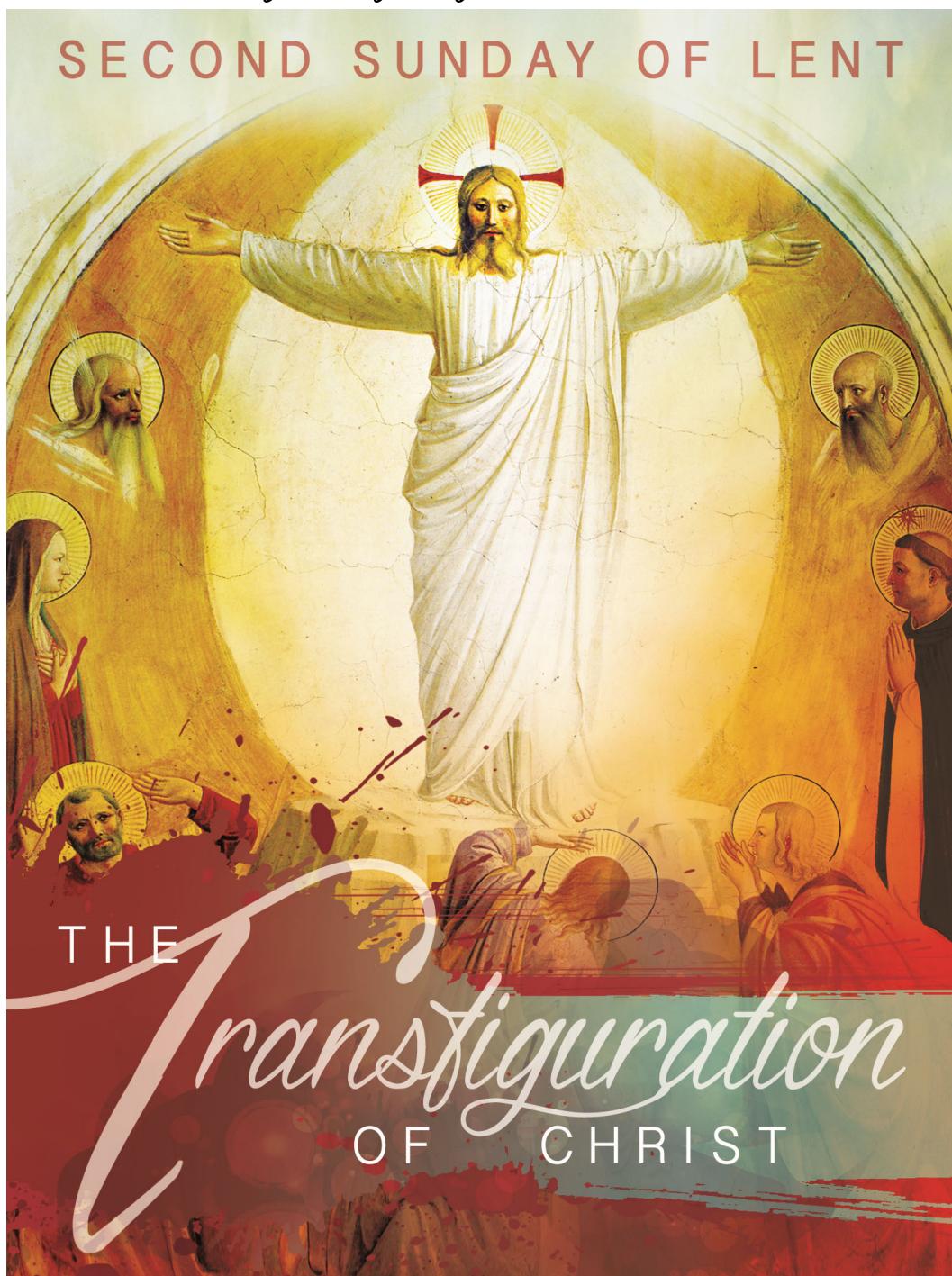


# Immaculate Conception Parish Bulletin

## Second Sunday of Lent, February 25, 2024

### Welcome

Very Reverend Thomas Paul, V. F. K.H.S., Pastor  
Reverend Jeremy Leganski, Parochial Vicar



