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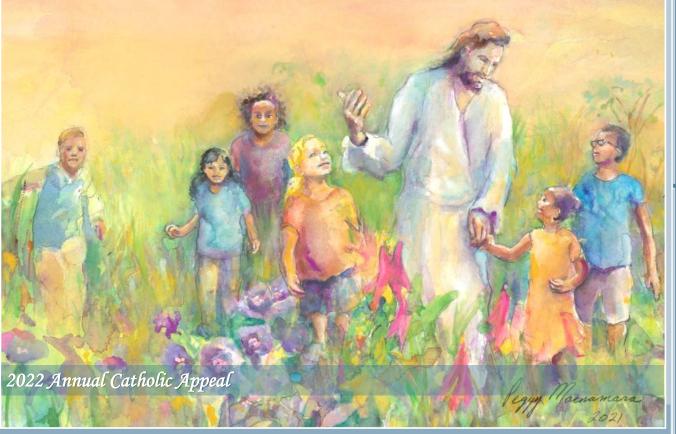
Immaculate Conception Parish

A Catholic Community Inviting People to Follow Christ

February 20, 2022 - Seventh Sunday In Ordinary Time

Making all things new...

God's promise and our responsibility



"Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful." - Luke 6:36

Love God • Serve Others • Make Disciples

he Lord is kind and merciful.

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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



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:

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

Adoration & Vespers:

1st & 3rd 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

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.

A New Series For Your Reflection

Over the past few years, we have had our seminarians assist us in various ways at IC. Most recently, you have seen Deacon Joseph preach at our Masses while the others (Jacob, Joseph, and Colin) assisted and we have also recently added Adoration and a simple Vespers service on the 1st and 3rd Saturday evenings of each month at 6:00 P.M. We are happy to present, along with parishioners on our Seminary Support Committee, a new series of discussions entitled: "Fruitful Harvest: Perspectives from a Seminarian's Journey."



Foremost, we pray that our seminarians' time here with us is fruitful. It is also a blessing to learn from them and benefit from their zeal for ministry. Secondly, we hope that their perspective of approaching the topics below is both different and interesting to you. Lastly, we say 'journey,' because each of us are engaged in an ongoing formation process. Seminarians are no different—life takes its many twists and turns, and so we are formed by those experiences.

These sessions will take place in our Rectory Assembly after our 10:30 A.M. Mass on select Sundays (approximately from 11:30 A.M. until 1:00 P.M.) Light food and refreshments will be available. After a 15-minute guided discussion, we will break into smaller groups led by our seminarians.

Our three upcoming discussion topics are as follows:

February 27th - Formation: "How Do Spiritual Practices And Habits Change Us?" March 27th - Relationships: "How Do Our Relationships Inspire Us To Vocation?" May 1st - Liturgy and Prayer: "How Do We Actively Pray Alone? In A Community?"

The inspiration for this series stems from a few places. The structure of these sessions matches that of Alpha: food, reflection, discussion. Sharing a meal is a great way to bond and come together, and discussion allows us to engage with one another. We also wanted to attempt something a little different from the usual 'what's it like in the seminary' talks. While priesthood and seminary life are in one way different from everyday life, the call to discipleship is common to us all. These talks hope to engage you in a conversation about your relationship with God.

The first week, "Formation," was selected because Ash Wednesday and Lent are right around the corner. The traditional habits of Prayer, Fasting, and Almsgiving are asked of us every year. Do we, however, see these as formative actions? It is one thing to give up sweets, but do we give up something asking: 'how do I want to be formed by this experience?' Practices of doing something or giving up something are more impactful when we consider what our end goal is.

Our goal, from our seminarians' witness, is how they view *their* formation preparing them for the priesthood. The discussion in small groups afterward will explore how *you* might view spiritual formation as a mother, father, family members, day laborer, doctor, student, or wherever you find yourself today. Please join us **next Sunday**, **February 27**th, after our 10:30 A.M. Mass in our Rectory Assembly.

No registration is necessary, but if you would like, please RSVP to *hospitality@icchicago.org* so we can prepare an approximate amount of food. Naturally, this is an open invitation to our entire parish.

Fr. Matt

2022 Annual Catholic Appeal: Commitment Weekend (February 19th & 20th)

Jesus tells us in Revelation 21:5 "Behold, I make all things new." This theme of renewal, especially after living through and currently still dealing with a global health pandemic, is relevant to the Annual Catholic Appeal.

