mother  
of God, That we may be made  
worthy of the promises of Christ.  
Amen



### 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.*



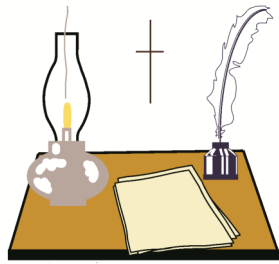
### PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

***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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*Pastor's desk*

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The month of October brings a time of transition from one season to the next. Our long and unusual summer days will soon be a fond memory as we will be embracing the colorful season of autumn. Unfortunately, our air conditioning has been out of order in the parish administration center and rectory since early August. We've had many warm days in the office and hot nights for sleep during the past seven weeks. We've been told that the air conditioning needs to be replaced and are currently receiving estimates for this to happen. In the meantime, we are all very happy for a change in weather.

Amongst other things, October is Respect Life Month. A very important teaching of our Catholic Church is that life begins at conception and continues until natural death. I'm sure you are aware of the fact that our state has recently put into place some very liberal laws regarding abortion. I've told the story many times about the beautiful premature baby who was born at only 20 weeks gestation. I had the fortune of being able to baptize her and seven years later to give her First Communion. It deeply saddens me to think that children like her are being aborted. As a society, we need to do more to help those who are expecting children to realize the many options available to them if they are not able to personally raise them. Please pray that all of life will be respected.

It is our custom during the month of October to share with information regarding the financial and overall giving reports of our parish. On the weekend of October 5th and 6th, you will find the beautiful summary of the generosity of the people of Immaculate Conception Parish. As a community, we have done a great deal to assist those in need, to educate our children, and to form the faith of our parish. Also included in the summary is the report for the fiscal year that ended on June 30, 2019. Likewise, you will also see our budget for the year that began on July 1, 2019. I'm very happy to share with you all this good news that relates to the willingness of the people of IC to be good stewards of God's blessings to them with their many gifts.

The **We are IC** Capital Campaign has received a tremendous response from so many people in our parish. Please keep in mind that we've asked all of you to, above all, keep this very important effort in your prayers. The very first thing I'm asking you to donate is your prayer time. Our new elevator will be in service in a few weeks. Many people in our parish as well as many visitors will certainly benefit from being able to have access to the entire parish center building. I'm sure those of you that have been in the chapel have noticed the first set of new stained-glass windows along with how much brighter the entire space is now. You will soon be receiving an updated brochure that will explain the costs for the completion of the work as well as reports regarding money we have received and funds we have spent. Phase II of the campaign will kick off the weekend of October 19/20th as we will then have our final push towards reaching our needed goals. Every day, I pray to the Sacred Heart for blessings upon our entire parish and especially upon all of our efforts to renew the Sacred Heart Chapel.

May the Sacred Heart of Jesus fill our hearts with great love and mercy.

Sincerely in Christ,  
Father Tom

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

We are now in the month of October, a time in which it is inevitable to think about the end of the year that is fast approaching. Many of you perhaps already know that the name of the month of October comes from the Latin *octo*, meaning *eight*. The reason for this is that, in the Roman calendar, October was the eighth month of the year. Then, after the Julian calendar reform, January and February were added to the beginning of the calendar. So, October became the tenth month of the year as we know it today. Isn't this interesting? After all, even if many of you know this fact, it is always good to remember the details.

In the month of October, our Catholic Church brings us many opportunities to praise the Lord and grow in faith, especially through prayer and meditation on the words of God. Regarding prayer and meditation, Saint Theresa of Avila—whom we remember on October 15<sup>th</sup>—once said; ***“Mental prayer, in my opinion, is nothing else than an intimate sharing between friends; it means taking time frequently to be alone with Him whom we know loves us. The important thing is not to think much but to love much and so do that which best stirs you to love. Love is not great delight but desire to please God in everything.”*** Certainly, as we strive to be better children of God, we need to spend time in prayer. Only then can we better understand the infinite Love of God, can we understand His will for us, and can we be enriched with many graces to fulfill our commitments and accomplish our plans in this last quarter of the year.

In addition to the opportunity to reflect on Saint Theresa of Avila, we are given the chance to reflect on Saint Luke, the Evangelist, whom we celebrate on October 18<sup>th</sup>. Traditionally, Saint Luke—known as the Gentile companion of Saint Paul—is recognized as the author of the Gospel that bears his name and the author of the book of the Acts of the Apostles. Interestingly, most of what we know about Saint Luke comes from the New Testament. Sadly, we do not know the place or date of his birth with certainty. What we *do* know from the Gospel of Luke in the New Testament is that it contains numerous characteristics that, in many ways, reveal the kind of person he was and, naturally, the kind of relationship he would have had with the Lord Jesus. For example, from Luke we learn the story leading up to the conception and birth of our Lord Jesus (Luke 1-2). From Luke we find some of the most beautiful parables in the Gospels, such as the Good Samaritan and the traditionally-called Prodigal Son (or Merciful Father).

