

Immaculate Conception Parish Bulletin

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph December 29, 2024

Welcome

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FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

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The Song of the Martyrs

There were times in England when anything adhering to the Catholic faith could get you imprisoned. "Catechism songs" were written to help young Catholics learn the tenets of their faith as a memory aid. The "Twelve Days of Christmas" was one of these songs.

"True love" mentioned in the song doesn't refer to an earthly suitor. It refers to God Himself. The "me" who receives the presents refers to every baptized person. The partridge in a pear tree is Jesus Christ, the Son of God. In the song, Christ is symbolically presented as a mother partridge which feigns injury to decoy predators from her helpless nestlings, much in memory of the expression of Christ's sadness over the fate of Jerusalem: "Jerusalem! Jerusalem!"

As we celebrate these 12 days, please give thanks on each of the days for their true meanings.

- 2 **TURTLE DOVES** = The Old and New Testaments
- 3 **FRENCH HENS** = Faith, Hope and Charity, the Theological Virtue
- 4 **CALLING BIRDS** = The Four Gospels and/or the Four Evangelists
- 5 **GOLDEN RINGS** = The first Five Books of the Old Testament, the "Pentateuch," which gives the history of man's fall from grace
- 6 **GEESE-A-LAYING** = The Six days of Creation
- 7 **SWANS-A-SWIMMING** = The Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit and the Seven Sacraments
- 8 **MAIDS-A-MILKING** = The Eight Beatitudes
- 9 **LADIES DANCING** = The Nine Fruits of the Holy Spirit
- 10 **LORDS-A-LEAPING** = The Ten Commandments
- 11 **PIPERS PIPING** = The Eleven faithful Apostles
- 12 **DRUMMERS DRUMMING** = The Twelve points of Doctrine in the Apostle's Creed



Christmas Memorial Flowers



This year, we are giving our parishioners the opportunity to remember their deceased family members by donating flowers in their memory. The many beautiful Christmas plants that will adorn our Church and Chapel can be given in memory of loved ones. A list of those remembered will be included in the bulletin at a later date.

A flower envelope was included in your envelope packets - they are also available in the Narthex. You can also fill out the form below and place it in the collection basket or return it to the Parish Office.

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PLEASE PRINT ALL INFORMATION

In Loving Memory of: _____

Donated by: _____

Amount Donated: \$ _____ (Suggested donation is \$20 per plant)



Prayers for the Feast of the Holy Family
All are encouraged to say these prayers on this Feast Day

For All Families

Blessed are you, Lord God of heaven and earth. You show forth your love in the love of families. You fill us with awe in the wondrous birth and growth of children, in the patience, joy, and loving concern of parents. Bless members of our families here present, and those far away, those living and deceased. On this Feast of the Holy Family, open our eyes to see family in its many images. Open our hearts to love all persons as brother, sister, parent, child. Open our arms to embrace, for it is in embracing the family of God that we are most truly embraced.

For Single-Parent Families

Blessed are you, God! Bless the moms and dads who are raising a family alone, one person doing the work of two. Wipe away tears of frustration over too much to do and not enough time. Lighten the worries of childcare, daycare, and after school care which come with loving and caring for children alone. Help parent and child alike to see the gift each is for the other. Bless them with hugs and laughter today.

For Blended Families

Blessed are you, God of creation! It is hard to share your mom or dad with other kids. It is difficult to parent two batches of kids and love them into one family. Look on blended families, Lord. Give them courage to build new relationships, the willingness to adjust to one another's habits and like and dislikes, and an ability to laugh over the small things. Bless all the grandparents, aunts, uncles, and cousins who are coming on board as family. Bless this widening embrace of family with patience, joy and love.

Adoptive Families

Blessed are you, God of the universe! Bless adoptive families. Bless parents who have reached out beyond themselves to offer the gift of life. Bless the children who have been claimed by love and made new members of caring families. Increase in adoptive parents and children, a loving honesty, a sense of safety, and a deep appreciation of the divine love which has brought them together.

