

Welcome to  
*Immaculate Conception Parish*

*A Catholic Community Inviting People to Follow Christ*

*January 8, 2023 - The Epiphany Of The Lord*



*Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.*

*"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*

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Monday-Friday: 9:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.  
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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. Masks are optional.*

*All are welcome!*

Weekday Mass Schedule:

*In-Person*

Monday through Thursday @ 8:30 A.M.

**(Please note: Friday daily Masses & First Friday Mass & Adoration temporarily suspended as of July 8<sup>th</sup>)**

*Online*

Wednesdays @ 8:30 A.M. (School Mass)  
(Worship with us virtually on our Facebook Page or Twitch)

Confessions:

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

(Special dates & times offered during Advent & Lent)

Baptisms:

2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of each month @ Noon  
(except during Lent)

Donate

Church & Special Collections:

Interested in supporting our parish, specific ministries and projects?

Please consider giving online at Give Central:  
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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.

*Alpha @ IC: Winter Session Begins January 21<sup>st</sup> (Saturday Mornings) & January 23<sup>rd</sup> (Monday Evenings)*

My dearest Brothers and Sisters,

This weekend is the Weekend of Epiphany. Epiphany Sunday holds a special place in my heart as this weekend reminds us of what happens when we have an encounter with Jesus. The Wise Men, seeking to pay homage to the newborn King, received a gift of their own upon their encounter. They were spiritually charged from that point forward. Theologically, we experience this every time that we receive the Eucharist, for our encounter with Christ at this moment is the same. We are supposed to feel different, to be different, to live differently for we have just died to our self and have been renewed with the Risen Lord.



This weekend also includes the start of Registration for Alpha @ IC – Winter 2023. This is significant because Alpha is our vehicle to introduce others to Christ. Just as the Wise Men would not have sought Jesus out unless they were invited to do so initially, our neighbors, friends, family et al, will not know about Jesus unless we extend an invitation to them as well. As you listen to the testimonies of our Alpha Alumni at our Masses this weekend, prayerfully consider attending Alpha if you have not already done so and invite a friend to come along with you.

The beauty of Alpha is that it works for everyone who attends. The Alpha Team and I have been with Alpha since 2018 and I can tell you with certainty that each Alpha Session brings something new to our lives. The Love of Christ is ever flowing, and we never stop learning something new. Wherever you might be in your personal journey, Alpha has something for you.

Please be advised that we do limit the number of registrants for our Alpha Sessions, so we ask that you register as soon as you are able.

Thank you for your consideration, prayers and support. May the Lord continue to bless you and your families in 2023 and beyond.

In Christ,  
Michael Tom



*You're Invited...*

**Join us for our upcoming  
Winter 2023  
Alpha Session @ IC!**

Alpha allows you to explore questions of the Christian faith in an open-minded and friendly environment. There's no cost and no pressure! Just lots of great conversation and space to think.

Each session begins with a meal, followed by a video presentation, then small group discussion. An hour and a half of the best time you will spend in an evening - or weekend morning!

Sign up now... spots are limited and fill up fast! Visit us at: [icchicago.org/connect/alpha.cfm](http://icchicago.org/connect/alpha.cfm) for more information and to register.

Alpha

*A Note of Gratitude From Our Director of Worship...*

Epiphany has arrived! And with it, much like the gifts offered to the Christ child by the Magi, a Christmas present to our parish of unprecedented generosity. Special thanks to our generous donors for matching gifts from both our IC Holy Name Men's Club and an anonymous parish family. The parish at large really came out in full force to take advantage of these matching gifts and it paid off as IC's new *Concert Steinway Model M Grand Piano* arrived just before our Christmas celebration. I cannot adequately express in words how grateful we are for everyone's generosity. To put it in baseball terms "you hit it out of the park!"

Our 60 for 60 campaign far exceeded its fundraising goal at a whopping +150%. When I arrived at IC nearly 8 years ago, I knew this parish was something special. The reputation IC has in the Diocese for Liturgy and Music is well-known and is mentioned to me often by visiting Priests and Bishops. That is because of **you**. You care, and you take pride in this parish. It is both refreshing and encouraging to serve in a community that expects the absolute best in worship of our amazing and gracious God. This piano will enhance our prayer and sung worship for the next 50 years – it is simply the finest instrument that we could have put into our worship space and we give thanks to God and to our community for making this possible. I invite you to visit me after Mass for a firsthand tour of the instrument as the photographs included in this article hardly do it justice.