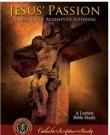
Supporting the Annual Catholic Appeal unites us as a faith community in demonstrating love of neighbor through the good works we are able to provide together. The Appeal drives the holy mission of our Archdiocese to teach, to serve and to sanctify, allowing us to carry out the work of Christ. We hope that, as a parish, we can join together during this time of uncertainty to continue to carry out these works.

The Annual Catholic Appeal is much different than a one-time special collection: It is a pledged commitment to make a gift over time. Your pledge can be made payable in installments. Each pledge makes a difference because all parishes participate in the campaign and the gifts of many enable our Archdiocese to deliver needed ministries and services to answer the call of "Making all things new ... God's promise and our responsibility." Once we successfully achieve our parish goal of \$50,136.00, all additional money received is sent back to us for use in our own parish.



If you received your pledge form in the mail, please complete it and mail it back. This year, we also encourage our parishioners to make their Annual Catholic Appeal gifts online at **annualcatholicappeal.com**. Please remember to designate/credit your gift to: *Immaculate Conception—Talcott Avenue*. (Our parish number is: **1900**.) We thank you for your continued support of our parish as well as of those less fortunate across our Archdiocese!

Discipleship Group Study: Jesus' Passion: The Story of Redemptive Suffering - Thursdays @ 7:30 P.M.



Please join us this Lent as we pray and discuss *Jesus' Passion: The Story of Redemptive Suffering.* This examines the Scriptural basis of Mel Gibson's film, *The Passion of the Christ*, and looks at how this powerful portrayal of the suffering and death of Jesus relates to the Bible and the teachings of the Catholic Church. A portion of the movie will be shown at each class. Please be advised: this movie may be disturbing to more sensitive viewers.

The 5 sessions will meet on the following **Thursdays: March 3**rd, **17**th, **24**th, **31**st, and **April 7**th. Please note: *There will be NO class on Thursday, March 10*th. Each session will run from **7:30 P.M.** to **9:00 P.M.** You are strongly encouraged to attend our parish Vespers service in our Church at 7:00 P.M. before our class. We will meet in our Rectory Assembly. The study book is

\$20. Please let us know your intention to attend by **Wednesday**, **February 23**rd to ensure that you will have your book by the start of class. Please include the following form with your check. If you have any questions, please contact Deacon Rick at 773.775.3833 & leave a message, or email him at carmoric@comcast.net.

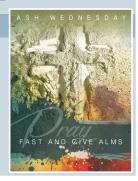
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Ash Wednesday, March 2nd Mass Schedule:

Our blessing and distribution of ashes will take place @ the following Masses on Wednesday, March 2nd:

8:30 A.M. School Mass with Fr. Matt presiding **7:00 P.M.** Mass with Fr. Robert Carlton presiding

All are welcome to join us in prayer (either in-person or virtually) as we mark the beginning of Lent together as a parish family!





News:

National Junior Honor Society

On February 9th after our 8:30 A.M. Mass, Immaculate Conception inducted twenty-seven 7th and 8th grade students into the National Junior Honor Society. The selection of these candidates was based upon careful consideration of Scholarship, Leadership, Service, Character, and Citizenship. Congratulations to our new members: Anthony Baldassano, Kailyn Bowers, Claire Boysen, Filip Chachaj, Isabelle Cox, Charles Devine, Jake Edwards, Zoe Feller, Terence Forbes, John Haugh, Jack Koenig, Kaylin Liebich, Jacob Losik, Olivia Magruder, Grace Masterson, Robert Metzger, Emily Miehlich, Madison Moorehouse, Ava Moran, Maximus O'Brien, Lola Polerecky, Richard Riordan, Frank Rottman, Shannon Stack, Thomas Stack, Lidia Via, and Kara Yau.



Immaculate Conception School Fundraiser:
Cowboys' Boot Scootin' Boogie!

IC School is hosting a fundraiser entitled: *Cowboys' Boot Scootin' Boogie*! During the program, families will gather donations for every MINUTE students DANCE on the Immaculate Conception School DANCE FIT Day, which will take place on **Thursday, March 3**rd. Students will also experience an amazing character theme called SPORTS CITY WORLDWIDE!



Our goal is to raise \$40,000 with donations going towards removing carpeting in our classrooms and replacing with new flooring! We invite you to help our school by securing donations from family and friends and entering them on MYBOOSTER.COM. Donations are now being accepted! Go to MYBOOSTER.COM to either register or to just donate! Our Dance Fit Fundraiser kicks off on Feb. 22nd. This program will teach our students valuable character traits while also helping our school raise funds. We thank you in advance for your continued support of Immaculate Conception School!

