

Welcome to the Parish of
Immaculate Conception

A Catholic Community Inviting People to Follow Christ

July 19, 2020 - Sixteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time



*"And the one who searches hearts knows what is the intention of the Spirit,
because it intercedes for the holy ones according to God's will."*

- Romans 8:27

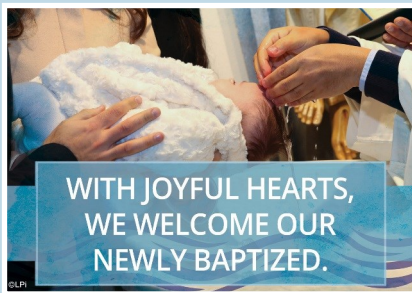
Love God, Serve Others, Make Disciples

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Gather with us virtually as we pray with, and for, one another during our Masses which are broadcast live through **Twitch TV** (www.twitch.tv/icchicago) and through **Facebook Live** on our Facebook page: *Immaculate Conception Parish Chicago (Talcott)*. Direct links to both platforms are easily accessible on our parish website (www.icparish.net). For your convenience, all Masses are recorded and archived for a limited time.

We also invite you to pray the **Rosary** and **Divine Mercy Chaplet** with us daily (Monday through Friday) at **3:00 P.M.** via Zoom. Additional instructions on how to join us are available on our website.



Camden Shea Lally
Child of Adrian John Lally and Shivonne Sheahan Wright



Phase 2 Preliminary Reopening Mass Schedule:

Sunday Mass in Church (with reserved seating)
@ 8:30 A.M. & 10:30 A.M.

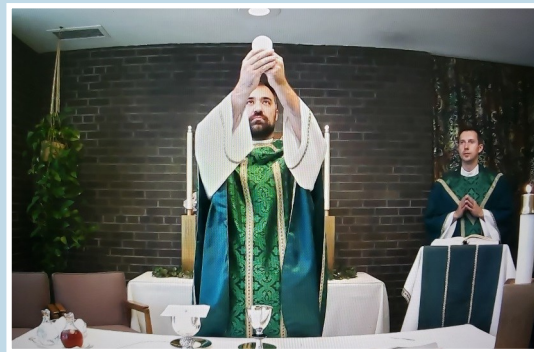
Please visit www.icparish.net to register.

First Friday Mass & Adoration in Church (with reserved seating) @ 5:30 P.M. (August 7th)

Worship with IC from home...

Sunday Virtual Mass @ 10:30 A.M.

Daily Virtual Mass @ 7:00 P.M. (Monday through Friday)



Opportunities for **Confessions** will be offered on the first and third Tuesdays of each month from **6:00-7:00 P.M.**

Next opportunity: *Tuesday, July 21st

***Reservations are required.**

Support IC through Give Central...

We are truly grateful for the continued generosity of our faithful parishioners as we would not be able to maintain our parish and continue our mission without you.

If you are able, please consider contributing electronically via Give Central at www.givecentral.org/location/349 to assist us in maintaining the vital ministries and services we provide on behalf of our community. If you have any questions regarding setting up your online donations through Give Central, please contact our Parish Office at 773.775.3833 and a member of our Parish Staff will be happy to assist you.

If you would prefer to support our parish with an offertory donation through cash or check, please mail your envelopes to our Parish Office at:

7211 W. Talcott Avenue, Chicago, IL. 60631.



"You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God." - 2 Corinthians 9:11

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Fr. Robert Carlton rejoins IC as our newly appointed Associate Pastor...

We are truly pleased to announce that **Fr. Robert Carlton** has been assigned by Cardinal Cupich to serve IC as our new **Associate Pastor**, effective as of **Saturday, July 18th!** As you may recall, Fr. Robert spent his pastoral year with us during his time as a transitional Deacon (prior to his Ordination to the Priesthood on May 18th of last year.) He celebrated his first Mass as an ordained priest at our parish prior to joining the staff at St. John Brebeuf, where he has faithfully served their community for the past year. During that time, we were also blessed to have him maintain an active presence at IC, frequently assisting us with our 6:00 P.M. evening Mass on Sundays as well as our School Assembly Masses on Wednesdays at 8:30 A.M., so it is with grateful hearts that we look forward to welcoming him back into our parish family as a full-time member of our pastoral staff and continuing our ongoing collaboration with him. Please keep Fr. Robert in your prayers as he transitions into his new role at our parish in the days ahead.



