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Very Reverend Thomas Paul, V. F. K.H.S., Pastor
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THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH

DECEMBER 26, 2021

*Jesus said to his parents,
“Why were you looking for me?
Did you not know that I
must be in my Father’s house?”*

Luke 2:49



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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



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

Prayers for the Feast of the Holy Family
All are encouraged to say these prayers on this Feast Day

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.

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
All are asked to attend Mass

December 31	4:30pm	Mass	Sacred Heart Chapel
January 1	7:30am	Mass	Church
	9:00am	Mass	Church
	11:30am	Mass	Church

Mary, Mother of God





Worship

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Hannah gives her son Samuel back to the LORD, leaving him in the temple at Shiloh: "As long as he lives, he shall be dedicated to the LORD" (1 Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28) or *Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14*.

Psalms — Blessed are they who dwell in your house, O Lord (Psalm 84) or *Psalm 128*.

Second Reading — We are children of God when we believe in the name of God's Son, Jesus Christ, and love one another just as he commanded us (1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24) or *Colossians 3:12-21 [12-17]*.

Gospel — Joseph and Mary find the lost Jesus in the temple in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking questions (Luke 2:41-52).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12;
Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Tuesday: 1 Jn 1:5 — 2:2; Ps 124:2-5, 7b-8;
Mt 2:13-18

Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-3, 5b-6;
Lk 2:22-35

Thursday: 1 Jn 2:12-17; Ps 96:7-10; Lk 2:36-40

Friday: 1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2, 11-13;
Jn 1:1-18

Saturday: Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8;
Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21

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: The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

Monday: St. John, Apostle and Evangelist

Tuesday: The Holy Innocents

Wednesday: Fifth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord; St. Thomas Becket

Thursday: Sixth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

Friday: Seventh Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord; St. Sylvester I; New Year's Eve

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

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, DECEMBER 27

8:00AM:†Rose Mizner / Mary King
†David Wilson / Family
In Thanksgiving / Grace Barney

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 28

6:15AM:†Edward Ketchum
7:30AM:†Barry Tharp / Family

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 29

6:15AM:†Thomas Myers
7:30AM:†Rennell Brown / Tom & Sue
Westhoff

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 30

6:15AM:†Andy Rossi
7:30AM:In Thanksgiving / Olivia Gow

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31

6:15AM:†Rosemary Damm
7:30AM:†Tom Wallace / Anne & Len
Hohbein
4:30PM:†Joseph Stahulak / Thomas
Paprocki Family

SATURDAY, JANUARY 1

7:30AM:†Michael Galvin
9:00AM:†Amy Guca / Family
11:30AM:†Thomas Kinsella / ICCP

SUNDAY, JANUARY 2

7:30AM:†Parish Family
9:00AM:†Kay Revane / Family
†Helen & Anthony LaBarbara / Ron
& Linda Stedman
†Roger Venverthloh / Meyer Family
†Barbara Sylvester / Family
11:30AM:†Clarke Devereux / Eileen Galvin
7:00PM:†Thomas P Cawley / Cathy & Ciara
Maloney

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.

Our Troops

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| Bees, Robert | Mallon, Mark |
| Boffa, Frances | Marchetti, Alex |
| Buhrfiend, Dick | Medela, Joanna |
| Cadaoas, Nick | Monaghan, Donna |
| Chaplin, Scott | Monaghan, Kendall |
| Collado, Annabel | Moran Vogel, Renee |
| Curtin, Judith | O'Hara, Mike |
| Dugo, Josephine | Osmanski, Gregory |
| Frer, Michele | Page, Tom |
| Frer, Mike | Pape, Mary |
| Genthe, Candice | Perez, Aaron |
| Genthe, Denise | Read, Jorden |
| Glynn, Tom | Roderer, Nancy |
| Gorman, Jim | Rogers, Fr. Jerry |
| Gow, Olivia | Ross, Bernadette |
| Harrison, Pat | Ruiz, Kay (Katie) |
| Heffeman, James | Salemo, Madeline |
| Hogan, Joan | Sehl, Ed |
| Kaprelian, Jean | Somora, Angela |
| Korinek, Jan | Styck, Joyce |
| Korecki, Wayne | Venchus, Susan |
| Kummer, Lori | Wilki, Carl |
| LaMonica, Don | Zasiebida, Ann Marie |

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

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:

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

- 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



This Week's Schedule

Monday, 12/27	8:00am Mass Church
Tuesday, 12/28	6:15am and 7:30am Mass Church
Wednesday, 12/29	6:15am and 7:30am Mass Church
Thursday, 12/30	6:15am and 7:30am Mass Church
Friday, 12/31	6:15am and 7:30am Mass Church
	4:30pm Mass Sacred Heart Chapel
Saturday, 1/1	7:30am Mass Church
	9:30am Mass Church
	11:30am Mass Church
Sunday, 1/2	7:30am Mass Church
	9:00am Mass Sacred Heart Chapel
	11:30am Mass Sacred Heart Chapel
	7:00pm Mass Church

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.

