

Immaculate Conception Parish Bulletin

Third Sunday of Easter, May 4, 2025

Welcome

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



MAY THE
SOULS *of the*
FAITHFUL
DEPARTED,

THROUGH *the*
MERCY *of* GOD,
REST IN PEACE.



1936 - 2025

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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.

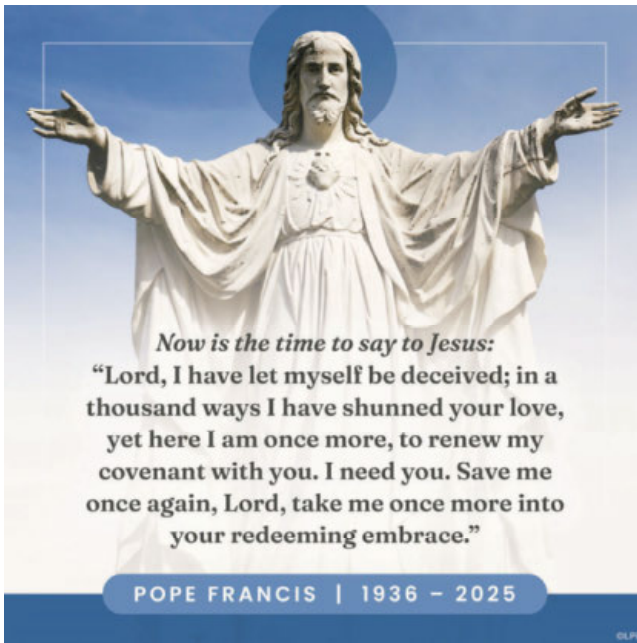
Mass Times: Monday-Friday 7:00am

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 7am Mass & First Saturdays after 8am Mass



Pope Francis, born Jorge Mario Bergoglio on December 17, 1936, in Buenos Aires, Argentina, was the first pope from the Americas and the first Jesuit to lead the Catholic Church. Before his election as pope on March 13, 2013, he served as Archbishop of Buenos Aires, where he was known for his humility, simple lifestyle, and dedication to the poor. Raised in a family of Italian immigrants, he studied chemistry before entering the seminary and joining the Jesuits. Ordained a priest in 1969, he later became the Provincial of the Jesuits in Argentina and played a key role in guiding the Church during a period of economic and social crises in the country. When he was appointed bishop in 1992 and archbishop in 1998, he prioritized evangelization, social justice, and pastoral outreach. As pope, Francis emphasized mercy, care for the marginalized, and environmental stewardship. His papacy was marked by a call for a "poor Church for the poor," interfaith dialogue, and reform within the Vatican. His teachings focused on compassion, the dignity of every person, and the need for a missionary Church. On April 21, 2025, Pope Francis passed away, leaving behind a legacy of love, humility, and service.

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Easter blessings and peace to you!

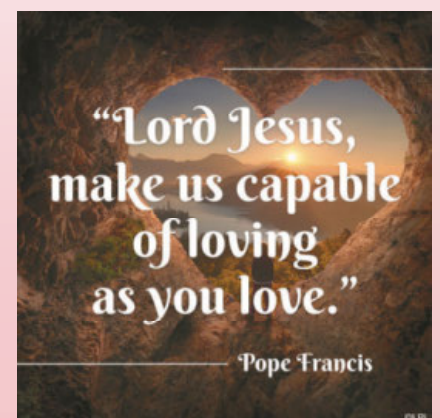
With deep sorrow, we received the news of Pope Francis' passing. As we mourn the loss of our Holy Father, let us come together in prayer, remembering that he has passed during this Jubilee Year of Hope. A few years ago, in one of his many memorable homilies, Pope Francis boldly preached, "Christ is risen and with Him rises our creative hope, a hope that encourages us to start anew." Pope Francis will long be remembered for his outreach to those on the margins of the Church and of society. He renewed for us the mission to bring the Gospel out to the ends of the earth and offer divine mercy to all. Pope Francis also took the opportunity of the present Jubilee to call us to a profound hope: one that is not an empty or naïve hope, but one grounded in the promise of Almighty God to be with us always.

