

THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITIES OF IMMACULATE CONCEPTION AND ST. JOSEPH



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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THE PARISHES OF IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH AND ST. JOSEPH CHURCH ARE A CATHOLIC COMMUNITY THAT SHARE THE SAME PASTOR, PASTORAL STAFF, SACRAMENTS, MINISTRIES AND SCHOOL. WE WELCOME YOU TO SHARE OUR COMMON MISSION TO PERSONALLY LIVE THE GOSPEL OF JESUS AND TO WORSHIP GOD THROUGH PRAYER, LITURGY AND SERVICE TO OTHERS. TO REGISTER CALL THE PARISH OFFICE AT IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OR ST. JOSEPH CHURCH.

JANUARY 29, 2012
THE FOURTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME

Faith. Academics. Service.

Catholic Schools



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
ST. JOSEPH PARISH SCHOOL

Primary School Campus
1431 N. North Park Avenue

Middle School Campus

363 W. Hill Street

Chicago, IL 60610

312-944-0304

THE PHILOSOPHY OF ICSJ SCHOOL

Immaculate Conception-St. Joseph School will provide each student with a superior faith-based education; one that develops his or her individual, spiritual, intellectual, physical and civic potential to the fullest extent.

Rooted in Catholic traditions, Immaculate Conception-St. Joseph School will provide a diverse and inclusive environment and an exemplary academic curriculum, thus enabling the student to become an educated and vital member of the Christian and secular community.

We will provide a contemporary, challenging academic curriculum with state-of-the-art learning facilities and tools.

We commit ourselves to employing gifted, passionate and professional faculty and administration to achieve our educational goals, while engaging parents as vital participants in their child's education.

And, we will integrate Catholic teachings and values into our educational curriculum and environment to enrich the hearts and minds of our students.

Most of all, we commit ourselves to fostering the unique talents and potential of each child.

Katie Sullivan, Principal

Primary School Campus (North Park)

Maria Hill, Principal

Middle School Campus (Hill Street)

PARISH INFORMATION

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Phone: 312-944-1230

MASSES

Monday through Friday: 7:00 AM
Saturday: 7:30 AM
Saturday Evening: 5:00 PM
Sunday: 9:30 AM, 12:30 PM

Coffee and Donuts after 9:30 AM Mass.

Holy Days: Anticipated Mass: 5:30 PM;
Holy Days: 7:00 AM, 5:30 PM

PARISH OFFICE

Donna Miles, Parish Secretary
Sherrine Manning, Evening/Weekend Receptionist



ST. JOSEPH

Phone: 312-787-7174

MASSES

Monday through Friday: 8:00 AM
Sunday: 8:00 AM, 11:00 AM

Coffee and Donuts after 11:00 AM Mass.

Holy Days: 8:00 AM, 7:00 PM

PARISH OFFICE

Amanda Armour, Parish Secretary



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION ST. JOSEPH STAFF

Rev. Pat Lee, Pastor
Rev. Ron Galt, Associate Pastor
Alice Doering, Religious Education Office
Margaret Hemma Anderson, Business Manager
Mary Jameyfield, Music Director
Maria Hill, IC School Principal (Hill Street Campus)
Katie Sullivan, IC School Principal (North Park Campus)

SACRAMENTS

Baptisms: Call either Parish Center
Marriages: Call either Parish Center at least four months in advance
Anointing of the Sick: Anytime by request.
Please notify the Parish Office if home bound or hospitalized.

Reconciliation: Saturdays at IC: 2:30 pm-3:15 pm or by appointment.

REGISTRATION

New parishioners: Call either Parish Office to register. For IC School information: Please call 312-944-0304.

