

Welcome to
Immaculate Conception Parish

A Catholic Community Inviting People to Follow Christ

October 18, 2020 - Twenty-Ninth Sunday In Ordinary Time



*"For our Gospel did not come to you in word alone, but also in power and in the
Holy Spirit and with much conviction."*

- 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5d

Love God • Serve Others • Make Disciples

Worship...



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.

Donate...



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

Render to Caesar what is Caesar's

Catholicism has always had an interesting relationship with politics and political philosophy. What began as a counter-cultural, illegal religion eventually became the state religion. It grew up in an empire, survived the destruction of that empire, lived in disparate kingdoms and often apart from them. Catholicism survived plagues, wars, corruption, dissension, false promises, immorality, and in essence, the whole of the human experience. The Church might also be considered the body which preserved the art of law itself, at least in the Roman style (Canon Law, the law of the Church, is based on Roman Law structures), a style used in the US as well.



To that effect, Catholicism has either been lauded or feared in the respective countries it occupies. Even here in the United States, Catholicism was routinely described in the early years as “unamerican,” her adherents as “Papists” and many times derogatory slang not fit for an article such as this. The reasons behind this are complex, as all history is, and not always owing to the piety of the Church, but her shortcomings as well.

Having such a long, integrated history with a central body of ‘rulers’ and rules, the Church is easier to attack because she is easier to identify. Many other religions, after all, do not have a codified set of beliefs or an easily recognizable head or structure, universally speaking (i.e., the synagogue here is not beholden to another one there, nor a mosque, or a temple, etc.).

That was a long way to get to the command of Jesus this weekend where he states, *“Then repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God”* (Mt 22:21). His words can be interpreted in any manner of ways, but his words alone are not sufficient. While Jesus had no love for the Roman government in particular, he did not seem to express malice in his words either. The actions of Jesus in his ministry allow us to contextualize all of his words and this is how we should proceed:

He did not encourage violence, hatred, immorality, a lack of discipline, rebellion, rioting, grandstanding, arrogance, and sin.

Rather, he encouraged patience, understanding, mercy, forgiveness, mutual respect, dedication, faith, hope, and love.

It reminds me of the words of Psalm 120: *“Too long do I live among those who hate peace. When I speak of peace, they are for war.”*

We speak many times of ‘faithful citizenship,’ but rarely come to a consensus on what that means. I believe our faith is not beholden to any political party, ruler, ideology, or any such things. Scripture has shown us what happens to the faithful when they place their faith in something (or someone) other than God. Faithful citizenship is standing up to injustice, it is true, but in the *manner* that Jesus did – not in the manner that is pragmatic or expedient in our own minds. Faithful citizenship in any era or country is carrying the Cross, forgiving sins, healing the wounded, being mindful of the poor, and renouncing sin in all its forms, first in ourselves and in others as well.

The United States was founded with the intention of living our faith in freedom, not only privately, but publicly as well. Living our convictions will cause conflict, but not always the negative kind. If we conduct ourselves *“worthy of the call we have received”* (Eph 4:1), I think we can act rightly in this country as both Catholics and Americans, ashamed of neither.

Fr. Matt



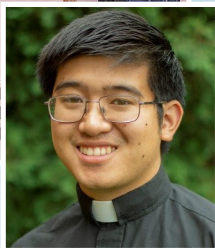
Scholarship Fund Opportunity...

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.

Traditionally, the Chicago Marathon has been used as a way to raise money for causes such as this. However, since there is no Chicago Marathon this year, Fr. Robert Carlton will run a half marathon in the Norwood Park Circle on **Sunday, November 1st** to kick off the fundraising part of our efforts. Please contact Fr. Robert at 773.775.3833 Ext. 102 or via email at rcarlton@archchicago.org with any additional questions.



***Our Seminarian Joseph Nguyen's
Continuing Journey To The Priesthood...***



Hello, dear brothers and sisters of Immaculate Conception. You may have seen me around, but if not, I am Joseph Nguyen, a seminarian for the Diocese of San Jose, California. This is my third year of seminary, and my third year serving here at IC. This past semester and summer, I was on the Internship Program in my home Diocese, serving at a parish (funny enough, this parish is named St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception). There, I learned how the everyday life of the priest looks like, as well as Rectory living (including taking care of the Church cat, Coco). When the pandemic hit, I helped with running the livestream and music for the parish, and with the reopening process. I am happy to return to serve you this semester. Thank you for all your prayers, and please know that I am keeping you in my prayers as well.

"Let us pray for Seminarians, that they may listen to the voice of the Lord and follow it with courage and joy."

- Pope Francis

First Responders Mass...

