

Welcome to  
*Immaculate Conception Parish*

*A Catholic Community Inviting People to Follow Christ*

*December 13, 2020 - Third Sunday of Advent*

*Joy*



*"I rejoice heartily in the Lord, in my God is the joy of my soul."*

*- Isaiah 61:10a*

*Love God • Serve Others • Make Disciples*

Contact Us

☎: 773.775.3833

Parish Office Hours:

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

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

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

**\*New Website:**  
[www.icchicago.org](http://www.icchicago.org)  
(\*scheduled to launch on  
**Saturday, December 19th**)

✉: [parishoffice@icchicago.org](mailto:parishoffice@icchicago.org)  
(Please note: new email address)

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)

*Reservations are recommended to  
assist with contact tracing.  
Walk-ins are welcome, but must  
provide name and telephone number  
(or email) upon entry.  
Please visit our website or contact  
our Parish Office to register.*

Weekday Mass Schedule:

**Online Only**  
Monday through Friday @ 7:00 P.M.  
Wednesdays @ 8:30 A.M. (School Mass)  
(Worship with us virtually on our  
Facebook Page or Twitch)

**In-Person**  
First Friday Mass @ 5:30 P.M. each  
month followed by Adoration of the  
Blessed Sacrament & Benediction from  
6:00-7:00 P.M.

Confessions:

First and Third Tuesdays of  
each month from 6:00-7:00 P.M.  
  
(Special dates & times  
offered during Advent & Lent)

Baptisms:

Saturdays @ 1:00 P.M.  
Sundays @ 12:30 P.M.

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.

### December Catch-Up

I will be preaching about Evangelization and Alpha at all of our Masses this weekend (December 12th & 13th), so I thought my article here would be a good opportunity to catch you up on some of the projects and plans of our parish.



#### 1) Sound System

Our Sound System project has been, overall, a great success. Besides some tweaks and adjustments, we have already seen the benefit of clearer audio that reaches all corners of our Church. We have begun to implement our video system more regularly. We have livestreamed our 10:30 A.M. Masses and, with a full Church each weekend and many people watching from home, it has been a great experience. We have also streamed our first Funeral Masses, allowing families to be there for their loved ones, even at a distance. I am really proud of my staff's hard work to bring people together in-person and online. We will be adding Wi-Fi to our Church soon. While our new app has been delayed (which will allow you to have access to music and readings), it will come soon.

A big "Thank You" goes out to our **Holy Name Men's Club**, who helped wash our walls in our Vestibule, to **Vince Kennedy** and **Scott Will** for their leadership on this project, and to **Melissa Anna** for her work on livestreaming our Masses.

#### 2) New Online Content

We have tried our best to provide new content online to engage our audience. Here are a few examples:

- **Fr. Robert's daily Scripture Reflections** (on Facebook)
- **Fr. Matt's Lives of the Saints** (on Facebook)
- More regular uploads of our music to YouTube and Facebook
- A new series which entails providing answers to our kid's questions on faith and life (which premiered on Dec. 9th), on Facebook, YouTube, and Twitch
- Our Advent Vespers, online on Twitch and Facebook (December 9th, 16th, & 23rd)
- Our **new website** is set to premiere on December 19<sup>th</sup> at our new domain name: [www.icchicago.org](http://www.icchicago.org)

#### 3) Renovations and Upgrades to our Parish Office

For too long our Parish Office has been neglected, so we have made use of this time to give a little TLC to the place where we work, where you visit, and where many of us will meet again. After renovating our Rectory Assembly last year, we shifted our focus towards improving our main office area.

We have already recarpeted our Parish Office and did significant cleaning. We are now in the planning stages of repainting the main area, resurfacing the island, and patching many spots. Other office rooms have already been fully repainted. Soon, my office will not only be a meeting space, but a little studio where the parish and I can create some new content for you.

Thank you again for all of your generosity! Be well and have a blessed Advent!  
Fr. Matt

## Christmas Mass Schedule



### *Thursday, December 24th – Christmas Eve*

**5:00 P.M.** – *In-Person & Livestreamed\** (Featuring Contemporary Music)

**7:00 P.M.** – *In-Person*

**9:00 P.M.** – *In-Person & Livestreamed\** (Featuring Traditional Music)

### *Friday, December 25th – Christmas Day*

**8:30 A.M.** – *In-Person & Livestreamed\**

**10:30 A.M.** – *In-Person*

Reservations are recommended due to attendance restrictions and to assist with contact tracing. Online registration for our Christmas Masses will open on **Saturday, December 19th** which will also coincide with the launch of our new parish website. Please register at our new website which will be located at: **[www.icchicago.org](http://www.icchicago.org)** (beginning on December 19th.) For those without computer access, please contact our Parish Office at 773.775.3833 to register. To adhere to social distancing guidelines, attendance will be limited to \*160 attendees per Mass (\*approximately 20% of our total capacity.)

