Welcome to

Immaculate Conception Parish

A Catholic Community Inviting People to Follow Christ

August 29, 2021 - Twenty-Second Sunday In Ordinary Time



"Humbly welcome the word that has been planted in you and is able to save your souls.

Be doers of the word and not hearers only, deluding yourselves."

- James 1:21-22

Love God • Serve Others • Make Disciples

Contact Us

]: 773.775.3833

Parish Office Hours:

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

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

Membership-free platform where all are welcome to view our Masses and access content.

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. All are welcome!



Weekday Mass Schedule:

Online

Monday though 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**th)

(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

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.

Setting Clear Expectations

This past week, whether it was with our teachers, our students, or our parishioners, I made it a point to clearly communicate to everyone our expectations for the year.



On Sunday, I preached about our Mission Statement and Parish Values (found on our website: www.icchicago.org/discover-ic/our-mission-values.cfm) and how this is meant to express where we want to be as a community, and not where we are currently. In order to achieve our mission, we need to actively work towards it. Our goals, in the long-term, need to be lofty and bold, while our short-term goals need to be concrete and achievable if we are to feel any sense of progress.

To that end, I spoke with our teachers last Wednesday about their role as *ministers* in our school. It is true that they are employees, teachers, etc., but a Catholic school is a mission and ministry for the Church. A school is a place of education, and we educate ourselves to improve our lives. Furthermore, we improve our lives so that we can praise God more fully. As such, I've challenged our teachers to grow spiritually, to integrate faith more naturally into their classrooms, and to help me achieve our parish's mission.

With our students this past Wednesday, I spoke about my expectations for them. Our new School Mission Statement is as follows:

Immaculate Conception School is a vibrant and growing Catholic community. We take pride in giving each student an excellent Catholic education which *promotes academic and spiritual growth*. We prepare students to become involved citizens by instilling leadership, personal responsibility, and social awareness led by faith.

Coupled with our Parish Mission Statement, of which the last sentence states, "All parishioners are committed to worship, to connect, to grow, to serve, and to give," this is my expectation for our parents as well.

We know that our kids will not grow academically or spiritually without great expectations. We also know that every parent ought to look at our Mission Statement (for both our parish and school) and understand that they must also *take pride* in giving each student an excellent Catholic education.

No child grows without parental support—emotionally, physically, academically, or spiritually. My expectation for parents is very high, and much of what I do or decide is directly related to the degree that I feel we are achieving, that is, moving towards our mission. And so I ask our school parents: to commit yourselves more this year to worship with us on Sundays, to connect with our wider community, to grow personally, to serve others beyond your circle (and within), and to be generous to your faith.

The purpose of high expectations is not to be imposing or overbearing. Every teacher knows that high expectations spur children to grow by being challenged and engaged. Our parish can be so much more — our Mission Statement defines it — but we need to *actively work together* to build the Kingdom of God.

The ultimate mission of any parish is to seek God, listen to Him, follow Him, and love Him. It starts with a choice we make today.

Fr. Matt



Empowering Leaders For Ministry



www.icchicago.org/discover-ic/our-mission-values.cfn

We develop leaders who transform the world.



IC Men's Club GOLF OUTING

Hilldale Golf Club Hoffman Estates, IL

Sat. September 11, 2021 12pm - Shotgun Start

Registration begins 10:30am

COST: \$125 (\$110 if paid by 8/31/21)

\$100 (\$ 95 if paid by 8/31/21) Seniors: 65+

Includes: 18 holes golf, cart, lunch @ course, Dinner @ IC bowling alley & prizes!

For more info. or reservations, call:

Michael Tom (847) 331-4884

Ron Yak (773) 580-4868

Mike Carroll (773) 818-7585

Return form to IC Rectory: 7211 W. Talcott Ave. Chicago, IL 60631 Checks payable to: "IC Holy Name Men's Club"

Name(s):	Phone:	
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Welcome Back!

































