Welcome to Immaculate Conception Parish

A Catholic Community Inviting People to Follow Christ

November 5, 2023 - Thirty-First Sunday In Ordinary Time



"Let us not allow the clouds of conflict to hide the sun of hope. Rather, let us entrust to Our Lady the urgency of peace, so that all cultures might be open to the Holy Spirit's outpouring of harmony."- Pope Francis

Love God • Serve Others • Make Disciples

Contact Us

Parish Office Hours:

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

Closed

: 7211 W. Talcott Avenue Chicago, IL. 60631

): 773.775.3833

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

: parishoffice@icchicago.org

Social Media

Parish Website: □ www.icchicago.org

School Website: □ : www.iccowboys.net

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Facebook: 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)

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.



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



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)

Scan the QR Code below:

Parish Renewal Update...

My Dearest Brothers and Sisters,

On behalf of Evangelization @ IC, I am writing to update you on our Parish's current progress of the *Renew My Church* Campaign. Throughout the year, Fr. Matt has invested in Parish Leadership with both time and financial support. As a recipient of his generosity, and yours, I am eternally grateful.

Beginning in 2018, at the *Renew My Church* Summit held in Rosemont, the Archdiocese laid the groundwork for renewal following a game plan of Parish Renewal via *Divine Renovation Ministries*.

So, five years in, where are we?

The first step, was a commitment to a missional mindset. We spent a considerable amount of time thinking, praying, and debating over our Parish Mission Statement, followed closely by our Parish Purpose Statement, both of which can be found on our website, bulletin, and around our campus.

Secondly, in order to renew ourselves as a Parish, we had to go back to our foundation. This is where Alpha comes in, because Alpha is designed to introduce participants into a relationship with Christ. Our Pilot program launched in 2019 and we have not looked back since. I am proud to say that we currently have over 120 Alpha alumni.

Thirdly, was the beginning of the Alpha-Connect program. Through Alpha, more parishioners renewed their relationship with Christ and were ready to take a more active role with the Gifts of the Spirit that they had received. Connect allows parishioners the room to explore other opportunities for spiritual growth and community service. From Alpha, and through Connect, the following Ministries have formed:

- 1. Evangelization Team
- 2. Hospitality Team
- 3. Alpha Team
- 4. Connect Team
- 5. Intercessory Prayer Team
- 6. *IC Teen Club* (new this year)
- 7. Parish Book Club (new, this year)
- 8. *Lectio Divina* (new, this year)

So, what is in our future?

For IC to continue to renew itself, it needs buy-in from its parishioners. Over the next few months and throughout the year, we will present programs and opportunities for you. At the heart of our efforts lies Alpha. For through Alpha, new relationships are formed and these relationships act as the catalyst for growth and change. If you have not attended an Alpha session yet, please prayerfully consider it. If you like, bring a friend to join you.

Lastly, I would like to invite you to the **IC Vision Casting Party** following our 10:30 A.M. Mass **next Sunday**,



November 12th. The Evangelization Team will be hosting the Coffee House that day and a brief presentation about Vision will follow after time for socialization. I will present a brief description of Vision, and why Vision is key to the life and renewal of our Parish, followed by a Q&A session. I look forward to seeing you then.

As always, thank you for supporting me and the Evangelization Team with your prayers and finances.

In Christ, *Michael Tom* Director of Evangelization Immaculate Conception Parish





IC 1st Grade Visits Resurrection Retirement Hom

In celebration of Halloween, our 1st Grade students entertained the residents of the *Resurrection Retirement Home* with their creative costumes, while singing songs befitting the spirit of the season. The residents happily passed out treats following the children's performance, with a fun time enjoyed by all involved!





Exploring The Grove With Mrs. Vitellaro L Mrs. Peve's Preschool Class

October has been a "*Spooktacular*" month in Mrs. Vitellaro and Mrs. Peve's preschool class! We have been very busy decorating our classroom door, making a Frankenstein project, and painting

"Spookly the Square Pumpkin" for our own pumpkin patch! Halloween centers have also been a favorite in our classroom while we work on our fine motor skills!

On Thursday, we attended our first field trip to *The Grove*! We had so much fun exploring nature and learning all about turtles, snakes, owls, and birds. We also went on a hayride through the nature center trail. It was a perfect day!





