Welcome to

Immaculate Conception Parish

A Catholic Community Inviting People to Follow Christ

December 15, 2024 - Third Sunday Of Advent (Gaudete Sunday)



"The Lord is near. Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God." - Philippians 4:5-6

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out with joy and gladness; for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel.

Contact Us

): 773.775.3833

Parish Office Hours:

Parish Website:www.icchicago.org

: 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: Closed

School Website:

⊠: parishoffice@icchicago.org

■: www.iccowboys.net

Social Media



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Weekend Mass Schedule:

Saturday Vigil @ 5:00 P.M. Sunday Mass @ 8:30 A.M. Sunday Mass @ 10:30 A.M.*

Weekday Mass Schedule:

Monday through Thursday @ 8:30 A.M. (Rosary Prayers & Chaplet of Mercy prayed after Weekday Masses)

Wednesdays @ 8:30 A.M. (School Mass*)

(*Livestreamed)

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: www.givecentral.org/location/349

Offertory envelopes can also be mailed in or dropped off at our Parish Office.

Scan the QR Code below:



2025 Ireland Pilgrimage – An Invitation

Dear all,

We are very near to securing the deposits needed to officially confirm our pilgrimage and trip to Ireland. This is very exciting! As a priest, I have never helped to lead a pilgrimage before, and to share that with all of you is something that I am very much looking forward to.



As we approach Christmas, I understand that with gifts, parties, potential family travel plans, etc., money may be tight, but I would encourage you to consider joining us. The full payment for the pilgrimage is not due until May, so only the deposit (\$750) is due now.

Likewise, I have arranged the pilgrimage to serve as a good balance of prayer, nature, time together, as well as free time to use as you see best. I have long believed, having been on pilgrimages myself, that a considerable amount of time is spent on buses, but never enough time to actually take in the atmosphere of the pilgrimage sights. As such, with *Anne Wolf*, we have constructed a pilgrimage that allows us time to breathe and truly appreciate Ireland: both its natural beauty and spiritual significance.

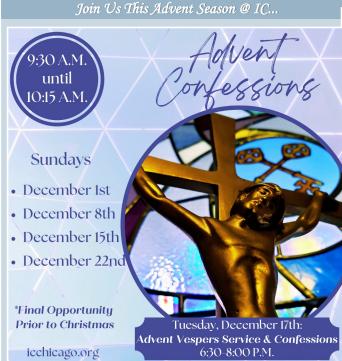
The pilgrimage is scheduled for **August 25**th **through September 3**rd (within Labor Day Weekend) in hopes that you can use as few vacation days as possible and still get away for a wonderful experience!

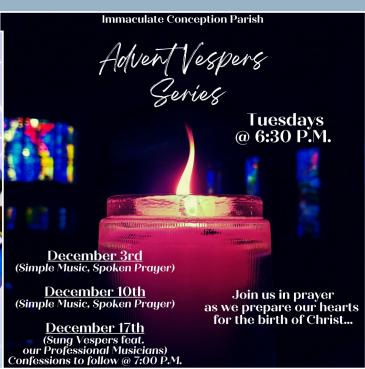
- Fr. Matt



- Round-Trip Economy Class Airfare, Chicago to Dublin
- Group Airport Transfers in Ireland
- Luxury Motorcoach with Air Conditioning
- *Driver/Guide throughout the Tour*
- 8 Nights Standard Hotel Accommodation
- 8 Breakfasts & 8 Dinners

- 5 Masses scheduled
- Baggage Handling for one piece of Luggage; taxes & fees
- Sightseeing as indicated in the Itinerary
- Flight Bags, Ticket Wallets, Baggage Tags,
 & Identifying Strap
- Customized Travel Journal









This weekend, we will have a special second collection to help defray the cost of our flowers for our Christmas decorations this year. Donations will be gratefully accepted by our



ushers as they pass the collection baskets during Offertory time during all our Masses on **December 14**th & **15**th.

Thank you for your kind generosity and for assisting us in beautifying our Church for our Christmas celebration this year!

Parish Office Holiday Hour.

