

Welcome to the Parish of
Immaculate Conception

A Catholic Community Inviting People to Follow Christ

August 9, 2020 - Nineteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time



*“The Cross is the School of Love.”
- St. Maximilian Kolbe*

Love God, Serve Others, Make Disciples

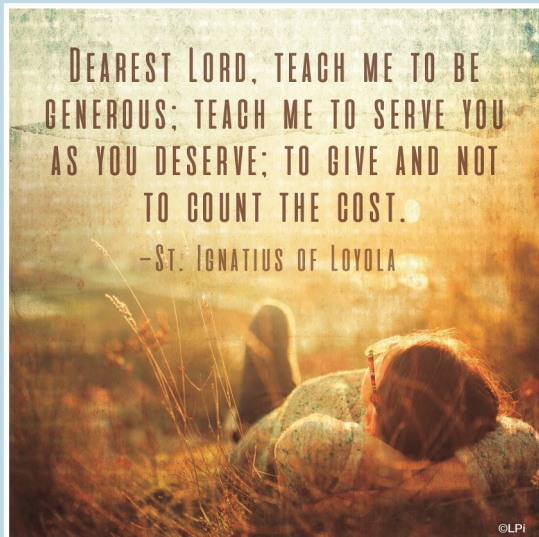


Gather with us virtually as we pray with, and for, one another during our Masses which are broadcast live through **Twitch TV** (www.twitch.tv/icchicago) and through **Facebook Live** on our Facebook page: *Immaculate Conception Parish Chicago (Talcott)*. Direct links to both platforms are easily accessible on our parish website (www.icparish.net). For your convenience, all Masses are recorded and archived for a limited time.



Boswell & Bridget Gonsalves and their daughters Zenobia & Abigail

Joseph & Cristina Alongi and their children Ava & Paul



Phase 2 Preliminary Reopening Mass Schedule:

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

**Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary -
Saturday, August 15th @ 10:00 A.M. in Church
(with reserved seating)**

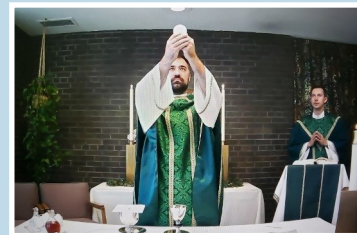
Please visit www.icparish.net to register.

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

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.**

**Next Opportunity: *August 18th
*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 us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God." - 2 Corinthians 9:11

Navigating a Pandemic Part III...

When we think about praising God, ultimately two things come into play: what we believe and what we do. When it comes to faith, you can't have one without the other. Belief is what motivates us, and how we act communicates what we truly believe.

This is why Jesus would say, *"Let your 'Yes' mean 'Yes,' and your 'No' mean 'No.' Anything more is from the evil one"* (Mt 5:37). In early Christianity, this notion of "double-mindedness" was a central concern. Nowadays we call it "hypocrisy," and I can't think of anything worse that we can be called as Christians. There are worse things people can do, of course, but what I mean here is that, if we preach love but live hatefully, we damage the mission of Christ.

This is all strong language, but I think that sometimes a re-centering of sorts is important in our life as a community of faith. With disease, dissention, racism, mistrust, anger, and ill-will on our minds constantly, we purify the world by first purifying ourselves. *"Remove the wooden beam from your eye first; then you will see clearly to remove the splinter from your brother's eye"* (Mt 7:5).

"How shall one remain pure on their way? By obeying Your word. I seek You with all my heart, lest I sin against You. Blest are You O Lord, teach me Your statutes" (Ps 119:9-12).

"Like the deer that yearns for running streams, so my soul is yearning for You, my God" (42:2).

Praise of God is what purifies us. Certainly, repentance is a part of this, but as Catholics we hear too often about 'guilt' and not enough about 'grace.' We praise God, we look to His Word, we receive His Body and Blood because we acknowledge in faith that we are promised to be like the One we praise!

We follow a God who makes us a better version of ourselves. We are called to be *"a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people of His own, so that you may announce the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His wonderful light"* (1 Pet 2:9). We become a people that elevates humanity to be its best self.

I think that is why I take our worship so seriously. It's not a seriousness which is grim, but because I truly believe that what we celebrate elevates us to be more loving, filled with light and grace.

We do this together, because together we are strong, and together we are the Body of Christ.