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# Lent 2024

## Lenten Outreach Project



Since 2013, Immaculate Conception Church and schools have been supporting St. Mary's Mission in Red Lake, MN with our Lenten offerings. Over the six weeks of Lent, we will continue with the tradition of almsgiving. The white IC alms bags will be available in the narthex and the rectory. As we pray and fast during this Holy Season of Lent, let us also "give back" to God, who has given us so much. Over the past few years, IC has helped the people of St. Mary's Mission in various ways. We have donated computers, established a scholarship fund, and built new classrooms. Last year, a window in the new church was dedicated on our behalf in honor of Fr. Jerry. Many needs still exist at the mission and throughout the Red Lake Community. We ask that you prayerfully discern how you might personally help us reach our goal for St. Mary's. Alms will be collected on Palm Sunday.

## Daily Masses

On Fridays when there is a Grade School Mass at 8:15am, morning masses will be celebrated at 6:15am and 8:15am. On these days there will be no 7:30 am mass. This is applicable during Lent on Friday February 23rd as well as March 1st, 8th, and 15th. When there is not a grade school mass, masses will be celebrated at 6:15am and 7:30am. Those who regularly attend the 7:30 am mass are encouraged and welcome to participate either in the 6:15 or 8:15am masses when there is not a 7:30 am mass. All are encouraged to attend daily Masses, especially during Lent.

## Stations of the Cross

All are encouraged to pray the Stations at **6:30pm** in the Church on the following dates:

February 28                    March 6  
March 13                    March 20

ICGS students will pray the Stations at 2pm in the Church on the following dates:

March 1  
March 8 with Benediction and Exposition

## Living Stations of the Cross

March 15 —2pm—Grade School—Church

## Anointing of the Sick

The Sacrament of the Sick will be available for all in need following 8am Mass on March 23rd

## Reconciliation

**March 16 8:00am—3:00 pm Church**

7 hours of Reconciliation. Priests from the 15 parishes in our Deanery will be available at all times for English Confessions and at some times for Spanish and Polish Confessions.

**March 1** First Friday Reconciliation after 6:15am Mass until all are heard

**March 5** ICCP Students

**March 19** ICGS Students

Individual Reconciliation will also be held on the following dates following 4:30 Mass until 6pm:

**March 2** (Sacred Heart Chapel)

**March 9** (Sacred Heart Chapel)

**March 16** No Reconciliation after Mass

**March 23** 2:30pm - 4:00pm Church and After 4:30pm Mass until all are heard

**March 26** 4:00 to 7:00 pm (Church)

**FORMED**

Immaculate Parishioners are able to sign up at [www.formed.org](http://www.formed.org) for content provided to you with our parish subscription. Lent is a special time to take advantage of this gift! We encourage you to browse around this site and utilize the many Lenten programs available.

**Parish Mission****February 25, 26, & 27****7:00 p.m. Church****Fr. Joseph Chamblain, O.S.M.****ENCOUNTERING CHRIST IN THE 21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY****Sunday Night: *Meeting Christ for the First Time***

Christ was impressed with us from the very beginning and expected great things from us. Come and find out what those great things are. Find out how God demonstrates poor parenting skills, but why we should not keep blaming our parents forever.

**Monday Night: *When Good People Make Bad Choices***

We all sin because we are human. But worse than that, too many of us squander our inheritance. Come and find out why having the right relationship with God makes life so much easier. Discover how we can enrich our understanding of God and enjoy the rest of our estate.

**Tuesday Night: *Christ Invites Us to a Feast***

If you know Christ, you know that he enjoyed a good meal. Find out why Jesus spent so much time eating with people. Dive a little deeper into the meaning of the Mass and discover why believing in "the real presence" is not that complicated. Find out why we cannot pay the tab at Mass, but we can leave a tip.