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK AT IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH

SATURDAY, JANUARY 28: ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

7:30 am – Loretta Episcope

ANTICIPATED MASS FOR THE 4TH SUNDAY ORD. TIME

5:00 pm – Alex Von Plinsky, III; Norma Haxby

SUNDAY, JANUARY 29: THE 4TH SUNDAY ORD. TIME

9:30 am– Bob Prince

12:30 pm–Living and Deceased Members of the Rita

Cooney Family; Jennifer Lundy

MONDAY, JANUARY 30

7:00 am– Living and Deceased Members of the Fitzgerald and Ward Families

TUESDAY, JANUARY 31: ST. JOHN BOSCO

7:00 am– Ray Pontarelli

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1

7:00 am –Therese Rae

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2: THE PRESENTATION OF JESUS IN THE TEMPLE

7:00 am– Greg Lewis

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3: ST. BLAISE; ST. ANSGAR

7:00 am –Donald Flynn

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4: THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

7:30 am –Living and Deceased Members of the Fitzgerald and Ward Families

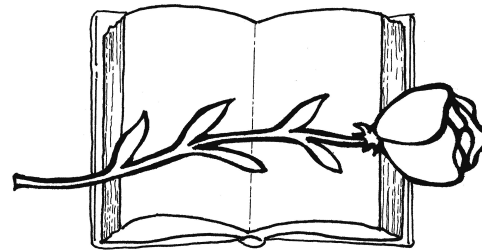
ANTICIPATED MASS FOR THE 5TH SUNDAY ORD. TIME

5:00 pm – Robert Prince; David E. Jorgensen

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5: THE 5TH SUNDAY ORD. TIME

9:30 am– Jean Athey; Pete Tortorello

12:30pm – Donald Flynn



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MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK AT ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

SUNDAY, JANUARY 29: THE 4TH SUNDAY ORD. TIME

8:00 am – Lita Shaughnessy

11:00 am– For our Parishioners

MONDAY, JANUARY 30

8:00 am – For expectant parents

TUESDAY, JANUARY 31: ST. JOHN BOSCO

8:00 am – Kathleen Carey; Joseph O'Malley

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1

8:00 am– Thelma and George Venturi

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2: THE PRESENTATION OF JESUS IN THE TEMPLE

8:00 am – Special Intention of Edna Montemayor

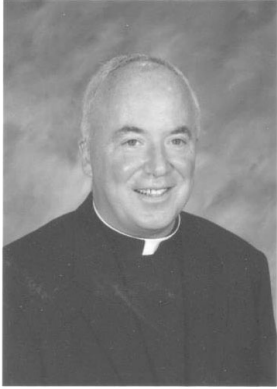
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3: ST. BLAISE; ST. ANSGAR

8:00 am – Apollaro and Imundo Families

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4: THE 5TH SUNDAY ORD. TIME

8:00 am - For our Parishioners

11:00 am– Audrey Vaughan



LETTER FROM FR. PAT LEE
PASTOR OF
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION & ST. JOSEPH PARISHES

JANUARY 29, 2012
THE 4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*"The power of Jesus is promised to us,
but only if we can agree to let it shape our behavior
as well as our creed and catechism."*

Dear Parish Family,

Today's Gospel passage highlights the fact that Jesus taught with authority. The people saw a confidence in Jesus that can only come when one's actions are in perfect accord with one's words. Jesus could teach the law of love, because He lived love in His unselfish service to those around Him. Jesus could preach the need for people to forgive, because He was quick to forgive those who affronted Him or disappointed Him. Jesus could speak convincingly of the reign of God because He so perfectly embraced the Father's will.

Even an unclean spirit recognizes that authority of Jesus, and foresees that it will be evil's undoing. Jesus, with calm dignity, speaks a word of command and the unclean spirit's hold over its victim is released. No wonder the people were amazed and the fame of Jesus spread throughout the region.

Imagine the power the Church, the Body of Christ, would have if we could work harder to imitate Jesus. Maybe people would better respect our teachings if they did not see such a disconnect between what we say, and how we act. In the wake of so many scandals, it becomes more difficult to expect people to take our teachings on the sacredness of the human person, or human sexuality, or the need for compassion, or refraining from judgment of others, or honesty and integrity, the pursuit of justice...all the values and truths we teach...seriously.

