Welcome to Immaculate Conception Parish

A Catholic Community Inviting People to Follow Christ

July 24, 2022 - Seventeenth Sunday In Ordinary Time



"And I tell you, ask and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks, receives; and the one who seeks, finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened." - Luke 11:9-10

Love God • Serve Others • Make Disciples

Contact Us

Parish Office Summer Hours:

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

 Saturday:
 9:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.

 Sunday:
 Closed

Social Media

Parish Website: www.icchicago.org

School Website:

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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**



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 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)

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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.

Divine Renovation Conference: Part One

Many of you remember Fr. Fedek's impassioned speeches on vision, mission, renewal, and the like from a few years ago, which were inspired (in part) by a book he had purchased entitled "*Divine Renovation*" by Fr. James Mallon that outlined markers, steps, indicators, strategies, and lessons-learned, basically serving as a guidebook for the journey of parish renewal – how to transition a parish from maintenance to mission. Since then, many of you have had the chance to read the book as well.



Go forward a few years and Fr. Robert is now based downtown, I am now serving IC as your pastor, and we have many new things afoot at our parish.

I made the decision to attend the Divine Renovation Conference at the suggestion of my leadership coach and Diocesan employees. It has been my pleasure to include *Patty Rios* and *Michael Tom*, longtime parishioners, volunteers and friends, to experience something new with me.



The conference itself is hosted at St. Ann's in Coppell, Texas which features a mammoth-sized campus with rooms within rooms, all covered by a blazing 110-degree heat – a 25-year high stretch just for us! Imagine a church with 130 priests, 450-some laity, and people from as far as Australia, Columbia, England, and Ireland, all gathering together to pray and invest some time in clarifying their own vision for their respective parishes. That is to say, how can we make the presence of Jesus real to our people, wherever we may be? There are many paths to answer this, but I wanted to invest in leaders like *Patty* and *Michael* who, like me, are passionate about growing our parish in a healthy and strategic way.

I will write more about the topics of discussion themselves next week, along with sharing some reflections from the others, but for now, I can say that my focus has primarily been on leadership.

Leadership comes in different forms: Parish Staff, School Staff, Councils, Alpha Team, Evangelization Team, Ushers, Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, etc. I wanted to focus on the small conferences in how I might better lead, invest in, and empower our leaders. I cannot make IC "*the place to be*" on my own; I lack the talent and skill to do it by myself. I also lack certain gifts necessary to make it happen—but if I can identify, invite, and support those who do, we may look like a vastly different place in a few years.

To that end, I will come back with a lot of ideas, some of which I would like to try — most especially in doing something with all our leaders. I did a rough count, and including staff members, we have nearly one hundred people who serve others in some way. I am willing to bet that more are sitting in our pews, waiting to be invited or wondering if there is an opportunity. But starting with that one hundred, even a little parish like IC (St. Ann's has 12,000 families to our 1,500) can have six hundred people in the Church at once, loving God and serving others. It starts with little steps; even things as simple as prayer and support, which can lead to substantial changes.



From these first steps, my hope is to focus on our families and Sacraments, both in need of a lot of work and a lot of love. One of my long-term goals is to re-empower the family to teach Christ to their children, not to merely view Sacraments or faith as bland as dropping them off to school at 7:45 A.M. If we as a people do not know who Christ is, then Christian education and Sacraments are effectively worthless. We must begin with ways we can reintroduce Christ to each of us – His message of forgiveness and love is of immense value, especially in today's world.

