

Welcome to  
*Immaculate Conception Parish*

*A Catholic Community Inviting People to Follow Christ*

*February 13, 2022 - Sixth Sunday In Ordinary Time*

*Blessed are they who hope in the Lord.*



*"If the dead are not raised, neither has Christ been raised,  
and if Christ has not been raised, your faith is in vain."  
- 1 Corinthians 15:16-17*

*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](http://www.icchicago.org)

### School Website:

💻: [www.iccowboys.net](http://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](http://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!*



### 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.

### Confessions:

Sunday mornings  
from 9:30 A.M.-10:15 A.M.  
(offered every other Sunday)  
Special dates & times  
offered during Advent & Lent

### Baptisms:

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

### Adoration & Vespers:

1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays of each  
month from 6:00-7:00 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](http://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?

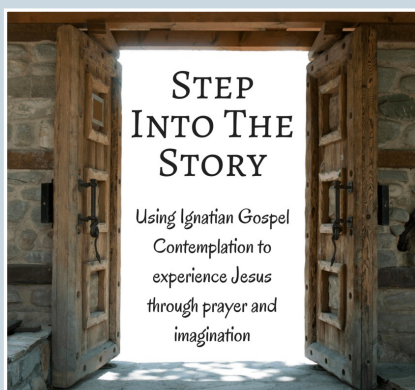
Please donate to our **Endowment Fund** (via Give  
Central) or support efforts by our **Holy Name  
Men's Club** and **Parents Club** posted on our  
Social Media or featured in our bulletin.



### Reflections From Fr. Robert Carlton: Ignatian Contemplation



One of St. Ignatius' great gifts to the Church was his focus on and development of contemplative prayer. This is a form of prayer which has, as a goal, trying to live fully in union with God so that everything you do is reflective of God's presence. St. Paul spoke to this in the First Letter to the Thessalonians where he instructed his audience to "*rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.*" Clearly, Paul, by telling people to pray without ceasing does not mean that they should go around reciting the *Our Father* all day. Rather, contemplation in the Ignatian sense means to take a "*long loving look at God*" and, in so doing, recognize all the gifts that God has given and to live your life, all your life, with a recognition of that fact. St. Francis of Assisi is responsible for starting this kind of prayer by encouraging people to pray with the Christmas creche several centuries before Ignatius, but this was popularized by Ignatius and the Jesuits.



Ignatian contemplation, then, is specifically designed to inspire you to use your imagination to "*place*" yourself in a scene from Scripture, or with Jesus, Mary or God, and the prayer starts off by asking you to "*compose the place,*" which means to imaginatively be specific about the practicalities of the place where the scene is happening. What is the weather? Who is there? What exactly are they doing? What are some of the bigger picture events that are taking place at the same time? Through the story, God meets and interacts with each listener personally and differently, and those points of interaction are the points where prayer happens. The main challenge of this form of prayer, though, is to let God be in control and to direct you to where He wants you to go to, and not only where you think you ought to be going towards.

In an Ignatian contemplation, the story that one is considering should be read four times. At the end of the fourth reading, there should be a period of fifteen to twenty minutes of silent reflection. In the first reading, the individual should try to focus on the big picture items of the story: where and under what circumstances does the story take place? Who is there? What are the plot lines of the story? If it is a story about Jesus, what exactly is he doing in that story? After reading the story through slowly, one should pause for two to three minutes at the end. Then, for the second reading, one should start moving deeper into some of the details of the story: who are the players in this story? Who are the major ones and who are the minor ones? What exactly are they doing? How do they interact with each other? Do they have a cordial relationship or is this one that is fraught with tension? What time of the day does this story take place and what is the mood that accompanies it? After pausing for two to three minutes, then move into the third reading. By this point, one should really be into the details of the story and be able to genuinely feel as if you are present in the place. The questions to contemplate with this reading could be: who or what are you specifically in the story? Maybe, for example, in the story of the Road to Emmaus, you are a rock next to where Jesus meets the two disciples. What are you doing, thinking, or feeling or who is with you if you are an inanimate object? What are the sounds and smells of the location? What are the specific emotions that you notice going on here? After pausing for two to three more minutes, read the story for a fourth time. By this reading, the story should be able to unfold with you as a participant in the story. Try this practice with any of the stories in the Scriptures and see what God is trying to tell you through them.

