

Welcome to
Immaculate Conception Parish

A Catholic Community Inviting People to Follow Christ

December 5, 2021 - Second Sunday Of Advent

The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.



“And this is my prayer: that your love may increase ever more and more in knowledge and every kind of perception, to discern what is of value, so that you may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ.”

- Philippians 1:9-10

Love God • Serve Others • Make Disciples

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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

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)

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

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.

(Special dates & times offered during Advent & Lent)

Baptisms:

Sundays @ Noon
(As of January 2022: Baptisms will be celebrated on the 2nd & 4th Sundays of each month)

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.

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary



To honor our patroness on the **Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary** (Patronal Feast Day of the United States of America as well as the Feast Day of our parish), our Masses will be celebrated at **8:30 A.M.** (with our school children) and at **7:00 P.M. this Wednesday, December 8th.** (For those unable to join us in-person, our Masses will also be livestreamed via our Twitch Channel & Facebook Page.) Following the conclusion of our **7:00 P.M. Mass**, a festive reception will be held in our Rectory Assembly.

All are welcome to gather with us on this special day as our parish family honors Mary and joyfully celebrates our Parish Feast Day!



Friday, December 24th (Christmas Eve):

5:00 P.M. Family Mass

with Fr. Robert Carlton presiding

featuring our Vocal Quintet, John Eckhardt (Violin) & Donovan Mixon (Guitar) (Contemporary Music) (Livestreamed)

8:00 P.M. Mass

with Fr. Robert Fedek presiding

featuring Elizabeth Doyle (Cantor), John Eckhardt (Violin) & Paul Semanic (Trumpet) (Traditional Music)

10:30 P.M. Mass

with Fr. Matthew Heinrich presiding

featuring our Vocal Quintet, Violin Quartet, & John Eckhardt (Violin) (Traditional Music) (Livestreamed)

Saturday, December 25th (Christmas Day):

8:30 A.M. Mass

with Fr. Matthew Heinrich presiding

featuring our Vocal Quintet & John Eckhardt (Violin) (Traditional Music)

10:30 A.M. Mass

with Fr. Robert Carlton presiding

featuring our Vocal Quintet & John Eckhardt (Violin) (Traditional Music) (Livestreamed)

Prelude and Postlude Music @ 5:00 P.M., 10:30 P.M. & 10:30 A.M. Masses

Novena Schedule:

Our Novena to Our Lady, The Immaculate Conception, began on Tuesday, November 30th and continues through Wednesday, December 8th:

Saturday, December 4th –

following our 5:00 P.M. Mass

Sunday, December 5th –

following our 10:30 A.M. Mass

Monday, December 6th –

following our 8:30 A.M. Mass

Tuesday, December 7th –

following our 8:30 A.M. Mass

Wednesday, December 8th –

following our 7:00 P.M. Mass

Our Novena prayers will last for approximately ½ hour. Please join us in honoring Our Patroness through this very special Novena.

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This Advent, we invite you to join us for spiritual opportunities as we prepare our hearts to celebrate the birth of Christ. All are welcome...

Opportunities for Confessions: Sundays @ 9:30 A.M.

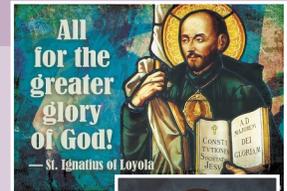
During Advent, we will offer opportunities to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation each Sunday morning between our 8:30 A.M. and 10:30 A.M. Masses (approximately from **9:30 until 10:15 A.M.**) through **December 19th**. On **Thursday, December 16th**, we will also offer a **Communal Reconciliation Service** (featuring opportunities for private confession) from **7:30-8:30 P.M.** following our Advent Vespers Service that evening.



Advent Ignatian Spirituality Series - Tuesdays @ 7:00 P.M.

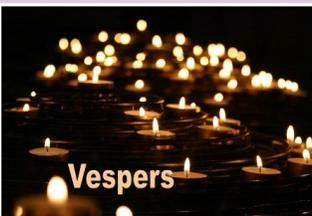
We invite you to join Fr. Robert (Carlton) on Tuesday evenings this Advent for our Ignatian Spirituality Series as we examine the life of St. Ignatius and the basics of Ignatian Spirituality. Our Advent series began on November 30th, with the 3 remaining one-hour sessions scheduled to be conducted from **7:00 to 8:00 P.M.** in our Rectory Assembly on the following dates:

- Tuesday, **December 7th**: *Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius*
- Tuesday, **December 14th**: *Examen of Conscience and Ignatian Discernment*
- Tuesday, **December 21st**: *Finding God in All Things and Ignatian Indifference*



Please contact Fr. Robert Carlton (rcarlton@archchicago.org) with any additional questions. If you are interested in attending our Advent Ignatian Spirituality Series, please either complete our online registration form on our website (www.icchicago.org) or contact our Parish Office (773.775.3833) to register.

