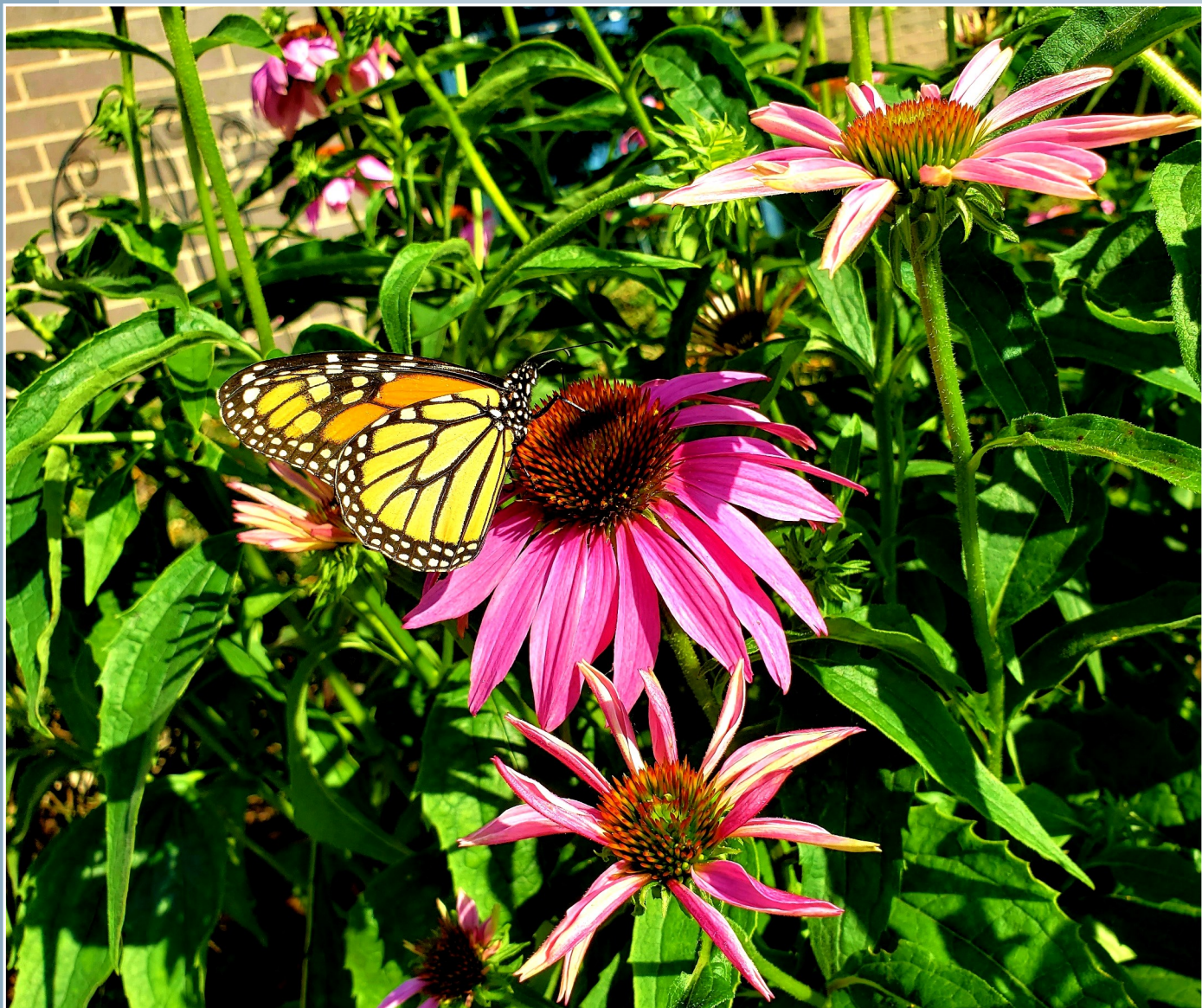


Welcome to
Immaculate Conception Parish

A Catholic Community Inviting People to Follow Christ

July 16, 2023 - Fifteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time

The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.