Whether you praise God with us in person or online, let our prayer be the same: *"Lord, make me know Your ways"* (Ps 25:4) and *"let us walk in Your light"* (Is 2:5). By God's light we see, and in being His light, others will know the love of God.

"I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another. This is how all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another" (Jn 13:35).

Fr. Matt





To honor our patroness on the
Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary,
we will offer a special Mass at:

***10:00 A.M. next Saturday, August 15th**
(with Fr. Robert Carlton presiding.)

***Due to limited attendance restrictions,
reservations are required.**

Please visit our parish website (www.icparish.net) or contact our
Parish Office at 773.775.3833 to register.

As it falls on a Saturday, it is not considered a Holy Day of
Obligation this year, but we still encourage you to gather with us in
prayer on this special day (if you are able.)

Why Do We Do That? Catholic Life Explained...

Marian Feasts

Question:

Why does Mary have so many feast days and names?

Answer:

Christians first began celebrating feast days in honor of Mary, the Mother of Jesus, in the fifth century. That celebration (originally called the Feast of the Dormition and now known by Roman Catholics as the Solemnity of the Assumption) was celebrated on August 15th. Very soon, however, other special days dedicated to Mary began to appear in Jerusalem, Rome, and other major cities of the Christian world. These days of feasting became important parts of the life of the community. But, more importantly, each of these unique celebrations became an opportunity to focus on a different facet of the Christian faith, as believers focused their attention on specific events or mysteries of the lives of Mary and her Son.



Over the centuries, some of these celebrations became universal (such as the Assumption on August 15th, the Immaculate Conception on December 8th, and the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God on January 1st). Other celebrations were more closely tied to certain religious orders (such as the Carmelites celebration of "Our Lady of Mount Carmel" on July 16th or the Servite Friars feast of the "Seven Sorrows of Mary," which is now celebrated as the Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows on September 15th).

In more recent times, Marian apparitions (like Guadalupe, Lourdes, and Fatima) have inspired special liturgical celebrations. Pope Francis has added two new celebrations of Mary to the Church's calendar: The Memorial of Mary, Mother of the Church (on the Monday after Pentecost) and the Commemoration of Our Lady of Loretto (on December 10th). The various titles of Mary (like those we find in the Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary) help us to reflect on different aspects of Mary's faith and the ways that the Holy Spirit is at work in her and through her, especially as the Mother of Jesus.

In the end, whatever the event or mystery being celebrated in a particular liturgy or the title of Mary being used, we are invited to always see Mary in connection with the saving work of her Son. She is, of course, a patroness and protector for every Christian, but she is also a model of discipleship and contemplation: "Having entered deeply into the history of salvation, Mary, in a way, unites in her person and re-echoes the most important doctrines of the faith: and when she is the subject of preaching and worship she prompts the faithful to come to her Son, to his sacrifice and to the love of the Father" (*Lumen Gentium*, 65).



 VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are still actively recruiting additional volunteers to help staff our Greeting and Cleaning teams (led by our dedicated Captains, Darlene Mroz & Joe Jummati). If the Spirit moves you and you would like to volunteer to assist us with our ongoing reopening process, please complete our Parish Reopening Team Volunteer Form located at: <https://forms.gle/irmheB4qaeyPtDQu7>. (A direct link to our volunteer form is also easily accessible on our parish website at www.icparish.net.) Thank you for your prayerful consideration!

"The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few; so ask the master of the harvest to send out laborers for his harvest" - Luke 10:2



Stella Vivian Martinez
Child of Omar Dario and Nichole Irene (Carey)
Martinez



Brianna Mary Bergeson
Child of Michael Joseph and Shannon Kathleen (Fleming)
Bergeson

Please join our parish family in prayer ...



