

Immaculate Conception Parish Bulletin

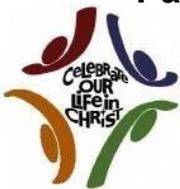
Very Reverend Thomas Paul, V. F. R.H.S., Pastor
Reverend Jose Cerna, Parochial Vicar

January 1, 2023
Mary, the Holy Mother of God

The shepherds
went in haste to
Bethlehem and found
Mary and Joseph,

and the infant
lying in the manger.

Luke 2:16



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

Friday: 8:30 a.m. ~ Noon

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NEW PARISHIONERS, WELCOME!

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

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

Saturday 8:00am and 4:30pm

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

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Saturday: After 4:30pm Mass until 6pm



Prayers for the Feast of the Holy Family
(Celebrated this Year on December 30)

For All Families

Blessed are you, Lord God of heaven and earth. You show forth your love in the love of families. You fill us with awe in the wondrous birth and growth of children, in the patience, joy, and loving concern of parents. Bless members of our families here present, and those far away, those living and deceased. On this Feast of the Holy Family, open our eyes to see family in its many images. Open our hearts to love all persons as brother, sister, parent, child. Open our arms to embrace, for it is in embracing the family of God that we are most truly embraced.

For Single-Parent Families

Blessed are you, God! Bless the moms and dads who are raising a family alone, one person doing the work of two. Wipe away tears of frustration over too much to do and not enough time. Lighten the worries of childcare, daycare, and after school care which come with loving and caring for children alone. Help parent and child alike to see the gift each is for the other. Bless them with hugs and laughter today.

For Blended Families

Blessed are you, God of creation! It is hard to share your mom or dad with other kids. It is difficult to parent two batches of kids and love them into one family. Look on blended families, Lord. Give them courage to build new relationships, the willingness to adjust to one another's habits and like and dislikes, and an ability to laugh over the small things. Bless all the grandparents, aunts, uncles, and cousins who are coming on board as family. Bless this widening embrace of family with patience, joy and love.

Adoptive Families

Blessed are you, God of the universe! Bless adoptive families. Bless parents who have reached out beyond themselves to offer the gift of life. Bless the children who have been claimed by love and made new members of caring families. Increase in adoptive parents and children, a loving honesty, a sense of safety, and a deep appreciation of the divine love which has brought them together.

Foster Families

Blessed are you, God of all peoples and nations! Lord, bless with special understanding the children and adults whom you have joined as foster families. Bless their time together, however short or long, with trust, growth, loving and learning. Bless the laughter and the tears. Heal the hurts. Bless the time these families spend together with joyful moments and lifelong memories.

Extended Families

Blessed are you, God of all ages! God bless the grandparents (and others) who are helping to raise a second generation of children. As they sail back into part or full-time parenting, renew their energies and give them confidence in the wisdom of their years and experience. Bless the children with acceptance and joy in the presence of loving elders. Pour out your blessing on these multigenerational families and deepen their love.

For Those Alienated from Family

Blessed are you, forgiving, reconciling God! Bless those who experience rejection or misunderstanding in their family settings. Console the elderly or inform who are unable to make overtures toward family or community for themselves. Enlighten those who are alienated from family, those for whom the words "I'm sorry" or "I forgive you" might rebuild a bridge to a relationship. Comfort the forgotten, the neglected, the abused, and those who have run away or feel they must hide from family. Embrace all persons, wherever they are, who yearn for the warmth of a hug, an affirming smile, a forgiving word, or simply a place to belong.

For Singles

Blessed are you, God, holy and one! Some persons go through life single, by choice and in joy. Yet they too know themselves to be members of your family. Fill them with thanksgiving for the times they share with friends and co-workers; with delight in the growing children who cross their paths; with the recognition that their very singleness may open their eyes to persons in the family of God who others cannot see. Empower single persons in new and creative ways to contribute to the human family and to dwell in your love with rejoicing.

For Those Who Create Family in Others

Blessed are you, God of mercy and compassion! Bless those who reach beyond the boundaries of immediate family to nurture others in hospitals, daycare centers, hospices, and crisis nurseries. Bless those who care for people with cancer, AIDS, and other life-threatening and crippling sicknesses, who care for abused children or battered women and men, who extend themselves to the unemployed and the homeless. Bless all those who recognize brother, sister, parent or child in the faces of the lonely, the oppressed, and the suffering. On this Feast of the Holy Family, bless all those who serve your human family with mercy and compassion.

