

# Immaculate Conception Parish Bulletin

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## First SUNDAY of Advent

November 29, 2020

Oh, that you would rend the heavens  
and come down, with the mountains  
quaking before you, while you wrought  
awesome deeds we could not hope for,  
such as they had not heard of from of old.

Isaiah 63:19b; 64:2-3

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

**Phone:** 530-8515      **Website:** [icelmhurst.org](http://icelmhurst.org)

**Eastern DuPage Deanery:** [easterndupagedeanery.org](http://easterndupagedeanery.org)

**NEW PARISHIONERS, WELCOME!**

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

**BAPTISMS:**

Please call Martha Deatsch for information (530-8515).

**MARRIAGES:**

Please call Catey Cohen at least 6 months in advance (530-8991).

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Saturday: 2:00-3:30PM**

# First Week of Advent

Dear Friends in Christ,

Happy New Church Year! Advent marks the start of a new year for us. Our readings change to a new cycle as we begin to "Prepare the Way of the Lord." We wear purple vestments and today light a purple candle on our wreath. The use of colors and symbols tell us that something valuable is taking place. We are asked to realize the coming of the Lord. He will also some day return to us. We will all some day return to Him. Let us prepare our hearts and souls in welcome for the celebration of His Birth!

I encourage you to make Advent a unique time in your life. In this very busy season, prayer in the home is even more important than ever. Try to stop and appreciate what Advent is all about. Consider adding more silent moments to your daily routine. Think and pray about how fortunate we are to be Advent People who want and need Christ to come.

Have a Blest Season!  
Fr. Tom Paul

## THE ADVENT WREATH

The Advent wreath is a good way to introduce the practice of a family prayer time. Make a wreath of evergreen and holly to encircle four candles for the Advent season. The circle represents eternity, for a circle has no beginning and no end – like God's life, which is everlasting. The evergreen tree, which is always green, pictures life, growth, hope. Use three purple candles and one pink. The purple signifies the time of preparation – a time of looking into ourselves. The pink candle is for the Joyful Sunday (the third Sunday) and represents the joy we know because God loved us so much that He sent Jesus into the world.



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**First week:** O Lord, fill us with a longing for You. Help us all to be like little children, open and eager, as we wait for Your coming with joy and excitement. In the busy days ahead, keep us in Your sight. Let us remember that it is You, our Lord, for whom we are preparing. In our fervor to welcome You in a royal way, it is so easy to forget how warmly You wish to be greeted. O Jesus, thank You for loving us!

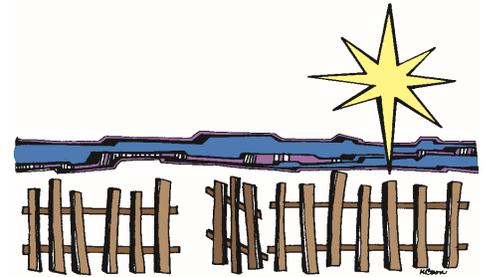
**Second week:** O Lord, as we prepare for your coming, let us reflect Your love in all that we say and do. Give us the strength to change our ways, rid ourselves of angry thoughts, bitter words, and selfishness, and any thing that distracts us from You. O Jesus, our hearts are open. The kingdom of heaven is near!

**Third week:** O Lord, this is a time for caring and sharing, a time for smiling and singing, a time for rejoicing in life itself! Let us open our hearts fully to others. Let our faces radiate the joy of Your coming so that everyone we meet will know of You and the gift of life You bring. Jesus, our Lord, we rejoice in Your coming!

**Fourth week:** O Jesus, You are the Light of the world! You have come to strengthen the weary, to guide the lost, to walk with the lonely. You are hope to all people. Help us to see Your will. Always be with us so that we will come to know You in many ways. In the Eucharist we see You as the bread of life. And we recognize the glory of Your love when we see a smile on a little child's face. Dear Lord, whatever the way, teach us to recognize You and the gift of hope You bring.

