

Welcome to the Parish of
Immaculate Conception

A Catholic Community Inviting People to Follow Christ

May 31, 2020 - Pentecost Sunday



God Bless Immaculate Conception Class of 2020!

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Gavin Crawford
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Kristen d'Escoto
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Sydney Steurer
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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.

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.



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



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.” - II Corinthians 9:11

Parish Reopening Teams: Volunteers Needed (seeking healthy adults age 65 or younger)

As announced previously, we are planning on reopening our Church gradually, in carefully managed phases. To accomplish this, we will require the assistance of volunteers from our IC community as our Archdiocese has provided us with precise instructions as to what tasks must be completed and what personnel should be in place prior to opening our doors.

With grateful hearts, we are happy to announce presently that the following members of our parish family have graciously volunteered their time and accepted the following positions in order to assist us with our plan to reopen our Church and welcome our parishioners back home:



Lay Co-Leader: Jocelyn Lim

Lay Co-Leader: Maura Hyland

Operations Director/Compliance Manager: Vince Kennedy

Set-Up Captain: Scott Will

Greeter Captain: Darlene Mroz

Cleaning Captain: Joe Jummati

In collaboration with Fr. Robert & Fr. Matt, our Co-Leadership team will assume the responsibility of overseeing all the required actions that our parish must complete to receive certification by our Archdiocese in order to reopen for Phase I and progress to Phase IA. They will also make certain that all of our volunteers are properly trained. To access reopening training materials, please visit: <https://www.archchicago.org/coronavirus/reopening-training>.

Now that we are blessed to have our Parish Reopening Leadership Team in place, we have shifted our focus towards securing additional volunteers to staff our greeting and cleaning teams. We currently have approximately 12 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.).

Please keep in mind that we will not be able to reopen our Church to our community unless we have a sufficient number of properly trained volunteers to assist us, therefore, this appeal for volunteers is urgent. Please contact us at frontdesk@icparish.info to indicate your willingness and ability to volunteer. We thank you for your prayerful consideration.

In the meantime, please keep our Parish Reopening Leadership Team in your prayers as we embark upon this journey together and pray that others within our parish family will be inspired to follow their example.

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Behind the Scenes at IC...

Our professional quartet (Katie & Justin Taylor, Elizabeth Doyle and EmilyAnn Duffley) accompanied by John Eckhardt (Violinist) joined Fr. Matt and Scott in our Church this past Wednesday, May 20th for additional recording adventures. To hear the fruits of their labors, be certain to gather with us for our virtual Masses, weekdays at 7:00 P.M. and on Sundays at 11:00 A.M.



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With grateful hearts, we thank Bishop Mark Bartosic (Episcopal Vicar of our Vicariate) for graciously serving as our guest celebrant at our 11:00 A.M. Virtual Mass this past Sunday, May 24th as we celebrated the Ascension of our Lord together as a parish family.



Tolton Teaching Parish Program Seminarian Update...



Congratulations to Deacon Nick Radloff who was ordained to the Priesthood on Saturday, May 23rd by Archbishop Michael Jackels at the Cathedral of St. Raphael in the Archdiocese of Dubuque (Iowa)! He celebrated his first Mass as an ordained priest at his home parish, St. Francis Xavier Basilica in Dyersville, Iowa on Sunday, May 24th. May God bless Fr. Nick in his ministry as he begins his first assignment as Pastor to Christ Our Hope Cluster (a cluster of six Catholic parishes in the Archdiocese of Dubuque in Northeast Iowa.)



Congratulations to our Seminarian Andrew Meng who was ordained to the Transitional Diaconate on Thursday, May 21st by Bishop Carl A. Kemme at the Church of the Magdalen in Wichita in the Diocese of Wichita (Kansas)! May God bless Deacon Andrew in his ministry as he continues his final year of formation at Mundelein Seminary towards the Priesthood.



Gospel Reflection...

"And when He had said this, He breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained."

- John 20:22-23

John tells us how the resurrected Jesus gave the gift of the Holy Spirit directly to the disciples, empowering them to forgive sins. How often do you use the gift of forgiveness?