*"I consider that the sufferings of this present time are as nothing compared with the glory to be revealed to us.
For creation awaits with eager expectation the revelation of the children of God."*

- Romans 8:18-19

Love God • Serve Others • Make Disciples

Contact Us

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✉: parishoffice@icchicago.org

Parish Office Summer Hours:
(as of June 12th)

Monday-Friday: 9:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.
Saturday: 9:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.
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 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. Masks are optional.

All are welcome!

Weekday Mass Schedule:

In-Person

Monday through Thursday @ 8:30 A.M.
(Rosary Prayers & Chaplet of Mercy prayed after Weekday Masses)

(Please note: Friday daily Masses & First Friday Mass & Adoration temporarily suspended as of July 8th)

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:

2nd & 4th 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:
www.givecentral.org/location/349

Offertory envelopes can also be mailed in or dropped off at our Parish Office.

Scan the QR Code below:



Text-To-Give: Text “Sunday” to 773-915-0503



Josephina Marie Genova
Child of Jason Matthew & Antonette Marie (Campagna) Genova

Andres David Montoya
Child of Juan Felipe & Jessica Adriana (Sanchez) Montoya

Community Outreach

Volunteers Needed...

Please join us on **Thursday, July 20th** at **6:00 P.M.** in the Rectory Assembly for plastic bag prep for crocheted mats for the homeless. We need your help to transform plastic bags into yarn balls, which will then be crocheted into mats for the homeless. This is easy and all you have to do is bring scissors and we will supply the plastic bags. We will show you this easy task and you will be such a great contribution to this process. Thanks in advance! Any questions? Please call/text *Nancy Soprych* at 773.805.3254.

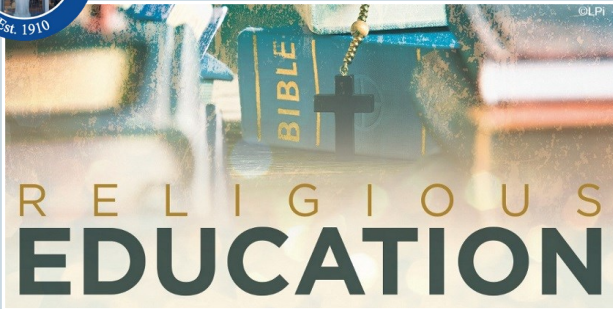


Isla Marie Rice
Child of Scott William & Paris Michelle (Corvino) Rice



Adam Bourdosis & Robin Kitowski

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



**Immaculate Conception School
Religious Education Program 2023-2024**

Registration:

Religious Education Registration will be held online beginning on **Monday, August 28th** and will conclude on **Wednesday, September 6th**

First Day of Class:

Wednesday, September 13th – 4:00-5:00 P.M.

For the upcoming 2023-2024 School Year, classes will meet in-person on a weekly basis on **Wednesdays** from **4:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M.** in our School.



Religious Education:
Helps to build a strong foundation

Sacramental Dates:



Confirmation [8th Grade]: Sunday, November 5, 2023 @ 2:00 P.M. with Bishop Bartosic presiding

First Reconciliation [2nd Grade]: Wednesday, February 21, 2024 @ 7:00 P.M.

First Communion [2nd Grade]: Saturday, May 11, 2024 @ 10:00 A.M.

Sacramental Programs:

**Immaculate Conception Parish Policy states that students must attend Religious Education classes in Grades One and Two to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Communion in Grade Two.

All students are expected to continue to attend Religious Education classes to enroll in the Confirmation Program and receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in Grade Eight.

All course requirements must be met. Regular attendance is expected.

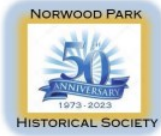
2023-2024 Religious Education Tuition:

[Tuition fee includes all books and class materials and instruction by IC School Teachers]
 One student per family (Grades 1-7): \$400
 One student (Grade 8) (classes end on December 20th): \$200 (plus Confirmation fee of \$50)
 Tuition increases by \$150 per additional child
 Confirmation fee (Grade 8): \$50
 Communion fee (Grade 2): \$50
 Registration fee (for first time families only): \$50
 Late fee (after Friday, September 15th): \$100
 Annual tuition payment due by: Friday, September 8th

All tuition payments will only be accepted online via Give Central @: givecentral.org/Religious-Education-Tuition-2023-2024



Norwood Park Historical Society Celebrates 149th Anniversary of Chicago's Norwood Park...



