

Welcome to
Immaculate Conception Parish

A Catholic Community Inviting People to Follow Christ

August 20, 2023 - Twentieth Sunday In Ordinary Time



O God, let all the nations praise you!

*"All who keep the sabbath free from profanation and hold to my covenant,
them I will bring to my holy mountain and make joyful in my house of prayer."*

- Isaiah 56:6-7

Love God • Serve Others • Make Disciples

Contact Us

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✉: parishoffice@icchicago.org

Parish Office Hours:

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

Special Collections @ IC: Maintenance, Music & Hospitality...

Dear all,

Last week's article was the preface to the following few months where I would like to discuss various things pertaining to stewardship and giving. My vision is not simply financial stability which, for many parishes, is simply breaking even. It is, rather, striving to improve our overall collection so that we can expand our efforts without playing catch-up every time. For that purpose, I would like to highlight a few special collections below which some of you may be aware, namely: **Maintenance, Music, and Hospitality.**



Maintenance:

Our **Maintenance** collection, marked by a green envelope in your monthly packet, covers a variety of projects and needs. Such things include our landscaping and care for our campus, which benefits both school and church. It also affords us the ability to act on small projects, such as painting our church restrooms. These funds also allow us the freedom to purchase replacement parts for machinery or varied items needed in our church, thereby facilitating a consistent maintenance schedule.



While this fund does not completely cover the cost of all maintenance, it helps to supplement our operational costs as well as more aggressively pursue upgrades and cosmetic changes. If you have not done so already, why not consider donating \$5 or \$10 dollars monthly to this fund, especially if you enjoy and make use of our campus? Recurring donations can even be set up on Give Central. (givecentral.org/location/349/event/7744)



Music Ministry:

Our **Music Ministry** collection, marked by a gray envelope, goes directly towards supplementing our guest instrumentalists, ensembles for Holy Days, and even our weekly cantors who elevate our music during Mass.



Scott and I strive to bring the highest quality to all parts of our weekend liturgies as we view regular Sunday worship as the high point of our community's prayer. As such, we dedicate resources to elevate that prayer for everyone who comes to worship with us, parishioner and guest alike. With that said, beautiful liturgies do come at a monetary cost, which is supplemented by our **Music Ministry** Fund. If you have been moved by our music on Holy Days or any given Sunday, or if you have visited places where music and audio is sometimes an afterthought, I believe you can agree that our Music Program offers top quality service to our community.



You can contribute through a specialized envelope or Give Central. (givecentral.org/location/349/event/17649) 2022 was a challenging year for us as inflation and the overall state of the economy left our Music Ministry in a slight deficit position compared to our fiscal year budget. If you consider yourself a patron of the arts, perhaps you might consider an offering to Music Ministry. Even giving something as simple as \$5 dollars a month would be tremendous. For those of you already contributing, we thank you for your continued generosity!



Hospitality:

One of our newest special collections, **Hospitality** encompasses several events and efforts that are new or modified here at IC. *Coffee House* (1st Sundays), *New Parishioner Breakfasts* (Quarterly), and *Family Masses* all benefit from our newly formed Hospitality Line. Special events and food services associated with our Masses, *Alpha*, ministry training, and Seminarian formation are contained under hospitality as well. Hospitality is not just how we welcome guests, but how we treat each other, strengthening our relationships by spending that extra time to grow and pray with one another.

You may give via envelope or check and simply indicate "**Hospitality**" in the memo section. We will be creating a special online option soon. If you have benefited from our hospitality and would like to help us expand how we offer it, please consider giving!



WITH JOYFUL HEARTS,
WE WELCOME OUR
NEWLY BAPTIZED.



Luca Jack Denza
Child of Steven Paul & Leah Jeannette (Feingold) Denza



Liam Orlando McCaffrey
Child of Joseph Mungovan & Natalia Maria (Ruiz) McCaffrey



Anthony Vincent Napoli
Child of Joseph Anthony & Joanne Louise (Valentino) Napoli



Miles Moloney Sever
Child of David Mark & Mary Alice (Moloney) Sever

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

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Golden Wedding Anniversary 2023



WE NEED VOLUNTEERS!

**EUCCHARISTIC
MINISTERS**

There will be a training session with Fr. Matt for all those interested in serving our IC community as a *Eucharistic Minister* **this 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

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)



Congratulations to all of the couples celebrating 50 years of Marriage this year!

The *Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass* is scheduled to be held on **Sunday, September 17, 2023** at **2:30 P.M.** The Mass will be celebrated at *Holy Name Cathedral*, 735 North State Street, Chicago, IL. 60654. For more information, please visit:

pvm.archchicago.org/events/golden-wedding
or email gwa@archchicago.org.

