

Welcome to
Immaculate Conception Parish

A Catholic Community Inviting People to Follow Christ

February 14, 2021 - Sixth Sunday In Ordinary Time

*I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me
with the joy of salvation*



*"Whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God."
- 1 Corinthians 10:31*

Love God • Serve Others • Make Disciples

Contact Us

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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: 9:00 A.M. - Noon

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)

*Reservations are recommended to assist with contact tracing.
Walk-ins are welcome, but must provide name and telephone number (or email) upon entry.
Please visit our website or contact our Parish Office to register.*

Weekday Mass Schedule:

Online Only
Monday through Friday @ 7:00 P.M.
Wednesdays @ 8:30 A.M. (School Mass)
(Worship with us virtually on our Facebook Page or Twitch)

In-Person
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:

First and Third Tuesdays of each month from 6:00-7:00 P.M.
(Special dates & times offered during Advent & Lent)

Baptisms:

Saturdays @ 1:00 P.M.
Sundays @ 12:30 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

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.

This Lenten Season @ IC

Lent is a special time of year. While it is considered “*penitential*,” this is not a dirty word in our faith. Penitence is, by definition, a show of sorrow in some way for our sins. The Catholic, however, does not end in sorrow, but rather joy. We are sorry for our sins, because we have damaged our relationship with Him who loves us immensely. We show sorrow for our sins, because we have hurt each other whom we are called to love.



Penitence is an act of restoration. We recognize the good we have lost or harmed, and we make efforts to reconcile it. This is always a good thing and a holy pursuit.

The Lenten season is built to recalibrate our faith. Through fasting, prayer, and almsgiving, we are urged to be more generous with God.

To that effect, the following are some of the things that we are doing during Lent and would ask you to participate in:

1) Mass

Mass happens year-round, obviously. But if you are looking for a way to grow in faith, consider watching our Mass daily. Seriously consider attending or watching (as you are able) every Sunday. No one grows in faith without dedication and sacrifice. The Mass is the bedrock of a mature faith.

2) Reconciliation

The sacrament is so very important to the life of a Christian. We have offered the sacrament to people every 1st and 3rd Tuesday from 6:00 to 7:00 P.M. *We will experiment on the first weekend of Lent, Sunday, February 21st, by offering the sacrament between our 8:30 A.M. and 10:30 A.M. Masses.* Please take advantage of this opportunity since we will not be having a Reconciliation service proper. If successful, we will do it more often.

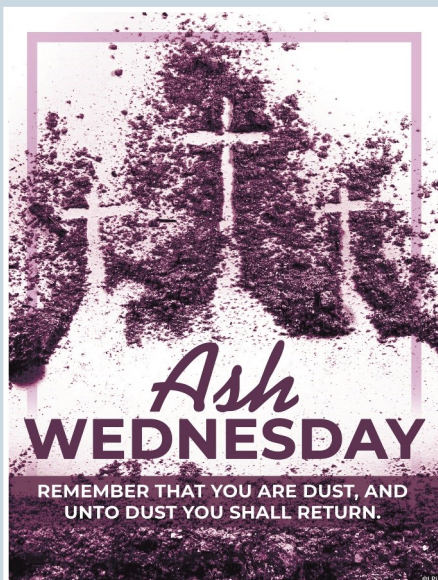
3) Vespers

Vespers returns in-person and will now also be available online! Vespers is one of five principle times of prayer in the whole Catholic Church. Meditative by nature, it is sung Scripture. No preaching or anything cumbersome. Simply 20-25 minutes of beautiful music in praise of God. In a time where “*peace*” is all too uncommon, grow in prayer by *joining us every Wednesday during Lent at 7:00 P.M.* beginning on **February 24th** and continuing on **March 3rd, March 10th, March 17th**, concluding on **March 24th**.

4) Online Reflections and Education

Consider reading Fr. Robert’s brief and insightful reflections which he writes nearly daily. They are accessible on our Facebook page. Likewise, I also plan to make videos centered around the Lenten season. I have bought some new equipment for recording, so expect new content soon.

We hope you have a blessed Lent. Let us walk together in confidence and faith,
Fr. Matt



Ash Wednesday Mass Schedule

(The blessing and distribution of ashes will take place at our 6:30 A.M. and 7:00 P.M. Masses. IC students will receive ashes in their classrooms following our School Virtual Mass.)

