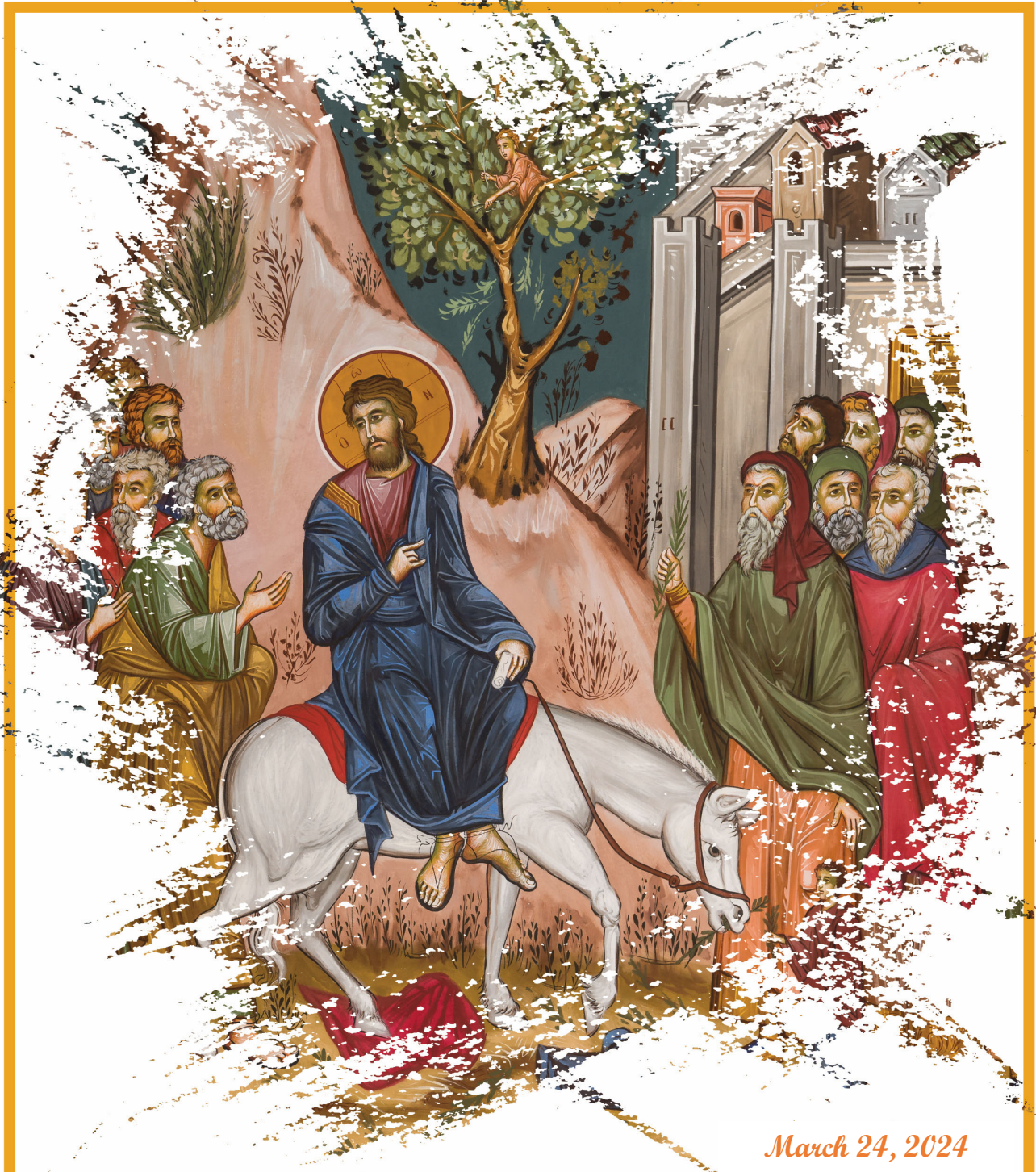


Immaculate Conception Parish Bulletin



March 24, 2024

MANY PEOPLE SPREAD THEIR CLOAKS ON THE ROAD,
AND OTHERS SPREAD LEAFY BRANCHES THAT THEY
HAD CUT FROM THE FIELDS. - MK 11:8

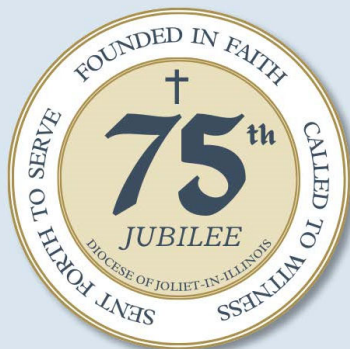
PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD



