

Welcome to
Immaculate Conception Parish

A Catholic Community Inviting People to Follow Christ

June 20, 2021 - Twelfth Sunday In Ordinary Time

Give thanks to the Lord, his love is everlasting.



*“So whoever is in Christ is a new creation: the old things have passed away;
behold, new things have come.”*

- 2 Corinthians 5:17

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.

Year 2 Goals

You have perhaps heard me speak about “Year 1” or “Year 2” goals but are perhaps unfamiliar with what I mean. Just over two years ago, our Parish Council began a process to look at the overall culture and revitalization of Immaculate Conception. This began with crafting a new mission statement, slogan (*Love God, Serve Others, Make Disciples*), and identifying our values. You can review them on our website (icchicago.org) under **Discover IC >> Mission and Values**. I would ask every parishioner to become familiar with our core values as they are the guiding principles behind our actions and decisions concerning everyone in our parish.



From a new mission and value-system, we engaged in identifying ‘pillars’, if you will, of what should be addressed, gradually and systematically:

Communication, Liturgy, Hospitality, Evangelization, Service, Finance/Stewardship, and Discipleship.

Year 1 focused primarily on Communication, Liturgy, and Evangelization – partly because of COVID restrictions. We built a new website, and much of my own work has been in attending meetings with every group to help inform them of our direction and to get people on board together. I believe communication to be an essential need and priority in our parish – people speaking to and listening to one another, understanding how and why we make decisions, understanding our expectations, and having clear goals in mind.

We reduced our Mass schedule to put more resources into what is called the “Weekend Experience,” focusing on improving our music, preaching, and hospitality. Our Reopening team was instrumental in this pursuit. Likewise, our Alpha team has been doing great things, continuing to expand their leadership, while also forming a new prayer group and Evangelization team.

Year 2 will continue to build on these three pillars, while also investing time and energy in Hospitality (now that we can meet), Discipleship (e.g., Adult Formation), and Stewardship.

Year 3 will see Discipleship, Stewardship, and Service as focal points, especially as we enter our 60th anniversary of IC Church as it is now.

What can you do right now to help our parish grow?

Our mission states, “*All parishioners are committed to worship, to connect, to grow, to serve, and to give.*”

First, is to join us for worship and the Eucharist. It is the sign of Christian unity and given to us as spiritual encouragement. **Second**, get to know one another. Faith, work, and life are impossible without healthy relationships. Invest in forming relationships with each other. We hope to offer more opportunities to be together, both in prayer and in leisure. **Third**, tell people about us and invite them to join us – the second part is on us to welcome them – and be supportive of our leaders and volunteers. A kind word and prayer go a long way. **Fourth**, consider serving others in our parish. Join our programs, like Alpha, to grow in your faith and discern with us your gifts. **Lastly**, give what you are able. I do not like putting a limit, high or low, on giving because it is such an individual thing, but in order to invest in our community we need the support of our community. While there is much work yet to be done, I hope you have seen what we have accomplished together already!

Fr. Matt

Notes From Our Director Of Worship...

Dear IC Parishioners and Friends,

If you were not with us for Mass last weekend, you may notice some changes this week. Most notable is the removal of most of the roped off areas in our church as well as the removal of the blue tape from our pews. There is still a small section remaining on the Harlem side of our church (behind our music area) as we decided to leave that intact for those who still prefer to remain socially distanced. Our primary goal is to make people feel safe and comfortable while they worship with us. Other recent changes of note at IC: as capacity limits have been lifted, registration for our Masses is no longer required. While wearing a mask is optional for those who are fully vaccinated, masks are still recommended by public health officials for those who are unvaccinated, particularly as it pertains to large indoor gatherings. Also, please note that both the East and West entrances to our church will now be open going forward. If you have any questions or concerns regarding any of these changes, please feel free to talk to a member of our Reintegration team and they will be happy to assist you.

On the music front, our *Breaking Bread* hymnals are back in the pews and you are encouraged to sing until your heart is content. My primary goal this summer is to add a tenor to our professional Sunday Quartet as we have been limited as far as the repertoire we can sing missing this key voice type. Additionally, I intend to restart our Chorister (youth choir) program in late summer/early fall. As far as an adult volunteer ensemble is concerned, no decisions have been made as of now. There is a possibility of adding an adult group for our Saturday 5:00 P.M. Mass of Anticipation. For the time being, our Vocal Quartet will continue to sing on Sunday mornings at both our 8:30 A.M. and 10:30 A.M. Masses. I hope that you have enjoyed having our Violinist, John Eckhardt, at our 8:30 A.M. Mass and Jim Cox, our Bass player, and Donovan Mixon, our Guitar player, have both been a great addition to our 10:30 A.M. Mass every other week.

On a more lighthearted note, a few people have inquired about my Roman Cassock. Father Matt and our entire leadership team (myself included) all concluded that a certain level of professionalism was important for our parish moving forward. After all, you would hardly walk into a bank and talk to a loan officer wearing a Hawaiian shirt and flip-flops. A Cassock and Surplice are traditional altar server garb and should not be considered "Clerical" by any means. My attire is simply to show proper respect to God and to the community I serve.