Dear Friends in Christ,

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! I pray that this Christmas Season has been and continues to be a time of blessing for all of you. We celebrate the coming of Christ into our midst. Jesus, the Son of God, was born as a child to bring us Salvation. God's outpouring of grace has changed our eternal destiny. God so loved the world that this was done for us.

I pray that you have already had many beautiful and happy experiences during these special times. Today as we celebrate Mary, the Mother of God, we recognize ever more love in our midst. For 147 years, our community has been under Mary's care. Even before we became a parish in 1876, as far back as 1860 when mass was first celebrated here in the Cottage Hill Mission, Mary was honored. Under her guidance may we continue to come to Jesus, her Son.

Another year is upon us! May it be a year of grace and blessing! We have another period of time to grow in grace and love. Each day, realize that it is a gift from God to us for us to love and serve Him.

Monday, January 9, is the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. On January 10, we will return to Ordinary Time and the Christmas Season will be over. Try to wait to take down your Christmas decorations until then. It is too easy to follow the commercial style of Christmas which starts early and ends early. Consider the European tradition of keeping your crib up until the Feast of the Presentation, February 2.

May God bless all of you with love, peace and good health in 2023!



Christmas Memorial Flowers



This year, we are giving our parishioners the opportunity to remember their deceased family members by donating flowers in their memory. The many beautiful Christmas plants that will adorn our Church and Chapel can be given in memory of loved ones. A list of those remembered will be included in the bulletin at a later date.

A flower envelope was included in your envelope packets - they are also available in the Narthex. You can also fill out the form below and place it in the collection basket or return it to the Parish Office.

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PLEASE PRINT ALL INFORMATION

In Loving Memory of: _____

Donated by: _____

Amount Donated: \$ _____ (Suggested donation is \$20 per plant)



Worship

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The LORD bless you and keep you! The LORD look upon you kindly and give you peace! (Numbers 6:22-27).

Psalm — May God be merciful and bless us (Psalm 67).

Second Reading — God sent the Spirit of the Son into our hearts, crying out, “Abba, Father!” So you are no longer a slave but an heir, through God (Galatians 4:4-7).

Gospel — The shepherds glorified and praised God for all they had heard and seen (Luke 2:16-21).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 1:19-28

Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:29 — 3:6; Ps 98:1, 3cd-6; Jn 1:29-34

Wednesday: 1 Jn 3:7-10; Ps 98:1, 7-9; Jn 1:35-42

Thursday: 1 Jn 3:11-21; Ps 100:1b-5; Lk 4:14-22a

Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:23-28 [23, 31-34, 36, 38]

Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21; Sal 149:1-6a, 9b; Jn 2:1-11

Sunday: Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Mary, the Holy Mother of God; The Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord; World Day of Prayer for Peace; New Year's Day

Monday: Ss. Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen

Tuesday: The Most Holy Name of Jesus

Wednesday: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

Thursday: St. John Neumann

Friday: St. André Bessette; First Friday

Saturday: St. Raymond of Penyafort; First Saturday; Julian Calendar Christmas



Candle Intentions

You can visit the parish office to have a candle lit in honor of a living or deceased loved one at the Shrine of Saint Peregrine or the Sacred Heart Shrine. Each intention will be for a full week.

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, JANUARY 2

6:15AM:†Charlotte Unger

7:30AM:†Kay Revane / Family

TUESDAY, JANUARY 3

6:15AM:†Gwen & Tom Eddington & Family

7:30AM:Healing of Barbara Reedy / Joanne Mills

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4

6:15AM:†Deceased members of the Campbell & Crowley Families / Jack & Donna Campbell

