

Welcome to  
*Immaculate Conception Parish*

*A Catholic Community Inviting People to Follow Christ*

*May 16, 2021 - The Ascension Of The Lord*

*The Lord has set his throne in heaven.*



*"Beloved, if God so loved us, we also must love one another."*

*- 1 John 4:11*

*Love God • Serve Others • Make Disciples*

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Parish Office Hours:

Monday-Friday: 9:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.  
Saturday: 9:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.  
Sunday: 9:00 A.M. - Noon

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](http://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)

*Reservations are recommended to assist with contact tracing. Walk-ins are welcome, but must provide name and telephone number (or email) upon entry. Please visit our website or contact our Parish Office to register.*

Weekday Mass Schedule:

Online Only

Wednesdays @ 8:30 A.M. (School Mass)  
(Worship with us virtually on our Facebook Page or Twitch)

In-Person

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & 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](http://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.

This weekend is the Solemnity of the Ascension. It also marks the anniversary of my Ordination to the priesthood (May 16<sup>th</sup>), which occurred six years ago, a day after my 27<sup>th</sup> birthday. This year is unique in this sense: I have now spent more time in the parish than I have in major seminary (5 years vs. 6 years). In that span of time, some classmates have left the priesthood for personal reasons. Some have taken time off for health reasons and family reasons. Others have lost parents and family expectedly and unexpectedly. Some, like myself, have become pastors. Others have been elevated to positions of greater responsibility and travel the country, whereas others still are in small, rural churches which are at best hundreds of miles away from another parish. In these past six years, some priests have experienced issues with their physical health, while others struggled with their mental health. They celebrated funerals and weddings on the same day. They listened to joyful and devastating news in the same hour. They have been asked to pray for others when, at times, it has been difficult to pray for themselves.



I do not write this litany to depress either myself or you, but rather as a way of reflecting upon my own journey of faith thus far. I admire my classmates who, despite the chaos and cruelties of the world that we all face at times, have been able to look to God and minister to His people. They have taken the difficulties of life and made it so they can grow in God's love. *"I have learned, in whatever state I am, to be content. I know how to be abased, and I know how to abound; in any and all circumstances I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and want. I can do all things in him who strengthens me"* (Phil 4:11-13).

When I recount all these things above, my friends and I are reminded of Jesus and his life. In reality, we are reminded of all holy men and women who lived this same life. From Abraham to Moses, David to Jeremiah, Peter and Paul, Joseph and Mary, each of them processing the mysterious will of God as time marches forward. In many ways, faith is a sublime experience – it challenges our comfort and presumptions. But all of this, while it seems frightening at first, is always in service of God's will. *"What eye has not seen, and ear has not heard, and what has not entered the human heart, what God has prepared for those who love him; this God has revealed to us through the Spirit. For the Spirit scrutinizes everything, even the depths of God"* (1 Cor 2:9-10). Our worldview is challenged so frequently so that we can comprehend the immensity of God's mission for us.

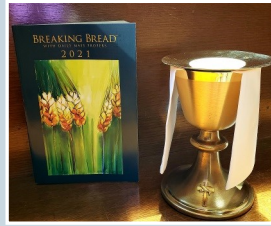
The shortest way to express it all is that it is a mystery. All the prayers we have learned throughout our entire lives – *"give us this day our daily bread," "lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil," "pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death," "to thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve," "you my child shall be called the prophet of the Most High, for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way, to give his people knowledge of salvation by the forgiveness of sins."* – they take on a new meaning in priesthood, truly.

In all my experiences, God has *"shown the strength of his arm."* He has allowed me to witness life and death, to laugh and to cry, to doubt and be confident – sometimes in a single day. That feeling of 'smallness,' if you will, is the same opportunity to recognize the God of all who loves me and who loves you too. That is, I believe, the source of confidence I have in this path God has called me to walk on.

Thank you for your love and support of me. Consider praying for and supporting the different priests in your life this month, as many celebrate their anniversaries around this time. May we all be blessed as we conclude our Easter Season!

Fr. Matt

*Coming Soon: Breaking Bread Hymnals Return To Our Pews...*

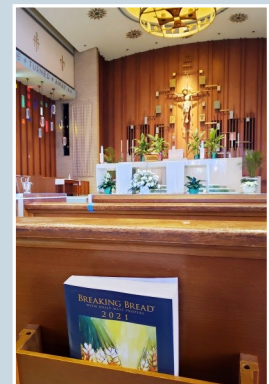


Dear IC Parishioners,

It seems like years have passed since I was last able to update you on Liturgical matters in our weekly bulletin. This has indeed been a trying time in our everyday life, as well as in the life of the Church. Fortunately, things are beginning to gradually return to some semblance of what we think of as normal. With the recent announcement of expanded capacity with regards to public gatherings, we are also expecting word soon from the Archdiocese regarding the restoration of more Liturgical norms during Mass.

