

Welcome to  
*Immaculate Conception Parish*

*A Catholic Community Inviting People to Follow Christ*

*December 11, 2022 - Third Sunday Of Advent*



*Lord, come and save us.*

*"Make your hearts firm, because the coming of the Lord is at hand."  
- James 5:7*

*Love God • Serve Others • Make Disciples*

## Contact Us

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### Parish Office Hours:

Monday-Friday: 9:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.  
Saturday: 9:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.  
Sunday: Closed

### Parish Website:

💻: [www.icchicago.org](http://www.icchicago.org)

### School Website:

💻: [www.iccowboys.net](http://www.iccowboys.net)

## 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](http://www.twitch.tv/icchicago)



## 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 8<sup>th</sup>)

#### 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 Sunday during Advent)

(Special dates & times offered during Advent & Lent)

### Baptisms:

2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of each month @ Noon  
(except during Lent)

## Donate

### Church & Special Collections:

Interested in supporting our parish, specific ministries and projects?

Please consider giving online at Give Central:  
[www.givecentral.org/location/349](http://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.





Saturday, December 24th (Christmas Eve):

(4:30 P.M. – School Christmas Pageant)

5:00 P.M. Family Mass

with Fr. Robert Fedek presiding

feat. our Choristers, Donovan Mixon (Guitar) & Jim Cox (String Bass) (Livestreamed)

Midnight Mass

with Fr. Matthew Heinrich presiding

feat. Select Vocalists & Strings (Livestreamed)

Sunday, December 25th (Christmas Day):

8:30 A.M. Mass

with Fr. Matthew Heinrich presiding

feat. our Vocal Quartet, Donovan Mixon (Guitar) & Jim Cox (String Bass)

10:30 A.M. Mass

with Fr. Matthew Heinrich presiding

feat. our Vocal Quintet, Donovan Mixon (Guitar) & Jim Cox (String Bass) (Livestreamed)

All are welcome!

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### *Cardinal Cupich Lifts Sunday Mass Dispensation*

**Please be advised:** With restrictions on public gatherings relaxed and many people feeling more comfortable returning to Church, Cardinal Cupich has officially lifted the general dispensation from the obligation of attending Sunday Mass that had been in place throughout the COVID pandemic. Effective as of the first Sunday of Advent, Sunday Mass is now obligatory unless one is homebound or suffering from illness. Please visit [icchicago.org](http://icchicago.org) to review the Cardinal's official letter regarding his decision in its entirety.





# Lectio Divina

Tuesday Evenings  
During Advent  
7:00-8:15 P.M.  
with Fr. Matt

"Lectio Divina" or 'Divine Reading'  
is a reflection technique that can  
be done alone or in a group.

This is meant to be a gathering by  
which people can take a moment  
to reflect upon the Word of God,  
being attentive to what strikes you  
intellectually or emotionally.

Light refreshments will be  
provided (and bringing a treat of  
your own is always appreciated.)  
We will conclude with a group  
prayer.

**Rectory Assembly**



- December 13th
- December 20th

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# Advent Confessions

Sundays

- December 11th
  - December 18th\*
- (\*Final Opportunity prior  
to Christmas)

9:30 A.M.  
until  
10:15 A.M.



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Advent Reconciliation Service:  
Thursday, December 15th - 7:30-8:30 P.M.

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# Advent Vespers & Parish Reconciliation Service

7:00-8:30 P.M.

Thursday, December 15th  
Featuring our  
Vocal Quintet

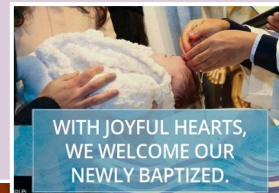
Join us for an evening of  
song & prayer...

Advent Vespers Service  
7:00-7:30 P.M.  
Thursday, December 22nd



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Christmas Oplatki Wafers @ IC



WITH JOYFUL HEARTS,  
WE WELCOME OUR  
NEWLY BAPTIZED.