Please note that I am not just talking about hierarchical and clerical scandals and abuses of power, though these particularly sting. There are scandals across the whole vast membership of the church. When the followers of Jesus accept the same relativistic norms of morality as everyone else, the Church has lost any real moral authority as well as teaching authority. We become simply the new scribes.

The power of Jesus is promised to us, but only if we can agree to let it shape our behavior as well as our creed and catechism. When people see us modeling faith, chastity, justice, compassion, service, integrity, honesty, humility, forgiveness, generosity, and love as we teach about them, perhaps we will seem less like an "out of touch cult." It is an idea certainly worth exploring.

God bless you.

Fr. Pat

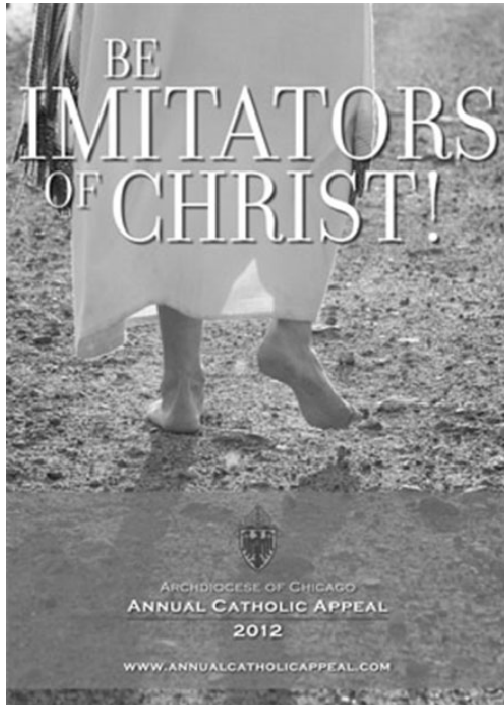
HAPPY 2012
CATHOLIC SCHOOLS
WEEK



IMMACULATE
CONCEPTION
ST. JOSEPH
SCHOOL

The theme for Catholic Schools Week 2012 is "**Catholic Schools: Faith. Academics. Service.**" The theme focuses on three priorities that Catholic schools establish that make them stand out from other educational institutions. Children are taught faith – not just the basics of Christianity, but how to have a relationship with God. Academics, which in Catholic schools are held to very high standards, help each child reach his or her potential. Service, the giving of one's time and effort to help others, is taught both as an expression of faith and good citizenship. The 2012 Catholic Schools Week is celebrated from January 29, 2012 thru February 5, 2012.

**2012 ARCHDIOCESAN
ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL**



The 2012 Annual Catholic Appeal is underway. Many of our parishioners either have or soon will receive a mailing from Cardinal George. He will ask that you make a pledge to the 2012 *Annual Catholic Appeal*. Please respond generously.

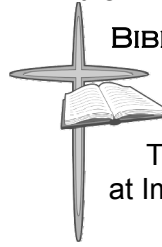
The Appeal supports both parish and Archdiocesan ministries. Among these are ministries that provide religious education to children, youth and adults. It is also one of the largest philanthropic sources of financial support for Catholic schools in the Archdiocese. The Appeal also funds services that are of great help to other ministries here in our parish.

This year, the theme of the Appeal is: "*Be Imitators of Christ*". We are all challenged to try to live our lives using the life of Christ as an example. Christ gave us the path to eternal life. His love for each of us cannot be taken lightly.

As we contemplate His gifts to us, we should also reflect on our gratitude for these gifts. Your financial support for the work our parish, of our Archdiocese and of the Church throughout the world is, in fact, one way to express this gratitude.

Please consider the materials that you will receive and give generously. Please note that when our parish reaches its goal in paid pledges, 100% of the additional funds received will be returned to us for use in our parish. Prayerfully consider making a significant pledge to the 2012 Annual Catholic Appeal.

"Your word, LORD, stands forever,
it is firm as the heavens." -Psalm 119:89



BIBLE STUDY AND DISCUSSION
with
FR. PAT

Tuesday evenings 6:30 p.m.
at Immaculate Conception Church
in the Joy Room.