Fr. Joseph Chamblain, O.S.M., is a member of the Order of Friar Servants of Mary (Servites). He was ordained in 1984 and has served in parish ministry in Chicago, St. Louis, and central New Jersey. For nine years he was Director of the National Shrine of St. Peregrine, the cancer saint. He has given Parish Missions in Illinois, California, Florida, and Oregon. Since 2009 he has been Pastor of Assumption Catholic Church in River North, Chicago.

**Eucharistic Adoration****March 18, 19, & 20**

Following 7:30 am Mass on each of the three days, the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed and the Church will remain open for private prayer before the Eucharist. Adoration will conclude with a prayer service at 7pm on Monday and Tuesday. On Wednesday there will be 6:30pm Stations of the Cross followed by Benediction.

**Lenten Regulations**

1. Everyone 14 years of age or over is bound to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent.
2. All from the age of 18 years up to the beginning of their 60th year are bound to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.
3. On these two days of fast and abstinence, only one full meatless meal is allowed. Two other meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted on these two days, but liquids, including milk and fruit juices are allowed. When health or ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not oblige.
4. To disregard completely the law of fast and abstinence is seriously sinful.
5. Lent is the principal season of penance in the Church year. All of the faithful are strongly urged to develop and follow a program of voluntary self-denial (in addition to following the Lenten regulations), serious prayer, and a performance of works of charity and mercy.

Those who are sick, pregnant, or nursing, or whose health would adversely be affected by fasting or abstinence, should not consider themselves bound by these norms.



# Worship

## TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading:** "I know now how devoted you are to God, since you did not withhold from me your own beloved son." (Gn 22:12)

**Second Reading:** He who did not spare his own Son but handed him over for us all, how will he not also give us everything else along with him? (Rom 8:32)

**Gospel:** Then a cloud came, casting a shadow over them; from the cloud came a voice, "This is my beloved Son. Listen to him." (Mk 9:7)

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## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Dn 9:4b-10/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13/  
Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and  
23/Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20/Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16/  
Mt 20:17-28

Thursday: Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/  
Lk 16:19-31

Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Ps 105:16-17,  
18-19, 20-21/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10,  
11-12/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Next Sunday: Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17/  
Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 (Jn 6:68c)/1 Cor 1:22-25/  
Jn 2:13-25 Scrutiny: Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2,  
6-7, 8-9 (8)/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/ Jn 4:5-42 or  
4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

## SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: 2nd Sunday of Lent

Tuesday: St. Gregory of Narek

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



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

**Week of Feb 25-March 2**

Sacred Heart Candle: †Maria Thu Tran

## MASS INTENTIONS

### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26

6:15AM †Ed Burke / Burke Family  
7:30AM †Rita Gagliano

### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27

6:15AM †Judy Sagilio  
7:30AM †Dr. Richard Cronin / Claire Cronin

### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28

6:15AM †Carol Yesko  
7:30AM †Betty Lou Batson / Bert Wisbrock

### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 29

6:15AM †Ken Schmidt  
7:30AM †Richard Daudelin / Wally & Joyce Callahan

### FRIDAY, MARCH 1

6:15AM †Gwen & Tom Eddington & Family  
8:15AM †ICGS

### SATURDAY, MARCH 2

8:00AM †Rita Hanrahan / Anne Hohbein  
4:30PM †Pat Hill / Mooradian Family

### SUNDAY, MARCH 3

7:30AM †Bob & Helen Riley / Barb & Don Betley  
9:00AM †Delores Meyers / Jo & Don LaMonica  
†George & Rita Hanrahn / Mauge Family  
†Dr. Joseph Ransom Rice / Calles Family  
11:30AM †Gregory Luczak / Mary Anne Luczak  
7:00PM †Parish Family

†Denotes deceased

\*Denotes Living Intention

*If you are new to our church or just visiting, please stop and introduce yourself. 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.*