Please join our parish family in prayer ...

For those who are sick:



Mina Acevedo Tom Altman Paul Amandes Amelia Aquino Arnold B. Robert Behrman Sonia M. B. Roberta Berger Arlene Lacey Beyna Vince Caeti Mary Cali Juanita Camacho Donna Chaplin Truman Collins James Covello Ronnie Cunningham Joe Day Paige Dicks Emily Divarco Eric Dulce Lilia Dulce Elizabeth Felix Patrick Fisher Richard Flanagan Brooke Foreman Logan Frigeni Patricia Furgat Lila Gehner

Joan Geiger Gloria Hernandez Ofelia Hernandez Judy Hull Mary Ann Hurtig Kevin Jaburek Vivian Jester Wayne Kinzie, Sr. Donna Kirk Craig Kloss Ronald Kogol Lillian Kohut Katherine Kreuser Anthony LaPash Dawn LaVeau *Joanne Leck* Florencia Silva Lucas Sean Lucas Nathan Maisel Benny Martinez Edwin Martinez Frank Martinez Elsa Mazzoni Nikki Mendoza Pat Miaso Gerry Michalek, Jr. Helen Michalek Ledoina Monacelli

Marta Morales Deacon Rick Moritz Veronica Murillo *Mike Murphy* Timothy Murray Brendan Nelson Barb Neustadt Phillip Nuccio Anne O'Brien John O'Brien Jackie O'Koniewski David Olson Camille Pavlis Elaine Pellegrinetti Ashton Peterson Leo Pfest Paul Posch Mary Potwora **Baby Fiona Prades** Joe Rispoli Pia Rizza Sherry Rock David Rodriguez Cindy Rupp Milagros C. San Juan Carole Skorey Edward Stanczyk Jack Stewart

Jill Swagler Julie Szwedo Alma T. Donna Tisdale Beckie Tomala Steven P. Trifilio Mary Ellen Vanderman Louis Ward Miss Westhoff Rita Zambon Jerry Zschach Nancy Zschach

*Newly Added

For our faithful departed:

Donna Jean Duszynski John Vittore (Uncle of Emily Divarco) Patricia Gloria Lemke Jacqueline C. Strauss



"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, Pot. Jason G. Cavanaugh, Major Christopher Walsh, Capt. Benjamin Monson, 1st Lt. Katherine D. Hartnett, SPC Michael J. Stone, Pot. 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, LCpl Luis A. Corea, PFC Brian Mendoza

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 5th through Sunday, November 12th

Sunday, November 5th - Thirty-First Sunday In Ordinary Time 5:00 P.M. (Saturday) – [†]Stanislaw Swiderski; [†]Terry Ventura; [†]Luz Z. Capito; and [†]Ramon Z. Capito

8:30 A.M. – *Stefania & Felix Bochnak; *Dolores Bokina; *Deceased Members of The Poniecki, Jurka, Komorak & Stosuk Families; [†]Francis & Moira Cross; Jaroslaw & Marilyn Sadowski (on their 12th Wedding Anniversary) (Living); and Vince Cirone (Living) 10:30 A.M. – ⁺Deceased Members of The Furgat Family; ⁺Tommy Fuller; *Kathy Davis; *Angie Mazza; Mary Guidi (Living); and The People of the Parish

Monday, November 6th - Weekday 8:30 A.M. - [†]Dorel F. Morris; and [†]Mary Katherine "Katie" Kelly

Tuesday, November 7th - Weekday 8:30 A.M. – ⁺Gertrude Sadik (Birthday Remembrance)

Wednesday, November 8th - Weekday 8:30 A.M. – ⁺Frances Ozolins; and ⁺Lawrence Stockey

Thursday, November 9th - The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica 8:30 A.M. - ⁺Elizabeth Serafin; and ⁺Joseph Kula

Friday, November 10th - Saint Leo the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church

Saturday, November 11th - Saint Martin of Tours, Bishop (Veterans Day) 5:00 P.M. - [†]Genevieve Conrath; [†]Henry Kilian (Birthday Remembrance); [†]Ben Guazzo (on his 1st Anniversary); [†]Stanislaw Swiderski; and Mike Tarpey (Living)

