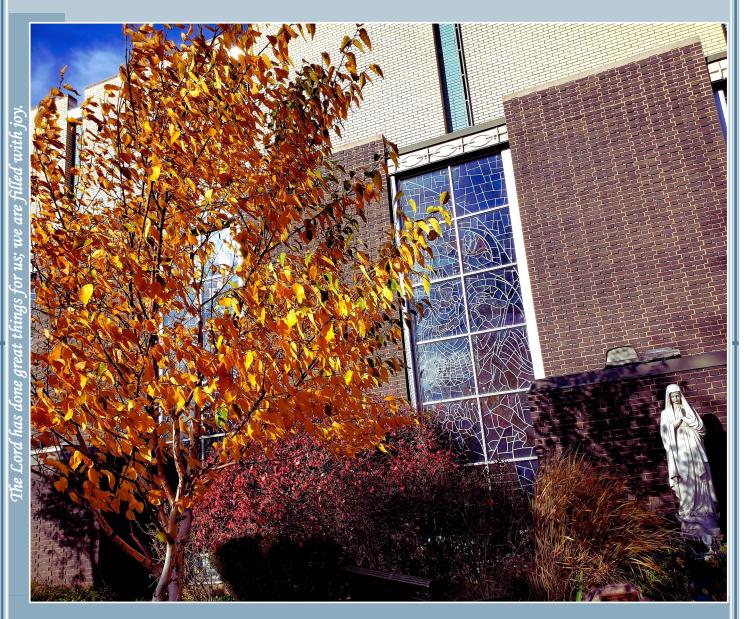
# Welcome to Immaculate Conception Parish

A Catholic Community Inviting People to Follow Christ

December 8, 2024 - Second Sunday Of Advent



"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, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God." - Philippians 1:9-11

Love God • Serve Others • Make Disciples



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#### Weekday Mass Schedule:

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

Wednesdays @ 8:30 A.M. (School Mass\*)

(\*Livestreamed)

(Special dates & times offered during Advent & Lent)

#### **Baptisms:**

2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of each month @ Noon (except during Lent)

#### 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.

#### Scan the QR Code below:



Join Us December 8th L 9th As We Celebrate The Immaculate Conception Of The Blessed Virgin Mary @ IC **Immaculate Conception Parist** All are welcome! **Immaculate Conception Parish** Join us on the Second Sunday of Advent... COFFEE HOUSE 'ombined Norning Drayer Mass 8th with **Bishop Mark Bartosic** Join us for coffee, pastries & conversation Sunday, in our Rectory Assembly after our 8:30 A.M. & 10:30 A.M. Sunday Masses December 8th Special Guest Host: IC Teen Club 10:30 A.M. www.icchicago.org Immaculate Conception of the Immaculate Conception Glessed Virgin Mary Navena (Dec. 1st through Dec. 9th) Mon., Dec. 2nd - after 8:30 A.M. Mass Monday, All are December 9th\* Wed., Dec. 4th - after 8:30 A.M. Mass 8:30 A.M. ioin us in rayer as we **School Mass** 

> 6:00 P.M. Mass

Transferred from Dec. 8th as it falls on the Second Sunday of Advent

Hospitality Reception to follow in our Church Vestibule after our 6:00 P.M. Mass concludes.



"Immaculate Mary, your praises we sing!" December 8th\* is one of our feasts celebrating Mary - the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. (\*transferred to Monday, Dec. 9th this year as Dec. 8th is the Second Sunday of Advent.) From the beginnings of the Church, spiritual writers and theologians have acknowledged the innocence and holiness of Mary. St. Irenaeus called her the "new Eve." Both faced with the pure freedom to accept or reject God, Mary began with work of redemption with her yes to Christ! The Church began to celebrate the feast of Mary's conception in the early Middle Ages. In 1854, Pope Pius IX infallibly declared that Mary was free of original sin from the first moment of her conception. On this feast day, we celebrate the beauty and goodness of Our Lady!

Sun., Dec. 1st - after 10:30 A.M. Mass Tues., Dec. 3rd-after 8:30 A.M. Mass Thurs., Dec. 5th - after 8:30 A.M. Mass Fri., Dec. 6th - after 8:30 A.M. Mass Sat., Dec. 7th - after 5:00 P.M. Mass Sun., Dec. 8th - after 10:30 A.M. Mass

Mon., Dec. 9th - after 8:30 A.M. Mass



honor our and celebrate our Parish Feast Day @ IC!





