## IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH September 2019 Newsletter

## September Prayer

Almighty God, bless our nation and make it true to the ideas of freedom and justice and brotherhood for all who make it great.

Be close to our president and our statesmen; give them vision and courage, as they ponder decisions affecting peace and the future of the world.

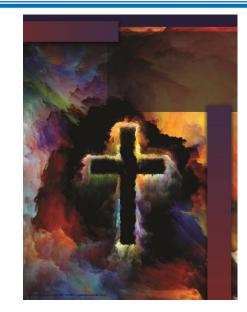
Make me more deeply aware of my heritage; realizing not only my rights but also my duties and responsibilities as a citizen.

Make this great land and all its people know clearly Your will, that they may fulfill the destiny ordained for us in the salvation of the nations, and the restoring of all things in Christ. Amen

## Welcome To IC

Join us in welcoming our new parish families.

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



#### PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

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

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Now that Labor Day has passed, we continue to move forward with the many activities that are part of our Immaculate Conception Parish. Both our high school, IC Catholic Prep, and our grade school, ICGS, are off to great starts. In a few weeks, we will begin our religious education program for our children who attend public schools. A special word of thanks to our many volunteers who so willingly support both our schools and religious ed program. I encourage all parents to be actively involved in the faith formation of their children. We do our best here at IC to help share the faith with them. It is important that the students are Pastor's desk also supported in the growth of their faith by their families. Please bring your children to Mass every Sunday. Try to make Sunday Mass a very important part of the life of your family. Try to set aside time around your

Mass schedule for your family to spend some extra time together. A regular routine that includes making Mass important and is enhanced with more time together will help to create more importance for both Mass and the family.

We are very blessed this weekend that we will be able to return to Sacred Heart Chapel for the celebration of some of our Sunday liturgies. Our schedule will not change from what it had previously been in the spring of this year. Masses held in the chapel will be 5:15pm on Saturday and 9:00am, 11:30am, and 5:15pm on Sunday. 7:30am Mass on Sunday will be held in the church. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated at 4pm on Saturday in the Chapel.

Upon entering Sacred Heart Chapel, what will you notice that has been done? Please keep in mind, as we have told you previously, we are just in the process of completing phase 1 of the work. The rest of the work in the chapel will ideally begin at the end of May 2020. Through your generosity, we were able to put the much needed doors on the outside of the building. Because of the security measures that are part of the new door systems, we are now able to enter into a lockdown mode with the press of a button if needed to do so in an emergency. These same security measures were already installed in the grade school, high school, and parish administration center buildings.

Inside of the chapel, all of the windows have been replaced. The asbestos caulk in the frames of the old windows had to be removed while the windows were being taken out. The first four stained glass windows have been installed. Those that have been donated will continue to arrive as they are being made. Having stained glass windows in the Sacred Heart Chapel will make a considerable change in the overall feeling within it. The presence of the holy men and women around us will serve to encourage us to follow in their footsteps.

In our newsletter, you will find an update regarding the elevator. Thanks be to God, the elevator is being built and will be ready for use in a couple of months. The article about it describes some of the steps that had to be taken in order to make this happen. We have been told that it will hold up to twelve people and will serve both MPH, Sacred Heart Chapel, and the gym. Once all the building materials have been used from the parking lot, new handicapped parking spaces will be placed there in proximity to the elevator. Likewise, our memorial in honor of the unborn will also be relocated to the same area. It is my prayer that we will have the blessing of the elevator on November 1st. However, if it does not happen then, it will take place soon thereafter. Thank you to all of you. For it is because of your generosity that we have been able to accomplish what we have done for the renewal of this sacred space.

May the Sacred Heart of Jesus bless our IC family abundantly. Sincerely in Christ,

Fr. Tom

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

No matter what the season is, it is always a good time to thank God for all the gifts He gives us every day of our lives and to our community of IC. We are already in the month of September—the fall season—and, as we look back to the beginning of the year, we can confirm the expression "time flies" (or, if Latin is preferred, "Tempus fugit")!

