

Welcome to  
*Immaculate Conception Parish*

*A Catholic Community Inviting People to Follow Christ*

*August 15, 2021 - The Assumption Of The Blessed Virgin Mary*

*The queen takes her place at your right hand, arrayed in gold.*



*"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*

*Love God • Serve Others • Make Disciples*

## Contact Us

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### Parish Office Hours:

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

Saturday: 9:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.

Sunday: Closed

(Note: Our regular office hours resume  
on Monday, August 16<sup>th</sup>.)

### Parish Website:

💻: [www.icchicago.org](http://www.icchicago.org)

### School Website:

💻: [www.iccowboys.net](http://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](http://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.  
All are welcome!*

### Weekday Mass Schedule:

#### Online

Monday through Friday @ 8:30 A.M.  
(Worship with us virtually on our  
Facebook Page or Twitch)

#### In-Person

Monday through 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 – effective as of **April 11<sup>th</sup>**)

(Special dates & times  
offered during Advent & Lent)

### Baptisms:

Sundays @ Noon

## 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](http://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.



### *Investing In Adults*

One of the more difficult statistics in the Catholic Church is a large one: nearly 85% of Confirmed Catholics abandon, discontinue, and no longer identify as Catholic by the time they are 20. Thus, from age 13/14 to 20, a mere 6 years, all that energy and investment is gone. Apparently, 20% of baptized children do not receive First Communion, and 40% are not confirmed. While this trend might suggest that it's what the Church believes as the number one factor, various surveys tell a different story. The top two reasons cited by the survey of the Archdiocese are: (1) not having a personal experience of God in one's life, and (2) not having a meaningful sense of community.



Any data needs to be interpreted so I would like to offer my own thoughts: when children become discouraged in the faith, I don't believe it's necessarily beliefs – at first. I think it comes from seeing a disconnect in their lives.

Children are routinely told about the importance of school, morals, faith, and responsibility. They are also just as likely to confront in middle school, high school, and college the exact opposite of what they learned. Even before that, however, they may even see divergent messages in their own home, from their mentors, and from their community.

Children and teens look for, most of all, a sincerity and authenticity of life. In the early Church, it was considered a grave sin to be duplicitous, that is '*to say one thing and do another.*' (i.e., being a hypocrite.) Younger Catholics, and all Catholics really, need strong examples of people who believe what the Church teaches and live it in their lives. A personal relationship with Jesus arises from prayer, study, service, and love.

These things come about from a community that dedicates itself to these things. Finding God is not a formula, but Scripture and Sacraments are a good place to start. It takes more than this, though.

That is why I am shifting our resources and priorities and focusing on adults. Fr. Robert and I could spend a million hours in our school, but the effect won't be the same as us investing in the people who spend time with them as well.

To that end, starting this year I will be meeting with the teachers of our school on a monthly basis for prayer, discussion, and helping them to be better ministers in our school. Similarly, through our Alpha and Evangelization (and beyond), I want to invest in the parents of our children, making them more confident and competent in speaking about their faith – and actually living it!

When I train our altar servers, my ideal for them is "*prayerful and professional.*" For our parents, ministers, and teachers, "*confident and competent*" is my ideal. This doesn't happen without investing more in the people who have the most impact on the next generation: you.

Kids will always be important. Most parish's resources are focused 70-some percent to this with meager results. My hope in charting this new direction is that it will not only benefit our children in the short-term, but be something that strengthens the faith, love, and joy of families well beyond.

Keep attentive to our messages throughout the year for how we are doing our best to make it a reality.