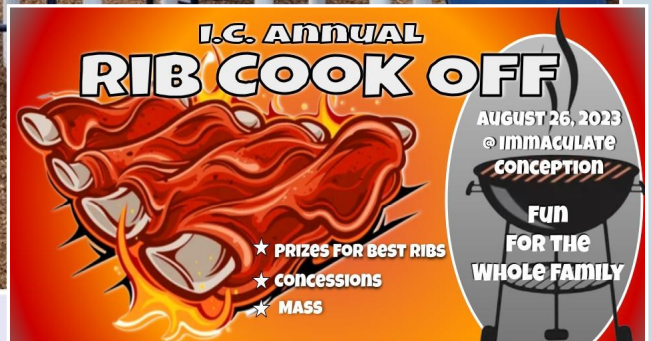
Please register by: **September 15, 2023**

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
Joan Geiger
 Gloria Hernandez
 Ofelia Hernandez
 Mike Hickey
 Judy Hull
 Mary Ann Hurtig
 Kevin Jaburek
 Vioian Jester
 Stephanie Kamenicky
 Wayne Kinzie, Sr.
 Donna Kirk
 Craig Kloss
 Ronald Kogol
 Lillian Kohut
 Katherine Kreuser
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 Jill Swagler
 Alma T.
 Donna Tisdale
 Beckie Tomala
 Steven P. Triflio
 Mary Ellen Vanderman
 Louis Ward
 Miss Westhoff
 Rita Zambon

***Newly Added**

For our faithful departed:

Mary Moore
 Rev. Michael G. Scherschel



*"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 20th
through
Sunday, August 27th*

Sunday, August 20th – Twentieth Sunday In Ordinary Time

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

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

Monday, August 21st – Saint Pius X, Pope

8:30 A.M. – †Christopher Gaca (Birthday Remembrance); and †Marta Seibert

Tuesday, August 22nd – The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:30 A.M. – †Poor Souls In Purgatory

Wednesday, August 23rd – Saint Rose of Lima, Virgin

8:30 A.M. – †Paul, Gloria & Steven Budziak

Thursday, August 24th – Saint Bartholomew, Apostle

8:30 A.M. – †Arthur & Dolores Capra (Wedding Anniversary Remembrance)

Friday, August 25th – Saint Louis; Saint Joseph Calasanz, Priest

Saturday, August 26th – Weekday

5:00 P.M. – †Ilse “Elsie” Trapler (Birthday Remembrance); †Walter Herschbach; †Stanislaw Swiderski; †Angeline Rutkowski (on her 38th Anniversary); and †Alan Myers

Sunday, August 27th – Twenty-First Sunday In Ordinary Time

8:30 A.M. – †Ellen P. Cummings; and †Teresa Lederer

10:30 A.M. – †Frank & Margherita Martino; †John Bacchi; †Nolberta Loayza; †Frank O’Grady; †Pat Meade; †Julia Green; †Frank & Rose Cirone; †Francis & Moira Cross; Jennifer & Loreto LoBosco (on their 25th Wedding Anniversary) (Living); Enrique Pena (Living); Mary Guidi (Living); and The People of the Parish



August 20th through August 26th

Our Sanctuary Lamp is burning this week for the prayer intention of

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

Requested by: Ray & Jan Ehrlich

August 20th through August 25th

Our Blessed Mother Votive is burning this week for the repose of the soul of

Ellen P. Cummings

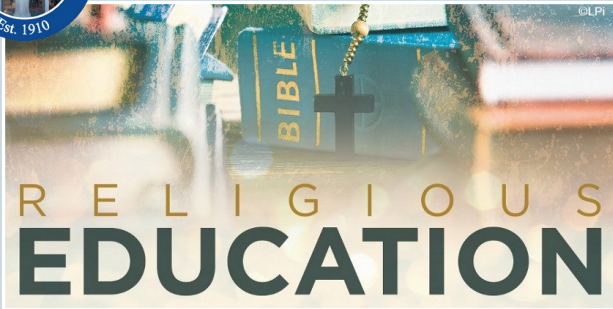
August 20th through August 25th

Our St. Joseph Votive is burning this week for the prayer intentions of

Deacon Rick & Carol Moritz

Pope Tweet of the Week...

“Let us remain with Christ. Let us always try to be one with Him. Let us follow Him. Let us imitate Him in his movement of love, in how He goes out to encounter others. Let us go forth. Let us have the audacity to trace new paths for proclaiming the Gospel.”



**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:

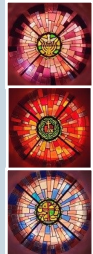
Wednesday, September 13th – 4:00-5:00 P.M.

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.

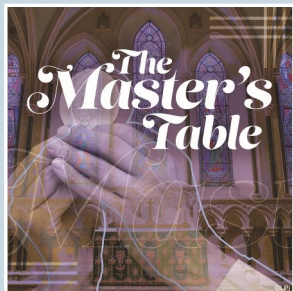
2023-2024 Religious Education Tuition:

[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



The suffering of a child symbolizes uniquely terrible evil as well as despair about the future. This week's Gospel gives a "limit" case in which Jesus encounters this evil in the form of a mother with a suffering daughter. What he does is stunning and massively helpful for us if we bravely ponder the details.

The Canaanite woman comes to Jesus and begs his mercy. "My daughter is tormented by a demon," she declares to him. Shockingly, he responds first with silence, then with a dismissive comment, and only then finally accedes to her third request. Is this simply a lesson in perseverance in our petitions to God, who is like a genie in a bottle? Does that justify the humiliation and pain this woman suffers? Is the Lord cruel?