Foster Families

Blessed are you, God of all peoples and nations! Lord, bless with special understanding the children and adults whom you have joined as foster families. Bless their time together, however short or long, with trust, growth, loving and learning. Bless the laughter and the tears. Heal the hurts. Bless the time these families spend together with joyful moments and lifelong memories.

Extended Families

Blessed are you, God of all ages! God bless the grandparents (and others) who are helping to raise a second generation of children. As they sail back into part or full-time parenting, renew their energies and give them confidence in the wisdom of their years and experience. Bless the children with acceptance and joy in the presence of loving elders. Pour out your blessing on these multigenerational families and deepen their love.

For Those Alienated from Family

Blessed are you, forgiving, reconciling God! Bless those who experience rejection or misunderstanding in their family settings. Console the elderly or inform who are unable to make overtures toward family or community for themselves. Enlighten those who are alienated from family, those for whom the words "I'm sorry" or "I forgive you" might rebuild a bridge to a relationship. Comfort the forgotten, the neglected, the abused, and those who have run away or feel they must hide from family. Embrace all persons, wherever they are, who yearn for the warmth of a hug, an affirming smile, a forgiving word, or simply a place to belong.

For Singles

Blessed are you, God, holy and one! Some persons go through life single, by choice and in joy. Yet they too know themselves to be members of your family. Fill them with thanksgiving for the times they share with friends and co-workers; with delight in the growing children who cross their paths; with the recognition that their very singleness may open their eyes to persons in the family of God who others cannot see. Empower single persons in new and creative ways to contribute to the human family and to dwell in your love with rejoicing.

For Those Who Create Family in Others

Blessed are you, God of mercy and compassion! Bless those who reach beyond the boundaries of immediate family to nurture others in hospitals, daycare centers, hospices, and crisis nurseries. Bless those who care for people with cancer, AIDS, and other life-threatening and crippling sicknesses, who care for abused children or battered women and men, who extend themselves to the unemployed and the homeless. Bless all those who recognize brother, sister, parent or child in the faces of the lonely, the oppressed, and the suffering. On this Feast of the Holy Family, bless all those who serve your human family with mercy and compassion.



Worship

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: "I prayed for this child, and the LORD granted my request. Now I, in turn, give him to the LORD; as long as he lives, he shall be dedicated to the LORD." (1 Sm 1:27-28)

Second Reading: Beloved, we are God's children now; what we shall be has not yet been revealed. (1 Jn 3:2)

Gospel: After three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers. (Lk 2:46)

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10/
Lk 2:36-40

Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13/
Jn 1:1-18

Wednesday: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3,5, 6, 8 (2a)/
Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

Thursday: 1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/
Jn 1:19-28

Friday: 1 Jn 2:29—3:6/Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6/
Jn 1:29-34

Saturday: 1 Jn 3:7-10/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9/Jn 1:35-42

Next Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13
(see 11)/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: The Holy Family

Tuesday: St. Sylvester I;
New Year's Eve

Wednesday: Mary, The Holy Mother of God,
New Year's Day,
World Day of Peace

Thursday: Sts. Basil the Great and
Gregory Nazianzen

Friday: The Most Holy Name of Jesus

Saturday: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

Next Sunday: The Epiphany of the Lord

Follow the readings for Mass each day by visiting
<http://usccb.org/>
Select the date on the calendar on the right.

