

Immaculate Conception Parish Bulletin

The Baptism of the Lord, January 12, 2025

Welcome

Very Reverend Thomas Paul, V. F. K.H.S. Pastor
Reverend Jeremy Leganski, Parochial Vicar

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HEAVEN WAS OPENED AND THE HOLY SPIRIT
DESCENDED UPON HIM. - LK 3:21

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

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Eucharistic Revival - Year of Mission 2025

In this third year of the Eucharistic Revival, we are all called to evangelize, and thanks to the gifts of the Holy Spirit, we are well-equipped for this mission. It may not mean spreading the Gospel in a foreign land or going door-to-door with the Good News—and it may require overcoming some fears—but the Lord is asking each of us to step out of our comfort zone and evangelize one-on-one. Watch for more on what IC plans for Year of Mission 2025.

The following is taken from the USCB's The Mystery of the Eucharist in the Life of the Church:

The person who shares worthily in the Eucharist is enabled more and more to live the new law of love given by Christ precisely because Christ communicates himself in the sacrament of the altar. The foundation of our personal and moral transformation is the communion with himself that Christ establishes in Baptism and deepens in the Eucharist. In the celebration of the Mass, we are shown what love truly is, and we receive grace that enables us to imitate the love that Christ shows us. St. John Paul II noted that the moral life of the Christian flows from and is nourished by “that inexhaustible source of holiness and glorification of God” that is found in the sacraments, especially the Eucharist: “by sharing in the sacrifice of the Cross, the Christian partakes of Christ's self-giving love and is equipped and committed to live this same charity in all his thoughts and deeds.”

The personal and moral transformation that is sustained by the Eucharist reaches out to every sphere of human life. The love of Christ can permeate all of our relationships: with our families, our friends, and our neighbors. It can also reshape the life of our society as a whole. Our relationship with Christ is not restricted to the private sphere; it is not for ourselves alone. The very solidarity or communion in Christ's self-giving love that makes the Church and makes us members of the Church orders us beyond the visible community of faith to all human beings, whom we are to love with that very same love that forms our communion with the Lord.

It is the role of the laity in particular to transform social relations in accord with the love of Christ, which is carried out concretely in actions that work for the objective common good. Lay people, “conscious of their call to holiness by virtue of their baptismal vocation, have to act as leaven in the dough to build up a temporal city in keeping with God's project”.

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

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.

♪♪ *Thank you to all singers and instrumentalists for leading us in joyful song this Christmas!* ♪♪

Accompanists: Sara Groppe (3pm Church), James Petros (3pm MPH), Judy Schindler (3pm Sacred Heart Chapel)

Cantors: Anne Marie Carden (3pm Church), Annamarie Davis, Elizabeth & Matthew Perez (3pm MPH), Grace Gildea, Eva & Julia Guttilla (3pm Sacred Heart Chapel), Nikki Kanzia (5pm Sacred Heart Chapel) Marguerite DiMarco (11pm & 7:30am), Pamela Livorsi Hermansen (9am), Amanda & Sara Zgonina (11:30am)

Instrumentalists: Margaret FioRito (violin, 3pm MPH), John & Liz Mazzocco (violin, 11:30am), Beth Sennett (flute), Rick Temple (trumpet)

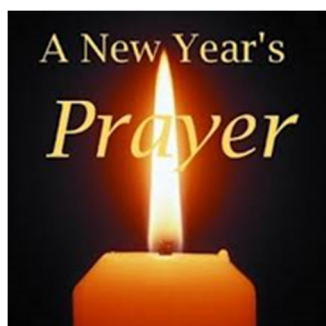
Parish Choir (11pm): Kari Conkle, Marguerite DiMarco, Stephanie DiMarco, Marilyn Fitzpatrick, Jim Flatley (*Christmas Proclamation*), Carmine Grisolia, Judith Michalski, Joan Obial, Joe Thornton, Joyce Westphal

Youth Choir (3pm Sacred Heart Chapel): Maesie Bedinghaus, Maggie Bero, Brody Breit, Tessa Breit, Ainslie Camp, Olivia Chernich, Cillian Connolly, Julia Czarnowski, Brigitte DuBois, Olivia Faust, Gracie Gildea, Eva Guttilla, Julia Guttilla, Kendall Grodecki, Jacob Hall, Tori Kadkhodaian, Kendall Leynes, Kate Limperis, Graham Matousek, Ema Perez, Emme Pydo, Drew Repking, Parker Simonds, Isabella Steik, Magdalen Swartz-Mango, Annabelle Traxler, Alexa Uribe

