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A Catholic Community Inviting People to Follow Christ

June 5, 2022 - Pentecost Sunday



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"The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if only we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him."- Romans 8:17

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#### **Parish Office Hours:**

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 Monday-Friday:
 9:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.

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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 now optional.

All are welcome!

Weekday Mass Schedule:

*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.

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:

2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of each month @ Noon (except during Lent)

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#### Veni Creator Spiritus - Come, Creator Spirit

Pentecost marks the end of the Easter Season and a transition into Ordinary Time. The Church Year is divided into various seasons, but the Easter Season is the most central and powerful. Punctuated by the Ascension and Pentecost, it focuses on the mission of all Christians baptized into the life, death, and resurrection of Christ.

The Ascension marked a sort of '*exchange*,' as our ancestors called it: Jesus rose from the earth with our mortal flesh (now resurrected) and brought that same flesh and blood into heaven. Since Christ's humanity and divinity, joined together in the person of Jesus, now dwell in heaven, it makes it possible for the Holy Spirit to dwell in us.

The love of the Father, which could only be seen and felt in various indirect ways, is now capable of making its home in our hearts.

As you no doubt have noticed, speaking of the Holy Spirit is surrounded in mystery, paradox, and imagery – we have no obvious way of making a solid outline of the Spirit. He is undefined, unrestrained, and entirely free.

Yet the joyfulness represented by Pentecost and by Ordinary Time is that the Spirit can be experienced in our daily, ordinary lives. We are commanded to ask for that same Spirit to assist us in our work, prayer, families, and churches. While the Spirit cannot be so easily described, Scripture and Tradition leave us with many indicators of how we can discern the Spirit's presence.

Among many fruits of the Spirit, things like gentleness, peaceability, and kindness in our conduct are things that might indicate the Spirit's work. Another, as St. John says, is to acknowledge in sincerity that "*Jesus is Lord*." St. Paul notes elsewhere that the Spirit allows one to speak words men need to hear and for another to listen. It allows one to build and another to heal. It allows one to repent of their sins and another to forgive the sins of another.

While there is much more to discuss, for now I hope you have been able to appreciate our witness talks given this weekend by *Michael, Mary*, and *Joe*. Each of them parents and parishioners of IC who have done so much for our parish and Alpha program, creating opportunities for the Spirit to operate. If you did not have the chance to hear them speak, I hope to have excerpts of their witness online in the future.

Similarly, it is my intention to start having more parishioners give witness to Christ, the Spirit, service, and how they have engaged with the mission of IC and of Christ's Church. Over the course of the year, tentatively quarterly for now, I would like more parishioners to speak to our community – they are often better evangelists, and our hope is, anyway, that different voices and personalities will speak to the diversity of our parish.

For now, we pray "Come Holy Spirit, fill our hearts with your love. Allow us to see the Son, allow us to know the Father, and allow us to reflect the immense love you have for us in how we love one another. Amen." - Fr. Matt

#### A Special Announcement From Our Associate Pastor, Fr. Robert Carlton...

Happy beginning of summer to everyone! I wanted to let everyone know that I received my transfer orders from the Archdiocese recently - as of July 1, 2022, I will be the Associate Pastor for the two combined parishes in Oak Park. While I am looking forward to the new and expanded challenge in Oak Park, I will certainly miss the community and people at IC. I am and will continue to be very

grateful for the three years that I have spent here - I have often heard it said that a priest learns the most about how to actually be a priest from the people at his first assignment, and I have certainly learned a great deal about how to be a priest from you all, which are lessons that I very much appreciate and will always remember. Thank you also for all your support and prayers over the last several years - it meant a great deal to me to get ordained from IC and to be able to celebrate my first Mass as a priest here. While I am leaving the parish, this certainly does not mean that this is goodbye. I look forward to coming back for a football or basketball game every now and then, and perhaps a Mass or two as well. Please know of my sincere prayers and best wishes for you as always and let us make sure that we are not strangers in the future.

- Fr. Robert









#### Battle Of The Books Championship

Battle of the Books is an energizing reading incentive program at Immaculate Conception School for students in grades 3-8. Students are divided into teams and given a list of books to read. During the Battle, teams collaborate to answer questions both oral and written about the books. The team with the highest score wins that Battle. The highest scoring team then goes on to Battle the winning teams from other schools. IC hosted the *Battle of the Books Championship* on Wednesday, May 25<sup>th</sup> in our Parish Center. Congratulations to the Battle Team from St. Hilary, who won the championship, and to our IC Battle Team who finished second in this year's annual competition!