This is a providential moment for us witnessing that our Holy Father has died so soon after the celebration of Easter, the season of our Lord's resurrection. Together with great gratitude, hope and faith, let us pray: "Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him." May we continue to hold him and each other in our prayers during these Holy days. And may God bless you always.

As I remain,
Sincerely Yours in Christ,

Bishop Ronald A. Hicks

Bishop of the Diocese of Joliet





Welcome to the table!

First Holy Eucharist

Immaculate Conception, May 3, 2025

Congratulations!

Brianna Abraham
Bradley Addis
Vivian Alfaro
Finley Alper
Margaret Anderson
Anthony Arroyo
Hudson Balon
Fiona Barker
Addison Beckman
Lauren Block
Ethan Brown
John Bruen
Emme Buch
Emmaline Buenik
Helen Burlak
Emilia Cali
Addison Carroll
Gwyneth Casaquite
Renata Castro
Theodore Colegrove
Grace Colson
Madelyn Colson
Catalina Coss
Nora Czarnecki
Lucas Denny
Quinlan Dunwoody
Julian Estacio
Savannah Evans
Emily Fisette
Benjamin Floriano
Mae Gallivan
Elizabeth Geib
Donald Gelsomino
Miriam Gibes
Brooks Giermak
Peter Giovanetto

Georgia Gockman
Avi Goel
Meara Green
Alexander Hales
Abigail Hall
Andrew Haydock
Preston Henderson
Mia Hernal
Cameron Herron
Colt Horvath
Daniel Howlett
Claire Howrigan
Felicity Junius
Savanna Kadkhodaian
Emily Karr
Ethan Kearns
Taylor Keller
Roger Kelley
John Klek
Perry Kline
Ellie Klock
Luke Krefft
Cole Kruml
Adrian Kubas
Bianca Layton
Whitney Levy
Daniel Lubertozzi
Ella Macke
Drew McCullagh
Elizabeth McKiernan
Colin Messacar
Olivia Miller
Austin Mokry
Molly Murphy
Brian Newell
Rori O'Neill

Violet Pando
William Panfil
Mariella Parrilli
Ainsley Podboy
Amelia Pydo
Thomas Raia
Ophelia Reith
Evan Roder
Hadley Rortvedt
Leonardo Ruelas
Maxwell Ryszetnyk
Elliott Salazar
Genevieve Sayers
Elle Schiller
Liv Schiller
Declan Sheehan
Amelia Simousek
Samantha Siok
Siena Spiering
Carissa Soto
Benjamin Struhar
Leonardo Tenenbaum
Antonia Thomas
Sonny Urso
Lorelei Vandenberg
Ryan Van Koughnet
Mateo Vargas
Noah Vargas
Harper Voigt
Brodie Waichulis
Beau Waintraub
Dominic Waleczak
Emma Walsh
Cecilia Wlazlo
Kellen Wolbeck
Andrew Wozniak



Worship

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: God exalted him at his right hand as leader and savior to grant Israel repentance and forgiveness of sins. (Acts 5:31)

Second Reading: "To the one who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor, glory and might, forever and ever." (Rv 5:13)

Gospel: Jesus said to them, "Children, have you caught anything to eat?" They answered him, "No." So he said to them, "Cast the net over the right side of the boat and you will find something." So they cast it, and were not able to pull it in because of the number of fish. (Jn 21:5-6)

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 6:8-15/Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30/
Jn 6:22-29

Tuesday: Acts 7:51—8:1a/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 7b and
8a, 17 and 21ab/Jn 6:30-35

Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8/Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a/
Jn 6:35-40

Thursday: Acts 8:26-40/Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20/
Jn 6:44-51

Friday: Acts 9:1-20/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Jn 6:52-59

Saturday: Acts 9:31-42/Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/
Jn 6:60-69

Next Sunday: Acts 13:14, 43-52/Ps 100:1-2, 3,
5 (3c)/Rv 7:9, 14b-17/Jn 10:27-30

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Easter

Monday: Cinco de Mayo

Saturday: St. John of Avila;
St. Damien de Veuster

Next Sunday: 4th Sunday of Easter;
World Day of Prayer for Vocations;
Mother's Day