## This Week's Schedule

Monday, 11/30	6:15am and 7:30am Mass Church
Tuesday, 12/1	6:15am and 7:30am Mass Church
Wednesday, 12/2	6:15am and 7:30am Mass Church
Thursday, 12/3	6:15am and 7:30am Mass Church
Friday, 12/4	6:15am and 8:15am(ICGS) Mass Church
Saturday, 12/5	8:00am Mass Church 4:30pm Mass Sacred Heart Chapel
Sunday, 12/6	7:30am Mass Church 9:00am Mass Sacred Heart Chapel 11:30am Mass Sacred Heart Chapel Noon Baptism Church 1:30pm Baptism Church



**\*Please note: you do not need reservations for weekday Mass. Please see the next page for Mass guidelines. Please also note that ICGS and ICCP Masses are available via livestream ONLY**



### Confessions at Immaculate Conception Saturdays 2:00-3:30pm in Sacred Heart Chapel.

The following guidelines must be followed at all times without exception:

- You **must** wear a face mask at all times
- All guests are to take their temperature before coming to the Church. If you have any symptoms, please stay at home.
- Additionally, if you have been exposed directly to COVID-19 within the last 14 days you are not able to attend.
- Those in a vulnerable population are encouraged not to attend.
- Bathrooms are only available in the case of an extreme emergency. We ask that you properly prepare yourself in this manner.
- Furthermore, seating will not be provided.
- You will enter the Sacred Heart Chapel through the center doors that face Arthur Street. Greeters will be present to direct you and to make sure you are following these protocols.
- Upon entering the Chapel, you will be given hand sanitizer.
- You will remain standing – no chairs will be provided
- You will choose whether to go behind the screen or face to face, both options are socially distant
- When the Sacrament is completed, the penitent exits down the western side aisle **without** touching any surfaces
- The penance that is prescribed can be done anywhere except in the Chapel. Suggested places include: By the Marian grotto, In your vehicle, or at your house



## IN Person Mass Attendance Guidelines

### Before you leave home:

- If you are 65 or older, especially if you have pre-existing health conditions, please consider joining us via our live streaming service. If you have symptoms of any type of illness, please remain at home and be attentive to your health needs. The obligation for Mass attendance is still suspended and will remain so until further notice. Your health and safety is our primary concern.
- You will be required to wear a mask/face covering for the duration of our Mass.
- A reservation is required for attendance at weekend Masses. Please contact the parish office by Fridays at noon at 630-530-8515 or email [RSVP@icelmhurst.org](mailto:RSVP@icelmhurst.org) to secure seating.  
**Your reservation MUST be confirmed by the office. Walk-ups are welcome, but not guaranteed a seat.**
- Use the restroom before leaving the house. The facilities in the church or chapel must be sanitized after each use. We are striving to minimize their use.

### When you arrive for Mass:

- Check in with a greeter at the check-in table.
- Enter only through the center front doors.
- Deposit your offering in the baskets provided.
- An usher will provide you with hand sanitizer.
- Take your place in the pew as directed by an usher.
- You may only share a pew with those people who live in your home, except in cases of single participants sitting at a social distance.
- Social distance will be maintained at all times.

### During Mass:

- Do not change pews once you are seated.
- Wear your mask/face covering throughout Mass (except when receiving Holy Communion).
- No physical contact, except with members of your own household, during the sign of peace.
- No singing or use of hymnals will occur during the Mass, in an effort to minimize risk of contamination.

### Receiving Holy Communion:

- The priest will approach each row for communion.
- When the usher approaches your pew, stand up.
- You will be given more hand sanitizer by the usher; please remember not to touch your face after this.
- Receive the Host in your hand ONLY.
- After the priest passes by you, remove the strap from one ear of your mask or face covering, letting it hang from the other ear and uncovering your mouth, consume the Host.
- Replace the mask over your mouth and nose.
- You may kneel or pray silently until the priest is finished with the congregation.

### After Mass:

- Gather all personal items.
- Use only the proper exits, as directed by an usher.
- Do not congregate outside the doors or in the parking lots.
- Do not remove your mask until you have left the grounds.

