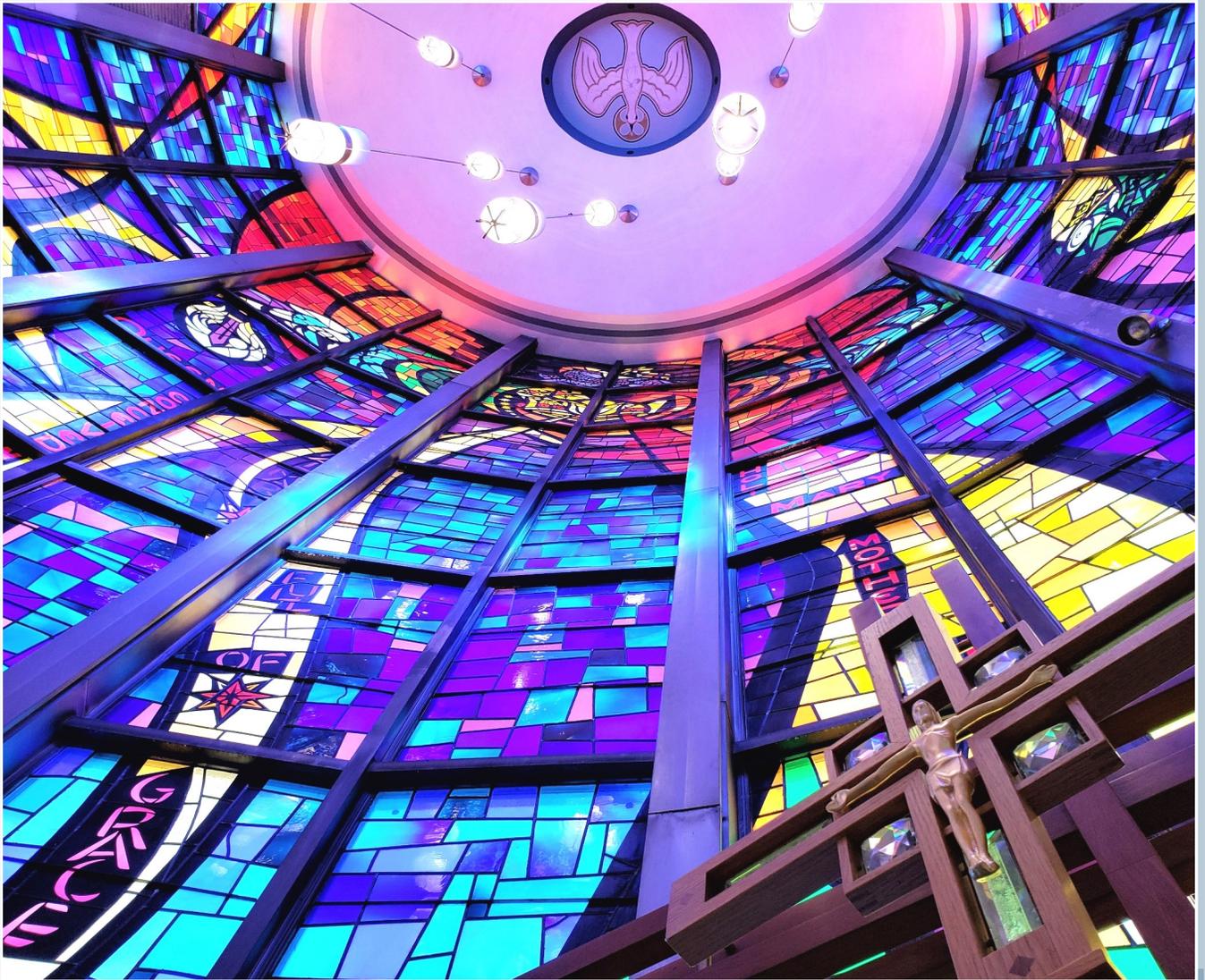


Welcome to
Immaculate Conception Parish

A Catholic Community Inviting People to Follow Christ

January 16, 2022 - Second Sunday In Ordinary Time

Proclaim his marvelous deeds to all the nations.



“There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit; there are different forms of service but the same Lord; there are different workings but the same God who produces all of them in everyone. To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit.”