7:30AM:†Barbara Sylvester

THURSDAY, JANUARY 5

6:15AM:†Louise Kerseric

7:30AM:†Mary Dal Pino / Family

FRIDAY, JANUARY 6

6:15AM:†Gwen & Tom Eddington & Family

8:15AM:†Bill Bergan / ICGS

SATURDAY, JANUARY 7

8:00AM:†Gwen & Tom Eddington & Family

4:30PM:†Sean Kahovec / Meyers Family

SUNDAY, JANUARY 8

7:30AM:†Gwen & Tom Eddington & Family

9:00AM:†Paul Tharp / ICCP

†Ed Halick

†Beverly Lanphier / Lanphier Family

11:30AM:†Valerie Busse / Mike & Jean

Baldikoski

7:00PM:†Parish Family

2023 ENGAGED COUPLES

Jaclynn Dunleavy & Brenden Ryan	4/15
Victoria Bautista & Michael Wons	5/12
Jennifer Lee & Michael Mehilos	6/3
Emily Meyers & Joseph Conroy	6/9
Olivia Schmitt & Brian Page	6/10
Margaret Ewing & Jack Novy	7/1

You can follow the readings for Mass each day by visiting <http://usccb.org/> and selecting the date on the calendar on the right.



Stewardship of Our Prayer for...



We pray for those suffering from illness. Loving God, give strength and protection to all who struggle with illness of any kind. Calm their fears and uncertainties. Provide them with loving and tender care. Grant them courage when they are afraid and comfort when they are in pain.

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| Campbell, Donna | Koch, Susan |
| Feely, Deacon John | McCann, Mary |
| Gow, Olivia | Serritella, Annette |
| Larson, Ronald | Vogel, Renee Moran |

On January 1st, we started a new "Pray For" list. If you would like your name or that of a loved one listed, please email bulletin@icelmhurst.org or call 630-530-8991.

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

"HEAVENLY FATHER, ACCEPT OUR PRAYERS WHICH WE OFFER FOR THEM"

Loving God, give strength and protection to all who all who struggle with illness of any kind. Calm their fears and uncertainties. Provide them with loving and tender care. Grant them courage when they are afraid and comfort when they are in pain.

- †Elizabeth Hartmann
- †Beth O'Shaughnessy, sister of Penny O'Shaughnessy
- †Kristin Mahoney D'Alessio, sister of Suzanne Mahoney



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

Baptized at Immaculate Conception in December:

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| ◆ Micah Aragon | ◆ John Gerstner |
| ◆ Oscar Pannos | ◆ Mable Longardner |
| ◆ Margot Haberkorn | ◆ Clara Semier |
| ◆ Beau McDaid | ◆ Lucas Muchowski |

Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. Give us peace. I ask this in the name of Jesus.

- Lt. Joe Doyle**, US Army, Son of Deb and Tom Doyle
- 1st Lt. Ryan Kenny**, USMC, Son of Mary Beth Kenny
- Pvt. Jeffery Crones**, US Army, Grandson of Joan Leyden
- Specialist Jonathan M. Pichler**, US Army
Son of Ginny & Mark Gronek
Grandson of Catherine Young
- Sgt. Vincent Joseph Genthe**, USMC Son of Denise Genthe
- Capt. Jeffrey Robbins**, USMC, Son of Barb & Larry
Robbins, Grandson of Georgiana Ryan
- Maj. Kevin Mott**, US Army
Nephew of Greg & Mary Pat Vanderlaan
- Paul Hornstra**, USMC, ICHS Class of '09
Son of Paul and Dawn Hornstra
- Cpl. Brittney Young**, US Army,
Cousin of Denise and John Doherty
- Lt. Joe Shannon**, US Navy
Son of John & Maria Shannon
- Sgt. Ethan Zielinski**, USMC
Son of Michele & Dolph Zielinski
- Capt. Christopher Bertucci**, USMC,
Nephew of Mary Anne & Greg Luczak
- Lt. Andrea Bertucci**, US Navy
Niece of Mary Anne Luczak
- Cpl. Joseph Fischer**, USMC
Son of George & Sharon Fischer
- Capt. Kathleen M. Donofrio**, US Army Reserves,
Daughter of Tom & Marge Donofrio
- Pfc. Ian Morser**, USMC, Son of John and Tracy Morser
Cousin of Todd and Ellen Greer
- Cpl. Cavan Sullivan**, US Army
Grandsons of Mary Sullivan
- Capt. Samuel Westhoff**, US Army
Nephew of Tom and Sue Westhoff
- Capt. Liam Hendricks**, 101st Airborne,
ICCP Class of '14
Son of Tim and Julie Hendricks
- 1st Lt Matthew Kizys**, US Army, son of
Marky and Nancy Tinsley
- Chf. Warrant Officer John Dal Pino**, US Army
Son of Joe and Valerie Dal Pino
- 1st Lt. Francesca Cervone**, US Army, ICCP Class of '15,
Daughter of Jeanmarie Cervone,
Granddaughter of Cay Calcagno
- 1st Lt. Molly Manion, EOD** US Army,
ICCP Class of '15,
Daughter of Tom & Nancy Manion
Granddaughter of Rita Manion
- MAJ Thomas Gildea**, US Army, Husband of Karina,
Father of Enya, Grace, and Ignacio
- 1st Lt. Kyle Koch**, 1st Cavalry Division US Army, ICCP
Class of '15, son of Laura & Paul Koch
- Capt. Carla A. Schuit**, US Army Reserves,
Daughter of Lisa Schuit
- 1st. Lt. Grayson Becker**, US Army



