

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

February 2020 Newsletter

Dear God,

Thank you for being patient with us as we cultivate and fertilize our faith during this season of Lent. Help us utilize the tools of Lent - prayer, fasting and almsgiving - to grow closer to you. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen

Prayer to St. Blase

Feast Day: February 3

Patron of those with throat diseases

Dear St. Blase, lover of souls, you willingly bore heavy crosses in faithful imitation of Jesus.

Similarly, with Christlike compassion you cured many sufferers.

Then after undergoing horrible tortures you died as a martyr for Christ.

O compassionate St. Blase, if it is agreeable to Our Heavenly Father, obtain a cure for my ills.

Amen.

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The Collection of Palms

The Holy Season of Lent begins on February 26, Ash Wednesday. It is our custom of that day to have ashes made of burnt palm branches placed on our foreheads. We receive and wear them as a sign of our willingness to turn away from sin and to follow the Gospel. The forty days of this special season are meant to be for us a time of spiritual change and growth. All are encouraged to begin now to consider what steps you will take to have a good Lent.

We need your palms to make ashes. Please drop them off in the baskets at the entrance to the Church and Chapel during the weekends of February 15/16 and February 22/23.



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Dear Friends in Christ,

So far we have been blessed with a relatively mild winter. It is still early in the season and we have a long way to go before it's over. Hopefully, we'll miss the terrible winter cold we experienced last year. Hopefully, we will also not have to deal with any extreme blizzard conditions. The Holy Season of Lent does not begin until February 26th. The season of Ordinary Time will last until then.

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Thank you so very much for your continued generosity both to our parish and to our We Are IC! Capital Campaign. It is still our hope to continue to work on the chapel in May of this year. Our ability to do so depends upon reaching the financial goals for building projects set by the diocese. On October 20, 2019, we shared with you a financial update of the work that has been accomplished thus far. We will soon be enjoying the use of our new elevator in the Parish Center. The new windows along with the new doors have been a welcomed addition. In a little bit more than three months, we have received nearly \$400,000 in donations and pledges. Gifts of all amounts will help us to move forward. Some of you made a one-time gift last year. Please consider doing so once again as it will help a great deal. Likewise, there are several memorials still available. Another set of our stained glass windows will be installed soon. The families that have donated towards the windows that have been installed have spiritually benefitted from them. There are other windows that have been donated and will be made according to the artist's schedule. Recently, we have posted the availability of memorial pew donations. On a regular basis, people are coming forward requesting either a whole or partial pew. Donations for the pews, like all memorials may be paid over a period of time.

Above all, please continue to keep the renewal of Sacred Heart Chapel in your prayers. Not only will the chapel be a more enhanced place for us to celebrate Mass and the sacraments, but also may it be a source of veneration for the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Below is another copy of our Sacred Heart Prayer. I again ask you to please try to say it each day.

Sincerely in Christ,
Father Tom

Sacred Heart of Jesus Renewal Prayer

A detailed illustration of a flaming red heart with a small cross on top, symbolizing the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Two hands are shown, one on each side, gently holding the heart. The background is a soft, glowing pink and yellow, suggesting divine light and love.

O Most Holy Heart of Jesus, for whom it is impossible not to have compassion for us, please have mercy upon us as we place our trust in You. To You we surrender the many needs of Your church; asking for Your help, especially on those who are in pain. Please heal the hearts of those who are broken and help us to grow closer to You. As our Immaculate Conception community anticipates the renewal of the chapel in Your honor, help our hearts, minds, and voices to be strengthened by Your goodness and love. We come before You grateful for all that You have done for us. Help us to be ever generous with what we have received as we return our blessings to You. Amen

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The winter season certainly reminds us that life needs moments of quietness, reflection, and internal preparation also that nature is constantly moving, transforming and renewing. Just as our environment is transforming, so we too. However, we can change for the better not only physically but also spiritually. So, in this month of February, I would like to reflect on the Apostolic Letter “*Aperuit Illis*” of Pope Francis regarding the necessity of meditating the Word of God on a daily basis. The Apostolic Letter of Pope Francis in the form of *Motu Proprio* starts saying: “**He opened (“aperuit”) their minds to understand the Scriptures** (Lk 24:45)... Without the Lord who opens our minds to them, it is impossible to understand the Scriptures in-depth” This reminds us of the infinite knowledge of the Word of God and its impact in our lives.

