

Welcome to  
*Immaculate Conception Parish*

*A Catholic Community Inviting People to Follow Christ*

*January 24, 2021 - Third Sunday In Ordinary Time*

*Teach Me Your Ways, O Lord*



*"The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the Gospel."*

*- Mark 1:15*

*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: 9:00 A.M. - Noon

### Parish Website:

💻: [www.icchicago.org](http://www.icchicago.org)

### School Website:

💻: [www.iccowboys.net](http://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](http://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](http://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.



## Concerning Love

Ever since I arrived at Immaculate Conception, I have emphasized the greatest commandment. This commandment, and the second, "*love your neighbor as yourself*," cannot be emphasized enough. While I have talked about it and expressed it in many homilies, I thought it would be worthwhile to express it here in writing and perhaps in a different way.



I am not unique in my obsession with this command. St. Augustine (354-430 A.D.) made this central to his library of contributions on theology. Augustine likewise, is the root of an intellectual tree which extends to the present day. Even before Augustine, one could look at St. Ambrose, St. Gregory, and Origen, among others.

Ever since my college days in the seminary, I have been increasingly interested in how information and ideas are transmitted through time, cultures, and people—especially in the Church. Two such branches are St. Bonaventure (1221-1274) and the Abbey of St. Victor (11<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> centuries).

The Medieval period is often maligned, from references to the "*Dark Ages*" and even "*Middle Ages*," names given to it by people who claimed they were "*enlightened*." What gets lost is a period of rigorous debate. It was a time where the university system was founded, and human progress was greatly accelerated by the patronage of the Church. It is a fascinating time for those willing to investigate it.

For the topic at hand, however, the Franciscans and Victorines looked in-depth at the love of God and His commandment of love. The Franciscans, beginning with St. Francis, have as their crest the cross of Christ. In the cross they find God's supreme act of love, and from this starting point they reflect on it:

Love is central to all things because "*God is love*" (1 Jn 4:16). If Love is the center of all things, it is the fulfillment of all things. Human beings, who were created in love, are inclined to love. Sin and error are a result of a misplaced love. Therefore, the greatest commandment orients our love first to God, and secondly to people. The commandment restores the order of creation—in a way, it refers to priorities.

One way of looking at it is this: if you say you love God, do you still have dissatisfaction in your heart? We all deal with doubt and dissatisfaction, but do we address it in our relationship with God?

Do we say we love others? If so, do we harbor anger, distrust, envy, or hatred towards others? It is easy to love the people we love, even to come around to people we like. But to love our enemies is a big hurdle. If the greatest commandment is to be believed, we cannot attain peace with this attitude in our hearts.

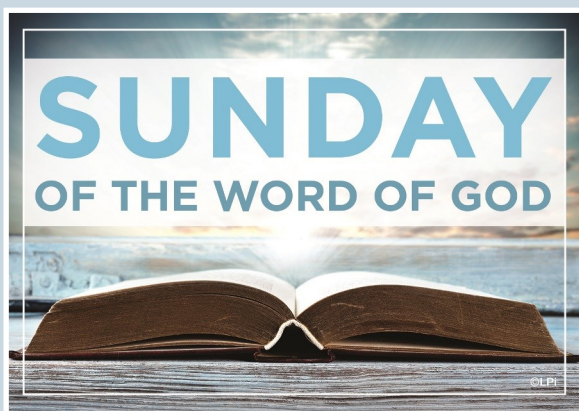
We often see love as a '*you either have it or you don't*' kind of thing, but in reality, love is a constant process of experience, reflection, and renewal. The Victorines reflected precisely on this aspect of love. I hope next week, learning from them, we can examine how we progress in love. It is only step by step, and by degrees, that we can grow in our faith.

Fr. Matt



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](mailto:tcs@archchicago.org) or visit [www.archchicago.org/tcs](http://www.archchicago.org/tcs).

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



*"Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, as in all wisdom you teach and admonish one another, singing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God." - Colossians 3:16*

*Second Collection: January 23rd & 24th*

**Share YOUR Faith**  
Support the Collection for the Church in Latin America

This weekend, our special collection supports 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, difficult rural terrain, and a shortage of ministers. Your generous donations fund catechesis, marriage and family life programs, as well as seminarian formation which makes it possible for our brothers and sisters in Latin America and the Caribbean to share in the life of the Church and grow closer to Christ. Please prayerfully consider supporting this collection to share your faith with our brothers and sisters in Latin America and the Caribbean. To learn more, please visit: [www.usccb.org/latin-america](http://www.usccb.org/latin-america).





