

Welcome to the Parish of
Immaculate Conception

A Catholic Community Inviting People to Follow Christ

June 28, 2020 - Thirteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time



"We remember before our God and Father your work produced by faith, your labor prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ."

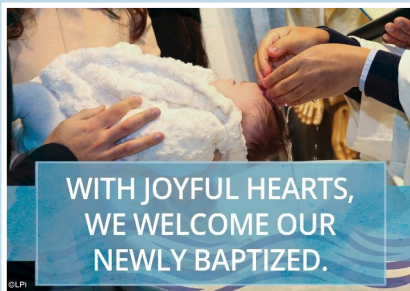
- 1 Thessalonians 1:3

Love God, Serve Others, Make Disciples



Gather with us virtually as we pray with, and for, one another during our Masses which are broadcast live through **Twitch TV** (www.twitch.tv/icchicago) and through **Facebook Live** on our Facebook page: *Immaculate Conception Parish Chicago (Talcott)*. Direct links to both platforms are easily accessible on our parish website (www.icparish.net). For your convenience, all Masses are recorded and archived for a limited time.

We also invite you to pray the **Rosary** and **Divine Mercy Chaplet** with us daily (Monday through Friday) at **3:00 P.M.** via Zoom. Additional instructions on how to join us are available on our website.



Daniel Stephen Boyle
Child of Patrick J. and Stephanie J. (Martinat) Boyle



Welcome Home...

Phase 2 Preliminary Reopening Mass Schedule:

Sunday Mass in Church (with reserved seating) @ 8:30 A.M.
***First Friday Mass & Adoration in Church (with reserved seating) @ 5:30 P.M. (*Beginning July 3rd)**

Please visit www.icparish.net to register.

Worship with IC from home...

Sunday Virtual Mass @ 10:30 A.M.

Daily Virtual Mass @ 7:00 P.M. (Monday through Friday)

Post-Mass Virtual Hospitality -

Coffee & Chat
Sundays @ 11:15 A.M.

Zoom Room: 89760488093
Password: 456016



We invite you to connect with us via Zoom (www.zoom.us) for our Post-Mass Coffee & Chat Room gathering following the conclusion of our 10:30 A.M. Mass on Sundays. All are welcome!

Support IC through Give Central...

We are truly grateful for the continued generosity of our faithful parishioners as we would not be able to maintain our parish and continue our mission without you.

If you are able, please consider contributing electronically via Give Central at www.givecentral.org/location/349 to assist us in maintaining the vital ministries and services we provide on behalf of our community. If you have any questions regarding setting up your online donations through Give Central, please contact our Parish Office at 773.775.3833 and a member of our Parish Staff will be happy to assist you.

If you would prefer to support our parish with an offertory donation through cash or check, please mail your envelopes to our Parish Office at:
7211 W. Talcott Avenue, Chicago, IL. 60631.



"You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God." - 2 Corinthians 9:11

Dear Parishioners and Friends...

Three years ago, Cardinal Blase Cupich appointed me to serve as your Pastor at Immaculate Conception Parish. While this appointment brought a lot of joy and excitement into my life, I also felt fear and hesitation initially, as I questioned whether I was truly prepared for the mission that had been entrusted to me - namely, to shepherd a large parish community equipped with an equally large school. Fortunately, all those worries disappeared upon my arrival at IC. I was deeply moved by the way our parish family warmly welcomed me and helped me to feel at ease in my new surroundings. Within a few weeks of my stay at our parish, I truly felt at home. Thank you for graciously embracing me as one of your own.