3pm Sacred Heart Chapel prelude: Tori Kadkhodaian, violin: *Carol of the Bells*; Graham Matousek, piano: *What Child Is This*; Maggie Bero & Cillian Connolly, vocal duet: *Infant Holy, Infant Lowly*; Drew Repking, vocal solo: *A la Nanita Nana*



Thank you to everyone who participated in our October Day of Service! Thank you especially to those who helped us collect goods for the Little Sisters of the Poor! Here is a message from Sr. Amy Marie & Little Sisters of the Poor: "Thank you for the needed items collected by your parish to mark the 75th Anniversary of the Diocese of Joliet! We are so grateful for all you do for us! It's hard to say exactly how long these supplies will get us through, but considering that it was 2 1/2 truckloads of paper goods, non-perishable food, etc, it will be quite a while! There were also \$375 worth of gift cards which are a big help. The IC parishioners, priests, and staff are in our grateful prayers! We wish you all a Blessed and hope-filled Christmas and New Year!"



Prayer for Blessed Service

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

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Worship

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together; for the mouth of the LORD has spoken. (40:5)

Second Reading: He saved us through the bath of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit. (Ti 3:5)

Gospel: After all the people had been baptized and Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. (Lk 3:22)

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Heb 1:1-6/Ps 97:1 and 2b, 6 and 7c, 9/
Mk 1:14-20
Tuesday: Heb 2:5-12/Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9/
Mk 1:21-28
Wednesday: Heb 2:14-18/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9/
Mk 1:29-39
Thursday: Heb 3:7-14/Ps 95:6-7c, 8-9, 10-11/
Mk 1:40-45
Friday: Heb 4:1-5, 11/Ps 78:3 and 4bc, 6c-7, 8/
Mk 2:1-12
Saturday: Heb 4:12-16/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/
Mk 2:13-17
Next Sunday: Is 62:1-5/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10 (3)
1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: The Baptism of the Lord
Monday: St. Hilary
Friday: St. Anthony,
Saturday: January 18-25 is the Week of Prayer
for Christian Unity
Next Sunday: 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

2025 ENGAGED COUPLES

Katie Mullen & Eric Caskey	3/1
Grace Radoha & Michael Hoffman	4/26
Lindsay Neuberger & Phillip Cozzi	6/20
Sara Zgonina & Ryan Kreiser	7/5
Kaitlyn Falduto & Keaton Ringhand	7/26
Megan Lawlor & Dylan Half	8/2

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, JANUARY 13

7:00AM †Bobbie Armes

TUESDAY, JANUARY 14

7:00AM †William Douglass / John & Cathy Tomasiewicz

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15

7:00AM †Jack & Mel Campbell / Jack & Donna Campbell
†Bill & John O'Connor / Family

THURSDAY, JANUARY 16

7:00AM †Jackie Costello / Tim Costello

FRIDAY, JANUARY 17

7:00AM †Renee Vogel / GNO Friends
8:15AM †Gary Arman / ICGS

SATURDAY, JANUARY 18

8:00AM †Joseph Barney
4:30PM †Mercedes & Ronald Stedman / Ron & Linda
Stedman

SUNDAY, JANUARY 19

7:30AM †Robert J LeGere / LaPointe Family
9:00AM †Joey Hendricks / Tim Hendricks
†Betty Ann Roth
†Joseph Doucet / The Geiger Family
11:30AM †Ole Matutiene / Loretta Kalina
7:00PM †Parish Family

†Denotes deceased *Denotes Living Intention

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 DECEMBER

♦ Jackson John Curulla	♦ Colette Collyer Sabatino
♦ Gabriella Alexia Mendoza	♦ Liana Marie Leffler
♦ Matthew Francis Salemy	♦ Connor Joseph Kiolbasa
♦ James Michael Joyce	♦ Carmelina Colomba Voelsch
♦ Carmine Joseph Troia	♦ Luke George Lotzer

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.