1 Corinthians 12:4-7

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.
(offered every other Sunday)

(Special dates & times
offered during Advent & Lent)

Baptisms:

2nd & 4th Sundays of
each month @ Noon
(as of January 2022)

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.

Adoration: First & Third Saturdays Of Each Month @ 6:00 P.M. (following our 5:00 P.M. Mass)



Beginning **this Saturday, January 15th**, all are welcome to join us in prayer following the conclusion of our 5:00 P.M. Mass as we offer Adoration on the first & third Saturdays of each month (approximately from 6:00 P.M. until 7:00 P.M.), concluding with Vespers & Benediction led by Fr. Matt.

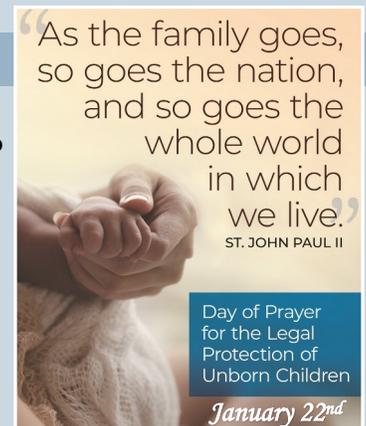
“Our Lord hears our prayers anywhere, but He has revealed to His servants that those who visit Him in the Eucharist will obtain a more abundant measure of grace.”
 – St. Alphonsus Ligouri

Holy Hour For Life: Thursday, January 20th @ 7:30 P.M.

January 22, 2022 will mark the 49th Anniversary of the *Roe vs. Wade* Supreme Court decision leading to the legalization of abortion in the United States. It also marks the *Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children*.

Please join us in our Church to pray for an end to abortion this **Thursday, January 20th** from **7:30 P.M.-8:30 P.M.** as we will offer a special Holy Hour for Life. Afterwards, a small reception will follow in the Vestibule of our Church. All are welcome!

IC Pro-Life Committee



Experience Alpha @ IC: Winter Session - Mondays @ 7:00 P.M. (Beginning January 24th)

Alpha, as its name and logo imply, is a beginning and a starting point. For some, it is their very first step into deepening their faith. For others, it is a new commitment to understanding their relationship with God. Alpha exists for those at all stages in their faith: the Catholic of 50+ years, the recently converted, those longing to go deeper, those who seek a more intentional community experience, those who are interested in faith or becoming Catholic, and those looking to try something new.



Alpha is a program designed to encourage inquiring minds and hearts while cultivating a sense of belonging as you connect with your fellow neighbors and parishioners. It focuses on the most basic and essential building block of faith: *relationships*.

Our next season of Alpha begins on **Monday, January 24th** and meets once a week on Monday evenings from **7:00-8:30 P.M.** for 11 consecutive weeks (through March 28th). At each session, participants share a meal, view a video presentation, and engage in open and honest conversation in a small group setting. In doing so, we hope to encourage personal growth and, God-willing, growth in our community and our faith.

In early March, Alpha participants will gather for a retreat at *Marytown* (in Mundelein/Libertyville), which will primarily focus on exploring and experiencing the true power of the Holy Spirit. If Alpha intrigues you, consider joining us. All are welcome!

Members of our Alpha Team will once again be available in our Vestibule this weekend to answer any questions that you might have regarding Alpha. They look forward to meeting you and accompanying you on your journey. You will also hear testimonials from fellow parishioners at each of our Masses this weekend regarding their respective and unique Alpha experiences.



Second Collection: Church In Latin America - January 22nd & 23rd

Next weekend, we will take up a special Collection for the Church in Latin America. For many in Latin America and the Caribbean, a rising secular culture, difficult rural terrain, and a shortage of ministers all present obstacles to practicing the faith. Your support for this collection provides lay leadership training, catechesis, priestly and religious formation, and other programs to share our Catholic faith with those who long to hear the Good News of Christ. To learn more about how your gifts make a difference, please visit: www.usccb.org/latin-america.

Prayer for Solidarity...

Merciful and loving God, through the intercession of Our Lady of Guadalupe, we ask you to help us grow in unity and solidarity with the faithful around the world, especially those in Latin America and the Caribbean. Grant us the grace to give generously of our time, treasure, and talent to those in need. May we learn from the example of St. Junípero Serra, St. Rose of Lima, St. Óscar Romero, and all the saints from the Americas, and share our faith with humility and love. We ask this through your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen.