All are welcome. Please join us.

The Monthly Parish Stewardship report reflects the prior month's total stewardship and correlates that amount to the month-to-date budget. Monthly reporting is more accurate because it includes monthly and weekly electronic giving in addition to weekly Offertory giving.

Immaculate Conception Stewardship Dec. 2011

Monthly Budget	\$33,333.33
Total Monthly Stewardship	\$32,597.70
Over/Under Budget	(\$735.63)

IC Year-to-Date Budget	\$200,000.02
Actual	\$186,776.12
Over/Under Budget	(\$13,223.90)

*IC Christmas Budget	\$97,000.00
Total Christmas Stewardship	\$126,726.00
Over/Under Budget	\$29,746.00

St. Joseph Stewardship, Dec. 2011

Monthly Budget	\$11,250.00
Total Monthly Stewardship	\$10,015.35
Over/Under Budget	(\$1,234.65)

SJ Year-to-Date	
Budget	\$67,500.00
Actual	\$59,539.72
Over/Under Budget	(\$7,960.28)

*SJ Christmas Budget	\$8,600.00
Total Christmas Stewardship	\$5,814.00
Over/Under Budget	(\$2,786.00)

Thank you for your generosity.

Visit our parish website www.ic-sjchurch.org
and click on the Stewardship tab to read
about contribution options.

* *Stewardship totals for Christmas are not included
in monthly and year-to-date totals.*

ST. JOSEPH PARISH MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Sacristan: Toni Gamble

THIS WEEK: JANUARY 29: THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00 AM MASS

LECTOR 1

Ralph Tromater

LECTOR 2

Joy Loverde

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER

Joan Fogarty

11:00 AM MASS

LECTOR 1

Toby Andersen

LECTOR 2

Andy Cirillo

WELCOMERS

Elba Peña; Jon Seely

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER

Toni Gamble

NEXT WEEK: FEBRUARY 5: THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00 AM MASS

LECTOR 1

Erin Schifeling

LECTOR 2

Julie Riedel

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER

Tonia Mykhailenko

11:00 AM MASS

LECTOR 1

Ann Muchlebach

LECTOR 2

Chantal Kazay

WELCOMERS

Anna Lewis; Lautisha Smiley

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER

Mary Prendergast

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH MINISTRY SCHEDULE

THIS WEEK: JANUARY 28-29: THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5:00 PM MASS

LECTOR 1

Amy Ignatoski

LECTOR 2

Carol Johnson

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Louise Nora; Susann Ozuk; Lynn Sanchez

9:30 AM MASS

LECTOR 1

David Baukol

LECTOR 2

Cathy Gorman

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Jane Kennedy; Pat Rodgers; Ellie Wydeven

12:30 PM MASS

LECTOR 1

Judith Mosser

LECTOR 2

Adriana Villanueva

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Kathleen Morrissey; Kim Morton

NEXT WEEK: FEBRUARY 4-5: THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5:00 PM MASS

LECTOR 1

Lynn Sanchez

LECTOR 2

Virginia Hogan

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Margaret Nick; Louise Nora; Katey Strembel

9:30 AM MASS

LECTOR 1

Karen Dante

LECTOR 2

Jane Kennedy

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Mary Ann Breitfelder; Janet Novak; Dorothy Radke

12:30 PM MASS

LECTOR 1

Joe Murray

LECTOR 2

MaryAnn Trauscht

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Kathleen Morrissey; Judith Mosser

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

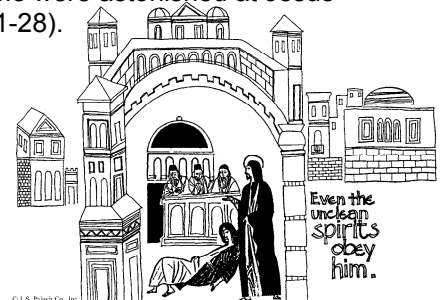
MONDAY: 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13; Mk 5:1-20
TUESDAY: 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30 — 19:3; Mk 5:21-43
WEDNESDAY: 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17; Mk 6:1-6
THURSDAY: Mal 3:1-4; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40 [22-32]
FRIDAY: Sir 47:2-11; Mk 6:14-29
SATURDAY: 1 Kgs 3:4-13; Mk 6:30-34
SUNDAY: Jb 7:1-4, 6-7; Ps 147; 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23; Mk 1:29-39

