

Welcome to
Immaculate Conception Parish

A Catholic Community Inviting People to Follow Christ

October 10, 2021 - Twenty-Eighth Sunday In Ordinary Time

Fill us with your love, O Lord, and we will sing for joy!



*"Indeed the word of God is living and effective, sharper than any two-edged sword,
penetrating even between soul and spirit, joints and marrow,
and able to discern reflections and thoughts of the heart."*

- Hebrews 4:12

Love God • Serve Others • Make Disciples

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Parish Office Hours:

Monday-Friday: 9:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.
Saturday: 9:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.
Sunday: Closed

Parish Website:

💻: www.icchicago.org

School Website:

💻: www.iccowboys.net

Social Media



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



Mass and Sacrament Schedule

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. All are welcome!*



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.

Weekday Mass Schedule:

Online

Monday through Friday @ 8:30 A.M.
(Worship with us virtually on our
Facebook Page or Twitch)

In-Person

Monday through 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.

Donate

Confessions:

Sunday mornings
from 9:30 A.M.-10:15 A.M.
(offered on an every other week
basis – effective as of **April 11th**)

(Special dates & times
offered during Advent & Lent)

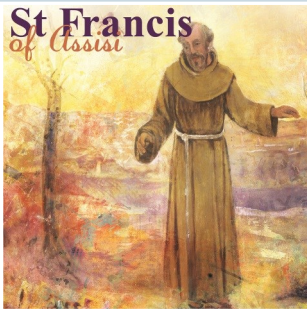
Baptisms:

Sundays @ Noon

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.

Reflections From Fr. Robert Carlton: Saint Francis Of Assisi

This past week - on October 4th - the Church marked the Memorial of one of the great saints in the life of the Church, Saint Francis of Assisi, who died late on October 3rd in 1226. Francis is one of the most venerated saints in Christianity and is also the patron saint of Italy and of animals and the natural environment. Much can and has been said about Francis - about how he gave up his great inheritance after being taken prisoner during a military expedition and spending a year as a captive and about how, while praying in front of the Icon of Christ Crucified in an abandoned country chapel in San Damiano, near his hometown of Assisi, Francis received a vision from Jesus in which Francis is told by Jesus to “go and repair My house

which, as you can see, is falling into ruins.” This same San Damiano Cross still hangs today in the Basilica of Saint Clare in Assisi and a replica is in the same position where Francis encountered it. The San Damiano Cross has also been adopted by the Archdiocese of Chicago as a model for its *Renew My Church* program.

However, given the importance that Pope Francis has placed on care for creation and the preservation of the natural world, it is worth reflecting on St. Francis’ love for animals and the environment and, by extension, the propensity of religious and nonreligious people alike to have experiences of God in nature. One could easily fill an entire book on the stories of St. Francis’ love of animals. As one example, Francis was traveling down the road one day with some companions and, when he saw a place where the birds had filled nearby trees, he asked his companions to go “wait for me while I go to preach to my sisters the birds.” The birds, the story goes, surrounded him, and did not fly away until he was done preaching.

Pope Francis, especially in his encyclical *Laudato Si*, has made much of the responsibility of Catholics to care for the environment. One of his more pointed quotes in there is where he asks: “What kind of world do we want to leave to those who come after us, to children who are now growing up? The question not only concerns the environment in isolation; the issue cannot be approached piecemeal.” Pope John Paul II made a similar challenge in 1982 when he was speaking about St. Francis and how Catholics should “not behave like dissident predators where nature is concerned, but to assume responsibility for it, taking all care so that everything stays healthy and integrated, so as to offer a welcoming and friendly environment even to those who succeed us.” Obviously, as Pope Francis states as well, no one is advocating a return “to the stone ages.” But perhaps it might be helpful to reflect on the Earth’s roots as far as the environment is concerned.

I remember one time I was speaking with a priest who was going to go work in the Amazon region of Brazil and I wished him a good trip and said that I hoped that he did not see any spiders when he was down there. He responded by saying that, perhaps it would be a bad thing if he went to the Amazon and did not see any spiders because he was going to be in their environment. Maybe one of the reasons why so many people have spiritual experiences, religious or not, when they go to natural settings is because it is a reminder to them of the world that God made. I remember one time, also hearing a story about the difference between how goats and sheep graze. The goats eat the blades of grass so that they can grow back very quickly, but the sheep eat the roots so that if the shepherds do not rotate the areas where the sheep graze, then they risk the ability of the sheep to graze in the future, because they would have eaten all of the roots. So, when we think of the environment and St. Francis, it might be worth considering whether or not we are eating the roots.