### **Immaculate Conception Holy Name Men's Club 2021 Super Bowl**

Sunday, February 7, 2021

**Party Information:** There will be no Super Bowl party this year due to COVID.

**Super Bowl Squares:** Men's club will be selling \$50 and \$100 dollar squares

**50 dollar squares:** Payout for winning squares are based on score changes

**100 dollar squares:** Payout for winning squares are as followed:



**Double Number:** \$50 payout ~ **Touch a Winning Square:** \$100 payout ~ **Reverse:** \$200 payout

**1<sup>st</sup> quarter, 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter and 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter:** \$1,000 payout ~ **Final:** \$2,100 payout



If you would like a \$50 dollar or \$100 dollar squares, please contact **Ronald Yak** by Fast Direct (school families), email at [rwyo71981@aol.com](mailto:rwyo71981@aol.com) or by text at 773.580.4868!

### ***Why Do We Do That? Catholic Life Explained...***

**Question:** Do Catholics always need to receive communion in wafer form, or can it be different kinds of bread?

#### **Answer:**

In the Roman Rite of the Catholic Church, the most common form for the eucharistic bread is the small white communion "wafer" that is a ubiquitous part of the Catholic Mass. The instructions of the Church have been very specific regarding the make-up of the bread used in the Mass: *"The bread used in the celebration of the Most Holy Eucharistic Sacrifice must be unleavened, purely of wheat, and recently made ... it follows therefore that bread made from another substance, even if it is grain, or if it is mixed with another substance different from wheat to such an extent that it would not commonly be considered wheat bread, does not constitute valid matter for confecting the Sacrifice and the Eucharistic Sacrament."* (please see *Redemptionis Sacramentum* by the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments, #48).



The Church's tradition of using a wheat-based bread is based on the bread that Jesus would have used at the Last Supper and is considered to be an essential part of the "matter" of the Sacrament of the Eucharist.



As we consider the question of whether a "wafer" — which is properly called a "host" — should be used, we also must keep in mind that in the Eastern Rites of the Catholic Church, leavened (i.e. "raised") bread is more often used. And so, while the thin, white "wafer" is most commonly used in the Roman Rite of the Church, the full expression of the Catholic tradition does allow for a more substantial form of bread to be used, but the tradition of using a simple wheat bread with no other additions or additives is considered essential.

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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  
**Phyllis Levand**  
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  
Don Skorey  
Edward Stanczyk  
Marion Szumski  
Donna Tisdale  
Steven P. Trifilio  
John F. Vargo  
Henry Wagener  
Geoffrey Woittel  
**\*Newly Added**

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

For our faithful departed:

Helen M. Vierneisel  
Jaime T. Hernandez (Husband of Gloria)



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

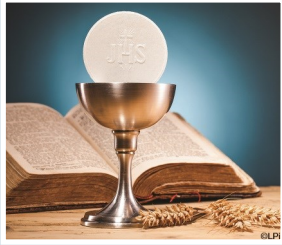


For those who serve our country:



**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](http://vets.archchicago.org) that provides information that can be of assistance.



*Mass Intentions:  
Sunday, January 24th  
through  
Sunday, January 31st*

**Sunday, January 24th - Third Sunday In Ordinary Time**

5:00 P.M. (Saturday) - †Poor Souls In Purgatory

8:30 A.M. — The People of the Parish

10:30 A.M. — †Agnes Ghidara (Birthday Remembrance); †Maria Martino; †Joseph Svoboda; †Ros Merino; †Alfonso DiGrazia (on his 13th Anniversary); Thomas & Robert Altman (Living); and Deacon Rick & Carol Moritz (Living)

**Monday, January 25th - Conversion of Saint Paul, Apostle**

7:00 P.M. (Virtual Mass) — †Paddy Cunningham (on his 20th Anniversary); †Margaret Pryma; and †Irena Kierznowska (on her 2nd Anniversary)

**Tuesday, January 26th - Saints Timothy and Titus, Bishops**

7:00 P.M. (Virtual Mass) — Thomas & Girley Abraham (on their 34th Wedding Anniversary) (Living)

**Wednesday, January 27th - Saint Angela Merici, Virgin and Religious Founder**

8:30 A.M. (Virtual Mass) — †Fr. Sebastian MacDonald, C.P.

**Thursday, January 28th - Saint Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church**

7:00 P.M. (Virtual Mass) — †Jaime Hernandez

**Friday, January 29th - Weekday**

7:00 P.M. (Virtual Mass) — Melissa Bednarz (Living)

