

Welcome to *Immaculate Conception Parish*

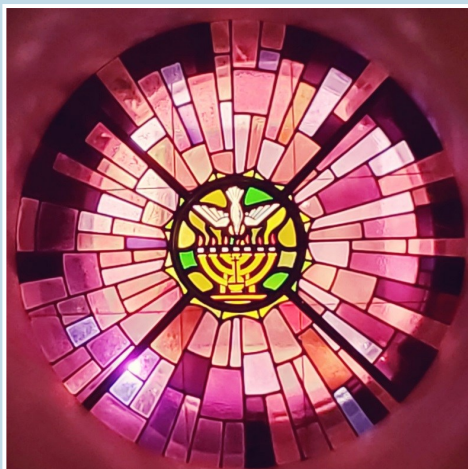
A Catholic Community Inviting People to Follow Christ

November 22, 2020 - Our Lord Jesus Christ, King Of The Universe

We Welcome Into The Church Our Newly Confirmed!

Lauren Argamaso
Jarlath Beckman
Nina Bednar
Joseph Blaul
Julianna Bonifazi
Emily Breen
Nathan Burke
Frank Cambria
Sophia Campuzano
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James Carroll
Liam Christy
Martin Cloherty
Vincent Curio
Lillian d'Escoto
Skylar Daquilante
Christopher Doud
Nora Emerson
Gabriella Ergish
Kaylee Fennessy
Gavin Fitzgerald
Ryan Gallagher
Thomas Gentile
William Gonzalez
Alyssa Guettler
Guillermo Guevara
Samantha Hernandez
Sarah Horist
Kayla Hulne

Rebecca Jalloway
Matthew Kessel
Anthony Kostecki
Quinn Kovac
Lindsey Krawczyk
Maeve Kristensen



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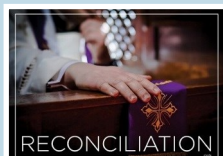
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Haylee Pugliani
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Alison Salinas
Ava Santiago
James Schmier
Daniel Sherry
James Shevlin
Adriana Solis
Kacper Sweder
Mariska Szabo
Wiktor Szumlanski
Nicholas Szymczak
Emmet Tom
Anthony Tyrrell
Gael Urbietta
Hailie Weaver
Matthew Weisse
Carter Wielgus
Jaden Wierzbica

"Recall then that you have received the spiritual seal, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of right judgment and courage, the spirit of knowledge and reverence, the spirit of holy fear in God's presence. Guard what you have received. God the Father has marked you with His sign; Christ the Lord has confirmed you and has placed His pledge, the Spirit, in your hearts." - Saint Ambrose of Milan

Love God • Serve Others • Make Disciples

Worship...**Worship with IC from home...****Sunday Virtual Mass @ 10:30 A.M.****Daily Virtual Mass @ 7:00 P.M. (Monday-Friday)****School Virtual Mass @ 8:30 A.M. (Wednesdays)**

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.



Opportunities for **Confessions** will be offered on the first and third Tuesdays of each month from **6:00-7:00 P.M.**

Next opportunities: December 1st & December 15th**IC Scholarship Fund...**

In response to the economic challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic and to encourage students from IC to attend Catholic high schools, Immaculate Conception Parish would like to start a scholarship fund for graduates of Immaculate Conception School and our Religious Education Program to use for tuition at Catholic high schools.

If you would like to contribute to our IC Scholarship Fund, please visit: www.gofundme.com/ic-catholic-high-school-scholarship-fund (a direct link is also easily accessible on our parish website as well as on our Facebook page.) The fundraising deadline is **Monday, March 1, 2021**. Please contact Fr. Robert at 773.775.3833 Ext. 102 or via email at rcarlton@archchicago.org with any additional questions.

Phase 2 Reopening Mass Schedule:**Sunday Mass in Church (with reserved seating)****@ 5:00 P.M. (Saturday), 8:30 A.M. & 10:30 A.M.**

**All are welcome to join us for "A Month Of Thanks" ...
Special blessings bestowed @ all Masses each weekend for:**

**Nov. 21st & 22nd -Essential Workers (Groceries, Shipping,
Food Services, etc.)**

**Thanksgiving Day Mass in Church (with reserved seating):
Thursday, November 26th @ 10:00 A.M.**

**First Friday Mass & Adoration in Church
(with reserved seating) @ 5:30 P.M. (December 4th)**

**Reservations are recommended to
assist with contact tracing.
Please visit www.icparish.net to register.**

*Donate...***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." - 2 Corinthians 9:11

A New Season of Alpha is Beginning at IC in 2021



Alpha, as its name and logo imply, is a beginning and a starting point. For some, it is their very first step into deepening their faith. For others, it is a new commitment to understanding their relationship with God. Alpha exists for those at all stages in their faith: the Catholic of 50+ years, the recently converted, those longing to go deeper, those who seek a more intentional community experience, those who are interested in faith or becoming Catholic, and those looking to try something new.



