

Welcome to
Immaculate Conception Parish

A Catholic Community Inviting People to Follow Christ

January 23, 2022 - Third Sunday In Ordinary Time

Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life.



"As a body is one though it has many parts, and all the parts of the body, though many, are one body, so also Christ. For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, slaves or free persons, and we were all given to drink of one Spirit."

1 Corinthians 12:12-13

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

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💻: www.icchicago.org

School Website:

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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.

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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!*



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.

Reflections From Fr. Robert Carlton: The Ignatian Examen



One of the great spiritual masters in Church history is St. Ignatius of Loyola, who founded the order that became known as the *Society of Jesus* or the *Jesuits*. St. Ignatius formed the Jesuits principally with the goal of helping souls in mind, although in the centuries since, the Jesuits have grown into a worldwide order that runs ministries and schools in many countries as well as all throughout the United States. Ignatius' main gift to the Church was his *Spiritual Exercises*, which also had, at its core, the goal of helping souls. Two of the main methods of prayer in the *Spiritual Exercises* are the *Ignatian Examen* and *Ignatian Contemplation*. These ways of praying have been enormously helpful to many people throughout the centuries, and it may be worth discussing the basics of them as an invitation, at the beginning of the year, to try them if they may be helpful for you. This week, we will go through the basics of the *Ignatian Examen*, and then next time look at the *Ignatian Contemplation*.

The main goal of the *Ignatian Examen* is to assist people in discerning the movements of God in their lives and to discern where God is truly calling them. *The Examen* is prayer that should be done several times a week at the end of the day, if not daily, so that in the totality of the prayer over a period of time, one can see the consistencies of where they are being drawn and, in that, more fully realize where God is present in their lives. *The Examen*, then, is a prayer that begins with gratitude and offering thanks to God for the day that one has had.

There are different ways of doing the prayer but a helpful one is to structure it into several points, with each lasting no more than three minutes, so that the total prayer would take approximately eleven to twelve minutes. The first part, is to take a minute to still yourself and recognize that you are in the holy presence of God. Then, for two minutes, recall two or three specific things from the day that you are grateful for. These can also be things that you normally take for granted. It is important that they be specific though, rather than just general feelings. Then, for the third point, take a full minute to ask God to be with you as you review your day and ask for wisdom and guidance as you do so. Next, for the fourth point, spend three minutes going through some specific events of the day where you have done well and were at your best, followed by reviewing the moments of the day when you may not have been at your best. Three minutes in, something like this can seem like a long time, but it is important not to rush through the prayer and to spend the full period of time on each point. Next, take two minutes and imagine that Jesus is with you and have a conversation with Him about some points during the day that you may regret - whether it is a conversation you had with a family member, or not following through on something that you said that you would do, or something similar. Finally, conclude by taking two minutes to continue this conversation with Jesus about a thing or two that you would like to try to change for tomorrow and in the future, and complete the *Examen* by praying the *Our Father*. As I have mentioned, this method of prayer has been helpful to many people throughout the centuries and I would certainly recommend it to you for your consideration to try in the still new year.

Fr. Robert

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EXAMEN

The *Examen* is a method of reviewing your day in the presence of God. It's actually an attitude more than a method, a time set aside for thankful reflection on where God is in your everyday life. It has five steps, which most people take more or less in order, and it usually takes 15 to 20 minutes per day. Here it is in a nutshell:

- 1 Ask God for light.**
I want to look at my day with God's eyes, not merely my own.
- 2 Give thanks.**
The day I have just lived is a gift from God. Be grateful for it.
- 3 Review the day.**
I carefully look back on the day just completed, being guided by the Holy Spirit.
- 4 Face your shortcomings.**
I face up to what is wrong—in my life and in me.
- 5 Look toward the day to come.**
I ask where I need God in the day to come.

