

Welcome to
Immaculate Conception Parish

A Catholic Community Inviting People to Follow Christ

August 7, 2022 - Nineteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time

Blessed the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.



"Brothers and sisters: Faith is the realization of what is hoped for and evidence of things not seen. Because of it the ancients were well attested."

- Hebrews 11:1-2

Love God • Serve Others • Make Disciples

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

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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.

**(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:
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Offertory envelopes can also be mailed in or
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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.

Ways We Are Improving At IC

In this same bulletin, one of our parishioners, Michael Tom, composed an article on Leadership and Empowerment.

While I will allow his words to speak for themselves, I can write a little from my perspective as to how I hope to grow our parish and empower our leadership:

Transformative Weekend Experience:

You may have heard this mentioned here and there as this is one of our core values at our parish. Many elements make up a 'weekend experience' such as music, homilies, the cleanliness of our church, and the friendliness of people in our building.

Ultimately, God is at the center of who we are – let alone what we do. We have spent a great deal of time improving our campus (installed new carpet, new kneelers, new sound system, new roof, repaired our ceiling, and hired landscapers to care for our campus' lawn and garden, etc.). The 'cosmetic' side of everything is important. Being clean, clear, and professional is our gift to God – i.e., how we regard our worship space – and also how we respect you, our parishioner and/or guest. Your presence is important to us. In joining us here at IC, you are a part of our community and family.



YOU ARE
Welcome Here

Beyond these cosmetic aspects are the 'people' side of things. I will be working with Scott, Mary, and Darlene to further improve our weekend hospitality. My hope is to expand and empower our weekend ushers/greeters to help me and others meet new people and allow them to feel at home more readily. I thank Mary Dosek for taking on more efforts to help me organize events for our parishioners and Darlene Mroz, likewise, for her dedication in organizing and growing all those who help us.

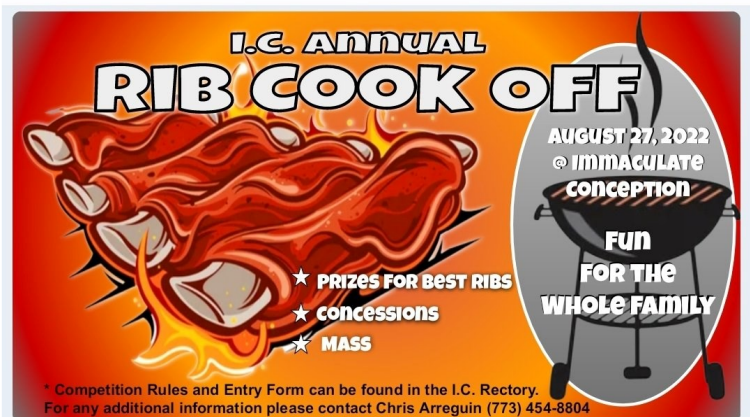
Alpha and Connect:

Connect is born from Alpha – it is meant to be the next step for those who have participated. While we are expanding our Alpha program, we are also building something new. Connect is for Alpha alumni only and it is also meant to accomplish three things: (1) connect parishioners from different years and small groups together, (2) keep the small groups that form together, and (3) allow parishioners to see their gifts and talents connected to the mission of Christ.

In Alpha, I will be empowering our long-standing leaders to train our next leaders. It will be a new thing for them to learn how to create new leaders – it can be hard enough to be a leader ourselves, but they have grown so much these past three years. It is an amazing group of parishioners and people.

Connect, likewise, will also work with people on how to witness to their faith. Evangelization is not only specific conversations about Christ or Church, but also how comfortable we are to talk about faith in its many influences. I look forward to growing the next generation of leaders at our parish. It is only through them that our parish will grow, and I am encouraged by the people who are stepping forward, prompted by God's love. - Fr. Matt

Save The Date...