Worship



SAVE THE DATES in 2023!

Celebrate the
National Eucharistic Revival
With these special
Diocesan Celebrations

DIOCESAN-WIDE FORTY HOURS DEVOTION

FEBRUARY 8, 9, 10

AT THE CATHEDRAL OF ST. RAYMOND NONNATUS, JOLIET

AND

PRAYER SERVICE with NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC PREACHER

MARCH 23, 24, 25

AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS THROUGHOUT THE DIOCESE

Watch for more information in the upcoming bulletins

**Pray the Rosary with your Immaculate
Conception Family**

**We are celebrating the Eucharistic Revival
across the country from 2022 to 2025.
Please join us each Saturday 4:00pm
(immediately preceding the 4:30pm Mass) in
the Chapel to pray a Rosary for the
Eucharistic Revival. If you would like to lead
the Rosary, please contact Karina Gildea at
kgildea@icelmhurst.org Find more
information about the Eucharistic Revival at
<https://www.eucharisticrevival.org>**



**Every Saturday morning after the 8:00 am
mass several parishioners gather to pray
for our priests, our Church, our pope and
for more vocations to the priesthood and to
the religious life. We would love to have
more people join us. The rosary only takes
a half hour to say and it is a wonderful way
to start your day. "A day hemmed in prayer
is less likely to unravel."**

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

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

If you are new to our church or just visiting, Welcome! We are pleased to have you share in this celebration of the Eucharist. If you do not have a church home, or your church is not a home to you, we invite you to become part of our parish family. We are so glad you're here and hope you will come back again for Mass or become a parishioner.

Christian Ministry

The Christian Ministry Office shares the following poem by Howard Thurman and thanks all who so generously support our ongoing programs and mission. Our work is just beginning!

When the song of the angels is stilled,
 When the star in the sky is gone,
 When the kings and princes are home,
 When the shepherds are back with the flock,
 The work of Christmas begins:
 To find the lost,
 To heal the broken,
 To feed the hungry,
 To release the prisoner,
 To rebuild the nation,
 To bring peace among brothers and sisters,
 To make music in the heart.

A poem by Howard Thurman





Immaculate Conception Daybreak Transitional Housing for the Homeless Annual Appeal / 2022

Please prayerfully consider responding to the needs of the homeless. **100% of your donation is used for rent and utilities. We need your financial support to support our five apartments which house our homeless families.** May God bless you abundantly for your generosity.

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



VOLUNTEER

Volunteers are needed in the following ministries:
 IC Food Pantry, Daybreak Transitional Housing, Bereavement, and Kitchen Angels. All ministries can generally fit your personal timetable. Please consider sharing your presence and talent with your parish community. Contact Pam Stefik At 630-530-3497 for additional information on these opportunities.

DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO IS HOMEBOUND? PLEASE LET US KNOW!

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

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.



We are seeking individuals who would like to bring Holy Communion to those who are either hospitalized or homebound. We will be offering a training session in January. This is a beautiful ministry of compassion and presence, which easily fits into most personal schedules. If you are interested in learning more, please contact Pam Stefik at 630-530-3497 or pstefik@icelmhurst.org





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



Would you like to begin the annulment process? Do you have questions about the process, timeline? Please contact Pam Stefik at 530-3497 for information.



