

Welcome to
Immaculate Conception Parish

A Catholic Community Inviting People to Follow Christ

July 25, 2021 - Seventeenth Sunday In Ordinary Time

The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs.



*"One body and one Spirit, as you were also called to the one hope of your call;
one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all."*

- Ephesians 4:4-6

Love God • Serve Others • Make Disciples

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Parish Office Summer Hours:

(as of June 14th)

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

Saturday: 10:00 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.
All are welcome!*

Weekday Mass Schedule:

Online

Monday through Friday @ 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.-10:30 A.M.
(offered on an every other week
basis – effective as of **April 11th**)

(Special dates & times
offered during Advent & Lent)

Baptisms:

Sundays @ Noon

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.

The Person Of Jesus In The Gospel Of John (Recap of Scripture Series 4 of 5)

John's Gospel can be broken down into a few main sections:

1. Prologue, 2. Signs, 3. Bread of Life Discourse (Chapter 6), 4. Rejection,
5. Light & Darkness, and 6. True Disciples (Chapters 13 – 21)

The core element of John's Gospel, as the "*disciple whom Jesus loved*," is love itself. Jesus is called the "*Word of God*." This word, *Logos* in Greek, has been defined as reason, account, and argument in philosophical translations. John's purpose, however, is different.



We communicate through words, but we all know the difference between conversations with a stranger and with a loved one – and everyone in between. We speak with words and their direct meaning, but also with connotations, euphemisms, poetry, vagaries, art, emotion, history, and nuance. Language contains so much more than merely the word itself.

Jesus is no mere Word. He is the love that the Father communicates to the world. Jesus is the revelation of the Father, the "*light in darkness*." John's Gospel reminds us frequently that seeking to understand who Jesus is, means loving the person Jesus Christ. The Gospel is replete with examples of others accepting and rejecting Him.

Chapter 6 is a perfect example of the progression of our relationship:

Multitudes ➡ People ➡ Followers ➡ Disciples ➡ Apostles

The end of the 6th Chapter reveals that "*many returned to their former way of life; they no longer followed him.*"

John forces us to ask the question, "*What are you looking for in Jesus?*" If you seek to only be satisfied, to '*get something out of*' your relationship with Jesus, you will leave empty-handed, dejected. Jesus provides comfort and satisfaction, but only in the context of a true, reciprocal love – not in a contract or a quid pro quo relationship.

The theme of rejection is prevalent in Scripture, too. The first sin, after all, is the rejection of God and blaming another for our own faults. The middle chapters of John show many of society's outcasts who are rejected because of deformity, illness, choices, and ways of life. Jesus does not reject them: he heals, forgives, guides, and encourages – to each he says, "*Go, and sin no more.*"

But those who reject Jesus, exercise their power in order to dominate. They respond to the challenges of Jesus with violence, not humility. And this is the primary source of darkness spoken of in John's Gospel. Darkness is the corruption of creation and the rejection of God. We are all born in darkness and susceptible to it. Jesus, as light, draws us from that darkness.

To a true disciple, John reminds us that God chooses us first. He seeks us, finds us, passionately searches for us when we reject Him, and loves us unto death. The disciple is the one who, even in their sinfulness, acknowledges this love. A true disciple learns to love Love Himself.

Be sure to join us for our last session of our Summer Scripture Series on Tuesday, August 3rd at 7:30 P.M.!

Fr. Matt



Values

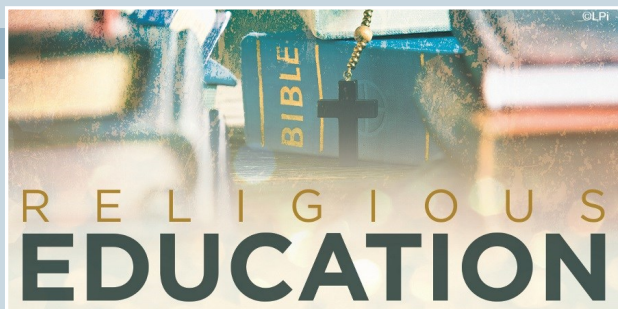
Meaningful Community

www.icchicago.org/discover-ic/our-mission-values.cfm



We cultivate the sense of belonging.

We invite our parishioners to enter into a relationship with Christ and one another.



Immaculate Conception School Religious Education Program 2021-2022

Registration:

Religious Education Registration will be held online beginning on **Wednesday, September 1st** and will conclude on **Friday, September 10th**

First Day of Class:

Wednesday, September 15th – 4:00-5:00 P.M.