Divine Renovation Conference 2022

First of all, I want to thank Fr. Matt for inviting me to attend the DR Conference. It was, in a word, amazing! Secondly, I want to thank you, my brothers and sisters, for supporting us financially and spiritually. Without you, none of this is possible.

I am always refreshed when I attend conferences such as these because I get a chance to meet other people from around the world engaging in the very efforts that we are. It is encouraging to meet other parishes that are three steps ahead of us, and rewarding to support and encourage parishes that are three steps behind. In thinking about this, I am reminded that renewal of Immaculate Conception is a transformative process, and that we are in the beginning stages of renewal.

My takeaways from the Conference were: *Vision, Empowerment and Leadership.*

Vision

Fr. James Mallon (DR) opened the Conference with a wonderful keynote address about Vision. If you do not have a vision, then where is it that you are hoping to go? Without vision, wherever you are, you are already there. So, what is our vision for IC? What is my vision for IC?

I want to encourage you, my brothers and sisters, to spend some quiet time in prayer, in Adoration, to ponder and pray about your vision for IC. When your vision comes into focus, draw it out. Commit it to a sketch and hang it on your refrigerator. When you are ready, share it with us. I will arrange a Vision Sharing Event and we will discuss how the Holy Spirit has inspired/led us to create our specific visions for IC.

Empowerment

When I agreed to launch Alpha at the request of Fr. Robert Fedek, I remember him “empowering” me to launch Alpha. Admittedly, I really did not understand what he was referring to. Secularly, when we are empowered, we are given the authority to accomplish the task at hand. How well we fail or succeed is entirely dependent upon the effort that we put forth. If it works, we take the credit, and if it fails, we take the blame. There is no one else. But when we are empowered by the Holy Spirit, the concept of empowerment takes on a new definition. What appears to be impossible by human effort is now made possible by the Divine. The Conference reinforced this point many times over. We are *empowered* by the Holy Spirit.

It is at this point in the Conference when things really took off. The mental burdens that I had been carrying for a while were suddenly lifted as I came to the realization that I was not in the game alone. Parishes from all over the world are doing the exact same thing as we are, and the Holy Spirit was with us the entire time. He still is.

Leadership

“Success in Leadership is not defined in the number of people who follow, but by the number of Leaders raised.” The difference between Management and Leadership can be seen in the standard workflow chart. We are all familiar with the pyramid graph which shows the “boss” at the top and the connections as they cascade below. This is your standard management chart. The Leadership chart is just the opposite. Instead of identifying those below, you support those above. You want to raise up leaders because engaging in Mission is not a one man show. In fact, it is nearly impossible.

When I returned home, one of my first priorities was to meet with our Alpha Team. I wanted to pray with them, to empower them with the Holy Spirit, and to encourage them to be Leaders of Immaculate Conception. I want them to have their own vision, and I wanted to empower them with the Holy Spirit so that they can pursue their vision of IC. I want them to move on from Alpha, so that the next wave of Leaders can step forth and take their place.

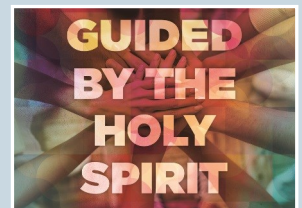
Final Thoughts

On Saturday, August 27th, IC will be hosting our annual Back to School Night/Rib Cook-Off. This is a perfect opportunity for you to invite a friend to IC, to hang out, relax and enjoy each other’s company. If prompted by the Holy Spirit, invite them to attend Alpha with you. (Our Fall session begins in September.) Alpha representatives will be on hand to answer any questions that you may have. And if you want to engage in the Rib Cook-off, even better! (Please visit the Parish Office to sign up for the Rib Cook-Off event.)

Have a blessed day my Brothers and Sisters, and always remember that you are loved.

