

Welcome to
Immaculate Conception Parish

A Catholic Community Inviting People to Follow Christ

January 17, 2021 - Second Sunday In Ordinary Time

Here am I, Lord; I Come To Do Your Will



*“Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ?
But whoever is joined to the Lord becomes one Spirit with him.”*

- 1 Corinthians 6:15, 17

Love God • Serve Others • Make Disciples

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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.

Having COVID-19 was an interesting experience. While many people claim it is like the flu, I can say from experience it is a little different. I was fortunate to only have a mild case when all is said and done, and the majority of people will likely only experience mild to moderate symptoms.



I think, as with many things in life, the ignorance, that is the experience of ‘not knowing,’ is what is most frustrating and worrisome about the disease. When you think of the flu, billions of people have had it, and so the average person can predict what will happen to them. COVID-19, on the other hand, has only affected 50-60 million people around the world – mere percentage points of humanity. Of that small percentage, some experience body aches, others difficulty breathing, dizziness, fevers, coughing, pneumonia-like symptoms, among other things.

Some experience them all at once, while others still barely anything. When I had it, I was left with the feeling of “what’s going to happen to me?” That feeling is perhaps the least comfortable of all.

Those feelings aside, we also see what the effect is among people in our country: people who have never had it, may either downplay or exaggerate the numbers. People who have had it, better or worse, may do the same. Businesses and communities have suffered, and by all statistics the mental health of others has suffered as well. Perhaps it is why protests and riots have become more viable options to people – they not only feel trapped, but they also trap themselves in an informational feedback loop that reasserts their own dispositions.

Perhaps I am an outsider looking in. As a priest, we live a more solitary life. We run the same risks as everyone else: loneliness, feedback loops, biases, etc. But at the same time, we must confront our inner thoughts in silence more frequently. In that sense, quarantine for me (and in talking to my other friends) has not been as acute.

If what I have written feels scattered, it is likely because of the scattered nature of our existence right now. It is hard to collect my thoughts into anything coherent or simplified. Balancing the anger and reactions of others with the circumstances we find ourselves in is difficult.

I think that the best I can say about times like these, is that being reactionary almost always leads us down the wrong path. Emotional reactions rarely produce rational outcomes. Sometimes we must sit with our emotions and thoughts and allow them to have their time – and then sometimes we must let go.

Often in Scripture God says, “Do not be afraid,” and “Be still.” In chaotic times, spending some energy to seek peace can be valuable. Many of us have reached our limits on various things, but is anger and disgust the Christian response to them?

As we heard last week, “This is my beloved son with whom I am well pleased, listen to him.”
Fr. Matt



Immaculate Conception School First Trimester Honor Roll

5th Grade - Room 11

IC Scholar

Kelly Breen
Giovanni Gomez
Brenna Mullane
Gabriella Walker
Brexton Yak

High Honors

Cody Forbes
Sophia Marlega
Olivia Melgar
Oscar Polanco
Kieran Taylor

Honors

Patrick Brennan
Katelyn Giannola
Nicole Giannola
Emily Roman
Ella Santiago

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Clare Doud
Natalie Malloy

High Honors

Mia Arreguin
John Fennessy
Matthew Gallagher
Grant Reichle

Honors

Nella Bednar
Ana Borowski
John Curio
Brady Fennessy
Sienna Lohman
Makylee Ramos
Matthew Stefanec

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Jack Koenig
Kaylin Liebich
Emily Miehllich

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Aubrey Steurer
Mateo Urbietta
Katherine Wiesneth

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John LaFramboise
Sofia Maggio
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Claire Kristensen
Olivia Magruder
Sully McGrath
Madison Moorehouse
Victor Petrenko

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Isabelle Cox
Mary Emerson
Patrick Hulne
William Krawczyk
Rocco McGee
Richard Riordan
Kara Yau

Honors

Sienna Campuzano
Filip Chachaj
Patrick Haugh
Mallory Kottke

Dan McGreevy
Natalia Nowicki

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Kaleigh Cordero
Charlie Devine
Jake Edwards
Margaret Fennessy
Avery Hammersmith

Robert Metzger
Ava Moran

Frank Rottman
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Gwen Campbell
John Haugh
Sean Kroeger
Jake Losik
Max O'Brien

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Devin Glascott
Grace Masterson
Gracie Monaco
Anna Richardson
Shannon Stack
Alex Wojtulewicz

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IC Scholar

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Lidia Via

High Honors

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Zoe Feller
Nico Santamaria
Hana Subijano
Grace Warner

