

Welcome to
Immaculate Conception Parish

A Catholic Community Inviting People to Follow Christ

August 30, 2020 - Twenty-Second Sunday In Ordinary Time



*“Jesus said to his disciples, “Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself,
take up his cross, and follow me.” - Matthew 16:24*

Love God, Serve Others, Make Disciples

Immaculate Conception Parish



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.



Steven & Voula Nowicki and their children Jacob & Sophia



Catholic Charities Collection

Give to Spread Hope...

Today, our second collection will support Catholic Charities and lift-up our most vulnerable neighbors across Chicagoland who are facing extraordinary challenges right now. Please offer your most generous donation to the second collection to help ease the burden of poverty, hunger, homelessness, unemployment, abuse, addiction or aging.

To learn more or to make a gift, please visit:
www.catholiccharities.net

Phase 2 Reopening Mass Schedule:

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

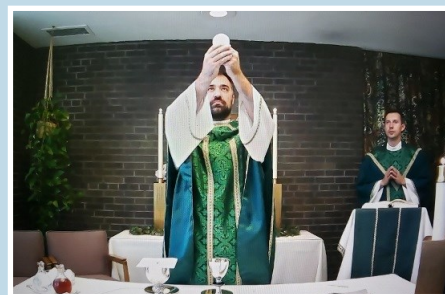
First Friday Mass & Adoration in Church (with reserved seating) @ 5:30 P.M. on September 4th

Please visit www.icparish.net to register.

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.**

***September 1st & September 15th**

***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 your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God." - 2 Corinthians 9:11

The Power of Prayer II - Praise

In my previous article on prayer (which was featured in our August 2nd bulletin), I spoke about eight main types of prayer. As you may recall, I encouraged you to consider trying a new way of communicating with God, as normally, prayer for us is either asking God for something (*Intercession*), or thanking Him for something (*Thanksgiving*). To that end, I would like to give a brief explanation of the six remaining types of prayer. I will italicize the ones that we have already covered moving forward.



<i>Intercession</i> (Request)	Praise and Worship (Acknowledging God)	Repentance (Reparation for Sin)	Meditation (Reflection on God's Word/ Goodness/Covenant)
Silence (Being with God and Self)	Complaint (Struggling with or Doubting God)	Confession (Declaring what we believe)	<i>Thanksgiving</i> (<i>Gratitude for God's Goodness and gifts</i>)

Select whichever one you like, and try to do it for 10-15 minutes a day consistently, for one or two weeks. Maybe you will find that a different way of praying attracts your heart to God more powerfully.

Our focus today will be on ***Praise***. We defined **praise** as, "saying *who* God is to you, and not *what* He's done for you." The difference between *what* someone does for us, and *who* they are to us, is difficult to distinguish. How else do we determine someone's love for us, except by what they do for us? I find this to be a helpful analogy:

When we are children, we love our parents, appreciate our teachers, and admire other people. This is true in some way for everyone. But when we become a parent, a teacher, or like someone we admire, our perspective changes. Remember all the times we hated our parents for punishing us, or being angry with us, or not letting us do what we wanted? Teachers who graded us harshly or had to correct us? Mentors and friends who had to tell us we were wrong?

When the shoe is on the other foot, so to speak, we realize how difficult it is to raise, teach, train, and even love others. Many people who have these negative experiences as a child often look back on them later, with words like, "I'm glad they did that for me, because it made me stronger" or "If they didn't push me, I wouldn't be able to do what I do now." Sometimes, even the following revelation comes from those memories: "They loved me so much, even though I made them so angry and upset..." All of these reflections reveal to us what love looks like under duress, when it is difficult to love, and only then do we truly begin to realize who someone was for us.

Praise is sometimes feelings of gratitude, when we recognize just how much someone cares for us. Praise allows us to acknowledge how the goodness, virtue, and love of someone, made us into the person we are today.

Think about how you might praise God. Maybe look to your past. How has your faith shaped you in the good and bad moments of your life? Can you name a specific moment where you began to understand God's love for you?