As part of the celebration of the National Eucharistic Revival, over the last three weekends Fr. Tom and Fr. Jeremy presented a sermon series on the Eucharist. The titles of the homilies were “This is My Body” “Do This in Memory of Me” and “Never Let Me Be Parted From You.” May we continue to believe that Jesus really is present, Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity in the Eucharist. May our eyes be open to

the reality of what happens at every Mass. Finally, may we recognize the Eucharist as the greatest gift of intimacy, friendship, and communion with Jesus Christ. These Sunday homilies are posted on Spotify in case you would like to refer back to them or share them with someone you know. If you missed one or all of them, we encourage you to listen to these powerful messages. Three ways to access are by typing “Fr. Jeremy Leganski” in Spotify’s search bar, following the link below, or scanning the QR code.

<https://open.spotify.com/show/0ElytD4zWFmV3x8TjLMXLZ?si=69d6070854cc4a86>



*Commemorating
75 Years of
Catechesis,
Evangelization
and Service*



DIOCESE OF JOLIET
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**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**

Holy Week Schedule

Holy Thursday - March 28

Morning Prayer: 8:00am (Church) Mass of the Lord's Supper: 7:00 pm (Sacred Heart Chapel)
(Adoration of the Eucharist will follow in the Church)

Night Prayer: 11:45 pm (Church)

Good Friday - March 29

Morning Prayer: 8:00am (Church) Stations of the Cross: Noon (Church)

Passion of the Lord: 3:00pm (Church)

Holy Saturday - March 30

Morning Prayer: 8:00am (Church) Blessing of Easter Food: Noon (Church)

Easter Vigil: 8:00 pm (Church)

Easter Sunday - March 31

Mass: 7:30 am, 9:30 am, 11:30 am (Sacred Heart Chapel)

Mass: 9:30 am, 11:30 am (Church)

(Please note: 9am Masses on Palm Sunday and Easter will take place at 9:30am. There will be no 4:30pm Mass on March 30 and no 7pm Mass on March 31)

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



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



Worship

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: I have set my face like flint, knowing that I shall not be put to shame. (Is 50:7)

Second Reading: He humbled himself, becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Because of this, God greatly exalted him. (Phil 2:8-9)

Gospel: They brought him to the place of Golgotha, which is translated Place of the Skull. (Mk 15:22)

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 42:1-7/Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14/Jn 12:1-11

Tuesday: Is 49:1-6/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab,
15 and 17/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a/Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 and
33-34/Mt 26:14-25

Thursday: Chrism Mass: Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9/
Ps 89:21-22, 25 and 27/Rv 1:5-8/Lk 4:16-21

Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper: Ex 12:1-8,
11-14/Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18

(see 1 Cor 10:16)/1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15

Friday: Is 52:13—53:12/Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17,
25 (Lk 23:46)/ Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/
Jn 18:1-19:42

Saturday: Easter Vigil: Gn 1:1—2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a/
Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35 (30) or
Ps 33:4-5, 6-7, 12-13, 20-22 (5b)/Gn 22:1-18
or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10,
11 (1)/Ex 14:15—15:1/ Ex 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6,
17-18 (1b)/Is 54:5-14/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12,
13 (2a)/Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 (3)/
Bar 3:9-15, 32—4:4/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11
(Jn 6:68c)/Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28/Ps 42:3, 5;
43:3, 4 (42:2)/Rom 6:3-11/Mk 16:1-7

Next Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17,
22-23 (24)/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/
Jn 20:1-9 or Mk 16:1-7

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Palm Sunday of the Passion of the
Lord, Holy Week begins

Thursday: Holy Thursday

Friday: Good Friday

Saturday: Holy Saturday

Next Sunday: Easter Sunday

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, MARCH 25

6:15AM

†Dominic Cuzzone / Mary Jo Marec

7:30AM

†Nora Heidecke

†Patricia Oswald

TUESDAY, MARCH 26

6:15AM

†Luke Elijah Terranova / Tom &
Marguerite Paravola

7:30AM

†Jim Collins / Laurene Collins

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27

6:15AM

†Ed Burke / Olivia Gow

7:30AM

†Sandy McNamara / Hill Family

THURSDAY, MARCH 28

8:00AM

Morning Prayer

7:00PM

Mass of the Lord's Supper

†People of the Parish

11:45PM

Evening Prayer

FRIDAY, MARCH 29

8:00AM

Morning Prayer

Noon

Stations of the Cross

3:00PM

Passion of the Lord

SATURDAY, MARCH 30

8:00AM

Morning Prayer

NOON

Blessing of the Easter Food

8:00PM

Easter Vigil Mass

SUNDAY, MARCH 31

7:30AM:

†Jerome Chaplin / Donna Chaplin

9:30AM Church:

†PJ Gibbons / Maureen Kolar

†Rosa Chiovari / Sara Poulos

†Mary Ann Lombardo / Jim & Betsy
Stavropoulos

†Rita Hanrahan / Jo & Don LaMonica

9:30AM Sacred Heart Chapel:

†Rose & Stephen Paul

†Rita & Urban Phillips

†Deceased members of the Wojinski
Gallagher Family

11:30AM Church:

†The deceased members of the Kaiser
O'Connor Families

11:30AM Sacred Heart Chapel:

†Patti Carpino

†Denotes deceased

*Denotes Living Intention

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

Stewardship of Our Prayer for...



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

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| Adkins, Finley | Koch, Susan |
| Baldikowski, Michael | Kuzlik, Therese |
| Bloc, Michael | Livorsi, Tom |
| Bohn, Rob | Lucchesi, Jim |
| Burke, Debbie | McCann, Mary |
| Campbell, Donna | Pacurek, Michelle |
| Costello, John "Jack" | Quinn, Jack |
| Devin | Reedy, Barbara |
| Durgan, Bob | Schramm, Colleen |
| Durgan, Lindsey | Schuten, Jim |
| Durgan, Terri | Schuten, Shirley |
| Earnisse, Diane | Stella, Dawn |
| Earnisse, Dick | Toepfer, Al |
| Gow, Olivia | Thompson, Rachel Divito |
| Hayes, Linda | Vogel, Douglas |
| Hughes, Judy Moran | Vogel, Renee Moran |
| Kaprelian, Jean | 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.

- †Gregory Meenan
†John Quinn, Sr.

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 February:

- ◆ Henry Michael Jamieson
- ◆ Ava Ma Kilinskis

2024 ENGAGED COUPLES

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| <i>Madison Brown & TC Malik</i> | 5/11 |
| <i>Gianna Grollo & Matthew Mihic</i> | 6/1 |
| <i>Abigail Geislinger & John Enochs</i> | 6/28 |
| <i>Alyssa Dorning & John Shipman</i> | 6/29 |
| <i>Luaren Fisher & Michael Buck</i> | 8/10 |
| <i>Lexi Olson & Peter Karahalios</i> | 8/16 |
| <i>Melissa Brunke & Matt Kearney</i> | 8/24 |
| <i>Alyssa Menolascino & Tim Hipskind</i> | 8/31 |

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 Gronck
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

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

Holy Week 2024

Immaculate Conception Parish

Come and Celebrate the Most Important Days of the Church Year
On the evening of Holy Thursday, March 28 Lent comes to an end, and we enter into the Three Days that are the center of our year: The Sacred Paschal Triduum



On these Three Days, the Church is at its best.

In song, scripture, and ritual, we proclaim the heart of what we believe and celebrate throughout the year. We gather often - at church, at home - during the Triduum to reflect on the central reality of our faith: the Death and Resurrection of Jesus. During these Three Days, Christians renew their vows and new Christians are initiated. These are the “high holy days” of Christianity.

You are asked to make these Three Days different from all the other days of the year.

Adults in our parish are invited to plan ahead so that the entire time from Holy Thursday evening until the Easter Vigil is free of social engagements, free even of work, free of entertainment, free of meals except for the simplest nourishment, free from electronic devices. The Triduum continues until Easter Sunday evening.

*Because of the importance of these days, we are not merely invited:
We are all needed to be present for these liturgies.*

All of us need the whole community together on its greatest days, the evening of March 28 through the evening of March 31 in this year of our Lord, 2024.

*Begin plans now to celebrate with our community
these most significant days.*

The Mass of Chrism, Monday, March 25

On Monday of Holy Week, Bishop Ronald A. Hicks will bless the Holy Oils at a liturgy in The Cathedral of St. Raymond in Joliet. All of the priests and deacons from the diocese will also participate. They will all renew their commitments of service to the Church. A Time of Prayer and Reflection for all the priests will also be held.