Advent Vespers Service - Thursdays @ 7:00 P.M.



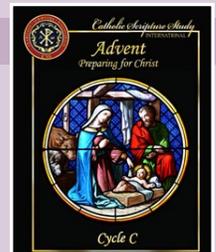
We invite you to gather with us in prayer on Thursday evenings for our **Advent Vespers Service: An Evening of Song & Prayer** which will take place in our Church at **7:00 P.M.** each Thursday of Advent through **December 23rd**. If you are unable to join us in-person, you are welcome to join us virtually via our Facebook Page or Twitch Channel (twitch.tv/icchicago).

Featuring beautiful music presented by our professional musicians and only 30 minutes in length, this simple form of prayer expressed to God through song and Scripture is perfect for the conclusion of your workday or for attending together as a family.

Freewill offerings will be gratefully accepted to help support our Music Ministry program @ IC. You may donate in-person or online at: <https://www.givecentral.org/location/349/event/17649>

Advent Discipleship Group Study: Preparing For Christ - Thursdays @ 7:30 P.M.

Our Discipleship Group Study Series “*Advent: Preparing for Christ*” with Deacon Rick began on November 18th and continues on Thursday evenings from **7:30-9:00 P.M.** through **December 16th** in our Rectory Assembly. Each session offers attendees an opportunity to pray and explore the Scripture readings for the four Sundays of Advent via a video presentation by Fr. Mitch Pacwa and group discussion.



The study book is recommended, but not required. If you wish to have your own study book, the cost is \$20. There will be a few copies of the study book available for *in-class use only*. If you have any questions, please contact Deacon Rick at 773.775.3833, Ext. 105 & leave a message, or email him at carmoric@comcast.net.



News...

IC School Band Is Back!

After having to take last year off due to COVID, our IC School Band has returned to action. Our Senior band (6th & 7th grades) is comprised of only 8 members, but what we lack in quantity, we make up for in quality! Our Junior band (4th & 5th grades – beginners) consists of 17 members and are progressing nicely. Our IC Senior band will be performing a combined Christmas concert, along with the Senior bands from St. Constance School, St. Monica Academy, and St. Juliana School. The concert will be held on **Tuesday, December 14th at 7:00 P.M.** in the Notre Dame College Prep gym. We invite everyone to hear the strong sound of 4 bands along with several IC alumni band members.

Our Spring concert in May will showcase both our Senior and Junior bands. Watch for more information regarding this performance.



IC School Book Fair

Our IC School Library held our Book Fair on November 15th through the 19th. I would like to THANK everyone who attended the Book Fair and made it a success. I would like to thank my helpers: *Laurie Beckman, Vi Quan, Bridget Maguire, Florencio Brogolino, Nicole Jendras* and *Elise Brooks*. I would like to thank my student helpers as well: *Patrick Beckman, Mylee Tadin, Olivia Magruder, Isabelle Cox* and *Madison Moorehouse*. It was so great to see everyone who attended our Family Night. All the proceeds from our Book Fair will go towards buying new books for our IC Library as well as for the classes that are in need of new books. Thank you all so much!



– Mrs. Burke
IC School Librarian



Please join our parish family in prayer ...

For those who are sick;



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

Lila Gehner
Bonnie Jean Gorski
Ofelia Hernandez
Kevin Jaburek
Craig Kloss
Lillian Kohut
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
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
***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:

Sr. Mary Julianne Maciuszek, C.R.
Wanda Olsen
Luz Capito
Shirley A. Schultz
Mary Aileen Pelrine
Jack Moloney (Grandfather of Mary Sever)



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

Retirement Fund for Religious

Please give to those who have given a lifetime.



Second Collection: December 11th & 12th

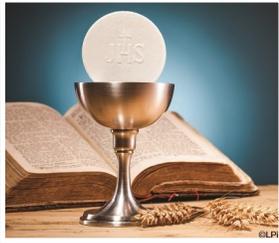
From Catholic schools and hospitals—to parishes, retreat centers, and works of mercy—elderly sisters, brothers, and religious order priests have prayerfully served our Church and world. Most ministered for little pay. Now, without enough retirement savings, many religious communities are struggling to care for aging members. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious helps provide nursing care, medicine, and other necessities. Please be generous.

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, 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 that provides information that can be of assistance.