The last three years of my life as your Pastor have been a great blessing to me. With your assistance and guidance, I feel that I have matured as a priest, having grown wiser and more deeply grounded in pastoral life during my time at IC. Throughout our ongoing journey of parish renewal, your love and generosity has served as a source of inspiration for me, allowing me to dream big as I envisioned the future of Immaculate Conception Parish. Thank you for accompanying me on this journey and for supporting my vision of transitioning our parish from maintenance to mission. Although our time together has been relatively short (and there is still much work to be done), I am humbled and grateful that we have accomplished so much together—from clarifying our mission as a parish (to *love God, serve others and make disciples*) and developing our long-term pastoral plan, to completing extensive (and long deferred) maintenance projects to help fortify and beautify our Church building (including the recent installation of our new carpeting and the planned installation of our new Sound and Video System later this year.) I pray that the Holy Spirit will continue to guide and inspire our parish in my absence, as my friend and Associate, Fr. Matthew, capably assumes leadership of IC going forward, continuing the work we began together of leading our parish family closer to Christ.

I am incredibly grateful to Fr. Matt, Deacon Rick, Deacon Ron and Deacon Mike for their support and guidance on my priestly journey. I am truly grateful to our dedicated Parish Staff, our School Faculty and Staff, my Core Leadership Team, our Pastoral and Finance Councils, our parish and school organization leaders and volunteers, and all of you for the support and love you have kindly offered me over these past three years. I am grateful to God for providing me with the opportunity to work with each one of you, as you have all made your mark on me by helping me to become a better person and a more faithful disciple of Christ. Thank you for your friendship and thank you for your continued commitment to our parish and school. I will always hold the memories of your goodness and generosity in my heart.

As our parish continues our gradual reopening process this summer and Fr. Matt transitions into his new role as your Pastor, I will continue to keep you all in my prayers, and I ask for your prayers in return as I prepare myself to begin my new assignment as Administrative Secretary to the Cardinal on July 1st. Although my time as your Pastor has come to an end, I am happy to say that our journey together has not, as I will continue my ministry at IC (in a limited role) by serving our community as our Weekend Assistant (a role previously held by Fr. Peter Snieg), assisting Fr. Matt with our Sunday Masses as needed (and as my schedule permits.) Given the current circumstances that prevent us from gathering together as a parish family for a formal farewell celebration (as well as our prolonged separation from one another over these past few months), I am grateful to still be able to continue my relationship with our IC community going forward in the months to come.

With love and prayers,
Fr. Robert



Fr. Robert (aka Rabbi Bob),

Where does one start to say goodbye to a friend, to a mentor, to a spiritual guide, to a shepherd? Just thinking about the transformation of IC under your leadership over the last 3 years or so, is truly mind-boggling. There were hurdles to overcome, and one or two pitfalls to avoid, but you never gave up hope, or your vision, of who we could become. Nor would you allow us to do the same. You empowered and inspired us to be more than we even thought possible, while teaching us to rely upon the Holy Spirit for strength and guidance.

As a builder, you laid the foundation and gave us a vision to build towards. You set our feet on solid ground, with purpose, passion, and drive, and gave us the tools to tackle the job. You expanded our range of creative thought and you gave us the freedom to do so. In fact, you encouraged it and challenged us accordingly. And we can't begin to thank you enough for doing so.

Where we go from here will always have your imprint, for you have touched the soul of IC. And while we're sad that you're leaving us, we know that we will never truly be apart. We were truly blessed to have you in our lives and you will forever have a home at IC. As you move forward with your new calling, we ask for God's blessing upon your life and we wish you well. We already know that you'll be a success, for you are a child of God, and God has great things in store for you.
May God bless you in all that you do!

In Christ,
Michael Tom (Core Leadership Team)



*"How we thank God for you! Because of you we have great joy as we enter God's presence."
- 1 Thessalonians 3:9*



On behalf of all of us on the Parish Pastoral Council, we thank Fr. Robert for all that he has done for Immaculate Conception during his three years as pastor. So much has been accomplished in such a short time. The Council especially thanks Fr. Robert for guiding our team to a closer relationship with the Holy Spirit, allowing us to focus our energy on creating a plan to bring our parish from maintenance to mission. Fr. Robert provided the leadership for our team to collaboratively and prayerfully create a strategic plan that brings to life IC's Purpose Statement, "Love God, Serve Others, Make Disciples."

