Welcome to

Immaculate Conception Parish

A Catholic Community Inviting People to Follow Christ

January 2, 2022 - The Epiphany Of The Lord



"Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! Your light has come, the glory of the Lord shines upon you." Isaiah 60:1

Love God • Serve Others • Make Disciples

Cord, every nation on earth will adore you.

Contact Us

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Parish Office Hours:

Monday-Friday: 9:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M. 9:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M. Saturday: 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

Visit us at www.twitch.tv/icchicago



Weekend Mass Schedule:

Saturday Vigil @ 5:00 P.M. Sunday Mass @ 8:30 A.M. Sunday Mass @ 10:30 A.M.* (*Our 10:30 A.M. Mass is also livestreamed)

Capacity limits have been lifted and reservations are no longer required. All are welcome!



Weekday Mass Schedule:

Online

Monday through Thursday @ 8:30 A.M. (Worship with us virtually on our Facebook Page or Twitch)

In-Person

Monday through Friday @ 8:30 A.M. First Friday Mass @ 5:30 P.M. each month followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction from 6:00-7:00 P.M.

Confessions:

Sunday mornings from 9:30 A.M.-10:15 A.M. (offered every other Sunday)

(Special dates & times offered during Advent & Lent)

Baptisms:

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

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.

Snapshots From Our Christmas Celebration...





Many thanks to our Art & Environment volunteers (Cheryl, Claudia & Bob, Jocelyn & Marilyn – under the direction of Cookie & Scott, ably assisted by our Maintenance Crew: Mike & Tony) who all worked tirelessly behind the scenes to decorate and beautify our Church for our Christmas celebration!



Our IC Jr. Ringer Handbell Choir (who provided our prelude music for our Family Mass on Christmas Eve, under the direction of Karol Grib)

Our gifted professional musicians: John (on violin), our Vocal Quintet: Elizabeth, Ben, Justin & Katie, & EmilyAnn, under the direction of Scott (on piano)

Our IC Christmas
Pageant Cast (who
recounted the Gospel
story of the Nativity of
Jesus at our Family
Mass on Christmas
Eve, under the
direction of Julie
Szwedo)





Many thanks to our 7th Grade students who wrapped gifts in our School Cafeteria during our annual Joshua Talbot Memorial Gift Wrap-A-Thon on Thursday, December 23rd.



Immaculate Conception School First Trimester Honor Roll

Grade 5 - Room 11

I.C. Scholar: Shea Gillespie Mylee Tadin

High Honors:

Vincent Baldassano Alexis Davis Jacob Guillermo Matthew Holtkamp Lucas Love Sadie McGrath Olivia Medina Dean Rottman James Walsh

Honors:

Kaylyn Catomer Anneliese Hedlund Armando Hernandez Isabella Koenig Connor McFadden Kiera McGee Niamh McNeela Nora Schnoor Aidan Tom Matthew Walsh

Grade 5 - Room 12

I.C. Scholar:
Nathan Alvarez
Thomas Cox
Robert DeVito
Zoryana DiBartolo
Isabella Galarza
Genevieve Martin

High Honors:

Logan Bock Isla Hammersmith Samantha Henschel Cameron Hoffman Alexis Monaco Nora Rahlfs Giada Rocha Philip Wietrzak Honors:

Emma Barney
Austin Beckman
Karly Bowers
Zachary Chakir
Steven Kurek
Angelo LaCivita
Cristian Nowicki
Eamonn Serb
Penelope Zambrano

Anthony House

I.C. Scholar:
Thomas Beyna
Roxylana DiBartolo
John Fennessy
Avery Hammersmith
Brenna Mullane
Richard Riordan

High Honors:

Ana Borowski Hailey Franch Nicole Giannola Luxa Helenowski Pherrin Magis Daniel McGreevy Elizabeth Peters Lidia Via

Honors:

Nicholas Ergish
Mallory Kottke
Edward Stachura
Dominic McGee
Jack Murphy
Katherine Wiesneth
Kelsey Worthem