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, MAY 5

7:00AM †Meredith Lindley / Stephen & Susan Jordan
†Dr. John Simonaitis / Paul & Betty Daudelin
†Jean Kiep / Sheila & Keith Lewis

TUESDAY, MAY 6

7:00AM †Burt Wheeler / Debbie Wheeler

WEDNESDAY, MAY 7

7:00AM †Manny Rebolo / Loretta Kalina

THURSDAY, MAY 8

7:00AM *Katie & Morgan Shanahan / Laurie Collins

FRIDAY, MAY 9

7:00AM †Jean Stevens / Debbie Wheeler
8:15AM †Erika Cervantes Loayza / ICGS

SATURDAY, MAY 10

8:00AM †Bill Cello / Friends
4:30PM †Vic Mandala / Tom & Marguerite Paravola

SUNDAY, MAY 11

7:30AM †Donna Campbell / Family
9:00AM †Judy Curtin / Julie Hendricks
†Diane Dennis / Christopher Dennis
†Lucille Frank / Peggy O'Keefe
11:30AM †John Curran / Maureen Casey Kane
7:00PM †Parish Family

†Denotes deceased

*Denotes Living Intention



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.

There will be no Rosary before the 4:30pm Mass next Saturday, May 10th.
The weekly Rosary will resume on Saturday, May 17th.

Want to get our bulletin digitally? You can sign up to have it emailed to you weekly by going to
<https://parishesonline.com/organization/immaculate-conception-parish-60126>

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



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.

Baldikoski, Michael	Hoffman, Glen
Dawn Stella	Hoffman, John
Durgan, Bob	Iozzo, Deacon Mike
Durgan, Lindsey	Kalina, Laima
Earnisse, Diane	Klein, Anne
Earnisse, Dick	Lankford, Theresa
Evans, Jane	Malik, Lois
Feely, Deacon John	Romo, Tera
Filippini, Jim	Toepfer, Al
Flatley, Lucia Grace	Williams, Francesca Joanne
Gohr, Dan	Zicarelli, Serafino
Gow, Olivia	

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



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.

2025 ENGAGED COUPLES

Mary Stavropoulos & Dominick De Legge	5/31
Reni John & Jeffrey Eichelman	6/14
Lindsay Neuberger & Phillip Cozzi	6/20
Sara Zgonina & Ryan Kreiser	7/5
Kaitlyn Falduto & Keaton Ringhand	7/26
Megan Lawlor & Dylan Half	8/2

LET NOTHING DISTURB YOU

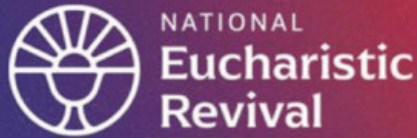
Let nothing disturb you,
Nothing frighten you.
All things are passing.
God never changes.
Patient endurance attains all things.
Whoever possesses God lacks nothing,
God alone is sufficient.

—St. Teresa of Ávila

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
Cpt. Kyle Koch, US Army,
 ICCP Class of '15, son of Laura & Paul Koch
Maj. Carla A. Schuit, US Army Reserves,
 Daughter of Lisa Schuit
1st. Lt. Grayson Becker, US Army
Petty Officer 2nd Class James Arndt, US Navy
Sgt. Joshua Czorniak US Army National Guard,
 Son of Andy & Dawn Czorniak



In case you missed it last week, during this Easter Season at IC, we are saying “yes” to a special form of heart-to-heart accompaniment called **“Walk With One.”**

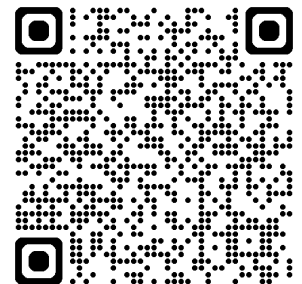
There is someone in your life **right now** whom Jesus longs to call to himself. Maybe it’s a friend, a family member, a neighbor, or a coworker. And the Lord is inviting you to step out of your comfort zone and to walk with this person in their relationship with Christ.