There are three types of oil that will be blessed. The Oil of Catechumens is used for Baptism. The Oil of the Sick is used when celebrating the Anointing of the Sick. The Holy Chrism is used when celebrating Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Orders. Chrism is also used for the blessing of Church walls and altars when they are dedicated or consecrated.

These oils will be presented to our parish at the evening Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday. Throughout the year, we will use them for the celebration of the Sacraments. They are kept on display in the Ambry by the Baptismal font in the Church. The Oil of the Sick will also be kept in the Ambry by the Shrine of St. Peregrine in Sacred Heart Chapel.

Reconciliation - Tuesday, March 26

Reconciliation - 4:00 to 7:00 P.M. - Church

Holy Thursday - March 28

Morning Prayer - 8:00 A.M. - Church

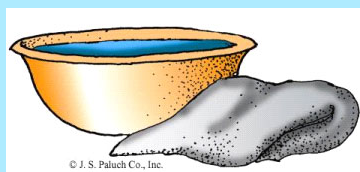
Thursday of the Lord's Supper Evening Mass - 7:00 P.M. - Sacred Heart Chapel

On Holy Thursday early evening brings an end to Lent, as we enter the sacred Triduum. In the Gospel reading John tells us that Jesus washed the feet of his disciples, and told them, "as I have done, so you must do." We will be reminded of the invitation that Christ gives us to be of service to one another as we witness the washing of the feet.



Adoration of the Eucharist - 8:15 P.M.- 11:45 P.M. - Church

At the conclusion of the Liturgy, the Blessed Sacrament will be taken in procession to the "place of repose" for private adoration in the Church until midnight. We strongly encourage you to stop in for a few moments of quiet prayer during this time. A harpist will play reflective music during the adoration. Many people follow the tradition of visiting churches on this night.



Night Prayer - 11:45 P.M. - Church

At 11:45 P.M., a night prayer service will be held. As Holy Thursday ends, the Eucharist will then be placed in reserve in a non-public place. The church is stripped of all decoration in preparation for the **Celebration of the Passion on Good Friday.**

Good Friday - March 29

Easter Fast

Good Friday is a day of fast and abstinence. Because Lent is over, it is not a Lenten Fast but rather considered an Easter Fast. All are encouraged to keep this fast also on Holy Saturday. Although not required on Holy Saturday, keeping the fast is a way of continuing to prepare for Easter.

- Everyone 14 years of age or over is bound to abstain from meat.
- Everyone 18 years of age and under 59 years of age is bound to fast on Good Friday.
- On 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 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.

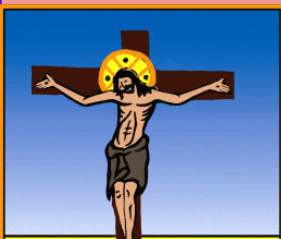
Morning Prayer - 8:00 A.M. - Church

Morning Prayer marks the beginning of our commemoration of the Lord's Passion. This is the only day of the year when Mass is not celebrated. At morning prayer, we will pray psalms and prayers that remind us of the Lord's great deeds for us.

Stations of the Cross - Noon - Church

As we pray the Stations we will recall the journey of Jesus that led Him to the grave. At the conclusion of the service, all will be invited to venerate the cross.

Friday of the Passion of the Lord - 3:00 P.M.- Church



The Commemoration of the Passion includes the readings of the Passion, offering of intercessory prayers and the Solemn Veneration of the Cross. Holy Communion that was consecrated on Holy Thursday will be distributed. Please bring your entire family and friends and join us for the Passion and Veneration of the Cross of Jesus. Especially on Good Friday, you are encourage to remember what Christ did for us by His death on the

cross. Try to be as isolated as you can be from all pleasures.



Good Friday Collection

On Good Friday, a collection will take place to help support young families in the Holy Land who try to live Christian lives as we do. These Christians living where Christ walked and taught, lived and died, still live in a land of war, death and destruction. The work of the Franciscan Friars for these native Christians depends greatly on your generous support. Baskets will be available at the entrances to the church for your donations. Funds from this collection also are used to care for the holy places where the Lord and His Disciples lived.

Holy Saturday - March 30

Morning Prayer - 8:00 A.M. - Church

Please join us in prayer and song.



Food Blessing - 12:00 P.M. - Church

The tradition of blessing food is a beautiful way of celebrating the joy of Easter. We bless the foods that we have been fasting from during the days of Lent. After the Easter Vigil, this blessed food is shared to celebrate the Lord's New Life. Consider starting this tradition with your family.

The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night - 8:00 P.M.- Church

On Saturday evening, we will celebrate the Easter Vigil. In the darkness, we will assemble in front of the Chapel with a bonfire to light the paschal candle and process to the Church.