\*For those unable to join us in-person, three of our Christmas Masses will also be livestreamed from our Church. Our livestreamed Masses may be viewed on either our parish *Facebook* page (**Immaculate Conception Parish Chicago - Talcott**) or on *Twitch* (**[www.twitch.tv/icchicago](http://www.twitch.tv/icchicago)**). Giving options and our electronic bulletin will be available through links provided on both platforms.



School  
News...

## *New Chrome Books in Third Grade*

Students in Mrs. Fritz's Third Grade Class were excited to receive brand new Chrome Books this week! The Chrome Books replace older version i-Pads that were previously being used. Third grade students use the Chrome Books to complete weekly i-Ready assessments, Google Classroom assignments and utilize a variety of other applications and websites on a daily basis. Our students use Chrome Books to engage in interactive assignments for Art Class, Music Class and classroom subject areas. Due to the inability to work in partners or groups this year, students can also work on virtual group projects, create video presentations and share evidence of learning in a variety of ways. Chrome Books will also be a key component of remote learning in January, allowing all of our students to connect with their teacher and classmates each day. Room 16 is grateful to Mrs. Olker for setting everything up so that they can connect easily and learn more efficiently!



Please join our parish family in prayer ...



For those who are sick:

Tom Altman  
Concetta Bartucci  
Melissa Bednarz  
Robert Behrman  
Sonia M. B.  
Vince Caeti  
Jackie Campbell  
Rita Castillo  
Donna Chaplin  
James Covello  
Sherry Crocifisso  
Ronnie Cunningham  
Richard Flanagan  
Brooke Foreman  
Lila Gehner  
Ofelia Hernandez  
Dennis M. Jaburek  
Esther Jarosh

Helga Jarosz  
Craig Kloss  
Lillian Kohut  
**George Loescher**  
Benny Martinez  
Edwin Martinez  
Frank Martinez  
Fr. Eric Meyer, C.P.  
Veronica Murillo  
Timothy Murray  
Mary Beth O'Grady  
Jackie O'Koniewski  
David Olson  
Fr. Alan Phillip, C.P.  
Mary Potwora  
Bill Remblake  
David Rodriguez  
Elaine Schatz

**Jennie Sekula**  
**Lorraine Sekula**  
Don Skorey  
Edward Stanczyk  
Marion Szumski  
Julie Szwedo  
Donna Tisdale  
Steven P. Trifilio  
**John F. Vargo**  
Henry Wagener  
Geoffrey Woittel

\*Newly Added

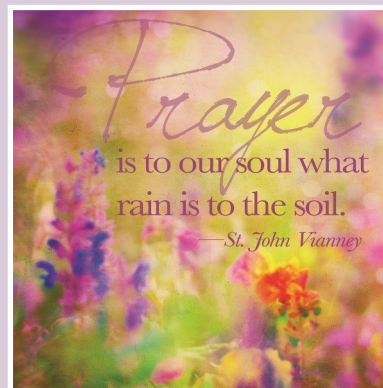
If you wish to have your name included in our prayer list (or removed), please contact our Parish Office at 773.775.3833.

For our faithful departed:

Jan Merino (Mother of Erma Kinzie)



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

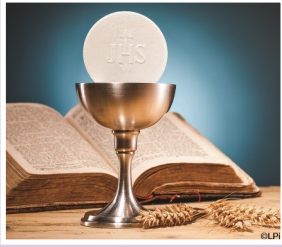


For those who serve our country:



**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** - CDRM 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](http://vets.archchicago.org) that provides information that can be of assistance.