2024-25 ENGAGED COUPLES

Erin West & Jack Gainer 12/31
Katie Mull & Eric Caskey 3/1
Grace Radoha & Michael Hoffman 4/26

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, DECEMBER 30

6:15AM In Thanksgiving / Olivia Gow
7:30AM †Nancy Malone / Bogusz Family

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31

6:15AM †Ivan Holum / Dan & Sid Kohl
7:30AM †Anne Vertovec / Family
4:30PM †Joseph Doherty

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1

7:30AM †Alan Montella / Family
11:30AM †Helen & Anthony LaBarbera / Ron &
Linda Stedman

THURSDAY, JANUARY 2

6:15AM †Maureen Mullholland
7:30AM †Dane LeClaire

FRIDAY, JANUARY 3

6:15AM †Gwen & Tom Eddington & Family
7:30AM †Edward Ketchum

SATURDAY, JANUARY 4

8:00AM †Barbara Sylvester
4:30PM †Nancy Rose Zerante / The Meyers Family

SUNDAY, JANUARY 5

7:30AM †James Hendricks / Tim Hendricks
9:00AM †Tim Dunne
†Lilah Madding / The Traxler Family
11:30AM †Parish Family
7:00PM †Mary Dal Pino / Family

†Denotes deceased *Denotes Living Intention

Effective Monday, January 6, 2025,

Daily Mass will be held at 7:00am.

On Fridays, when school is in session, Mass will be held at 7:00am and 8:15am. If you have already reserved a Mass intention for 2025, your intention will be moved from 6:15am or 7:30am to the 7am Mass. Below are the other weekday Masses in our area. Thank you for your understanding during this time of transition!

6:15 AM – Visitation, Elmhurst
7:30 AM – St. John Vianney, Northlake
8:15 AM – Visitation, Elmhurst
8:30 AM – Mary Queen of Heaven, Elmhurst
8:45 AM – St. Alexander, Villa Park

Stewardship of Our Prayer for...



We pray for those suffering from illness. Loving God, give strength and protection to all who struggle with illness of any kind. Calm their fears and uncertainties. Provide them with loving and tender care. Grant them courage when they are afraid and comfort when they are in pain.

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| Adkins, Finley | Koch, Susan |
| Ainsworth, Karen Ruiz | Kuzlik, Therese |
| Baby Girl, Athena Ann | Lankford, Theresa |
| Baldikoski, Michael | Lucchesi, Jim |
| Bloc, Michael | Mahler, Tracy |
| Bohn, Rob | McCann, Mary |
| Brock, Katie | Mills, Jessica |
| Burke, Debbie | Mills, Laura |
| Campbell, Donna | Quinn, Jack |
| Devin | Riley, Julia |
| Dining, JoAnn | Ruiz, Paul |
| Durgan, Bob | Schramm, Colleen |
| Durgan, Lindsey | Schuten, Jim |
| Durgan, Terri | Schuten, Shirley |
| Eamisse, Diane | Stella, Dawn |
| Eamisse, Dick | Sullivan, Mary |
| Filippini, Jim | Toepfer, Al |
| Filippini, Terry Wetz | Thompson, Rachel Divito |
| Genthe, Candace | Viola, Mike |
| Gow, Olivia | Vogel, Douglas |
| Hill, Mary Beth | Walz, Sara |
| Hughes, Judy Moran | Wilki, Carl |
| Kaprelian, Jean | Wilki, Don |
| Klein, Roberta | Wilki, Jeannette |

Please remember recently deceased family, friends and parishioners in your prayers. Grant them eternal rest and may your light shine on them forever.

†Dorothy Connell

We pray for the newly baptized babies in our church. May their journey of faith be one that is close to Jesus. We pray for their Godparents and parents as they bring Christ to the lives of the next generation of Catholics.

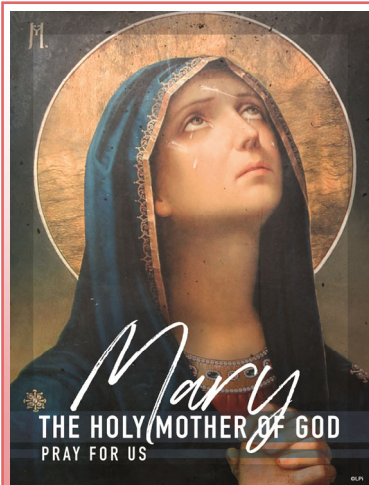
BAPTIZED IN NOVEMBER

- ◆ Remington Grace Griffin
- ◆ Rowan Grey Griffin
- ◆ Rosemary Louise Shultz
- ◆ Luca Anthony Thompson
- ◆ Clara Catherine Timmins
- ◆ Clementine Marie Floeder

Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. Give us peace.

