

Welcome to
Immaculate Conception Parish

A Catholic Community Inviting People to Follow Christ

May 30, 2021 - The Most Holy Trinity

Blessed the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.



*"And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age."
- Matthew 28:20*

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



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

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.

Catholic Education

An aside: I wanted to briefly highlight our Catholic Schools before going on to my main point. I think it is a shame that our public figures, especially here in Chicago, have not been more laudatory of the Catholic School system and their ability to navigate this pandemic with poise and grace. Has it been perfect? Of course not - but considering the immense challenges of reopening, our staff here at IC met it with an equal dedication. I would at least like to hear some acknowledgment of the work the Archdiocese has done to invest in our children and communities from our city.



Looking more broadly than our grade schools, I think it also stands that we reflect as a Church and a community about what our education actually aims to be. While campuses are placed in communities where generations might benefit, the spirit of Catholic education has existed well before our schooling system.

First, the basic principles: God is one. God is true. God is good.

Since God is one, and all is created through Him, each thing has its own unique characteristic and being. We are not a collective, we are each distinct. The fact that we are unique means we have something unique to give. The Trinity is One though it has three distinct Persons. One in Being and one in Love, yet still distinct. That is the call for those in the Church.

God is true, meaning that he is not only the source of truth but the foundation by which we say anything is true. It is popular today to say “*my truth*” which, in the end, is not necessarily truth. Our feelings can be a sort of truth and even our preferences too, but truth is by nature objective – it can be perceived and understood by all who apply themselves to it. Truth is a struggle requiring agreement, disagreement, and refining. Truth doesn’t just look for ‘*what works*’ but rather ‘*what is best*.’

The goodness of God extends to His creation – He made all things good. From the micro- to the macroscopic, all things came from the source of goodness. Because of its goodness, it can serve both worldly and spiritual needs, since both body and soul are good as well.

How is this related to Catholic education? God is the source and Father of all, yet, as the Psalmist says, “*You have made man little less than a god, crowned him with glory and honor. You have given him rule over the works of your hands, put all things at his feet*” (Ps 8:6-7). God has shared his unity, truth, and goodness with us. From the earliest days of the Church, the world and forces of nature were not gods, but rather expressions of the majesty of God. He was not a God interested in power or domination, but of love and unity.

Because things are one in Him, we can wonder at the whole of creation – our education is rooted in a profound wonder at the beauty of creation. Because all things are true in Him, we can be confident that we can grow in knowledge and wisdom, and hand it to another generation to continue our work. Likewise, because things are good in Him, we can see how nature is generous and fruitful.

What this means, ultimately, is that there is a positivity and optimistic outlook at life that counters the depressing and cynical worldview many adopt. Even for adults, who truly experience the gravity and difficulty of life can, nevertheless, be trapped by their own cynicism. The aim of our education is to point to a God that loves the world and loves you, specifically. God is one, true, and good. God is love, and what He is, He has given to us.

Fr. Matt

From the Desk of our Director of Operations...

Optimism, a positive state of mind resulting in the belief of a favorable outcome. For the past 15 months it seemed there was little to be optimistic about, but this past weekend I witnessed that the tide is turning.

My wife, Caroline, and I had a chance to visit friends in Northern Michigan. It has been well over a year since we have had a chance to be with one another. Knowing that we were all vaccinated gave us confidence to make the visit possible. Saturday turned out to be a gorgeous day and we took advantage of it. We visited small towns, National Parks, and small local businesses. It was good to see that everywhere we went, people were out and about enjoying life again.

Pentecost Sunday, we went to Mass at St. Mary of the Assumption, in Lake Leelanau, MI. Mass was to be celebrated outside under a tent, but typical Northern Michigan weather turned damp, windy and cold so it was moved inside. Fr. Michael Lingaur, educated at Mundelein Seminary, was newly ordained the day prior. He returned to his home parish to say his first Mass. With nearly ninety percent of the county vaccinated, the church was full, masks were optional, and the congregation was singing. Normal had never seemed so special to me before. Although the reopening in Chicago lags a bit behind the small towns up north, I am optimistic that we will see normal again soon.

I am also optimistic that it will not be long before our own restrictions will be lifted and we will be able to celebrate the Eucharist, as one body once again. I miss seeing our church filled with friends and families. Going to church at St. Mary of the Assumption, filled with parishioners, gave me hope that our parish community will be united once again.

