

Welcome to
Immaculate Conception Parish

A Catholic Community Inviting People to Follow Christ

August 13, 2023 - Nineteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time

Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.



We invite all of God's creatures to visit our new Garden of the Immaculate Conception...

"Let us not grow tired of knocking at God's door.

*Let us go to the heart of God through Mary, our whole life, every day, knocking at the door of God's heart!
Mary prays - prays together with the community of disciples, and teaches us to have full faith in God, in his mercy.*

This is the power of prayer!" - Pope Francis

Love God • Serve Others • Make Disciples

Contact Us

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✉: parishoffice@icchicago.org

Parish Office Hours:
(as of August 14th)

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

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)

Capacity limits have been lifted and reservations are no longer required. Masks are optional.

All are welcome!

Weekday Mass Schedule:

In-Person

Monday through Thursday @ 8:30 A.M.
(Rosary Prayers & Chaplet of Mercy prayed after Weekday Masses)

(Please note: Friday daily Masses & First Friday Mass & Adoration temporarily suspended as of July 8th)

Online

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

Confessions:

Sunday mornings from 9:30 A.M.-10:15 A.M.
(offered every other Sunday)

(Special dates & times offered during Advent & Lent)

Baptisms:

2nd & 4th Sundays of each month @ Noon
(except during Lent)

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.

Scan the QR Code below:



Text-To-Give: Text “Sunday” to 773-915-0503

Stewardship: A Look At The Months Ahead...

In the past months, you have no doubt seen the progress we have made on some visible projects, namely the flooring project in our school (abating the asbestos and installing brand new floors) and the new garden project in front of our church (*featured on this weekend's bulletin cover.*)



These projects are made possible by a few factors: the needs and priorities of our campus, the generosity of our parishioners through regular giving, the availability of funds, as well as the available workforce at hand.

With your support, the changes we have made during these past few years, including a capital campaign to renovate the sound system of our church and our smaller scale 60th Anniversary campaign (*60 for 60*), have allowed us to accomplish many things.

As you may have noticed, however, most of these changes are in relation to deferred maintenance, necessary upgrades, changes for health and safety reasons, as well as for the long-term health of our physical campus.

These projects, while necessary and good in their own ways, are only a part of what my vision for the parish can be. In the meantime, we have also made improvements to what we offer to our parish community: our *Alpha* program, entirely volunteer run, has involved over 100 parishioners in faith sharing and personal growth; our *Connect* Program, growing to over 40 strong per month, focused on continued growth, education, and leadership training; while new and varied hospitality offerings engage our new families and current parishioners.

I have invested our resources in these and other groups because I believe in the process of leadership growth through a personal relationship with Christ, first and foremost, and thereafter building a stable community.

As we look to the future, I also must take careful stock of our resources. Investing in liturgy, people, and our campus requires prudent use of the money we have, and the sacrifices people make.

I believe Immaculate Conception is primed to move to the next level, but in order to do that, I would like to spend these next few months providing you with an overview of my vision for the future, how we make the present work, and our asking you to prayerfully consider your personal commitment to the parish in light of the future.

Please know that we never take for granted the generosity you have shown us these past few years. We likewise have been encouraged by the gradual growth of our numbers over time. At the same time, as I have preached before, engagement is just as important, if not *more* important, than mere numbers.

I hope that what I communicate these next few months is a sign of the positive steps that we have made, and a potential roadmap to our future.

During this time, we will also be updating our website, social media, and bulletin with information you can consider in your own time.