In Christ,

- Michael Tom



A Special Announcement From Our Professional Cantor, EmilyAnn

Hello IC Family! I am writing to let you know that I recently graduated with my Doctorate of Audiology and I have accepted a job as a Pediatric Audiologist at Texas Children's Hospital in Houston, Texas. I am very excited about this opportunity, but I will miss seeing all of the wonderful parishioners here every weekend. I will definitely return to IC to visit whenever I am in town, so I will still be around sometimes. Thank you for being such a welcoming community to me and for giving me a place to sing! - EmilyAnn Duffley

EmilyAnn will be performing a special French hymn entitled "*En Prière*" (*In Prayer*) at our 8:30 & 10:30 A.M. Masses this Sunday, August 7th, the English translation of which appears below:

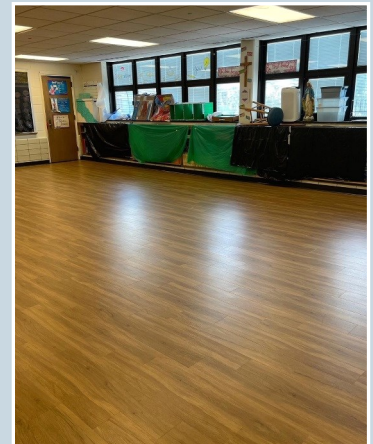
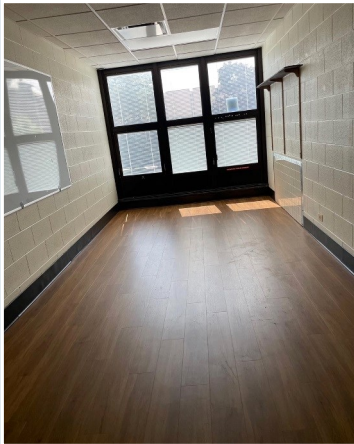
"En Prière" (In Prayer)

As the voice of a child can reach You, O my Father, hear my prayer, on bended knee before You! As You have chosen me to teach Your laws on earth, I will know how to serve You, noble King of kings, O Light! On my lips, Lord, place the salutary truth, in order that he who doubts should with humility revere You! Do not abandon me, give me the necessary gentleness, to ease suffering, to relieve sorrow, misery! Reveal Yourself to me, my Father, in whom I trust and hope: For You I wish to suffer and to die on the cross, at Calvary!



IC School Summer Renovation Project Update

The new flooring has now been installed in all of our classrooms and offices in the East wing of our School, along with the majority of the baseboards as well. Our Summer renovation project is nearing completion!



Please join our parish family in prayer ...

Tom Altman
Paul Amandes
Arnold B.
Robert Behrman
Sonia M. B.
Roberta Berger
John Bozek
Vince Caeti
Mary Cali
Jackie Campbell
Zita Castro
Donna Chaplin
James Covello
Ronnie Cunningham
Paige Dicks
Margarita DiSalvo
Emily Divarco
Paula Drew
Ozzie D'Souza
Joan Fabiano
Richard Flanagan
Brooke Foreman
Patricia Furgat
Lila Gehner

For those who are sick:

Bonnie Jean Gorski
Gloria Hernandez
Ofelia Hernandez
Mary Ann Schmitt Hurtig
Kevin Jaburek
Wayne Kinzie, Sr.
Craig Kloss
Lillian Kohut
Katherine Kreuser
Anthony LaPash
Denis Mahoney
Benny Martinez
Edwin Martinez
Frank Martinez
Pat Miaso
Gerry Michalek, Jr.
Glen Molo
Molly Morris
Veronica Murillo
Timothy Murray
Brendan Nelson
Anne O'Brien
John O'Brien
Jackie O'Koniewski

David Olson
Ashton Peterson
Leo Pfest
Mary Potwora
Helen Rasmussen
Rosaleen Reilly
Bill Remblake
Joe Rispoli
Pia Rizza
David Rodriguez
Fr. Donald Senior, C.P.
Don Skorey
Edward Stanczyk
Wivina Stremel
Jill Swagler
Alma T.
Donna Tisdale
Camilla Trevino
Steven P. Trifilio
Mary Ellen Vanderman
Henry Wagener
Miss Westhoff
Rita Zambon
***Newly Added**

