

Welcome to  
*Immaculate Conception Parish*

*A Catholic Community Inviting People to Follow Christ*

*December 26, 2021 - The Holy Family Of Jesus, Mary And Joseph*

*December 25, 2021 - The Nativity Of The Lord*



*"See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God.  
And so we are."  
1 John 3:1*

*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](https://www.twitch.tv/icchicago)

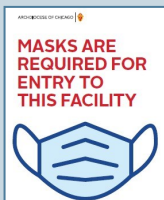


## Mass and Sacrament Schedule

### 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. All are welcome!*



### 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.

### Weekday Mass Schedule:

#### Online

Monday through Thursday @ 8:30 A.M.  
(Worship with us virtually on our  
Facebook Page or Twitch)

#### In-Person

Monday through Friday @ 8:30 A.M.  
First Friday Mass @ 5:30 P.M. each  
month followed by Adoration of the  
Blessed Sacrament & Benediction from  
6:00-7:00 P.M.

## Donate

### Confessions:

Sunday mornings  
from 9:30 A.M.-10:15 A.M.  
(offered every other Sunday)

(Special dates & times  
offered during Advent & Lent)

### Baptisms:

2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of  
each month @ Noon  
(as of January 2022)

### 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.



*Christmas Greeting From Fr. Matt*

2021



Christmas is about joy and hopefulness but also justice. The Word of God did not become flesh to make us happy, He was sent from the Father to reverse an ancient slavery to sin and death. This servitude is in direct opposition to God's plan—a deep injustice. Our hopefulness and joyfulness is found in the great justice that He performs.

Christmas reflects on this mystery: Jesus shared our life in every way. He was not born into a world of fairness, kindness, or justice. He was born into a cruel world filled with darkness. He chose to carry out salvation in this way, namely as a helpless child born to a loving family. He did not conquer the Evil One by the fires of war, but by the gentle flame of His love.

Christmas is paired closely with the Easter season. The former speaks of how Jesus shared our life, the latter shows how He shares the divine life with us. We, the Church, are called the Body of Christ because our identity is in Him. If we identify with Him, then we are not only the recipient of gifts, but the giver as well.

This is a central aspect of our mission, summed up by our motto, "*Love God, Serve Others, Make Disciples.*"

Discipleship is identity in Christ. It is doing the works of justice related to the eradication of sin in our hearts, our homes, and our world.

Discipleship is joyful as it comes from sincere and mature relationships with God and others, guided by faith.

Discipleship is hopeful because we know we are not alone. Our God is for us and stands beside us, and all 'men of good will,' all 'people of good will,' stand beside us, a people of God on a holy pilgrimage through life.

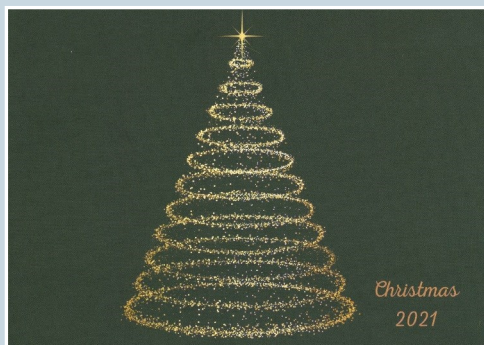
As you can see, Christmas is less about family and presents than it is about discipleship, a discipleship that forms the bond of family in God's love and seeks to give rather than receive. This is the aim of *Immaculate Conception* and will be moving forward: forming disciples to fulfill the mission Christ entrusted to us.

Our resources, time, energy, and priorities are focused on this mission and Christmas is the perfect expression of this.

Naturally, we all wish you a blessed Christmas. Time and family are both precious in this world, and I pray that you are able to invest in both. A fruitful, Christian faith is born of time well spent and families well loved.

From all of us here at IC and in Christ's peace, Merry Christmas!