Yes, it is Saint Luke who shows us Jesus praying before every important moment of His public life. It is Luke who shows us an openness to the group of Gentiles to whom the Gospel is especially addressed. And, it is Luke who shows us women playing important roles. As proof, he places greater attention on the mother of Jesus, her cousin Elizabeth, the sisters Mary and Martha, the widow of Nain, and even the sinful woman in the house of Simon the Pharisee.

Likewise, in the Letter of Paul, we can find important information regarding this talented man named Luke. For instance, in the letter to Philemon (v.24) Paul mentions, “Luke, my fellow worker.” Also, in the Letter to the Colossians (4:14) he says of Luke, “our dear physician.” This reference is what led the Church to say that Luke was a medical practitioner or something related. Yet, there is a commonly-held belief that he was also a painter: one well-known icon of the Virgin Mary has been attributed to him although we cannot find reliable documents that prove this claim. Even so, Saint Luke is traditionally recognized as the patron of artists, medical professions, painters, sculptors and—oddly enough—butchers.

Therefore, as the beginning of the last quarter of the year starts, let us consider how to improve our relationship with our loving Heavenly Father through our daily prayer and devotion thereby honoring Saint Theresa of Avila. Let us invoke the intercession of Saint Luke that we may not only grow in the love of God and love for Sacred Scripture, but also that Saint Luke continues to watch over—with his special attention—the artists, medical professionals, painters, sculptors, and butchers among us.

I wish you the best throughout all your activities in this month of October, and I reiterate my thanks to all of you. As well, 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

# *Respect Life Month*

*October 2019*

*We Love Life,  
We Honor Life,  
We Respect Life!*

Please cut out this white cross and tape it to the inside of your front window or on your door facing out during the month of October as a sign of our solidarity in defending life.

*"Before I formed  
you in the womb  
I knew you,  
and before you were  
born I consecrated you. . ."*

*Jeremiah 1: 15*

*"I came so that they  
might have life,  
and might have it  
more abundantly."*

*John 10: 10*

*Our Lady of  
Guadalupe,  
Pray for us.*

*We are called by our Baptism  
and the Gospel to defend life.  
Let us pray together  
for an increase in the  
reverence for life from  
conception to natural death.*

*We  
are a  
People  
of  
Life*

# Around the Parish in October

## October Mass Schedule

Weekdays

6:15am and 7:30am

Saturday

8:00am 5:15pm

Sunday

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

## October Reconciliation Times

Friday, 4th	Following 6:15am	Mass Church
Saturday, 5th	4-4:45pm	Sacred Heart Chapel
Saturday, 12th	4-4:45pm	Sacred Heart Chapel
Saturday, 20th	4-4:45pm	Sacred Heart Chapel
Saturday, 27th	4-4:45pm	Sacred Heart Chapel

### Tuesday, 10/1

- Lectio Divina Join Anne Hohbein after the 7:30am Mass Resource Room
- Prayer Shawl Ministry 9am Resource Room
- ICGS Board 6:30pm Dyer Center
- Women's CRHP 7pm Marian Rm

### Wednesday, 10/2

- Religious Education 5:10pm ICGS Classrooms
- Illinois Right To Life Training 7pm Marian Room

### Thursday, 10/3

- **Parish Choir Rehearsal 7pm Sacred Heart Chapel**
- Baptism Prep 7pm Resource Rm

### Friday, 10/4

- **Hurley/Noti Rehearsal 6pm Church**

### Weekend 5/6

**Weekend Food collection** accepted at all Masses  
**Finance Update and Respect Life** all Masses

### Saturday, 10/5

- **Hurley/Noti Wedding 2pm Church**
- ICCP Homecoming Dance 7pm Gym

### Sunday, 10/6

- Fellowship following the 7:30 & 9am Masses MPH
- Spiritual Classics 10:15am Dyer Center
- Religious Education 10:10am ICGS Classrooms
- **Baptism 1pm Church**

### Tuesday, 10/8

- Lectio Divina Join Anne Hohbein after the 7:30am Mass Resource Room
- Women's CRHP 7pm Marian Rm

