

Welcome to
Immaculate Conception Parish

A Catholic Community Inviting People to Follow Christ

August 16, 2020 - Twentieth Sunday In Ordinary Time



*"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

Love God, Serve Others, Make Disciples



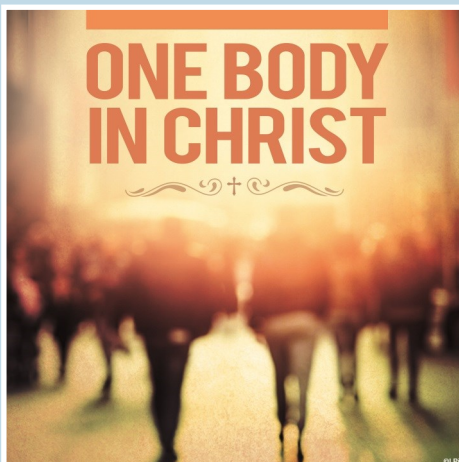
Gather with us virtually as we pray with, and for, one another during our Masses which are broadcast live through **Twitch TV** (www.twitch.tv/icchicago) and through **Facebook Live** on our Facebook page: *Immaculate Conception Parish Chicago (Talcott)*. Direct links to both platforms are easily accessible on our parish website (www.icparish.net). For your convenience, all Masses are recorded and archived for a limited time.



Jimmy & Verna Manivong and their children Samantha & Miles

James & Michelle Ehrhard and their children Adriana, Alexandra & Nicholas

Wilma Jean Bongiorno



Phase 2 Reopening Mass Schedule:

**Sunday Mass in Church (with reserved seating)
@ 8:30 A.M. & 10:30 A.M.**

**Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary -
Saturday, August 15th @ 10:00 A.M. in Church
(with reserved seating)**

Please visit www.icparish.net to register.

**First Friday Mass & Adoration in Church (with reserved seating)
@ 5:30 P.M. (September 4th)**

Worship with IC from home...

Sunday Virtual Mass @ 10:30 A.M.

Daily Virtual Mass @ 7:00 P.M. (Monday through Friday)



Opportunities for **Confessions** will be offered on the first and third Tuesdays of each month from **6:00-7:00 P.M.**

Next Opportunity: *August 18th

***Reservations are required.**

Support IC through Give Central...

We are truly grateful for the continued generosity of our faithful parishioners as we would not be able to maintain our parish and continue our mission without you.

If you are able, please consider contributing electronically via Give Central at www.givecentral.org/location/349 to assist us in maintaining the vital ministries and services we provide on behalf of our community. If you have any questions regarding setting up your online donations through Give Central, please contact our Parish Office at 773.775.3833 and a member of our Parish Staff will be happy to assist you.

If you would prefer to support our parish with an offertory donation through cash or check, please mail your envelopes to our Parish Office at:

7211 W. Talcott Avenue, Chicago, IL. 60631.



"You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God." - 2 Corinthians 9:11



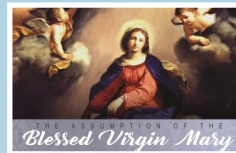
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are still actively recruiting additional volunteers to help staff our Greeting and Cleaning teams (led by our dedicated Captains, Darlene Mroz & Joe Jummati). If the Spirit moves you and you would like to volunteer to assist us with our ongoing reopening process, please complete our Parish Reopening Team Volunteer Form located at: <https://forms.gle/irmheB4qaeyPtDQu7>. (A direct link to our volunteer form is also easily accessible on our parish website at www.icparish.net.) Thank you for your prayerful consideration!

"The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few; so ask the master of the harvest to send out laborers for his harvest" - Luke 10:2



**WITH JOYFUL HEARTS,
WE WELCOME OUR
NEWLY BAPTIZED.**



To honor our patroness on the **Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**, we will offer a special Mass at: ***10:00 A.M. this Saturday,**

August 15th (with Fr. Robert Carlton presiding.) ***Due to limited attendance restrictions, reservations are required.**

As it falls on a Saturday, it is not considered a Holy Day of Obligation this year, but we still encourage you to gather with us in prayer on this special day (if you are able.)



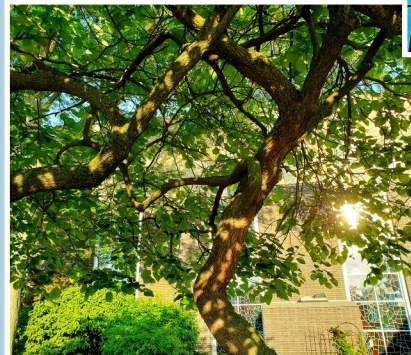
*Jackson Robert-Paul Konczal
Child of Jeremy Paul Konczal and Anna Gibes*

Immaculate Conception
First Day of School!
August 24
WELCOME HOME
We can't wait to see you!

