

Welcome to
Immaculate Conception Parish

A Catholic Community Inviting People to Follow Christ

October 11, 2020 - Twenty-Eighth Sunday In Ordinary Time



"I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life."

- Psalm 23

Love God, Serve Others, Make Disciples



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.



Virtual Baby Bottle Project...

During Respect Life month in October, our parish will be participating in *The Virtual Baby Bottle Project* benefiting The Women's Centers of Greater Chicagoland. Since we are not distributing baby bottles at this time, due to Coronavirus concerns, we ask that you kindly write a check to **The Women's Center**. Please deposit it in our Offertory Box and we will be certain to mail all proceeds to this wonderful organization, which assists mothers and families experiencing crisis pregnancies. You can also visit their website at: GOTWC.org or call 773.794.1313 to make a donation. By God's Grace, The Women's Centers have saved over 40,000 babies – and their mothers – from abortion since opening in 1984. If you are making a donation by check, please remember to make the check payable to: The Women's Center.

Thank you!

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.**

Please visit www.icparish.net to register.

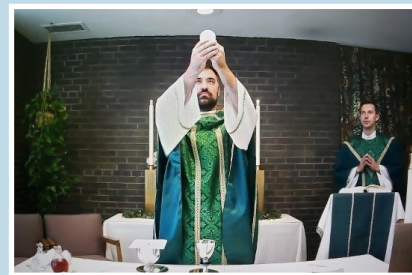
First Friday Mass & Adoration in Church (with reserved seating) @ 5:30 P.M. (November 6th)

Worship with IC from home...

Sunday Virtual Mass @ 10:30 A.M.

Daily Virtual Mass @ 7:00 P.M. (Monday through Friday)

School Virtual Mass @ 8:30 A.M. (Wednesdays)



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

Next opportunity: October 20th

***Reservations are required.**

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

Seasons Turn...

I was commenting with my friend and classmate Fr. Nick (now at St. Paul of the Cross) on how time has flown by. The days have grown shorter and colder too. As the world changes, we are changing as well. With that said, I don't have one solid theme to focus on this week, so I opted instead for a mixture of updates regarding our parish:



Reopening

As we have reopened our Church, our volunteers have done an amazing job. For over four months now, they have each dedicated their time and energy out of love for us all. They have done this so that we might fulfill the greatest Commandment, *"Love God with all your heart, mind, and soul."* Clearly our volunteers love their neighbors as themselves, so I am blessed and grateful for their work.

We have come together on a regular basis to discuss procedure, Mass schedule, how our volunteers are holding up, and the workload we can handle together as a team. For right now, Saturday (1 Mass) and Sunday (2 Masses), as well as the many Funerals and Baptisms we have, are more than enough to keep us busy.

As the cold and flu season approaches, we are in discussions currently regarding how to best ensure the safety of everyone here. As a result, we may be taking extra precautions as we continue to move through October into November. Our Archdiocese has urged everyone to consider receiving their flu shot this year as well—remember that the purpose of a flu shot is not necessarily to make it impossible to get the flu, but at the very least to mitigate the negative effects of the flu (i.e., reduce the severity of the virus).

Councils

Our various teams have been meeting via Zoom to oversee the health and well-being of our parish: Parish Council, Finance Council, Evangelization (Alpha), School Board, Holy Name Men's Club, Parents Club, and Staff. As you can imagine with such a large school and a parish with many elements, there are a lot of people to communicate with, which can be challenging when in-person meeting is at a minimum right now.

Our **Parish Council** is helping my staff and I look at our long-term goals. They assist me in the strategy of how we keep timelines focused and achievable. This month, we will discuss how we will better evangelize as a community and how Alpha will integrate into our community.

We are preparing as a **Finance Council** and Staff to project the financial impact of COVID-19 on our community. We will examine how to be responsible and prudent with the money you have entrusted to us.

Likewise, we continue to work with the school and the relevant councils to prepare for upcoming sacraments while ensuring the safety of our children and teachers.

Thank you for encouraging and supporting us thus far. Even though you can't see us face to face, please know of our hard work to support our mission, out of love for God and for each one of you.