Immaculate Conception School Fall Book Fair

Mrs. Burke, IC Librarian, hosted our Fall Book Fair during the week of November 11<sup>th</sup> which featured our *Family Reading Night*, attended by both parents & children, on November 12<sup>th</sup>. Our students always enjoy exploring all the available books and filling out their wish lists!



**BLOOD DRIVE** 





Children's

Liturgy

Of The Word

(Kindergarten through

3rd Grade





Next Weekend @ IC:

# Immaculate Conception Parish Blood Drive

Sunday, Dec. 15 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. 7263 W. Talcott Ave. Chicago, IL Providence Hall

To schedule an appointment call vitalant at 877.258.4825 or visit Vitalant.org and use group code: **ORDOCH01**.

Appointments Recommended. Walk-ins Welcome. Eat well, hydrate, & bring ID.



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automatically entered for a chance to win one of five 55,000 gift cards! Donors mus have an online donor account and be opted into the Donor tewards program to qualify fo his drawing and to receive th Family

Join us for our

10:30 A.M. Sunday, Dec. 15th

Hospitality Reception to follow in Church Vestibule





# Please join our parish family in prayer ...

### For those who are sick:



Nick Abbamonte Mina Acevedo Tom Altman Paul Amandes Amelia Aquino Arnold B. Diane Ballog Annie Beckman Robert Behrman Sonia M. B. Roberta Berger Michael Berry Grace Cabiao Mary Cali Juanita Camacho Jackie Campbell Donna Chaplin Truman Collins James Covello Ronnie Cunningham Joe Day Paige Dicks Emily Divarco **Dolores** Dopke Eric Dulce Lilia Dulce Alicia Enriquez Elizabeth Felix

Patrick Fisher Richard Flanagan Brooke Foreman Nicholas Frank Sai Garcia Lila Gehner Joan Geiger Carol Grams Gloria Hernandez Ofelia Hernandez Katie Huber Judy Hull Mary Ann Hurtig Kevin Jaburek Vivian Jester Tommy Kesling Wayne Kinzie, Sr. Donna Kirk Craig Kloss Ronald Kogol Lillian Kohut Katherine Kreuser Zachary Lacey Dawn LaVeau Dave Liebhart Eileen Liebhart Florencia Silva Lucas Sean Lucas

Nathan Maisel Aida Makrinski Luciana Maugeri Giorgio Marconi Traci Marconi **Benny Martinez** Edwin Martinez Frank Martinez Elsa Mazzoni *Ieff McBride* Mary McGrath Nikki Mendoza Pat Miaso Gerry Michalek, Jr. Ledoina Monacelli Marta Morales Deacon Rick Moritz Veronica Murillo Mike Murphy Timothy Murray Brendan Nelson Barb Neustadt Phillip Nuccio John O'Brien Jackie O'Koniewski David Olson 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 Katherine Skorupa Edward Stanczyk *Julie Szwedo* Alma T. Donna Tisdale Beckie Tomala Steven P. Trifilio Mary Ellen Vanderman Miss Westhoff Jialun Xu Rita Zambon Iustin Zamirowski Jerry Zschach Nancy Zschach

\*Newly Added

For our faithful departed:

Michael James McGowan (Husband of Sheryl) Anne "Nancy" Mayer



"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, 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Katherine D. Hartnett, SPC Michael J. Stone, Pvt. Charlie Cruz Pappas U.S. Navy - CMDR Michael Brasseur, CDR 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; SSgt. Bryan H. O'Koniewski U.S. Marines - PFC Sebastian L. Rivera, Jr., PFC Christopher Hughes, PFC Algene D. Porticos, LCpl Daniel Wieczorek, Cpl Luis A. Corea, LCPL 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 8th through Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup>

#### Sunday, December 8th - Second Sunday Of Advent

5:00 P.M. (Saturday) - <sup>†</sup>Soldiers Who Died In Pearl Harbor; <sup>†</sup>Jack E. Felke; <sup>†</sup>The Deceased Members of The Isaac Family; <sup>†</sup>Paul Haugh; and <sup>+</sup>Tony & Carol Colamonico (Living) 8:30 A.M. - \* Catherine Lacey; \* Ann Kula; \* The Deceased Members of The Urizarri & Segura Families; <sup>†</sup>Brian Masterson; <sup>†</sup>Noreen Nolan; <sup>†</sup>Melvin "Mel" French; <sup>†</sup>Jill Swagler; <sup>†</sup>The Terranova Family; and <sup>†</sup>John Griffin

