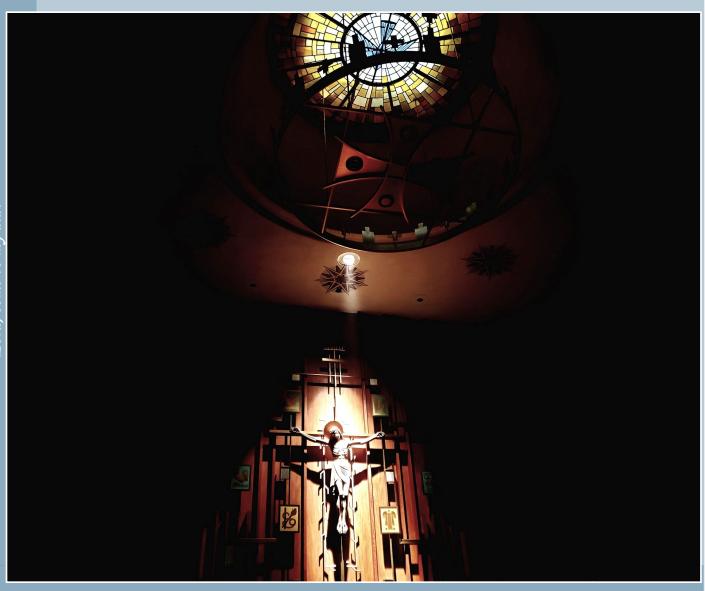
## Welcome to

# Immaculate Conception Parish

A Catholic Community Inviting People to Follow Christ

August 14, 2022 - Twentieth Sunday In Ordinary Time



"Let us rid ourselves of every burden and sin that clings to us and persevere in running the race that lies before us while keeping our eyes fixed on Jesus."

- Hebrews 12:1-2

Love God • Serve Others • Make Disciples

ord, come to my aid!

## Contact Us

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## **Parish Office Hours:**

(as of August 15th)

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

Closed

Sunday:

### **Parish Website:**

#### **School Website:**

■: www.iccowboys.net

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## 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

Visit us at www.twitch.tv/icchicago



#### 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.

(**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)

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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.

## Divine Renovation Conference 2022

I was given an amazing opportunity to attend the Divine Renovation conference with Father Matt and Michael Tom.

The conference was hosted by St. Ann's parish, which is a large parish of more than 8,000 families located in Coppell, Texas (everything in Texas is BIG). Each day started with a morning Mass attended by conference participants. It was a moving sight to see over one hundred priests processing in as they concelebrated Mass together. The pews were filled to capacity and the music was so beautiful and uplifting. Seeing and hearing all 650+ attendees sing, and worship together brought a feeling of joy and love to my heart. It was a wonderful way to start each day. Everyone was alive!

The conference, held over a 3-day period, provided the opportunity to meet and be around people with a passion for God and the Holy Spirit. Each day there was a choice of different breakout sessions offered on topics including: *leadership*, *mission*,

culture, and relationships. General session and keynote speakers talked about why we need a vision, evangelization, the best of leadership and powers of the Holy Spirit.



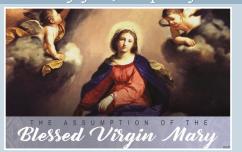
- 1. Vision is a God-inspired picture of the future that produces passion in us. We need to unlock the picture of what the future looks like in order to produce passion.
- 2. Mission is especially important, but if maintenance is the primary purpose of a parish, you may never get to mission.
- 3. There are many barriers to inviting non-church goers to our parish which can easily be overcome if we are willing to step out of our comfort zone.
- 4. The Holy Spirit is the principal power of evangelization.
- 5. Parishes should strive for a healthy relationship with their diocese.
- 6. As disciples, we should go out and make other disciples and it should be intentional.
- 7. Leadership is about equipping and supporting others and requires PASSION.
- 8. Texas has the best barbecue (did I mention everything in Texas is BIG?).