Our Parish Office will be open from 9:00 A.M. until Noon on Tuesday, December 24th (Christmas Eve) Our Parish Office will be closed in observance of Christmas: Wednesday, December 25th & Thursday, December 26th

Beginning on **Friday, December 27**th and continuing through **Saturday, January 4**th, our Parish Office will be open from **9:00 A.M. until 2:00 P.M.** (*with 1 exception*).

Our Parish Office will be closed in observance of *New Year's Day:* **Wednesday, January 1**st

5:00 P.M. Family Mass* with Fr. Matthew Heinrich presiding feat. our Children's Christmas Pageant, Choristers, Select Professional Vocalists & Instrumentalists (Contemporary Music) Midnight Mass* with Fr. Matthew Heinrich presiding feat. Select Professional Vocalists & Instrumental Soloist (Traditional Music) Wednesday, December 25th (Christmas Day): 8:30 A.M. Mass with Fr. Michael Wyrzykowski presiding feat. Select Professional Vocalists & Instrumental Soloist (Traditional Music) 10:30 A.M. Mass*

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feat. Select Professional Vocalists & Instrumental Soloist (Traditional Music)

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Tuesday, December 24th (Christmas Eve):

Immaculate Conception School News

On Wednesday, December 4, 2024, the Superintendent of the Catholic Schools of the Archdiocese of Chicago, *Greg Richmond*, visited our school. He presented our Principal, *Sue Canzoneri*, and *Melissa Tronco*, Vice President of our IC Parents Club, with the Certificate of Achievement for the Highest Family Engagement score in Chicago for 2023-24! IC parents have always been the best!



Please join our parish family in prayer ...



Nick Abbamonte Mina Acevedo Tom Altman Paul Amandes Amelia Aquino Arnold B. Diane Ballog Annie Beckman Robert Behrman Sonia M. B. Roberta Berger Michael Berry Grace Cabiao Mary Cali Juanita Camacho Jackie Campbell Donna Chaplin Truman Collins James Covello Ronnie Cunningham Joe Day Paige Dicks Emily Divarco Eric Dulce Lilia Dulce Alicia Enriquez Elizabeth Felix Patrick Fisher

For those who are sick:

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*Newly Added

For our faithful departed:

Joseph Thaddeus Pawlowski Joseph "Joe" Rispoli (Uncle of Nick Opitz) Raffaello Pacini



"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

U.S. Navy - CMDR Michael Brasseur, CDR Christopher Jenkins, PO Thomas T. Tudisco, Ensign Marina J. Monacelli

U.S. Air Force - John Christopher Ocasio, Major Laurel Walsh, Major Paul H. Kolk, LT. COL. Michael O'Koniewski; Captain Colleen Bernal; SSgt. Bryan H. O'Koniewski

U.S. Marines - PFC Sebastian L. Rivera, Jr., PFC Christopher Hughes, PFC Algene D. Porticos, LCpl Daniel Wieczorek, Cpl Luis A. Corea, LCPL Brian Mendoza

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, December 15th through Sunday, December 22nd

Sunday, December 15th – *Third Sunday Of Advent (Gaudete Sunday)* 5:00 *P.M. (Saturday)* – [†]Joseph Imburgia; [†]Mary Anne Novak; and [†]Tony & Carol Colamonico (Living)

8:30 A.M. – †Michael James McGowan

10:30 A.M.— †Francis Chu; †Barbara Jalloway (Birthday Remembrance); †Tivadar "Ted" Szabo; †Walter Davis (on his 25th Anniversary); †Melvin French; †Donald Fox; †Bill Smith; †Jean & Jack Joyce; †Francis & Moira Cross; and The People of The Parish

Monday, December 16th - Advent Weekday

8:30 *A.M.* — [†]Joan Larson (on her 12th Anniversary); [†]Dennis Michael Jaburek (on his 2nd Anniversary); and Flor Maria Santiago (Living)

Tuesday, December 17th - *Late Advent Weekday* **8:30 A.M. –** [†]Catherine Garstecki; and [†]Joseph Zagotta (on his 11th Anniversary)

Wednesday, December 18th − *Late Advent Weekday* 8:30 A.M. − †Poor Souls In Purgatory

