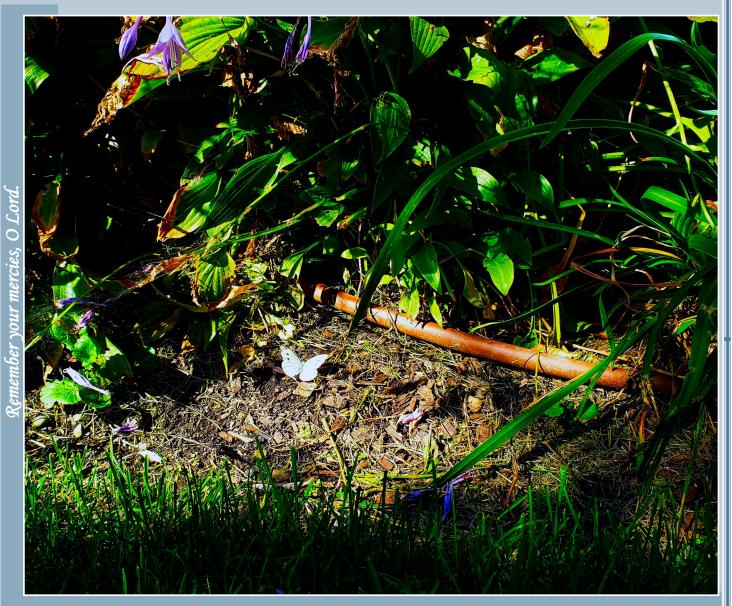
### Welcome to Immaculate Conception Parish

A Catholic Community Inviting People to Follow Christ

October 1, 2023 - Twenty-Sixth Sunday In Ordinary Time



"The Lord Jesus has entrusted the Gospel to us so that we might bear His light into the world's darkness. Please, do not extinguish this light in you, but share it, so that fraternity might shine forth!" - Pope Francis

Love God • Serve Others • Make Disciples

#### Contact Us

#### **Parish Office Hours:**

E: 7211 W. Talcott Avenue Chicago, IL. 60631

): 773.775.3833

 Monday-Friday:
 9:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.

 Saturday:
 9:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.

 Sunday:
 Closed

**Parish Website:** Sector: www.icchicago.org

School Website:

: parishoffice@icchicago.org

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.

Social Media



Membership-free platform where all are welcome to view our Masses and access content. Visit us at **www.twitch.tv/icchicago** 

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#### 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. Masks are optional.

All are welcome!

Weekday Mass Schedule:

*In-Person* Monday through Thursday @ 8:30 A.M. (Rosary Prayers & Chaplet of Mercy prayed after Weekday Masses)

(Please note: Friday daily Masses & First Friday Mass & Adoration temporarily suspended as of July 8<sup>th</sup>)

Online Wednesdays @ 8:30 A.M. (School Mass) (Worship with us virtually on our Facebook Page or Twitch)

Donate

#### **Confessions:**

Sunday mornings from 9:30 A.M.-10:15 A.M. (offered every other Sunday)

(Special dates & times offered during Advent & Lent)

#### **Baptisms:**

2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of each month @ Noon (except during Lent)

#### Scan the QR Code below:

#### **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.



Text-To-Give: Text "Sunday" to 773-915-0503





#### MINISTRY NEWS



Come Join Us... Eucharistic Minister & Minister of Care Morning of Reflection

> Saturday, October 28, 2023 8:30 A.M. until 1:00 P.M.

Come join fellow ministers from *Immaculate Conception*, *Mary Seat of Wisdom*, *Our Lady of Hope*, *Our Lady of Ransom*, *St. Juliana*, *Mary Mother of Martyrs*, and *St. Paul of the Cross* for a morning of reflection and renewal. The morning will start with a Celebration of the Eucharist and feature a talk from Fr. James Wallace, Pastor at St. Paul of the Cross Parish. We will gather for small group discussions on the Eucharist as a Meal, as a Sacrifice, and as the Real Presence of Jesus. Our session will conclude with Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction. The event will be held at **Our Lady of Hope Mission** located at 9711 W. Devon Avenue in Rosemont.

Please contact your Eucharistic Ministry Coordinator, *Claudia Kech* at <u>rcmkech@aol.com</u> with your intention to attend **by Saturday, October 7**<sup>th</sup> so we can plan accordingly.



Come Join Us... Lector Morning of Reflection

Saturday, November 4, 2023 9:00 A.M. until 12:30 P.M.