Our Religious Education classes will be held primarily online for this School Year and will be taught by IC School Professional Teachers (most at the grade level they teach daily.) Classes will meet virtually on a weekly basis on

Wednesdays from 4:00-5:00 P.M. via Zoom Video Conferencing. This year, all grade levels will also meet in-person for Religious Education Class on certain dates.

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.**

Students must attend Religious Education classes in Grades Six and Seven to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in Grade Eight.

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



2021 Religious Education Virtual Class Schedule:

September 15th & 22nd
October 6th, 20th & 27th
November 3rd, 10th & 17th
December 1st & 15th

2022 Religious Education Virtual Class Schedule:

January 12th, 19th & 26th
February 9th, 16th & 23rd
March 2nd, 9th, & 30th
April 6th & 27th
May 4th

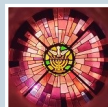
In-Person Class Schedule:

September 29th (Church Tour)
December 8th (Prayer Service)

In-Person Class Schedule:

March 23rd (Stations of the Cross)

Sacramental Dates:



Confirmation [8th Grade]:

Sunday, November 7th @ 2:00 P.M. with Bishop Bartosic presiding

First Reconciliation: Wednesday, February 16, 2022 @ 7:00 P.M.



First Communion [2nd Grade]:

Saturday, May 7, 2022 @ 10:00 A.M. & 1:00 P.M.
**Times may be subject to change*



2021-2022 Religious Education Tuition:

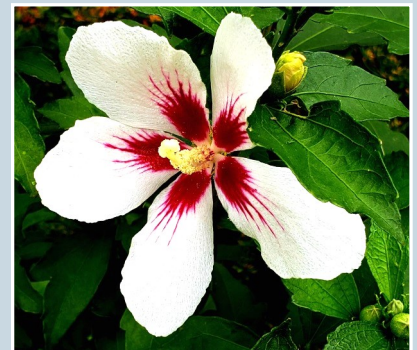
[Tuition fee includes all books and class materials]
One student per family (Grades 1-7): \$300
One student (Grade 8) (classes end on December 15th): \$150
(plus Confirmation fee of \$50)
Tuition increases by \$100 per additional child
Confirmation fee (Grade 8): \$50
Communion fee (Grade 2): \$50
Registration fee (for first time families only): \$30
Late fee (after Tuesday, September 28th): \$50
First Tuition payment is due by: September 15th
Second Tuition payment is due by: February 9, 2022

The Beauty Of Creation: Connecting With God Through Nature...

"How varied are your works, Lord! In wisdom you have wrought them all; the earth is full of your creatures." – Psalm 104:24



*"For what can be known about God is evident to them, because God made it evident to them. Ever since the creation of the world, his invisible attributes of eternal power and divinity have been able to be understood and perceived in what he has made."
– Romans 1:19-20*



*"He has made everything beautiful in its time. He has also set eternity in the human heart; yet no one can fathom what God has done from beginning to end."
– Ecclesiastes 3:11*

Please join our parish family in prayer ...



Tom Altman
Robert Behrman
Sonia M. B.
Vince Caeti
Jackie Campbell
Rita Castillo
Donna Chaplin
James Covello
Ronnie Cunningham
Paige Dicks
Paula Drew
Ozzie D'Souza
Teresa Dzieciol
Christina Dziekonski
Richard Flanagan
Brooke Foreman
Patricia Furgat
Lila Gehner
Ofelia Hernandez

For those who are sick:

Kevin Jaburek
Helga Jarosz
Craig Kloss
Lillian Kohut
Dave Lewin
Benny Martinez
Edwin Martinez
Frank Martinez
Sam Milazzo
Molly Morris
Veronica Murillo
Timothy Murray
Judith Nosko
Mary Beth O'Grady
Jackie O'Koniewski
David Olson
Mary Potwora
Helen Rasmussen
Bill Remblake

Pia Rizza
David Rodriguez
Elaine Schatz
Jennie Sekula
Don Skorey
Dennis Slater
Edward Stanczyk
Marion Szumski
Donna Tisdale
Camilla Trevino
Steven P. Trifilio
John F. Vargo
Henry Wagener

***Newly Added**

If you wish to have your name included in our prayer list (or removed), please contact our Parish Office at 773.775.3833.

For our faithful departed:

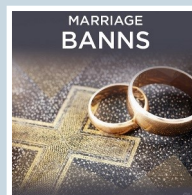
George M. Loescher
Sherry Lane Crocifisso



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

For those preparing to be joined together in Holy Matrimony:

Marissa Gollogly and Austin Koziol



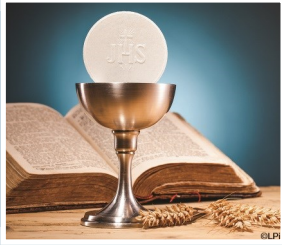
"And the two shall become
one..."