It was wonderful to meet so many people from across the county who share the passion of discipleship and want to see their parishes come alive. I spoke to a number of individuals to learn about their journey and how it led to their passion and the role they play in their parish; and I answered questions about our Alpha program and shared the reasons why I got involved. It was wonderful to talk about faith in a comfortable and welcoming setting. On the last day of the conference, Bishop Edward Burns gave an uplifting but humorous homily reminding us to go and make disciples (and he was kind enough to take a picture with me afterward.)

As Father Matt focuses on growing the next generation of leaders at IC, we should all think about what role we can play in helping our parish come alive. Warm regards,



The Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary - Monday, August  $15^{
m th}$ 



Patty Rios

To honor our patroness on the **Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**, our Masses will be celebrated at **8:30 A.M.** and **7:00 P.M. this Monday, August 15<sup>th</sup>.**All are welcome to join us in prayer!

"And a great sign appeared in Heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars."

- Revelations 12:1

## Music Ministry News: Farewell EmilyAnn, Welcome Back Julie...

As previously announced in our August 7th bulletin, our professional cantor (and member of our professional vocal quintet), *EmilyAnn Duffley*, has recently accepted a job as a Pediatric Audiologist in Houston, Texas which necessitates her departure from our IC Music Ministry (at least on a regular basis, as *EmilyAnn* will still make guest appearances from time to time when she returns to town to visit family & friends, as her schedule permits.) We warmly wish *EmilyAnn* & her husband, *Jack*, all the best as they prepare for their exciting new adventure together in Texas!

As we bid a fond farewell to *EmilyAnn*, we also warmly welcome back *Julie Malecki*, a familiar face at IC, who will be joining *Elizabeth*, *Katie*, *Justin* & *Ben* as a member of our professional vocal quintet! As a means of reintroduction, Julie has kindly provided the following biography below:

Julie (Jarosz) Malecki is happy to be back at IC, where she grew up attending weekend Masses with her parents, grandparents, and siblings. Julie is an alumna of IC school who has been involved in the Music Ministry since third grade, when she joined the Choristers and Junior Ringers. She has since become a cantor, choir member, and member of the Overtones Handbell Choir, even directing the handbell ensemble for a few years, and

remaining connected with the IC Music Ministry as much as possible while away at college and graduate school. Julie is a classically-trained soprano and holds a Doctor of Musical Arts degree in vocal performance and literature from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. She has performed numerous classical vocal recitals and operatic roles, including Alice Ford in Verdi's Falstaff, Mary Warren in Ward's The Crucible, First Lady in Mozart's The Magic Flute, and the Princess in Respighi's Sleeping Beauty in the Woods. Prior to her graduate studies, Julie spent several years teaching music and directing children's choirs at Catholic grade schools in the Chicago area. Now, when she is not performing, she teaches private voice and piano lessons and spends time with her husband and their new son.



## IC School Summer Projects Continue

As we prepare to welcome our students and teachers back on Monday, August 22<sup>nd</sup> for the beginning of a new school year, our summer projects are continuing behind the scenes. We are currently in the process of scraping off the decades of old wax on the floors in our hallways – the progress of which can be viewed in the accompanying photographs below. A solution is poured onto the floors to strip the wax and then it is scraped off. It will take at least two scrapings to complete this project.



This is what the floors in our hallways looked like before scraping off the wax.



After one scraping, a noticeable difference can be seen!



This is the wax that was scraped off from the first scraping (from just a small area of the floor.)





## **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!





IC Holy Name Men's Club
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 ...



Tom Altman Paul Amandes Arnold B. Robert Behrman Sonia M. B. Roberta Berger John Bozek Vince Caeti Mary Cali Jackie Campbell Zita Castro Donna Chaplin James Covello Ronnie Cunningham Paige Dicks Margarita DiSalvo Emily Divarco Paula Drew Ozzie D'Souza Ioan Fabiano Richard Flanagan Brooke Foreman

Patricia Furgat

Lila Gehner

## For those who are sick:

Bonnie Jean Gorski Gloria Hernandez Ofelia Hernandez Mary Ann Schmitt Hurtig Kevin Jaburek Wayne Kinzie, Sr. Craig Kloss Lillian Kohut Katherine Kreuser Anthony LaPash Denis Mahoney Benny Martinez Edwin Martinez Frank Martinez Pat Miaso Gerry Michalek, Jr. Glen Molo Molly Morris Veronica Murillo Timothy Murray Brendan Nelson Anne O'Brien John O'Brien Jackie O'Koniewski

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## For our faithful departed:

Robert John Brugger Gene Johnson (Uncle of Mike Leahy) Thaddeus "Ted" Trychta, Jr.