On September 30th, 2019 on the feast day of St. Jerome Pope Francis instituted the Sunday of the Word of God. He specifically says, “Third Sunday in Ordinary Time is to be devoted to the celebration, study, and dissemination of the word of God. This *Sunday of the Word of God* will thus be a fitting part of that time of the year when we are encouraged to strengthen our bonds with the Jewish people and to pray for Christian unity. This is more than a temporal coincidence: the celebration of the Sunday of the Word of God has ecumenical value, since the Scriptures point out, for those who listen, the path to authentic and firm unity” Please keep in mind the words of Pope Francis declaring that “sacred Scripture is essential to our identity as Christians.” The powerful words indicate that we *cannot* understand completely “the events of the mission of Jesus and his Church in this world,” without praying and without studying Sacred Scripture on a deeper level. As Saint Jerome rightly claims: “Ignorance of the Scriptures is ignorance of Christ.”

What Pope Francis wants to teach us is that, in the Scriptures, we can find a beautiful dialogue “between the Lord and his people” a dialogue that can enrich us completely. Indeed, the beautiful and meaningful dialogue between God and His people that we find throughout the Bible is a dialogue that can be translated into our own dialogue. Our own lives have to be “constantly marked by this decisive relationship with the living word”

One of the eloquent names that Pope Francis uses to speak about the Bible, which we should think about, is “the book of the Lord’s people.” This epithet means that the Bible is not just a simple book one we can put inside our night table or in a bookcase. The Bible, says Pope Francis, “belongs above all to those called to hear its message and to recognize themselves in its words... The Bible is the book of the Lord’s people, who, in listening to it, move from dispersion and division towards unity. The word of God unites believers and makes them one people.” Since it is the peoples’ book, unity has to be a primary element. Therefore, if we want to live united as God’s children, we have to work every day to make the Bible a center of our families. Remember that “a family who prays together stays together,” and the Bible provides such unity. Another inspiring assertion by Pope Francis is “The Bible, as sacred Scripture, thus speaks of Christ and proclaims him as the one who had to endure suffering and then enter into his glory. Not simply a part, but the whole of Scripture speaks of Christ.” Unfortunately, some people believe that the only place to find Jesus is in the New Testament; however, this is not true. In order to understand the New Testament, we have to turn to the Old Testament. They both, the Old Testament, and New Testament, “speak of Christ: they enable us to believe that his death and resurrection are not a myth but history.”

At this point, we have to make a connection between the Bible and faith. “Faith comes from hearing, and what is heard is based on the word of Christ (*Rom 10:17*)” Eventually, faith makes us hear attentively the living word of God and to put it into practice. In sum, it is not enough to hear, as a beautiful story—worthy of Hollywood—the word of God. We have to learn to make that word part of our daily life. Yet another amazing claim by Pope Francis is the “bond between sacred Scripture and the Eucharist.” The Second Vatican Council clarifies, “the Church has always venerated the divine Scriptures as she has venerated the Lord’s body, in that she never ceases, above all in the sacred liturgy, to partake of the bread of life and to offer it to the faithful from the one table of the word of God and the body of Christ” (*Dei Verbum*, 21).

Thus, the Bible and Eucharist make “possible for us to see ourselves as part of one another.” We are not living like islands—adrift in the sea—allowing each one of us to do whatever is best for ourselves. Definitely, not. We are *one body*—the Church—united by the celebration of the Body of the Lord. Once again, the invitation is to be able to embrace, to love and, to value Scripture as a way to have an encounter with the living word of God, specifically in the celebration of the Eucharist. The burden of this argument is that “Sacred Scripture and the sacraments are thus inseparable. When the sacraments are introduced and illumined by God’s word, they become ever more clearly the goal of a process whereby Christ opens our minds and hearts to acknowledge his saving work.”

Brethren, I wish you the best throughout all your responsibilities and activities in this month of February, and I repeat my thanks to all of you. Equally, I can reassure you of my daily prayers for the success of all your many projects and the well-being of your families.

God bless each one of you.