This is such a great community. For the past 15 months, I have been amazed at the generosity and effort given to support our Parish. Led by Father Matt, we pivoted to technology, livestreaming our Masses. Our volunteers ensured that we were all safe as we started a partial return to church last summer. And as the school days dwindle down, thanks go out to our teachers, staff and Principal Canzoneri for providing a safe and healthy environment for in-person learning this past year.

And I am truly thankful for your continued donations and financial support through this unprecedented period. They have been the lifeline of our parish. And I am optimistic that as our church can begin to return to normal and increase our capacity, that we will be able to count on you to continue to be generous. With our Mass attendance limited to 25% capacity for this current fiscal year, collections are down 15% (\$95,000 YTD). I am happy to report though that our Christmas and Easter collections both came in on budget. Looking forward, I am optimistic that over time, we will make up the 15% with the help of our IC community.

As we continue to increase our capacity and you are comfortable, please come to church, we would love to see you again.

Vince

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
Teresa Dzieciol
 Christina Dziekonski
 Richard Flanagan
 Brooke Foreman

Patricia Furgat
 Lila Gehner
 Ofelia Hernandez
 Dennis M. Jaburek
 Helga Jarosz
 Craig Kloss
 Lillian Kohut
 Marcia Mally
 Benny Martinez
 Edwin Martinez
 Frank Martinez
 Sam Milazzo
Molly M.
 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

***Newly Added**

If you wish to have your name included in our prayer list (or removed), please contact our Parish Office at 773.775.3833.

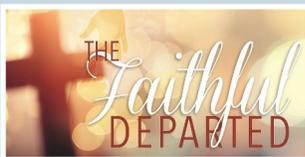
For our faithful departed:

For those preparing to be joined together in Holy Matrimony:

Thomas W. Tudisco (Brother of Cathy Skowron, Debbie, Mary, Rocky, Frankie & Joey Tudisco)
 Sylvia Sagmeister

Olivia Rose Smith and Morgan William Scheer

Kathryn Marie Bachusz and Jonathan Matthew Doyle



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



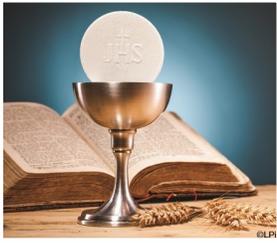
"And the two shall become one..."

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 Basseur, 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 that provides information that can be of assistance.



*Mass Intentions:
Sunday, May 30th
through
Sunday, June 6th*

Sunday, May 30th - The Most Holy Trinity

5:00 P.M. (Saturday) - †Eileen Schroeder; †Bruno Smuda; and †Mark McGinnis (on his 1st Anniversary)

8:30 A.M. – †Stanislaw Swiderski; Gene Dengler (Living); and Vince Fitzgerald (Living)

10:30 A.M. – †John Chaplin (on his 20th Anniversary); †Maria Martino; †Anton and Angeline Rutkowski; †Laura Miraglia; †Francis & Moira Cross; †Anacleto Mendoza; and The People of the Parish

Monday, May 31st - The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Memorial Day)

10:00 A.M. – †John Seibert; and †Donald Kopec

Tuesday, June 1st - Saint Justin, Martyr (Ninth Week in Ordinary Time)

8:30 A.M. – †Penny Jaworski (Birthday Remembrance)

Wednesday, June 2nd - Saints Marcellinus and Peter, Martyrs

8:30 A.M. (Virtual Mass) – †Robert Dillon (Birthday Remembrance)

Thursday, June 3rd - Saint Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyrs

8:30 A.M. – †Joseph Mascha (Birthday Remembrance); and Gail Kinzie (on her 56th Birthday) (Living)

Friday, June 4th - Weekday

8:30 A.M. – †Poor Souls In Purgatory

5:30 P.M. – †Ellen "Nellie" Gavin; and †Patricia P. Dunleavy

Saturday, June 5th - Saint Boniface, Bishop and Martyr

5:00 P.M. - †Peter Chu; and †Anna Paura

Sunday, June 6th - The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)

8:30 A.M.- †Donald Serek

10:30 A.M. – †Joseph J. Lykowski; †Tommy Fuller; †Carmen Covello; †Soldiers who died in Normandy; †Stanislaw Swiderski; †Malachy Byrne; †Laura Miraglia; †Francis & Moira Cross; †Vincent Liberio; Maureen Green (Living); and The People of the Parish



May 30th through June 5th

Our Sanctuary Lamp is burning this week for the repose of the soul of

Charlotte Hamity
(Mother of IC Friend Diane Garvey)

Requested by: Vickie Caro



May 30th through June 4th

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

Melissa Bednarz



May 30th through June 4th

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

John Seibert

Requested by: Kristina Seibert

Pope Tweet of the Week...

