

Welcome to
Immaculate Conception Parish

A Catholic Community Inviting People to Follow Christ

November 8, 2020 - Thirty-Second Sunday In Ordinary Time

*Discover Catholic Schools Week 2020: November 8th through November 14th
May God Bless All Our Teachers, Administrators, Aides and Support Staff!*



"Resplendent and unfading is wisdom, and she is readily perceived by those who love her, and found by those who seek her." - Wisdom 6:12

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 opportunity: November 17th



Patrick & Elise Brooks and their children
Patrick & Layla

Justin & Kim Nelson and their children
Johnathan & Emma

Peter & Katrina O'Malley and their children
Mackenzie & Aidan

Ismael & Diane Villafane and their son Caleb

Gloria Nieves

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. 7th & 8th – Teachers, Administrators, Aides & Staff

Nov. 14th & 15th – Parents, Siblings & Families

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

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

November 7, 2020

Dear parishioners of Chicago, Niles, Park Ridge and Rosemont,

As you know, *Renew My Church* (RMC) is the strategic initiative of the Archdiocese of Chicago to revitalize parishes in Cook and Lake Counties. Every parish in the Archdiocese is part of a “grouping”: a cluster of parishes that plans how this renewal will look in its particular community. There are roughly 100 groupings throughout the Archdiocese and groupings have been activated since 2016. “Activation” is the commencement of the process whereby a committee consisting of priests and parishioners from each parish, along with Archdiocesan personnel, discern possible structural, operational and ministerial changes for the grouping.

Our grouping, as you may recall, consists of the following parishes: Immaculate Conception (Chicago), Saint Juliana (Chicago), Mary, Seat of Wisdom (Park Ridge), Our Lady of Hope (Rosemont), Our Lady of Ransom (Niles), and Saint Paul of the Cross (Park Ridge). The Archdiocese has informed us that our grouping will be activated in February 2021 with the goal of implementing the new reality by July 1, 2021.

We were originally scheduled to be activated either in late 2022 or early 2023. The adjusted timeline for us and for all remaining groupings is intended to accomplish both the need to address financial challenges posed by the pandemic and to move parishes forward to the phase of spiritual renewal more quickly than previously scheduled.

This brief letter is the first of more joint communications between us pastors as a sign of our mutual respect and collaboration with one another, as well as our desire to be transparent to you about this process. We have merely received, as of now, information about our activation, and we will be sure to communicate to you more details about timelines and strategies as we receive them.

This is an exciting time for the Catholic Church in the northwest side of Chicago and its suburbs. We are confident that with our communities working and praying together, Christ will be present and alive in the hearts of believers and that our Church will be strong for the future.

Please know of our gratitude for your dedication to the faith, along with our prayers for you during this difficult time in our world.

In Christ we are,

Rev. James Wallace, *Saint Juliana Parish*

Rev. Britto Berchmans, *Saint Paul of the Cross Parish*

Rev. Wojciech Oleksy, *Our Lady of Hope Parish*

Rev. Matthew Bozovsky, *Our Lady of Ransom Parish*

Rev. Derek Ho, *Mary, Seat of Wisdom Parish*

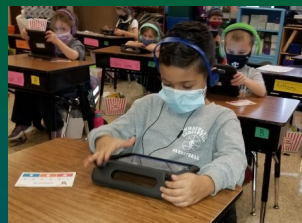
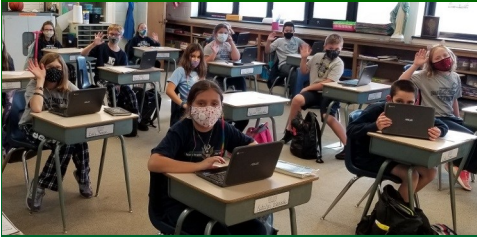
Rev. Matthew Heinrich, *Immaculate Conception Parish*





DISCOVER CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK 2020

November
8-14
#CSW21



Immaculate Conception School



IC Scholarship Fund Opportunity...