Yours in Christ

Fr. James Corona

Around the Parish in February

Mass schedule

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| Saturday | 4:30 pm Sacred Heart Chapel |
| Sunday | 7:30 am Church |
| | 9:00 am Sacred Heart Chapel |
| | 11:30am Sacred Heart Chapel |
| | 5:15 pm Sacred Heart Chapel |

Weekend 1/2

"Soup"er Bowl collection and Baby Bottle collection
Blessing of throats at all Masses

Saturday, 2/1

- Coaches vs Cancer

Sunday, 2/2

- Spiritual Classics 10:15 Dyer Center
- Religious Education 10:10am ICGS Classrooms

Monday, 2/3

- ICCP Blessing of throats Prayer Service 2:20pm Church
- Bereavement Support Group 6:30pm Resource Rm
- First Reconciliation Group A 6:30pm Sacred Heart Chapel

Tuesday, 2/4

- Lectio Divina Join Anne Hohbein after the 7:30am Mass Resource Room
- First Reconciliation Group B 6:30pm Sacred Heart Chapel

Wednesday, 2/5

- Bible Study 9:30-11:30am Resource Room
- Religious Education 5:10pm ICGS Classrooms
- Parish Children's Choir Rehearsal 3:30pm Sacred Heart Chapel

Thursday, 2/6

- Parish Choir Rehearsal 7pm Sacred Heart Chapel
- Baptism Prep 7pm Resource Room
- Girls Kairos Mass 7pm Church

Weekend 8/9

ICGS Raffle Tickets at all Masses

Sunday, 2/9

- Spiritual Classics 10:15-11:15am PAC Dyer Center
- Religious Education 10:10am ICGS Classrooms
- Baptism 1pm Church

Monday, 2/10

- Bereavement Support Group 6:30pm Resource Rm
- ICGS Board Meeting 6:30pm Dyer Center

Tuesday, 2/11

- Lectio Divina Join Anne Hohbein after the 7:30am Mass Resource Room
- Prayer Shawl Ministry 9am Resource Room
- Cup of Hope 10am Meeting Room 2
- Transit Housing 6:00pm Resource Room

Wednesday, 2/12

- Bible Study 9:30am Resource Room
- Religious Education 5:10pm ICGS Classrooms
- Parents Club Meeting 7pm Agnesian Room

Thursday, 2/13

- Parish Choir Rehearsal 7pm Sacred Heart Chapel

February Reconciliation Times

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| Saturday 1st | 3:15-4:00pm Church |
| Friday 7th-Following | 6:15am Mass Church |
| Saturday 15th | 3:15-4:00pm Church |
| Saturday 22nd | 3:15-4:00pm Church |
| Saturday 29th | 3:15-4:00pm Church |

Weekend 15/16

Saturday, 2/15

- Scout Mass 4:30pm Followed by Pizza reception in Plunkett Hall

Sunday, 2/15

- Spiritual Classics 10:15-11:15am PAC Dyer Center

Monday, 2/17

- Presidents Day PAC Closed and No School
- Bereavement Support Group 6:30pm Resource Rm

Tuesday, 2/18

- Lectio Divina Join Anne Hohbein after the 7:30am Mass Resource Room
- Prayer Shawl Ministry 9am Elmhurst Library
- Eastern DuPage Steering Committee 7pm Agnesian Rm

Wednesday, 2/19

- Bible Study 9:30-11:30am Resource Room
- Protecting God's Children 6:30pm Resource Room

Thursday, 2/20

- Parish Choir Rehearsal 7pm Sacred Heart Chapel

Weekend 22/23

Respect Life Baby Bottle Collection

Saturday, 2/22

- EM to Homebound/Hospitalize Training 8:30am Resource Room

Sunday, 2/23

PACZKI Sunday!!