## 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.*

Adkins, Finley  
 Bloc, Michael  
 Bohn, Rob  
 Burke, Debbie  
 Campbell, Donna  
 Costello, John "Jack"  
 Devin  
 Durgan, Bob  
 Durgan, Lindsey  
 Durgan, Terri  
 Earnisse, Diane  
 Earnisse, Dick  
 Gow, Olivia  
 Hughes, Judy Moran  
 Kaprelian, Jean  
 Koch, Susan

Kuzlik, Therese  
 Livorsi, Tom  
 Lucchesi, Jim  
 McCann, Mary  
 Pacurek, Michelle  
 Quinn, Jack  
 Reedy, Barbara  
 Schramm, Colleen  
 Schutten, Jim  
 Schutten, Shirley  
 Stella, Dawn  
 Toepfer, Al  
 Thompson, Rachel Divito  
 Vogel, Renee Moran  
 Wilki, Carl

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

†Judy Sagilio

†Ken Schmidt

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

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

Baptized at Immaculate Conception in January:

- |                    |                      |
|--------------------|----------------------|
| ♦ Riley Katherine  | ♦ Joseph Daniel      |
| Cantwell           | Shannon              |
| ♦ Charley Mitchell | ♦ Cooper Thomas Kent |
| Cantwell           | ♦ Sofia Ann Roediger |
| ♦ Sloane Adalyn    | ♦ Louise Elizabeth   |
| McDougal           | Gerstner             |

### 2024 ENGAGED COUPLES

Madison Brown & TC Malik	5/11
Gianna Grollo & Matthew Mihic	6/1
Abigail Geislanger & John Enochs	6/28
Alyssa Dorning & John Shipman	6/29
Jolanta Hyc & Jake Gora	7/27

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

**Maj. Joe Doyle, US Army, Son of Deb and Tom Doyle  
 1st Lt. Ryan Kenny, USMC, Son of Mary Beth Kenny  
 Pvt. Jeffery Crones, US Army, Grandson of Joan Leyden  
 Specialist Jonathan M. Pichler, US Army**

Son of Ginny & Mark Gronek  
 Grandson of Catherine Young

**Sgt. Vincent Joseph Genthe, USMC Son of Denise Genthe**

**Capt. Jeffrey Robbins, USMC, Son of Barb & Larry Robbins, Grandson of Georgiana Ryan**

**Maj. Kevin Mott, US Army**

**Lt. Col. Andrew Tyson USMC**

**SGM Bill Benesi, US Army**

Nephews 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

**SSgt. 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**

**Cpl. Cavan Sullivan, US Army**

Grandsons of Mary Sullivan

**Capt. Samuel Westhoff, US Army**

Nephew of Tom and Sue Westhoff

**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**

**Capt. 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**

**Lt. Keith Wolfe, CHC, US Navy**



**Eastern DuPage Deanery Liturgical Enrichment Day**  
**Spreading the Gospel through our Service as**  
**Liturgical Ministers as we Live Christ-centered Lives**  
**Eucharistic Revival in our Deanery**  
**Experiencing God's Presence during the Jubilee Year**

**Saturday, March 2nd**

**Ascension of Our Lord Parish**

**1S314 Summit Avenue, Oakbrook Terrace**

Mass will be celebrated from

8:00 – 9:00 a.m.

9:00 – 9:50 Check-in will continue with Continental Breakfast

**Mass Presider Fr. David Mowry**

**Presentation by Fr. David Mowry 10-10:45am**

**Presentation by Dr. Mary Amore 11-11:45am**

**Final Blessing will be at 12 Noon**

To register, visit [easterndupagedeanery.org](http://easterndupagedeanery.org) or scan the QR code



**That Man Is You! Every Saturday During Lent**

Each week, dozens of men gather for hot breakfast, fellowship, and most importantly to take the next steps to experience authentic freedom as sons of God together. "All Things New" will help develop men that our families, our Church, and our world desperately await. Come join us for this uniquely contemplative and practical multi-speaker video series and discover what That Man Is You! has to offer.