TODAY'S READINGS

FIRST READING: Moses spoke to all the people, saying: "A prophet like me will the LORD, your God, raise up for you" (Deuteronomy 18:15-20).
PSALM: If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts (Psalm 95).
SECOND READING: Brothers and sisters: I should like you to be free of anxieties (1 Corinthians 7:32-35).
GOSPEL: The people were astonished at Jesus' teaching (Mark 1:21-28).

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

SUNDAY: Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time; Catholic Schools Week
TUESDAY: St. John Bosco
THURSDAY: The Presentation of the Lord; Groundhog Day
FRIDAY: St. Blaise; St. Ansgar; Blessing of Throats; First Friday
SATURDAY: Blessed Virgin Mary; First Saturday



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
ST. JOSEPH PARISH SCHOOL
QUICK FACTS



Immaculate Conception-St. Joseph School maintains a 12:1 student/ teacher ratio by providing 2 teachers in every classroom who co-teach at every grade level through fifth grade. Sixth, seventh and eighth grades follow a departmentalized teaching approach.

All Immaculate Conception-St. Joseph School teachers are certified to teach in Illinois as well as in the Archdiocese of Chicago. While all teachers have received their Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science degrees from various universities, sixty-five have their Master's degrees or are pursuing their Master's in Education.

Faith-based curriculum teaches Catholic values in an integrated setting. Monthly prayer services, weekly masses for grades one and up, sacrament preparation and participation along with service projects enhance the school's religious program.

In addition to a strong core liberal arts curriculum, ICSJ students at every grade level study Spanish, music, physical education, and fine arts.

SMART Boards and wireless laptops are used throughout the primary and middle school grade levels. Every classroom in grade levels kindergarten through eighth grade are equipped with SMART Boards.

ICSJ's early childhood program is fully accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC).

ICSJ offers a competitive athletic program for students in grades 3 and up. The interscholastic athletic offerings include boys' and girls' basketball, boys' baseball, girls' volleyball, coed cross-country and coed track. Intramural sports include basketball, baseball, and volleyball.

Enrichment activities and clubs are also a part of the extra curricular programming. These include choir, Mandarin, French, chess, Mad Science, ballet, art, piano and band.

ICSJ families come from many diverse backgrounds and come from over twenty different zip codes in the Chicago.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
ST. JOSEPH PARISH SCHOOL
CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK
SPECIAL EVENTS



1/27 Friday (Spirit Day)

- Wear school colors or Dolphin shirt
- ICSJ mascot "Kidolphy" visits classrooms at both campuses
- ICSJ Family Pizza Party at Hill Street Campus before intramural basketball
- Scholastic Book Fair preview for students and faculty
- Grades 3-8 Spelling Bee competition
- Guest Speaker from Leukemia-Lymphoma Society for all school Service Project

1/29 Sunday– Family Mass at 12:30 pm at IC

- North Park Campus Open House
- Hill Street Campus Open House
- Contest for yearbook cover at North Park Campus
- Scholastic Book Fair

1/30 Monday: Grandparent Appreciation Day

- Breakfast for ICSJ Grandparents (both campuses)
- ICSJ Grandparents visit classrooms (both campuses)
- Scholastic Book Fair
- School Uniform Day

1/31 Tuesday: Great American Challenge Game

- Show. ICSJ Parents welcome to visit both campuses
- School Uniform Day

2/1 Wednesday: Service Project Day

- ICSJ students Make Valentines for NWM Prentice Women's Hospital oncology unit
- Wear purple and/or orange for Leukemia and Lymphoma Society— students bring \$1 for Leukemia and Lymphoma Society
- Multicultural music performance at both campuses (students only)