Fr. Matt



Values

Experiencing The Holy Spirit

[www.icchicago.org/discover-ic/our-mission-values.cfm](http://www.icchicago.org/discover-ic/our-mission-values.cfm)

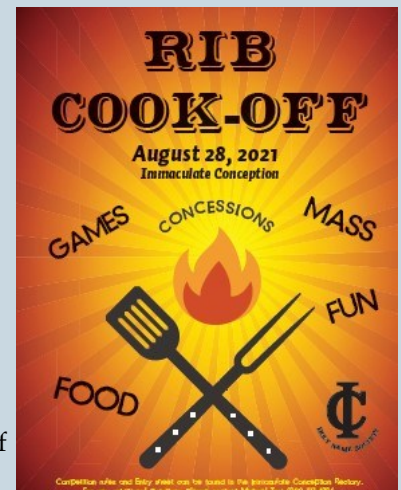

*We encourage people to believe in the Holy Spirit  
and experience His power in their lives.*

## IC School News...



On **Saturday, August 28<sup>th</sup>** IC will host our annual **Back To School Bash** to joyfully welcome back our students and their families in celebration of the beginning of a new school year. Varied games, activities (including a rib cook-off), and concessions will be featured throughout the evening concluding with a family-friendly movie that will begin at 8:00 P.M. As we continue to actively embrace our young school families as a parish, we will once again open the festivities by gathering as a community at **5:00 P.M.** to celebrate a special outdoor Mass on our Parish Greenspace with Fr. Matt & Fr. Robert presiding. Parishioners and guests of all ages are welcome to join us!

*Please be advised that this will be our only Mass offered on that Saturday.* If you are a faithful attendee of our 5:00 P.M. Mass and are not comfortable with the idea of attending Mass outside on that day (as we understand that health concerns might preclude you from doing so), please know that we apologize for the temporary inconvenience and we encourage you to consider attending one of our Sunday morning Masses on that particular weekend instead. In the event of rain, our Mass will be relocated to our Church while the other planned games & activities will relocate to our Parish Center.







Immaculate Conception School

# Back to School Bash

**Saturday, August 28 @ 5:00 PM**

Outdoor  
Mass



Movie

Rib Cook-Off



## SCHEDULE

**5:00 P.M.**

Outdoor Mass on the Parish Greenspace - bring a chair!

**6:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M.**

DJ, family games and concessions.

**6:30 P.M.**

IC Holy Name Men's Club  
Rib Cook-Off judging.

**8:00 P.M.**

Movie on the big screen!

Please contact Michael Tom  
at (847) 331-4884 for  
information regarding the  
IC Holy Name Men's Club  
Rib Cook-Off.

Sponsored by the IC Holy Name Men's Club, IC Parents Club, and the IC Athletic Committee.  
In the event of rain, Mass will be celebrated at 5:00 P.M. in the church. The Bash will be moved to the Parish Center.

*Please join our parish family in prayer ...*



Tom Altman  
Robert Behrman  
Sonia M. B.  
**Roberta Berger**  
John Bozek  
Vince Caeti  
Jackie Campbell  
Rita Castillo  
**Zita Castro**  
Donna Chaplin  
James Covello  
Ronnie Cunningham  
Paige Dicks  
Paula Drew  
Ozzie D'Souza  
Teresa Dzieciol  
Christina Dziekonski  
Richard Flanagan  
Brooke Foreman

*For those who are sick:*

Patricia Furgat  
Lila Gehner  
Ofelia Hernandez  
Kevin Jaburek  
Helga Jarosz  
Craig Kloss  
Lillian Kohut  
Dave Lewin  
Benny Martinez  
Edwin Martinez  
Frank Martinez  
Gerry Michalek, Jr.  
Sam Milazzo  
Molly Morris  
Veronica Murillo  
Timothy Murray  
Judith Nosko  
Mary Beth O'Grady  
Jackie O'Koniewski

David Olson  
Mary Potwora  
Helen Rasmussen  
Bill Remblake  
Pia Rizza  
David Rodriguez  
Elaine Schatz  
Jennie Sekula  
Don Skorey  
Dennis Slater  
Edward Stanczyk  
Marion Szumski  
Elaine Szvedo  
Donna Tisdale  
Camilla Trevino  
Steven P. Trifilio  
John F. Vargo  
Henry Wagener  
**\*Newly Added**

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:*

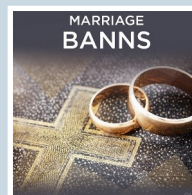
Martin J. "Marty" Kehoe, Jr. (Husband of Kathleen)  
Robert R. Paredes (Uncle of Roberta Jaburek)  
Raymond B. Stanis, Jr. (Husband of Nancy)



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

*For those preparing to be joined together in Holy Matrimony:*

Andrew Lance Geren and Caitlin Taylor Gorecki  
Anne Marie Murphy and Matthew Donald Mullally



"And the two shall become  
one..."