Please join our parish family in 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

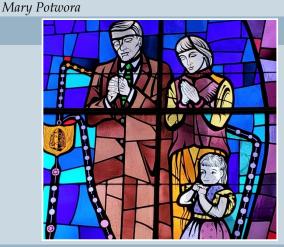
Helen Rasmussen Rosaleen Reilly Bill Remblake Joe Rispoli Pia Rizza David Rodriguez Elaine Schatz Iennie Sekula Don Skorey Dennis Slater Edward Stanczyk Ed Stanislawski Marion Szumski Donna Tisdale Camilla Trevino Steven P. Trifilio Peter Vandenbergh Mary Ellen Vanderman Henry Wagener Rita Zambon

For our faithful departed:

Barbara P. Rockwell Susan M. McGrath (Mother of Marty McGrath) Karen Marino (Mother of Tony Marino)



"Eternal rest grant unto them, O 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, 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, 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 Wieczorek

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 20th through Sunday, February 27th

Sunday, February 20th– *Seventh Sunday In Ordinary Time* 5:00 P.M. (Saturday) - †David Strom; †Jaime M. San Juan (on his 2nd Anniversary); †S.P. Stanislaw Swiderski; †Filomena Z. Capito (Birthday Remembrance); †John Joyce; and Mark Dorosz (Living)

8:30 A.M. – *Gaetana "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 1st

Anniversary); †Francis & Moira Cross; †Lawrence Butler; †Charlie Manley; Dennis Klak (Living); Gerry Michalek, Jr.

(Living); and The People of the Parish

Monday, February 21st - Saint Peter Damian, Bishop and Doctor of the Church (Presidents' Day) 8:30 A.M. - †Emery J. Walker

Tuesday, February 22nd - *The Chair of Saint Peter the Apostle* 8:30 A.M. — †Rita Davis (Birthday Remembrance); †Mary & Ted Bednarz (Birthday Remembrance); †Leo Pryma (Birthday Remembrance); †Leonardo Positano; and †Dick Sturm

Wednesday, February 23rd – Saint Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr

8:30 A.M. → [†]Tom Anna (on his 36th Anniversary); and [†]Gloria Budziak

Thursday, February 24th - Weekday 8:30 A.M. - [†]Leon Lacey, Jr.

Friday, February 25th - Weekday

8:30 *A.M.* — †Penny Jaworski (on her 6th Anniversary); †John E. Pastwa (Birthday Remembrance); and †Monica Ward

Saturday, February 26th - Weekday

5:00 P.M.— *Salvatore Freni (Death Anniversary); and Edmund Belen (Living) (Birthday — For Good Health)

Sunday, February 27th – *Eighth Sunday In Ordinary Time* 8:30 A.M.– †Harold Schatz; †Stanislawa Gaszcz; †Tadeusz Gaszcz; †Francis & Moira Cross; †Martin Kearney; and Gabriella Janus (Living) (For Healing)

10:30 A.M. — †Charles Villasenor; †Larry Bateman; †Elfie Smith; †Edward Daly; Candy Schill (Living); Rita Zambon (Living); and The People of the Parish



Pope Tweet of the Week...

"Faith is born and reborn: not from a duty, not from something to be done, but from a gaze of love to be welcomed.
Christian life thus becomes beautiful, if it is not based on our abilities and our plans, but rather on God's gaze."





Colin Patrick Boyle Child of Patrick James & Stephanie Jeanne (Martinat) Boyle



Stevie Rose Grassini Child of Frank Phillip Grassini, Jr. & Courtney Elizabeth Bollin



Sofia Magdalena Guillermo Child of Dennis Cornelio & Vanessa (Ruiz) Guillermo

Girl Scout Daisy Troop 20357 Cookie Sale

Girl Scout Daisy Troop 20357 will be selling Girl Scout cookies at all our Masses next weekend, **February 26**th and **27**th. If you are not able to make these times and would like to support this first year troop, please contact Susan Serb at 773.391.2135.

Thank you for your support!



Holy Name Men's Club Super Bowl Party Wrap-Up

Our IC Holy Name Men's Club would like to thank everyone that purchased Grand Prize Raffle tickets, attended their event, volunteered and/or donated items to their annual Super Bowl Party.