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. We recognize the value and importance of a Catholic high school education and we hope that this could potentially make a difference in the ability of our graduates to continue their Catholic education. All graduates from Immaculate Conception School or our Religious Education Program who either will attend a Catholic high school next year or are currently enrolled at Catholic high schools would be eligible to apply. Application materials and directions will be posted on our parish website **after January 1, 2021**. While the amount and number of the scholarships available will depend upon the amount of money raised, it is hoped that they would be a minimum of \$500. Also, while it is hoped that the scholarships could be renewed, funding initially is only guaranteed for one year.

To kick off the fundraising part of our efforts, Fr. Robert Carlton ran a half marathon in the Norwood Park Circle this past Sunday, November 1st. If you would like to contribute to our IC Scholarship Fund, please visit: www.gofundme.com/f/ic-catholic-high-school-scholarship-fund (or visit www.gofundme.com and in the search box located in the top left-hand corner please type "IC Catholic High School Scholarship Fund" then click on the page and follow the instructions provided.) 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.



Deacon Andrew Meng's Continuing Journey To The Priesthood...

Through the grace of God, I was blessed to be ordained a transitional deacon last May. I spent my summer assigned to a parish in my home Diocese of Wichita, Kansas, and I am now completing my final year of theological studies at Mundelein Seminary. For the remaining sections of the fall and spring semesters when I am here, I will be serving as a Deacon at Immaculate Conception on weekends. May God bless us with the grace of true devotion and perfect charity!

Yours in Christ,
Deacon Andrew Meng



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Second Collection:
November 7th & 8th

Our Promise to Our Priests

Our annual collection benefitting

HEALTHCARE, WELLNESS AND RETIREMENT

for the priests of the Archdiocese of Chicago.



Your generosity impacts 500 active and 225 retired archdiocesan priests.

Please give today at prmaa.org.
Thank you for your generosity!

You can offer a gift online or you may send your contribution to:
Priests' Health and Retirement/PRMAA
1400 South Wolf Road, Bldg 3, Flr 2
Hillside, IL. 60162

Please join our parish family in prayer ...



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

For those who are sick:

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
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
Julie Szwedo
Jeff Taylor
Donna Tisdale
Steven P. Trifilio
Henry Wagener
Geoffrey Woittel

***Newly Added**

*If you wish to have your name included in our prayer list (or removed),
please contact our Parish Office at 773.775.3833.*

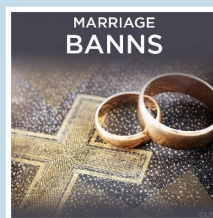
For our faithful departed:

Sally P. Spachner (Mother of James Spachner)
Dorothy Anderson
Jerome J. Hanley



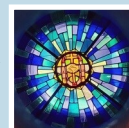
*"Eternal rest grant unto them,
O Lord, and let perpetual light
shine upon them."*

*For those preparing to be joined together in
Holy Matrimony:*



Talor Anne Ahmann and
Kevin Joseph Felke

*"And the two shall become one..."
- Ephesians 5:31*

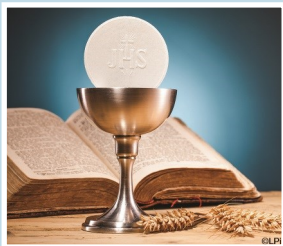


For those who serve our country:



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 8th through
Sunday, November 15th

Sunday, November 8th - Thirty-Second Sunday In Ordinary Time

5:00 P.M. (Saturday) - †The Boksa Family; †Jean & Tony Reszotko; †Mary Hart; †John O'Sullivan; †Kevin Ballog; and Ed & Barbara Pudelek (on their 50th Wedding Anniversary)

8:30 A.M. — †Francis & Moira Cross; †Stanislaw Swiderski; †Richard Losik; and †Carmensita Gonzalez

10:30 A.M. — †Walter & Irene Gould; †Eileen M. Mascha; †Marie A. Nee; †Kevin Ballog; and The People of the Parish