Fr. Matt

*Christmas Greeting From Our IC School Children*

## Christmas Greeting From Cardinal Cupich

Christmas 2021

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

We joyfully celebrate the birth of the Lord. As we do so, we are also very much aware the challenges that we face—moving beyond the pandemic, building social peace in our society, and finding economic stability in uncertain times. In all of this, we reaffirm our faith that Jesus truly is Emmanuel, God-with-us. He accompanies us and walks with us. And that gives us great confidence and sure hope.

This year, Pope Francis has called the entire Church to reflect on synodality, a word that means “being on the road together,” as we make our life journey. We believe that Jesus is on the road with us. And our faith also leads us to commit ourselves to be on the road with each other. In this season, we take inspiration from the Christmas gospel stories of Mary and Joseph journeying on the road together to Bethlehem and the Magi on the road together to find Jesus.

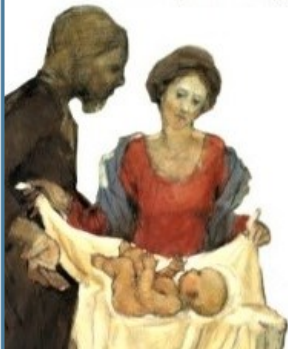
I pray that, accompanied by Lord, we may learn to be sources of encouragement for each other on the journey.

During this holy season, I will bring you, your loved ones, and your special intentions to the altar. As I pray for you, I also ask you to pray for me, so that together all of us may find renewal in the Lord.

God bless you and keep you,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

*Monseñor Carlo Cupich*  
Archbishop of Chicago



## Parish Office Holiday Hours:



Our Parish Office will be closed on the following dates in observance of the holiday season:

**Friday, December 24<sup>th</sup>**

*(Christmas Eve)*

**Saturday, December 25<sup>th</sup>**

*(Christmas Day)*

**Friday, December 31<sup>st</sup>**

*(New Year's Eve)*

**Saturday, January 1<sup>st</sup>**

*(New Year's Day)*



## The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God - January 1<sup>st</sup>



To honor our patroness on the **Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God** we will offer a special Mass at **10:00 A.M.** on **Saturday, January 1<sup>st</sup>**. (For those unable to attend in-person, we invite you to join us virtually via our Twitch Channel & Facebook page.) All are welcome to gather with us in prayer on this special day as our parish family honors Mary and celebrates the beginning of a new year!

## The Epiphany of the Lord - January 2<sup>nd</sup>



Our Masses will be celebrated at:

**Saturday, January 1<sup>st</sup> —**

**5:00 P.M. (Mass of Anticipation)**

**Sunday, January 2<sup>nd</sup> —**

**8:30 A.M. & 10:30 A.M.**



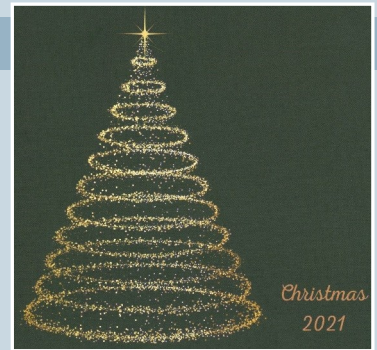


News...

Christmas Cherub Concert



Ms. Manzella's 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Class



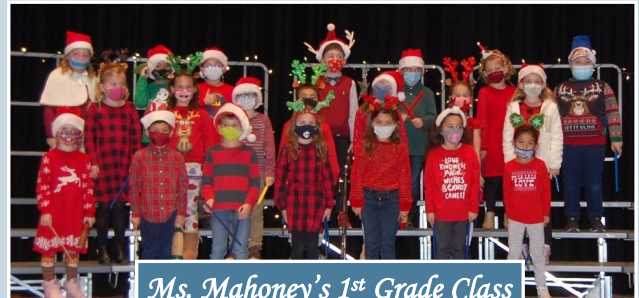
Mrs. Durso's Kindergarten Class



Mrs. Warda's Kindergarten Class



Mrs. Pawelek's 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Class



Mrs. Mahoney's 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Class



Mrs. Deadwyler's 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Class



Mrs. Grammas' Kindergarten Class



Mrs. Mannella's 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Class



Mrs. Fritz's 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Class

Students in Kindergarten through Third Grade performed Christmas songs in our Cherub Concert. This was the first year for our new music teacher, Dr. Denise Knowlton, to continue our annual IC Christmas tradition!



