

Welcome to
Immaculate Conception Parish

A Catholic Community Inviting People to Follow Christ

December 27, 2020 - The Holy Family Of Jesus, Mary And Joseph

December 25, 2020 - The Nativity Of The Lord



“The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us, and we saw his glory, the glory as of the Father’s only Son, full of grace and truth.” - John 1:14

Love God • Serve Others • Make Disciples

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Sunday: 9:00 A.M. - Noon

Parish Website:

🌐: www.icchicago.org

School Website:

🌐: 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



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. (*except on January 1st)

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

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.

A Blessed Christmas To Everyone

As we close out this year of 2020, so much has changed in our world. The world is always changing around us, but few years have affected us as a people the way 2020 has. Christmas always comes at a good time, but the *message* of Christmas is possibly even more appropriate for us now.



Christmas celebrates a sort of inauguration of God's Kingdom. The King has come to us. "*God has visited His people.*" In that Kingdom, sin and death no longer have power over us, and darkness will never rule over us as it had before. Jesus, in humility and poverty, becomes our King—one of many paradoxes expressed in the person of Jesus.

This year has had its own paradoxes. Technology, which we have claimed earlier in time to have isolated us, has now become the vehicle of keeping us together. Keeping our distance is our way of showing love, and so on.

Life is contradiction and life is paradox, which is a theme constant in the Old Testament. It finds itself in the person of Jesus. Within that paradox, however, is the process of stripping away the unimportant and unessential. Jesus came as a helpless child with nothing to His name, after all. All Jesus was, in fact, was love. The unmerited, undeserved, and much-needed gift of the Supreme God which was sent to us out of an abundance of love.

This love that God sends to us is paradoxical, strange, and maybe even illogical—at least to those who think they know better. It is perfect generosity and perfect justice.

In all of this, the message of Christmas is:

First: God has come to us out of love to save us.

Second: His life breaks the power of death. His generosity breaks the power of selfishness.

Third: He becomes like us in all ways so that we can become like God in all ways.

Christmas reveals to us that life with God is possible. Through Him, we can love more truly. I think this is the sort of message that we need to emphasize this Christmas. Not gifts, not lights, not music and movies, but that God has set for us an example of genuine, humble love.

I want to wish all of you a blessed Christmas, where I hope God and His love are the centerpiece in each of your homes. On behalf of all of our staff here at the parish and school, we are incredibly grateful for your support of all kinds this past year. May 2021 bring us blessings of God's peace.

In God's love,
Fr. Matt Heinrich

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Christmas 2020

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Each one of us carries treasured memories of joyous Christmas celebrations. This year, the Christmas we are about to celebrate will be different. Because of the pandemic and the changes at work in our society, this season will no doubt have a more somber and restrained tone. And yet the very heart of our Christmas celebration does not change and, indeed, may be more important than ever.

To celebrate the birth of Jesus summons us to remember that the Word became flesh. In Jesus, God became one with us in all things but sin. In Jesus, God understands the joy and grief of our human condition from the inside. The great blessing of Christmas is Jesus, Emmanuel, God-with-us—the blessed assurance that God walks with us on our joyful and challenging life journey.

In his recent encyclical, *Fratelli tutti*, Pope Francis reminds us that we are all sisters and brothers to each other, ultimately linked together in Jesus Christ who is Son of God and Son of Mary. As brothers and sisters, let us hold each other in the mystery of the Word made flesh. Let us pray for each other. I will certainly remember you, and I ask you to remember me. And although this may be a different kind of Christmas, it may also be one of the most meaningful.

God bless you and your loved ones and keep you safe in His providential love.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Most Rev. Cardinal Angelo Scola".

Archbishop of Chicago

GLORY
TO GOD
IN THE
HEAVENS
AND ON
EARTH
TO
THOSE
ON WHOM
HIS FAVOR
RESTS.

LUKE 2:14



School News...

Mrs. Babiez's 4 Year Old Preschool Class

This bulletin board in our school displays the *Nice* students in our class. They have been tracing and printing letters A-L, making groups of ten, sorting, cutting, and practicing letter sounds. Each day these *Nice* students show cooperation and compassion with each other. They also engage in many activities that promote Literacy, Math, Religion, Art, & Music. These are the kind of children that will certainly be on Santa's Nice List.



Merry Christmas
From Room 20!

