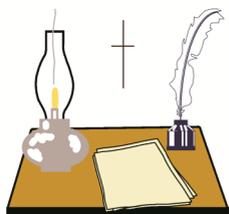


# IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

## February 2019 Newsletter

*From the*

Dear Friends in Chris,



*Pastor's desk*

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In the past few years, because the dates for Easter have been much earlier, Lent also came on earlier dates. I keep thinking, "When is Lent going to start?" This year, we will not begin our 40 days of prayer and fasting until Ash Wednesday, March 6th. At present, we continue to celebrate the liturgical season of Ordinary Time. The weather in the past week has been anything but ordinary. I'm sure we have all learned lessons of endurance and patience. A long time ago someone told me the saying, "Tough times don't last, but tough people do." Let us pray that by the grace of God and by the strength of our faith in Him, no hardships shall overwhelm us.

Our high school principal, Ms. Pam Levar, has recently announced her plans for retirement at the end of this school year. IC Catholic Prep (ICHS) has truly been blessed by the dedication and commitment that Pam has shown over the years. She has done a tremendous job of guiding thousands of students to become the best versions of themselves during their high school years. In her 41 years of service, much has changed in the school. Above all, both the needs and types of students that attend have changed tremendously. Pam has been able to guide the school through all these times in order to best respond to the challenges of the students that attend. In many ways she is a legacy at IC as she has touched so many lives. Pam began her service while the Sisters of St. Agnes were still present. She realized the opportunities that were there for her to learn and received much from the sisters. After the nuns left the school that they had founded in 1936, it was because of people like her that our high school has continued to be so successful down to the present time. Pam will be deeply missed by her staff and coworkers. Above all, because she is so respected, the students in our high school will certainly feel her absence. She leaves our school on a solid foundation as it operates very successfully. We are very blest that she has developed an excellent administration team, faculty, and an excellent learning environment. She would never leave the school unless she felt that it was able to go forward in a successful way.

Towards the end of the school year, there will be a time for our community to give thanks to Pam and to celebrate her service at IC. At the present time, the high school board is in the process of seeking out candidates for consideration for her position. Once the board has made a choice of candidates, it will make its recommendation to me regarding hiring. Please keep Pam and this entire process in your prayers.

Sincerely,  
Father Tom

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Dear Friends in Christ,

I hope and pray that each and every one of you are having a wonderful New Year! I cannot believe that it is February all ready, but it is! I also hope everyone is staying warm after the cold weather!

So, I want to take this opportunity to say thank you! A lot of you know how for the past two years I have been on a weight loss journey. I have tried to go to the gym on a regular basis, eat better, and live a healthier life in those ways. The motivation for this came while I was in Rome two years ago. Thanks be to God, I have been able to keep with it for two years now. I'm proud to say I'm down approximately 55lbs, and intend to lose another 20lbs! I'm even part of a PriestFit group on social media, and we recently have been using the hashtag, #FitForTheKingdom.

In recent weeks, I have received a lot of comments from you, my parish family, congratulating me for my success. For that I'm grateful, and it helps motivate me to continue! So thank you!!

A number of months ago, an idea came up to me, and I thought I'd share it with all of you. I call it the P.R.AYER diet! Let me explain the acronym.

**P = Prayer**

**R = Recreation**

**AYER = And You Eating Right**

I thought each month for the next three months I would go over helpful tips that I have heard and picked up along the way for each of these categories, and that when they are all put together, they help lead to good things for our physical and spiritual lives. This is not medical advice, nor am I a doctor, so these are merely suggestions I'll be passing on.

Once again, thank you for your prayers, support, encouragement, and words of congratulations. May God bless each of you!

In Christ,  
Fr. Chris

## February Prayer

Almighty and eternal God, may Your grace enkindle in all of us a love for the many unfortunate people whom poverty and misery reduce to unfortunate living conditions.

Arouse in our hearts a hunger and thirst for social justice and for fraternal charity in deeds and in truth.

Grant, O Lord, peace in our days, peace to souls, peace to families, peace to our country, and peace among nations.

Amen



A Message from Seminarian Michael Groth:

As part of the academic curriculum of Mundelein Seminary, I will be making a pilgrimage to the Holy Land beginning this Friday. Myself, my classmates, and some of our professors, will be spending the next nine weeks learning, praying, and encountering some of the principle sites of our faith. I would like to remember you, your families, and your prayer intentions as I visit these holy sites. You can send your intentions to me via email: [mgroth@icelmhurst.org](mailto:mgroth@icelmhurst.org). Be assured that you and your intentions are in my heart as I travel on this pilgrimage. While on pilgrimage, we will each write a post on our blog. You can follow along: [www.usml.edu/pilgrimage](http://www.usml.edu/pilgrimage).

FEBRUARY UPDATE:

Greetings from the Holy Land!

The pilgrimage has been amazing thus far. We are currently visiting the places around Nazareth. This is a beautiful icon that depicts Nazareth - the place where Jesus spent 30 years growing up, being educated, working, and being part of the Holy Family.

Currently, my favorite place we have visited is the Jordan River, the place St. John the Baptist baptized Jesus. One of my classmates captured me praying with my feet in the cold river. I was struck by two things. First, Jesus, by going down into the water to be baptized, took on our sins. Truly a profound and salvific grace. Second, in a matter of weeks, upon being ordained a deacon, I will be baptizing. I was brought to tears at the thought of this and prayed for everyone that I will be blessed to baptize.

There is much more to come on the pilgrimage but know that I carry you and your intentions as I go.