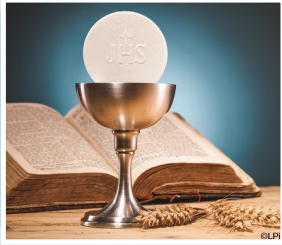
*For those who serve our country:*



**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, LCDR 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; Captain Colleen Bernal  
**U.S. Marines** - Sean Gronset, PFC Sebastian L. Rivera, Jr., PFC Christopher Hughes, PFC Algene D. Porticos, LCpl Daniel Wiczorek

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](http://vets.archchicago.org) that provides information that can be of assistance.





*Mass Intentions:  
Sunday, August 15<sup>th</sup>  
through  
Sunday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>*

**Sunday, August 15<sup>th</sup> - The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**  
5:00 P.M. (Saturday) - †Eugene Bielski; †Domingo Medrano (Birthday Remembrance); and Marillyn Pawlowski (Living) (Birthday)

8:30 A.M. — †Howard Schneider; and †Michael Naughton

10:30 A.M. — †Anna & Nicola Chiusolo; †Stanislaw Swiderski; †Melissa Bednarz; †Michael & Rose Jurcenko; †Michael Naughton; †Susano Paez; †Norina Krueger; †Francis & Moira Cross; †Nancy Jaderberg; and The People of the Parish

**Monday, August 16<sup>th</sup> - Saint Stephen of Hungary (Twentieth Week In Ordinary Time)**

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

**Tuesday, August 17<sup>th</sup> - Weekday**

8:30 A.M. — Gerry Michalek, Jr. (Living)

**Wednesday, August 18<sup>th</sup> - Weekday**

8:30 A.M. — †Michael & Mary Potwora (Living) (Wedding Anniversary Remembrance)

**Thursday, August 19<sup>th</sup> - Saint John Eudes, Priest**

8:30 A.M. — †Edwin Sikorski, Sr. (on his 26th Anniversary); and †Brian Dillon (on his 5th Anniversary)

**Friday, August 20<sup>th</sup> - Saint Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the Church**

8:30 A.M. — †Irene Czarnecki (Birthday Remembrance); †Milagros Bernardita San Juan (Birthday Remembrance); Marilyn Sadowski (Living) (Birthday); and Richard & Maria Kula (Living)

**Saturday, August 21<sup>st</sup> - Saint Pius X, Pope**

5:00 P.M. - †Barbara Konczal

**Sunday, August 22<sup>nd</sup> - Twenty-First Sunday In Ordinary Time**

8:30 A.M. — †Stanislaw Swiderski; †Barbara Kopfensteiner; †Barbara Konczal; †Alexander Zablocki; †Francis & Moira Cross; John & Diane Bozek (Living); and Stanley Flondro (Living)

10:30 A.M. — †Gregory G. Tomaino; †Rocco Chiusolo; †Sophie Oleksy; †Barbara Konczal; †Aida Miranda; †Michael Naughton; †Nancy Jaderberg; †Charlene (Speciale) Perri; and The People of the Parish



August 15<sup>th</sup> through August 21<sup>st</sup>  
Our Sanctuary Lamp is burning this week  
for the repose of the soul of

Michael Joseph  
Potwora

August 15<sup>th</sup> through August 20<sup>th</sup>  
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

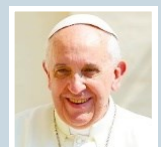
August 15<sup>th</sup> through August 20<sup>th</sup>  
Our St. Joseph Votive is burning  
this week for the prayer intention of

Maureen  
(For Healing)

Requested by: Family & Friends

*Pope Tweet of the Week...*

*"Let us pray for the Church,  
that she may receive from the  
Holy Spirit the grace and  
strength to reform herself in  
the light of the Gospel."*





