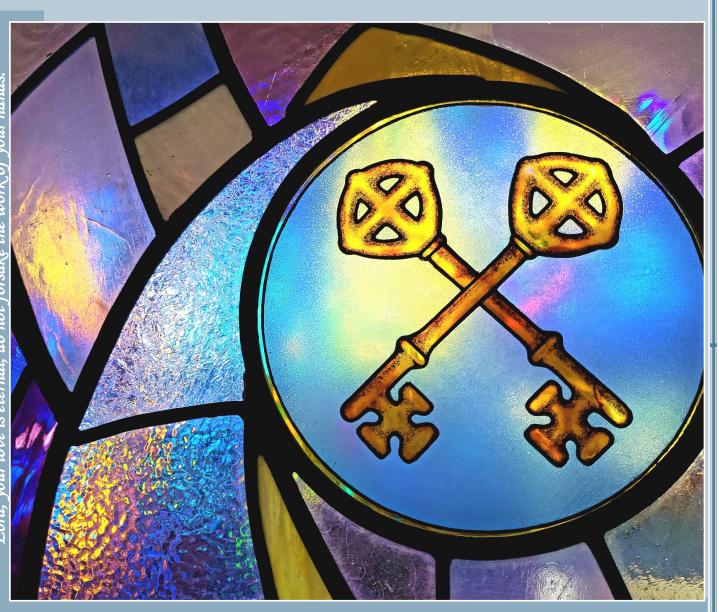
Welcome to

Immaculate Conception Parish

A Catholic Community Inviting People to Follow Christ

August 27, 2023 - Twenty-First Sunday In Ordinary Time



"And so I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven."
- Matthew 16:18-19

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Contact Us

]: 773.775.3833

Parish Office Hours:

: 7211 W. Talcott Avenue Chicago, IL. 60631

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

⊠: parishoffice@icchicago.org

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:

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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. (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:



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Parish Expenses...

Last week, I spoke briefly about our parish's special collections, and this week I would like to draw your mind to parish expenses.

A parish is a non-profit organization that falls under the larger umbrella of the Archdiocese of Chicago. A great deal of our expenses come from payroll, maintenance, and upkeep of our various programs. We also pay regular dues to the Archdiocese. Why? The parishes who are able to, according to their financial situations, help support



the functioning of the larger diocese as well as more disadvantaged parishes. The Archdiocese of Chicago is among the top three employers in the state of Illinois and provides well over 50% of all charitable work in the entire state. Our main offices assist many other dioceses who are often too financially inadequate for fuller staffs to serve a wide variety of needs (e.g., record keeping, legal advocacy, etc.).

In our case, as you can review annually from our parish reports, IC has recently produced a modest surplus of income. This, however, should be viewed in the light of many decades of deferred maintenance. No doubt you have seen our numerous projects, and many of them have addressed past needs. More recently, we have invested money into present ministries such as *Alpha, Connect, Music*, and *Hospitality*. We are also expanding our efforts this year with a pilot youth program (*IC Teen Club*) as well as more coordinated efforts of service.

All of these things come at a cost, directly funded by donations. Thankfully, we do have many volunteers, which makes the breadth of what we do possible, but we have also invested resources to train them, not only for their primary functions (i.e., ministries), but also in administration/leadership (e.g., recruitment, strategy, etc.). Investing in our leaders - staff or volunteers - is also essential. Organization and efficiency can do more with money and resources than anything else, and it is worth putting time into.

Perhaps many people view churches as just places where Masses and Sacraments happen, but we play a larger role in a local community, and even the city, than one might realize. Your continued support allows my staff, leaders, and me to find new ways to serve God and others. Please look forward to future articles on the subject and thank you for your generosity and time.

- Fr. Matt

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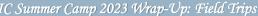
You're Invited...

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!

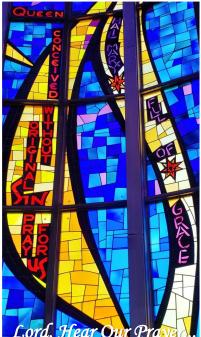
Sign up now... spots are limited and fill up fast! Visit us at: icchicago.org/connect/alpha.cfm for more information and to register.







Please join our parish family in prayer ...



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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 Camille Pavlis 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

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

*Newly Added

For our faithful departed:

Patricia Furgat

Wayne Martin (Father of Kerry Kraushaar)



"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 Wieczorek, 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 27th through Sunday, September 3rd

Sunday, August 27th – Twenty-First Sunday In Ordinary Time 5:00 P.M. (Saturday) — †Ilse "Elsie" Trapler (Birthday Remembrance); †Walter Herschbach; †Stanislaw Swiderski; †Angeline Rutkowski (on her 38th Anniversary); and †Alan Myers 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; Enrique Pena (Living); Mary Guidi (Living); and The People of the Parish

Monday, August 28th - Saint Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

8:30 A.M. → †Kathy Nasello (on her 12th Anniversary); †Maudie "Penny" Imundo; and Jackie Campbell (on her Birthday) (Living)

Tuesday, August 29th - *The Passion of Saint John the Baptist 8:30 A.M.* — †Poor Souls In Purgatory