I ask this in the name of Jesus.

- Maj. Joe Doyle**, US Army, Son of Deb and Tom Doyle
1st Lt. Ryan Kenny, USMC,
 Son of Mary Beth Kenny
Pvt. Jeffery Crones, US Army,
 Grandson of Joan Leyden
Specialist Jonathan M. Pichler, US Army
 Son of Ginny & Mark Gronek
 Grandson of Catherine Young
Sgt. Vincent Joseph Genthe, USMC
 Son of Denise Genthe
Capt. Jeffrey Robbins, USMC, Son of Barb & Larry
 Robbins, Grandson of Georgiana Ryan
Lt. Col. Kevin Mott, US Army
Lt. Col. Andrew Tyson USMC
SGM Bill Benesi, US Army
 Nephews of Greg & Mary Pat Vanderlaan
Paul Hornstra, USMC, ICHS Class of '09
 Son of Paul and Dawn Hornstra
Cpl. Brittney Young, US Army,
 Cousin of Denise and John Doherty
LCDR Joe Shannon, US Navy
 Son of John & Maria Shannon
SSgt. Ethan Zielinski, USMC
 Son of Michele & Dolph Zielinski
Capt. Christopher Bertucci, USMC,
 Nephew of Mary Anne & Greg Luczak
Lt. Andrea Bertucci, US Navy
 Niece of Mary Anne Luczak
Capt. Kathleen M. Donofrio, US Army Reserves,
 Daughter of Tom & Marge Donofrio
Cpl. Cavan Sullivan, US Army
 Grandsons of Mary Sullivan
Capt. Samuel Westhoff, US Army
 Nephew of Tom and Sue Westhoff
1st Lt Matthew Kizys, US Army, son of
 Marky and Nancy Tinsley
Chf. Warrant Officer John Dal Pino, US Army
 Son of Joe and Valerie Dal Pino
Capt. Molly Manion, EOD US Army,
 ICCP Class of '15,
 Daughter of Tom & Nancy Manion
 Granddaughter of Rita Manion
MAJ Thomas Gildea, US Army, Husband of Karina,
 Father of Enya, Grace, and Ignacio
1st Lt. Kyle Koch, 1st Cavalry Division US Army,
 ICCP Class of '15, son of Laura & Paul Koch
Capt. Carla A. Schuit, US Army Reserves,
 Daughter of Lisa Schuit
1st. Lt. Grayson Becker, US Army
Petty Officer 2nd Class James Arndt, US Navy



Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

A Holy Day of Obligation.

All are asked to attend Mass

Tuesday, December 31

4:30 p.m. Church

Wednesday, January 1

7:30 a.m. Church

11:30 a.m. Church

(No 9:00am or 7:00pm Masses will be celebrated)

Give Blood...



Give Life.

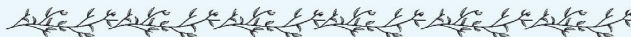
SAVE THE DATE....IC BLOOD DRIVE IS BEING HELD ON SUNDAY, JANUARY 12, 8:30am–12:30pm Plunkett Hall SIGN-UP IS SUNDAY, JANUARY 5 IN THE NARTHEX or online at www.vitalant.org

Morning of Reflection

Saturday, January 11, 2025

8:00 - 11:30 am

Marian Room in Parish Administration Center



Christmas Day has passed and you may have packed away your decorations, but there is more to consider.

Join us for a Morning of Reflection with other women as we contemplate "The Work of Christmas".

