Welcome to Immaculate Conception Parish

A Catholic Community Inviting People to Follow Christ

December 3, 2023 - First Sunday Of Advent



"I give thanks to my God always on your account for the grace of God bestowed on you in Christ Jesus, that in him you were enriched in every way, with all discourse and all knowledge, as the testimony to Christ was confirmed among you, so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ." - 1 Corinthians 1:4-7

Love God • Serve Others • Make Disciples

Contact Us

Parish Office Hours:

Monday-Friday: 9:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.

Closed

: 7211 W. Talcott Avenue Chicago, IL. 60631

): 773.775.3833

Saturday: 9:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M. Sunday:

: parishoffice@icchicago.org

Social Media

Parish Website: □ www.icchicago.org

School Website: □ : www.iccowboys.net

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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



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)

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.



Text-To-Give: Text "Sunday" to 773-915-0503



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)

Scan the QR Code below:

Join Us In Prayer @ IC As We Honor Our Patroness & Celebrate Our Parish Feast Day...







Mrs. Slater's Second Grade Class

This week in Reading, our story was called *Diary of a Spider*. The students were learning about a spider who was friends with a fly. We were able to learn all the different traits a spider has. To expand our knowledge on spiders, our students

were able to research a spider of their choice. They had to post pictures and give 5 facts about their spiders. Our students were so excited to present their posters in front of their

classmates. They did such a great job!





Please join our parish family in prayer ...

Lord, Hear Our Prove

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

Patricia Furgat Lila Gehner Joan Geiger Gloria Hernandez Ofelia Hernandez Judy Hull Mary Ann Hurtig Kevin Jaburek Vivian Jester 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 Mary McGrath Nikki Mendoza Pat Miaso

For those who are sick:

Gerry Michalek, Jr. Helen Michalek Ledoina Monacelli Marta Morales Deacon Rick Moritz Veronica Murillo *Mike Murphy* Timothy Murray Brendan Nelson Barb Neustadt Phillip Nuccio Anne O'Brien 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:

Patrick Kearns Patricia M. Jordan Jill Swagler (Mother of Dan Swagler) Fr. Francis X."Frank" Keenan, C.P. Bernadette Pryor



"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 3rd through Sunday, December 10th

Sunday, December 3rd - *First Sunday Of Advent*

5:00 P.M. (Saturday) — [†]Jan Merino (on her 3rd Anniversary);
[†]Stanislaw Swiderski; [†]Quintin Lim (on his 6th Anniversary); [†]Paul F. Haugh (on his 1st Anniversary); [†]Celerina Behrman; [†]Reynaldo Abrames; and [†]Praxidex Andag
8:30 A.M. — [†]Mirta & Jose Urizarri (Wedding Anniversary Remembrance); and [†]John Griffin
10:30 A.M. — [†]Joseph Svoboda; [†]Joseph Rutterer; [†]Tommy Fuller;
[†]Giovanni & Rosalia Porcelli; [†]Quintin S. Lim (on his 6th Anniversary); [†]Bruno & Elsy Giacomuzzi; [†]Francis & Moira Cross;
[†]Charles Grayzeck; and The People of the Parish

Monday, December 4th - Saint John Damascene, Priest and Doctor of the Church 8:30 A.M. – [†]John Sexton

Tuesday, **December** 5th - *Advent Weekday* 8:30 A.M. – [†]Harley Fuller (on her Anniversary)

Wednesday, December 6th – *Saint Nicholas, Bishop* 8:30 A.M. – [†]Terrence R. Ryan

Thursday, December 7th – *Saint Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church* 8:30 A.M. – [†]Ellen "Nellie" Gavin; and [†]Patty Dunleavy

Friday, December 8th - *The Immaculate Conception Of The Blessed Virgin Mary (Patronal Feast Day of the United States of America) 8:30 A.M.* – [†]Donna Marie Haywood; [†]Catherine Lacey; [†]Ann Kula; [†]Scott Thedford; and Special Intention (In Thanksgiving of Blessings) *6:00 P.M.* – [†]Ellen Cummings; [†]Vilma Concepcion Lopez; and The People of the Parish

Saturday, December 9th - *Saint Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin* 5:00 P.M.— [†]Stanislaw Swiderski; [†]Terry Rutkowski (Birthday Remembrance); [†]Joseph Poelsterl; and [†]Patrick Cahill

Sunday, December 10th – Second Sunday Of Advent 8:30 A.M.– [†]Elizabeth Serafin; [†]Alfreda Campagna; [†]The Deceased Members of The Leyhane Family; [†]Emily, Jadwiga & Stanislaw Serafin; and [†]Janina & Franciszek Sliwinski 10:30 A.M.– [†]Marie Frances Hagarty; [†]Michael Naughton; [†]Marge Blum; [†]Francis & Moira Cross; and The People of the Parish





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Our Blessed Mother Votive is burning this week for the prayer intention of



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Our St. Joseph Votive is burning this week for the prayer intention of

> Mary Ann Schmitt Hurtig (For Good Health)

Pope Tweet of the Week...

"The Church is not a place for the perfect and the privileged. It is a community of disciples that bears witness to Jesus whom by grace they have come to know. We intercede for all, praying, loving



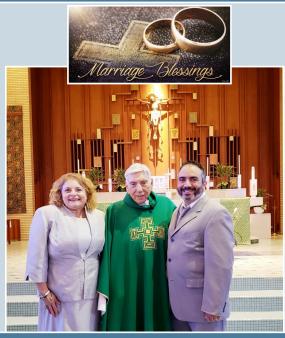
and sacrificing ourselves for the world."