IC 2nd Grade Girl Scout Brownie Troop 25988 - Girl Scout Cookies

Immaculate Conception's 2nd Grade Brownie Troop 25988 have been keeping busy since they were Kindergarten Daisies. Even though the pandemic had kept the girls from meeting on a regular basis in 2020-2021, our troop continued to meet virtually during the winter, and outdoors during the spring and fall. This past summer, Troop 25988 participated in a backyard campfire collecting kindling, practicing outdoor fire safety, and of course making S'mores. Our troop also used the funds they earned from selling Girl Scout cookies to take part in a yoga practice, give IC teachers end of the year goodies and donate non-perishable food items to the *New Hope Community Food Pantry*. Brownie Troop 25988 is selling cookies in 2022 as well!



This year, our troop will be donating some of their funds to our Immaculate Conception School Garden (along with other IC Girl Scout troops) in hopes of growing vegetables to share with those in need. If you would like to support Troop 25988 and our Immaculate Conception School Garden, please consider purchasing Girl Scout cookies. Troop Leaders Liz Meersman and Emily Serb can take orders and help deliver contactless to your doorstep. All cookies are \$5 and estimated delivery is mid-February. You can purchase and pay directly through our troop order website: digitalcookie.girlscouts.org/scout/troop25988-430?fpkp=1 and select "Girl Scout Troop 25988 Delivered" if you live within the area. Our troop is also accepting donations to purchase cookies for the *New Hope Community Food Pantry*. If you are interested, please email Liz at: lizperlini@hotmail.com with "Girl Scout Cookies" in the subject line by this **Tuesday, January 18th**.

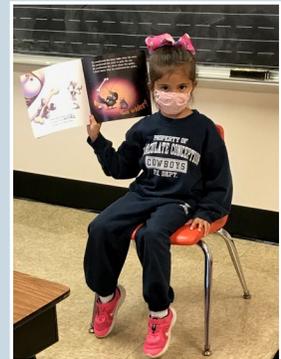
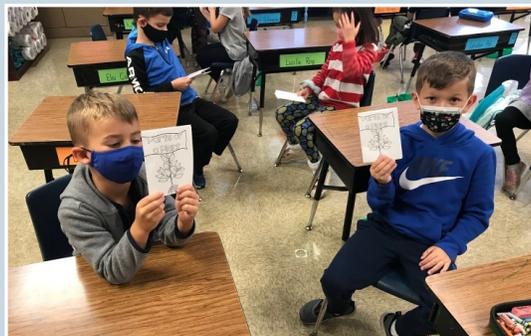
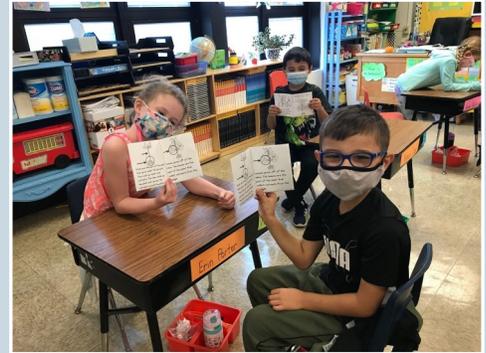
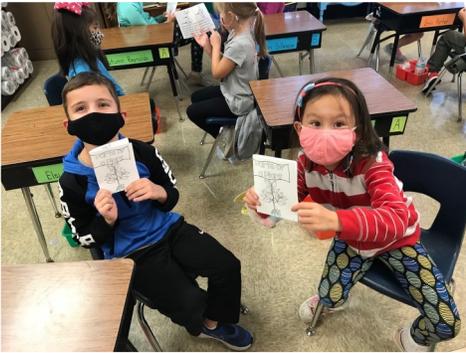
Thank you for your consideration and support of IC Girl Scout Troop 25988!