Thank you for taking the time to read this, and for your openness these next few months,
- Fr. Matt

(New & Current) Eucharistic Minister Training Session: Sunday, August 20th

Parish Office Hours



There will be a training session with Fr. Matt for all those interested in serving our IC community as a *Eucharistic Minister* **next Sunday, August 20th** after our 10:30 A.M. Mass. This training session is also open to all current Eucharistic Ministers who would like a course on the proper way to distribute the chalice during Mass. If you are



With the new school year set to begin next Monday, August 21st, our Parish Office will resume our regular hours of operation **this Monday, August 14th.**

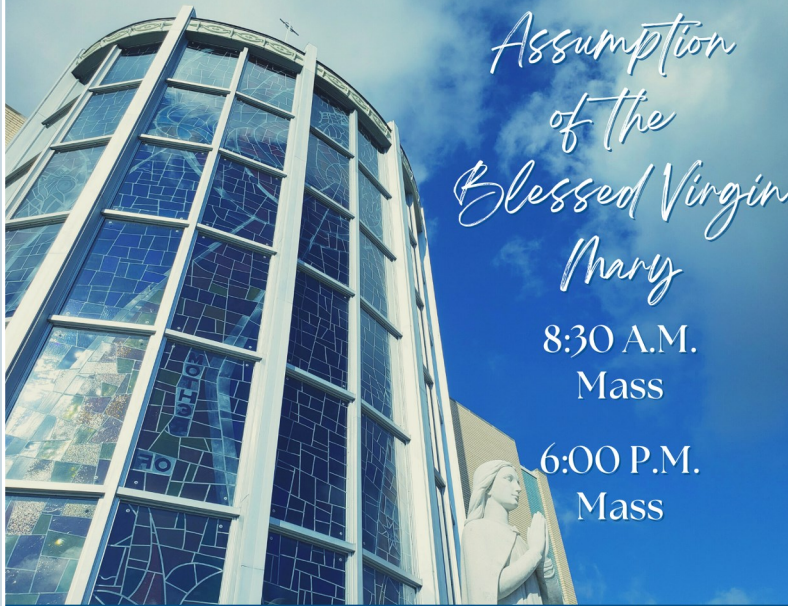
attending a different Mass that weekend, please plan to be at the church by approximately **11:30 A.M.** Thank you!

— Claudia Kech (EM Coordinator)

We will be open to serve you from **9:00 A.M. until 5:00 P.M. Monday through Friday** as well as from **9:00 A.M. until 2:00 P.M. on Saturdays.** As always, our office will be closed on Sundays.

Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary: August 15th

"From this day all generations will call me blessed:
the Almighty has done great things for me and holy is his name."
- Luke 1:48-49



Assumption
of the
Blessed Virgin
Mary

8:30 A.M.
Mass

6:00 P.M.
Mass

Immaculate Conception Parish

Tuesday,
August 15th



WITH JOYFUL HEARTS,
WE WELCOME OUR
NEWLY BAPTIZED.



Luciana Elizabeth Sparano
Child of Frederick Kent &
Lauren Elizabeth (Ivack) Sparano

All are welcome to join us for a special blessing of our new Garden of the Immaculate Conception @ our 6:00 P.M. Mass as we honor our patroness together as a parish family on this special Solemnity!

Snapshots From Our IC School Supply Pick Up & ICPC Used Uniform Sale On Wednesday, August 2nd

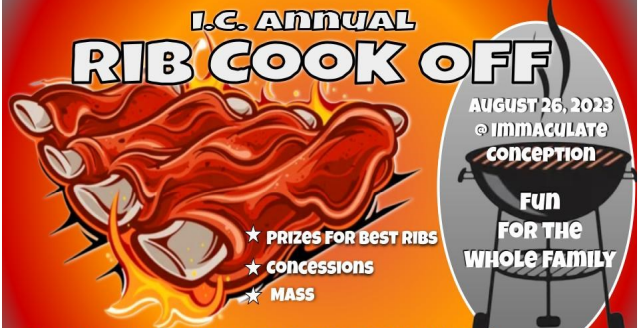


Join us as we welcome back our students & their families and celebrate the beginning of a new school year...