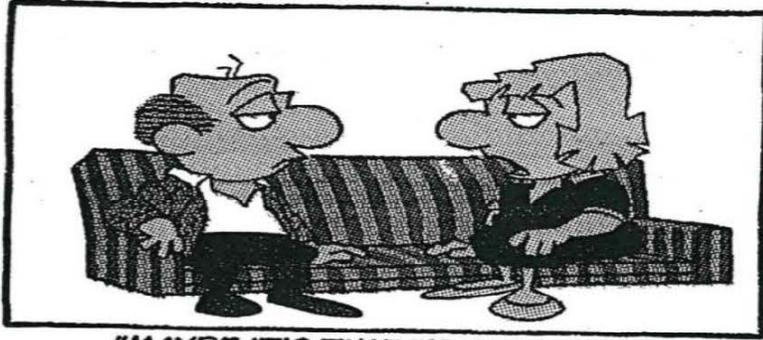
IN Person Mass Attendance Guidelines

- 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.

“Re-‘NEW YEAR’ ” Relationship in 2022!



"MAYBE IT'S TIME TO GIVE LIVING HAPPILY EVER AFTER A TRY."

- Feeling a little disconnected from your spouse?
- Added stressors starting to impact your marriage?
- Is it time to remind yourselves:

I Still Do!

Just in time for St Valentine’s Day

~Share the gift of time with your loved one

by joining Karin McNicholas, LCSW and her husband Dennis for a

FOUR (4) SESSION WORKSHOP

enjoyed via Zoom in the privacy of your own home, that will give you the practical tools you can use to

~Reconnect

~Refresh

~Rejuvenate.

Beginning Wednesday **January 19 at 7PM** and continuing weekly through February 9 these 90 minute sessions will afford you the opportunity to have Karin and Denny guide you through exercises that will allow you to connect on a deeper level as you build your relationship and strengthen your marriage. The sharing between spouses is accomplished in complete privacy.

There is no cost to take part in this workshop

Registration is required to receive materials and zoom link

<https://forms.gle/BKPhcujeFpEQLLo6> Deadline is NOON on Jan 17th

NOTE! A min of 10 couples is required to run the program with a max of 20 couples

To view Karin and Denny’s credentials, please visit [facebook.com/EasternDupageMarriageMinistry/](https://www.facebook.com/EasternDupageMarriageMinistry/)



For Questions email: EasternDupageMEM@gmail.com



“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@icelhurst.org ~ 630.530.3489



2021 Chicago March for Life January 8, 2022

Sponsored by Immaculate Conception Church *Respect Life Ministry*

Join Us! Purchase a ticket for a seat on the bus. Fill out the form and mail or return to the Parish Office: 134 Arthur Street, Elmhurst. OR, you can purchase tickets online by going to eventbrite.com and search IC Elmhurst or visit <http://bit.ly/30j77q0>

NAME: _____

EMAIL: _____

PHONE: _____ CELL _____

FAMILY MEMBERS: _____

TOTAL # OF MARCHERS: _____ TOTAL AMOUNT PAID: _____

Please make checks payable to Immaculate Conception Parish. Must be received by **January 3rd**. Contact Tess Hill with any questions at 630-732-1129 or t.hill@lwreedy.com

**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.



Spiritual Classics

St. Bonaventure is the Seraphic Doctor of the Church because his thought springs to angelic heights. He speaks of God as the center of all, reaching out to us and drawing us to Him. We will explore his presentation of this circular movement of God. Our book discussion will begin on Sunday, Jan. 9, from 10:15 to 11:15 in the Dyer Center, and continue for 9 sessions. We will be using the book, *Bonaventure – Mystical Writings*, by Zachary Hayes, OFM, ISBN 978-1-935257-96-7. It is available at TauPublishing.com for \$13.95. The discussion is open to all. For more information contact lenhohbein@aol.com.



**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
CLASSES**

SUNDAY WEDNESDAY
Classes will resume in January

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

Religious Education classes will resume on January 9th. Parents are reminded to review the RE calendar when planning various social events.

ALL 2nd Grade Parents & children...
1st Eucharist Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, February 27. Be sure this date is reserved and plan to attend. Important 1st Eucharist details will be shared at this meeting.

As we continue into the winter months and challenging weather, parents are reminded to check the RE website and your emails for any RE class cancellations. We will post decisions early. Your safety is our primary concern.