What does this mean? Well, quite frankly, probably not the restoration of our choirs, or even encouraging congregational singing. With that said, I am expecting the ban on paper to be lifted in the next week or so. You may be asking yourself, 'if we cannot sing as a congregation, what is the point'? The return of our *Breaking Bread Hymnals* will help us transition to the "New Normal" in the following ways:

- Even though we will not encourage congregational singing (at least not immediately), you will be able to follow the texts of the hymns more closely. I know I often say to myself, what word did the cantor/quartet just sing that I missed? For now, you will at least be able to pray with the text in front of you while listening to the music.
- Our hymnals will include the weekend readings as well as the daily Mass readings.
- The hymnals will provide a transition to our proposed use of both paper worship aids and the use of electronic worship aids, such as Apple and Android Apps.



I know none of this is ideal, but at least it is a step in the right direction. Fr. Matt and I will keep you updated on the use of electronic apps on your smart devices as the technology and content offerings improve over the next few months.

I do hope you have found our professional quartet and addition of various instrumentalists at our Masses helpful in your prayer, and in your experience at Mass in general. We have tried to keep music in the church as "present" as possible, given the constraints of the pandemic.

Yours in Christ,  
Scott

*And The Scholarship Is Awarded To...*



Our warmest congratulations to the six recipients of our \$500.00 **IC Catholic High School Scholarships** for the 2021-2022 school year:

*Ryan Allen (Saint Ignatius)*

*Ryan Gallagher (Notre Dame)*

*Elizabeth Miehlich (Trinity)*

*Nicholas Mroz (Saint Patrick)*

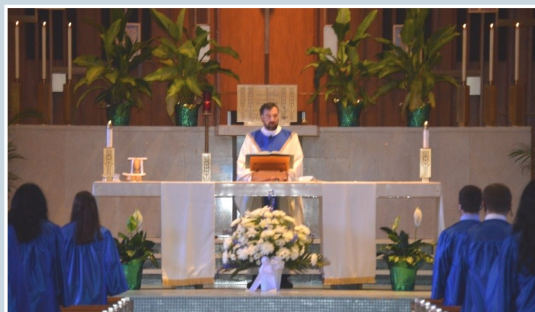
*Alexander Nosalik (Notre Dame)*

*Antonella Sessa (Resurrection)*

With grateful hearts, we thank our generous donors for kindly supporting the continuing Catholic Education of our IC Graduates!



May Crowning



Snapshots from our May Crowning celebration on Wednesday, May 5th featuring our Eighth Grade Class of 2021 along with our First Communicants...

*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  
 Ozzie D'Souza  
 Christina Dziekonski  
 Richard Flanagan  
 Brooke Foreman  
 Lila Gehner

Ofelia Hernandez  
 Dennis M. Jaburek  
 Helga Jarosz  
 Craig Kloss  
 Lillian Kohut  
 Marcia Mally  
 Benny Martinez  
 Edwin Martinez  
 Frank Martinez  
 Sam Milazzo  
 Veronica Murillo  
 Timothy Murray  
 Judith Nosko  
 Mary Beth O'Grady  
 Jackie O'Koniewski  
 David Olson  
 Mary Potwora  
 Helen Rasmussen  
 Bill Remblake

David Rodriguez  
 Elaine Schatz  
 Jennie Sekula  
 Don Skorey  
 Dennis Slater  
 Edward Stanczyk  
 Marion Szumski  
 Donna Tisdale  
 Steven P. Trifilio  
 John F. Vargo  
 Henry Wagener

*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:*

Helen M. Vierneisel  
 Gloria A. Budziak (Wife of Paul)  
 Terrence "Terry" T. Smith (Brother of Don)

Olivia Rose Smith  
 and  
 Morgan William Scheer



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



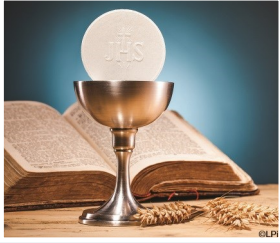
*"And the two shall become one..."*

*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](http://vets.archchicago.org) that provides information that can be of assistance.