Peace in Christ,
Scott

*Blessing of Fathers...*

God and Father of all creation, we come before You today with humble hearts. You are our model of a loving father. When we fail and fall short of Your expectations, You are always there at the end of the day with open arms, ready to heal the cuts and scrapes of the day and to encourage us to try again and not to give up.

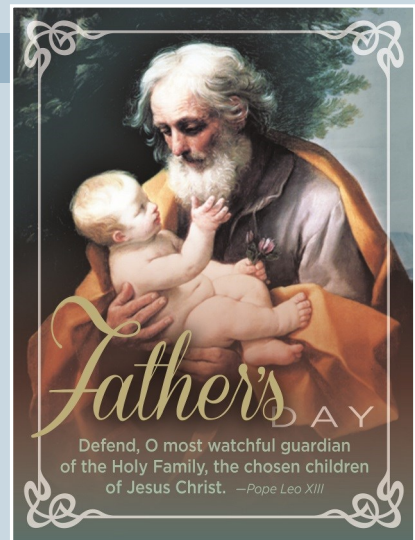
We hold up these men in our midst who act in the world as fathers to their children or models of fathers for others.

Bless them in their moments of doubt and frustration with their children.

Give them warm and open hearts to forgive failures.

Provide them with the words needed for encouragement and perseverance.

We ask all this in the name of Jesus. Amen.





Kindergarten Graduation



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
 Ozzie D'Souza
 Teresa Dzieciol
 Christina Dziekonski
 Richard Flanagan

Brooke Foreman
 Patricia Furgat
 Lila Gehner
 Ofelia Hernandez
 Dennis M. 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
Marie Piechowski
 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:

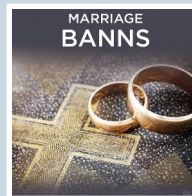
For those preparing to be joined together in Holy Matrimony:

Michael R. Zimmerman (Father of Nick Zimmerman)
 Laura Luedtke
 Br. Martin Spellman, F.S.C.

Mark John Swiderski and Stephanie Anne Strzelecki



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



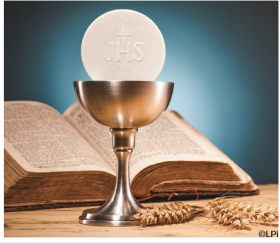
"And the two shall become one..."

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 20th
through
Sunday, June 27th*

Sunday, June 20th - Twelfth Sunday In Ordinary Time
5:00 P.M. (Saturday) - †John J. Joyce; †Edward Labuz; and †Vincent Boksa

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

Monday, June 21st - Saint Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious

8:30 A.M. — †Nora Holly

Tuesday, June 22nd - Saint Paulinus of Nola, Bishop; Saints John Fisher, Bishop, and Thomas More, Martyrs

8:30 A.M. — †Poor Souls In Purgatory

Wednesday, June 23rd - Weekday

8:30 A.M. — †Abelina Gonsalves

Thursday, June 24th - The Nativity of Saint John the Baptist

8:30 A.M. — †Patricia A. Walsh; and †John Seibert

Friday, June 25th - Weekday

8:30 A.M. — †Estelita R. Garcia (on her 5th Anniversary)

Saturday, June 26th - Weekday

5:00 P.M. - †Irene Czarnecki (on her 5th Anniversary)

Sunday, June 27th - Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 A.M.- †Thomas Tudisco; †Josephine & Bernard Gonsalves; †Antoinette Fabianski; †Francis & Moira Cross; †Kathleen O'Sullivan; Mary O'Malley (Living); Regina & Emil Kogut (Living); and Gene Dengler (Living)

10:30 A.M. — †Alfonso DiGrazia (Birthday Remembrance); †Stanislaw Swiderski; †Joan Marcus; †Laura Miraglia; †Patricia Gillespie; †Noreen Nolan; †Marcus Christian Ong; John David M. Ong (In Thanksgiving) (Living); Mr. & Mrs. Rodolfo Ong & Family (In Thanksgiving) (Living); Rosanna Marzec (Living); and The People of the Parish



June 20th through June 26th

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

Mae O'Donnell

Requested by: Sandra Kubik



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

Deacon Mike & Melissa Bednarz



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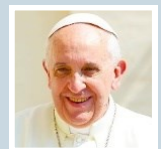
Our St. Joseph Votive is burning this week for the repose of the soul of

Michael O'Donnell

Requested by: Sandra Kubik

Pope Tweet of the Week...

"We cannot break bread on Sunday if our hearts are closed to our brothers and sisters. We cannot partake of that Bread if we do not give bread to the hungry. We cannot share that Bread unless we share the sufferings of our brothers and sisters in need."





WITH JOYFUL HEARTS,
WE WELCOME OUR
NEWLY BAPTIZED.



