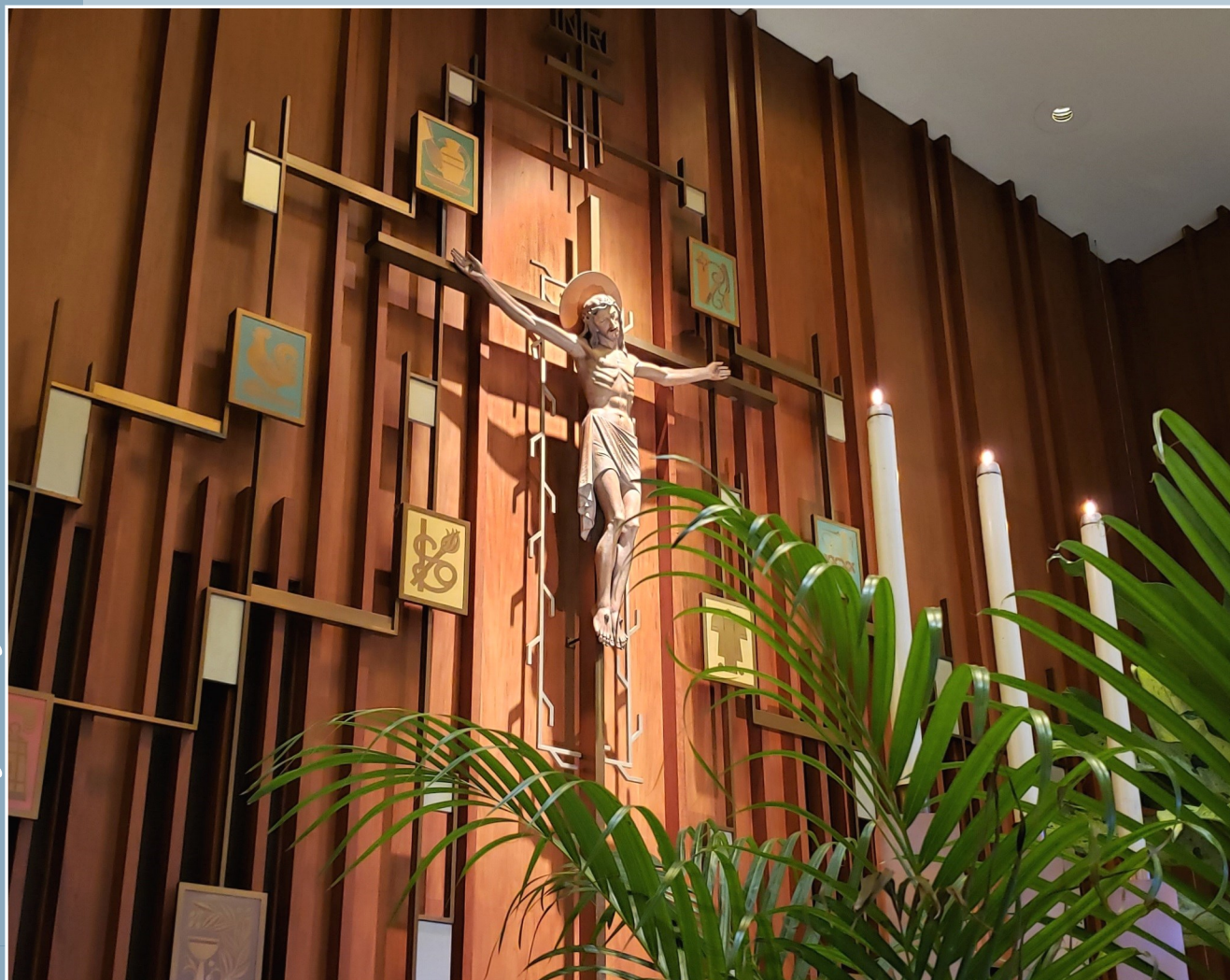


Welcome to
Immaculate Conception Parish

A Catholic Community Inviting People to Follow Christ

April 25, 2021 - Fourth Sunday Of Easter

The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone.