In Christ,  
Michael Groth



# Around the Parish in February

## Mass schedule

Saturday	5:15p.m.	Sacred Heart Chapel
Sunday	7:30a.m.	Church
	9:00a.m.	Sacred Heart Chapel
	11:30a.m.	Sacred Heart Chapel
	5:15p.m.	Sacred Heart Chapel

## February Reconciliation Times

Friday 1st-Following	6:15am	Mass Church
Saturday 2nd	4-4:45pm	Church
Saturday 9th	4-4:45pm	Church
Saturday 16th	4-4:45pm	Sacred Heart Chapel
Saturday 23rd	4-4:45pm	Sacred Heart Chapel

### Weekend 2/3

**Souper Bowl & Weekend Food collection** accepted at all Masses

**Sunday, February 3** RCIA Journey 8am-Noon PAC Resource Room

**Sunday, February 3** Spiritual Classics 10:15-11:15am PAC Dyer Center

**Sunday, February 3** Religious Education 10:10-11:15am ICGS Classrooms

**Monday, February 4** First Reconciliation Group A 6:30pm Sacred Heart Chapel

**Monday, February 4** Parish Finance Committee Meeting 6:30pm Dyer Center

**Monday, February 4** ICCP Booster Club Meeting 7pm Costello Hall

**Monday, February 4** CRHP Meeting 7pm Agnesian Room

**Tuesday, February 5** Lectio Divina Join Anne Hohbein after the 7:30am Mass PAC-Resource Room

**Tuesday, February 5** Prayer Shawl Ministry 9:30am Resource Room

**Tuesday, February 5** ICCP Prospective Parent Gathering 5pm Dyer Center

**Tuesday, February 5** First Reconciliation Group B 6:30pm Sacred Heart Chapel

**Wednesday, February 6** Bible Study 9:30-11:30am Resource Room

**Wednesday, February 6** Parish Children's Choir Rehearsal 3:30pm Sacred Heart Chapel

**Wednesday, February 6** Religious Education 5:10-6:15pm ICGS Classrooms

**Thursday, February 7** Parish Choir Rehearsal 7pm Sacred Heart Chapel

**Thursday, February 7** Baptism Prep Class 7pm Resource Room

**Friday, February 8** Taize Prayer Service 7pm Church

### Weekend 9/10

**ICGS Raffle Ticket sales and Weekend Food collection** Distribution at all Masses

**Saturday, February 8** Men's Prayer Breakfast 8:30-9:30am PAC Agnesian Room

**Saturday, February 9** Women's Prayer Breakfast 8:30-10am PAC Resource Room

**Sunday, February 10** RCIA Journey 8am-Noon PAC Resource Room

**Sunday, February 10** Religious Education 10:10-11:15am ICGS Classrooms

**Monday, February 11** Bereavement Support Group 6:30pm Resource Room

**Monday, February 11** GS School Board Meeting 6:30pm Dyer Center

**Tuesday, February 12** Lectio Divina Join Anne Hohbein after the 7:30am Mass PAC-Resource Room

**Tuesday, February 12** ICCP Spanish/Italian National Honor Societ Induction 7:00pm Church

**Wednesday, February 13** Bible Study 9:30-11:30am Resource Room

**Wednesday, February 13** Religious Education 5:10-6:15pm ICGS Classrooms

**Wednesday, February 13** Parish Children's Choir Rehearsal 3:30pm Sacred Heart Chapel

**Wednesday, February 13** Parent's Club 7pm Agnesian Room

**Thursday, February 14** Parish Choir Rehearsal 7pm Sacred Heart Chapel

### Weekend 16/17

**Weekend Food collection** accepted at all Masses

**Sunday, February 17** RCIA Journey 8am-Noon PAC Resource Room

**Sunday, February 17** Spiritual Classics 10:15-11:15am PAC Dyer Center

**Monday, February 18** Presidents Day: No ICCP NO ICGS and NO PAC/Office

**Monday, February 18** Bereavement Support Group 6:30pm Resource Room

**Monday, February 18** CRHP Meeting 7pm Agnesian Room

**Tuesday, February 19** Lectio Divina Join Anne Hohbein after the 7:30am Mass PAC-Resource Room

**Tuesday, February 19** Prayer Shawl Ministry 9:30am Elmhurst Public Library

**Tuesday, February 19** Faith Enrichment Night with Fr. Fragomeni 7pm Church

**Wednesday, February 20** Bible Study 9:30-11:30am Resource Room

**Wednesday, February 20** Parish Children's Choir Rehearsal 3:30pm Sacred Heart Chapel

**Wednesday, February 20** Protecting God's Children Workshop 6:30pm Resource Room

**Thursday, February 20** Parish Choir Rehearsal 7pm Sacred Heart Chapel

**Thursday, February 20** ICCP Class of 2023 Registration 6-8:30pm ICCP Cafe

### Weekend 23/24

**Weekend Food collection** accepted at all Masses

**Saturday, February 23** Women's CRHP begins

**Saturday, February 23** ICCP Turnabout

**Sunday, February 24** RCIA Journey 8am-Noon PAC Resource Room

**Sunday, February 24** Religious Education 10:10-11:15am ICGS Classrooms

**Monday, February 25** Bereavement Support Group 6:30pm Resource Room

**Tuesday, February 25** Lectio Divina Join Anne Hohbein after the 7:30am Mass PAC-Resource Room

**Wednesday, February 27** Bible Study 9:30-11:30am Resource Room

**Wednesday, February 27** Parish Children's Choir Rehearsal 3:30pm Sacred Heart Chapel

**Thursday, February 20** Parish Choir Rehearsal 7pm Sacred Heart Chapel

**Thursday, February 28** Respect Life Rosary and Benediction 6:30pm Church

## Coming Events

# Did Jesus Really Intend to Establish a Church?

Bishop R. Daniel Conlon



The Most Rev. R. Daniel Conlon has served as bishop of the Diocese of Joliet since 2011. He was chairperson for the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Committee for the Protection of Children and Young People, and currently serves as the conference's liaison to the National Catholic Committee on Scouting.