*Please join our parish family in prayer ...*



Tom Altman  
Caleb Anstett  
Robert Behrman  
Sonia M. B.  
Roberta Berger  
John Bozek  
Vince Caeti  
Rita Castillo  
Zita Castro  
Donna Chaplin  
Marie Conway  
James Covello  
Ronnie Cunningham  
Paige Dicks  
Margarita DiSalvo  
Paula Drew  
Ozzie D'Souza  
Richard Flanagan  
Brooke Foreman  
Patricia Furgat

*For those who are sick:*

Lila Gehner  
Bonnie Jean Gorski  
Ofelia Hernandez  
Kevin Jaburek  
Craig Kloss  
Lillian Kohut  
Katherine Kreuser  
Benny Martinez  
Edwin Martinez  
Frank Martinez  
Gerry Michalek, Jr.  
Sam Milazzo  
Molly Morris  
Veronica Murillo  
Timothy Murray  
Brendan Nelson  
Judith Nosko  
Anne O'Brien  
John O'Brien  
Jackie O'Koniewski

David Olson  
Mary Potwora  
Helen Rasmussen  
Bill Remblake  
Joe Rispoli  
Pia Rizza  
David Rodriguez  
Elaine Schatz  
Jennie Sekula  
Don Skorey  
Edward Stanczyk  
Ed Stanislawski  
Marion Szumski  
Donna Tisdale  
Camilla Trevino  
Steven P. Trifilio  
John F. Vargo  
Henry Wagener  
Rita Zambon

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:*

Maria Panettieri



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

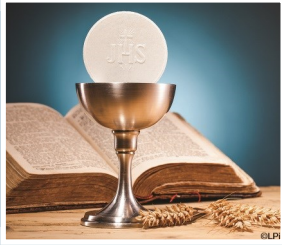


*For those who serve our country:*



**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, 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Katherine D. Hartnett, SPC Michael J. Stone, Pvt. Charlie Cruz Pappas, Thomas Treslo, National Guard Specialist 4<sup>th</sup> Class  
**U.S. Navy** - CMDR Michael Brasseur, LCDR 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; Captain Colleen Bernal  
**U.S. Marines** - Sean Gronset, 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:  
Saturday, December 25<sup>th</sup>  
through  
Sunday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>*

**Saturday, December 25<sup>th</sup> - The Nativity of the Lord**

8:30 A.M. - Frank Fabianski (on his 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday) (Living); †John Seibert; and †Ted, Mary & Melissa Bednarz

10:30 A.M. — †Paul Kokalj; †Joseph & Antoinette Svoboda; †Sophie & Stephen Oleksy; †Pat Ralston (Birthday Remembrance); †Charles Grayzeck; †Philip Bober; †Salvatore Azzariti (Birthday Remembrance); †Thomas McHugh; †Jose Guarin Galvan; †Sr. Mary Julianne Maciuszek, C.R.; and The People of the Parish

**Sunday, December 26<sup>th</sup> - The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph**

8:30 A.M. — †Joseph Saccomonto; Maria Kula (Living); and Gene Dengler (Living)

10:30 A.M. — †Vincenzo Porcelli; †Stanislaw Swiderski; †Linda Fong; †Joanna Rice (on her 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary); †Francis & Moira Cross; †Maria Panettieri; St. Stephen's Branch #153; and The People of the Parish

**Monday, December 27<sup>th</sup> - Saint John, Apostle and Evangelist**

8:30 A.M. — †Nancy Forbes; †Gioacchino Vicari; †Rosemary Coleman; and †Bonnie Pirsoul (on her 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary)

