

Welcome to the Parish of
Immaculate Conception

A Catholic Community Inviting People to Follow Christ

May 3, 2020 - Fourth Sunday of Easter



"All of you together are the temple of God, and the spirit of God lives in you." - 1 Corinthians 3:16

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

Love God, Serve Others, Make Disciples

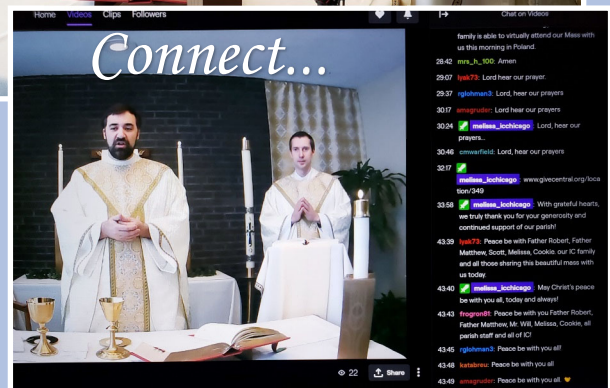


Worship with IC from home...
Sundays @ 11:00 A.M.
Monday through Friday @ 7:00 P.M.
Wednesdays @ 11:00 A.M. (School Mass)

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.



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.

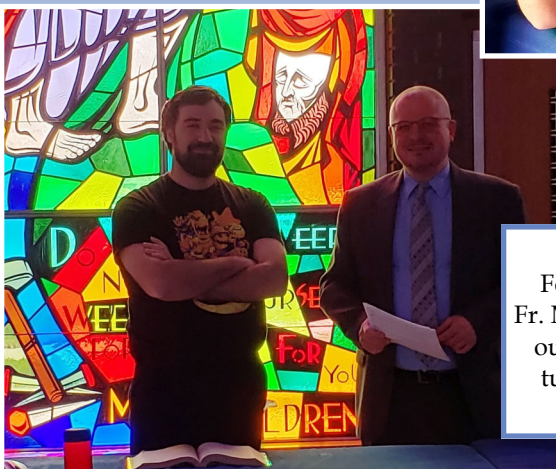
“You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God.” - II Corinthians 9:11



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Prayer for Vocations...

Holy Spirit, stir within us the passion to promote vocations to the consecrated life, societies of apostolic life, diocesan priesthood, and permanent diaconate. **Inspire** us daily to respond to Your call with boundless compassion, abundant generosity, and radical availability. **Help** us to remember our own baptismal call to rouse us to invite the next generation to hear and respond to Your call. **Inspire** parents, families, and lay ecclesial ministers to begin a conversation with young Catholics to consider how they will live lives of holiness and sacred service. **Nudge** inquirers and motivate discerners to learn more about monastic life, apostolic life, missionaries, cloistered contemplative life, and evangelical Franciscan life. **Ignite** our Church with the confident humility that there is an urgent need for religious sisters, brothers, deacons, and priests to live in solidarity with those who are poor, neglected, and marginalized. **Disrupt** our comfortable lives and complacent attitudes with new ideas to respond courageously and creatively with a daily 'YES!' Amen.



Behind the Scenes at IC...

Following the broadcast of our 11:00 A.M. Mass this past Sunday, Fr. Matt and Scott collaborated on recording several pieces of music in our Church which will be featured during our virtual Masses. Stay tuned for future behind-the-scenes installments as we continue to expand our pre-recorded music library.

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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...

"The pandemic reminds us there are no differences or borders between those who suffer. We are all frail, all equal, all precious. May we be profoundly shaken: Now is the time to eliminate inequalities and heal the injustice undermining the health of the entire human family!"



Eternal Rest Grant Unto Them...

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

Bryan Michael Moorehouse (Nephew of Scott Moorehouse)
Dolores M. DeZurko (Sister of Tricia DeMarco)



Readings for the Week of May 3rd

Sunday: Acts 2:14a, 36-41/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [1]/1 Pt 2:20b-25/Jn 10:1-10
Monday: Acts 11:1-18/Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4 [cf. 3a]/Jn 10:11-18
Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7 [Ps 117:1a]/Jn 10:22-30
Wednesday: Acts 12:24 – 13:5a/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8 [4]/Jn 12:44-50
Thursday: Acts 13:13-25/Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25 and 27 [2]/Jn 13:16-20
Friday: Acts 13:26-33/Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab [7bc]/Jn 14:1-6
Saturday: Acts 13:44-52/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [3cd]/Jn 14:7-14
Next Sunday: Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19 [22]/1 Pt 2:4-9/Jn 14:1-12

Gospel Reflection...



"I am the gate. Whoever enters through me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture."

- John 10:9

Using the metaphor of sheep and gatekeeper, Jesus teaches his disciples the importance of remaining focused on his voice. Why do you think people are so easily distracted from other voices?