Wednesday, August 30th - Weekday

8:30 A.M. — †Bernard Skaja, II (on his 3rd Anniversary); †Mary Keeley Grecek; Rose Hegarty (on her Birthday) (Living); and Abigail Gonsalves (Special Intention) (Living)

Thursday, August 31st - Weekday

8:30 A.M. → [†]Carmencita E. Gonzalez (on her Anniversary); and [†]Josephine Gonsalves (on her Anniversary)

Friday, September 1st - Weekday (World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation)

Saturday, September 2nd - Weekday

5:00 P.M.— †Stanislaw Swiderski; †Ido & Cecilia Bragagnolo; †Michael & Mary Potwora (Living) (Wedding Anniversary Remembrance); and Concordia S. Daylo (on her Birthday) (Living)

Sunday, September 3rd – Twenty-Second Sunday In Ordinary *Time*

8:30 A.M.- †Stefania Poniecki; †Stefania Komorek; and †Janina Drzazga

10:30 A.M. — [†]The Deceased Members of the Furgat Family; [†]Tommy Fuller; [†]Marie Frances Hagarty; [†]Karen Volante; [†]Nancy DeSalvo Albergo; [†]Francis & Moira Cross; and The People of the Parish

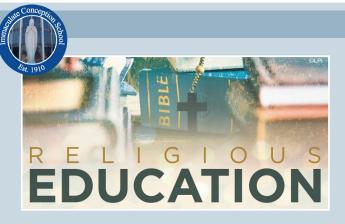


Pope Tweet of the Week...

"How good it is to live in gratitude and blessing instead of regrets and complaints, to raise our gaze upwards instead of wearing a long face! May our



Mother, assumed into Heaven, help us to climb higher each day through service and praise."



Immaculate Conception School Religious Education Program 2023-2024

Registration:

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

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.







Sacramental Dates:



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

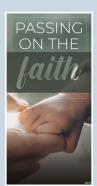


First Reconciliation [2nd Grade]: Wednesday, February 21, 2024 @ 7:00 P.M.



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

Labor Day Mass Schedule:

All are welcome to join us on **Monday**, **September 4**th for our Mass @ **10:00 A.M.** on **Labor Day** with *Fr. Matt* presiding.

Our Parish Office will be closed in observance of the Holiday.





Please join us as we will be making sandwiches for *The Port Ministries* (theportministries.org) on

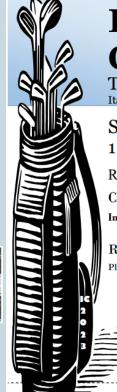


Thursday, September 7th at

6:00 P.M. in the Rectory Assembly. Please invite any others that might be interested. We appreciate you bringing lunch meat (ham, salami, or turkey – no cheese) and sliced bread donations. We will also be accepting donations of cases of water, bags of apples, and individual bags of chips. If you cannot attend and would like to drop off donations, you can do so that evening or call/text Nancy at 773.805.3254 to make the necessary arrangements.

Thank you so much!





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Please note that online registration requires a processing fee.

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Michael & Tamuna Piotrowski and their children Ellie & Olivia

Welcome to all visitors and guests! Interested in joining our IC Parish family! Register @ icchicago.org

Ministry Schedules: Saturday, September 2nd L Sunday, September 3nd

	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	L. Beckman	J. Lim
Cantors	E. Doyle	Vocal Trio	Vocal Trio
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What's Happening @ IC...

Monday, August 28th -

Children's Religious Education Program

Online Registration Begins

Wednesday, August 30th -

8:30 A.M. – School Mass; CH

7:00-9:00 P.M. - Parish Pastoral Council Mtg.; RA

Friday, September 1st —

3:00-4:00 P.M. – 8th Grade Class Event: Italian Ice;

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8:15 P.M. – Men's Basketball; PC

Sunday, September 3rd -

9:30-10:15A.M. - Confessions; CH



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Stay Connected @ IC:

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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...

Who Do You Say That I Am?...

I once knew a very devout woman whose adult Godchild had fallen away from the practice of the faith. This Godchild still believed in God, and even felt a sense of belonging in the Church. He was a good and kind person. But poor catechesis and a society that confuses pleasure with joy had left him lax in practice, without an appreciation of the sacraments. He was making choices that threatened his soul.

His godmother wanted more for him. She planned to speak with him about his life, hoping to encourage him to return to the practice of the faith. She knew that, when she brought this up, he would reply that it wasn't important to attend Mass or to receive the Eucharist, that was all just "extra."

She told me that she was going to begin their conversation by asking him the question Jesus poses to Peter in Matthew 16:15 — the critical question in all our lives, the question whose answer will define what we become in this world and the next.

Her Godson knew the answer. She was confident, unshakably, that he did. He may have forgotten it or ignored it. He may have tried to convince himself he wasn't entirely sure. He may have refused to give an answer. But he knew it. He knew the answer.

There is a reason that, after Peter's response, Jesus gives him the keys to the kingdom of heaven.

"Who do you say that I am?"

Let our whole lives be our answer.

"You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." - Matthew 16:16

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