**Tuesday, December 28<sup>th</sup> - The Holy Innocents, Martyrs**

8:30 A.M. — †Walter Nowak; †Genevieve Saccomonto; and †James Francis Hegarty (Birthday Remembrance)

**Wednesday, December 29<sup>th</sup> - Saint Thomas Becket, Bishop & Martyr**

8:30 A.M. — †Raymond & Sophia Starzynski

**Thursday, December 30<sup>th</sup> - Sixth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord**

8:30 A.M. — †Brody Fisher (Birthday Remembrance); and †Fr. Alan Phillip, C.P. (Birthday Remembrance)

**Friday, December 31<sup>st</sup> - Saint Sylvester I, Pope**

8:30 A.M. — †John Chaplin (Birthday Remembrance); †Shirley Schultz; †Raymond & Sophia Starzynski; and Marty & Rose Hegarty (Living) (In Thanksgiving)

**Saturday, January 1<sup>st</sup> - The Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord; The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God (New Year's Day)**

10:00 A.M. — †Maria & Czeslaw Wasczeniuk; and †Sr. Mary Julianne Maciuszek, C.R.

5:00 P.M. - The People of the Parish

**Sunday, January 2<sup>nd</sup> - The Epiphany of the Lord**

8:30 A.M. - †Francis & Moira Cross; and †Alexandra Pawlowski

10:30 A.M. — †Mari & Maurice O'Brien; and †Tommy Fuller

December 26<sup>th</sup> through January 1<sup>st</sup>

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

**Orlando Kienzle**

Requested by: The Kienzle Family

December 26<sup>th</sup> through December 31<sup>st</sup>

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

**Erin Sampey**  
(Birthday Remembrance)

Requested by: The Sampey Family

December 26<sup>th</sup> through December 31<sup>st</sup>

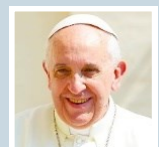
Our St. Joseph Votive is burning this week for the repose of the soul of

**Thomas McHugh**

Requested by: Carmella McHugh & Children

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

"God never tires of waiting for us. When we turn away, He comes to look for us; when we fall, He picks us up; when we return to Him after losing our way, He waits for us with open arms. His love always gives us the courage to start anew."





### Christmas Season Food Collection For Catholic Charities: Des Plaines

In the spirit of the Christmas season, we are hosting a Parish Food Drive to benefit the Catholic Charities Food Pantry in Des Plaines (located at 1717 Rand Road.) Both food and monetary donations will be gratefully accepted. Our collection began on **December 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>** and will continue each weekend thereafter **through January 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup>** (*The Baptism of the Lord* - the conclusion of the Christmas Octave.)

The items currently most in need are as follows:

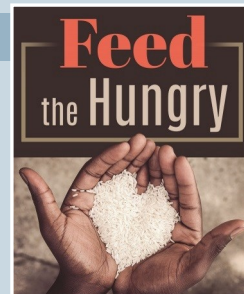
- \* Cereal
- \* Rice
- \* Beans
- \* Dry Packaged Goods
- \* Pasta & Sauce

QR Code  
(scan with your  
phone to donate):



Christmas "treats" are also welcome and appreciated! If you are donating food items, please be certain to check expiration dates prior to doing so as we cannot accept expired food or opened packages/containers (**please note:** all donated food items must have the factory-seal intact.) Please deposit all food donations in the collection boxes located in the Vestibule of our Church. Food donations will also be accepted in our Parish Office during the week between the hours of 9:00 A.M. until 5:00 P.M.

