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December 1, 2024 - First Sunday Of Advent



"And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory.

When these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand."

- Luke 21:27-28

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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

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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)

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Fr. Matt's Sabbatical In Overview (January -June 2025)

A few weeks ago, I announced that I would be going on my Sabbatical. For those unfamiliar with the technical term: a priest's sabbatical is given after at least 7 years of ministry. It is granted to a priest that makes a plan that centers around personal, spiritual, and professional growth. It is a time for both rest and work outside the usual confines of day-to-day life. A Sabbatical is an opportunity for both time away from parish life and time for ways of growing it. My Sabbatical is a little unique in that I composed a great deal of it on my own, as opposed to taking a series of pre-set programs. As it is unique, I would like to share with you the plan and hopeful outcomes:



January:

After a brief period of time helping *Fr. Michael* (our new associate) get settled, I will drive down to Texas City, Texas, just 45 minutes southeast of Houston. A gracious pastor and his parish have offered to house me for a brand-new type of internship through *Divine Renovation*. [*Divine Renovation* is a program for parish renewal and professional growth of priests and staff.]

During my time there, I will be reading some books on professional administration while also learning from a more veteran team on things such as: long-term planning and sustainability, ministry creation, and parish culture. I hope to do some writing from the knowledge I acquire, both for the benefit of Immaculate Conception and the Archdiocese, as I believe that long-term planning better stabilizes the trajectory of a parish. I hope to even create some videos on the subjects that I gain a better understanding of.

Mid-February:

After a month there, I will drive across Texas to Scottsdale, Arizona to a *Franciscan Retreat Center* for some spiritual time. One thing that I have noticed about pastoring is how prayer often suffers as a result – I do not mean trust in God or personal prayer, per se, but that when my mind is preoccupied by so many things, taking meaningful time to pray becomes rarer. This quiet time will allow me to reconnect with prayer.

March

This will allot me some personal time for travel and reconnecting with family.

April:

The whole month of April will be spent at a *Benedictine Monastery* (Meinrad) for academic studies, yet to be determined, but I imagine I will focus on *Saint John Henry Newman* and his theology of Assent. I will not bore you with the details here, but he is a person and saint with whom I have great fondness.

Mau:

I will then travel to England and Ireland to visit many pilgrimage sites, including those of *Saint John Henry Newman*. I will also visit the ancestral land of my mother's side of the family (Kerry and Cork). I hope to offer Mass at the cemetery where my family is buried to cap off my pilgrimage.

Tune:

After an extended period of travel, I will return to Chicago to rest, reset, and return to IC. I hope that what I have learned during my time away will serve me well in a new chapter of priesthood and my pastorate at IC.

I plan to write to you all as I am away — maybe even post a video or two.

No need to say goodbye just yet as I will be here through Christmas. Until then,

Fr. Matt

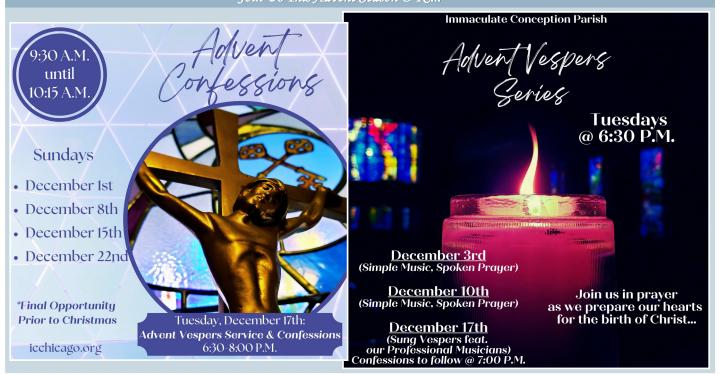






Our Novena to Our Lady, The Immaculate Conception, our parish's patroness, will begin on **Sunday, December 1**st, and will continue daily through **Monday, December 9**th. Our Novena will be prayed after our 8:30 A.M. Mass with 3 exceptions: Sunday, December 1st (after our 10:30 A.M. Mass), Saturday, December 7th (after our 5:00 P.M. Mass) and Sunday, December 8th (after our 10:30 A.M. Combined Morning Prayer & Mass with *Bishop Bartosic*.) **Please note: Because of the Novena, Mass will be celebrated on Friday, December 6th at 8:30 A.M.** Our Novena will conclude after our 8:30 A.M. School Mass on our Parish Feast Day, December 9th. The Novena prayers will last for approximately ½ hour. This year, the Solemnity is transferred to December 9th because Sunday, December 8th is the *Second Sunday of Advent*. Please join us in honoring our Patroness through this very special Novena in preparation for this great solemnity.

Join Us This Advent Season @ IC...



Mrs. Deadwyler's Fourth Grade Classroom

In Grade 4 - Room 9, we are super busy working together and helping each other learn. We love reading! **Epic!** is our favorite reading app. Collectively, we have read 993 books so far this school year. This equals about 204 hours! In math, we help each other solve multi-step multiplication problems. We enjoy visiting our preschool buddies. We can't wait to help them grow in their faith. During SEL, we play a game called "Know Your Neighbor". We learned so much about our classmates and strengthened our classroom community. We love Fourth Grade!