2/2 Thursday: Student Appreciation Day

- Surprise for all ICSJ students
- Students wear their favorite sports team outfits/shirts
- ICSJ student/faculty games at Hill Street Gym

2/3 Friday: Teacher Appreciation Day

- Special lunch for ICSJ teachers by PA
- Students show appreciation for teachers with kind words, drawings and cards
- School Uniform Day

Mass for Shut In's Taping



For 56 years the Archdiocese of Chicago has provided a Sunday broadcast for Mass for those who are homebound. The Sunday Mass is taped several weeks in advance and features congregants from different parishes each week to represent the cultural diversity of the Archdiocese. The Mass for Shut In's is taped at Mercy Home for Boy and Girls located at 1140 W. Jackson.

This Saturday, February 4, 2012 Immaculate Conception and St. Joseph parishes are invited to be the community of prayer for the afternoon taping. The time commitment is from 12:30 pm until 2:45 pm. Mercy Home provides lunch for those who attend. The schedule for the day will include taping for two Masses.

Please consider joining this ministry to those who are not able to go to their local parish to attend Sunday Mass. This is real ministry to the sick.

As Christians we are called to care for those who are ill. What better way to care for the sick than to pray for and with them.

To sign up for the taping or for more information, please call the Religious Education Office at: 312-787-7174 or e-mail: adoering@icsnorthpark.com.

HONORARY CHAIRPERSON
MOST REVEREND FRANCIS KANE,
AUXILIARY BISHOP OF CHICAGO,
EPISCOPAL VICAR OF VICARIATE II
INVITES YOU TO

SPARKLE

FROM VISION TO REALITY

ANNUAL BENEFIT GALA TO BENEFIT
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION - ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2012

THE SCHOOL OF THE ART INSTITUTE CHICAGO
GRAND BALLROOM
112 S. MICHIGAN

GALA FROM 6:30-11:30
COCKTAILS & HORS D'OEUVRES
LIVE & SILENT AUCTION, ENTERTAINMENT
SEMI-FORMAL ATTIRE

YOUR 2012 GALA CHAIRPERSONS
ELLEN BRAST, LORI SULLIVAN AND MICHELLE FARRELL



SPONSORSHIP

I WOULD LIKE TO BE A SPONSOR!
ALL SPONSORS WILL BE INVITED TO THE VIP SPONSOR PARTY
TO BE HELD FEBRUARY 21, 2012

- \$2,500 INCLUDES 2 TICKETS AND 2 FRIENDS & FAMILY TICKETS
- \$1,200 INCLUDES 2 TICKETS
- \$500 DOES NOT INCLUDE TICKETS
- \$300 DOES NOT INCLUDE TICKETS



TICKETS

- _____ ATTENDING AT \$150 EACH
- I AM UNABLE TO ATTEND. PLEASE ACCEPT MY DONATION OF \$ _____
TO IMMACULATE CONCEPTION SCHOOL

PAYMENT

CREDIT CARD # _____ EXP. _____
TOTAL AMOUNT \$ _____ VISA MASTERCARD
FAMILY NAME _____
NAME ON CARD _____
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CHECK # _____ (TAX-DEDUCTIBLE TO THE EXTENT OF THE LAW.)

TICKETS & SPONSORSHIPS CAN ALSO BE PURCHASED ONLINE AT
[HTTP://ICS.EJOINME.ORG/SPARKLE2012](http://ICS.EJOINME.ORG/SPARKLE2012)

WILL YOU
TIE ONE ON FOR
SPARKLE?



ICSJ SCHOOL IS THRILLED TO PARTNER WITH BOW TIE CAUSE
IN CREATING A SPECIAL FEATURE FOR THIS YEAR'S SPARKLE...

To kick off the 10th anniversary year of the reopening of ICSJ, we have commissioned a beautiful silk tie (also available in youth size) that will be ready to wear to SPARKLE, Easter, First Communion, dress days for the boys at the Hill Street campus, & any time where you want to show your inclusion in and support for our school and parish community. A little bird tells us this will be the hottest accessory at SPARKLE...

