

Welcome to the Parish of
Immaculate Conception

A Catholic Community Inviting People to Follow Christ

May 10, 2020 - Fifth Sunday of Easter



Prayer for Mothers...

Heavenly Father, from the beginning you have chosen to entrust the human person to mothers in a special way. We thank and praise you for the gift of mothers; for their tenderness, care, and compassion, for their intuition and encouragement, as well as for their commitment and sacrifice. Bless all mothers this day. Keep, strengthen, and refresh them in your loving care. May they be blessed by our open-hearted love and gratitude. Amen.

Love God, Serve Others, Make Disciples



Worship with IC from home...
Sundays @ 11:00 A.M.
Monday through Friday @ 7:00 P.M.
Wednesdays @ 11:00 A.M. (School Mass)



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.

Please spread the word that IC is still “the place to (virtually) be” by inviting your family, friends and neighbors to join our expanding online community.



Connect...

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.” - II Corinthians 9:11



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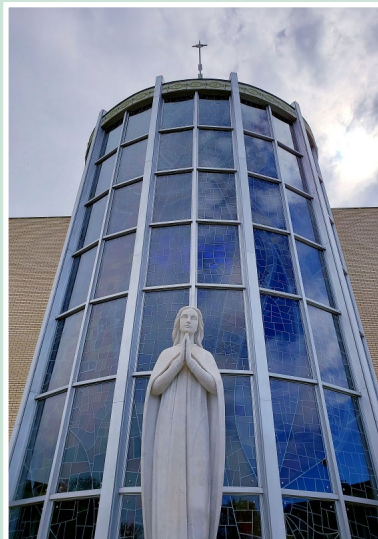
The scenic view Fr. Matt enjoys from his office window...



"Let the beauty of nature remind you of the goodness of God." His hand is in every detail...



Two new members of our flock gathered with us on a recent Sunday morning (while responsibly practicing social distancing on our Parish Greenspace.)



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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	

Connect with our Parish Staff...

Although both our Church building and Parish Office are temporarily closed (through **Saturday, May 30th** in accordance with Governor Pritzker's Shelter-In-Place mandate for the state of Illinois), 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.

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 through Saturday, May 30th. Additional scheduling changes may occur as the situation continues to develop.

Pope Tweet of the Week...

"Our witness opens the way for others. Our prayer opens the door to the Father's heart. Let us ask the Lord that we might live our work with witness and prayer, so that the Father might draw people to Jesus."



Eternal Rest Grant Unto Them...

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

Thomas Fuhst
George Milici (Brother of Sue Dever)
Dave Resinger



Readings for the Week of May 10th

Sunday: Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19 [22]/1 Pt 2:4-9/Jn 14:1-12
Monday: Acts 14:5-18/Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16 [1ab]/Jn 14:21-26
Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21 [cf. 12]/Jn 14:27-31a
Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5 [cf. 1]/Jn 15:1-8
Thursday: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 [8]/Jn 15:9-17
Friday: Acts 15:22-31/Ps 57:8-9, 10 and 12 [10a]/Jn 15:12-17
Saturday: Acts 16:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5 [2a]/Jn 15:18-21
Next Sunday: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17/Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20 [1]/1 Pt 3:15-18/Jn 14:15-21

Gospel Reflection...



Jesus said to him,
"I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."
- John 14:6

In his farewell discourse, Jesus encourages the disciples, "Whoever has seen me has seen the Father."
What inspires you in times of spiritual doubt?

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, May 10 - Fifth Sunday of Easter (Mother's Day)

5:00 P.M. (Saturday) - The People of the Parish
7:30 A.M.— †Paddy Cunningham (Birthday Remembrance)
9:30 A.M.— †Elizabeth Serafin; and †Manuel Juarez
11:15 A.M.— †Frank & Margherita Martino; †Nicola & Anna Chiusolo; †Agostino & Francesca Chiamonte; †Sophie Oleksy; †Antoinette Svoboda; †Francis & Moira Cross; †Helen Jaworski; †Anita Castillo; †Elsie Smith; †Vilma Lopez; †Bernice Wojcik; †Winifred O'Koniewski; and †Teresa Maniscalco
6:00 P.M. - †Tommy Fuller

Monday, May 11 – Easter Weekday

8:30 A.M.— Irene Hand (Living)

Tuesday, May 12 - Saints Nereus and Achilleus, Martyrs; Saint Pancras, Martyr

8:30 A.M.— Melissa Bednarz (Living)

Wednesday, May 13 - Our Lady of Fatima

8:30 A.M.— †Poor Souls In Purgatory

Thursday, May 14 – Saint Matthias, Apostle

8:30 A.M. — †Gloria Gentile (on her Anniversary); and †Constance & Robert Butler

Friday, May 15 - Saint Isidore

8:30 A.M.— Sam Clemente (Living)

Saturday, May 16 - Easter Weekday

5:00 P.M. - Rev. Matthew Heinrich (Living) (on his 5th Anniversary of Ordination)