**Mass Intentions:**  
**Sunday, December 13th**  
 through  
**Sunday, December 20th**

**Sunday, December 13th - Third Sunday of Advent**

5:00 P.M. (Saturday) - †Lawrence Gonsalves; and †Juan Gallardo Larrea

8:30 A.M. — †Carmencita E. Gonzalez

10:30 A.M. — †Francis & Moira Cross; †Stanislaw Swiderski; †Mae Nelson; †John Dosek; †Carmelo Gueli; †Giuseppe Columbia; †Paolo Ventura; †Jerry Gallo; †Rosendo Cuartero; and The People of the Parish

**Monday, December 14th - Saint John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church**

7:00 P.M. (Virtual Mass) — †Donna Bartels & Family

**Tuesday, December 15th - Advent Weekday**

7:00 P.M. (Virtual Mass) — †Jan Merino

**Wednesday, December 16th - Advent Weekday**

8:30 A.M. (Virtual Mass) — †Joan Larson (on her 8th Anniversary)

**Thursday, December 17th - Late Advent Weekday**

7:00 P.M. (Virtual Mass) — †Joseph Zagotta (on his 7th Anniversary)

**Friday, December 18th - Late Advent Weekday**

7:00 P.M. (Virtual Mass) — †Frank Ghidara (on his 16th Anniversary); and †Florence Coduto (Birthday Remembrance)

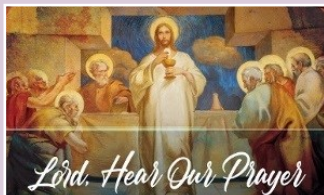
**Saturday, December 19th - Late Advent Weekday**

5:00 P.M. - †Katharina Kraemer; and †Joan Larson (on her 8th Anniversary)

**Sunday, December 20th - Fourth Sunday Of Advent**

8:30 A.M.- †Clementine Longo; †Sophie Fudala; †Carmen & Irene Covello; †Alex Covello; †Francis & Moira Cross; and †Nicola Campanella

10:30 A.M. — †Stanislaw Swiderski; †Carmelo Gueli; †Jerry Gallo; and The People of the Parish



**December 13th through December 19th**

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

**Joseph Zagotta**  
 (on his 7th Anniversary)

Requested by: Kathy Zagotta & Family

**December 13th through December 18th**

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

**Mike & Mae O'Donnell**

**December 13th through December 18th**

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

**Jan Merino**

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

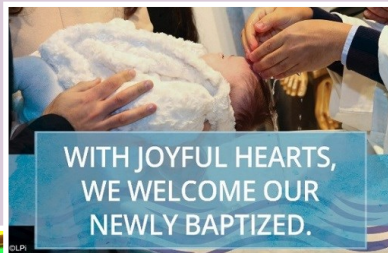
*"Come, Lord Jesus, make our distracted hearts watchful. Awaken within us the desire to pray and the need to love."*





*Readings For  
The Week of  
December 13th*

**Sunday:** Is 61:1-2a, 10-11/Lk 1:46-48, 49-50, 51-54 [Is 61:10b]/  
1 Thes 5:16-24/Jn 1:6-8, 19-28  
**Monday:** Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9 [4]/  
Mt 21:23-27  
**Tuesday:** Zep 3:1-2, 9-13/Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19 and 23 [7a]/  
Mt 21:28-32  
**Wednesday:** Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21c-25/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14  
[Is 45:8]/Lk 7:18b-23  
**Thursday:** Gn 49:2, 8-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17 [cf. 7]/Mt 1:1-17  
**Friday:** Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19 [cf. 7]/Mt 1:18-25  
**Saturday:** Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17 [cf. 8]/Lk 1:5-25  
**Next Sunday:** 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29 [2a]/  
Rom 16:25-27/Lk 1:26-38



*James Remy Ceglarek  
Child of James Ryan and Aimee Ruth (Harris) Ceglarek*



*Joseph Sebastian Pusateri  
Child of Christopher Sebastian and Susan Marie (Bue) Pusateri*

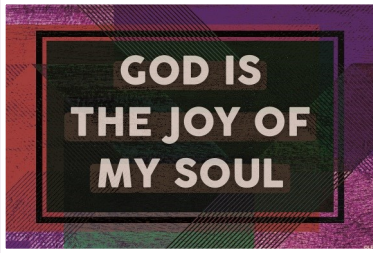


*Joseph Fazio*

*David & Mary Sever and their sons Jacob & Luke*



### Gospel Meditation - Encourage a Deeper Understanding of Scripture



Did you ever stop and realize that there is no earthly gain that can ever really satisfy us? Think of winning the Lotto. On this side of the winning ticket, it's all about the money, the new car, house, vacations, bank accounts, and infinite pleasures. The possibility of acquiring all of these earthly securities brings us back again and again to the purchase of a ticket. Then, one day we win! Our dreams are fulfilled, and happiness is on the horizon. Then one day, we wake up and realize that nothing has really changed, and I am not as satisfied as I thought I was or would be. I find myself living in my incompleteness and with my profound sorrow and grief. I did not find joy.