10:30 A.M. - <sup>+</sup>Donna Marie Haywood; <sup>+</sup>Thomas Tovar; <sup>†</sup>The Deceased Members of The Furgat Family; <sup>†</sup>Noreen Murphy; <sup>†</sup>Patricia Boeykens; <sup>†</sup>Maria Teresa Arreguin; <sup>†</sup>Jorge Adalberto Mora Bustos; \*Francis & Moira Cross; and The People of The Parish

Monday, December 9th - The Immaculate Conception of The Blessed Virgin Mary (Patronal Feast Day of The United States of America) 8:30 A.M. – The People of The Parish 6:00 P.M. - <sup>†</sup>Jack Felke (Birthday Remembrance); and <sup>†</sup>Pat Furgat

Tuesday, December 10th - Our Lady of Loreto 8:30 A.M. - <sup>†</sup>Genevieve Maurer; <sup>†</sup>Elizabeth Serafin; and <sup>+</sup>Thomas Fuller

Wednesday, December 11th - Saint Damasus I, Pope 8:30 A.M. - \*Mary & Peter Herward

Thursday, December 12th - Our Lady of Guadalupe 8:30 A.M. - <sup>†</sup>Greg Reichle; and <sup>†</sup>Lorraine D. Ommundson

Friday, December 13th - Saint Lucy, Virgin and Martyr

Saturday, December 14th - Saint John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church 5:00 P.M.-<sup>+</sup>Joseph Imburgia; <sup>+</sup>Mary Anne Novak; and <sup>+</sup>Tony & Carol Colamonico (Living)

Sunday, December 15th - Third Sunday Of Advent (Gaudete Sunday) 8:30 A.M.- <sup>+</sup>Michael James McGowan 10:30 A.M. – <sup>†</sup>Francis Chu; <sup>†</sup>Barbara Jalloway (Birthday Remembrance); \*Tivadar "Ted" Szabo; \*Walter Davis (on his 25th Anniversary); <sup>†</sup>Melvin French; <sup>†</sup>Donald Fox; <sup>†</sup>Bill Smith; <sup>†</sup>Jean & Jack Joyce; <sup>†</sup>Francis & Moira Cross; and The People of The Parish





friends & family members than to have a Mass offered in their name. To request a Mass Intention for a living or



deceased loved one, please contact our Parish Office @ 773.775.3833. Suggested Donation: \$10.00 (Mass Card included.)



Noah Sebastian Ang Child of Jose Manuel & Princess Diana Joy (Escuadro) Ang



Elias Santiago Banda Child of Michael Banda & Yadira Abarca



Jack Edward Burzinski Child of John Brian I. Kaitlyn Ann (May) Burzinski



Lyla Grace Kelly Child of Timothy James & Nicole Gabriel (Kerkes) Kelly



Frances Margaret Fergus Child of Kevin George & Erin (McSherry) Fergus



Matthew John Slater Child of Brian Patrick & Amanda Lauren (Mroz) Slater

This Weekend @ IC: Second Collection

Join Fr. Matt On A Special Pilgrimage To Ireland...



# December 7<sup>th</sup> L 8<sup>th</sup>

# Retirement Fund for Religious

Please give to those who have given a lifetime.

Please donate at your local parish or by mail at: National Religious Retirement Office 3211 Fourth Street NE Washington DC 20017-1194 Make check payable to Retirement Fund for Religious.

#### retiredreligious.org

Visit retiredreligious.org/2024photos to meet the religious pictured.

The breaking of the Christmas wafer is a custom that began in Poland in the 10<sup>th</sup> century. It is considered the most ancient and beloved of Polish traditions

that expresses unity in the brokenness of the shared wafer, as well as a link to the unbroken chain of Christ's own Body shared through the one Bread in His one Church. The sharing of the Christmas wafer also symbolized forgiveness and reconciliation, an essential key to unity. Our parish tradition of offering Oplatki to our community continues this year, now available at our Parish Office for \$3.00 (*while supplies last*.)