Immaculate Conception Parish



Photograph Courtesy of Fr. Matt





IC Holy Name Men's Club Fundraiser

Dino's Pizza & Italian Restaurant



7004 W. Higgins Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60656
773.763.4077

From: **August 22, 2020** To: **August 29, 2020**

This Coupon Preferred - Dine-In, Carryout & Delivery

Proceeds Benefit: Immaculate Conception Parish & School

Food Total: \$ _____ Date: _____

Why Do We Do That? Catholic Life Explained...

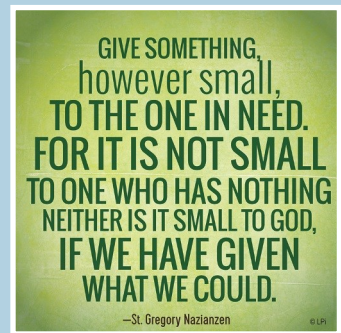
The Giving of Treasure

Question:

Why are Catholics required to give money to the Church?

Answer:

Offering money and other goods to God and the Church is, before all else, a statement of gratitude. We see this when we look at how our spiritual ancestors showed their gratitude to God for the gifts they had received (e.g. Genesis 14:18-20 and Genesis 28:16-22). One of the ways they offered thanks to God was through a practice called "tithing," in which 10 percent of a person's goods (crops, livestock, money, etc.) were given back to God.



Today, the practice of tithing — giving 10 percent — is still common in many Protestant communities, but it is not required for Catholics. Instead, the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* teaches us that, "The faithful also have the duty of providing for the material needs of the Church, each according to [their] own abilities" (no. 2043). This means that, although we are not bound to practice "tithing" in the traditional sense, we do share a responsibility to share our money or other resources with our parish communities. Like our spiritual ancestors, we give as a sign of our gratitude for the many gifts that God has given to us. Beyond this, we also share our resources with other Catholic organizations to help them finance their ministries, to continue and grow their outreach to the poor and the needy, and to provide just wages for their employees.

How much we give depends on our individual circumstances, but since we share a responsibility for the programs, outreach, and health of our parish communities and Catholic organizations, this question gives us a wonderful opportunity to ask some important questions about the quality of our giving and what our priorities are. Remember, we are only stewards of our time, talents, and treasures and as the First Letter of Peter reminds us, "As each one of you has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied graces" (4:10).

Please join our parish family in prayer ...



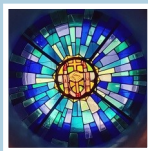
For those who are sick:

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| Tom Altman* | Irene Hand | Mary Beth O'Grady |
| Concetta Bartucci | Ofelia Hernandez | Jackie O'Koniewski |
| Melissa Bednarz | Esther Jarosh* | Mary Potwora |
| Celerina Behrman | Nancy Kinzie | Bill Remblake |
| Robert Behrman | Craig Kloss | Sebastian L. Rivera |
| Sonia M. B. | Lillian Kohut | David Rodriguez |
| Vince Caeti | Arlene Lacey-Beyna | Elaine Schatz |
| Jackie Campbell | Richard Losik | Thomas Skorupa |
| Rita Castillo | Benny Martinez | Edward Stanczyk |
| James Covello | Edwin Martinez | Eileen Staunton* |
| Sherry Crocifisso | Frank Martinez | Donna Tisdale |
| Ronnie Cunningham | Jan Merino | Steven P. Trifilio |
| Richard Flanagan | Veronica Murillo | John Varallo |
| Brooke Foreman | Timothy Murray | |
| Lila Gehner | Mae O'Donnell | *Newly Added |

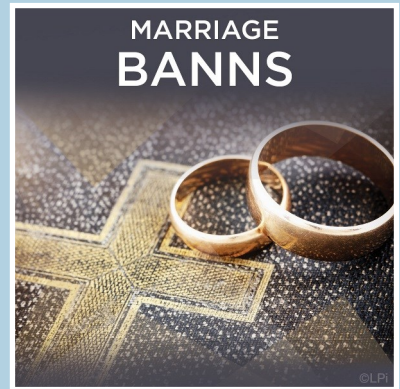
If you wish to have your name included in our prayer list (or removed), please contact our Parish Office at 773.775.3833.

