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A Catholic Community Inviting People to Follow Christ

July 30, 2023 - Seventeenth Sunday In Ordinary Time



"Let us imagine a seed: it is tiny, barely visible, but it makes plants grow that bear fruit. The Word of God is thus: think of the Gospel, a small book, simple and within reach of all, that produces new life in those who receive it." - Pope Francis

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ord, I love your commands.

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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

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■: www.iccowboys.net

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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.

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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:



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Julian Thomas McMahon Child of Andrew Aidan & Cristina Marie (Lorie) McMahon



Madeline Audra Rice Ellie Marie Rice Children of Anthony John & Kathleen Marie (O'Neill) Rice

We Warmly Welcome Erika Into The Church!



Erika Ellis & Her Sponsor Halina Wielgos





On Sunday, July 23rd at our 10:30 A.M. Mass our Immaculate Conception Parish community was blessed to have *Erika Ellis* initiated into our Catholic faith through the reception of the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Eucharist. If you, or someone you know, are interested in becoming Catholic, please visit: *icchicago.org/connect/rcia-becoming-catholic.cfm*.







Summertime Fun @ IC Summer Camp: Water Days, Playtime & Reading Time...



















Serving One Another Through Love ...

Many thanks to all who participated in our special service project on Thursday, July 20th in our Rectory Assembly. Our volunteers graciously combined together to create approximately 15 large balls of plastic yarn, which will then be crocheted into weather safe mats for the homeless.





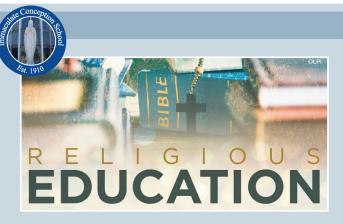












Immaculate Conception School Religious Education Program 2023-2024

Registration:

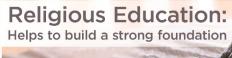
Religious Education Registration will be held online beginning on **Monday**, **August 28**th and will conclude on **Wednesday**, **September 6**th

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.









Sacramental Dates:



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

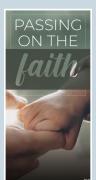


First Reconciliation [2nd Grade]: Wednesday, February 21, 2024 @ 7:00 P.M.



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

Please join our parish family in prayer ...



Tom Altman Paul Amandes Amelia Aquino Arnold B. Kelly Baran 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 Richard Flanagan Brooke Foreman Logan Frigeni

For those who are sick:

Gloria Hernandez Ofelia Hernandez Mike Hickey Judy Hull Mary Ann Hurtig Kevin Jaburek Vivian Jester Stephanie Kamenicky Wayne Kinzie, Sr. Donna Kirk Craig Kloss Ronald Kogol Lillian Kohut Katherine Kreuser Anthony LaPash Dawn LaVeau Sean Lucas Nathan Maisel Benny Martinez Edwin Martinez Frank Martinez Elsa Mazzoni Nikki Mendoza Pat Miaso Gerry Michalek, Jr. Helen Michalek Ledoina Monacelli Marta Morales

Deacon Rick Moritz Veronica Murillo Mike Murphy Timothy Murray Brendan Nelson Barb Neustadt Phillip Nuccio Anne O'Brien John O'Brien Jackie O'Koniewski David Olson Ashton Peterson Leo Pfest Paul Posch Mary Potwora Baby Fiona Prades Ioe Rispoli Pia Rizza

David Rodriguez
Cindy Rupp
Milagros C. San Juan
Gerri Schultz
Edward Stanczyk
Jack Stewart
Jacqueline Strauss
Jill Swagler
Alma T.

Sherry Rock

Donna Tisdale
Beckie Tomala
Steven P. Trifilio
Mary Ellen Vanderman
Louis Ward
Miss Westhoff
Rita Zambon

*Newly Added

For our faithful departed:

Patricia Furgat

Lila Gehner

For all our beloved dead



"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 Wieczorek, LCpl Luis A. Corea, PFC Brian Mendoza

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 30th through Sunday, August 6th

Sunday, **July** 30th – *Seventeenth Sunday In Ordinary Time* 5:00 *P.M.* (*Saturday*) – [†]Stanislaw Swiderski; and Francesca 8:30 *A.M.* – [†]Andrzej & Maria Bosowski; and [†]Franciszek & Rosalia Bosowski

10:30 *A.M.* — †Jose Antonio Flores (Birthday Remembrance); †Francis & Moira Cross; †Gerald S. Michalek, Sr.; and The People of the Parish