Interestingly, on September 1<sup>st</sup> our Mother, the Catholic Church, reminds us and encourages us to pray for the care of creation. In fact, Pope Francis established the *World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation* in his encyclical *"Laudato Si."* By this action and through his words, he is inspiring and motivating the Catholic community around the world to pray for our *"common home."* The Pontiff invites all of us to renew our relation with Mother Nature and *"to reaffirm our personal vocation to be stewards of creation, to thank God for the wonderful handiwork which he has entrusted to our care, and to implore his help for the protection of creation, as well as his pardon for the sins committed against the world in which we live" (Pope Francis, 8/6/15). Certainly, his encyclical stresses that we have an important responsibility to our planet. Likewise, we have responsibilities to one another—since we are members of this earth—and we have responsibility to the generations yet to come.* 

Another important point to consider in the *World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation* is the great opportunity for us to have a connection with God, as our Creator. We have been given the chance to discover more deeply His infinite Love. And, I would like to say that recalling and meditating on the beautiful words of Saint Paul should help: *"For the invisible things of Him, since the creation of the world are clearly seen, being perceived through the things that are made, even his everlasting power and divinity"* (Romans 6:20). Indeed, through Nature, God is able to teach us, to speak to us, and to provide for us the satisfaction of our needs.

That is why, we *must* protect our world, protect Nature, and protect our environment. This is the common and great responsibility that was entrusted to us: *"God blessed them and said to them, 'Be fruitful and increase in number.... Rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky and over every living creature that moves on the ground'"* (Genesis 1:28). This biblical text, rather than giving us the right to do whatever we desire with Nature, is describing the responsibility—the duty—to care for Nature in a way that is consistent with the will of our Creator, God.

Therefore, as the brilliantly-colored leaves begin to fall from the trees, let us consider how to better care for our world so that we can glorify God by providing a care for place for all of us and for the generations to come. I wish you the best throughout your activities in this month of September, and I reiterate my thanks to all of you. As well, I can assure you of my 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

## An update on our elevator from Jeff Williams

The elevator project has faced many obstacles since groundbreaking. The most significant of these was the interruption of sanitary and storm sewer connections to the public sewers for the PC building. The blueprint drawings that we possess for the building are design drawings, not as-built drawings. Therefore, neither the architect, the General Contractor, nor or IC staff knew the exact location of the pipes. Additionally, when you excavate, you are required to contact JULIE, an underground utilities locator. However, this service does not identify or mark any utilities that are on private property. It was our belief that the sewer exited the south end of the building and connected to the main sewer in the center of York Street. Unfortunately, we were incorrect. Although the sewer does exit the building north where it connects to a catch basin that was buried 9" below the grass. This was discovered when the excavator began digging the foundation and hit the sewer pipe.

A myriad of problems ensued. It was discovered that the sanitary water and storm water were comingled. This was allowable when the building was constructed, but is no longer legal. To be compliant, we needed to split the systems and run separate lines for the sanitary and sewer lines. We are fortunate that the sewer lines are split into two separate holding tanks within the basement of the PC building. These storage tanks have large pumps that pump the water out of the basement into the sewer line that was damaged. To rectify this issue, we were forced to split the pipe that leads from the two tanks and install a separate pipe; one leading to the sanitary sewer line and one leading to the storm sewer line. All of the water that is collected from the roof and from the drain tile around the

foundation run into the basement are to be pumped out to the sewer. If these pumps do not run, the basement would flood and create a huge amount of damage to the mechanical system for the building. Therefore, we were forced install a temporary line that connected to a retention area. Shortly thereafter, we connected the pipe to a catch basin in the parking area. To control what was being pumped out of the building, we shut down the sanitary pumps and subsequently could not use sink or toilets in the PC building until it was repaired.

The biggest obstacle was that we could not install the new sanitary sewer line until we had built the foundation to the elevator and backfilled the area. Once this was completed, we hired a plumber to install a new sanitary sewer line. The new line connects to a new catch basin at the south end of the build and is routed around the foundation. It then connects to the catch basin on the north end of the building. (The existing catch basin is now exposed, as we will need to access this manhole if we have the need to rod the line.)

We were required to perform Asbestos Abatement before we touched the pipes. Upon completion of the abatement, we cored an additional hole in the foundation. This hole facilitated the installation of the new pipe to allow the storm water tank inside to have its own connection to the sanitary sewer. We then connected an additional pipe from the storm sewer line that exits the building independent of the sanitary sewer and installed a new catch basin in the parking lot.

This unforeseen condition was impossible to plan for by anyone involved with the project. If this condition was known prior to the start of the project, we would have been required by the City of Elmhurst to perform this work and the expense would have been incurred. We lost a few days of progress while we dealt with this issue. Currently, we are 8 days behind schedule. It is still our hope that we will be completed near the original contract date at the end of October. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Jeff Williams at jwilliams@icelmhurst.org.