- Spiritual Classics 10:15-11:15am PAC Dyer Center
- Religious Education 10:10am ICGS Classrooms
- Baptism 1pm Church
- First Eucharist Parent Meeting 1pm Sacred Heart Chapel
- Youth Ministry Trivia Knight 6:30pm Plunkett Hall

Monday, 2/24

- Bereavement Support Group 6pm Resource Room
- Leadership Night: Linda Couri Presentation 7pm Sacred Heart Chapel

Tuesday, 2/25

- Lectio Divina Join Anne Hohbein after the 7:30am Mass Resource Room

Wednesday, 2/26 Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday Mass schedule

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| 6:00am: | Mass Church |
| 7:30am: | Mass Church |
| 8:15am: | ICGS Mass Sacred Heart Chapel |
| 9:15am: | ICCP Mass Church |
| Noon-1:00pm: | Continuous Ashes Church |
| Noon: | Mass Elmhurst College |
| 4:30pm: | Prayer Service with Ashes: Sacred Heart Chapel |
| 7:00pm: | Mass Church |

Coming Events



Taizé Prayer Service

Friday, February 28 7pm ~ Church

Begin your Lenten journey this year with 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 lisa.grisolia@icelhurst.org.

For video clips, visit us on Facebook at IC Elmhurst Music Ministry!



**Annual Scout Mass will be held
on Saturday, February 15th at
4:30pm**



What a Coincidence!

Lent is just around the corner and you know what that means, right? Yes folks, it is time for

Cod for God!

Every Friday 'Knight' during Lent of 2020, beginning Friday, February 28. the **Knights of Columbus** will be serving their famous beer battered cod from **Supreme Lobster** (also available baked; DELICIOUS!)

1911 Club Hall of Fr.
McDonald Council #1911
537 S York Street
(across from USBank)

Serving from 5 PM - 8 PM

High School Youth Group

All Parishioners in High School are welcome to attend

January Event

Chicago March for Life
See Bulletin for Details



February Event

Trivia Night
Sunday, February 23rd
6:30-8:00p



At Immaculate Conception, Room TBA

RSVP @ [icyouthgrouptrivia.eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/icyouthgrouptrivia-tickets-10140000000)

Questions? Email the Youth Minister: mchabot@icelhurst.org

More information from the Diocese on the Youth Group website:
[**St. Monica Prayer Group**
Tuesday February 4th in the
Fireside Room Visitation
Parish Center 7:00-8:00pm](http://www.icelhurst.org/page/180009300/180108586>Youth-Ministry</p></div><div data-bbox=)

3rd Annual Sweetheart Dinner Dance

Come Celebrate Valentine's Day

with your Best Friend as you attend Mass (5 pm) with a blessing for all married couples.
Followed by a fun evening of dinner and dancing.

February 8th, 2020

Cost: \$60 per Couple*

Where: Christ The King 1501 S Main St. in Lombard

Prepayment required By February 3rd, 2020

*ONLINE REGISTRATION after 1 Jan at

www.EasternDuPageDeanery.org

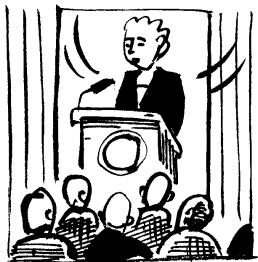
OR by check payable to "IC" and mail to:

MEM at 425 S. Main St. Lombard, IL 60148

PLEASE Include: name, phone number and email address

For more information contact: EasternDuPageMEM@Gmail.com

Or Patty at 630.202.6063



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Eastern DuPage Deanery
Join Us as we Welcome
Linda Couri
as she presents
A Life's Journey



Hear how Linda was converted from a Planned Parenthood worker to a pro-life activist as she delivers this powerful presentation about her life's journey. She is currently the Director of the Institute for Lay Formation at the University of Saint Mary of the Lake in the Archdiocese of Chicago. She serves on faculty at Mundelein Seminary as Professor of Pastoral Care and Counseling. Priests, deacons, staff, council members, and all parish leadership are encourage to attend. All are welcome to join us for an engaging presentation!

Monday, February 24th

7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Visitation Parish, Hospitality Room
779 S. York St., Elmhurst, IL 60126

A free will offering will take place at this event. Registration is required.

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Christian Ministry



"SOUPER BOWL" SUNDAY FEBRUARY 2, 2020

To highlight the plight of those who hunger in our own community, ICGS, ICCP, RE students and IC Parish will collectively participate in our third annual "Souper Bowl" Sunday. **We ask that families in our parish faith community bring a can of soup to Mass with you on Super Bowl Sunday weekend to benefit the IC food pantry.** Our collection last year lasted through the winter months. Collection bins will be in the narthex. You may also bring your soup directly to the IC food pantry during normal business hours. Thank you for your generosity!