*Mass Intentions:  
Sunday, May 16th  
through  
Sunday, May 23rd*

**Sunday, May 16th - The Ascension of the Lord (Seventh Sunday of Easter)**

**5:00 P.M. (Saturday) -** †Patricia Dillon (on her 2nd Anniversary)  
**8:30 A.M. –** †Jack Marinelli; †Irene Poniecki; †Anacleta Mendoza; †Alice Musurlian; †Francis & Moira Cross; Stanley Flondro & Wife (on his Birthday) (Living); and Melissa Bednarz (Living)  
**10:30 A.M. –** †Sophie Fudala; †Vincenzo Porcelli; †Jan Merino; †Nancy Kinzie; †Irene Hand; †Stanislaw Swiderski; †Christopher Janicki; Tom Altman (Living); Rosemary Lacey (Living); Herb Bass (Living); Sharon Bass (Living); Members of the IC Holy Name Men’s Club (Living); Peggy Hand (Living); Fr. Matt Heinrich (on his 6th Anniversary of Ordination) (Living); and The People of the Parish

**Monday, May 17th - Easter Weekday**

**8:30 A.M. –** †Poor Souls In Purgatory

**Tuesday, May 18th - Saint John I, Pope and Martyr**

**8:30 A.M. –** †Anna Paura (on her 20th Anniversary); Fr. Robert Carlton (on his 2nd Anniversary of Ordination) (Living); and Marilyn Pawlowski (Living);

**Wednesday, May 19th - Easter Weekday**

**8:30 A.M. (Virtual Mass) –** †Vicente B. Daylo (Death Anniversary); and Philip Abraham (Birthday) (Living)

**Thursday, May 20th - Saint Bernardine of Siena, Priest**

**8:30 A.M. –** †Vicente B. Daylo (Death Anniversary); and †Concetta Bartucci

**Friday, May 21st - Saint Christopher Magallanes, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs**

**8:30 A.M. –** Fr. Robert Fedek (on his 16th Anniversary of Ordination) (Living)

**Saturday, May 22nd - Saint Rita of Cascia, Religious**

**5:00 P.M. -** †Richard Pawlowski

**Sunday, May 23rd - Pentecost Sunday**

**8:30 A.M.–** †Stanislaw Swiderski; †Stefania Poniecki; and †Anacleta Mendoza

**10:30 A.M. –** †Catherine Lacey; †Pasqua Narracci; †Cecilia Demarinis; †Giovanni Campanella; †Francis & Moira Cross; and The People of the Parish



May 16th through May 22nd

Our Sanctuary Lamp is burning this week for the prayer intention of

**Fr. Matt Heinrich**

(on his 6th Anniversary of Ordination)



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

**Fr. Robert Fedek**

(on his 16th Anniversary of Ordination)



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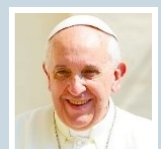
Our St. Joseph Votive is burning this week for the prayer intentions of

**Fr. Robert Carlton**

(on his 2nd Anniversary of Ordination)

**Pope Tweet of the Week...**

“Everything we would like others to do for us, let us do for them instead (cf. Mt 7:12). Do we want to be heard? Let us first listen. Do we need encouragement? Let us give encouragement. Do we want someone to care for us? Let us care for those who are alone and abandoned.”





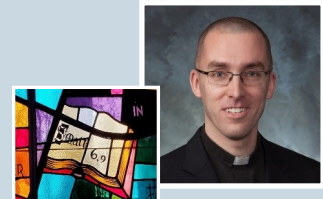
*Louis Charles Mezzano*  
 Child of Louis Anthony & Margaret Claire (Rudis) Mezzano

*MacKenzie Nicky Slater*  
 Child of Brian Patrick & Amanda Lauren (Mroz) Slater

*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 specifically presented in the New Testament. The sessions will be as follows:

- Tuesday, **June 8<sup>th</sup>** - 7:30-8:30 P.M.: *Who is Jesus in the Gospel of Mark?*
- Tuesday, **June 22<sup>nd</sup>** - 7:30-8:30 P.M.: *Who is Jesus in the Gospel of Matthew?*
- Tuesday, **July 6<sup>th</sup>** - 7:30-8:30 P.M.: *Who is Jesus in the Gospel of Luke?*
- Tuesday, **July 20<sup>th</sup>** - 7:30-8:30 P.M.: *Who is Jesus in the Gospel of John?*
- Tuesday, **August 3<sup>rd</sup>** - 7:30-8:30 P.M.: *Who is Jesus in the Scriptures after the Gospels?*



The hope is for these sessions to be conducted in-person (likely in our Rectory Assembly) but will depend upon the COVID-19 situation as we get closer. Please contact Fr. Robert Carlton ([rcarlton@archchicago.org](mailto:rcarlton@archchicago.org)) with any questions. If you are interested in attending our Summer Scripture Study Series, please contact our Parish Office (773.775.3833) to register.