Gwenyth Margaret Brogan  
Child of Michael Christopher & Tracy Lynn (Coom) Brogan

The breaking of the Christmas wafer is a custom that began in Poland in the 10<sup>th</sup> century. It is considered the most ancient and beloved of Polish traditions that expresses unity in the brokenness of the shared wafer, as well as a link to the unbroken chain of Christ's own Body shared through the one Bread in His one Church. The sharing of the Christmas wafer also symbolized forgiveness and reconciliation, an essential key to unity. After a two-year hiatus during the pandemic, we are happy to announce that we have resumed our parish tradition of offering Oplatki to our community, which are available at our Parish Office for \$3.00.







### IC National Junior Honor Society Service Project

In the spirit of the season, our **National Junior Honor Society** members were busy creating Christmas cards for the elderly. Students helped create over 500 Christmas cards which we gave to *Central Baptist Village Retirement Community, The Danish Home and Ascension Living Resurrection Village*. Our students worked after school for a couple of weeks on this special service project to help spread some holiday cheer to those in need.



Teaching Position Available @ IC

Family Mass: Celebrating Our Service Groups



Immaculate Conception School is looking for a **Middle School (Grades 7 & 8) Math/Religion Teacher**. If you are interested in applying for the position, or know someone who might be, please contact Principal Sue Canzoneri at: [canzoneri@iccowboys.net](mailto:canzoneri@iccowboys.net) or 773.775.0545.

Please join us at our **10:30 A.M. Family Mass this Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup>** (with Fr. Matt presiding) as we celebrate our *Service Groups*.

A hospitality reception hosted by members from our service-oriented groups (IC School Service Club, IC Pro-Life Group, IC Community Outreach: Sandwiches for The Port Ministries, etc.) will follow the conclusion of our Mass in the Vestibule of our Church. All are welcome!





*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  
Eric Dulce  
Lilia Dulce  
Ozzie D'Souza  
Valerie Dziekonski  
John Eckhardt  
Richard Flanagan  
Brooke Foreman  
Patricia Furgat  
Lila Gehner

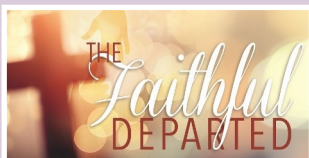
*For those who are sick;*

Bonnie Jean Gorski  
Marie Hagarty  
Rose Hegarty  
Gloria Hernandez  
Ofelia Hernandez  
Mike Hickey  
Judy Hull  
Mary Ann Schmitt Hurtig  
Kevin Jaburek  
Wayne Kinzie, Sr.  
Craig Kloss  
Lillian Kohut  
Katherine Kreuser  
Anthony LaPash  
**Terri Latina**  
Dawn LaVeau  
Benny Martinez  
Edwin Martinez  
Frank Martinez  
Pat Miaso  
Gerry Michalek, Jr.  
Glen Molo  
Mira Moroz  
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  
Bill Remblake  
Joe Rispoli  
Pia Rizza  
David Rodriguez  
Don Skorey  
Edward Stanczyk  
Jack Stewart  
Jill Swagler  
Alma T.  
Donna Tisdale  
Camilla Trevino  
Steven P. Trifilio  
Mary Ellen Vanderman  
Rose Vargo  
Miss Westhoff  
Rita Zambon  
**\*Newly Added**

*For our faithful departed:*

Marie Josephine Terranova (Aunt of Madeline Swagler)  
Paul Francis Haugh (Father of John Haugh)  
Frederick A. Viverito (Uncle of Tina Fitzgerald)



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



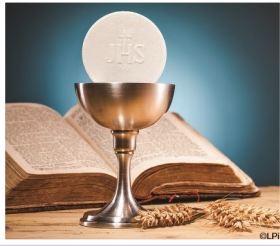
*For those who serve our country:*



**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, 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Katherine D. Hartnett, SPC Michael J. Stone, Pvt. Charlie Cruz Pappas  
**U.S. Navy** - CMDR Michael Brasseur, LCDR Christopher Jenkins, PO Thomas T. Tudisco  
**U.S. Air Force** - John Christopher Ocasio, Major Laurel Walsh, Major Paul H. Kolk, LT. COL. Michael O'Koniewski; Captain Colleen Bernal  
**U.S. Marines** - PFC Sebastian L. Rivera, Jr., PFC Christopher Hughes, PFC Algene D. Porticos, LCpl Daniel 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](http://vets.archchicago.org) that provides information that can be of assistance.