For those who are sick:

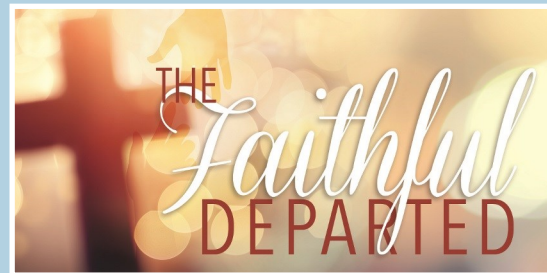
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Melissa Bednarz	Ofelia Hernandez	Jackie O'Koniewski
Celerina Behrman	Nancy Kinzie	Mary Potwora
Robert Behrman	Craig Kloss	Bill Remblake
Sonia M. B.	Lillian Kohut	Sebastian L. Rivera
Vince Caeti	Arlene Lacey-Beyna	David Rodriguez
Jackie Campbell	Richard Losik	Elaine Schatz
Rita Castillo	Benny Martinez	Thomas Skorupa
James Covello	Edwin Martinez	Edward Stanczyk
Sherry Crocifisso	Frank Martinez	Donna Tisdale
Ronnie Cunningham	Jan Merino	Steven P. Trifilio
Richard Flanagan	Veronica Murillo	John Varallo
Brooke Foreman	Timothy Murray	
Lila Gehner	Mae O'Donnell	

If you wish to have your name included in our prayer list (or removed), please contact our Parish Office at 773.775.3833.

Eternal Rest Grant Unto Them...

For our faithful departed:

Antoinette D. "Toni" Fabianski (Wife of Frank)
Stanislaw "Stanley" Swiderski (Husband of Janina)
Genevieve Soltysik (Aunt of Christine Jassak)
Edna B. Richardson

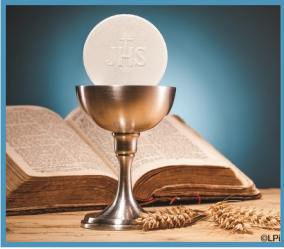


For those who serve our country:



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 9th through
Sunday, August 16th**

Sunday, August 9th - Nineteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time

5:00 P.M. (Saturday) - †Anne Chamberlain; and Wayne Kinzie, Sr. (on his 84th Birthday) (Living)

8:30 A.M. — †Rose Maisel; †Francis & Moira Cross; †Leonor Villagomez; †Vincenzo DeFalco; †Vincenzo Porcelli; †Krystyna Sadowska; †Rosario Cozzo; †Stanley Swiderski; and Parish Reopening Team Volunteers (Living)

10:30 A.M. — †Klemens Fudala; and Parish Reopening Team Volunteers (Living)

6:00 P.M. - The People of the Parish

Monday, August 10th - Saint Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr

8:30 A.M. — †Elizabeth Serafin

Tuesday, August 11th - Saint Clare, Virgin

8:30 A.M. — †Rosario Panettieri (on his 4th Anniversary)

Wednesday, August 12th - Saint Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious

8:30 A.M. — †Adeline Rokicki

Thursday, August 13th - Saints Pontian, Pope, and Hippolytus, Priest, Martyrs

8:30 A.M. — †Arthur Capra (Birthday Remembrance)

Friday, August 14th - Saint Maximilian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr

8:30 A.M. — Marillyn Pawlowski (on her Birthday) (Living)

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

10:00 A.M. - Helga Jarosz (Living)

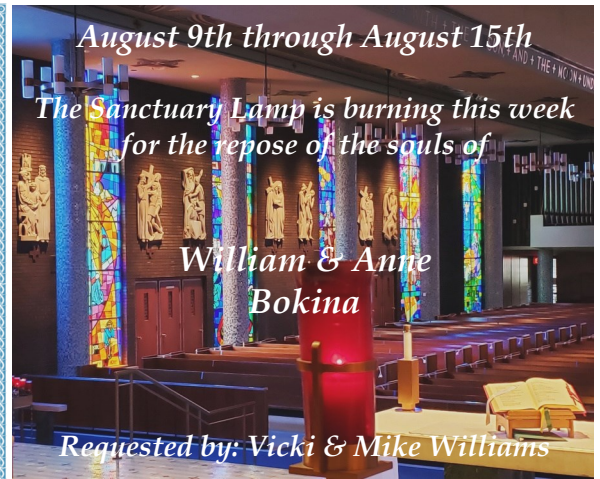
5:00 P.M. - †Eugene Bielski; †Howard J. Schneider; †Edward Labuz; and †William & Anne Bokina (on their 22nd Anniversary)

Sunday, August 16th - Twentieth Sunday In Ordinary Time

8:30 A.M. - †Cathy Duffy (on her 1st Anniversary); †Catherine & Leon Lacey, Sr.; and †Antoinette "Toni" Fabianski

10:30 A.M. — †Nicola & Anna Chiusolo; †Rocco Chiusolo; †Francis & Moira Cross; †Krystyna Sadowska; and †Leonardo Positano

6:00 P.M. — The People of the Parish



August 9th through August 15th

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

William & Anne Bokina

Requested by: Vicki & Mike Williams



August 9th through August 14th

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

Kelli & Paige Ommundson

Requested by: Lorraine Ommundson



August 9th through August 14th

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

Antoinette "Toni" Fabianski

Pope Tweet of the Week...

