

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

August 2019 Newsletter

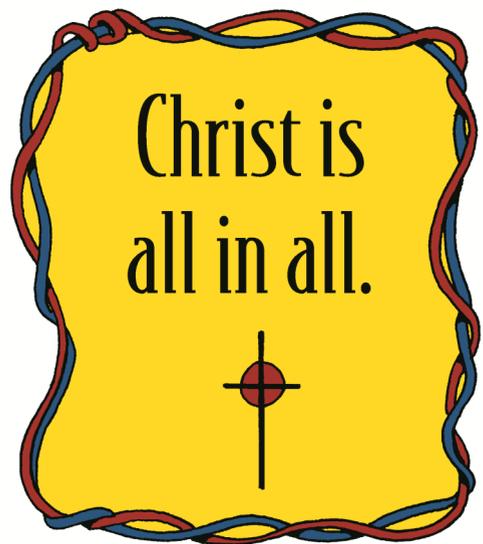
August Prayer

God of wisdom and might,
we praise You for the wonder of our being, for mind, body and spirit.
Be with us as we begin a new school year.
Bless us and all teachers and staff.
Give us strength and grace as we grow
in wisdom and knowledge and search for understanding.
Give our hearts peace and zeal.
We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
Amen.

Welcome To IC

Join us in welcoming our new
parish families.

Almighty God We give you thanks for the many and varied ways you build up your Church. Bless these new parishioners. Grant them the peace of a new parish home. As we are enriched with their presence may they find enrichment through the Body of Christ present in this parish community.



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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.

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I don't know about you, but it seems to me that summer is the quickest season of the year. Seemingly, we have entered into a calendar that has a very short spring and summer, but a much longer winter. I hope that all of you have had time for rest and relaxation and have enjoyed these days. The month of August does bring many exciting and new beginnings. Many of our college students will either be returning to school or will be beginning their college educations. The experience of leaving home for the first time is something that most people will never forget. We will have a special blessing for all of our college bound parishioners at all Masses on the weekend of August 10th and 11th. May God's blessing be upon these students! Hopefully, they will soon find out where local Mass is celebrated on their campuses.

Our high school, IC Catholic Prep, begins a new year of classes on August 14th. We are blessed to have a new principal, Tom Schergen, and a new president, Barb Goworowski. Fortunately, our enrollment in the high school has reached the highest point it has been in recent years. Some of the students in our grade school will begin class on August 19th; others on August 20th or August 22nd. Both of the schools will begin their year with Mass where the students, administration, and faculty will gather together for God's blessings. The students from our parish from other schools will likewise soon be off to a new school year. As a family of faith, let us pray for all of the students of our parish, that the Holy Spirit will guide them and bless them throughout this school year.

Please make sure that you have on your calendars the date for our annual outdoor Mass and IC Fest. On August 24th at 4:00pm in Wilder Park, we will celebrate liturgy. I hope you can try to attend and that you will pray for good weather. Our outdoor celebration is always a very beautiful event. The IC Fest that follows is a great opportunity to spend time with one another.

Soon after Labor Day, we will begin having some of our weekend celebrations of Eucharist in the Chapel. Phase 1 of the Sacred Heart Chapel project has included the removal of the former doors and windows, as well as the asbestos in the caulk. The new windows and doors are far more energy efficient. One set of the stained glass windows will be installed in September. The rest of those that have been donated will be put in place once they have been fabricated. In spite of some of the underground issues that we have faced with the elevator, progress on it continues and it is well underway. It will not be completed for a few more months. Thank you to all of you for what you have done to help by your support for these projects.

Sincerely in Christ,

Fr. Tom

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

It has been almost two months since my arrival at Immaculate Conception Parish, and I would like to say that I have felt very welcomed by all of you, for which I am extremely grateful. In whatever place the Good Lord sends us—for me now it is IC—it is always very rewarding to find not only a beautiful community but also a faithful family; one that deeply encourages and consistently prays for the betterment of everybody.

The month of August brings us many opportunities to praise the Lord, to grow in faith, and to strengthen the friendship among the IC community, especially through the meditation of His words of salvation. In particular in this month are the festivity of the Transfiguration of the Lord and the solemnity of the Assumption of the Virgin Mary, which are celebrated on August 6th and 15th respectively.

The festivity of the Transfiguration of the Lord reminds us, among others things, that the divinity of God can shine through us—as it shone through our Lord Jesus—and manifest itself as it did to those Apostles there present. Holiness is not a pinprick of light. It is a brilliant shining that has to be manifested throughout our everyday living, regardless of life's ups and downs. Certainly, as we proceed through our daily lives and as we strive to make improvements in the various aspects of our personal lives (material, spiritual and human), we realize that the journey seems to be like a roller coaster. Sometimes we are close to what we should be. Yet, at other times, we are veering off track, which can make us feel as if we are not able to obtain fulfillment. Here it is good to bring to mind the words of *St. John Vianney* “*The saints did not all begin well, but they ended well.*”

So, how can we *best* remain on the path to holiness? The answer is that, as Jesus Himself did, we must stay in constant communication with God our Father. This is crucial for our approaching and growing towards holiness. Without question, we must be in continuous communication with God our Father, through prayers, through service to others, through the sacraments—the Eucharist, Confession, etc. Despite all our flaws, falls, and failures, we have to reflect on His words and remember that we are a beloved son or a beloved daughter of God. These were the very words that the Apostles received from the cloud in reference to Jesus, “This is My Son, My *Chosen One*; listen to Him!” (Luke 9:35). Accordingly, because we are in communion with Jesus through the Eucharist and Baptism, we are indeed the children of God. We are for certain His *chosen ones*, so His Glory shines, or has to shine, through us. In allowing God to work in us, we are definitely going to achieve fulfillment and receive a multitude of benefits that bless not only us but also all those around us.