Sunday, November 12th - Thirty-Second Sunday In Ordinary Time (Stewardship Sunday)

8:30 A.M.- Enrique Pena (Living) 10:30 A.M. - [†]Edwin Sikorski, Sr. (Birthday Remembrance); [†]Philip & Frances Covello; *Stephanie Kamenicky; *Michael G. Cronin; *Oz Mencinsky; [†]Francis & Moira Cross; [†]Michael & Malachy Byrne; [†]Malachy & Kate Casey; [†]William & Nora Byrne; Anastasia Jermihov (Living); and The People of the Parish





Pope Tweet of the Week...

"This is the Church we are called to dream: a Church that is the servant of all, the servant of the least. A Church that welcomes. serves, loves. A Church with open doors that is a haven of mercy."





Mr. & Mrs. John & Colleen Martin

Snapshots From ICPC 3rd Annual "Trunk Or Treat" Event...

Thank you to everyone that attended our 3rd Annual IC "*Trunk or Treat*" on Friday, October 13th hosted by our Parents Club! We welcomed close to 750 people who joined us for this fun family-friendly event. Thank you to all our sponsors and to all the Trunk tables and our volunteers!

Please join us as we will be making sandwiches to donate to *The Port Ministries of Chicago* this **Tuesday, November** 7th at **5:30 P.M.** in our Rectory Assembly. Please invite any others that might be interested. We request that you kindly bring



donations of lunch meat (ham, salami, or turkey) and sliced bread. We will also be accepting donations of cases of water, fruit cups, and small individual bags of chips.

Community Outreach



If you cannot attend and would like to drop off donations, you can do so that evening or call/text *Nancy Soprych* at 773.805.3254 to make the necessary arrangements.

Thank you so much!





National Vocation Awareness Week

It takes many people to create and sustain a community. For those of us who are Catholic, we believe in the power of vocations to help spread the Gospel message. And vocations are an important part of the community. The vocations to priesthood, or the deaconate, or religious life are at the center of our efforts to spread the good news. However, we need to also speak about the vocation of married life as service to the church; and furthermore, the vocation of single life. It is at our baptism that we are given the mandate to spread the Gospel through our vocation in the church.

"Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, then I will enter his house and dine with him, and he with me." (Rv 3:20).

We hear in Scripture that Jesus stands at the door of our heart and knocks. He only invites and never demands or breaks into our lives without our acceptance. He knocks, we open the door, and the invitation and welcome are complete. Let us pray...

> God of the invitation, You knock upon the door of everyone's heart.

We seek the courage to open that door, for we know the responsibility of saying yes. We humbly ask You for Your wisdom to serve Your church with compassion and acceptance. We believe that when we say yes, You will provide the grace for the work ahead. Give grace to those men and women who have dedicated their lives to constant service to Your church. Also give grace to those couples and single men and women who work for the church in their secular lives. We ask all this through Christ our Lord and brother, who live and reign with you and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

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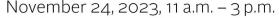
November 5–11 we are praying, educating and promoting all vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, consecrated life and marriage. In addition to your prayers, you are invited to join a Holy Hour of Adoration at the parish, or a sponsor parish, to pray for our priests, seminarians and all those who are discerning their vocation. Visit vocations.archchicago.org.



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WHO WILL FILL **THESE SHOES?**





Inviting young men in the Archdiocese of Chicago, ages 13–20.

Parents and priests are also invited to this annual event hosted at Mundelein Seminary.

Come and learn more about the priesthood and your vocation.

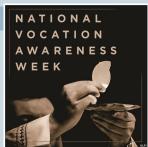
November 24, 2023 University of St. Mary of the Lake Mundelein, IL 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Please register by November 23. For further information contact Katie Hazen at khazen@archchicago.org.