We offer Fr. Robert our prayers and support for his success as he takes on a new and important leadership role within the Archdiocese. At the same time, we will miss Fr. Robert's presence around IC, the thoughtful way he exhibited his leadership on all aspects of parish life and the enthusiasm in his love for God and the Catholic faith. God Bless you and best wishes Fr. Robert!

- Phil McGrath, Chairperson (Parish Pastoral Council)



Immaculate Conception Parish



On behalf of the faculty and staff at IC School, we would like to wish Fr. Robert nothing but happiness and success in his new venture with the Archdiocese. We can't thank you enough for reinstating our Family Masses and giving homilies at our weekly Wednesday school Masses that were at a level that the children could understand. Both teachers and students enjoyed the visits that you made to our classrooms. You truly reconnected our school and church during your time here as pastor.

Thank You!

- Sue Canzoneri (IC School Principal)



From the very first day you stepped on our IC campus, you have always listened, engaged and challenged Immaculate Conception School to be the absolute best. Whether it was riding bikes with families that first fall, going to meetings, or attending events, you helped to make IC the place to be. Over these last few years, you have made an impact on our Immaculate Conception School community that will never be forgotten. As a School Board, we wish you all the best on your new job in the Cardinal's office. We thank you for all of your hard work, dedication, and most of all, for your friendship. Remember, this message is by no means a goodbye but rather, "We will see you again soon!" Father Robert, to everyone here at Immaculate Conception, you are "FOREVER A COWBOY!"

- Ronald Yak, President (IC School Board)



As Chairperson of the Parish Finance Council and on behalf of our entire group, I would like to wish Father Robert the best of luck in his new position. Father Robert has been a wonderful leader of our parish and has been an excellent mentor to his successor, Father Matt. We have been so blessed to have both in our presence and we look forward to continuing to see Father Robert on the weekends whenever he is free to assist with Mass.

God Bless,

Stephanie Argamaso, Chairperson (Parish Finance Council)



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Snapshots from our 8:30 A.M. Mass on Sunday, June 21st as we warmly welcomed our parish family back home for our first public celebration of the Eucharist...



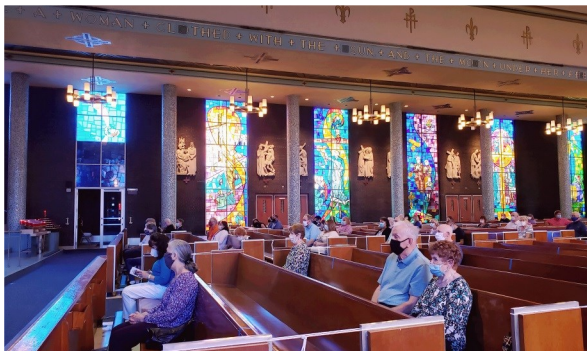
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SAFETY FIRST
Please...

-  Sanitize your hands
-  Maintain social distance of 6 ft apart
-  Wear masks

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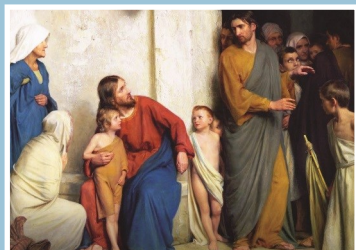
*"All of you together are the temple of God,
and the spirit of God lives in you." -
1 Corinthians 3:16*



*"Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to
which indeed you were called in one body; and
be thankful." - Colossians 3:15*

Welcome Home!

Gospel Reflection...



*"Whoever does not take up his cross
and follow after Me is not worthy of Me."*

- Matthew 10:38

Jesus continues to teach His followers the challenges of discipleship. What do you find most challenging in following Christ?

Immaculate Conception
School

A Great Place to Learn!



Summer Tours are Available.