Alpha is a program designed to encourage inquiring minds and hearts. While its format is simple, it draws on one of the most powerful principles of our faith, *"Where two or three are gathered in my name, there I am in the midst of them"* (Mt 18:20). Being together in faith and discussing how it fits into our daily lives is a benefit to anyone and everyone.

Our leaders have worked and trained together. They have been through Alpha themselves. Below are some of their testimonies regarding the positive impact of Alpha in their lives:



"Alpha is, in a simple phrase, an experience like no other. Alpha is the joy of discovery, of a new relationship that springs from the depths of our souls into the fullness of life. Alpha is an invite into a new relationship with Christ. It is friendship, it is love, it is community. All are welcome."

Michael Tom (*Architect, IC Parishioner and School Parent, Father of 4*)

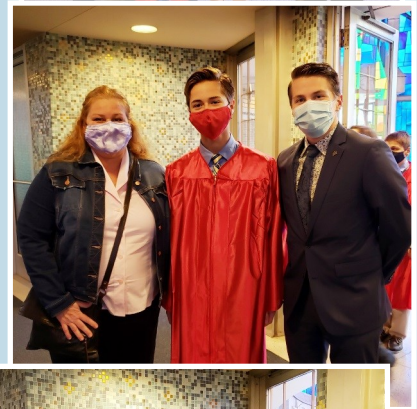
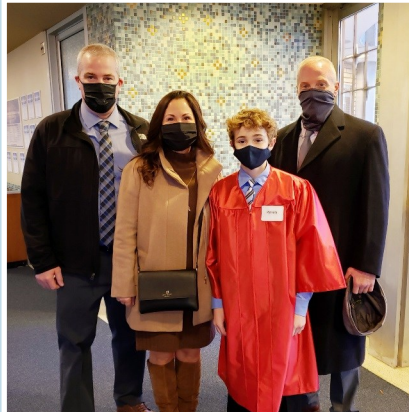
"As someone who has chosen Catholicism, having gone through the RCIA program, I feel Alpha was the perfect bridge to connect my faith to my everyday life. We all have so much to learn as we walk this journey called life, and I believe joining with fellow parishioners and going through the Alpha program has given me a new perspective on how I can continue to love my fellow man, pray for others, and grow closer in my relationship to God."

Stephanie R. Argamaso, MBA (*COO, IC Parishioner and School Parent, Mother of 4*)



"Many believe in God but wonder, 'What does He have to do with my life?' Alpha is an opportunity to connect with God amongst new friends and consider this very question."

Brian Peterson (*Educator, IC Parishioner and Volunteer*)



In two Masses celebrated on Sunday, November 15th, seventy-two Eighth Grade students were confirmed in the Catholic faith by our Pastor, Fr. Matthew Heinrich. Due to the pandemic, Fr. Matt was given permission to be the officiant for this sacrament. Our students worked over two years to complete the requirements for Confirmation, which include service, research, self-reflection, and increasing prayer and faith life. It was a challenging experience due to the pandemic, but our students rose to the occasion.

Our students were very fortunate to have Fr. Matt visit our classrooms and conduct virtual meetings with them prior to their reception of the sacrament. One discussion topic focused on prayer and forming a connection with God in a variety of ways. Another discussion topic focused on service and sacrifice. Many analogies and thought experiments led to deep discussion and reflection by our students. Our students also reflected on their ultimate life goals. Their thoughts and ideas were well-thought-out. Congratulations to our newly Confirmed! May the Gifts of the Holy Spirit light their path and help them shine. — Julie Szwedo, *Religious Education Coordinator*





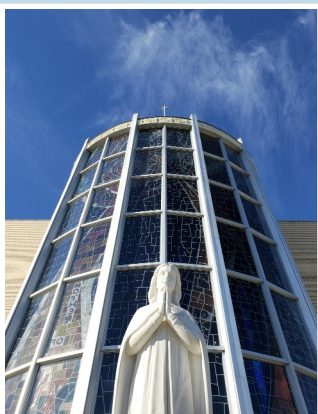
Immaculate Conception Novena...

Unfortunately, due to the pandemic, we will not be able to gather in our Church this year for our annual Immaculate Conception Novena. The Novena begins on Monday, **November 30th** and concludes on our parish's Feast Day, Tuesday, **December 8th**. For those who would like to pray at home, you may find the prayers here at the Eternal Word Television Network (EWTN) website. The link is as follows: www.ewtn.com/catholicism/devotions/day-one-13425.