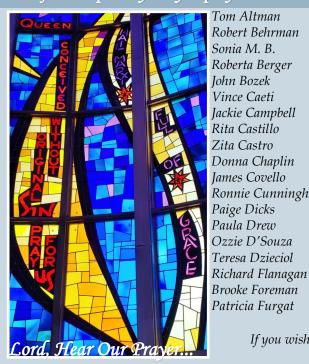






On Monday, August 23rd, we joyfully welcomed our new and returning students back to school for a new academic year!

Please join our parish family in prayer ...



For those who are sick:

Lila Gehner Ofelia Hernandez Kevin Jaburek Angie Jankowski Helga Jarosz Craig Kloss Lillian Kohut Dave Lewin Benny Martinez Edwin Martinez Frank Martinez Ronnie Cunningham *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 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:

Joan P. Boggins Eileen M. Feehan Dioselina Salas For those preparing to be joined together in Holy Matrimony:

Anne Marie Murphy and Matthew Donald Mullally



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



"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 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 29th through Sunday, September 5th

Sunday, August 29th - Twenty-Second Sunday In Ordinary Time 5:00 P.M. (Saturday - Outdoor Mass) - The People of the Parish 8:30 A.M. - †Stanislaw Swiderski; †Dioselina Salas; and Gene Dengler (Living)

10:30 A.M.—[†]Frank & Margherita Martino; [†]Deceased Members of The Palenica Family; [†]Francis & Moira Cross; [†]Annunziata Pascazio; [†]Kathy Nasello (on her 10th Anniversary); and [†]Michael Potwora (Birthday Remembrance)

Monday, August 30th - Weekday 8:30 A.M. - Mary Potwora (Living)

Tuesday, August 31st - Weekday

8:30 A.M. → †Mae Nelson (on her 1st Anniversary); and †Carmencita E. Gonzalez (on her 1st Anniversary)

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

8:30 A.M. - *Benedetta DiGati; and *Madeline & Raymond Laffey

Thursday, September 2nd - Weekday 8:30 A.M. - Concordia S. Daylo (on her 83rd Birthday) (Living)

Friday, September 3rd - Saint Gregory the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church

8:30 A.M. — †Ellen "Nellie" Gavin; and †Patricia P. Dunleavy 5:30 P.M. — †Estelita R. Garcia (Birthday Remembrance); and †Concetta Bartucci

Saturday, September 4th - Weekday 5:00 P.M. - [†]Edward Labuz

Sunday, September 5th – *Twenty-Third Sunday In Ordinary Time* 8:30 A.M.– †Albert Kern; and †Lourdes Baltazar (Birthday Remembrance)

10:30 A.M. – †Brian Dillon (Birthday Remembrance); †Tommy Fuller; †Stanislaw Swiderski; †Francis & Moira Cross; and The People of the Parish





Pope Tweet of the Week...

"God does not come to free us from our ever-present daily problems, but to free us from the real problem, which is the lack of love. This is the main cause of our personal, social, international and environmental ills. Thinking only



of ourselves: this is the father of all evils."







Mr. & Mrs. Andrew & Caitlin Geren

2021-2022 Registration:



EDUCATION

Registration for our IC Religious Education Program will be held online beginning this Wednesday, September 1st and will conclude on Friday, September 10th

First Day of Class: Wednesday, September 15th - 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 15th): \$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 28th): \$50

First Tuition payment is due by: September 15th Second Tuition payment is due by: February 9, 2022

Please visit www.icchicago.org for additional information or contact Julie Szwedo (Religious Ed. Coordinator) at szwedo@iccowboys.net



Sunday: Dt 4:1-2, 6-8/Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 4-5 [1a]/Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27/

Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Monday: 1 Thes 4:13-18/Ps 96:1 and 3, 4-5, 11-12, 13 [13b]/Lk 4:16-30

Tuesday: 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 [13]/Lk 4:31-37

Wednesday: Col 1:1-8/Ps 52:10, 11 [10]/Lk 4:38-44

Thursday: Col 1:9-14/Ps 98:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6 [2]/Lk 5:1-11 **Friday:** Col 1:15-20/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5 [2b]/Lk 5:33-39 Saturday: Col 1:21-23/Ps 54:3-4, 6 and 8 [6]/Lk 6:1-5

Next Sunday: Is 35:4-7a/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 [1b]/Jas 2:1-5/Mk 7:31-37

Gospel Meditation - Encourage a Deeper Understanding of Scripture



Albert Einstein said that the "true measure of intelligence is not knowledge but imagination." Being a disciple of Jesus Christ requires a great deal of imagination. It is not enough to simply attend to facts, rules and rituals and consider the job done. Quite contrarily, the Gospels demand creativity, of trying to discern how to put flesh on the Beatitudes and properly serve God's children. Jesus never doled out a top down agenda. Not once did he ever demand conformity over conversion or sacrifice over mercy. The Gospel is always about putting

people in touch with their compassionate, forgiving, and unconditionally loving God and meeting them where they are.