## Around the Parish in September

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Fr. Burke will be discussing the pathway to intentional discipleship using the analogy of a baseball diamond. We are all called to be missionary disciples, so how do we get there? Come listen to Fr. Burke talk about this important mission that Bishop Conlon has given all of us through his pastoral letter, "Go!' He said."

Fr. Burke was born and raised in Joliet, IL. He converted to Catholicism at the age of 18 just before going to Mississippi State University on a baseball scholarship.

His major league dream did not materialize, so after working as an actuary, he then worked in minor league baseball for four years. He felt the call to the priesthood and attended Mundelein Seminary and was ordained to the priesthood for the Diocese of Joliet on June 1, 2002.

From 2006 to 2019 he served as the Vocation Director for the Diocese of Joliet. In August 2018, he became the Secretary for Evangelization and Catechesis and the Director of Lay Formation for the Diocese of Joliet. He has served as the Catholic chaplain for the Chicago Cubs since 2013.

Priests, deacons, staff, council members, and all parish leadership are encourage to attend. All are welcome to join us

for an engaging presentation!

## Tuesday, September 10th 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. Immaculate Conception Church 132 Arthur St, Elmhurst, IL 60126

A free will offering will take place at this event. Registration is required. Please go to <u>easterndupagedeanery.org</u> to sign up.



## **Coming Events**



Due to scheduling conflict, our first THAT MAN IS YOU meeting on Saturday, September 7 will be in IMMACULATE CONCEPTION'S Plunkett Hall. (The rest of the 2019 fall meetings will be at Mary Queen of

Heaven.)

In the <u>'The Battle Over The Bride'</u> program beginning Saturday, September 7, over 145 men, just like you, will begin to grasp the depth and beauty of the Church's vision of love and marriage. Please consider joining this welcoming group of men of Faith as we

honestly address the pressures and temptations that WE face in our modern culture, especially those relating to OUR roles as husbands and fathers.

Our TMIY program harmonizes current social and medical science with the teachings of the Church and the wisdom of the saints to develop the vision of man fully alive! We start with Starbucks coffee at 6:30 every Saturday morning with program beginning at 7 AM and concluding PROMPTLY at 8 AM so you have the rest of the day with your family.

To join us, please register at <u>www.tmiy.org</u>. Just use zip code 60126 to find our program at Mary Queen of Heaven and complete your easy registration. If you have any questions, please contact <u>Andrew Morgan</u>



## Taizé Prayer Service Friday, September 20 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 <u>lisagrisolia@icelmhurst.org</u>. For video clips, visit us on Facebook at IC Elmhurst Music Ministry!

We are seeking more ladies to join our IC Bridge Group. We play rubber bridge starting in October and going through June. We meet on the first Thursday of the month from 12:30 pm till around 3:30 pm. Each team entertains eight ladies in their home with coffee or tea and a dessert for the first half hour. Then we play till we finish 18 hands. Each team hosts twice a year. One team entertains at the library (which is free) so that is also a possibility. Dues are \$35 per person and that includes a delicious luncheon in June.

This is not a teaching experience so you do need to know how to play bridge. All are welcome, not just IC parishioners. If you have a partner that is fine and if you need a partner we may be able to find you one. All the ladies in our group are welcoming and kind. If you have any questions or would like to join please contact Monica Gieser at 630-689-6236. Please let me know as soon as possible and no later than September 8th because I will need to get the roster out to our members. Right now we have 22 ladies.



## **Coming Events Continued**



"...want to 'shake a jug..." for our 2019 Campaign for People with Intellectual Disabilities? (A.K.A our Tootsie Roll Drive)

On September 13 and 14, the of Fr. McDonald Council #1911 will be holding our annual Tootsie Roll drive. 100% of the net funds collected go DIRECTLY to the local charities. We are looking for adult (18+ years old) volunteers to join with our Knights for a most worthwhile project! **If you can't work a corner but would like to make a donation**, <u>CLICK HERE!</u> Thank you for your consideration! If you have any questions, please reach out to one of our co-chairpersons:

George Marinier or Terry Hitzler.



MISERICORDIA

#### MISERICORIDIA WOMEN'S LEAGUE NEW MEMBERS GATHERING

We are looking for new members!! Misericordia provides a caring environment for more than 600 children and adults facing challenges with mental and physical disabilities. Our league supports Misericordia through fundraising and service. Please join us Wed. September 4, 2019 At the home of Cara Long 1115 Longmeadow Lane

Western Springs, Illinois 60558 For more information please contact Cara Long at <u>carahlong@gmail.com</u> Or MK Dungan at <u>mkdungan@gmail.com</u>



Three evenings of music, inspiration and prayer with guest speaker John Donahue-Grossman - a spiritual awakening to become light to the world as disciples of Jesus. We are invited, and called, to bring hope, love and compassion into our homes, workplaces and community. Experience what it means to live your faith, to live in the light!

