

Welcome to the Parish of
Immaculate Conception

A Catholic Community Inviting People to Follow Christ

June 7, 2020 - The Most Holy Trinity



*“Mend your ways, encourage one another, agree with one another,
live in peace, and the God of love and peace will be with you.”
-- 2 Corinthians 13:11*

Love God, Serve Others, Make Disciples



Worship...

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 Saturday) at **3:00 P.M.** via Zoom. Additional instructions on how to join us are available on our website.



We Give ...

Because God Gave First

"For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him might not perish but might have eternal life." - John 3:16

Worship with IC from home...
Sundays @ 11:00 A.M.
Monday through Friday @ 7:00 P.M.



Connect...

Post-Mass Virtual Hospitality -

Coffee & Chat
Sundays @ 11:45 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 11:00 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



Special Announcement: Our New Pastor (Effective July 1st)...

For those who missed Fr. Matt's official announcement during our 11:00 A.M. Mass on Pentecost Sunday:

We are truly pleased to announce that our Associate Pastor, **Fr. Matthew Heinrich**, has been appointed by Cardinal Cupich as our **new Pastor at Immaculate Conception Parish!** We look forward with great joy to continuing our journey of parish renewal with Fr. Matt (who joined our parish family nearly two years ago in July of 2018) as he assumes leadership of our parish, effective as of **July 1st**. Although our hearts are saddened by Fr. Robert's imminent departure as our Pastor, we feel confident that our parish is being left in the best of hands, and for that we feel truly blessed.

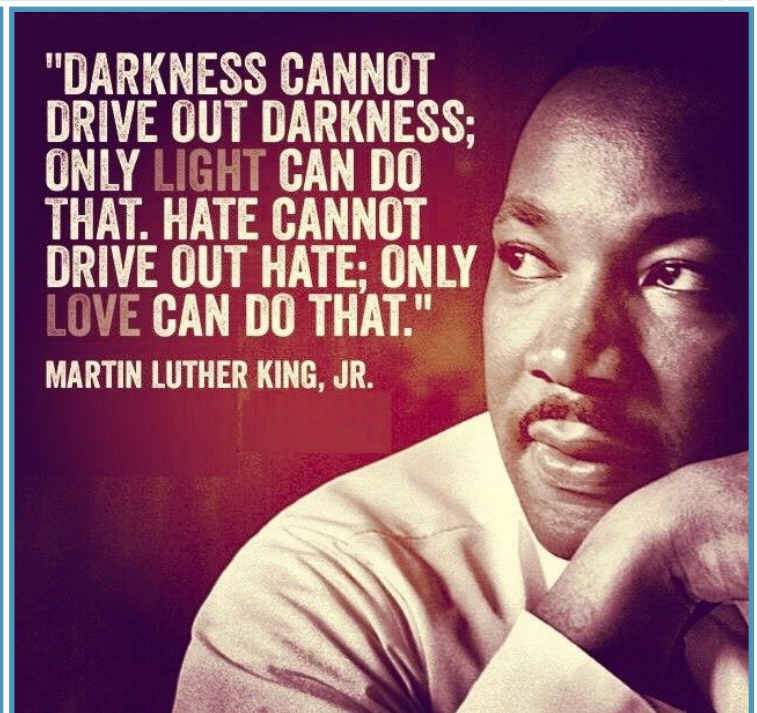
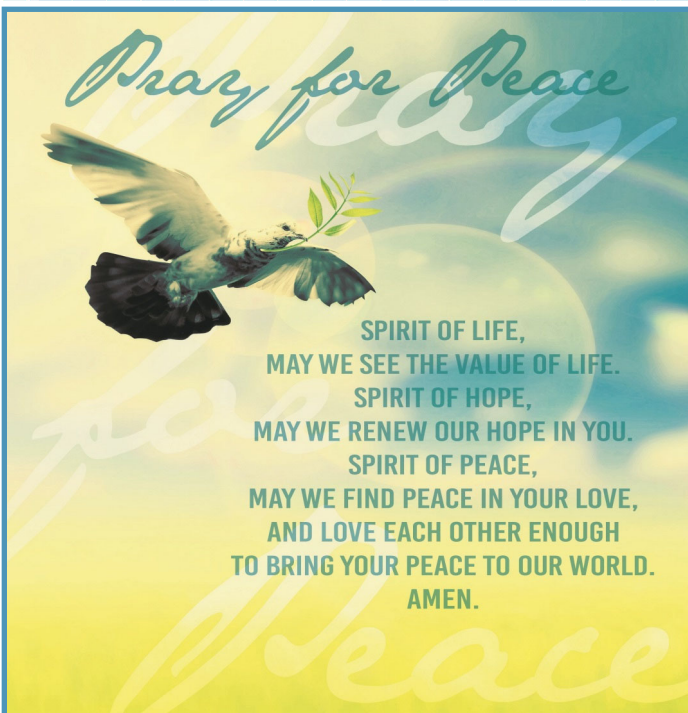
With truly grateful hearts, we thank **Fr. Robert** for faithfully shepherding our parish family for the past three years. We thank