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
U.S. Navy - CMDR Michael Brasseur, LCDR 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; Captain Colleen Bernal
U.S. Marines - Sean Gronset, PFC Sebastian L. Rivera, Jr., PFC Christopher Hughes, PFC Algene D. Porticos

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 25th
through
Sunday, August 1st*

Sunday, July 25th - Seventeenth Sunday In Ordinary Time

5:00 P.M. (Saturday) - †George Loescher (Birthday Remembrance); and Girley Abraham (Living) (Birthday)

8:30 A.M. - †John Bielski, Sr.; †Anacleto Mendoza; †Ricardo Mendoza; †Apolinario Mendoza; Gene Dengler (Living); and Mary O'Malley (Living)

10:30 A.M. - †James Francis Hegarty; †Stanislaw Swiderski; †Francis & Moira Cross; †Zenaida Alday; and The People of the Parish

Monday, July 26th - Saints Joachim and Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:30 A.M. - Mary O'Malley (Living)

Tuesday, July 27th - Weekday

8:30 A.M. - †Irene Freni

Wednesday, July 28th - Weekday

8:30 A.M. - †Brozia Laferlita

Thursday, July 29th - Saint Martha

8:30 A.M. - †Marie Piechowski

Friday, July 30th - Saint Peter Chrysologus, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

8:30 A.M. - †Melissa Bednarz

Saturday, July 31st - Saint Ignatius of Loyola, Priest

5:00 P.M. - †Peter Chu; and †Antoinette Fabianski (on her 1st Anniversary)

Sunday, August 1st - Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 A.M. - †Francis & Moira Cross; †Mary Agnes Hegarty; †Maria; and †Julian Dzieciol

10:30 A.M. - †Joseph J. Lykowski; †Tommy Fuller; †Vincenzo Porcelli; †Stanislaw Swiderski; †Timothy Foley; †Aida Miranda; †John & Marie Palenica; and The People of the Parish



July 25th through July 31st

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

Joanne Kokalj
(on her 75th Birthday)

Requested by: Audrey Oleksy

July 25th through July 30th

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

Brooke Foreman
(Daughter of Jennifer (Zyks) & Jeremy Foreman)

Requested by: Ray & Jan Ehrlich

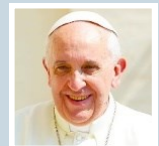
July 25th through July 30th

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

Melissa Bednarz

Pope Tweet of the Week...

"Let us pray for all the sick, that no one be left alone, that everyone receive the anointing of listening, closeness and care. We can all give it with a visit, a phone call, an outstretched hand."





WITH JOYFUL HEARTS,
WE WELCOME OUR
NEWLY BAPTIZED.



Hannah Ava Langseth
Child of Mark Glenn & Danica Nicole (Nelson) Langseth



David & Maria Mitchell



Summer Scripture Study Series - Tuesdays @ 7:30 P.M. (presented by Fr. Robert Carlton)

We invite you to join Fr. Robert (Carlton) on Tuesday evenings this summer for our Scripture Study Series as we examine how Jesus is presented in the New Testament. Our summer series began on June 8th and will conclude with our final session on the following date:

Tuesday, August 3rd - 7:30-8:30 P.M.: Who is Jesus in the Scriptures after the Gospels?

Each one-hour session is conducted in-person at 7:30 P.M. in our Rectory Assembly. If you were unable to attend our first 4 sessions, you are still welcome to attend the final session. Please contact Fr. Robert Carlton (rcarlton@archchicago.org) with any additional questions. If you are interested in attending our Summer Scripture Study Series, please either complete our online registration form on our website (www.icchicago.org) or contact our Parish Office (773.775.3833) to register.



*Readings For
The Week of
July 25th*

Sunday: 2 Kgs 4:42-44/Ps 145:10-11, 15-16, 17-18 [cf. 16]/Eph 4:1-6/Jn 6:1-15

Monday: Ex 32:15-24, 30-34/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23 [1a]/Mt 13:31-35

Tuesday: Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28/Ps 103:6-7, 8-9, 10-11, 12-13 [8a]/Mt 13:36-43

Wednesday: Ex 34:29-35/Ps 99:5, 6, 7, 9 [cf. 9c]/Mt 13:44-46

Thursday: Ex 40:16-21, 34-38/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a and 8a, 11 [2]/Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42

Friday: Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37/Ps 81:3-4, 5-6, 10-11ab [2a]/Mt 13:54-58

Saturday: Lv 25:1, 8-17/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8 [4]/Mt 14:1-12

Next Sunday: Ex 16:2-4, 12-15/Ps 78:3-4, 23-24, 25, 54 [24b]/Eph 4:17, 20-24/Jn 6:24-35

Gospel Meditation - Encourage a Deeper Understanding of Scripture



St. Oscar Romero said, "We cannot do everything, and there is a sense of liberation in realizing that. This enables us to do something and to do it very well. It may be incomplete, but it is the beginning, a step along the way, an opportunity for the Lord's grace to enter and do the rest."

