

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

July 2019 Newsletter

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I hope all of you are having a good summer and taking some time for relaxation. The month of July can be one of the most relaxing times of the year if we choose to make it that way. I encourage you to take time for yourselves and to avoid becoming overtaxed with many things to do. It is good to reenergize our lives. Because we live in such a beautiful community filled with so many signs of nature, be aware we are very blessed to be here. Consider taking a walk in one of our parks. Plan to spend some time reading the scriptures. Use some more time for prayer.

I want to thank all of you for the support that you've shown regarding the value of human life. I was very pleased that over 1,000 people signed the petition that we presented to State Senator Glowiak. It is very important that those who represent us are aware of what we believe. The start of a child's life begins at conception. One can call it whatever you want, however you cannot deny the fact that ultimately, there is a child. One of our newspapers recently carried an article about a baby born at 23 weeks and 3 days in her mother's womb. She weighed 8.6 ounces, about the weight of a large apple. She was released from the hospital 5 months after birth when she weighed 5.6lbs. It is hard to believe that children can be aborted that have been in their mother's womb longer than this child was. Please continue to offer your prayers that all of life will be respected.

Our new associate pastor arrived at IC on June 19th, the same day that Fr. Chris left. When we asked him how he preferred to be called, he explained that Santiago in English is James. So, we will call him Fr. James. When he was born, unfortunately he was what is called a "blue baby." He suffered from a lack of oxygen. Thankfully, his father literally ran to the church of St. James and prayed for a miracle for his son. Fortunately, this happened and here he is today. We are very blessed to have one of the three newly ordained priests of the diocese here at IC. We are also blessed to have Deacon Michael serve in our community. He will be ordained a priest in May, 2020. Likewise, Seminarian Brian Geary will continue to be with us. Brian will be ordained a priest in 2022. There is also a possibility of another seminarian also joining us on weekends who will be ordained in 2022.

Thank you for all of your support for the We Are IC campaign. Progress is being made with the new doors and windows in the chapel. Stained glass windows for the east side (York St. side) are being made. Likewise, after months of hard work and negotiations, our elevator project is coming. Thank you to all of you for your generosity that has made this happen.

I hope you're having a good summer. God's blessings to you,
Fr. Tom

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Around the Parish in July

July Reconciliation Times

Friday, 5th	Following 6:15am Mass Church
Saturday, 6th	4-4:45pm Church
Saturday, 13th	4-4:45pm Church
Saturday, 20th	4-4:45pm Church
Saturday, 27th	4-4:45pm Church

July 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

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.

July Prayer

Christ has no body but yours,
No hands, no feet on earth but yours.
Yours are the eyes with which he looks compassion on this world.
Yours are the feet with which he walks to do good.
Yours are the hands, yours are the feet, Yours are the eyes, you are his body.
Christ has no body now but yours.
No hands, no feet on earth but yours,
Yours are the eyes with which he looks compassion on this world.
Christ has no body now on earth but yours.
Amen.

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

Weekend 6/7

Weekend Food collection accepted at all Masses

Tuesday, July 9 Lectio Divina Join Anne Hohbein after the 7:30am Mass PAC-Resource Room

Thursday, July 11 Baptism Prep 7pm Resource Room

Friday, July 12 DiGangi/Pereira Rehearsal 5:30pm Church

Weekend 13/14

Catholic Charities Back to School Collection and Weekend Food collection accepted at all Masses

Saturday, July 13 Digangi/Pereira Wedding 2pm Church

Sunday, July 14 Cookies and Lemonade after 7:30 and 9:00am Mass outside Weather Permitting

Sunday, July 14 Baptism 12:30pm Church

Tuesday, July 16 Lectio Divina Join Anne Hohbein after the 7:30am Mass PAC-Resource Room

Weekend 20/21

Weekend Food collection accepted at all Masses

Saturday, July 20 Cello Memorial Mass Noon Church

Sunday, July 21 Cookies and Lemonade after 7:30 and 9:00am Mass outside Weather Permitting

Tuesday, July 23 Lectio Divina Join Anne Hohbein after the 7:30am Mass PAC-Resource Room