This holy night is the most solemn memorial of the entire year. It is our remembrance of the central mystery of redemption, Christ's saving death and glorious resurrection.

The Vigil has four main parts:

1. *The Service of Light* which includes the blessing of new fire, the blessing and lighting of the Easter candle, the carrying and distribution of this candle through the Church, and the chanting of the Easter song, the Exsultet.

2. *The Liturgy of the Word* invites us to listen to Scripture Readings. We begin with the story of Creation and conclude by proclaiming the Lord's Resurrection.

3. *The Liturgy of Baptism* begins by the singing of the Litany of the Saints. The holy men and women in Heaven welcome us to new life. The water is blest and the Baptisms of our catechumens will occur. All will then be asked to renew their Baptismal Promises. Confirmation will then be administered to the new members of our Church.

4. *The Liturgy of the Eucharist* invites us to share with the newly confirmed the Body and Blood of our Risen Lord.

Easter Sunday - March 31

“This is the day the Lord has made let us rejoice and be glad.”

We will celebrate the Feast of all Feasts with Holy Mass at:

- 7:30 A.M. Sacred Heart Chapel
- 9:30 A.M. Sacred Heart Chapel and Church
- 11:30 A.M. Sacred Heart Chapel and Church



There will be no 4:30PM Mass on March 30 and no 7:00PM Mass on March 31.

Incense will not be used at the 7:30 A.M. Mass

It will be used at the 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 A.M. Masses in the Church and Chapel.

Have a Blessed Easter!!



Easter Talk: The Women of the Gospel

Immaculate Conception Parish proudly welcomes Celine Kelly
as she presents
The Women of the Gospel

In this talk, Celine will discuss the women of the Gospel who encountered Jesus, and how they were transformed by Him and followed Him all the way to the cross. He honored them by appearing first to them after His resurrection. We will discover how these women shed the light of the Gospel on our own lives, inspiring us to open our lives to the Lord allowing Him to set our hearts on fire as He did for His first disciples.

Come and discover some takeaways that can transform your lives too!

Thursday, April 4th

7pm

IC Church, 132 Arthur St, Elmhurst, IL

Celine Kelly is the third of five siblings and hails from County Clare, in the beautiful rural West of Ireland. There she developed a deep love for nature and a great longing for God. After hearing the Call, she gave her life to the Lord as a consecrated woman in Regnum Christi in 1976. Since then, she has been engaged in school leadership, youth and family ministry, retreats, spiritual direction and pilgrimages, in Ireland, Mexico, Canada, the United States and the Holy Land.

As director of Magdalena Institute, at Magdala, in Galilee, she organized and led Annual Women's Encounters to raise an awareness for the dignity of women and to promote their gifts for a better world. Celine holds a Diploma in Religious Education from Carysfort College of Education, Dublin, a degree in Education and Development from Anahuac University, Mexico, a Magistram in Religious Sciences from the Pontifical Athenaeum Regina Apostolorum, Rome and a master's degree in spirituality, spiritual direction and the spiritual exercises of St. Ignatius, from Loyola University Chicago. She enjoys sharing her life experience and spiritually accompanying people, especially women, along the journey.



Christian Ministry



EASTER GROCERY GIFT CARD COLLECTION March 11 - 24

**We are once again resuming our
Easter Outreach collection.**

Grocery cards in \$25 increments from Jewel, Aldi's or Walmart are needed for our food pantry client families, transitional housing families, Catholic Charities families and area Refugee families so they may celebrate Easter with the food of their choice.

We need your help!

Gift cards will be distributed Monday afternoon.

**May God bless you for your outstanding
generosity to our outreach programs.**



We are expanding our Bereavement Ministry team. Bereavement Ministers meet with the families of our deceased to plan the funeral liturgy and attend the funeral service. This is a beautiful ministry of "presence." We are not trained counselors. If you have had a loved one die, you have probably experienced the peace that a beautiful funeral liturgy brings. There is not a rotation or set schedule for our ministers. Bereavement ministers are notified of upcoming funerals and volunteer as their time permits. If you would like to learn more about this rewarding ministry, please contact the parish office.

Religious Education

Children's Church	Sunday RE	Wednesday RE
April 14	April 7	April 3
April 28	April 14	April 10

These special days of Holy Week offer us the opportunity to further enhance our Lenten observance. Please review the days and times of the services and plan to attend.