Canterbury House

I.C. Scholar: Caroline Beach Kailyn Bowers Clare Doud Patrick Hulne Rocco McGee Kara Yau

High Honors:
Anthony Baldassano
Lillian Duffy
Sarah Gilleran
Patrick Haugh
Sean Kroeger
Declan McFadden
Paige Nathaus
Aubrey Steurer

Honors:

Brexton Yak

Grace Gilleran Ryan Poniatowski Noah Thomas

Gaelic House

I.C. Scholar:
Mia Arreguin
Kelly Breen
Zoe Feller
Emily Miehlich
Grant Reichle
Frank Rottman

High Honors:

Vincent Cambria London Diblich Anne Duffy Jake Edwards Claire Kristensen Sienna Lohman Luciana Mellado Hana Subijano Kiernan Taylor

Honors:

John Curio Sofia Maggio Gracie Monaco **Jude House**

I.C. Scholar:
Kaleigh Cordero
Isabelle Cox
William Krawczyk
Natalie Malloy
Sullivan McGrath
Robert Metzger
Madison Moorehouse
Ava Moran

Victor Petrenko Gabriella Walker

High Honors:
Nella Bednar
Daniel Gallagher
Evelyn Layne
Grace Masterson
Lola Polerecky
Nico Santamaria
Riley Worthem

Honors:

Patrick Beckman Mary Emerson Brady Fennessy Luke Sanders

Michael House

I.C. Scholar: Charlie Devine Terence Forbes Olivia Magruder

High Honors:
Maya Chludzinski
Virginia Duffy
Margaret Fennessy
Katelyn Giannola
Giovanni Gomez
Jack Koenig
Jacob Losik
Sophia Marlega
Oscar Polanco
Shannon Stack
Mateo Urbieta

Alex Wojtulewicz Krista Wright

Honors:

Silas Allbritton Sienna Campuzano Dillon Gallagher Paige Kehoe Jacob Nowicki Matthew Stefanec

William House

I.C. Scholar:
Matthew Gallagher
Kaylin Liebich
Kaitlyn Osborn
Thomas Stack
Grace Warner

High Honors: Claire Boysen Filip Chachaj

Shannon Eaglin Cody Forbes Devin Glascott John Haugh John LaFramboise Olivia Melgar Makylee Ramos Ella Santiago Peter Stefanec

Honors:

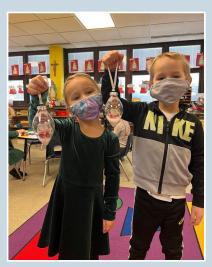
Ileana Castellanos Olivia Hajdu Angelina Kalou Sophia Negron Maximus O'Brien Brody Roche



News...

Ms. d'Escoto's 3 Year Old Preschool Class

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas in Room 18! Our 3-year old Preschool classroom is hard at work preparing for the birth of the baby Jesus. Every Monday we begin our day by "lighting" the next candle on our Advent wreath. We sing our Advent song, "Jesus is Coming" every morning to remind us that Advent is the season of waiting. We are also counting down to Christmas. Every day a child gets to trim Santa's magical beard and take a piece of the magic home! After learning the story of the birth of Jesus, the children are encouraged to act out the story using the pieces on the felt board or the creche under our Christmas tree. Finally, we are creating gifts for our Mommies and Daddies to celebrate God's love and the birth of His son, Jesus. It is a busy and special time for all!













Please join our parish family in prayer ...