A simple way to begin this reflection is by trying to love like God does. When we try, we realize how difficult it is at times to be patient, forgiving, humble, generous, and kind. Only then do we realize how God has been all those things **to** us, and only then do we begin to truly praise Him.

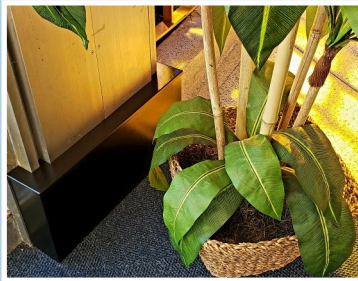
Fr. Matt

Dear IC Parishioners,

As we continue to make improvements to the interior and exterior of our beloved Church, I wanted to write a special "Thank You" to one of our IC angels. Some months ago, you may have seen an article in our bulletin regarding our new Credence Table in our Sanctuary, designed and constructed by our very own Ed Pudelek. Well, Ed has been up to his master craftsman carpentry yet again. In fact, his work is so



exceptional, that you may not have even noticed it as it blends right in with the surrounding architecture in the main entry to our Church. When the new carpeting was installed along with the Cove Base (where the carpet and walls meet), many of the old tiles in the area around the Baptistry simply fell off the surrounding wall. The cost of repairing the damage, and the time needed to complete the work, required a new and imaginative approach. I asked Ed if he could create some sort of cover or capstone to give the impression of a new facade. His solution is nothing short of ingenious. Ed



created two wooden covers, which have been intricately cut to fit the rather unusual dimensions of the damaged areas. Additionally, he stained the wood a rich black to match the new Cove Base that runs along the bottom of the walls. We thank Ed for his many beautiful contributions to our Church.



As Fr. Matt has mentioned at both our Sunday Masses (as well as during our streaming liturgies on the internet), we have many "behind the scenes" projects currently underway. They include: scheduling the installation of our new Sound System in our Church along with video streaming technology (which will allow us to record and/or broadcast our Masses live from within our Church, as opposed to from our "chapel"); the placement of two large flat screen panels in our Baptistry (which will serve as an extension of our cry room, where families with young children will still be able to see and hear our Mass as it occurs); and upgrading our wireless network and internet infrastructure. Our vendor and proposal have been approved by the Archdiocese and we are currently awaiting the contracts to be officially signed before scheduling an installation date.

We are also ready to sign a contract to encapsulate asbestos in our Parish Office and re-carpet. Fortunately, only two areas of our office require encapsulation. For those of you who visited our Parish Office prior to its closing to the public, you probably remember what poor shape our current carpeting is in.

Finally, Fr. Matt and I are currently evaluating an app for smartphones that would replace our current hymnals. The app provides a cost effective and environmentally friendly resource with intuitive navigation that provides even a novice access to everything they need to fully participate in our Masses. This free app for parishioners would unlock 24/7 access to all of the Mass prayers, readings, 300+ songs, a personal journal as well as a fully integrated giving (tithes) feature.

We look forward to improving your weekend experience at Immaculate Conception as we continue to navigate our "new reality" in the months to come.



Yours in Christ,
Scott

Immaculate Conception Parish



WITH JOYFUL HEARTS,
WE WELCOME OUR
NEWLY BAPTIZED.



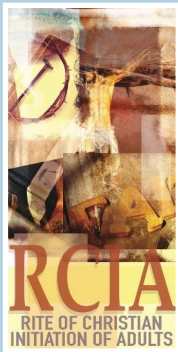
Joseph Jack Cobi
Child of Joseph Louis Cobi and Kirsten Rose Larson



Emma Mae Larsen
Child of Steven Averitt and Jennifer Nicole (Dever) Larsen

We joyfully congratulate
Ray Delgado

as he completed his initiation into our Catholic Faith at our 10:30 A.M. Mass on Sunday, August 23rd, where he received the Sacraments of Confirmation and Holy Eucharist (administered by Fr. Matt). Please join us in warmly welcoming Ray into our Immaculate Conception Parish family!