### Wednesday, 10/9

- Religious Education 5:10pm ICGS Classrooms
- Parents Club 7pm Agnesian Room

### Thursday, 10/10

- **Ricchetti/Monteleone Rehearsal 5pm Church**
- **Parish Choir Rehearsal 7pm Sacred Heart Chapel**

### Friday, 10/4

- **Jakuboski/Downer Rehearsal 5pm Church**

### Weekend 12/13

**Weekend Food collection** accepted & Coat Drive all Masses

### Saturday, 10/12

- Men's Prayer Breakfast 8:30am Agnesian Room
- Women's Prayer Breakfast 8:30am Resource Room
- **Ricchetti/Monteleone Wedding Noon Church**
- **Jakuboski/Downer Wedding 2pm Church**

### Monday, 10/14

- Columbus Day—No School

### Tuesday, 10/15

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

### Wednesday, 10/16

- Protecting God's Children 6:30pm Resource Room
- ICCP Open House

### Thursday, 10/17

- **Toritto/Marino Rehearsal 6pm Church**
- **Parish Choir Rehearsal 7pm Sacred Heart Chapel**

### Weekend 19/20

**Weekend Food collection** accepted and **Undy Sunday** at all Masses  
**Capital Campaign Weekend**

### Saturday, 10/19

- **Toritto/Marino Wedding 2pm Church**

### Sunday, 10/20

- Spiritual Classics 10:15am Dyer Center
- Religious Education 10:10am ICGS Classrooms
- **Baptism 1pm Church**
- **Confirmation Pre-Retreat 3pm Church**

### Monday, 10/21

- Worship Committee Meeting 7pm Resource Room

### Tuesday, 10/22

- Lectio Divina Join Anne Hohbein after the 7:30am Mass Resource Room
- Eastern DuPage Steering Committee 7pm Agnesian Rm

### Wednesday, 10/23

- Religious Education 5:10pm ICGS Classrooms

### Thursday, 10/24

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

### Friday, 10/25

- **Babowice/Loisi Rehearsal 6pm Church**
- Halloween Hoedown 6pm Plunkett Hall

### Weekend 26/27

**Weekend Food collection** accepted St. Vicent DePaul Drive all Masses

### Saturday, 10/26

- **Babowice/Loisi Wedding 2pm Church**

### Sunday, 10/27

- Boy Scout Pancake Breakfast 6am-Noon Plunkett Hall
- Spiritual Classics 10:15am Dyer Center
- Religious Education 10:10am ICGS Classrooms

### Tuesday, 10/29

- Lectio Divina Join Anne Hohbein after the 7:30am Mass Resource Room
- Parish Finance Committee 6:30pm Dyer Center

### Wednesday, 10/30

- Religious Education 5:10pm ICGS Classrooms

# Coming Events



## PANCAKE BREAKFAST WITH YOUR FUTURE PRIESTS



Sunday, October 6th, 2019  
8am—12pm

St. Mary Immaculate Catholic Church  
Parish Gymnasium  
15629 South Route 59, Plainfield, IL.

Admission is free, but any free-will offering would be appreciated.



## Fellowship Sunday!

October 6, 2019

Donuts and refreshments will be served after the 7:30 a.m. & 9:00 a.m.

Masses in Plunkett Hall  
Please join in the fellowship!

I  pancakes.

## Eat Pancakes. Help the IC Scouts. It's a Win-Win.

Sunday, October, 27th 2019  
7:30 a.m. – Noon

Plunkett Hall (lower level)

Please join IC's Boy Scout Troop 77 and Cub Scout Pack 25 for their annual Pancake Breakfast fundraiser. Help our scouts develop into the leaders of tomorrow. Don't miss this tasty celebration sure to feed your heart and soul!

4 tickets for \$20  
\$7 Adult - \$5 Kids ages 5-14  
Kids 4 and under eat FREE



TONY & TINA'S WEDDING IS COMING TO ELMHURST! SATURDAY NIGHT, OCTOBER 19

The professional cast and crew of Tony & Tina's Wedding will present one performance (ceremony AND dinner!) in Elmhurst **Why fight the traffic and the parking in the city?** This award winning show is coming to the 1911 Club Hal of Fr. McDonald Council #1911 Knights of Columbus in Elmhurst with a great night full of fun, great music and great food presented by Navarro Catering and Events. **And yes, a portion of the proceeds will support the charitable activities of Fr. McDonald Council #1911 (established 1918).**

**"Friends of the Family"** (general seating) ticket price (including dinner and show) is \$75 (+\$3 credit card fee) and can be obtained online at [www.elmhurstkc.org](http://www.elmhurstkc.org) or by calling Butch at (630)638-0110