Tolton Teaching Parish Program Seminarian Update

Congratulations to our Seminarian **Joseph Nguyen** who was ordained to the Priesthood on **Saturday**, **May 28**<sup>th</sup> by Most Rev. Bishop Oscar Cantu, STD at the Cathedral Basilica of Saint Joseph in the Diocese of San Jose (California)! Later that evening, he celebrated his first Mass as an ordained priest at his home parish, St. Lawrence the Martyr, in Santa Clara, California at 5:00 P.M. May God bless Fr. Joseph in his ministry as he begins his new assignment on July 1<sup>st</sup> as Parochial Vicar of the Cathedral Basilica of Saint Joseph in San Jose, California.





# Mrs. Deadwyler's Second Grade Class

Second Grade - Room 15 has been very busy. We participated in a "*Guess Who*" game. Our classmates had to look at our baby pictures and read our clues and guess who was who. It was super fun! Someone made 21 correct guesses. We also commemorated our First Holy Communion by making mosaic pictures of the Blessed Sacrament. For Kindness Day, we wrote a thoughtful note to a classmate which made everyone smile! Finally, we created habitat dioramas for our group science project. We had a blast!











# Please join our parish family in prayer ...



Tom Altman Paul Amandes Arnold B. Deacon Mike Bednarz Robert Behrman Sonia M. B. Roberta Berger John Bozek Vince Caeti Mary Cali Zita Castro Donna Chaplin Marie Conway James Covello Ronnie Cunningham Paige Dicks Margarita DiSalvo Paula Drew Ozzie D'Souza Ioan Fabiano Richard Flanagan Brooke Foreman Patricia Furgat Lila Gehner

### For those who are sick:

Bonnie Jean Gorski Deacon Ron Gronek Joseph Henmueller Ofelia Hernandez Kevin Jaburek Wayne Kinzie, Sr. Craig Kloss Lillian Kohut Katherine Kreuser Anthony LaPash **Benny Martinez** Edwin Martinez Frank Martinez Gerry Michalek, Jr. Glen Molo Molly Morris Veronica Murillo Timothy Murray Brendan Nelson Anne O'Brien John O'Brien Jackie O'Koniewski David Olson Ashton Peterson

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Second Collection: June 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup>

For our faithful departed:

Maricela Orozco (Mother of Patricia Arroyo)



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

**Our Promise to Our Priests** Our annual collection benefitting HEALTHCARE, WELLNESS AND RETIREMENT for the priests of the Archdiocese of Chicago.



*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, 1<sup>st</sup> 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, Major 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, LCpl Daniel Wieczorek

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 5<sup>th</sup> through Sunday, June 12<sup>th</sup>

#### Sunday, June 5th – Pentecost Sunday

**5:00** *P.M.* (*Saturday*) – <sup>†</sup>Elaine Schatz; Don Smith (on his 75<sup>th</sup> Birthday) (Living); Ryan Costelloe (Living); and Don & Fran Smith (on their 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary) (Living) **8:30** *A.M.* – <sup>†</sup>George Buschauer

**10:30** A.M. – <sup>†</sup>Peter Chu; <sup>†</sup>Tommy Fuller; <sup>†</sup>Anna Paura; <sup>†</sup>Ronald Reagan; <sup>†</sup>Fr. Ronan Newbold, C.P.; <sup>†</sup>Patrick Loftus; <sup>†</sup>Francis & Moira Cross; <sup>†</sup>David Macapagal; and The People of the Parish

Monday, June 6<sup>th</sup> – *The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church (Tenth Week In Ordinary Time)* 8:30 A.M. – <sup>†</sup>Soldiers Who Died In Normandy

**Tuesday, June 7<sup>th</sup> -** *Weekday* 8:30 A.M. – Jacqueline Flanagan (on her 61<sup>st</sup> Birthday) (Living); and Michelle Trokan (Living)

Wednesday, June 8<sup>th</sup> – Weekday 8:30 A.M. – <sup>+</sup>Tom Fuller

Thursday, June 9<sup>th</sup> – Saint Ephrem, Deacon and Doctor of the Church

**8:30** A.M. – <sup>†</sup>Dorothy Estrada (on her 17<sup>th</sup> Anniversary); <sup>†</sup>Mary S. Alvarez (on her 2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary); and The Abraham Family (Special Intention) (Living)

**Friday, June 10<sup>th</sup> -** *Weekday* 8:30 A.M. – The Abraham Family (Living) (In Thanksgiving)

Saturday, June 11<sup>th</sup> - Saint Barnabas, Apostle 5:00 P.M.— <sup>†</sup>Donna Marie Haywood; <sup>†</sup>Stanislaw Swiderski; Philip Abraham & Tran Le (on their Wedding Day) (Living); and Bridget Hynes (Living) (For Healing)

Sunday, June 12<sup>th</sup> – The Most Holy Trinity
8:30 A.M.- <sup>†</sup>George Buschauer; and Andy & Debbie Bielski (on their 30<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary) (Living)
10:30 A.M. - <sup>†</sup>Paul Kokalj; <sup>†</sup>Elizabeth Serafin (on her 6<sup>th</sup> Anniversary); <sup>†</sup>Andre Stephenson; <sup>†</sup>Francisco & Julio Prieto; <sup>†</sup>Cosimo Ostuni; <sup>†</sup>Francis & Moira Cross; and The People of the Parish





"My peace I give you" (Jn 14:27). Jesus knows that on our own we are not able to cultivate peace, that we need help, a gift, the Holy Spirit. It is He who disarms the heart and fills it with serenity."



