Welcome to Immaculate Conception Parish

A Catholic Community Inviting People to Follow Christ

May 9, 2021 - Sixth Sunday Of Easter

God's blessings to our First Communicants Welcome to the table of our Lord... Olivia Mia Accardo Sophia Grace Belluomini Elle Scarlett Biedron Harper Grace Biedron Devin Patrick Bock Patrick James Brooks Ava C. Campuzano Jacob Cardenas Luca Casal

Emily Nicole Elizabeth Cochran Madeline Grace Conner Wyatt Richard Cornwell Hailey Marie Edwards Annelise Marie Escher Charlotte Ewalt Beckett Edward Farmer Sara Jeanne Fleming Joseph Kenneth Galeno Seamus Dennis Glascott Mary Grace Graves Audrey Paige Hadden Justin David Hadden Cormack John Hammersmith Iulia Hancin Joseph Paul Haugh John Francis Healy Gwendolyn C. Hoffman

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"Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these." - Luke 18:16

Love God • Serve Others • Make Disciples

Contact Us

Parish Office Hours:

: 7211 W. Talcott Avenue Chicago, IL. 60631

: 773.775.3833

Saturday: Sunday:

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

Parish Website: □ www.icchicago.org

School Website: 🖳 : www.iccowboys.net

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: parishoffice@icchicago.org (Please note: new email address)

Facebook:

View our Masses, connect with fellow

parishioners, and access exclusive articles and content. Simply search "Immaculate

Conception Parish Chicago (Talcott)" and

Social Media

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)

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.

Communion Is Not Only A Sign, But A Symbol As Well

Our faith teaches us that the Eucharist we receive, the sacrament we celebrate, is a *sign*. Without going into more technical language, a *symbol* is something that represents something else. A sign, in the Catholic terminology, is something that indicates, pointing to a reality present. While imperfect, an analogy for this would be a married couple: their rings symbolize their vows, bond, and commitment. On the other hand, the couple themselves signify, as together they are a sign of their vows, bond, and commitment.



The Eucharist is a sign of God's love, not merely symbolic of it. We believe that it is the real presence of Jesus Christ, Body and Blood, in the sacrament. In my view, it is the supreme object, expression, and sacrament of our faith. This is because it is the sacrament which focuses on the redemption and salvation of the human race and our union of man with God. In the sacrament, we truly receive Jesus Christ and are the beneficiaries of his sacrifice.

This is not to minimize the usefulness of symbols. Most wedding couples value their rings immensely. They are not merely symbols, but important ones. As such, the symbolism of the Eucharist is also important.

I taught our Second Grade students about this symbolism, expressing to them how what we use for the sacrament (the bread and wine) teaches us about what we believe. In particular, I spoke to them about the bread they receive:

1) The bread, if you look closely, is made of wheat ground together. It is quite literally a "*communion*" of many parts. This was an insight of many saints, including St. Ignatius of Antioch (2nd century AD). The bread is the image of our faith – many parts, but one. Especially in the early Church, it also symbolized unity in our suffering.

2) The bread is similar to the bread Jesus used at the Last Supper. While the bread may taste and look bland, it is made to imitate the sort of bread Jesus himself used. He celebrated the Passover with his disciples and established a New Passover and a New Covenant. We honor the actions of Jesus by using his words, his actions, and how he celebrated the sacrament. Using this bread, we not only connect ourselves to Jesus, but to our ancestors in faith.