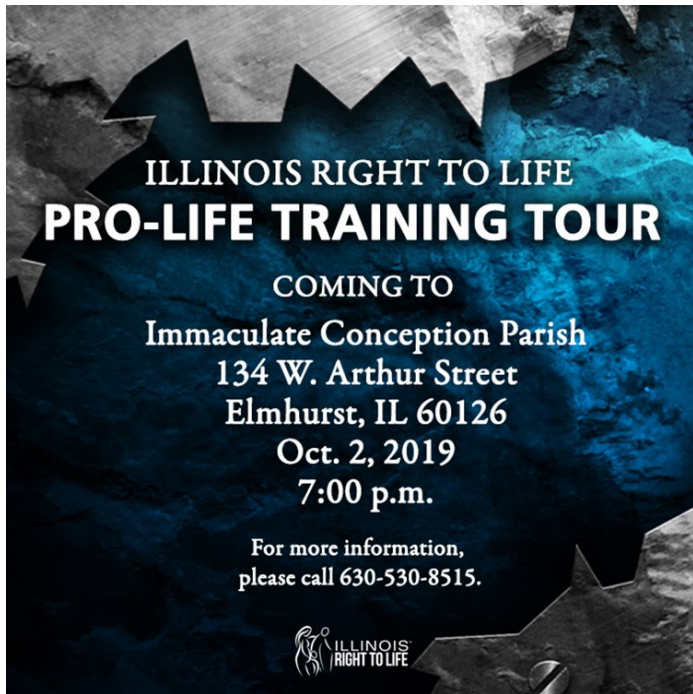


## Feed My Starving Children!

YOU have made a difference. Thank you for your help! We hope we can count on you again this year during the Hope Filled Holiday Mobile Pack at the Renaissance Schaumburg Convention Center during the weekend of November 22-24. We have reserved the early morning shift on Saturday, 11/23. For those looking to hone your packing skills and help feed more children now, the new Schaumburg facility is open 6 days a week with 5 sessions/ day. We have reserved a packing session on October 18, 2019

from 6:00-7:30 at the permanent site at 740 Wiley Farm Court in Schaumburg. You can sign up here: <https://www.fmssc.org/join-group?joincode=KGEE02> The more people who help pack meals, the more children and malnourished adults we can feed. Please feel free to invite others to pack with us in October and/or November. (More information about Hope Filled Holiday coming shortly!)


## Deanery Events



**ILLINOIS RIGHT TO LIFE  
PRO-LIFE TRAINING TOUR**

COMING TO  
Immaculate Conception Parish  
134 W. Arthur Street  
Elmhurst, IL 60126  
Oct. 2, 2019  
7:00 p.m.

For more information,  
please call 630-530-8515.



**“7 Gifts of Marriage”  
Saturday, October 26<sup>th</sup>  
8:45 AM – 9:00 AM  
Registration  
9:00 AM – 12:00 PM  
Workshop  
Visitation Church  
Podesta Hall  
779 S York St., Elmhurst,  
IL 60126  
Cost: \$25 per couple**

### PRESENTATION SERIES Eastern DuPage Deanery

Join Us as We Welcome  
Matt Pozen as he presents

#### Being Catholic in a Secular Society

Matt will deliver this presentation in which he will discuss how secularism has become rampant in the world today, workable solutions as to how we can meet this challenge, and where we go from here.

Matt Pozen is the Director of Faith Formation at Visitation Parish in Elmhurst where he grew up.

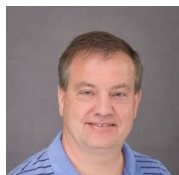
He also regularly presents for the Biblical Institute of the Diocese of Joliet and for the Tau Center in Wheaton. Matt studied at The University of St. Mary of the Lake in Mundelein where he earned a Master of Divinity degree.

**Monday, October 21<sup>st</sup> from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.**

Visitation Parish in the Hospitality Room  
851 S York St, Elmhurst, IL 60126

**Registration is required.**

Please go to [easterndupagedeanery.org](http://easterndupagedeanery.org) to sign up by filling out a very short form  
A free will offering will take place at this event.



Wed. Oct 30, 2019

### Venerable Sheen Pilgrimage

**100 years after his ordination:**

Learn “on site” about the roots and reach of Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen. We will visit the home of his birth and church of his baptism, an outstanding museum, Peoria’s Cathedral and another lovely, local church. A professional guide will accompany you to open the art and architecture, history and beauty of two churches, a museum and more.

Very Rev. Thomas Paul will celebrate Mass.

**TICKETS: \$45**

Professional Guide. Lunch together at a local restaurant (paid on your own).

Coach bus with restroom. Gift Shops.