SEPT 16, 17 & 18 7PM in Church www.stmarygostyn.org 445 Prairie Ave Downers Grove

Holy Ghost Parish Gym Saturday, September 7 Starts at 6 PM Dinner at 7 PM Cash Bar Cost: \$30 adults \$10 children 4 - 10 years old Live Music with "Amazing Mike" ! Authentic German Food! Raffles & Split the Pot For more information call 630-350-1932 Email: holyghostccwevent@gmail.com

## **Coming Events Continued**

#### **Marriage Ministry Needs YOU!**



Catholic marriages and families are essential "Building Blocks" of our Church and our society. A building is only as strong as its foundation. From its inception, the foundation of the family has been a strong marriage! Unfortunately, statistics show that Catholic marriages are stressed and faltering at the same rate as "non–Catholic" marriages.

Our Marriage Ministry has identified the need to have more enriching opportunities for couples no matter how long they have been together. We have provided celebratory events and practical, strengthening programs throughout our Eastern DuPage Deanery. Our goal is to continue to provide these exceptional programs on a regular basis at local

parishes for years to come.

This Marriage Ministry is taking a leadership role by encouraging all married couples to become as healthy, strong, and resilient as possible. We, the laity, and the clergy, ARE the Church and this is our responsibility.

With your help we will continue to grow. What will your legacy be? If you want to be a part of this ministry that encourages our fellow parishioners, friends, adult children, and grandchildren to be messengers of the "good news" about marriage, then consider joining our ministry as either: A **Representative** of your parish OR A member of our **Planning Team** 

Check your bulletin for future events to attend!

For more information, please Email: <u>Melissa Nelson@\_easterndupagemem@gmail.com</u> Or call #\_<u>(708) 214-6411</u>

BURGUNDY & PROVENCE FOR "WINE LOVERS" RIVER CRUISE 10 DAYS -2-NIGHTS IN PARIS & 7-NIGHT SOUTHBOUND FRANCE ON THE SAONE & RHONE RIVER October 24 – November 3, 2020 (depart/return USA) I guess the cliché, "the proof is in the pudding", could apply here. After two previous



river cruises with Avalon Waterways, arranged through Viking Travel in Westmont, I am proud to once again sponsor my third European river cruise. This time, on the beautiful Saône and Rhône rivers traveling from Magnificent Paris to Port-Saint Louis. The itinerary is described herein. As has been the case before, there will be a spiritual dimension to the trip. Our periodic mass schedule will allow us to express to our

Lord our appreciation for the beauty He has presented to us. What a beautiful way to include His presence as we enjoy the beautiful sites and the rewarding experience of being able to meet so many interesting people that is always possible on the smaller river cruise boats. As you can see, there are incentives to signing up early for what should be an outstanding vacation in beautiful France. **VIKING TRAVEL SERVICE** 700-C Pasquinelli Drive Westmont, IL 60559 Tel: 630-321-1664 Toll Free: 800-233-3963 www.vikingtvl.com



Fr. Larry Brunette is a retired priest serving the people in the diocese of Joliet. He is a second

career priest who was married for 32 years before his wife passed away 25 years ago. He has three children. After being in the computer business all his adult life, Fr. Larry attended Pope Saint John XXIII National Seminary and was ordained on May 29, 1999 at the age of 57, with his three children walking him down the aisle.



On Saturday, September 14, pro-life Americans throughout the country will gather at the gravesites of aborted babies and other memorial sites dedicated in their honor for the seventh annual National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children.

Solemn vigils will be held at these sites to commemorate the more than 60 million children who have lost their lives to legal abortion since 1973, and to remind our society of the humanity of the unborn child. Please join us for the memorial service in the Diocese of Joliet with the Most Reverend R. Daniel Conlon, Bishop of Joliet: When: Saturday, September 14, 1 p.m.

Where: Resurrection Cemetery, 200 W. Romeo Rd. in Romeoville

For more information, contact Christine Kania at 630-532-7813 or cmkania@bu.edu

## **Community Life**

## 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 the first 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 <u>HERE</u> to download our Vocation Calendar for September 2019.



## Moms' Group

Play, Meet, and Mingle with other moms in IC Parish!