*All are
welcome!*



In recognition and appreciation of the men and women who place their lives on the line to ensure our safety and security, we invite you to join our IC community as we gather together to honor our First Responders (Police Officers, Firefighters and EMS):

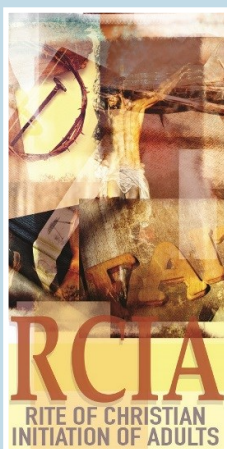
***Saturday, October 24th at our 5:00 P.M. Mass**
with Fr. Dan Brandt, CPD Chaplain presiding



All active and retired Fire, Police and Emergency Medical Personnel are invited to join us!
(Uniforms are encouraged, but not required.)

***Reservations are required.** Please visit www.icparish.net to register.
(Due to attendance restrictions, space is regrettably limited.)

With grateful hearts, we thank you for your strength, courage, service and sacrifice to our community and city!



R.C.I.A...

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

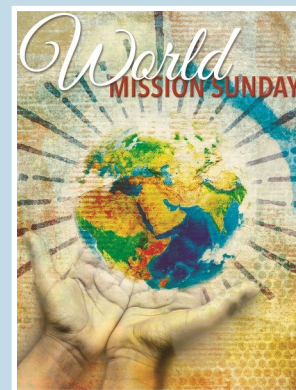
"If up till now you have kept Him at a distance, step forward. He will receive you with open arms. If you have been indifferent, take a risk: you won't be disappointed. If following Him seems difficult, don't be afraid, trust Him, be confident that He is close to you." – Pope Francis

Second Collection For World Mission Sunday...

On **October 18th**, we join with the universal Church to celebrate **World Mission Sunday**. Amid a global pandemic that continues to impact people of all walks of life, we as a faith community come together in prayer and solidarity to actively participate in the mission of Jesus Christ. That mission calls us out of ourselves, to love God and our neighbor.

The annual **World Mission Sunday** second collection, for the **Society for the Propagation of the Faith**, provides critical support to communities of faith in the most economically disadvantaged regions of our world. Working with limited means, these local Churches bear witness to the Gospel amid poverty and turmoil, addressing all forms of material and spiritual need.

In his message for **World Mission Sunday** this year, Pope Francis states, "*The impossibility of gathering as a Church to celebrate the Eucharist has led us to share the experience of the many Christian communities that cannot celebrate Mass every Sunday.*" Let this celebration draw us even closer to our brothers and sisters as we accompany them in this unique point in history. If you are able, please place a donation to support missionaries in our Offertory Box this weekend, or you can donate online at WeAreMissionary.org/wms.



Please join our parish family in prayer ...



For those who are sick:

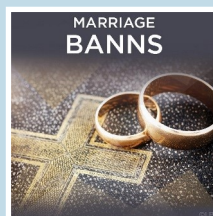
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| Melissa Bednarz | Esther Jarosh | Sebastian L. Rivera |
| Celerina Behrman | Helga Jarosz | David Rodriguez |
| Robert Behrman | Craig Kloss | Elaine Schatz |
| Sonia M. B. | Lillian Kohut | Thomas Skorupa |
| Bernadina Caeti | Arlene Lacey-Beyna | Edward Stanczyk |
| Vince Caeti | Benny Martinez | Marion Szumski |
| Jackie Campbell | Edwin Martinez | Julie Szwedo |
| Rita Castillo | Frank Martinez | Jeff Taylor |
| Donna Chaplin | Thomas McHugh | Donna Tisdale |
| Phil Chiaramonte | Jan Merino | Greg Tomaino |
| James Covello | Veronica Murillo | Steven P. Trifilio |
| Sherry Crocifisso | Timothy Murray | Henry Wagener |
| Ronnie Cunningham | Mae O'Donnell | |
| Richard Flanagan | Mary Beth O'Grady | |
| Brooke Foreman | Jackie O'Koniewski | |

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:

Ronald W. Korajczyk

For those preparing to be joined together in Holy Matrimony:

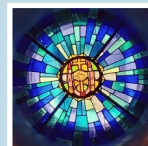


Megan Eileen Murphy and Bryan Christian Gronset



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

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

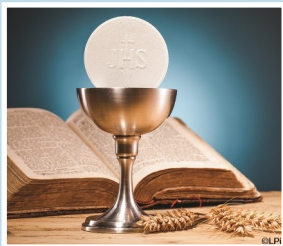


For those who serve our country:



- 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 18th through
Sunday, October 25th**

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

5:00 P.M. (Saturday) - †John J. Joyce

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; †Lorraine & George Zehren; †Donna Marie Haywood; and The People of the Parish