If you are interested in learning more about our RCIA Program, please contact Deacon Rick @ 773.775.3833 [ext. 105] or via email at carmoric@comcast.net



Ray with his wife, Maureen, and their children, Nicholas and Emma, with Fr. Matt and Catechists Deacon Rick and Carol Moritz



Please join our parish family in prayer ...



For those who are sick:

Tom Altman
Concetta Bartucci
Melissa Bednarz
Celerina Behrman
Robert Behrman
Sonia M. B.
Vince Caeti
Jackie Campbell
Rita Castillo
James Covello
Sherry Crocifisso
Ronnie Cunningham
Richard Flanagan
Brooke Foreman
Lila Gehner
Irene Hand

Ofelia Hernandez
Esther Jarosh
Helga Jarosz
Nancy Kinzie
Craig Kloss
Lillian Kohut
Arlene Lacey-Beyna
Benny Martinez
Edwin Martinez
Frank Martinez
Jan Merino
Veronica Murillo
Timothy Murray
Mae O'Donnell
Mary Beth O'Grady
Jackie O'Koniewski

Mary Potwora
Bill Remblake
Sebastian L. Rivera
David Rodriguez
Elaine Schatz
Thomas Skorupa
Edward Stanczyk
Eileen Staunton
Sue Stich
Julie Szwedo
Donna Tisdale
Steven P. Trifilio
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:

For those preparing to be joined together in Holy Matrimony:

Richard "Rich" F. Losik (Father of Rick & Tom Losik)
Henry F. Prokop
Richard C. Zahn (Father of David Zahn)
Stanley W. Lyskanowski (Husband of Josephine)
Veronica Spera

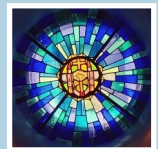


Margaret Alexandra Crnkovich
and Brian Garrett Felke



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

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

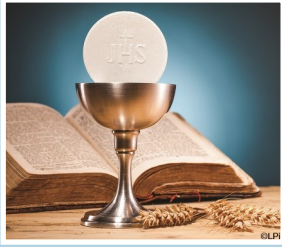


For those who serve our country:



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 30th through
Sunday, September 6th**

Sunday, August 30th - Twenty-Second Sunday In Ordinary Time

5:00 P.M. (Saturday) - †Stanley Lyskanowski
8:30 A.M. — †Barrett J. Moran, Jr. (on his 6th Anniversary); and †Michael Hutchinson
10:30 A.M. — †Frank & Margherita Martino; †Francis & Moira Cross; †Marilyn Passeri (on her 1st Anniversary); †Stanislaw Swiderski; Rosana D. Hegarty (Birthday – In Thanksgiving) (Living); Deacon Rick Moritz (Belated Birthday) (Living); and Carol Moritz (For Good Health) (Living)
6:00 P.M. - The People of the Parish

Monday, August 31st - Weekday

8:30 A.M. — Helga Jarosz (Living)

Tuesday, September 1st - Weekday

8:30 A.M. — †Richard Zahn; and Amanda Vanek (Living)

Wednesday, September 2nd - Weekday

8:30 A.M. — Concordia S. Daylo (Birthday – In Thanksgiving) (Living)

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

8:30 A.M. — †Tom Fuller; and †Estelita R. Garcia (Birthday Remembrance)

Friday, September 4th - Weekday

8:30 A.M. — †Ellen Osborn
5:30 P.M. — †Ellen “Nellie” Gavin; †Emmanuel E. San Jose; and Lenora Vena (Living)

Saturday, September 5th - Saint Teresa of Calcutta

5:00 P.M. - †Margaret & Kenneth Allen; and †Brian Dillon (Birthday Remembrance)

Sunday, September 6th - Twenty-Third Sunday In Ordinary Time

8:30 A.M.- †Francis & Moira Cross; †Aniello Porcelli; †Henry & Irene Janowski; †Rita Inmann; †Mary Karnick; †Patrick Noonan; †Dennis Van Mieghem; †Patrick Lawlor; †Thomas Wallace; †Nicole Tolstead; †Emmanuel E. San Jose; Nancy Kinzie (on her 78th Birthday) (Living); and The People of the Parish
10:30 A.M. — †Pietro Biancorosso; †Serafina Nocito; and †Stanislaw Swiderski
6:00 P.M. — †Tommy Fuller