*"I am the good shepherd, and I know mine and mine know me,
just as the Father knows me and I know the Father,
and I will lay down my life for the sheep."*

- John 10:14-15

Love God • Serve Others • Make Disciples

Contact Us

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(Please note: new email address)

Parish Office Hours:

Monday-Friday: 9:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.
Saturday: 9:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.
Sunday: 9:00 A.M. - Noon

Parish Website:

🌐: www.icchicago.org

School Website:

🌐: www.iccowboys.net

Social Media



Facebook:

View our Masses, connect with fellow parishioners, and access exclusive articles and content. Simply search “**Immaculate Conception Parish Chicago (Talcott)**” and request to join our online community.

Twitch:

Membership-free platform where all are welcome to view our Masses and access content.

Visit us at www.twitch.tv/icchicago



Mass and Sacrament Schedule

Weekend Mass Schedule:

Saturday Vigil @ 5:00 P.M.
Sunday Mass @ 8:30 A.M.
Sunday Mass @ 10:30 A.M.*
(*Our 10:30 A.M. Mass is also livestreamed)

Reservations are recommended to assist with contact tracing. Walk-ins are welcome, but must provide name and telephone number (or email) upon entry. Please visit our website or contact our Parish Office to register.

Weekday Mass Schedule:

Online Only

Wednesdays @ 8:30 A.M. (School Mass)
(Worship with us virtually on our Facebook Page or Twitch)

In-Person

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday @ 8:30 A.M.
First Friday Mass @ 5:30 P.M. each month followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction from 6:00-7:00 P.M.

Confessions:

Sunday mornings from 9:30 A.M.-10:30 A.M. (offered on an every other week basis as of **April 11th**)

(Special dates & times offered during Advent & Lent)

Baptisms:

Sundays @ 12:30 P.M.

Donate

Church & Special Collections:

Interested in supporting our parish, specific ministries and projects?

Please consider giving online at Give Central: www.givecentral.org/location/349

Offertory envelopes can also be mailed in or dropped off at our Parish Office.

School:

Interested in supporting Catholic Education for both present and future generations?

Please donate to our **Endowment Fund** (via Give Central) or support efforts by our **Holy Name Men’s Club** and **Parents Club** posted on our Social Media or featured in our bulletin.

Confirmation and Easter

You may have seen some images on Facebook of me teaching in our school. I was teaching our 7th graders about Confirmation since they will receive the sacrament in early November of this year. Confirmation is a singular and unique sacrament for an individual in their faith, but I also believe what I presented is useful and relevant to us as a parish.

During Easter, in place of the Nicene Creed, we renew our baptismal promises. Confirmation is an acknowledgment of those same promises. As such we, as Christians, confirm our faith when we consider our baptism.

Baptism is the foundation of our faith. It is the groundwork of any future sacrament. Here are three things that I see as essential to this Baptism: The Greatest Commandment, Faith, and Prayer.

The **Greatest Commandment** is the first thing promised by our parents and Godparents (or by those who enter the Church as an adult). They promise to teach their child to *'love God and their neighbor as Christ taught us.'* While simple, this is the most effective and important thing to confirm in our faith – is my life in service of love of God and of others?

Faith is sometimes considered a sort of knowledge, but it is much more. Faith is a kind of trust, belief, and relationship too. Trust is important, but it cannot be blind. In our lives, trust is built and earned over time. Our belief too comes from experiences. Our character is tested by how we act in good times and in bad – do we seek God at all times and look for Him?

Faith is a relationship because faith *should* always grow and develop. We learn to love in difficult times and in happy times. One way of putting it: we learn to believe and love in poverty and prosperity.

Prayer, lastly, is communication with God. The foundation of prayer is in love and faith. We can pray alone, but the full expression of a Christian's prayer is in the community and in the sacraments. We must become a people of prayer – our Baptism urges us to be that people of prayer.