Definitely, our heavenly Mother is always by our side on this path to holiness. She is always before the Lord, interceding for us, ever aware of our needs. She understands how much we need her help because, as *Venerable Fulton Sheen* has said “*Mary, who is the Virgin Most Pure, is also the Refuge of Sinners. She knows what sin is, not by the experience of its fall, not by tasting its bitter regrets, but by seeing what it did to her Divine Son.*” Therefore, in this month in which the Church celebrates the Assumption of the Virgin Mary into heaven, we ask for her motherly intercession so that we can achieve the virtuous life that corresponds to true children of God; children who are the sons and daughters He wants and has *chosen* us to be.

I reiterate my thanks to all of you. I wish you a successful month of August in all your activities, and I assure you of my daily prayers while at the same time asking for yours.

God bless each one of you.

Yours in Christ
Fr. James Corona

Brothers and sisters in Christ,

Last summer was one of the most challenging summer assignments I will ever have as a seminarian. I was working full-time at Good Samaritan Hospital in Downers Grove as a chaplain. Being the only Trauma I hospital in the area, I dealt with some very difficult, challenging, and emotional situations throughout the summer.

At the same time, more darkness that has overshadowed our Church was being brought to light. Between the Pennsylvania Attorney General report and the scandal of then-Cardinal Theodore McCarrick coming to light, the Church found herself in yet another round of immense suffering.

Most Sunday's, despite the schedule at the hospital, I was still able to greet you on a weekly basis. Looking back, I am grateful because week after week, I would receive comments such as: "we support you," "know that we are praying for you," and "we still trust and love you." Friends, I was grateful in the moment to receive such comments and affirmations, but these comments have stayed with me to today. And I am still filled with gratitude.

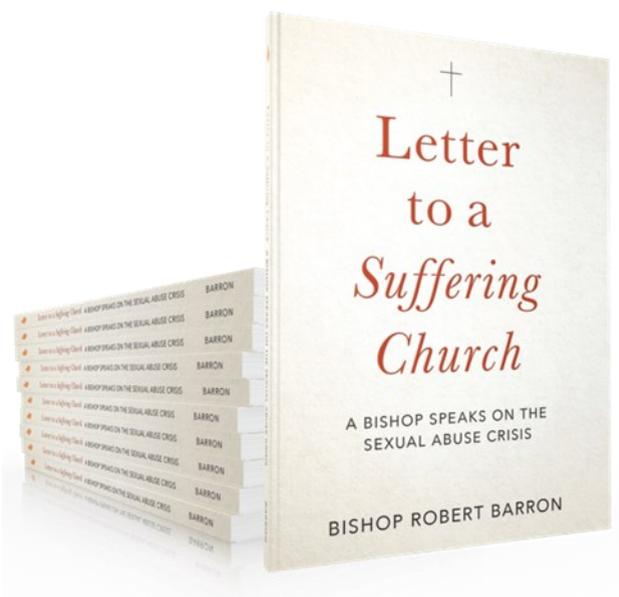
Bishop Robert Barron, a well-known Catholic Bishop and founder of Word on Fire Catholic Ministries, recently released a book that I highly, highly recommend you read. The book, *Letter to a Suffering Church: A Bishop Speaks on the Sexual Abuse Crisis*, provides a comprehensive response to what we have all experienced this past year, but really the beginning of this millennium. Bishop Barron is offering the book for free (just pay for shipping) in an effort to reach as many people as possible. To purchase the book visit: www.sufferingchurchbook.com.

Thank you! I am humbled and grateful for all of your support and love these two years at IC, but especially in the midst of the darkness the Church faced last summer.

Please know of my prayers.