**REGISTRATION & INFORMATION**

For more information or to register go to [www.TMIY.org](http://www.TMIY.org). For questions, please contact: Andrew Morgan - 630-276-6401 or Ken Gillie - 847-980-2803 Advanced registration is not required to attend any session. **Returning participants DO NOT need to resubmit registration**

# Easter Memorial Flowers

This year, we are once again giving our parishioners the opportunity to remember their deceased family members by donating flowers in their memory. The many beautiful Easter flowers 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





NATIONAL  
**Eucharistic  
Revival**

***Jesus and the Eucharist: A Small Group Series for Eucharistic Revival***

It's not too late to join us! Feel free to come to one or all sessions! This seven-session, study will be offered many times during Lent. Each session is one hour and unless indicated will be in the Parish Administration Center (PAC). Sessions will use video resources from FORMED.org along with guided discussions.

You can visit <https://forms.gle/GCzmPG1RgJVz7CPA7> to register or scan the QR Code

- Sundays through March 24 at 10:15 AM
- Wednesdays through March 20 at 5:15 PM
- Wednesdays through March 20 at 8:45 AM (IC Moms Group meeting offsite)
- Fridays through March 22 at 9:15 AM
- Saturdays through March 23 at 8:30 AM. (The Women's group will meet at PAC and Men's group will meet in Costello Hall)

Questions? Contact Tom Kaiser at (630) 699-2079 or [tjkaiser@sprynet.com](mailto:tjkaiser@sprynet.com)

Or Mary Pat Tyson-Vanderlaan at (630) 624-1333 or [mptyson@gmail.com](mailto:mptyson@gmail.com)



**You ARE invited!**  
Enjoy "Cod for God" every  
"Fryday Knight" of Lent  
2023

Delicious seafood from  
**Supreme Lobster!**

North Atlantic Cod (Fried  
or baked!) - Jumbo Beer  
Battered Fried Shrimp  
Zesty Fish Tacos - Seafood  
Chowder - Kids meals!

Fr. McDonald Council #1911

**1911 Club Hall**  
537 S York Street,  
Elmhurst  
Serving 5 - 8 PM  
[www.elmhurstkofc.org](http://www.elmhurstkofc.org)

**St. Joseph Table**  
Family & Friends of Immaculate  
Conception Parish  
Please join us as we celebrate the  
Feast of St. Joseph  
**Sunday, March 10, 2024**

Immediately following the 11:30 am  
Mass—2:30 pm in Plunkett Hall  
**Come for a Taste of Tradition**



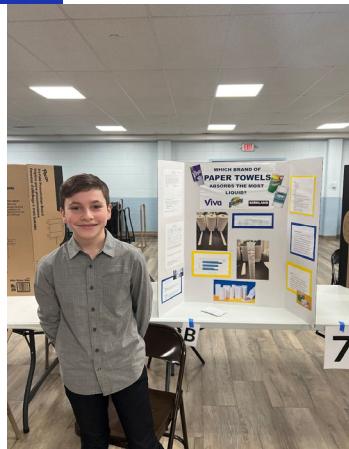
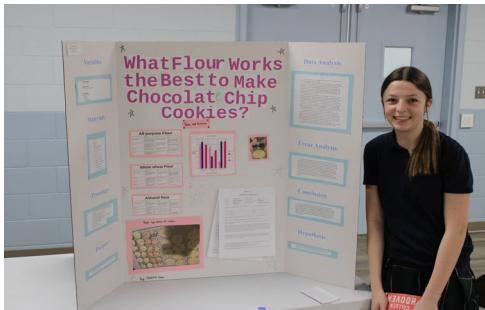
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**DONATE A DISH?**  
Would you like to  
**DONATE YOUR TIME?**  
Email Marianne Sajn at  
[msajn@icelmhurst.org](mailto:msajn@icelmhurst.org)  
or call 630.530.3482



**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION  
GRADE SCHOOL  
630.530.3490**

**FAITH. FAMILY.  
ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE**

**ICGS 7th Graders participated in the Science Fair! They researched an experiment, conducted it, wrote a paper on their findings and created a presentation for their hypothesis.**