*Mass Intentions:  
Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup>  
through  
Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup>*

**Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup> – Third Sunday of Advent**

5:00 P.M. (Saturday) – †Genevieve Maurer; †Elizabeth Serafin;  
†Terry Rutkowski (Birthday Remembrance); †Angela Conlin;  
†Malachy & Michael Byrne; and Diane Fabrizio & Dennis  
Markus (Living) (on their Wedding Day)  
8:30 A.M. – †Daniel Fernandez; and The Flondro Family (Living)  
10:30 A.M. – †The Furgat Family; †Bogdan Hanek; †Francis &  
Moira Cross; †Leona Zullo; †Genevieve Spisak; and The People of  
the Parish

**Monday, December 12<sup>th</sup> – Our Lady of Guadalupe**

8:30 A.M. – †JoAnn Barder

**Tuesday, December 13<sup>th</sup> – Saint Lucy, Virgin and Martyr**

8:30 A.M. – †Poor Souls In Purgatory

**Wednesday, December 14<sup>th</sup> – Saint John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church**

8:30 A.M. – †Margaret O'Donnell (Birthday Remembrance)

**Thursday, December 15<sup>th</sup> – Advent Weekday**

8:30 A.M. – †Joan Larson (on her 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary); and †Marion Hollister

**Friday, December 16<sup>th</sup> – Advent Weekday**

**Saturday, December 17<sup>th</sup> – Late Advent Weekday**

5:00 P.M. – †The Furgat Family; †Stanislaw Swiderski; †Ignacy &  
Bronislawa Skiba; †Karol & Stefania Godek; †Teresa & Krystyna  
Motyka; †Fred Dagley; and Brian Belen (on his Birthday) (Living)

**Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup> – Fourth Sunday of Advent**

8:30 A.M. – †Francis & Moira Cross  
10:30 A.M. – †Carmen & Irene Covello; †Klemens & Sophie  
Fudala; †Alex & Edelia Covello; †Manuel Mendoza; †Bogdan  
Hanek; †Angela Conlin; †Elaine Karbowski; †The Raleigh Family;  
and The People of the Parish



December 11<sup>th</sup> through December 17<sup>th</sup>

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

**Maureen McGee  
Kogén**

Requested by: The McGee Family

December 11<sup>th</sup> through December 16<sup>th</sup>

Our Blessed Mother Votive is burning this  
week for the prayer intention of

**Brooke  
Foreman**  
(Daughter of Jennifer (Zyke) & Jeremy  
Foreman)

Requested by: Ray & Jan Ehrlich

December 11<sup>th</sup> through December 16<sup>th</sup>

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

**The Leahy  
Family**

Requested by: IC Pro-Life Group

**Pope Tweet of the Week...**

"God conceals himself in the most ordinary  
situations of our lives. He does  
not come in extraordinary events,  
but in everyday things: our daily  
work, a chance encounter,  
someone in need... That's where  
the Lord is, who calls to us and  
inspires our actions. #Advent "





## BLOOD DRIVE



### Immaculate Conception Parish Blood Drive

SUNDAY, DEC. 18  
9 A.M. - 3 P.M.  
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Appointments Recommended. Walk-ins Welcome.



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Eligibility questions? Call 877.258.4825

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Our IC Alpha Alumni Connect Group is currently hosting a **Food Drive** on behalf of the *Self-Help Closet & Pantry of Des Plaines* (SHCP) which continues **through Friday, December 16<sup>th</sup>**. To participate, please look for the Big Red Bins with the SHCP's logo on them, or other receptacles labeled for this Food Drive. They are located in our Church Vestibule, Parish Office, Rectory Assembly, School Lobby and Parish Center Lobby. *We are accepting nonperishable food items. These items must not be expired, so please be certain to check expiration dates prior to dropping off your donations! All food items must be in their original, factory-sealed containers.* If you have a question regarding what is acceptable, please visit [icchicago.org](https://icchicago.org) to review our flyer or contact Rob Lohman at [rob@lohmanlawgroupllc.com](mailto:rob@lohmanlawgroupllc.com).