Dear IC Parishioners,

It is with great sadness that I publish the following statement from the Diocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis (courtesy of **Tim O'Malley, Director of Ministerial Standards and Safe Environment**):

"As stated in a June 14, 2020 response to Catholic News Agency, in 2018 the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis received two reports from another diocese that David Haas acted inappropriately with two adult women at an event in another state. Both women complained that Haas' conduct made them feel uncomfortable. The Archdiocese had received an earlier complaint, in 1987, that Haas had made unwanted sexual advances toward a young adult woman. In each instance, Haas denied that he engaged in inappropriate conduct. After receiving the 2018 complaint, the Archdiocese informed Haas that it would not provide a letter of recommendation that Haas had requested. Furthermore, we informed Haas that he was not allowed to provide services at Catholic institutions in the Archdiocese without disclosure of these complaints. Unless we receive other information, we will continue this course of action.



The Haas matter illustrates the challenges of responding to allegations of inappropriate behavior by lay persons who work with Catholic groups, especially when they are self-employed. We are committed to supporting anyone who has been harmed by persons of influence, prominence or power in our communities. At the same time, we recognize the importance of having a fair and appropriate forum that provides due process for those who have been accused.

However, the complaints about Haas are particularly concerning since they involve offenses against the dignity of the human person and are alleged to have occurred at Catholic events. We are committed to safe environments for all. We offer our support for those who have been harmed to come forward."

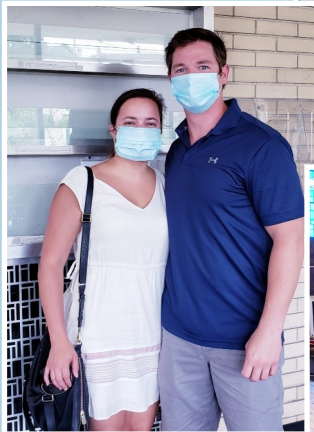
As of this bulletin, at least two of the major Catholic publishing companies have severed their professional relationships with Mr. Haas. After consulting with our Pastor Fr. Matt, we mutually concluded that it was appropriate to "retire" the music of Mr. Haas at IC. What does that mean exactly? Simply put, we will not perform his music at any parish event. Familiar songs such as *Blest Are they, We Are Called, You Are Mine*, etc. will no longer be a part of our musical canon going forward.

Having met Mr. Haas, as well as having many friends who have worked with him professionally, makes this decision difficult, but necessary. Should these allegations be found false, and the Diocese in which he resides restores his ability to receive a recommendation, we will revisit the matter.

Yours in Christ,
Scott Will, Director of Worship

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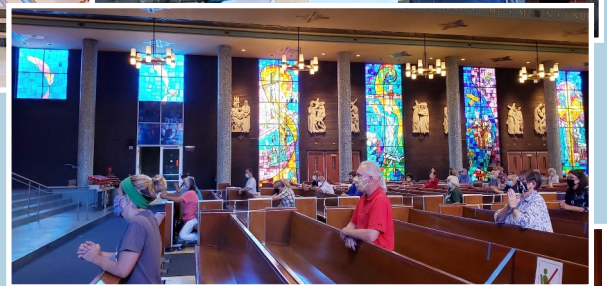
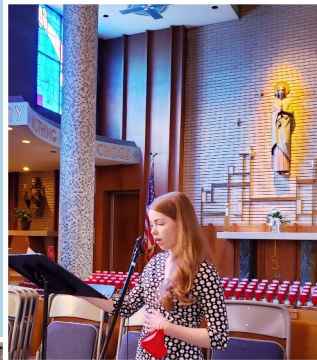
Snapshots from our 8:30 A.M. & 10:30 A.M. Masses as members of our parish family gathered with us on Sunday, July 12th for our celebration of the Eucharist...