ROSARY- Every Monday 8:30am All children welcome Landas Residence 428 N Evergreen

ROSARY- Every Thursday 8:00am All children welcome Hughes Residence 159 Fairfield

September Dates Sept 10th- 11am Playdate @ Wilder Park Sept 15th- 9am Mass followed by 10am Playdate @ Wilder Park Sept 25th- 11am Playdate @ Wilder Park

\*For more information or to be added to the group email distribution list, please email: icmomsgroup@gmail.com

Priesthood Sunday, Sept. 29, 2019, is a special day set aside to honor priesthood in the United States. It is a day to reflect upon and affirm the role of the priesthood in the life of the Church as a central one. Priesthood Sunday specifically honors priests, without whom the Mass could not be offered and Sacraments could not be celebrated. It's a chance to thank and honor priests in unique ways. The men who answer the call to priesthood are special indeed, and they are working harder than ever before.



#### **Attention Parents of Scouts!**

Is your child a member of the American Heritage Girls, Boy Scouts of America, Camp Fire USA, or Girl Scouts of the USA? If so, they may be eligible to earn a Catholic religious recognition!

The Joliet Diocese Catholic Committee on Scouting (JDCCS) invites and encourages all Catholic scouts to consider earning a Catholic religious recognition in their respective Scouting program. It's a great way to grow in

faith while living out 'duty to God' as a Scout. There are programs available to Scouts from Kindergarten through high school.

All information about the classes that are forming and opportunities for each Scouting organization can be found at <u>www.dioceseofjoliet.org/scouting</u>. Note that many of the recognitions only need a parent's help and can be started at any time!

## **Christian Ministry**

#### DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO IS HOMEBOUND?

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.



FOOD PANTRY NEEDS Our weekly needs" list includes the following

items: orange juice, milk, eggs, ground beef, cereal, salad dressing, pasta sauce, fresh or

canned fruit and vegetables, coffee, full-size condiments, pancake mix and syrup, toilet paper, toothpaste, body soap/ wash, shampoo, laundry detergent and dish soap. Cleaning products are always needed and appreciated.

May God bless you abundantly for your continued generosity.



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.



Refugees start their lives over with nothing after fleeing war and persecution. Every step you take will bring help and hope to refugees in our communities.

Saturday, September 7, 2019 Willow Creek North Shore Registration: 6:45 am – 7:45 am 5K Run / 3K Walk starts at 8:00 am For more information, call 630-307-1400 info@exodusworldservice.org



#### Immaculate Conception hosts a PADS site on the third Saturday of each month during October - April.

Numerous volunteers are needed to help pick up and deliver food (from the Rectory to the PADS site), purchase and/or prepare food, provide hospitality and serve our quests, be present for the overnight hours, prepare breakfast and lunches and clean up. Anyone who signed up during our annual Ministry weekend will be contacted. If you didn't sign up, but would like to help, there's still room! You do NOT need to help each and every month.

We can't do this without you! Please contact Sheryl Sloan at sloanfamily173@gmail.com

"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)



ENDING HOMELESSNESS ONE STEP AT A TIME

10K & 5K Run, 5K Walk

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

ENDING HOMELESSNESS ONE STEP AT A TIME

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



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

# **SHARINGCONNECTION**

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 Downer Grove, to choose furnishings for their new apartments. To clients are sent to Sharing Connections, located in Downers view a complete list of accepted items, please access

www.sharingconnections.org To schedule a pick-up, please call 630-971-0565 x 300. RULE OF THUMB: IF THE DONATED ITEM IS NOT READY TO GO DIRECTLY TO ONE OF OUR FAMILIES, THEN IT WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. HELP US SERVE FAMILIES WITH DIGNITY, AS WE DO NOT **BELIEVE "SOMETHING IS BETTER THAN NOTHING".** 

## Christian Ministry Continued...



**September is Hunger Action Month,** a nationwide campaign mobilizing the public to take action on the issue of hunger. The Campaign presents ways for all of us to get involved in solving hunger in America. Go to <u>www.feedingamerica.org</u> to see the various ways you can draw attention to this concern. Northern Illinois Food Bank is part of the Feeding America Community. The **IC Food Pantry** orders much of its meat and other needed items through the NIFB twice a month, at deeply discounted prices. We are grateful for the many ways NIFB and Feeding America help our local

#### community.

**How to celebrate Hunger Action Month:** Celebrating Hunger Action Month starts by taking action against hunger seems obvious, right? All you need to do is to help raise awareness of hunger as a problem, and there are a lot of ways of doing that even if you're short on time and money. One popular way of raising awareness is to take a paper plate and write "On an empty stomach, I can't:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_" and then fill in the blank to help people learn what effect suffering from a shortage of food can have. Examples are "Study" and "Sleep properly", even "Be active." You then take this photo of yourself holding the plate, post it on social media, and get others to do the same with themselves. Post by post, the world will become a little more aware.

