



SECOND
Sunday
OF

Advent

DECEMBER 5, 2021

*Immaculate Conception Parish
Joyfully invites you to join in
Sacred Liturgy celebrating the
Renewal of Sacred Heart Chapel
and the Consecration of the Altar
The Most Rev. Ronald A. Hicks celebrant
Saturday, the Eleventh of December
Two thousand and twenty-one
At 4:30 o'clock in the afternoon*

*Reception to follow in Monsignor Plunkett Hall
All Masses on December 12, 2021 will be held in the
Sacred Heart Chapel with receptions in Monsignor
Plunkett Hall after the morning Masses.*

*Let us come together as a parish family in
celebration of this very historic time in our
parish history.*



Second Week of Advent

Today is the Second Sunday of Advent, and we will light the second candle on the Advent Wreath. Did you know that each candle has a name and a meaning? Today's candle is the Bethlehem Candle, or sometimes called the Candle of Preparation. Preparation means to get ready, to prepare for something that is coming. Sometimes it is a small detail, sometimes it is a complete overhaul. We are reminded to be ready to welcome Jesus.



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!

The coming of Christ has changed the world –all of history is divided for us into B.C. “Before Christ” and A.D. “After Christ” or “In the Year of Our Lord.” This is a chronological designation, but BC or AD can also be a spiritual indicator. Every year the Church reminds us to prepare ourselves for the coming of Christ. Most of us, like the early Christians, see this as a preparation for the final coming of Christ at the end of time. Or, we may see this as a time to sharpen our spiritual vision to see Christ coming to us in the sacraments and in our neighbors, especially those in need. These ways of viewing Advent are laudable and spiritually valuable. There is yet another way of looking at Advent and the coming of Christ and those terms BC or AD. *“He was in the world, and the world came to be through him, but the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, but his own people did not accept him. {John 1:10-11}”* Christ has come. He was born in Bethlehem, grew in age and grace, and proclaimed God’s Rule of Love. He showed us in word and work how we are to live our lives in terms of God’s Rule of Love. St. Paul described it as Jesus Lording our lives, behaviors and attitudes. When we do this, we are living in the year of Our Lord, *Anno Domini* – A.D.

6 Hours of Confession

When was the last time you received Reconciliation?

You are invited to prepare your heart and soul for Christmas.

The priests of the 16 parishes of Eastern DuPage County will be available to celebrate the Sacrament of Healing of Sin.

Saturday, December 18, from 9 am until 3 pm

There will be select times when the Sacrament will be offered in both Polish and Spanish. All

Catholics are invited to receive God’s grace

Please come to Mary Queen of Heaven Church

430 N. West Ave. , Elmhurst

“The Lord is Coming”



Advent 2021

December 7 & 8

The Feast of the Immaculate Conception, Patron of our parish and of our nation. Mass will be celebrated December 7 at 7 pm. Masses will be celebrated on December 8 at 6:00am, 8:00am (ICGS), 9:15am (ICCP), 1:15pm (ICGS), 5:15pm (RE), and 7pm. *A Holy Day of Obligation; all are encouraged to attend Mass. All Masses will be celebrated in the Church.*

December 11-12

We Are IC! Celebration Weekend
Saturday 4:30pm Most Rev. Ronald A. Hicks celebrating
Consecration of the Altar and Blessing of Sacred Heart Chapel
Receptions will follow the Saturday evening and Sunday morning Masses
All Masses this weekend will be held in Sacred Heart Chapel
The Third Sunday of Advent ~ "Gaudete Sunday"
Oplatki Christmas Wafers will be available.

December 12

Gift Card Collection ends for Christmas outreach

December 18

Six Hours of Advent Reconciliation. Priests of the Eastern DuPage Deanery will hear confessions from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm at Mary Queen of Heaven Parish, 430 N. West Ave., Elmhurst. No Reconciliation at IC

December 18-19

The Fourth Sunday of Advent
All Masses this weekend will be held in Sacred Heart Chapel
Oplatki Christmas Wafers will be available.
Blessing of the Bambinos, Christ Child figures from the cribs in your homes will take place at the end of each Mass.