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
Earnisse, Diane	Stella, Dawn
Earnisse, Dick	Sullivan, Mary
Evans, Jane	Toepfer, Al
Filippini, Jim	Thompson, Rachel Divito
Filippini, Terry Wetz	Viola, Mike
Genthe, Candace	Vogel, Douglas
Gow, Olivia	Walz, Sara
Hill, Mary Beth	Wilki, Carl
Hughes, Judy Moran	Wilki, Don
Kaprelian, Jean	Wilki, Jeannette
Klein, Roberta	Williams, Francesca Joanne

On February 1st, we will start a new "Pray For" list. If you would like your name or that of a loved one listed, please email bulletin@icelmhurst.org or call 630-530-8991.

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

†Bobbie Armes, Mother of Jayme McConnell
 †Barbara Bourke, Mother of Lisa Gaughan & Mary Milling
 †Clem Milder, Father of Noreen Cheng
 †Lloyd Beese

*A voice came from heaven,
 "You are my beloved Son;
 with you I am well pleased."*

Luke 3:22

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

Christian Service



Join us in tackling hunger this SOUPER Bowl Sunday, February 9th!

Items may be dropped off at our food pantry between 10am and noon, Monday through Friday or in the narthex before Masses. This year, our grade school, high school, and religious education students will be asked to gather specific items by grade. All donations are needed and appreciated!

- * **Preschool** Personal Care Items (deodorant, bar soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes, shampoo, toilet paper)
- * **Kindergarten** Toilet paper, napkins, paper towels, and diapers
- * **1st Grade** Canned Vegetables Canned Fruit, and Baked Beans
- * **2nd Grade** Cereal (any kind of boxed cereal, oatmeal, breakfast bars)
- * **3rd Grade** Soup (chicken noodle, tomato, chunky soups, low sodium)
- * **4th Grade** Canned Meals (ravioli, spaghetti & meatballs, beef stew, chili)
- * **5th Grade** Juice (any kind of 100% juice – cans, plastic bottles, juice boxes)
- * **6th Grade** Canned Meat (chicken, tuna)
- * **7th Grade** Pasta and Rice (dry pasta, flavored pasta mixes, white or brown rice, flavored rice mixes, macaroni & cheese, ramen noodles)
- * **8th Grade** Peanut Butter and Jelly
- * **High School Students** Personal Care Items (deodorant, bar soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes, shampoo, toilet paper, disposable razors)
- * **Parishioners** Toilet paper, napkins, and paper towels, diapers, adult diapers, and feminine products.

Please check expiration dates on your donations!
Thank you for your kindness!

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.



Immaculate Conception Daybreak Transitional Housing for the Homeless

Annual Appeal / 2024



Please prayerfully consider responding to the needs of the homeless. **100% of your donation is used for rent and utilities. We need your financial support to support our five apartments which house our homeless families.**

May God bless you abundantly for your generosity.

Please remit donations to IC Daybreak of Elmhurst, P. O. Box 2033, Elmhurst, IL 60126



What are your priorities for the new year?
Worldwide Marriage Encounter gives the tools for a strong vibrant marriage. Sign up today to attend one of the upcoming Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experiences
February 14-16, in Geneva, IL
April 25-27 in Rockford, IL
June 27-29 in Crest Hill, IL.



Early registration is highly recommended. For more information visit our website at: **wwme.org** or call **(888) 574-5653**.

BLOOD DRIVE



YOU are vital to your community.

Immaculate Conception Blood Drive

Sunday, Jan 12
8 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Plunkett Hall-Lower Level

To schedule an appointment contact Vitalant at 877.258.4825 or visit us at Vitalant.org and use group code: ORDOEH07. Or, scan QR code.

Appointments Recommended.
Walk-ins Welcome.
Prepare: Eat well, hydrate, & bring ID.