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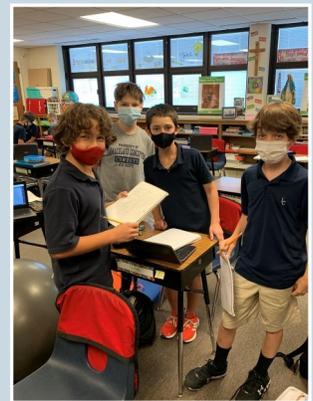
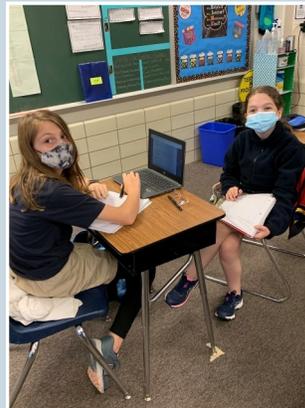
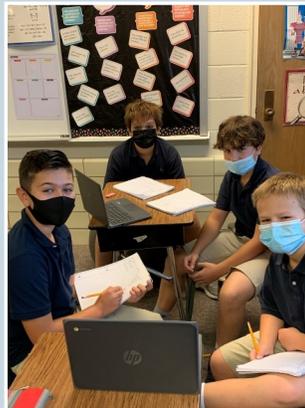
Ms. Pawelek's First Grade Class

It has been a very rewarding experience teaching our First Grade students and witnessing how much progress they have made in reading since the beginning of our school year. Our children have done a great job mastering sight words and practicing repeated readings, both at home and in school. We have fun with choral reading and sight word games, as well as having birthday readers share their favorite books. Excellent job first graders! We are so proud of each one of you!



Mrs. Chamlin's 6th Grade Math Class

In our 6th grade Math class, our students enjoyed working on their Module 4 Challenge with their groups! These challenges are designed to review recently taught lessons as well as build off of their prior math knowledge (operations with fractions). During the activity, students used their 'Math Talk' skills of solving, explaining, questioning, and justifying their work as they collaborated with other members of their group.



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
 Wayne Kinzie, Sr.
 Craig Kloss
 Lillian Kohut
 Katherine Kreuser
 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
 Jaden Radcliff

Helen Rasmussen
Rosaleen Reilly
 Bill Remblake
 Joe Rispoli
 Pia Rizza
 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
 John F. Vargo
 Henry Wagener
 Rita Zambon
 *Newly Added

For our faithful departed:

George "Larry" Bateman



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

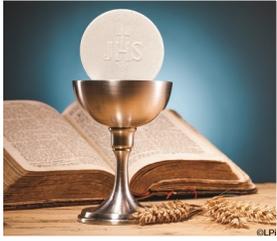


For those who serve our country:



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 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, January 16th
through
Sunday, January 23rd*

Sunday, January 16th - Second Sunday In Ordinary Time

5:00 P.M. (Saturday) - The People of the Parish
8:30 A.M. - †Rita Rose; Bridget Gonsalves (on her Birthday); and Gabriella Sadowski (on her Birthday) (Living)
10:30 A.M. - †Jack Simone; †The Deceased Members of the Cronin Family; †Francis Brissette (on his 17th Anniversary); †Mary C. Busking; †Rose Guccione; †Francis & Moira Cross; Jocelyn Lomeli (Living) (In Thanksgiving to Baby Jesus); and Scott Will (Living)

Monday, January 17th - Saint Anthony, Abbot (Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday)

8:30 A.M. - †Ada Acevedo

Tuesday, January 18th - Weekday (Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Begins)

8:30 A.M. - †Jaime Hernandez (on his 1st Anniversary); and †Jorge Fernandez

Wednesday, January 19th - Weekday

8:30 A.M. - †Lia Ventura; †Tom Collins; and Johanna Collins (on her Birthday) (Living)

Thursday, January 20th - Saint Fabian, Pope and Martyr; Saint Sebastian, Martyr

8:30 A.M. - †Mary Catherine "Katie" Kelly (on her 6th Anniversary)