Have an ICGS Alumni update? Email us at [development@icgradeschoolelmhurst.org](mailto:development@icgradeschoolelmhurst.org)

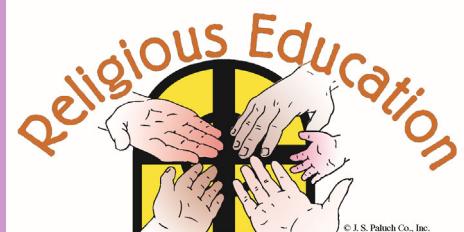
**ICCP**



INCOMING CLASS OF 2028 ACCEPTANCE PARTY - ICCP HOSTED AN ESCAPE ROOM ON CAMPUS!



**I'M A KNIGHT!**  
  
**#CLASSOF2028**



Children's Church	Sunday RE	Wednesday RE
February 25	February 25	February 28
March 10	March 3	March 6
March 17	March 10	March 13

The 1<sup>st</sup> Eucharist Meeting scheduled for 1pm today is for PARENTS ONLY. If your child is scheduled for 1<sup>st</sup> Eucharist in May, 2024, your presence at this meeting is expected. The meeting will be in the IC Church. Thank you!

ALL GRADE 4 students...ICGS & RE...and their parents are invited to take a "Tour of the IC Church" on Tuesday, March 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm in the IC Church . Don't miss this event especially focusing on the Grade 4 students. RSVP to Sr. Mary Francis to reserve your place.

RE families are reminded to contribute to the St .Mary Mission Lenten donation bag you received on Ash Wednesday. Make this almsgiving a family focus.

## Youth Ministry

HELPING TEENS BE

# CONFIDENT

IN LIFE & FAITH

## STUDENTS OF IMPACT

Sunday, March 10

5:30-7 pm Costello Hall @ ICCP  
All HS & 8th grade invited!



This Sunday, our Candidates, those who will receive Eucharist and Confirmation for the first time during the Easter season, participate in the Penitential Rite at the 9:00 Mass. This Rite allows them to experience a deepened awareness of the sins that hinder their relationship with Jesus, repentance for their weakness and an invitation for healing and forgiveness. This rite also allows the community to assess their own sinfulness and seek healing and forgiveness. Prior to being received into full communion with the Catholic Church, our candidates will experience the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time.

As a parish family, let us prayerfully journey with those who will receive the Sacraments of Initiation.

*Lord, we pray for those in the OCIA process who journey to you. Open their hearts to the fullness of your love. Deepen their understanding. Set their hearts on fire for the kingdom of God. We ask this through Jesus, who is the Way, The truth and the Life. Amen*

Does your teen want to be confident, resilient and strong—in their life and faith??? Parents, please encourage your teens to bring friends to the Students of Impact Youth Night

Sunday, March 10th 5:30-7 pm in Costello Hall for a delicious ice cream, community building games & practical strategies to grow in confidence!!! All 8th grade students are invited to join us on March 10 and April 7!



# Bishop Hicks' Column

February 2024

## PEACE IN THE HOLY LAND



Bishop Hicks with Cardinal Pierbattista Pizzaballa

from our own personal issues to worldwide crises.

Grounded in faith, Saint Francis of Assisi wisely taught that when we do not know what to do, we should “pray, obey, and love.” Our Catholic tradition reflects his wise counsel.

**PRAY** In the good times and bad, we turn to God in prayer. Through prayer, we realize that we are not the center of the universe, as we raise our hearts and minds to God. As Jesus taught, “For human beings this is impossible, but for God all things are possible” (Matthew 19:26).

**OBEY** While prayer is the proper first step, it should not end there. We also need to be obedient to God, always discerning: What is the best response according to God’s command, law, and divine will?

**LOVE** However we respond to problems, our actions should always reflect Christ’s love, specifically following the greatest commandment: “You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind... and you shall love your neighbor as yourself” (Matthew 22: 37–39).

Since October 2023, the conflicts in the Holy Land have escalated into a horrible war. Most of us follow the news with broken hearts and feel helpless.