Fr. Matt with our fabulous Greeting and Cleaning Team Captains, Darlene Mroz and Joe Jummati

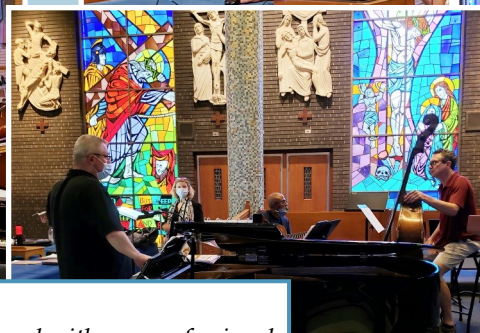
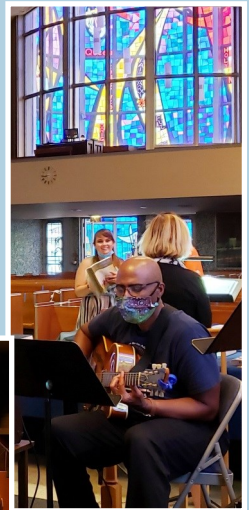
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8:30 A.M. Mass...



10:30 A.M. Contemporary Music Mass...

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Behind The Scenes...

Recording adventures for our virtual Masses continued with our professional quartet (Katie & Justin Taylor, Elizabeth Doyle and EmilyAnn Duffley) accompanied by Scott (on Piano) and our guest musicians, Jim Cox (on Bass) and Donovan Mixon (on Guitar.) Fr. Matt captured the proceedings on his laptop as well as provided guest vocals for select Mass parts.



Gospel Reflection...



*"Let them grow together until harvest; then at harvest time I will say to the harvesters,
"First collect the weeds and tie them in bundles for burning;
but gather the wheat into my barn."*

- Matthew 13:30b

We hear today a series of parables describing aspects of the kingdom of heaven: the parable of the weeds among the wheat, the parable of the mustard seed, and the parable of the yeast. What do you think makes Jesus' parables such an effective method for teaching about the mystery of the kingdom of heaven?

Immaculate Conception
School

A Great Place to Learn!



Summer Tours are Available.

**To schedule, please call the
School Office at 773-775-0545.**



Live the Liturgy - Inspiration for the Week

Grace and sin are found together. As much as our hearts long for union with God, there is always that part of us that resists. As much as I wholeheartedly believe in God, there is a dimension of disbelief with which I also wrestle. Even though we may seek purity and integrity in all of our thoughts, words, and deeds, there is also the path toward weakness and sin that we find ourselves traversing. Just as weeds can easily overtake the best of gardens, so too can weakness and sin overtake and overwhelm a person. The call is to realize the power the weeds of sin have to choke us off from God's presence. While God allows the wheat and the weeds to exist together, we must keep our eyes fixed on God's mercy and forgiveness and resist the death that comes from giving way to sin and evil. In God's time, the eternal harvest will come, and we will no longer have to worry about the weeds. For now, we must be vigilant and regularly seek the assistance of the Master Gardener.

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And The Two Shall Become One...



*"And so we know and rely on the
love God has for us. God is love.
Whoever lives in love lives in
God, and God in them."*

- 1 John 4:16

Mr. & Mrs. Matthew and Rachel Brill

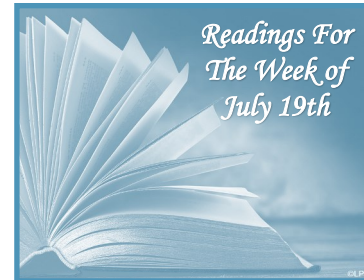
PRAYER LIST FOR THE SICK

Concetta Bartucci	Arlene Lacey-Beyna
Melissa Bednarz	Richard Losik
Celerina Behrman	Benny Martinez
Robert Behrman	Edwin Martinez
Sonia M. B.	Frank Martinez
Vince Caeti	Jan Merino
Jackie Campbell	Veronica Murillo
Rita Castillo	Timothy Murray
James Covello	Mae O'Donnell
Sherry Crocifisso	Jackie O'Koniewski
Ronnie Cunningham	Mary (Kores) Potwora
Richard Flanagan	Bill Remblake
Brooke Foreman	Sebastian L. Rivera
Lila Gehner	David Rodriguez
Irene Hand	Elaine Schatz
Ofelia Hernandez	Edward Stanczyk
Nancy Kinzie	Steven P. Trifilio
Craig Kloss	John Varallo
Lillian Kohut	

Eternal Rest Grant Unto Them...