I have had many people come up to me over the last two weeks commenting on the richness of the sound of our new instrument. We will be posting an audio clip of me online playing the same piece of music on the old instrument versus the new very soon as the depth of our new instrument makes our old instrument (nearly 50 years old) pale in comparison. Special thanks to Fr. Matt for his leadership on this project. Without his support, this, and many other 60 for 60 projects that are planned, would never happen. We also look forward to our new Sanctuary furniture and appointments. And yes, in Spring we should see progress on the new terraced gardens by our statue of the Blessed Mother in front of our Church as well as a revamp of the grounds in front of our school.

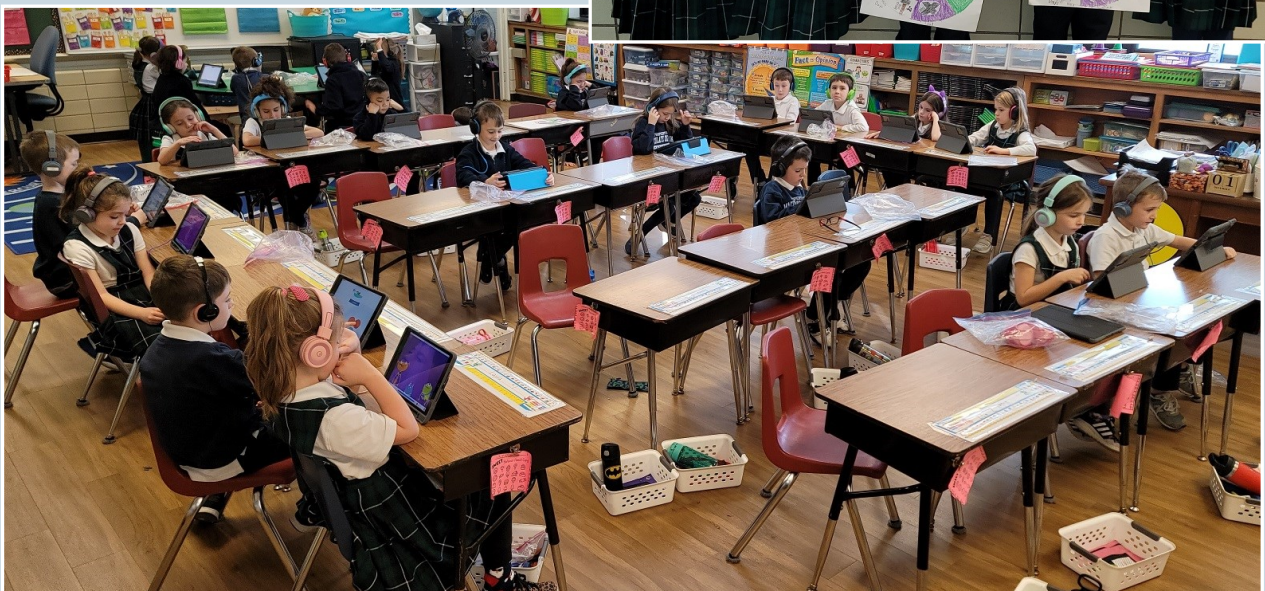
With profound appreciation and thanks – *Scott, Director of Worship*





Mrs. Mahoney's First Grade Class

Prior to our Christmas Break, our First Grade students worked on a religion project that entailed our children learning about the seasons celebrated in the liturgical Church year. After which, our class made their own Church year calendar. Our students also work on their iPads weekly with math and reading lessons.