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Immaculate Conception Holy Name Society Mass: Friday, June 17th @ 7:00 P.M.

Please join us on **Friday**, **June 17**<sup>th</sup> **at 7:00 P.M.** @ **IC** for the **42**<sup>nd</sup> **Annual Spiritual Assembly of the Chicago Association of Holy Name Societies** – with a reception to follow at our Parish Center.

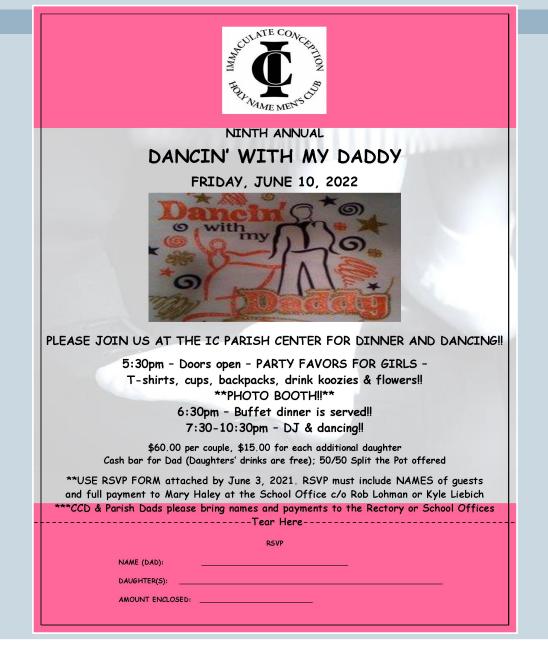
Members from neighboring Holy Name Societies will process from our Parish Center, weather permitting, to our church. Our Pastor, Fr. Matt Heinrich, will celebrate Mass, with sacred music provided by our professional musicians under the direction of our Director of Worship, Scott Will (featuring our Vocal Trio: *Elizabeth, Julie & Ben* accompanied by *John Eckhardt* (violin), as well as our *Overtones* (Adult Handbell Choir directed by *Karol Grib.*)

Knights of Columbus, from the North American Martyrs Council #4338 at St. John Brebeuf Parish, will provide the honor guard for this event. Members from other religious organizations from IC and the Archdiocese of Chicago will participate in this sacred event, which last was hosted by IC on June 10, 2011 – when Fr. Eric Meyer was Pastor.

We anticipate over 300 to be in attendance, so please plan to arrive early for this Holy event. For more information, please contact our Parish Office at 773.775.3833 or Deacon Mike at 847.361.9766.



All are welcome to join us and participate in this special event!



### Gospel Meditation - Encourage a Deeper Understanding of Scripture



Even though Pentecost is rightly celebrated in late spring, the robust experience of a New England fall can provide a profound metaphor for reflection. A full expression of fall colors is beautiful to behold. But, with all of its majesty and beauty, the observer knows the experience of death is soon to come. Creation will be dark and barren for a while. Pentecost cannot be separated from the cross. Before God's transformative, life-giving power can bear fruit, we must first die.

Pentecost is all about leaving the lifeless dead wood behind and allowing God, through the power of the Holy Spirit, to create something new. These Pentecost

creations happen repeatedly over and over again. The birthing process of the Church is ongoing. God is always bringing life out of death and creating something where there was once nothing. That is why the fall is such an apropos metaphorical season for Pentecost. In order to really receive the gift of the Holy Spirit we have to die to what we once knew and what no longer works.

When fire and wind find their fullest expression, they are in no way gentle nor kind. They have the potential to level anything in their paths. We are experiencing great turmoil in our world, nation, and our Church. Whether the result of circumstance or the work of the Holy Spirit, much of what we knew to be normal and constant is changing. Common systems and institutional structures that may have worked for a time no longer do. When the old and familiar need to be left behind, God creates something new. Change and disorder do not need to be our enemies. They always bring opportunities for something exciting and new. What we need is untiring faith, firm hope, and perfect love.

