

Welcome to
Immaculate Conception Parish

A Catholic Community Inviting People to Follow Christ

June 13, 2021 - Eleventh Sunday In Ordinary Time

Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.



"We are always courageous, although we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord, for we walk by faith, not by sight"

- 2 Corinthians 5:6-7

Love God • Serve Others • Make Disciples

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Parish Office Hours:

Monday-Friday: 9:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.
Saturday: 9:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.
Sunday: 9:00 A.M. - Noon

Parish Website:

🌐: www.icchicago.org

School Website:

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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)

Reservations are recommended to assist with contact tracing. Walk-ins are welcome, but must provide name and telephone number (or email) upon entry. Please visit our website or contact our Parish Office to register.

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

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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.

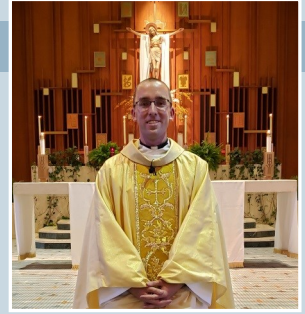
School:

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.

Reflections from Fr. Robert Carlton: Who specifically is Jesus in the Gospel of Mark?

In our scripture study series this week, we spent some time trying to answer the question: *Who specifically is Jesus in the Gospel of Mark?* To really understand who Jesus is in that Gospel, though, it is necessary to know a bit about the background of the author himself and the specific community that he was writing for. No one really knows who exactly Mark was, and it was a commonly accepted practice in the ancient world to claim that a famous person had written something to enhance its importance, so something that was written by "Mark" would not necessarily have been written by him. The author of the Gospel of Mark, whoever that was specifically, made the first organized, systematic effort at telling the story of the life of Jesus Christ. While there is a great deal of debate about the identity of Mark, there is more consensus on the audience that Mark was writing for. This group lived somewhere outside of the Holy Land and were not familiar with Judaism or its customs.



Significantly, that community probably lived elsewhere because they had been expelled from the Holy Land by the Romans after the end of the First Jewish Revolt and the destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem in 70 CE. This destruction of the Temple, which effectively marked the end of organized resistance to the Romans in Israel, governed how Mark tried to tell his story. It is difficult to underestimate the importance of the failure of the Revolt and the destruction of the Temple in Jewish history. Many people involved in the Revolt thought that it would lead not only to the defeat of the Romans but also prefigure the coming of the Kingdom of God on Earth and the second coming of the Messiah. Jesus himself had even said in Mark 9: "Truly I tell you, some who are standing here will not taste death before they see that the kingdom of God has come with power." There were several people who then expected to see the coming of the Kingdom within their lifetime. This, of course, did not happen.

Mark, then, is writing for a community that is not only suffering because they have been expelled from their homeland, but one that is also very much confused since they never imagined that the revolt would fail, and the Temple would be destroyed. Mark tries to cast the story and words of Jesus in light of what happened after the Resurrection. This makes things like Mark 13 much more easily understood when Jesus says to the disciples as they are leaving the Temple: "Do you see all these great buildings? Not one stone here will be left on another; everyone will be thrown down." This, of course, is an event that Mark's audience would have seen happening first-hand.

This focus of Mark, then, leads to a Jesus that is clearly the suffering servant of humanity. In Mark 10, Jesus tells his followers: "For even the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many." The Gospel of Mark focuses far more on the human identity of Jesus than the other Gospels and it is possible that this may have something to do with why this Gospel was initially neglected, with the first commentary being written on Mark only in the sixth century. However, focusing on Jesus as the suffering servant creates an image of Jesus that Mark's audience could easily relate to since they were suffering.

There is obviously far more about the Gospel of Mark that could be said. However, the few words above would provide a foundation for approaching the Gospel since the issue of the Temple's destruction and Jesus as the suffering servant are pervasive in Mark's Gospel. Mark does certainly create a challenging image for his audience since they were going through challenging times. Indeed, the ending of the original Gospel is "and they were terrified," since his audience was certainly terrified. However, the story does not end there and there is a mystery and a sense of hope to Mark that is not only very interesting but also appealing.

- Fr. Robert



Join Fr. Robert @ 7:30 P.M. on Tuesday, June 22nd in our Rectory Assembly for the second session of his Summer Scripture Series.

Special Collection This Weekend: June 12th & 13th

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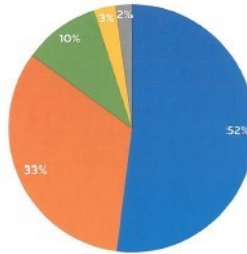


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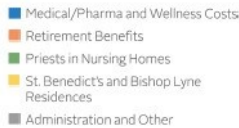
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Medical/Pharma and Wellness Costs	\$ 6,663,000
Retirement Benefits	4,260,000
Priests in Nursing Homes	1,251,000
St. Benedict's and Bishop Lyne Residences	427,000
Administration and Other	295,000
Total Expenses	\$ 12,896,000



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and his daughter Mia*

*Heather Heilman
and her daughter Lydia*

*Kevin & Clare Pikunas
and their son Adam*

Tolton Teaching Parish Program Seminarian Update...