As a parish, we must see prayer as part of communication. Prayer is the breath and voice of a community that seeks God. Our Baptism allows us, through the Spirit, to speak, listen, and discern through faith.

When you renew your Baptismal promises this Easter, I encourage you to consider these three points and confirm in yourselves these attitudes:

- 1) I want to grow in love of God and others.
- 2) I want to grow in my relationship with God and others, proving my character with how I treat them.
- 3) I want to speak of God in my heart and with others more openly and listen to others with genuine love.

In this way we can renew our Baptism, but in service of building the Kingdom of God.

Fr. Matt



Become Involved @ IC! Our School Board Is Seeking New Members...



Parents and Parishioners:

The Immaculate Conception School Board is looking for new volunteers, both parents and parishioners, to replace outgoing members.

The School Board is comprised of three elected board positions:

- ◆President
- ◆Vice President
- ◆Secretary.

These elected roles require 4-6 hours per month, and leadership on one of the following Committees:

- ◆Maintenance
- ◆Board Constitution, Policy & Discipline
- ◆Finance/Future Planning
- ◆Public Relations/Marketing

If you wish to get involved but only have 1-2 hours a month to help, you could serve as a Committee member of the School Board (non-elected role). You get to see firsthand how the School Board operates, while “testing the waters” to fill a future elected board position vacancy. You would also have an opportunity to serve on one of the Committees outlined above.

Interested parents and parishioners should send their information to Theresa Borowski either via Fast Direct or via email at schoolboard@iccowboys.net.

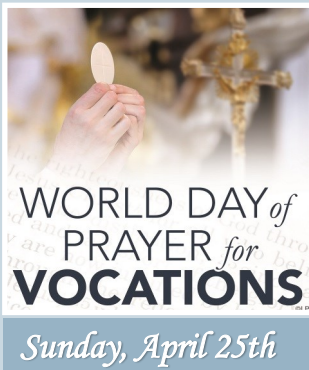
Thank you and we look forward to hearing from you!

Theresa Borowski, *Vice President*

Immaculate Conception School Board

Prayer for Vocations

Good and gracious God, You call each person by name and invite them to follow You. On this World Day of Prayer for Vocations, may each person hear and respond to the call they have received. We pray for all discerning marriage, the chaste single life, consecrated life, or ordained ministries, that Your Holy Spirit would guide, inspire, and strengthen them. May Your Church and the world be enriched by the "yes" of Your children. Amen.



Please join our parish family in prayer for our ordained ministers who responded to God’s call and will be celebrating their Ordination anniversaries on the following dates:

- Deacon Ron Gronck** – Wednesday, **April 28th** (25th Anniversary of Ordination)
- Deacon Rick Moritz** – Friday, **May 7th** (21st Anniversary of Ordination)
- Deacon Mike Bednarz** – Tuesday, **May 11th** (2nd Anniversary of Ordination)
- Fr. Matt Heinrich** – Sunday, **May 16th** (6th Anniversary of Ordination)
- Fr. Robert Carlton** – Tuesday, **May 18th** (2nd Anniversary of Ordination)
- Fr. Robert Fedek** – Friday, **May 21st** (16th Anniversary of Ordination)

“Pray the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his harvest.” (MT 9:38, LK 10:2)



School News...

Recess Resumes On Our Parish Greenspace

Following a prolonged winter season, our students are back to enjoying outdoor activities on our Parish Greenspace during recess.



Please join our parish family in prayer ...