Monday, July 31st - Saint Ignatius of Loyola, Priest 8:30 A.M. - †Joseph P. Kreuser; and †Robin Merle

Tuesday, August 1st - Saint Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

8:30 *A.M.* — [†]Amy Witz; and [†]Mary A. Hegarty (on her Anniversary)

Wednesday, August 2nd - Saint Eusebius of Vercelli, Bishop; Saint Peter Julian Eymard, Priest

8:30 A.M. → †Mirta S. Urizarri (Birthday Remembrance); Erma Kinzie (on her 65th Birthday) (Living); and Grace Kurian (on her Birthday) (Living)

Thursday, August 3rd - Weekday

8:30 A.M. — [†]Rich Cap; [†]Laurine Dawson; [†]Ellen "Nellie" Gavin; and [†]Patty Dunleavy

Friday, August 4th - Saint John Vianney, Priest

Saturday, August 5th - The Dedication of the Basilica of Saint Mary Major

5:00 P.M.— †Stanislaw Swiderski; †Peter Chu; †Maria Lam; †Wai Foon Kwok; †Frank Palenica; †Juana Medrano; †Anita Almero; †All Abandoned Souls In Purgatory; and Geethi Kurian (on her Birthday) (Living)

Sunday, August 6th – The Transfiguration of the Lord 8:30 A.M.- †Gemma Officer

10:30 A.M. — [†]Klemens Fudala; [†]Sister Ann Schaffer; [†]Marie Matin; [†]Tommy Fuller; [†]Vincenzo Porcelli; [†]Kathy Davis; [†]Marie Frances Hagarty; [†]Michael J. Sampey (on his 5th Anniversary); [†]William R. Remblake; [†]Maria Volpe; [†]Francis & Moira Cross; and The People of the Parish





Pope Tweet of the Week...

"The Lord gently invites us to accept the mystery of life with serenity and patience, to leave judgment to Him, and not to live regretful and remorseful lives. It is as if Jesus wanted to say to us:



"In the end, the good will be greater than evil."

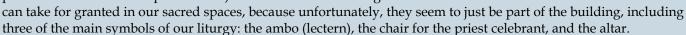
Why Do We Do That? Catholic Life Explained...

Kissing the Altar at Mass...

Question: Why do priests kiss the altar at the start of Mass?

Answer:

Our churches and chapels are filled with symbols. We might think of the more common symbols (like the crucifix, statues, stained-glass windows, vestment color and altar cloths) as well as major symbols (such as the paschal candle and the baptismal font). But there are some things that we

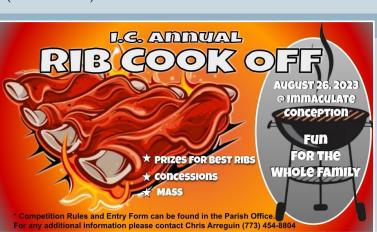


These three objects are placed in a specially designated area called the sanctuary. They are the places where the Word of God is proclaimed, where the priest prays and presides at the celebration, and where the bread and wine are offered by the priest during the Eucharistic Prayer. Although each of these objects is sacred because of the role they play in our worship, the altar holds a special place. In a document containing the rules and instructions for the Mass — the "General Instruction of the Roman Missal" — we read: "The altar on which the Sacrifice of the Cross is made present under sacramental signs is also the table of the Lord to which the People of God is called together to participate in the Mass, as well as the center of the thanksgiving that is accomplished throughout the Eucharist" (no. 296).

One of the ways that we recognize the importance of the altar is when the priest and deacon kiss the altar at the beginning of Mass. Kissing is an ancient act of devotion. Remember, we also kiss the cross on Good Friday, and the deacon or priest kisses the "Book of the Gospels" after the Gospel is proclaimed. This act of devotion reminds us that the altar is a symbol of Jesus, the "living stone" (see 1 Peter 2:4), the foundation stone of our faith. It is a symbol gesture, but it is a powerful reminder of the One on whom our faith is built and in whose name we gather as the "household of faith" (see Galatians 6:10).