*We greatly appreciate all donations and we thank our entire IC Family in advance!*

*You're Invited...*

**Join us for our upcoming  
Winter 2023  
Alpha Session @ IC!**

Alpha allows you to explore questions of the Christian faith in an open-minded and friendly environment. There's no cost and no pressure! Just lots of great conversation and space to think.

Each session begins with a meal, followed by a video presentation, then small group discussion. An hour and a half of the best time you will spend in an evening - or weekend morning!

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



Alpha



*Gospel Meditation - Encourage a Deeper Understanding of Scripture*



Life can leave us feeling dark and desolate. Sandy was just twenty-eight when her husband, Rob, died, leaving her to raise their two young children. She was without paid employment. Rob went to work one morning and never returned home. Sandy, though, had faith and trusted that somehow God would help her through, even though most days brought deafening, piercing loneliness. She persevered, and the darkness gave way to light. Remarking one day to a friend hesitant to commit to a relationship, Sandy shared her wisdom. Even if she knew the outcome would be the same, she would marry Rob again. She assured her friend that she would even do this if eight years could only be

eight minutes. We are being led by God and God transforms the darkness into light.

"Be strong, fear not!" Those are easy words to say. Putting them into practice is the challenge. When our paths are dark and life's roads become treacherous, we can easily complain about life's unfinished nature. When will the pain go away? Will the loneliness ever cease? Will I experience happiness again? As the farmer needs to exercise patience with the soil, we need to do the same with our lives. We have to wait for the early and late rains to come, properly tend to our gardens, and ensure that the rich nutrients of God's merciful and tender presence continue to enrich us. God is not done. God has only just begun his work in us.

We cannot allow life to hold us captive. The systems, agendas, protocols, regulations, expectations, and unfinished business can distract us from what it means to be God's child. Life can leave us feeling cheated, negative, and parched. All times and seasons of our spiritual and liturgical lives lead us to three virtues: faith, hope and love. Stop complaining about what is wrong and look to what God can make right! Joy that flows from the Baptist's message: in Jesus, the one mightier than he, are found healing, reconciliation, and freedom. Christ will save us from life's distortions, illusions, and disappointments. Do you believe this? ©LPi

*Second Collection: December 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup>*



**Help aging religious.** Senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests have devoted their lives to prayer, service, and works of mercy. Most ministered for little or no pay. Today, their religious communities do not have enough retirement savings. Your gift to today's **Retirement Fund for Religious** collection helps to furnish medications, nursing care, and other necessities. Please give generously.



*Catherine Stanko*

*Welcome to all visitors and guests!  
Interested in joining our  
IC Parish family?  
Register @ [icchicago.org](http://icchicago.org)*

*Ministry Schedules: Saturday, December 17<sup>th</sup> & Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup>*

	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	G. Abraham	N. Kanoon	M. Carroll
Cantors	E. Doyle	Vocal Quintet	Vocal Quintet
Extraordinary Ministers	R. Altman	A. Schnitzlein	D. Mroz & J. Campbell
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**What's Happening @ IC...****Monday, December 12<sup>th</sup> –**