**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
GRADE SCHOOL 630.530.3490**



**The faculty, teachers, and staff of
Immaculate Conception Grade
School wish you all God's
Blessings in the New Year!**

**IC CATHOLIC PREP
630.530.3460**



**Diocese of Joliet-in-Illinois
2022-2023 Catholic Elementary School
Substitute Teacher
ICGS, Elmhurst, IL**

Position available: 2022-2023 School Year

Position Purpose

Under the general supervision of the School Principal, the successful substitute teacher will:

- serve as a positive role model and support the teachings of the Roman Catholic Church at all times.
- create a faith-focused learning environment within the classroom and school in which he or she serves.
- create a Catholic culture in his or her classroom that is emphasized through the candidate's words, deeds, manner of dress, and actions.
- facilitate student success and growth in both academics and interpersonal skills.
- implement the absent teacher's written plans with fidelity, document student progress, activities, and outcomes as directed by the teacher.
- Leave detailed notes for the absent teacher.
- Utilize available technology to enhance lessons.
- differentiate instruction to address specific educational needs of individual students.
- create a flexible, safe, and optimal learning environment.

Education and Experience

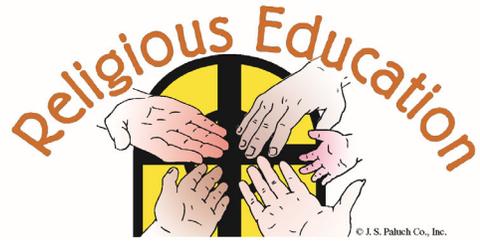
- Licensure: The candidate must hold a current Illinois Professional Educator License (PEL) or a current Illinois Substitute License.
- The substitute teacher must hold a Bachelor's Degree from an accredited college or university.
- Knowledge and practice of the Catholic faith.
- Knowledge of Catholic elementary school curriculum and concepts.
- Ability to use technology to enhance student learning.
- Ability to plan, organize, and coordinate work.
- Ability to engage in self-evaluation with regard to performance and professional growth.
- Ability to establish and maintain cooperative working relationships with others contacted in the course of work.
- Proficient use of standard office equipment such as SMARTboards, personal computers, printers, copiers, telephones, and fax machines.

To apply for this position

Complete an online Diocese of Joliet Catholic Schools Office *Applicant Tracking* application. This may be accessed at the following link: <http://www.applitrack.com/diocesefjoliet/onlineapp/>

Religious Education 530-3483

New Year's blessings and wishes. May this 2023 be a year of many graces for all of us.



Sr. Mary Francis, DRE K-5
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Josephine Bastianoni,
DRE 6,7,8,
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<u>Sunday RE</u>	<u>Wednesday RE</u>
January 8	January 11
January 15	January 18
January 22	January 25

- ◆ 4th Grade students and their families are invited to participate in the Family Mass at 9am on January 22nd. Contact Sr. Mary Francis for opportunities.
- ◆ 5th Grade Students will attend the Sacrament of Reconciliation on January 22nd and 25th during class.
- ◆ 2nd Graders are reminded to practice the Act of Contrition in anticipation of 1st Reconciliation.

My God, I am sorry for my sins with all my heart. In choosing to do wrong and failing to do good, I have sinned against You whom I should love above all things. I firmly intend, with Your help, to do penance, sin no more, and to avoid whatever led me to sin. Amen

YOUTH MINISTRY

HEALTHY & THRIVING
RELATIONSHIPS
ENCOURAGE ONE ANOTHER & BUILD EACH OTHER UP! 1 THES 5:10

STUDENTS OF IMPACT
Sunday, January 22 5:30-7 pm
Costello Hall ICCP

Teens want and NEED to have healthy, supportive and positive relationships with their friends, family and God. The topic for January's Students of Impact is "Thriving Relationships!" Teens will learn skills of being aware of how they think about and treat others and will be able to recalibrate less-loving thoughts into more loving thoughts and actions. They'll get strategies for connecting with God more and be encouraged to be kind and patient to even the "hard to love" people in their life. Please help spread the word by inviting the high school teens you know to check it out. Teens are welcome to bring a friend (from any high school/church) and come when they can--no commitment is required. Put these dates on your calendar:

- **January 22nd Thriving Relationships** (with God, Family & Friends)
- **February 26th Lenten Worldwide Banquet** (dinner will be served)
- **March 12th Ice Cream Social** (8th grade students invited).



IC Moms' Group
Meet and Greet

Would you like to meet moms like you in our church community for group playdates, moms' night out, service and faith-based events and more while building friendships and a support network?