It is also strongly recommended that you pray the Rosary as well as the Litany of Loretto when you pray the Novena prayers. Here is a link to the Litany of Loretto: www.ewtn.com/catholicism/devotions/litany-of-loretto-246.

More information to follow next week.

Deacon Rick Moritz



Please join our parish family in prayer ...



For those who are sick:

Tom Altman
Concetta Bartucci
Melissa Bednarz
Celerina Behrman
Robert Behrman
Sonia M. B.
Bernadina Caeti
Vince Caeti
Jackie Campbell
Rita Castillo
Donna Chaplin
Phil Chiaramonte
James Covello
Sherry Crocifisso
Ronnie Cunningham
Mary Dosek
Richard Flanagan
Brooke Foreman

Lila Gehner
Irene Hand
Ofelia Hernandez
Esther Jarosh
Helga Jarosz
Craig Kloss
Lillian Kohut
Arlene Lacey-Beyna
Benny Martinez
Edwin Martinez
Frank Martinez
Jan Merino
Fr. Eric Meyer, C.P.
Veronica Murillo
Timothy Murray
Mae O'Donnell
Mary Beth O'Grady
Jackie O'Koniewski

David Olson
Fr. Alan Phillip, C.P.
Mary Potwora
Bill Remblake
David Rodriguez
Elaine Schatz
Thomas Skorupa
Edward Stanczyk
Marion Szumski
Donna Tisdale
Steven P. Trifilio
Henry Wagener
Geoffrey Woittel

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:

Ida C. Landini
Peter A. Loutos
Eleanor F. Antkowiak
Sr. Anne Marie Mullen, BVM



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

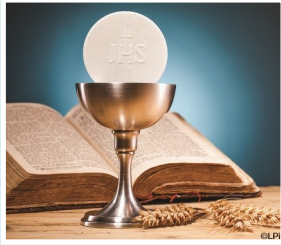


For those who serve our country:



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 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, November 22nd
through
Sunday, November 29th

Sunday, November 22nd - Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

5:00 P.M. (Saturday) - †Terry Leahy; †Anne K. Boggins (on her 1st Anniversary); and Joseph Martorano (Living)

8:30 A.M. — †Clementine Longo; †Francis & Moira Cross; †Stanislaw Swiderski; †Richard Lennon; and †John Dosek

10:30 A.M. — †Rosario Panettieri (Birthday Remembrance); †Tomas Cabacungan (on his 2nd Anniversary); and The People of the Parish

Monday, November 23rd - Saint Clement I, Pope and Martyr; Saint Columban, Abbot; Blessed Miguel Agustin Pro, Priest and Martyr

7:00 P.M. (Virtual Mass) — †Cathy Duffy (Birthday Remembrance)

Tuesday, November 24th - Saint Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs

7:00 P.M. (Virtual Mass) — †Carmencita E. Gonzalez

Wednesday, November 25th - Saint Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin and Martyr

8:30 A.M. (Virtual Mass) — †Ed Sikorski, Jr. (on his 18th Anniversary); †Mirta Urizarri (on her 1st Anniversary); and †Laurene Zaporozhetz (Birthday Remembrance)

Thursday, November 26th - Thanksgiving Day

10:00 A.M. — †Francis & Moira Cross; †Ted Bednarz (on his 20th Anniversary); and †Irene Janowski (Birthday Remembrance)

Friday, November 27th - Weekday

7:00 P.M. (Virtual Mass) — †John Alan Pastwa

Saturday, November 28th - Weekday

5:00 P.M. - †Irene & Louis Schatz; †Stanislawa Gaszcz (on his 35th Anniversary); Terri & Don Baumgartner (on their 50th Wedding Anniversary) (Living)

Sunday, November 29th - First Sunday Of Advent

8:30 A.M. — †Stanislaw Swiderski;

10:30 A.M. — †Agostino & Francesca Chiaramonte; †Francis & Moira Cross; †Carmencita E. Gonzalez; †Mae Nelson; †John J. Dosek; †Patrick Haugh; †Daniel Reppen (Birthday Remembrance); and The People of the Parish



November 22nd through November 28th

The Sanctuary Lamp is burning this week for the prayer intentions of

Fr. Alan Phillip, C.P.

November 22nd through November 27th

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

Carmencita E. Gonzalez

Requested by: The Sadowski Family

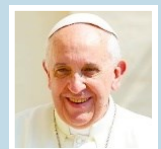
November 22nd through November 27th

The St. Joseph Votive is burning this week for the prayer intentions of

Melissa Bednarz

Pope Tweet of the Week...