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

7:00 P.M. — †Eileen Mascha

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

7:00 P.M. — †Jane Tyson; and †Richard Zahn

Wednesday, October 21st - Weekday

8:30 A.M. & 7:00 P.M. — †Poor Souls In Purgatory

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

7:00 P.M. — Kevin Ballog (Living)

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

7:00 P.M. — †Alfrieda Kroll; †Diane Rey; and †Emmanuel E. San Jose (Birthday Remembrance)

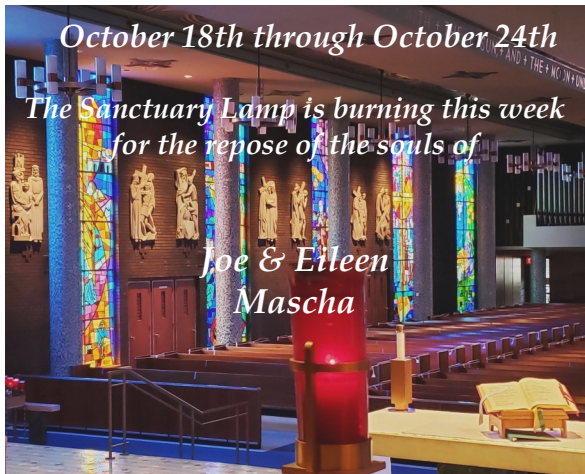
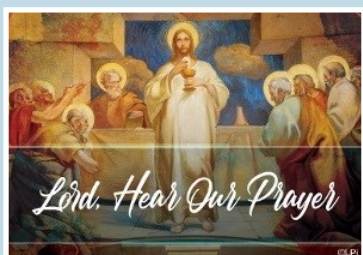
Saturday, October 24th - Saint Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop

5:00 P.M. - †Karolina Haderspeck (on her 1st Anniversary); and †John & Genevieve Bielski

Sunday, October 25th - Thirtieth Sunday In Ordinary Time

8:30 A.M.- †Transpigurasyon Sabarillo; †Carmen & Irene Covello; †Ann Maratea; †Doris M. Orlando (on her 9th Anniversary); and †Theresa Lopez

10:30 A.M. — †Rocco Chiusolo; †Raymond & Exilda Luedtke; and †Francis & Moira Cross



October 18th through October 24th

The Sanctuary Lamp is burning this week for the repose of the souls of

**Joe & Eileen
Mascha**



October 18th through October 23rd

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

**Marelene
Kawczynski**

Requested by: Paul & Paula Pandocchi



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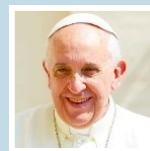
The St. Joseph Votive is burning this week for the repose of the soul of

**Kenneth J.
Rice
(Birthday Remembrance)**

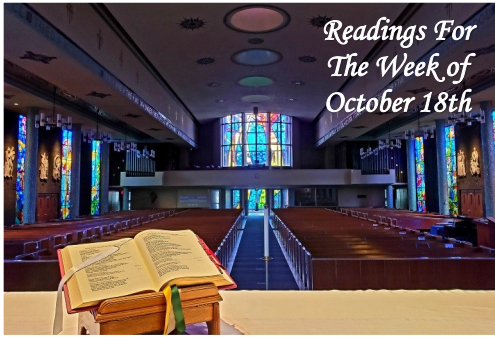
Requested by: Paul & Paula Pandocchi

Pope Tweet of the Week...

“Belief in God, and the worship of God are not enough to ensure that we actually live in a way pleasing to God. The guarantee of an authentic openness to God is a way of practicing the faith that helps open our hearts to our brothers and sisters.”



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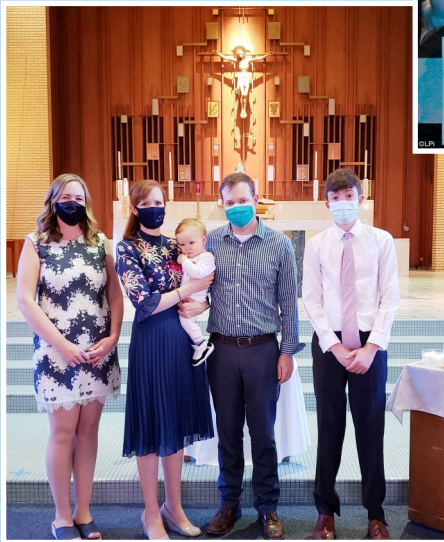


*Readings For
The Week of
October 18th*

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
Monday: Eph 2:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4ab, 4c-5 [3b]/Lk 12:13-21
Tuesday: Eph 2:12-22/Ps 85:9ab-10, 11-12, 13-14 [cf. 9]/Lk 12:35-38
Wednesday: Eph 3:2-12/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 [cf. 3]/Lk 12:39-48
Thursday: Eph 3:14-21/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 11-12, 18-19 [5b]/Lk 12:49-53
Friday: Eph 4:1-6/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. 6]/Lk 12:54-59
Saturday: Eph 4:7-16/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5 [1]/Lk 13:1-9
Next Sunday: Ex 22:20-26/Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51 [2]/1 Thes 1:5c-10/Mt 22:34-40



WITH JOYFUL HEARTS,
WE WELCOME OUR
NEWLY BAPTIZED.