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Experience Alpha @ IC: Winter Session Begins Monday, January 24th

For the past two weekends, our dedicated Alpha Team (led by Michael Tom) were present at all our Masses to personally invite and encourage members of our parish family to experience Alpha @ IC. This past weekend, we also welcomed guest speakers at each Mass (members of our parish family and Alpha Alumni: Susan, Artemio and Carmen) who offered inspiring witness testimonials regarding the impact that Alpha has had on their lives. Many thanks to our speakers for graciously sharing their stories with us, and special thanks to our entire Alpha Team for all of their efforts as we begin a new season this Monday, January 24th!



Susan (& her children)



Artemio (& his wife, Maria)



Carmen



Second Collection: Church In Latin America

This weekend, we will take up a special Collection for the Church in Latin America. Many people in Latin America and the Caribbean do not have access to church programs and ministries because of a rising secular culture, rugged rural terrain, and a shortage of ministers. Your generosity enables our brothers and sisters in Latin America and the Caribbean to share in the life of the Church and grow closer to Christ. Please be generous in this special collection! To learn more, please visit: www.usccb.org/latin-america.

Blessed Virgin of Guadalupe, Patroness of all America, your appearance at Tepeyac began the evangelization of the peoples of the Americas. From you was born our Liberator and Savior, Jesus Christ, who broke for us the chains of sin and death and brings us the promise of life eternal. In these challenging times, we ask you to intercede for us, O Blessed Mother, that we might reject the idols of power, wealth, and fleeting pleasure, and instead be renewed in zeal for love of your Son and for our neighbors. May we embrace all the peoples of Latin America as brothers and sisters of your Son, proclaiming to them the Good News Of God's unfailing mercy. Mary, Mother of God, shelter us in your mantle as you sheltered Juan Diego and countless missionaries and disciples who proclaimed your Son as God and King, and lead us to serve Him with joy, love, and hope today and all our days. Amen.

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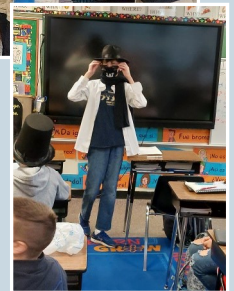
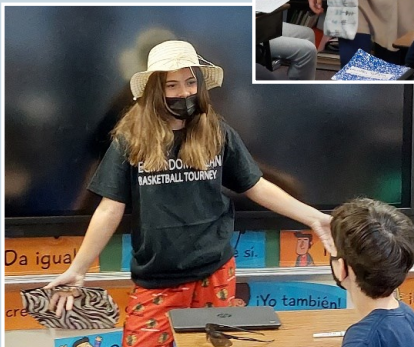
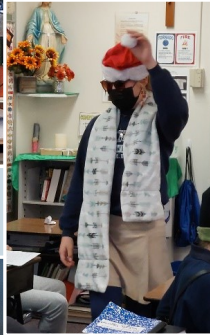
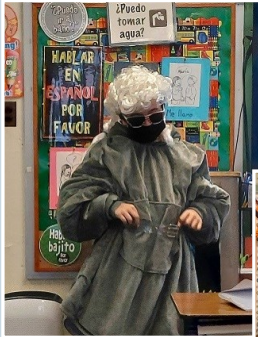




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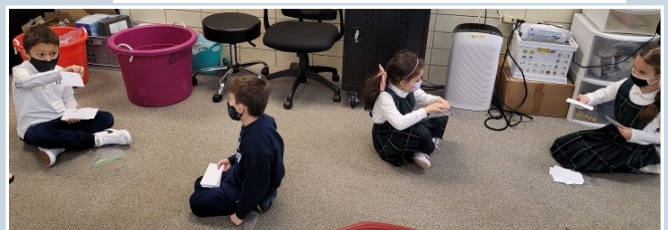
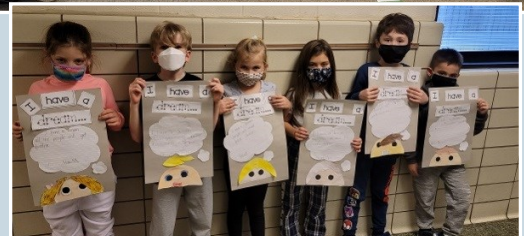
Middle School Spanish Class With Mrs. Leyhane