While our parish staff will attempt to take appropriate precautions consistent with the advice of public health authorities, parishioners and guests should understand that they assume the risk of contracting Covid-19 any time they enter a public space since such precautions do not eliminate the risk of infection. Parishioners will always be the first priority. We will strive to communicate clearly and frequently, to ensure we are doing all that we can to safeguard your health and to always support and prioritize your spiritual welfare.



## Worship

Masses will be live-streamed his week Sunday through Thursday at 7:30am. Friday Mass will be live-streamed at 8:15am. You may also view them online at any time. Please visit our website at [www.icelmhurst.org](http://www.icelmhurst.org) or use the link to our YouTube Channel.

<https://www.youtube.com/c/ICElmhurst>

### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — We are the clay and you, O Lord, are the potter: we are the work of your hands (Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7).

**Psalms** — Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved (Psalm 80).

**Second Reading** — God is faithful; by God you were called to fellowship with the Son (1 Corinthians 1:3-9).

**Gospel** — Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come. (Mark 13:33-37).

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### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Rom 10:9-18; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 4:18-22

Tuesday: Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 15:29-37

Thursday: Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday: Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31

Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-6; Mt 9:35 — 10:1, 5a, 6-8

Sunday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 85:9-14; 2 Pt 3:8-14; Mk 1:1-8

### MASS INTENTIONS

#### MONDAY, NOVEMBER 30

6:15AM:†Len Partyka / Family

7:30AM:†Mary Jane LeGere / Joyce & Wally Callahan

#### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1

6:15AM:†Thomas Hartnett / Maher Family

7:30AM:†Tom O'Brien / Wood Family

#### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2

6:15AM:†Patricia Brogan

7:30AM:†Joyce Barnes / Ann & Ken Dow

#### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3

6:15AM:†Edward Ketchum

7:30AM:†Tom McKean / Family

†Jeanine Conroy / Joyce & Wally Callahan

†Ronald J. Miller / Mary Miller

#### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4

6:15AM:†Gwen & Tom Eddington and Family / Family

7:30AM:†Patricia Kuta / ICGS

#### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5

8:00AM:†Jay Collins / Jo & Don LaMonica

4:30PM:†Rosalie Panico / Lamborn Family

#### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6

7:30AM:†Parish Family

9:00AM:†Regina Cahill / Frank Family

†Gabriel Remy / Ron Garzotto & Cate Plys

†Emily LaMonica / Jo & Don LaMonica

†Patricia Kuta / Bob and Tricia Havilin

11:30AM:†Gregory Luczak / Mary Ann Luczak

†Ted & Mary Koch / Susan Koch

### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: First Sunday of Advent

Monday: St. Andrew, Apostle

Tuesday: World AIDS Awareness Day

Thursday: St. Francis Xavier

Friday: St. John Damascene

Friday: First Friday

Saturday: First Saturday

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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|-------------------|----------------------|
| Cadaoas, Nick     | Medela, Joanna       |
| Carey, Pete       | Monaghan, Donna      |
| Chaplin, Scott    | Monaghan, Kendall    |
| Curtin, Judith    | Moran, John          |
| Dugo, Josephine   | Moran Vogel, Renee   |
| Feely, Max        | O'Connor, Margie     |
| Frer, Michele     | O'Hara, Mike         |
| Frer, Mike        | Pape, Mary           |
| Genthe, Denise    | Rogers, Fr. Jerry    |
| Glynn, Tom        | Ross, Bernadette     |
| Gow, Olivia       | Salerno, Madeline    |
| Hernandez, German | Schmidt, Ken         |
| Hogan, Joan       | Somora, Angela       |
| Kaprelian, Jean   | Venchus, Susan       |
| Korecki, Sharon   | Vogel, Renee         |
| Korecki, Wayne    | Wilki, Carl          |
| LaMonica, Don     | Williamson, Norma    |
| Marchetti, Alex   | Zasiebida, Ann Marie |

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

- †Patricia Brogan, mother of Barb Schroeder
- †Pam Hoehl
- †Joseph Cesario

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 in October at IC:

- ◆ Lucille Grace Hyde
- ◆ Michael Peter Newell
- ◆ Thomas Richard Fiset
- ◆ Kayce Katherine Campbell
- ◆ Octavia Marie Laucis
- ◆ Camden David Thron
- ◆ Nicolas Patrick Long

### Our Troops

- Lt. Joe Doyle**, US Army, Son of Deb and Tom Doyle
- 1st Lt. Ryan Kenny**, USMC, Son of Mary Beth Kenny
- 1st Sgt. Melinda Jolly**, USMC  
Daughter of Linda and Tom Makinney
- Pvt. Jeffery Crones**, US Army, Grandson of Joan Leyden
- Cpl. Ben Gieser**, USMC, son of Monica and William Gieser
- Specialist Jonathan M. Pichler**, US Army,  
Son of Ginny & Mark Gronek, Grandson of Catherine Young
- Capt. Andrew Smyrnios**, USAF, Brother of Stephanie Alfini
- Recruit Garrett Gong**, USMC
- LCpl. Troy Rosenbury**, USMC
- Cpl. Zack Bright**, USMC
- Sgt. Ben Bright**, USMC, Friend of the Genthe Family
- Cpl. 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
- Cpl. Matthew R. Mundle**, USMC Grandson of Evelyn Mundle
- 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 & Greg 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
- Sgt. Matthew Schlipper**, USMC, Son of Martha McAllister
- LCpl. Jack Mallon**, USMC, Grandson of Mary and Bob Mallon  
Nephew of Mark Mallon and Lauren Lent
- 1st Lt. Dylan Sullivan**, US Army  
Grandson of Mary Sullivan
- Capt. Samuel Westhoff**, US Army  
Nephew of Tom and Sue Westhoff
- 1st Lt. 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
- 2nd Lt. Francesca Cervone**, US Army, ICCP Class of '15,  
Daughter of Jeanmarie Cervone,  
Granddaughter of Cay Calcagno
- 2nd Lt. Molly Manion**, US Army, ICCP Class of '15, Daughter  
of Tom and Nancy Manion Granddaughter of Rita Manion
- MAJ Thomas Gildea**, US Army, Husband of Karina, Father of  
Enya, Grace, and Ignacio
- 2nd 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



# Religious Education

Sr. Mary Francis, DRE K-5  
srmaryfrancis@icelmhurst.org  
Josephine Bastianoni, DRE 6,7,8,  
jbastianoni@icelmhurst.org

All 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Parents are reminded to register for the Catholic resource, FORMED. Resources and other faith formation materials from this source will be used in our preparations for 1<sup>st</sup> Reconciliation and 1<sup>st</sup> Eucharist.

1<sup>st</sup> Reconciliation 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade NEW DATES : March 15, 16, 17, 18 2021 . Details will be emailed to families.

During these days of changing weather conditions as well as the Covid situation, RE families are reminded to check the RE website for any class cancellations or adjustments. Please email student absences for RE classes.

December IN PERSON RE SESSIONS : Tuesday 12/1, 12/8, 12/15 and Sunday 12/13, 12/ 20 *Please note:* All In Person RE Sessions are determined by the Health and Safety Guidelines of State of Illinois and Diocese of Joliet and are subject to change. Check the RE website and your email for changes.

Begin your celebration of Advent using the wonderful, family resources provided on FORMED. There are many family faith formation resources provided on this site.

## The Immaculate Conception Tree Lot!

Each year the 1990 Club, which is comprised of IC Grade School Dads, sells trees, wreaths and garland in the Church Parking Lot. All proceeds go to the grade school. It is the school's second largest fundraiser of the year!

**The Tree Lot Opens the Saturday after Thanksgiving (November 28<sup>th</sup>)!**

### Tree Lot Hours

**MONDAY-FRIDAY 6PM-9PM  
SATURDAY 10AM-8PM  
SUNDAY 10AM-5:30PM**

If you have questions or would like to volunteer to help on the lot, please contact us at:  
**ICTreelot@gmail.com**



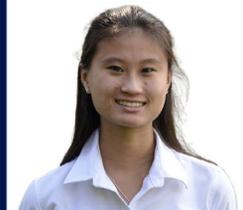
# FORMED

Access Formed by clicking the link above.