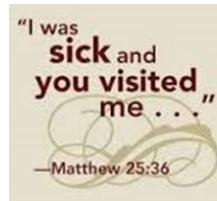
Immaculate Conception Daybreak Transitional Housing for the Homeless Annual Appeal / 2019

Our 2019 annual appeal is winding down and we are enormously grateful to all who have contributed to funding the apartments we use to house our homeless clients. If you would still like to contribute to a local charity, 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. Our program is funded solely through private donations and we need your financial support to continue this outreach to our homeless brothers and sisters. If you would like to receive a copy of our latest newsletter, please contact the Christian Ministry Office. May God bless you for your generosity.

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 know someone who is HOMEBOUND, unable to attend Mass (either on a temporary or permanent basis) and wishes to receive Communion, our Eucharistic Ministers will visit on a weekly basis. Please call Pam at 630-3497 to arrange a convenient time.



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 7 between the hours of 8:30 and 2:00**. We currently have 20 homebound parishioners who would like to feel remembered by their parish family. Please contact Pam Stefik at 630-3497 with questions. On behalf of our homebound parishioners, **THANK YOU!**

Upcoming Joyful Again Retreats

March 14 & 15 Mount Assisi Center, Lemont



Consider joining others who have lost a spouse at a weekend retreat designed to help attendees reflect and recognize new paths for their lives, while treasuring memories of their loved ones. Early registration is encouraged. EMail: joyfulagain7211@gmail.com

Phone: 708-354-7211



KITCHEN ANGELS NEEDED!

Did you know that we provide home cooked meals to those who have recently been hospitalized, had a baby, experienced a death in the family or otherwise need meals on a temporary basis? We also provide meals to our parish priests several times per week. When a request is made, an e-mail is sent to all our "Kitchen Angels" who have volunteered to help. **You do NOT need to help with every single request. You prepare meals when you are able.** The more committed volunteers we have, the better able we can meet the needs of those who truly need meals. Please contact Jayme McConnell at jaymemcconnell@yahoo.com if you are able to help us!



Would you like to more know about receiving an annulment? Do you have questions about the process or timeline? Please contact Pam Stefik at 630-530-3497.



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

Christian Ministry



THANK YOU NOTES....

From a Greencastle Senior...

To all my friends at Immaculate Conception "God bless" and good health and happiness to all and your families. Kindness is very special. Thank you all.

From Catholic Charities...

Thank you for sponsoring families in our Holiday Outreach Program. You blessed many families. We appreciate your ongoing support of Catholic Charities.

A New Year's

Prayer



Another senior...

Thank you so much for the great Christmas gifts. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Bless you.

From an IC Family...

May God richly bless you at Christmas and the and in the New Year for your generosity to our family. With Love.

Prayer of Christian Ministers

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

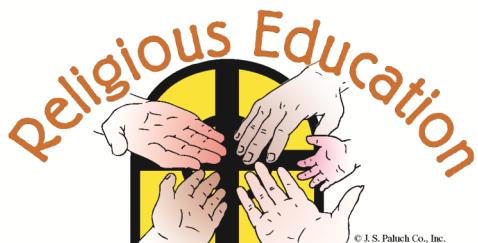
IC will offer its next Protecting God's Children workshop on Wednesday, **February 19, 2020** at 6:30 PM in the Resource Room of the PAC/Rectory. To register, please access our website at www.icelmhurst.org and click on the Promise to Protect/Pledge to Heal icon. This will direct you to a list of workshops 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



Children's Church	Sunday RE	Wednesday RE
February 9	February 2	February 5
February 23	February 9	February 12
	February 23	February 26

8th Graders

LETTER TO THE PASTOR: Due February 2(S) and February 5(W) for RE Candidates.

INTERVIEWS: Interview dates are: Mon., Feb. 10; Tu., Feb. 11; Wed., Feb. 12; Th., Feb. 13; Tu., Feb 18; Wed., Feb 19; and Th., Feb 20. 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) to sign up if you have not already done so. An email was previously emailed to both RE and GS families.

4th Grade

You and your parents are cordially invited to join Fr. Tom in a “Tour of the IC Church” at 7pm on Tuesday, February 25th. This event is exclusive to 4th grade.

Please RSVP to Sr. Mary Francis.