Through the Sacred Heart,

Deacon Michael



Around the Parish in August

August Mass Schedule

Weekdays

6:15am and 7:30am

Saturday

8:00am and 5:15pm

Sunday

7:30am, 9:00am, 11:00am, and 5:15pm

All Masses are held in the Church

August Reconciliation Times

Friday, 2nd	Following 6:15am Mass	Church
Saturday, 3rd	4-4:45pm	Church
Saturday, 10th	4-4:45pm	Church
Saturday, 17th	4-4:45pm	Church
Saturday, 31st	4-4:45pm	Church

Monday, August 19 Worship Committee 7:00pm
Resource Room

Tuesday, August 20 Lectio Divina Join Anne
Hohbein after the 7:30am Mass Resource Room

Tuesday, August 20 ICGS First Day of Classes
Grades 5-8

Tuesday, August 20 Vocations Ministry Meeting
7:00pm Resource Room

Wednesday, August 21 ICGS Athletic Board
Meeting 7:00pm Agnesian Room

Thursday, August 22 RE Catechist Meeting
7:00pm Marian Room

Friday, August 23 Blue & White Sports Knight
5:00pm Plunkett Field

Weekend 24/25

Weekend Food collection accepted at all Masses
Saturday, August 24 Mass in Wilder Park 4:00pm

Followed by IC Fest on the West Lawn

Tuesday, August 27 Lectio Divina Join Anne
Hohbein after the 7:30am Mass Resource Room

Wednesday, August 28 Protecting God's Children
Workshop 6:30pm Resource Room

Wednesday, August 28 RE Catechist Meeting
7:00pm Marian Room

Thursday, August 29 Parish Choir Rehearsal
7pm Sacred Heart Chapel

Thursday, August 1 Baptism Prep 7pm Resource
Room

Weekend 3/4

Weekend Food collection accepted at all Masses

Sunday, August 4 Cookies and Lemonade
following the 7:30am and 9:00am Mass Outside
Church

Sunday, August 4 Baptism 12:30pm Church

Tuesday, August 6 Lectio Divina Join Anne
Hohbein after the 7:30am Mass Resource Room

Weekend 10/11

Weekend Food collection accepted at all Masses
Blessing for College Bound Students

Sunday, August 11 Cookies and Lemonade after
7:30 and 9:00am Mass outside Weather Permitting

Sunday, August 11 11:00am ICCP Incoming
Freshman and New Student Mass followed by
Parent meeting and Family Barbeque

Tuesday, August 13 Lectio Divina Join Anne
Hohbein after the 7:30am Mass Resource Room

Wednesday, August 14 ICCP First Day of Classes

Wednesday, August 14 6:00pm ICCP Parent
Sports Orientation Plunkett Hall

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Mass Schedule

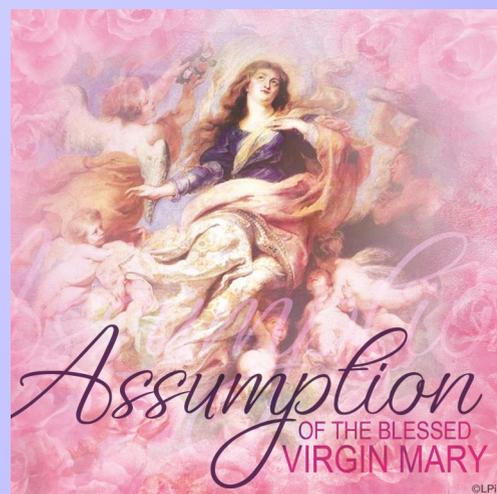
Wednesday, August 14

5:15pm

Thursday, August 15

6am, 7:30am, 9:15am (ICCP), and 7pm

All Masses will be held in the Church



Weekend 17/18

Weekend Food collection accepted at all Masses
Saturday, August 17 ICCP Back to School Dance
7:00pm Plunkett Hall

Saturday, August 17 Coaches' Prayer Breakfast
8:30am Agnesian Room

Sunday, August 18 Cookies and Lemonade after
7:30 and 9:00am Mass outside Weather Permitting

Sunday, August 18 Baptism 12:30pm Church

Sunday, August 18 ICGS Ice Cream Social and
Uniform Exchange 2:00pm West Lawn

Monday, August 19 ICGS First Day of Classes
Grades 1-4

**The Parish Administration Center
will close at noon on Fridays
through Labor Day.**

YOU'RE INVITED!

IC Fest

Saturday,
August 24, 2019

Outdoor Mass in Wilder Park at 4:00 PM
Fest to follow on ICCP lawn

5-8 pm Children's Games

5-8 pm Giant Slide

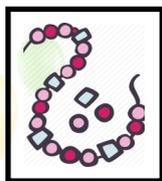
5:30-7:30 pm Sand Art Table, Train ride, Face painting, Craft Table

6:00 pm Magic Show followed by balloons

5:30 pm Bingo!

5:30-8:30 pm DJ Oliver Entourage Mobile Entertainment

5-8:30 pm Beer Garden Sponsored by The Knights of Columbus



FEATURING: **ICCP Booster Club** will be selling hotdogs, hamburgers
The Kohl and Teruel Families will be selling soda and water (all proceeds
go to The Children's Heart Foundation) **Dessert Table** and **Kona Ice**
for your Sweet Tooth!

In case of Rain, Mass will be held in the Chapel
and Fest will be held in Plunkett Hall

Coming Events



SINGERS NEEDED!

We love to hear your joyful voices in the pews – have you ever thought of joining one of our ensembles or becoming a cantor? Please consider sharing your gifts with our IC community!