This Week's Schedule

Monday, 12/6	6:15am and 7:30am Mass Church
Tuesday, 12/7	6:15am and 7:30am Mass Church
Wednesday, 12/8	6:00am, 8:00am (ICGS), 9:15am (ICCP), 1:15pm (ICGS), 5:15pm (RE), and 7pm Mass Church
Thursday, 12/9	6:15am and 7:30am Mass Church
Friday, 12/10	6:15am and 7:30am Mass Church
Saturday, 12/11	8:00am Mass Church 4:30pm Mass Sacred Heart Chapel
Sunday, 12/5	7:30am Mass Sacred Heart Chapel 9:00am Mass Sacred Heart Chapel 11:30am Mass Sacred Heart Chapel 7:00pm Mass Sacred Heart Chapel



On Tuesdays and Fridays, when there is a Grade School Mass at 8:00 am, masses will be celebrated at 6:15 and 8:00am. On these days there will be no 7:30 am mass. When there is not a grade school mass, masses will be celebrated at 6:15 and 7:30 am. Those who regularly attend the 7:30 am mass are encouraged and welcome to participate either in the 6:15 or 8:00 am masses when there is not a 7:30 am mass. Please note the change in schedule this week.



Worship

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Stand on the heights, Jerusalem; see your children rejoicing that they are remembered by God. A merciful and just God leads Israel in joy (Baruch 5:1-9).

Psalms — The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy (Psalm 126).

Second Reading — May your love increase in knowledge to discern what is valuable that you may be blameless for the day of Christ (Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11).

Gospel — John proclaims a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. All flesh shall see the salvation of God (Luke 3:1-6).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9-14; Lk 5:17-26

Tuesday: Is 40:1-11; Ps 96:1-3, 10ac, 11-13;
Mt 18:12-14

Wednesday: Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1-4;
Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38

Thursday: Is 41:13-20; Ps 145:1, 9-13ab;
Mt 11:11-15

Friday: Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mt 11:16-19

Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80: 2ac, 3b,
15-16, 18-19; Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Sunday: Zep 3:14-18a; Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6;
Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Second Sunday of Advent

Monday: St. Nicholas

Tuesday: St. Ambrose;
Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day

Wednesday: The Immaculate Conception of
the Blessed Virgin Mary

Thursday: St. Juan Diego

Friday: Our Lady of Loreto

Saturday: St. Damasus I

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

2021 ENGAGED COUPLES

Mavick Maranan & Timothy Dunne 12/17

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, DECEMBER 6

6:15AM:†Michael Bertachi / Friends

7:30AM:†Morgan McDonnell / Christopher &
Christine Madden
†Greg Holland / Friends

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 7

6:15AM:†Thomas O Myers, Jr. / John & Marie
Myers

7:30AM:†Emily LaMonica / Jo & Don LaMonica
7:00PM:†Frank Zamarelli / Cohen Family

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 8

6:00AM:†Ted & Mary Koch / Susan Koch

8:00AM:†New Families / ICGS

9:15AM:†ICCP

1:15PM:†ICGS

5:15PM:†Steven Heale

7:00PM:†Rose Paul

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 9

6:15AM:†Elaine Osmanski / Family

7:30AM:†Thomas Anthony Paravola / Tom &
Marguerite Paravola

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 10

6:15AM:†Dr. John Daly / Mellon Family

7:30AM:†Matthew LaPointe / Mary LaPointe

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 11

8:00AM:†Bill Cello / Friends

4:30PM:†Immaculate Conception Dedication

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12

7:30AM:†James Hendricks / Donna Chaplin

9:00AM:†Helen & Anthony LaBarbara / Linda &
Ron Stedman

†Marcie Morgan

†Zeke Kulhanek / Zerante Family

†Patricia Walsh Kerr / Family

11:30AM:†Parish Family

7:00PM:†Armando Mojica / Czarnowski Family

EARLY BULLETIN DEADLINES PLEASE NOTE!

<u>Bulletin Date</u>	<u>All Articles Due</u>
December 19	December 7
December 26	December 12
January 2	December 20

Thank you!



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.

- Bees, Robert
- Boffa, Frances
- Buhrfiend, Dick
- Cadaoas, Nick
- Chaplin, Scott
- Collado, Annabel
- Curtin, Judith
- Dugo, Josephine
- Frer, Michele
- Frer, Mike
- Genthe, Candice
- Genthe, Denise
- Glynn, Tom
- Gorman, Jim
- Gow, Olivia
- Harrison, Pat
- Heffeman, James
- Hogan, Joan
- Kaprelian, Jean
- Korinek, Jan
- Korecki, Wayne
- Kummer, Lori
- LaMonica, Don

- Mallon, Mark
- Marchetti, Alex
- Medela, Joanna
- Monaghan, Donna
- Monaghan, Kendall
- Moran Vogel, Renee
- O'Hara, Mike
- Osmanski, Gregory
- Page, Tom
- Pape, Mary
- Perez, Aaron
- Read, Jorden
- Roderer, Nancy
- Rogers, Fr. Jerry
- Ross, Bernadette
- Ruiz, Kay (Katie)
- Salemo, Madeline
- Sehl, Ed
- Somora, Angela
- Styck, Joyce
- Venchus, Susan
- Wilki, Carl
- 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.