Bienvenidos a la clase de español! Our 7th grade students presented a *Fashion Show* in Spanish Class. They have been working on noun adjective agreement, describing clothing, and color vocabulary in a sentence. They chose their clothing and described them to the class. Fun was had by all! - Mrs. Leyhane

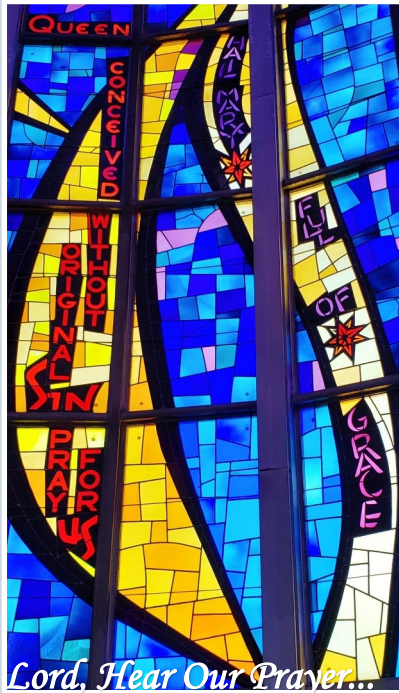


Mrs. Mahoney's First Grade Class

Mrs. Mahoney's First Grade class has been busy working on various projects. Our students enjoy working with a partner while reviewing sight words they wrote on flashcards. As a class, we have been studying fact families in math, and created a snowman with addition and subtraction sentences. Finally, they learned about *Martin Luther King, Jr.* and wrote a sentence about their own dream on how they would like things to be better in the world.



Please join our parish family in prayer ...



Tom Altman
Caleb Anstett
Robert Behrman
Sonia M. B.
Roberta Berger
John Bozek
Mark Broler
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

For those who are sick:

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
Henry Wagener
Rita Zambon
***Newly Added**

For our faithful departed:

Richard Okrasinski
Margaret O'Donnell
John F. Vargo (Husband of Rose)



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

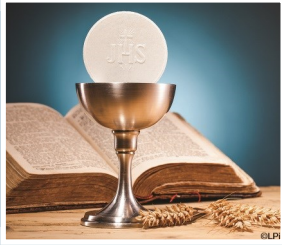


For those who serve our country:



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 23rd
through
Sunday, January 30th*

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

5:00 P.M. (Saturday) – †All Aborted & Unborn Babies; and †Eugene Mroz

8:30 A.M. – The People of the Parish

10:30 A.M. – †Charles Grayzeck; †Joseph Svoboda; †Deceased Members of The O'Connor Family; †Poor Souls In Purgatory; and †Francis & Moira Cross

Monday, January 24th – Saint Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

8:30 A.M. – †Agnes Ghidara (Birthday Remembrance)

Tuesday, January 25th – Conversion of Saint Paul, Apostle

8:30 A.M. – †Brody Fisher (on his 1st Anniversary); †Ros Merino (on his 9th Anniversary); †Kenneth Luedtke; †Margaret Pryma (Death Anniversary); †Irena Kierznowska (on her 3rd Anniversary); and †Patrick Cunningham

Wednesday, January 26th – Saints Timothy and Titus, Bishops

8:30 A.M. – †Julia M. Doyle; and Claudia Kech (Living)

Thursday, January 27th – Saint Angela Merici, Virgin and Religious Founder

8:30 A.M. – †Margaret Quirke

Friday, January 28th – Saint Thomas Aquinas, Priest, Religious and Doctor of the Church