"When we become aware of our distractions in prayer, what can help us confront them is to humbly offer our heart to the Lord so that He may purify it and refocus it on Him."





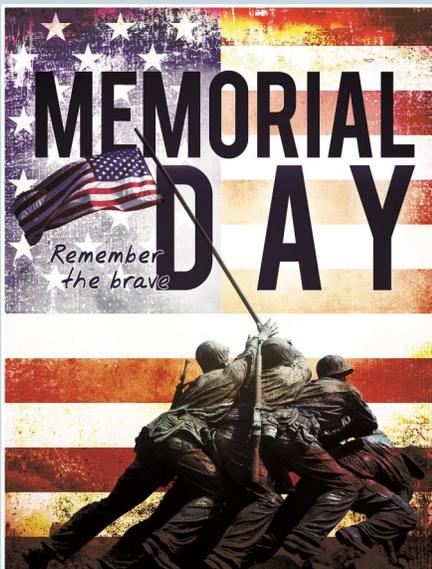
WITH JOYFUL HEARTS,
WE WELCOME OUR
NEWLY BAPTIZED.



*James Patrick & John Anthony Burzinski
Child of John Brian & Kaitlyn Ann (May) Burzinski*



*Niall Peter Doherty
Child of Denis & Kelly (Meehan) Doherty*

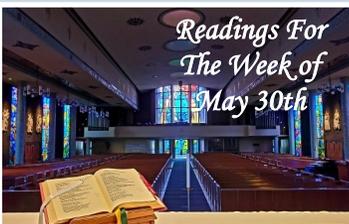


Prayer for the Fallen...

God our creator and sustainer, today our country brings to our memory those who have defended this nation in times of trouble.

They have sacrificed their lives to protect our shores from those who would limit our freedoms or enslave us to ways that are against your will. Bring all those who have died in service to our country into your heavenly presence. We humbly call down your blessing on those still serving; grant your heavenly protection to these men and women, and open your Sacred Heart to give them peace and comfort. Amen.

Our Parish Office will be closed on **Monday, May 31st** in observance of *Memorial Day*. All are welcome to join us in prayer at our Mass on this day which will be celebrated at **10:00 A.M.** as we remember and honor all those who served our country.



*Readings For
The Week of
May 30th*

Sunday: Dt 4:32-34, 39-40/Ps 33:4-5, 6, 9, 18-19, 20, 22 [12b]/Rom 8:14-17/Mt 28:16-20

Monday: Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 [6]/Lk 1:39-56

Tuesday: Tb 2:9-14/Ps 112:1-2, 7-8, 9 [cf. 7c]/Mk 12:13-17

Wednesday: Tb 3:1-11a, 16-17a/Ps 25:2-3, 4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9 [1]/Mk 12:18-27

Thursday: Tb 6:10-11; 7:1bcde, 9-17; 8:4-9a/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1a]/Mk 12:28-34

Friday: Tb 11:5-17/Ps 146:1b-2, 6c-7, 8-9a, 9bc-10 [1b]/Mk 12:35-37

Saturday: Tb 12:1, 5-15, 20/Tb 13:2, 6efgh, 7, 8 [1b]/Mk 12:38-44

Next Sunday: Ex 24:3-8/Ps 116:12-13, 15-16, 17-18 [13]/Heb 9:11-15/Mk 14:12-16, 22-26

Gospel Meditation - Encourage a Deeper Understanding of Scripture



Let God be who God is. This is often one of the hardest things to do. Rather than allowing the mystery of being created in the image and likeness of God unfold and take root in our lives, we change the dynamic. We want to be the creators who want to make God into the image and likeness we need God to be. We have a hard-enough time letting the people in our lives be who they are. We struggle even more so with God. It is almost as if we want God to be our imaginary friend who is not only with us whenever we need but becomes the Being we need God to be. Who is it that we want God to be today? A protector, disciplinarian, champion for justice, healer, advocate for our cause, grantor of prayers, guardian of my life, or the

avenger? Our prayers tell an interesting story. When you pray, what does God look like?