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



## For those who serve our country:



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**U.S.** Navy - CMDR Michael Brasseur, LCDR Christopher Jenkins, PO Thomas T. Tudisco **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 -** Sean Gronset, PFC Sebastian L. Rivera, Jr., PFC Christopher Hughes, PFC Algene D. Porticos, LCpl Daniel Wieczorek

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 14<sup>th</sup> through Sunday, August 21<sup>st</sup>

Sunday, August 14<sup>th</sup> – Twentieth Sunday In Ordinary Time 5:00 P.M. (Saturday) — <sup>†</sup>Arthur Capra (Birthday Remembrance); <sup>†</sup>Elaine Schatz; <sup>†</sup>Jolanta & Michael Chmara; <sup>†</sup>Leon Czapiewski; <sup>†</sup>Jarek Furmaniak; The Allen, Bender & Tobin Families; and Sherry Chaput (Living)

8:30 A.M.—†Eugene Bielski; †Margot Marriott; †Howard J. Schneider; †Stanislaw Swiderski; †George Buschauer; and Marillyn Pawlowski (on her Birthday) (Living)

10:30 A.M.—<sup>†</sup>Nicola & Anna Chiusolo; <sup>†</sup>Vincenzo DeFalco; <sup>†</sup>Rosario Cozzo; <sup>†</sup>Deceased Members of The Jurcenko Family; <sup>†</sup>Francis & Moira Cross; <sup>†</sup>Dr. Rafael Carreira; Gene Walega (Living); The Conversion of Sinners; and The People of the Parish

Monday, August 15<sup>th</sup> – Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

**8:30** *A.M.* – †Diane Basinski (Birthday Remembrance); †Tina LaPash; and †Maureen McGee Kogen

7:00 P.M. – <sup>†</sup>Gene Johnson; and The People of the Parish

Tuesday, August 16<sup>th</sup> - *Saint Stephen of Hungary* 8:30 *A.M.* — Catherine & Leon Lacey, Sr.

Wednesday, August 17<sup>th</sup> - Weekday 8:30 A.M. — <sup>†</sup>John Leahy; and <sup>†</sup>Al Mander

Thursday, August 18th - Weekday

8:30 A.M. → †Edwin Sikorski, Sr. (on his 27<sup>th</sup> Anniversary); †Jaime Macolor San Juan; and †Brian Dillon (on his 6<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)

Friday, August 19th - Saint John Eudes, Priest Friday Daily Masses Temporarily Suspended (as of July 8th)

Saturday, August 20th - Saint Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the Church

5:00 P.M. – †Irene Czarnecki (Birthday Remembrance); †Milagros Bernardita Capito San Juan (Birthday Remembrance); †Elizabeth Vaicaitis; †Alicia Dulce; †Dr. Rafael Carreira; Arnold Ommundson (Living); Richard & Maria Kula (Living); and Marilyn Sadowski (on her Birthday) (Living)

**Sunday, August 21**st – *Twenty-First Sunday In Ordinary Time* 8:30 A.M.– †George Buschauer; †Richard Losik; †Francis & Moira Cross; and †Raymond Coelho

10:30 A.M. — <sup>†</sup>Sophie Oleksy; <sup>†</sup>Rocco Chiusolo; <sup>†</sup>Blanca Allocco; <sup>†</sup>Michael J. Holstein (Birthday Remembrance); <sup>†</sup>Stephanie Klatt; <sup>†</sup>Toribio Manlavi San Juan; <sup>†</sup>Colin McCollough; Rosa Calderon (Living); and The People of the Parish



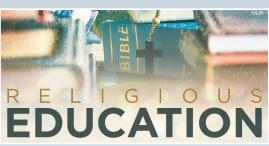
## Pope Tweet of the Week...

