

Welcome to
Immaculate Conception Parish

A Catholic Community Inviting People to Follow Christ

October 17, 2021 - Twenty-Ninth Sunday In Ordinary Time

Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.



*"For the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve
and to give his life as a ransom for many."
- Mark 10:45*

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!*



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.

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

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.

The Health Of A Parish

While health talk nowadays is centered around COVID, the health that I write about today is organizational health – the health of our parish.

This past weekend, we celebrated at Our Lady of Victory what is, for many people, the final Mass of her 115+ years on the Northwest side of Chicago. Once alive and vibrant, OLV was sadly a shell of its former self. It pains me to see any church close – not because I can't imagine things passing away, since this is a fact of life, but because of the pain it causes for those who are invested. There are those saddened by the loss of a church because of nostalgic reasons, but nostalgia doesn't pay the bills, nor does it fulfill the mission of Christ. My sadness is only reserved for the people who worked earnestly for their home and for the Lord.



This same attitude is extended to the people of IC. Perhaps you wonder why I might speak about money, enforce certain policies, or emphasize certain projects. Much of this is born from my experience at OLV these past 10 years, that is, seeing a place you love diminish over time. OLV had a school of 500+, 2200-some registered parishioners, a long tradition on the Northwest Side of Chicago – sound familiar?

The health of a parish cannot be measured in nostalgia, well-wishes, or history. Our past 118 years is just that, the past. What keeps us alive is the present and the future. How do we love God *now*? How do we proclaim His Gospel *now*? How do we now raise our children to meet those challenges of today?

It takes intentionality. The health of any parish requires that we are intentional about our values and adhere to them. Our motto, "*Love God, Serve Others, Make Disciples,*" contains the priorities that we must reinforce daily. Does your life fulfill this?

It takes investment. A building like ours is 60 years old, with a campus much older. It's a constant struggle against nature and time. Beyond material things, it also involves people, nurturing their mind and soul. We offer programs like **Alpha** and **Vespers**, and we will continue to increase our offerings for education, so will *you* take the time to invest in your faith? All that you give, money-wise, I try to put into this parish for our betterment. The stronger we are as a faith community, the better we are able to fulfill Christ's mission.

It takes loyalty and commitment. Being Catholic is an honor. Our tradition is rich and vibrant and what we believe is life-giving; it's salvation itself. Are you proud to be Catholic? Do you live in a way where others would be proud to associate with you? Do you teach your children to not merely have faith, but to be proud of their faith?

With our parish more specifically: have you received much from IC? An education, faith, community, and a home? If so, when you live here, do you invest in the future of others, or are you only engaged when it immediately concerns you and your family? We all have a duty to our families, but we are all called brothers and sisters in faith for a reason.

Based upon this recent experience at OLV, it's been on my mind more than usual, namely, what must we do as a community here at IC to be strong now and into the future. It's not just me, but all of us, together. Challenge yourself and accept my challenges here, because I believe IC can be truly great, for "*nothing is impossible for God.*"

Fr. Matt

Second Collection: World Mission Sunday - October 23rd & 24th

"We cannot help but speak about what we have seen and heard." (Acts 4:20)

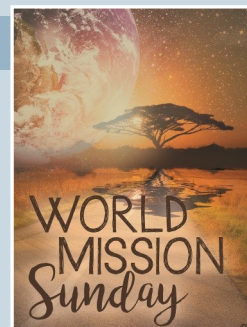
Next Sunday, October 24th, we join with the Universal Church to celebrate **World Mission Sunday**. As the global pandemic continues to cause suffering and loss both at home and around the world, we as sisters and brothers in faith pause to pray and be in solidarity with our neighbors a world away. Through this celebration we actively participate in the mission of Jesus Christ to *"go into the whole world and proclaim the gospel to every creature."* (Mark 16:15)

The annual **World Mission Sunday** second collection provides critical financial support to missionaries and communities of faith in the most economically disadvantaged regions of the globe. Working with limited means, these local churches bear witness to the Gospel amid scarcity, conflict and instability. The Church's missionaries address all forms of material and spiritual needs to build up the church, affirm human dignity, alleviate poverty, encourage dialogue and inspire hope.