*Please join our parish family in prayer ...*

*For those who are sick;*



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 Roberta Berger  
 John Bozek  
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 Mary Cali  
 Jackie Campbell  
 Zita Castro  
 Donna Chaplin  
 James Covello  
 Ronnie Cunningham  
 Paige Dicks  
 Margarita DiSalvo  
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 Lilia Dulce  
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 Mary Ellen Vanderman  
 Miss Westhoff  
 Rita Zambon

**\*Newly Added**

*For our faithful departed:*

Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI  
 Glenn D. Molo (Husband of Jena)  
 Michael W. McMahon (Husband of Linda)  
 Geraldine Charbonnier  
 Fernando Alfredo Jimenez



*"Eternal rest grant unto them,  
 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, 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Katherine D. Hartnett, SPC Michael J. Stone, Pvt. Charlie Cruz Pappas  
**U.S. Navy** - CMDR Michael Brasseur, LCDR Christopher Jenkins, PO Thomas T. Tudisco  
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**U.S. Marines** - 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](http://vets.archchicago.org) that provides information that can be of assistance.



*Mass Intentions:  
Sunday, January 8<sup>th</sup>  
through  
Sunday, January 15<sup>th</sup>*

**Sunday, January 8<sup>th</sup> - The Epiphany of The Lord**

5:00 P.M. (Saturday) – †Charles “Chuck” Johnson; †Diane Sprincz (Birthday Remembrance); and †JoAnn Barder

8:30 A.M. – †Dennis Jaburek; and †Raymond & Sophia Starzynski

10:30 A.M. – †Chuck Johnson; †Deceased Members of The Furgat Family; †Catherine Lacey; †Paul Haugh; †Sean Nee; †Rosario Bongiovanni; †Phyllis Ventura; †Laura Bush; †Gregory A. Tomaino; The Cozzo-Puccio Families (Living); The Altman Family (Living); and The People of the Parish

**Monday, January 9<sup>th</sup> - The Baptism of the Lord**

8:30 A.M. – †James Duffy; and Jaroslaw Sadowski (on his Birthday) (Living)

**Tuesday, January 10<sup>th</sup> - Weekday (First Week In Ordinary Time)**

8:30 A.M. – †Margaret Devine (Birthday Remembrance); and †Elizabeth Serafin

**Wednesday, January 11<sup>th</sup> - Weekday**

8:30 A.M. – Abigail Gonsalves (on her Birthday) (Living); and Thomas & Girley Abraham (on their 36<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary) (Living)

**Thursday, January 12<sup>th</sup> - Weekday**

8:30 A.M. – Armando Abdon, Sr. (Living)

**Friday, January 13<sup>th</sup> - Saint Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church**

**Saturday, January 14<sup>th</sup> - Weekday**

5:00 P.M. – †Maureen Greene; and †John Keane

**Sunday, January 15<sup>th</sup> - Second Sunday In Ordinary Time**

8:30 A.M.- The Leahy Family (Living)

10:30 A.M. – †Sophie Oleksy; †Paul Haugh; †Raymond & Sophia Starzynski; †Francis Brissette (on his 18<sup>th</sup> Anniversary); †Francis & Moira Cross; Members of IC Holy Name Men’s Club (Living); The Keely Family (Living); and The People of the Parish



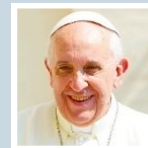
January 8<sup>th</sup> through January 14<sup>th</sup>  
Our Sanctuary Lamp is burning this week for the prayer intention of  
**Brooke Foreman**  
(Daughter of Jennifer (Zyks) & Jeremy Foreman)  
Requested by: Ray & Jan Ehrlich

January 8<sup>th</sup> through January 13<sup>th</sup>  
Our Blessed Mother Votive is burning this week for the prayer intention of  
**Connie Gronck**

January 8<sup>th</sup> through January 13<sup>th</sup>  
Our St. Joseph Votive is burning this week for the prayer intention of  
**Deacon Ron Gronck**

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

“God loves us so much that He shares our humanity and our lives. He never leaves us alone either in joy or in sorrow because He is the Emmanuel, the God with us, the light that illuminates the darkness and the tender presence that accompanies us on our journey.” #Christmas



Coffee House: Sunday, January 8<sup>th</sup> (hosted by our IC Alpha Team)

All are welcome!