 **Immaculate Conception School**

**BACK TO
SCHOOL
BASH**

**Saturday,
August 26
@ 5:00 PM**



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- ★ MASS

SCHEDULE

- **5:00 P.M.** Mass will be celebrated in the church!
- **6:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M.** There will be a DJ, family games and concessions!
- **6:30 P.M.** IC Holy Name Men's Club Rib Cook-off judging!
- **8:00 P.M.** It's movie time! Bring your lawn chair or blanket and sit back to enjoy the movie on the big screen!

Rib Cook-off rules and entry forms are available in the Parish Office. For more information, please contact Chris Arreguin at 773-454-8804.

▼ In the event of rain, the Bash will be moved to the Parish Center.

Please join our parish family in prayer ...

For those who are sick;



Tom Altman
 Paul Amandes
 Amelia Aquino
 Arnold B.
 Kelly Baran
 Robert Behrman
 Sonia M. B.
 Roberta Berger
 Arlene Lacey Beyna
 Vince Caeti
 Mary Cali
 Donna Chaplin
 Truman Collins
 James Covello
 Ronnie Cunningham
 Paige Dicks
 Margarita DiSalvo
 Emily Divarco
 Eric Dulce
 Lilia Dulce
 Ozzie D'Souza
 Valerie Dziekonski
Betty Eggers
 Elizabeth Felix
 Patrick Fisher
 Richard Flanagan
 Brooke Foreman
 Logan Frigeni

Patricia Furgat
 Lila Gehner
 Gloria Hernandez
 Ofelia Hernandez
 Mike Hickey
 Judy Hull
 Mary Ann Hurtig
 Kevin Jaburek
 Vivian Jester
 Stephanie Kamenicky
 Wayne Kinzie, Sr.
 Donna Kirk
 Craig Kloss
 Ronald Kogol
 Lillian Kohut
 Katherine Kreuser
 Anthony LaPash
 Dawn LaVeau
 Sean Lucas
 Nathan Maisel
 Benny Martinez
 Edwin Martinez
 Frank Martinez
 Elsa Mazzoni
 Nikki Mendoza
 Pat Miaso
 Gerry Michalek, Jr.
 Helen Michalek

Ledoina Monacelli
 Marta Morales
 Deacon Rick Moritz
 Veronica Murillo
 Mike Murphy
 Timothy Murray
 Brendan Nelson
 Barb Neustadt
 Phillip Nuccio
 Anne O'Brien
 John O'Brien
 Jackie O'Koniewski
 David Olson
 Ashton Peterson
 Leo Pfest
 Paul Posch
 Mary Potwora
 Baby Fiona Prades
 Joe Rispoli
 Pia Rizza
 Sherry Rock
 David Rodriguez
 Cindy Rupp
 Milagros C. San Juan
 Gerri Schultz
 Edward Stanczyk
 Jack Stewart
 Jacqueline Strauss

Jill Swagler
 Alma T.
 Donna Tisdale
 Beckie Tomala
 Steven P. Triflilio
 Mary Ellen Vanderman
 Louis Ward
 Miss Westhoff
 Rita Zambon

***Newly Added**

For our faithful departed:

Ellen P. Cummings (Mother of Pat Cummings)



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

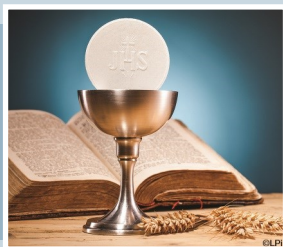


For those who serve our country:



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
U.S. Navy - CMDR Michael Brasseur, LCDR Christopher Jenkins, PO Thomas T. Tudisco, Ensign Marina J. Monacelli
U.S. Air Force - John Christopher Ocasio, Major Laurel Walsh, Major Paul H. Kolk, LT. COL. Michael O'Koniewski; Captain Colleen Bernal
U.S. Marines - PFC Sebastian L. Rivera, Jr., PFC Christopher Hughes, PFC Algene D. Porticos, LCpl Daniel Wiczorek, LCpl Luis A. Corea, PFC Brian Mendoza

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, August 13th
through
Sunday, August 20th*

Sunday, August 13th - Nineteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time