THE CARDINAL JOSEPH BERNARDIN LECTURE  
WEDNESDAY, FEB. 6, 2019, 7:30 P.M.  
FRICK CENTER, FOUNDERS LOUNGE  
190 PROSPECT AVE., ELMHURST, ILLINOIS

ADMISSION IS FREE AND ALL ARE WELCOME.

Question? (630) 617-3025 or visit [elmhurst.edu](http://elmhurst.edu)

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## 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Sweetheart Dinner Dance

Sponsored By: Eastern DuPage Deanery Marriage Enrichment Ministry

### Come Celebrate Valentine's Day

with your best friend as you attend Mass with a blessing for all married couples followed by a fun evening of dinner and dancing.

## February 9, 2019

Mass is celebrated at 5 PM at Christ The King 1501 S Main St. in Lombard  
Dinner dance follows in the hall.

Cost: \$60 per Couple

**\*\*Prepayment required By February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2019\*\***

Make check payable to "IC" Mail to: MEM at 425 S. Main St. Lombard, IL 60148

Include name, phone number and email.

For more information contact: [EasternDuPageMEM@Gmail.com](mailto:EasternDuPageMEM@Gmail.com) Or Jillian at 216-925-3201

## Coming Events

Come and reflect...



Immerse yourself in the beauty of  
Scripture & Song  
Encounter the Light of Christ  
**Taizé Prayer Service Friday,  
February 8 at 7pm – Church**

Join us for an hour of meditative singing, scripture, candle light, silent reflection, and prayers for the world in this ecumenical prayer service. All are welcome!

*“The environment is beautiful, the music is so enchanting, and the format of music and prayer is very spiritual. It allows you to leave your day behind and focus on the spirit around and within!”*

For more information, contact Lisa Grisolia at [lisagrisolia@icelmhurst.org](mailto:lisagrisolia@icelmhurst.org).



### CUP OF HOPE

Do you feel an absence of joy in your life? Do you feel weary? Have you lost someone important in your life? This isn't a quiz, just a chance to get in touch with your own feelings. A Cup of Hope offers a chance to do this and perhaps gain some new insights. We will meet on Tuesday, February 12 at 10:00 a.m. in the PAC (Rectory). You are invited to be part of this very informal group to share stories, hospitality and prayer. Please come. We are so informal it is not necessary to even reply but if you would like more information please call Loretta at 630-834-8664.

ValLimar Jansen  
Concert  
February 22, 2019

St. Alexander's  
300 South Cornell Ave  
Villa Park, IL 60181  
7:00pm



### St. Monica Prayer Group

*Come pray with us for your loved ones who have drifted away from the faith or who are outside of the Church. This fellowship group will meet the first Tuesday of every month.*

Visitation Parish  
779 S. York Rd. Elmhurst, IL  
Fireside Room, Parish Center  
Feb. 5th

7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Questions, call Bonita @ 630-279-0816 or  
Sheila @ 630-329-1867

*“...if two of you agree on earth about anything for which they are to pray, it shall be granted to them by my heavenly Father.” Mt18:19*

## Coming Events



### *Faith Enrichment Night*

February 19, 2019

Immaculate Conception Church  
132 Arthur St.  
Elmhurst, IL 60126  
7:00pm

*All are invited to come listen to this faith filled presentation by Father Richard Fragomeni on The Beauty in the Suffering: A Closer Look at the Garden of Gethsemane.*

By popular demand and to celebrate the 50th anniversary of this encyclical by a recently declared Saint, Pope Paul VI, our next ENDOW study will be **Humanae Vitae**. We will **begin on Thursday, February 7, 2019 in the Visitation Parish Center**. It will run for 8-12 weeks and there will be two times it is offered; 9am and 7pm. To register, go to the following link: <https://endowgroups.org/groups/karen-stuefen-s-visitation-group-2>



#### Humanae Vitae

The key message of this document is understanding the inseparable dependency of authentic love and truth in human relationships. This is Pope Paul VI's encyclical explaining the beauty of marriage and the sanctity of human life within that bond. This study is important because it addresses many questions modern Catholics have battled in today's culture dealing with human love in relationships.



### *Natural Family Planning ATTENTION ENGAGED and Newly Married COUPLES*

*Natural Family Planning for your marriage is the secret weapon for great love, unity, and faithfulness. Come join other engaged couples across the diocese to learn: What Natural Family Planning (NFP) is and what it is not Why the Catholic Church recommends NFP How NFP encompasses and deepens your wedding vows An honest perspective from couples The Eastern DuPage Deanery welcomes certified BOMA (Billings Ovulation Method) instructor Dr. Carolyn and Dr. Vito Spadafino.*

*Immaculate Conception Plunkett Hall*

*February 23, 2019 9:30-11:00am.*

*To register for this event, please visit [www.easterndupagedeanery.org](http://www.easterndupagedeanery.org)*

# Community Life



## Please join us for a weekend of *SPIRITUAL RENEWAL* Filled with Faith, Fellowship and Fun

- ◆ A time to relax, refresh, re-energize and pray.
- ◆ A day and a half of reflections, prayer and wonderful meals.
- ◆ A time to get to know others in the parish and grow as a faith community.
- ◆ An opportunity to examine, rediscover and/or intensify your personal relationship with God.
- ◆ There is no charge for attending the weekend; it is our Parish's gift to our parishioners

### February 23 & 24, 2019 Immaculate Conception Parish

Saturday 8AM—8 PM; 8:00 AM Mass followed by a day of reflections, prayer, group activities and meals  
Sunday 7:30 AM –4 PM; 7:30 AM Mass followed by a half day of reflections, prayer, group activities and meals