Monday, November 9th - The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

7:00 P.M. — †D. Patrick O'Brien

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

7:00 P.M. — †Elizabeth Serafin; †Joseph Kula; and †Henry Kilian (Birthday Remembrance)

Wednesday, November 11th - Saint Martin of Tours, Bishop

8:30 A.M. — †Genevieve Conrath

Thursday, November 12th - Saint Josaphat, Bishop and Martyr

7:00 P.M. — †Edwin Sikorski, Sr. (Birthday Remembrance)

Friday, November 13th - Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin

7:00 P.M. — †Stanislaw Pawlowski; and †Stevie Tyler (on his 4th Anniversary)

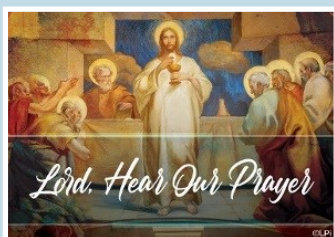
Saturday, November 14th - Weekday

5:00 P.M. - †Joseph D. Gentile (on his 3rd Anniversary); †Walter L. Sment; †Ronald & Julia Heinz; and Thomas Franko (Living)

Sunday, November 15th - Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 A.M.- †Phillip & Frances Covello; †John Dosek; and Eugenia Flondro (Birthday - Living)

10:30 A.M. — †Francis & Moira Cross; †Laurene Zaporozhetz; †Stanislaw Swiderski; †Carmencita E. Gonzalez; †Mae Nelson; †Kevin Ballog; †Maria Angela Pistelli; †Maria Luciano; †Teresa Brigida; †Ken Malatesta; †Ralph Pisano; and †Breda Hand



November 8th through November 14th

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

Fr. Alan
Phillip, C.P.
(for good health)

Requested by: The McGee Family

November 8th through November 13th

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

Krystyna
Sadowska

Requested by: The Sadowski Family

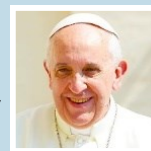
November 8th through November 13th

The St. Joseph Votive is burning
this week for the repose of the soul of

D. Patrick
O'Brien

Pope Tweet of the Week...

"Those who love may be sure that none of their acts of love will be lost, nor any of their acts of sincere concern for others, nor any single act of love for God, nor any generous effort, nor any painful endurance. All of these enfold our world like a vital force."





*Readings For
The Week of
November 8th*

Sunday: Wis 6:12-16/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 [2b]/1 Thes 4:13-18 or 4:13-14/Mt 25:1-13

Monday: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9 [5]/1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17/Jn 2:13-22

Tuesday: Ti 2:1-8, 11-14/Ps 37:3-4, 18 and 23, 27 and 29 [39a]/Lk 17:7-10

Wednesday: Ti 3:1-7/Ps 23:1b-3a, 3bc-4, 5, 6 [1]/Lk 17:11-19

Thursday: Phlm 7-20/Ps 146:7, 8-9a, 9bc-10 [5a]/Lk 17:20-25

Friday: 2 Jn 4-9/Ps 119:1, 2, 10, 11, 17, 18 [1b]/Lk 17:26-37

Saturday: 3 Jn 5-8/Ps 112:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 18:1-8

Next Sunday: Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1a]/1 Thes 5:1-6/Mt 25:14-30 or 25:14-15, 19-21



WITH JOYFUL HEARTS,
WE WELCOME OUR
NEWLY BAPTIZED.



Charlotte Rose Jonathas

Child of Clark Edward and Natalie Marie (Ochockyj) Jonathas

Serve...



*Jocelyn Lim, Joe Jummati, Rob Lohman, Darlene Mroz,
Lee Garza & Ralph Warner*



We are still actively recruiting additional volunteers to help staff our Greeting and Cleaning teams (led by our dedicated Captains, Darlene Mroz & Joe Jummati). If the Spirit moves you and you would like to volunteer to assist us with our ongoing reopening process, please complete our Parish Reopening Team Volunteer Form which is easily accessible on our parish website at www.icparish.net. **We are particularly seeking volunteers to assist us with either our First Friday 5:30 P.M. Mass & Adoration and/or our Saturday evening Mass at 5:00 P.M.**

Thank you for your prayerful consideration!