"How long has Jesus been knocking at the door of your heart, waiting to enter?" - St. John Baptist de la Salle

Ministry Schedules: Saturday, November 11th L Sunday, November 12th			
	Saturday 5:00 P.M. Mass	Sunday 8:30 A.M. Mass	Sunday 10:30 A.M. Mass
Presiders	Fr. Matthew Heinrich	Fr. Matthew Heinrich	Fr. Robert Fedek
Lectors	N. Schroeder	J. Semmler	M. Carroll
Cantors	E. Doyle	Vocal Quartet	Vocal Quartet
Extraordinary Ministers	S. Serb	D. Sebastian; M. Zizzo; D. Zamirowski; C. Mulligan	J. Campbell; K. Sampey; K. Sanchez; C. Kech
Altar Servers	E. Serb; S. Gillespie; D. Gillespie	G. Reichle; O. Accardo; E. Hyland	S. Eaglin; N. Eaglin; J. Nelson





Our Parish Staff: Fr. Matthew Heinrich, Pastor Fr. Robert Fedek, Weekend Assistant Deacon Rick & Carol Moritz Deacon Ronald & Connie Gronek Vincent Kennedy, Director of Operations Scott Will, Director of Worship Melissa Anna, Office Administration & Communications/ Bulletin Editor Elizabeth Doyle, Assistant Director of Music Marilyn Sadowski, Receptionist Bernadette Anna, Parish Sacristan Michael La Haye, Head of Maintenance

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Our School Staff:

Sue Canzoneri, Principal Tina Fitzgerald, Assistant Principal Julie Szwedo, Religious Education Coordinator Lisa Kessler, School Accountant Mary Haley, School Secretary

What's Happening @ IC...

<u>Monday, November 6th –</u> 10:15 A.M.-Noon – Monday Morning Bible Study; RA 7:00-8:30 P.M. – Fall Alpha Monday Evening Session; RA 7:00-8:30 P.M. – Overtones Rehearsal; CH

<u>Tuesday, November 7th</u> – Election Day 5:30-6:30 P.M. – IC Outreach: Sandwiches For The Port Ministries; RA 7:00-9:00 P.M. – Parish Pastoral Council Mtg.; RA

Wednesday, November 8th – 8:30 A.M. – School Mass; CH 2:10-3:15 P.M. – IC Teacher Development Session (*with Fr. Matt*); RA 2:10-3:30 P.M. – Choristers Rehearsal; CH 4:00-5:00 P.M. – Religious Education Class (*except Grade 8*); SC 7:00-8:30 P.M. – Alpha Alumni Connect Group Session; RA 7:00-8:00 P.M. – Future City Mtg.; WCR

<u>Thursday, November 9th</u> – 7:30-9:00 P.M. – Parents Club Mtg.; RA

<u>Friday, November 10th</u>— No School—Teacher Professional Development Day 8:15 P.M.— Men's Basketball; PC

<u>Saturday, November 11th</u> – 10:00 A.M.-1:00 P.M. – IC Teen Club At Home Service Project (*Cards For Veterans*); RA

<u>Sunday, November 12th</u> -9:30-10:15 A.M. – Confessions; CH 9:30 A.M.-12:30 P.M. – IC Coffee House (Hosted By: *IC Evangelization Team*); RA 12:30-2:00 P.M. – IC Parish Vision Casting Party; RA

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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.

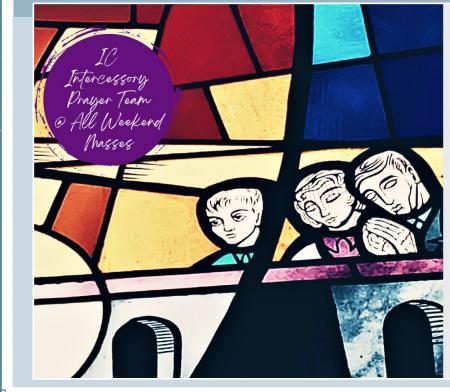
If you have transitioned to electronic giving and still receive offertory envelopes, please contact our Parish Office so that we can discontinue your receiving of envelopes.

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







We believe in the power of prayer and would like to offer this special ministry (formed by our Evangelization Team) for anyone in our community who wishes to be prayed for or to have someone to pray with.

Representatives from our prayer team are available at the quiet room in the back of our Church after all our Weekend Masses (5:00 P.M. on Saturdays, 8:30 A.M. & 10:30 A.M. on Sundays).

As a parish, we are striving to become a community that prays intentionally for one another, sharing both joys and struggles as one family.

Even if you do not need prayers at this time, please pray for our team and those who make use of them and ask God that our community grow stronger together through prayer.



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