Father Andrew Meng

Congratulations to our Seminarian Andrew Meng who was ordained to the Priesthood on Saturday, May 29th by Bishop Carl A. Kemme at the Church of the Magdalen in Wichita in the Diocese of Wichita (Kansas)! He celebrated his first Mass as an ordained priest at his home parish, St. Joseph Ost in Mt. Hope, Kansas on Sunday, May 30th. May God bless Fr. Andrew in his ministry as he begins his new assignment on July 1st as Parochial Vicar of St. Francis of Assisi Parish in Wichita, Kansas.

Congratulations to our Seminarian Joseph Nguyen who was ordained to the Transitional Diaconate on Saturday, June 5th by Most Rev. Bishop Oscar Cantu in the Diocese of San Jose (California)! May God bless Deacon Joseph in his ministry as he continues his final year of formation at Mundelein Seminary towards the Priesthood.





8th Grade Candle Ceremony & School Awards Ceremony



Please join our parish family in prayer ...

For those who are sick;



Tom Altman
 Melissa Bednarz
 Baby Melanie Behren
 Robert Behrman
 Sonia M. B.
 Michael Breslin
 Vince Caeti
 Jackie Campbell
 Rita Castillo
 Donna Chaplin
 James Covello
 Sherry Crocifisso
 Ronnie Cunningham
 Paige Dicks
Paula Drew
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 Teresa Dzieciol
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 Craig Kloss
 Lillian Kohut
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 Frank Martinez
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 Molly Morris
 Veronica Murillo
 Timothy Murray
 Judith Nosko
 Mary Beth O'Grady

Jackie O'Koniewski
 David Olson
 Mary Potwora
 Helen Rasmussen
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 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:

For those preparing to be joined together in Holy Matrimony:

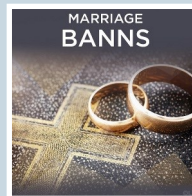
Leona "Lee" E. Fitz

Kathryn Marie Bachusz and Jonathan Matthew Doyle

Mark John Swiderski and Stephanie Anne Strzelecki



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



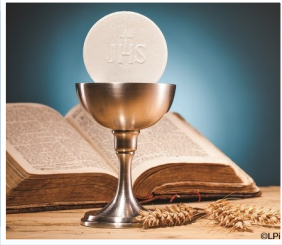
"And the two shall become one..."

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, 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. 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, June 13th
through
Sunday, June 20th*

Sunday, June 13th - Eleventh Sunday In Ordinary Time

5:00 P.M. (Saturday) - †John Devine
8:30 A.M. — †Elizabeth Serafin; †Stanislaw Swiderski; †Vencey, Fredy, & Godwin DeMello; and Andy & Debbie Bielski (on their 29th Wedding Anniversary) (Living)
10:30 A.M. — †Paul Kokalj; †Danny Sullivan; †Laura Miraglia; †Donald Kopec; †Vincent Liberio; †Brendan Chambers (on his 25th Anniversary); †Francis & Moira Cross; and The People of the Parish

Monday, June 14th - Weekday

8:30 A.M. — †Steven Saccomonto; †John & Ann Dosek; and †John Sexton

Tuesday, June 15th - Weekday

8:30 A.M. — †Margaret Christian; and Amanda Vanek (Living)

Wednesday, June 16th - Weekday

8:30 A.M. — †Leon Lacey, Sr.

Thursday, June 17th - Weekday

8:30 A.M. — †Henry Kilian (on his 1st Anniversary); and †Martha Petramala (on her 1st Anniversary)

Friday, June 18th - Weekday

8:30 A.M. — †Vicente B. Daylo (Birthday Remembrance)

Saturday, June 19th - Saint Romuald, Abbot

5:00 P.M. - †John J. Joyce; †Edward Labuz; and †Vincent Boksa

Sunday, June 20th - Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Father's Day)

8:30 A.M.- †Cruz Castillo; †Donald Smith, Sr.; †Leonardo Positano; †Vito Positano; †Mike Pavone; †Joe & Tootie Sebastian; †Eugene & Francis Coelho; and Mary O'Malley (Living)
10:30 A.M. — †John Dosek; †Frank & Margherita Martino; †Anna & Nicola Chiusolo; †Francesca & Agostino Chiaramonte; †Antoinette Svoboda; †Jack & Gene Warren; †Lib & Marie Allocco; †Arthur J. O'Koniewski; †Arthur E. O'Koniewski; †Ted Wojcik; †Stanislaw Swiderski; †Harriet Schronski; †Robert Konczal; †Laura Miraglia; †Tom Tudisco; †Cosima Petrosillo; †Francis & Moira Cross; †Tom Anna; †Edwin Sikorski, Sr.; †Edwin Sikorski, Jr.; and The People of the Parish



