Welcome to Immaculate Conception Parish

A Catholic Community Inviting People to Follow Christ

November 6, 2022 - Thirty-Second Sunday In Ordinary Time



"May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who has loved us and given us everlasting encouragement and good hope through his grace, encourage your hearts and strengthen them in every good deed and word." - 2 Thessalonians 2:16-17

Love God • Serve Others • Make Disciples

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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.

(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

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.

Evangelization (Alpha) Update...

Dear brothers and sisters,

As we rapidly approach the half point of our fall Alpha Session, I just want to take a minute and thank you for your continued prayers and support. Alpha @ IC is hosting 19 guests this session and it has been an amazing experience thus far. I am truly blessed and humbled by the new friendships that take root during our time together during Alpha.

This weekend, November 5th, is our Alpha Retreat, and the Retreat focuses specifically on the person of the Holy Spirit. It is a key component of the Alpha experience, and the Holy Spirit has made His presence known in many ways, many times, through many people. My team and I, personally, have been blessed many times over because of it. Please continue to pray for our guests and for our Alpha Team.

Over the last few weeks, you have heard a lot about Discernment (the who, what and why). As Immaculate Conception endeavors to raise up leaders within our Parish, our encounter with the Holy Spirit is the catalyst for doing so. Upon meeting Christ, through His Spirit, we are motivated by His love for us. And once we recognize who we are in Christ, it is only natural for us to want to share the Good News of Christ and strive to advance His Kingdom so that others may share in God's Love as well. As believers in Christ, I am fully convinced that we receive two gifts when we have accepted Christ as our Savior. The first gift is the Gift of Salvation. The second gift is the Gift of the Holy Spirit. And it is this second Gift which we put to use for His Glory. This is where Discernment comes into play, for we first must understand the Gift that we have been given, and then we need to be strategic about where the Gift of the Spirit (utilized by the individual) is best suited to build up IC and the Church overall. As new leaders are being raised, the Gifts of the Spirit are put into action, thereby transforming/renewing IC.

If what I have written has inspired you, invite a friend to our next Alpha Session (registration opens again in January 2023), and join them in the experience. You will not be disappointed.

In Christ, *Michael Tom*

Snapshots From Session One Of Our "Fruitful Harvest" Series: October 30th











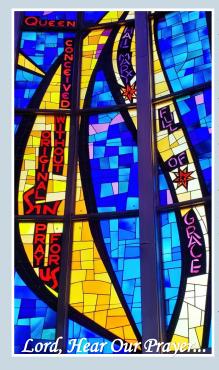
Hockey 101

Score! Our 4th & 5th grade students were lucky to hear this when they attended a Wolves hockey game during a recent field trip. The Chicago Wolves had their mascot, *Skates*, teach our students about hockey. Our children learned how hockey can relate to different subjects in school while learning the

basics of hockey. Students also had the opportunity to watch the game, complete some activities and cheer for the Wolves. The best part was that our students had fun while learning and witnessed the Chicago Wolves beat the Texas



Please join our parish family in prayer ...



Tom Altman Paul Amandes Arnold B. Robert Behrman Sonia M. B. Roberta Berger John Bozek Vince Caeti Mary Cali Jackie Campbell Zita Castro Donna Chaplin James Covello Ronnie Cunningham Paige Dicks Margarita DiSalvo Emily Divarco Eric Dulce Lilia Dulce Ozzie D'Souza John Eckhardt Richard Flanagan Brooke Foreman Patricia Furgat Lila Gehner Bonnie Jean Gorski

For those who are sick:

Marie Hagarty Gloria Hernandez Ofelia Hernandez Mike Hickey Judy Hull Mary Ann Schmitt Hurtig Kevin Jaburek Wayne Kinzie, Sr. Craig Kloss Lillian Kohut Katherine Kreuser Anthony LaPash Dawn LaVeau **Benny Martinez** Edwin Martinez Frank Martinez Pat Miaso Gerry Michalek, Jr. Glen Molo Molly Morris Veronica Murillo Timothy Murray Brendan Nelson Anne O'Brien John O'Brien Jackie O'Koniewski