Please join us for an initial "meet and greet" for moms (kids welcome!) on Tuesday, January 10th from 4:30 to 6:00 pm.



Grief Support

The journey of grief is different for everyone. There are, however, common emotions that we all experience. Beginning Monday, January 16 and continuing for six weeks, we will offer a bereavement support group for anyone mourning the loss of a loved one. Your loss can be old or new. Sessions will begin at 6:30 PM in the PAC/Rectory. If you would like some help to understand and process your grief, please plan to attend. Please contact Pam at 630-530-3497 to RSVP or to request additional information.

Give Blood...



Give Life.

SAVE THE DATE....IC BLOOD DRIVE IS BEING HELD ON SUNDAY, JANUARY 22.

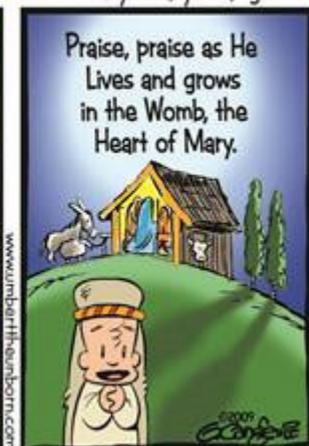
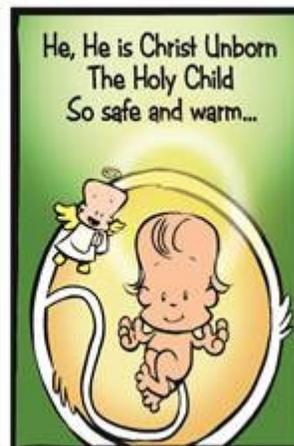
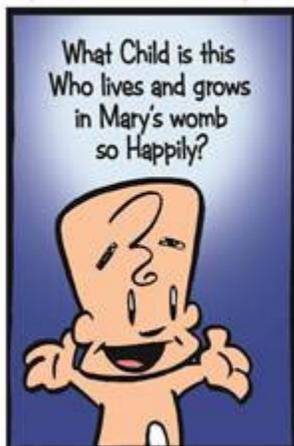
SIGN-UP IS SUNDAY, JANUARY 15 IN THE NARTHEX or online at www.vitalant.org



Spiritual Classics
St. John Chrysostom is one of the greatest orators in the history of the Church, and is known as the "Golden Mouth" Doctor of the Church. We will focus on extracts from sermons that have survived, covering a variety of themes including social interaction, marriage, family life, and Christian morality. We will use the short book, *On Living Simply*, ISBN 978-0-7648-0056-6, in 7 sessions beginning on Jan. 8, 2023. We meet on Sundays from 10:15 to 11:15 in the Dyer Center. All are welcome. For more information, contact lenhohbein@aol.com

Umbert the Unborn

by Gary Cangemi



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Year End Giving

Advent is a time of preparation. The days ahead will seem to go by quickly as we decorate our homes, go shopping and attend the many gatherings that come with the holiday season. Yet, we encourage everyone to carve out time for quiet prayer and create a special place to welcome Jesus at Christmas.

Another way to prepare for the end of the year is through charitable giving. When we look back at the countless blessings many of us have received throughout the year, we hope that you will consider special ways to give back to the Lord for all He has given us. Please remember your spiritual home, Immaculate Conception, as well as our We are IC! Capital Campaign, as you discern your year-end gifts. For traditional monetary donations, contributions may be deductible for tax purposes. Whether you are using offertory envelopes or taking advantage of the safe and convenient Online Giving program, proper credit will be reflected on your Parishioner statement. As a reminder, you can access the Online Giving program on the IC Parish website by clicking the orange "Donate Online" button on the left.

Following are a few alternatives to traditional donations for your consideration. Please know that any form of donation is humbly and greatly appreciated.

Qualified Charitable Distributions

These typically include contributions from Donor Advised Funds, Required Minimum Distributions (RMD), or annuities. If you have an established Donor Advisor Fund or are contemplating creating one, please consider including Immaculate Conception as a charitable recipient of a donation from the fund. A Donor Advised Fund is administered by a third party for the primary purpose of managing contributions to charitable organizations, such as Immaculate Conception Parish.