Come join fellow ministers from *Immaculate Conception*, *Mary, Seat of Wisdom, Our Lady of Hope, Our Lady of Ransom, St. Juliana, Mary Mother of Martyrs* and *St. Paul of the Cross* for a morning of reflection and renewal. The morning will start with a Celebration of the Eucharist and will feature **Bishop Bartosic** who will share a reflection on Scripture as the Word of God.

The event will be held on the **Mary, Seat of Wisdom Parish campus** located at 920 W. Granville in Park Ridge.

Please contact your Lector Ministry Coordinator, Laurie Beckman at <u>ceannrua@email.com</u> with your intention to attend **by Saturday, October 21**<sup>st</sup> so we can plan accordingly.

#### Respect Life Month: The Baby Bottle Project

In October, the Catholic Church in the United States celebrates Respect Life Month, with the fir Sunday designated as Respect Life Sunday.

"We proclaim that human life is a precious gift from God; that each person who receives this gif has responsibilities toward God, self and others; and that society, through its laws and social institutions, must protect and nurture human life at every stage of its existence." United States Conference of Catholic Bishops

One specific way IC parish will support pro-life values during this month is by again participatir in the Baby Bottle Project, a major fundraiser fo The Women's Centers (www.gotwc.org). Over the next few weeks, you can help this organization save lives from abortion by taking a baby bottle (or multiple bottles) and filling each with spare change, currency or checks.

Bottles are available in our Vestibule at all Masses this weekend. and can also be picked up in our Parish Office.

All donations should be returned to our Church by Sunday, October 15th.



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	DANCIN' WITH MY DADDY
e	SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2023
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	PLEASE JOIN US AT THE IC PARISH CENTER FOR DINNER AND DANCING!
	5:30pm - Doors open - PARTY FAVORS FOR GIRLS - Exact items TBD but we heard a rumor about tie-dye **DJ & PHOTO BOOTH!!** - provided by Priority Entertainment 6:30pm - Buffet dinner is served!! 7:30-10:30pm - DJ & dancing!!
	\$70.00 per couple, \$20.00 for each additional daughter
	Cash bar for Dads (Daughters' drinks are free); 50/50 Split the Pot offered
	**USE RSVP FORM attached by October 13, 2023. RSVP must include NAMES of guests and full payment to Mary Haley at the School Office c/o Rob Lohman or Kyle Liebich
	***CCD & Parish Dads please bring names and payments to the Rectory or School Offices
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	RSVP
	NAME (DAD):
	AMOUNT ENCLOSED:

IC HNS Annual Daddy/Daughter Dance: October 21st

Disciples In Mission (O'Hare Neighborhood Community Services Group) Fall Coat & Clothing Drive



Stuff The Truck... Donation Drop Off Times @ St. Paul of the Cross Parish: Saturday, October 14th: 11:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M. Sunday, October 15th: 8:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M. The truck will be parked on Summit Avenue.

Volunteers will be on hand to receive collection items that are in need. The winter coats and warm weather clothing are being collected for the local Catholic Charities Coat Giveaway to be held on Thursday, October 19th.

We are collecting the following items only:

- Men's, Women's, and Children's Winter Coats/Jackets • (most requested include X-Large coats, and all children's sizes)
- Hats, Scarves, Mittens (adults and children, all sizes)
- Thermal Underwear (new adults and children, all sizes)
- *Gym Shoes and Boots (adults and children, all sizes)*
- Sweaters and Sweatshirts (adults and children, all sizes)

Thank you! Additional questions, please contact: Leni Duffy at leniduffy@SPC-Church.org



Volunteers Needed! Please Sign Up to Help... October 15th, 16th, 17th,  $18^{th} \& 19^{th}$ 

Disciples in Mission (O'Hare Neighborhood of Catholic Churches Community Services Group) in conjunction with Catholic Charities are looking for volunteers to sort, size, and hang up the coats at the Catholic Charities facility in preparation for the Catholic Charities Coat Giveaway that will be held on Thursday, October 19th.

If you would like to volunteer, please visit the Sign-Up Genius link provided below: tinyurl.com/2023CoatGiveawayVolunteers

Thank you!

Catholic Charities is located at 1717 Rand Road, Des Plaines, IL. 60016. If you have any questions, please contact Julie M. Burkhardt at jburkhardt@catholiccharities.net or call 847.376.2100.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES



#### Third Grade Fun In Room 16 With Mrs. Fritz

The beginning of the school year brings a new classroom, new teacher, new classmates and new learning experiences. Our students in *Mrs. Fritz's* Third Grade class have been enjoying discovering all of the new third grade things! One big feature in third grade are hands-on *Science* activities. So far, this group has completed two hands-on challenges and cannot wait for the next one!