- CANTOR MINISTRY** (high school – adult): Strong solo singer, flexible scheduling
- PARISH CHOIR** (high school – adult): Mixed choir, 9am Mass, Thursday evening rehearsals
- CONTEMPORARY ENSEMBLE** (high school – adult): Mixed choir, Sunday 5:15 Mass, rehearsal beforehand

Please contact Lisa Grisolia for more information: lisagrisolia@icelmhurst.org
630-530-3489 For IC Music Ministry news, like us on Facebook!
<https://www.facebook.com/ICElmhurstMusic>



IC FAMILIES



Would you like to host a "Cookies and Lemonade" Sunday?

It's a **Fun Family** opportunity to get to know your fellow Parishioners. Your family's name will appear in our bulletin and newsletter. Supplies and instructions will be provided and everyone is welcome to help!

Email Barb Repking at brepking@icelmhurst.org
This event is hosted outside of Church after the 7:30 & 9:00 Masses (weather permitting)

2019 Cookies and Lemonade weekends
Aug 4, Aug 11, Aug 18



You are invited to the last session of Father Richard Rohr's book, Falling Upward: a Spirituality for the Two Halves of Life even if you haven't participated before. We will meet on August 8 at 7:00 and the discussion should be lively. Come, join in. For more information, please call Loretta at 630-834-8664.



Are you interested in teaching Children's Church this year? The commitment is once every other month as lead and once every other month as an aid. Children's

Church occurs during the 9am Mass on most Sundays during the school year. Training and materials are supplied. If you are interested, please email Mary Ellen Reeves at ramme926@gmail.com



All are invited to the 5th annual 'Cue for a Cause, benefitting the Elmhurst Walk-In Assistance Network on Sunday, September 1 from noon to 8 pm in the City lot at York and Vallette. While teams compete to prove their BBQ the best, attendees will enjoy live music, a kids play area, raffles, grilled food items, root beer floats, and adult beverages.

The deadline to register to compete is August 18, so it's not too late to get your team together. Go to Elmhurstwalkin.org to sign up.

Volunteers are needed for the 'Cue as well. Service hours are available for teens! If you would like to volunteer that day follow these links to Sign Up Genius: <https://signup.com/go/ZMELLSK> for kids seeking service hours, or <https://signup.com/go/KTxhwVS> for adults who want to help out with a great cause.

The Elmhurst Walk-In Assistance Network provides financial assistance to local families going through a difficult time. To learn more about their work, visit elmhurstwalkin.org.



ELMHURST WALK-IN ASSISTANCE NETWORK

formerly known as Elmhurst Walk-in Ministry

Coming Events Continued

K4K

Kartwheels for Kids A 501C3 charity on a mission to feed hungry Children August 11th, 1- 3:30pm *prizes and raffle winners awarded 3:00-3:30 Block of 630 Sunnyside Ave.

This year we are fundraising for the Kidz Express program in the Austin neighborhood of Chicago. Our donation will provide much needed hot meals for hungry children. Please help us feed these kids one kartwheel at a time by attending our event. All ages welcome! Can't attend but want to donate? Visit our website to contribute to our cause. \$15.00 Entry – Basketball, Soccer, Gymnastics, Hockey & Golf Events with Prizes! Dunk Tank, Cake Walk, Inflatable Obstacle Course, Raffle & More! New this year – Almost Home Foundation attending with adoptable dogs! Visit our website to register in advance (optional), Donate, more information, or to see our story. Those who pre-register will be entered in a special raffle!

<https://kartwheels4kids.weebly.com>

To learn more about Kidz Express, check out their website at <http://kidzexpress.org>

To see all current available animals to adopt visit <http://almosthomefoundation.org/>

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SUMMER @ THE SEMINARY

A Young Adult Gathering at Mundelein Seminary

Saturday, August 10 @ 2 p.m.

Young adults and families are welcome
for campus tours, Mass with Fr. John Kartje,
and a cookout dinner!

RSVP @ usml.edu/event/summer

SS. Simeon & Domitilla Parish

JOYOUS JUNK RUMMAGE SALE

In South Hall of School
605 Hillside Av., Hillside



FRIDAY, August 9th
9:00 AM until 3:00 PM

SATURDAY, August 10th
8:00 AM until 2:00 PM

SUNDAY, August 11th
9:00 AM until 1:00 PM

**Tables of kitchenware, glassware, linens,
craft supplies, toys, games, books, seasonal
decorations and much more.**

Community Life

THE OFFICE OF FAMILY MINISTRY

16555 Weber Rd
Crest Hill, IL 60403

Fax: (815)-221-6089 Phone: (815) 838-5334 Email: familyministry@dioceseofjoliet.org



The Forty-first Annual Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass will be celebrated on Sunday, August 18, 2019 at 2:00 p.m. at the Cathedral of St. Raymond in Joliet. Couples celebrating anniversaries of 25 years, 50 years, and more than 50 years, are welcome to attend the event. Couples will receive a special blessing during the liturgy and will receive an anniversary certificate after the Mass. Our celebrant will be Bishop R. Daniel Conlon. Because of space limitations, there is not room for additional guests. However, if necessary, a caregiver/helper is very welcome to attend with the couple. Pre-registration is required; please complete and return the form or register online by August 2, 2019. For more information, please call 815-838-5334.