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*Newly Added

For our faithful departed:

Katherine P. Patti (Sister of Susan Gross) Rosaleen Reilly (Sister of Tom Rocks) Walter "Wally" Szczerski



"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, Thomas Treslo, National Guard Specialist 4th Class

Ú.S. Navy - CMDR Michael Brasseur, LCDR Christopher Jenkins, PO Thomas T. Tudisco **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

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 6th through Sunday, November 13th

Sunday, November 6th – *Thirty-Second Sunday In Ordinary Time* 5:00 P.M. (Saturday) – [†]Ellen "Nellie" Gavin; [†]Patty Dunleavy; [†]Gene McCarron; [†]Teresa & Wladyslaw Zabawski; [†]Helena & Tomasz Paszek; [†]Maria & Adam Zalewski; Jaroslaw & Marilyn Sadowski (on their Wedding Anniversary) (Living) 8:30 A.M. – [†]Stanislaw Swiderski; [†]George Buschauer; and [†]Lucille D'Antonio 10:30 A.M. – [†]Tommy Fuller; [†]Provvidenca D'Acriusto; [†]Ann Butler;

10:30 A.M. – 'Tommy Fuller; 'Provvidenca D'Acriusto; 'Ann Butler; 'Francis & Moira Cross; and The People of the Parish

Monday, November 7th – Weekday 8:30 A.M. – [†]Lucia (Gallo) Orrico

Tuesday, November 8th - *Weekday* 8:30 A.M. – [†]The Furgat Family; [†]Antonio Tenuta; and [†]Mary Catherine Mulligan

Wednesday, November 9th – *The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica* 8:30 A.M. – [†]Sheila Heinrich; and IC Staff & Students who helped with the Baby Bottle Project (Living)

Thursday, November 10th – *Saint Leo the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church 8:30 A.M.* – [†]Henry Kilian (Birthday Remembrance); [†]Elizabeth Serafin; and Joseph Kula

Friday, November 11th - Saint Martin of Tours, Bishop (Veterans Day) Noon—⁺Genevieve Conrath

Saturday, November 12th - *Saint Josaphat, Bishop and Martyr* 5:00 P.M. – [†]Edwin Sikorski, Sr. (Birthday Remembrance); and [†]Joseph Henmueller

Sunday, November 13th – *Thirty-Third Sunday In Ordinary Time* (*Stewardship Sunday*)

8:30 A.M.- [†]Stanislaw Pawlowski; and [†]Walter L. Sment 10:30 A.M.- [†]The Furgat Family; [†]Walter & Irene Gould; [†]Tina LaPash; [†]Milagros Bernardita Capito San Juan; [†]Francis & Moira Cross; [†]Richard Dixon; and The People of the Parish





faith, but rather the faith, but rather the unconditional, free and unmerited love of God."



Paul Joseph Lombardi Child of Paul Michael Lombardi & Krystyn Theresa Abbate



Walker Joseph Meyer Child of Jake William Meyer L Michelle Marie Abbate

Welcome The Stranger: Your Support Honors Jesus' Call

Asylum seekers — men, women and children — are arriving in Chicago. Will you welcome the stranger? We are the body of Christ alive in this world. The stranger is hungering and thirsting — Christ is presenting himself to us in their need. We are called to respond with faith and love.

Thousands of people are fleeing violence, political oppression, and overwhelming poverty in Central and South American countries. Since early September, parishes, priests, religious sisters and brothers, church ministries, and Catholic Charities have shown an outpouring of concern for these travelers.

These brothers and sisters in need have revealed to us the fragility, strength,

and sacredness of our shared humanity. In turn, they are experiencing the love of Christ through the compassion of volunteers and employees.