For our faithful departed:

Robert P. DeMarco
Henrietta Draus
Alice Dulce (Aunt of Erma Kinzie)
Peter H. Gregory

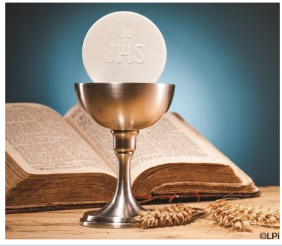


"Eternal rest grant unto them,
Lord, and let perpetual light shine
upon them."

*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, 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, Major 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 Wiczorek

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 7th
through
Sunday, August 14th*

Sunday, August 7th – Nineteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time

5:00 P.M. (Saturday) – †Peter Chu; †Maria Lam; †Wai Foon Kwok; †Michael J. Sampey; †Thomas McNicholas; †Ellen “Nellie” Gavin; †Patty Dunleavy; †Manuel Mendoza; and †Joseph Henmueller
8:30 A.M. – †Stanislaw Swiderski; †George Buschauer; and Robert & Porsche Swiderski (on their 1st Wedding Anniversary) (Living)
10:30 A.M. – †Stephen Oleksy; †Tommy Fuller; †Vincenzo Porcelli; †Joseph Rutterer; †Clarence Hart; †Francis & Moira Cross; †Manuel Mendoza; and The People of the Parish

Monday, August 8th – Saint Dominic, Priest

8:30 A.M. – †Rose Maisel; †Laura Luedtke; †Manuel Mendoza; and Wayne Kinzie, Sr. (on his 86th Birthday) (Living)

Tuesday, August 9th – Saint Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Virgin and Martyr

8:30 A.M. – †Fr. Ronan Newbold, C.P. (Birthday Remembrance); and †Manuel Mendoza

Wednesday, August 10th – Saint Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr

8:30 A.M. – †Elizabeth Serafin; †Marni Michalek Mensching (on her 4th Anniversary)

Thursday, August 11th – Saint Clare, Virgin

8:30 A.M. – †Paul Aholec

Friday, August 12th – Saint Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious
Friday Daily Masses Temporarily Suspended (as of July 8th)

Saturday, August 13th – Saints Pontian, Pope, and Hippolytus, Priest, Martyrs

5:00 P.M. – †Arthur Capra (Birthday Remembrance); †Elaine Schatz; The Allen, Bender & Tobin Families; and Sherry Chaput (Living)

Sunday, August 14th – Twentieth Sunday In Ordinary Time

8:30 A.M. – †Eugene Bielski; †Margot Marriott; †Howard J. Schneider; †Stanislaw Swiderski; †George Buschauer; and Marillyn Pawlowski (on her Birthday) (Living)
10:30 A.M. – †Nicola & Anna Chiusolo; †Vincenzo DeFalco; †Rosario Cozzo; †Deceased Members of The Jurcenko Family; †Francis & Moira Cross; Gene Walega (Living); The Conversion of Sinners; and The People of the Parish



August 7th through August 13th

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

The Nadurata Family

Requested by: Vickie Caro

August 7th through August 12th

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

Maureen McGee Kogen

Requested by: The McGee Family

August 7th through August 12th

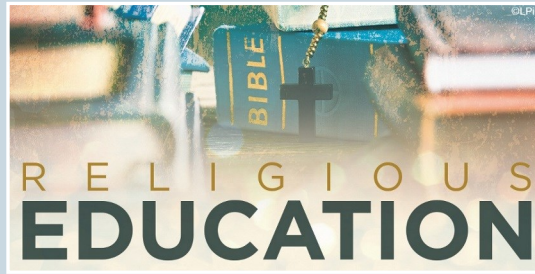
Our St. Joseph Votive is burning this week for the prayer intention of

Jackie Campbell

Pope Tweet of the Week...