5:00 P.M. (Saturday) — †The Allen, Bender, & Tobin Families; †Stanislaw Swiderski; †Esho Youel; and Barb Neustadt (Living)

8:30 A.M. — †Arthur Capra (Birthday Remembrance); †Fred Catalano; †Richard Carstensen; and †Rachael K. Stowe

10:30 A.M. — †Chuck Johnson; †Anna & Nicola Chiusolo; †Stephen Oleksy; †The Deceased Members of The Furgat Family; †Vincenzo DeFalco; †William J. Struke; †Milagros Bernardita C. San Juan; †Frank O'Grady; †Marni Michalek Mensching; †Larry Mattio; †Francis & Moira Cross; and The People of the Parish

Monday, August 14th - Saint Maximilian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr

8:30 A.M. — †Michael Heidkamp; †Domingo Medrano (Birthday Remembrance); and †Carol Fritz

Tuesday, August 15th - The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:30 A.M. — †Eugene Devine (Birthday Remembrance); †Lee Heinrich; †Giuseppa & Vincenzo Pecoraro; †Diane Basinski (Birthday Remembrance); and †Jean Roche

6:00 P.M. — The People of the Parish

Wednesday, August 16th - Saint Stephen of Hungary

8:30 A.M. — †Catherine & Leon Lacey, Sr.

Thursday, August 17th - Weekday

8:30 A.M. — †Frank & Eleanor Palenica (Wedding Anniversary Remembrance)

Friday, August 18th - Weekday

Saturday, August 19th - Saint John Eudes, Priest

5:00 P.M. — †Edwin Sikorski, Sr. (on his 28th Anniversary); †Stanislaw Swiderski; †Brian Dillon (on his 7th Anniversary); and †Jaime M. San Juan

Sunday, August 20th - Twentieth Sunday In Ordinary Time

8:30 A.M. — †Francis & Moira Cross; and Richard & Maria Kula (Living)

10:30 A.M. — †Rocco Chiusolo; †Sophie Oleksy; †Irene Czarnecki (Birthday Remembrance); †Manuel Mendoza; †Blanca Allocco; †Marie Frances Hagarty; †James Noto (Birthday Remembrance); †Alejandro Alvarado; †Milagros Bernardita C. San Juan (Birthday Remembrance); †Anne Bertolami; Marilyn Sadowski (on her Birthday) (Living); and The People of the Parish



August 13th through August 19th

Our Sanctuary Lamp is burning this week for the repose of the soul of

Leon
Lacey, Jr.

Requested by: The Lacey Family



August 13th through August 18th

Our Blessed Mother Votive is burning this week for the prayer intention of

Brooke
Foreman
(Daughter of Jennifer (Zyks) &
Jeremy Foreman)

Requested by: Ray & Jan Ehrlich



August 13th through August 18th

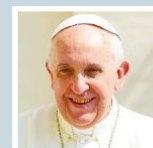
Our St. Joseph Votive is burning this week for the repose of the soul of

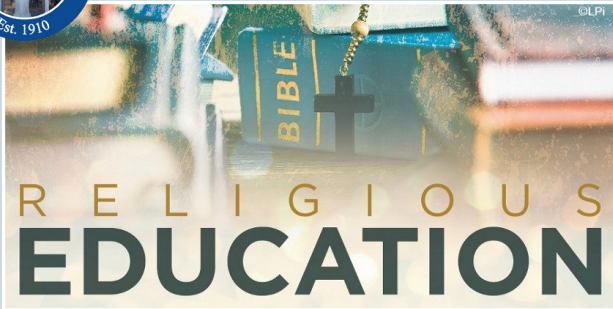
Brian
Dillon

Pope Tweet of the Week...

"Acts of love are a gift for those who do them, even before they benefit those who receive them.

For whatever we hoard for ourselves will be lost, while whatever we give out of love will be our treasure in heaven."