Register Online or Fill out below and drop in the collection basket or the Parish office by Feb. 17, 2019

Name:	Phone:
Address:	Cell:
Email:	Emergency Contact (Name and Phone)
Special or Dietary Needs:	



The That Man Is You! program will be kicking off its Spring semester soon! A very successful Fall semester averaged over 50 men per session and laid the foundation for a journey towards Easter. The time is NOW for the men of our communities to stand up and become the Leaders, Husbands, Fathers, and Grandfathers that they were truly meant to be! Come to a session and see what it's all about. That Man Is You! is an interactive men's program combining the best research from science with the teachings of the Catholic faith and the wisdom of the saints to develop the **VISION OF A MAN, FULLY ALIVE.**

For more information go to [www.TMIY.org](http://www.TMIY.org), or contact either Andrew Morgan at 630-276-6401 or

Ken Gillie at 847-980-2803 Advanced registration is preferred, but not required. To Register, go to [www.TMIY.org](http://www.TMIY.org): Click on 'FIND A GROUP/REGISTER FOR A CLASS' Search near Elmhurst, IL —> Select Mary Queen of Heaven Complete Registration Information

**LOCATION:** Mary Queen of Heaven Parish Barrett Hall 426 West Ave., Elmhurst, IL 60126

(note 2/9 Session to be held at Visitation Parish, Elmhurst)

*That Man Is You! is being sponsored by the Eastern DuPage Deanery and is open to men from all parishes.*



## Join our Liturgical Minister team!

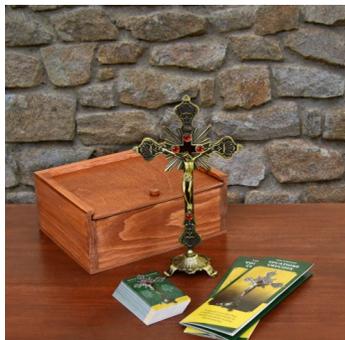
Training for both *Lectors* and  
*Extraordinary Ministers of  
Holy Communion* will be held on  
**Saturday, February 9th at 9 am**  
**and**  
**Monday, February 11th at 6 pm**  
**in the Sacred Heart Chapel.**

If you would like to attend this  
training session, please contact  
Barb Repking at  
brepking@icelmhurst.org or call  
630.530.3479

IC is pleased to present  
**two** traveling worship  
opportunities for IC families!



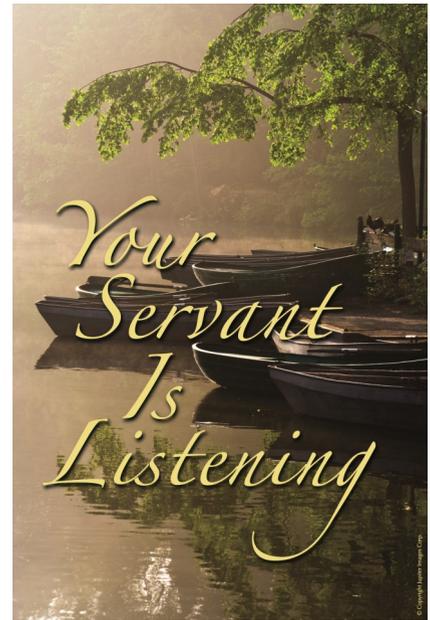
**Traveling Mary**



**Traveling Vocation Crucifix**

Since the Year of Mary in 2013, IC families have been enjoying a visit from **Traveling Mary** as she becomes part of their family for approximately one month.

IC is now pleased and proud to announce a new addition to the Traveling Worship program: our **Traveling Vocation Crucifix** is now available to visit IC homes to help families guide prayers for vocations. If your family would like to participate in the Traveling Worship program, [click here](#) for more information.



### Wednesday Morning Bible Study

from 9:30am - 11am In the  
Parish Administration  
Center, 134 Arthur  
Facilitated by Beth Fisette.

## 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 February 2019.

The Vocation Ministry's mission is to create an atmosphere in our parish that is supportive of religious vocation and provides information about events where young people and families can learn more about discerning this call. One of our goals is to increase prayers for vocations in our parish. Please join us in adoration on every second Monday of each month, from 7-8 PM, at the Visitation Adoration Chapel.

# Christian Ministry



## FOOD PANTRY

### PLEASE REMEMBER US AS YOU DO YOUR WEEKLY SHOPPING

Food may be dropped after all masses on Sunday or at the PAC Rectory during normal business hours. Our needs this month include cereal, oatmeal, pasta sauce, canned fruit, pancake mix

and syrup, chili, eggs, soup, shampoo, bath gel, toothpaste, toilet paper and personal hygiene products. If you are **TOO BUSY TO SHOP**, monetary donations are always appreciated. By supporting our pantry, **you are helping members of the Elmhurst community.**

### Immaculate Conception Daybreak Transitional Housing for the Homeless Annual Appeal / 2018

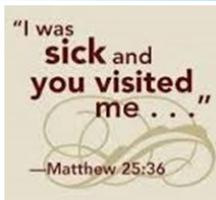
Although our 2018 annual appeal is winding down, we are still short of our projected fundraising goal. If donating to a local charity is important to you, where **100% of your donation is spent exclusively for the benefit of our**

**clients**, (no overhead whatsoever), please prayerfully consider the IC Daybreak Transitional Housing program. If you would like to receive a copy of our latest newsletter, please contact the Christian Ministry Office. **Please remit donations to IC Daybreak of Elmhurst, P. O. Box 2033, Elmhurst, IL 60126**



### HOSPITALIZED or HOMEBOUND? PLEASE LET US KNOW!

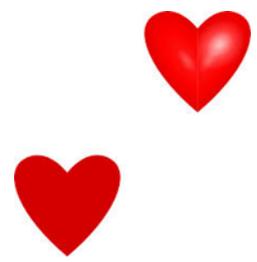
Please remember to notify the Rectory if you or a member of your family is hospitalized and wants to receive Communion or a pastoral visit from one of our Ministers of Care or priests. We visit Elmhurst Hospital several times a week and convenient times can be arranged. If you are HOMEBOUND, unable to attend Mass (either on a temporary or permanent basis) and wish to receive Communion, our Eucharistic Ministers will visit on a weekly basis. Please call Pam at 530-3497 to arrange a convenient time.