Thursday, December 19th – Late Advent Weekday 8:30 A.M. – †Frank Ghidara (on his 20th Anniversary); †James Forrestel; and †Katharina Kraemer (Birthday Remembrance)

Friday, December 20th - Late Advent Weekday

Saturday, December 21st - Saint Peter Canisius, Priest and Doctor of the Church

5:00 P.M.—†Dorel Morris; †Theresa M. Bonk (on her 1st Anniversary); †Tony & Carol Colamonico (Living); and Brian Belen (on his Birthday) (Living)

Sunday, December 22nd – Fourth Sunday Of Advent 8:30 A.M.- †Michael James McGowan 10:30 A.M. – †Manuel Mendoza; †Robert & Marilyn Passeri; †Christopher Passeri; †Brian Robert Ruehl; †Bill Smith; †Francis & Moira Cross; †Pat Furgat; †Dennis Michael Jaburek; †Alice Karmen Jariea; †Jose Moy; †Eleanor Kolecki (Birthday Remembrance); Cindy Keele (Living); Kevin Jaburek (Living); Mary Cimilluca (Living); and The People of the Parish





Our Mass is a beautiful celebration of Christ's love for us, so what better way to honor cherished friends & family members than to have a Mass offered in their name.



To request a Mass Intention for a living or deceased loved one, please contact our Parish Office @ 773.775.3833. Suggested Donation: \$10.00 (Mass Card included.)

BLOOD DRIVE



Immaculate Conception Parish Blood Drive

Sunday, Dec. 15 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. 7263 W. Talcott Ave. Chicago, IL Providence Hall

To schedule an appointment call vitalant at 877.258.4825 or visit Vitalant.org and use group code: ORDOCHO1.

Appointments Recommended. Walk-ins Welcome. Eat well, hydrate, & bring ID.

SCAN HERE TO SCHEDULE



In appreciation for helping patients this holiday season, you'll receive a special gift!
Donors will get a \$10 Rewards gift card. PLUS, you'll be automatically entered for a chance to win one of five \$5,000 gift cards! Donors must have an online donor account and be opted into the Donor Rewards program to qualify for this drawing and to receive the \$10 gift card.

This Weekend @ IC:



Next Weekend @ IC:

Missing: Baby Bottles



The IC Pro-Life Committee is grateful for the parish's support of the message and work of *The Women's Centers of Greater Chicagoland* through *The Baby Bottle Project*. We provided close to 200 bottles filled with change and currency to this important fundraiser! We are on the hunt, however, for an additional several dozen bottles that were distributed. If you have a bottle on your kitchen counter or dresser, please bring it back to Church as soon as possible. Even an empty bottle saves on costs for *The Women's Centers*.



Christmas Oplatki

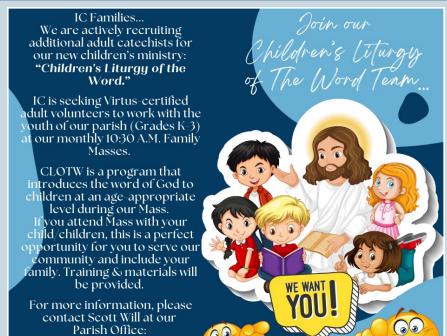
Service Opportunities @ IC: Volunteers Needed - Children's Liturgy of the Word

The breaking of the Christmas wafer is a custom that began in Poland in the 10th 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.

Our parish tradition of offering Oplatki to our community continues this year, now available at our Parish Office for \$3.00 (while supplies last.) If you would like to purchase Oplatki after our Masses this weekend, please stop by our Sacristy in our Church after Mass concludes.