*Mass Intentions:
Sunday, December 5th
through
Sunday, December 12th*

Sunday, December 5th - Second Sunday Of Advent

5:00 P.M. (Saturday) - The People of the Parish
8:30 A.M. - †John Sexton; †Antoinette "Toni" Fabianski; †Frances & Eugene Coelho; †Philip Bober; Ala Skoczylas (Living) (In Thanksgiving); and The Leyhane & Urizarri Families
10:30 A.M. - †Tommy Fuller; †Giovanni & Rosalia Porcelli; †Stanislaw Swiderski; †Linda Fong; †Charles Grayzeck; †Francis & Moira Cross; and †Marcia Juszynski

Monday, December 6th - Saint Nicholas, Bishop

8:30 A.M. - †John Shiel; and Patricia Sciaraffa & Family (Living)

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

8:30 A.M. - †Jose Braz Gonslaves

Wednesday, December 8th - The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Patronal Feastday of the United States of America)

8:30 A.M. - †Donna Marie Haywood; †Catherine Lacey; and Rosemarie Carreon (Birthday) (Living)
7:00 P.M. - Karen Bartuch (Living); Taylor Bartuch (Living); Deacon Ron Gronek (Living); Connie Gronek (Living); Carol Moritz (Living); and The People of the Parish

Thursday, December 9th - Saint Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin

8:30 A.M. - †Ann Kula; †James Ditroren; †Terry Rutkowski; and †Elizabeth Butler

Friday, December 10th - Advent Weekday

8:30 A.M. - †Elizabeth Serafin

Saturday, December 11th - Saint Damasus I, Pope

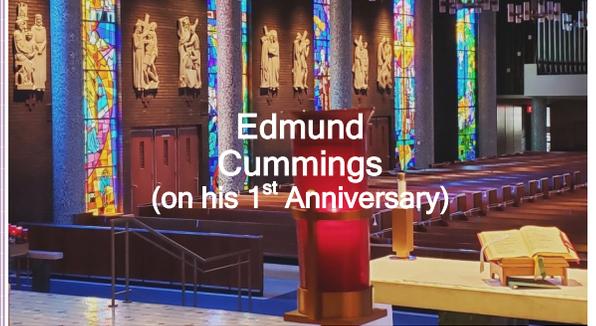
5:00 P.M. - †Lawrence Gonsalves; †Jean Daly; and Dave & Carol Niehaus (on their 50th Wedding Anniversary) (Living)

Sunday, December 12th - Third Sunday of Advent

8:30 A.M. - †Edmund Cummings (on his 1st Anniversary)
10:30 A.M. - †Stanislaw Swiderski; †Linda Fong; †Ciss & Patrick O'Connor; †Mark Czech; †Dennis Wasielewski; †The Wojcieszek Family; †Denise Donohue; †Francis & Moira Cross; †Michael Naughton; †Malachy & Michael Byrne; and The People of the Parish



December 5th through December 11th
Our Sanctuary Lamp is burning this week for the repose of the soul of



Edmund Cummings
(on his 1st Anniversary)

December 5th through December 10th
Our Blessed Mother Votive is burning this week for the repose of the soul of



Luz Capito

December 5th through December 10th
Our St. Joseph Votive is burning this week for the repose of the soul of



Mary Aileen Peirine

Pope Tweet of the Week...

"Love rejoices in seeing others grow and suffers when others are anguished, lonely, sick, homeless, despised or in need. Love makes the heart leap; it brings us out of ourselves and creates bonds of sharing and communion."





Easton Cole Creely

Child of John Matthew & Stephanie Elizabeth (Steinys) Creely



Liam Jeffrey Duncan

Child of Eric Stephen & Clare Mary (Prunicki) Duncan



Elena Arlene Fry

Child of Steven Thomas & Angela Kristina (Giannese) Fry



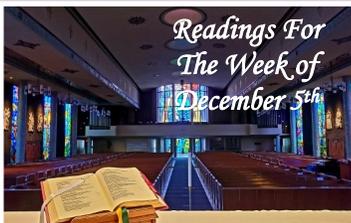
*Patrick & Christine Szyska
and their daughters Charlotte & Savannah*

*Kevin & Bridget Lysjak
and their daughters Violet & Faye*

*Michael & Samantha Clarke
and their children Aubrey, Conor & Ava*

Amelia Kelly

Paul Posch



Sunday: Bar 5:1-9/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/Phil 1:4-6, 8-11/Lk 3:1-6
Monday: Is 35:1-10/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14 [cf. Is 35:4f]/Lk 5:17-26
Tuesday: Is 40:1-11/Ps 96:1-2, 3 and 10ac, 11-12, 13 [cf. Is 40:10ab]/Mt 18:12-14
Wednesday: Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [1]/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38
Thursday: Is 41:13-20/Ps 145:1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13ab [8]/Mt 11:11-15
Friday: Is 48:17-19/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [cf. Jn 8:12]/Mt 11:16-19
Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19 [4]/Mt 17:9a, 10-13
Next Sunday: Zep 3:14-18a/Is12:2-3, 4, 5-6 [6]/Phil 4:4-7/Lk 3:10-18