Vocations

Please remember these men and women in your daily prayers – Priests, Deacons, Seminarians, and Women & Men Religious in the Diocese of Joliet. Click [HERE](#) to download our Vocation Calendar for August 2019.

The 24 Hour Knight!

Did you know it only takes 24 hours per **YEAR** to be a Knight?

With only 2 hours per month, you can make a positive difference in your Faith, your family and yourself.

Join Elmhurst Council #1911 and reap the benefits of membership in the Knights of Columbus for you, your family and your Faith.



Installation of new members:
Tuesday September 3, 2019
Fr. McDonald Council #1911
537 S York Street, Elmhurst

Click **[HERE](#)** for more info!

IC Boy Scout Troop 77 is always accepting new scouts for fun, fellowship and learning. Troop 77 meets weekly and recently set out for a hike in Blackwell Forest Preserve with a focus on orienteering. As the boys hiked through fields of tall wildflowers and up to the peak of Mount Hoy, they used their compass skills to navigate to 8 checkpoints. They also discussed the importance of sticking to established trails and using the buddy system when exploring areas of wilderness.

Please visit Troop 77's website (<https://www.troopwebhost.org/Troop77Elmhurst/>) to learn more and contact Shelly Nicholson (snichol33@hotmail.com) if interested in joining the troop.



Thank you!



Last year you raised the money to make it possible to begin 7th grade. This Lent with the money you raised, you have made it possible for us to continue with this group of students and open 8th grade. The gifts you have given us, not only touch the students, but also their families. Your hard work and sincere commitment to St. Mary's Mission helps us to continue to "Ignite Faith, Inspire Hope and Empower Love." Blessings to all of you and thank you for sharing in our ministry....

"Never underestimate the good that your do!"

**Father Jerry, students, staff, and families of St. Mary's Mission
First Eighth Grade Class at St. Mary's 2019-2020 School Year**



On behalf of Caring Network of DuPage and Fr. McDonald Council #1911 (est. 1918), all Brothers, family and friends are invited to attend the dedication of Caring Network's new facility in Darien Illinois.

The Darien Center will be equipped with a 3D Ultrasound machine purchased with funds raised by Elmhurst's Father McDonald Council #1911 and a matching grant from the Knights of Columbus Supreme Council's Culture of Life Fund. The open house will be held Sunday August 25 from 2:00-4:00pm at 2849 83rd St, Darien Illinois and will include Prayers and Blessing of the Caring Network Facility by the Joliet Diocese, community Rosary, fellowship, and refreshments



Totus Tuus



Darien Center Open House

Join Caring Network staff and Very Reverend Paul Hotfingier, Dean of the South DuPage Deanery and Pastor of St. Margaret Mary Parish in Naperville for an Open House and blessing of the new pro-life pregnancy center in Darien.

Sunday August 25th
2pm-4pm
2849 83rd St, Darien

*Special thanks to the
Supreme Knights of Columbus
and the Knights from Elmhurst,
who provided the ultrasound
machine for this center!*

**Thank you to the many hands
which made this year's Totus
Tuus at Visitation a success!**

Christian Ministry

DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO IS HOMEBOUND? PLEASE LET US KNOW!

If you know someone who is HOMEBOUND, either temporarily or permanently and unable to attend Mass, please let us know.

We will contact them to see if they would like to receive Communion on a weekly basis. Mutually agreeable times and dates are determined between the individual and the Minister of Care. Please call Pam at 530-3497 with names and contact information.



If you or someone you know are experiencing health issues, facing surgery, receiving or recuperating from medical treatments, healing through grief or experiencing a significant life crossroads and would like to receive a prayer shawl, please contact the parish office at 630-530-8515. One of our Prayer Shawl Ministers will contact you to obtain

additional information. Prayer shawls are a tangible sign of healing prayers from our parish and a way in which to feel the healing presence of God.

HOSPITALIZED?

Please remember to notify the Rectory if you or a member of your family is hospitalized and wants to receive Communion or a pastoral visit from one of our Ministers of Care or priests. We visit Elmhurst Hospital several times a week and convenient times can be arranged.



Our pantry is feeling the effects of summer vacations – our shelves are very empty. Items we could use are milk, eggs, orange juice, canned tuna, cereal, pasta sauce, fresh or canned fruit, coffee, full-size condiments, toilet paper, body soap/wash, shampoo, **personal**

hygiene products, laundry detergent and dish soap. Thank you to all of our loyal donors.

TOO BUSY TO SHOP?

Monetary donations are always appreciated and allow us to purchase what we need at bulk pricing. By supporting our pantry, **you are helping members of our own community who need assistance.** May God bless you for your continued support.

"In imitation of our Master, we Christians are called to confront the poverty of our brothers and sisters, to touch it, to make it our own and to take practical steps to alleviate it."
Pope Francis



Are you in need of an annulment? Do you have questions about the process, timeline or requirements? Please contact Pam Stefik at 530-3497 for information.