The **World Mission Sunday** collection provides:

- Approximately 75 percent to the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, which helps sustain over 1,000 mission dioceses in Africa, Asia and remote areas of Latin America and the Pacific Islands.
- About 9 percent for the Catholic Near East Welfare Association to alleviate poverty, foster Christian unity and promote interreligious dialogue in the Middle East, Northeast Africa, India and Eastern Europe.
- About 15 percent to the basic operations of the Global Mission Office of the Archdiocese of Chicago, which facilitates, resources, and supports efforts to reach out in love and solidarity globally.

If you are able, please place a donation to support mission dioceses in the collection basket next weekend, or you can make a donation online at WeAreMissionary.org/wms.



The Baby Bottle Project Concludes: Oct. 23rd & 24th

Our parish is currently participating in **The Baby Bottle Project** benefiting *The Women's Centers of Greater Chicagoland*. This non-profit organization directly assists mothers and families experiencing crisis pregnancies by offering emotional, financial, material, and spiritual support through counseling, clothing & monetary provisions, prayer, and other aid.

If you have not already done so, please remember to kindly return your baby bottles filled with spare change to our Church **next weekend, October 23rd & 24th**. Members of our IC Pro-Life Committee will be stationed in the Vestibule of our Church at all our Masses to collect your filled baby bottles.

If you are making a donation by check, please make it payable to: **The Women's Center**. Thank you! You can also go directly to their website at: GoTWC.org or call 773.794.1313 to donate. Thank you for helping defend life, and remember to keep all pro-life undertakings in your prayers.



IC Parents Club

DO GOOD WITH CHIPOTLE

CHIPOTLE FUNDRAISER FOR
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION SCHOOL
33% OF EVENT SALES GET DONATED TO THE CAUSE

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 19TH | 4-8PM
119 S NORTH WEST HWY, PARK RIDGE, IL, 60068

ORDER ONLINE FOR PICKUP USING CODE **K6VTV4R**
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For online orders to count towards the fundraiser, they must be placed for pickup only from the restaurant location of, and during the hours of, the fundraiser. Delivery orders and gift cards do not qualify. \$150 minimum event sales required to receive any donation.



News...

Immaculate Conception Service Club

Thank you to all who helped out at our first **IC Service Club** event! We spent time in Schiller Woods removing invasive seed pods. We worked hard and learned about restoring the prairies of the Forest Preserves. A very special thank you to our amazing Mrs. Jarosz, who organized this event. Look for future opportunities to make our world a better place!



This month, we will be making sandwiches for *The Port Ministries* (which is located in the Back of the Yards neighborhood of Chicago.) This Catholic ministry is very dear to my heart. *The Port Ministries* serves food to insecure children and adults along with providing other much-needed services to the area.

Our next **IC Service Club** event will take place this **Thursday, October 21st** in our Rectory Assembly starting at **4:45 P.M.** and will conclude at **6:00 P.M.** Each participant is asked to bring a loaf of bread and a pound of lunchmeat. Cheese, fruit cups and individually bagged chips are also welcome, but not required. **Masks are required for all participants.**

We are seeking twenty student volunteers from Grades 5 through 8 for this service event. An *RSVP* is required to participate. For additional details or to *RSVP*, please contact me via email at szwedo@iccowboys.net.

Julie Szwedo



Please join our parish family in prayer ...

Tom Altman
Caleb Anstett
Robert Behrman
Sonia M. B.
Roberta Berger
John Bozek
Vince Caeti
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
Brooke Foreman

For those who are sick:

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

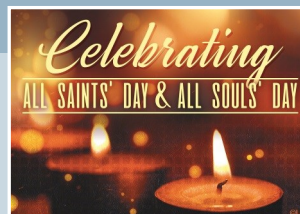
If you wish to have your name included in our prayer list (or removed), please contact our Parish Office at 773.775.3833.

For our faithful departed:

Annette R. Howard (Mother of Cynthia Christoffel)



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

**All Saints' Day Mass Schedule:**

Monday, November 1st

8:30 A.M. & 7:00 P.M. with Fr. Matt presiding

All Souls' Day Mass Schedule:

Tuesday, November 2nd

8:30 A.M. & 7:00 P.M. with Fr. Robert presiding

For those who serve our country:

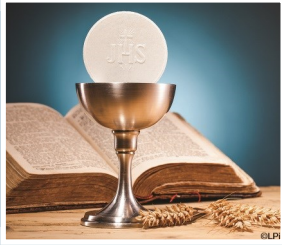
U.S. Army - SSgt. John Francis Mikita, Sgt. Kevin Whalen, SSgt Martine Makita, Chris Dash, Pvt. Jason G. Cavanaugh, Major Christopher Walsh, Capt. Benjamin Monson, 1st Lt. Katherine D. Hartnett, SPC Michael J. Stone, Pvt. Charlie Cruz Pappas, Thomas Treslo, National Guard Specialist 4th Class

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 17th
through
Sunday, October 24th*

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

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

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

Monday, October 18th - Saint Luke, Evangelist

8:30 A.M. - †Lilia Macapagal (Birthday Remembrance); †Donna Marie Haywood; and †Ed Conrath (Birthday Remembrance)

Tuesday, October 19th - Saints John de Brebeuf and Isaac Jogues, Priests, and Companions, Martyrs

8:30 A.M. - Special Intention (For Health) (Living)

Wednesday, October 20th - Saint Paul of the Cross, Priest

8:30 A.M. - †James Tyson

Thursday, October 21st - Weekday

8:30 A.M. - Phil Straus (Living)

Friday, October 22nd - Saint John Paul II, Pope

8:30 A.M. - †Antonio & Carmencita Gonzalez

Saturday, October 23rd - Saint John of Capistrano, Priest

5:00 P.M. - †John J. Joyce; †John & Genevieve Bielski; †Alfrieda Kroll; and †Gloria Budziak

Sunday, October 24th - Thirtieth Sunday In Ordinary Time (World Mission Sunday)

8:30 A.M. - †Transfigorasyon Sabarillo (Death Anniversary); †Joan P. Boggins; and John & Diane Bozek (Living)

10:30 A.M. - †John J. Dosek (on his 1st Anniversary); †Rocco Chiusolo; †Stanislaw Swiderski; †Doris M. Orlando (on her 10th Anniversary); †Hugh Masterson; †Noreen Nolan; †Annette Howard; †Francis & Moira Cross; Bonnie Jean Gorski (Living); Beth & Adam Much and Family (Living); and The People of the Parish



October 17th through October 23rd
Our Sanctuary Lamp is burning this week
for the repose of the soul of

**Donna J.
McDonald**

October 17th through October 22nd
Our Blessed Mother Votive is burning this
week for the prayer intention of

**Brooke
Foreman**
(Daughter of Jennifer (Zyks) & Jeremy
Foreman)

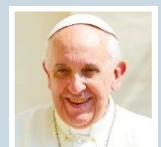
Requested by: Ray & Jan Ehrlich

October 17th through October 22nd
Our St. Joseph Votive is burning
this week for the repose of the soul of

**Mary B.
O'Toole**

Pope Tweet of the Week...

"Life is a gift, and when it is long it is a privilege. The "wealth of many years" is a wealth in terms of the persons themselves, their experience and history."





WITH JOYFUL HEARTS,
WE WELCOME OUR
NEWLY BAPTIZED.



Robert & Fabiola Dolezil
and their daughter Ariella

Oscar & Gabriela Arroyo
and their children Sebastian & Alex

Wojtek & Erin Chrzanowski
and their children Jacob & Katherine



Mateo Jaime Cruz
Child of Wilfredo & Nicole Ann (Yeager) Cruz, Jr.

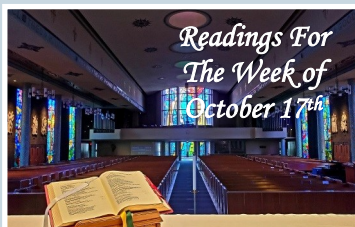


Knights of Columbus Fannie May Candy Drive: Saturday, October 16th & Sunday, October 17th

This weekend at IC, the *Knights of Columbus #2349 Christopher Columbus Assembly* will be hosting a **Fannie May Candy Drive** to benefit Seminarians and Religious Sisters. 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



Readings For
The Week of
October 17th

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

Monday: 2 Tm 4:10-17/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18 [12]/Lk 10:1-9

Tuesday: Rom 5:12, 15, 17-19, 20-21/Ps 40:7-8, 8-9, 10, 17 [8 and 9]/Lk 12:35-38

Wednesday: Rom 6:12-18/Ps 124:1-3, 4-6, 7-8 [8]/Lk 12:39-48

Thursday: Rom 6:19-23/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [Ps 40:5]/Lk 12:49-53