**Immaculate Conception School
Religious Education Program 2023-2024**

Registration:

Religious Education Registration will be held online beginning on **Monday, August 28th** and will conclude on **Wednesday, September 6th**

First Day of Class:

Wednesday, September 13th – 4:00-5:00 P.M.

For the upcoming 2023-2024 School Year, classes will meet in-person on a weekly basis on **Wednesdays** from **4:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M.** in our School.



Religious Education:
Helps to build a strong foundation

Sacramental Dates:



Confirmation [8th Grade]: Sunday, November 5, 2023 @ 2:00 P.M. with Bishop Bartosic presiding

First Reconciliation [2nd Grade]: Wednesday, February 21, 2024 @ 7:00 P.M.

First Communion [2nd Grade]: Saturday, May 11, 2024 @ 10:00 A.M.

Sacramental Programs:

**Immaculate Conception Parish Policy states that students must attend Religious Education classes in Grades One and Two to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Communion in Grade Two.

All students are expected to continue to attend Religious Education classes to enroll in the Confirmation Program and receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in Grade Eight.

All course requirements must be met. Regular attendance is expected.

2023-2024 Religious Education Tuition:

[Tuition fee includes all books and class materials and instruction by IC School Teachers]
 One student per family (Grades 1-7): \$400
 One student (Grade 8) (classes end on December 13th): \$200 (plus Confirmation fee of \$50)
 Tuition increases by \$150 per additional child
 Confirmation fee (Grade 8): \$50
 Communion fee (Grade 2): \$50
 Registration fee (for first time families only): \$50
 Late fee (after Friday, September 15th): \$100
 Annual tuition payment due by: Friday, September 8th

All tuition payments will only be accepted online via Give Central @: givecentral.org/Religious-Education-Tuition-2023-2024



Gospel Meditation - Encourage a Deeper Understanding of Scripture



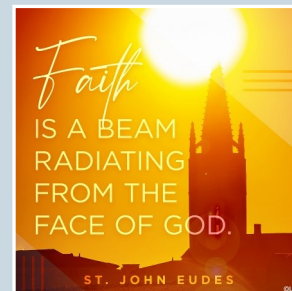
A man at my parish was struggling to overcome a habitual sin. He said to me, “Father, I know the chance that I will commit sin again is really high. Why should I keep confessing my sins? Isn’t that dishonest?” Anyone who has felt the tyrannical power of sin — and who hasn’t? — has pondered this kind of question.

I responded to him, “What was the probability Peter would walk on the stormy water?” After some silence, he said, “Zero. But when Jesus called, he did it.” I could tell my penitent friend was re-framing the question from his own weakness to the greatness of the Lord’s love for him. The question for us should not be one of human probabilities about our sin, but

rather whether or not we will trust the Lord’s grace in our lives.

This week the Lord is calling you and me to do the impossible: overcome sin with love. The only way to do that is to trust *He* is calling, and then to walk with the eyes of faith locked on Him. And if we sink, He will raise us up again and again. Of that, we can be 100% sure.

– Father John Muir ©LPi



We believe in the power of prayer and would like to offer this special ministry (formed by our Evangelization Team) for anyone in our community who wishes to be prayed for or to have someone to pray with.

Representatives from our prayer team are available at the quiet room in the back of our Church after all our Weekend Masses (5:00 P.M. on Saturdays, 8:30 A.M. & 10:30 A.M. on Sundays).

As a parish, we are striving to become a community that prays intentionally for one another, sharing both joys and struggles as one family.

Even if you do not need prayers at this time, please pray for our team and those who make use of them and ask God that our community grow stronger together through prayer.