Fr. Matt

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On Sunday, October 4th, we welcomed our Seminarians Jacob Hahn, Joseph Nguyen and Deacon Andrew Meng back to IC...



Seminarian Joseph Nguyen



Deacon Andrew Meng

Hi All! My Name is Jacob Hahn from the Diocese of Grand Rapids and I am excited to be serving in this Parish as part of the Tolton Teaching Parish Program. I am in my third year of study at Mundelein Seminary. I just finished my two years of pre-theology (Philosophy) and just entered First Theology. I am looking forward to being present at Masses and helping where I can given the current circumstances. I will also be helping with the live streams occasionally and lecturing from time to time. Know of my prayers for you during these difficult times and for your health and safety. Peace!



Seminarian Jacob Hahn



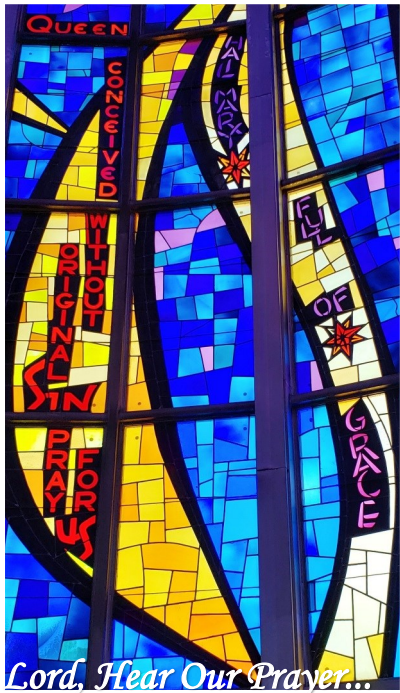
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*Snapshots from our annual
Blessing of Pets on October 3rd...*



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Please join our parish family in prayer ...



For those who are sick:

Tom Altman
Kevin Ballog
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
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
Thomas McHugh
Jan Merino
Veronica Murillo
Timothy Murray
Mae O'Donnell
Mary Beth O'Grady
Jackie O'Koniewski

Fr. Alan Phillip, C.P.
Mary Potwora
Bill Remblake
Sebastian L. Rivera
David Rodriguez
Elaine Schatz
Thomas Skorupa
Edward Stanczyk
Marion Szumski
Julie Szwedo
Jeff Taylor
Donna Tisdale
Greg Tomaino
Steven P. Trifilio
Henry Wagener

***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:

Nancy Kinzie (Mother of Wayne Kinzie)
Genevieve A. "Jean" Depke
Donald A. Kopec (Husband of Barbara)
Ronald L. Maloney
Eileen Mary Mascha

For those preparing to be joined together in Holy Matrimony:

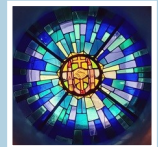


Amanda Lauren Mroz
and Brian Patrick Slater



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

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



For those who serve our country:



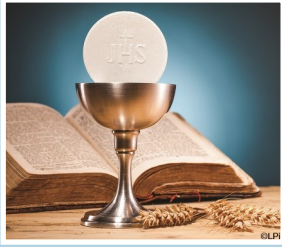
U.S. Army - SSgt. John Francis Mikita, Sgt. Kevin Whalen, SSgt Martine Makita, Chris Dash, Pvt. Jason G. Cavanaugh, Major Christopher Walsh, Capt. Benjamin Monson, 1st Lt. Katherine D. Hartnett, SPC Michael J. Stone, Pvt. Charlie Cruz Pappas, Thomas Treslo, National Guard Specialist 4th Class

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, October 11th through
Sunday, October 18th**

Sunday, October 11th - Twenty-Eighth Sunday In Ordinary Time

5:00 P.M. (Saturday) - †Barbara Hoffmann (Birthday Remembrance); and †Elizabeth Serafin

8:30 A.M. — †Tommy Fuller; and †Richard Losik

10:30 A.M. — †Francis & Moira Cross; †Tedmund Felix; †The Byrne Family; †John Treslley; †Eileen Staunton; †Bridget Galassini; †Mae Nelson; †Jeremy Burns; †Elsa Stefely; †Barbara Langelund; For Our Country; and Deacon Ron Gronck (Living)