†Michael Galvin
†Dr. Jaime Galiano

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 November at IC:

- ♦ Wade Benjamin Roan
- ♦ Jayson Richard Stanko
- ♦ Sienna Rose Cosentino
- ♦ Genevieve Colette Minging
- ♦ Christian Steele
- ♦ Darryl Steele
- ♦ Grant William Huelsman
- ♦ Wyatt Daniel Evans
- ♦ Jillian Scardina Jurik
- ♦ Greta Claire Gabrielson
- ♦ Meara Joan Green
- ♦ Maeve Catherine Green
- ♦ Owen James Jackson
- ♦ Francesca Josephine Bartucci
- ♦ Elsie Kay Kilinskis

Our Troops

- 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
- Cpl. Ben Gieser**, USMC, son of Monica and William Gieser
- Specialist Jonathan M. Pichler**, US Army, Son of Ginny & Mark Gronck, Grandson of Catherine Young
- 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
- 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
- LCpl. Jack Mallon**, USMC, Grandson of Mary and Bob Mallon Nephew of Mark Mallon and Lauren Lent
- 1st Lt. Dylan Sullivan**, US Army
- PFC. Cavan Sullivan**, US Army
Grandsons 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
- 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
- CDR Kevin Groch**, US Navy, Grandson of Marie Groch

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

MARRIAGES:

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



Christmas Eve Masses
Friday, December 24

3:00 pm Sacred Heart Chapel*

*(The four-year olds, kindergarten, 1st and 2nd graders will have the opportunity to participate in a presentation of the Living Gospel at the Sacred Heart Chapel Mass.)

3:00 pm Church

3:00 pm Plunkett Hall

3:30 pm Elmhurst University, Hammerschmidt Chapel

**Those in attendance at the 3:30 Elmhurst Univ. Mass will have the opportunity for additional social distancing. Parking is available in the University Parking Lot on Alexander Blvd. The Chapel is the building with the Church steeple in the center of the campus. The doors face east. It is located approximately two blocks west of Immaculate Conception.

5:00 pm Sacred Heart Chapel

5:00 pm Church

10:30 pm Church

Preceded by a program of Christmas music at 10:00 p.m.

(Incense will be used at the 5:00 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Masses on Christmas Eve.)

Christmas Day Masses
Saturday, December 25

7:30 am Church

9:00 am Sacred Heart Chapel

11:30 am Sacred Heart Chapel

(No 4:30 p.m. Mass will be celebrated on Christmas Day)

(Incense will be used at the 9:00a.m. and 11:30a.m. Masses on Christmas Day.)

(The Sacrament of Reconciliation will not be celebrated.)

Feast of the Holy Family
Sunday, December 26

7:30 am Church

9:00 am Sacred Heart Chapel

11:30 am Sacred Heart Chapel

7:00 pm Church

Monday, December 27

8:00am Church

(No 6:15am or 7:30am will be celebrated this day.)



Christmas Memorial Flowers



Parishioners once again have 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)



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION GRADE SCHOOL 630-530-3490

ICGS New Student registration is now **OPEN!**
Call or email

Mrs. Wachholder at 630.530.3490
swachholder@icgradeschoolelmhurst.org
to schedule a tour and start the
registration process.



ICGS Distinguished Graduate Award Nominations Being Accepted!

Do you know an ICGS alum (graduated 10+ years ago) who has made a significant impact on the Catholic Church or American Life? Nominate them for this special award!

Email nominations to :
development@icgradeschoolelmhurst.org

ICGS Tree Lot



Each year the 1990 Club, which is comprised of ICGS Dads, sells trees, wreaths, and garland in the Church parking lot. All proceeds go to the grade school. It is one of the largest fundraisers of the year!

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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES



<u>SUNDAY</u>	<u>WEDNESDAY</u>
December 5	December 8
December 12	December 15
December 19	

Sr. Mary Francis, DRE K-5
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On December 8th, The Feast of the Immaculate Conception, the Wednesday Evening Religious Education children & their parents are invited to attend the 5:15 p.m. liturgy here at our church. This liturgy celebrates the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, patron saint of our church. Children are to be accompanied by their parents for this special celebration. This is a wonderful opportunity to join together in special prayer with your children. We look forward to seeing you on Wednesday.