For those who are sick;



Tom Altman
 Melissa Bednarz
 Baby Melanie Behren
 Robert Behrman
 Sonia M. B.
 Michael Breslin
 Vince Caeti
 Jackie Campbell
 Rita Castillo
 Donna Chaplin
 James Covello
 Sherry Crocifisso
 Ronnie Cunningham
 Paige Dicks
 Ozzie D'Souza
 Christina Dziekonski
 Richard Flanagan
 Brooke Foreman
 Lila Gehner

Ofelia Hernandez
 Dennis M. Jaburek
 Helga Jarosz
 Erma Kinzie
 Wayne Kinzie
 Craig Kloss
 Lillian Kohut
 Marcia Mally
 Benny Martinez
 Edwin Martinez
 Frank Martinez
 Sam Milazzo
 Veronica Murillo
 Timothy Murray
 Judith Nosko
 Mary Beth O'Grady
 Jackie O'Koniewski
 David Olson
 Mary Potwora

Helen Rasmussen
 Bill Remblake
 David Rodriguez
 Elaine Schatz
 Jennie Sekula
 Don Skorey
 Dennis Slater
 Edward Stanczyk
 Marion Szumski
 Donna Tisdale
 Steven P. Trifilio
 John F. Vargo
 Henry Wagener

If you wish to have your name included in our prayer list (or removed), please contact our Parish Office at 773.775.3833.

For our faithful departed:

Lourdes Baltazar (Mother of Gemma Apacible)
 Concetta Bartucci
 Sr. Mary Pat Cummings, S.P. (Former Pastoral Associate @ IC)



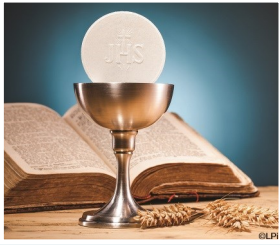
*"Eternal rest grant unto them,
 O Lord, and let perpetual light shine
 upon them."*

For those who serve our country:



U.S. Army - SSgt. John Francis Mikita, Sgt. Kevin Whalen, SSgt Martine Makita, Chris Dash, Pvt. Jason G. Cavanaugh, Major Christopher Walsh, Capt. Benjamin Monson, 1st Lt. Katherine D. Hartnett, SPC Michael J. Stone, Pvt. Charlie Cruz Pappas, Thomas Treslo, National Guard Specialist 4th Class
U.S. Navy - CMDR Michael Brasseur, Lt. Christopher Jenkins, PO Thomas T. Tudisco
U.S. Air Force - John Christopher Ocasio, Major Laurel Walsh, Captain Paul H. Kolk, LT. COL. Michael O'Koniewski; 2nd Lt. Colleen Bernal
U.S. Marines - Sean Gronset, PFC Sebastian L. Rivera, Jr., PFC Christopher Hughes, PFC Algene D. Porticos

Please contact our Parish Office when these service people return home safely. If you are a veteran or know a veteran, the Archdiocese of Chicago has a website located at vets.archchicago.org that provides information that can be of assistance.



*Mass Intentions:
Sunday, April 25th
through
Sunday, May 2nd*

Sunday, April 25th - Fourth Sunday of Easter (World Day of Prayer for Vocations)

5:00 P.M. (Saturday) - †Diane Sprincz

8:30 A.M. — †Stanislaw Swiderski; and Gene Dengler (Living)

10:30 A.M. — †Frank & Margherita Martino; †Anna & Nicola Chiusolo; †Christopher Janicki; †Esther Jarosh; †Francis & Moira Cross; †Sr. Mary Pat Cummings, S.P.; and The People of the Parish

Monday, April 26th - Easter Weekday

8:30 A.M. — †Larry Ghidara (on his 5th Anniversary); and †Joseph Mascha (on his 7th Anniversary)

Tuesday, April 27th - Easter Weekday

8:30 A.M. — †Esther M. Jarosh

Wednesday, April 28th - Saint Peter Chanel, Priest and Martyr; Saint Louis Grignion de Montfort, Priest

8:30 A.M. (Virtual Mass) — Deacon Ron Gronck (on his 25th Anniversary of Ordination) (Living)

Thursday, April 29th - Saint Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church

8:30 A.M. — †Vilma C. Lopez (on her 3rd Anniversary); and †Catherine Lacey

Friday, April 30th - Saint Pius V, Pope

8:30 A.M. — Phylcia Abraham (on her Birthday) (Living)

Saturday, May 1st - Saint Joseph the Worker

5:00 P.M. - †Mae Nelson (Birthday Remembrance)

Sunday, May 2nd - Fifth Sunday of Easter

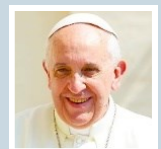
8:30 A.M.- †Carmencita Gonzalez (Birthday Remembrance); and †Stefania Komorek

10:30 A.M. — †Joseph J. Lykowski; †Tommy Fuller; †Stanislaw Swiderski; †Christopher Janicki; †Francis & Moira Cross; Marc Jordan (Living); and The People of the Parish



Pope Tweet of the Week...