Fr. Robert

Snapshots From Our Annual Blessing Of Pets - October 2nd



Knights of Columbus Fannie May Candy Drive: Saturday, October 16th & Sunday, October 17th

The Knights of Columbus #2349 Christopher Columbus Assembly will be hosting a **Fannie May Candy Drive** to benefit Seminarians and Religious Sisters next weekend, **Saturday, October 16th & Sunday, October 17th** at IC. Members of the Knights of Columbus will be stationed in the Vestibule of our Church after all Masses. An assortment of Fannie May candy bars will be available at the following prices: \$1.50 per candy bar; 4 candy bars for \$5.00; or 20 candy bars for \$25.00 (a savings of \$1.00 per bar.) Please be generous. Your support is appreciated!

Knights of Columbus #2349

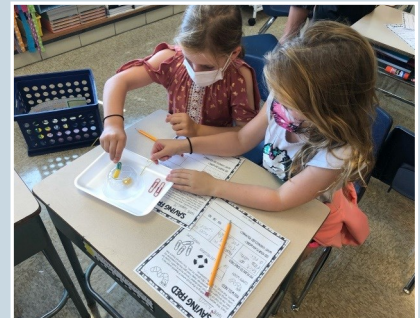
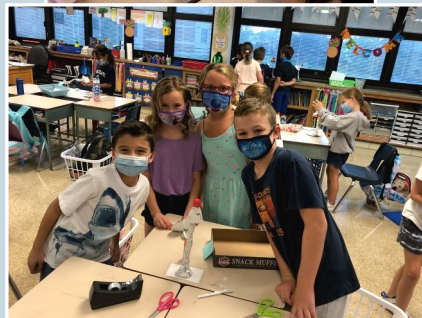
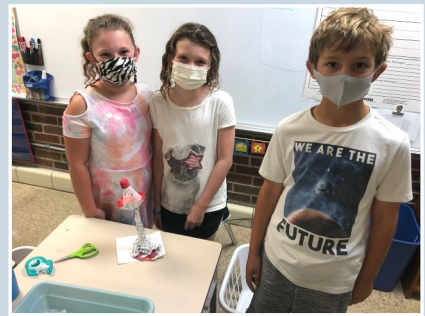




News...

Science Fun In Third Grade

Students in Mrs. Fritz's Third Grade Class are having fun working in teams to create solutions to problems in Science this school year! It is great to be able to have hands-on Science experiences this year, following a year of merely watching videos of experiments, STEM challenges and using virtual tools. Students have completed two activities from our Engineering Processes Unit so far involving the ideas of criteria and constraints. The first activity involved working in partners to "Save Fred" - a gummy worm that needed to be placed into a gummy lifesaver using only paper clips! The second activity - "Helping Harry/Harriet" - posed the problem of creating a perch for a smaller creature to sit upon in order to see better in the classroom. Both projects involved teamwork, constraints in the form of only being able to use a limited amount of supplies or tools, and a lot of creativity!



IC in uniform!



Please join our parish family in prayer ...



Tom Altman
Caleb Anstett
Robert Behrman
Sonia M. B.
Roberta Berger
John Bozek
Vince Caeti
Jackie Campbell
Rita Castillo
Zita Castro
Donna Chaplin
Marie Conway
James Covello
Ronnie Cunningham
Paige Dicks
Margarita DiSalvo
Paula Drew
Ozzie D'Souza
Teresa Dzieciol
Richard Flanagan

For those who are sick:

Brooke Foreman
Patricia Furgat
Marcia Gavlin
Lila Gehner
Bonnie Jean Gorski
Ofelia Hernandez
Kevin Jaburek
Craig Kloss
Lillian Kohut
Benny Martinez
Edwin Martinez
Frank Martinez
Gerry Michalek, Jr.
Sam Milazzo
Molly Morris
Veronica Murillo
Timothy Murray
Brendan Nelson
Judith Nosko
Jackie O'Koniewski

Mari Ann Olsen
David Olson
Mary Potwora
Helen Rasmussen
Bill Remblake
Pia Rizza
David Rodriguez
Elaine Schatz
Jennie Sekula
Don Skorey
Edward Stanczyk
Marion Szumski
Donna Tisdale
Camilla Trevino
Steven P. Trifilio
John F. Vargo
Henry Wagener
Rita Zambon
***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:

Lois Margaret Young (Mother of Richard Young, Jr.)
Mary Elizabeth O'Grady (Sister of Phil McGrath)
Mary C. Boysen (Mother of Dan Boysen)



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

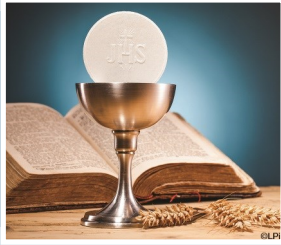


For those who serve our country:



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, LCDR 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; Captain Colleen Bernal
U.S. Marines - Sean Gronset, PFC Sebastian L. Rivera, Jr., PFC Christopher Hughes, PFC Algene D. Porticos, LCpl Daniel Wiczorek

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, October 10th
through
Sunday, October 17th*

Sunday, October 10th - Twenty-Eighth Sunday In Ordinary Time

5:00 P.M. (Saturday) - †John & Lillian Bielski; †David Macapagal (Birthday Remembrance); †Lilia Macapagal; †Michael Scanlon; and Giang & Gathi Abraham (Living)

8:30 A.M. - †Elizabeth Serafin; †Francis & Moira Cross; and †Emily Camaioni

10:30 A.M. - †Barbara Hoffmann (Birthday Remembrance); †Robert Kale; †Carmen & Irene Covello; †Ann Maratea; †Stanislaw Swiderski; †Alfonsa Bongiovanni; John David M. Ong (Living) (In Thanksgiving); Beth & Adam Much and Family (Living); and The People of the Parish

Monday, October 11th - Saint John XXIII, Pope (Columbus Day)

8:30 A.M. - †Tedmund Felix

Tuesday, October 12th - Weekday

8:30 A.M. - †Dorothy Dvorak

Wednesday, October 13th - Weekday

8:30 A.M. - †Melissa Bednarz (Birthday & Wedding Anniversary Remembrance) & Deacon Mike Bednarz (Birthday) (Living); and Beth & Adam Much and Family (Living)

Thursday, October 14th - Saint Callistus I, Pope and Martyr

8:30 A.M. - Wayne Kinzie, Jr. (on his 58th Birthday) (Living)

Friday, October 15th - Saint Teresa of Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church

8:30 A.M. - †Mary B. O'Toole

Saturday, October 16th - Saint Hedwig, Religious; Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque, Virgin

5:00 P.M. - †Gregory G. Tomaino; †Carlos JoJo Martinez (on his 1st Anniversary); and †Colin Connolly

Sunday, October 17th - Twenty-Ninth Sunday In Ordinary Time

8:30 A.M. - †Stanislaw Swiderski

10:30 A.M. - †Joyce Pennington; †Aida Miranda; †The Gregory Family; †Liam Bradley; †Francis & Moira Cross; †Tom McHugh; Beth & Adam Much and Family (Living); and The People of the Parish



October 10th through October 16th
Our Sanctuary Lamp is burning this week
for the prayer intention of

**Wayne
Kinzie, Jr.**
(on his 58th Birthday)

Requested by: Erma Kinzie

October 10th through October 15th
Our Blessed Mother Votive is burning this
week for the repose of the soul of

**Thomas
McHugh**

Requested by: The McHugh Family

October 10th through October 15th
Our St. Joseph Votive is burning
this week for the repose of the soul of

**Melissa
Bednarz**

Pope Tweet of the Week...

"Let us #PrayTogether that every baptized person may be engaged in evangelization, available to the mission, by being witnesses of a life that has the flavor of the Gospel."





WITH JOYFUL HEARTS,
WE WELCOME OUR
NEWLY BAPTIZED.



Nicholas Quentin Chovanec
Child of Nicholas Gerard & Amy Frances (Sesol) Chovanec



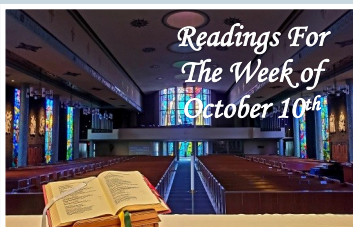
Adam James Pikunas
Child of Kevin Christopher & Clare Therese (Ruda) Pikunas



Olivia Galatea Natalini
Child of Jose Maria & Maria Florencia (Brogliano) Natalini



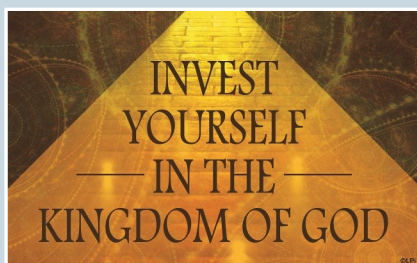
Ariadne-Jean Biasbas Samson
Child of Audien Q. & Jean-Nicka B. (Biasbas) Samson