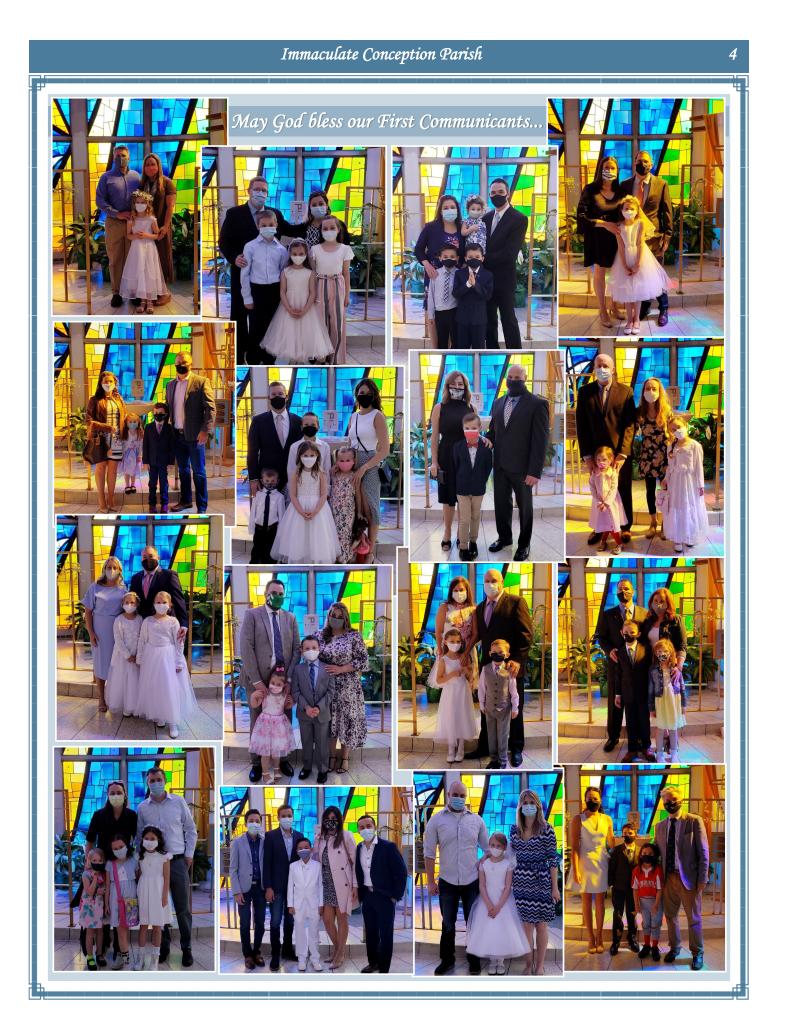
3) The blandness of the bread is also intentional, as opposed to something sweet or flavorful, and this is on purpose. This bread is referred to originally as the "*bread of affliction*" (Dt 16:3) in the Old Testament. This bread of affliction (or '*sadness*' and '*suffering*' as I mentioned to our Second Grade children) was traditionally understood to remind the Israelites of their bitter slavery. This reminder served two purposes, namely to remember God's graciousness to them and to remember the suffering that comes from sin – that is to say, do works which heal sin and suffering in our midst.

Jesus uses this same bread to remind us of the reality of sin – people to this day live in darkness and slavery. We use this bread and celebrate the Eucharist to offer that to the God who freed us from the ancient slavery of sin and death. Likewise, we celebrate the Mass to remind us to be kind to those who suffer, patient and forgiving of those who sin, and willing to live out, boldly, the mission of Christ.

This mission is expressed in our lives, not just our Mass. We sacrifice at the altar of the Mass that our lives might be a fitting sacrifice in the altar of life. We must proclaim the name of Jesus by which all people are saved.

Fr. Matt

Do you have any other questions pertaining to the meaning or purpose of our symbols or gestures? Email me at <u>fr.matt@icchicago.org</u> or ask me, and I would love to write about more.





To view additional photographs captured during our First Holy Communion celebrations on Saturday, May 1st, please visit our parish Facebook page: *Immaculate Conception Parish Chicago (Talcott)*

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 8th** - 7:30-8:30 P.M.: Who is Jesus in the Gospel of Mark? Tuesday, **June 22nd** - 7:30-8:30 P.M.: Who is Jesus in the Gospel of Matthew? Tuesday, **July 6th** - 7:30-8:30 P.M.: Who is Jesus in the Gospel of Luke? Tuesday, **July 20th** - 7:30-8:30 P.M.: Who is Jesus in the Gospel of John? Tuesday, **August 3rd** - 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 (<u>rcarlton@archchicago.org</u>) with any questions. If you are interested in attending our Summer Scripture Study Series, please contact our Parish Office (773.775.3833) to register.

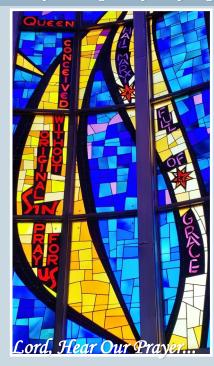
Blessing of Mothers

During the season of Easter, what a great time to remember our mothers and ask for God's blessing on them. It is God who ultimately gave us life. It is through God's unselfish love--mirrored in our mothers' willingness to associate their love with God's and take the risk to love us into life--that we have the opportunity for life. We remember our mothers this Mother's Day with much love. Let us pray for each of them:

God our heavenly Father, you give to each the ability to share your generative love. Bless those women in our lives who mirror your love and bring forth life through their willingness to risk bringing new life into this world. Help us to show them our gratitude for the gift of life and the gift of a mother's love. May our life-giving God continue to bless them and show them his unfailing love. We ask this through Jesus, God's Son and our brother. Amen.