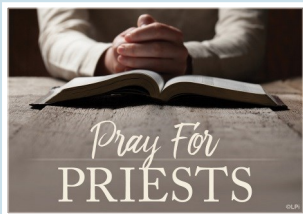
**To schedule, please call the
School Office at 773-775-0545.**



Live the Liturgy – Inspiration for the Week

"Are you unaware that we who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death?" What do you understand these words to mean? Many see these words as an indication of what may come in eternal life. In actuality, they have more to do with our lives here and now. We are called to die to ourselves and offer our lives as gifts given generously to others. It is not about us. We are asked to serve God and not continue in our service of sin. Life is about learning to do what we really do not want to do because it brings us deeper into the mystery of God, ourselves, and others. Learning how to accept and live with the "small deaths" and sacrifices we encounter teaches us how to live with and approach our final death. We can do so with a heart that has been touched by and is open to mercy or one that is self-focused and closed.

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*Please join our parish family in prayer for the men from Mundelein Seminary scheduled to be ordained on Monday, June 29th as new priests to serve God and His holy people:
Larry Josue Basbas; Arthur Bautista; Ismael Garcia Sainz; Patrick Gorman; Vinicio Jiménez;
Henry (Hank) Lyon; Martin Marulanda and Patrick Bergin*

Prayer for the Newly Ordained...

Lord Jesus, You have chosen Your priests from among us and sent them out to proclaim Your word and act in Your name. For so great a gift to Your Church, we give You praise and thanksgiving. We ask You to fill them with the fire of Your love, that their ministry may reveal Your presence in the Church. Since they are earthen vessels, we pray that Your power shines out through their weakness. In their afflictions let them never be crushed, in their doubts never despair, in temptation never be destroyed, and in persecution never abandoned. Inspire them through prayer to live each day the mystery of Your dying and rising. In times of weakness send them Your Spirit and help them to praise Your Heavenly Father and pray for poor sinners. By Your same Holy Spirit put Your word on their lips and Your love in their hearts, to bring good news to the poor and healing to the brokenhearted. And may the gift of Mary, Your Mother, to the disciple whom You loved be Your gift to every priest. Grant that, through her intercession, they may be formed more into Your divine image, by the power of Your Spirit, to the glory of God the Father, Amen.

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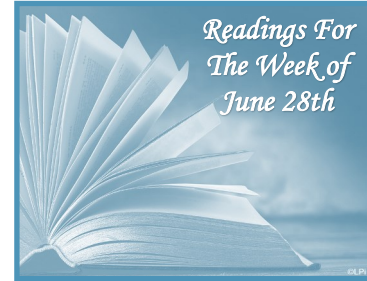
PRAYER LIST FOR THE SICK

Concetta Bartucci	Arlene Lacey-Beyna
Melissa Bednarz	Richard Losik
Celerina Behrman	Benny Martinez
Robert Behrman	Edwin Martinez
Sonia M. B.	Frank Martinez
Vince Caeti	Jan Merino
Jackie Campbell	Veronica Murillo
Rita Castillo	Timothy Murray
James Covello	Mae O'Donnell
Sherry Crocifisso	Jackie O'Koniewski
Ronnie Cunningham	Mary (Kores) Potwora
Richard Flanagan	Bill Remblake
Brooke Foreman	Sebastian L. Rivera
Lila Gehner	David Rodriguez
Irene Hand	Elaine Schatz
Ofelia Hernandez	Edward Stanczyk
Nancy Kinzie	Steven P. Trifilio
Craig Kloss	John Varallo
Lillian Kohut	

Eternal Rest Grant Unto Them...

Please join our parish family in prayer as we honor our faithful departed:

Martha Petramala
Henry Kilian
Betty J. Reuther



Wedding Banns...

Please join our parish family in prayer as we prepare to celebrate the Wedding of:



*Rachel Margaret Thanas and
Matthew Robert Brill*

Connect with our Parish Staff...