## Immaculate Conception Parish

# COFFEE HOUSE



**Sunday  
Jan.  
8th**

Join us for coffee, pastries & conversation in our Rectory Assembly after our 8:30 A.M. & 10:30 A.M. Sunday Masses

Special Guest Host: IC Alpha Team  
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WITH JOYFUL HEARTS,  
WE WELCOME OUR  
NEWLY BAPTIZED.



*Violet Rose Schnitzlein*  
Child of Robert Charles & Alissa Rose (Hartlaub) Schnitzlein

*IC Parish Blood Drive Results*

Thank you to the thirty generous people who, one week before Christmas, donated blood at our recent drive. 29 and 3/4 pints were collected. Whole blood is divided into plasma, platelets, and red blood cells.

Altogether, the following donors may have touched the lives of 90 patients, providing hope and health this holiday season: Harold Neely, Don Witz, Bliss Gavin, Dan Swagler, John Gavin, Nancy Kanoon, Grace Leader, Joshua Bowers, Stan "Tex" Banash, Tiffany Walsh, Eric Larson, Mary Fallon, Michael Carroll, Sr., Katherine Traversa, Dianne Wenzl, Diana Leyhane, Maria Plonka, Jen Buti, Silvia Buti, John Fahey, Erin Monforti, Debbie Walsh-Monforti, William Scheffey, John Martin, Kris Stachula, Suzanne Witz, Daniel Vallejos, Mary Parich, Erin Robinson, and Tom Baran.



*IC Holy Name Men's Club Upcoming Events Calendar*



### IC Men's Club

*Important Dates ~ January to March 2023*



## JANUARY

Thursday, January 12, 2023 ~ Men's Club meeting @ 8pm in the Bowling Alley

Sunday, January 15, 2023 ~ NFL Wild Card watch party in the Bowling Alley\*

## February

Thursday, February 2, 2023 ~ Men's Club meeting @ 8pm in the Bowling Alley

Sunday, February 12, 2023 ~ Super Bowl Party in the Parish Center gym\*

## MARCH

Thursday, March 2, 2023 ~ Nonno Pino's Restaurant Fundraiser: Dine in, Carry out, Delivery

Thursday, March 2, 2023 ~ Men's Club meeting @ 8pm in the Bowling Alley

Saturday, March 4, 2023 ~ St. Patrick's Day Party in the Parish Center gym\*





\* More information available closer to the date

If you have any questions, please contact Ronald Yak on Fast Direct or email at [rwyo71981@aol.com](mailto:rwyo71981@aol.com)



*Gospel Meditation - Encourage a Deeper Understanding of Scripture*



A friend of mine is a young priest who teaches high school physics at a Catholic boys' prep school. Like many today, the boys often think science and religion are enemies. So, he delights in their raised eyebrows when he reminds them his first full-time job as a priest was to be an astrophysicist. He cataloged the size, shape, and matter of distant stars. He tells them, "Science gave me more love for God, not less."

The Magi were something like scientist-astronomers. Like today's scientists, they employed disciplined methods of discovering dependable patterns in the world. Their rigorous commitment to the truth led them to the joy of

discovering Jesus. Their love for knowledge leads them to worship the Source of all knowledge. Luke says of them, "They were overjoyed at seeing the star."

We may see the universe as cold and empty and feel sad. But why should we do that? The Magi, like my priest-friend, show us there is another way to experience the world. We use our intelligence to discover the beautiful patterns in the world – in mathematics, physics, astronomy, biology, neuroscience, and so on – and allow this to lead us to greater love for God. So, my fellow Magi: the world needs us to be overjoyed at finding God in science and, finally and fully, in Jesus. – *Father John Muir* ©LPi



*Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI (Joseph Aloisius Ratzinger): April 16, 1927 - December 31, 2022*



At this moment, my thought goes spontaneously to dear Pope emeritus Benedict XVI who left us this morning. We are moved as we recall him as such a noble person, so kind. And we feel such gratitude in our hearts: gratitude to God for having given him to the Church and to the world; gratitude to him for all the good he accomplished, and above all, for his witness of faith and prayer, especially in these last years of his recollected life. Only God knows the value and the power of his intercession, of the sacrifices he offered for the good of the Church.