Holiday Writing in Ms. Pawelek's First Grade Class



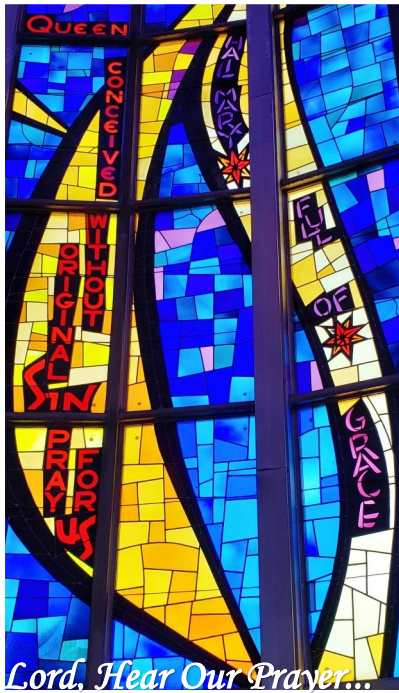
Our First Grade students in Room 9 had a jolly time writing stories about Santa. Some of the very creative ideas included writing letters to Santa asking him about his life at the North Pole, inquiring how the elves are able to make all of those toys, and the most puzzling question: How is Santa able to visit everyone's house in just one night? We had fun sharing stories and getting ready for the big holiday.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

to all from Ms. Pawelek and the Students in Room 9!



Please join our parish family in prayer ...



For those who are sick:

Tom Altman
 Concetta Bartucci
 Melissa Bednarz
 Robert Behrman
 Sonia M. B.
 Charlene Bonomo
 Vince Caeti
 Jackie Campbell
 Rita Castillo
 Donna Chaplin
 James Covello
 Sherry Crocifisso
 Ronnie Cunningham
 Marilyn Donovan
 Christina Dziekonski
 Richard Flanagan
 Brooke Foreman
 Lila Gehner

Ofelia Hernandez
 Dennis M. Jaburek
 Esther Jarosh
 Helga Jarosz
Erma Kinzie
Wayne Kinzie
 Craig Kloss
 Lillian Kohut
 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
Helen Rasmussen
 Bill Remblake
 David Rodriguez
 Elaine Schatz
 Jennie Sekula
 Lorraine Sekula
 Don Skorey
 Edward Stanczyk
 Marion Szumski
 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:

Jose G. "George" Galvan (Father of Brian Galvan)



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

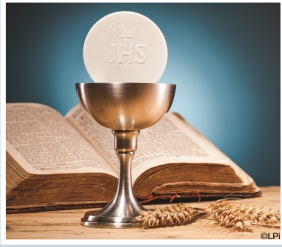


For those who serve our country:



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 - CMDR 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 that provides information that can be of assistance.



*Mass Intentions:
Sunday, December 27th
through
Sunday, January 3rd*

Sunday, December 27th - The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

5:00 P.M. (Saturday) - †Joseph Saccomonto; †The Boksa Family; †Sean & Tony Reszotko; †Mae O'Donnell; St. Stephen's Branch #153; and Maria Kula (Living)

8:30 A.M. — †Vincenzo Porcelli; and †David Ballog

10:30 A.M. — †Francis & Moira Cross; †Stanislaw Swiderski; †Carmencita E. Gonzalez; †Carmelo Gueli; †Michael Byrne; †Michael & Mary Raleigh; †Sheila & Nialus Byrne; †Raymond & Sophia Starzynski; †Santo DiNovo; Patty Scalzo (Living); and The People of the Parish

Monday, December 28th - The Holy Innocents, Martyrs

7:00 P.M. (Virtual Mass) — †Walter Nowak; †Genevieve Saccomonto; and †Mike O'Donnell (on his 1st Anniversary)

Tuesday, December 29th - Saint Thomas Becket, Bishop and Martyr

7:00 P.M. (Virtual Mass) — †Genowefa Wesolowska (on her 1st Anniversary)

Wednesday, December 30th - Sixth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

8:30 A.M. (Virtual Mass) — †Mae O'Donnell

Thursday, December 31st - Saint Sylvester I, Pope

7:00 P.M. (Virtual Mass) — †John Chaplin (Birthday Remembrance)

Friday, January 1st - The Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord; Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God

10:00 A.M. — †Ed Cummings, Jr.; and †Linda Misch

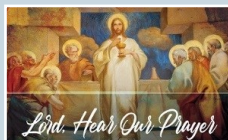
Saturday, January 2nd - Saints Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church

5:00 P.M. - †Jan Merino

Sunday, January 3rd - The Epiphany of the Lord

8:30 A.M.- †David Ballog; and †Patrick Rodden

10:30 A.M. — †Joseph J. Lykowski; †Norman B. Schroeder; †Angeline Guerrero; †Tommy Fuller; and †William Mohlman