Over 3,000 asylum seekers arrived in Chicago by mid-October, and a coordinated Catholic response is underway so we can maximize our collective impact. We are providing pastoral care and considering options such as transitional shelter and parish family sponsorship opportunities.

How You Can Help

Make a financial donation at Mass on **November 5**th & 6th. A second collection will directly support our collective response. Catholic Charities is serving as the central collection point for donations, which can also be made online at www.catholiccharities.net or by calling 312.655.7525.

Join response efforts by contacting Tori Bawel at Catholic Charities: <u>WelcomeTheStranger@catholiccharities.net</u>

Pray for our brother and sister asylum seekers arriving in Chicago. Pray for these mothers and fathers, sons and daughters, that they are welcomed and embraced with Jesus' compassion — and pray that those serving them are sustained by God's grace.

We will keep you informed, and welcome your questions, support, and prayers.



Gospel Meditation - Encourage a Deeper Understanding of Scripture



Facing her 50th birthday and recently diagnosed with Type-2 Diabetes, Rebecca was at a crossroads. Realizing that she had neglected her health and fitness over the years and allowed herself to gain significant weight, she felt poorly about who she had become. While it was easier to give in to temptation and the gratification received from food, her family needed her, and she desired a long life. She had an image of the person she could become. She wanted to be more trim, focused, disciplined, and healthy. She liked what she saw in her mind and set out on a journey to create it. With great effort, she succeeded and accomplished her goals. When we have a goal ahead of us, we

are more apt to do whatever is necessary to get it.

Is heaven a goal you want to achieve? Our popular images and metaphors to describe heaven can leave some people wondering if this is something they want for all eternity. Living like an angel, wearing white robes, meeting St. Peter, and reconnecting with loved ones are all welcome notions to some extent. But do they really inspire and captivate us enough to want to dramatically change how we live our lives? Heaven's reality is more profound than any human image or idea can fathom. Even though we believe in a bodily resurrection, heaven is more about attaining union with God. To achieve heaven is to attain eternal happiness and fulfill all desire. How do we awaken within us an ardent and passionate desire for heaven?

St. Isaac of Ninevah counsels, "Enter eagerly into the treasure house that lies within you, and so you will see the treasure house of heaven, for the two are one and the same, and there is but one single entry into them both. The ladder that leads to the kingdom is hidden with you, and is found in your own soul. Dive into yourself and in your soul you will discover the rungs by which to ascend." Our souls are made to be eternal. Once we discover our true selves and are captivated by the wonder of who we really are, we will unleash our unwavering desire for a lasting union with our Creator. Heaven is about who we are. "For seeing you, our God, as you are, we shall be like you for all the ages." ©LPi

Pro-Life News: The Baby Bottle Project Concludes @ IC - Sunday, November 13th

Next weekend marks the conclusion of the Baby Bottle Project at IC. This annual event supports the mission of The Women's Centers of Greater Chicagoland (<u>www.gotwc.org</u>) For close to 40 years, this organization has provided pro-life pregnancy assistance and saved the lives of more than 40,000 babies.

Our Pro-Life Group distributed empty baby bottles at all Masses on October 15th & 16th, and directly to students of our school, to be filled over the past few weeks with spare change or bills. All bottles should be returned to our Church or our Parish Office by next Sunday, November 13th. (Checks will also be accepted, made payable to *The Women's Centers of Greater* Chicagoland.)

's as easy as one, two, three: Pick up a baby bottle on Oct. 15+1C Take it home and drop in your sp change and Say a Prayer for the ba 3. Return the bottles on Nov. 13.

Spare Change

Saves Babies

We thank you for your generosity as well as for your continued prayers for greater reverence 🛞 The Women's Centers of G and protection of all life.