"The one who prays is never alone. In fact, Jesus welcomes us in His prayer so that we might pray in Him and through Him. This is the work of the Holy Spirit. The Gospel invites us to pray to the Father in Jesus's name."



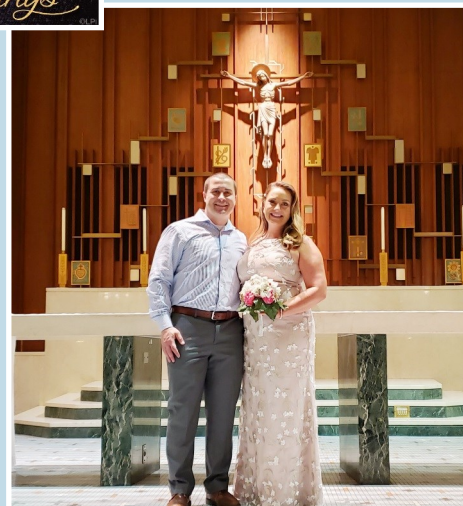


*Readings For
The Week of
November 22nd*

Sunday: Ez 34:11-12, 15-17/Ps 23:1-2, 2-3, 5-6 [1]/1 Cor 15:20-26, 28/
Mt 25:31-46
Monday: Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. 6]/Lk 21:1-4
Tuesday: Rv 14:14-19/Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13 [13b]/Lk 21:5-11
Wednesday: Rv 15:1-4/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 7-8, 9 [Rev 15:3b]/Lk 21:12-19
Thursday: Rv 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9a/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5 [Rev 19:9a]/
Lk 21:20-28
Friday: Rv 20:1-4, 11 – 21:2/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a and 8a [Rev 21:3b]/Lk
21:29-33
Saturday: Rv 22:1-7/Ps 95:1-2, 3-5, 6-7ab [1 Cor 16:22b]/Lk 21:34-36
Next Sunday: Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 [4]/1
Cor 1:3-9/Mk 13:33-37



Mr. & Mrs. Kevin and Talor Felke



Mr. & Mrs. Kevin and Jaime Graves

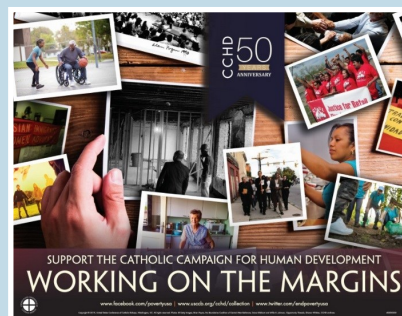
Second Collection:

Catholic Campaign for Human Development – November 21st & November 22nd

The Annual Catholic Campaign For Human Development Collection will take place this weekend, November 21st & 22nd. For 50 years, CCHD has been working to address the root causes of poverty in the United States through the promotion of organizations that help people help themselves. This mission is more important than ever. The COVID-19 pandemic has impacted the poor and vulnerable particularly hard, and CCHD organizations are responding to this time of extraordinary need.

CCHD grantees create jobs, improve neighborhoods, keep schools safe and enriching for children, and raise leaders of the future right here in the Archdiocese of Chicago.

For additional information and to donate, please visit www.CCHDchicago.org. We are so thankful for your support!



Gospel Meditation - Encourage a Deeper Understanding of Scripture



Many Americans are fascinated with England's monarchy. For many different reasons, we are drawn to the regal pageantry and all of the protocols associated with royal lifestyles. What's most amazing is that for all of the media attention focused on the comings and goings of English royalty, they really have very little effect on the day to day dealings of their country. Thoughts and images of kings and queens are often centered on this story book understanding of who and what they are. We associate protocols, etiquette, and proper words and actions to how we approach members of a royal family. These tools serve the necessary purpose of keeping them isolated, enthroned, and at a distance. There is something attractive about being an observer of ritual, pomp, and circumstance. It's almost theatrical.

Is this how we see Jesus Christ, too? We often behave as if Christ is an isolated, enthroned, royal, and even an ineffective king. Jesus wants nothing to do with having the status of an earthly king. Jesus also does not want to be watched, observed, or set apart. He wants to get down and dirty with the very stuff of life especially the poor, marginalized, confused, hurting, lost, broken, imprisoned, and forgotten ones. Jesus is the king who turns the tables on us and wants not only our attention but our engagement and conversion. He wants us to get dirty too.