Ronan James & Eilis Eileen Morrissey
Child of Quentin Coleman & Erin Elizabeth (Glascott) Morrissey

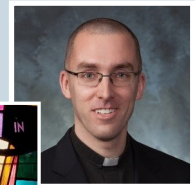


Emilia Addison O'Hearn
Child of Michael Jude O'Hearn & Maureen Patricia Boyle

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:** 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
- Monday:** Gn 12:1-9/Ps 33:12-13, 18-19, 20 and 22 [12]/Mt 7:1-5
- Tuesday:** Gn 13:2, 5-18/Ps 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5 [1b]/Mt 7:6, 12-14
- Wednesday:** Gn 15:1-12, 17-18/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9 [8a]/Mt 7:15-20
- Thursday:** Vigil: Jer 1:4-10/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 15, 17 [6b]/1 Pt 1:8-12/Lk 1:5-17
- Day:** Is 49:1-6/Ps 139:1-3, 13-14, 14-15 [14a]/Acts 13:22-26/Lk 1:57-66, 80
- Friday:** Gn 17:1, 9-10, 15-22/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [4]/Mt 8:1-4
- Saturday:** Gn 18:1-15/Lk 1:46-47, 48-49, 50 and 53, 54-55 [cf. 54b]/Mt 8:5-17
- Next Sunday:** Wis 1:13-15; 2:23-24/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11, 12, 13 [2a]/2 Cor 8:7, 9, 13-15/Mk 5:21-43 or 5:21-24, 35b-43

Gospel Meditation - Encourage a Deeper Understanding of Scripture



As we look at our lives and world events, do we ever find ourselves wondering if God is sleeping? After all, maybe God's patient, unconditional love has run its course and He is finally fed up with humanity's reluctance to accept the truth about who we are. God really can't be that patient! All throughout human history, many have prayed to God for intervention or for particular needs. Because their prayers were not answered in the way they wanted or anticipated, they felt that God may have abandoned them. Were they right? It seems that we are continuing, at a rapid rate, down a path of destruction. Do you not care, God, that we

may be perishing? When the boats of our lives are rocking and the seas tumultuous, we want to know that we have God's attention. Even more so, we want God's intervention.

Maybe the storms and the waves are necessary. If we listen, they can teach us valuable lessons. Without them, we would never learn that we have the strength to endure, understand the uselessness of fear and worry, or develop the ability to really trust. If God immediately rushed in and simply calmed things down before they got difficult, what good would that really be? We would miss opportunities to learn how to drink more deeply of life, treasure its complexity, irony, and beauty and fully engage ourselves in surrendering to the love of our Creator. It is easy to walk on the surface of life without immersing ourselves in its messiness. Life has to burn its way through us in order to bring us to a place of secure trust. It's unfortunate that some prefer a shallower journey.

That's the balancing act that comes with faith. It is not God's job to prevent us from encountering the torrential rains and winds of life. Many believe that if faith is done the right way, that God will provide for smooth sailing. That's not how it works. God permits us to ride out the difficult stuff knowing that the storm will eventually be calmed. Do we not have faith that God will do this? True faith trusts in the steadfastness of God's love when the seas are calm and when they are choppy. God's unconditional loving presence shines through all of it and endures forever. Knowing this allows us to put our boats out into uncharted waters without hesitation. Knowing that we prefer the comfort and safety of what we know to be still waters, how do we feel when Jesus says, "Let us cross to the other side"?

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Everyday Stewardship - Recognize God in your Ordinary Moments

Waking God...

A show of hands, ladies and gentlemen. Have any of you been given the silent treatment and had absolutely no idea why? On the flipside, have any of you have sworn you're not going to demean yourself by explaining, for the thousandth time, that you need extra help with the kids before soccer practice, or that you feel ignored when your spouse doesn't ask how your day went?

But sadly, love doesn't give you the ability to read minds. And in the end, we learn the lesson again and again, we have to verbalize our feelings, our needs, our wants. Expecting your partner to anticipate your needs is guaranteed to end badly.

It's the same with God, even though, oddly enough, He *does* have the ability to read minds. But He still desires us to explain ourselves to Him, doesn't He? "I'm feeling scared of this." "I'm really worried about that." "God, I think I need x, y and z. Help me. Please."

Jesus slept on that boat, as it was tossed and turned by the waves, until his disciples woke him. "Why were you sleeping?" they ask. Well, geniuses, he was sleeping because they hadn't woken him up yet. They had wasted time cowering in fear, waiting for him to act. They gave him the silent treatment and they didn't even know it.

God doesn't desire us to verbalize our needs as a way of keeping us submissive. He's not that petty. What He desires is the communication — that's what really counts. That act of opening yourself up, of becoming vulnerable, of relying on Him, trusting Him. If it feels like God is asleep in your life, ask yourself this, have you tried waking Him up? - Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi





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 & Melissa Bednarz
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What's Happening @ IC...

Monday, June 21st –
 8:00 A.M.-6:00 P.M. – IC Summer Camp; PC
 8:30 A.M. – Weekday Mass; Church

Tuesday, June 22nd –
 8:00 A.M.-6:00 P.M. – IC Summer Camp; PC
 8:30 A.M. – Weekday Mass; Church

Wednesday, June 23rd –
 8:00 A.M.-6:00 P.M. – IC Summer Camp; PC
 8:30 A.M. – Weekday Mass; Church

Thursday, June 24th –
 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 25th –
 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



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.)