If you decide to participate, for each week of the Easter Season, Fr. Jeremy will send you an e-mail with a “weekly challenge,” teaching you how to accompany someone in this way. Fr. Jeremy wants to walk with you as you walk with that one person towards Jesus and his Church!

This is your opportunity to be God’s instrument in the life of another person. Imagine how our families, neighborhoods, and workplaces will be transformed if everyone at IC answers this call! And all it takes is investing in ONE person.

There is still time to participate! Please scan the QR code and complete the form to be placed on the e-mail list.

(Please note: If you choose to participate, your name and e-mail address will only be shared with Fr. Jeremy and his team at the parish and will not be shared publicly.)



World Day of Prayer will be observed on Sunday, May 11, 2025, also known as “Good Shepherd Sunday.” The purpose of this day is to publicly fulfill the Lord’s instruction to, “Pray the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his harvest” (Mt 9:38; Lk 10:2). Please pray that young men and women hear and respond generously to the Lord’s call to the priesthood, diaconate, religious life, societies of apostolic life or secular institutes.

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.



The Knights of Columbus are hosting a Flower Sale after 7:30 and 9:30 Mass on May 11th in honor of Mothers. The Knights are grateful for all Mothers for their act of faith, hope, and love. Proceeds from the flower sale will go to Pro-Life Charities.

**ALL ARE WELCOME!**

Click button below or
scan QR code to register

**REGISTER
NOW**



**¡TODOS SON
BIENVENIDOS!**

Haga clic en el botón
de abajo o escanee
Código QR para registrarse

**REGÍSTRASE
AHORA**

You are cordially invited
to the Diocese of Joliet

**Jubilee Mass for
Persons with
disABILITIES
June 1, 2025
12:30 p.m.**

**Cathedral of St. Raymond
604 N. Raynor Ave.
Joliet, Illinois**

*The Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Ronald
Hicks; refreshments and fellowship to follow. Those
with disABILITIES, and their caregivers, will
receive a special blessing.*