10:15 A.M.-Noon – Monday Morning Bible Study: “The Gospel of John”; RA

9:30-11:30 A.M. – School Advent Reconciliation (Grades 6-8); CH

7:00-8:30 P.M. – Overtones Rehearsal; CH

**Tuesday, December 13<sup>th</sup> –**

9:30-11:30 A.M. – School Advent Reconciliation (Grades 3-5); CH

6:30-9:00 P.M. – Alpha &amp; Connect Executive Team Mtg.; RCR

7:00-8:15 P.M. – Advent Reflection Program: “Lectio Divina”; RA

**Wednesday, December 14<sup>th</sup> –**

8:30 A.M. – School Mass; CH

2:00-3:30 P.M. – IC Teacher Development Session with Fr. Matt; RA

2:00-3:30 P.M. – Choristers Rehearsal; CH

4:00-5:00 P.M. – Religious Education Class (Final Class: Grade 8); SC

7:00 P.M. – IC School Band Christmas Concert; PC

**Thursday, December 15<sup>th</sup> –**

7:00-7:30 P.M. – Advent Vespers Service; CH

7:00 P.M. – IC School Christmas Play; PC

7:30-8:30 P.M. – Parish Reconciliation Service; CH

**Friday, December 16<sup>th</sup> –**

7:00 P.M. – IC School Christmas Play; PC

8:15 P.M. – Men's Basketball; SG

**Saturday, December 17<sup>th</sup> –**

11:00 A.M.-1:00 P.M. – Future City Mtg.; NWCR

**Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup> – Fourth Sunday of Advent**

9:00 A.M.-3:00 P.M. – Vitalant Parish Blood Drive; PH

9:30-10:15 A.M. – \*Advent Confessions; CH (\*Final opportunity prior to Christmas)

**Your Gifts to God and Parish...**

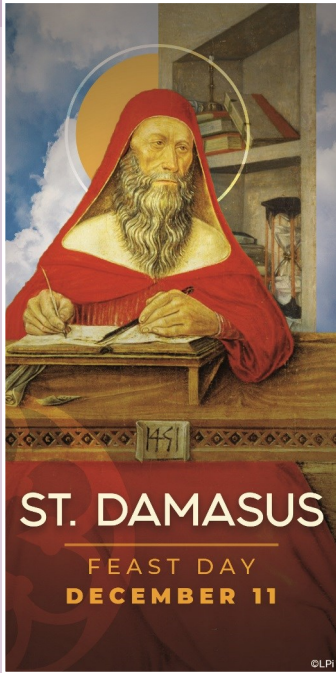
If you plan to move from our parish, please notify our Parish Office at least three months prior to your change of address. Also, if you will be away from home for more than 3 months, please contact us so that your envelopes can be stopped during that time period.

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.

**Early Bulletin Deadlines:**December 18<sup>th</sup> Bulletin submissions due:Friday, December 9<sup>th</sup>December 25<sup>th</sup> Bulletin submissions due:Monday, December 12<sup>th</sup>January 1<sup>st</sup> Bulletin submissions due:Thursday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>

Bulletin submissions are accepted via email at:  
**parishbulletin@icchicago.org**



*Saint of The Week - Examples of Our Faith: Saint Damasus (December 11<sup>th</sup>)*

Saint Damasus served as bishop of Rome for 18 years as Pope Damasus I (366-384). He had to endure significant controversy early in his pontifical reign when a factional group of bishops insisted that their chosen claimant, Ursinus, was the true pope. Both sides resorted to violence before the issue was decided in favor of Damasus. He went on to make the unification of the Church a central focus of his papacy and fervently fought to counter any division caused by the many heretical teachings of his time.

While he was pope, Christianity was declared the official religion of the Roman Empire and Rome's authority in the Church was decided by a synod that Damasus called in 382. This synod established Rome as the direct descendant of the Church founded by the apostle Saint Peter, the apostolic see, and put an end to confusion stemming from Constantinople, which some were already calling 'The New Rome'.

To further unify the Church, Damasus introduced Latin as the principle liturgical language and commissioned his secretary, Saint Jerome, to compile and revise the various translations of the Bible into one official translation to be used by the entire Church: The Latin Vulgate. This successfully preserved the original Scriptures by making them more accessible to the average Christian.

A writer and poet himself, Saint Damasus lives on in history through his many epigrams and verse inscriptions that can be found on the Roman catacombs that he restored during his papacy. Saint Jerome described his friend, Pope Damasus, as being "an incomparable person, learned in the Scriptures, a virgin doctor of the virgin Church, who

loved chastity and heard its praises with pleasure." ©LPi

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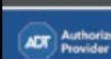
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