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph
O God, who were pleased to give us the shining example of the Holy Family, graciously grant that we may imitate them in practicing the virtues of family life and in the bonds of charity, and so, in the joy of your house, delight one day in eternal rewards. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

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!



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.



The Work of Christmas

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 their 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 nations,
To bring peace among brothers,
To make music from the heart.

Howard Thurman

NAMI HelpLine

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

The NAMI HelpLine can be reached Monday-Friday, 10 am-8 pm, ET.

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

NAMI

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**Military
Crisis Line**

1-800-273-8255 **PRESS 1**

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SUICIDE PREVENTION LIFELINE™

1-800-273-TALK (8255)

suicidepreventionlifeline.org

Grief Support

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. We experience grief in different ways, but the support of others is essential in our healing process. If you are mourning the loss of someone and would like help to understand and process your grief, please plan to attend. Your loss can be old or new. We will meet in person at the IC Rectory. You do not need to be an IC parishioner to attend. Please contact the Christian Ministry Office at 630-530-3497.

Please remember that all **volunteers are now required to register on Virtus**. Background checks will be performed automatically without the paperwork we have required in the past. If you are unsure whether you have a Virtus account, simply check your status by signing into www.virtus.org and follow the prompts.

VIRTUS®

Protecting God's Children

First time registrants should choose “**Diocese of Joliet**” from the pull-down menu and then choose the appropriate organization with which they are associated (either **Immaculate Conception, Elmhurst or IC Catholic Prep**). **Unpaid volunteers are not required to receive the monthly bulletins**. Anyone who does not register will be moved to inactive status and unable to volunteer in any capacity until this requirement is fulfilled. If you cannot recall when or where you attended the workshop or have other questions, please contact Pam Stefik at 630-530-3497. Thank you for your assistance in protecting our children and vulnerable adults.



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 Daybreak Transitional Housing for the Homeless 2021 Annual Appeal

For nearly 30 years, **Immaculate Conception Daybreak of Elmhurst** has assisted homeless families in moving to self-sufficiency. Families transition out of these apartments within a two-year period. Since inception, **IC Daybreak has helped over 85 families transition from homelessness to self-sufficiency.** Our ministry is 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.

We have three families who will be leaving our program within the next six months, as they have been approved by various agencies to purchase their own homes. We will be adding three new families to replace the ones leaving. It is a privilege to work with these moms who want to provide a better life for their children. Our families are all unique but share in the common 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?**

Do you have questions about our program? Are you interested in learning more about mentoring a family? Contact Dan Doherty at 630-292-8670 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





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 5, 2021**

Sunday Envelopes Total:	\$ 20,001.78
Electronic Offerings:	\$ 12,943.79
Total Gifts:	\$ 32,945.57
Amount Budgeted Per Week:	\$ 28,000.00
Total Funds Collected 7/1-12/5/21	\$657,009.00
Amount Budgeted:	\$680,078.00
Budget over/(under) to date:	(\$23,069.00)

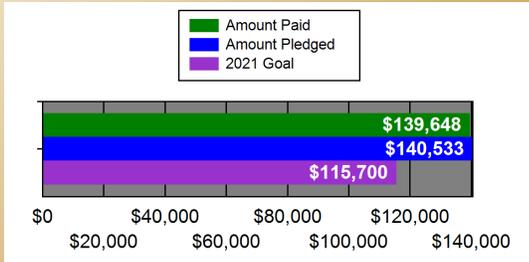
Thank You in His Name!

	Lector	Altar Server	EM	Greeter
Dec. 31 4:30pm	T. Paprocki (1) M. Monteleone (2)		P. Daudelin	
Jan. 1 7:30am	R. Cello (1) (2)		P. Cello	M. Smith
Jan. 1 9:00am	(1) (2)			
Jan. 1 11:30am	(1) L. Kalina (2)	K. Czarnowski B. Czarnowski		
Jan. 2 7:30am	M. Tyson (1) T. Kaiser (2)	C. Dewbray N. Dewbray	P. McGowan	J. Callaha
Jan. 2 9:00am	M. Ashton (1) S. Whiteside (2)	J. Guttilla T. Phillips	J. Geiger J. Geiger J. McConnell	M. Tovey M. Tovey
Jan. 2 11:30am	R. Tuttle (1) R. Cello (2)	L. Reedy S. O'Day		J. Viola
Jan. 2 7:00pm	D. Paprocki (1)			C. Cohen



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

Our parish goal this year is \$115,700. As of December 12, 2021, \$139,648 has been pledged and \$140,533 has been paid. Thank you for your support!



The Presider schedule was not yet available at time of production of this bulletin.

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)