**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.



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 Rita Beese at 630-279-6811 or [rdbeese@comcast.net](mailto:rdbeese@comcast.net)



### CALLING ALL BAKERS.....

**Valentine's Day** is just around the corner and we'd like to continue one of IC's longstanding traditions of providing homemade cookies to our homebound parishioners. Will you help to make someone's Valentine's Day extra-special by providing a dozen homemade cookies that will be delivered by our Eucharistic Ministers to the homebound?

Please place the cookies on a disposable plate and **deliver to the IC Rectory by Friday, February 8 between the hours of 8:30 and 2:00.** We currently have 20 homebound parishioners who will benefit from your loving baking. Please contact Pam Stefik at 630-3497 with questions. On behalf of our homebound, **THANK YOU!**

### Joyful Again Retreats

**March 9 & 10:** Mount Assisi Center, Lemont  
**March 30 & 31:** Holy Family Medical Center Golf and River Roads, DesPlaines



Consider joining others who have lost a spouse at a weekend retreat designed to help at tendees reflect and recognize new paths for their lives, while treasuring memories of their loved ones. Early registration is encouraged. Phone: 708-354-7211  
E-Mail: [joyfulagain7211@gmail.com](mailto:joyfulagain7211@gmail.com)

Immaculate Conception hosts a PADS site on the third Saturday of each month beginning October - April. Hundreds of volunteers are needed to help pick up and deliver food (from the Rectory to the PADS site), purchase and/or prepare food, serve our guests, be present for the overnight hours, prepare breakfast and lunches and clean up. You do NOT need to help each and every month.



We can't do this without you! Please contact Marybeth Lawshe at [lawshe5@aol.com](mailto:lawshe5@aol.com) if you can help in some way.

***"To love God and neighbor is not something abstract, but profoundly concrete: it means seeing in every person and face of the Lord to be served, to serve him concretely. And you are, dear brothers and sisters, the face of Jesus." (Pope Francis, Address during Visit at the Homeless Shelter "Dona Di Maria," 5/21/13)***

### Pastoral Care

Are you interested in becoming a Eucharistic Minister to the homebound or hospitalized? Another training session will be held on an upcoming afternoon, date to be determined. Please RSVP your interest / attendance to Pam at 630-530-3497.

Have you considered becoming a Bereavement Minister? Bereavement Ministers aid the family in planning the funeral liturgy, as well as attending the wake and funeral. This is a ministry of compassion and presence. If you want to learn more, please contact Pam in the Christian Ministry office.

# Christian Ministry



## THANK YOU NOTES....

### From a senior at Greencastle...

I would like to thank the church and all the parishioners on their generosity each year at Christmas time for all the wonderful gifts we receive. Their thoughtfulness is surely appreciated.

### From a Food Pantry Client....

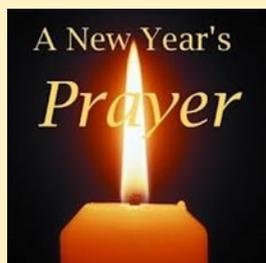
For those who helped with Christmas gifts this year, please know that I have no words for how grateful I am and my kids were. They received the most amazing gifts that I never would have been able to give. We were really just speechless at the generosity. You know when you are a kid and you have that one Christmas that you will never forget?? That's what this was for them. To see their faces was just amazing.

### From another senior....

Thank you could never be enough for all your generosity and the time and effort spent to make my Christmas a very special day. God bless all of you.

### From all the residents at Greencastle...

Your thoughtfulness and kindness were greatly appreciated. Each and every one of us thank you. God Bless all of you. May all your kindness come back to you. Thank you with lots of love from all the residents at Greencastle.



### Prayer for Blessed Service

Dear God, let your will for me be known. Use me, oh God, as your creation. When a kind word needs to be spoken, use my voice. When a load needs to be lifted, use my back. When a hug needs to be given, use my arms. When a journey needs to be taken, use my feet. When a message needs to be delivered, use my mind. When a friend needs to be loved, use my heart. In all things, in all ways, use me, God, as your instrument of love, faith, peace and tranquility.

-Journey with Spirit ©2002-2010 Vicky Thompson

IC will offer its next Protecting God's Children workshop on Wednesday, **February 20, 2019** at 6:30 PM in the Resource Room of the PAC/Rectory. To register, please access our website at [www.icelmhurst.org](http://www.icelmhurst.org) and click on the Promise to Protect/Pledge to Heal icon. This will direct you to a list of workshops being offered. Any adult who works with minors in the parish setting must attend this class. Please call 630-530-3497 for further information. Registrations cannot be handled over the phone.

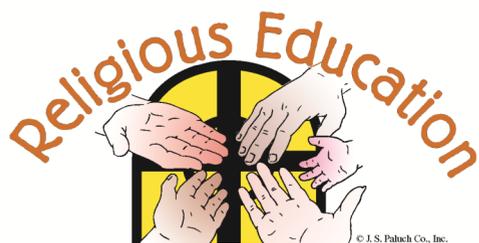


### Reporting Sexual Abuse

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.**

# Religious Education



<u>Children's Church</u>	<u>Sunday RE</u>	<u>Wednesday RE</u>
February 3	February 3	February 6
February 10	February 10	February 13
February 24	February 24	February 27

## 8th Graders

**SPONSOR DAY** will be different this year. Confirmation candidates will be working on sending their Sponsors a letter and reflections on their relationship with Jesus and the Church. **NO SPONSORS WILL ATTEND THE CLASS THAT DAY.** Catechists will have all the materials in class for the Candidates to work on.