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IC is hosting a wonderful opportunity to travel, pray, and grow with other members of our community. To learn more, please scan the QR code provided or visit icchicago.org to access the complete brochure.

> Contact: *Anne Wolf* (*Anne Vacations, LLC*) AnneVacations@gmail.com 224.366.0881 (Affiliated with Viking Travel)



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- 8 Breakfasts & 8 Dinners
- 5 Masses scheduled
- Baggage Handling for one piece of Luggage; taxes & fees
- Sightseeing as indicated in the Itinerary
- Flight Bags, Ticket Wallets, Baggage Tags, & Identifying Strap
- Customized Travel Journal

	Saturday	Sunday	Sunday
	5:00 P.M. Mass	8:30 A.M. Mass	10:30 A.M. Family Mass
Presiders	Fr. Matthew Heinrich	Fr. Matthew Heinrich	Fr. Robert Fedek
Lectors	E. Kinzie	M. Niewinski	Youth Lectors
Cantors	E. Doyle	Vocal Quartet	Choristers & Vocal Quartet
Extraordinary	L. Delana; R. Altman;	B. Gonsalves; A. Schnitzlein;	L. Beckman; J. Beckman;
Ministers	K. Gillespie	M. Wagner; C. Mulligan	C. Willocks; C. Kech
Altar Servers	D. Gillespie; S. Gillespie;	I. Magruder; K. Rahlfs;	P. Beckman; S. Paxson;
	S. Traversa	N. Rahlfs	T. Paxson

Ministry Schedules: Saturday, December 14th & Sunday, December 15th



# **Our Parish Staff:**

Fr. Matthew Heinrich, Pastor Fr. Robert Fedek, Weekend Assistant Deacon Rick & Carol Moritz Deacon Ronald & Connie Gronek Vincent Kennedy, Director of Operations Scott Will, Director of Worship Melissa Anna, Administrative Supervisor & Communications/ Bulletin Editor Elizabeth Doyle, Assistant Director of Music Marilyn Sadowski, Receptionist Bernadette Anna, Parish Sacristan

Our School Staff:

Sue Canzoneri, Principal Tina Fitzgerald, Assistant Principal Julie Szwedo, Religious Education Coordinator Lisa Kessler, School Accountant Mary Haley, School Secretary

#### What's Happening @ IC ...

<u>Monday, December 9th</u> – Immaculate Conception of The Blessed Virgin Mary 8:30 A.M. – School Mass; CH (Immaculate Conception Novena concludes after Mass) 10:00 A.M.-Noon – Monday Morning Bible Study; RA 6:00 P.M. – Mass; CH (Hospitality Reception to follow in Church Vestibule)

<u>Tuesday, December 10<sup>th</sup></u> – 6:30 P.M. – Advent Vespers Service; CH 7:00-8:30 P.M. – Lectio Divina; RA

<u>Wednesday, December 11<sup>th</sup></u> –
2:10-3:30 P.M. – Choristers Rehearsal; CH
4:00-5:00 P.M. – Religious Education Program Class (*Final Class: Grade 8*); SC
6:00-6:45 P.M. – Tolton Teaching Parish Program Committee Mtg.; RA
7:00-8:30 P.M. – Alpha Alumni Connect Group Session; RA

<u>Thursday, December 12<sup>th</sup></u>– **1:30 & 7:00 P.M.**–School Christmas Play; PC

<u>Friday, December 13<sup>th</sup></u>– **1:30 & 7:00 P.M.**–School Christmas Play; PC

Saturday, December 14<sup>th</sup>— 11:30 A.M.-1:15 P.M. — Alpha Alumni Connect Group Advent Service Project: "*Feed My Starving Children*" (Libertyville)



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#### **Upcoming Bulletin Deadlines:**

December 15<sup>th</sup> Bulletin submissions due: \*Wednesday, December 4<sup>th</sup> December 22<sup>nd</sup> Bulletin submissions due: \*Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup> December 29<sup>th</sup> Bulletin submissions due: \*Monday, December 16<sup>th</sup> January 5<sup>th</sup> Bulletin submissions due: \*Friday, December 20<sup>th</sup>

(\*Please note early submission deadlines due to the holidays) Bulletin submissions are accepted via email at: parishbulletin@icchicago.org

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