him for his love, his inspiring and passionate dedication to God and to our parish, as well as for his tireless work ethic throughout our ongoing parish renewal process. We warmly wish him all the best as he begins his next adventure as **Administrative Secretary to the Cardinal!** Fortunately, Fr. Robert has also graciously agreed to continue assisting us with our Masses as our Weekend Assistant, so he will still remain a part of our parish family, and for that we are doubly blessed.



Please keep both Fr. Matt & Fr. Robert in your prayers as they each prepare to transition into their new roles in the coming weeks.

If you would like to view Fr. Matt's announcement during our 11:00 A.M. Mass, the archived video can be accessed via Twitch TV at <https://www.twitch.tv/icchicago/videos>.





Parish Reopening Teams: Seeking Healthy Adults Age 65 Or Younger

As announced previously, we are planning on reopening our Church gradually (in carefully managed phases) with the kind assistance of volunteers from our IC community. In the meantime, as our volunteers undergo the required training and we continue our work behind the scenes to sanitize and prepare our Church to welcome our parishioners back home, both our Church building and Parish Office will continue to remain closed for the time being. As such, we are regrettably unable to offer opportunities for private prayer in our Church at this time, but we hope to be able to do so soon (pending certification by our Archdiocese.) Please continue to monitor our parish website (www.icparish.net) for the latest details regarding our reopening as they become available.

While we have commenced the training process, we are also still actively recruiting additional volunteers to help staff our greeting and cleaning teams. We currently have approximately 26 volunteers that have kindly stepped forward. Ideally, we would like to have a pool of 50 total volunteers to spread between our 2 teams (as the more volunteers we have to rely upon, the less burden that will be placed upon each one individually.)

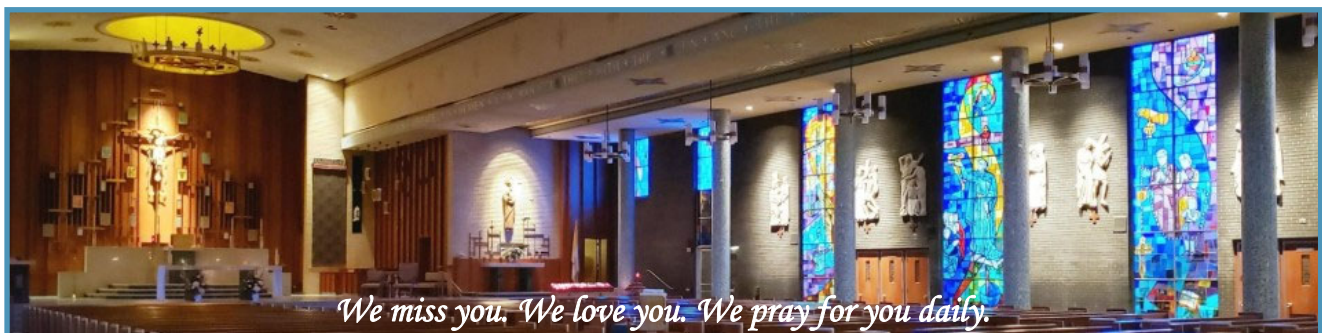
- **Greeting team:** Greeters will assist in managing the flow of congregants as they enter our Church, participate in the liturgy/sacrament, and exit our Church. Team members will combine some of the functions of an usher, such as directing participants to appropriate seating/waiting areas, but will include additional responsibilities as well, including making certain that all attendees use hand sanitizer upon entering, are wearing a mask, and are reminded not to enter if ill. Given the circumstances, greeters will need to be tactful and firm, paying careful attention to all people on-site.
- **Cleaning team:** These volunteers will help maintain and sanitize essential and trafficked areas of our Church, before and after our Church has been used. Masks and gloves will be provided, if necessary, in addition to approved cleaning/disinfecting supplies.