Although our Church building will be open on a limited basis, our Parish Office will continue to remain closed for the time being. In the meantime, our Parish Staff is still available to assist you. Please don't hesitate to contact us at 773.775.3833 (voicemails are monitored daily) or connect with us via email at frontdesk@icparish.info with any questions, concerns or needs that may arise during this time.

Please take comfort in the knowledge that you are loved, missed and prayed for daily by all of us.

Pope Tweet of the Week...

"The Lord cannot enter into hard or ideological hearts. The Lord enters into hearts that are like His: hearts that are open and compassionate."



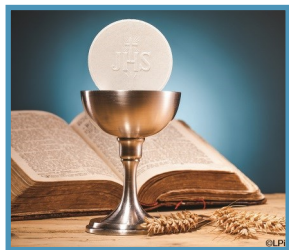
WHAT'S HAPPENING AT IC

For more information on upcoming events, please visit our parish website at www.icparish.net.

Please note: As a precautionary measure, all previously scheduled activities, meetings, and events have either been canceled or postponed until further notice. Additional scheduling changes may occur as the situation continues to develop.

BULLETIN DEADLINE: The deadline for all bulletin submissions is Friday at noon – 8 days prior to the Sunday it will appear. The email address is icparishbulletin@gmail.com.

PARISH REGISTRATION: Please contact our Parish Office at 773.775.3833 or visit our parish website at www.icparish.net for additional information.



***Mass Intentions:
Sunday, June 28th through
Sunday, July 5th***

Sunday, June 28 - Thirteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time

5:00 P.M. (Saturday) - †Helen Jaworski; †Alfonso DiGrazia (Birthday Remembrance); †Thomas Dextl; and †Daniel Gallagher

7:30 A.M.— †Mary Alvarez

9:30 A.M.— †Francis & Moira Cross; †Joan Marcus; and †Krystyna Sadowska; †Rich Albekier; and †Marco DiFranco

11:15 A.M.— Helga Jarosz (Living)

6:00 P.M. - Melissa Bednarz (Living)

Monday, June 29 – Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles

8:30 A.M.— †Tim Cotteleer

Tuesday, June 30 - The First Martyrs of The Holy Roman Church

8:30 A.M.— †Agnes Ghidara (on her 4th Anniversary)

Wednesday, July 1 - Saint Junipero Serra, Priest

8:30 A.M.— †Ros Merino

Thursday, July 2 – Weekday

8:30 A.M. — †James Tyson (on his Death Anniversary)

Friday, July 3 - Saint Thomas, Apostle

8:30 A.M.— †Krystyna Sadowska (on her 40 Day Anniversary); and †Ellen "Nellie" Gavin

Saturday, July 4 - Weekday (Independence Day)

5:00 P.M. - †Nick Demczuk; and †Erin Sampey (on her 9th Anniversary)

Sunday, July 5 – Fourteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time

7:30 A.M.— †Martha Petramala

9:30 A.M.— †Medard Schronski

11:15 A.M.— †Pietro Biancorosso; †Serafina Nocito; †Francis & Moira Cross; †Julia Stirling; and †Krystyna Sadowska

6:00 P.M. — †Tommy Fuller



June 28th through July 4th

*The sanctuary lamp is burning this week
for the repose of the soul of*

Ros Merino

Requested by Erma Kinzie



June 28th through July 3rd

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

Ron Lome

(For Healing)

Requested by Dorel Morris



June 28th through July 3rd

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

Henry Kilian

PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY

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. Army - 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. Marine - Sean Gronset, PFC Sebastian L. Rivera, Jr., PFC Christopher Hughes, PFC Algene D. Porticos

Let us pray for these women and men and all who are serving in the military. Please contact our Parish Office when these service people return home. If you are a veteran or know a veteran, the Archdiocese of Chicago has a website: vets.archchicago.org that provides information that can be of assistance.