Family Advent activities, ideas, and prayers are posted on our website. Use this resource to enter into this special time of year with your family. We regret due to the continued covid concerns we have revised this event to insure the safety of all families.

HEALTHY & THRIVING

RELATIONSHIPS

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



**STUDENTS
OF IMPACT**

Sunday, December 5
5:30-7 pm
ICCP Costello Hall

**All HS teens
are welcome!**



“Singing is a language that leads to the communion of hearts... Crossing every boundary, you spread a message of peace and solidarity.” Pope Francis



**Do you love to sing?
Are you looking for ways to get involved,
share your gifts, and deepen your faith?**



**We are in need of solo cantors (*high school - adult*)
to lead the congregation in song at weekend Masses.
Initial training and ongoing coaching is provided!**



Please contact Lisa Grisolia, Director of Music, for more information. lisagrisolia@icelmhurst.org ~ 630.530.3489



Jingle Bell Dance



Mingle with friends
and visit Santa!
Special needs
Teens and Young Adults
Saturday, December 11
11:30am-2:30pm
Pizza and
refreshments provided

Hosted by: Elmhurst Knights of Columbus
Sponsored by Visitation Parish
Special Religious Development Ministry

Scan code or email
melanie.schneider@visitationcc.org
MUST RSVP in order to attend BY 12/5/21



OBERAMMERGAU PASSION PLAY 2022

Switzerland ... the Czech Republic ... Germany
and Austria

11 Days - Central & Eastern Europe
Lucerne ... Munich ... Salzburg ... Prague
Neuschwanstein Castle and Oberammergau



July 6 ~ 16, 2022

hosted by

REV. TOM PAUL

Immaculate Conception Parish
Elmhurst, Illinois



Christian Ministry



GIFT CARDS ARE DUE NEXT WEEKEND!

In past years, we have always purchased two gifts for each adult and three gifts for each child under

the age of 18. Thus far, we have approximately 100 families on our giving list. As a point of information, our names are vetted with other agencies to ensure that our recipients are not receiving help elsewhere.

We are requesting 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, 2021, will prove to be as generous, especially since the need is great and resources for many people we serve remain meager.

Gift cards may be dropped off at the Rectory or in the collection basket from now until December 12. Distribution to our families will occur on December 14. **Thank you** for your ongoing commitment to help those less fortunate.



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION ELMHURST 2021 VIRTUAL ONE WORLD MARKET

Due to Covid restrictions, we cannot host our Fair Trade Market the way we have in the past. However, we are providing the opportunity to shop your

favorite vendors online. Please visit the **One World** icon on our website, which will direct you to the One World Market website at www.oneworldmarketelmhurst.org, where you can access vendors, peruse their products from the comfort of your own home and order in time for Christmas! Happy Shopping!



The journey of grief is different for everyone. There are, however, common emotions that we all experience. Beginning Monday, January 17 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.

NAMI HelpLine

1-800-950-NAMI (6264) or info@nami.org

The NAMI HelpLine can be reached Monday-Friday, 9a-8 pm, ET.

HelpLine staff and volunteers are prepared to answer your questions about mental health

Reporting Sexual Abuse

Anyone with reason to believe that a child has been abused or is being abused should report their suspicions to civil authorities. **Contact: Illinois Department of Children and Family Services: 1-800-25ABUSE (1-800-252-2873) and local police.** The Diocese of Joliet Victim Assistance Coordinator is available to help victims/survivors of child sexual abuse by a cleric, employee or volunteer of the Catholic Church. The Victim Assistance Coordinator will report to Bishop Hicks 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.**

NATIONAL

SUICIDE PREVENTION LIFELINE

1-800-273-TALK (8255)

suicidepreventionlifeline.org

Veterans Crisis Line

Military Crisis Line

1-800-273-8255 PRESS 1



Immaculate Conception Daybreak Transitional Housing for the Homeless 2021 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.**

Three of our families will be leaving our program within the next few months, as they have been approved for home ownership! We could not be prouder! Your generosity in providing them safe shelter when it was needed, and our mentors' guidance has literally changed their lives. We will be replacing these families as quickly as our program partner can provide us with viable candidates. It is a privilege to work with those who want to change their lives. Our families all have unique stories, but they 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.