To learn more, see the "Catechism of the Catholic Church" (no. 1382-1383). ©LPi

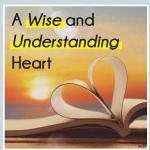








Gospel Meditation - Encourage a Deeper Understanding of Scripture

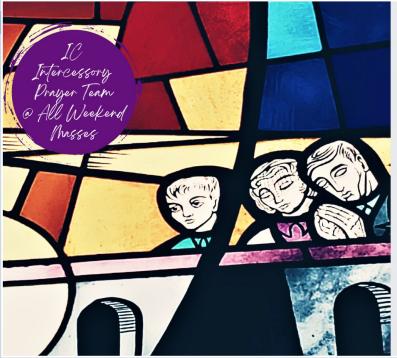


Our culture seems more polarized and divided than ever. Into this wounded situation, our Catholic faith has a healing remedy to offer: the gift of wisdom. When the Lord offers to give King Solomon anything the monarch desires, he requests "an understanding heart" (1 Kings 3:9). In his polarized situation, the King doesn't ask for power to defeat his enemies. He asks for a wise and understanding heart to judge right from wrong. This wisdom is elevated and fulfilled in Jesus who teaches us to bring forth "both the new and the old" (Matthew 13:52).

In our fractured society, we Christians should stop pining for political power to crush our perceived enemies. That often just makes things worse. Rather, it's much more useful to beg

for the grace of true wisdom which transcends both sides of the aisle. This places us in a fresh position from which we can help our culture see what is true and good all across the ideological spectrum. Sometimes we'll look like liberals (e.g., in our love for the poor and marginalized) and other times like conservatives (e.g., in our sexual ethics and views on religious freedom). Because this wisdom is free from ideological narrowness, it will help to heal these painful fractures. Lord Jesus, this week, pour into us your healing wisdom.

- 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	Schedul	les: Satura	lay, Au	gust 5 th e	L Sund	lay, A	lugust 6 th
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	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. Lim	J. Campbell
Cantors	Vocal Quartet	Vocal Trio	Vocal Trio
Extraordinary Ministers	S. Witz	M. Dosek, D. Sebastian & K. Gillespie	D. Mroz, K. Sanchez, C. Kech & R. Siciliano
Altar Servers	J. Galeno; S. Gillespie; D. Gillespie	E. Hyland; K. Rahlfs; N. Rahlfs	C. Beach; G. Reichle; C. Villafane



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What's Happening @ IC...

Monday, July 31st –

8:00 A.M.-6:00 P.M. – IC Summer Camp; PC

Tuesday, August 1st -

8:00 A.M.-6:00 P.M. - IC Summer Camp; PC

7:30 P.M. – IC Back To School Bash Comm. Mtg.; RA

Wednesday, August 2nd -

8:00 A.M.-6:00 P.M. – IC Summer Camp; PC

4:00-7:00 P.M. – IC School Supplies Pick Up; Café

4:00-7:00 P.M. - ICPC Used Uniform Sale; PH

Thursday, August 3rd -

8:00 A.M.-6:00 P.M. – IC Summer Camp; PC

Friday, August 4th —

8:00 A.M.-6:00 P.M. – IC Summer Camp; PC

8:00 P.M. - Men's Basketball; PC



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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.

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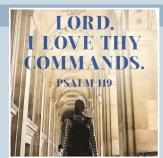
Subscribe to our bimonthly email newsletter (featuring updates on parish events & projects, school activities, community highlights & service opportunities): icchicago.org/register/constantcontact.cfm

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

The Falling Action and the Field...

In my freshman year of high school, I was fairly miserable at identifying the five essential elements of plot (exposition, rising action, climax, falling action, and resolution).

To this day, the only reason I remember anything about them at all is because my English teacher used episodes of Scooby Doo to illustrate the different elements. Falling action vs. climax is where I got tripped up, the two are similar, and only discernible if you examine them relative to each other.



Every Scooby Doo episode has a big dramatic sequence (the climax) where the ghost/monster/zombie chases The Gang through the haunted mansion. The falling action is what comes immediately after: searching for her glasses that she lost during the chase, Velma bumps into a pulley wheel disguised behind a tapestry and realizes the ghost/monster/zombie is actually the janitor in a costume, hooked up to an elaborate cable system jerry-rigged throughout the mansion. Meddling kids.

I confused the two because, to me, they are both equally dramatic: the chase and the fallout.

It occurs to me that, if you look at the course of salvation history, we are living in the falling action, not the climax. Take the parable of the treasure in the field: we have found the treasure. But we haven't yet bought the field.

I often make the mistake of thinking I am still lost in the climax, searching for the truth. But I know exactly where the truth is. What I need to be concerned with is this: am I doing what I need to do to buy the field?

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