*Zayra Bautista*  
*Child of Sergio Ernesto & Jennifer Suarez Bautista*



*Kyle & Carla Krajcir*  
*and their children Dylan, Louie & Robert*

*Roberto & Melissa Diaz*  
*and their children Evan & Lyanna*



### 2021-2022 Registration:

Registration for our IC Religious Education Program will be held online beginning on **Wednesday, September 1<sup>st</sup>** and will conclude on **Friday, September 10<sup>th</sup>**

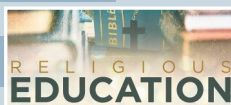
#### *First Day of Class:*

**Wednesday, September 15<sup>th</sup> – 4:00-5:00 P.M.**

Our Religious Education classes will be held primarily online for this School Year and will be taught by IC School Professional Teachers (most at the grade level they teach daily.) Classes will meet virtually on a weekly basis on

**Wednesdays from 4:00-5:00 P.M.** via Zoom Video

Conferencing. This year, all grade levels will also meet in-person for Religious Education Class on certain dates.



### Religious Education Tuition:

[Tuition fee includes all books and class materials]

One student per family (Grades 1-7): \$300

One student (Grade 8) (classes end on December 15<sup>th</sup>): \$150  
(plus Confirmation fee of \$50)

Tuition increases by \$100 per additional child

Confirmation fee (Grade 8): \$50

Communion fee (Grade 2): \$50

Registration fee (for first time families only): \$30

Late fee (after Tuesday, September 28<sup>th</sup>): \$50

First Tuition payment is due by: **September 15<sup>th</sup>**

Second Tuition payment is due by: **February 9, 2022**

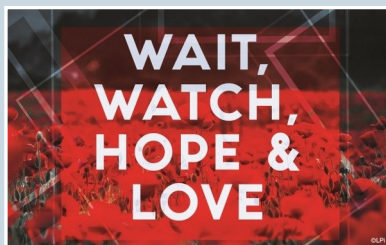
Please visit [www.icchicago.org](http://www.icchicago.org) for additional information or contact Julie Szvedo (Religious Ed. Coordinator) at [szvedo@iccowboys.net](mailto:szvedo@iccowboys.net)



**Sunday:** Vigil: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2/Ps 132:6-7, 9-10, 13-14 [8]/1 Cor 15:54b-57/Lk 11:27-28 Day: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16 [10bc]/1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56  
**Monday:** Jgs 2:11-19/Ps 106:34-35, 36-37, 39-40, 43ab and 44 [4a]/Mt 19:16-22  
**Tuesday:** Jgs 6:11-24a/Ps 85:9, 11-12, 13-14 [cf. 9b]/Mt 19:23-30  
**Wednesday:** Jgs 9:6-15/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [2a]/Mt 20:1-16  
**Thursday:** Jgs 11:29-39a/Ps 40:5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10 [8a and 9a]/Mt 22:1-14  
**Friday:** Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22/Ps 146:5-6ab, 6c-7, 8-9a, 9bc-10 [1b]/Mt 22:34-40  
**Saturday:** Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17/Ps 128:1b-2, 3, 4, 5 [4]/Mt 23:1-12  
**Next Sunday:** Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b/Ps 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19, 20-21, 22-23 [9a]/Eph 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32/Jn 6:60-69



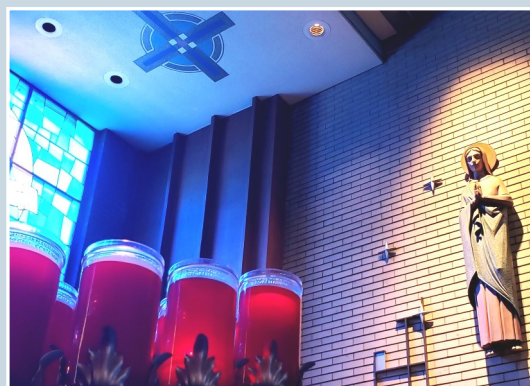
### *Gospel Meditation - Encourage a Deeper Understanding of Scripture*



They are courageous, wise women who ground us, focus us, and inspire us. They are the good mothers who walk with us and light our way. They teach us life lessons and help us heal and navigate through challenges and difficulties. We need people to point the way. Sometimes, these wise ladies are not our biological mothers but women in our lives, who through their strong and faithful presence, anchor us and remind us that we are loved. We need these women. Human beings do their best when they have cheerleaders in their lives. They show us that even when facing despair there is always a brighter tomorrow.