“Let us allow ourselves to meet Jesus. Let us allow His Word to show us the way to healing and reconciliation. Let us break the Eucharistic Bread together, so that we can see ourselves once again as beloved children of the Father, called to be brothers and sisters all.”





**Immaculate Conception School
Religious Education Program 2022-2023**



Registration:

Religious Education Registration will be held online beginning on **Monday, August 15th** and will conclude on **Wednesday, September 7th**

First Day of Class:

Wednesday, September 14th – 4:00-5:00 P.M.

For the upcoming 2022-2023 School Year, we will be adopting a hybrid format with classes primarily meeting in-person on a weekly basis on **Wednesdays** from **4:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M.** in our School. All grade levels will also meet virtually via Zoom Video Conferencing for Religious Education Class on certain dates. (Dates TBD)

**2022 Religious Education
Class Schedule:**

September 14th, 21st & 28th
October 5th, 12th & 19th
November 2nd, 9th, 16th & 30th
December 7th, 14th & 21st

**2023 Religious Education
Class Schedule:**

January 11th, 18th & 25th
February 8th, 15th & 22nd
March 1st, 8th, 22nd & 29th
April 19th & 26th
May 3rd & 10th



Sacramental Dates:

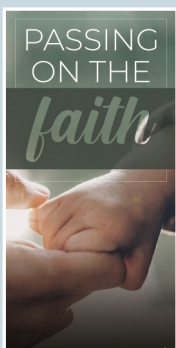


Confirmation [8th Grade]: Sunday, November 6, 2022 @ 2:00 P.M. with Bishop Bartosic presiding

First Reconciliation [2nd Grade]: Wednesday, February 15, 2023 @ 7:00 P.M.

First Communion [2nd Grade]: Saturday, May 13, 2023* [*Time TBD]

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.

2022-2023 Religious Education Tuition:

[Tuition fee includes all books and class materials and instruction by IC School Teachers]
One student per family (Grades 1-7): \$300
One student (Grade 8) (classes end on December 21st): \$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 7th): \$50
First Tuition payment is due by: September 14th
Second Tuition payment is due by: February 15, 2023

Gospel Meditation - Encourage a Deeper Understanding of Scripture



St. Thomas Aquinas reminds us that, “Three things are necessary for the salvation of man: to know what he ought to believe, to know what he ought to desire, and to know what he ought to do.” Everyone is called to work toward their salvation, which is ultimately union with God. Those who take this call seriously must embark upon a journey inward to the deepest recesses of their soul. In the adventure and wonder of that journey, we work out the details of our union with our Beloved. We cling to what we need to believe, remain firm in what we truly desire, and are guided by what we know we have to do. Once we know that our goal is to be one with our Creator, life becomes an exciting expedition to

pursue that end. We make necessary preparations, follow the map, and remain on course.

Whenever we really want something, we put our entire selves into achieving it. Being fully invested in our labor, we willingly work extra hours, devote an abundance of energy and effort, and remain vigilant for beneficial opportunities that may come our way. We certainly do not passively sit by doing nothing! Such an attitude leads to laziness and the accomplishment of little. Worse yet, some look to others to do the work for them, hoping to reap the benefits of another’s efforts. Conscientiousness and diligence are the only means to success.

For the one who eagerly awaits the day when they can be fully with God, life becomes a joyous adventure indeed! Alert, ready, focused, convicted, and willing to be a servant they constantly watch and prepare themselves for meeting the Lord. Loving the journey and being in love with their Creator, their lives become joyful witnesses of love and service. They are secure in their hope, confident in their faith, and perfect in their love. Never looking for recognition or gratitude, they stand as gentle inspirations of what the Holy Spirit can do in the hearts of those who believe. Because we do not know what tomorrow will bring, we stand ready to be used as God wills and run eagerly toward Him when He comes. How much do we desire to experience the joy of salvation? ©LPi

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary - Monday, August 15th



To honor our patroness on the **Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**, our Masses will be celebrated at **8:30 A.M. and 7:00 P.M. on Monday, August 15th**. All are welcome to join us in prayer!