For those preparing to be joined together in Holy Matrimony:

Margaret Alexandra Crnkovich and Brian Garrett Felke



"And the two shall become one..."
- Ephesians 5:31

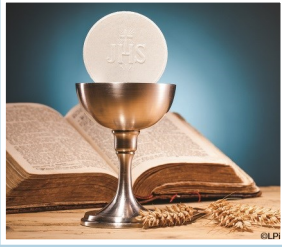


For those who serve our country:



- 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, August 16th through
Sunday, August 23rd**

Sunday, August 16th - Twentieth Sunday In Ordinary Time

5:00 P.M. (Saturday) - †Eugene Bielski; †Howard J. Schneider; †Edward Labuz; and †William & Anne Bokina (on their 22nd Anniversary); and Helga Jarosz (Living)

8:30 A.M. — †Cathy Duffy (on her 1st Anniversary); †Catherine & Leon Lacey, Sr.; †Antoinette "Toni" Fabianski; and †Luz T. Maravilla

10:30 A.M. — †Nicola & Anna Chiusolo; †Rocco Chiusolo; †Francis & Moira Cross; †Krystyna Sadowska; †Leonardo Positano; and †Stanislaw Swiderski

6:00 P.M. - The People of the Parish

Monday, August 17th - Weekday

8:30 A.M. — †Adeline Rokicki; and †William Baxter

Tuesday, August 18th - Weekday

8:30 A.M. — †J. Daujotas & Family

Wednesday, August 19th - Saint John Eudes, Priest

8:30 A.M. — †Edwin Sikorski, Sr. (on his 25th Anniversary); †Brian Dillon (on his 4th Anniversary); and †Bob Galante, Sr. (Birthday Remembrance)

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

8:30 A.M. — †Irene Czarnecki (Birthday Remembrance); and Richard & Maria Kula (Living)

Friday, August 21st - Saint Pius X, Pope

8:30 A.M. — †B. Fuller

Saturday, August 22nd - The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

5:00 P.M. - The Allen, Bender & Tobin Families

Sunday, August 23rd - Twenty-First Sunday In Ordinary Time

8:30 A.M.- †Clementine Longo; †Francis & Moira Cross; †Ruben Castillo; †Stanislaw Swiderski (Birthday Remembrance); †Stasia Dzieciol; †John Perna; and Stanley Lyskanowski (Living)

10:30 A.M. — †Sophie Oleksy; †Charles Conlin; and †John Bacchi

6:00 P.M. — The People of the Parish



Pope Tweet of the Week...

"We are all in need of the Father who extends His hand to us. To pray to Him, to invoke Him, is not an illusion. Illusion is to think we can do without Him! Prayer is the soul of hope."





Sunday: Is 56:1, 6-7/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [4]/Rom 11:13-15, 29-32/Mt 15:21-28
Monday: Ez 24:15-24/Dt 32:18-19, 20, 21 [cf. 18a]/Mt 19:16-22
Tuesday: Ez 28:1-10/Dt 32:26-27ab, 27cd-28, 30, 35cd-36ab [39c]/Mt 19:23-30
Wednesday: Ez 34:1-11/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [1]/Mt 20:1-16
Thursday: Ez 36:23-28/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19 [Ez 36:25]/Mt 22:1-14
Friday: Ez 37:1-14/Ps 107:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [1]/Mt 22:34-40
Saturday: Ez 43:1-7ab/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14 [cf. 10b]/Mt 23:1-12
Next Sunday: Is 22:19-23/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6, 8 [8bc]/Rom 11:33-36/Mt 16:13-20



*Jesus said to her in reply, "O woman, great is your faith!
Let it be done for you as you wish."
And the woman's daughter was healed from that hour.
- Matthew 15:28*

Jesus initially reacts negatively to the Canaanite (Gentile) woman in a manner familiar to most Jews of that day. But Jesus showed the disciples that faith in Him transcends the historic divide between Jew and Gentile. When have you allowed your faith in Christ to heal a division?



Live the Liturgy - Inspiration for the Week...

As much as some folks may not want to admit it, we all want to be healed. Human beings suffer physically, mentally, socially, and spiritually. There are many wounds. Of all of the maladies that can afflict us, the ones that require the greatest attention are of a spiritual nature. What can happen if we are healed inwardly, brought back to center, and restored in our relationships, especially in our relationship with God? We will find the courage, strength, conviction, and hope needed to deal with the more tangible struggles that may not find an easy remedy. Inner strength, gained by persistent faith, is what allows strong, determined, and courageous people to overcome incredible challenges and hurdles. Be persistent in your faith, and seek the inner spiritual healing that you so desperately desire and need.

Gospel Meditation - Encourage a Deeper Understanding of Scripture



We are hardwired for wholeness and crave it. When something is broken, we want it fixed. If a part of our body is not working properly, we want it healed. How often do we find ourselves saying, "I'm tired of struggling with this cold, I can't wait for my surgery to heal, or I want my treatments to make me better." Wholeness and healing restore our relationships and make us free to love as we desire. We know very well how our limitations, imperfections, and brokenness really limit us. They can easily prevent us from being and doing what we want to do.