6:00 P.M. - The People of the Parish

Monday, October 12th - Weekday

8:30 A.M. — Phil Chiaramonte (Living)

Tuesday, October 13th - Weekday

8:30 A.M. — Melissa Bednarz (Living)

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

8:30 A.M. — Wayne Kinzie (on his 57th Birthday) (Living)

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

8:30 A.M. — †Lourdes Bernardo (Birthday Remembrance); and †Krystyna Sadowska (Birthday Remembrance)

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

5:30 P.M. — †Nancy Kinzie

Saturday, October 17th - Saint Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop and Martyr

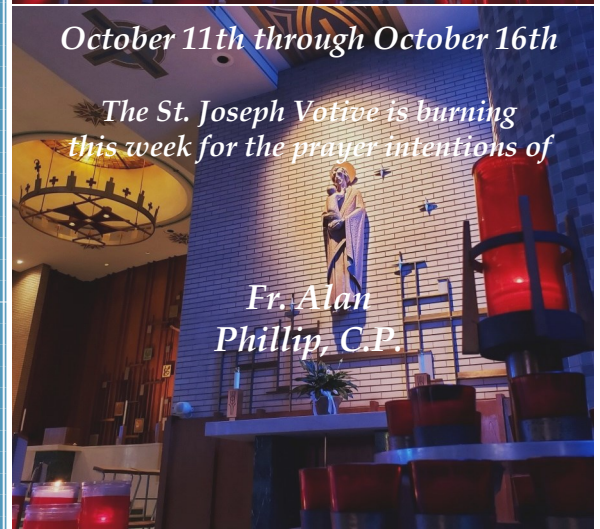
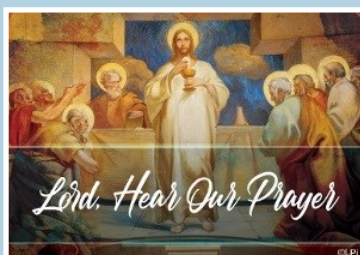
5:00 P.M. - †John J. Joyce

Sunday, October 18th - Twenty-Ninth Sunday In Ordinary Time

8:30 A.M.- †Edward Conrath; †Francis & Moira Cross; †Stanislaw Swiderski; †The Casey Family; †Antoinette Fabianski; †Eileen Staunton; †Mae Nelson; †Michael Naughton; Cynthia Montoya (on her Birthday) (Living); and For Our Country (Living)

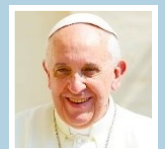
10:30 A.M. — †Clementine Longo; and The People of the Parish

6:00 P.M. — †Donna Marie Haywood



Pope Tweet of the Week...

“Saint Therese Of Lisieux invites us to practice the little way of love, not to let the possibility of offering a smile to slip by, or any small gesture that sows peace and friendship.”



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Readings For The Week of October 11th

Sunday: Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [6cd]/Phil 4:12-14, 19-20/
Mt 22:1-14 or 22:1-10
Monday: Gal 4:22-24, 26-27, 31 – 5:1/Ps 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5a and 6-7 [cf.
2]/Lk 11:29-32
Tuesday: Gal 5:1-6/Ps 119:41, 43, 44, 45, 47, 48 [41a]/Lk 11:37-41
Wednesday: Gal 5:18-25/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [cf. Jn 8:12]/Lk 11:42-46
Thursday: Eph 1:1-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6 [2a]/Lk 11:47-54
Friday: Eph 1:11-14/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 12-13 [12]/Lk 12:1-7
Saturday: Eph 1:15-23/Ps 8:2-3ab, 4-5, 6-7 [7]/Lk 12:8-12
Next Sunday: Is 45:1, 4-6/Ps 96:1, 3, 4-5, 7-8, 9-10 [7b]/1 Thes 1:1-5b/
Mt 22:15-21

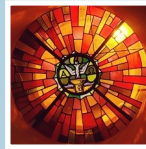


WITH JOYFUL HEARTS,
WE WELCOME OUR
NEWLY BAPTIZED.