Congratulations to our Grand Prize Raffle winners:

1st Prize: Nintendo Switch – Patty Nedved

2nd Prize: Insignia 55' 4K UHD TV – Kevin Mullane

3rd Prize: \$250.00 Cash - Mike Shaub

4th Prize: Lenovo Chromebook Laptop – Shannon Maloney

The Family with the most raffle tickets sold by February 7th:

The Shaub Family and The Yak Family

(65 tickets each) (tie)

Thank you to the following schools and companies that generously donated items to our Super Bowl Party:

Nonno Pino's Restaurant, Edison Park | Gift Cards/Wine

St. Patrick High School | Various Items

Farmers Insurance | Various Items

Notre Dame High School | Various Items Progressive Insurance | Various Items

Joseph Mullarkey Distributors | Various Items

Gospel Meditation - Encourage a Deeper Understanding of Scripture



Sometimes, Jesus' teachings don't seem to make practical sense. When we hear things like love your enemies and do good to them, turn the other cheek when struck, give to anyone who asks, do to others as you would have them do to you, be merciful, stop judging, forgive, and give to others, we get a bit unsettled. After all, it's okay for God to do all of these things, but does He really want us to do them, too? Many good-hearted Christians really draw the line with some of these ideals and say, "No way!" They even remark that if someone did something hurtful to someone they loved, they would have no reservations

seeking severe retribution. There is still this persistent thinking, even among those who consider themselves Christian, that a violent action deserves a violent response. Somehow, we continue to justify this.

Yet, it is most clearly against the very grain of the Gospel. Part of our difficulty has more to do with understanding God's love. We wrongly think that sinful or hurtful actions and evil people somehow are seen as lesser in God's eyes. They are not. God loves the sinner as much as He does the saint. And, both of these inclinations exist in every human being, even those who consider themselves holy. Both the capacity for good and the disposition toward evil exist in every one of us. Viktor Frankl has this to say when reflecting on the Holocaust: "Our generation is a realistic generation because we have learned what a human being really is. When all is said and done, man is that same creature who invented the gas-chambers of Auschwitz; but he is also that being who walked upright into those chambers with the prayer 'Shema Yisrael' on his lips."

If we believe in God, we have to act like God. Whether we like that idea is another issue. If we don't then perhaps, we need to reconsider our faith and whether we really believe in Jesus Christ. We are made in the image of God, not the image of ourselves. The Christian must, at all costs, leave resentment and the need for retaliation behind, lose defensiveness and bring into the mind and heart the realization of who we represent in this world. ©LPi



Please visit our website: icchicago.org to learn more.

Ministry Schedules: Saturday, February 26th & Sunday, February 27th

	Saturday 5:00 P.M.	Sunday 8:30 A.M.	Sunday 10:30 A.M.
Presiders	Fr. Robert Carlton	Fr. Robert Fedek	Fr. Matthew Heinrich
Lectors	R. Altman & M. Davila	J. Lim	N. Schroeder
Cantors	E. Doyle	Vocal Quintet &Violin	Vocal Quintet
Extraordinary Ministers	E. Kinzie	D. Zamirowski	J. Campbell
Altar Servers	J. Edwards; D. Gillespie; S. Gillespie	E. Miehlich; M. Moorehouse; G. Reichle	K. Bowers; K. Giannola; I. Luna

<u>Lectors</u>: 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

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Tina Fitzgerald, Assistant Principal

Julie Szwedo, Religious Education Coordinator

Lisa Kessler, School Accountant

Mary Haley, School Secretary

What's Happening @ IC...

Monday, February 21st - Presidents' Day

No School

10:15 A.M.-Noon - Monday Morning Bible Study; RA

7:00-8:30 P.M. - Alpha Winter Session; RA

7:00-8:30 P.M. - Overtones Rehearsal; CH

Tuesday, February 22nd-

6:00-7:00 P.M. - IC Volleyball Parents Mtg.; Café

Wednesday, February 23rd -

2:00-3:30 P.M. - Choristers Rehearsal; CH

4:00-5:00 P.M. – Religious Education Program Class; Zoom

Thursday, February 24th -

6:00 P.M. - IC Leadership Dinner; RA

Friday, February 25th -

8:15-10:00 P.M. - Men's Basketball; PC

Saturday, February 26th-

Girl Scout Cookie Sale; CH (Vestibule) (After 5:00 P.M. Mass)

Sunday, February 27th -

Girl Scout Cookie Sale; CH (Vestibule) (After 8:30 A.M. &

10:30 A.M. Masses)

9:30-10:15 A.M. - Confessions; CH

11:30 A.M.-1:00 P.M. - Fruitful Harvest: Perspectives From A

Seminarian's Journey; RA



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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