## **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 <u>inewburn@cc-doj.org</u> or 630-519-6547 for additional information. To learn more about Hope House, please visit catholiccharitiesjoliet.org.





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

**Choir, RE catechists, aides, subs, Youth Ministry, etc.), you must attend a workshop**. You may attend the workshop at a parish of your choice, but must remit the appropriate forms directly to Immaculate Conception. The following workshops are being offered at Immaculate Conception:

September 11, 2019 September 25, 2019 October 16, 2019

#### Registrations cannot be accepted over the phone.

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

Note: Diocesan policy requires that a background check be completed every five (5) years for active volunteers. FORMS WERE RECENTLY SENT VIA E-MAIL TO ALL WHO ARE LITURGICAL MINISTERS AND IN NEED OF AN UPDATED BACKGROUND CHECK. Failure to submit the required authorization and other paperwork may result in being placed on "inactive" status for future volunteer/ministerial activity. Thank you for your assistance. Please contact Pam Stefik at 630-530-3497 with any questions you may have.

#### **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.** 

## Christian Ministry Continued...



#### GOOD USED CARS NEEDED

**IC Daybreak Transitional Housing** partners with Bridge Communities, who provides numerous resources for our client families, which often include educational classes in nutrition, parenting, resume-building, office skills and more. One of the program requirements is that a client is employed full-time. One of the most significant barriers to finding and keeping employment is unreliable transportation. Many clients enter our program with either no car or a car that needs extensive and costly repairs. Bridge relies on donations to provide cars to these families. Reliable transportation is a necessity, as public transportation in DuPage County is limited. If you have a vehicle in working condition that you wish to donate, please contact Paul at Bridge Communities / 630-403-5104 or

paul.matthews@bridgecommunities.org. If you have additional questions, please call Pam at 630-530-3497. Thank you for considering a donation to our transitional housing program



#### LOOKING AHEAD

- \* Fall Coat Drive / October 12 & 13
- \* Undy Sunday for Catholic Charities / October 19 & 20
- \* Saint Vincent DePaul Clothing and Household Goods Drive / October 26 & 27

Time to start thinking about adopting families for our Thanksgiving and Christmas outreach





#### Catholic Extension Society Lumen Christi Award Nominee Father Jerry Rogers Diocese of Crookston, Minnesota

Fr. Jerry has been at St. Mary's Mission in Red Lake, MN for more than a decade. St. Mary's is a parish and Catholic school located at the heart of Red Lake Nation, one of the two closed reservations in the United States, meaning the area has been able to maintain legal status as a sovereign nation. The reservation is communally owned by the Chippewa.

Red Lake Nation is one of the poorest regions in the country. The Catholic Church has been on the reservation since 1858, and Red Lake Mission was on the brink of being shut down when Father Jerry took over in 2009. Its culture has been characterized by crime and fractured families for decades. Most residents were not baptized and Catholic rituals did not always resonate with the natives.

Despite their differences, Catholics and the Ojibwa share a mutual respect for the sacredness of life, and Father Jerry understood that he must seek that shared value as a common ground to change things around. His mission focused on the offering of friendship with Jesus Christ so the native people are naturally drawn to it out of trust and mutual respect, not a mission of strict conversion. His natural skills of understanding and compassion has led him to successfully navigate the tricky historical territory of Red Lake Nation. He has grown the faith by living it and being a witness to Christianity and Catholicism.

Since being on the reservation, Father Jerry has doubled the enrollment of the Catholic school and raised the academic standards to an unprecedented level of excellence. He has also added an instructive toddler daycare, Baby Space, which was created to begin educating children at an earlier age to ensure they would be prepared to take on the challenges of school. The Catholic school is valued by the native people because the children are safe and learning non-violent values from a faith-based and dedicated teaching staff. The children learn and grow the faith for Father Jerry by taking their lessons home and spreading it to their caregivers and the rest of the community.

Mass attendance and lay ministries have grown, and the hospitality of the mission has become immense. In addition to all his work, Father Jerry also runs a food shelf and thrift store and offers micro-loans for gas and utilities to several natives. Father Jerry Rogers exemplifies what it means to be Catholic—being universal, loving and serving our brothers and sisters of all races and cultures.