Riley Worthem

Honors

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Declan McFadden
Dominic McGee
Lia Mellado
Elizabeth Peters
Lola Polerecky
Kelsey Worthem
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William Gonzalez
Sarah Horist
Anthony Kostecki
Theresa LaFramboise
Sinead McGreevy
Madison Ozanic
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Honors

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Gabriella Ergish
Nicholas Mroz
Jillian Polena
Kasper Sweder
Viktor Szumlanski
Carter Wielgus

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IC Scholar

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JP Carroll
Vince Curio

Nora Emerson
Ryan Gallagher
Rebecca Jalloway
Lindsey Krawczyk
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Nathan Reichle
Gael Urbietta
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High Honors

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Gavin Fitzgerald
Karsyn Liebich
Emmet Tom
Jaden Wierzba

Honors

Quinn Kovac
Ava Santiago
Daniel Sherry
Anthony Tyrell

8th Grade - William House

High Honors

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Kayla Hulne
Maeve Kristensen
Gianna Lohman
Haylee Pugliani
James Shevlin
Mariska Szabo

Honors

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Guillermo Guevara
Samantha Hernandez
Abigail Nosalik
James Schnier
Adriana Solis
Lucia Thomas



Illinois' Tax Credit Scholarship program through the "Invest in Kids" Act provides strong incentives for donors to support non-public school scholarships for low-income students in the state. Illinois students from low-income families may use these new scholarships to attend a non-public school of their choice, including the more than 200 Archdiocese of Chicago Catholic schools (like Immaculate Conception) in Cook and Lake Counties. For further details, please contact the TCS Hotline at 312.534.2617 or email tcs@archchicago.org or visit www.archchicago.org/tcs.

Note: Please designate *IC School* if you would like to benefit a parish family.



Archdiocese of Chicago News...

Move The Movement

Were you looking forward to the Chicago or National March for Life this year? Not to worry – this year activities will look a little different, but we will still be “marching” for the sanctity of life! In partnership with *March for Life Chicago*, we are bringing the pro-life movement on the road.

This **Sunday, January 17th**, the pro-life movement will come to Mundelein with a drive-in, socially-distanced rally at Carmel High School, which will include inspiring speakers, including Cardinal Blase J. Cupich. For more information and to register, please visit:

marchforlifechicago.org/tour.

Move The Movement Carmel Rally

Sunday, January 17th | 1:00 P.M.

Carmel High School

1 Carmel Parkway, Mundelein, IL. 60060



Mass For Life

All are invited to virtually join the Archdiocese of Chicago's Mass for Life on **Friday, January 22nd!** The Mass for Life will be livestreamed from Holy Name Cathedral. Celebrated by Bishop Kevin Birmingham, it will be held on the anniversary of Roe vs. Wade and the eve of the final event on the *March for Life Chicago* tour.

The Mass will be streamed live on the Archdiocese of Chicago YouTube channel. (www.youtube.com/user/CatholicChicago)

Friday, January 22nd | Noon

Archdiocese of Chicago

YouTube Channel



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
 Marilyn Donovan
 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
 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
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 Marion Szumski
 Donna Tisdale
 Steven P. Trifilio
 John F. Vargo
 Henry Wagener
 Geoffrey Woittel

***Newly Added**

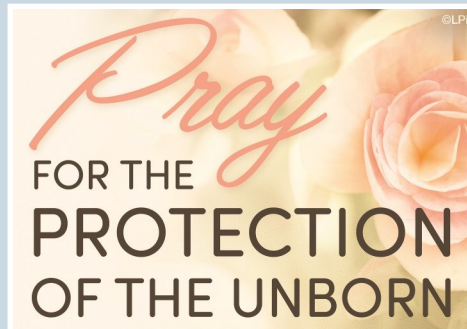
If you wish to have your name included in our prayer list (or removed), please contact our Parish Office at 773.775.3833.

For our faithful departed:

Fr. Sebastian MacDonald, C.P.
 Mary A. Henson



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

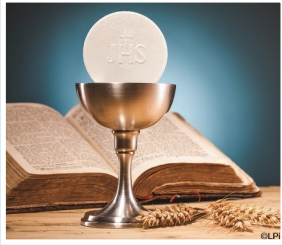


For those who serve our country:



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, 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, January 17th
through
Sunday, January 24th*

Sunday, January 17th - Second Sunday In Ordinary Time
5:00 P.M. (Saturday) - Gabriella Sadowski (on her 5th Birthday)
(Living)

8:30 A.M. — †Mary Ann Folino
10:30 A.M. — †Stephen J. Klim; †Henry Janowski; †Mary & Liam
Byrne; †Michael & Malachy Casey; and Dorothy & John Jurcenko
(on their 60th Wedding Anniversary) (Living)