Glimpses of joy are possible but not by material means. They are brought to us through incredible experiences of connection that bring us face to face with real and authentic faith, hope, and love. And, they are glimpses and do not last. The moment we find ourselves looking back at them, they are gone, and we find ourselves remembering the moment in memory. To carry joy within us is to realize that it is not something I create, manufacture or even acquire. It is not able to be purchased. It is a gift. My need for joy mirrors my need for eternity, for a Creator who has a claim on the very essence of who I am and desires a home within me. As C. S. Lewis discovered, joy is a surprise that speaks to my very soul and is given as gift by the God who loves me.

The beauty of Advent is found in discovering the beauty of the gift of joy. God has visited his people for no other reason than to show them where and how to find joy! All of our human and earthly joy experiences are always only glimpses. They never satisfy us, sustain us or fulfill us. It is only God who is the joy of my soul. Real, Divine experiences of joy catch us off guard, make us stop and become aware, bring a feeling of awe and rightness and have an eternal Otherness about them. Nothing created by humans can ever come close to this. We probably will not fully realize the truth of all of this until we actually meet God face to face in heaven one day. Then, in that sacred moment when our hearts leap for joy we will understand what we have been tirelessly searching for all along. Intense gratitude will most surely follow.

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### Everyday Stewardship – Recognize God in your Ordinary Moments

#### A Constant Companion...

As Christians, we are called to a life of prayer. This is not just during seasons like Advent, but all year long. When we talk about being prayerful everyday stewards, we are speaking about cultivating an awareness of God being with us at all times. Each day we begin by offering God the entirety of our day. Each night we rest in Him and hope that the hours that passed gave Him glory.

During this busy time of Advent, it is hard to cultivate this life of prayer, but without it we can too easily lose sight of the reason for the season. It is during this time of year we need to heed the words of St. Paul more than ever when he wrote to the Thessalonians, *“Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing.”* This is how we will be able to avoid the pitfalls of consumerism and secularism and keep our eyes fixed on Jesus.



Bring Jesus with you into the office Christmas party. Take him with you shopping for gifts in the department store. Be aware of him when you sit down to watch television specials you have seen every year of your life. Give him all your time and let his presence fill your every moment. By striving to be connecting with Jesus at all times, you will bear greater fruit and the joy you experience will be much greater than you could imagine. You might even spend a few less dollars and spend more time with those you love, particularly the one who loves you the most, the Incarnation himself.

– Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi

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Subscribe to our YouTube Channel:



<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCv5KKsL7pD9Q2yuAR8naK4A>

Events...

What's Happening @ IC...

Tuesday, December 15th –  
 6:00-7:00 P.M. – Confessions; CH  
 6:30 P.M. – Finance Council Mtg.; Zoom

Wednesday, December 16th –  
 7:30 P.M. – Advent Vespers; Online

Thursday, December 17th -  
 7:30 P.M. – School Board Mtg.; Zoom



For more information on upcoming events, please visit  
[www.icparish.net](http://www.icparish.net).



Second Collection:  
 December 12th & 13th  
**Retirement Fund  
 for Religious**

Please give to those who have given a lifetime.

Please donate at your local parish or by mail at:  
 National Religious Retirement Office  
 3211 Fourth Street NE  
 Washington DC 20017-1194  
 Make check payable to Retirement Fund for Religious.

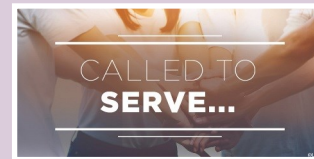
[retiredreligious.org](http://retiredreligious.org)

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.

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**[icparishcalendar@comcast.net](mailto:icparishcalendar@comcast.net)**



Our Parish Staff:

- Fr. Matthew Heinrich, Pastor
- Fr. Robert Carlton, Associate Pastor
- Fr. Robert Fedek, Weekend Assistant
- Deacon Rick & Carol Moritz
- Deacon Ronald & Connie Gronek
- Deacon Michael & Melissa Bednarz
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- Scott Will, Director of Worship
- Melissa Anna, Office Administration & Communications/  
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- Marilyn Sadowski, Receptionist
- Bernadette Anna, Parish Sacristan
- Michael La Haye, Head of Maintenance

Our School Staff:

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