The first challenge was a timed challenge in which students worked together in

groups. Each group was given the same materials with the challenge to create the longest paper chain possible using only the supplies provided: two pieces of paper, a 12 inch piece of tape, a ruler and scissors. Students had to come up with a plan, execute their idea and complete the challenge within 20 minutes. The longest chain was measured at 144 inches! It was great to see all of the creative thinking and clever engineering that went into this task!

The second challenge was called "*Saving Fred*", which served as another group challenge. Our students were faced with "*saving Fred*," a gummy worm whose boat had capsized and who could not swim. Students had to get *Fred* into a life preserver (gummy life saver) and back into his boat using only four paperclips, no hands! This challenge was a tricky one, but most groups were able to achieve success!

## Finally, all classes at IC are participating in Morning Circles to facilitate effective social emotional learning throughout our school. During Morning Circles, students are able to discuss, share and learn about ways to be the best they can be and foster a sense of community and caring. We are looking forward to all the learning that will happen this year!

#### Please join our parish family in prayer ...

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Tom Altman Paul Amandes Amelia Aquino Arnold B. Kelly Baran Robert Behrman Sonia M. B. Roberta Berger Arlene Lacey Beyna Vince Caeti Mary Cali Donna Chaplin Truman Collins James Covello Ronnie Cunningham Paige Dicks Emily Divarco Eric Dulce Lilia Dulce Ozzie D'Souza Elizabeth Felix Patrick Fisher Richard Flanagan Brooke Foreman Logan Frigeni Patricia Furgat Lila Gehner Joan Geiger

#### For those who are sick:

Gloria Hernandez Ofelia Hernandez Judy Hull Mary Ann Hurtig Kevin Jaburek Vivian Jester Stephanie Kamenicky Wayne Kinzie, Sr. Donna Kirk Craig Kloss Ronald Kogol Lillian Kohut Katherine Kreuser Anthony LaPash Dawn LaVeau Florencia Silva Lucas Mary Potwora Sean Lucas Nathan Maisel Benny Martinez Edwin Martinez Frank Martinez Elsa Mazzoni Nikki Mendoza Pat Miaso Gerry Michalek, Jr. Helen Michalek Ledoina Monacelli Marta Morales

Deacon Rick Moritz Veronica Murillo *Mike Murphy* Timothy Murray Brendan Nelson Barb Neustadt Phillip Nuccio Anne O'Brien John O'Brien Jackie O'Koniewski David Olson Camille Pavlis Ashton Peterson Leo Pfest Paul Posch **Baby Fiona Prades** Joe Rispoli Pia Rizza Sherry Rock David Rodriguez Cindy Rupp Milagros C. San Juan Gerri Schultz Edward Stanczyk Jack Stewart Jacqueline Strauss Jill Swagler

Alma T. Donna Tisdale Beckie Tomala Steven P. Trifilio Mary Ellen Vanderman Louis Ward Miss Westhoff Rita Zambon

\*Newly Added

For our faithful departed:

For those preparing to be joined together in Holy Matrimony:

Bruno G. Giacomuzzi Dennis Stanley Krawzak Dr. Thaddeus Zamirowski (Cousin of Denis Zamirowski) Mary "Maureen" M. Schwarz (Mother of Anneliese Smolic) Joseph A. Lendino (Father of Tina Fitzgerald)



BANNS

Stacey Lyn Buss and Brendan Joseph Houston

Bridget Mary Haley and Kevin Alexander Powell

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



"Eternal rest grant unto them, 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, 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Katherine D. Hartnett, SPC Michael J. Stone, Pvt. Charlie Cruz Pappas U.S. Navy - CMDR Michael Brasseur, LCDR Christopher Jenkins, PO Thomas T. Tudisco, Ensign Marina J. Monacelli U.S. Air Force - John Christopher Ocasio, Major Laurel Walsh, Major Paul H. Kolk, LT. COL. Michael O'Koniewski; Captain Colleen Bernal

**U.S. Marines** - PFC Sebastian L. Rivera, Jr., PFC Christopher Hughes, PFC Algene D. Porticos, LCpl Daniel Wieczorek, LCpl Luis A. Corea, PFC Brian Mendoza

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 1<sup>st</sup> through Sunday, October 8<sup>th</sup>

Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup> – *Twenty-Sixth Sunday In Ordinary Time* 5:00 P.M. (Saturday) – <sup>†</sup>Stanislaw Swiderski; <sup>†</sup>Catherine Cooney; <sup>†</sup>Martin Joyce; <sup>†</sup>Thomas McInerney; <sup>†</sup>Michael Byrne & Malachy Byrne; <sup>†</sup>JoAnn Barder; <sup>†</sup>Charles Kremer; <sup>†</sup>Amy Witz; <sup>†</sup>Filomena Ramos Narcise (on her 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary); and Rebecca Flanagan (on her 33<sup>rd</sup> Birthday) (Living)

8:30 A.M. – <sup>†</sup>Josefa Fernandez; and <sup>†</sup>Virginia U. Arinze 10:30 A.M. – <sup>†</sup>Frank & Margherita Martino; <sup>†</sup>Rocco Chiusolo; <sup>†</sup>Agostino & Francesca Chiaramonte; <sup>†</sup>Nancy Kinzie (on her 3<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary); <sup>†</sup>Tommy Fuller; <sup>†</sup>Robert Henry Kech; <sup>†</sup>Tom Mahoney; <sup>†</sup>Johnny Lydon; <sup>†</sup>Kevin Schronski; <sup>†</sup>Francis & Moira Cross; and The People of the Parish

Monday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> – *The Holy Guardian Angels* 8:30 A.M. – <sup>†</sup>Isabel Carreira; and <sup>†</sup>Stanislaw Zawora

**Tuesday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> -** *Weekday* 8:30 A.M. – <sup>†</sup>Robert D. Kale; and <sup>†</sup>Brian M. Murray

**Wednesday, October 4th** – *Saint Francis of Assisi* 8:30 A.M. – <sup>†</sup>Helen Johnson; and <sup>†</sup>Joanie Fabiano (on her 1st Anniversary)

#### Thursday, October 5<sup>th</sup> – Saint Faustina Kowalska, Virgin; Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos, Priest

8:30 A.M. – <sup>†</sup>Ellen "Nellie" Gavin; <sup>†</sup>Patty Dunleavy; <sup>†</sup>Mary Therese Cassara (on her 6<sup>th</sup> Anniversary); and Richard Kula (Living)

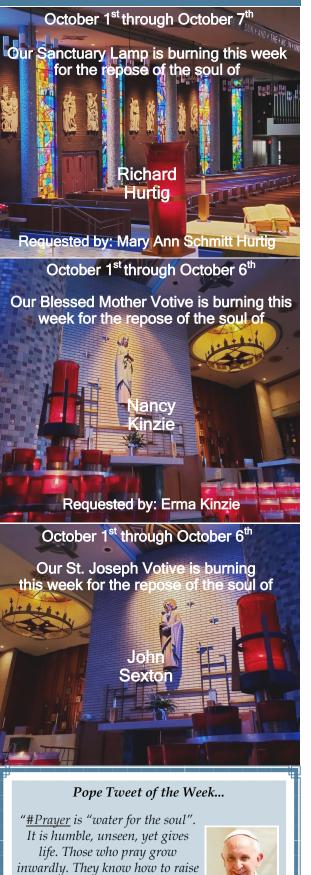
Friday, October 6<sup>th</sup> - Saint Bruno, Priest; Blessed Marie Rose Durocher, Virgin

Saturday, October 7<sup>th</sup> - Our Lady of the Rosary 5:00 P.M.— <sup>†</sup>Stanislaw Swiderski; <sup>†</sup>Brendan & Marie Hagarty (Wedding Anniversary Remembrance); <sup>†</sup>Mary Abraham; and Mr. & Mrs. Marty & Rose Hegarty (on their Wedding Anniversary) (Living)

#### Sunday, October 8<sup>th</sup> – *Twenty-Seventh Sunday In Ordinary Time* 8:30 A.M.– <sup>†</sup>Daniel Fernandez 10:30 A.M.– <sup>†</sup>Francis & Moira Cross; <sup>†</sup>Angeline Plantago; Marty

Hegarty (on his Birthday) (Living); Donald Marcella (Living); and The People of the Parish





their gaze on high, remembering they are made for Heaven."