For now, I hope you will pray for us that our last days at the conference go well. We look forward to showing you more specifically what we learned upon our return home to IC. - *Fr. Matt*



Snapshots From Our Alpha Alumni Connect Introductory Gathering - July 5th

On Tuesday, July 5th, Fr. Matt welcomed approximately thirty members of our parish family into his home as he hosted a barbecue for all Alpha Alumni to initiate our first Connect meeting, the next step in our Alpha journey. All happily gathered together to share a meal, reconnect and to learn how we can continue to grow together as a parish. Special thanks to *Jocelyn Lim* for kindly capturing photographs of this special event! Beginning in the Fall, our Alpha Alumni Connect Group will meet on a monthly basis. Our new Fall Alpha Session is scheduled to begin in September and will run for 11 consecutive weeks concluding in November. This Fall, we are expanding our Alpha offering to include sessions on Monday evenings and Saturday mornings. To learn more, please visit: icchicago.org/connect/alpha.cfm



IC School Summer Renovation Project Update

Our classrooms and offices in the East Wing have had the carpets removed and the asbestos abatement has been successfully completed! They are now prepared for the new flooring to be installed (a process which is currently underway – photographs of which will be featured in our next parish bulletin.) We are happy to report that our Summer renovation project is running on schedule!



IC Holy Name Society Annual Chicago White Sox Baseball Outing - Monday, August 15th

Hello IC Parishioners and Families,

It is time once again for the ICHNS Annual Chicago White Sox Baseball Outing! Please invite all of your family and friends to join us this year for a Sox Game! This year's event details are as follows:

When: August 15th @ 7:10 P.M. vs. Houston Astros

Where:

5:00 P.M. - Tommy's on Higgins (6954 W Higgins Ave, Chicago, IL 60656)

6:00 P.M. - Coach bus leaves Tommy's to take us to the game at Guaranteed Rate Field 7:10 P.M. - Game starts

Game ends - Coach bus brings back everyone to Tommy's on Higgins

Details: There will be hot dogs and chips for dinner at Tommy's and coolers of beer/pop/water on the bus. The price includes the ticket to the game, the bus, food and SOFT drinks at Tommy's, and drinks on the bus. *Price:* \$45.00 for Adults \$35.00 for Kids

Please *RSVP* to: Nick Eaglin neaglin@yahoo.com 773.386.7988 Hope everyone can make it regardless of your fan affiliation!





Please join our parish family in prayer ...



Tom Altman Paul Amandes Arnold B. Deacon Mike Bednarz Robert Behrman Sonia M. B. Roberta Berger John Bozek Vince Caeti Mary Cali Zita Castro Donna Chaplin James Covello Ronnie Cunningham Paige Dicks Margarita DiSalvo Emily Divarco Paula Drew Ozzie D'Souza Ioan Fabiano Richard Flanagan Brooke Foreman Patricia Furgat Lila Gehner

For those who are sick:

Bonnie Jean Gorski Deacon Ron Gronek Gloria Hernandez Ofelia Hernandez Mary Ann Schmitt Hurtig Kevin Jaburek Wayne Kinzie, Sr. Craig Kloss Lillian Kohut Katherine Kreuser Anthony LaPash **Benny** Martinez Edwin Martinez Frank Martinez Pat Miaso Gerry Michalek, Jr. Glen Molo Molly Morris Veronica Murillo Timothy Murray Brendan Nelson Anne O'Brien John O'Brien Jackie O'Koniewski

David Olson Ashton Peterson Leo Pfest Mary Potwora Helen Rasmussen Rosaleen Reilly **Bill Remblake** *Ioe Rispoli* Pia Rizza David Rodriguez Fr. Donald Senior, C.P. Don Skorey Edward Stanczyk Wivina Stremel Jill Swagler Alma T. Donna Tisdale Camilla Trevino Steven P. Trifilio Mary Ellen Vanderman Henry Wagener Miss Westhoff Rita Zambon *Newly Added

For our faithful departed:

Stella Sygiel Felicja Zawora



"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, Pot. Jason G. Cavanaugh, Major Christopher Walsh, Capt. Benjamin Monson, 1st Lt. Katherine D. Hartnett, SPC Michael J. Stone, Pot. Charlie Cruz Pappas, Thomas Treslo, National Guard Specialist 4th Class

U.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, July 24th through Sunday, July 31st

Sunday, July 24th – *Seventeenth Sunday In Ordinary Time* 5:00 P.M. (Saturday) – [†]Gloria Budziak; [†]Stanislaw Swiderski; [†]Joseph Henmueller (Wedding Anniversary Remembrance); and [†]Tina LaPash