8:30 A.M. – †Frank Bosowski; †Annie Breslin; and †Arnold Pirsoul

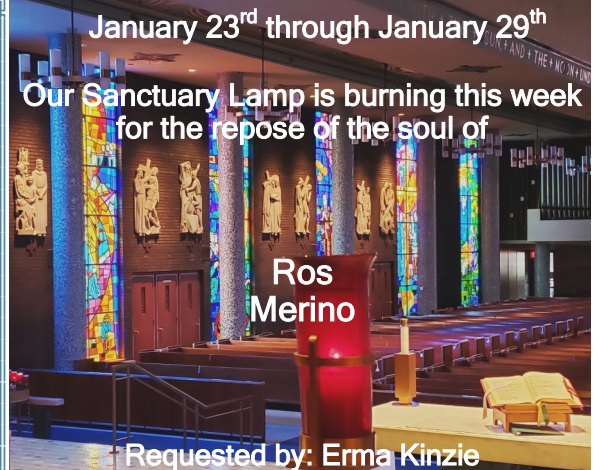
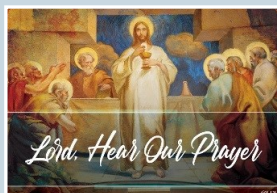
Saturday, January 29th – Weekday

5:00 P.M. – Michael Kelly (Living)

Sunday, January 30th – Fourth Sunday In Ordinary Time

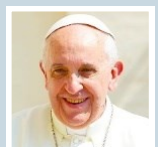
8:30 A.M. – The People of the Parish

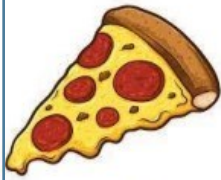
10:30 A.M. – †Maria Martino; †Deceased Members of The Reppen Family; †Shirley Schultz; †Madelyn Calabrese; †Carmen Catana; †Philip Dunne; †Ken & Jean Johnson; †Francis & Moira Cross; †Liam & Sheila Byrne; and James Byrne (Living)



Pope Tweet of the Week...

"We belong to Christ, we are joined to Him through Baptism; His presence is in us, His light is in us, His life is in us. Let us therefore walk joyfully in hope sustained by His Word: it is the Word of life."





~ Support Immaculate Conception ~
Monday, January 24, 2022

Dino's Pizza & Italian Restaurant
 7004 W. Higgins Ave, Chicago, IL. 60656
11:00 A.M. to 10:00 P.M.

- *Carry-Out, *Delivery or *Dine-in
- 773.763.4077
- <https://www.dinospizzachicago.com/>

***Please remember to mention "IC" when you place your order.**

A donation from your order will be donated back to
 IC Holy Name Men's Club.



Thank You!



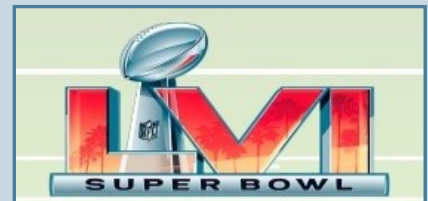
*Sergina Sergis
 and her son Cristen Correa*

Wilfredo & Julieta Sevilla

*Joseph & Mariena Bonini
 and their children Niko & Angelina*

Doris Zeisberger

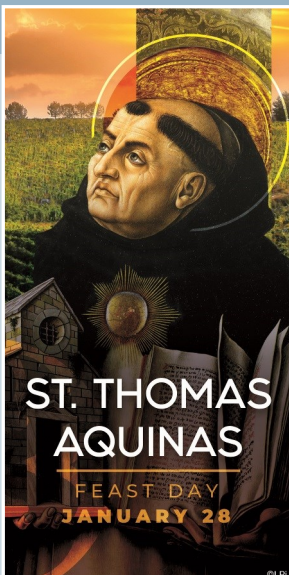
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Save the date...

**IC Holy Name Men's Club
 2022 Super Bowl Party
 Sunday, February 13th @ 3:00 P.M.
 IC School Bowling Alley**

Additional details to follow in
 next weekend's bulletin.



Saint of The Week - Examples of Our Faith: Saint Thomas Aquinas (January 28th)

One of the most famous members of the Dominican Order, St. Thomas Aquinas (1225 - 1274) is well-known by many for his theological work, "*The Summa Theologiae*." Born in Italy, his mother wanted him to become a Benedictine and had high hopes that he would eventually become abbot of Monte Cassino, where he spent much of his youth. To change his vocation, she had him kidnapped by his brothers on his way to Paris at the age of 19. He spent two years in their captivity. Despite this, nothing could shake him from his vocation to become a Dominican priest and he was eventually released. Once free, he went to Paris and then to Cologne, where he finished his studies with Albert the Great.