Ministry Schedules: Saturday, December 21st & Sunday, December 22nd

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or 773.775.3833 Ext. 104

	Saturday 5:00 P.M. Mass Fourth Sunday of Advent	Sunday 8:30 A.M. Mass Fourth Sunday of Advent	Sunday 10:30 A.M. Mass Fourth Sunday of Advent		
Presiders	Fr. Robert Fedek	Fr. Michael Wyrzykowski	Fr. Michael Wyrzykowski		
Lectors	L. Christy	J. Semmler	M. Carroll		
Cantors	E. Doyle	Vocal Quartet	Vocal Quartet		
Extraordinary Ministers	D. Mroz; S. Witz	L. Womack; M. Dosek; D. Zamirowski; M. Zizzo	K. Sampey; J. Campbell; M. Niewinski; E. Niewinski		
Altar Servers	O. Accardo; L. Love; S. Traversa	J. Galeno; A. McMahon; S. Paxson	P. Beckman; M. Brown; T. Cox		

Ministry Schedules: Tuesday, December 24th (Christmas Eve) & Wednesday, December 25th (Christmas Day)

	Tuesday 5:00 P.M. Family Mass Christmas Eve	Tuesday Midnight Christmas Eve	Wednesday 8:30 A.M. Christmas Day	Wednesday 10:30 A.M. Christmas Day
Presiders	Fr. Matthew Heinrich	Fr. Matthew Heinrich	Fr. Michael Wyrzykowski	Fr. Michael Wyrzykowski
Lectors	Youth Lectors	J. Lim; M. Niewinski	D. Sebastian; N. Kremer	N. Kanoon; P. Moy
Cantors	Choristers, Select Vocalists, & Instrumentalists	Select Vocalists & Instrumental Soloist	Select Vocalists & Instrumental Soloist	Select Vocalists & Instrumental Soloist
Extraordinary Ministers	L. Womack; J. Semmler; N. Kanoon	ТВА	D. Zamirowski; M. Wagner	R. Siciliano; J. Campbell
Altar Servers	S. Borowski; E. Carroll; M. Carroll	O. Bernson	K. Catomer; G. Hoffman; E. Hyland	T. Cox; N. Eaglin; N. Reichle



Our Parish Staff:

Fr. Matthew Heinrich, Pastor
Fr. Robert Fedek, Weekend Assistant
Deacon Rick & Carol Moritz
Deacon Ronald & Connie Gronek

Vincent Kennedy, Director of Operations

Scott Will, Director of Worship

Melissa Anna, Administrative Supervisor & Communications/ Bulletin Editor

Elizabeth Doyle, Assistant Director of Music

Marilyn Sadowski, Receptionist

Bernadette Anna, Parish Sacristan

Our School Staff:

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

What's Happening @ IC...

Monday, December 16th -

10:00 A.M.-Noon – Monday Morning Bible Study Concludes; RA **6:00-9:00 P.M.** – Alpha Executive Team Mtg.; RA

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

Tuesday, December 17th -

8:30-9:30 A.M. - Cherub Concert (Kindergarten-3rd Grade); PC

6:30-8:00 P.M. – Advent Vespers Service (feat. Professional Musicians) &

Confessions; CH

Wednesday, December 18th -

8:30 A.M. - School Mass; CH

2:10-3:30 P.M. – Choristers Rehearsal; CH

7:00-8:30 P.M. – Future City Mtg.; Cafe

Thursday, December 19th -

11:25 A.M.-12:30 P.M. – IC Altar Server Luncheon; RA

1:30 & 7:00 P.M. - School Band Christmas Concert; PC

7:00-9:00 P.M. - School Board Mtg.; RA

<u>Friday, December 20th</u> – School 11:30 A.M. Dismissal: Christmas Break Begins Room Parents: Classroom Christmas Parties; SC

11:30 A.M.-6:00 P.M. – ICPC School Staff Christmas Party; PH

Saturday, December 21st -

10:00 A.M.-12:30 P.M. - Future City Mtg.; Café

Sunday, December 22nd - Fourth Sunday Of Advent

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

11:30 A.M.-1:00 P.M. - Evangelization Team Mtg.; RCR

3:00-6:00 P.M. - The Joshua Talbot Memorial Gift Wrap-A-Thon; Café

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Upcoming Bulletin Deadlines:

December 22nd Bulletin submissions due:

*Saturday, December 7th

December 29th Bulletin submissions due:

*Monday, December 16th

January 5th Bulletin submissions due:

*Friday, December 20th

(*Please note early submission deadlines due to the holidays)

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

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