Ladies - make sure the man in your life isn't left out... or buy the youth size for YOUR wrist.

These beautiful silk ties incorporate a small repeating ICSJ holy family logo motif on a true dark navy background, and are subtle but distinctive. Bow ties will be available late January. We have limited quantities, so support ICSJ and reserve yours now by returning a check payable to ICSJ or by visiting the Sparkle tab at the ICSJ website.

BOW TIES- ADULT & CHILD SIZE \$57.00

More information on Bow Tie Cause can be found @ <http://bowtiecause.org> or contact Ellen Brast.

The Wisdom Flame — Burning Bright with Care



We are excited to welcome our friends at the Wisdom Flame Care Ministry. We will be hosting workshops. Each workshop is two parts. The workshops will be held at Immaculate Conception Parish Center, 1431 N. North Park Avenue. The dates are: Monday, February 27 at 7 p.m. and Monday, March 12 at 7 p.m.

or

Thursday, March 22 at 7 p.m. and Thursday, April 12 at 7 p.m.

The workshop is focused on helping families prepare for and navigate their caregiver journeys. We had a chance to interview the co-founders of The Wisdom Flame on how they help strengthen families and care for caregivers. Here was our fireside chat.

Q: You say there is a serious caregiver crisis happening,. What do you mean?

A: *There are currently 50 million Americans who are unpaid family members caring for a loved one. There will be 80 million caregivers in less than a decade as our society ages.*

Q: Who is a caregiver?

A. *Caregivers are a sacred treasure. A caregiver is any unpaid family member who steps up and helps a loved one with their daily needs as they journey through a chronic illness, aging or disability.*

Q: What is caregiver burnout?

A: *Caregivers are untrained, unprepared and overwhelmed. Care giving starts with a crisis and it can last many years. The impact can be massive—emotionally, physically and financially. The struggle often results in beautiful people becoming totally burned out and families in turmoil.*

Q. So how do you help caregivers and families?

A. *The Wisdom Flame is a journey towards restoring healthy and balanced caregivers and care receivers. It is about opening up a courageous conversation with families and arriving at a commitment to care for each other in a loving, respectful and powerful way. Our vision is happy and wise families.*

Q. What motivated you to create The Wisdom Flame?

A. *A brief visit home to my parents and grandfather transformed into an unexpected one year care giving journey. I was inspired at the power of families to come together and rise to the challenge. We were moved to share lessons learned from many other families as well and so The Wisdom Flame was born. We are thankful to have the opportunity to share this with you.*

The Wisdom Flame is a care ministry that helps families navigate the often difficult journey of care giving. Please join us at Immaculate Conception Parish Center on: Monday, February 27 at 7 p.m. and Monday, March 12 at 7 p.m. or Thursday, March 22 at 7 p.m. and Thursday, April 12 at 7 p.m.

Prayer Shawl Ministry: The Pastoral Council of Immaculate Conception-St. Joseph parishes is asking if there is an interest in a new ministry opportunity. The Prayer Shawl ministry provides a way to literally wrap people in prayer. Prayer shawls are knitted or crocheted shawls about 24 inches in width and 6 feet in length. Just the right size to wrap around your shoulders. They are distributed to members of our congregation who are in need of our prayers. As prayer shawls are made, the maker prays for the one who will be receiving the shawl. A message of encouragement is delivered with the shawl. Just as Jesus wraps us in His love and peace, we can provide a shawl to someone who needs to be held and wrapped in prayer. If you are interested in joining this ministry, please contact Susann Ozuk at 312-804-9745 or by e-mail: susannozuk@gmail.com.

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE...