Addison Rose Gelwicks

Child of Daniel Francis and Amanda Rose (Labuz) Gelwicks



Patrick William Lapinski

Child of Daniel Thomas Lapinski and Kristin Marie Jones

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



*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



God gives us an invitation to have an abundant life. The banquet is ready, and the tables are set. Come! There is so much to attend to in the everydayness of our lives. We have plans, after all. There is never enough time and so much that needs to be done. There is work, children, and grandchildren, paying the bills, planning for retirement, figuring out the details of our next vacation, making sure we are on top of our game with work, planning social engagements, answering emails, texts, and getting our latest pictures on Facebook. There is always something. What is this about some banquet?

I need another party and commitment like a hole in the head. I can't manage what I already have, and someone is asking me to do more! Seriously? I saw the invitation; I think it came in the mail the other day. Did I leave it on the table? Oh wait, it may have gotten thrown away. I can't remember. In any case, I'm managing things pretty well on my own, I think. Thanks for thinking of me, but no thanks. My life is only as good as I make it and I have to be sure that all is in order! Oh, another invitation came today! This guy's being persistent. Now, I'm getting angry. I wish he would just leave me alone and stop with this invitation nonsense.

I woke up feeling a bit unsettled this morning. The kids have left the house, the grandchildren are busy with their lives, my retirement fund is losing ground, I'm worried about my health, folks have moved away, and I find myself alone. I am unhappy. I remember getting an invitation some time ago to a banquet promising new life and life in abundance. Did I miss something? I think I may have. I am finally discovering that life is not about me and my world. I think I've ignored the God who made me and the God who is the reason for my life, my hope, and my joy. It's always been about me. I have not really discovered Eternal Love.

Is the invitation still open? Can I come to the banquet? I think I'd like to come.

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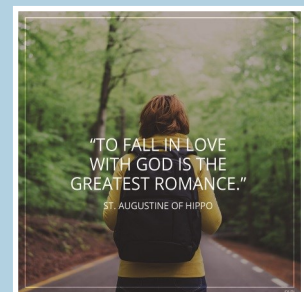
Everyday Stewardship – Recognize God in your Ordinary Moments

Respond with Love...

Do you remember a time when you spent much time or money on a surprise or gift for someone else and they failed to appreciate it? We do open ourselves up to disappointment if our expectations do not match the response. Perhaps we reached down deep to share a part of ourselves only to encounter apathy and insensitivity. That can hurt even if the person ignoring our gesture meant no ill will toward us.

What must God feel like when we fail to respond to what He has done for us. We probably do not purposefully slight God, but perhaps we are so busy and mindless that it becomes impossible to be responsive and mindful. We can miss the gift of God which is right before our eyes.

It is very difficult to be a good steward if we do not intentionally choose to be mindful. We miss the important stuff in life, and we neglect those placed in our path as gifts to enrich our lives. If we are to live as Jesus asks, we must work on focusing our eyes of faith on the things that matter and the gifts we have been given. If we are made in the image of God, I suppose we can guess how God might feel when His gifts are not acknowledged, or His love not returned. If I reflect on the One who loves me more than anyone, how can I choose to not offer my love in return?



– Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi

Connect...

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



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 icparishbulletin@gmail.com.

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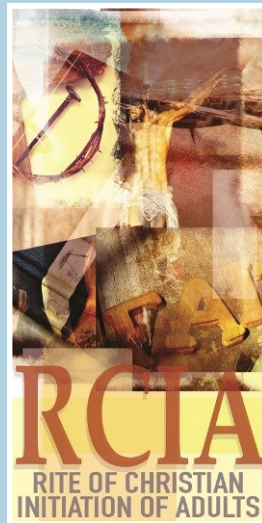
Events...

What's Happening @ IC...

Tuesday, October 13th -
7:30 P.M. – Pastoral Council Mtg.;
Zoom

Wednesday, October 14th -
7:30 P.M. – Parents Club Mtg.;
Zoom

Thursday, October 15th –
7:00 P.M. – School Board Mtg.;
Zoom



Are you a non-Catholic interested in becoming Catholic, or learning more about our Catholic faith? Do you have a non-Catholic family member or friend who would like to know more about our Catholic faith? We invite you to look deeper into the richness of our Catholic faith through the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) program.

If you have questions, please contact **Deacon Rick @** 773.775.3833 Ext. 105, or via email at carmoric@comcast.net

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