Welcome to Immaculate Conception Parish

A Catholic Community Inviting People to Follow Christ

May 7, 2023 - Fifth Sunday Of Easter



"Beloved: Come to him, a living stone, rejected by human beings but chosen and precious in the sight of God, and, like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ." - 1 Peter 2:4

Love God • Serve Others • Make Disciples

Contact Us

Parish Office Hours:

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): 773.775.3833

 Monday-Friday:
 9:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.

 Saturday:
 9:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.

 Sunday:
 Closed

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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



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)

Capacity limits have been lifted and reservations are no longer required. Masks are optional.

All are welcome!

Weekday Mass Schedule:

In-Person

Monday through Thursday @ 8:30 A.M. (Rosary Prayers & Chaplet of Mercy prayed after Weekday Masses)

(Please note: Friday daily Masses & First Friday Mass & Adoration temporarily suspended as of July 8th)

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

Sunday mornings from 9:30 A.M.-10:15 A.M. (offered every other Sunday)

(Special dates & times offered during Advent & Lent)

Baptisms:

2nd & 4th Sundays of each month @ Noon (except during Lent)

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 Text-To-Give: Text "Sunday" to 773-915-0503.

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.

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This Weekend @ IC: Coffee House (Hosted By: IC Parents Club)





Next Weekend @ IC: Pro-Life Group Mother's Day Flower Sale

Celebrate mothers and the gift of life with flowers! Next weekend, May 13th and 14th, IC's Pro-Life Group will be selling beautiful bouquets of fresh-cut flowers after all Masses in the Vestibule of our Church. Choose from a variety of assortments, ranging from \$10 to \$20 (cash or checks payable to: *The Women's Centers*).

Proceeds will be used to help young women facing a crisis pregnancy situation and in need of assistance. Since its founding in 1984, *The Women's Centers of Greater Chicagoland* have helped save more than 40,000 babies and their mothers from the tragedy of abortion. For more information, please visit their website at <u>www.GoTwc.org</u>.

Your generous support is appreciated!

Service Opportunities @ IC

Please join us as we gather to make sandwiches for *The Port Ministries* this **Thursday, May 11**th @ **5:30 P.M.** in our Rectory Assembly. Please invite any others that might be interested in volunteering. We appreciate donations of lunch meat (ham, salami, or turkey) and sliced bread. Additionally, we will also accept donations of cases of water, bags of apples or oranges, as well as individual bags of chips.

If you are unable to attend and would like to make your sandwiches at home and just drop off, you are welcome to do that as well. Any questions? Please call/text *Nancy Soprych* at 773.805.3254. Thank you so much!



MINISTRY NEWS



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If you are interested in serving our IC community as an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion (assisting our priests and deacons with distributing Communion during Mass), please contact Scott at swill@icchicago.org or

you may also call our Parish Office at 773.775.3833 Ext. 104 and leave a message on his voicemail. We have two people who have already signed up, but we are waiting to hold the training session until we recruit a few more volunteers.





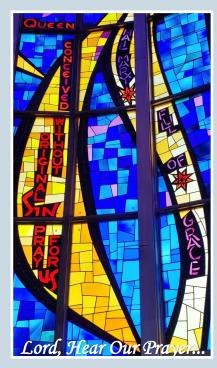
IC Drama Club Presents "Shrek"

Our IC Drama Club presented *Shrek 1* and *Shrek 2* on Thursday, April 27th and Friday, April 28th. Students in grades 3 through 5 performed in *Shrek 1*, while students in grades 6 through 8 performed in *Shrek 2*. Overall, nearly 100 students were involved in the production of our play (acting, managing the lighting, providing music, managing the stage), all working together as a team (under the direction of *Ms. Szwedo*) to

successfully bring *Shrek* to life onstage. Our IC Drama Club offers so many growth opportunities for our school children, such as developing confidence to speak in public and learning how to put on a stage production.



Please join our parish family in prayer ...