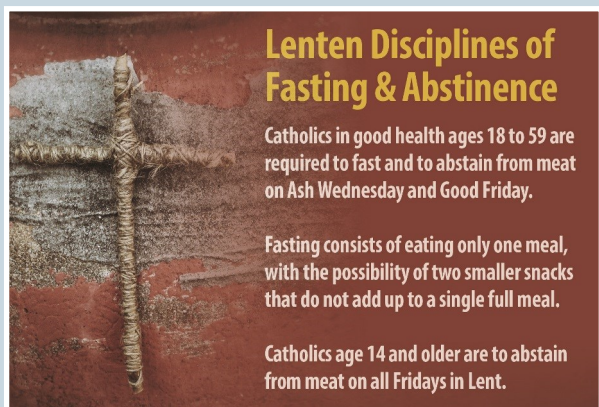
6:30 A.M. Mass with Fr. Robert Carlton presiding (In-Person)

8:30 A.M. School Virtual Mass with Fr. Matt presiding

7:00 P.M. Mass with Fr. Matt presiding (In-Person & Livestreamed)

Reservations are recommended due to attendance restrictions and to assist with contact tracing. Please visit our parish website (www.icchicago.org) or contact our Parish Office at 773.775.3833 to register. For those unable to join us in-person, our 8:30 A.M. and 7:00 P.M. Masses will both be livestreamed via Twitch TV & Facebook.

Please be advised: In accordance with Archdiocesan COVID-19 guidelines, distribution of ashes will take place by sprinkling ashes on the top of the head, instead of signing with ashes on the forehead.



Lenten Disciplines of Fasting & Abstinence

Catholics in good health ages 18 to 59 are required to fast and to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

Fasting consists of eating only one meal, with the possibility of two smaller snacks that do not add up to a single full meal.

Catholics age 14 and older are to abstain from meat on all Fridays in Lent.

2020 Contribution Statements

2020 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 2020, please visit our website: 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!



2021 Annual Catholic Appeal: Follow-Up Weekend (February 13th- February 14th)

Please Make Your Gift to the 2021 Annual Catholic Appeal
Come, follow me ... and bring hope to the world.

Our parish is conducting our campaign for the Annual Catholic Appeal. Please remember that the Annual Catholic Appeal is much different than a one-time special collection. It is a pledge campaign where you can make a gift payable in installments.

The Annual Catholic Appeal theme, "*Come, follow me ... and bring hope to the world,*" was selected because as disciples of Jesus, we follow the Master who both gives us hope and sends us to bring his hope to our world that needs it so much.

Each pledge makes a difference! All parish communities participate in the campaign and the gifts of many enable our parishes, schools and ministries to deliver needed services. Once we successfully achieve our parish goal of **\$49,532.00**, all additional money received is sent back to us for use in our parish. Thank you for your prayerful consideration and generous response.

To make your gift, you can complete the mail-in giving envelope available at our Church or make a gift online at annualcatholicappeal.com or text the keyword: **ACA2021** to the number **345345** on your mobile device.





School News...

This year, Catholic Schools Week looked a little different than in the past, but IC School still had fun celebrating!



Students showed their support for their favorite teams!



What do you like best about IC? Students wrote their answers on hearts!



Students decorated bags for Easter that will be filled with goodies for the homeless.



Mrs. Canzoneri & Mrs. Fitzgerald showed their appreciation for teachers and staff by wheeling around their "goodies" cart and surprising them with treats!



Students decorated their desks!



Students dressed as what they would like to be when they grow up!



Teachers dressed like students and students dressed like teachers!



Our Kindergarten students celebrated the 100th Day of School by becoming centenarians!



Please join our parish family in prayer ...