Please join our parish family in prayer as we honor our faithful departed:

S. Richard Smola (Husband of Donna)
Daniel R. Steppan, Sr. (Father of Julie Stone)
Adeline N. Rokicki
Julia A. Mroczkowski



Sunday: Wis 12:13, 16-19/Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16 [5a]/Rom 8:26-27/Mt 13:24-43 or 13:24-30

Monday: Mi 6:1-4, 6-8/Ps 50:5-6, 8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23 [23b]/Mt 12:38-42

Tuesday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 85:2-4, 5-6, 7-8 [8a]/Mt 12:46-50

Wednesday: Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [2]/Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

Thursday: Jer 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13/Ps 36:6-7ab, 8-9, 10-11 [10a]/Mt 13:10-17

Friday: Jer 3:14-17/Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13 [cf. 10d]/Mt 13:18-23

Saturday: 2 Cor 4:7-15/Ps 126:1bc-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6 [5]/Mt 20:20-28

Next Sunday: 1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12/Ps 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-128, 129-130 [97a]/Rom 8:28-30/Mt 13:44-52 or 13:44-46

Connect with our Parish Staff...

Although our Church building will be open on a limited basis, our Parish Office will continue to remain closed for the time being. In the meantime, our Parish Staff is still available to assist you. Please don't hesitate to contact us at 773.775.3833 (voicemails are monitored daily) or connect with us via email at frontdesk@icparish.info with any questions, concerns or needs that may arise during this time.

Please take comfort in the knowledge that you are loved, missed and prayed for daily by all of us.

WHAT'S HAPPENING @ IC

For more information on upcoming events, please visit our parish website at www.icparish.net.

Please note: As a precautionary measure, all previously scheduled activities, meetings, and events have either been canceled or postponed until further notice. Additional scheduling changes may occur as the situation continues to develop.

Pope Tweet of the Week...

"Faith makes us walk with Jesus on the roads of this world, in the certainty that the power of His Spirit will bend the forces of evil, subjecting them to the power of God's love."

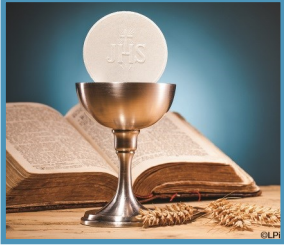


Your Gifts to God and Parish

If you plan to move from the 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 call our Parish Office, so your envelopes can be stopped for that time period. If you use electronic giving and still receive envelopes, please contact our Parish Office so that we can discontinue your receiving of envelopes.

BULLETIN DEADLINE: The deadline for all bulletin submissions is Friday at noon – 8 days prior to the Sunday it will appear. The email address is icparishbulletin@gmail.com.

PARISH REGISTRATION: Please contact our Parish Office at 773.775.3833 or visit our parish website at www.icparish.net for additional information.



*Mass Intentions:
Sunday, July 19th through
Sunday, July 26th*

Sunday, July 19th - Sixteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time

5:00 P.M. (Saturday) - †Bob Chaplin (on his 14th Anniversary);
and †Casimir Szpunar

8:30 A.M.— †Clementine Longo

10:30 A.M.— †Rocco Chiusolo; †Francis & Moira Cross;
†Deceased Members of the Palenica Family; †Corine Patricia
Myers; †Mary Alvarez; and The People of the Parish

6:00 P.M. - †Tommy Beckman (on his 10th Anniversary)

Monday, July 20th – Saint Apollinaris, Bishop and Martyr

8:30 A.M.— †Ann Dosek (on her 4th Anniversary)

**Tuesday, July 21st - Saint Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest and
Doctor of the Church**

8:30 A.M.— †Daniel Russell; and †Stevie Tyler (Birthday
Remembrance)

Wednesday, July 22nd - Saint Mary Magdalene

8:30 A.M.— †Carlo Paura; and †Sr. M. Jean Kula

Thursday, July 23rd – Saint Bridget, Religious

8:30 A.M. — †Michael J. Sampey (Birthday Remembrance)

Friday, July 24th - Saint Sharbel Makhluf, Priest

8:30 A.M.— The Peters Family (In Thanksgiving) (Living)

Saturday, July 25th - Saint James, Apostle

5:00 P.M. - †John Bielski, Sr.; and †James F. Hegarty (Death
Anniversary)

Sunday, July 26th – Seventeenth Sunday In Ordinary Time

8:30 A.M.— †Francis & Moira Cross; and †Poor Souls In Purgatory

10:30 A.M.— †Daniel Steppan, Sr.; †Fillat Godman; and Dr.
Daniel Dalinghaus & Family (Living)