**LETTER TO THE PASTOR:** Due February 10(S) and February 13(W) for RE Candidates.

**INTERVIEWS:** Interview dates are: Wed., Feb. 20; Th., Feb. 21; Mon., Feb. 25; Tu., Feb. 26; Wed., Feb. 27; and Th., Feb. 28. All Candidates and a parent must attend an interview before receiving Confirmation. Contact: Mrs. Julie Blaszak in the RE Office via email ([jblaszak@icelmhurst.org](mailto:jblaszak@icelmhurst.org)) to sign up if you have not already done so. An email was previously emailed to both RE and GS families.

## IMPORTANT DATES

1<sup>st</sup> Eucharist Parent and Children Faith Formation session is scheduled for Sunday, Feb 24 at 1 p.m. in the Church. This session is required.

### Reconciliations

#### 2nd Grade

February 4 (Sunday RE And Ms. Kennedy's Class)

February 13 (Wednesday RE and Mrs. E's Class)

#### 4th Grade

February 10 (Sunday)

February 13 (Wednesday)

### 4th Grade

"Tour of the IC Church" will be held on Tuesday, March 5th at 7pm. This is a new date for this event!

### Sunday Family Masses

6th Grade  
February 10th

Contact Sr. Mary Francis to participate in your grade's family Mass. You may volunteer to read a petition, present an Offertory Gift, or serve as a Minister of Hospitality before or after the liturgy.

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*Knight  
of Jewels  
2019*

## 49th Annual Knight of Jewels Gala

February 9, 2019 • 6pm

Chicago Marriott Oak Brook

Buy Tickets

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Featuring Guest Speaker

John F. McDonough  
President & CEO  
Chicago Blackhawks



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### IC CATHOLIC PREP ANNOUNCES RETIREMENT OF LONG TIME PRINCIPAL

*Principal, Pamela M. Levar will retire after 40+ years of lifting up IC Catholic Prep*

**Elmhurst, Ill. – January 31, 2019** – IC Catholic Prep (ICCP) recently announced that after 41 years at IC Catholic Prep, Principal Pamela M. Levar is retiring at the end of the 2018-2019 school year.

Ms. Levar's long successful career at IC Catholic Prep (aka Immaculate Conception High School prior to 2013) includes serving as a teacher, coach, the Dean of Students, President/Principal, and Principal. She accepted the position of principal because of her heartfelt belief that this college prep school in Elmhurst had a strong foundation of faith, tradition and pride.

"For 41 years Pam has been an integral part of IC Catholic Prep and on behalf of our entire community, I express my gratitude to her for a professional lifetime of dedication to our school and community," said Very Rev. Thomas Paul, V.F., Pastor of Immaculate Conception Parish. "She is a great leader, excellent administrator and above all has helped thousands of students reach their fullest potential. Her impact and legacy are immeasurable and we will greatly miss her on a daily basis, however, her influence at IC will forever be felt."

Throughout her career, Ms. Levar has established meaningful and lasting relationships with students and families. The outpouring of affection for Ms. Levar was evident at the 48th Annual Knight of Jewels Gala where attendance nearly doubled from previous years to honor her 40 years of service to the ICCP community.

"Working in this building day after day, year after year, has proven to me, time and again, how exceptional the members of the ICCP community are, and how faithfully they serve," said Ms. Levar, Principal, IC Catholic Prep. "Everyone who has walked these halls has left an indelible mark on this wonderful school, and more importantly, on my heart. I am so very proud of this school and our many accomplishments throughout the years."

Thousands of students, including generations of families have been shaped by Ms. Levar over the course of her career. In addition to her personable and approachable style, Ms. Levar was an insightful administrator who oversaw a number of facility improvement projects over the years, including the state-of-the-art Plunkett Athletic Complex and the renovation of the main floor of the high school building. Under her leadership, more and more students earned entry into the colleges and universities of their choice with hundreds of graduates having been named Illinois State Scholars and thousands of graduates having earned Advanced Placement credits and awards.

"Pam is a dynamic, creative, kind and generous school administrator and colleague," said Tom Schergen, President, IC Catholic Prep. "It has been an honor to work side by side with her and to observe the tremendous impact she's had on so many students, staff and parents within our community. We will definitely miss her presence and leadership and we will do our very best to continue to build on her legacy by working tirelessly and faithfully to provide young men and women the kind of learning environment that empowers their academic, physical and spiritual growth."

Finding the right person to continue the good work of educating independent thinkers at IC Catholic Prep is a top priority. Accordingly, the bylaws of the constitution of the Board of Directors of IC Catholic Prep outline the process to hire a new Principal. The members of the Board support and empower the administration, staff and faculty of IC Catholic Prep to execute on their mission to deliver the highest quality Catholic College Preparatory education available in the State of Illinois. Upon finding the right candidate, the board will make a recommendation for the next Principal to the Very Rev. Thomas Paul, V.F., Pastor of the Immaculate Conception Parish. Additional information will be forthcoming as the process develops.

IC Catholic Prep is the oldest Catholic, coeducational college prep high school in DuPage County. Located in Elmhurst, ICCP is a regional high school that serves students from over thirty-five communities. For more information, please visit [iccatholicprep.org](http://iccatholicprep.org).