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

**Morning of Reflection
for Women**

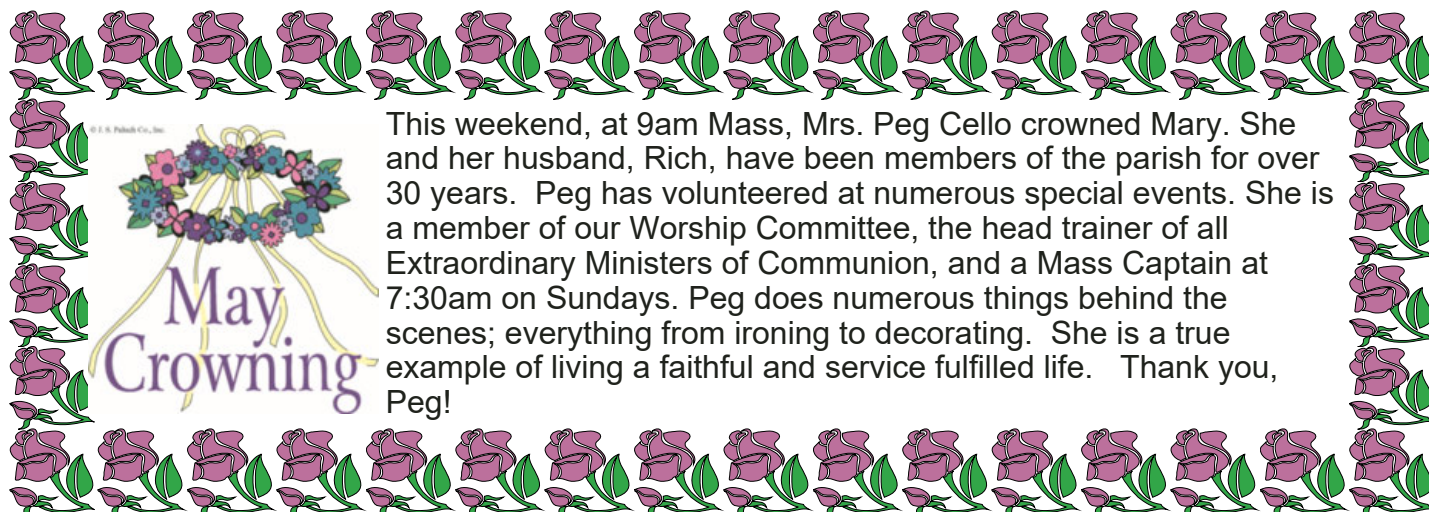
SAT, MAY 17, 2025 | 8-11:30 AM

Mass, Breakfast, Scripture, Speaker

RESERVATIONS APPRECIATED
WALK-INS WELCOME

RSVP:
MARGARET MAHER
WILLIEPMAH@AOL.COM
630-947-3734

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.



This weekend, at 9am Mass, Mrs. Peg Cello crowned Mary. She and her husband, Rich, have been members of the parish for over 30 years. Peg has volunteered at numerous special events. She is a member of our Worship Committee, the head trainer of all Extraordinary Ministers of Communion, and a Mass Captain at 7:30am on Sundays. Peg does numerous things behind the scenes; everything from ironing to decorating. She is a true example of living a faithful and service fulfilled life. Thank you, Peg!



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION GRADE SCHOOL 630.530.3490
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**Immaculate Conception
 Grade School Celebrates
 125 Years of Growing in
 the Light of Christ!**

125th Anniversary

**Very Reverend Thomas Paul
 ICGS Principal, Mrs. Sharon Meyer
 cordially invite you to a celebration
 honoring 125 years of
 Immaculate Conception Grade School**

**Saturday, May 10th, 2025
 4:30pm Mass
 Sacred Heart Chapel with
 Most Reverend Ronald A. Hicks
 Celebrant**

**5:30pm Reception
 Immaculate Conception
 132 Arthur Street
 Elmhurst, IL**

RSVP to
development@icgradeschoolselmhurst.org
 or (630) 530-3486

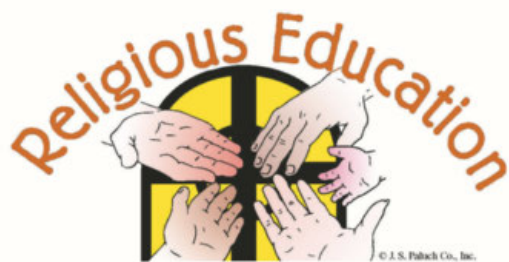
IC Catholic Prep 630.530.3460



We are proud to announce that senior James DeRose has been awarded the Chick Evans Scholarship for Caddies. This full tuition and housing, four-year college scholarship has been awarded for more than 90 years through the Western Golf Association. Since 1930, more than 12,000 young men and women have been awarded Evans Scholarships to some of the nation's top universities. This fall, James will attend the University of Illinois Urbana Champaign, and live with her fellow scholars in their scholarship house. ICCP Principal, Danielle Wagner, is a former Chick Evans Scholar from Marquette University, C'O 2007.

Congratulations to Anayah and Ivan on their Baptism, First Communion, and Confirmation; Landon on his Profession of Faith and Sacraments; and Kannon, Andrew, Kaylee, Leilani, Rafael, and Ben on their Confirmation! We're so proud of all of you! Over 15 ICCP students came to support their friends, along with faculty and staff! We extend our heartfelt thanks to Fr. Tom and Fr. Jeremy for celebrating the Mass and warmly welcoming the newest members of our Catholic faith community.





