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A Catholic Community Inviting People to Follow Christ

December 31, 2023 - The Holy Family Of Jesus, Mary And Joseph



"Love changes history. Make us believe, Lord, in the power of your love, so different from the power of the world.

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- Pope Francis

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Parish Office Holiday Hours:

(December 27th through January 6th)

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

Sunday: Closed

Parish Website:

■: www.icchicago.org

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■: 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.

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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.* (*Our 10:30 A.M. Mass is also livestreamed)

Capacity limits have been lifted and reservations are no longer required. Masks are optional.

All are welcome!

Weekday Mass Schedule:

In-Person

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

(**Please note**: Friday daily Masses & First Friday Mass & Adoration temporarily suspended as of July 8th)

Online

Wednesdays @ 8:30 A.M. (*School Mass*) (Worship with us virtually on our Facebook Page or Twitch)

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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A New Year

In this Christmas Season, we conclude the year with the Feast of the Holy Family (December 31st), and begin the year with the Feast of Mary, the Mother of God (January 1st). While not always bookending the year, I feel it is worth appreciating that we have come to this moment while being able to reflect on the Holy Family.

History, like life, is never a straight line pointing forward or upward. As Scripture shows, it is a series of progressions and regressions, of upward and downward trends, of good and bad. Family is simply a microcosm of the larger story of humanity. At the same time, within that small nucleus is contained all the qualities of life, especially those qualities that make life worth living: people to love and who love you, a reason to sacrifice, a purpose greater than yourself, a place to learn and grow.

Home and family truly are precious. A parish, by extension, is a home that is built on the belief that my family is larger than that of my blood. Rather, I suppose, we are one as the Blood of Christ. Community is important, and a faith community is more so. Neighborhoods tie us by geography, and all manners of schools by both sports and curriculum, but those things can quickly change. Faith is universal, despite where we live or what we do—it is something that calls us to that same sacrifice; not just of personal possessions, but also of our hearts and minds.

Nonetheless, there is a reason the Church calls the family the "domestic church." Everything we learn, and need to learn, is contained within the simplicity of family life. As many of you enjoy the quiet of the Season, I hope that you are able to simply "be" with those who love you. I hope, similarly, that you are able to renew yourself in your covenant with God.

In this new year, I encourage you to consider our **Alpha Program**, beginning in February. We are hoping to invite more people to this program which encourages conversations about faith as well as meeting people outside your usual bubble.

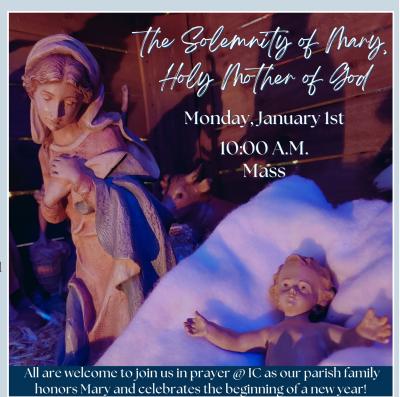
Through **Evangelization**, we are looking at new small group offerings and opportunities for prayer.

With this year marking the Eucharistic Congress (*July 2024*) in Indianapolis, Indiana, I am looking to offer more opportunities for prayer, adoration, as well as education on the Eucharist.

Our **Teen Club**, formed this year (*Summer '23*), will continue as we look for new ways to serve them and to teach them to serve others.

In all this, thank you to everyone, staff, volunteers, and parishioners who helped to make 2023 the year that it was. May God bless you through the Holy Family as we close the year, and through the intercession of Mary, bless your new year.

- Fr. Matt



HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS

Our Parish Office will be closed in observance of *New Year's Day*: **Monday, January 1**st Our Holiday hours will continue through **Saturday, January 6**th with our Parish Office open from **9:00 A.M. until 2:00 P.M.**