Prayer time.

Photo opportunities.

7:45 a.m. Depart Immaculate Conception  
York Rd. Parking Lot

6:15 p.m. Return

See IC Bulletin for registration or visit  
[easterndupagedeanery.org](http://easterndupagedeanery.org)

## 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



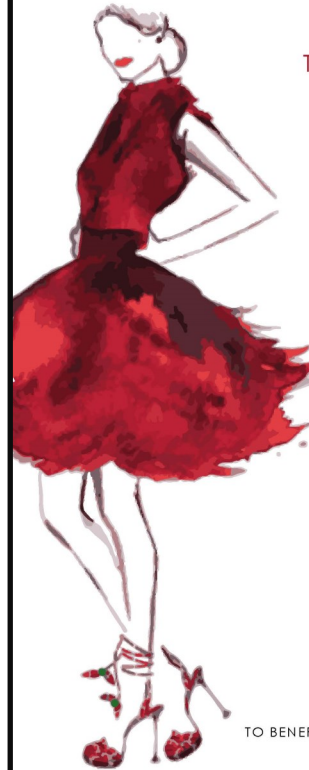
Bikes are donated to children in low income areas of Chicago who make the honor roll at their school

Powered by Grant and Lauren Schleiter  
Visit [gopedalpower.com](http://gopedalpower.com)

\*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  
AND MANY MORE FABULOUS ITEMS!

FOR TICKETS AND INFORMATION  
[ELMHURSTLADIESNIGHTOUT.COM](http://ELMHURSTLADIESNIGHTOUT.COM)

TO BENEFIT IMMACULATE CONCEPTION GRADE SCHOOL



## 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](mailto:cstpeter@att.net)

630.258.3416





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 the first Monday of each month, from 7-8 PM, at the Visitation Adoration Chapel.

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 October 2019.



♪♪ **Calling all 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> graders who love to sing!** ♪♪  
The **Cherub Choir** will sing at our Kindergarten - 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Family Mass on **Sunday, November 10** at 9am in the Sacred Heart Chapel.

Three Wednesday after school rehearsals will be held on **October 23, 30, and November 6** from 3:30-4:00pm in the Sacred Heart Chapel.

Please contact Lisa Grisolia to sign-up!  
lisagrisolia@icelmhurst.org ♪♪ 630-530-3489

## October Rosary

### Rosary Coast to Coast and Rosary Around Illinois

#### Let us:

Surround Illinois in prayer.

Join in solidarity with people across the country praying the Rosary.

Pray for a return to the Christian and moral values upon which this great land was established.

Pray for a respect for all human life, from conception to natural death.

Pray for our church and country.

**WHAT:** Rosary and prayers for the above intentions.

**WHEN:** Sunday, October 13, 2019 at 3:00 PM.

**WHERE:** Mary Queen of Heaven Church – 430 N. West Ave., Elmhurst, IL 60126.  
Sidewalk facing West Ave.

*(weather permitting – chairs available).*

**WHO:** All who wish to gather and pray in union with people coast to coast USA, and around Illinois.

For questions, please call Rose Wilkes, 630-833-7238



Say the Rosary with others:

October 12 Noon

Rosary of Fatima

*To pray to our Blessed Mother to hear our prayer for world peace!*

481 N. Willow, Elmhurst

October 12 Noon

Public Square Rosary

*To pray for intercession of our Blessed Mother for the sinners of the world to stop sinning and enjoy God's Blessings.*

209 S. York Rd, Elmhurst

# Christian Ministry



Warm Coats from Warm Hearts

## COAT DRIVE

### COATS/JACKETS, MITTENS, HATS, & SCARVES NEEDED October 12 & 13

We are collecting adults' and children's coats – all shapes and sizes, as well as cold weather gear – mittens, gloves, hats and scarves. All items may be dropped off on the tables in the narthex of both the Chapel and Church. Your gift of a **clean, gently used** winter coat or cold-weather accessory will keep someone warm this winter. The majority of our collection is donated to the Elmhurst Clothes Closet located at First United Methodist Church. Your donation is helping those within our own community. Thank you and God bless you for your commitment to those in need.



## Undy Sunday

### COLLECTION OCTOBER 19/20

Each year, Immaculate Conception gathers items for children, adults and seniors who receive support from **Catholic Charities** in the Diocese of Joliet.

This year, we are asking specifically for the following items:

- Women's underwear (all sizes)
- Diapers (all sizes)
- Socks (children and adult)
- Men's undershirts (all sizes)

Collection bins will be in the narthex or you may drop items off at the Rectory prior to October 24.