6:00 P.M. — The People of the Parish



July 19th through July 25th

*The sanctuary lamp is burning this week
for the repose of the souls of*

Martha & Steven Petramala



July 19th through July 24th

*The Blessed Mother Votive is burning this
week for the prayer intention of*

Helga Jarosz



July 19th through July 24th

*The St. Joseph Votive is burning
this week for the repose of the souls of*

Henry & Lillian Kilian

PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY

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. Army - Thomas Treslo National Guard Specialist 4th Class

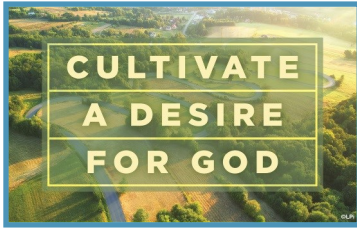
U.S. Navy - CMDR Michael Brasseur, Lt. Christopher Jenkins, PO Thomas T. Tudisco

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. Marine - Sean Gronset, PFC Sebastian L. Rivera, Jr., PFC Christopher Hughes, PFC Algene D. Porticos

Let us pray for these women and men and all who are serving in the military. Please contact our Parish Office when these service people return home. If you are a veteran or know a veteran, the Archdiocese of Chicago has a website: vets.archchicago.org that provides information that can be of assistance.

Gospel Meditation - Encourage a Deeper Understanding of Scripture



Grace and sin, belief and unbelief, good and evil all exist together. While we wrestle with these two dimensions of reality inwardly, they are also witnessed in the actions and words of others. Many, all too often, beat themselves up because of their sin. We are also all too quick to pass judgment on others whom we perceive to be in error and walking down a wrong path. God does not make rash judgments, nor should we. Patience is the order of the day as is an understanding that God is ultimately the caller of the shots.

Our faith tells us that while God allows the wheat and the weeds to coexist, the wheat will always triumph. As long as we can cultivate even a little faith and a small measure of desire for God, He can produce abundant blessings and good things. Even when the weeds seem to have triumphed, there still may be a small measure of faith remaining that can be cultivated and grown. It doesn't take much! Unless a person totally allows the weeds to reign, there is always to be found at least a small measure of faith, good, light, and love. With even this small portion, God can produce abundant growth.

Admittedly, it is easy to give into the weeds, and they grow very quickly. Any gardener knows this to be true. Sometimes, the weeds even seem more attractive and vibrant. Dealing with weeds can quickly become a losing battle, and they can look healthier and grow faster than the very plants we are trying to protect. It's easy to give into them and let them win. While God will deal with all things in due time, we are responsible for keeping things in check in the short term. It is our task to keep our eyes fixed on God's presence and mercy. We are asked to avoid judgment. And, it is not our responsibility to deal with the weeds in someone else's garden, only our own. One garden is enough responsibility for anyone.

Weeds have power. We have to realize this. While they can appear attractive and healthy, they can quickly choke us off from God's presence. Our task is one of maintenance and cultivating a desire for God. Even the smallest kernel of faith can grow into something wonderful. In God's time, the eternal harvest will come, and we will no longer have to worry about the weeds.

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Everyday Stewardship – Recognize God in your Ordinary Moments

Do What Needs to Be Done...

A friend recently confided in me that although he prayed frequently each day and was involved heavily in his parish, he did not sense much fruit coming from it all and was left feeling unsatisfied. I assured him he was not alone. I told him of a deceased pastor of mine who had spoken frequently about being in this type of situation. Even as a priest, he knew all too well of how we can feel like we are simply going through the motions. It is precisely at those times that continuing to pray and practicing good stewardship is most important, because it would be easier to simply take a break and risk never coming back. He liked to say, "Do the drill," meaning just do what needs to be done.

We are all called to be mature disciples who answer the call of Jesus Christ regardless of the cost. We cannot choose when and where the call will come. We cannot schedule our stewardship in a way that is always most convenient for us. Even when the fruits of our faithful efforts seem hidden from us, we hold to the promise that we are never called to give of ourselves for nothing. God is working through us and in us. No matter how dry the land may seem, seeds are being planted to yield a harvest greater than we can ever realize. Stay strong and do the drill!

– Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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