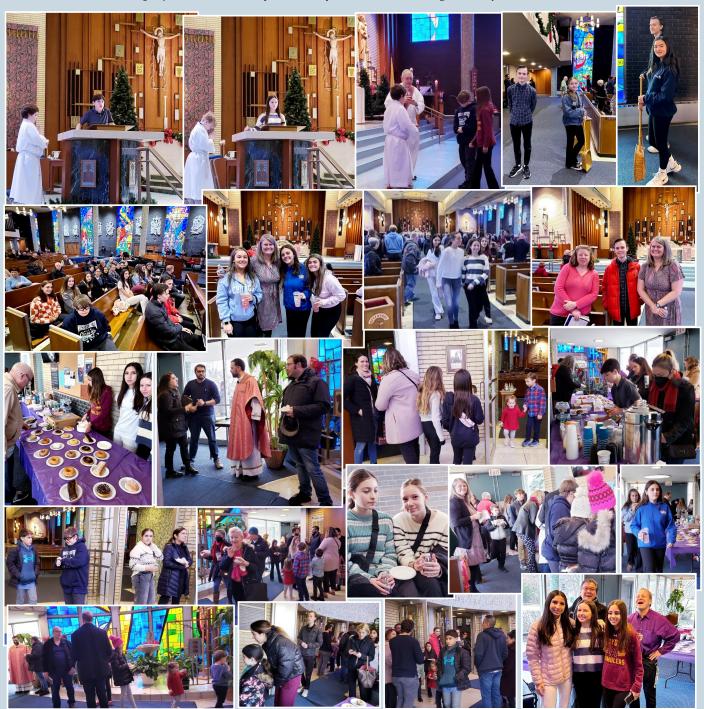
Our regular hours of operation will resume on Monday, January 8th (once school is back in session).

Snapshots From Our Family Mass: Hosted By Our IC Teen Club

Our new Teen Club began this Summer thanks to the help of Stephanie and her team. It is designed to engage our 7th and 8th grade students as they prepare to transition towards high school, as well as for students in all high school levels. The Teen Club focuses on both a monthly meeting as well as participation in a service project that has a connection to what they have learned.

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On December 17th, our Teen Club hosted our 10:30 A.M. Family Mass, serving as lectors and ushers, bringing up the gifts during offertory, and providing a hospitality reception in the Vestibule of our Church after Mass concluded. Afterward, they gathered together for a special Christmas celebration and service project in our Rectory Assembly. (Additional coverage will be featured in next weekend's bulletin.)





IC Drama Club Presents: "The Story Of The Nutcracker"

Under the direction of our talented drama teacher, *Ms. Julie Szwedo*, our middle school Drama Club performed in "*The Story of the Nutcracker*" for our students! Our Senior School Band opened this special Christmas production with the "*Dance of the Sugar Plum Fairy*."





Please join our parish family in prayer ...



Nick Abbamonte Mina Acevedo Tom Altman Paul Amandes Amelia Aquino Arnold B. Robert Behrman Sonia M. B. Roberta Berger Arlene Lacey Beyna Grace Cabiao Vince Caeti Mary Cali Juanita Camacho Donna Chaplin Truman Collins Iames Covello Ronnie Cunningham Joe Day Paige Dicks Emily Divarco Eric Dulce Lilia Dulce Elizabeth Felix Patrick Fisher Richard Flanagan Brooke Foreman

For those who are sick:

Nicholas Frank Patricia Furgat Lila Gehner Joan Geiger Gloria Hernandez Ofelia Hernandez Katie Huber Judy Hull Mary Ann Hurtig Kevin Jaburek Vivian Jester Margaret Joyce Wayne Kinzie, Sr. Donna Kirk Craig Kloss Ronald Kogol Lillian Kohut Katherine Kreuser Anthony LaPash Dawn LaVeau Florencia Silva Lucas Sean Lucas Nathan Maisel Benny Martinez Edwin Martinez Frank Martinez Elsa Mazzoni

Jeff McBride Mary McGrath Nikki Mendoza Pat Miaso Gerry Michalek, Jr. Helen Michalek Ledoina Monacelli Marta Morales Deacon Rick Moritz Brigitte Mueller Veronica Murillo Mike Murphy Timothy Murray Brendan Nelson Barb Neustadt Phillip Nuccio John O'Brien Jackie O'Koniewski David Olson Camille Pavlis Elaine Pellegrinetti Ashton Peterson Leo Pfest Paul Posch Mary Potwora Baby Fiona Prades

Joe Rispoli

Pia Rizza Sherry Rock David Rodriguez Cindy Rupp Milagros C. San Juan Carole Skorey Edward Stanczyk Jack Stewart Bill Story Julie Szwedo Alma T. Donna Tisdale Beckie Tomala Steven P. Trifilio Mary Ellen Vanderman Louis Ward Miss Westhoff Rita Zambon Jerry Zschach Nancy Zschach

*Newly Added

For our faithful departed:

Gregory Charles Reichle (Father-In-Law of Amy Reichle) Theresa M. Bonk Georgia M. Orzechowski



"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, LCDR 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