AUGUST 20/21 9AM – 2:00PM
Drury Lane, Oakbrook Terrace
Features Health and Wellness Area, Educational Seminars, Giveaways and Drawings, Product & Service Exhibitors, and Live Entertainment! Sponsored by the Northeastern Illinois Agency on Aging www.SeniorLifestyleExpo.org



DUPAGE PADS 15TH ANNUAL RUN4HOME
Saturday, September 21, 2019
8:00 AM Start 703 W. Liberty, Wheaton
CARA Course Certified & Chip Timed
Pre-Registration available online at www.padsrun.org

Joyful Again Retreat Schedule

Widowed? Are you wondering how long it might take before things begin to get better? Are you hoping to move forward with your life while honoring your spouse? Please consider attending one of the retreat/workshops being offered this summer for widowed men and women.

August 11 & 12 - Mary Queen - Elmhurst

Space is limited, so please register early. Call us at 708-354-7211 or e-mail us at joyfulagain7211@gmail.com or access our website at www.joyfulagain.org



SHARING CONNECTIONS



www.sharingconnections.org To schedule a pick-up, please call 630-971-0565 x 300.

RULE OF THUMB: IF THE DONATED ITEM IS NOT READY TO GO DIRECTLY TO ONE OF OUR FAMILIES, THEN IT WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. HELP US SERVE FAMILIES WITH DIGNITY, AS WE DO NOT BELIEVE "SOMETHING IS BETTER THAN NOTHING".

Due to a lack of storage space, IC is unable to accept furniture for use in our Transitional Housing program. Our clients are sent to Sharing Connections, located in Downers Grove, to choose furnishings for their new apartments. To view a complete list of accepted items, please access

Christian Ministry Continued...



IC is offering several Protecting God's Children workshops throughout the summer and fall. All sessions begin promptly at 6:30PM in the Resource Room of the PAC/Rectory. Please arrive 10-15 minutes early, as latecomers will be asked to reschedule. Any adult who works with minors in the parish setting or has the potential for being alone with minors during the course of their ministerial duties must attend a workshop and submit to a criminal background check. **If you are new to the Parish or the School and plan to volunteer in any capacity (room parents, chaperones, Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Ushers, Choir, RE catechists, aides, subs, Youth Ministry, etc.), you must**

attend a workshop. You may attend the workshop at a parish of your choice, but must remit the appropriate forms directly to Immaculate Conception. The following workshops are being offered at Immaculate Conception:

**August 28, 2019
September 11, 2019
September 25, 2019
October 16, 2019**

Registrations cannot be accepted over the phone.

To register, please access Immaculate Conception's home page at www.icelmhurst.org and click on the "Promise to Protect/Pledge to Heal" icon listed on the left hand side. It will bring you to the workshop schedule with a registration tab. Space is limited. Please contact Pam Stefik at 530-3497 for further information.

Note: Diocesan policy requires that a background check be completed every five (5) years for active volunteers. Failure to submit the required authorization and other paperwork may result in being placed on "inactive" status for future volunteer/ministerial activity.

Reporting Sexual Abuse

Anyone with reason to believe that a child has been abused or is being abused should report their suspicions to civil authorities. **Contact: Illinois Department of Children and Family Services: 1-800-25ABUSE (1-800-252-2873) and local police.** The Diocese of Joliet Victim Assistance Coordinator is available to help victims/survivors of child sexual abuse by a cleric, employee or volunteer of the Catholic Church. The Victim Assistance Coordinator will report to Bishop Conlon and coordinate efforts of pastoral support and outreach to assist in the healing process. The Victim Assistance Coordinator can also assist in making a report to civil authorities. **Contact the Diocese of Joliet Victim Assistance Coordinator at 1-815-263-6467.**



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Diocese of Joliet

Catholic Charities' Counseling

The Counseling Program at Catholic Charities, Diocese of Joliet, has immediate openings for new clients this summer in Downers Grove and Joliet! Counseling services are available in English or Spanish, with our masters-level clinicians.

Catholic Charities Counseling Services provides outpatient mental health counseling for individuals, families, and couples. Additionally, specialized

services such as anger management, parenting groups and preventative education programs are offered. To make an appointment, call 815-723-0331. To learn more about Catholic Charities, visit catholiccharitiesjoliet.org.

Catholic Charities, Diocese of Joliet

operates an 18 bed homeless shelter in Villa Park called **Hope House**. They are seeking volunteers to prepare and serve meals at the shelter. Volunteers are also welcome to prepare meals offsite and bring them to the shelter to serve. The ingredients will be provided. This is a great opportunity to help homeless families! Please contact Joy Newburn at jnewburn@cc-doj.org or 630-519-6547 for additional information. To learn more about Hope House, please visit catholiccharitiesjoliet.org.



Faith Formation



Spiritual Classics

Pierre Teilhard de Chardin was one of the Church's most original thinkers of the twentieth century, and has been quoted by both Pope Francis and Pope Benedict. His unique views will be explored in the next Spiritual Classics series this Fall, starting on Sunday, Sept. 8, for 11 sessions. We will be using the book *Pierre Teilhard De Chardin, Writings Selected by Ursula King*, ISBN 1-57075-248-6. We meet on Sundays from 10:15 to 11:15 in the Dyer Center. The

discussion is open to all. For more information contact Len Hohbein, lenhohbein@aol.com.