# REGISTRATION NOW OPEN



## *Daddy-Daughter “Masquerade Ball”*

SATURDAY, APRIL 27TH, 2019  
7-9 O’CLOCK IN THE EVENING  
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION GYM

*Open for all ladies in preschool to  
8th grades within the IC Parish,  
Religious Education & Grade School*

EARLY BIRD TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE NOW!  
\$40/DADDY-DAUGHTER PAIR, \$5/EACH ADDT’L CHILD  
(BASE TICKET PRICE INCREASES TO \$45/DADDY-DAUGHTER PAIR  
AFTER 12/31). QUESTIONS? ICDADDYDAUGHTERDANCE@GMAIL.COM

## *Mom-Son Prom “A Night with the Stars”*

SATURDAY, APRIL 13TH, 2019  
7-9 O’CLOCK IN THE EVENING  
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION GYM

*Open for all gents in preschool to  
8th grades within the IC Parish,  
Religious Education & Grade School*

EARLY BIRD TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE NOW!  
\$40/MOM-SON PAIR, \$5/EACH ADDT’L CHILD  
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**DETAILS AND TICKETS AVAILABLE AT  
[HTTP://ICPARTIES.GIVESMART.COM](http://ICPARTIES.GIVESMART.COM)**

# Around the diocese

## **BANK OF AMERICA CHICAGO MARATHON Shamrock Shuffle 8K**

Mission of Our Lady of the Angels (via the Franciscans of the Eucharist) provides **hope to the poor** on the west side of Chicago via food pantries, afterschool programs, seniors programs, community meals, and much more. **Consider running to support Mission OLA! Benefits of joining either team:**



- ◆ T-shirts, pre-race Mass & dinner, place to stay the night before the race, and more...
- ◆ Sr. Stephanie (2:53 marathoner, NCAA D1 cross-country and track athlete) can write a training plan for you
- ◆ Each team member will get a personal prayer warrior!

Please see [missionola.com/marathon.html](http://missionola.com/marathon.html) for details

**BANK OF AMERICA CHICAGO MARATHON (Oct 13, 2019)**

**WE HAVE A LIMITED # of GUARANTEED ENTRIES**

**SIGN UP TODAY!** Entries could run out at any time.

**SHAMROCK SHUFFLE 8K (March 24, 2019)** Deadline to sign up:

March 1

**Please e-mail or call Sr. Stephanie at**

**[olamission@gmail.com](mailto:olamission@gmail.com) or 773-486-8431 with questions or to sign up!**



**Please consider donating to the Toole family**

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**Thank you for your support!**

On February 23, 2019, family and friends will be hosting TooleFest 2. A Fun-raiser to support Matt Toole. Matt and Karen are Elmhurst residents and have two children

at York High School - Regan (junior) and Paddy (sophomore). Matt, has been heroically battling ALS - amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, also known as Lou Gehrig's disease for over 9 years. Matt's actually beating the odds. Lou Gehrig made his "Luckiest Man Alive Speech" on July 4, 1939, and today there's still no treatment or cure for ALS and it's typically fatal in 2-5 years. Matt's been amazing through it all. He has the most positive attitude, amazing faith and will not give up. Prayers and the love and support from the Elmhurst Community keep Matt strong. They take things day by day and look at each day as a gift.

Our goal is to raise as much money as we can to support Matt & Karen. They have faced this disease with courage, grace and an amazing attitude. Through their example, they have inspired us all who know & love them.

All funds raised will be used to defray the expenses the Toole's have incurred and will continue to incur, for out-of-pocket medical and prescription costs, necessary medical equipment costs and for a full-time caregiver to perform everyday activities of daily living for Matt.

In order to accomplish this goal, we are requesting donations for the silent auction and raffle that will be held during our Fun-raiser event on February 23, 2019 in Visitation's gym.

On behalf of Matt, Karen and their kids, we thank you from the bottom of our hearts for your prayers, concern, compassion and support during this period of great need.



## *Unforgettable Memories*

### *A Community Story Sharing Event*

*Stories of Life-Past and Present*



COMMUNITY ADULT DAY CENTER  
SINCE 1986

### **Bobak's Signature Events**

6440 Double Eagle Drive  
Woodridge, IL 60515

**March 27, 2019**

**6pm to 9:30pm**

### **Scott McKay-Emcee**

Host of "McKay in the Morning"  
on FM 95.9 "The River"

**Tickets: \$45** and include:

- Wine and appetizer reception
- Community story sharing with photos and videos
- After event coffee and dessert
- Silent Auction

**Ticket Special!** Table of 8 - \$350

Memories open a door to the past and bring joy to the present. Our memories, when shared with other people, weave a thread of sentiment connecting us in the moment. In turn, stories flow endlessly from generation to generation and continually bring a sense of delight, amazement, and pleasure in reliving the past.

However, for families experiencing dementia, memories stir bittersweet emotions because they are a precious reminder of love and good times before life changed so dramatically.

Community Adult Day Center helps families keep memories joyful by providing a warm, welcoming environment for older adults with dementia and other cognitive impairments to socialize and build friendships. With our person-centered approach, we provide recreational, social, intellectual, cognitive, and sensory activities to stir up past memories and create some new ones. In other words, **WE MAKE EVERYDAY A GREAT DAY!**

Seeking Storytellers and sponsors for the event.

Visit the website for more information:

<https://www.communityaduldaycenter.org/unforgettable-memories>

## We Are IC Capital Campaign and Sunday Offerings

Thanks to those who have increased their Sunday offertory giving and those who have made a pledge and supported the We Are IC capital campaign. If you have not yet made a pledge, please consider doing so. We need gifts at all levels and pledges can be paid over a five-year time period. Please fill out and return your Letter of Intent today.