ADULT & FAMILY BUS TRIP

Saturday, January 8th 2022 11:50 am–4 pm
 Round Trip Bus Between Elmhurst and Daley Plaza

All adults and families are invited to join a group of from Elmhurst to experience a powerful day of fellowship your pro-life faith.

Cost is \$15 per individual or \$40 per family

To register on-line, go to eventbrite.com and search IC Elmhurst or visit <http://bit.ly/30j77g0>.

To register in person, visit IC Parish office:
 134 Arthur Street, Elmhurst, IL 60126 630-530-8515

Questions? Contact:
Tess Hill 630-732-1129 t.hill@Lwreedy.com

Schedule for the day:

- 11:50 pm** Depart from Immaculate Conception
- 12:50 pm** Arrive in Chicago
- 1-3 pm** Rally & March: Beginning at Federal Plaza
- 3:00 pm** Board bus to return to Elmhurst
- 4:00 pm** Arrive at Immaculate Conception

There is a second bus specifically for high school students (\$5 per ticket)—details and registration materials available at <http://bit.ly/30j77g0>.



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/dioceseofjolieta 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.

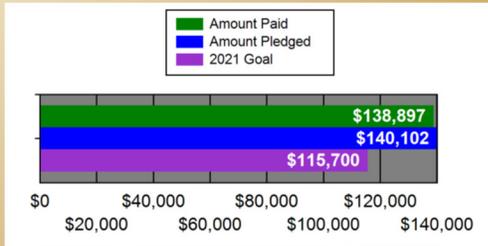
Thank you for your continued support. We are I.C.!

Stewardship of Time and Treasure



Thank you for pledging a gift to the CMAA! Below is our progress:

Our parish goal this year is \$115,700. As of November 28, 2021, \$140,102 has been pledged and \$138,897 has been paid. Thank you for your support!



	Lector	Altar Server	EM	Greeter
Dec. 11 4:30pm	<i>Sacred Heart Chapel Dedication Mass</i>			
Dec. 12 7:30am	R Cello (1) J. Kenneally (2)	C. Dewbray N. Dewbray (sub req.)	P. Cello	J. Callahan
Dec. 12 9:00am	S Whiteside (1) T. Davis (2)	M. McConnell C. McConnell	M. Ahern A. Karsten S. Reilly	M Tovey M Tovey
Dec. 12 11:30am	R Cello (1) L. Kalina (2)	L. Reedy (sub req.) S. O'Day (sub req.)		J. Viola
Dec. 12 7:00pm	M. Tyson (1)			C Cohen



Many of you have already submitted your Commitment Card to the church and have committed your offertory support to continue to advance our parish mission. Thank you! Our goal through this initiative is 100% participation from our parish community. Please turn in your Commitment Card if you have not already done so. Please pray for our parish. Please become involved in the life of our parish by joining a ministry to help serve those in need. IC is a wonderful parish because of YOU and what each one of you make of it! **May the Lord continue to bless us and the work we are doing!**

**Presider Schedule
December 11 & 12**

- 4:30 Most Rev. Ronald A. Hicks
- 7:30 Fr. James
- 9:00 Fr. Tom
- 11:30 Fr. Tom
- 7:00 Fr. James

IN Person Mass Attendance Guidelines

- No reservations are needed.
 - Per CDC guidelines, all parishioners are required to wear masks inside the church, regardless of vaccination status.
 - All pews are used.
 - The exception to the above will be for those people who are more comfortable in a designated seating area where social distancing is still kept. The side aisle of pews nearest the music on the east side of the church will be reserved for those people who wish to social distance and remain in their pews for Communion.
 - If it is your preference to receive Holy Communion on the tongue, please let the greeter know. We ask that you sit on the left (east) side of the church in either of the sections where the priest typically distributes Communion. These sections include the purple section or the green section. Those in the green section are asked to come up last to receive Communion on the tongue so the priest has the opportunity to sanitize his hands as he distributes the Eucharist.
 - Everyone may now sing.
 - Two lectors read at each Mass from the ambo.
 - Hospitality Ministers bring collection baskets through the aisles.
 - Presentation of the gifts occurs after the collection.
- The following items will not change at the present time:
- The church will continue to be sanitized on a daily basis.
 - No Holy water will be in the fonts.
 - Please continue to sanitize your hands both as you enter church and before you receive Communion.
 - The Sign of Peace should be shared without physical contact.
 - There will not be distribution of the Precious Blood.
 - Dispensation from in-person Mass attendance remains in place.