December 27th through January 2nd
Our Sanctuary Lamp is burning this week for the repose of the soul of



Orlando Kienzle

Requested by: The Kienzle Family

December 27th through January 1st
Our Blessed Mother Votive is burning this week for the repose of the souls of



Mike & Mae O'Donnell

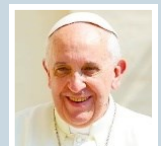
December 27th through January 1st
Our St. Joseph Votive is burning this week for the repose of the soul of



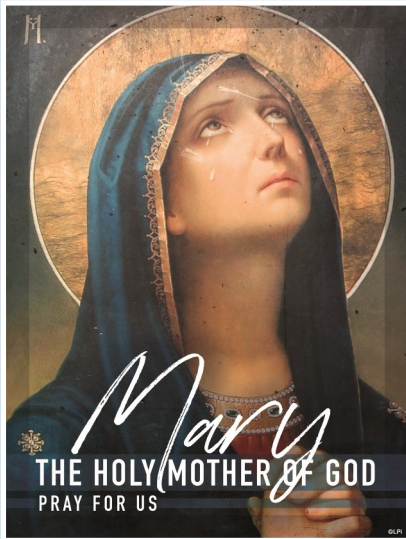
Edmund Cummings, Jr.

Pope Tweet of the Week...

"To pray is to light a candle in the darkness. Prayer rouses us from the tepidness of a purely horizontal existence, lifts our gaze to higher things, makes us attuned to the Lord, allows God to be close to us; it frees us from our solitude and gives us hope."



Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God



To honor our patroness on the **Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God** we will offer a special Mass at **10:00 A.M.** on **Friday, January 1st** in our Church. (For those unable to join us in-person, our Mass will also be livestreamed via Twitch TV & Facebook.) Reservations are recommended due to attendance restrictions and to assist with contact tracing. Please visit our new parish website (www.icchicago.org) or contact our Parish Office at 773.775.3833 to register.

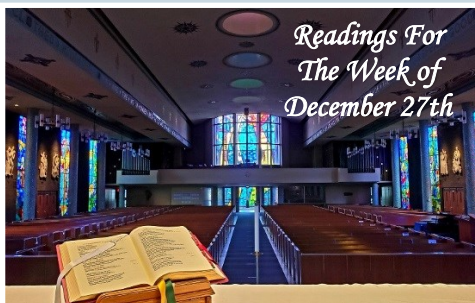
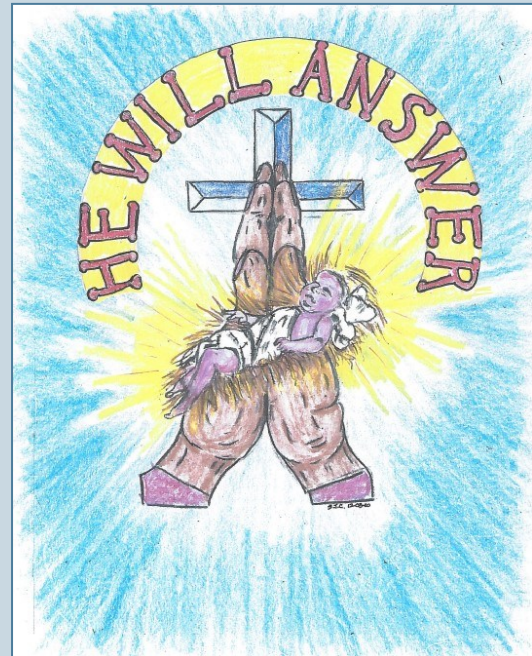
While the dispensation from Sunday Mass and Holy Days of Obligation continues during this time, if you are able to do so, we warmly welcome you to gather with us in prayer on this special day as our parish family honors Mary and celebrates the beginning of a new year.

***Please note: Our 5:30 P.M. Mass, traditionally held on the First Friday of each month (followed by Adoration from 6:00-7:00 P.M.) will not take place in January. It will resume on Friday, February 5th.**

Live The Liturgy: Inspiration For The Week...

While families come in all shapes and sizes and no two are the same, they all need a common focus and grounding. Families are intended to be pivotal in providing us with a proper social structure and understanding, a support system, lessons about relationships and communication and the unconditional acceptance and love we so desperately crave. In addition to all of these things, the axis of every family has to be centered on faith. It is here that we can learn about the virtues and discover the windows to God Himself in His gifts of faith, hope, and love. We can learn, modeling our experience after the Holy Family, how to use these as anchors in our lives so that we can live out the other virtues with greater integrity. Because our human families struggle with weakness and sin, we have to come back to the Holy Family often for inspiration and guidance. In the bond of love that they shared, they clung to the anchor of God Himself and endured challenges far greater than many we will ever face.