U.S. Marines - PFC Sebastian L. Rivera, Jr., PFC Christopher Hughes, PFC Algene D. Porticos, LCpl Daniel Wieczorek, LCpl Luis A. Corea, PFC 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 31st through Sunday, January 7th

Sunday, December 31st - The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph (New Year's Eve)

5:00 P.M. (Saturday) — †Fr. Alan Phillip, C.P. (Birthday Remembrance); †Mary Martin; and †Genowefa Wesolowska 8:30 A.M. — †Erin Adreani; †Edward Dillon; †Anthony Rossetti; †Giuseppina Cira; Michael J. Gallagher & Family (Living); and Agnes Noone (Living)

10:30 A.M.—†Carmen & Irene Covello; †Klemens & Sophie Fudala; †Alex & Edelia Covello; †Philip Milano; †John Chaplin (Birthday Remembrance); †Bruno & Elsy Giacomuzzi; †Charles Grayzeck; †Francis & Moira Cross; Mary Gallagher (Living); and The People of the Parish

Monday, January 1st - The Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord/ The Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God (New Year's Day) 10:00 A.M. - [†]Jerome Serak; and The People of the Parish

Tuesday, January 2nd - Saints Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors

8:30 A.M. - Sally Monsier (Living) (on her 100th Birthday)

Wednesday, January 3rd – *The Most Holy Name of Jesus* 8:30 A.M. – †Armando Abdon, Sr.; †Norman B. Schroeder; and †Mary Ann & Peter John Moskal

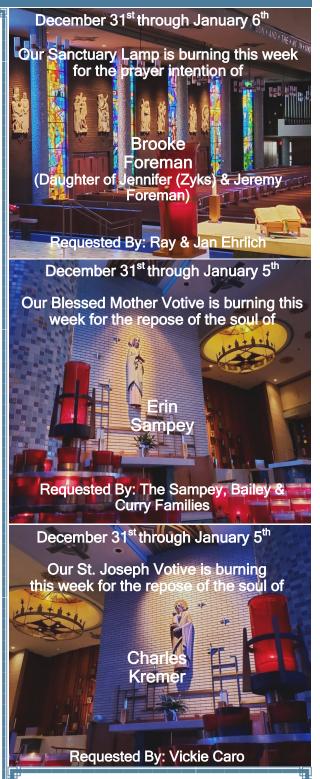
Thursday, January 4th – *Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious 8:30 A.M.* – †Ellen "Nellie" Gavin; and †Patty Dunleavy

Friday, January 5th - Saint John Neumann, Bishop

Saturday, January 6th - Saint Andre Bessette, Religious 5:00 P.M. — †Diane Sprincz (Birthday Remembrance); †Dolores Capra (Birthday Remembrance); and Fr. Thomas Srenn (Living) (on his Birthday)

Sunday, January 7th – The Epiphany of the Lord 8:30 A.M.- †Jill Swagler; and †Henry & Marie Barwig 10:30 A.M.- †The Deceased Members of The Furgat Family; †Kathy Davis; †Michael Naughton; †Tommy Fuller; †Pierina Bernardi; †Francis & Moira Cross; †Claudette F. Foch (Birthday Remembrance); and The People of the Parish



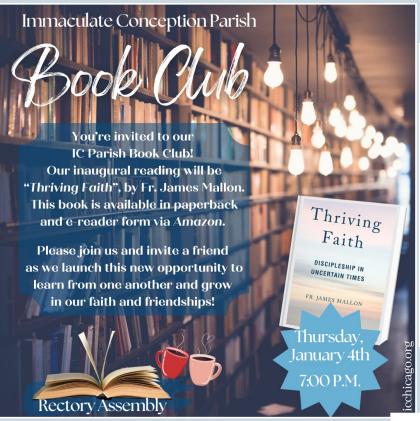


Pope Tweet of the Week...

"Each of us, through service, consistency, humility, witness of life – always by God's grace – can be a lamp that shines and helps others to find the way on which to meet Jesus."



New @ IC This Week; Parish Book Club





Mr. & Mrs. Ernesto & Andrea Leyba (on their 50th Wedding Anniversary)

Next Weekend @ IC: Coffee House (Hosted By: Our Parish Council)



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Consider A Gift To IC This Christmas Season



During this Christmas season, we look back on this past year, grateful for the many things we have accomplished together as a community. We began new

ministries, supported migrant families, and served many people in their physical and spiritual needs.