Ministry Schedules: Saturday, August 19th & Sunday, August 20th

	Saturday 5:00 P.M. Mass	Sunday 8:30 A.M. Mass	Sunday 10:30 A.M. Mass
Presiders	Fr. Matthew Heinrich	Fr. Robert Fedek	Fr. Matthew Heinrich
Lectors	E. Kinzie	D. Sebastian	TBA
Cantors	E. Doyle	Vocal Trio	Vocal Trio
Extraordinary Ministers	S. Witz	D. Sebastian; M. Zizzo; D. Mroz	N. Kanoon; J. Campbell; R. Siciliano; C. Kech
Altar Servers	S. Eaglin; N. Eaglin; E. Serb	I. Magruder; O. Magruder; C. Villafane	E. Carroll; M. Gallagher; L. Love



Our Parish Staff:

Fr. Matthew Heinrich, Pastor
Fr. Robert Fedek, Weekend Assistant
Deacon Rick & Carol Moritz
Deacon Ronald & Connie Gronek
Vincent Kennedy, Director of Operations
Scott Will, Director of Worship
**Melissa Anna, Office Administration & Communications/
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What's Happening @ IC...

Monday, August 14th –

8:00 A.M.-2:30 P.M. – Back To School Faculty Mtg.; RA
**5:00-6:00 P.M. – ICPC Social: Popsicles @ The Playground (For
 Preschool Students & Parents); PG**
5:30-7:00 P.M. – IC School Supply Pick Up (Part II); Café

Tuesday, August 15 – Assumption of Mary

8:30 A.M. – Morning Mass; CH
**6:00 P.M. – Evening Mass (Featuring a special blessing of our new
 Garden of the Immaculate Conception); CH**
7:00 P.M. – Connect Group Executive Team Mtg.; RA

Thursday, August 17th –

**6:00-7:00 P.M. – Preschool Parent Mtg. & Supply
 Drop-Off; SC (Classrooms)**

Friday, August 18th –

8:00 P.M. – Men's Basketball; PC

Sunday, August 20th –

9:30-10:15 A.M. – Confessions; CH
**11:30 A.M. – Eucharistic Minister Training Session (with Fr. Matt)
 (For New & Current Eucharistic Ministers); CH**



Stay Connected @ IC:

Subscribe to our bimonthly email newsletter (featuring updates on parish events & projects, school activities, community highlights & service opportunities): icchicago.org/register/constantcontact.cfm

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

(Practicing) Catholic: Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments...

God and the Good Strong Wind...

My only real memory of the Mackinac Island ferry was the physical sensation of the wind against my face. I remember, distinctly, that it hurt.

It surprised and confused me because wind had never felt painful before. Looking back now, I realize that it wasn't just the wind but the spray from the waves that crashed against the side of the ferry – that was what produced the sharp, biting sensation on my skin. But I couldn't have known that then, because my eyes were clamped shut. I refused to open them, even if I had, I would not have seen much, because my long hair was blown straight across my face.

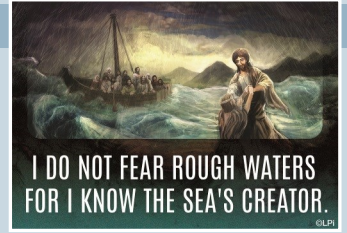
I was four years old, and it was, in the immortal words of Winnie-the-Pooh, a very blustery day as my family made our way to Mackinac Island. I remember thinking I was going to die. I'm positive now that it wasn't really all that dramatic, but at four years old, you're awfully scared of a good strong wind. Deep inside, aren't we all, really?

I think of the apostles who cannot recognize Christ – their friend – because he is doing something new. Something impossible. They are so sure he is a ghost, a sinister thing – children are always frightened of what they cannot understand.

And even when he reassures them, still Peter is not convinced. He demands, essentially, a miracle. He demands that Christ make him do what only Christ can do.

And even when the miracle takes place – he walks on water, he defies physics – still he is human. Scared, doubtful, distractible. No match for a good strong wind.

"Immediately Jesus stretched out his hand and caught Peter..." Matthew 14:31 - Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman © LPi



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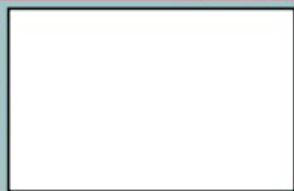
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