2nd Grade

1st Eucharist Faith Formation session will be on February 23rd at 1pm in Sacred Heart Chapel

Reconciliations

5th Grade

February 9th (Sunday)
February 12th (Wednesday)

Sunday Family Masses

6th Grade February 9th

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.

Vocations

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.

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 2020.

Hello IC Family,

I realize by now I am a familiar face to many of you. Over the last year and a half I have had the blessing of serving at IC on weekends as part of my ongoing seminary formation. IC is truly a family, and I am so grateful to be a part of it! Many of you also know that as part of my seminary formation, I am expected to spend a semester living and working in a parish. That said, I'm very excited to say that this semester I will be serving at IC full time! I will get to witness parish life first-hand as I assist at Mass, attend parish functions, and share the richness of our Catholic faith with the students in our two schools. Most importantly, this gives me the chance to be immersed in the life of our community and to know all of YOU even better! I am excited to see what this semester holds. Please pray for me as I enter this new phase of seminary formation, and know of my prayers for all of you. I will see you around!

God Bless,
Brian Geary



WE ARE MUNDELEIN



#PRAYFORVOCATIONS

Celebrate "We Are Mundelein" Month Throughout February

Mundelein Seminary forms parish priests for the Archdiocese of Chicago and 33 other seminaries across the country, and your prayers and support are vital to our mission. Join us in celebrating "We Are Mundelein" Month this February to honor all the priests and seminarians who are devoting their lives to the Church. Visit usml.edu/wearemundelein to see how you can participate! Send a photo of yourself with your parish priest, seminarian or parish group to socialmedia@usml.edu, sign up to pray a holy hour for vocations to the priesthood, or make a gift to support the formation of your future parish priests. We are Mundelein...and you are an important part of that "we." Thank you for your support!


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. Last year, we added a new addition to the Traveling Worship program: our **Traveling Vocation Crucifix**. Both are 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.



Traveling Mary

Traveling Vocation
Crucifix

Community Life

Women's Lenten Prayer Breakfast

Come and join the women of Immaculate Conception in fellowship this Lent as we discuss the book, *The Divine Dance* by: Richard Rohr. We will meet the six Saturdays of Lent starting February 29th following the 8:00am Mass in the Resource Room of the Parish Administration Center. Come for one, two or all six weeks - whatever you schedule allows. Please purchase a copy of this book at Amazon.com and join us. We would love to share this Lent with you. If you have any questions, please contact Mary Lynn at rpolastrini@sbcglobal.net.

♪♪ Calling all 1st & 2nd graders who love to sing! ♪♪



The **Cherub Choir** will sing at our 2nd Grade Family Mass on **Sunday, May 3** at 9am in the Sacred Heart Chapel. Three Wednesday after school rehearsals will be held on **April 15, 22 & 29** from 3:30-4:00pm in the Sacred Heart Chapel.

Contact Lisa Grisolia to sign-up: lisagrisolia@icelmhurst.org
630-530-3489



That Man Is You! is open to men from all parishes

COME JOIN OUR LENTEN JOURNEY THIS SPRING

The That Man Is You! Battle Over The Bride program will be kicking off its Spring semester soon! Another successful Fall semester averaged ~50 men per session and showed men the true Catholic vision of love, improved relationships with spouses, and laid the foundation for a journey towards Easter. We encourage you to 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.**

MEETING INFORMATION

Saturday Mornings beginning
February 1st, 2020

6:30am - Breakfast and Fellowship
7:00am - Video Presentation
7:30am - Small Group Discussions
Concludes no later than 8:00am

LOCATION

Mary Queen of Heaven
Parish Barrett Hall
426 West Ave.
Elmhurst, IL 60126
(note 2/8 Session to be held at Visitation Parish, Elmhurst)

REGISTRATION & INFORMATION

For more information 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:

- ◆ Click on 'FIND A GROUP/REGISTER FOR A CLASS'
- ◆ Search near Elmhurst, IL —> Select Mary Queen
- ◆ Complete Registration Information