Wednesday, July 24 Protecting God's Children Workshop 6:30pm PAC Resource Room

Weekend 27/28

Weekend Food collection accepted at all Masses

Sunday, July 28 Cookies and Lemonade following the 7:30am and 9:00am Mass Outside Church

Sunday, July 28 Baptism 12:30pm Church

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

Coming Events

IC FAMILIES

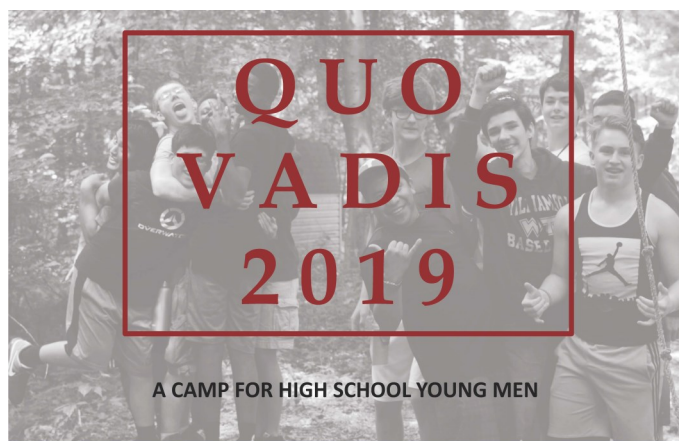


Would you like to host a
"Cookies and Lemonade"
Sunday?

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
July 14, July 21, July 28
Aug 4, Aug 11, Aug 18



MAN FULLY ALIVE

July 28 – 31, 2019

Loyola Retreat and Ecology Center
Woodstock, IL



VOCATION OFFICE
DIOCESE OF JOLIET

Registration Deadline: July 18
[vocations.archdiocese.org/
events/quo-vadis-days](http://vocations.archdiocese.org/events/quo-vadis-days)
or call 312.534.8292



**ELMHURST
WALK-IN**
ASSISTANCE NETWORK

formerly known as
Elmhurst Walk-in Ministry

The Elmhurst Walk-In Assistance Network is inviting competitors for the 5th annual 'Cue for a Cause. This is a friendly competition for all you backyard grill masters interested in showcasing your cooking talents. Teams will compete in rib, chicken, and sauce categories. Best-combined score will earn one team Grand Champion fame! The 'Cue is on September 1 from noon-8 pm in the City lot at York and Vallette.

For details, rules, and registration, visit the EWAN website at www.ewanet.org.

We are seeking volunteers for the 'Cue as well. If you would like to volunteer that day information is on the website, or call the EWAN office at 630-782-6006 and leave a message for Kari Conkle.



By competing, volunteering, or attending the 2019 'Cue for a Cause, you will be supporting a great local organization that assists our Elmhurst neighbors in times of need.

PRAYER TEAM FOR FR. DAVID MOWRY

During the month of July, our former associate pastor Fr. David Mowry will be on a 30 day silent retreat – and he needs your help! He is asking for people to pray for him every day July 1st through August 1st. Also known as the Spiritual Exercises, this 30 day retreat consists of meditations, prayers, and contemplative practices developed by St. Ignatius of Loyola to help people deepen their relationship with God. Fr. David asks for your prayers to help him during this month of silence and solitude.

Immaculate Conception Parish

2019 IC Fest

Saturday, August 24

WOULD YOU LIKE TO SPONSOR AN EVENT FOR OUR 2019 FEST?

HAVE YOUR FAMILY OR BUSINESS SPONSOR ONE OR MORE OF THE EVENTS LISTED!

Your family name/company will be displayed on all posters and flyers that advertise the IC Fest. On the day of the Fest, all sponsors will be listed on signs throughout the event.