"Friendship is one of life's gifts and a grace from God. Faithful friends, who stand at our side in times of difficulty, are a reflection of the Lord's love, His gentle and consoling presence in our lives."



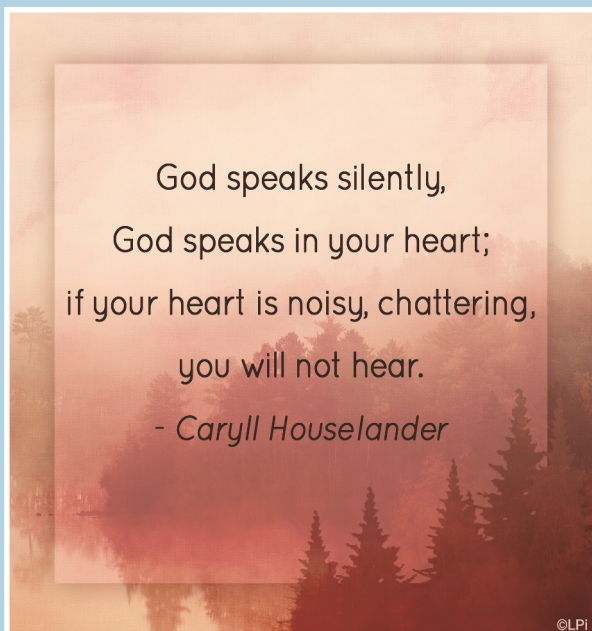


Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a/Ps 85:9, 10, 11-12, 13-14 [8]/Rom 9:1-5/Mt 14:22-33
Monday: 2 Cor 9:6-10/Ps 112:1-2, 5-6, 7-8, 9 [5]/Jn 12:24-26
Tuesday: Ez 2:8 – 3:4/Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131 [103a]/Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14
Wednesday: Ez 9:1-7; 10:18-22/Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [4b]/Mt 18:15-20
Thursday: Ez 12:1-12/Ps 78:56-57, 58-59, 61-62 [cf. 7b]/Mt 18:21 – 19:1
Friday: Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63 or 16:59-63/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 [1c]/Mt 19:3-12
Saturday: Vigil: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2/Ps 132:6-7, 9-10, 13-14 [8]1 Cor 15:54b-57/Lk 11:27-28. **Day:** Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16 [10bc]/1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56
Next Sunday: Is 56:1, 6-7/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [4]/Rom 11:13-15, 29-32/Mt 15:21-28



“Peter got out of the boat and began to walk on the water toward Jesus. But when he saw how strong the wind was he became frightened; and, beginning to sink, he cried out, “Lord, save me!”
- Matthew 14:29-30

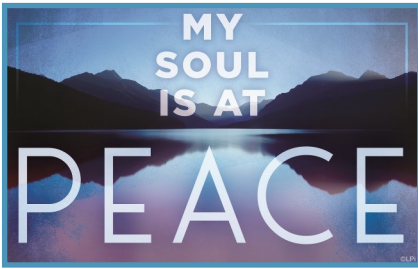
Peter shows himself to be a man of “little faith” when faced with the grave danger of drowning. Who are the people in your life who show a depth of faith in times of extreme duress?



Live the Liturgy - Inspiration for the Week..

There is something very sacred about silence. Silence connects us. It is where the heartbeat of all of creation – and its life blood and source – are embraced and where oneness is experienced. When in the presence of an environment that is silent, the worries, tribulations, struggles, and challenges of life seem to fade away, and we can experience a peaceful whisper. We can call that whisper God. Through the practice of contemplative prayer, we can find our way to that inner place of silence even in the midst of great distraction, busyness, and noise. The silence becomes one with us and grounds us. When we become friends with silence, friends with God, we can hear the gentle whisper of God’s voice saying, *“Come, stay here. Trust Me and you will not fall.”*

Gospel Meditation - Encourage a Deeper Understanding of Scripture



Be still and know that I am God. Silence is sacred. Silence speaks the language of the soul and is the foundation of all life and eternity itself. Silence takes us beyond the limits of our minds and allows us to seek and to love the essence of all love, perfect love, and being. In silence, we can be non-verbally present to things and to God in ways that words cannot accomplish. We can discover, encounter, and be present to truths that our minds struggle to conceive and then set aside the boxes we put around things when comprehending them is challenging. We can know the unknowable and touch eternity when we encounter the core silence in our souls.