8:30 A.M. – [†]John Bielski, Sr.; [†]George Buschauer; [†]Helena Dziadkowiec; and Girley Abraham (on her Birthday) (Living) 10:30 A.M. – [†]Charlene Perri (on her 1st Anniversary); [†]Francis & Moira Cross; [†]Ryan McDonagh; and The People of the Parish

Monday, July 25th – *Saint James, Apostle* 8:30 A.M. – [†]James F. Hegarty (on his Anniversary)

Tuesday, July 26th - Saints Joachim and Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary 8:30 A.M. – Julie & Willie Sevilla (on their 19th Wedding Anniversary) (Living)

Wednesday, July 27th – Weekday 8:30 A.M. – Sonia Belen (In Thanksgiving) (Living)

Thursday, July 28th – Weekday 8:30 A.M. – [†]Anne Black; and [†]Gerald S. Michalek, Sr. (on his 14th Anniversary)

Friday, July 29th - Saint Martha Friday Daily Masses Temporarily Suspended (as of July 8th)

Saturday, July 30th - Saint Peter Chrysologus, Bishop and Doctor of the Church 5:00 P.M.— [†]Stanislaw Swiderski (on his 2nd Anniversary)

Sunday, July 31st – *Eighteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time* 8:30 A.M.– [†]George Buschauer 10:30 A.M.– [†]Bronislawa Jagiello; [†]Nick Mazzeo; [†]Virginia Knutsen; [†]Fred Knutsen, Sr.; [†]Fred Knutsen, Jr.; [†]Francis & Moira Cross; The Peters Family (Living–Special Intention); and The People of the Parish





"Taking on another person's history, taking the time to get to know them without labeling them, putting them on our shoulders when they are tired or wounded



like the good Samaritan: this is known as fraternity. "



Mr. L Mrs. Theodore L Kaitlyn Kontopoulos



Mr. & Mrs. Stephen & Jennifer Stare



Colleen Monforti

John Martin

Mary Ann Schmitt Hurtig

Sharon Oidem

Alper Turan & Monir Moghadam and their son Arad

Maria Sanchez

Joel L Helen Rivamonte and their children Charles L Mila

Dawid L Nicole Hebda and their daughter Francesca

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



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Gospel Meditation - Encourage a Deeper Understanding of Scripture



Meister Eckhart asks, "Who is the man whose prayers God always hears?" He answers, "God hears the man who appeals to God as God. When, however, man appeals to God, hoping for some worldly good, he is not appealing to God at all, but to what he is asking of God. He is trying to make God his servant. On this point, St. Augustine says: 'You pray to what you love, for true whole prayer is nothing but love!' Thus, we pray to what we love, and no one rightly prays to God but he who prays for God and has nothing on his mind but God." We struggle with what we want God to do and how we want our prayer validated. Meister Eckhart is correct. We often want God to be our servant. We further struggle with trusting that God knows what we need and that His will is best.

God's will is not some predetermined outcome of events that we must simply suggest. "Thy will be done" is not an invocation beckoning us to accept a particular state of affairs passively. Rather, it is the humble and confident placement of ourselves in the presence of the God we seek, whom we call "Father." We must remember that God is the God of life and light. It is from nothing that God brings something and from the darkness that God brings life. Prayer allows us to seek the One we love with the assurance that all will be well regardless of what course the events of our lives take. God is not about passive submission but the humble trust of love.