Friday, January 21st - Saint Agnes, Virgin and Martyr

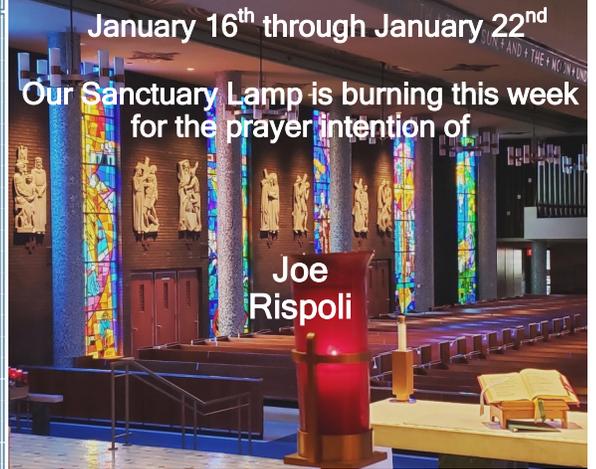
8:30 A.M. - †Joseph Saccomonto

Saturday, January 22nd - Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

5:00 P.M. - †All Aborted & Unborn Babies; and †Eugene Mroz

Sunday, January 23rd - Third Sunday In Ordinary Time (Word of God Sunday) (Ecumenical Sunday)

8:30 A.M.- The People of the Parish
10:30 A.M. - †Charles Grayzeck; †Joseph Svoboda; †The Deceased Members of The O'Connor Family; and †Francis & Moira Cross



January 16th through January 22nd

Our Sanctuary Lamp is burning this week for the prayer intention of

Joe Rispoli



January 16th through January 21st

Our Blessed Mother Votive is burning this week for the repose of the souls of

All Aborted Babies

Requested by: Erma Kinzie



January 16th through January 21st

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

Jaroslaw Sadowski

Requested by: The Sadowski Family

Pope Tweet of the Week...

"The Lord works wonders with those who are lowly, with those who do not believe that they are great but who give ample space to God in their life. He extends His mercy to those who trust in Him, and raises up the humble."





*Jon & Ashley Hein
and their children Liam & Owen King*

*Jose & Michelle Pizarro
and their daughters Mila, Nadia, & Gia*

*Dennis & Vanessa Guillermo
and their children Jacob & Sofia*

*Welcome to all visitors and guests!
Interested in joining our IC Parish family?
Register @ icchicago.org*

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 or scan the following QR Code with your phone:



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

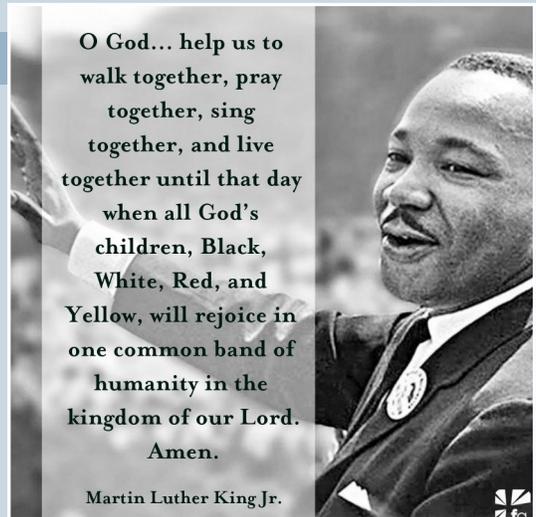
In Remembrance of Martin Luther King, Jr. (January 17th)

A Prayer For A Just Society...

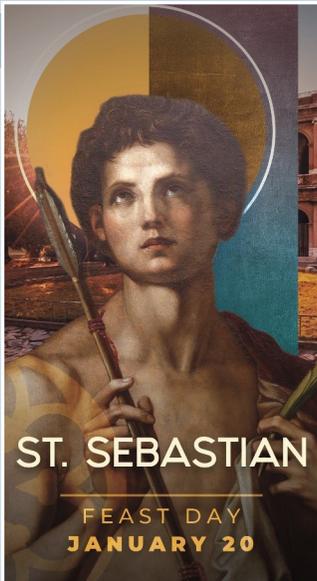
Heavenly Father,

You create every human person in Your image and likeness. You call us together in one human family, united in dignity, value, and love. Give us the strength and wisdom to protect this dignity and life at all stages. Jesus our Savior, you proclaim the blessedness of those who work for peace and who hunger and thirst for righteousness. Forgive us for the times we have not responded to the call of Your Beatitudes. Holy Spirit, the Advocate, empower us to stand in defense of the poor and vulnerable.