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

For those who are sick:

Bonnie Jean Gorski Ofelia Hernandez Kevin Jaburek 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 Iudith Nosko Anne O'Brien John O'Brien Jackie O'Koniewski David Olson Mary Potwora

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

*Newly Added

For our faithful departed:

Juris P. Valainis Wanda Soltykiewicz Donna Patchie



"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

Ü.S. Navy - CMDR Michael Brasseur, LCDR Christopher Jenkins, PO Thomas T. Tudisco **U.S. Air Force -** John Christopher Ocasio, Major Laurel Walsh, Major Paul H. Kolk, LT. COL. Michael O'Koniewski; Captain Colleen Bernal

U.S. Marines - Sean Gronset, PFC Sebastian L. Rivera, Jr., PFC Christopher Hughes, PFC Algene D. Porticos, LCpl Daniel Wieczorek

Please contact our Parish Office when these service people return home safely. If you are a veteran or know a veteran, the Archdiocese of Chicago has a website located at vets.archchicago.org that provides information that can be of assistance.



Mass Intentions: Sunday, January 2nd through Sunday, January 9th

Sunday, January 2nd– *The Epiphany of the Lord* 5:00 *P.M.* (*Saturday*) - The People of the Parish 8:30 *A.M.* – [†]Francis & Moira Cross; and [†]Alexandra Pawlowski 10:30 *A.M.* – [†]Mari & Maurice O'Brien; and [†]Tommy Fuller

Monday, January 3rd - *The Most Holy Name of Jesus* 8:30 *A.M.* - [†]Norman B. Schroeder

Tuesday, January 4th - *Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious* 8:30 *A.M.* — [†]Thomas Brzozowski; and [†]John Keane

Wednesday, January 5th – *Saint John Neumann, Bishop* 8:30 A.M. – †Dolores Capra (Birthday Remembrance); and †Zachary Nelson

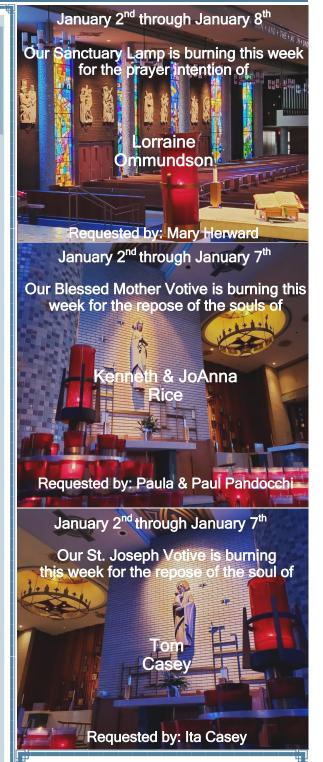
Thursday, January 6th - *Saint Andre Bessette*, *Religious* 8:30 *A.M.* - †Diane Sprincz (Birthday Remembrance)

Friday, January 7th - Saint Raymond of Penafort, Priest 8:30 A.M. - †Jim Kroll 5:30 P.M. - John & Mary Ann Berr (Living)

Saturday, January 8th - *Christmas Weekday* 5:00 *P.M.* - [†]Glordenia San Buenaventura; [†]Maureen Greene; [†]John Keane; [†]Mary Joyce; and [†]Alice Kaye

Sunday, January 9th - The Baptism of the Lord 8:30 A.M.- †Elsie Adam; and †Stella Zablocki 10:30 A.M.- †Charles Grayzeck; †Sophie Oleksy; †Erma Reppen; †Sr. Mary Julianne Maciuszek, C.R.; †Peter Smith; †Juris Valainis; †Francis & Moira Cross; Mary Dosek (Living); Wilfred Diamante & Family (Living); Mina Acevedo & Family (Living); Monday Bible Study Members (Living); Thursday Advent Bible Study Members (Living); IC Staff Members (Living); IC Holy Name Men's Club (Living); and The People of the Parish





Pope Tweet of the Week...

"Dear sister or brother, if as in Bethlehem, the darkness of night overwhelms you, if the hurt you carry inside cries out "You are worthless", tonight God responds and tells you: "I love you just as you are. I became little for you.



Trust me and open your heart to me."