Fr. Robert

### 2022 Annual Catholic Appeal: Announcement Weekend (February 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup>)

#### Please Make Your Gift to the 2022 Annual Catholic Appeal *Making all things new ... God's promise and our responsibility*

Many families in our parish will be receiving the Annual Catholic Appeal mailing from Cardinal Cupich. On behalf of those served by the ministries, parishes and schools who receive funding from the Appeal, we thank you for your gifts. Please return your response as soon as possible.

The Annual Catholic Appeal offers a wonderful opportunity to answer the call "*Making all things new ... God's promise and our responsibility.*" This is especially important as many in our parishes have been affected financially by the pandemic. We encourage giving at all levels to support this initiative.

In addition to providing for ministries and services throughout the archdiocese, the Annual Catholic Appeal funds services in our own parish.

When we financially support the work of our parish, our archdiocese and the Catholic Church throughout the world, we experience a feeling of deep gratitude, especially when we contemplate God's many gifts to us personally. By sharing our wealth through gifts to the 2022 Annual Catholic Appeal, we demonstrate our commitment to the Church and to each other.



### 2021 Contribution Statements



2021 Contribution Statements (for tax purposes) are now available to our parishioners & donors upon request. If you would like to receive either a paper statement or an electronic statement of your contributions to our

parish for tax year 2021, please visit our website: [icchicago.org](http://icchicago.org) and complete our **Contribution Statement Request Form**. For those without computer access, please contact our Parish Office via telephone at 773.775.3833 to request a copy of your statement (available via pick up at our Parish Office or sent via postal mail.) With grateful hearts, we thank you for your faithful & generous support of our parish!

### IC Catholic High School Scholarship Fund



If you would like to contribute electronically to support our **IC Catholic High School Scholarship Fund**,

please visit: [givecentral.org/location/349/event/28631](http://givecentral.org/location/349/event/28631) or scan the following QR Code with your phone:



Our heartfelt thanks to all those who have already generously donated to our Scholarship Fund!

### HNMC Super Bowl Grand Raffle

This weekend, our Holy Name Men's Club will once again have *Super Bowl Grand Raffle Tickets* available for purchase for \$10.00 in the Vestibule of our Church as they prepare to host their annual **Super Bowl Party** in our Bowling Alley this **Sunday, February 13<sup>th</sup> @ 3:00 P.M.**



- 1<sup>st</sup> Prize:** Nintendo Switch – Neon Blue/Neon Red
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize:** Insignia 55" Smart Fire 4K UHD TV
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize:** \$250.00 Cash
- 4<sup>th</sup> Prize:** Lenovo Chromebook Laptop 11" Screen

## New Hope Community Food Pantry

*"Seeking to feed the hungry and sharing resources to improve the quality of life of those in need"*

6125 W. Foster Ave, Chicago, IL 60630

Distribution: Tuesdays 9:30-11:30am

[www.newhopefoodpantry.com](http://www.newhopefoodpantry.com)

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IC School Celebrates "Catholic Schools Week": Part Two

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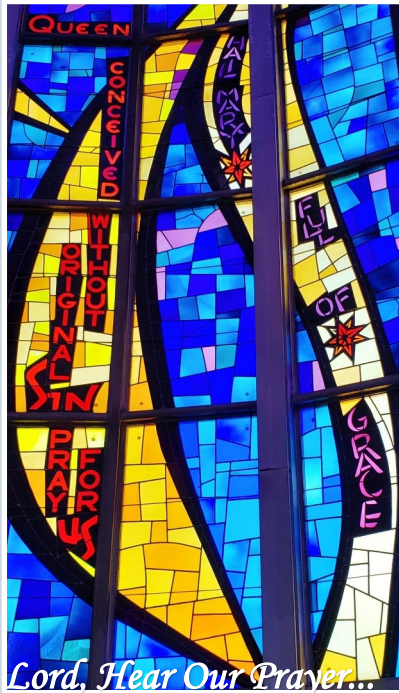
100th Day of  
Kindergarten

Our Kindergarten students celebrated the 100<sup>th</sup> Day of School by becoming centenarians!