Monday, January 18th - Weekday
7:00 P.M. (Virtual Mass) — †Mary A. Henson; †Nicola Liberio; and
†Donald L. James

Tuesday, January 19th - Weekday
7:00 P.M. (Virtual Mass) — †Bonnie J. Pirsoul

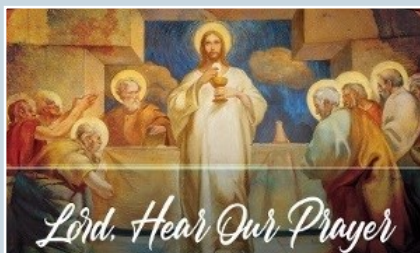
**Wednesday, January 20th - Saint Fabian, Pope and Martyr; Saint
Sebastian, Martyr**
8:30 A.M. (Virtual Mass) — †Michael Podraza

Thursday, January 21st - Saint Agnes, Virgin and Martyr
7:00 P.M. (Virtual Mass) — †Joseph Saccomonto

**Friday, January 22nd - Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of
Unborn Children**
7:00 P.M. (Virtual Mass) — †Jenny Vallone

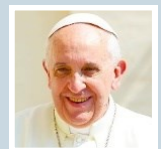
**Saturday, January 23rd - Saint Marianne Cope, Virgin; Saint
Vincent, Deacon and Martyr**
5:00 P.M. - †Poor Souls In Purgatory

Sunday, January 24th - Third Sunday In Ordinary Time
8:30 A.M.- The People of the Parish
10:30 A.M. — †Agnes Ghidara (Birthday Remembrance); †Maria
Martino; †Joseph Svoboda; Thomas & Robert Altman (Living); and
Deacon Rick & Carol Moritz (Living)



Pope Tweet of the Week...

"May the Child of Bethlehem help us, then, to be generous, supportive and helpful, especially towards those who are vulnerable, the sick, those unemployed or experiencing hardship."





*Joseph Anthony Raimondi
Child of Anthony Michael and Jennifer Lynn (Eberwein) Raimondi*

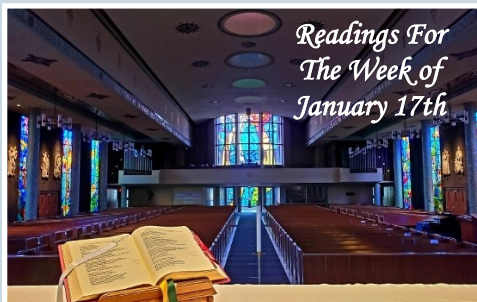
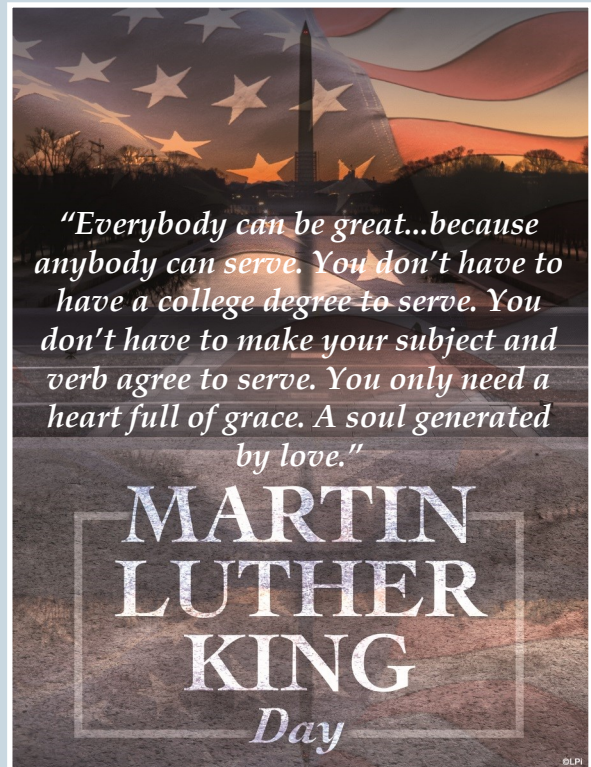


*Kevin & Sarah Cuddihee and their sons
Patrick & James*

Live The Liturgy: Inspiration For The Week...