We are already preparing for our holiday outreach. **If you would like to Adopt-A-Family or Adopt-A-Senior, please call the Christian Ministry Office at 630-530-3497.** We will match a family to your specifications. Last year, we provided over 110 families with food and Christmas gifts. Thank you for your generous hearts.



### SAINT VINCENT DEPAUL DONATION DRIVE OCTOBER 26 & 27

The Saint Vincent DePaul truck will be in our York Street parking lot on October 26 & 27.

**Acceptable donations IN GOOD OR BAD CONDITION include clothing, shoes, linens and books, small housewares (toasters, blenders, mixers, etc.), small electronics and computers, but NO televisions. HAVE FURNITURE OR OTHER LARGE ITEMS TO DONATE?**

**Contact 630-231-4658 to arrange for pick-up at your home. Items will NOT be accepted at the Rectory prior to or after this weekend. Thank you for helping the most vulnerable among us.**



## DuPage

### PADS INC.

Public Action to Deliver Shelter Inc.

Immaculate Conception hosts a **PADS** site on the **third Saturday of each month from October - April.** Hundreds of volunteers are needed to help pick up and deliver 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. **You do NOT need to help each and every month. We cannot do this without you!** Please contact Sheryl Sloan at [sloanfamily173@gmail.com](mailto:sloanfamily173@gmail.com)

*"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)*

### 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](mailto:jaymemcconnell@yahoo.com) if you are able to help us!



## CHANGE THE WORLD FOOD DAY

October 16



During the week of **October 14-18**, our ICCP, ICGS and Religious Education students will participate in Cross Catholic Outreach World Food Week.

Students will be encouraged to purchase a bracelet for \$1.00, the proceeds of which will provide four (4) meals for those in desperate need of sustenance.

Since inception, the students have raised a total of nearly **\$8,000**, which translates into **32,000 meals**. Please encourage your child to purchase a bracelet and help "Change the World."

# Christian Ministry Continued...



## 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](mailto:cpmaietta@hotmail.com) or Pam Stefik at [pstefik@icelmhurst.org](mailto:pstefik@icelmhurst.org).

*Do not cast me aside in my old age; as my strength fails, do not forsake me. Psalm 71:9*

## GOOD USED CARS NEEDED

**IC Daybreak Transitional Housing** partners with Bridge Communities, who provides numerous resources for our client families, which often include educational classes in nutrition, parenting, resume-building, office skills and more. One of the program requirements is that a client is employed full-time. One of the most significant barriers to finding and keeping employment is unreliable transportation. Many clients enter our program with either no car or a car that needs extensive and costly repairs. Bridge relies on donations to provide cars to these families. Reliable transportation is a necessity, as public transportation in DuPage County is limited. If you have a vehicle in working condition that you wish to donate, please contact Paul at Bridge Communities 630-403-5104 [paul.matthews@bridgecommunities.org](mailto:paul.matthews@bridgecommunities.org) If you have additional questions, please call Pam at 630-530-3497. Thank you for considering a donation to our transitional housing program.



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](mailto:rdbeese@comcast.net)

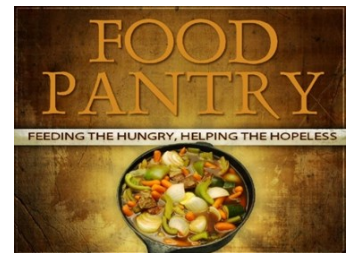
Prayer shawls are a tangible sign of healing prayers from our parish and a way in which to feel the healing presence of God.



.... has begun! If you are hungry...feeling the pressure of the economy...facing a tight budget and looking for a little relief...or just eager to share a meal with others, we invite you to come! Grace Café offers a hot meal on two Mondays per month at various churches in Elmhurst. Dinner begins at 5:00 pm and concludes by 6:30 pm. **Families are welcome.** Please contact the Christian Ministry office at 630-530-3497 for a list of dates and sites.

## PLEASE REMEMBER US AS YOU DO YOUR WEEKLY SHOPPING

Our Food Pantry "needs" list includes the following items: all types of 100% fruit juice, ground beef, canned tuna and chicken, pasta sauce, fresh or canned fruit and vegetables, coffee, full-size condiments, pancake mix and syrup, toothpaste, body soap/wash, shampoo, personal hygiene products, laundry detergent and dish soap. We are enormously grateful to our donors. If you are too busy to shop, monetary donations are gladly accepted! We could not continue to operate our food pantry without your support. May God, who is never outdone in generosity, bless you a hundredfold.