"To give hope to others, sometimes it is simply enough to be kind, to put aside your own worries and priorities in order to show interest, give the gift of a smile, speak an encouraging



word, create a space for listening amid so much indifference."





Immaculate Conception School Religious Education Program 2022-2023



## Registration:

Religious Education Registration will be held online beginning this **Monday**, **August 15**<sup>th</sup> and will conclude on **Wednesday**, **September 7**<sup>th</sup> (a direct link to our online registration form is accessible via icchicago.org)

## First Day of Class:

Wednesday, September 14th - 4:00-5:00 P.M.

For the upcoming 2022-2023 School Year, we will be adopting a hybrid format with classes primarily meeting in-person on a weekly basis on **Wednesdays** from **4:00 P.M.** to **5:00 P.M.** in our School. All grade levels will also meet virtually via Zoom Video Conferencing for Religious Education Class on certain dates. (Dates TBD)

## 2022 Religious Education Class Schedule:

September 14th, 21st & 28th October 5th, 12th & 19th November 2nd, 9th, 16th & 30th December 7th, 14th & 21st

## 2023 Religious Education Class Schedule:

January 11th, 18th & 25th February 8th, 15th & 22nd March 1st, 8th, 22nd & 29th April 19th & 26th May 3rd &10th



#### Sacramental Dates:



Confirmation [8th Grade]: Sunday, November 6, 2022 @ 2:00 P.M. with Bishop Bartosic presiding



First Reconciliation [2nd Grade]: Wednesday, February 15, 2023 @ 7:00 P.M.



First Communion [2nd Grade]: Saturday, May 13, 2023\* [\*Time TBD]

## Sacramental Programs:



We have recently revised our policies for our Religious Education Program at IC. A new handbook will be released in time for the 2022-2023 school year which will be available on our parish website at: www.icchicago.org/connect/children's-religious-education.cfm Parents will be asked to carefully review our new policies and will then be required to submit a signed agreement form by the time of the first class on September 14th.

Questions regarding our IC Religious Education Program? For **curricular concerns**,

please contact *Julie Szwedo*: szwedo@iccowboys.net For **tuition, registration or other administrative concerns,** please contact *Vickie Thome*: thome@iccowboys.net

## 2022-2023 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 14th):
\$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 Wednesday, September 14th): \$100
First Tuition payment is due by: September 14th
Second Tuition payment is due by: February 15, 2023

Please note: all tuition payments will only be accepted via Give Central. Cash or checks will no longer be accepted.

## Gospel Meditation - Encourage a Deeper Understanding of Scripture



An inward transformation occurs in a person who decides to follow Jesus Christ. Things change. They see the world differently, understand their journey more deeply and profoundly, have their sights fixed on eternity and union with God and hold themselves to higher standards and virtues. It requires a conscious choice to be a Christian, and this choice must be renewed at least daily. While the basic premise of Jesus' message may appear heartwarming and straightforward: love of God, neighbor, and self, the implications of doing so are challenging. The true disciple is called to live radically, and often finds themselves at odds with the world or even with those in their own homes.

Holding ourselves to higher standards comes with a price. We have to leave other things behind. It is difficult to be people of faith, hope, and love in a world often fixated with its own fulfillment and self-absorption. Justice, temperance, prudence, and fortitude require sacrifice if they are to be lived with integrity. God's ways are not ours. This becomes crystal clear to those who have enough courage to stand against the tide. Putting love into action requires that we challenge accepted modes of doing business and fight complacency. This is what makes the saints stand out as witnesses. They are simply sinners, just like us, who persevere.