Christmas Season Food Collection For Catholic Charities: Des Plaines

In the spirit of the Christmas season, we are hosting a Parish Food Drive to benefit the Catholic Charities Food Pantry in Des Plaines (located at 1717 Rand Road.) Both food and monetary donations will be gratefully accepted. Our collection began on **December 18**th & **19**th and will conclude **next weekend**, **January 8**th & **9**th (*The Baptism of the Lord* - the conclusion of the Christmas Octave.)

The items currently most in need are as follows:

- * Cereal
- * Rice
- * Beans
- " Beans
 - * Dry Packaged Goods
 - * Pasta & Sauce

phone to donate):

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Christmas "treats" are also welcome and appreciated! If you are donating food items, please be certain to check expiration dates prior to doing so as we cannot accept expired food or opened packages/containers (**please note**: all donated food items must have the factory-seal intact.) Please deposit all food donations in the collection boxes located in the Vestibule of our Church. Food donations will also be accepted in our Parish Office during the week between the hours of 9:00 A.M. until 5:00 P.M.

If you prefer to contribute to our Catholic Charities collection electronically, monetary donations will also be accepted via Give Central: givecentral.org/location/349/event/32488

Immaculate Conception Parish Catholic High School Scholarship Fund



As we recognize the value and importance of a Catholic High School education, our parish is currently in the process of resuming our *IC Catholic High School Scholarship Fund* (which began last year) in the hope that this could potentially make a difference in the

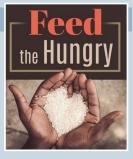
ability of our graduates to continue their Catholic education. All graduates from Immaculate Conception School or our IC Religious Education Program, who either will attend a Catholic High School next year or are currently attending Catholic High Schools, would be eligible to apply. Application materials and directions will be posted on icchicago.org after March 1, 2022 with applications due by May 1, 2022. While the amount and number of scholarships available will

2022. While the amount and number of scholarships av depend upon the amount of money raised, it is hoped that they would be a minimum of \$500, as they were last year. Also, while it is hoped that the scholarships could be renewed, funding initially is only guaranteed for one year. If you would like to contribute electronically to our *IC Catholic High School Scholarship Fund*, please visit:

<u>givecentral.org/location/349/event/28631</u> Please contact Fr. Robert Carlton with any questions.

QR Code (scan with your phone to donate):





"He who has
compassion on the poor
lends to the Lord, and he
will repay him for his
good deed."
- Proverbs 19:17

Francisco & Grace Marin and their children Aeden & Liliana

WELCOME

to our tamilu

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

2022 Religious Art Calendars

2022 calendars are available in our Church Vestibule. They are once again the gift of Suerth Funeral Home. Many thanks as always to Dennis Krawzak. Nany



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Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf.11]/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

Monday: 1 Jn 3:22 – 4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8/Mk 6:34-44

Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13/Mk 6:45-52

Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19 – 5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17/Lk 4:14-22a

Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Lk 5:12-16

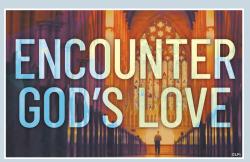
Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b/Jn 3:22-30

Next Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 [11b]/Acts 10:34-38/Lk 3:15-16,

21-22 or, Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30 [1]/Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/Lt 2:15-16-21-22

Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

Gospel Meditation - Encourage a Deeper Understanding of Scripture



In his Apostolic Exhortation, The Joy of the Gospel, Pope Francis references a thought from Pope Benedict XVI: "Being a Christian is not the result of an ethical choice or a lofty idea, but the encounter with an event, a person, which gives life a new horizon and a decisive direction." Today we celebrate an encounter with the Person of Jesus Christ! This simple but holy event in time dramatically changes human life, pointing it toward a new horizon and giving it a decisive direction. This is a message and truth that is not meant to be shared with only a select few who qualify but with the entire world. Pope Francis continues saying, "Thanks solely to this

encounter or renewed encounter with God's love, which blossoms into an enriching friendship, we are liberated from our narrowness and self-absorption. We become fully human when we become more than human, when we let God bring us beyond ourselves in order to attain the fullest truth of our being."