For those who are sick:

Tom Altman
Concetta Bartucci
Melissa Bednarz
Robert Behrman
Sonia M. B.
Vince Caeti
Jackie Campbell
Rita Castillo
Donna Chaplin
James Covello
Sherry Crocifisso
Ronnie Cunningham
Christina Dziekonski
Jason Finney
Richard Flanagan
Brooke Foreman
Lila Gehner
MaryBeth Gronek

Ofelia Hernandez
Dennis M. Jaburek
Esther Jarosh
Helga Jarosz
Erma Kinzie
Wayne Kinzie
Craig Kloss
Lillian Kohut
Benny Martinez
Edwin Martinez
Frank Martinez
Fr. Eric Meyer, C.P.
Sam Milazzo
Veronica Murillo
Timothy Murray
Judith Nosko
Mary Beth O'Grady
Jackie O'Koniewski

David Olson
Fr. Alan Phillip, C.P.
Mary Potwora
Helen Rasmussen
Bill Remblake
David Rodriguez
Elaine Schatz
Jennie Sekula
Don Skorey
Edward Stanczyk
Marion Szumski
Donna Tisdale
Steven P. Trifilio
John F. Vargo
Henry Wagener
Geoffrey Woittel

***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:

Phyllis Levand (Former IC School Secretary, Mother of Susan Kamin)
Janina Rusak
Lillian J. Compall



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



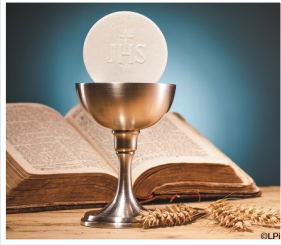
For those who serve our country:

**PRAYERS FOR THE MEN
AND WOMEN WHO SERVE
IN OUR ARMED FORCES.**



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, Lt. 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; 2nd Lt. Colleen Bernal
U.S. Marines - Sean Gronset, PFC Sebastian L. Rivera, Jr., PFC Christopher Hughes, PFC Algene D. Porticos

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, February 14th
through
Sunday, February 21st

Sunday, February 14th - Sixth Sunday In Ordinary Time

5:00 P.M. (Saturday) - †Paul Baul

8:30 A.M. — Valentino M. Garcia (on his 76th Birthday)

10:30 A.M. — †Stephen Oleksy; †Eileen Mascha; †Jack Simone;
†Carmen & Irene Covello; †Anastasia Fudala; †Edward Labuz;
†Gerard Dreyfuss; †Andrew & Regina Brinskelle; †Lib & Marie
Allocco; †Francis & Moira Cross; †Arthur O'Koniewski (on his 5th
Anniversary); and The People of the Parish

Monday, February 15th - Weekday (Presidents Day)

7:00 P.M. (Virtual Mass) — †Ilse Trapler (on her 4th Anniversary);

†Gerard Dreyfuss; †Deceased Members of The Boksa Family; and
†Tony & Jean Reszotko

Tuesday, February 16th - Weekday

7:00 P.M. (Virtual Mass) — †Larry Ghidara (Birthday Remembrance)

Wednesday, February 17th - Ash Wednesday

6:30 A.M. — The People of the Parish

8:30 A.M. (Virtual Mass) — †Phyllis Levand

7:00 P.M. — †Herminia Cabacungan (on her 4th
Anniversary); and †Janina Rusak

Thursday, February 18th - Thursday after Ash Wednesday

7:00 P.M. (Virtual Mass) — Judith Nosko (Living)

Friday, February 19th - Friday after Ash Wednesday

7:00 P.M. (Virtual Mass) — †Frank Ghidara (Birthday
Remembrance); and †Jaime San Juan (on his 1st Anniversary)

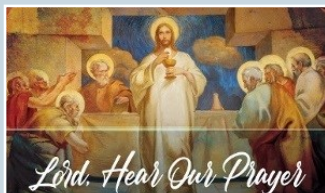
Saturday, February 20th - Saturday after Ash Wednesday

5:00 P.M. - †Stanley Lyskanowski (Birthday Remembrance)

Sunday, February 21st - First Sunday of Lent

8:30 A.M. — The People of the Parish

10:30 A.M. — †Dominic Storto; †Kenneth Luedtke; †Francis Brissette
(on his 16th Anniversary); †Mary Leveille; †Francis & Moira Cross;
and †Esteban Lasa



February 14th through February 20th
Our Sanctuary Lamp is burning this week
for the repose of the soul of



John J.
Cook

February 14th through February 19th
Our Blessed Mother Votive is burning this
week for the repose of the soul of



Phyllis
Levand

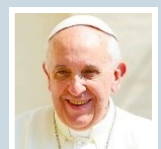
February 14th through February 19th
Our St. Joseph Votive is burning
this week for the repose of the soul of

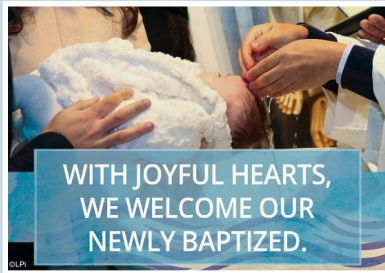


George
Loescher

Pope Tweet of the Week...