Live the Liturgy - Inspiration for the Week

With Pentecost, the disciples significantly changed. They were charged up and ready to go. They received the Holy Spirit and no longer harbored fear and apprehension. They knew who they were and what needed to be done. With the peace of the Lord and the power of the Spirit within them, they set out to do amazing things with simple means. We have received the Holy Spirit as well. What keeps us from truly understanding the mission of Christ and continuing the advancement of the Gospel? Some may think this was a work of the past and not relevant now. Others may believe that the work set before me is simply about doing what I need to do to merit heaven and has little to do with my brothers and sisters. Take a good look at the world. More are in need of hearing the Good News than there ever were. We have the power to get up and out and start doing life-changing things!



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:

Patricia M. "Pat" Zubinski
Ida B. Pentimone
Florentina Jacobs
Krystyna Sadowska (Mother of Jaroslaw Sadowski)

Readings for the Week of May 31st



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. *Extended Vigil:* Gn 11:1-9/Ps 33:10-11, 12-13, 14-15/Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b/Dn 3:52, 53, 55, 56 [52b] or Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Ez 37:1-14/Ps 107:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [1]/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/Jn 20:19-23

Monday: Gn 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14/Ps 87:1-2, 3 and 5, 6 -7/Jn 19:25-34

Tuesday: 2 Pt 3:12-15a, 17-18/Ps 90:2, 3-4, 10, 14 and 16 [1]/Mk 12:13-17

Wednesday: 2 Tm 1:1-3, 6-12/Ps 123:1b-2ab, 2cdef [1b]/Mk 12:18-27

Thursday: 2 Tm 2:8-15/Ps 4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14 [4]/Mk 12:28-34

Friday: 2 Tm 3:10-17/Ps 119:157, 160, 161, 165, 166, 168 [165a]/Mk 12:35-37

Saturday: 2 Tm 4:1-8/Ps 71:8-9, 14-15ab, 16-17, 22 [cf. 15ab]/Mk 12:38-44

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

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.

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...

"This life is the gift that God has given us. It is too short to be spent in sadness. Let us praise God, content simply to exist. We are children of the great King, capable of reading His signature in all Creation."



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, May 31 - Pentecost Sunday

5:00 P.M. (Saturday) - †Ricardo Sanchez (on his Anniversary); †John Chaplin (on his 19th Anniversary); †Mike O'Donnell (Birthday Remembrance); †Pearl Fronczak; †Kenneth Korhonen (Birthday Remembrance); and Loren Korhonen (Birthday)
7:30 A.M.— The People of the Parish
9:30 A.M.— †Francis & Moira Cross
11:15 A.M.— †Maria Martino
6:00 P.M. - Melissa Bednarz (Living)

Monday, June 1 – The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church (Ninth Week in Ordinary Time)

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

Tuesday, June 2 - Saints Marcellinus and Peter, Martyrs

8:30 A.M.— †Fr. Michael Hoolahan, C.P.; and †Robert Dillon (Birthday Remembrance)

Wednesday, June 3 - Saint Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyrs

8:30 A.M.— †Patrick J. McCormack; and Gail Kinzie (on her 55th Birthday) (Living)

Thursday, June 4 – Weekday

8:30 A.M. — †Krystyna Sadowska

Friday, June 5 - Saint Boniface, Bishop and Martyr

8:30 A.M.— †Anna Paura; †Charles Grayzeck; and †Ellen “Nellie” Gavin

Saturday, June 6 - Saint Norbert, Bishop

5:00 P.M. - †Soldiers Who Died In Normandy; and †Michael Beckman

Sunday, June 7 – The Most Holy Trinity

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



May 31st through June 6th

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

Soldiers Who Died In Battle

Requested by Erma Kinzie



May 31st through June 5th

The Blessed Mother Votive is burning this week for the repose of the soul of

Patricia Zubinski



May 31st through June 5th

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

Ida Pentimone

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

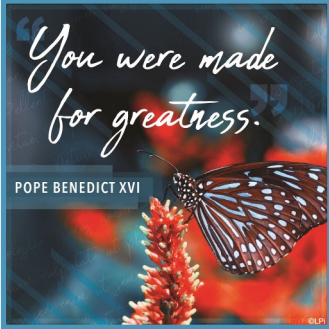
U.S. Navy - CMDR Michael Brasseur, Lt. Christopher Jenkins, PO Thomas T. Tudisco