Look around at people. Where is life heading for them? What gives them direction? Even we who are people of faith can get distracted and lose our focus. God, in all of His fullness, is revealed in Jesus Christ and we can encounter Him! God is tangible, real, vulnerable, poor, and full of wonders, surprises, and opportunities. For those who are struggling and lost, today is a day of great joy. All they have to do is reach out and touch the truth of Christ. This presence is revealed in the poor, exploited, and vulnerable ones who cry out for compassion and love. But it is also found in the faithful ones who see in the Epiphany of God a liberation from structures and systems that hurt us, a narrowness of mind and heart that constricts us, and an absorption in our self-agenda that prevents us from seeing anything other than ourselves as important.

We have been given the charge of preaching this Good News. If only we could find a way to be more effective, it might stand a chance of doing what God intended it to do. There is always tomorrow and our memory of that bright new light that shone so brilliantly that Bethlehem night pointing us to truth and reminding us that we are loved.

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Ministry Schedules: Saturday, January 8 th L Sunday, January 9 th			
	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	L. Christy	J. Semmler	J. Campbell & E. Kinzie
Cantors	Vocal Trio	Vocal Quintet &Violin	Vocal Quintet
Extraordinary Ministers	R. Altman	C. Mulligan	S. Serb
Altar Servers	ТВА	ТВА	ТВА

<u>Lectors</u>: 2022 Lector Workbooks are available for pick up in our Sacristy as well as in our Parish Office. If you have not already received your copy, please remember to pick one up at your earliest convenience.



Our Parish Staff:

Fr. Matthew Heinrich, Pastor Fr. Robert Carlton, Associate Pastor

Fr. Robert Fedek, Weekend Assistant

Deacon Rick & Carol Moritz

Deacon Ronald & Connie Gronek

Deacon Michael Bednarz

Vincent Kennedy, Director of Operations

Scott Will, Director of Worship

Melissa Anna, Office Administration & Communications/ Bulletin Editor

Elizabeth Doyle, Assistant Director of Music

Marilyn Sadowski, Receptionist

Bernadette Anna, Parish Sacristan

Michael La Haye, Head of Maintenance

Anthony Vitali, Maintenance

Our School Staff:

Sue Canzoneri, Principal

Tina Fitzgerald, Assistant Principal

Julie Szwedo, Religious Education Coordinator

Lisa Kessler, School Accountant

Mary Haley, School Secretary

What's Happening @ IC...

Monday, January 3rd - School Resumes

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. - Overtones Rehearsal; CH

Tuesday, January 4th -

7:30-9:00 P.M. - St. Joseph Table Planning Mtg.; Cafe

Wednesday, January 5th -

2-3:30 P.M. – IC Teacher Development

Session with Fr. Matt; RA

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

Thursday, January 6th -

8:00-9:30 P.M. - Holy Name Men's Club Mtg.; BA

Friday, January 7th -

5:30-6:00 P.M. - First Friday Mass; CH

6:00-7:00 P.M. – First Friday Nocturnal Eucharistic Adoration; CH

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

Saturday, January 8th -

3:00-6:00 P.M. - Cub Scout Pinewood Derby Workshop; PH

Sunday, January 9th -

11:30 A.M.-1:00 P.M. – Latvian Community Mtg.; RA



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Your Gifts to God and Parish...

If you plan to move from our parish, please notify our Parish Office at least three months prior to your change of address. Also, if you will be away from home for more than 3 months, please contact us so that your envelopes can be stopped during that time period. If you have transitioned to electronic giving and still receive offertory envelopes, please contact our Parish Office so that we can discontinue your receiving of envelopes.

Parish Registration: Please contact our Parish Office at 773.775.3833 or visit our parish website at www.icchicago.org to join our parish family.

Bulletin Deadline: The deadline for all bulletin submissions is Friday at Noon – 8 days prior to the Sunday it will appear. Bulletin submissions are accepted via email at: **parishbulletin@icchicago.org**