"The Church evangelizes and is herself evangelized through the beauty of the Liturgy. Let us ask the grace of a personal and authentic encounter with the living Christ in the liturgical celebration, so that our lives might become a spiritual sacrifice offered to God."





WITH JOYFUL HEARTS,
WE WELCOME OUR
NEWLY BAPTIZED.



Zuriel Cruz
Child of Edwin and Ma. Dahlia (Du) Cruz

**NONNO PINO
GIVEBACK
NIGHTS
2/17 & 2/18**

ICPC and Nonno Pino have teamed up for a 2 NIGHT fundraiser event. 20% of your order will generously be donated to the Immaculate Conception Parents Club.

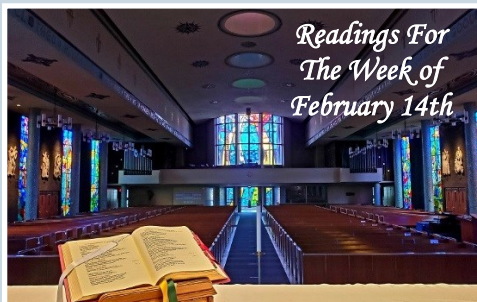
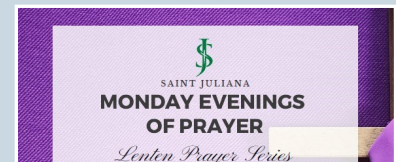
6718 N. Northwest Highway
773-594-1155

*Delivery and Carryout is suggested, due to 25% seating capability.
Just mention the IC Parents Club FUNraiser when ordering*

Starting **February 15th**, **Saint Juliana Parish** in Chicago hosts a seven-week Lenten Prayer Series from 6:00-8:00 P.M. on Monday evenings in their church (7201 N. Oketo Ave). Adoration begins at 6:00 P.M., followed by the Rosary and confessions at 6:30 P.M. The talk on prayer and the spiritual life begins at 7:30 P.M. All are welcome!

Speaker Schedule:

- 2/15 - Fr. Hank Lyon, Associate Pastor of St. Emily Parish
- 2/22 - Fr. Tim Monahan, Vocation Director for the Archdiocese of Chicago
- 3/1 - Fr. Tom Byrne, Director of Chicago Seminarians
- 3/8 - Fr. Derek Ho, Pastor of Mary, Seat of Wisdom Parish
- 3/15 - Bishop Mark Bartosic, Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Chicago
- 3/22 - Fr. Tim Anastos, Associate Pastor of Mary, Seat of Wisdom Parish
- 3/29 - Fr. James Wallace, Pastor of St. Juliana Parish



*Readings For
The Week of
February 14th*

Sunday: Lv 13:1-2, 44-46/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11 [7]/1 Cor 10:31 – 11:1/Mk 1:40-45
Monday: Gn 4:1-15, 25/Ps 50:1 and 8, 16bc-17, 20-21 [14a]/Mk 8:11-13
Tuesday: Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10/Ps 29:1a and 2, 3ac-4, 3b and 9c-10 [11b]/Mk 8:14-21
Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17 [cf. 3a]/2 Cor 5:20 – 6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday: Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [Ps 40:5a]/Lk 9:22-25
Friday: Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19 [19b]/Mt 9:14-15
Saturday: Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [11ab]/Lk 5:27-32
Next Sunday: Gn 9:8-15/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [cf. 10]/1 Pt 3:18-22/Mk 1:12-15

Gospel Meditation - Encourage a Deeper Understanding of Scripture



The Church, as a voice of the Gospel, proclaims the sacredness of all human life. Everyone created by God is fashioned in God's image and has Divine DNA at the center of their soul. God never leaves what God creates but always remains intimately bound to what he has given form. Everyone has a place and because they have received the gift of Divine Blessing, nobody deserves to feel inferior, unworthy, unwanted, unclean or marginalized. Even the most broken of souls has a place. We, the Body of Christ, have the privilege and responsibility to give voice to the voiceless. The cries of the little one in his or her mother's womb are just as sacred as the cries of one who is

homeless and hungry. The migrant deserves our attention as much as the forgotten elderly and even the prisoner, with a heart hardened by anger and resentment, deserves respect and dignity.