Please note: for their protection, volunteers must not be a part of a “vulnerable population” (essentially, not over the age of 65, with no underlying medical conditions such as diabetes, lung disease, undergoing cancer treatment, etc.).

If you would like to volunteer to assist us with our plan to reopen our Church and help us welcome our parishioners back home, please complete our Parish Reopening Team Volunteer Form located at: <https://forms.gle/irmheB4qaeyPtDQu7>. Our volunteer form is also accessible on our parish website as well as on our Parish Facebook Page: *Immaculate Conception Parish Chicago (Talcott)*.

Our Parish Reopening Co-Leadership Team will make certain that all of our volunteers are properly trained. To access reopening training materials, please visit: <https://www.archchicago.org/coronavirus/reopening-training>.

Please continue to keep our Parish Reopening Leadership Team in your prayers and know that we truly look forward to safely welcoming our parish family back home soon! We thank you for your patience!



We miss you. We love you. We pray for you daily.

*Scenes from our celebration of Pentecost on
Sunday, May 31st...*

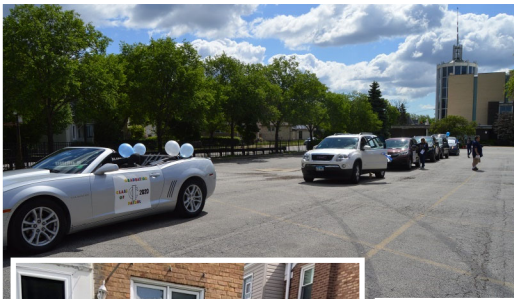


*"Lord, send out Your Spirit and renew the face
of the earth." - Psalm 104*

Congratulations to Immaculate Conception School Class of 2020!



This past Saturday, May 30th, IC Class of 2020 were originally scheduled to celebrate their 8th Grade Graduation Mass in our Church. Obviously, given the current social distancing restrictions, that regrettably proved impossible. In lieu of that, to mark the occasion while spreading some cheer to our graduating 8th Grade Class, our IC teachers and staff members united together (armed with noisemakers, in personally decorated vehicles) and visited all of our 8th Grade students at their respective homes, presenting each one along their route with a congratulatory yard sign along with varied treats. Our students loved their signs as well as the ensuing attention they received courtesy of the boisterous parade of cars!





Gospel Reflection...

"God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him might not perish but might have eternal life."

- John 3:16

This well-known text from the Gospel of John reveals to us God's self-sacrifice for our salvation. Why do you think so many people reject or simply ignore this offer of eternal life from God?

Live the Liturgy - Inspiration for the Week

Today we celebrate the Divine dance, a perfectly choreographed interplay of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Together they dance and move as one though three unique Persons with distinctive, yet harmonious, patterns and steps. They provide a mirror into our soul. Within each one of us, the Divine dance continues, and the music of God's love continues to inspire, sustain, and recreate us with every step and melody. Can you hear the music that the Triune God is playing? Where is the dance leading you? Our minds can never truly understand or know God.

But our hearts can seek and find Him. From beginning to end, God is one and, at the same time, Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier. God's holy Trinitarian dance is calling you to holiness. Join in and dance!