*Readings For  
 The Week of  
 May 16<sup>th</sup>*

- Sunday:** *Ascension:* Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 [6]/Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13 or 4:1-7, 11-13/Mk 16:15-20
- Monday:** Acts 19:1-8/Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab [33a]/Jn 16:29-33
- Tuesday:** Acts 20:17-27/Ps 68:10-11, 20-21 [33a]/Jn 17:1-11a
- Wednesday:** Acts 20:28-38/Ps 68: 29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab [33a]/Jn 17:11b-19
- Thursday:** Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 [1]/Jn 17:20-26
- Friday:** Acts 25:13b-21/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab [19a]/Jn 21:15-19
- Saturday:** *Morning:* Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Ps 11:4, 5 and 7 [7b]/Jn 21:20-25
- Next Sunday:** *Vigil:* Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5/Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30 [cf. 30]/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39 *Day:* Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34 [cf. 30]/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Gal 5:16-25/Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 15:26-27; 16:12-15



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



God remains where love remains. When a believer realizes without doubt that God is love, it is a powerful moment. Being able to place our resurrection trust in this fundamental truth allows us to experience God's presence in all of our experiences: the good and the bad, positive and negative, life enriching and destructive events we encounter. It is no wonder that St. Paul so accurately tells us that it is love that endures all things and lasts. How can God not endure or ever fade away? Because he is God, Jesus also guarded and protected his disciples as the endearing shepherd who always had their best interest at heart.

If we become too immersed in the world, we lose touch with these deeper realities. We can become so preoccupied with preserving what we have created or think that we need, forgetting that it is not building our city that really matters, but God's. Jesus clearly did not belong to the world and, by virtue of his resurrection, he tries to get us to understand that we do not either. The truth brings us to other worldly, more divine places and takes our eyes off of the concerns that often captivate our fears and storm our senses.

Life can easily erode our faith. Think of your life over the last couple of weeks. What challenged your faith and distracted your divine glance? Even being overly stimulated with technology and social media can erode our sense of confidence and cause us to forget who we really are. We need to distance ourselves from the world in order to experience the joy that Christ offers. The world will never like the word of God. It is too challenging and too perplexing. The world mistakenly believes that it can survive on its own. It is a mistaken judgment that may cost people a lot in the end. It is all so very simple: God remains when we love one another. If in all the business of our lives and all that each day brings, the good and the bad, we follow the call and path of love, we will walk with God. There is nothing to fear and anxiety finds no home.

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### *Everyday Stewardship - Recognize God in your Ordinary Moments*

#### **There's No Place Like Home...**

Where do you get the best night's sleep? For me, it's in my own bed. I don't even really know why. There's something about the texture of the sheets, the groove I've worn in the pillow. The mattress seems to recognize my shape. I've got a job that sees me traveling often and I've stayed in plenty of nice places. But there's just no sleep like the sleep you get at home.

There's a feeling that we have when we're at home. Our bodies seem to recognize it when we walk in the door. There's a relaxation that kicks in, a peace that falls over us. I think that's what Heaven will be like. It won't be pleasure or happiness — those words aren't enough to describe what it feels like to be at home, are they? It's more than that.

If you ever wonder why there is pain in this world, it's because we're not at home. That's not to say we don't belong here. Through God's mercy, this beautiful world is where we live out our earthly existence, and those existences can be filled with amazing relationships and profound experiences. In fact, we might enjoy our time here so much that we don't want to leave. But there's a reason this life has so many things that don't make sense: loss, fear, anger, sickness, hatred. It's because we weren't made for this place. For our souls, it's like a never-ending night in a hotel bed. — *Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS* ©LPi





**Our Parish Staff:**

**Fr. Matthew Heinrich**, *Pastor*  
**Fr. Robert Carlton**, *Associate Pastor*  
**Fr. Robert Fedek**, *Weekend Assistant*  
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**Deacon Ronald & Connie Gronek**  
**Deacon Michael & Melissa Bednarz**  
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**What's Happening @ IC...**

**Monday, May 17th –**  
 8:30 A.M. – Weekday Mass; Church  
 7:00 P.M. – Pastoral Council Mtg.; RA

**Tuesday, May 18th -**  
 8:30 A.M. – Weekday Mass; Church

**Wednesday, May 19th -**  
 8:30 A.M. – School Mass; Church  
 7:30 P.M. – Parents Club Mtg.; RA

**Thursday, May 20th –**  
 8:30 A.M. – Weekday Mass; Church  
 7:00 P.M. – School Board Mtg.; RA

**Friday, May 21st –**  
 8:30 A.M. – Weekday Mass; Church

**Saturday, May 22nd –**  
 8:30 A.M. – 8th Grade Student & Parent Mass; Church

**Sunday, May 23rd –**  
 9:30-10:30 A.M. – Confessions; Church



**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](http://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](mailto:parishbulletin@icchicago.org) (\*Please note: new email address.)