Violet Zuri Zigulich Child of Michael Dorigan & Lindsey Anne (Pawlowski) Zigulich



Logan Walter Staggs Child of Anthony Michael & Rebecca Ann (Riemschneider) Staggs



Mr. & Mrs. Loreto & Jennifer LoBosco (on their 25th Wedding Anniversary)



Santino & Kristen Carbonaro and their children Cordelia & Lorenzo

David & Aylin Andrews and their son Lucas





Charitable Gift Annuity: Please Consider A Gift To Our Church That Pays You Back ...

The spirit of giving is most evident during the Advent season. A Charitable Gift Annuity is a great way to make a gift to the Church and receive fixed payments for life – benefitting you today and our parish in the future. You can schedule payments according to your financial needs, and enjoy immediate and future tax benefits, including a federal income tax deduction for a portion of your gift, if you itemize. Also, a portion of each annuity payment will be tax-free (through life expectancy). The funds remaining after your lifetime will support our parish or school – as designated by you.

For more information, please contact **Vince Kennedy** at **vkennedy@archchicago.org** or **773.775.3833 Ext. 106** or visit **giving.archchicago.org/cga**. To receive a free, no-obligation illustration of how you could benefit from a Charitable Gift Annuity, contact Krystina M. Campbell, Planned Giving Officer, Archdiocese of Chicago at 312.534.5404 or kcampbell@archchicago.org.

Why Do We Do That? Catholic Life Explained:

Ouestion:

Why haven't Catholic Churches gone the way of disposable cups for wine distribution? Answer:

If a Catholic has ever attended a Protestant worship service and saw the communion service that was offered for that community, one of the things that might have stood out was the use of small, disposable cups for distributing the wine or grape juice. This is in stark contrast to the precious metal chalices used in Catholic churches during the Mass.

Although practices for Protestant Christians can vary (ranging from large shared chalices, to personal-use cups, to dipping the bread in the wine/grape juice), the norms governing Catholic practices are fairly direct: "Sacred vessels are to be made from precious metal. If they are made from metal that rusts or from a metal less precious than gold, then ordinarily they should be gilded on the inside. In the Dioceses of the United States of America, sacred vessels may also be made from other solid materials that, according to the common estimation in each region, are precious ... they are to have bowls of nonabsorbent *material*" (nos. 328-330). Rather than being a commentary on the beliefs or practices of those other communities, these rules are intended to highlight the reverence that Catholics have for the bread and wine consecrated at Mass, which become the Body and Blood of the Lord. ©LPi







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What's Happening @ IC ...

<u>Monday, December 4th –</u> 10:15 A.M.-Noon – Monday Morning Bible Study; RA 7:00-9:30 P.M. – Fall Alpha Team Wrap-Up Session & Celebration Dinner; RA 7:00-8:30 P.M. – Overtones Rehearsal; CH

<u>Tuesday, December 5th</u>– 6:00-6:30 P.M. – Advent Vespers Service; CH

Wednesday, December 6th-8:30 A.M. – School Mass; CH 2:00-3:30 P.M. – Choristers Rehearsal; CH 4:00-5:00 P.M. – Religious Education Class Advent Lesson; CH 7:00-9:00 P.M. – Parish Pastoral Council Mtg.; RA

<u>Thursday, December 7th</u> – **7:00 P.M.** – IC School Band Christmas Concert; PC **7:00-9:00 P.M.** – Parish Finance Council Mtg.; RCR **8:00-9:30 P.M.** – Holy Name Men's Club Mtg.; BA

<u>Friday, December 8th</u> – The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed

Virgin Mary (Parish Office Closed) 8:30 A.M. – School Mass; CH Immaculate Conception Novena Concludes (after 8:30 A.M. Mass) 6:00 P.M. – Evening Mass; CH (Hospitality Reception to follow in Rectory Assembly)

<u>Saturday, December 9th</u> – **10:00 A.M.- Noon** – Future City Mtg.; NWCR

<u>Sunday, December 10th</u> – Second Sunday Of Advent 9:30-10:15 A.M. – Advent Confessions; CH 4:00-6:00 P.M. – Cub Scout Christmas Party; PH/Café canzoneri@iccowboys.net fitzgerald@iccowboys.net szwedo@iccowboys.net kessler@iccowboys.net haley@iccowboys.net

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.

Early Bulletin Deadlines:

December 10th Bulletin submissions due: Saturday, December 2nd December 17th Bulletin submissions due: Friday, December 8th December 24th Bulletin submissions due: Monday, December 11th December 31st Bulletin submissions due: Wednesday, December 20th

Bulletin submissions are accepted via email at: parishbulletin@icchicago.org 10

(Practicing) Catholic: Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments

Memento Mori...

Just this week, my husband and I signed our wills, and the lawyer was careful to couch our transaction in gentle, abstract language: "*When we lose you*" she kept saying, instead of "*When you die*."

It's very uncomfortable to dwell on our death. But the Christian life does not just encourage us to do so: it demands that we do.

I once came upon a prayer consecrating the last two hours of life to the Blessed Mother. I have since found variations of the prayer online with different phrasing, but the sentiment of them all is the same: let me not be caught sleeping. Let me be ready.

"You can't do all your homework at the end," a deacon who ministers to the dying once told me. "Good Friday is waiting in the wings for all of us."

I think of that a lot when I don't particularly feel like praying, when I think I'm too busy to go to confession or when feelings of resentment fester inside me on Sunday mornings as I pack my family off to church. *All our good deeds are like polluted rags*, says the prophet. *We have all withered like leaves*.

You can't do all your homework at the end. God is faithful. Are we?

"May he not come suddenly and find you sleeping. What I say to you, I say to all: 'Watch!'" – Mark 13:36

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