Please join our parish family in prayer



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

For those who are sick:

Ofelia Hernandez Dennis M. Jaburek Helga Jarosz Erma Kinzie Wayne Kinzie 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:

Pauline C. Stensland Christine Bozovsky (Mother of Fr. Matthew Bozovsky) Jose E. Cuartero (Brother of Lourdes) Charlotte Hamity (Mother of Diane Garvey) James F. Beranek (Father of Alycia)



"Eternal rest grant unto them, O 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, 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 Cronset, PEC Sebastian L. Rivera, Ir. PEC Christopher Hughes, PEC

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.

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Mass Intentions: Sunday, May 9th through Sunday, May 16th

Sunday, May 9th - Sixth Sunday of Easter (Mother's Day)
5:00 P.M. (Saturday) - [†]Walter Nowak; and [†]Mary Boksa
8:30 A.M. - [†]Elsie Smith; [†]Anita Castillo; [†]Rosemary Eichberger;
[†]Marilyn Martin; [†]Filomena Pavone; [†]Raffaela Positano; [†]Sophie Sikorski; [†]Diane Sprincz; and [†]Anacleta Mendoza
10:30 A.M. - [†]Frank & Margherita Martino; [†]Anna & Nicola Chiusolo; [†]Francesca & Agostino Chiaramonte; [†]Antoinette Svoboda; [†]Mary Kokalj; [†]Sophie Oleksy; [†]Eileen Mascha; [†]Bernice Wojcik; [†]Winifred O'Koniewski; [†]Stanislaw Swiderski; [†]Len Basinski & [†]Marilyn Skaja (Birthday Remembrance); [†]Christopher Janicki; [†]Francis & Moira Cross; and The People of the Parish

Monday, May 10th – *Saint Damien de Veuster, Priest 8:30 A.M. –* [†]Elizabeth Serafin; [†]Jose E. Cuartero; and Gloria Budziak (Living)

Tuesday, May 11th - *Easter Weekday* 8:30 A.M. – [†]Eileen Mascha; and Deacon Mike Bednarz (on his 2nd Anniversary of Ordination) (Living)

Wednesday, May 12th - Saints Nereus and Achilleus, Martyrs; Saint Pancras, Martyr 8:30 A.M. (Virtual Mass) – [†]Laura Miraglia

Thursday, May 13th – *Our Lady of Fatima 8:30 A.M.* – Milagros Capito San Juan (on her Birthday) (Living)

Friday, May 14th - Saint Matthias, Apostle 8:30 A.M. – ⁺Pauline Stensland

The People of the Parish

Saturday, May 15th - Saint Isidore 5:00 P.M. - [†]Patricia Dillon (on her 2nd Anniversary)

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

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

1 Lind. Hear Our Prayer



from the sensation of not being able to cope. We need Jesus' help. And so we can say to Him: "Jesus, I believe you are beside me and that you are listening to me. I bring to



you my troubles. I have faith in you and I entrust myself to you."





Ryan Michael Higgins Child of Michael John & Courtney Kelly (Goodwin) Higgins



Please join our parish family in prayer for the following transitional Deacons in our Archdiocese who will be ordained to the Priesthood next Saturday, **May 15th**:

Deacon Ryan Brady, Deacon Nathan Ford, Deacon Christopher Landfried, Deacon Andrew Matijevic, Deacon Ritchie Ortiz-Juarez, Deacon Robert Ryan, Deacon Leonel Sepulveda, Deacon Daniel Villalobos, and Deacon Sebastian Zebrowski

Please continue to pray for our two Seminarians currently preparing for their Ordinations: **Deacon Andrew Meng** (who will be ordained to the Priesthood on Saturday, **May 29th** in the Diocese of Wichita) and **Joseph Nguyen** (who will be ordained to the Diaconate on Saturday, **June 5th** in the Diocese of San Jose.)



Sunday: Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4 [cf. 2b]/1 Jn 4:7-10/Jn 15:9-17

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Monday: Acts 16:11-15/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/Jn 15:26-16:4a

Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8 [7c]/Jn 16:5-11 **Wednesday:** Acts 17:15, 22 – 18:1/Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14/Jn 16:12-15 **Thursday:** Acts 18:1-8/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [cf. 2b]/Jn 16:16-20 **Friday:** Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 [8]/Jn 15:9-17 **Saturday:** Acts 18:23-28/Ps 47:2-3, 8-10, 10 [8a]/Jn 16:23b-28 **Next 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

Second Collection: May 8th & 9th

The face of need is mothers and children. The face of hope is you.