Norwood Park's 149th Birthday Party

Noble-Seymour-Crippen House
5624 N Newark Ave (Chicago's Oldest)
773-631-4633



Join us on **Saturday, July 22**

From Noon to 3pm for loads of family fun.



A Kona Ice truck and a Smoque Barbecue truck will be onsite so you can cool off with a treat or relax and enjoy a tasty lunch. Civil War reenactors will ignite



excitement while sharing some history. There will be fun for everyone everyone....even a Kids Corner.



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Golden Wedding Anniversary 2023



Congratulations to all of the couples celebrating 50 years of Marriage this year!

The *Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass* is scheduled to be held on **Sunday, September 17, 2023 at 2:30 P.M.** The Mass will be celebrated at *Holy Name Cathedral*, 735 North State Street, Chicago, IL. 60654. For more information, please visit: pvm.archchicago.org/events/golden-wedding or email gwa@archchicago.org. Please register by: **September 15, 2023**

The public is invited to attend an old-fashioned birthday party to celebrate the 149th Anniversary of Norwood Park's founding as a village in 1874. The event will take place next **Saturday, July 22nd**, from **Noon - 3:00 P.M.**, in the backyard of Chicago's oldest house, the *Noble-Seymour-Crippen House*, 5624 N. Newark Ave., in the heart of Norwood Park.

"This is a time to celebrate our roots as a village and the Norwood Park community that followed," said Judy McIntyre, NPHS president. *"We hope our friends in nearby city neighborhoods and surrounding suburban communities will bring their children and join us in this festive event of family fun. This is a throwback to the past for both young and old to enjoy."*

Among the activities will be kids' crafts and games, badminton and croquet and Civil War re-enactors to share their love of history and explain daily life as a Civil War soldier. Free cake and ice cream will be part of the birthday celebration. Others wanting to cool off with a treat or enjoy a tasty lunch can visit the on-site *Kona Ice* truck and/or *Smoque Barbecue* food truck offering for-purchase items.

Want to tour the house and learn about its history? Docents will conduct tours of the non-profit historic *Noble-Seymour-Crippen House* from Noon to 4:00 P.M. and explain the history of Norwood Park and the role of the house's three principal occupants — *Mark Noble, Sr., Thomas Seymour* and *Stuart Crippen* families. The Museum Store inside the house will also be open with a docent providing assistance with purchases. Browsers will find inscribed books by local authors, 1907 maps of Norwood Park, commemorative collector plates of historic Norwood Park buildings, artist (signed and unsigned) prints of the *Noble-Seymour-Crippen House*, NPHS T-shirts, and other interesting merchandise.

For more information, call the *Noble-Seymour-Crippen House* at 773.631.4633 or visit their website at: norwoodparkhistoricalsociety.org.



Please join our parish family in prayer ...

For those who are sick;



Tom Altman
Paul Amandes
Amelia Aquino
Arnold B.
Robert Behrman
Sonia M. B.
Roberta Berger
Vince Caeti
Mary Cali
Donna Chaplin
Truman Collins
James Covello
Ronnie Cunningham
Paige Dicks
Margarita DiSalvo
Emily Divarco
Eric Dulce
Lilia Dulce
Ozzie D'Souza
Valerie Dziekonski
Elizabeth Felix
Patrick Fisher
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Brooke Foreman
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Patricia Furgat
Lila Gehner
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Mary Ellen Vanderman
Louis Ward
Miss Westhoff
Rita Zambon

***Newly Added**

For our faithful departed:

Mary T. Quinn
Anton "Tony" Klein (Father of Andrea Warner)



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

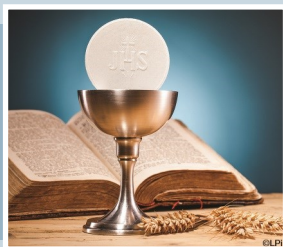


For those who serve our country:



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, 1st 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, Ensign Marina J. Monacelli
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 - PFC Sebastian L. Rivera, Jr., PFC Christopher Hughes, PFC Algene D. Porticos, LCpl Daniel Wiczorek, LCpl Luis A. Corea

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, July 16th
through
Sunday, July 23rd*

Sunday, July 16th - Fifteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time

5:00 P.M. (Saturday) — †Richard Smola (Birthday Remembrance); †Stanislaw Swiderski; †Guy Mariel & Jenny DeCastro Family; Bridget Berggren (on her Birthday) (Living); and The Berggren Family (Living)

8:30 A.M. — †Edward A. Mazur

10:30 A.M. — †Rocco Chiusolo; †Robert & JoAnn Barder; †Doris Kech; †The Deceased Members of The Jurcenko Family; †Felicja Zawora (on her 1st Anniversary); †Marie Frances Hagarty; †Eugene Ahern; †Francis & Moira Cross; †Frank DiSalvo; Margarita DiSalvo (Living); The Spinnato & Balisteri Families (Living); and The People of the Parish

Monday, July 17th - Weekday

8:30 A.M. — †Amy Witz; and †Griffin Shane Ocampo Maks

Tuesday, July 18th - Saint Camillus de Lellis, Priest

8:30 A.M. — †Robert Chaplin (on his 17th Anniversary)

Wednesday, July 19th - Weekday

8:30 A.M. — William Remblake (Living)

Thursday, July 20th - Saint Apollinaris, Bishop and Martyr

8:30 A.M. — †Marie Rendant; †David Ahle Turner; †Maureen Dunphy (on her 17th Anniversary); †Nicholas Sader (Birthday Remembrance); and †Francis Sader

Friday, July 21st - Saint Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest and Doctor of the Church; Blessed Francis Jordan, Priest and Religious Founder

Saturday, July 22nd - Saint Mary Magdalene

5:00 P.M. — †Nora & John Joyce and Family; †Carlo Paura (Birthday Remembrance); †Sister M. Jean Kula; †Stanislaw Swiderski; and †Amy Witz

Sunday, July 23rd - Sixteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time

8:30 A.M. — †Eugene McCarron (on his 1st Anniversary); and †Paul, Gloria & Steven Budziak

10:30 A.M. — †Manuel Mendoza; †Charlene Perri; †The Deceased Members of The Perri Family; †The Deceased Members of The Speciale Family; †Francis Leving-Ning Chu; †Frankie J. DiSalvo; †Francis & Moira Cross; and The People of the Parish



July 16th through July 22nd

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

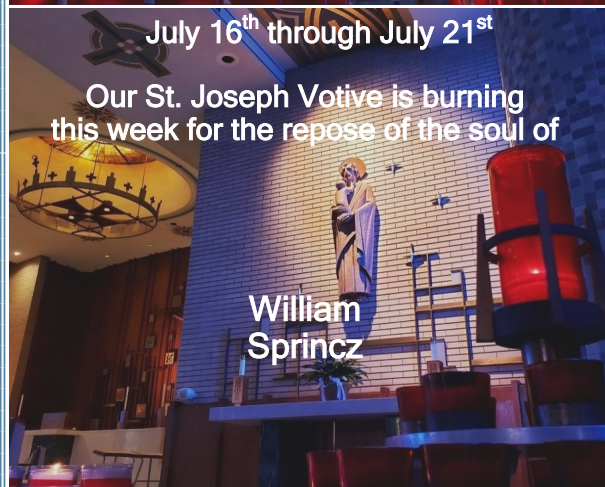
Deacon Rick & Carol Moritz



July 16th through July 21st

Our Blessed Mother Votive is burning this week for the prayer intentions of

Rita Zambon



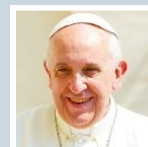
July 16th through July 21st

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

William Sprincz

Pope Tweet of the Week...

"Let us #PrayTogether that Catholics place at the center of their lives the Eucharistic Celebration, which transforms human relationships and opens up an encounter with God and their brothers and sisters."



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

Why Use Incense?

Question: Why do we use incense at Mass?