Friday: Rom 7:18-25/Ps 119:66, 68, 76, 77, 93, 94 [68]/Lk 12:54-59

Saturday: Rom 8:1-11/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [cf. 6]/Lk 13:1-9

Next Sunday: Jer 31:7-9/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/Heb 5:1-6/Mk 10:46-52

Gospel Meditation - Encourage a Deeper Understanding of Scripture



"What do you wish me to do for you?" Whether we realize it, this is a question God is always asking. It's an important question because the answer we provide will reveal a great deal about where our hearts lie. Our requests of God can often appear very noble and altruistic. They consist of requests for healing for someone in need of prayers, successful resolution of a personal conflict, assistance in overcoming a disease and myriad other desires for both ourselves and others. We are especially concerned about those we love and can easily find ourselves bringing their struggles to God for a hearing in our prayer.

Is that really all that prayer is about? The woman in today's Gospel, having been put in her place by Jesus, was only looking out for the wellbeing of her sons. She was doing what mothers do, protecting and securing the livelihood of her children. But she was sadly mistaken, her request was not granted. We all make this same misguided mistake from time to time. The goal of prayer is not to convince God of the worthiness of our agenda or to gain a hearing. Sometimes we believe that the more we multiply our prayers or discover the right combination of supplications that we will receive more of God's attention. That's not how it works. Even though God desires to hear, know, and be an intimate part of what is on our minds, it goes much deeper.

What we need from God is a relationship. It's a relationship that guides and immerses us in the very stuff of life and in the direction of the Gospel. This relationship sees God's kingdom and agenda, not our own, as what is most important. It builds the strength of character necessary to bring God's Gospel into a world that may not receive it with open arms. It may cause us discomfort and suffering. We are asked to heroically journey with God through suffering, hardship, ridicule, and even death! Ultimately, our desire from God must become our desire for God. It is only when this happens that the powerful words *"thy will be done"* will be found with sincerity and humility on our lips. Whatever God wishes becomes what we wish as we see this glorious union of wills. Our humble lives will then become powerful witnesses, and what happens to us in God's eternal kingdom the result of his mercy. We become true servants and find ourselves discovering God's definition of success. That definition has nothing at all to do with status, income, or privilege. ©LPi

Ministry Schedules: Saturday, October 23rd & Sunday, October 24th

	Saturday 5:00 P.M.	Sunday 8:30 A.M.	Sunday 10:30 A.M.
Presiders	Fr. Matthew Heinrich	Fr. Robert Carlton	Fr. Matthew Heinrich
Lectors	J. Lim	N. Kremer	S. Clemente & M. Carroll
Cantors	E. Doyle	Vocal Quintet & Violin	Vocal Quintet & Guitar & Bass
Extraordinary Ministers	S. Witz	L. Delana	R. Siciliano
Altar Servers	P. Beckman; M. Gallagher; M. Moorehouse	O. Magruder; E. Miehlich; K. Yau	J. Losik; E. Peters; B. Yak

Lectors: Upcoming Lector Training Sessions – Thursday, October 21st from 7:00-9:00 P.M.; Sunday, October 24th from 2:00-4:00 P.M.; & Saturday, October 30th from 2:00-4:00 P.M.

**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/ Bulletin Editor*
Elizabeth Doyle, *Assistant Director of Music*
Marilyn Sadowski, *Receptionist*
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What's Happening @ IC...**Monday, October 18th –**

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

Tuesday, October 19th –

6:30-8:30 P.M. – Finance Council Mtg.; RA

Wednesday, October 20th –

2:00-3:30 P.M. – IC Teacher Development Session (with Fr. Matt); RA/CH

2:10-3:30 P.M. – Choristers Rehearsal; CH

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. – School Board Subcommittee Mtg.; RA

Thursday, October 21st –

3:10-4:30 P.M. – Altar Server Training Session; CH

4:45-6:00 P.M. – IC Service Club Event; RA

7:00-9:00 P.M. – School Board Mtg.; RA

Friday, October 22nd –

8:15 P.M. – Men's Basketball; PC

Saturday, October 23rd –

9:00-10:15 A.M. – Altar Server Training Session; CH

5:00 P.M. – IC Homecoming Mass; CH

Sunday, October 24th –

9:30-10:15 A.M. – Confessions; CH

11:30 A.M.-1:00 P.M. – Evangelization Team Mtg.; RA

**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.)