The Gospel of Life is often hard to swallow, and we would rather keep those we consider unclean, different or unfixable in a place by themselves. It is hard to see them with us, but they deserve to be. There is far too much violence in this world and the result of that violence is the assault on human life. Many are forced to leave the place they call home in search of safer ground, finding few if any along the way who will help them. How different today's Gospel story would be if Jesus gave in to what was politically correct at that time. The leper would have been turned away and a soul, already beaten down by disease and fear, would have experienced an even deeper wound. Jesus wouldn't have captured much attention from anyone, nor would he have mirrored the Father's compassion and love.

Where do we stand with all of this? Do we at least understand that God's vision is often in conflict with the vision put forth in our world and even the one we advance ourselves? There is no doubt that it is incredibly challenging to find a place for everyone at the table. This challenge is compounded when the systems of operation and structure that are so ingrained in us affirm power and privilege rather than inclusivity and justice. Everything really goes askew when the powerful begin to control who is entitled to wholeness and inclusion, and greed becomes a driving force. Prejudice and entitlement raise their ugly heads and we find ourselves with quite a mess. It's time to admit that things have been a mess for a very long time. The mess needs to be healed, not by erasing it but by allowing God to touch it and make it whole. We need to bring God back to the center of life where God belongs. There are no easy solutions to the world's dilemmas. But, knowing that wholeness, healing, and dignity are worthy pursuits, we can more confidently labor to achieve God's vision.

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Everyday Stewardship – Recognize God in your Ordinary Moments

The Unfailing Goodness of God...

I have always wondered why Jesus told the cleansed leper not to publicize how he had been healed by the Son of God. It's not that I can't understand why Jesus would want to keep the matter quiet — after all, he knew that as soon as people heard, he would be mobbed with requests for healings, and his movements restricted.

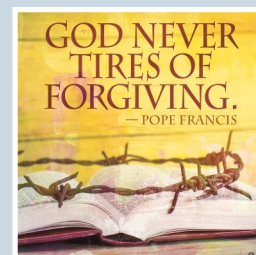
What gets me is the fact that Jesus simply must have realized the leper would not listen to him. Why give someone a command you know they will ignore? It's a complicated question, and when I reflect on it, I can't help but connect it to another equally complicated question: why does God, all-good and all-knowing, allow bad things to happen?

Yes, God is all-good and all-knowing. So when He gives us free will, He knows what we will do with it. However, He is also all-powerful. He can and will bring good from any situation, any tragedy, or even any instance where someone ignores Him.

Was it a sin for this leper to do other than what Jesus had said? That's a heavy question for a Sunday morning! But it's plain to see that, even though this man ignored Jesus' command, God still used his actions. How many were brought to Christ because of the news spread by this leper!

As someone trying to live out a stewardship way of life, what is God requesting of you right now?

– Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPI





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 & Melissa Bednarz
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Scott Will, *Director of Worship*
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Julie Szwedo, *Religious Education Coordinator*
Lisa Kessler, *School Accountant*
Mary Haley, *School Secretary*

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What's Happening @ IC...

Monday, February 15th –
Presidents Day – School Closed
7:00 P.M. – Alpha Session; Zoom

Tuesday, February 16th –
6:00-7:00 P.M. – Confessions; Church
6:30 P.M. – Finance Council Mtg.;
Zoom

Wednesday, February 17th – Ash Wednesday
6:30 A.M. – Mass (with distribution of Ashes); Church
7:00 P.M. – Mass (with distribution of Ashes); Church

Thursday, February 18th –
7:00 P.M. – School Board Mtg.; Zoom

For more information on upcoming events, or to register for our Masses or Confessions, please visit our parish website @ www.icchicago.org



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: 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 (*Please note: new email address.)