Answer:

The use of incense in religious ceremonies and worship is a practice that predates Christianity, and which is also found in many other religious traditions today.

Incense, which is made from resin infused with aromatic spices and oils, is one of those fundamentally human symbols that incorporates more than one of our senses, helping us to reflect on realities that transcend the everyday details of our lives.

The use of incense in the Church's liturgy – in the Mass, as well as in devotions to the Eucharist and the Liturgy of the Hours – is inspired by the use of incense in the Jewish tradition. In the writings of the Old Testament, we hear about incense being used in the worship of the temple, and Psalm 141 asks, "Let my prayer be incense before you; my uplifted hands an evening offering" (vs. 2). The image here is that, as the incense gently rises to heaven, our prayers also rise to God as something sweet and pleasant.

Another ancient use of incense that has also become part of our Catholic tradition is the idea that when we incense something, it's because it is something special or sacred. This is why the Book of the Gospel is incensed during the Liturgy of the Word and the bread, wine, priest celebrant, and congregation are incensed at the presentation of the gifts. To this, we can also add the incensing of the Blessed Sacrament during eucharistic adoration and benediction, and the body of the deceased at the end of the Mass of the Resurrection (the Funeral Mass). ©LPi



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QUO VADIS DAYS

Sunday, July 30 – Wednesday, August 2, 2023
Mundelein Seminary, Mundelein, IL



Quo Vadis Days is a 4-day/3-night camp for young men cosponsored by the Archdiocese of Chicago and the Diocese of Joliet and led by the seminarians. The camp is filled with dynamic talks, small group discussion, prayer experiences, as well as plenty of fun – sports, board games, fires and smores, and much more.

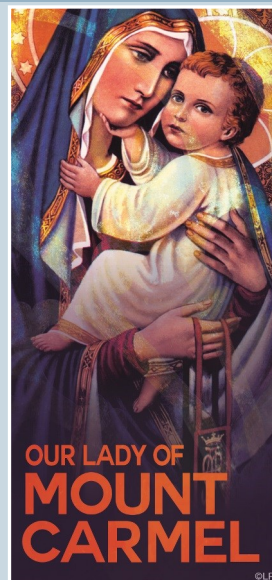
The camp is open to all middle school graduates over the age of 13 through age 18 who want to grow in their relationship with the Lord and learn more about the priesthood.

More information and registration is available at: chicagopriest.com/events/quo-vadis-days

Questions? Contact Katie Hazen at khazen@archchicago.org




Our Lady of Mount Carmel: July 16th



The origins of this feast reach all the way back to the Old Testament. In the book of Kings, we read the story of the prophet Elijah. Much of his prayer, fasting, and public ministry occurred from Carmel, a mountain in Israel. Christian hermits -- seeking solitude -- made their homes on the mountain during the first millennium. Over time, the hermits assembled into a community and were given a Rule of Life.

They named their church after Mary -- Our Lady of Mount Carmel. Political upheaval forced the Carmelite order out of the Holy Land and into Europe, where they established monasteries for both men and women across the continent. Many great saints and doctors of the Church have come from the Carmelite order, including St. Teresa of Avila, St. John of the Cross, St. Therese of Lisieux, and St. Edith Stein.

Our Lady of Mount Carmel. Pray for us!

Gospel Meditation - Encourage a Deeper Understanding of Scripture



It's not uncommon to hear people complain that we Catholics often fail in communicating our faith. Fair enough. We can and should improve there. But it's interesting to notice that Jesus himself was implicitly accused by his disciples of a similar failure. This week in Matthew's gospel they are perplexed that he speaks to the crowds in ambiguous parables. The Lord's riddles leave many people more confused than before. He responds by pointing out that his parables have an intentional dual purpose: to hide (for some) and to reveal (for others) his Gospel: "Because knowledge of the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven has been granted to you, but to them it has not been granted" (Matthew 13:11). Is Jesus being unnecessarily difficult, obscurantist, or, worse, elitist?