Recently, I attended a dinner in Chicagoland (*photo above*) at which His Beatitude Cardinal Pierbattista Pizzaballa, spoke about the realities in the Holy Land.

Born in Italy in 1965, Cardinal Pizzaballa entered the Franciscan Order. He serves as the Latin Patriarch and Archbishop of Jerusalem. On January 27, 2024, we gathered at a dinner hosted by the Arab American Catholic Community (AACC), which exists to unite and support Catholic Arabs within the United States. In attendance were also many Knights and Dames from the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre. Its mission includes supporting and promoting the Holy Land and protecting the Christian presence there. I am humbled to

### WHAT DO WE DO WHEN WE DO NOT KNOW WHAT TO DO?

Throughout the journey of our lives, we all experience moments of uncertainty, ambiguity, or indecision. We can feel small, inadequate, and almost paralyzed as we face looming problems ranging

belong to this ancient and noble order and am proud to witness the local members’ dedication and commitment to this mission.

Known for his constant efforts to promote solidarity, cultural and historical preservation, interreligious dialogue, and embrace and advocate for peace, justice, and reconciliation, Cardinal Pizzaballa’s 45-minute presentation literally quieted the entire banquet room, as even the waitstaff stopped to listen to his every word. He called for a ceasefire and spoke of the Catholic Church’s boundless efforts to provide food, shelter, housing, healthcare, and spiritual care for those affected by the war.

He also prophetically commented that instead of striving for peace in the current war, both sides unfortunately are fighting only for victory — a victory that clearly delineates a winner and a loser. “Peace is not victory,” said Cardinal Pizzaballa. “It is the willingness on both sides to give something up for the greater good.”

He spent a lot of time laying the foundation for the need for true peace, a peace which is reflected only in Jesus. He reminded us that peace is not the absence of conflict. Instead, it includes the presence of justice, reconciliation, discernment of God’s will, and the desire for the common good.

This Lent, as we prepare ourselves to enter this season of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, you might consider donating to a reputable organization or charity that aids and services to those in need in the Holy Land; some suggestions are included at the bottom of this article. Also, on Good Friday, throughout the Diocese of Joliet, a collection will be taken up to support the work of the Franciscans working in the Holy Land.

The Holy Land holds a powerful place in our hearts and in salvation history. It is where Jesus was born, grew up, taught, prayed, performed miracles, suffered, died, and was resurrected. In solidarity, let us join Cardinal Pizzaballa’s call for an end to the violence and for a just and lasting peace in the Holy Land as we turn to God with prayer, obedience, and love.

Jesus, Prince of Peace, pray for us.

### Holy Land Humanitarian Agencies

- Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulcher Humanitarian Fund
- Catholic Relief Services (U.S. arm of Caritas International)
- Franciscan Foundation for the Holy Land Humanitarian Programs
- Catholic Near East Welfare Association Emergency Holy Land Fund



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DIOCESE OF JOLIET



SYNOD ON SYNODALITY

# Synod Sessions

The Diocese of Joliet will host two Synod Sessions to gather feedback from diocesan parishioners in preparation for the Second Session of the Synodal Assembly in October 2024. The guiding questions for the sessions are:

- Where have I seen or experienced successes—and distresses—within the Church's structure(s)/organization/leadership/life that encourage or hinder the mission?
- How can the structures and organization of the Church help all the baptized to respond to the call to proclaim the Gospel and to live as a community of love and mercy in Christ?

**All diocesan parishioners are invited to attend one of two Synod Sessions offered:**

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27  
6 TO 8:30 PM**

**ST. RAPHAEL**

1215 Modaff Road

Naperville, IL 60540

Room: Sts. Joachim and Anne

**THURSDAY, MARCH 14  
6 TO 8:30 PM**

**ST. JOHN PAUL II**

907 South 9th Avenue

Kankakee, IL 60901

Room: Parish Hall

Those who are unable to attend can email responses to the above questions to [dsalvato@dioceseofjoliet.org](mailto:dsalvato@dioceseofjoliet.org).