We will begin with Mass at 8:00 am, followed by breakfast and fellowship. A guest speaker and small group discussions will help us gain perspective on the work of Christmas as exemplified by the corporal and spiritual works of mercy.

RSVP preferred by January 6th to Donna Campbell at donnacampbell@att.net or 630-805-0935. Contact Donna for more information. Walk-ins welcome!



You can visit the parish office to have a candle lit in honor of a living or deceased loved one at the Shrine of Saint Peregrine or the Sacred Heart Shrine. Each intention will be for a full week.

Spiritual Classics



St. John Henry Newman is one of the Church's newest saints, canonized in October of 2019. His thought on the development of doctrine had such influence on Vatican II that St. Pope Paul VI once referred to it as "Newman's Council." We will explore his thought beginning on Sunday, Jan. 5, 2025 and continue for 13 sessions. We meet on Sundays from 10:15 to 11:15 in the Dyer Center. The book for this series is *John Henry Newman, Prayers, Poems, Meditations, Selected and Introduced by A. N. Wilson*, ISBN 978 - 0- 218- 05973 - 7. The discussion is open to all. For more information contact Len Hohbein at lenhohbein@aol.com.



Today's gospel tells how through the words of St. Luke, Jesus was found by his parents "in the temple sitting in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions, and all who heard him were astounded at his understanding and his answers." Perhaps the teachers were moved by grace to approach this child. This may be an example of the special graces God distributes to attract people to Himself. God's grace is given sometimes directly, while at other times, He uses someone close to us who knows us, to bring us to meet Christ. The teachers in the temple had a keen desire to see the long-awaited Messiah. It is not curiosity, but Jesus' wisdom and understanding which attracts them. They want to get to know Him, to be taught by Him.

We too are seeking the LORD. This new year, consider praying a Holy Hour regularly. There are many ways to pray during a Holy Hour: personal conversation with the Lord, praying the rosary, praying with scripture, reading devotional materials, or just sitting in the presence of God and listening. Invite a friend. Any time spent with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is time well-spent. Rediscover your friendship with the Lord and encounter His real presence in the Eucharist. "Come and see" (John 1:39).

Fr. Jeremy posts his Sunday homilies on Spotify in case you would like to refer back to them or share them with someone you know. You can type "Fr. Jeremy Leganski" in Spotify's search bar.

All are invited to pray the rosary as a parish before the 4:30pm Mass on Saturdays.

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.

If you are new to our church or just visiting, please stop and introduce yourself. We are pleased to have you share in this celebration of the Eucharist. If you do not have a church home, or your church is not a home to you, we invite you to become part of our parish family. We are so glad you're here and hope you will come back again for Mass or become a parishioner.

Plan Today for Peace of Mind Tomorrow

It's difficult to think about, but pre-planning your Catholic cemetery arrangements today protects your family from the heartbreak and financial worry of having to make these decisions tomorrow. Look for special savings in your mailbox soon and visit dijoliet.org/cemeteries for more details. *We're here to help!*

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FAITH. FAMILY. ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

ICGS Distinguished Graduate Award Nominations Being Accepted!!



Do you know an ICGS alumni:

- who has graduated 10+ years ago
- who has made a significant impact on the Catholic Church or American Life?

Nominate them for this special award!

Email nominations to : development@icgradeschoolelmhurst.org

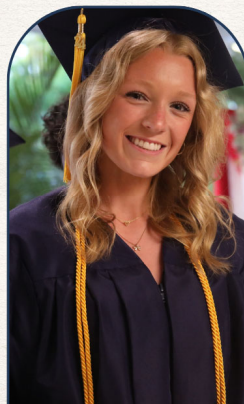


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ALUMNI NEWS

2024 - 2025

SPECIAL EDITION



ICCP ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

CONTACT US TODAY

HAVE AN ICCP ALUMNI UPDATE?