What we need is for the Holy Spirit to enlighten us to see what is important and what we must do. "*O Holy Spirit, descend plentifully into my heart. Enlighten the dark corners of this neglected dwelling and scatter there Thy cheerful beams.*" (St. Augustine) If we experience joy, even in the midst of turbulence, then we will know we are exactly where God needs us to be. If not, then perhaps there is a lesson in the decaying leaves that graciously descend to the ground on a crisp fall day. ©LPi

#### Saint of The Week - Examples of Our Faith: Saint Norbert of Xanten (June 6<sup>th</sup> )



Born to nobility, St. Norbert of Xanten, was ordained as a subdeacon and served in the court of Henry V, Emperor of Germany, however, at court it was easy to be distracted by wealth, power and luxury and he lived a worldly and corrupt life there. By the grace of God while traveling in a storm he was nearly struck by lightning and almost killed. This experience changed St. Norbert and he became penitent, left his court post, and after a period of discernment in a monastery, felt called to be a priest.

**ST. NORBERT ST. NORBERT ST. NORBERT** Norbert became an itinerant preacher, preaching against worldly attitudes but at the Pope's request finally settled in northern France and founded the Norbertine order established according to the rule of St. Augustine. The order grew rapidly and soon founded women's branch. Norbert traveled and preached across Germany where he also founded a lay branch of the Norbertines. In Belgium he preached against heresies which denied the Blessed Sacrament.

Eventually he was made Archbishop of Magdeburg, Germany, and later he traveled to Rome in support of Pope Innocent II, against the antipope. Afterward he returned to Germany to court of Emperor Lothar as advisor, at end of life, in failing health, St. Norbert was carried back to Magdeburg where he died. ©LPi

Ministry Schedules: Saturday, June 11 <sup>th</sup> & Sunday, June 12 <sup>th</sup>			
	Saturday 5:00 P.M.	Sunday 8:30 A.M.	Sunday 10:30 A.M.
Presiders	Fr. Robert Fedek	Fr. Matthew Heinrich	Fr. Matthew Heinrich
Lectors	L. Christy	D. Sebastian	M. Davila
Cantors	E. Doyle	Vocal Quintet & Violin	Vocal Quintet & Guitar & Bass
Extraordinary Ministers	D. Mroz	C. Mulligan	M. Davila & S. Serb
Altar Servers	P. Beckman; J. Edwards; K. Giannola	N. Rahlfs; C. Villafane; B. Yak	M. Gallagher; L. Love I. Luna



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 Elizabeth Doyle, Assistant Director of Music Marilyn Sadowski, Receptionist Bernadette Anna, Parish Sacristan Michael La Haye, Head of Maintenance

Our School Staff: Sue Canzoneri, Principal Tina Fitzgerald, Assistant Principal Julie Szwedo, Religious Education Coordinator Lisa Kessler, School Accountant Mary Haley, School Secretary

What's Happening @ IC...

<u>Tuesday, June 7<sup>th</sup></u> -8:30 A.M.-12:30 P.M. – Preschool End Of Year Celebrations; SC/PH 7:00-9:00 P.M. – Parish Pastoral Council Mtg.; RA

<u>Wednesday, June 8th</u>-8:30 A.M. – Kindergarten Graduation; PC 2:00-3:30 P.M. – Choristers Rehearsal; CH

<u>Thursday, June 9th</u> -**7:00 A.M.-3:00 P.M. –** Parents Club Block Party; PG/East Lot

<u>Friday, June 10<sup>th</sup></u> - School Ends (Grades 1-7) - 11:30 A.M. Dismissal 5:30-10:30 P.M. – Holy Name Men's Club 9<sup>th</sup> Annual "Dancin' With My Daddy" Father/Daughter Dance; PC 8:00-10:00 P.M. – Men's Basketball; SG



For additional information regarding upcoming events @ IC, please visit: icchicago.org/discover-ic/event-calendar.cfm

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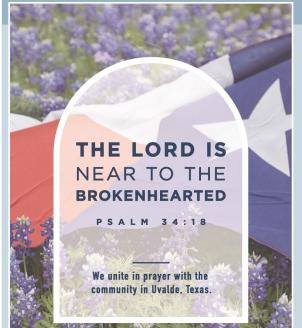
If you plan to move from our parish, please notify our Parish Office at least three months prior to your change of address. Also, if you will be away from home for more than 3 months, please contact us so that your envelopes can be stopped during that time period.

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**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** 

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### Prayer for the Victims of the School Shooting in Uvalde, Texas

"Lord God, our hearts are broken with pain as we hear again of death and despair caused by gun violence. Families mourn, children live in fear, and the nation asks why.

We ask, O Lord, that You comfort those families wounded by events in Uvalde, Texas. Care for the souls who grieve and help us work for greater and lasting peace.

Help us to transform our own hearts, to turn from violence, and to seek peaceful ways of resolving differences.

Let our hands connect with those who feel alone, those who live in fear, and those suffering from mental illness.

Let our voices be raised asking lawmakers to create the means to protect all in our society, especially those most vulnerable.

And let our choices be those that make our nation a healthy, holy home.

We ask this in the name of Jesus Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life. Amen."





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