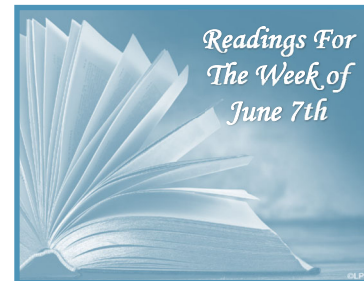
PRAYER LIST FOR THE SICK

Mary Alvarez	Arlene Lacey-Beyna
Concetta Bartucci	Richard Losik
Melissa Bednarz	Benny Martinez
Celerina Behrman	Edwin Martinez
Robert Behrman	Frank Martinez
Sonia M. B.	Jan Merino
Vince Caeti	Veronica Murillo
Jackie Campbell	Timothy Murray
Rita Castillo	Mae O'Donnell
James Covello	Jackie O'Koniewski
Sherry Crocifisso	Mary (Kores) Potwora
Ronnie Cunningham	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:

Mark McGinnis (Cousin of Wayne Kinzie)
Rev. Jerzy "George" Gawlik, SVD
Harry Fuller (Husband of Debi)



Connect with our Parish Staff...

Although both our Church building and Parish Office are temporarily closed until further notice, 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.

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

Sunday: Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56 [52b]/2 Cor 13:11-13/Jn 3:16-18

Monday: 1 Kgs 17:1-6/Ps 121:1bc-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 [cf. 2]/Mt 5:1-12

Tuesday: 1 Kgs 17:7-16/Ps 4:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8 [7a]/Mt 5:13-16

Wednesday: 1 Kgs 18:20-39/Ps 16:1b-2ab, 4, 5ab and 8, 11 [1b]/Mt 5:17-19

Thursday: Acts 11:21b-26; 13:1-3/Ps 65:10, 11, 12-13 [2a]/Mt 5:20-26

Friday: 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-16/Ps 27:7-8a, 8b-9abc, 13-14 [8b]/Mt 5:27-32

Saturday: 1 Kgs 19:19-21/Ps 16:1b-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10 [cf. 5a]/Mt 5:33-37

Next Sunday: Dt 8:2-3, 14b-16a/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20 [12]/1 Cor 10:16-17/Jn 6:51-58

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.

Pope Tweet of the Week...

"Come, Holy Spirit: You are harmony; make us builders of unity. You always give Yourself; grant us the courage to go out of ourselves, to love and help each other, in order to become one family."



Your Gifts to God and Parish

If you plan to move from the 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 call our Parish Office, so your envelopes can be stopped for that time period. If you use electronic giving and still receive envelopes, please contact our Parish Office so that we can discontinue your receiving of envelopes.

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.

MASST INTENTIONS

Please note: Although public celebration of Mass has been suspended until further notice, Fr. Robert and Fr. Matt will continue to celebrate Mass privately for the wellbeing of our community and our city and to honor the intentions of the day.

Sunday, June 7 - The Most Holy Trinity

5:00 P.M. (Saturday) - †Soldiers who died in Normandy; and †Michael Beckman

7:30 A.M.— Jacqueline Flanagan (on her 59th Birthday) (Living)

9:30 A.M.— †Tommy Fuller

11:15 A.M.— †Pietro Biancorosso; †Serafina Nocito; †Francis & Moira Cross; †Elizabeth Serafin (on her 4th Anniversary); †Julia Stirling; and †Donald Serek (on his 2nd Anniversary)

6:00 P.M. - †Jarlath O'Connor

Monday, June 8 – Weekday (Tenth Week In Ordinary Time)

8:30 A.M.— †Tom Fuller

Tuesday, June 9 - Saint Ephrem, Deacon and Doctor of the Church

8:30 A.M.— †Dorothy Estrada (on her 15th Anniversary)

Wednesday, June 10 - Weekday

8:30 A.M.— Martha Petramala (Living)

Thursday, June 11 – Saint Barnabas, Apostle

8:30 A.M. — †Donna Marie Haywood

Friday, June 12 - Weekday

8:30 A.M.— †Rosemary McDonald

Saturday, June 13 - Saint Anthony of Padua, Priest and Doctor of the Church

5:00 P.M. - †John J. Joyce

Sunday, June 14 – The Most Holy Body And Blood Of Christ (Corpus Christi)