People do not want to be told that they're sailing their ships in the wrong direction. Clinging to their insistence and need to be correct, they can become defensive when challenged. This can happen even with those closest to us. As much as the Gospel calls us to unity, it also can easily create division. When we love seriously, we encounter more than feelings of warmth and acceptance. "What does love look like? It has the hands to help others. It has the feet to hasten to the poor and needy. It has eyes to see misery and want. It has the ears to hear the sighs and sorrows of men. That is what love looks like (St. Augustine)." Love also has the courage and honesty to tell people what they may not want to hear but need to, and model, without wavering, a life of humble, loving, and faithful service. Don't lose heart! There are many examples of faith before us and around us. If Jesus endured the voices of opposition, so too can we. There is no need to apologize for speaking the truth. ©LPi

#### A Thank You Message From Deacon Ron...

## My Dear Brothers and Sisters at IC Parish:

In early February, I had knee surgery and had to step away from my ministry here at IC to recuperate. Throughout my lengthy rehab and many physical therapy sessions, I knew that many of you were praying for my healing. I have now returned to serve at IC and I am grateful to Fr. Matthew and his staff for their support and patience. I express a sincere and warm "Thank You" to them and to all of you for your love and prayers.



With deep gratitude, Deacon Ronald J. Gronek

Ministry Schedules: Saturday, August 20th & Sunday, August 21st			
	Saturday 5:00 P.M.	Sunday 8:30 A.M.	Sunday 10:30 A.M.
Presiders	Fr. Matthew Heinrich	Fr. Matthew Heinrich	Fr. Robert Fedek
Lectors	S. Serb	J. Semmler	M. Carroll
Cantors	E. Doyle	Vocal Quintet & Violin	Vocal Quintet
Extraordinary Ministers	S. Witz	D. Sebastian	R. Kopec & C. Kech
Altar Servers	M. Gallagher; L. Love; K. Yau	O. Magruder; M. Moorehouse; B. Yak	E. Carroll; K. Catomer; I. Luna



Our Parish Staff:

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Lisa Kessler, School Accountant

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What's Happening @ IC...

Monday, August 15th -

Religious Education Program Online Registration Begins

8:30 A.M.- Assumption of Mary Mass; CH

5:00-10:00 P.M. – IC HNMC Annual Chicago White Sox

Baseball Outing; Off-Site

7:00 P.M. - Assumption of Mary Mass; CH

Tuesday, August 16th -

7:00-9:00 P.M. – Alpha Team Training Session; RA

Wednesday, August 17th -

4:00-7:00 P.M. – IC School Supply Pick Up; PC

7:00-9:00 P.M. – School Board Mtg.; RA

Thursday, August 18th -

6:30-7:30 P.M. - Preschool Parent Mtg. & Supply Drop-Off; SC

7:00-8:30 P.M. – RCIA Mtg.; RCR

Friday, August 19th -

7:00-9:00 P.M. - Men's Basketball; PC

For additional information regarding upcoming events @ IC, please visit: icchicago.org/discover-ic/event-calendar.cfm

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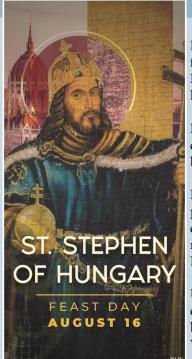
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If you have transitioned to electronic giving and still receive offertory envelopes, please contact our Parish Office so that we can discontinue your receiving of envelopes.

**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



Saint of The Week - Examples of Our Faith: Saint Stephen of Hungary (August 16th)

Born a pagan in the 10th century, Saint Stephen was baptized as a boy when his father converted to Christianity. Saint Stephen married Gisela, daughter of Duke Henry II of Bavaria who would become Saint Henry II. He succeeded his father as leader and began to transform the nation into a Christian kingdom.

Pope Sylvester II proclaimed him the first king of Hungary in 1001, sending him a crown and gold processional cross. The crown, made in the Byzantine style, has become a symbol of Hungarian nationhood.

King Stephen's reign was a relatively peaceful and prosperous time. He outlawed paganism, mandated church building, and tithing for support of the parish, and commanded all to marry except clergy and religious. He founded a Benedictine monastery, and Hungary became an important place along the route to the Holy Land for many pilgrims.

Unfortunately, Stephen's son and heir died in a hunting accident, causing much conflict over the succession when the saint died. Eventually, the kingdom was won back for Christendom and father and son were canonized in 1083 by Pope St. Gregory VII. Saint Stephen I is now patron saint of Hungary. ©LPi

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