For Jesus, it often meant breaking a few rules. Well respected and time-honored traditions had to be set aside in order to attend to what really mattered. God's compassion, mercy and true conversion were always the trump cards. The story of the Good Samaritan, healing on the Sabbath, and bypassing of purification rituals all display this theme. Human beings can get too hung up on protocol and tradition. This is so much so that often preserving all of these things is of greater concern than the beggar knocking on our door or the sinner looking for mercy. It is no wonder, then, that we can easily become hypocritical. Many can see us on our knees in prayer while our true heart and actions, rooted in judgment and self-preservation, are hidden from others. It is a trap into which we can easily fall. Who cares how we live our lives as long as our hands are properly washed!

Here enters the need for imagination and the distinction of truly being a wise and intelligent person. It takes a good measure of creativity and a lot of guts to really be a doer of God's word and not merely a hearer. Being a person who doesn't just tell people about God but shows people God requires courage and ingenuity. That's why people like St. Francis of Assisi and St. Teresa of Calcutta are timeless. Their genuineness speaks volumes generation to generation. It's risky business taking the step to allow God into our hearts. Permitting God to release us from the grip of our evil thoughts, infidelity, greed, malice, sexual improprieties, licentiousness, envy, arrogance, folly, and the like takes courage. That's why we prefer to spend our energy rearranging the future rather than take measures to secure a foundation that is most certainly crumbling. ©LPi

Ministry Schedules: Saturday, September 4 th L Sunday, September 5 th				
	Saturday 5:00 P.M.	Sunday 8:30 A.M.	Sunday 10:30 A.M.	
Presiders	Fr. Matthew Heinrich	Fr. Matthew Heinrich	Fr. Matthew Heinrich	
Lectors	S. Serb & R. Altman	J. Semmler & L. Christy	N. Schroeder	
Cantors	J. Malecki	E. Duffley & Violin	E. Duffley & Guitar & Bass	
Extraordinary Ministers	S. Witz	C. Mulligan	J. Campbell	
Altar Servers	I. Cox; S. Eaglin; M. Eaglin	O. Magruder; E. Miehlich; B. Yak	P. Beckman; K. Giannola; E. Peters	

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 Bernadette Anna, Parish Sacristan Michael La Haye, Head of Maintenance Anthony Vitali, Maintenance

Our School Staff:

Sue Canzoneri, Principal
Tina Fitzgerald, Assistant Principal
Julie Szwedo, Religious Education Coordinator
Lisa Kessler, School Accountant
Mary Haley, School Secretary

What's Happening @ IC...

Monday, August 30th –

7-8:30 P.M. - Alpha Team Training Mtg.; RA

Wednesday, September 1st -

IC Religious Education Program — Online Registration Begins (Sept. 1st through Sept. 10th) 8:30 A.M. — School Assembly Mass; Church 11:00 A.M.-Noon — RCIC Mtg.; RCR

<u>Thursday, September 2nd</u> — 6:30-7:30 P.M. — RCIC Mtg.; RCR 8-9:30 P.M. — Holy Name Men's Club Mtg.; BA

<u>Friday, September 3rd</u> — 5:30 P.M. — First Friday Mass; Church 6:00-7:00 P.M. — First Friday Nocturnal Eucharistic Adoration; Church 8:15 P.M. — Men's Basketball; PC

<u>Saturday, September 4th —</u> Alpha Table @ 5:00 P.M. Mass

Sunday, September 5th — Alpha Table @ 8:30 A.M. & 10:30 A.M. Masses





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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 (*Please note: new email address.)