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



You can feel so small standing by the seashore. The vastness of all that is before you expands much farther than your eye can see. What is happening on the other side? As tides continue to ebb and flow, what occurs as they come and go remains largely a mystery and the effects of their presence unknown in your sight. Yet, things are moving and changing as you gaze upon the water, as the thumbprint of their presence is left behind. The greater the wind and wave, the greater the effect. But even a gentle breeze leaves its humble mark upon the seashore on which you stand. The smallest pebble still makes a ripple in the great blue expanse of ocean waters. It doesn't need to be big.

You never know the full impact of your smallest gesture or simplest of words. A yes or no, agree or disagree, here or there, this or that can influence time and history in ways you may never know. The Holy Spirit is like that: fierce and torrential, and then almost still and silent, creating and recreating nonetheless. Coming as a gentle breeze or a gusty wind, God's Holy Spirit continues to move over, around, and into the waters of our lives. The Spirit brings fruit and unknown possibilities to what we humbly bring with us and that same Spirit eventually brings all to fulfillment in Christ.

The first disciples didn't have much. They possessed simple faith and a willingness to go into uncharted territory with a love of their friend-God, humble offerings, and a knowledge that they were not alone. This allowed them to do amazing things with very little. Do you believe that you are being led and that you have a purposeful life? We often do not realize our value because we do not think that the little we have is good enough. How wrong we are! A little flour mixed with water and embraced by a prayer of blessing transforms simple offerings into the magnificent Eucharistic presence of God. If the Holy Spirit can do such amazing things with these humble gifts of the earth, even more can happen with you. Don't underestimate the value of the smile you gave a stranger, the door held open for an elderly widow, the listening ear offered to one who was lonely, the tolerance given to the wounded soul who is angry, and the loving shoulder you offered as a cradle under the head of someone in pain. Modest gifts offered with love can be transformed by the Spirit into wondrous blessings you may never know. It's Pentecost. Trust. You are not alone.

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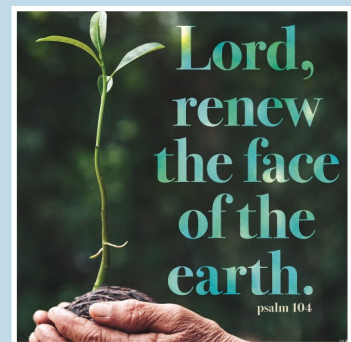
Everyday Stewardship – Recognize God in your Ordinary Moments

We Are Never Alone...

My children want my help sometimes, and other times, not so much. I remember being a teenager and young adult myself. At times, I thought I knew everything. I didn't need help because I was just so darn smart. Truth is, I needed to find my own way. I needed to stretch my wings and prove to myself and my family I could fly. I assume that is what is happening with my own children as well. It just seems so different now that I'm the parent.

Human beings need help. We need community, and we need to rely on one another. At Pentecost, we reflect on Jesus sending to the Church a helper, the Holy Spirit. God interacting with us in this manner means we are never truly alone. We focus most of the time on the Spirit of God as the assistance we need, and we do need Him for sure. However, since it is that very same Spirit that turned us into "Church" from a band of people looking to carry on after Jesus' ascension, at Pentecost we gained more than divine help: we gained each other.

Today, the Church needs help in a profound way. We need to lean on the Holy Spirit to blow through the Church with a profound renewal. But we cannot forget that we have been given each other to lean on as well. We are a gift to each other, and together with the Spirit's help, we are the Body of Christ here on earth. We must be strong and stand for one another. If we do that, this Pentecost will bear fruit that will be with us for many Pentecosts to come.



– Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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