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**ENTRANCE EXAM** **DEC 5**

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ICCATHOLICPREP.ORG/EXAM



## Eastern DuPage Deanery

Join Us via Zoom as We Welcome Brother Silas Henderson as he presents

### *Mary and the Call to Discipleship*

The Season of Advent invites us to reflect on the Christ's coming at Christmas. Mary's "yes" to the angelic invitation is a fundamental part of this holy mystery and becomes a model for how we as Christians are called to respond to the invitation to live as Jesus' disciples. In this time of prayer and reflection, Brother Silas Henderson, SDS, of Jordan Ministry Team will help participants enter more into the Advent mysteries and the call to discipleship as he explores the dynamics of Mary's own faith-filled response to what was being asked of her.

Brother Silas Henderson is a member of the Society of the Divine Savior and executive director of the Tucson-based Jordan Ministry Team. He holds a Doctor of Ministry Degree in liturgy from Catholic Theological Union in Chicago and a master's degree in Theological Studies from St. Meinrad Seminary and School of Theology. A catechist and retreat leader, Bro. Silas is the author of four books and his reflections and articles on the liturgy, spirituality, Mary and the Saints.



**This presentation will take place on December 10th from  
7:00 pm – 8:00 pm**

**Please go to [easterndupagedeanery.org](http://easterndupagedeanery.org) for Zoom information and click on  
the link for this event to join in!  
(No registration necessary)**



**We'll come to you**

a virtual marriage encounter



**restore**  
communication

**rekindle**  
romance

**renew**  
commitment

2021 February 4, 11, 18,  
25, March 4, 11, 18, 25  
at 7PM

For more information  
call 630-577-0778 or to  
apply go to  
[www.wwme-  
Chicagoland.org](http://www.wwme-Chicagoland.org)





Our annual **Giving Tree** will look much different this year due to our ongoing health crisis. There is no easy or safe way to retrieve tags off our trees, collect the gifts, sort them or distribute them to our families.

The Giving Tree chairpersons have determined that gift cards will be collected this year in lieu of physical gifts, thereby allowing each family to purchase their own gifts. We usually purchase two gifts for each adult and three gifts for each child under the age of 18. Thus far, we have over 150 families on our giving list.

We will be collecting gift cards for Kohl's, Walmart and Target, along with Visa gift cards, in increments of \$25, \$50 or \$100. The generosity exhibited from our parish family in past years has been astounding. We are hopeful that Christmas, 2020, will prove to be as generous, especially since the need is great and resources for many people we serve are meager.

Gift cards may be dropped off at the Rectory or in the collection basket from now until December 13. Distribution to our families will occur on December 14. Thank you for your ongoing commitment to help those less fortunate.



**THANKSGIVING OUTREACH 2020  
MANY THANKS TO ALL**

Thanks to the generosity of the IC Parish Family, we provided grocery gift cards to over **110 families** this past week. Many thanks to the Elmhurst Elks who provided 30 gift cards to Immaculate Conception food pantry clients. **Special thanks to our Thanksgiving Chairs, Jill Riecker and Alina Cahill.**

Thank you to Abigail Cahill for her artistic talents in making our signs. Our clients are enormously grateful for the ongoing support of our parish family. It is **ONLY through your donations that we are able to reach out to these families each year.** We pray that God, who is never outdone in generosity, will bless you abundantly.

Many thanks to all who donated to our annual St. Vincent DePaul clothing and household goods drive this past weekend. Our collection was a resounding success. **Special thanks to Maureen and Mike Belzile and Scout Troop 77 for assisting with community donations.**



**NAMI HelpLine**  
 1-800-950-NAMI (6264) or info@nami.org  
The NAMI HelpLine can be reached Monday-Friday, 10 am-6 pm, ET.  
 HelpLine staff and volunteers are prepared to answer your questions about mental health



## Immaculate Conception Daybreak Transitional Housing for the Homeless 2020 Annual Appeal



For nearly 30 years, **Immaculate Conception Daybreak of Elmhurst** has rented apartments to house homeless families. This is a self-supporting ministry, funded solely through personal donations.