Olivia Everly Czerwinski Child of Mike Christian & Jessica Lynn (Deahl) Czerwinski



Michael Richard Johnsen Child of Robert Michael & Tiffany Lynn (Jurkas) Johnsen



Emma Marie Raffenetti Child of Kenneth James & Maureen Ann (Targosz) Raffenetti



Ryan John Escher Child of John Joseph & Danielle Louise (Bopp) Escher



Ronan Patrick O'Boyle Child of Patrick Thomas & Bridget Moira (Fahey) O'Boyle



Benny Manjarrez L Nathalie Gregerson and their children Scottlyn L Grayson

Anthony & Rebecca Staggs and their child Logan

Welcome to all visitors and guests! Interested in joining our IC Parish family? Register @ icchicago.org

#### Gospel Meditation: Encourage A Deeper Understanding Of Scripture - Fr. John Muir



Altar Servers

A life-long Catholic friend of mine recently mumbled to me, "*I can't stand all these converts to the faith. They're always rocking the boat.*" It surprised me because he is dedicated to evangelization, and yet he struggles with openness to new Catholics. It made me realize how easily I close my heart to those whom I perceive to be outsiders who become new members of the Catholic community. Almost unconsciously I reduce the world to the categories of "*us*" and "*them.*" The result is that meaningful community silently shrinks in my life. Don't we all do that to some degree?

This week Jesus' punchy parable about the two sons blows up that black and white world.

One son said he wouldn't get to work, and then did. The other said he would, and then he did not. "Which did the will of his father?" asks the Lord. Like so many of us, in identifying the first as the answer, the religious authorities manifest hidden hypocrisy in refusing to follow Jesus. They — like us — intuit the correct path but simply won't do it. The tax collectors and prostitutes are indeed following Jesus and thereby getting to work in the kingdom of God. *Everyone* is called to do God's will regardless of the labels we may apply to them.

This week let's reject the convenient but damaging categories of "*insiders*" and "*outsiders*." Instead, let's embrace a grateful attitude that Jesus is calling fallen, weak, and broken men and women like you and me. Then we begin to see that the tax collectors and prostitutes aren't *them*. They are *us*. And Jesus wants all of us working in his boat, no matter the rocking. ©LPi

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#### What's Happening @ IC ...

<u>Monday, October 2<sup>nd</sup></u> -7:00-8:30 P.M. – Fall Alpha Monday Evening Session; RA 7:00-8:30 P.M. – Overtones Rehearsal; CH

Wednesday, October 4<sup>th</sup> -8:30 A.M. – School Mass; CH 2:10-3:30 P.M. – Choristers Rehearsal; CH 4:00-5:00 P.M. – Children's Religious Education Program Class; SC

7:00-9:00 P.M. – Parish Pastoral Council Mtg.; RA 7:00-8:00 P.M. – Future City Mtg.; WCR

<u>Thursday, October 5<sup>th</sup></u>– School: 11:30 A.M. Dismissal 12:30-8:00 P.M. – School Parent/Teacher Conferences; Zoom 8:00-9:30 P.M. – IC Holy Name Men's Club Mtg.; BA

<u>Friday, October 6<sup>th</sup></u>– No School 8:15 P.M.– Men's Basketball; PC

<u>Saturday, October 7th</u> - **1:00 P.M. –** Annual Blessing Of Pets (with *Fr. Robert*); PG canzoneri@iccowboys.net fitzgerald@iccowboys.net szwedo@iccowboys.net kessler@iccowboys.net haley@iccowboys.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.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

#### (Practicing) Catholic: Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments. - Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

#### The Vineyard...

The second son never showed up to the vineyard. Did he get lost? Did he get tired? Did he not know where to begin? When it comes right down to it, good intentions amount to very little. We all know this, don't we? "*Show me, don't tell me.*" "*I'll believe it when I see it.*" It's as true in the workplace and in relationships as it is in the life of the Christian disciple.

It doesn't matter if we *intend* to work in the vineyard. It doesn't matter if we promise to, if we think about it a lot, or if we make grand plans for what we will accomplish there. None of that matters if we don't show up. Before we show up, we have to find the way.

Showing up is the whole point. The work is the point, not the intention. But all this begs the question: what does *the work* mean for us as baptized Catholics in the modern



world? Spending our Saturdays in soup kitchens and homeless shelters? Standing on a street corner shouting out the words of the Gospel?

Our baptismal call is to the vineyard. Where is our vineyard? How do we show up? *We are ready, Lord,* we say. *We intend to work. But where do we go*?

My vineyard is not your vineyard, and so it's not my place to tell you how to get there. I am glad you want to go, but you'll have to find your own way, just like I will. But I can tell you this: only one voice will lead you there. If you listen to it, you will find your vineyard.

"Good and upright is the LORD; thus he shows sinners the way." – Psalm 25:8 $\,$   $\,$   $\,$   $\,$  LPi  $\,$ 



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