June 13th through June 19th

Our Sanctuary Lamp is burning this week for the repose of the soul of

Jose Cuartero
(Brother of Lourdes)

Requested by: Vickie Caro



June 13th through June 18th

Our Blessed Mother Votive is burning this week for the repose of the soul of

John Devine



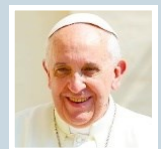
June 13th through June 18th

Our St. Joseph Votive is burning this week for the prayer intention of

Melissa Bednarz

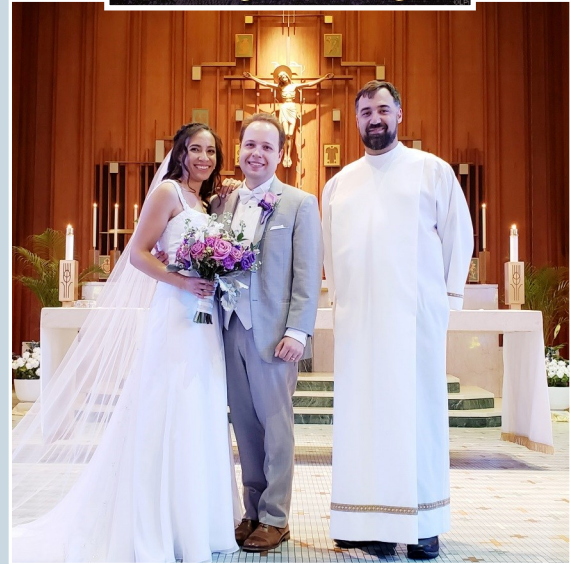
Pope Tweet of the Week...

"The Holy Spirit impels us to love not only those who love us and think as we do, but to love everyone, even as Jesus taught us. He enables us to forgive our enemies and the wrongs we have endured. He inspires us to be active and creative in love."





*Edith Anne Sostak
Child of John Thomas & Joy Anne (Vanderway) Sostak*

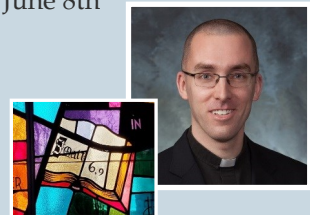


Mr. & Mrs. Morgan & Olivia Scheer

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 continue through August 3rd on the following dates:

- Tuesday, **June 22nd** - 7:30-8:30 P.M.: *Who is Jesus in the Gospel of Matthew?*
- Tuesday, **July 6th** - 7:30-8:30 P.M.: *Who is Jesus in the Gospel of Luke?*
- Tuesday, **July 20th** - 7:30-8:30 P.M.: *Who is Jesus in the Gospel of John?*
- 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 session, you are still welcome to attend the remaining four sessions. 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.



- Sunday:** Ez 17:22-24/Ps 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16 [cf. 2a]/2 Cor 5:6-10/Mk 4:26-34
- Monday:** 2 Cor 6:1-10/Ps 98:1, 2b, 3ab, 3cd-4 [2a]/Mt 5:38-42
- Tuesday:** 2 Cor 8:1-9/Ps 146:2, 5-6ab, 6c-7, 8-9a [1b]/Mt 5:43-48
- Wednesday:** 2 Cor 9:6-11/Ps 112:1bc-2, 3-4, 9 [1b]/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
- Thursday:** 2 Cor 11:1-11/Ps 111:1b-2, 3-4, 7-8 [7a]/Mt 6:7-15
- Friday:** 2 Cor 11:18, 21-30/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [cf. 18b]/Mt 6:19-23
- Saturday:** 2 Cor 12:1-10/Ps 34:8-9, 10-11, 12-13 [9a]/Mt 6:24-34
- Next Sunday:** Jb 38:1, 8-11/ Ps 107:23-24, 25-26, 28-29, 30-31 [1b]/2 Cor 5:14-17/Mk 4:35-41

Gospel Meditation - Encourage a Deeper Understanding of Scripture



A favorite motto of St. Teresa of Calcutta was, “do small things with great love.” This is how it works in the kingdom of God. God can do tremendous things with the smallest gesture, especially when it is done in love. We can clearly see that our world is suffering greatly. People are struggling to find peace, navigate through conflicts, earn a sustainable living, find security and enough food to eat, and work through political tensions and conflicts. In the light of the magnitude of the difficulties that exist around us and even within us, we can find ourselves floundering to discover practical, effective solutions. How can something so large be

helped by someone as small and seemingly insignificant as me? While whole systems and structures may be out of the league of our personal influence, are we really that helpless in the midst of all of the turmoil, sadness, and suffering?