IC Daybreak commits to pay rent and utilities every month for the **FIVE** units it provides to those in need. Mentors meet with these families on a weekly basis to teach budgeting and life skills. Families transition out of these apartments within a two-year period. Since inception, **IC Daybreak has helped 85 families transition from homelessness to self-sufficiency.**

We have added several new families to our program in 2020. It is a privilege to work with those who want to change their lives. Our families all have unique stories, but share in the same struggle to have a place to call “home” and learn the skills necessary to become and remain self-sufficient. We currently have 15 mentors working with our families, along with a parish attorney who offers his expertise on a pro-bono basis.

### CAN YOU:

- FUND A FAMILY FOR A YEAR (\$12,000)?**
- FUND A FAMILY FOR A MONTH (\$995)?**
- FUND A FAMILY FOR A WEEK (\$250)**
- HELP IN ANY AMOUNT?**

**IC Daybreak Transitional Housing is helping to solve the problem of homelessness one family at a time.** Please prayerfully consider responding to the needs of the homeless within our community. **100%** of your donation is used for rent and utilities. **We need your financial support to continue this important outreach to homeless families. We are enormously grateful to those individuals and families who continue to support us year-after-year.**

Do you have questions about our program? Contact Dan Doherty at 630-501-0160 or Pam Stefik at 630-530-3497.

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

*She wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn. Luke 2:7*



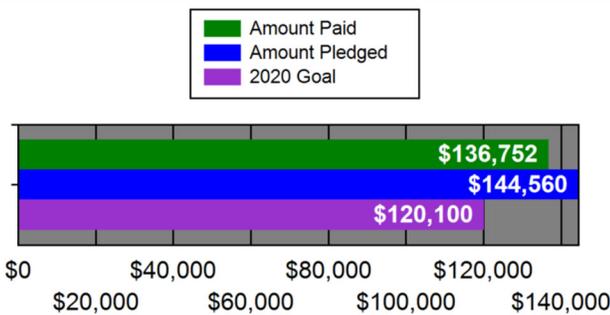
# Stewardship of Treasure

## Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA)

### Your Gift Makes a Difference!

The CMAA helps our parish and the Diocese of Joliet to provide vital ministries, programs and services to support our friends and neighbors in need, especially during these unprecedented times. As of November 22, 2020, Immaculate Conception has received \$136,752 of \$144,560 pledged.

**Thank you for your support!**



## Weekly Sharing November 15, 2020

Sunday Envelopes Total:	\$ 18,601.47
Electronic Offerings:	\$ 13,043.10
Total Gifts:	\$ 31,644.57
Amount Budgeted Per Week:	\$ 28,000.00
Total Funds Collected 7/1-11/15/20	\$516,179.35
Amount Budgeted:	\$572,500.00
Budget over/(under) to date:	(\$56,320.65)

## Presider Schedule December 5 & 6

The presider schedule was not complete at the time of production of this bulletin.

*\*Presider Schedule is subject to change*

## Part-time Accounting Clerk – Immaculate Conception Parish, Elmhurst, IL

Immaculate Conception Parish in Elmhurst, IL is looking for a part-time Accounting Clerk to work approximately 22 hours per week over 4 days. Must be flexible with schedule. To see a full job description, please visit <https://www.dioceseofjoliet.org/hr/jobdetail.php?id=633>  
To apply, please send your resume to [MKing@icelmhurst.org](mailto:MKing@icelmhurst.org)



# 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. 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)

## *Year End Giving*

Advent is a time of preparation. During this time of the Covid pandemic, we will prepare to celebrate the coming of Our Lord. Our houses will be decorated. Gifts will be bought. Festive celebrations will happen in our loving homes. Christmas is a time of joy. Take the time to be still and pray. Prepare a place for the coming of our Lord, Jesus in your heart.

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 are 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:

### *Qualified Charitable Distributions*

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