Complete the form below. Please mail to:

**Immaculate Conception,
134 Arthur Street, Elmhurst, IL 60126
Attn: IC FEST**

or drop it in the Sunday collection basket by August 4, 2019

Name _____

Address _____

I would like to sponsor/co-sponsor _____

Enclosed is a check made out to IC Parish in the amount of \$ _____

I am not able to sponsor an event, but would like to donate a monetary gift
\$ _____



Children's Train \$900

Co-sponsorship \$450

Giant Slide \$500

Co-sponsorship \$250

Children's Games \$300

Co-sponsorship \$150

Magician \$440

Co-sponsorship \$220

Sand Art Table \$600

Co-sponsorship \$300

Craft Table \$600

Co-sponsorship \$300

DJ \$450

Co-sponsorship \$160

Tables/Chairs \$800

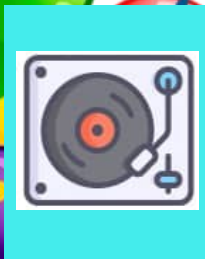
Co-sponsorship \$400

Platinum Sponsor \$250

Gold Sponsor \$100

Silver Sponsor \$50

Bronze Sponsor \$25



Around the parish Last Month

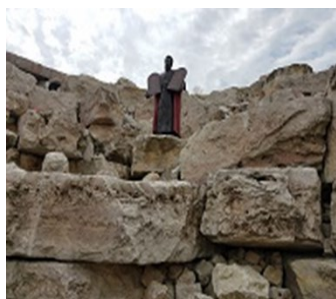


Shrine of Christ's Passion Trip Pictures continue on the next page...



Shrine of Christ's Passion, St. John, IN

Pictured below are some highlights from our recent trip to the Shrine of Christ's Passion. This was a very spiritual day for the 25 pilgrims who attended. We have highlighted some of the Stations of the Cross depicted at the Shrine. The Shrine is open all day/night 365 days a year. The Stations are illuminated in the evening. You may access more information at www.shrineofchristspassion.org. There are riding carts available for those unable to walk the ½ mile winding path, complete with a tour guide. This would be a wonderful summer family activity. There is no entrance fee to visit the shrine.



Moses and the Burning Bush



Garden of Gethsemane



Pilate Washing his Hands



Jesus Carries His Cross



Jesus Meets his Mother



Jesus Falls the Third time



Jesus is Stripped of His Garments



Jesus is Nailed to the Cross



Jesus Dies on the Cross



Jesus is Given to His Mother



The Empty Tomb



The Resurrection

After the tour of the Shrine, we took a tour of **St. John the Evangelist Church** in St. John, a 1,400 family parish servicing St. John and the surrounding areas. The church is ten years old and its beauty and symbolism are amazing.



St. John the Evangelist Church



Sanctuary



Stations of the Cross

Community Life

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.



Dear Mom Whose Baby
Cries at Church

Thank you for persisting! Thank you for fostering a new life of faith for Catholic Children. Thank you for trying your best each week. WE appreciate you!

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 July 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.

Do you know the other St. Francis?



The Daughters of St. Francis de Sales: A Spirituality of the Heart

If in your heart you have been longing for a more intimate relationship with God, Salesian Spirituality may be an answer for you. St. Francis de Sales, a 17th century French Bishop and Doctor of the Church, taught that all of us are unique, each with different gifts. He believed that lay people could deepen their friendship with God simply by being who they are and doing that well. This incorporates the support of spiritual friends and a little time committed to daily prayer. His approach is amazingly well adapted to busy contemporary lives. We are a spiritual family of Catholic laywomen, single, married, divorced, or widowed, recognized by the Pontifical Council for the Laity. We offer a gentle focus on conversion of self through listening to the Holy Spirit, knowing ourselves, and faithfully seeking our unique path toward deepening our relationship with God. We meet in the morning of the 1st Saturday of the month.

Would you like to know more?

Please contact

Kathleen Hillsman at sgh230@yahoo.com
Eileen Backman at backmanfamily@sbcglobal.net
Josephine Bastianoni at jbastianoni@icelmhurst.org
Beth Fisette at fisetteelizabeth@gmail.com
Judy Everson at jude350@comcast.net

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.



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.



SUMMER FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

Our most needed items in the **Food Pantry** are salad dressing, pasta and pasta sauce, canned or fresh fruit, coffee, tea, soup, eggs, grape jelly, pancake mix and syrup, toilet paper, toothpaste, body soap/wash, shampoo, laundry detergent and dish soap. By supporting our pantry, **you are helping members of our own Elmhurst community.**

"In the poor and the outcast, we see Christ's face; by loving and helping the poor, we love and serve Christ."
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.

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.