Look ahead and plan! The remaining classes for this school year are listed above. Please plan to have your child in attendance at these final RE sessions. Your support is appreciated.

CONFIRMATION PENANCE SERVICE

Wednesday, April 17 @ 7:00pm
(Candidate, Parents and Sponsor)

CONFIRMATION REHEARSAL

Thursday, APRIL 25, 2024 @ 7:00pm
(Candidate and Sponsor)

CONFIRMATION LITURGY

Friday, APRIL 26, 2024 @ 7:00pm
(Reception to follow)

ALL HELD IN OUR SACRED HEART CHAPEL



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION GRADE SCHOOL 630.530.3490 FAITH. FAMILY. ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

Congratulations to ICGS 2nd grader Principal for the Day!



He started the day with the morning announcements, checked in with the classrooms, read a story to students and made sure the hallways were clean. He did a fabulous job!



IC Catholic Prep 630.530.3460



IC Catholic Prep honors the February Students of the Month for their dedication to our vision to learn, lead, and serve.

Freshmen: Gael Mendoza & Lexi Russ
Sophomores: Victor Sanchez & Maddie Dinino
Juniors: Luke Beckman & Lily Fisher
Seniors: Adrian Tapia & Caroline Kaczmarczyk
Congratulations to all our Knights!

YOUTH MINISTRY



ALL 8th Grade & High School Teens are invited to:

Students of Impact

Sunday, April 7th 5:30-7 pm in Costello Hall

Do you want to have a GREAT life with great friends, fun experiences & success? YEAH! God made you for GREATNESS!

Get excited about ICE CREAM SUNDAES, friendly people, outrageous & fun games, small group challenges and discussions to help you THRIVE and live your BEST life!!

Bring a friend—all teens are welcome—from ANY school or church!



LENT

Pray + Fast + Give



IC Parish-Wide Lenten Outreach Project
St. Mary's Mission School, Red Lake, MN
 The Lenten Alms that we have saved through our Lenten sacrifices during this holy season will be collected today. If you have forgotten your offering and wish to make a contribution, please return it to the PAC/Rectory this week for inclusion in our gift to St. Mary's Mission. Any checks should be made payable to Immaculate Conception, with a notation "St. Mary's Mission Donation."

Pictured here is the ONLY stained glass window in St. Mary's Church. It was donated at the request of the late Fr. Jerry Rogers by the IC Parish Community. The plaque can be seen below. Our partnership with St. Mary's has directly helped the people of their community in a large, impactful way.

They will forever be grateful!
 Thank you for your continued support!



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 jolietdioceseappeal.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!

Pontifical Good Friday Collection Friday March 29, 2024

During Holy Week, the Gospel readings come to life in a special way as we gather to celebrate the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. The readings remind us of our special connection to the Holy Land.

Christians in the Holy Land are experiencing unique hardships in these challenging times. Many Christians depend on the pilgrimage industry to live. They could not work during the pandemic and now the war has stopped pilgrims from coming. The Christians are now less than 2% of the Holy Land population, down from 23% a century ago. With the war, many more are thinking about leaving.

The Pontifical Good Friday Collection offers all Catholics an opportunity to express their solidarity with Christians in the Holy Land. A donation to the Holy Father's annual appeal is a direct way to make a difference in the lives of Christians. Your support is essential to help the Church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools, and offer religious education. The Pontifical Good Friday Collection also helps to preserve the sacred shrines of Christianity, including in Jerusalem, Nazareth, and Bethlehem, to name only a few. PLEASE BE GENEROUS!

For more information about Christians in the Holy Land, visit www.custodia.org or www.myfranciscan.org



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

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Immaculate Parishioners are able to sign up at 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.

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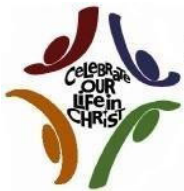
March 30 & 31

8:00PM	Fr. Tom , Fr. Jeremy, Fr. Conway, Frank Perrotta
7:30AM	Fr. Conway
9:30AM	Church Fr. Jeremy, Frank Perrotta
9:30AM	Chapel Fr. Tom
11:30AM	Church Fr. Jeremy
11:30AM	Chapel Fr. Tom, Frank Perrotta

If you are interested in becoming a Eucharistic Minister, Altar Server, Lector, or Greeter, please contact Marianne Sajn at msajn@icelmhurst.org We appreciate your help!

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

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



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

Phone: 530-8515 Website: icelmhurst.org

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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: Saturdays after 4:30pm Mass until 6pm

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

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.