Tom Altman Paul Amandes Amelia Aquino Arnold B. Robert Behrman Sonia M. B. Roberta Berger Vince Caeti Mary Cali Donna Chaplin Truman Collins James Covello Ronnie Cunningham Paige Dicks Margarita DiSalvo Emily Divarco Eric Dulce Lilia Dulce Ozzie D'Souza Valerie Dziekonski Richard Flanagan Brooke Foreman Patricia Furgat Lila Gehner Gloria Hernandez Ofelia Hernandez Mike Hickey

For those who are sick:

Judy Hull Mary Ann Schmitt Hurtig Kevin Jaburek Stephanie Kamenicky Wayne Kinzie, Sr. Donna Kirk Craig Kloss Lillian Kohut Katherine Kreuser Anthony LaPash Dawn LaVeau Sean Lucas Nathan Maisel **Benny** Martinez Edwin Martinez Frank Martinez Nikki Mendoza Pat Miaso Gerry Michalek, Jr. Helen Michalek Ledoina Monacelli Marta Morales Deacon Rick Moritz Veronica Murillo Mike Murphy Timothy Murray Brendan Nelson

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*Newly Added

For our faithful departed:

John Paul Carroll (Father of Michael Carroll) Zefa Junkovic (Father of George Junkovic) Michael Allen Jarotkiewicz (Husband of Kim)



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



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
U.S. Navy - CMDR Michael Brasseur, LCDR Christopher Jenkins, PO Thomas T. Tudisco, Ensign Marina J. Monacelli
U.S. Air Force - John Christopher Ocasio, Major Laurel Walsh, Major Paul H. Kolk, LT. COL. Michael O'Koniewski; Captain Colleen Bernal

U.S. Marines - PFC Sebastian L. Rivera, Jr., PFC Christopher Hughes, PFC Algene D. Porticos, LCpl Daniel Wieczorek, PFC Luis A. Corea

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 7th through Sunday, May 14th

Sunday, May 7th - Fifth Sunday of Easter

5:00 P.M. (Saturday) — ⁺Stanislaw Swiderski; ⁺Juana Medrano (Birthday Remembrance); and Patricia & Frank Bielfeldt (on their 50th Wedding Anniversary) (Living)

8:30 A.M. – [†]Michael B. Cerney; and [†]Thomas Cerny 10:30 A.M. – [†]Klemens & Sophie Fudala; [†]Tommy Fuller; [†]Patricia Dunleavy; [†]Nancy Preston; [†]Amy Witz; [†]Marie Frances Hagarty; [†]Maureen McGee Kogen (on her 1st Anniversary); [†]Tadeusz Migon; [†]Francis & Moira Cross; Alexia Quiroz (on her 18th Birthday) (Living); Deacon Rick Moritz (on his 23rd Anniversary of Ordination) (Living); and The People of the Parish

Monday, May 8th - Easter Weekday

8:30 A.M. – [†]Mary Boksa; [†]Joanie Fabiano (Birthday Remembrance); [†]Walter Nowak; and [†]Shane O'Sullivan

Tuesday, May 9th - Easter Weekday

8:30 A.M. – ⁺Frank Palenica; and ⁺Vencey D'Mello (2nd Anniversary)

Wednesday, May 10th – Saint John of Avila, Priest and Doctor of the Church; Saint Damien de Veuster, Priest

8:30 A.M. – [†]Maureen McGee Kogen (Birthday Remembrance); [†]Elizabeth Serafin; [†]Paddy Cunningham (Birthday Remembrance); [†]Dr. James Schuetz; and The Szwedo Family (Living)

Thursday, May 11th – Easter Weekday

8:30 A.M. – [†]Omar Ommundson; [†]Ellen "Nellie" Gavin; [†]Patty Dunleavy; [†]Armando Abdon, Sr.; [†]Leonard Basinski (Birthday Remembrance); [†]Marie F. Hagarty; [†]John Tierney (Birthday Remembrance); Mary Gallagher (Living); Deacon Mike Bednarz (on his 4th Anniversary of Ordination) (Living); and Fr. Thomas Srenn (on his 46th Anniversary of Ordination) (Living)

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

Saturday, May 13th - *Our Lady of Fatima* 5:00 P.M.— [†]Stanislaw Swiderski; [†]Milagros Bernardita C. San Juan; [†]Marie Keenley; and The Conversion of Hardened Hearts