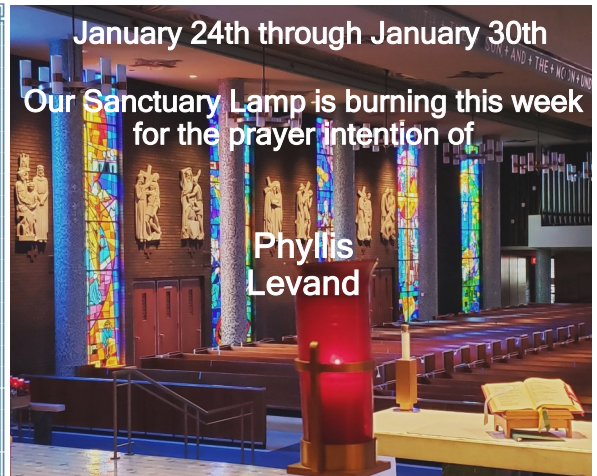
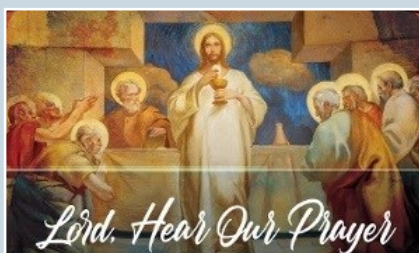
**Saturday, January 30th - Weekday**

5:00 P.M. - †Michael O'Donnell

**Sunday, January 31st - Fourth Sunday In Ordinary Time**

8:30 A.M. — †Domenico Siciliano; and The People of the Parish

10:30 A.M. — †Mary O'Donnell



January 24th through January 30th

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

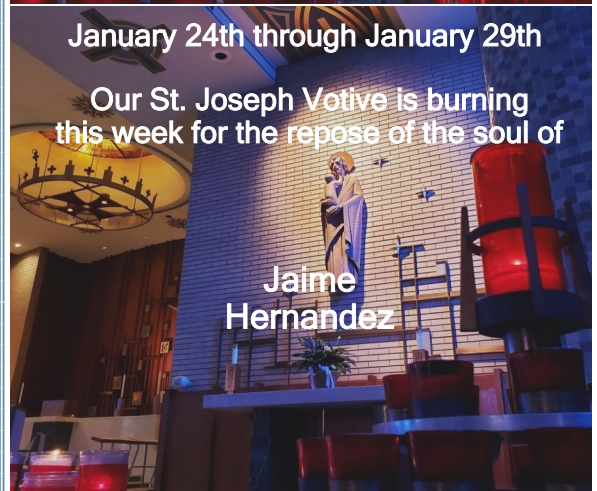
Phyllis Levand



January 24th through January 29th

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

Helen Viernseisel



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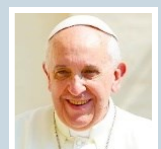
Our St. Joseph Votive is burning this week for the repose of the soul of

Jaime Hernandez

**Pope Tweet of the Week...**

"God overcomes the world's evil by taking it upon Himself.

This is also how we can lift others up: not by judging, not by suggesting what to do, but by becoming neighbors, empathizing, sharing God's love."





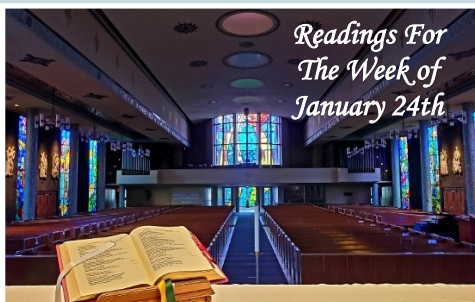


*Elliott Isen Luciano*  
*Child of Luis Angel and Wendy L. (Silva) Luciano, Jr.*

### *Live The Liturgy: Inspiration For The Week...*

"Repent, and believe in the Gospel." Some type of honest and sincere repentance is necessary for any type of authentic growth and maturity. We have to come to the realization, unless we are happy wallowing in immaturity and superficiality, that the way we have been doing things is not the best or the healthiest. There isn't a human being alive who hasn't acted foolishly or erratically at the cost of almost losing a treasured relationship. "Why did I act that way?" is a question we often ponder after some reflection and enlightenment. Faith works the same way. Stumbling through life and bumping up against meaninglessness, a person can begin to see that something significant is missing. They see that there is merit to a relationship with God and an embrace of faith. Before these can take root, sincere sorrow for past wrong-doing, missed opportunities, errors in judgment, and short sightedness is necessary. Repentance is necessary. Then having realized that we were walking in darkness, we can rejoice that by God's grace we now see the light.