IMPORTANT DATES

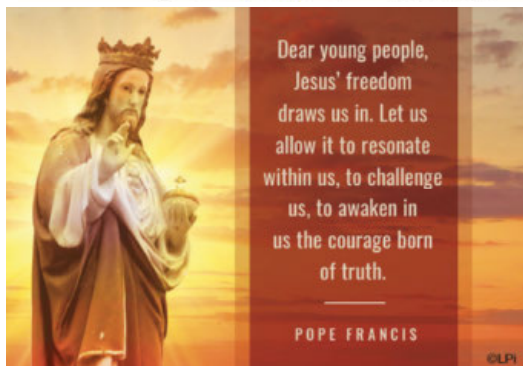
Confirmation

(All take place in Sacred Heart Chapel)

Tuesday, May 6th: Communal Penance Service for all candidates, parents, and sponsors 7:00pm

Wednesday, May 14th: Confirmation Rehearsal for all candidates and sponsors 7:00pm

Friday, May 16th: Confirmation Liturgy 7:00pm followed by a cake reception in Plunkett Hall



Blessings on our 1st Eucharist children and their parents. May they continue to grow in their love of the Eucharist.

We thank all Grade 2 children who participated in this Grade 2 Family Liturgy and Parish May Crowning this morning.

Hail holy Queen, mother of mercy,
Our life, our sweetness, and our hope.
To you do we cry,
poor banished children of Eve.
To you do we send up our sighs,
mourning and weeping in this valley of tears.
Turn then, most gracious advocate,
your eyes of mercy towards us, and after this
exile show to us the blessed fruit of your
womb, Jesus O clement,
O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary.
Amen.

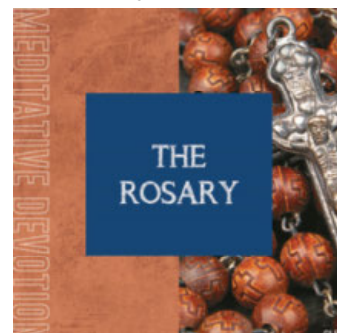


The Rosary

Christians have used beads to mark the recitation of prayers since ancient times. In the 12th century, the Rosary emerged as a meditative devotion centering on significant moments in the lives of Jesus and Mary. In the words of St. Leo XIII, "there is no more excellent way of praying."

The Rosary is traditionally attributed to a Marian vision received by St. Dominic de Guzman (1170-1221). Though scholarship on this point is uncertain, the Dominican Order was undoubtedly crucial in establishing and evangelizing the Rosary as a devotional prayer.

Over the centuries, the formula of the devotion eventually took the shape of 50 Hail Marys divided into five "decades," with each decade focused on a different mystery. The Church has defined the Joyful Mysteries (to be recited on Saturdays and Mondays), the Glorious Mysteries (Sundays and Wednesdays), the Sorrowful Mysteries (Tuesdays and Fridays), and most recently the Luminous Mysteries (to be recited on Thursdays).





Inaugural event !
Saturday~May 31, 2025~6:30 pm

\$35

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Don Gibbons TWILIGHT TROT

SOUTH ELMHURST

Registration & Information:
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 Benefiting Four Elmhurst Nonprofit Organizations

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 Elmhurst/Yorkfield Food Pantry*Immaculate Conception Food Pantry

ELMHURST WALK-IN
 ASSISTANCE NETWORK

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2025 - 1st Quarter Activity Report

The caring people of Elmhurst unite to provide compassionate assistance to people in need in our community.

Just as 2023 was a year of "most-ever" for EWAN, 2024 was another record-breaking year for the Walk-In Assistance Network. Client visits were up 14.5% to 1,207 including a 23.0% increase in new clients to 139. The total number of client services was up by 7.9% to 1,551 and the dollar value of client services was up by 7.7% to an all-time high of \$240,071.

Despite high prices for food, housing, gas and energy carrying over into 2025, we began the year with a sense of optimism for economic improvement. Now, however, after a tumultuous 1st Quarter, we find ourselves in an economic downturn that will likely keep the demand for our services on pace with 2024.

Our 1st Quarter statistics indicate that **Client Visits** of **348** are **up by 12.3%** from **310** in 2024, but the **New Client** count of **32** is actually **down by 25.6%** from **43** in 2024. Comparing the **Q1 2025 Dollar Value of Client Services** to the **Q1 2024** number, we experienced a **\$6,293 reduction (8.1%)** from **\$77,946** to **\$71,653** due largely to last year's unexpected Q1 increase in rent payments. Similarly, the **Q1 2025 Total Number of Client Services** is **down by 6.4%** from **424** last year to **397** this year, but "holding steady" so far and remaining comparable to what we were seeing in 2024. Our Midyear Activity Report may be more predictive of Total 2025 Results.