Sunday, May 14th - Sixth Sunday of Easter (Mother's Day)

8:30 A.M.- [†]Vilma Concepcion Lopez; [†]Stefania Poniecki; [†]Diane M. Henley; [†]Robert Stanczyk; [†]Marie Frances Hagarty; [†]Angeline Plantego; [†]Francis & Moira Cross; and Halena Jurka (Living)

10:30 A.M.— [†]Frank & Margherita Martino; [†]Anna & Nicola Chiusolo; [†]Agostino & Francesca Chiaramonte; [†]Antoinette Svoboda; [†]Mary Kokalj; [†]Sophie Oleksy; [†]The Deceased Members of The Furgat Family; [†]JoAnn Barder; [†]Bernice Wojcik; [†]Elaine Mazur; [†]Winifred O'Koniewski; [†]Victoria Opiela; [†]Vincenzo Porcelli; [†]Bernice Dubrowski; [†]Lily Ayala; [†]Irene Gould; [†]Tina LaPash; [†]Marie F. Hagarty; [†]Anthony Fiala; [†]Sophie Sikorski; [†]Diane Sprincz; Bridie Shiel (Living); The Veleze Family (Living); and The People of the Parish



fears, problems, expectations,

memories, hopes. Prayer is

dialogue. Prayer is life."

Second Collection: Catholic Charities Annual Mother's Day Appeal - May 13th & 14th

Immaculate Conception joins Catholic Charities in support of mothers and babies across Cook and Lake counties!

Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Chicago helps families access a broad array of supports and services. Each day, Catholic Charities serves thousands of women and their children through their Family Support Program, and other behavioral health, domestic violence support, and basic needs programs. Next weekend, please support the Second Collection on Mother's Day, May 14th, or anytime at <u>www.catholiccharities.net/donate</u> or scan the QR Code provided. You may also donate by mail to: *Catholic Charities* – P.O. Box 8275, Carol Stream, IL. 60197-8275.

Your generosity brings hope and joy to the whole family as they experience IC's support behind them.

IC 8th Grade Class of 2023 Fundraiser: May 21st

IC Class of 2023

Car Wash - Fundraiser



Sunday, May 21st-9:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M.

Parish Center - West Parking Lot

(Talcott & Odell)

Cars – \$10.00 SUVs - \$15.00 (or donation)

Come by after Mass!

(All proceeds raised fund IC Class of 2023 activities.)



IC School Extended Care Program: Help Wanted



Our Immaculate Conception School Extended Care program is seeking part-time help for the 2023-2024 School Year. Responsibilities would consist of caring for and supervising students in grades Preschool through 8th grade during indoor free play and activities such as coloring and homework.

We are looking for two candidates to cover five shifts during the week: **Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday** from **3:00-6:00 P.M.** and **Wednesday** from **2:00 P.M.-6:00 P.M.** Interested candidates must love children and are required to be VIRTUS trained. Please email *Marcia Kusinski* at:

kusinski@iccowboys.net to schedule an interview.



Stay Connected @ IC:

Subscribe to our bimonthly email newsletter (featuring updates on parish events & projects, school activities, community highlights & service opportunities): icchicago.org/register/constantcontact.cfm



Gospel Meditation - Encourage a Deeper Understanding of Scripture

If you had to summarize the essential core of the Christian life, what would it be? Mercy, truth, or love, perhaps? The readings today suggest another word which may surprise you. That word is *priesthood*.

St. Peter says to us, "You are a 'chosen race, a royal priesthood..." To be part of a priesthood is to offer a particular sacrifice in order for the community to survive and thrive. Jesus is the great high priest because he offers the one perfect sacrifice which heals and perfects the entire human race. Peter the Apostle wants us to know that all the baptized share in this priestly ministry. The whole of our lives, including every detail, is meant to become our acceptable offering to God.