There were a group of ladies many years ago who made quilts. They were beautiful creations reflecting inspirational designs artfully composed from the simple scraps of fabric each woman would bring to their individual pieces. There was no plan for the finished project as each finished work became the combined creation of what each woman contributed. They abounded in vibrant colors and dazzled the beholder with intricate patterns and their myriad textures. They were so beautiful that they became coveted family treasures passed from generation to generation. Those women never realized the power of their work. Countless babies rested in the comfort of those quilts warmly nestled in the legacy of tradition they were fortunate to inherit. They adorned countless homes with their beauty and brought joy and solace to many faces.

We cannot do everything. We are not meant to. Our work in life is to contribute our individual piece, a piece that reflects the unique thumbprint I claim as my own. We only have to do small things well. Then, as St. Oscar Romero reminds us, the Lord's grace will enter and do the rest. We have to trust that this is true just as those women trusted in the eventual beauty of their final work.

Eucharistic blessings are blessings that start small and multiply. We all come to life with only a few loaves of bread and a few fish. Not any single one of us has all that it takes to transform our world. Who knows what God will do with the little we have and how many will benefit from our kindness, compassion, wisdom, courage, conviction, love, warmth, zeal, faith, and hope? That young lad never dreamed that his few leftovers would do all that they did. God shows up in unexpected ways! Where would life's adventure and fun be if it were any other way? Being able to be part of bringing God's creative, transforming, healing to the world opens us up to wonder, awe, and excitement! We can all bring our little piece to the bigger work of God that can result in being a coveted jewel passed generation to generation. This is good news indeed!

Bread and wine transform into Christ's Body and Blood and we become what we eat. Trust that.

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Ministry Schedules: Saturday, July 31st & Sunday, August 1st

| | Saturday 5:00 P.M. | Sunday 8:30 A.M. | Sunday 10:30 A.M. |
|-------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Presiders | Fr. Robert Carlton | Fr. Matthew Heinrich | Fr. Robert Fedek |
| Lectors | E. Kinzie & M. Davila | D. Sebastian & L. Christy | S. Clemente & N. Kanoon |
| Cantors | E. Doyle | Vocal Quartet & Violin | Vocal Quartet & Guitar & Bass |
| Extraordinary Ministers | M. Davila | D. Zamirowski | E. Niewinski |
| Altar Servers | P. Beckman; K. Yau | S. Eaglin; M. Eaglin; G. Reichle | K. Bowers; J. Edwards K. Giannola |

Lectors: 2021 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*
Marilyn Sadowski, *Receptionist*
Bernadette Anna, *Parish Sacristan*
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Anthony Vitali, *Maintenance*

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**Please note: new email addresses of our Parish Staff*

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Tina Fitzgerald, *Assistant Principal*
Julie Szwedo, *Religious Education Coordinator*
Lisa Kessler, *School Accountant*
Mary Haley, *School Secretary*

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What's Happening @ IC...

Monday, July 26th –

8:00 A.M.-6:00 P.M. – IC Summer Camp; PC
 8:30 A.M. – Weekday Mass; Church
 7:00 P.M.-8:30 P.M. – Evangelization Team Mtg.; RA

Tuesday, July 27th –

8:00 A.M.-6:00 P.M. – IC Summer Camp; PC
 8:30 A.M. – Weekday Mass; Church

Wednesday, July 28th –

8:00 A.M.-6:00 P.M. – IC Summer Camp; PC
 8:30 A.M. – Weekday Mass; Church
 11:00 A.M.-Noon – RCIC Mtg.; RCR

Thursday, July 29th –

8:00 A.M.-6:00 P.M. – IC Summer Camp; PC
 8:30 A.M. – Weekday Mass; Church
 6:30-7:30 P.M. – RCIC Mtg.; RCR

Friday, July 30th –

8:00 A.M.-6:00 P.M. – IC Summer Camp; PC
 8:30 A.M. – Weekday Mass; Church
 8:00 P.M. – Men's Basketball; PC

Sunday, August 1st –

9:30 A.M.-10:15 A.M. – Confessions; Church



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 (*Please note: new email address.)