*Elliott Hogan Petrusek
Child of Jeffrey John and Annie Mary (Hogan) Petrusek*



*Paul Joseph Alongi
Child of Joseph Paul and Cristina Joann (Barsano) Alongi*

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



Nobody enjoys paying taxes. Despite our displeasure in being forced to do so, we also realize that the monies generated from taxes allows governments to provide essential services for its people. Corruption really gets our goat, however. When we witness malfeasance, overspending, irresponsibility, and dishonesty in governmental spending, the grave injustices make an already unpleasant and arduous task even more difficult. The inappropriate distribution and use of hard-earned monies can leave a person quite angry and disconnected. It's bad enough the government wants something from me, now God does, too?

God is not concerned necessarily with our money, although its proper use does factor into our faith life. As the payment of secular taxes speaks of our allegiance to the government, our return to God speaks of our allegiance to God. All of creation, even the entire universe, is fashioned in the image and likeness of God. What speaks to God and has meaning and relevance to him? All of creation and indeed our very selves! God delights in us and when we present ourselves back to him, he delights even more! As the payment of secular taxes is designed to secure the equitable distribution of goods and services to all people, so is our return of ourselves to God in gratitude meant to advance God's kingdom here on earth.

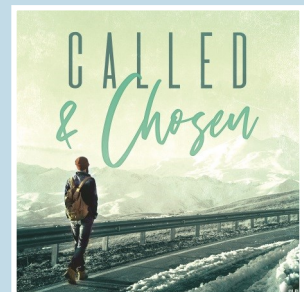
When our exclusive and sincere allegiance is given to God, God can use us to set things right and straight again. The wounds of sin distort our relationship and disorder our world. By giving ourselves and all of creation back to God in gratitude, we acknowledge the proper Creator and Author of life for who He is and devote our labors exclusively to God's kingdom and the justice, peace, or order God envisions. In giving back to God all that belongs to God, we set the axis of our lives correctly and put our priorities in proper order. All of our relationships, especially with God, our brothers and sisters, and all of creation are perceived more clearly as they really are. Using, accumulating, wasting, exploiting, hoarding, and self-preservation are no longer necessary.

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Everyday Stewardship – Recognize God in your Ordinary Moments

Chosen...

It is getting close to Election Day and I suppose most of us have an idea of how we will cast our vote. We have tried to discern where candidates stand on important issues and what type of leader they might be if elected. However, there is a good chance that when we go into a voting booth, we will cast at least one vote for a person who we never heard of and to do a job we do not understand. We know the more notable people in the more notable contests, but some of those on the ballot as we get further into it? Who knew that was going to be on there?



In life, we will at times be asked to make a choice about something or someone we know little about. Our choices will not always be as informed as we would like. Then, when we do know some information needed to make a choice, we still don't know everything. We may support a candidate and not really know him or her personally.

When God chose you and me, He had all the information needed to make the choice. The crazy thing is, He chose us anyway! He knew we would sin, turn our backs on Him, and sometimes not be very good ambassadors for Him. However, He still chose us because He loves us. We are a chosen people. We are His own. I don't know about you, but if given the chance, I am not sure I would have chosen myself. I rejoice that God sees in me something that at times seems hidden to me.

– Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi

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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...



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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

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Events...

What's Happening @ IC...

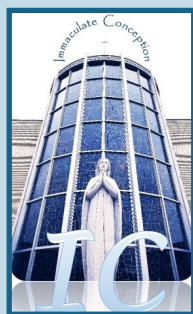
Tuesday, October 20th -

6:00 P.M. – Finance Council Mtg.;
Zoom

6:00-7:00 P.M. – Confessions; CH

Saturday, October 24th -

5:00 P.M. – First Responders Mass;
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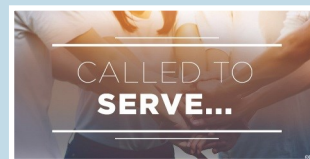
For more information on upcoming events, or to register for our Masses or Confessions, please visit our parish website at www.icparish.net.

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 icparishbulletin@gmail.com.



Our Parish Staff:

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Fr. Robert Fedek, Weekend Assistant

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Deacon Ronald & Connie Gronek

Deacon Michael & Melissa Bednarz

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Mary Haley, School Secretary

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