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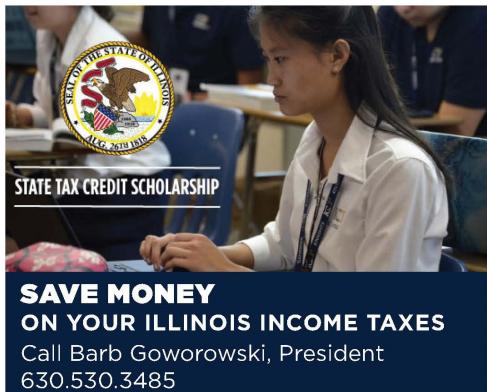
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Important Dates

Feb. 1 — Coaches vs Cancer Basketball, 10:30am

Feb. 4-7 — Girls Kairos

Feb. 7 — Madden Football Tournament, 5:30pm

Feb. 8 — Knight of Jewels, 6:00pm

Feb. 9 — FIRST Tech Challenge

Feb. 16 — Turnabout Week Begins

Feb. 18 — Boys Basketball Senior Night

Feb. 21 — Turnabout Assembly

Feb. 22 — Turnabout Dance, 7:00pm

Feb. 26 — Ash Wednesday Mass, 9:15am

Feb. 29 — Trivia Knight / Jr. High Olympiad, 6:45pm

Last Month around IC

Catholic Schools Week Mass: Our Music ministry was blessed to have students from both ICGS and ICCP participate!