Immaculate Conception has been supporting Father Jerry's efforts at St. Mary's Mission for the past six years. Much of what he has been able to accomplish is due to your generosity. THANK YOU.

## **Faith Formation**



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

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



**Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults** 

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

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

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

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

Following is a reflection from Shauna Brueggen, who made a Profession of Faith and was received into the Catholic Church during the Easter Season in 2019. After growing up in the Presbyterian church, I didn't necessarily plan to convert to Catholicism when I married my Catholic husband. However, as we decided together to raise our children in the Catholic faith, become parishioners at IC and educate our children at ICGS, in time, I felt called to Catholicism. And that call continued to strengthen (and maybe even shout a little, especially as my daughter inched closer to her own First Communion). Of course, with family, work, and volunteer demands, I knew this commitment would add to my already busy plate. What I didn't know is just how wonderfully it would add to – and actually balance! – that plate. Sunday mornings at RCIA become a respite and inspiration that I would look forward to every week. I loved learning about the faith as an adult (a much different perspective than learning as a child), discussing important topics, getting to know more people in the church, and forming friendships that I know will last a lifetime. And now, as a fully initiated member of the Catholic church, our family worship is a much more fulfilling, complete and authentic experience.

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

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



## **Religious Education**



Children's Church	<u>Sunday RE</u>	Wednesday RE
September 16	September 15	September 18
September 23	September 22	September 25
	September 29	

Welcome to a new year of RE! ALL RE PARENTS are asked to attend the important RE Parent Meeting on Sunday Sept.15 at 10:15 a.m. in the IC Church or on Wed Sept.18<sup>th</sup> at 5:15 p.m. in the IC Church .Valuable information concerning the 2019-2020 RE Program will be presented at this meeting. The 2019-20 Handbooks will also be distributed at that time.

Sunday September 15 is Catechetical Sunday. This year's theme "Stay With Us" reminds us of the role each persons plays by virtue of Baptism in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel. Let us remember in special prayer all our Catechists, Catechist Aides and Children's Church ministers.

#### IMPORTANT DATES

## Sunday Family Masses

Grade 8: September 29, 2019

Grade 3: October 20, 2019

Grade K-1: November 10, 2019

Grade 7: December 8, 2019

Grade 4&5: January 19, 2020

Grade 6: February 9, 2020

Grade 2: May 3, 2020

## 8th Grade!

Monday, 9/23/19: Confirmation Meeting 7pm

## **Reconciliation**

Grade 8 Sunday November 10, 2019 Wednesday November 13, 2019 Grade 7 Sunday, November 17, 2019 Wednesday, November 20, 2019 Grade 6 Sunday, January 12, 2020 Wednesday, January 15, 2020 Grade 5 Sunday, January 19, 2020 Wednesday, January 22, 2020 Grade 4 Sunday, March 8, 2020 Wednesday, March 11, 2020 Grade 3 Sunday, March 15, 2020 Wednesday March 18, 2020

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# Will You Grow?

## Serving as a Catechist

# Catechists are discerned and selected with regard to their:

- active Catholic practice and Christian lifestyle.
- ability to proclaim and share the Catholic Faith.
- desire to participate in the catechetical mission of the Church.

## Potential Catechists must:

- be a fully initiated and active member of the Catholic Faith.
- be at least 18 years of age (minors are absolutely welcome to serve as aides).
- participate in a Virtus Protecting God's Children program, submit to a background check, provide references and meet/interview with the DRE, if they have not yet done so.

We believe there is no better way to grow your faith than by sharing that faith with our young people. Catechists are needed to continue making the ICRE Program a success. As you boldly go where so many have gone before you, you will nurture the faith of our children and in turn, you will learn and grow as well. The best way to learn is to teach and you will see your own faith come alive! Perhaps you would like to join your child and share your faith experience with them in the classroom. Perhaps your children are grown and you would like to stay connected with the young children of our faith community.

Participating in the Religious Education ministry is truly a rewarding experience and we welcome you!