As we continue to celebrate this mystery of our faith, we also encourage you to consider a Christmas Gift to our Parish. Our Christmas Collection is an important part of our yearly operation and allows us to sustain our staff and ministries alike. All of your donations go directly into our community for its maintenance and improvement.

We appreciate your generosity and your commitment to our community and spiritual home. If you have not done so, please consider supporting our mission by visiting:

givecentral.org/location/349/event/7745

EXT. 106 or via email at vkennedy@archchicago.org

Or contact Marguerite Q.

Zappa, Philanthropy Giving

Alternatively, you can mail your gift to: *Immaculate Conception Parish*7211 W. Talcott Avenue

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IRA Gifts

If your family's needs are being met, please be a light to others by considering a gift through your individual retirement account (IRA) in support of our parish. By naming *Immaculate Conception* as a beneficiary, you will provide crucial financial support to our parish and the entire value of your gift will be transferred to us free from federal estate and income tax. It costs nothing to change the beneficiary on your retirement plan and will mean everything to our future parish community.

Please contact your parish IRA administrator for more information, Vince
Kennedy at 773.775.3833
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Henrietta Markowski

Welcome to all visitors and guests! Interested in joining our IC Parish family? Register @ icchicago.org



Ministry Schedules: Saturday, January 6th & Sunday, January 7th

	Saturday 5:00 P.M. Mass Epiphany of the Lord	Sunday 8:30 A.M. Mass Epiphany of the Lord	Sunday 10:30 A.M. Mass Epiphany of the Lord
Presiders	Fr. Robert Fedek	Fr. Matthew Heinrich	Fr. Robert Fedek
Lectors	N. Kremer	J. Lim	J. Campbell
Cantors	E. Doyle & Adult Choir	Vocal Trio	Vocal Trio
Extraordinary Ministers	D. Mroz; S. Witz	M. Zizzo; A. Schnitzlein; C. Mulligan; D. Zamirowski	S. Serb; K. Sanchez; R. Siciliano; C. Kech
Altar Servers	TBA	TBA	TBA



Our Parish Staff:

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What's Happening @ IC...

<u>Monday, January 1st</u> - The Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God (New Year's Day) Parish Office Closed

10:00 A.M. - Mass; CH

Thursday, January 4th-

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

Friday, January 5th -

8:15 P.M. - Men's Basketball; PC

Saturday, January 6th -

Parish Office Holiday Hours Conclude (9:00 A.M.-2:00 P.M.)

5:00 P.M. - Mass; CH

Sunday, January 7th – The Epiphany of the Lord

8:30 A.M. – Mass; CH

9:30 -10:15 A.M. - Confessions; CH

9:30 A.M.-12:30 P.M. – IC Coffee House (Hosted By: IC Parish

Council); RA

10:30 A.M. - Mass; CH



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.

Parish Registration: Please contact our Parish Office at 773.775.3833 or visit our parish website at www.icchicago.org to join our parish family.

Bulletin Deadline: The deadline for all bulletin submissions is Friday – 8 days prior to the Sunday it will appear.

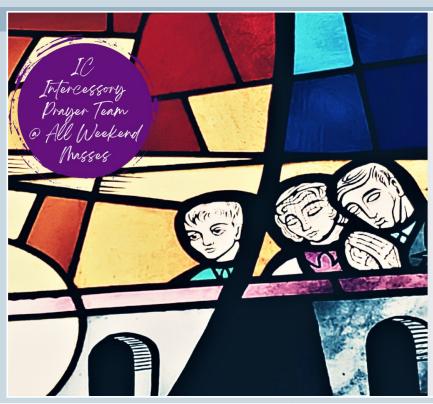
Bulletin submissions are accepted via email at: parishbulletin@icchicago.org



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Subscribe to our bimonthly email newsletter (featuring updates on parish events & projects, school

activities, community highlights & service opportunities): <u>icchicago.org/register/constantcontact.cfm</u>





We believe in the power of prayer and would like to offer this special ministry (formed by our Evangelization Team) for anyone in our community who wishes to be prayed for or to have someone to pray with.

Representatives from our prayer team are available at the quiet room in the back of our Church after all our Weekend Masses (5:00 P.M. on Saturdays, 8:30 A.M. & 10:30 A.M. on Sundays).

As a parish, we are striving to become a community that prays intentionally for one another, sharing both joys and struggles as one family.

Even if you do not need prayers at this time, please pray for our team and those who make use of them and ask God that our community grow stronger together through prayer.



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