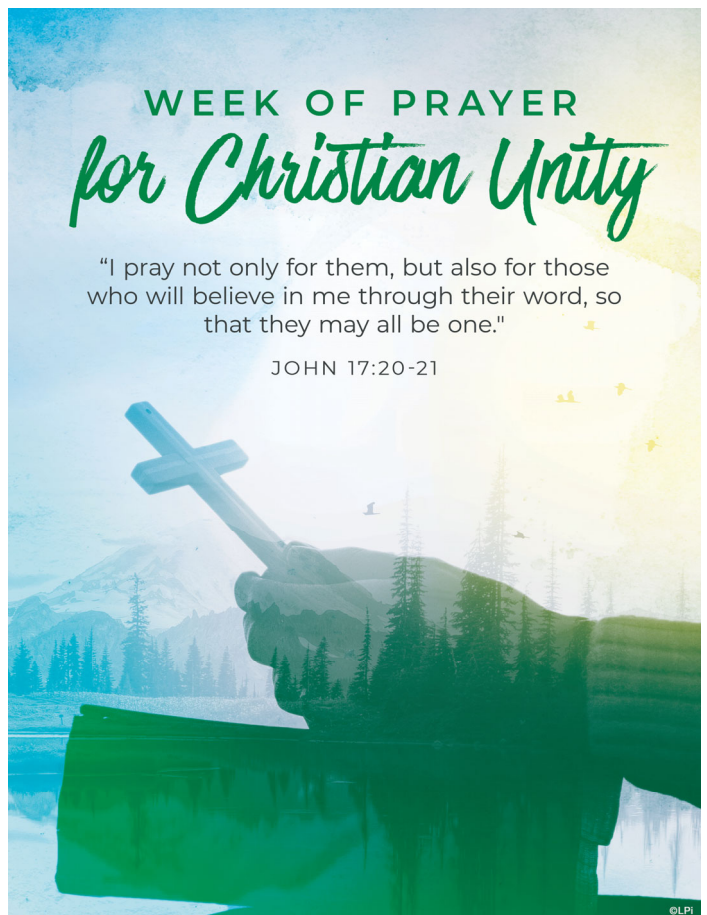
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Donors will be entered for a chance to win one of three \$10,000 gift cards!

 **GIVE BLOOD TODAY | vitalant.org**
Eligibility questions? Call 877.258.4825

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ICGS

Catholic Schools Week

Mass & Open House

Sunday, January 28th

9:00am Mass

10am-12pm Open House



**"This investment pays
dividends for life!"**



Catholic Schools
United in Faith and Community

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION GRADE SCHOOL 630.530.3490 FAITH. FAMILY. ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE ICGS Distinguished Graduates 2025



In Celebration of our 125th Anniversary at ICGS, we will be honoring all ICGS graduates who represent the foundation of our ICGS legacy. If you graduated in the class of 1960 or earlier, we will honor you as one of our 2025 ICGS Distinguished Graduates!

Please help us get in touch with anyone who would be eligible for this award and ask them to contact the ICGS Development Office below.



Email: development@icgradeschoolelmhurst.org
or call (630) 530-3486 to RSVP and for more information!



IC CATHOLIC PREP 630.530.3460

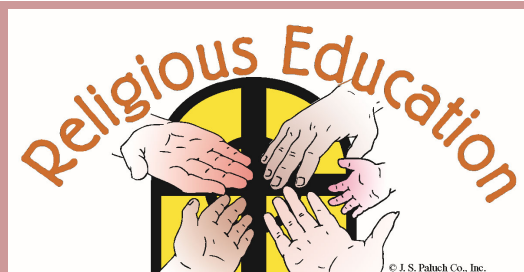
YOUTH KNIGHT

IC Catholic Prep

**SAT.
JAN.
18**



**KNIGHT
COACHES
VS
CANCER**



<u>Children's Church</u>	<u>Sunday RE</u>	<u>Wednesday RE</u>
January 12	January 12	January 15
February 9	February 2	January 22
February 23	February 9	February 5

1st Eucharist Parents

The 1st Eucharist Parent Meeting will be held on Sunday, February 9th at 1pm in Sacred Heart Chapel. If you are planning to have your child receive 1st Eucharist in May, 2025, your presence is expected at this meeting. Thank you!

Please note: There are No RE classes January 19th for the MLK Holiday and No RE classes Jan 26/Jan 29 due to Catholic Schools Week activities in the ICGS.

Thank you to the 7th graders and their families who participated in today's Family Mass.

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



OUR LADY of MERCY
CATHOLIC CHURCH

Individuals with DisABILITIES/special needs
are invited to join us with their friends and
family for a special DisABILITIES Mass!

March 16, 2025 @ 2PM

Fellowship in the MPR to Follow (Please

RSVP so we may welcome you!)

701 S Eola Road, Aurora, IL 60504



SCAN ME

Scan so we can
welcome you!