How we treat other people is at the heart of Christ's kingdom. *"Whatever you did for one of the least brothers of mine, you did for me."* At different times in our lives we are all counted among the "least" ones. We may not be physically poor, but we can easily become emotionally and spiritually poor. We may not be marginalized as many physically are, cast aside because they have too many needs or don't quite fit in. But who hasn't experienced isolation, loneliness, inner turmoil, angst, heartache, or loss? Almost every human being has experienced brokenness at one point or another, or will most definitely at some future point, facing discouragement, fear, insecurity. People are thirsty for more than water. We are imprisoned by our prejudices, misconceived notions and ideas, self-focused obsessions and ideologies. There is a lot of pain and many least ones around us. Stop, look and listen. This is what Christ the King is asking us to do. Look deeply into the eyes and soul of your sisters and brothers, all of them, and see Christ himself.

Being a spectator and observing all of the pageantry isn't enough. Jesus wants us to inherit the kingdom and live the kingdom. It is built on the blocks of love, mercy, compassion, hope, faith, and blessing. It engages those who want it, changes and informs minds, inspires and transforms hearts, converts and renews souls, and sets things right. There is such a great need around us. Are you ready and willing to do whatever you can to serve in God's kingdom?

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Everyday Stewardship — Recognize God in your Ordinary Moments

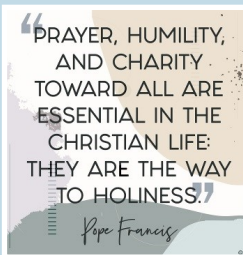
There Is Much to Be Done...

Growing up Catholic means I must have heard a million times the passage in Matthew's Gospel about how doing things for the "least of these" means you have done them for Jesus. Okay, that is an exaggeration to make a point. But it has been a slogan for so many social justice activities, from clothing and canned food drives, to letter writing campaigns and peaceful protests.

Growing up I only knew how to help the least of these through the school and church activities of the time. Today, YouTube and GodTube are filled with videos of creative ways people reach out to one another. Have you seen the one about the pizza party for the homeless? How about the fake lottery ticket or the house bought from online donations for a poor man? There are even videos of people paying for the car behind them at the drive-through! The awesome thing about this is that it serves as a witness to others. It is not boasting but instead sharing the Good News. Giving and good stewardship can be contagious!

Our pastor has several times over the years handed out \$10 bills to confirmation candidates and asked them to "pay it forward." They can keep the money or use it to make a difference in someone else's life. One teen planted a garden for an elderly woman. One bought ingredients for brownies and sold them to give even more than \$10 to charity. The teens not only learned something about good stewardship in the process, but also served as great examples to the parish community. As always, there is much to be done. The King is coming soon! Let's spread the news and some love at the same time!

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi



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Connect with our Parish Staff...

Although our Church building will be open on a limited basis, our Parish Office will continue to remain closed for the time being. In the meantime, 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.

Please take comfort in the knowledge that you are loved, missed and prayed for daily by all of us.

Follow us on Facebook...



Groups you can join:

Immaculate Conception Parish Chicago (Talcott)
Immaculate Conception School Alumni Chicago, IL
IC Cowboys (for current school parents only)

Pages you can "like":

Immaculate Conception School Chicago
Immaculate Conception Church



Twitch TV...

www.twitch.tv/icchicago

YouTube...

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCv5KKsLvpD9Q2yuAR8naK4A>



Events...

Thanksgiving Day Mass...

Our Mass on **Thanksgiving Day (Thursday, November 26th)** will be celebrated at **10:00 A.M.** in our Church with Fr. Matt presiding. All are welcome to join us as we offer our thanks to God with a grateful heart for the many blessings that we have received as a parish family throughout this challenging year. Reservations are recommended to assist with contact tracing. Please visit www.icparish.net to register. Walk-ins are welcome, but must provide name and telephone number (or email) upon entry.

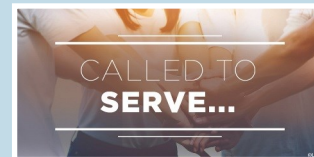


Your Gifts to God and Parish...

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.icparish.net for additional information.

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: icparishcalendar@comcast.net



Our Parish Staff:

Fr. Matthew Heinrich, Pastor
Fr. Robert Carlton, Associate Pastor
Fr. Robert Fedek, Weekend Assistant
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Deacon Ronald & Connie Gronek
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Scott Will, Director of Worship
Melissa Anna, Office Administration & Communications/
Bulletin Editor
Marilyn Sadowski, Receptionist
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Michael La Haye, Head of Maintenance

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Julie Szwedo, Religious Education Coordinator
Lisa Kessler, School Accountant
Mary Haley, School Secretary
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