CATHOLIC CHARITIES SEEKS BACKPACK DONATIONS FOR BACK-TO-SCHOOL FAIR COLLECTION JULY 13/14

Catholic Charities of Joliet is seeking donations for their back-to-school fair for low income families. The backpacks will be given to children in grades K through 5.

You may add school supplies if you wish. (New) items may include pencils, pens, pencil boxes/pouches, crayons, colored pencils, markers, highlighters, erasers, ruled paper, lined notebooks, folders, glue/glue sticks, rulers, safety scissors and hand sanitizer.

Donation bins will be placed in the narthex on the weekend of July 13/14. If you would like to drop backpacks or school supplies off at the PAC, please do so between the hours of 8:30-4:00 Monday through Thursday and 8:30 – noon on Fridays. For more information, please contact Pam at 630-530-3497.



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.

July 20 & 21 – Holy Family, Inverness

September 7 & 8 - 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

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

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".

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/Rector. 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 are required to 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:

July 24, 2019
August 28 2019
September 11, 2019
September 25, 2019
October 16, 2019



Registrations cannot be accepted over the phone.

To register, please access www.icelmhurst.org and click on the "Promise to Protect/Pledge to Heal" icon listed in the left column. You will be directed to the Virtus / Protecting God's Children site, listing all workshops being offered throughout the diocese. You may then begin the registration process. 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.**



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.



Religious Education

2019-2020 Re Registration materials are available on the RE website or in the IC Rectory Office. Early registration entitles you to a discount on tuition and fees!

Looking ahead...Catechist & Catechist Aide 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.

Catechists/Catechist Aides are needed to meet the needs of our 2019-20 Religious Education Program. Adults are needed for both Sunday morning and Wednesday evening sessions. We will provide you with all the class materials and classroom management preparations. Prayerfully consider volunteering for this important ministry. Contact Sr. Mary Francis to learn more about our program.

Children's Church ministry is very much in need of volunteers. This important service is offered to our youngest members of Immaculate Conception Parish. The volunteers are organized into teams and rotate on Sundays. Your assistance would be greatly appreciated. Contact the RE Office to volunteer.

Junior High and High School students are invited to volunteer to assist with our RE program for service hours.



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.

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? Please contact Pam Stefik at 630-530-3497 or pstefik@icelmhurst.org regarding the Rite of Christian Initiation adapted for children.





IC CATHOLIC PREP

THE SCHOOL FOR INDEPENDENT THINKERS

iccatholicprep.org



Call: 630-530-3460



Introducing the Farrelly Program



We are excited to announce the launch of the Farrelly Program in August 2020.

The program will enhance and deepen our school's resources and abilities to provide a college-prep, Catholic education to students with specific learning disabilities.

The program is named in honor of the late Sister M. Megan Farrelly, OP.

+ Kilimanjaro: A Climb to Excellence Giving Challenge



Ed Hagerty, ICCP Trustee and graduate from the Class of 1978, is embarking on a trek this July to summit Mt. Kilimanjaro—the tallest peak in Africa at 19,340 ft. He hopes that you will find inspiration in his journey by accepting his giving challenge which will match dollar for dollar up to \$40,000 to fund the initial phases of the Farrelly Program at IC Catholic Prep.

The Trek Begins This July

follow the progress and give at <https://bit.ly/iccpfarrelly>



Around the Diocese

LOVE,
NATURALLY!

NATURAL FAMILY
PLANNING

*Cooperating with God's
design for married love*



NFP Awareness Week—July 21–27, 2019

“Love, Naturally!” is the theme of this year’s Natural Family Planning Awareness Week, a national educational campaign of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) to celebrate God’s vision for marriage and promote the methods of Natural Family Planning. Natural Family Planning (NFP) is a general title for ethical, natural, safe and effective methods for both achieving and avoiding pregnancy in marriage. NFP methods teach couples how to observe and interpret the wife’s signs of fertility and infertility. In the words of the Catechism of the Catholic Church, NFP methods “respect the bodies of the spouses, encourage tenderness between them and favor the education of an authentic freedom.”

Learn more

Catholic teaching on human sexuality www.usccb.org/beliefs-and-teachings/what-we-believe/love-and-sexuality/index.cfm.