PARENTS: Do you have a child **7 years of age or older** who has not yet been baptized and/or has not received their First Holy Communion?

The Diocese of Joliet requires two years of religious education prior to the reception of a Sacrament. If your child is over the age of 7 and has not been baptized or received First Holy Communion, they must be enrolled in our grade school or Religious Education program. Please contact Pam Stefik with any questions you may have at 630-530-3497.



RCIA or the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults is a process of prayer, reflection, education and faith sharing specifically intended for those who

- Would like to be baptized
- Were baptized into another Christian faith and would like to become Catholic
- Were baptized Catholic and would now like to complete their Sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation

Are YOU or someone that you know being called to "**Come and See**" about the Catholic Church? We welcome you to participate in this prayerful and educational journey of discovery.

The journey begins in September. Please contact Pam Stefik at 630-530-3497 to arrange an informal interview and learn more about the year ahead.

Following is a reflection from Christine Harezlak, who made a Profession of Faith and was received into the Catholic Church during the Easter Season in 2019.

I decided to complete the **RCIA** program for several reasons. First, I wanted my family to fully share experiences and traditions in practicing our faith. Also, I needed to better educate myself on the history of Christianity and Catholicism, so that I could make more informed decisions and increase the level of commitment to my faith. Finally, I felt that completing the Sacraments was critical to a complete experience in the Catholic church.

The **RCIA** process was a positive experience. I found myself looking forward to the sessions. It gave me an opportunity each week to reflect, learn something new, practice gratitude and reset personal faith-based priorities for the upcoming week. We met many wonderful members of the IC congregation along the way, who provided new perspectives and opportunities to connect.

Since the **RCIA** program, I feel much more connected to the IC community and the Catholic faith. I would recommend this process to anyone who is considering becoming a member of the Catholic Church. It is a commitment of time but definitely fulfilling.

Religious Education

As our program continues to grow, so does our need for Catechists and Catechist Aides. Please considering volunteering! Contact the RE office for more information!

In-Service Evening...Thursday August 22 OR Wednesday, August 28 at 7 p.m. in the Marian Room. Catechists & Catechist Aides are asked to attend ONE of these sessions. Religious Education procedures and policies will be discussed. Classroom management suggestions and lesson plans will be shared.

2019-2020 RE Classes begin Sunday, September 15th and Wednesday, September 18th.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION RELIGIOUS EDUCATION TUITION AND FEES 2019-2020

Payment received after July 15, 2019

1 student	\$325
2 students	\$400
3 students	\$450

Late fee incurred after September 1, 2019: \$50

Class Change Fee after the first week of class: \$50

2nd Grade First Eucharist Fee: \$70 per student

8th Grade Confirmation Fee: \$70 per student

A fee of \$50 will be assessed for participants that are not parishioners of IC prior to September 1, 2019

To keep program costs within collected revenues, free will donations are appreciated. Suggested contribution amounts are \$20 per family.

Service Hour Opportunities: Our Jr High students are required to do service hours each year. When opportunities are presented to the church, we will pass them along to you!



CLEARBROOK
Creating Opportunities for People with Disabilities

TAKE A BREAK VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

Clearbrook is a nonprofit that provides programs and services to individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities from birth through adulthood. We currently help more than 1,000 families in 180 communities across Illinois. We are looking for volunteers who can help supervise children five

years and younger with special needs including siblings one Saturday a month for three hours in Addison. This is a great opportunity for students in high school and college to have hands-on experience working with children with special needs and their siblings in a supervised setting with trained Clearbrook staff. The program runs from September through May once a month for three hours and offers families the opportunity to take a scheduled three-hour break. During this time, the children can play, make crafts and meet new friends all in a supervised and safe setting.

To find out more, please contact Tina Yurik, Program Director, at (847) 653-6635 Ext. 28 or tyurik@clearbrook.org. We also invite you to visit our website at www.clearbrook.org. Training is provided so please call us if you'd like more information!



Join us for our annual ice cream social and uniform exchange on August 18th at 2pm on the corner of Arthur and Cottage Hill!

A Prayer for Our Teachers

Dear God,

Thank you for the amazing teachers who have given their lives to serve our children. As they prepare for the new year fill them with strength to lead, grace to guide and hope to thrive in their classroom. Bless them beyond measure for their willingness to pour into the next generation through education. In Jesus' name, amen.


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SAVE THE DATE - All IC Parishioners are invited!

3rd Annual Marcia May "Light the Knight" Fun Run

Sponsored by: ICGS Parents Club

Date: Friday, September 6, 2019

Time: 6pm

Place: Wild Meadows Trace at the Prairie Path

(located in grassy area north of the Prairie Path, east of York and south of South, by Safety Town)

Distance: 1 mile walk or 3 mile run (or anywhere in between)

****SIGN UP BY AUGUST 14TH TO ENSURE YOUR RACE T-SHIRT****

Registration - [CLICK HERE!!!](#)

There will be a D.J., swag bags, and t-shirts!!
Plus, a dress down day for all who participated!