Jesus needed his mother. She had to be that faithful anchor, that guiding presence, in his life. Jesus needed to be affirmed and encouraged just like any other human being and Mary had to be there, right by his side, doing precisely that. Even when her heart was pierced as he was nailed to a tree, she did not give up hope. Most certainly, she continued to wait, watch, hope, and love until he took his final breath. That's what mothers do. Even when their heart breaks, they persevere.

Today, our Blessed Mother is our cheerleader once again. Taken up to heaven in body and soul, she points to and directs us toward our final destiny. Life eternal waits! Any disappointment, fear, or anxiety can be set aside as she gently reassures us of God's love and promise. Always a mother filled with grace and hope, she calls us to reaffirm our faith in God and in the gifts we have each been given. We can persevere and do what we need to do to live life well, with faith, hope, and love as our guiding lights. Knowing who we are and who we will one day become helps us to better chart the course and direction of our earthly lives. Looking to the example of our Blessed Mother, we receive the assurance we need. ©LPi



### *Ministry Schedules: Saturday, August 21<sup>st</sup> & Sunday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>*

	Saturday 5:00 P.M.	Sunday 8:30 A.M.	Sunday 10:30 A.M.
Presiders	Fr. Robert Fedek	Fr. Robert Carlton	Fr. Matthew Heinrich
Lectors	E. Kinzie & D. Mroz	J. Semmler & N. Kremer	N. Schroeder
Cantors	E. Doyle	Vocal Quartet & Violin	Vocal Quartet
Extraordinary Ministers	E. Kinzie	D. Sebastian	J. Campbell
Altar Servers	C. Beach; I. Cox; M. Gallagher	K. Giannola; O. Magruder; E. Miehllich	P. Beckman; S. Eaglin; M. Eaglin

**Lectors:** 2021 Lector Workbooks are available for pick up in our Sacristy as well as in our Parish Office. If you have not already received your copy, please remember to pick one up at your earliest convenience.

**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 Bednarz**  
**Vincent Kennedy**, Director of Operations  
**Scott Will**, Director of Worship  
**Melissa Anna**, Office Administration & Communications/  
 Bulletin Editor  
**Marilyn Sadowski**, Receptionist  
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**Tina Fitzgerald**, Assistant Principal  
**Julie Szwedo**, Religious Education Coordinator  
**Lisa Kessler**, School Accountant  
**Mary Haley**, School Secretary

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**What's Happening @ IC...****Monday, August 16<sup>th</sup> –**

**5:00-10:00 P.M.** – IC HNMC Annual Chicago  
 White Sox Baseball Outing; Tommy's on  
 Higgins/Guaranteed Rate Field  
**7:00-8:30 P.M.** – Alpha Team Training Mtg.;  
 RA

**Tuesday, August 17<sup>th</sup> –**

**6:30-8:30 P.M.** – Parish Finance Council Mtg;  
 RA

**Wednesday, August 18<sup>th</sup> –**

**8:30-11:30 A.M.** – IC School Teacher Mass & Presentation with  
 Fr. Matt; CH/RA

**11:00 A.M.-Noon** – RCIC Mtg.; RCR

**Thursday, August 19<sup>th</sup> –**

**6:30-7:30 P.M.** – RCIC Mtg.; RCR

**6:30-7:30 P.M.** – Preschool Parent Mtg.; SC (Classrooms)

**Friday, August 20<sup>th</sup> –**

**8:00 P.M.** – Men's Basketball; PC

**Sunday, August 22<sup>nd</sup> –**

**11:30 A.M.-1:00 P.M.** – Evangelization Team Mtg.; RA

**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](http://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](mailto:parishbulletin@icchicago.org) (\*Please note: new email address.)