4th and 5th grade Mass January 19th at 9am

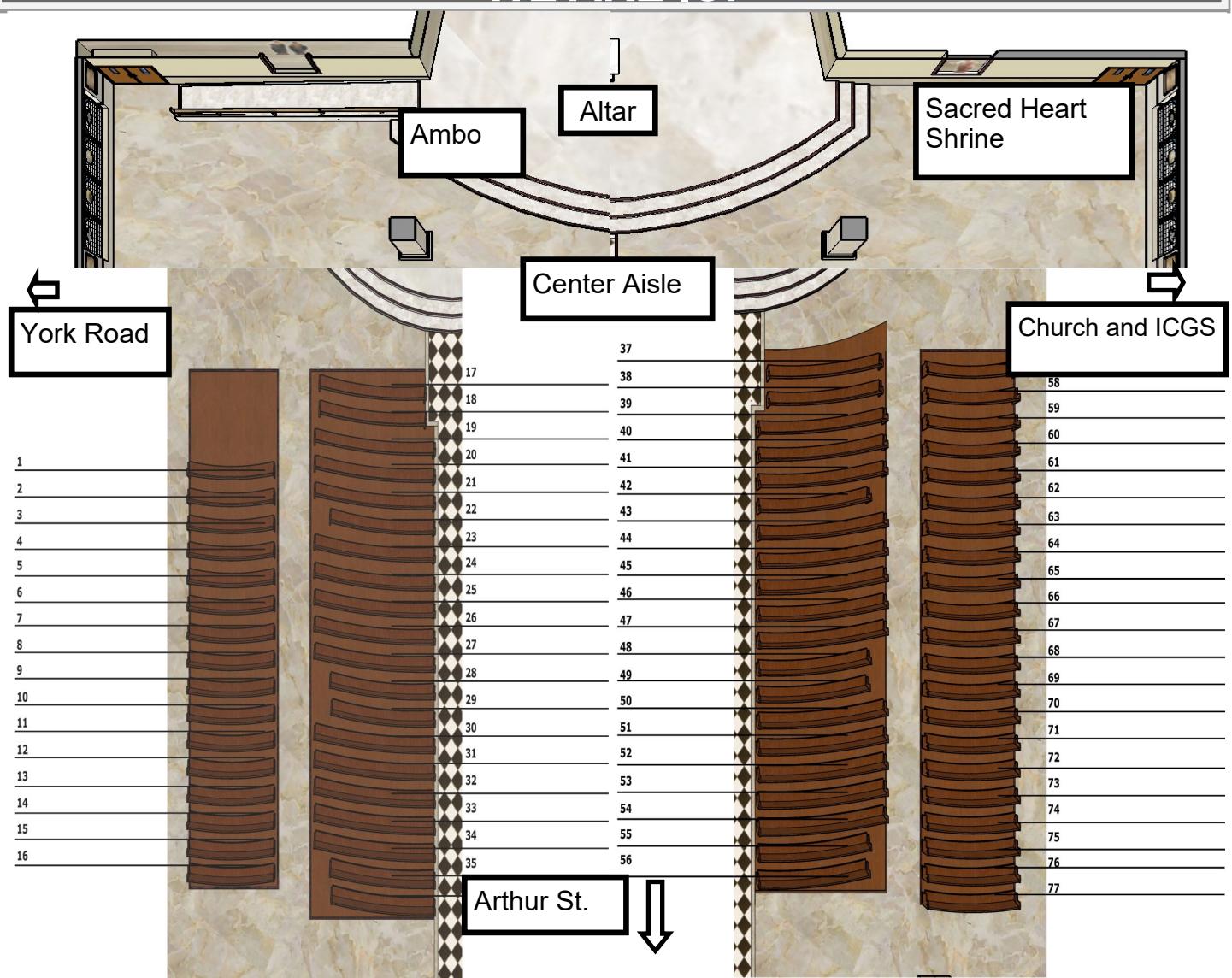


IC Marches in 2020 Chicago March for Life

As pro-lifers from across the nation prepared to gather in Washington, DC, for the National March for Life, thousands from across the Midwest gathered to demonstrate their support for life in downtown Chicago at the Chicago March for Life on Saturday, January 11. The attendance record grows each year with more than 9,000 attending the 2020 Chicago March. The theme of this year's March was "Pro-Life is Pro-Woman." Signs carried by students said "Science Is on Our Side. Life Begins at Conception". Others embraced the slogan "I march today because I understand that abortion does not empower women. Empowerment is not the destruction of motherhood." As the picture below indicates, everyone from IC had a great time and is enthusiastic to make the March a regular event for IC. We want to thank all the participants, the organizers and donors who made this event possible.

Capital Campaign

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Pew Memorial Opportunities

Above is a diagram of the new pew layout in the Sacred Heart Chapel. We will install new curved pews throughout the worship space during the next phase of construction. You will be able to choose which pew you'd like to memorialize and a small plaque like those in the Church will be installed on each end of the pew. To have an entire pew memorialized in perpetuity, please pledge or pay \$3,000. To have only one side of a pew memorialized, please pledge or pay \$1,500. Parishioners are welcome to split pews in \$500 increments as well. We will give away the pew locations on a first come, first serve basis. To request a pew reservation, please contact Catey Cohen in the parish office at (630)530-8991 or email ccohen@icelmhurst.org

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



Stations of the Cross Memorials

In the renewal of our Sacred Heart Chapel, a new set of Stations of the Cross will be used. The beautiful images will be an ever present reminder of Christ's final journey while He was here on earth. They will be made from stone and will relate to the rest of the finishes in the chapel. Opportunities to sponsor the stations still exist. Please consider doing so. Dedicating a particular one of them in memory of a family member or other loved one will create a lasting memorial. Discuss this effort with your families as they may well desire to be part of such an effort.

Many people have special devotion to Mary. In the 4th Station, Jesus meets His mother. Perhaps your wife, mother, or grandmother has passed away and she had a special love for Mary. Having this Station dedicated in her honor will be a way of remembering that bond that exists into eternity. On the way to Calvary, Jesus fell three times. How many times have every one of us fallen and then were helped up by the Lord? Perhaps you have had a crisis in your life when Christ was there for you. He helped you get through it. A memorialized Station of Christ's falls to the ground will serve as a sign of thanks for how He has picked you up.

Here listed are the 14 Stations. You are encouraged to prayerfully read through them and consider how in personal ways some of them especially relate to you. To obtain more sponsorship information, please contact Catey Cohen at ccohen@icelmhurst.org or (630)530-8991.

- I. Jesus is condemned to death.
- II. Jesus is made to bear His cross.
- III. Jesus falls for the first time.
- IV. Jesus encounters His mother, Mary.
- V. Simon of Cyrene is made to carry the cross.
- VI. Veronica wipes the face of Jesus.
- VII. Jesus falls the second time.
- VIII. The women of Jerusalem weep over Jesus.
- IX. Jesus falls the third time.
- X. Jesus is stripped of His garments.
- XI. Jesus is nailed to the cross.
- XII. Jesus dies on the cross
- XIII. Jesus is taken down from the cross.
- XIV. Jesus is placed in the sepulchre.



(The marble to be used for the background of the Stations of the Cross will be taken from the current rear wall of the Sacred Heart Chapel,)