We have often heard it said that God is always calling but we are not always listening. It is not only that we are not listening, but that we are not familiar enough with God to even recognize that it is God who is calling! We can easily mistake God’s voice for someone or something else and miss some profound opportunities for connection. We have to train our minds, hearts, and souls to specifically listen for the voice of God. It is a voice that draws us to deeper places, leading us to moments of grace and more profound God awareness. To look at Jesus and be able to say, “Behold, the Lamb of God,” means that I know something special about this person whom others know as simply a man. I will become more attentive and receptive when he says, “Come, and you will see.” I may even be more willing to set aside what I am doing and actually go.

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Sunday: 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10 [8a, 9a]/1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20/Jn 1:35-42
Monday: Heb 5:1-10/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4 [4b]/Mk 2:18-22
Tuesday: Heb 6:10-20/Ps 111:1-2, 4-5, 9 and 10c [5]/Mk 2:23-28
Wednesday: Heb 7:1-3, 15-17/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4 [4b]/Mk 3:1-6
Thursday: Heb 7:25 – 8:6/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17 [8a and 9a]/Mk 3:7-12
Friday: Heb 8:6-13/Ps 85:8 and 10, 11-12, 13-14 [11a]/Mk 3:13-19
Saturday: Heb 9:2-3, 11-14/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 [6]/Mk 3:20-21
Next Sunday: Jon 3:1-5, 10/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [4a]/1 Cor 7:29-31/Mk 1:14-20

Gospel Meditation - Encourage a Deeper Understanding of Scripture



Our faith is not just about ideas. It's really about having an encounter with God and, in particular, the Risen Christ! Once we give ourselves over to the notion of God's presence, we have to train ourselves to listen for God's voice and be attentive to God's call. Having companions on our faith journeys is so incredibly important as they can help us fine-tune our listening skills and discern God's voice from others we may be hearing. Faith is all about having these profound encounters not only with God but with our brothers and sisters, and creation itself. Anyone or anything that is alive with God's presence becomes an occasion for God to speak and call us to deeper graces and experiences. *"Come, and you will see."*

The example and teaching of Jesus, the lives of the saints, those living among us and those glorified in heaven, and the wonder and beauty of creation can all serve to help us listen more clearly and assist in positioning ourselves for this profound God meeting. It is an encounter that can quickly and easily lead to a friendship and intimate intertwining of our souls to their Maker, making a claim on us like no other. Then, the Word of God moves from being just a body of ideas to something we simply accept and do. The person of Jesus Christ swiftly moves from being just a good prophet in word and deed to the incarnate presence of God Himself, the Lamb of God. The voice leads us to the Person behind it.

The Gospel is hard to follow. We can intellectually debate whether what Jesus said is really what we are asked to do. The Gospel ideas do not always make sense in our practical, secular world. The person of God always does. We can debate the practicality and sense of ideas and doing so often keeps the more difficult ones at a safe distance away from us. Jesus said to love our enemy, but we really don't need to do that, our minds try to convince us. It just doesn't make sense. Yet, if we are truly in love with the God who is behind the voice of those words, they make perfect sense. Our deep and intimate love of this God would even find us laying down our lives for Him if necessary. Speak Lord, your servant is listening.

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Everyday Stewardship – Recognize God in your Ordinary Moments

Christ Is Anything but Ordinary...

We're about to dive headlong into week two of Ordinary Time, and we need to admit, after the hustle and bustle of the holidays, things are indeed looking more ... ordinary, at least in our spiritual lives.

The transcendent highs of the Christmas season are flatlining a bit and the vivid imagery of the Nativity scene has faded. The solemn anticipation of the Advent season is by now a distant memory. Are you bored yet?

Here's a secret: I think that Ordinary Time can actually be quite extraordinary, if we're really living out our baptismal call. In today's Gospel, Jesus point-blank asks Andrew, who is following him after hearing John the Baptist's testimony: *"What are you looking for?"* He's asking us the same question.

What are you looking for? Why are you following me? Is it for the Christmas cookies and the Advent carols? Is it for the King's Cake on the Epiphany? Is it for the feeling we get on Christmas when we just know God has done a wondrous thing? None of those things are bad, but they are not what Andrew was looking for, and they were not what Christ promised him when he said, *"Come, and you will see."* Andrew was looking for the Messiah – the One who makes even Ordinary Time extraordinary. The One who can sanctify the longest and dullest of to-do lists, on the longest and dullest of days. The One whose peace can reign in our homes on January 25th, not just December 25th.

Remember what you are looking for. Come, and you will see.



– Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi



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What's Happening @ IC...

Tuesday, January 19th –
 6:00-7:00 P.M. – Confessions;
 Church
 7:00 P.M. – Parish Pastoral Council
 Mtg.; Zoom

Thursday, January 21st –
 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 new 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.)