MONDAY Jan. 30	TUESDAY Jan. 31	WEDNESDAY Feb. 1	THURSDAY Feb. 2	FRIDAY Feb. 3	SATURDAY Feb. 4	SUNDAY Feb. 5
RCIA 6:30 pm Joy Room at IC	Liturgy mtg 5:pm at IC		Closed AA at IC at 7pm		Food Pantry 1065 Orleans Lower Level 8:30 a.m.	Coffee and rolls after 9:30 and 11:00 am Masses
Closed AA St. Jos. 7pm	Bible Study w/Fr. Pat 6:30 pm Joy Room at IC	<p><i>Watch future bulletins for the first annual IC/SJ Diversity Day coming soon! We are looking for people to represent various cultures (Asia, Europe, South America, etc.) to participate in the Immaculate Conception-St. Joseph Diversity Day. There will be a short meeting on Sunday, January 29, 2012 following the 11:00 Mass at St. Joseph's Parish Center in the conference room.</i></p>				
	Closed AA mtg 7 pm at IC					



CAN YOU HELP?

The list of items needed are:

- tube socks
- underwear (T shirts & boxer shorts)
- toothbrushes with holders
- toothpaste & mouthwash
- hand sanitizer
- wipes
- facial tissue
- gallon zip loc bags
- deodorant for both men and women
- combs
- soap
- shampoo & conditioner
- wash cloths/towels
- disposable razors
- Shaving cream
- CTA bus cards

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISHIONERS, LAURA AND ZACHARY BARKER collect toiletries and other items to be given to both Deborah's Place and the Night Ministry. All items listed should be unused and preferably safety sealed. **Deborah's Place accepts full size toiletries. The Night Ministry prefers travel size toiletries.** There are collection boxes right outside the Joy Room at IC and in the altar server closet located in the atrium area at St. Joseph Church.

Leslie and Bill Barker are the parents of Laura and Zach. Laura and Zach are high school students at the Latin School of Chicago. The Barker Family took over the hygiene products collection for Deborah's Place several years ago when IC parishioners and brothers Alex and Scott Gidwitz (who started the project during their high school years) entered college.

Please keep this wonderful project in your thoughts. Whether you donate travel size toiletries or full size products, know that your generosity is greatly appreciated. Thank you and God bless you.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION & ST. JOSEPH CHILDREN'S RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM
For more information please call 312/787-7174 or e-mail: adoering@icsnorthpark.com

ENGAGING THE HOLY IMAGINATION OF CATHOLIC CHILDREN.

All Catholic children not attending a Catholic school should be enrolled in Religious Education Classes. Classes meet on Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m. at the new Immaculate Conception-St. Joseph School located at 363 W. Hill Street.

Current Schedule: January-March

- Jan. 29 Regular Class Session
- Feb. 5 Regular Class Session (**Sock Sunday*)
- Feb. 12 Regular Class Session
- Feb. 19 NO SESSION – Presidents Day weekend
- Feb. 26 Regular Class Session
- Mar. 4 Regular Class Session
- Mar.11 Rel. Ed. **Night Ministry Service Project* (Daylight Savings Time begins)
- Mar.18 NO SESSION – Spring Break
- Mar.25 NO SESSION – Spring Break



Protecting God's Children

For information about the Archdiocesan program for the Protection of Children and Youth, please visit www.archchicago.org and click on the "Protecting Children" and/or the "Children Matter Network" tab on the left side of the screen.

Clergy Sexual Abuse Contacts & Phone Numbers

Office for the Protection of Children & Youth
Jan Slattery – 312-534-5254

Child Abuse Investigation and Review Office
Leah McCluskey – 312-534-5205

Office for Safe Environment
Mayra Flores – 312-534-5238

Office of Assistance Ministry (for victims)
Thomas P. Tharayil, LCSW, BCD
– 312-534-8267

WORKSHOP FOR VICTIM-SURVIVORS FEBRUARY 4, 2012

The Archdiocese Office of Assistance Ministry is offering a half day workshop for loved ones of victims-survivors of sexual abuse at Holy Family Parish, site of the Healing Garden, on February 4, 2012.

For more detailed information and to register for one of the sessions, contact Kathleen Leggdas at 312-534-5268 or kleggdas@archchicago.org.



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