FILL OUT OUR FEATURED ALUMNI FORM or

Contact Lisa McMillen

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Alumni, Alumni Families, Former Staff and friends of ICGS!

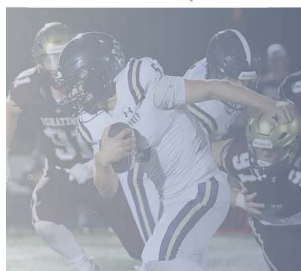


SAVE THE DATE!

Saturday, May 10th, 2025

4:30pm Mass with the Most Reverend Ronald A. Hicks, Bishop of the Diocese of Joliet Jubilee Anniversary Celebration to Follow

Contact the ICGS Development Office at development@icgradeschoolelmhurst.org or (630) 530-3486 for more information and to be added to our email list!



'24-'25 HALL OF FAME NOMINATIONS OPEN NOW

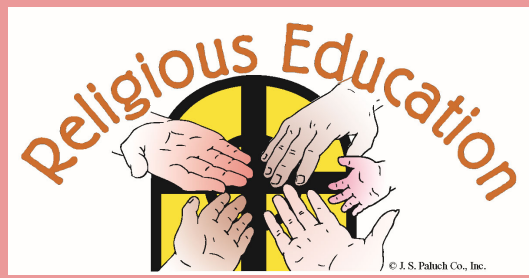


A CALL FOR SCIENCE FAIR JUDGES



The ICGS Science Fair will be held on Wednesday, January 22, 2025 in Plunkett Hall. We have seventh grade students that need their projects judged. Projects are independently judged against a set of objective scientific criteria. We are looking for volunteers to judge projects in the areas of consumer science, biology, chemistry, physics, behavioral health, etc. The fair begins at 2:45 pm and will run until approximately 5:30 pm. For more information, please call the school office at 630-530-3490 or email Barb Repking at brepking@icgradeschoolelmhurst.org

Thank you in advance for helping provide this opportunity for our students!



<u>Children's Church</u>	<u>Sunday RE</u>	<u>Wednesday RE</u>
January 5	January 5	January 8
January 12	January 12	January 15
	February 2	January 22

New Year's blessings to you and your family!
We will join the Church in focusing on this Holy Year 2025 and striving to be "Pilgrims of Hope."

Second Semester begins on January 5 (Sunday) and January 8 (Wednesday), 2025

**Grade 7 Reconciliation January 12th
Grade 7 Reconciliation January 15th**

Attention 8th Grade Families!
Confirmation Reconciliation Tuesday, May 6, 2025
Confirmation Rehearsal Wednesday, May 14, 2025
Confirmation Friday, May 16, 2025
All three events are at 7pm in Sacred Heart Chapel

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Youth Ministry

JOIN LOCAL TEENS FOR GAMES,
FOOD, FELLOWSHIP & PRAYER.

TOPICS INCLUDE: THE SACRAMENTS, PRAYER LIFE,
NAVIGATING YOUNG ADULTHOOD IN THE CHURCH,
LIVES OF THE SAINTS, AND MORE.
FR. JEREMY AND SEMINARIAN FRANK
WILL ALSO BE PRESENT.

**1ST SUNDAY OF
EVERY MONTH**
5:30-7:00 PM
**IN COSTELLO
HALL**
(217 Cottage Hill Ave)

**OPEN TO ALL
8TH GRADE-
12TH GRADE
STUDENTS**

Questions?
Contact Dean Sprang
dsprang@iccatholicprep.org

Christian Service



Immaculate Conception Daybreak Transitional Housing for the Homeless 2024 Annual Appeal

For nearly 30 years, **Immaculate Conception Daybreak of Elmhurst** has rented apartments to house homeless families. This is a self-supporting ministry, funded solely through personal donations. IC Daybreak commits to pay rent and utilities every month for the **FIVE** units it provides to those in need. Mentors meet with these families on a weekly basis to teach budgeting and life skills. Families transition out of these apartments within a two-year period. Since inception, **IC Daybreak has helped 90 families transition from homelessness to self-sufficiency.**