	Q1 25	Q1 24		Q1 25	Q1 24
Rent/Mortgage:	47	53	Medical:	8	4
Utilities:	35	39	Dental:	6	2
IC Food Pantry Vouchers:	243	209	Gas/Fuel:	19	41
Referral or Consultation:	9	16	Transportation:	1	4
Gift Cards:	5	11	Car Repair:	5	7
Clothing/Clothes Closet:	9	16	Shoes:	6	14
Student Activity Needs:	1	2	Hope Fund:	0	2

Total Q1 Client Visits: **348** (LY Q1: 310)

New Q1 Clients: **32** (LY Q1: 43)

Total Q1 Number of Client Services: **397** (LY Q1: 424)

Dollar Q1 Value of Client Services: **\$71,653** (LY Q1: \$77,946)

Thank you all for your generous support!

Visit us at: www.elmhurstwalkin.org

Are you widowed and still hurting?

What: Attend a Joyful Again! 2 day Workshop and Spiritual Retreat

When: June 28th & 29th, 2025

Where: St Julie's Billiard Parish, Tinley Park, IL. (Commuter only)

For further information , call: 708-354-7211.

e-mail us at info@joyfulagain.org

website: www.joyfulagain.org

Eucharistic Minister & Lector Training

Our next scheduled training session will be held in the Church on Thursday, May 8th, at 7:00pm

If you have not signed up yet, and would like to attend this training, please contact Marianne Sajn at: msajn@icelmhurst.org or call 630-530-3482

ANNOUNCING THE 47TH ANNUAL WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

August 17, 2025

2:00 p.m.

Cathedral of St. Raymond
604 N Raynor Ave., Joliet, IL
Registration Required

Couples celebrating anniversaries of 25 years, 50 years, and more than 50 years, are welcome to attend. Bishop Ronald A. Hicks will celebrate the Mass and will lead all couples in a special renewal of wedding commitment.

Pre-registration is required by August 8, 2025. Scan the QR code or website link: <https://forms.office.com/r/qu9fbEpflr>



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SYMBOLS FROM THE CEILING OF THE SACRED HEART CHAPEL



KNOWING GOD THROUGH SACRED ART

If you are standing at the altar, looking out toward the pews, you will see this medallion on the right side of the third bay of artwork. It is the crown of thorns surrounding the three nails that held Jesus to the cross. They are somber and powerful reminders of what Christ endured for our sake. In the early centuries of the Church, there were arguments that arose about the nature of Jesus Christ. Some thought that it was absolutely impossible for God to fully become man and suffer death. This led to erroneous conclusions. They either believed that Jesus could not fully be God, or He was God and thus His suffering and death were only appearances, not a reality. The authentic Christian truth eventually prevailed; Jesus Christ truly is fully God and fully man. He indeed suffered and died, without diminishing His divinity in any way.

Jesus tells us that there is no greater love than to lay down one's life for a friend. He did this for all humanity. He chose to save us through the greatest act of love imaginable. His wounds are signs of His infinite love. Perhaps this is why His wounds remained even after His resurrection. He did not hide them in His glorified body. Jesus' passion and death teach us that God brings redemption out of suffering. Many saints have speculated that we too will have the visible reminder of our wounds in heaven, because they glorify Christ's conquering over sin and death. But even in this earthly side of life, we too can offer up our hardships for the good of others. Our wounds, whether they be physical or emotional, can be sources of strength if we unite them with Christ's.

*All of the artwork on the ceiling of the Sacred Heart Chapel was exclusively designed and hand painted by Chicago artist, Lisa Rigali.