No. We have to remember that all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge lie hidden in him (c.f., Col. 2:3). He is the word of God from heaven to be planted in the earth of our humanity to bear great fruit. However, like a lover delicately pursuing his beloved, we're dealing with a *relationship*, not new data. When we aren't willing to personally accept Jesus into our lives, the "info" of the Gospel will simply not make sense to us. It'll seem bizarre, esoteric, or like incoherent religious-speak. But when we are willing to accept Jesus into our lives, everything else starts to make sense. When others don't understand the Church or the Lord, let's be patient. Love is patient. Sometimes it has to hide before it is revealed. — Father John Muir ©LPi



We believe in the power of prayer and would like to offer this special ministry (formed by our Evangelization Team) for anyone in our community who wishes to be prayed for or to have someone to pray with.

Representatives from our prayer team are available at the quiet room in the back of our Church after all our Weekend Masses (5:00 P.M. on Saturdays, 8:30 A.M. & 10:30 A.M. on Sundays).

As a parish, we are striving to become a community that prays intentionally for one another, sharing both joys and struggles as one family.

Even if you do not need prayers at this time, please pray for our team and those who make use of them and ask God that our community grow stronger together through prayer.

Ministry Schedules: Saturday, July 22nd & Sunday, July 23rd

	Saturday 5:00 P.M. Mass	Sunday 8:30 A.M. Mass	Sunday 10:30 A.M. Mass
Presiders	Fr. Robert Fedek	Fr. Matthew Heinrich	Fr. Matthew Heinrich
Lectors	N. Schroeder	J. Semmler	J. Campbell
Cantors	E. Doyle	Vocal Trio	Vocal Trio
Extraordinary Ministers	S. Witz	K. Gillespie & D. Sebastian	N. Kanoon & R. Siciliano
Altar Servers	J. Galeno; J. Nelson; TBA	C. Beach; O. Magruder; C. Villafane	O. Accardo; K. Giannola; L. Love



Our Parish Staff:

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What's Happening @ IC...

Monday, July 17th –
 8:00 A.M.-6:00 P.M. – IC Summer Camp; PC

Tuesday, July 18th –
 8:00 A.M.-6:00 P.M. – IC Summer Camp; PC

Wednesday, July 19th –
 8:00 A.M.-6:00 P.M. – IC Summer Camp; PC

Thursday, July 20th –
 8:00 A.M.-6:00 P.M. – IC Summer Camp; PC
 6:00 P.M. – IC Outreach: *Plastic Bag Prep for Crocheted Mats for the Homeless*; RA

Friday, July 21st –
 8:00 A.M.-6:00 P.M. – IC Summer Camp; PC
 8:00 P.M. – Men's Basketball; PC

Sunday, July 23rd –
 9:30-10:15 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.

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**



Stay Connected @ IC:

Subscribe to our bimonthly email newsletter (featuring updates on parish events & projects, school activities, community highlights & service opportunities): icchicago.org/register/constantcontact.cfm

(Practicing) Catholic: Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments...

Soil Conditions...

I am a hopeless gardener. I never met a plant I couldn't swiftly kill with good intentions and poor understanding of soil conditions.

Because really, it's all about the soil conditions — at least, that's what Google tells me when I helplessly search phrases like "Why aren't any of my seeds sprouting? Please, I tried so hard." I can never seem to match the right type of soil offering the right type of drainage and texture with the right plant. I can't understand why it's not enough to bury the seed in whatever ground is available, sprinkle some water and ask it, very nicely, to grow.

This is also a quality that makes me a poor evangelist to people who do not share my beliefs. How many times have I encountered a friend or loved one who left the faith, and I tried to coax them back by hurling Catechism passages in their direction, offering advice they never asked for and are ill-equipped to understand? I sow these seeds of witness and bang my fists in frustration that they rot where I plant them, never realizing that *it's all about the soil.*

It is Christ, and Christ alone, who works within the heart. It is Christ who is the sower of the seed, not me. When I leave him out of the equation, when I fail to offer the Person and instead only offer the teaching, I can anticipate that any witness I have to offer will rot where it is planted just as sure as a tulip bulb in a bed of clay.

"...my word shall not return to me void, but shall do my will, achieving the end for which I sent it." — Isaiah 55:11
 - Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman © LPi



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