*Please join our parish family in prayer ...*



*Lord, Hear Our Prayer...*

Tom Altman  
Robert Behrman  
Sonia M. B.  
Roberta Berger  
John Bozek  
Mark Broler  
Vince Caeti  
Zita Castro  
Donna Chaplin  
Marie Conway  
James Covello  
Ronnie Cunningham  
Paige Dicks  
Margarita DiSalvo  
Paula Drew  
Ozzie D'Souza  
**Dorothy D'Souza**  
Richard Flanagan  
Brooke Foreman  
Patricia Furgat  
Lila Gehner  
Bonnie Jean Gorski  
**Deacon Ron Gronek**

*For those who are sick:*

Ofelia Hernandez  
Kevin Jaburek  
Claudia Kech  
Wayne Kinzie, Sr.  
Craig Kloss  
Lillian Kohut  
Katherine Kreuser  
Anthony Lapash  
Benny Martinez  
Edwin Martinez  
Frank Martinez  
Gerry Michalek, Jr.  
Helen Moore  
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  
Rosaleen Reilly  
Bill Remblake  
Joe Rispoli  
Pia Rizza  
Barbara Rockwell  
David Rodriguez  
Elaine Schatz  
Jennie Sekula  
Don Skorey  
Dennis Slater  
Edward Stanczyk  
Ed Stanislawski  
Marion Szumski  
Donna Tisdale  
Camilla Trevino  
Steven P. Trifilio  
Peter Vandenberg  
Mary Ellen Vanderman  
Henry Wagener  
Rita Zambon  
Angeline Ziberna  
**\*Newly Added**

*For our faithful departed:*

Rita Castillo (Sister of Remedios Gomez & Jose Baetiong)  
Frances Irene Muffoletto  
Brother Joseph O'Malley, FSC  
Elfie J. Smith (Wife of Douglas, Mother of Elfie Repel)



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



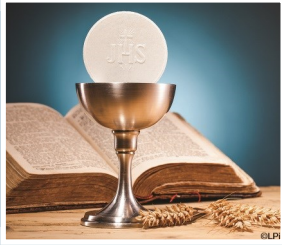
*Join us next Sunday, February 20<sup>th</sup> @  
10:30 A.M. for our monthly  
Family Mass!*

*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, Thomas Treslo, National Guard Specialist 4<sup>th</sup> Class  
**U.S. Navy** - CMDR Michael Brasseur, LCDR Christopher Jenkins, PO Thomas T. Tudisco  
**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** - 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](http://vets.archchicago.org) that provides information that can be of assistance.



*Mass Intentions:  
Sunday, February 13<sup>th</sup>  
through  
Sunday, February 20<sup>th</sup>*

**Sunday, February 13<sup>th</sup> – Sixth Sunday In Ordinary Time (World Marriage Day)**

**5:00 P.M. (Saturday) –** †Richard Pawlowski; and †Anthony & Madeline Mazzone

**8:30 A.M. –** †Wayne Larson

**10:30 A.M. –** †Paul Bauer; †Stephen Oleksy; †Gerard Dreyfuss; †Lib & Marie Allocco; †Malachy & Ina Casey; †Francis & Moira Cross; and The People of the Parish

**Monday, February 14<sup>th</sup> – Saints Cyril, Monk, and Methodius, Bishop; (Valentine's Day)**

**8:30 A.M. –** †Edward Labuz; †Charles Grayzeck; †Joseph Labandeira; †Walter Fernandes (on his 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary); and †Larry Bateman (40<sup>th</sup> Day Death Anniversary)

**Tuesday, February 15<sup>th</sup> – Weekday**

**8:30 A.M. –** †Ilse "Elsie" Trapler (on her 5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)

**Wednesday, February 16<sup>th</sup> – Weekday**

**8:30 A.M. –** †Larry Ghidara (Birthday Remembrance); and †Arthur J. O'Koniewski (on his 6<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)

**Thursday, February 17<sup>th</sup> – The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order**

**8:30 A.M. –** †Ada Acevedo; and †Rush Limbaugh

**Friday, February 18<sup>th</sup> – Weekday**

**8:30 A.M. –** †Lily Zegan (on her 3<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary); and †Monica Ward

**Saturday, February 19<sup>th</sup> – Weekday**

**5:00 P.M. –** †David Strom; †Jaime M. San Juan (on his 2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary); †Filomena Z. Capito (Birthday Remembrance); and †John Joyce