Interested In Learning More About Our School?

Our IC Teen Club Hosts Coffee House: Dec. 8th





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 Dolores Dopke Eric Dulce Lilia Dulce Alicia Enriquez Elizabeth Felix

For those who are sick:

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*Newly Added

For our faithful departed:

Margaret Kalmatz Geuting (Wife of Thomas)



"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

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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 1st through Sunday, December 8th

Sunday, December 1st – First Sunday Of Advent 5:00 P.M. (Saturday) – †Tony & Carol Colamonico (Living) 8:30 A.M. – †Lorraine Ommundson; †Francis Coelho (on his 18th Anniversary); †Quintin S. Lim (on his 7th Anniversary); and †Virginia Peszek

10:30 A.M.—†Joseph Rutterer; †Joseph Svoboda; †Tony Renic; †Tommy Fuller; †Jan Merino (on her Anniversary); †Giovanni & Rosalia Porcelli; †Tracy Reppen (Birthday Remembrance); †Quintin S. Lim (on his 7th Anniversary); †Maria Plawiak; †Noreen Murphy; †Brian Robert Ruehl; †Anthony Rossetti (on his 1st Anniversary); †Francis & Moira Cross; †Pat Furgat; and The People of the Parish

Monday, December 2nd - Advent Weekday

8:30 A.M. → [†]The Deceased Members of The Serafin Family; and [†]Janina & Franciszek Sliwinski

Tuesday, December 3rd - Saint Francis Xavier, Priest 8:30 A.M. — [†]Lorraine D. Ommundson

Wednesday, December 4th - Saint John Damascene, Priest and Doctor of the Church

8:30 A.M. — *Barbara De Gryse; and *John Sexton

Thursday, December 5th - Advent Weekday

8:30 A.M. – [†]Harley Fuller (Death Anniversary); [†]Ellen "Nellie" Gavin; and [†]Patty Dunleavy

Friday, December 6th - Saint Nicholas, Bishop 8:30 A.M. — [†]Poor Souls In Purgatory

Saturday, December 7th - Saint Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

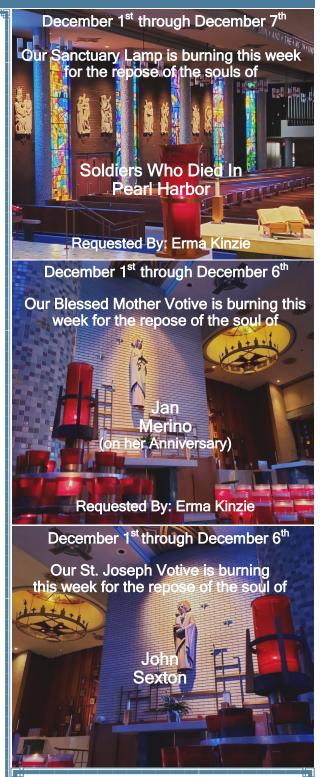
5:00 P.M. – *Soldiers Who Died In Pearl Harbor; *Jack E. Felke; *The Deceased Members of The Isaac Family; *Paul Haugh; *Tony & Carol Colamonico (Living)

Sunday, December 8th - Second Sunday Of Advent

8:30 A.M.- †Catherine Lacey; †Ann Kula; †The Deceased Members of The Urizarri & Segura Families; †Brian Masterson; †Noreen Nolan; †Melvin "Mel" French; †Jill Swagler; †The Terranova Family; and †John Griffin

10:30 A.M. — †Donna Marie Haywood; †Thomas Tovar; †The Deceased Members of The Furgat Family; †Noreen Murphy; †Patricia Boeykens; †Maria Teresa Arreguin; †Jorge Adalberto Mora Bustos; †Francis & Moira Cross; and The People of The Parish





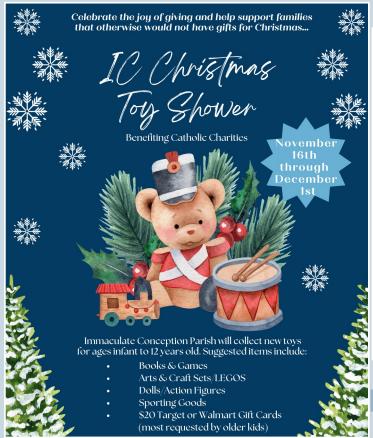
Our Mass is a beautiful celebration of Christ's love for us, so what better way to honor cherished friends & family members than to have a Mass offered in their name.

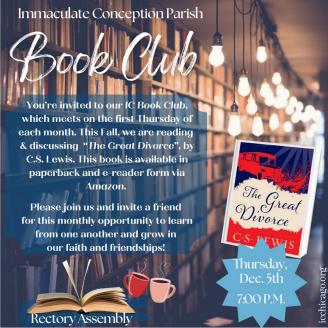


To request a Mass Intention for a living or deceased loved one, please contact our Parish Office @ 773.775.3833. Suggested Donation: \$10.00 (Mass Card included.)