Ministry Schedules: Saturday, November 12 th & Sunday, November 13 th			
	Saturday 5:00 P.M.	Sunday 8:30 A.M.	Sunday 10:30 A.M.
Presiders	Fr. Robert Fedek	Fr. Matthew Heinrich	Fr. Matthew Heinrich
Lectors	G. Abraham	L. Beckman	S. Serb
Cantors	E. Doyle	Vocal Quintet & Violin	Vocal Quintet & Guitar & Bass
Extraordinary Ministers	E. Kinzie	D. Sebastian	R. Kopec & E. Niewinski
Altar Servers	C. Beach; K. Giannola; K. Yau	P. Beckman; G. Reichle; C. Villafane	L. Love; I. Luna; E. Serb



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Our School Staff:

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What's Happening @ IC...

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

Tuesday, November 8th -7:30-9:00 P.M. – Baptismal Preparation Session; RA

Wednesday, November 9th -

8:30 A.M. - School Mass; CH
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 Class (*except Grade 8*); SC
7:00-8:30 P.M. – Alpha Alumni Connect Group Session; RA
7:30-9:30 P.M. – Parents' Club Mtg.; NWCR

<u>Thursday, November 10th</u>— 11:00 A.M.-12:30 P.M.—RCIA; RCR 7:00-9:00 P.M.—Parish Pastoral Council Mtg.; RA

<u>Friday, November 11th</u> – Veterans Day No School (Teacher Professional Development Day) Noon – Veterans Day Mass; CH 8:15-10:00 P.M. – Men's Basketball; PC

<u>Saturday, November 12th</u> 8:30-10:00 A.M. – Fall Alpha Saturday Morning Session; RA
 11:00 A.M.-1:00 P.M. – Future City Mtg.; NWCR
 7:00-11:00 P.M. – ICPC Fundraiser: Windy City Dueling Pianos; PC

<u>Sunday, November 13th</u>-9:00-10:00 A.M. – RCIA; RCR canzoneri@iccowboys.net fitzgerald@iccowboys.net szwedo@iccowboys.net kessler@iccowboys.net haley@iccowboys.net

Your Gifts to God and Parish...

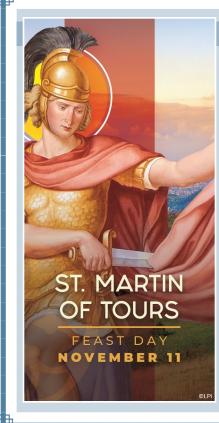
If you plan to move from our parish, please notify our Parish Office at least three months prior to your change of address. Also, if you will be away from home for more than 3 months, please contact us so that your envelopes can be stopped during that time period.

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.

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**





Saint of The Week - Examples of Our Faith: Saint Martin Of Tours (November 11th)

Saint Martin of Tours was born a pagan in what is now Hungary around 316, but he was raised in Italy where his father, a tribune, was posted. At 15 he was compelled to serve in the Roman military, though he was already a catechumen. There is a popular legend that while on campaign the saint cut his cloak in half to share with a cold beggar. That night he dreamed of Jesus and his cloak was restored. He was baptized at 18. Only two years after his baptism, he was released from the military, he had refused his battle pay and to fight saying he was a soldier for Christ. He is the first recognized conscientious objector.

After his release from the military, he became a disciple of Hilary of Poitiers. He worked diligently against the Arian heresy, which denies the divinity of Jesus Christ, and established a community of hermits near Poitiers in 361, the first French monastery.

In 371 he reluctantly became bishop of Tour. Nearby, he founded a second monastery, Marmoutier, because he preferred the life of a monk he retreated often. In 384 there was a popular heresy infecting the Church in Spain, led by the bishop Priscillian and his followers. The emperor Magnus Maximus became involved, ordering the execution of the heretics. Saint Martin opposed the executions and protested the emperor's involvement in Church matters. Unfortunately, the Priscillians were executed anyway.

Saint Martin died in Candes-Saint-Martin, Gaul in 397. He is notably one of the first saints who was not martyred. He is the patron saint of France. ©LPi





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