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 3 - Fourth Sunday of Easter

5:00 P.M. (Saturday) - †Leoncio Doruelo (on his 31st Anniversary)
7:30 A.M.— †Stanley Zawora; and Janina Zawora
9:30 A.M.— †Francis & Moira Cross; †Aida Miranda; and †Charles Grayzeck
11:15 A.M.— †Pietro Biancorosso; †Serafina Nocito; †Robert Babich; †Hope Zinchuk; and †Juan Martinez
6:00 P.M. - †Tom Anna (Birthday Remembrance)

Monday, May 4 – Easter Weekday

8:30 A.M.— †Mary Beth Reynolds

Tuesday, May 5 - Easter Weekday

8:30 A.M.— †Ricardo Sanchez (Birthday Remembrance)

Wednesday, May 6 - Easter Weekday

8:30 A.M.— †David Reichle (on his 1st Anniversary)

Thursday, May 7– Easter Weekday

8:30 A.M. — †Anna Felix

Friday, May 8 - Easter Weekday

8:30 A.M.— †Walter Nowak; and †Marianna Becker

Saturday, May 9 - Easter Weekday

5:00 P.M. - The People of the Parish

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

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



May 3rd through May 9th

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

Tom Anna
(Birthday Remembrance)



May 3rd through May 8th

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

Maria Ommundson

Requested by Lorraine Ommundson



May 3rd through May 8th

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

Omar Ommundson

Requested by Lorraine Ommundson

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



With whom do we converse and listen to the most? Believe it or not, the answer is ourselves. We are constantly having conversations with ourselves, and sometimes we even get caught! Our inner conversations reveal the truth about ourselves. We really cannot hide from ourselves, although we often pretend we can. By conversing with ourselves, we find solutions to our challenges, problem solve, work through our relationships, formulate opinions, run through dress rehearsals of possible conversations, and wrestle with and determine our system of priorities and values. What other voices affect the conversations we have with ourselves?

Often, voices from our past continue to haunt us. These voices cause us to mistrust our judgment, harbor anger, and cling to our fears of rejection, failure, being wrong, and the like. It is in these inner conversations that we face what holds us captive – our limitations, weaknesses, sinfulness, and stubborn ego preoccupations. We often go about our lives putting out one fire or another, keeping ourselves preoccupied and busy, and trying to stay on top of things. Intentionally or unintentionally, we find ourselves wandering off. We turn around and can no longer see our home. We look down at our feet and realize we have lost our anchor. Feeling scared, out of place, desolate, unsettled, and lonely, we realize that we are lost.

We listened to the wrong voices! In the midst of everything competing for our attention, the voice of the One who could truly call us home got muffled. We didn't hear it. As our inner dialogues continue to play out, the one voice we need to consult – even before our own – is God's. He is the Good Shepherd who can keep us safely where we need to be. As we graze through the stuff of our lives, we must constantly remember to look up, be attentive, and stay focused. Our habits of prayer are the only thing that can properly root us and keep us grounded. Contemplating God's presence and developing an inner awareness of love incarnate, we will then find ourselves praying unceasingly as the days and nights and the ebbs and flows of our lives unfold. Suddenly, the inner conversations we are constantly having are no longer just with ourselves or with voices that can lead us astray but with the Trinity, who desperately wants us to stay home.

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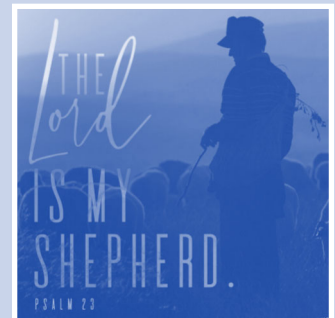
Everyday Stewardship – Recognize God in your Ordinary Moments

Recognizing the Voice of Jesus...

When my wireless provider introduced HD Voice, the voice I heard on my phone was unbelievably clear, and it felt at times like both the caller and I were in the same room. The best aspect of this feature is that it didn't cost the customer any additional fees, and it didn't require any changes to the phone. I could say it was free, but I suspect I was already paying for it in my monthly bill anyway. At least it felt free.

The clearer the voice calling you, the easier it is to recognize who it is on the other end of the line. In John's Gospel, Jesus speaks of the gatekeeper who opens the gate and calls for his sheep. They respond because they know his voice. Others try to lure the sheep when the gatekeeper is not there, but the sheep find their voices unclear or unfamiliar.

Jesus is our gatekeeper. But unlike receiving something for free from a wireless company, to be able to hear his voice we need to pay attention and practice listening. By developing a stewardship way of life that is mindful and prayerful, we become attuned to his voice and are able to discern when the call is from our Lord and when it is from an imposter. It is great to talk about all the things we can do and all the gifts we can share, but if we are not listening for his call to hear where our offerings are needed, we can end up like a lost sheep searching for the gatekeeper.



– Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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