We can do this even on a noisy street and in the midst of the greatest distraction. Once we have made friends with silence, the rambling noise of the world no longer seems to matter, and we can carry a deep forgiving peace within us, even when physical silence cannot be found. We know that we are loved, cared for, sustained, nourished, embraced, and carried. There is nothing to fear in silence, and I can be present to myself in the same way that God is present to me. I can see myself as God sees me. All of my faults, weaknesses, imperfections, failings, and sinfulness melt away in the abundance of God's mercy. All of the worldly things we see as being important no longer are.

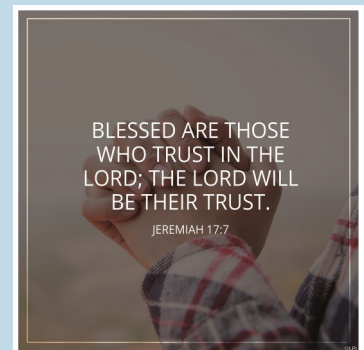
It is in silence that all of the barriers that divide us disappear. There is no more "yours" and "mine" but only the oneness of "ours." There is no longer a need to "figure things out," and we tap into our desire to simply let things be. Silence is creative and powerful and gives us hope. Silence is God's greatest blessing. God became one with humanity in silence. It allows us to be one with all of creation, with the moon and the stars and all of the creatures God has made. The smallest particle of creation radiates with beauty. Silence allows us to soar beyond ourselves and connect in ways that the mind can only imagine. When all is quiet, we begin to see that it is only our fear that keeps us from the Lord. It is our fear that causes us to sink and to fail. We can hear the gentle whisper that tells us to reach for God's hand. We discover that we yearn for the salvation and wholeness that only God can give to us. Be still my soul and be at peace.

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Everyday Stewardship – Recognize God in your Ordinary Moments

Being Human is to Doubt...

Humans doubt. It's what we do. We doubt ourselves and we doubt others. Before any of us say anything about Peter's doubting the words of Jesus that told him he could get out of his boat and walk on water, we need to get real with ourselves: How would I respond in the same situation? I remember when I was a child taking swimming lessons. One day I simply tightened up my muscles and sank. The lifeguard pulled me up and asked me what happened. I said I did not know. The truth is that I was sinking under the weight of my own doubt. I did not believe that I could do what clearly, I was told I could. That was only in five feet of water in a pool! Now that I'm older, I can look back and laugh. But as an adult, the swimming pool is life, and I would be lying if I said that there are no longer times I find myself sinking due to new doubts.



Much of our doubt comes about because of a lack of trust in God. We place our trust in material things, wealth, or imperfect people instead of the One who is worthy of our trust 100 percent of the time. Our stewardship is often hampered by our doubt that God will provide all that we need. If I give more, I may not have enough to survive! When we place all of our trust in God, not only do we find that we have been given all that we need – our doubts that cause us to sink in the pool of life fade away. We don't suddenly become perfect in our trust, and there will be times when we find ourselves with concerns again. However, it is in those moments we find that He is still there, speaking the words we need to hear: *"Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid."*

– 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.



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Events...

What's Happening @ IC...

Saturday, August 15th -

10:00 A.M. – Mass for the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary; CH (*Reservations Required)



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

Please note: As a precautionary measure, all other previously scheduled activities, meetings, and events have either been canceled or postponed until further notice.

Your Gifts to God and Parish...

If you plan to move from the 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 call our Parish Office, so your envelopes can be stopped for that time period. If you use electronic giving and still receive 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.

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41st Ward Paper Shredding & Electronic Recycling Event



Saturday August 29
8:30 am – 11:30 am

Immaculate Conception Parish Center
7271 W. Talcott Ave.
(Enter Parking Lot from Odell)

***Please note TV's and Computer Monitors will NOT be accepted at this event.**