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### *Readings For The Week of January 24th*

**Sunday:** Jon 3:1-5, 10/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [4a]/1 Cor 7:29-31/Mk 1:14-20

**Monday:** Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Ps 117:1bc, 2 [Mk 16:15]/Mk 16:15-18

**Tuesday:** 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 7-8a, 10 [3]/Mk 3:31-35

**Wednesday:** Heb 10:11-18/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4 [4b]/Mk 4:1-20

**Thursday:** Heb 10:19-25/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. 6]/Mk 4:21-25

**Friday:** Heb 10:32-39/Ps 37:3-4, 5-6, 23-24, 39-40 [39a]/Mk 4:26-34

**Saturday:** Heb 11:1-2, 8-19/Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75 [cf. 68]/Mk 4:35-41

**Next Sunday:** Dt 18:15-20/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9 [8]/1 Cor 7:32-35/Mk 1:21-28



## Gospel Meditation - Encourage a Deeper Understanding of Scripture



It was a normal day by all accounts, but John just wasn't feeling himself. He was a little lightheaded and out of sorts. Later in the afternoon, he experienced a sharp pain in his chest and arm. Quick thinking and action brought John to the emergency department with a diagnosis of a significant heart attack. Surviving this ordeal, he found himself face to face with his cardiologist, having an honest conversation about things that needed to change. "I came close to death," John found himself thinking. Then came the remorse. He was a young man with a loving wife and children who were very close to facing life without him. John found himself with

intense sorrow for living an unchecked and self-indulgent life that almost brought him to his demise. He wanted to change.

We all have our wake-up calls. We have experiences and encounters that force us to really think twice about choices we have made and directions we have taken. Often, we find ourselves looking at those we have hurt square in the eye and wallowing in our foolishness. We regrettably realize that we have allowed our needs to lure us into making some cruel mistakes. We impulsively say things and flippantly do things that reveal our unredeemed and unhealed self. It is a self we stumble over and try to tame but can't quite seem to master and control. Help!

We spin our wheels, naively thinking that we will somehow, perhaps through persistence, get ourselves unstuck. But, we don't. We just get out of the car, feeling very helpless, and ignorantly look at the mess we got ourselves into. Did we ever think to ask someone for help? Or, taken the advice of One who is wiser and avoid this route altogether? "Come after me," are words that Jesus says to all of us. In order to heed his invitation, we must leave our ego-self behind and follow.

When we really see and understand the freedom, peace, justice, and love He offers, we find ourselves with such sorrow in our hearts for how foolish and silly we have been. All the misguided choices and sinful actions come full view and we see how risky our random impassioned behaviors really have been. Repentance is beautiful. When done with a sincere and contrite heart, it directs us to the glory that can be ours, ignites us with the challenge of living a life in service of others and reminds us that all is well.

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## Everyday Stewardship – Recognize God in your Ordinary Moments

### Give Until It Hurts...

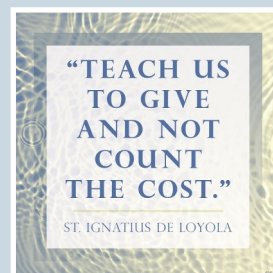
One of the characteristics of Everyday Stewardship is to be committed — to persevere daily in a way of life acknowledging that everything belongs to God. I know, I know. Easier said than done.

Just ask Zebedee. It's quite an image we get from the Gospel, after all. "So they left their father Zebedee in the boat along with the hired men and followed him." There was Zebedee, about his business, mending nets with his two sons, who were undoubtedly his best workers — they had to have been more dedicated than the hired men, who worked for wages rather than for family. And in an instant off they go, following this strange man.

I don't know about you, but if my kids left me on a hot summer day to finish the lawn by myself, I wouldn't be too happy. But Zebedee must have been someone quite special. Perhaps he realized that his sons didn't belong to him — not really. They belonged to God, and from the beginning of time, it had been appointed that they would be among the first disciples of Christ. He passed, he called, they followed, and Zebedee obliged. He simply went back to mending his nets, I imagine. Zebedee already understood what St. Teresa of Calcutta would say millennia later: "Give until it hurts."

"You're wasting my time." "I've done so much for her; she owes me this." How often do we think things, and even people and relationships, belong to us? The truth is none of them do. We must be ready, as Zebedee was, to surrender them to God when He comes walking past.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi





**Our Parish Staff:**

**Fr. Matthew Heinrich**, Pastor  
**Fr. Robert Carlton**, Associate Pastor  
**Fr. Robert Fedek**, Weekend Assistant  
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**Deacon Ronald & Connie Gronek**  
**Deacon Michael & Melissa Bednarz**  
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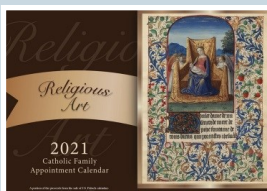
**What's Happening @ IC...**

**Monday, January 25th –**  
**7:00 P.M. – Alpha Session; Zoom**

**For more information on upcoming events, or to register for our Masses or Confessions, please visit our new parish website @ [www.icchicago.org](http://www.icchicago.org)**



**2021 Religious Art Calendars**



2021 calendars are available in our Church Vestibule. They are once again the gift of Suerth Funeral Home. Many thanks as always to Dennis Krawzak, Donald Krawzak, Nancy Haran and Peter Heneghan. Your continued sponsorship is deeply appreciated!

**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](http://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](mailto:parishbulletin@icchicago.org) (**\*Please note: new email address.**)