“Jesus is the Risen One, the Lord who passed through death in order to lead us to safety. Even before we begin to seek Him, He is present beside us. He lifts us back up after our falls. He helps us grow in faith.”





WITH JOYFUL HEARTS,
WE WELCOME OUR
NEWLY BAPTIZED.



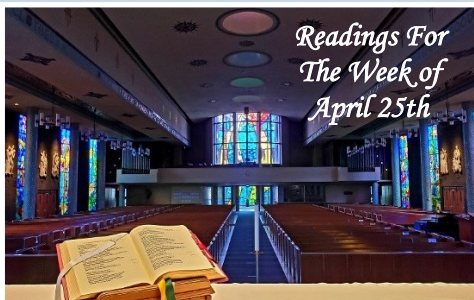
*Ford Anthony & Finnegan James Cunningham
Child of Timothy Joseph & Jennifer Colleen (Escher) Cunningham*



*Cameron Jane Mendoza
Child of Alejandro & Nicole Elizabeth (Petersen) Mendoza*



*Mateo Lucas Navarro
Child of Alvaro Carlos & Kristin M. (Catlett) Navarro*



*Readings For
The Week of
April 25th*

Sunday: Acts 4:8-12/Ps 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29 [22]/1 Jn 3:1-2/Jn 10:11-18

Monday: Acts 11:1-18/Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4 [cf. 3a]/Jn 10:1-10

Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7 [117:1a]/Jn 10:22-30

Wednesday: Acts 12:24 – 13:5a/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8 [4]/Jn 12:44-50

Thursday: Acts 13:13-25/Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25 and 27 [2]/Jn 13:16-20

Friday: Acts 13:26-33/Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab [7bc]/Jn 14:1-6

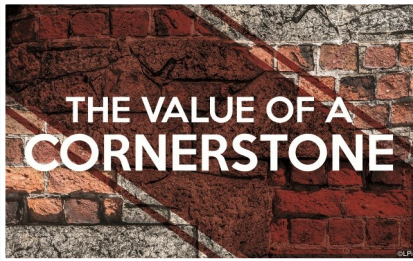
Saturday: Acts 13:44-52/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [3cd]/Jn 14:7-14

St. Joseph the Worker: Gn 1:26 – 2:3 or Col 3:14-15, 17, 23-24/

Ps 90:2, 3-4, 12-13, 14 and 16 [cf. 17b]/Mt 13:54-58

Next Sunday: Acts 9:26-31/Ps 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32 [26a]/1 Jn 3:18-24/Jn 15:1-8

Gospel Meditation - Encourage a Deeper Understanding of Scripture



Any builder worth his or her salt knows the value and importance of a cornerstone. Properly laying and securing this primary unit determines how the rest of the project unfolds and its success. Cornerstones are necessary elements not only of buildings but of lives as well. Many human beings conduct the business of their lives paying little attention to a grounding reference or starting point. Hence, what unfolds is a tapestry of relativism, with few anchors or guideposts and many impulsive choices. Some consider love to be their cornerstone. While this may sound attractive and useful, the pursuit of love without a simultaneous pursuit of its source

can be shallow and self-focused. Just because a person chooses to do no harm and love others does not mean that they are living in truth and properly anchored to the real cornerstone.