## Synod Session Outline

6 p.m.	Sign-in/refreshments
6:30 p.m.	Opening prayer/reflection
7 p.m.	Small group discussion of two questions (see left)
7:45 p.m.	Break
8 p.m.	Share themes from small group discussions
8:30 p.m.	End



Pre-registration for either date is required. Please scan the QR code or visit [qrco.de/Synod](http://qrco.de/Synod)

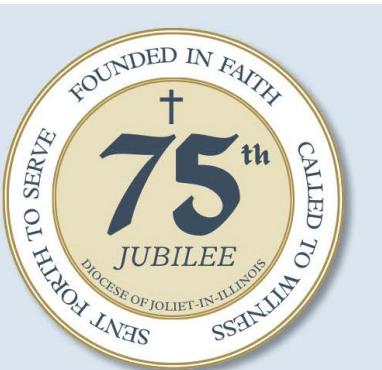
## 75th Anniversary Prayer

All-knowing and loving God,  
we give you thanks for your blessings upon  
the Diocese of Joliet.  
For 75 years, we have been  
'founded in faith,' 'called to witness,' and  
'sent forth to serve.'

In thanksgiving  
for your abiding presence among us,  
and with gratitude for the life and service  
of those who have gone before us,  
we recommit ourselves  
to carrying out this mission entrusted  
to them, to us, and to future generations.

Relying on the intercession of our patron,  
St. Francis Xavier,  
may our diocese continue to be a source of hope  
for the Church and all peoples,  
now and in the years to come.

We pray this in the name  
of Jesus, your Son  
by the power of the Holy Spirit.  
Amen



Commemorating  
75 Years of  
Catechesis,  
Evangelization  
and Service



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# ROALD DAHL's Matilda THE MUSICAL JR.

Directed by Emily Leonard  
Musical Direction by Jennifer McCormick  
Choreography by Peg Koch  
Friday, March 1st - 7:30 pm  
Saturday, March 2nd - 7:30 pm  
Sunday, March 3rd - 2:30 pm  
Immaculate Conception Parish  
Gymnasium Theatre  
Tickets: \$12 Available at the Door



Catholic Ministries  
Annual Appeal  
Diocese of Joliet

If you have already pledged your support to the Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA), we sincerely thank you! If we all join together, we can meet our parish's goal of \$114,500. Each and every gift, regardless of size, truly matters and makes a difference.

If you still plan on making your gift, please prayerfully reflect on how best you can support the CMAA this year to help those in need throughout our diocese, *For the Glory of God*. Pledge envelopes are still available in the church, or you can use the envelope you received in the mail from the diocese. We also welcome online gifts at [jolietdiocesapeeal.org](http://jolietdiocesapeeal.org)

The diocese will return 70 percent of the amount over goal to us to reinvest in our own parish. This is an incredible opportunity and blessing!

Last weekend, we were blessed to have Fr. Steven Borello, Director of Vocations in the Diocese of Joliet, join us at masses. He asked us all to pray for the "happiness, healthiness, and holiness" of our priests. We invite you to answer this call and pray for our IC priests, Father Tom Paul and Father Jeremy Leganski. May God protect and nourish them.

*Heavenly Father, grant that our priests be strengthened and healed by the power of the Eucharist they celebrate. May the Word they proclaim give them courage and wisdom. We pray that all those whom they seek to serve may see in them the love and care of Jesus, Our Eternal High Priest, who is Lord for ever and ever. We ask this in Jesus' name through the power of the Holy Spirit and the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary – The Mother of the Church. Amen.*

If you are interested in joining others in the parish in committing to pray for our parish priests on a specific day of the month, or a day of the week, contact Olive Cadaoas to sign up and for further information at [momcc24@gmail.com](mailto:momcc24@gmail.com).



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

**Friday: 8:30 a.m. ~ Noon**

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**Saturday 8:00am and 4:30pm**

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

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**First Fridays after 6:15am Mass & First Saturdays after 8am Mass**