Marcia May Fun Run Committee
Karon Sullivan and Jenny Winter



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Back-to-School 2019-2020

August 11 – Mass, Incoming Freshmen & New Students, 11am - 2pm

August 13 – All Student Orientation, 8am - 3pm

August 14 – First Day of Classes, 7:45am

August 15 – Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Mass, 9:15am

August 17 – Back-to-School Dance, 7-10pm

August 20 – School Photos, 8am-1:30pm

August 23 – Blue & White Sports Knight, 5-10pm

SEPTEMBER 21

217 BLOCK PARTY

bidpal.net/BP217

OCTOBER 26

80s BUY-IN PARTY

RSVP @ bit.ly/iccp80sparty

Tracie Ortman, Director of Special Events
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WE ARE IC Capital Campaign

Naming Opportunities Available

We look forward to you seeing the progress with the windows in early September. In addition to the windows, there are several ways to remember deceased loved ones, or honor the living, as part of the **We are IC** capital campaign. If you should choose to make a gift at one of these levels, or would like more information, please contact Catey Cohen in the parish office at 630-530-8991.

ITEM TO RESERVE	QUANTITY REMAINING	AMOUNT TO RESERVE IN PERPETUITY
<u>Sacred Heart Chapel Renovation</u>		
Tabernacle & Stand	1	\$ 50,000
Family Chapel	1	\$ 50,000 each
Sound System	1	\$ 30,000
Etched Glass Doors (Narthex & Nave)	4	\$ 25,000 each
Narthex upgrades	1	\$ 25,000
Stations of the Cross	14	\$ 15,000 each
Reconciliation Rooms	2	\$ 10,000 each
Credence Table	1	\$ 5,000 each
Additional Sanctuary Chairs (servers /seminarians /additional priests)	6	\$ 5,000 each
Altar Candles	4	\$ 5,000 each
Processional Candles for Servers	2	\$ 5,000 each
Incense Brazier and Stand	1	\$ 5,000
Stained Glass Exterior Doors (Arthur St.)	9	\$ 5,000 each

Stained Glass Saints and Symbols

There are a total of 36 sections of windows in the chapel. In 18 of them, images of various saints will be made. Next to each of the saint windows will be a symbol that represents the life of that particular saint. The saints that have been chosen have had a direct relationship either with our country or have been recently canonized. If, however, someone would like to donate a window in honor of a saint not on this list, provisions may be made to allow that to happen. Below is the list of available saints and their corresponding symbols.

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Saints</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · St. John XXIII · St. Isaac Jogues · St. Elizabeth Ann Seton · St. John Neuman · St. Francis Xavier Cabrini · St. Kateri Tekakwitha · St. Junipero Serra · St. Damien of Molokai · St. Marianne Cope · St. Katherine Drexel 	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Symbols</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lamb of God Crown of Thorns Pelican Bible House of God Holy Spirit Trinity Sacrifice Cross and Crown Anchor Eucharist
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The following symbols are still available to represent the saints that have already been donated.

Virtues Tree (St. Theodore Guerin)	3 Fish Trinity (St. Anthony)
Justice (St. Rose Duchesne)	Reconciliation (St. John Paul II)
Shield w/Water (St. Therese of Lisieux)	Sacred Heart (St. Margaret Mary Alacoque)
Gates of Heaven (St. Teresa of Calcutta)	Mercy (St. Faustina)
Symbols for Padre Pio and St. Cecilia tbd	

We Are IC!

Capital Campaign Letter of Intent

Dear Father Thomas Paul,
In support of Immaculate Conception Parish, I intend to contribute the sum of

\$ _____ to the "We are IC" capital campaign.

My investment will be made as follows:

- Monthly** Start Date _____ Amount: \$ _____
Over the Course of 1 2 3 4 5 years (circle one)
- Quarterly** Start Date _____ Amount: \$ _____
Over the Course of 1 2 3 4 5 years (circle one)
- Annually** Start Date _____ Amount: \$ _____
Over the Course of 1 2 3 4 5 years (circle one)
- One-Time Gift** Date _____ Amount: \$ _____

Payment Options

- We will make our investment by check. (Please make checks payable to Immaculate Conception Parish)
- We will make our investment through automatic withdrawal.
I authorize IC to withdraw automatically the amount indicated from the bank or credit account checked below:

Bank Account - attach a voided check to this form

Credit/Debit Card (circle one) Visa MasterCard Discover American Express

Card # _____ Expiration _____ CVC# _____
(Monthly and quarterly pledge offerings will be withdrawn on the last work day of each month. Please notify the Parish Office one week prior if you need to make a change.)

- We will make our investment by stock. Please contact Ron Darin in the parish office at 630-530-8848
- Please indicate if you plan to have your gift matched by your employer or your spouse's employer

Potential Matching Gift Amount: \$ _____ Matching Gift Company: _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Please Print Name(s) as you would like to be acknowledged: _____

Name: _____

Address _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Cell: _____

E-mail: _____