Additionally, if you are age 70 ½ or older, you can contact your IRA Fund Administrator and arrange for a tax-free direct transfer of your RMD to Immaculate Conception as a charitable donation. By doing a direct transfer from your IRA, the donation may satisfy your required distribution yet may not increase your adjusted gross income for tax purposes.

Stock Donation

For those who may own stocks, a review of your stock portfolio before year end is possibly advantageous. For example, if you have stock(s) that have decreased in value over the past years, you may want to consider donating this stock to Immaculate Conception Parish. The donation could be eligible for a charitable contribution tax deduction, but also may offset capital gains for this year. If stock has increased in value, you may be able to claim a deduction for the full fair market value and eliminate any tax on the appreciation.

Employer Matching Gifts

Companies frequently match their employee's monetary contributions. If your employer has this type of program, please consider utilizing it on behalf of our Immaculate Conception Grade School or High School. Many corporations offer employee matching gift programs for educational institutions.

Charitable Gifts from Your Will or Trust

An easy way to make a gift to Immaculate Conception is to include a bequest in your will or trust. You can give a specific sum, a percentage of your gross estate or your residuary estate. The diocese has partnered with FreeWill to make planned giving easier than ever. Visit freewill.com/dioceseofjoliet to write a will at no personal cost, and include the necessary language to support Immaculate Conception with a gift in your plans. FreeWill's online will writing tools allow you to make a lasting gift to IC quickly and easily.

If you have any questions relative to year end giving options,
please contact Colleen Lewandowski at 630-530-8848 or at clewandowski@icelmhurst.org.

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

Stewardship of Time and Treasure

**Weekly Sharing
December 11, 2022**

Sunday Envelopes Total: \$ 19,765.50
 Electronic Offerings: \$ 14,850.08
 Total Gifts: \$ 34,615.58
 Amount Budgeted Per Week: \$ 29,000.00

**Weekly Sharing
December 18, 2022**

Sunday Envelopes Total: \$ 20,356.60
 Electronic Offerings: \$ 15,338.68
 Total Gifts: \$ 35,695.28
 Amount Budgeted Per Week: \$ 29,000.00

Total Funds Collected 7/1-12/18/22 \$731,483.00
 Amount Budgeted: \$772,549.00
 Budget over/(under) to date: **(\$41,066.00)**

Thank You in His Name!

	Lector	Altar Server	EM	Greeter
Jan. 7 4:30pm	J. Kenneally (1) R. Barnish (2)	K. Harris C. Harris J. McEvoy	D. Carter D. McCaffrey S. Scott	T. Kaiser
Jan. 8 7:30am	T. Brown (1) Richard Cello (2)	M. White T. Levy J. McEvoy	A. Chiappetta	J. Callahan M. Smith
Jan. 8 9:00am	S. Whiteside (1) L. Ahern (2)	A. Smal J. Aragones P. Davis	J. McFarlane S. Savage S. Sloan	M. Tovey M. Tovey
Jan. 8 11:30am	R. Tuttle (1) B. Buis (2)	B. Tobin R. King M. Leischner	M. Durkin M. Wolbeck	J. Viola
Jan. 8 7:00pm	(1)			C. Cohen

Due to holiday deadlines, the presider schedule and weekly sharing were not available at the time of print for this bulletin.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS
 Our Parish Offices are closed for Christmas Break. We will open on Tuesday, January 3 at 8:30 am.



An Immaculate Conception Parishioner is interested in selling two cemetery plots. They are located at Chapel Hill Garden, Garden of Good Samaritan, lot 112-A, Spaces 3&4, \$4150 total. Please call the parish office if interested. Thank you.

The 2023 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal is now underway
 As the Diocese of Joliet launches the 2023 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA), we are asking all parishioners to pledge their support to this important effort for our community of faith.
 This year's CMAA theme is *We Belong to God*. Through our support, we ensure that the mission and ministries of Christ's Church are available to everyone. Together, we help the poor and vulnerable, increase vocations and educate people of all ages, ethnicities, and abilities in the faith. Our parish could not accomplish all of this on its own. Our parish's goal for the 2023 CMAA is \$119,800. 70 percent of any amount we raise over our goal will be returned to us. Please review the materials you receive in the mail from the Diocese of Joliet this month and prayerfully reflect on your gift to this year's annual appeal. If you do not receive a CMAA mailing, please contact the parish office.