We are already preparing for our holiday outreach. **If you would like to Adopt-A-Family or Adopt-A-Senior, please call the Christian Ministry Office at 630-530-3497.** We will match a family to your specifications. Last year, we provided over 110 families with food and Christmas gifts. Thank you for your generous hearts.

## 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 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.

# Christian Ministry Continued...



## October is designated as National Domestic Violence Awareness month.

Exactly **what IS domestic violence**? According to the FaithTrust Institute ([www.faithtrustinstitute.org](http://www.faithtrustinstitute.org)), it is a pattern of violence and coercive behavior exercised by one adult over another in an intimate relationship. It is not "marital conflict," "a lover's quarrel," or a "private family matter." Domestic violence may consist of repeated, severe beatings or more subtle forms of abuse, including control and threats.

Eighty-five percent of domestic violence victims are women, although men can suffer abuse, as well. Domestic violence is physical assault, sexual assault, psychological assault, assaults against property and pets.

**WHY DOES SHE STAY?** She stays because she is terrified that he will become more violent if she leaves, that he will try to take the children, or that she can't make it on her own. She stays for any number of reasons that the abuser has convinced her are valid.

Remember: if you or someone you know are being abused, it is **NOT** your fault. **YOU ARE NOT ALONE.** Contact the Domestic Violence Hotline at **800-799-7233**. If you are in immediate danger, call 911.



**We will gather with our family members and friends to remember and celebrate the lives of our loved ones who have gone before us to live in the light of the Lord. We invite you to join us for our annual Mass of Remembrance for those who have died this past year. Mass will be celebrated on Saturday morning, November 2, 2019 at 10:00 AM in the Church. All who have died in the past year will be remembered in a special way. If you wish to have the name of someone recognized, please contact Pam at 530-3497.**

## Tree of Life Infant Memorial Mass Sunday, November 3, 2019 Blanchette Catholic Center 16555 Weber Road Crest Hill

All families and individuals are welcome to attend this Mass, which will remember babies who have been lost through miscarriage, stillbirth, infant death, other pregnancy losses or early childhood death. At 2:00PM, a special tree blessing ceremony for family members will precede the mass. A reception with light refreshments will be served immediately following the liturgy. Please call 815-838-5334 to register or to have the name of your baby remembered even if you cannot attend.



IC will offer its final Protecting God's Children workshop of the year on October 16, beginning promptly at 6:30 PM. Another workshop will not be offered at IC until January, 2019. To register or to view other workshops in our area, please access [www.icelmhurst.org](http://www.icelmhurst.org) and click on the Promise to Protect / Pledge to Heal icon, which will direct you to a list of workshops. Any adult who works with minors in the parish setting or who has the potential to come into contact with minors in the course of their ministry must attend this workshop **PRIOR to beginning their ministry**. This includes RE catechists, aides and subs, Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Ushers and school volunteers.

Please contact Pam at 630-530-3497 with any questions.

**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: 1-800-252-2873 or 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.

# Faith Formation



- ◆ Would you like to be baptized?
- ◆ Were you raised in another faith tradition and would now like to become Catholic?
- ◆ Were you baptized Catholic and would now like to receive your First Eucharist and Confirmation?

**God may be calling you to the RCIA program THIS year! Come and explore how the Catholic faith might enhance your relationship with God in a deeper way. Please call Pam at 630-530-3497 for information.**

*Often, when children begin to receive their Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist, a non-Catholic parent begins to think about being “united” in one faith. Our first few sessions are spent learning about the Catholic faith. There is no commitment to become Catholic or continue classes. We cordially **INVITE** you to see why we love our Catholic faith. “Come and See.”*



## **AN AFTERNOON WITH FATHER RICHARD ROHR, OFM**

**Date:** Sunday, October 13      **Time:** 1:30 – 4:30 p.m.      **Fee:** \$20

**Location:** Motherhouse Auditorium **Portiuncula Center for Prayer**  
**9263 W St. Francis Road, Frankfort**

Father Richard Rohr will join us live by videoconference for an afternoon of teaching and conversation. He will speak for the first portion of the program followed by a Q & A session. The afternoon will also include music, light refreshments, and conversation. **Father Rohr** is a Franciscan priest, founder of the Center for Action and Contemplation in Albuquerque, and academic Dean of the Living School for Action and Contemplation. The mission of the Living

School is to produce compassionate and powerfully learned individuals who will work for positive change in the world, based on awareness of our common union with God and all beings. Fr. Richard is a prolific author. A few of his books are: *Falling Upward*, *Eager to Love: The Alternative Way of Francis of Assisi*, and *The Universal Christ*.