*Readings For
The Week of
October 10th*

Sunday: Wis 7:7-11/Ps 90:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 [14]/Heb 4:12-13/Mk 10:17-30 or 10:17-27
Monday: Rom 1:1-7/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [2a]/Lk 11:29-32
Tuesday: Rom 1:16-25/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [2a]/Lk 11:37-41
Wednesday: Rom 2:1-11/Ps 62:2-3, 6-7, 9 [13]/Lk 11:42-46
Thursday: Rom 3:21-30/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [7]/Lk 11:47-54
Friday: Rom 4:1-8/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11 [cf. 7]/Lk 12:1-7
Saturday: Rom 4:13, 16-18/Ps 105:6-7, 8-9, 42-43 [8]/Lk 12:8-12
Next Sunday: Is 53:10-11/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22 [22]/Heb 4:14-16/Mk 10:35-45 or 10:42-45

Gospel Meditation - Encourage a Deeper Understanding of Scripture



If we are truly in love with God, then the basics are not going to be enough. That love is going to want to be expressed in going above and beyond, in leaving the comfortable and familiar, in stretching and growing, and in following a voice other than our own. St. Teresa of Calcutta rightly instructs us that for *“love to be real, it must cost, it must hurt, it must empty us of self.”* Being in love with God requires more than just checking the boxes of the commandments. It requires a sincere and unconditional self-investment. Desiring God with our whole heart, mind, and soul means that I must also desire a relationship with my neighbor with that same degree of fervor.

Biases and prejudices usually occur when people are kept at a distance and treated as objects. We cannot truly know our neighbors, especially if they are different than us, if we keep them in boxes and do not listen to their stories. When we open ourselves to listen to another person’s story, we begin to realize more how similar we are than dissimilar. Being overly attached to our possessions, ideologies, agendas, lifestyles, and personal needs are absolute barriers to achieving the type of personal investment love demands. This is why following Christ can be difficult. It is less a matter of intellect and more a matter of heart and soul. It requires that we transfer our treasure from an investment in tangible secular things and move it into the Kingdom of God. It is only the gift of wisdom and discernment that can help us decide what to do and how to do it.

Contemporaries of Jesus would know that a camel could not enter through the portal of a city weighed down with the baggage it was carrying. In order to enter, the baggage must be removed so that the animal could fit through the entry way. The same is true for us. We carry a lot of excessive baggage around with us that keeps us tethered to our past histories, wounds, myopic world views, prejudices, fears, and suspicions. To invest ourselves in the Kingdom of God, do God’s work and live out our love relationship with God, we need to shed the extra weight. While it may seem that a lot of that stuff is necessary, it really is not. We are much more than the things that we think define us and more secure than we think. The more there is to hold on to and the more that we carry with us, the harder it will be to leave it all behind. Many choose not to and walk away sad because they are not ready to trust. ©LPi

Ministry Schedules: Saturday, October 16th & Sunday, October 17th

	Saturday 5:00 P.M.	Sunday 8:30 A.M.	Sunday 10:30 A.M. Family Mass
Presiders	Fr. Robert Fedek	Fr. Robert Carlton	Fr. Robert Carlton
Lectors	R. Altman & S. Serb	L. Beckman	Youth Lectors
Cantors	E. Doyle	Vocal Quintet & Violin	Vocal Quintet & Guitar
Extraordinary Ministers	R. Altman	D. Zamirowski	S. Serb
Altar Servers	C. Beach; K. Bowers; K. Yau	E. Miehllich; G. Reichle; B. Yak	I. Cox; J. Edwards; E. Peters

Lectors: 2021 Lector Workbooks are available for pick up in our Sacristy as well as in our Parish Office. If you have not already received your copy, please remember to pick one up at your earliest convenience.



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 Bednarz
Vincent Kennedy, Director of Operations
Scott Will, Director of Worship
Melissa Anna, Office Administration & Communications/
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What's Happening @ IC...

Monday, October 11th –

Columbus Day – No School

7:00-8:30 P.M. – Alpha Fall Session; RA
 7:00-8:30 P.M. – Overtones Rehearsal; Church

Wednesday, October 13th –

8:30 A.M. – School Assembly Mass; Church
 4:00-5:00 P.M. – Religious Education Program
 Class; Zoom

5:30-6:30 P.M. – Alpha Subcommittee Mtg.; RA
 7:00-9:00 P.M. – Parish Pastoral Council Mtg.; RA
 7:30-9:30 P.M. – Parents Club Mtg.; NWCR

Friday, October 15th –

8:15 P.M. – Men's Basketball; PC

Saturday, October 16th –

Knights Of Columbus Candy Sale @ 5:00 P.M. Mass; Church
 Vestibule

Sunday, October 17th –

Knights Of Columbus Candy Sale @ 8:30 A.M. & 10:30 A.M.
 Masses; Church Vestibule
 10:30 A.M. – Family Mass; Church
 (Hospitality Reception to follow hosted by our 3rd Grade students)



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.)