Catholic teaching on married love and the gift of life www.usccb.org/nfp/catholic-teaching/upload/Married-Love-and-the-Gift-of-Life-English-version.pdf.

Natural Family Planning www.usccb.org/nfp/what-is-nfp/index.cfm and www.usccb.org/nfp/what-is-nfp/nfp-basic-information.cfm.

Where to learn an NFP method www.usccb.org/nfp/find-an-nfp-class.cfm.

Useful websites: www.foryourmarriage.org and www.marriageuniqueforareason.org.

Questions? Contact nfp@usccb.org.

July 2019 Programs

Portiuncula Center for Prayer

9263 W St. Francis Road

Frankfort, IL 60423

Register by calling 815.464.3880,

emailing info@portforprayer.org,

or on our website at www.portforprayer.org



WOMEN'S SUMMER RETREAT: LOVING OURSELVES – A JOURNEY OF SELF-DISCOVERY

Dates: Wednesday, July 24, 5:30 p.m. (Dinner) to Sunday, July 28, Noon (Brunch)

Fee: \$385 includes retreat, optional spiritual direction, meals, and room **Commuter:** \$220 includes opening dinner, program, lunch, optional spiritual direction, closing brunch. Check-In begins at 3:00 p.m.

Realizing the powerful impact our self-esteem has on our lives is a key step to understanding our relationships and behaviors. Experiences from our past have shaped our sense of self-worth and may be unconsciously controlling us in the present. With compassion and self-acceptance, we will learn to love ourselves again. We will use tools designed to help us move forward as we truly are, our authentic selves, deserving of love and a life worth living. Our morning presentations will include skill-building, reflection, activities, and sharing. Afternoons will offer personal time. Optional activities will be offered. Body treatments at the Poverello Holistic Center need to be scheduled in advance by calling the Port office.

Facilitators: Kristine Cain, Counselor, MA, LCPC, Janice Keenan, OSF

Capital Campaign Elevator Update

A history of the elevator...

Since the opening of the Parish Center, parishioners at Immaculate Conception have expressed their desire for the addition of an elevator to service the building. For many years, persons with disabilities have been unable to enjoy the many activities that occur in the Gym or Plunkett Hall. Many people have volunteered to assist people up and down stairs, but that has not been an optimum method of resolving our issue, not to mention the safety risks inherent with this method.

Therefore, when Immaculate Conception initiated the Our Faith, Our Family, Our

Future Capital Campaign in 2011, one of the interests that resulted from the parishioner survey was the installation of an elevator for the PC building. During the ranking of the priorities, the elevator was determined to be of lesser importance than several other projects. Upon completion of the work identified from that Campaign, the importance of an elevator was again revived by many parishioners. Subsequently, the Building and Grounds Committee began the due diligence of determining the ability of an elevator to be installed in the PC building. IC is blessed to have such qualified members on the B&G Committee; structural engineers, electricians, construction project managers, real estate developers, and most fortuitously, a member that had spent his work career in the elevator industry. These committee members spent numerous meetings discussing and evaluating the possibility of installing an elevator. After a great deal of discussion, it was determined that the best location for the elevator was within the northwest stairwell of the building, (which could be entered from the glass doors along Arthur Street). Because of the design of the stairwell, an elevator could be installed in the center core and the stairwell still be available for use as it wrapped around the elevator. This decision was based on the space availability, structural suitability, and lowest construction cost.

Parishioner Input...

Upon reaching this decision, the information was shared with the Finance Committee and discussions were held to determine the ability of IC to fund the elevator. After many discussions, it was agreed that the elevator project, along with other projects that were needed, would require the support and feedback from our parish members. In summer 2018, an in pew survey and needs assessment were conducted. Upon receiving parishioner support, we submitted our plans to the Diocese and received approval for our second capital campaign