August 30th through September 5th

The Sanctuary Lamp is burning this week for the repose of the soul of

Ninfa C. Martir
(on her 3rd Anniversary)

Requested by: Raquel M. Toda



August 30th through September 4th

The Blessed Mother Votive is burning this week for the prayer intentions of

Helga Jarosz



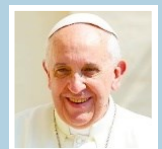
August 30th through September 4th

The St. Joseph Votive is burning this week for the repose of the soul of

Stanley Lyskanowski

Pope Tweet of the Week...

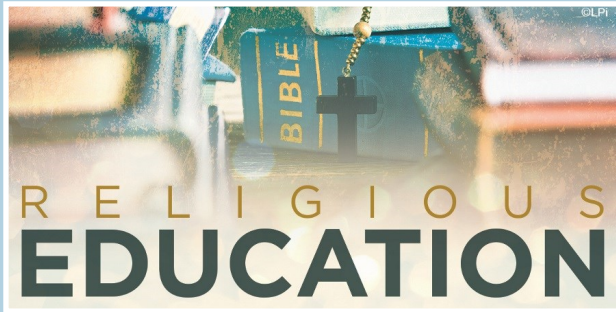
“God does not love you because you behave well. He loves you, plain and simple. His love is unconditional; it does not depend on you.”





*Readings For
The Week of
August 30th*

Sunday: Jer 20:7-9/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [2b]/Rom 12:1-2/Mt 16:21-27
Monday: 1 Cor 2:1-5/Ps 119:97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102 [97]/Lk 4:16-30
Tuesday: 1 Cor 2:10b-16/Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13ab, 13cd-14 [17]/Lk 4:31-37
Wednesday: 1 Cor 3:1-9/Ps 33:12-13, 14-15, 20-21 [12]/Lk 4:38-44
Thursday: 1 Cor 3:18-23/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [1]/Lk 5:1-11
Friday: 1 Cor 4:1-5/Ps 37:3-4, 5-6, 27-28, 39-40 [39a]/Lk 5:33-39
Saturday: 1 Cor 4:6b-15/Ps 145:17-18, 19-20, 21 [18]/Lk 6:1-5
Next Sunday: Ez 33:7-9/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/Rom 13:8-10/Mt 18:15-20



*Immaculate Conception School
Religious Education Program 2020-2021*

Registration:

Religious Education Registration will be held online beginning this **Tuesday, September 1st** and will conclude on **Wednesday, September 9th**

First Day of Class:

Wednesday, September 16th – 4:00-5:00 P.M.

All Religious Education classes will be held 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.

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.

Students must attend Religious Education classes in Grades Six and Seven to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in Grade Eight.

All course requirements must be met.
Regular attendance is expected.

**2020 Religious Education
Virtual Class Schedule:**

September 16th, 23rd & 30th
 October 7th, 14th & 21st
 November 4th, 11th & 18th
 December 2nd, 9th & 16th

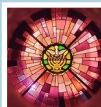
**2021 Religious Education
Virtual Class Schedule:**

January 13th, 20th & 27th
 February 3rd, 10th & 17th
 March 3rd, 10th, 24th & 31st
 April 21st & 28th

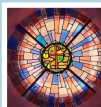


Sacramental Dates:

***First Communion** (*rescheduled from May 2020):
Saturday, September 12th at 10:00 A.M. & 1:00 P.M.



Confirmation [8th Grade]:
Sunday, November 15th @ 1:00 P.M. & 4:00 P.M.



First Reconciliation:
Wednesday, February 24, 2021 @ 7:00 P.M.



First Communion [2nd Grade]:
Saturday, May 1, 2021 @ 10:00 A.M. & 1:00 P.M.