**Sunday, February 20<sup>th</sup> – Seventh Sunday In Ordinary Time**

**8:30 A.M. –** †Gaelana "Donna" Bova

**10:30 A.M. –** †Charles Grayzeck; †Carmen & Irene Covello; †Anastasia Fudala; †Frank Ghidara (Birthday Remembrance); †Luz Abreu; †Marni Michalek Mensching; †Gerald S. Michalek; †Poor Souls In Purgatory; †Lilia Macapagal (on her 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary); †Francis & Moira Cross; †Lawrence Butler; Dennis Klak (Living); Gerry Michalek, Jr. (Living); and The People of the Parish



**February 13<sup>th</sup> through February 19<sup>th</sup>**  
Our Sanctuary Lamp is burning this week for the prayer intention of

**Gerry Michalek, Jr.**



**February 13<sup>th</sup> through February 18<sup>th</sup>**

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

**Ozzie & Dorothy D'Souza**



**February 13<sup>th</sup> through February 18<sup>th</sup>**

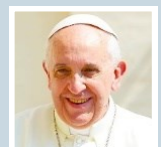
Our St. Joseph Votive is burning this week for the prayer intention of

**Claudia Kech**



**Pope Tweet of the Week...**

*"The crisis of faith, in our lives and in our societies, has to do with the eclipse of desire for God, with the habit of being content to live from day to day, without ever asking what God really wants from us. We have forgotten to lift our eyes to heaven."*







WITH JOYFUL HEARTS,  
WE WELCOME OUR  
NEWLY BAPTIZED.



*Nicholas & Nicole Orlando  
and their children Connor & Ryann*

*Milo & Dana Szymczak  
and their children Nicholas, Ava, & Lucas*

*Anthony & Jennifer Raimondi  
and their children Mia & Joseph*

*Steven & Jennifer Larsen  
and their children Ryan & Emma*

*Wivina Stremel  
and her niece Maureen De Guzman*

*Jaclynn Dunleavy*

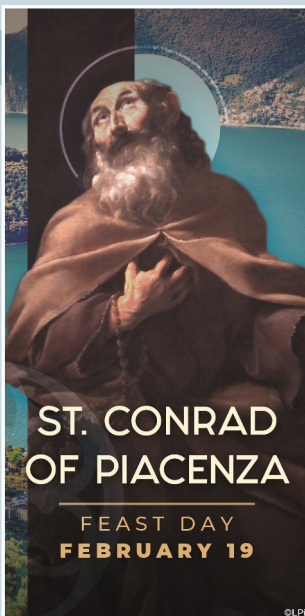
*Brendan Ryan*

*Martin McDermott*



*Matthew Vincent Walsh  
Thomas Richard Walsh  
Louise Elizabeth Walsh  
Children of Kevin Michael & Tiffany Louise (Crociani) Walsh*

*Welcome to all visitors and guests!  
Interested in joining  
our IC Parish family?  
Register @ [icchicago.org](http://icchicago.org)*



*Saint of The Week - Examples of Our Faith: Saint Conrad of Piacenza (February 19<sup>th</sup>)*

The history of St. Conrad of Piacenza is quite fascinating. A member of one of the most noble families of Piacenza, he was known for his utmost honesty. One day while out hunting with friends, he thought he saw some game in an area of brush and ordered his attendants to set fire to the brush in order to scare it out of hiding. Unfortunately, the dry brush quickly ignited, and fire started to spread. Soon, the surrounding area was engulfed in flames.

Unfortunately, a known arsonist happened to be in the same area as the fire. This man was later imprisoned, tried, and condemned to death for the damage. But on his way to his execution, St. Conrad of Piacenza, full of guilt, stopped the proceedings and confessed to the fire. To make restitution for the damages, Conrad had to sell all his belongings, which reduced him to poverty. Soon after, he decided to retire to a hermitage, where he became a hermit of the Third Order of St. Francis, and his wife entered the Order of Poor Clares. ©LPi



## Gospel Meditation - Encourage a Deeper Understanding of Scripture



What has been the most difficult challenge you faced in your life? Many difficult human experiences can “*turn up the heat*” in our lives, causing us to question the why of things or even fall into despair. Some people just somewhat passively accept what life brings, even death, and chalk difficult experiences up to happening “*because they do.*” They seemingly endure and move on. Taking life at face value, there really is no ultimate meaning to things. It’s easier to ignore that inner prompting calling us to understand why. It’s there whether we admit it or not. To question

or not to question — that is the question! People sometimes give up the God search because it causes too many questions. Once we open the door to the possibility of God’s existence, then all of the awkward, challenging, and tragic pieces of life have to find their place.