Our physical and emotional wounds and maladies are easier to identify. If my back hurts, I feel it and know what part of my body needs attention. If I am feeling intense anger, I can identify the emotion and take necessary steps to uncover its cause. Being persistent often brings greater and quicker results. But will pursuing and even achieving our physical and emotional healings really be enough? We forget that there is a deeper healing that we seek and desperately need. As we look around at humanity, there are some physical and emotional wounds and scars that cannot be made whole. They are limitations that must remain and, for one reason or another, cannot be rectified. Does this mean that the wholeness and healing that my being longs for is not possible for me? Must I settle with less than what God promises?

The answer is no. Ultimately, there is a desire that goes deeper than the physical and emotional. It is a desire that resides in our soul. What we really seek and thirst for is healing and wholeness for our soul. Inner strength, conviction, focus, grounding, love, hope, faith, courage, determination, peace, and connectedness are all words that center us on eternity. They direct us to a presence we discover in our core, which is none other than the presence of God. In God, we are healed. When we are persistent in reaching out to and establishing our relationship with God, real healing and wholeness begin to happen.

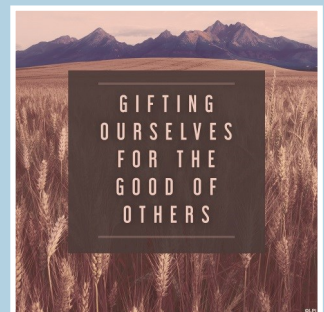
There are some limitations and some of our brokenness with which we may simply have to live. This does not mean that we have to abandon our journey to wholeness and healing. If we have done our inner soul work, we have worked toward and acquired what and who we ultimately need and desire.

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Everyday Stewardship – Recognize God in your Ordinary Moments

The Challenge of Stewardship...

Every day we are called by Christ to respond in some way. The more practice we have at giving of ourselves freely and living in His presence, the easier it is to discern that call. Once we hear the call, the choice is ours: will we respond with yes or no? We could say that we are not required to say yes because God has given us free will. However, our response speaks much to where we are in our maturity of faith. When we were children, the word "no" used to be one of our favorites. If we continue to say that as we get older, well, that says something about where we are in our walk with the Lord. If we truly are disciples of Jesus Christ and are serious about growing in our faith, we will say "yes." We are not required to say yes, but we say yes because that is who we have become.



This is the challenge of a stewardship way of life. Have we matured enough to say yes when God calls, regardless of how much our answer may cost us? What matters more to us: what it will cost us or our relationship with Jesus? Some days we will easily be able to say yes. The grace and love he gives us will be plenty to see us through whatever situation in which we find ourselves. However, we are imperfect beings and there will be days when we are more into ourselves than him. It is on those days that we find ourselves at a true crossroads of a challenge. The choice is always ours. Hopefully, our faith will be strong enough. His call is never for his own sake. He calls us because the world he created and the Church he instituted need us. They wait just as he does for our response.

– Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi

Connect...

Connect with our Parish Staff...

Although our Church building will be open on a limited basis, our Parish Office will continue to remain closed for the time being. In the meantime, our Parish Staff is still available to assist you. Please don't hesitate to contact us at 773.775.3833 (voicemails are monitored daily) or connect with us via email at frontdesk@icparish.info with any questions, concerns or needs that may arise during this time.

Please take comfort in the knowledge that you are loved, missed and prayed for daily by all of us.

Follow us on Facebook...

Groups you can join:

- Immaculate Conception Parish Chicago (Talcott)
- Immaculate Conception School Alumni Chicago, IL
- IC Cowboys (for current school parents only)

Pages you can "like":

- Immaculate Conception School Chicago
- Immaculate Conception Church



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.icparish.net for additional information.

Bulletin Deadline: The deadline for all bulletin submissions is Friday at Noon - 8 days prior to the Sunday it will appear. The email address is icparishbulletin@gmail.com.

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& YouTube...



<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCv5KKsLvpD9Q2yuAR8naK4A>

Events...

What's Happening @ IC...

- Tuesday, August 18th -**
8:00 A.M.-3:00 P.M. – School Faculty Mtg.; RA
- 6:00-7:00 P.M. –** Confessions; CH (*Reservations Required)
- 6:00 P.M. –** Finance Council Mtg.; RA/Zoom
- Thursday, August 20th -**
8:00 P.M. – School Board Mtg.; Zoom



For more information on upcoming events, or to register for our Masses or Confessions, please visit our parish website at www.icparish.net.

Please note: As a precautionary measure, all other previously scheduled activities, meetings, and events have either been canceled or postponed until further notice.

41st Ward Paper Shredding & Electronic Recycling Event



Saturday August 29
8:30 am – 11:30 am

Immaculate Conception Parish Center
7271 W. Talcott Ave.
(Enter Parking Lot from Odell)

***Please note TV's and Computer Monitors will NOT be accepted at this event.**