The baptized exercise this priesthood in many ways, I'll mention three. At Sunday Mass, in private prayer, and in daily work. At Mass, we offer the sacrifice of our lives with that of the priest, who symbolizes Christ the Priest. In our prayer, a "*morning offering*" prayer is a great way to offer up all the joys and sufferings of the day to come. In our daily work, we sacrifice our time, comfort, money, and energy to do good for others. All this gives the deepest possible meaning to our lives: we share in the priesthood which saves the world. That's at the core of our faith. – *Father John Muir* ©LPi

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Ministry Schedules: Saturday, May 13th & Sunday, May 14th

Saturday 5:00 P.M. Mass Sixth Sunday of Easter	Sunday 8:30 A.M. Mass Sixth Sunday of Easter	Sunday 10:30 A.M. Mass Sixth Sunday of Easter	
Fr. Matthew Heinrich	Fr. Robert Fedek	Fr. Matthew Heinrich	
L. Christy	J. Semmler	J. Campbell	
E. Doyle	Vocal Quintet & Violin	Vocal Quintet	
S. Witz	M. Dosek & D. Zamirowski	C. Kech & E. Niewinski	
J. Galeno; K. Giannola; G. Reichle	D. Gillespie; S. Gillespie; A. McMahon	K. Bowers; K. Bowers; E. Carroll	
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What's Happening @ IC...

<u>Monday, May 8th</u>– 7:00-8:30 P.M.– Overtones Rehearsal; CH

<u>Tuesday, May 9th</u>– **7:30-9:00 P.M.**– Baptismal Preparation Session; RA

 Wednesday, May 10th –

 2:00-3:30 P.M. – Choristers Rehearsal; CH

 2:00-3:30 P.M. – IC Teacher Development Session (with Fr. Matt); RA

 4:00-5:00 P.M. – Religious Education Program Classes Conclude; SC

 7:00-8:30 P.M. – Alpha Alumni Connect Group Session; RA

<u>Thursday, May 11th</u> – 5:30-6:30 P.M. – IC Outreach: Sandwiches For *The Port Ministries;* RA 8:00-9:30 P.M. – IC Holy Name Men's Club Mtg.; BA

<u>Friday, May 12th</u> – No School (Teacher Professional Development Day) 8:00 P.M. – Men's Basketball; PC

Saturday, May 13th-10:00 A.M. – First Holy Communion (2nd Grade); CH CH (Vestibule) - Pro-Life Group Mother's Day Flower Sale (@ 5:00 P.M. Mass)

<u>Sunday, May 14th</u>- Mother's Day CH (Vestibule) - Pro-Life Group Mother's Day Flower Sale (@ 8:30 & 10:30 A.M. Masses) 9:30-10:15 A.M. – Confessions; CH canzoneri@iccowboys.net fitzgerald@iccowboys.net szwedo@iccowboys.net kessler@iccowboys.net haley@iccowboys.net

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.

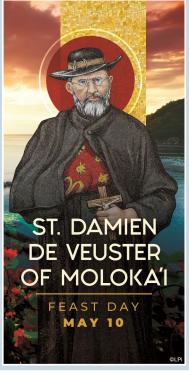
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Bulletin Deadline: The deadline for all bulletin submissions is Friday at Noon – 8 days prior to the Sunday it will appear.

Bulletin submissions are accepted via email at: parishbulletin@icchicago.org

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Saint of the Week: Examples of our Faith - Saint Damien De Veuster Of Molokai (May 10th)



People may be familiar with leprosy from Biblical times, but not so much in the 1800s. However, St. Damien de Veuster of Moloka'I' (January 3, 1840 – April 15, 1889) would eventually shed a light on the effects of this devastating disease and allow people to see those afflicted with it with more compassion and love.

Born Joseph de Veuster in Tremelo, Belgium, he quit school at 13 so he could work on the family farm. Feeling called for more, however, he entered the Congregation of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary six years later, where he took the name of a fourth-century physician and martyr. His brother, a priest from the same congregation, fell ill and was unable to go to his assigned location. Damien quickly volunteered in his place and found himself on the Hawaiian Islands in 1864. Two months after arriving, he was ordained a priest of Honolulu and assigned to the Island of Hawaii.

In 1873, he visited the Hawaiian government's leper colony on the island of Moloka'I, where he petitioned to stay permanently to care for their physical, medical, and spiritual needs. After years of working to improve their location and those who lived there, he contracted Hansen's disease and died of its complications. St. Damien was canonized by Pope Benedict XVI on October 11, 2009. © LPi



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