*"Serve one another humbly in love."
- Galatians 5:13*

Gospel Meditation - Encourage a Deeper Understanding of Scripture



When doing student report cards, there was a comment the teacher could choose that read: inattentive and easily distracted. Could that comment describe your spiritual life? We can become so consumed with myriad distractions and preoccupations and lose our connection to what is really significant and important. We can become dull. This happens in our human relationships, too. We can easily take the love of others for granted, whether it be a parent, spouse, friend, or a child. We assume and presume that their love will always be there and do very little to cultivate, rejuvenate, and deepen it. Presumption can become a great sin.

We do the same thing with God and our spiritual lives. We presume that God will be merciful. Because we believe that in the end God is going to forgive us anyway, then why put a lot of effort into things now? What's the point? It's far easier to find a comfortable spot, curl up and take a nap! There is no immediate urgency to staying awake and attentive, so we think, and we simply fly by the seat of our pants. Assuming and presuming too much about our relationships, especially our relationship with God, can lead to neglect and abuse. It can even lead to a sense of entitlement, where we actually believe that something is due us without much effort on our part.

Folks who are distracted and preoccupied can find their relationships, especially the primary ones, drifting away. You can actually be married to someone for many years and wake up one morning realizing that you really do not know them or truly recognize them. We have to desire God in order to recognize God. We have to open our hearts, minds, and souls to His Presence so that we can be rejuvenated and refreshed. But we cannot do this if we are distracted or napping. We have to be awake and alert! As a young child eagerly watches for and anticipates that arrival of their parent home, so too we must watch for God's presence. If the anticipation of God's arrival does not excite us and rouse us, then we need to ask why. The wise person keeps vigilant watch, knowing that in the end they will not be disappointed.

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Everyday Stewardship — Recognize God in your Ordinary Moments

In Our Midst...

One day my son came downstairs in our house and went into the kitchen to get himself a bowl of cereal. He had no idea I was in the front room quietly reading something on my smartphone. He poured his milk and reached to grab a spoon. At that moment, I simply said, "Hello." Startled, he jumped back from the silverware drawer and let out a scream. He would tell this story differently, but it certainly was a scream. He clutched his chest as if he had just seen a ghost. All I wanted to do was say hello.



We have all been startled by someone when we thought we were all alone. Sometimes that person in our midst was simply quiet and hidden from our view. Other times, we simply have our head and mind in the clouds to the point we are ignoring the fact we are not alone.

At times, that person we don't see is Jesus. He might seem quieter some days, but he should never be hidden from our view. He is always there with us, in others, and sharing our everyday moments. When we fail to see him in our midst, it is easy to act in ways we wouldn't if we saw him directly in front of us. We become less giving and more self-centered. No one wants to be surprised one day when suddenly they realize they were not alone, especially if the one who startles us is our God.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi

Connect...



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www.icparish.net

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...

What's Happening @ IC...

Tuesday, November 10th -
7:30 P.M. – Pastoral Council Mtg.;
Zoom

Wednesday, November 11th –
7:30 P.M. – Parents Club Mtg.; Zoom

Sunday, November 15th -
1:00 P.M. & 4:00 P.M. – Confirmation
(8th Grade); CH



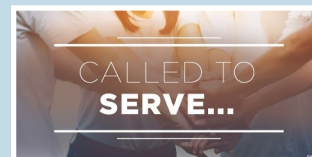
For more information on upcoming events, or to register for our Masses or Confessions, please visit our parish website at www.icparish.net.

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.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
Deacon Rick & Carol Moritz
Deacon Ronald & Connie Gronek
Deacon Michael & Melissa Bednarz
Vincent Kennedy, Director of Operations
Scott Will, Director of Worship
Melissa Anna, Office Administration & Communications/ Bulletin Editor
Marilyn Sadowski, Receptionist
Bernadette Anna, Parish Sacristan
Michael La Haye, Head of Maintenance

Our School Staff:

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