Families exiting our program have been able to purchase homes because of major accomplishments achieved during their tenure in our program: reduced or eliminated debt, increased savings and improved credit score. None of them ever dreamed this was possible when they entered Daybreak. We currently have four families in Daybreak. We are extremely proud of our families' accomplishments. Your generosity in providing them safe shelter when it was needed, and our mentors' guidance has literally changed their lives. It is a privilege to work with those who want to change their lives. Our families all have unique stories, but they share in the same struggle to have a place to call "home" and learn the skills necessary to become and remain self-sufficient.

CAN YOU:
FUND A FAMILY FOR A YEAR (\$12,000)? FUND A FAMILY FOR A MONTH (\$1,025)?
FUND A FAMILY FOR A WEEK (\$250)? HELP IN ANY AMOUNT?

Please prayerfully consider responding to the needs of the homeless within our community. **100%** of your donation is used for rent and utilities. **We need your financial support to continue this important outreach to homeless families. We are enormously grateful to those individuals and families who continue to support us year-after-year.**

Do you have questions about our program? Contact Dan Doherty at 630.292.8670
Please remit donations to IC Daybreak of Elmhurst, P. O. Box 2033, Elmhurst, IL 60126



Prayer Shawls

There is a group of ladies at IC who crochet and knit shawls for people in the parish that are facing serious illnesses. These shawls are made with good wishes and prayers for the recipients, and the shawl or blanket is blessed by our priest. If you know someone who could use one of these shawls, please contact Rita Beese at ritabeese@gmail.com.



PLEASE REMEMBER US AS YOU DO YOUR WEEKLY SHOPPING

The food pantry is currently most in need of condiments, meats, and paper products. Thank you for your continued support of this very needed ministry. We are enormously grateful to our donors, who enable us to continue helping those in need. God bless you for holding those who hunger close to your heart.

HOSPITALIZED or HOMEBOUND? PLEASE LET US KNOW!

Please remember to notify the Rectory if you or a member of your family is hospitalized and want to receive Communion or a pastoral visit from one of our Ministers of Care or priests. We visit Elmhurst Hospital several times a week and convenient times can be arranged.
 If you are **HOMEBOUND**, unable to attend Mass and wish to receive Communion, our Eucharistic Ministers will visit on a weekly basis.



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Year End Giving

Advent is a time of preparation. The days ahead will seem to go by quickly as we decorate our homes, go shopping and attend the many gatherings that come with the holiday season. Yet, we encourage everyone to carve out time for quiet prayer and create a special place to welcome Jesus at Christmas.

Another way to prepare for the end of the year is through charitable giving. When we look back at the countless blessings many of us have received throughout the year, we hope that you will consider special ways to give back to the Lord for all He has given us. Please remember your spiritual home, Immaculate Conception, as well as our We are IC! Capital Campaign, as you discern your year-end gifts. For traditional monetary donations, contributions may be deductible for tax purposes. Whether you are using offertory envelopes or taking advantage of the safe and convenient Online Giving program, proper credit will be reflected on your Parishioner statement. As a reminder, you can access the Online Giving program on the IC Parish website by clicking the orange "Donate Online" button.



Following are a few alternatives to traditional donations for your consideration. Please know that any form of donation is humbly and greatly appreciated.

Qualified Charitable Distributions

These typically include contributions from Donor Advised Funds, Required Minimum Distributions (RMD), or annuities. If you have an established Donor Advisor Fund or are contemplating creating one, please consider including Immaculate Conception as a charitable recipient of a donation from the fund. A Donor Advised Fund is administered by a third party for the primary purpose of managing contributions to charitable organizations, such as Immaculate Conception Parish.