Gospel Meditation - Encourage a Deeper Understanding of Scripture



St. Ambrose shares some wisdom on our need to prepare the way and open the door for Christ. *“You see that when the Word of God knocks hardest on your door, it is when his hair is wet with the dew of the night. In fact, he chooses to visit those who are in tribulation and trial, lest one of them be overwhelmed by distress. So, his head is covered with dew, with drops, when his body is laboring hard. It is important to keep watch so that when the Bridegroom comes, he is not shut out. If you are asleep and your heart is not keeping watch, he will go away without knocking; but if your heart is alert for his coming, he knocks and asks for the door to*

be opened to him.” When life gets overwhelming and difficult and we find ourselves feeling a bit downhearted and miserable, these words can bring great comfort.

We sometimes choose to remain stuck in our uncomfortable darkness and being stuck becomes our norm. In this time of self-focus our hearts are closed to the graces and life God desires to give us. Wrapped in the robe of mourning and misery, we fail to see the mercy, justice, and love the Bridegroom wants to bring. If we take seriously the need to prepare the way for Christ and open our hearts in preparation for his visit, we can hear God’s gentle voice calling us deep within. It beckons us to seek out its source and discover the inner calm and peace that can prevail over the darkness of despair. Sometimes our darkness is so dark that it may seem unsurmountable. Trusting in the spiritual friends who journey with us, and God’s promise may bring a glimmer of light even when it is most difficult to keep our hearts’ doors open. Sometimes, the only light in the darkness is found in trusting the faith of others both past and present.

We have to trust that God has already begun the accomplishment of good work in us and that humanity is on an incredible journey to something wonderful and awesome. God is not done. When we open the doors of our hearts, straighten the paths of our lives, and prepare the way, Jesus can come with God’s simple gifts of peace, grace, and joy. Life throws a great deal at us. It is easy to get tired and confused. We have to train our hearts to keep watch, discern what is of value, and forge ahead. Not allowing ourselves to become so weighed down by things and brought out of focus is a tremendous goal to achieve this Advent season. God is knocking. Answer the door. You will see and understand life in ways you never thought possible before. ©LPi



Ministry Schedules: Saturday, December 11th & Sunday, December 12th

	Saturday 5:00 P.M.	Sunday 8:30 A.M.	Sunday 10:30 A.M.
Presiders	Fr. Robert Carlton	Fr. Matthew Heinrich	Fr. Robert Fedek
Lectors	S. Serb & L. Christy	N. Kremer	J. Campbell & M. Carroll
Cantors	E. Doyle	Vocal Quintet & Violin	Vocal Quintet
Extraordinary Ministers	R. Altman	D. Sebastian	R. Siciliano
Altar Servers	K. Bowers; M. Eaglin; S. Eaglin	O. Magruder; E. Miehlich; G. Reichle	I. Cox; M. Moorehouse; E. Peters;

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*
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What's Happening @ IC...

Monday, December 6th -

10:15 A.M.-Noon — Monday Morning Bible Study; RA
 3:10-4:30 P.M. — Jr. Ringers Rehearsal; CH
 7:00-8:30 P.M. — Alpha Team Wrap-Up Session & Celebration Dinner; RA
 7:00-8:30 P.M. — Overtones Rehearsal; CH

Tuesday, December 7th -

9:30-11:00 A.M. — RCIA Mtg.; RCR
 7:00-8:00 P.M. — Advent Ignatian Spirituality Series; RA

Wednesday, December 8th -

8:30 A.M. — Feast of The Immaculate Conception of Mary School Mass; CH
 2:10-3:30 P.M. — Choristers Rehearsal; CH
 4:00-5:00 P.M. — Religious Education Program Prayer Service; CH
 7:00-8:00 P.M. — Feast of The Immaculate Conception of Mary Mass; CH (Reception to follow in Rectory Assembly)

Thursday, December 9th -

1:30 P.M. & 7:00 P.M. — IC School Christmas Play; PC
 7:00-7:30 P.M. — Advent Vespers Service; CH
 7:30-9:00 P.M. — Advent Discipleship Group Study Series; RA

Friday, December 10th -

1:30 P.M. & 7:00 P.M. — IC School Christmas Play; PC
 8:00 P.M. — Queen of Hearts Final Drawing; The Nil Tap
 8:00-10:00 P.M. — Men's Basketball; SG

Sunday, December 12th -

9:30-10:15 A.M. — Advent Confessions; 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.

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: '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