“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

Ministry Schedules: Saturday, August 13th & Sunday, August 14th

	Saturday 5:00 P.M.	Sunday 8:30 A.M.	Sunday 10:30 A.M.
Presiders	Fr. Robert Fedek	Fr. Matthew Heinrich	Fr. Matthew Heinrich
Lectors	L. Christy	D. Sebastian	E. Kinzie
Cantors	E. Doyle	Vocal Quintet & Violin	Vocal Quintet
Extraordinary Ministers	R. Altman	C. Mulligan	A. Schnitzlein & M. Dosek
Altar Servers	K. Bowers; I. Luna; E. Serb	E. Peters; N. Rahlfs	TBA

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What's Happening @ IC...**Thursday, August 11th -****7:00-8:30 P.M. — RCIA Mtg.; RCR****Sunday, August 14th -****9:30 A.M.-10:15 A.M. — Confessions; CH****2:00-3:30 P.M. — Our Lord of Pardon Prayer
Group Novena; CH****3:30-4:30 P.M. — Our Lord of Pardon Prayer
Group 34th Anniversary Mass; CH****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.

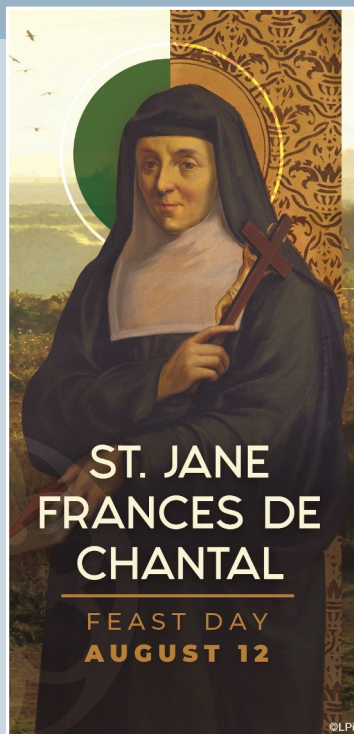
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Bulletin Deadline: The deadline for all bulletin submissions is Friday at Noon – 8 days prior to the Sunday it will appear. Bulletin submissions are accepted via email at: parishbulletin@icchicago.org



For additional information regarding upcoming events @ IC,
please visit: icchicago.org/discover-ic/event-calendar.cfm



Saint of The Week - Examples of Our Faith: Saint Jane Frances de Chantal (August 12th)

Saint Jane Frances de Chantal was born to a noble family in Dijon, France, on January 28, 1572. Her mother died when she was an infant. Her father raised her and provided for her education. In 1592, she married the Baron de Chantal, the couple were devoted to each other. They had six children, three of whom died in infancy. As Baroness, Saint Jane Frances restored the custom of daily Mass, and was famous for her charitable works. Unfortunately, her husband died in a hunting accident only eight years after their marriage. Devastated, Jane Frances was forced to live in her father-in-law's strict household where she took a vow of chastity.

In 1604 while visiting her father in Dijon, she met Saint Francis de Sales and he became her close friend and spiritual director. Although not many of their epistles have survived, the pair had a lively correspondence which lasted until Saint Francis died.

Under the direction of St. Francis de Sales and with his partnership she established the Congregation of the Visitation at Annecy in 1610. This was a unique order, without the extreme ascetical practices typical in other religious orders, accepting women and girls and those rejected by other orders because of poor health or age. The new order was also unusual in its public ministry, rather than a strictly cloistered life. Saint Jane transformed her convent at Annecy into a hospital during the plague of 1628.

The saint died at the Visitation Convent in Moulins on December 13, 1641. At the time of her death, there were 86 convents of Visitation nuns. She was canonized in 1767 by Pope Clement XIII. ©LPi

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