Sunday, May 17 – Sixth Sunday of Easter

7:30 A.M.— †Helen Jaworski
9:30 A.M.— †Sophie Fudala; †Francis & Moira Cross; †Donald Coduto; †Robert "Bob" Babich; †Frank Shortino; †Adele Stellabotte; †Mary Moreth; and †Dr. Peter Sakas, DVM
11:15 A.M.— †Lorenzo Chiusolo; and †Bryan Moorehouse
6:00 P.M. - The People of the Parish

May 10th through May 16th

The sanctuary lamp is burning this week for the prayer intention of

Brooke Foreman

(Daughter of Jennifer (Zyks) & Jeremy Foreman)

Requested by: Ray & Jan Ehrlich

May 10th through May 15th

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

Catherine Tuggle

May 10th through May 15th

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

Jack & Carol O'Brien

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

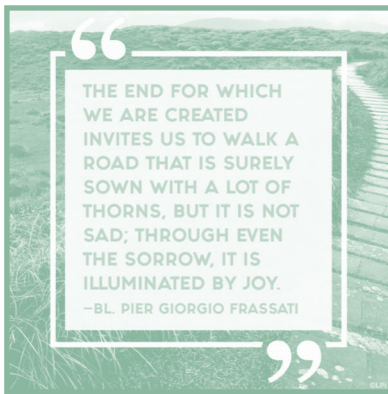
U.S. Navy - CMDR Michael Brasseur, Lt. Christopher Jenkins, PO Thomas T. Tudisco

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



When earthly lives end, especially when the person is younger, we tend to focus upon and consider what was lost. We think of lost opportunities – things they won't be able to see, babies they won't be able to cradle, and adventures that now must go undiscovered. Our minds create this chasm between earth and heaven that sees the losses of this life as permanent ones, never possible to achieve again. This perception causes many folks to remain stuck in their grief as they ponder all of the missed opportunities and regrets.

This is not resurrection thinking. All of the love that we can give and receive, the joy and elation that can be experienced, the adventures that can be undertaken, and the possibilities to be discovered are all part of a continuous journey. They are not ends in and of themselves but are all part of the unfolding of a relationship we

have with God, who not only makes all of these wonderful things possible now but sustains them and fulfills them into eternity. The perception and experience of loss is really an illusion, because in God's eternal kingdom and in God's time, nothing is ever lost. Even the most intimate and tender of moments we can conceive of sharing with another human being are only part of a journey toward perfect intimate and tender moments to be shared with God in our resurrected life. We become like God and see God as He is in eternity. What greater joy, love, and hope can ever be discovered as we walk down our often dimly lit paths in this world.

This is an awesome wonder and magnificent news to behold. Call to mind someone you have lost in death. How do you see them now? How do you see yourself in heaven? Remind yourself, again, that God is the Way, the Truth and the Life. Our happiness is not going to be fully realized in this world, and there is nothing we can find here that cannot be found one hundred fold in eternity. It's all about relationship, and not solely about the relationships we have with each other, ourselves, and the world in which we live. It's about our relationship with God. If we realize how special that one relationship really is, then there is only one particular of heaven and life eternal that really matters: namely, that we fall into love eternal and discover truth. For when we finally close our eyes in death, then all will be well as long as we are with God. There are no losses, only gains.

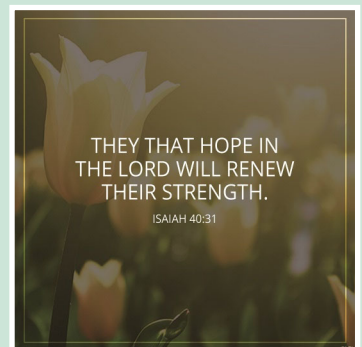
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Everyday Stewardship – Recognize God in your Ordinary Moments

Witnesses for Jesus...

This journey of faith is not always easy. Sometimes the greatest wounds are those we suffer when family members and friends wander away from God and leave us behind. The faith they had when they were younger is now strained, or they see the daily walking with Jesus to be too difficult. For them, Jesus becomes what Peter wrote about when he described Jesus as the stone that causes people to stumble and the rock that makes them fall. Our journey is hard enough, but watching a loved one stumble and fall is heart-breaking.

What are we to do in such a situation? Most importantly, we pray. We must realize that God is more powerful than us, and even if we can't make them see the truth, He can. Then we witness to the transformative power of Jesus by our own lives. We need to serve Him in word and deed. We should let a joy of being a disciple enlighten our faces. Allow Jesus to work through us so that others may be drawn to Him. Lastly, we must never lose hope. Many have walked long journeys alone only to find God far down the road. What will it take to bring someone to Christ? It might be an action, a word, or an emotion. We never know how certain people will be touched. That loved one is a gift from God in your life. Place them back in God's hands, and let Him pick them up if they have stumbled and fallen.



– Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS
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