If you prefer to contribute to our Catholic Charities collection electronically, monetary donations will also be accepted via Give Central: [givecentral.org/location/349/event/32488](https://givecentral.org/location/349/event/32488)



"He who has  
compassion on the poor  
lends to the Lord, and he  
will repay him for his  
good deed."  
- Proverbs 19:17

### Immaculate Conception Parish Catholic High School Scholarship Fund



As we recognize the value and importance of a Catholic High School education, our parish is currently in the process of resuming our **IC Catholic High School Scholarship Fund** (which began last year) in the hope that this could potentially make a difference in the

ability of our graduates to continue their Catholic education. All graduates from Immaculate Conception School or our IC Religious Education Program, who either will attend a Catholic High School next year or are currently attending Catholic High Schools, would be eligible to apply. Application materials and directions will be posted on [icchicago.org](https://icchicago.org) **after March 1, 2022** with applications due by **May 1, 2022**. While the amount and number of scholarships available will depend upon the amount of money raised, it is hoped that they would be a minimum of \$500, as they were last year. Also, while it is hoped that the scholarships could be renewed, funding initially is only guaranteed for one year. If you would like to contribute electronically to our **IC Catholic High School Scholarship Fund**, please visit: [givecentral.org/location/349/event/28631](https://givecentral.org/location/349/event/28631) Please contact Fr. Robert Carlton with any questions.

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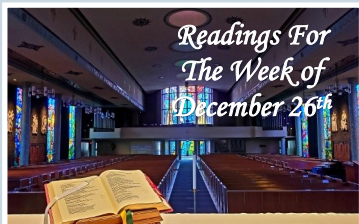
Alex & Anne Martinez  
and their children Alex & Heidi

Mark Wilson & Jaime Mansell  
and their son Jackson

Daniel Walsh & Gina Valerugo  
and their son Henry

Patrick & Danielle Gallagher  
and their children Patrick, Mickey & Shannon

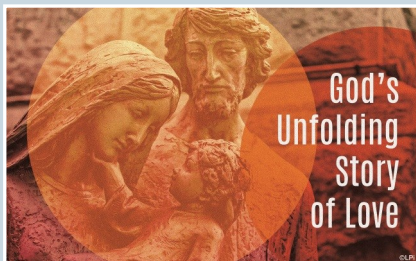
Welcome to all visitors and guests!  
Interested in joining our IC Parish family?  
Register @ [icchicago.org](https://icchicago.org)



**Sunday:** Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1]/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Lk 2:41-52 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28/Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10 [cf. 5a]/1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24/Lk 2:41-52  
**Monday:** 1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 [12]/Jn 20:1a, 2-8  
**Tuesday:** 1 Jn 1:5 — 2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8 [7]/Mt 2:13-18  
**Wednesday:** 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6 [11a]/Lk 2:22-35  
**Thursday:** 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10 [11a]/Lk 2:36-40  
**Friday:** 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13 [11a]/Jn 1:1-18  
**Saturday:** Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [2a]/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21  
**Next Sunday:** Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf. 11]/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12



## Gospel Meditation - Encourage a Deeper Understanding of Scripture

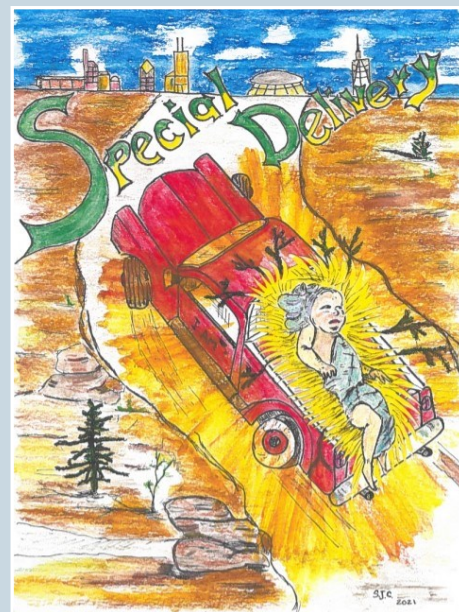


Families can be very difficult things to negotiate. This is true not only of our families of origin, the current family of which we are a part, the family of our Church, our society, and our global family as well. Everything human can be found in family stories. Those stories speak of wonderful life-giving successes as well as painful spirit-robbing abuses. Our greatest joys and our greatest wounds are usually connected with the experience of family. Our needs, experiences, and unresolved baggage often color what we bring to our familiar relationships. They contribute to our level of defensiveness, how guarded and protected we

become, and what prejudices we believe.