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*Readings For
The Week of
December 27th*

- Sunday:** Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1] or Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [7a, 8a]/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40
- Monday:** 1 Jn 1:5 – 2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8 [7]/Mt 2:13-18
- Tuesday:** 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6 [11a]/Lk 2:22-35
- Wednesday:** 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10 [11a]/Lk 2:36-40
- Thursday:** 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13 [11a]/Jn 1:1-18
- Friday:** Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [2a]/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21
- Saturday:** 1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [3cd]/Jn 1:19-28
- 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



Tragedy and disappointment are inevitable. What sees you through this? There will be challenges, changes, unexpected circumstances, interrupted plans, hurts, and injustices experienced by every human being at some point in their lives. We will be asked to adjust our plans, change course, and even encounter suffering and death. Where do we learn all of the lessons we need to live life well? Some of them we learn along the way but much of what we bring to life, positive and negative, comes from our early beginnings, our families. This is our early world and provides the blueprint for how we see the bigger, more inclusive world, which unfolds before us.

Our families of origin can be sources of grace, heartache or a combination of both. Families are intended to be pivotal in providing us with proper social structure and understanding, a support system, lessons about relationships and communication, and the unconditional acceptance and love we so desperately crave. They can also determine whether we have an accessible and healthy relationship with God. Many of life's challenges can literally bring us to our knees and require that we possess a strength of character that resides well beyond the superficialities of our world. At some point we will all need three coping gifts that can be given to us only by God: faith, hope, and love. Our families help us learn that we are not the ones responsible for their creation, but God!

Our experience of early family life colors all of our relationships and what we expect to achieve from life in general. Resolving conflicts, dealing with difficulty and suffering, celebrating accomplishments, prioritizing our needs, listening to God's call, understanding relationships, understanding disappointment, learning about the virtues and living a centered focused life are all lessons our families either succeed in teaching or do not. To succeed, as God has designed and ordered our world, is to discover his presence and then trust that Presence. The Holy Family can teach even the most dysfunctional family how to best use God's gifts of faith, hope, and love to find him and do his will. Their simple humble example is always before us, showing us the way. Jesus, Mary and Joseph, pray for us!

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Everyday Stewardship – Recognize God in your Ordinary Moments

The Gift of Family...

What a year it has been! How will we speak of these times a decade from now? As time goes by, our impressions of this past year will certainly change. How we feel today about dealing with a killer virus and all the chaos surrounding that is still fresh for all. I would assume that most of us right now are also holding those we love a little closer and hugging them a little harder. Hopefully, even if the fears and concerns of 2020 dissipate in the future, the way we feel toward our family should never leave us.

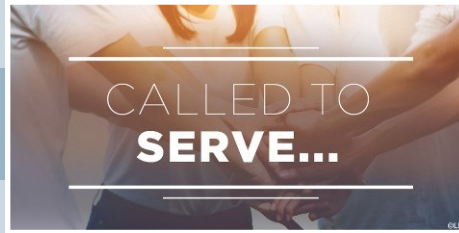
Stewardship is certainly about everything. God has given us so much, great and small, profound and common. One of the greatest gifts that all have received is family. Families take all shapes and sizes and some look very different than others. For some, family is a caretaker or temporary guardian. For others it is a friend when everyone else seems to have vanished. The bottom line is that, to quote a song from many years ago, "people need people."

When God gave the world His only Son, the Incarnation did not come on a cloud or with a flash of light. He was born into a family. Jesus understood the gift of family all his life. Do you think that if having a family wasn't important God would have still included this in the plan of salvation?

As this year draws to a close, remember your stewardship many days begins and ends with the people closest to you. Don't misuse or take for granted this precious gift. God gives us gifts on purpose, even to His only begotten Son.

– Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi





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What's Happening @ IC...

Friday, January 1st – Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God
10:00 A.M. – Mass; CH & Online

For more information on upcoming events, or to register for our Masses or Confessions, please visit our new parish website @ www.icchicago.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.

2021 Religious Art Calendars

2021 calendars are available in our Church Vestibule. They are once again the gift of Suerth Funeral Home. Many thanks as always to Dennis Krawzak, Donald Krawzak, Nancy Haran and Peter Heneghan. Your continued sponsorship is deeply appreciated!



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