His greatest contribution to the Catholic Church is his writings. The unity, harmony, and continuity of faith and reason, of revealed and natural human knowledge, encompasses his writings. The *Summa Theologiae*, his last and, unfortunately, uncompleted work, deals with the whole of Catholic theology.

The patron saint of teachers, theologians and students, St. Thomas Aquinas died in 1274. His life and the impact he had on the whole Church, however, remains alive today.

Gospel Meditation - Encourage a Deeper Understanding of Scripture

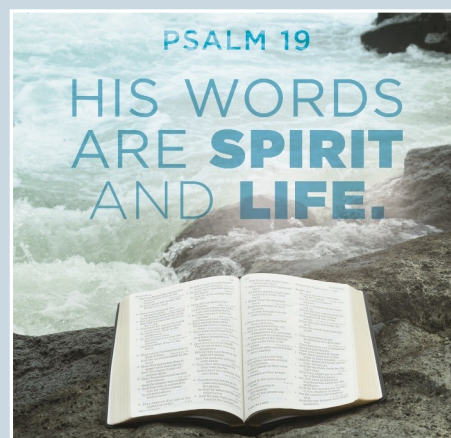


fickleness and infidelity also reveals God's constancy and faithfulness. God always finds us.

As people wander and fumble to find their way, God is there bringing them back to holiness and giving them the assurance of His presence. We have to allow God's Word, God's life, to touch us and change us. It can make us more flexible and attentive to the sacred in all facets of life so that every day is one that is holy. Every day is a time when fulfillment is possible for one's soul. Jesus stood before those gathered in the synagogue as the fulfillment of words of promise that were echoed long ago. God doesn't forget. He always comes for us.

Now it is time to remember to go to God. Sometimes our lives are so confused and tangled that it is difficult to see the Word and hand of God. But when we realize, deep within, the depth of friendship God offers to us it really has the power to turn sadness to joy. The promise is fulfilled. Going frequently to God's Word, allowing ourselves to be enriched and rejuvenated, and pondering the certainty of God's fidelity and promise permanently transforms us. We will be more aware of the sacred and the holy and less invested in things that pull us away.

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Ministry Schedules: Saturday, January 29th & Sunday, January 30th

	Saturday 5:00 P.M.	Sunday 8:30 A.M.	Sunday 10:30 A.M.
Presiders	Fr. Robert Fedek	Fr. Robert Carlton	Fr. Matthew Heinrich
Lectors	N. Kremer	M. Davila	M. Carroll & N. Kanoon
Cantors	E. Doyle	Vocal Quintet & Violin	Vocal Quintet
Extraordinary Ministers	E. Kinzie	D. Sebastian	R. Kopec
Altar Servers	C. Beach; M. Gallagher; E. Serb	I. Cox; T. Cox; G. Reichle	P. Beckman; E. Carroll; E. Peters

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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Deacon Ronald & Connie Gronek
Deacon Michael Bednarz
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What's Happening @ IC...

Monday, January 24th –

10:15 A.M.-Noon – Monday Morning Bible Study; RA
 3:10-4:30 P.M. – Jr. Ringers Rehearsal; CH
 7:00-8:30 P.M. – Alpha Winter Session Begins; RA
 7:00-8:30 P.M. – Overtones Rehearsal; CH
 7:30-9:00 P.M. – IC Athletic Committee Mtg.; NWCR

Wednesday, January 26th –

2:00-3:30 P.M. – Choristers Rehearsal; CH
 4:00-5:00 P.M. – Religious Education Class; Zoom
 7:00-8:00 P.M. – 2nd Grade Parent Sacramental Mtg.; PH

Thursday, January 27th –

6:30-8:00 P.M. – Cub Scout Pinewood Derby Weigh-In; PH

Friday, January 28th –

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

Saturday, January 29th –

11:00 A.M.-2:00 P.M. – Cub Scout Pinewood Derby Race; PH
 6:30-11:00 P.M. – Parents Club Winter Social: Trivia Night; PC

Sunday, January 30th – Catholic Schools Week Begins

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



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.

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