In order to break the cycle of dysfunction we have to remember that it is not only by human effort that we negotiate the difficult and challenging events of our lives. There is a Divine Effort at work as well. For sure, the human effort can create quite a mess and easily destroy lives. This is true of any family with which we are associated. Today's Feast of the Holy Family serves to help us understand that there is a Divine Story being told as well. It is a story of perseverance in the face of hardship, determination in the face of despair, healing when we see nothing but wounds, and light where there is darkness.

Do we believe that God is always working, guiding, restoring, and leading? Unless we do, we will never be free from the imperfections and wounds that bind us and never be able to understand what it really means to forgive. Pope Francis tells us that the "light which comes from the Holy Family encourages us to offer human warmth to other families." While this is most certainly true, we can only really begin to do this when we realize that we are still works in progress, not anchored to the wounds and sins of our past, and still a leading star in God's continually unfolding story of love. The Holy Family persevered and radiated warmth because they knew they were not alone. We can too. ©LPi



### Ministry Schedules: Saturday, January 1<sup>st</sup> & Sunday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>

	Saturday 5:00 P.M.	Sunday 8:30 A.M.	Sunday 10:30 A.M.
Presiders	Fr. Matthew Heinrich	Fr. Matthew Heinrich	Fr. Robert Fedek
Lectors	TBA	TBA	TBA
Cantors	Vocal Trio	Vocal Quintet & Violin	Vocal Quintet
Extraordinary Ministers	S. Witz	D. Sebastian	R. Siciliano
Altar Servers	P. Beckman; M. Eaglin; S. Eaglin	C. Beach; K. Bowers; J. Losik	M. Gallagher; E. Peters; K. Yau

**Lectors:** 2022 Lector Workbooks are available for pick up in our Sacristy as well as in our Parish Office. If you have not already received your copy, please remember to pick one up at your earliest convenience.



**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 Bednarz**  
**Vincent Kennedy**, Director of Operations  
**Scott Will**, Director of Worship  
**Melissa Anna**, Office Administration & Communications/  
 Bulletin Editor  
**Elizabeth Doyle**, Assistant Director of Music  
**Marilyn Sadowski**, Receptionist  
**Bernadette Anna**, Parish Sacristan  
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**Anthony Vitali**, Maintenance

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**What's Happening @ IC...**

**Friday, December 31<sup>st</sup> — New Year's Eve**  
 Parish Office Closed

**Saturday, January 1<sup>st</sup> — New Year's Day**  
 Parish Office Closed

**10:00 A.M.** — Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God Mass; CH

**5:00 P.M.** — Mass of Anticipation

**Sunday, January 2<sup>nd</sup> — The Epiphany of the Lord**

**8:30 A.M.** — Mass; CH

**9:30-10:15 A.M.** — Confessions; CH

**10:30 A.M.** — Mass; CH



**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.



**2022 Religious Art Calendars**

2022 calendars are now available in our Church Vestibule. They are once again the gift of Suerth Funeral Home. Many thanks as always to Dennis Krawzak, Nancy Haran and Peter Heneghan.



Your continued sponsorship is deeply appreciated!

**Parish Registration:** Please contact our Parish Office at 773.775.3833 or visit our parish website at [www.icchicago.org](http://www.icchicago.org) to join our parish family.

**Bulletin Deadline:** 'Tis the season for early deadlines! **All submissions must be received at least 2 weeks in advance of desired bulletin now through the beginning of January.** Bulletin submissions are accepted via email at: [parishbulletin@icchicago.org](mailto:parishbulletin@icchicago.org)