That's what makes the Lord's Prayer the perfect prayer. It provides us with proper disposition and focus, putting in line all of the essential relationships of our lives. It celebrates and fosters the ever-deepening relationship of trust we have with our Creator. It also calls us to keep open the doors of love between our brothers and sisters with the power that comes with forgiveness. If in one's darkest hour they can find the resolve to fervently pray this perfect prayer of Jesus' conviction, then there is no doubt that God will hear their plea, reach out in love, and bring them ever closer to His heart. What more does one need to weather the storms of life besides faith, hope, and love? These are God's most perfect gifts and all we really need. ©LPi

IC School Extended Care Program: Help Wanted



Our Immaculate Conception School Extended Care program is seeking part-time help for the 2022-2023 School Year. Responsibilities would consist of caring for and supervising students in grades Preschool through 8th grade during indoor free play and activities such as coloring and homework. We are looking for one candidate to cover five shifts during the week: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday from 3:00-6:00 P.M. and Wednesday from 2:00 P.M.-6:00 P.M. Interested candidates must love children and are required to be VIRTUS trained. Please contact Marcia for additional information at: kusinski@iccowboys.net

Ministry Schedules: Saturday, July 30th & Sunday, July 31st			
	Saturday 5:00 P.M.	Sunday 8:30 A.M.	Sunday 10:30 A.M.
Presiders	Fr. Robert Fedek	Fr. Matthew Heinrich	Fr. Robert Fedek
Lectors	L. Christy	N. Kremer	N. Kanoon
Cantors	E. Doyle	Vocal Quintet & Violin	Vocal Quintet
Extraordinary Ministers	S. Witz	D. Sebastian	C. Kech & R. Siciliano
Altar Servers	P. Beckman; K. Giannola; E. Hyland	S. Gillespie; D. Gillespie; E. Miehlich	L. Love; E. Peters; K. Yau



Our Parish Staff: Fr. Matthew Heinrich, 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

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 ...

<u>Monday, July 25th</u>– 8:00 A.M.-6:00 P.M. – IC Summer Camp; PC

<u>Tuesday, July 26th</u> -8:00 A.M.-6:00 P.M. – IC Summer Camp; PC

<u>Wednesday, July 27th</u> -8:00 A.M.-6:00 P.M. – IC Summer Camp; PC

<u>Thursday, July 28th</u> -8:00 A.M.-6:00 P.M. – IC Summer Camp; PC 7:00-8:30 P.M. – Annual Parish Calendar Mtg.; RA 7:00-8:30 P.M. – RCIA Mtg.; RCR

<u>Friday, July 29th</u>-8:00 A.M.-6:00 P.M. – IC Summer Camp Concludes; PC 7:00 P.M. – Men's Basketball; PC

<u>Sunday, July 31st-</u> 9:30-10:15 A.M. – Confessions; CH

For additional information regarding upcoming events @ IC, please visit: icchicago.org/discover-ic/event-calendar.cfm

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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**

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Saint of The Week - Examples of Our Faith: Saint James The Apostle (July 25th)

Saint James the Apostle is also called James, son of Zebedee, or James the Greater to distinguish him from the other James in Jesus' group of twelve. Most of what we know about Saint James is recorded in the New Testament. He and his brother John were collected by Jesus along the sea of Galilee. Matthew 4:18-22 tells the story of Jesus calling first Simon Peter and his brother Andrew and then the sons of Zebedee. In Mark 3:17, the brothers receive a nickname from Jesus who calls them *"sons of thunder"* because of their many extreme reactions, like that in Luke 9:54 when they offer to call down fire on a Samaritan village.

Saint James was part of Jesus' intimate circle, a witness to the Transfiguration, the resurrection of Jarius' daughter, and the agony in the garden of Gethsemane. In A.D. 44 Herod Agrippa had "*James, the brother of John, killed by the sword.*" (Acts 12:2) He is the only apostle whose martyrdom is written of in the New Testament.

According to Spanish tradition, his body was taken to Santiago de Compostela, Spain where his relics were rediscovered in the 9th century. This tradition has sometimes been attributed to a passage in the Song of Roland which tells of St. James appearing to Charlemagne in a dream, prophesying that Charlemagne would conquer the Moors in Spain. This was followed by a vision of stars, which if followed would lead to the saint's lost tomb. In the Middle Ages, Compostela was a hugely popular pilgrimage site. The saint's relics continue to rest in the cathedral there and one can still undertake the pilgrimage. ©LPi



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