It gets messy. But the search is so important to living. We can easily dry up and become arid, abandoning any hope for purpose and meaning because it’s too difficult and non-rational at times. In searching for answers to the how and why of life, human beings also embark on a search for God. When one finally stumbles upon the real living tangible presence of God, then that discovery allows life’s ironies and tensions to be held side by side with the all-encompassing totally unconditional, unmerited love of God! Then when life’s heat gets turned up, difficulties and challenges abound, dryness and heartache become the norm, the soul remains in joyful repose. There is no fear.

The beatitudes celebrate life’s ironies and tensions, holding them all together in the Kingdom of God. Poverty, hunger, weeping, being insulted and hated are not things we would normally associate with being God’s friends. But they are! In fact, those who experience these uncomfortable realities of life are actually better off than those who do not. This is what makes Jesus’ message so intriguing! Don’t give up questioning. Questioning the apparent inequities and polarities of human experience will certainly challenge one’s faith. But it’s the only way to deepen it. ©LPi

### Ministry Schedules: Saturday, February 19<sup>th</sup> & Sunday, February 20<sup>th</sup>

	Saturday 5:00 P.M.	Sunday 8:30 A.M.	Sunday 10:30 A.M. Family Mass
Presiders	Fr. Matthew Heinrich	Fr. Robert Carlton	Fr. Matthew Heinrich
Lectors	R. Altman	M. Davila	Youth Lector
Cantors	E. Doyle	Vocal Quintet & Violin	Vocal Quintet & Guitar & Bass
Extraordinary Ministers	S. Witz	L. Delana	A. Schnitzlein
Altar Servers	A. Callinan; J. Edwards; L. Love	E. Hyland; J. Losik; O. Magruder	K. Bowers; D. Gillespie; S. Gillespie

**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*  
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**Deacon Ronald & Connie Gronek**  
**Deacon Michael Bednarz**  
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**Scott Will**, *Director of Worship*  
**Melissa Anna**, *Office Administration & Communications/  
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**Elizabeth Doyle**, *Assistant Director of Music*  
**Marilyn Sadowski**, *Receptionist*  
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**What's Happening @ IC...**

**Monday, February 14<sup>th</sup> – (Valentine's Day)**  
 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 Winter Session; RA  
 7:00-8:30 P.M. – Overtones Rehearsal; CH  
**Tuesday, February 15<sup>th</sup>–**  
 6:30-8:30 P.M. – Parish Finance Council Mtg.; RA  
**Wednesday, February 16<sup>th</sup> –**  
 2:00-3:30 P.M. – Choristers Rehearsal; CH  
 4:00-5:00 P.M. – Religious Education Program Class; Zoom  
 7:00 P.M. – First Reconciliation [2<sup>nd</sup> Grade]; CH  
**Thursday, February 17<sup>th</sup> –**  
 7:00-9:00 P.M. – School Board Mtg.; RA  
**Friday, February 18<sup>th</sup> –**  
 8:15-10:00 P.M. – Men's Basketball; PC  
**Saturday, February 19<sup>th</sup> –**  
 6:00-7:00 P.M. – Adoration (concluding with Vespers &  
 Benediction); CH  
**Sunday, February 20<sup>th</sup> –**  
 10:30 A.M. – Family Mass; CH (Hosted by: 5<sup>th</sup> Grade & P4  
 Students)  
 11:30 A.M.-1:00 P.M. – Evangelization Team Mtg.; RA



**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](http://www.icchicago.org) to join our parish family.

**Bulletin Deadline:** The deadline for all bulletin submissions is Friday at Noon – 8 days prior to the Sunday it will appear. Bulletin submissions are accepted via email at: [parishbulletin@icchicago.org](mailto:parishbulletin@icchicago.org)