Jesus is the true and authentic cornerstone and shepherd. It is only in following the Risen One as the way, the truth, and the life that we can move from being well grounded ethical people to properly focused moral ones. Proper conduct, a true sense of justice, wisdom, virtue, moral principles, faith, hope, and love will be difficult to find unless we listen to the right Voice. It is when we learn to listen to the voice of God that we begin our journey on the road to salvation. It is only the Good Shepherd, the authentic and solid cornerstone, who can guide us through life's questions and challenges and bring us to the safe and proper pasture.

A person's life only has meaning when the cornerstone is properly selected and set. Understanding themselves only as random acts of creation, existing without intent or purpose, will color their choices and influence their decisions. The foundation of their lives will be simply a matter of preference and choice, leaving benchmarks of growth and higher ideals optional to pursue. Whereas people who believe that they are fashioned and loved into existence by a God who purposely made them, have this incredible unconditional relationship at their source which has tremendous significance. Their allegiance is not to themselves but to their Creator. Life, then, is an adventure in search of this Creator God and a journey of self-discovery that seeks to unite their will to His. There is a cost. We have to give up our life in order to gain our life. As ironic as that sounds, it is true. It is only when we finally figure this out that the true cornerstone of our lives will be properly laid and we can, with God's help, get about the business of properly constructing a temple that endures. ©LPi

Everyday Stewardship - Recognize God in your Ordinary Moments

Confidence in Princes...

Have you ever confided your problems to a friend, only to get the answer, *"have you prayed about it as much as you've talked about it?"* Like all good advice, it can really irritate the recipient at first. Here I am, vulnerable and wounded, unloading my problems, and this joker tries to load them right back up and ship them off to Someone with a higher pay grade. But again, like all good and irritating advice, it rings true if you sit and think about it.

Sure, venting is helpful. We all need that friend or family member who can listen to our problems. But if we ever start to think that person can solve them, it's a good sign that we're losing perspective.

Are you looking to the world for an answer? Are you looking in the mirror, expecting to find a solution to your problems? Are you expecting happiness, peace, contentment or justice to come from any place other than God? *"It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to put confidence in princes,"* the Psalms tell us. Well, I've never put much confidence in princes. But when it comes to problems, I often find myself telling God to take a step back — *"I've got this."*

It's tough to pray about any problem as much as you talk about it. We want so badly to tackle the issue ourselves. But I'll let you in on a secret: it doesn't matter what the question is, we don't have the answer. Take it to the One who does. — Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi





Our Parish Staff:

Fr. Matthew Heinrich, *Pastor*
Fr. Robert Carlton, *Associate Pastor*
Fr. Robert Fedek, *Weekend Assistant*
Deacon Rick & Carol Moritz
Deacon Ronald & Connie Gronek
Deacon Michael & Melissa Bednarz
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Melissa Anna, *Office Administration & Communications/
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What's Happening @ IC...

Monday, April 26th –
 8:30 A.M. – Weekday Mass; Church

Tuesday, April 27th -
 8:30 A.M. – Weekday Mass; Church

Thursday, April 29th –
 8:30 A.M. – Weekday Mass; Church

Friday, April 30th –
 8:30 A.M. – Weekday Mass; Church

Saturday, May 1st –
 10:00 A.M. – First Holy Communion (2nd Grade);
 Church
 1:00 P.M. – First Holy Communion (2nd Grade); Church



*For more information on upcoming events, please visit
 our parish website @ www.icchicago.org.*

Your Gifts to God and Parish...

If you plan to move from our parish, please notify our Parish Office at least three months prior to your change of address. Also, if you will be away from home for more than 3 months, please contact us so that your envelopes can be stopped during that time period. If you have transitioned to electronic giving and still receive offertory envelopes, please contact our Parish Office so that we can discontinue your receiving of envelopes.

Parish Registration: Please contact our Parish Office at 773.775.3833 or visit our parish website at www.icchicago.org to join our parish family.

Bulletin Deadline: The deadline for all bulletin submissions is Friday at Noon – 8 days prior to the Sunday it will appear. Bulletin submissions are accepted via email at: parishbulletin@icchicago.org (*Please note: new email address.)