Your gift to the Catholic Charities Mother's Day Collection ensures that mothers with children those bearing the disproportionate impact of the pandemic—will have access to the food, rental assistance, and counseling they need to rebuild.

What better way to honor the mothers in our lives than helping other moms support and strengthen their families?

Please text HOPE to 878787, send your gift to Catholic Charities using the envelope provided at the back of your church, or use the QR code below.



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Gospel Meditation - Encourage a Deeper Understanding of Scripture



"*Remain in my love,*" and, "*I call you friends,*" are powerful words that are found in John's Gospel. Most of us probably have them committed to memory or have at least heard them proclaimed dozens of times. They are words that can easily become trite and quickly glossed over without fully pondering and digesting their profound beauty. When we take the time to immerse ourselves in them, they can radically change our lives and our relationships. They can open up new doors of adventure and hold countless possibilities for meaning. The essence of love and friendship are things that can easily be taken for granted. They have always been there and are a significant part of our lives.

Many would say that they could not live without love and friendship, and they put a great deal of care into preserving, deepening and sustaining them. Love and friendship share a mutual relationship with each other that deserves more reflection.

Where does love come from? We can consider relationships that have not succeeded and conclude that they were somehow due to our "*failures in love*." In doing so, we assume that human beings are the ones responsible for love, its success and also its failure. While our weakness, emotional composition and sinfulness can easily impact our ability to love, its origin is not human. God is love. God is love's author and origin. When we love, it is God who loves in and through us. It is because of this divine closeness that Jesus is able to call us friends! It is not because of anything we have done but simply because of who we are. Realizing and contemplating this awesome reality becomes a game changer across the board. It gives us reason to clear the table of anything that can adversely affect the way we love so that we can open the door for its author to shine forth.

Coming upon this truth is what leads folks like St. Francis of Assisi to leave that which is comfortable and worldly and live a radical life. They relate with the love of God that radiates in and through all living things and appreciate their sacredness. It was having an intimate experience of God's love and friendship that propelled St. Francis and others to embrace simplicity, act nonviolently, pursue humility, love enemies, care for the earth and open up avenues for true justice. Understanding this profound truth will also help us find peaceful solutions to world's problems, restore relationships with our sisters and brothers, bring the grace of loving stewardship to creation and heal many wounds. Once we begin to see how wonderfully holy all of life really is, we discover joy. We lose our need for fear, develop a fierce fortitude, act prudently and seek justice. There is great power in love because it comes from God. It will never fail. It also enjoys the company of two other friends who are eager to become our friends as well: faith and hope. These are just as important to have and to share. ©LPi

Everyday Stewardship - Recognize God in your Ordinary Moments

Choosing to Love One Another

Love one another. The greatest commandment, the simplest commandment – and if you've ever loved anyone, you know it's also the hardest.

I'm man enough to admit it. I've seen one or two of those cheesy Hallmark movies that are especially popular around the holidays. Boy meets Girl. Boy and Girl encounter a catastrophic roadblock to their relationship — they're coaches of rival high school volleyball teams, or he runs a dog kennel and she works at a feline rescue, so it could never, ever work out, right? But sprinkle a little movie magic over the whole situation and Boy and Girl find what Hallmark tells us is true love.

JUST AS I HAVE LOVED YOU YOU ALSO ARE TO love onle another.

I could make a list of all the things that are inaccurate about these movies, and something I would put right near the top — maybe even above the sometimes-unbelievable storylines — is the idea that love is a feeling. See, I'm not sure if it's accurate to call these movies love stories. Attraction stories, sure. But if you've ever forgiven someone who's hurt you, nursed a dying parent, gotten up for an infant's night feeding or let your kid have the last piece of cake, you know that real love is a verb. It's something you do. And it is almost always a choice.

Love one another. How often do we hear this? How often do we think about what it really means? How often do we take a moment to consider the action Jesus is asking us to take and the choice he is asking us to make? – *Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS* ©LPi



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What's Happening @ IC...

Monday, May **10***th* **– 8:30 A.M. –** Weekday Mass; Church

*Tuesday, May 11th -*8:30 A.M. – Weekday Mass; Church

Wednesday, May 12th -8:30 A.M. – School Mass; Church 7:00 P.M. – Pastoral Council Mtg.; RA 7:30 P.M. – Parents Club Mtg.; Zoom

Thursday, May 13th – 8:30 A.M. – Weekday Mass; Church

Friday, May 14th – 8:30 A.M. – Weekday Mass; Church

Sunday, May 16th – 10:30 A.M. – Volunteer Appreciation Mass; Church For more information on upcoming events, please visit our parish website @ www.icchicago.org.



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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.)

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