I don't think so. Notice how the encounter ends. She compares herself to a dog at the table of a master. Jesus responds by praising her great faith and fulfills her deep desire. Somehow this non-Israelite woman intuitively senses that this harrowing situation is not dumb suffering. She senses that the door of God's family is, in Jesus, being opened to her and her loved ones. She trusts she is at the Lord's table, and her desires will be fulfilled and that all her sufferings — and her daughter's, too — will lead a great banquet. In our sufferings this week, the Lord wants us to treat him less like a genie in a bottle and more like the Master who has taken us — lost little dogs that we are — into his home forever. Trust that and keep praying in the face of evil. — *Father John Muir* ©LPi



You're Invited...

**Join us for our upcoming
Fall 2023
Alpha Session @ IC!**

Alpha allows you to explore questions of the Christian faith in an open-minded and friendly environment. There's no cost and no pressure! Just lots of great conversation and space to think.

Each session begins with a meal, followed by a video presentation, then small group discussion. An hour and a half of the best time you will spend in an evening - or weekend morning!

Sign up now... spots are limited and fill up fast! Visit us at: icchicago.org/connect/alpha.cfm for more information and to register.

Saturday Morning Sessions Begin: September 16th (8:30 - 10:00 A.M.)

Monday Evening Sessions Begin: September 18th (7:00 - 8:30 P.M.)

Alpha

Ministry Schedules: Saturday, August 26th & Sunday, August 27th

	Saturday 5:00 P.M. Mass (Back To School Mass)	Sunday 8:30 A.M. Mass	Sunday 10:30 A.M. Mass
Presiders	Fr. Robert Fedek	Fr. Robert Fedek	Fr. Matthew Heinrich
Lectors	L. Christy	J. Semmler	N. Kanoon
Cantors	E. Doyle	Vocal Trio	Vocal Trio
Extraordinary Ministers	R. Altman	C. Mulligan; D. Sebastian D. Zamirowski	J. Campbell; K. Sanchez; R. Siciliano; D. Mroz;
Altar Servers	S. Gillespie; D. Gillespie; B. Yak	T. Cox; J. Galeno; A. McMahon	K. Catomer; J. Nelson TBA



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Fr. Robert Fedek, Weekend Assistant
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What's Happening @ IC...

Monday, August 21st – School Begins (Grades 1-8):

1:30 P.M. Dismissal
8:30-9:30 A.M. - Preschool & Kindergarten Orientation For Parents & Students; SC
9:00 A.M.-Noon – Back To School 8th Grade Parent Brunch; @ Nil Bar

Tuesday, August 22nd – All Grades In Session

(P3-Grade 8): 3:10 P.M. Dismissal
6:30 P.M. – Alpha Executive Team Mtg.; RA

Wednesday, August 23rd -

8:30 A.M. – First School Mass; CH
7:00-8:00 P.M. – Rib Distribution For Rib Cook-Off; PC Kit.

Thursday, August 24th –

7:00-8:30 P.M. – Back To School Night/Meet The Teachers (Grades 1-8); PC/PH/Café/SG/Classrooms

Friday, August 25th –

8:15 P.M. – Men's Basketball; PC

Saturday, August 26th –

5:00 P.M. – Back To School Mass; CH
6:00-10:00 P.M. – Back To School Bash & Rib Cook-Off; PG/PC/East Lot/BA/PH/Café/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 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...

The Prayers God Always Answers...

When I was a child, my mother bought a book called "The Prayers God Will Always Answer." I remember my anticipation as I cracked the spine and turned to the first page.

I had been spending a lot of time asking God – begging God, actually – over and over again for some specific things that were not materializing. Frankly, it was beginning to feel a lot like that time I asked Santa Claus for a new house, only to wake up on Christmas morning to find ordinary, non-house-shaped presents under the tree – and a growing sense of suspicion that my faith had been ill-placed.

To the great disappointment of my pre-teen heart, my mother's book was not a directory of magical phrases God is compelled to obey. It was a list that included things like "Forgive me" and "Help me." I tossed it aside, disappointed.

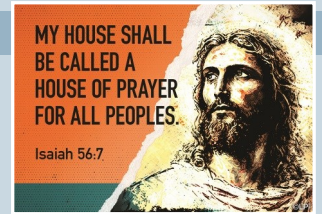
I marvel at the wisdom and the confidence of the Canaanite woman who persists in begging Jesus to heal her daughter. She is ignored, and still she will not be deterred. The disciples try to dismiss her – still, she presses on. Christ himself challenges her, and her faith makes her ready with a reply.

Somehow, I am sure that even if Christ had said, "No, it cannot be done for you as you wish," she would have still dropped to her knees and worshiped him, because she knew what I did not: God is not a vending machine, and he's not the genie from "Aladdin." Prayer is not a negotiation, but a relationship.

The story of the Canaanite woman is not a story about how to get God to give you what you want. It is a story about the prayers God always answers.

"Then Jesus said to her in reply, 'O woman, great is your faith!'" – Matthew 15:28

- Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman © LPI



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