If we believe that God is with us and that God is still working to bring about the glory of God’s kingdom, then the answer is no. We are never helpless or without hope. Armed with a strong life of prayer, we can always flee to God and ask for inspiration, wisdom, and especially love. We are all blessed with unique gifts and talents and it often seems that considering all that the world lacks, love and charity remain at the top of the list. Life can easily become a battleground of hostility. Because life is challenging and difficult, anger is not far away. We see it on people’s faces and hear it in their voices. There is a measure of frustration that permeates all avenues of life. It is even felt in the air.

As people of faith, we know that what we see here is not the end but only a part of something far greater to come. We know that God’s kingdom is where we are ultimately meant to be, and the Gospel is the way to get there. If love and charity can prevail in us, then God will be able to do what God does best. God will use us to scatter the seeds of his kingdom. Through our small gestures, those seeds can receive the nurturing attention that is necessary for them to bear great fruit. We cannot fall victim to the strife that is around us. We have to keep ourselves refreshed and focused so that even in small ways, we can become part of the solution, not the problem. Love and charity, which come from God, can help to heal the ills of the world. May we bring these simple gifts to the everyday simple tasks of our lives! Watch how big the plant grows!

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Everyday Stewardship - Recognize God in your Ordinary Moments

St. Anthony Can Find Anything – Even You...

“Tony, Tony, come around! Something is lost and it must be found.” Did you learn this one when you were a kid? In my experience there are even a lot of lapsed Catholics – or people who were never Catholic at all – who know that when you lose something, St. Anthony becomes your best friend. Missing keys? Pray to St. Anthony. Can’t find your favorite sweater? St. Anthony. Forget where you parked your car in the mall lot? St. Anth – okay, you get the idea. Whatever it is, large or small, important or trivial, Tony has a reputation for finding the lost things.

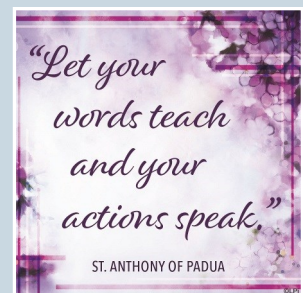
It’s a devotion that can seem a little like superstition – witchcraft, even? – if you don’t really understand it. Mumble an incantation to a dead guy and you’re guaranteed to find your sunglasses. But as with most traditions that are old, beloved and effective, looking a little closer reveals the truth of the matter.

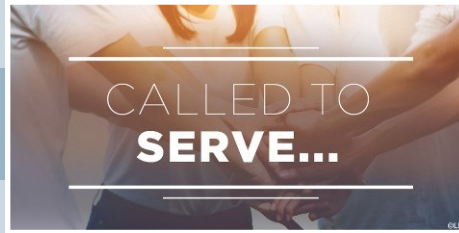
When we lose something really important, what do we do? We make the whole household stop what they’re doing to join the search. Having St. Anthony as a friend means you ask him to stop what he’s doing to help, too. And how he helps is by taking the matter exactly where all matters need to go – straight to the feet of Christ.

Here’s the real genius of St Anthony: he takes the most mundane, commonplace occurrence – misplacing socks – into an encounter with the divine and truly all things great and small are gifts from God. He grabs our hand and points to the cross. “That’s what you’re looking for,” he tells us.

In the end, Tony doesn’t really find the lost things. He finds the lost people.

- Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi





Our Parish Staff:

Fr. Matthew Heinrich, *Pastor*
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Fr. Robert Fedek, *Weekend Assistant*
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Deacon Ronald & Connie Gronek
Deacon Michael & Melissa Bednarz
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What's Happening @ IC...

Monday, June 14th –
 8:00 A.M.-6:00 P.M. – IC Summer Camp; PC
 8:30 A.M. – Weekday Mass; Church
Tuesday, June 15th –
 8:00 A.M.-6:00 P.M. – IC Summer Camp; PC
 8:30 A.M. – Weekday Mass; Church
 6:30-8:30 P.M. – Finance Council Mtg.; RA
Wednesday, June 16th –
 8:00 A.M.-6:00 P.M. – IC Summer Camp; PC
 8:30 A.M. – Weekday Mass; Church
 6:00 P.M. – Councils/Staff Appreciation
 Dinner; RA
Thursday, June 17th –
 8:00 A.M.-6:00 P.M. – IC Summer Camp; PC
 8:30 A.M. – Weekday Mass; Church
 6:30-8:00 P.M. – RCIC Mtg.; RA
Friday, June 18th –
 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, June 20th –
 9:30-10:15 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.)