I know that some of you are not comfortable making a pledge and prefer to "give as you are able." If you would like to support the capital campaign without making a formal pledge, please use the capital campaign envelope in your monthly envelope packet or make a one-time gift online.

To make an online donation to our capital campaign, go to [www.icelmhurst.com](http://www.icelmhurst.com) and click the donate today button located on the left side of the home page. If you have not yet done so, you can create a profile and login. Once you are on the online giving page, click "Give a New Gift" and then select "2018 CAPITAL CAMPAIGN." Please call the rectory office if you need any assistance.

## Naming Opportunities

There are several ways to remember deceased loved ones, or honor the living, as part of the **We are IC** capital campaign. Among those is the opportunity to sponsor one of the beautiful stained glass windows. There are four window panels in each of the 8 large window sets in the Sacred Heart Chapel. Each window panel will hold the image of either a saint or a symbol. Below is a complete list of the saints and symbol still available. Renditions appear on the next few pages. If there is a saint or a symbol that holds a special place in your heart or has special meaning to your Family that is not included in our list, we would be happy to accommodate you. Please call Catey Cohen at (630) 530-8991 for more information.

### **SAINTS**

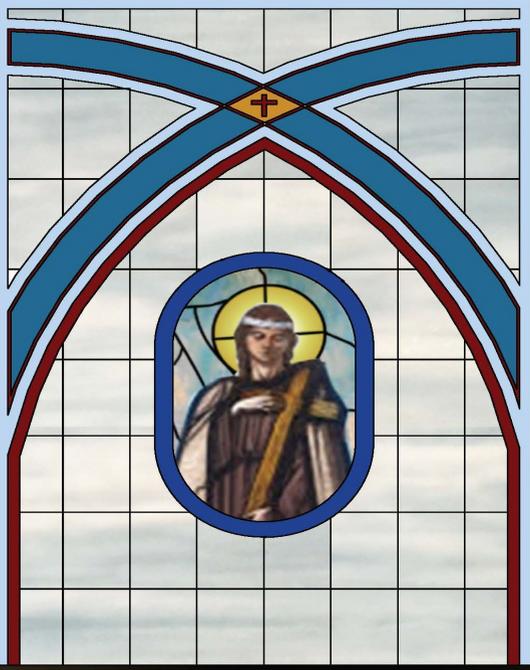
*St. Kateri Tekakwitha*  
*St. Isaac Jogues*  
*St. Juniper Serra*  
*St. Katherine Drexel*  
*Pope John 23rd*  
*St. Faustina*  
*St. Marianne Cope*  
*St. Elizabeth Seton*  
*St. John Newman*  
*St. Francis Cabrini*  
*St. Damien*  
*of Molokai*

### **SYMBOLS**

*Holy Spirit*  
*Crown of Thorns*  
*Trinity*  
*3 Fish Trinity*  
*Sacred Heart*  
*Shield w/ Water*  
*Gates Heaven*  
*Eucharist*  
*Lamb of God*  
*Reconciliation*

*Mercy*  
*Sacrifice-Cross*  
*and Crown*  
*Justice*  
*Anchor*  
*Pelican*  
*Bible*  
*House of God*

# Capital Campaign



A stained glass window featuring a central oval medallion with a portrait of St. Kateri Tekakwitha. She is shown with a halo, wearing a brown robe, and holding a wooden cross. The window is set within a Gothic arch with blue and red decorative bands. A small gold cross is positioned at the top center of the arch. Below the window is a rectangular label with a yellow background and black text.

**St. Kateri Tekakwitha**



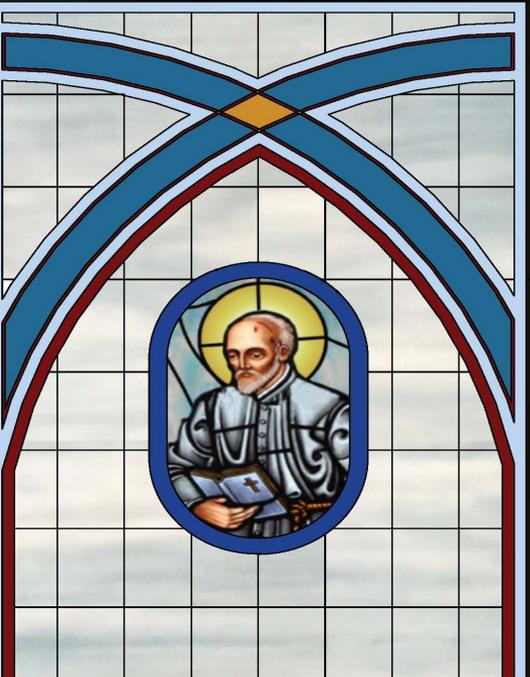
A stained glass window featuring a central four-lobed medallion. Inside the medallion is a white dove with outstretched wings, perched above a cluster of red and orange flames. The window is set within a Gothic arch with blue and red decorative bands. A small gold heart is positioned at the top center of the arch. Below the window is a rectangular label with a yellow background and black text.

**St. Kateri Tekakwitha**



A stained glass window featuring a central four-lobed medallion. Inside the medallion is a crown of thorns with a white banner across it that reads "INRI". The window is set within a Gothic arch with blue and red decorative bands. A small gold heart is positioned at the top center of the arch. Below the window is a rectangular label with a yellow background and black text.

**St. Isaac Jogues**



A stained glass window featuring a central oval medallion with a portrait of St. Isaac Jogues. He is shown with a halo, wearing a grey robe, and holding a book. The window is set within a Gothic arch with blue and red decorative bands. A small gold cross is positioned at the top center of the arch. Below the window is a rectangular label with a yellow background and black text.

**St. Isaac Jogues**

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**St. Junípero Serra**

Trinity

**Pope John XXIII**

Lamb of God