Christmas Giving @ IC: November 16th Through December 1st

Join Our Monthly Book Club...

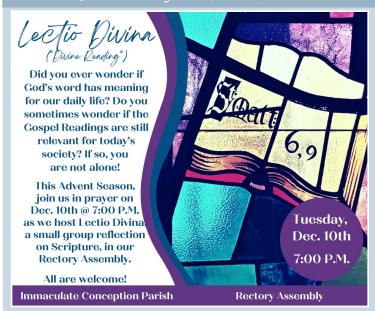




Next Weekend @ IC: Second Collection

Please bring UNWRAPPED gifts to Church or our Parish Office during the last two weeks of November. All toy donations will be delivered to *Catholic Charities* by **December 5**th so that volunteers can sort and distribute to clients. To shop online or review other giving opportunities, please visit: *catholiccharities.net/give/celebration-of-giving*

Join Us In Prayer This Advent Season...





Please donate at your local parish or by mail at:

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Save The Date: Parish Blood Drive

BLOOD DRIVE



There is an upcoming Blood Drive scheduled for **Sunday**, **December 15**th, from **9:00 A.M.** until **3:00 P.M.** in Providence Hall, in the school building. Please consider donating and bringing a family member or friend to donate with you. Not only is it possible to save up to three lives, it also prompts your own body to build new

blood cells. The process takes approximately an hour. You can save time by taking the health history questionnaire online, before you arrive. Your blood is a gift only you can give.

Join Fr. Matt On A Special Pilgrimage To Ireland...

IRELAND PILGRIMAGE





August 25—September 3, 2025

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Kathleen Anwar

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James & Katherine Lorenz Lesniak and their children Luke & Patrick

Paul Lombardi & Krystyn Abbate and their children Paul & Joseph

Garrett & Kristi Meade and their children Garrett & Tilly

Kyle & Katie Weber and their children Kamryn & Richy

Daniel & Ann O'Grady

Bryan A. Meghan Carden Hecker and their child Hope

Stephen & Mallory Bozovic and their child Emery

Ministry Schedules: Saturday, December 7th & Sunday, December 8th

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	Saturday 5:00 P.M. Mass	Sunday 8:30 A.M. Mass	Sunday 10:30 A.M. Mass
Presiders	Fr. Matthew Heinrich	Fr. Robert Fedek	Bishop Mark Bartosic
Lectors	P. McDermott; M. McDermott	J. Semmler	S. Serb
Cantors	E. Doyle & Parish Choir	Vocal Quartet	Vocal Quartet
Extraordinary Ministers	D. Mroz; S. Witz	D. Sebastian; J. Semmler	N. Kanoon; C. Kech; R. Siciliano; J. Campbell
Altar Servers	N. Eaglin; J. Nelson; N. Reichle	K. Catomer; I. Magruder; A. McMahon	J. Galeno; E. Serb; C. Villafane



Our Parish Staff:

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

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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 2nd – Immaculate Conception Novena Continues Daily **9:30-11:00 A.M. –** School Advent Reconciliation (*Grades 3-5*) 10:00 A.M.-Noon - Monday Morning Bible Study; RA 7:00-9:30 P.M. – Fall Alpha Team Wrap-Up Session & Celebration Dinner; RA

Tuesday, December 3rd -

9:30-11:00 A.M. — School Advent Reconciliation (Grades 6-8) 6:30 P.M. - Advent Vespers Service; CH

7:00-9:00 P.M. - Parish Pastoral Council Mtg.; RA

Wednesday, December 4th -

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

4:00-5:00 P.M. – Religious Education Program Advent Lesson; SC/CH

8:00-9:30 P.M. - IC Athletic Committee Mtg.; NWCR

Thursday, December 5th -

7:00-8:30 P.M. - IC Book Club; RA

7:00-8:30 P.M. - Parish Finance Council Mtg.; RCR

8:00-9:30 P.M. – Holy Name Men's Club Mtg.; BA

Friday, December 6th -

9:00 A.M.-2:00 P.M. - School Open House; SC

Saturday, December 7th —

6:00 P.M.-Midnight - IC HNMC Annual Christmas Party; PC

Sunday, December 8th - Second Sunday Of Advent (Religious Retirement Fund) 9:30-10:15 A.M. - Advent Confessions; CH

9:30 A.M.-12:30 P.M. - Coffee House (Hosted By: IC Teen Club); RA

10:30 A.M. - Combined Morning Prayer & Mass (with Bishop Bartosic); CH

4:00-6:00 P.M. - Cub Scout Christmas Party; PH/Café

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Upcoming Bulletin Deadlines:

December 8th Bulletin submissions due:

*Wednesday, November 27th

December 15th Bulletin submissions due:

*Wednesday, December 4th

December 22nd Bulletin submissions due:

*Saturday, December 7th

(*Please note early submission deadlines) Bulletin submissions are accepted via email at:

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