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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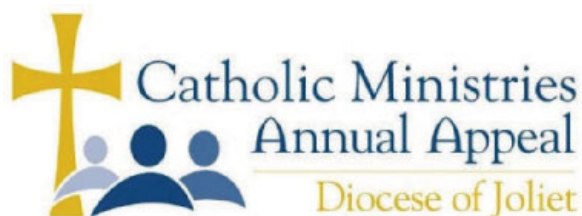
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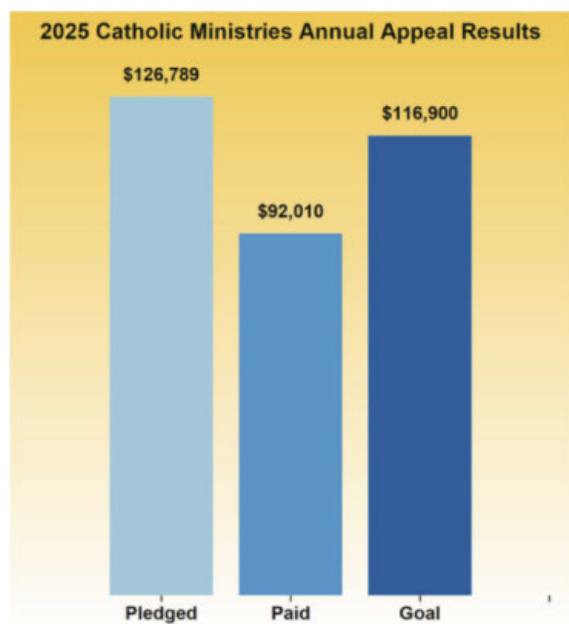


As Christians, we are called to *Open our hearts to God's goodness* in service to our brothers and sisters in need. Through the CMAA, we show generosity toward the most vulnerable members of our community. We also benefit, as a parish, from the many ministries the CMAA supports, including vocations, Catholic education, and faith formation.

Our parish goal for the 2025 CMAA is \$116,900. The diocese will return 70% of any amount we raise over our goal to us, to be used fruitfully within our own parish.

Please prayerfully reflect on your gift to this year's annual appeal.

Each week in our bulletin, we will post a graph showing the amount pledged, the amount paid, and our goal. The results of the graph below are as of April 27th.



Stewardship of Time

	Lector	Altar Server	EM	Greeter
May 10 4:30pm	R. Cello (1) K. Hillsman (2)	A. VanKoughnet A. Guzzetta I. Gildea A. Repking R. Wolbeck		T. Kaiser
May 11 7:30am	R. Cello (1) T. Brown (2)	W. Bedinghaus A. Miklowicz M. McKiernan	P. Cello A. Chiappetta	J. Callahan M. Smith
May 11 9:00am	M. Tyson (1) J. O'Leary (2)	J. Aragones C. Leynes J. Golem	K. Doucet M. Doucet J. McFarlane	M. Tovey M. Tovey
May 11 11:30am	B. Buis (1)	B. Hernal C. McEvoy	M. Durkin D. Richardson	N. Carey
May 11 7:00pm	J. Kenneally (1)			C. Cohen

Presider Schedule

The presider schedule was not yet complete at time of production of this bulletin. Thank you for your patience!

The Jubilee Prayer

Father in heaven,
may the *faith* you have gifted us in your son
Jesus Christ, our brother,
and the flame of *charity* kindled in our hearts
by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us, the
blessed *hope* for the coming of your Kingdom.
May your grace transform us into diligent
cultivators of the evangelical seeds that make
humanity and the cosmos rise unto the
confident expectation of the
new heavens and the new earth, when with the
powers of Evil overcome,
your glory shall be manifested eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in
us, *Pilgrims of Hope*,
the yearning for heavenly treasures and pour
over all the earth the joy and peace of our
Redeemer. To you God blessed in eternity, be
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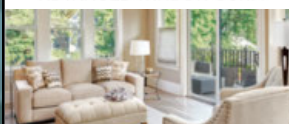
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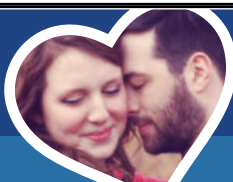
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