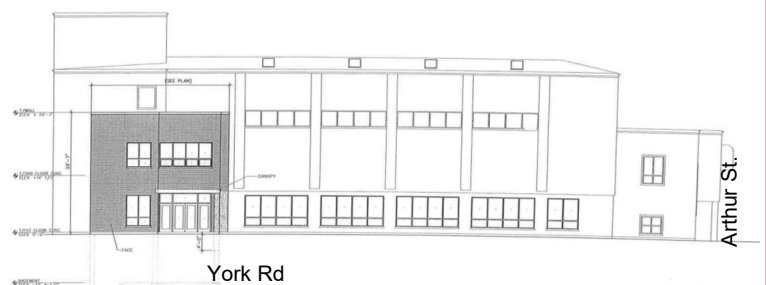
titled We Are IC. We then selected an architect to assist with the design of the elevator. We advertised the location of the elevator, spoke publicly about it, and made plans for the installation. We solicited bids and selected a vendor to do the project.

Location of the Elevator...

Unfortunately, we hit an obstacle. During the design process, we arranged a meeting with the City of Elmhurst to discuss what we believed to be a minor obstacle. Due to the size of the elevator, we were going to have to reduce the size of the stairwell by a nominal amount; less than 6". Upon meeting with the City Building Department, our belief that it was a minor issue was confirmed. Unfortunately, another much larger issue was revealed. Because the PC building was built prior to the adoption of the current code, we are grandfathered on issues

of non-compliance. The stairwells as designed in 1961 are code compliant, but unfortunately the doors that lead to these stairwells are not. By current code, the two 36" doors would need to be increased to three 36" doors at every level; basement, 1st and 2nd floors. This is not physically possible due to structural limitations and space issues. Additionally, the building would require sprinklers throughout and the fire alarm would need to be updated. The approximate cost of the work that we could accomplish would be in excess of \$1,000,000. Because there were issues that we could not resolve, we would also be required to reduce the allowable occupancy in the Gym to a maximum of 600 people and a maximum of 275 people in Monsignor Plunkett Hall. This would preclude us from having sporting events, plays, assemblies or any current activity. Most importantly, we could not hold a meeting of our own Grade School and High School simultaneously. We would effectively lose the Gym for 90% of the extracurricular activities that we currently hold.

Therefore, the B&G Committee was reconvened to locate an alternate location for the elevator. The architect also reviewed the blueprints to determine if there were any other location that would be large enough to contain a new elevator. After many attempts, it became apparent that the elevator was not going to fit within the current footprint of the PC building. The other areas that are large enough to allow the elevator to be built contain many obstacles, both structural and mechanical, that would greatly increase the construction cost.



Unfortunately, there are no areas that contain a closet stacked on all three floors that are large enough to build an elevator within. Additionally, all of the open areas in the lower level would penetrate the floor within the Chapel or gym. Having the elevator in the Chapel would be very disruptive. We are effectively left with trying to put the elevator into the rear third of the building. After much review and planning, it was decided that the only option was to build a new addition.

City Permits...

The B&G Committee began evaluating the possibilities for installation of an addition and quickly realized that there were only two options; the entry lobby on the southwest entry to the PC building and the entry lobby off of York Street. A structure located at any other location would not have access to all three floors. After reviewing the two options, the committee decided that the southwest lobby entry would not be possible, due to the location of the bridge and the fact that all of the utilities that serve the PC building enter underground beneath the bridge.

The costs to relocate the bridge or the utilities are astronomical. That left us with only one option; the current design location. The elevator will be located in a new structure that will be attached to the east side of the PC building. The current entry lobby will be expanded eastwardly and an elevator and larger lobby area will be constructed. With these facts in mind, our architect began design drawings of the space. The design drawings were created to minimize the size of the addition for cost containment. In preparation for submittal of the drawings to the City of Elmhurst, a property survey was performed. It unfortunately revealed that our building was built too close to the property line and that an addition would exacerbate the problem. In order to get a permit to build the new elevator addition, we were required to obtain a variance from the City of Elmhurst. This variance was two-fold; firstly, we were asking permission to build a structure closer to the lot line than allowed by City code. Secondly, we were increasing the amount of building square footage allowed on our lot. The elevator addition would increase our square footage beyond code limits. Consequently, we had to attend several meetings with City elected officials and staff to defend our need for the variance. Thankfully, after much consideration, the City granted our variance on June 10th. We can now move forward with the next phase of the project, construction pricing.