Register by calling 815.464.3880, emailing [info@portforprayer.org](mailto:info@portforprayer.org), or on our website at [www.portforprayer.org](http://www.portforprayer.org)

## ***IC to Launch SPRED Program this Fall***

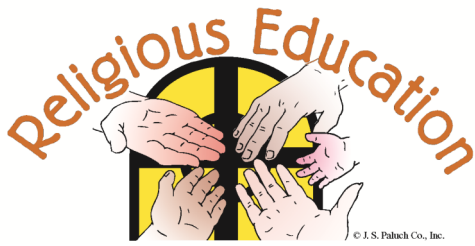
SPRED (Special Religious Development) is a program specifically designed to provide faith formation to persons with developmental disabilities. This is accomplished through small communities of faith at the parish level. Through the experience of friendship in one-to-one relationships, our friends with special needs discover a place where they belong and can enjoy meaningful relationships which help them realize their own giftedness. Through participation in a SPRED community of faith our friends are better able to celebrate the sacraments and enter into the worshipping experiences of the church.

The SPRED groups are defined by age. At IC we will be hosting the 6-13-year-olds with the opportunity for these children to continue with the program at other area churches that host other age groups. (Visitation hosts ages 14-21 and St. Pius X hosts ages 22-and older) Each group has a maximum of 6 friends with developmental disabilities.

**If you know of a child or an adult from our parish with developmental disabilities that would be interested in joining a SPRED group**, please contact Meg Frey, our parish's SPRED coordinator. She can be reached at 312-636-3977

or [meg.frey@gmail.com](mailto:meg.frey@gmail.com). Although IC's program is focused on 6-13 year old's, she can put you in contact with other area SPRED groups if needed. We will be starting IC's SPRED sessions in November however someone can join the program at any time. A parent information session will be held October 9. Contact Meg for more information.

# Religious Education



<u>Children's Church</u>	<u>Sunday RE</u>	<u>Wednesday RE</u>
October 6	October 6	October 9
October 20	October 20	October 23
October 27	October 27	October 30

## IMPORTANT DATES

2nd Grade  
 1st Reconciliation  
 Parent and Child  
 meeting will be on  
**November 10th** at  
 1pm in the Church.

Sunday Family Masses  
 Grade 3: October 20, 2019  
 You may volunteer to read a petition, present an Offertory Gift, serve as a Minister of Hospitality before or after the Liturgy. Contact the religious ed office to volunteer. Invite your family and friends to join us for this special class celebration.

8th Grade  
 PRE-RETREAT MEETING FOR ALL CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES AND THEIR PARENTS ON OCTOBER 20, 2019. The meeting will take place in the Church from 3:00 to 4:15 pm. The Retreat Presenter, Mr. Vince Zeprzal will be speaking. We are happy to welcome Mr. Zeprzal and look forward to the Confirmation Retreat which will take place on Saturday, November 11, 2019 from 1:30 – 5:00.

- We are still accepting RE Registrations for our Sunday Kindergarten class. This is a wonderful experience for our Kindergarteners to learn some of the basics of the faith.
- Our RE 2019-20 Program continues to invite adults to assist us as Catechist Aides. Please contact Sr.Mary Francis if you are available for this ministry.



Christian Ministry offers several opportunities for students seeking service hours. **PLEASE WATCH YOUR E-MAIL FOR A LIST OF AVAILABLE SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES.** For more information, please call Pam at 530-3497.



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## Important Dates

Oct. 2 – Homecoming Week Mass, 9:15am

Oct. 3 – Homecoming Pep Assembly, 6:30pm

Oct. 4 – Homecoming Football Game, 7:15pm

Oct. 5 – Homecoming Dance, 7pm

Oct. 16 – Open House, 6:30pm



## OCTOBER 26 – 80s BUY-IN PARTY

RSVP @ [bit.ly/icc80sparty](http://bit.ly/icc80sparty)



Nov. 1-3 – Fall Play - WCKY

Nov. 2 – Math Contest, 8am



Nov. 14 – Admissions Reception, 7pm

Nov. 17 – Open House, 2pm



Tracie Ortman, Director of Special Events  
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# Around Our Parish Last Month



Taize was celebrated on September 20th. What is Taize? An hour of meditative singing, scripture, candle light, reflection, and prayer! New this time were icons for the saints whose relics are beneath the altar (St. Jude, St. Francis Cabrini, and St. Faustina)

Our seminarians Brian Geary and Deacon Michael Groth returned from their summer breaks. We are very proud to be part of the Tolton Teaching Program. Pictured here is Deacon Michael with some of his committee members.



Here are also some scenes from our ICCP annual 217 block party which took place on September 21st