**Times may be subject to change*

2020-2021 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 16th): \$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 Wednesday, September 9th): \$50
First Tuition payment is due by: September 16th
Second Tuition payment is due by: February 10, 2021
All tuition payments will be made online via Give Central.
 Details forthcoming.

Gospel Meditation - Encourage a Deeper Understanding of Scripture



Secular pursuits only bring a temporary amount of satisfaction and fulfillment. As much as we may think that achieving worldly success, economic security, personal well-being, and self-fulfillment are worthy goals to obtain, they all are dependent on external variables and can lead to emptiness. We are trained to be very pragmatic and productive. Unless we are able to check off all of the boxes or comply with specific measurable requirements, our value and worth becomes questionable. Corporations, educational institutions, systems, structures, and secular ideology rarely consider deeper, more spiritual, and human contributions a person can and needs to make.

To the secular mind, the wisdom and ideals of the Gospel are making less and less sense. Consider for a moment this question: “What profit would there be for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life?” While Jesus is asking this very challenging question to people who are considering his message, many in our world are in a quite different place. Whether we realize it, many folks are asking a much different question. Why would you not want to gain the whole world and secure your life? If you look at where a lot of folks are investing their time, energy, and resources, it becomes obvious where current priorities rest.

Modern day comforts and possibilities are backing us out of our relationship with God. The fire burning in every human heart is trying to find its satisfaction in the things that humans have created and not God. Being altruistic and offering compassion for those most in need becomes a political responsibility or responsible gesture. We realize that our hearts need to be centered on something and someone who calls us out of ourselves, but we struggle and battle with naming the source of that call. God places the desire to seek, find, and love Him in the core of every soul. We are not abandoned and left to fend for ourselves. But we can easily get confused. We know that when we extend ourselves to another self-sacrificially, we are doing what is just and right. We know that we can work through suffering and loss and come out better and more whole on the other side.

Our minds need to be renewed so that they can begin to understand that there is much more to who we are, and that faith plays a pivotal role in achieving our true and everlasting goals. It is when we see that it is only faith that can bring us to this heightened awareness of ourselves and God that it will begin to make sense. Then, we can put things in proper perspective and consider being a disciple.

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Everyday Stewardship – Recognize God in your Ordinary Moments

The Vision of Stewardship...

I love the original movie *Willy Wonka & the Chocolate Factory*. All the way through while I watch the film I still laugh and feel like a child. It is only the last line with which I have an issue. Wonka by now has chosen Charlie to succeed him as head of the chocolate factory. They board an elevator that proceeds to crash through the roof and begins to fly. Wonka then asks Charlie if he ever heard of what happened to the boy who got everything he ever wanted. After Charlie says no, Wonka explains, “He lived happily ever after.” As I get older, I can say I have met several people who got all or most of all they have ever wanted, but unlike Charlie, it did not lead to endless bliss. In fact, as a Christian I know that that statement of Wonka’s is a lie. The secret to living happily ever after lies in not getting all you ever wanted, but instead in giving all you ever wanted away.



A person can’t have any sense of that reality until they begin to see his or her life transformed by Jesus. When we have accepted the challenge placed before us and made a choice to live a certain way daily, we can find ourselves transformed. Following Jesus is not easy, but it is the only true way to find authentic joy. When we have emptied ourselves and allowed him to fill the open spaces in us, we become different. We are transformed and, if enough of us in a parish community experience the same journey, our parish is transformed as well. Then we begin to transform the world around us. Don’t be fooled: A flying elevator is cool, but it pales in comparison to what can happen when we find a new life in Jesus Christ.

– Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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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

Events...

What's Happening @ IC...

Tuesday, September 1st -
Religious Education Online
Registration Begins
6:00-7:00 P.M. – Confessions; CH



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



Sunday, September 20th – 10:30 A.M. Mass
Formal Installation of
Fr. Matthew Heinrich as Pastor of
Immaculate Conception Parish
(with Bishop Mark Bartosic presiding)

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>



Immaculate Conception School is looking for a Full-time Math/Religion teacher for 7th and 8th Grade for this Academic Year.

If interested, please contact Sue Canzoneri (Principal) @ 773.775.0545.