Additionally, if you are age 70 ½ or older, you can contact your IRA Fund Administrator and arrange for a tax-free direct transfer of your RMD to Immaculate Conception as a charitable donation. By doing a direct transfer from your IRA, the donation may satisfy your required distribution yet may not increase your adjusted gross income for tax purposes.

Stock Donation

For those who may own stocks, a review of your stock portfolio before year end is possibly advantageous. For example, if you have stock(s) that have decreased in value over the past years, you may want to consider donating this stock to Immaculate Conception Parish. The donation could be eligible for a charitable contribution tax deduction, but also may offset capital gains for this year. If stock has increased in value, you may be able to claim a deduction for the full fair market value and eliminate any tax on the appreciation.

Employer Matching Gifts

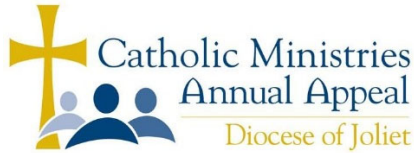
Companies frequently match their employee's monetary contributions. If your employer has this type of program, please consider utilizing it on behalf of our Immaculate Conception Grade School or High School. Many corporations offer employee matching gift programs for educational institutions.

Charitable Gifts from Your Will or Trust

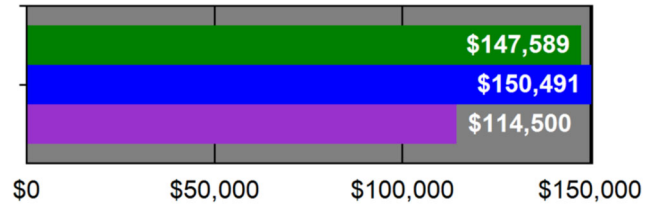
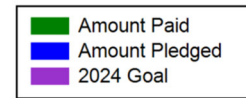
An easy way to make a gift to Immaculate Conception is to include a bequest in your will or trust. You can give a specific sum, a percentage of your gross estate or your residuary estate. The diocese has partnered with FreeWill to make planned giving easier than ever. Visit freewill.com/dioceseofjoliet to write a will at no personal cost, and include the necessary language to support Immaculate Conception with a gift in your plans. FreeWill's online will writing tools allow you to make a lasting gift to IC quickly and easily.

If you have any questions relative to year end giving options,
please contact Colleen Lewandowski at 630-530-8848 or at clewandowski@icelmhurst.org.

Thank you for your continued support. We are I.C.!



If you have already pledged your support to the Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA), thank you! If we all participate, we can meet our parish's CMAA goal of \$114,500. Remember, if we raise more than our goal, the diocese will return to us 70 percent of the amount over goal. This is an amazing opportunity for our parish. In advance, thank you for your support!



The Parish office is closed for the holiday. We will reopen on Tuesday, January 2nd at 8:30am.

Weekly Sharing December 8, 2024	
Sunday Envelopes Total:	\$ 14,515.52
Electronic Offerings:	\$ 6,817.15
Total Gifts:	\$ 21,332.67
Amount Budgeted Per Week:	\$ 29,000.00
Total Funds Collected 7/1-12/8/24	\$ 703,654.00
Amount Budgeted:	\$ 734,647.00
Budget over/(under) to date: (includes annual gifts)	(\$30,993.00)

Thank You in His Name!



Parish Office Hours: Monday—Thursday 8:30 a.m. ~ 4:30 p.m.
Friday: 8:30 a.m. ~ Noon
Phone: 530-8515 Website: icelmhurst.org
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NEW PARISHIONERS, WELCOME!

Please click on "New to IC?" on our parish website homepage or call the office at 530-8515 for more information.

Mass Times: Monday-Friday 6:15am and 7:30am
Saturday 8:00am and 4:30pm
Sunday 7:30am, 9:00am, 11:30am, and 7:00pm

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Saturdays after 4:30pm Mass until 6pm
First Fridays after 6:15am Mass & First Saturdays after 8am Mass



Calling or texting 988 will connect you with mental health professionals 24/7.