7:30 A.M.— †Patricia Zubinski

9:30 A.M.— †John Sexton; †Ann Dosek; †Francis & Moira Cross; †Aida Miranda; †Elizabeth Serafin; †Lib & Marie Allocco; and Stanley & Eugenia Flondro & Family (Living)

11:15 A.M.— †Paul Kokalj

6:00 P.M. - †Steven Saccomonto



June 7th through June 13th

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

Krystyna Sadowska



June 7th through June 12th

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

Jackie Flanagan

Requested by Erma Kinzie



June 7th through June 12th

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

Mary Alvarez

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 the Parish Office when these service people return. 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.

Gospel Meditation - Encourage a Deeper Understanding of Scripture



A well-choreographed dance can be truly inspirational. Each movement and step are interconnected, each contributing a piece of the unfolding artistic story. The beholder is caught up in the rhythms, music, and gestures, realizing that none are dispensable and all are necessary. The same is true of the Divine Dance of the Trinity. Each Person plays a part, using unique gestures and movements that are connected to the other Divine Partners. They tell a story of love. Every movement and step is born of love and flows on into eternity. The Divine Dance never ends.

God the Creator powerfully, yet with gentle love, leads. Creating and recreating, birthing and sustaining, He dances with the compassionate incarnate Son, guided by the breath of the Holy Spirit. They are three distinct Persons but move as One. On one hand, the cascading flow of their Presence appears motionless, yet on the other, flows and moves with effortless attention. They share one heart, one goal, and one purpose and invite all of creation to join in their dance, their joy.

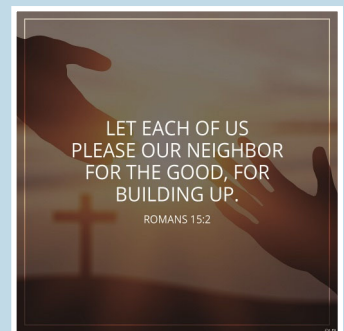
The energy of the Trinity flows through all created things. It is a dance of the heart, not of the mind. It has to be experienced, not dissected, and contemplated, not understood. We stand in awe of the Divine Dance and find ourselves watching in amazement all that God creates and sustains. The dance continues in the majesty of a mountain, the power and wonder of an ocean, and the vastness of the universe. It moves in the cry of a newborn infant and in the soul of one who has been forgiven. It flows in the cry for justice and in the wounds of the oppressed. It circles through the changing of seasons, the cycles of birth and death, and the wisdom that one acquires when they love God.

The Dance never ends. Its movements and rhythms go on forever. The Trinitarian Dance sustains all things, endures all things, and brings hope. You are invited to dance. Don't just watch as if you were simply a spectator. Join in the dance and move as they move.

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Everyday Stewardship – Recognize God in your Ordinary Moments

Where is that guy with the rainbow wig holding a “John 3:16” sign in the end zone at NFL football games? Younger readers may not have any idea what I am talking about! You used to see this guy on TV all the time wearing “Jesus Saves” shirts and holding his sign. Most thought he was a harmless guy, but now he is serving multiple life sentences for taking hostages at a hotel near LAX in 1992. His name is Rollen Stewart and he believed — and continues to believe while in prison — that Jesus’ second coming is imminent. His extreme actions were meant to make people take notice and listen to him. Now he sits behind bars, and most in the world see his name as nothing more than an answer to a trivia question.



It is a sad story when people hurt others or use extreme methods in the name of God. Mr. Stewart’s belief that simply getting people to listen to his message is the most important step in their salvation is misguided. His poor stewardship should stand in stark contrast to our good stewardship. Our actions, seasoned at times with our words, should be the evidence people need to see the transformative power of Jesus Christ. We do believe that He is indeed coming again. But once you have committed yourself to Him and live in His life on earth, when He returns is not our main concern. We are ready whenever that time comes, and hopefully, we can help others be ready as well by our example.

– Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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