**Current Openings:** 

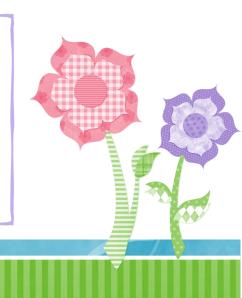
Sunday: Catechist and/or Assistants/Aides in grades 2, 3, 5, and middle school grades Wednesday: Catechist and/or Assistants/Aides in grades 4, 5, 6 and 8

#### To learn more, please contact:

Sister Mary Francis, K-5 srmaryfrancis@icelmhurst.org 630-530-3460

Christine Brazeau cbrazeau@icelmhurst.org 630-530-8981 Mrs. Josephine Bastianoni, 6-8 jbastianoni@icelmhurst.org 630-530-5262

Julie Blaszak jblaszak@icelmhurst.org 630-530-5616



## ICGS

## 3rd Annual Marcia May "Light the Knight" Fun Run Sponsored by: ICGS Parents Club Date: Friday, September 6, 2019 Time: 6pm **Place: Wild Meadows Trace at the Prairie Path** (located in grassy area north of the Prairie Path, east of York and south of South, by Safety Town) Distance: 1 mile walk or 3 mile run (or anywhere in between) **Registration - CLICK HERE!!!** There will be a D.J., swag bags, and t-shirts!! Plus, a dress down day for all who participated! Marcia May Fun Run Committee Karon Sullivan and Jenny Winter A special THANK YOU to our sponsors!



## 26th Annual Immaculate Conception Men's 1900 Club Golf Outing

Friday, September 13, 2019 White Pines Golf Course 500 W Jefferson, Bensenville

Noon Check-in Begins 1:30pm Shot Gun Start 6:00pm Social Hour 7:00pm Dinner

Golf and Dinner \$210 Dinner only \$50 Register by 9/10 at www.icgolfclassic.com For further information, call Jerry Walsh (310)597-1754 or Shamus Conneely (773)814-3378 For Sponsorship and underwriting information, contact George Beneos (630) 561-0466 or Shamus Coneely (773)814-3378

## **IC Catholic Prep**





# **Important Dates**

Sep. 4 – Parents Club Meeting, 7pm

Sep. 12 – Curriculum Night, 7pm

Sep. 13 – Youth Football Knight, 6:30pm

Sep. 16 – Booster Club Meeting, 7pm



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Oct. 2 – Homecoming Week Mass, 9:15am

Oct. 3 – Homecoming Pep Assembly, 6:30pm

Oct. 4 – Homecoming Football Game, 7:15pm

Oct. 5 – Homecoming Dance, 7pm

Tracie Ortman, Director of Special Events 630.530.3491 • tortman@iccatholicprep.org

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## **IC Fest Sponsors**

The IC Fest Committee would like to thank the many parishioners and local businesses for their generous donations.

Train Ride David J. Dyer (In Remembrance) Obstacle Course Brian Reardon D.D.S., P.C. Children's games Co/Sponsors ICCP and ICGS Circus Boy Magician Co/Sponsors Rita Hanrahan & DeSitter Flooring Miss Doreen Face Painter IC Christian Ministry Children's Bead Art DuPage Security Solutions Children's Sand Art Elmhurst Dermatology DJ Oliver Jean M. Hawkinson



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A Special THANK YOU to all who baked spectacular goodies or who so thoughtfully chose sweets for our dessert table.

A very deep THANK YOU to The Knights of Columbus, Kona Ice, ICCP Boosters, the Teruel and Kohl Families and all who volunteered and helped make IC Fest a success!

<u>Prize Donations from</u> Classic Cinemas, Enzee Boutique, ICGS, ICCP, The Gaming Goat, The Pink Elephant, Thirty-One Consultant Barb Repking and various Family Donations

## **Pictures from IC Fest**



## Naming Opportunities Available

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

ITEM TO RESERVE	QUANTITY REMAINING	AMOUNT TO RESERVE IN PERPETUITY				
Sacred Heart Chapel Renovation						
Tabernacle & Stand	1	\$	50,000			
Family Chapel	1	\$	50,000 each			
Sound System	1	\$	30,000			
Etched Glass Doors (Narthex & N	lave)4	\$	25,000 each			
Narthex upgrades	1	\$	25,000			
Stations of the Cross	14	\$	15,000 each			
Reconciliation Rooms	2	\$	10,000 each			
Credence Table	1	\$	5,000 each			
Additional Sanctuary Chairs	6	\$	5,000 each			
(servers /seminarians /additional priests)						
Altar Candles	4	\$	5,000 each			
Processional Candles for Servers	\$ 2	\$	5,000 each			
Incense Brazier and Stand	1	\$	5,000			
Stained Glass Exterior Doors (Arthur St.)	8	\$	5,000 each			

#### **Stained Glass Saints and Symbols**

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

#### Saints

· St. John XXIII

- · St. Isaac Jogues
- · St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
- · St. John Neuman
- · St. Francis Xavier Cabrini
- · St. Kateri Tekakwitha
- · St. Damien of Molokai
- · St. Katherine Drexel

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

**Symbols** 

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

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