We look forward to welcoming you
and many others from throughout
the Diocese of Joliet and we hope
you will join us as we celebrate the
blessings of those with
disABILITIES in our Church
family, as well as the wonderful
gifts they bring to our parish!

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<https://parishesonline.com/organization/immaculate-conception-parish-60126>

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.

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.

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.



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



Parish Office Hours: Monday—Thursday 8:30 a.m. ~ 4:30 p.m.

Friday: 8:30 a.m. ~ Noon

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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

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MARRIAGES: Please call Catey Cohen at least 6 months in advance (530-8991).

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.!

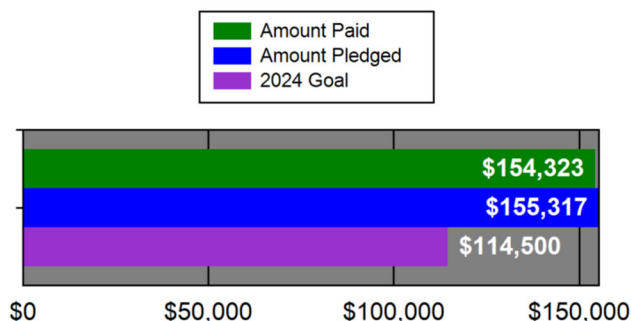
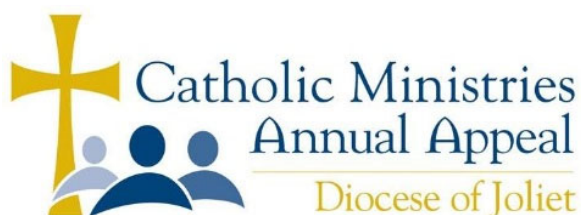
Stewardship of Treasure

FREEWILL

An act of love—and a gift—for you in the New Year

As we welcome a new calendar year at Immaculate Conception Church, we're sharing **a free will-writing tool** to help you put your love into action! Creating a will is an opportunity to protect your loved ones and find peace of mind, all while safeguarding the blessings you've received from God. This resource is free to use for every member of our parish.

Visit **FreeWill.com/DioceseofJoliet** to put your faith and love into action.



Stewardship of Time

	Lector	Altar Server	EM	Greeter
Jan 18 4:30pm	A. Paprocki (1) T. Paprocki (2)	C. Geiger J. Schrik M. Munter	K. Geiger J. Geiger M. Paprocki	T. Kaiser
Jan 19 7:30am	T. Brown (1) M. Gieser (2)	D. Landas M. McKiernan B. Rivera Hernandez	W. Dudek E. Landas T. Miller	J. Callahan M. Smith
Jan 19 9:00am	S. Whiteside (1) J. O'Leary (2)	L. Wolbeck J. Golem C. Leynes	B. Madding S. Sloan M. Wolbeck	M. Tovey M. Tovey
Jan 19 11:30am	R. Tuttle (1) R. Cello (2)	W. Bedin- ghaus	M. Durkin M. Luczak D. Richardson	
Jan 19 7:00pm	J. Kenneally (1)		M. VanKoughnet D. VanKoughnet	C. Cohen

Presider Mass Schedule

January 18 & 19

4:30 Fr. Tom
7:30 Fr. Tom
9:00 Fr. Jeremy
11:30 Fr. Brunette
7:00 Fr. Jeremy

***Presider schedule is subject to change**

The 2025 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal has begun!

As the Diocese of Joliet launches the 2025 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA), we are humbly asking all parishioners to pledge their support for this important effort, as together we can make a profound difference. This year's CMAA theme is *Open your heart to God's goodness*. Through our support, we ensure that the mission and ministries of Christ's Church are available to everyone. Together, we can help provide safe shelter for the homeless, feed the physical and social needs of those who are hungry, inspire those discerning a life of vocation, and aid in the education of our next generation of Catholics. Our parish could not accomplish all of this on its own. As a diocese working together, we can do so much more. Our parish goal this year is \$116,900. 70% of any amount we raise over our goal will be returned to us and used fruitfully within our own parish. Please review the materials you receive in the mail from the Diocese of Joliet this month and prayerfully reflect on your gift to this year's annual appeal.

If you do not receive a CMAA mailing, please contact the parish office. Thank you!