*Good and Gracious God, make our hearts to love like Yours.
Amen.*



Saint of The Week - Examples of Our Faith: Saint Sebastian (January 20th)



Not much is known about the life of Saint Sebastian (256 – 287), except that he was a Roman martyr whose name has been mentioned throughout history since early 350. We see St. Sebastian many times in art, especially from iconic paintings from Guido Reni, Andrea Mantegna and Hendrick ter Brugghen. Historical scholars now agree that a spiritual story has the beloved saint entering the Roman army because only there could he assist Christian martyrs without arousing suspicion on himself. Eventually he was found out, brought before Emperor Diocletian and delivered to Mauritanian archers to be shot to death. Pierced with arrows, he was left for dead, but managed to survive. He recovered from his wounds but still refused to leave.

One day, St. Sebastian took up a position near where the emperor was to pass. He confronted the emperor, condemning him for his cruelty to Christians. This time the sentence of death was carried out, and St. Sebastian was beaten to death with clubs. Today he is the patron saint of athletes.

Gospel Meditation - Encourage a Deeper Understanding of Scripture



God delights in you. How do you feel when you hear that? Delight usually comes with an exuberant flow of joy that seemingly arises from one’s toes with the expression of great glee. Reflecting upon the deep measure of joy God has in us can be a source of joy for ourselves. Delight is infectious. A very young brother and sister were playing on the beach when the all too familiar ice cream truck made its daily rounds. The boy shook with excitement and delight as he took his sister’s hand and exclaimed, “*The ice cream man is here, isn’t it great!*” As

they ran off toward the truck, one could hear the girl reply, “*Yeah, I can’t wait!*” The experience of a child’s delight in something so simple as ice cream, lifts our spirits from our burdens and transports us to the lighter, more innocent side of life.

Life is not meant to be a burden. Believe it or not, God actually wants us to be happy! In fact, the wedding feast at Cana shows us that God even puts His blessing on our happiness. It is okay to celebrate the wonder of ourselves and others. Life is good. It is always interesting to note that Jesus saves the good wine until last. You would think it would be the other way around. The superb quality of Jesus’ wine points to the superior quality of life we find in Christ. It is not a life of burdens but a life of wonder and delight! In Christ, we are lifted from the superficial and mundane to a life of purpose, hope, and love.

God is with us through the long haul, through the challenges and sorrows as well as the successes and accomplishments. In spite of the fact that we often wander from the path, God’s celebratory delight in us remains. As spouses are asked to remain faithful to each other through whatever life brings, God remains faithful too. This promise remains through this life and into the next. All we have to do is take the advice of Jesus’ mother to heart when she says, “*Listen to him.*” This wisdom saves us from foolishly giving in to the illusion that we can make better wine than Jesus. ©LPi

Ministry Schedules: Saturday, January 22nd & Sunday, January 23rd

	Saturday 5:00 P.M.	Sunday 8:30 A.M.	Sunday 10:30 A.M.
Presiders	Fr. Robert Carlton	Fr. Robert Fedek	Fr. Robert Carlton
Lectors	E. Kinzie & S. Serb	J. Semmler	J. Campbell
Cantors	E. Doyle	Vocal Quintet & Violin	Vocal Quintet & Guitar & Bass
Extraordinary Ministers	R. Altman	L. Delana	E. Niewinski
Altar Servers	M. Gallagher; D. Gillespie; S. Gillespie	K. Catomer; G. Reichle; B. Yak	I. Cox; S. Eaglin; I. Luna

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:

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Fr. Robert Fedek, *Weekend Assistant*
Deacon Rick & Carol Moritz
Deacon Ronald & Connie Gronek
Deacon Michael Bednarz
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What's Happening @ IC...

Monday, January 17th – Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
No School

10:15 A.M.-Noon – Monday Morning Bible Study; RA
7:00-8:30 P.M. – Overtones Rehearsal; CH

Wednesday, January 19th –

2:00-3:30 P.M. – Choristers Rehearsal; CH
4:00-5:00 P.M. – Religious Education Class; Zoom
7:30-9:00 P.M. – ICPC Spring Gala Planning Committee Mtg.; NWCR

Thursday, January 20th –

7:00-10:00 P.M. – School Board Mtg. (School Budget Set); RA

Friday, January 21st –

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

Sunday, January 23rd –

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 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