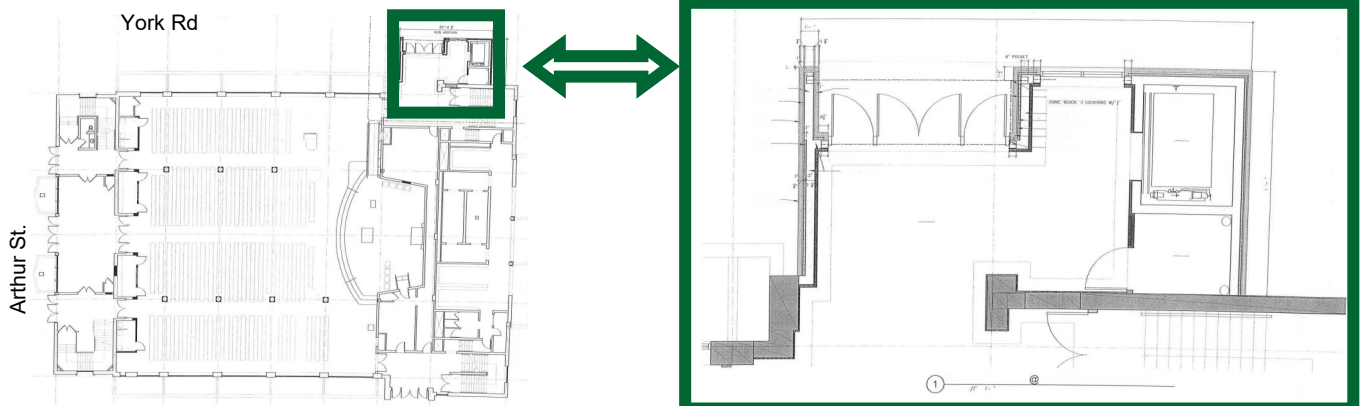
Next Steps...

We have selected a General Contractor to do the project and have begun the process of selecting sub-contractors. Due to many factors, the elevator addition will require many costly changes from our initial cost estimate. We are going to incur these unforeseen activities and, subsequently, expenses:

- Provide heating/cooling unit(s) for new addition
- Provide replacement trees for the parkway to replace ones removed during

construction

- Temporarily relocate the Respect Life Monument
 - Remove and reinstall the fence along the parking lot at the rear of the PC building
 - Provide a doorway into the Gym rather than access into the stairwell
 - Increase the size of the addition to provide space between the elevator pit and the existing foundation. If the elevator pit is too close, it could require underpinning of the existing foundation, a much greater expense
- These unforeseen conditions and additional expenses have led the general contractor, the architect, and IC staff to begin "Value Engineering" to receive a better price for the construction. Value Engineering is a term that describes the process of selecting alternate products, processes, vendors, and other methods to reduce the price per square foot of construction while maintaining the quality of the building. This process is transpiring currently and is nearly complete. The City of Elmhurst has reviewed our construction documents and has issued the permit. We are still negotiating with sub-contractors to reduce their bids as part of the value engineering process. It is our hope to break ground by no later than July 1st. We will continue to share information with you. Thank you for your support in our campaign. Because we have incurred additional costs, any further help you can give to make this possible would be most appreciated.



WE ARE IC Capital Campaign

Naming Opportunities Available

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.

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.

Saints

- 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

Symbols

- Lamb of God
- Crown of Thorns
- Pelican
- Bible
- House of God
- Holy Spirit
- Trinity
- Sacrifice Cross and Crown
- Anchor
- Eucharist

The following symbols are still available to represent the saints that have already been donated.

Virtues Tree (St. Theodore Guerin)

Justice (St. Rose Duchesne)

Shield w/Water (St. Therese of Lisieux)

Gates of Heaven (St. Teresa of Calcutta)

Symbols for Padre Pio and St. Cecilia tbd

3 Fish Trinity (St. Anthony)

Reconciliation (St. John Paul II)

Sacred Heart (St. Margaret Mary Alacoque)

Mercy (St. Faustina)

*The amounts shown are established as sacrificial memorials to help Immaculate Conception complete the **We are IC** capital campaign. Any amount in excess of the actual completed cost of the memorial item will be included in the general campaign fund.*



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: _____