Recently, a young woman who was feeling invisible, overlooked, ignored, and misunderstood by her husband struggled to make her feelings known and get his attention. Finally, she screamed, "Listen to me!" Thus, birth was given to a renewed and healthier relationship. We spend so much time storming heaven with our agenda and trying to make God into a "god" of our desires that we do not hear God saying, "Listen to me!" God is desperately trying to get our attention. God is saying, I am here among you as not one but three, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Many people seldom notice God's presence because they are so caught up with other spiritual cares and concerns. And, when the "god" they fashion and create doesn't produce as they desire, they shake the dust from their feet and move on. "I tried," they exclaim, "but God didn't listen."

Healthy relationships aren't built on making someone be who we need them to be. Healthy relationships are built on encounters of persons and the development of an appreciation of someone solely for who they are. Deeper relationships can even be found with two people marveling at each other and almost experiencing a childlike joy and giddiness when they see the other coming. Do you ever have these feelings about God? Believe it or not, God does for you! There is a joyful laughter that gives rise to and connects all three members of the Holy Trinity. It is this laughter, flowing from the very depths of the Godhead that not only keeps the Trinity in joyful unity but spills over into the creation of all beings and things. It is an expression of Divine Delight! Have you ever taken time away from your agenda to experience the Divine Joyfulness of God? We can reach a connection of Presence wherein even the smallest of creatures suddenly radiate the fullness of God: the wonderful creation of their being, the innocence and playfulness of their movements, and the sustaining life breath that flows through their veins. The same God who created the heavens and the earth is the same God who wants you to call him 'Dad' and the same God who preserves your life and has all things in His care.

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Everyday Stewardship - Recognize God in your Ordinary Moments

God Doesn't Take a Break...

An acquaintance who works in church ministry once told me a story about one of the students she had in Faith Formation. This student informed my friend that his family doesn't come to Mass in summer. "God takes a break in summer, and so do we," he said.

There's a lot to unpack here. First, it's tragic to think of anyone voluntarily missing out on the Eucharist for so long. It's also a real problem in the church today that a lot of our folks don't understand the beauty of the Sunday obligation. But if I had to dissect this situation and pinpoint the thing I find most troubling, it's the idea of God taking a break.

I hope it's starting to look like summer where you are. We've still got a few weeks left before it's official, but the school year should be winding up for most kids, the birds should be chirping a little louder, and hopefully your lawn is starting to green up nicely. You're probably daydreaming about the annual cabin getaway weekend or waterskiing on the Fourth of July.

All in all, summer is going to be a nice break, even if — like typical Americans — our break is full of productive work. Thank God — literally — that He doesn't take a break, even if we do. Can we try to remember that, even in the midst of our many wonderful distractions? Let's enjoy this summer. Let's live it to the full. But let's see it for the gift that it is — and remember the thanks we owe the Giver. — Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi





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 & Melissa Bednarz
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Scott Will, *Director of Worship*
Melissa Anna, *Office Administration & Communications/
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What's Happening @ IC...

Monday, May 31st –
 School & Parish Office Closed
 10:00 A.M. – Memorial Day Mass; Church

Tuesday, June 1st –
 8:30 A.M. – Weekday Mass; Church

Wednesday, June 2nd –
 8:30 A.M. – School Mass; Church

Thursday, June 3rd –
 8:30 A.M. – Weekday Mass; Church
 8:30 P.M. – Holy Name Men’s Club Mtg.;
 RA/Zoom

Friday, June 4th –
 8:30 A.M. – Weekday Mass; Church
 1:30 P.M. – 7th & 8th Grade Candle Service/School Awards
 Assembly; Church
 5:30 P.M. – First Friday Mass; Church
 6-7:00 P.M. – First Friday Nocturnal Eucharistic
 Adoration; Church

Saturday, June 5th –
 10:00 A.M. – 8th Grade Graduation Mass; Church

Sunday, June 6th –
 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 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 (*Please note: new email address.)