*Francis*



*Ministry Schedules: Saturday, January 14<sup>th</sup> & Sunday, January 15<sup>th</sup>*

	Saturday 5:00 P.M. Mass	Sunday 8:30 A.M. Mass	Sunday 10:30 A.M. Mass
Presiders	Fr. Matthew Heinrich	Fr. Matthew Heinrich	Fr. Robert Fedek
Lectors	N. Kremer	J. Semmler	M. Carroll
Cantors	E. Doyle	Vocal Quintet & Violin	Vocal Quintet
Extraordinary Ministers	E. Kinzie	L. Delana	J. Campbell & R. Siciliano
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**What's Happening @ IC...**

**Monday, January 9<sup>th</sup> – The Baptism of The Lord**  
**School Resumes**  
 10:15 A.M.-Noon – Monday Morning Bible Study: “The Gospel of John”; RA  
 7:00-9:00 P.M. – Alpha Team Mtg.; RA  
 7:00-8:30 P.M. – Overtones Rehearsal; CH

**Tuesday, January 10<sup>th</sup> –**  
 7:30 P.M.-9:00 P.M. – Baptismal Preparation Session; RA

**Wednesday, January 11<sup>th</sup> –**  
 2:00-3:30 P.M. – Choristers Rehearsal; CH  
 2:00-3:30 P.M. – IC Teacher Development Session with Fr. Matt; RA  
 4:00-5:00 P.M. – Religious Education Program Classes Resume; SC  
 7:00-8:30 P.M. – Alpha Alumni Connect Group Session; RA  
 7:30-9:30 P.M. – Parents Club Mtg.; NWCR

**Thursday, January 12<sup>th</sup> –**  
 6:30-8:00 P.M. – Cub Scout Derby Workshop; PH  
 8:00-9:30 P.M. – Holy Name Men’s Club Mtg.; BA

**Friday, January 13<sup>th</sup> –**  
 8:15 P.M. – Men’s Basketball; PC

**Saturday, January 14<sup>th</sup> –**  
 11:00 A.M.-1:00 P.M. – Future City Mtg.; NWCR

**Sunday, January 15<sup>th</sup> –**  
**Noon** – HNMC Membership Event: *NFL Wild Card Weekend Watch Party*; BA



**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)



*Saint of The Week - Examples of Our Faith: Servant of God Leonard LaRue*

Leonard LaRue, or, Benedictine Brother Marinus LaRue O.S.B., had his cause officially opened for sainthood in June 2021. This incredible man was born in Philadelphia on January 14, 1914, and died on October 14, 2001, at the age of 87.

While captaining the 7,600-ton U.S. Merchant Marine ship, the *SS Meredith Victory*, during the Korean war, Leonard led the largest humanitarian rescue operation by a single vessel in history, whether during war or civilian conditions. Under his leadership, his crew and he evacuated 14,000 Korean refugees, including women and children, to safety. To accomplish this, he swiftly unloaded all cargo from the freighter and allowed as many refugees as could possibly fit into the five empty cargo spaces and onto the deck. Despite the extreme cold, lack of adequate food and water, the fact that the crew didn't know Korean, and the refugees didn't know English, communist submarines hunting for them, and constant shelling and fighting nearby, he managed to transport all 14,000 refugees 490 miles southeast to safety. They

arrived at Geoje Island on Christmas day with no injuries along with 5 additional people added to their numbers as 5 women gave birth during the treacherous two-day ordeal.

LaRue's successful deliverance of those under his protection spoke volumes of his bravery and love of those who were victims of war and violence. According to the U.S. Department of Transportation Maritime Administration, his mission is remembered as a Christmas miracle and "One of the greatest marine rescues in the history of the world." Captain LaRue remained in command of the *Meredith Victory* until it was decommissioned in 1952.

Inspired by the Benedictine monks, Leonard entered St. Paul Benedictine Abbey in New Jersey as a monk in 1954 shortly after the decommissioning of his ship. There, he lived out the rest of his life as Brother Marinus LaRue in prayer among the brothers of his religious community. He was the Abbey's dishwasher, bell ringer, and gift shop attendant. ©LPi

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