I love you, Lord, my strength.

Welcome to

Immaculate Conception Parish

A Catholic Community Inviting People to Follow Christ

October 31, 2021 - Thirty-First Sunday In Ordinary Time

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Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Love God • Serve Others • Make Disciples



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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. All are welcome!



Weekday Mass Schedule:

Online

Monday though 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 11**th)

(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.

Projects and Planning

While I generally use this space for reflection, I think that it is equally as important to keep everyone informed regarding our projects and priorities. So, to that end, please see a brief survey below of what we are currently doing at IC:



We are replacing our kneelers in our Church

The short story is that along the way, some 7 years ago or so, IC began replacing kneelers but only got through approximately 25% or so of them. The kneelers at the back of our church are in a particularly sorry state. Including the choir stalls, and the kneelers in front of our candles and all our pews, all will be repadded sometime this year (assuming supply lines hold).

While it may seem purely cosmetic, I think it's another good step towards fulfilling one of our core values, namely providing a "Transformative Sunday Experience," which is to say that we give our best and do our best to pray together. Having a clean, hospitable, well-cared for space is a part of that.

This project was made possible by a bequest given to us recently. My thanks to the families who have kindly remembered us in their wills.

We have added a new Cantor

Ben Paolelli, our new cantor, has joined us recently to round out our vocal quintet. Music is an important part of worship. While it should never supersede or replace worship, I think it's worth investing in. Music lifts our minds to a higher place, and it makes prayer more accessible. Scott and I have worked hard to mix approachable, congregational pieces that everyone can sing along with, along with more technical pieces for our artists to showcase their God-given talents.

You may have noticed occasional instrumentalists joining us on Sunday mornings as well. While not a permanent, weekly feature, it's nice to sprinkle in different sounds throughout the year. Join us for our Vespers services on Thursday evenings in Advent to see our choir at their best!

Similarly, thank you to all those who donate to our Music Ministry fund, which allows us to offer our best every week!

Alpha and Evangelization

As I preached last week, in order for our community to grow, we need to take the right approach.

<u>What doesn't work</u>: programs, classes, and service opportunities. <u>What does work</u>: relationships, spiritual renewal, encountering Jesus, becoming a disciple

A disciple can more fruitfully run programs, teach, and serve. A disciple also invites, accompanies, and collaborates. My focus on Alpha is not mere preference. It's a program I believe helps us form disciples, especially for those who desire to go deeper in our faith. I'm incredibly proud of our team and the people who have given it a chance. We cannot grow our parish without ourselves growing in Christ. Please keep an eye out for our further offerings and opportunities.

Fr. Matt

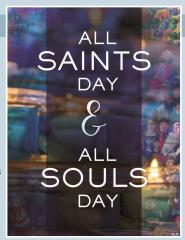
Celebrating All Saints' Day and All Souls' Day: November 1st & November 2nd

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 Carlton presiding

All are welcome to join us in prayer (either in-person or virtually) as we gather as a parish family to honor and celebrate all the saints of the Church on All Saints' Day and commemorate all the faithful departed on All Souls' Day.

*For those unable to join us in-person, our 8:30 A.M. Mass will also be livestreamed on both days.



First Responders Mass: Saturday, November 13th @ 5:00 P.M.

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, November 13th 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.)

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





News..

Kindergarten Fun In Room 24

There are a lot of fun learning experiences taking place in Kindergarten at Immaculate Conception, especially during the month of October. We began the month by celebrating the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi. Kindergartners learned about his life and agreed that we should love and respect all of God's creation, especially the animals. Celebrating "Fire Prevention Week" was another very important topic we learned about. Students learned from Sparky the Fire Pup about ways to prevent fires and how we can stay safe if there is a fire. "Stay Low and Go" and "Stop, Drop, and Roll" were two important concepts we read about, as well as what a firefighter does and uses to fight fires. Once October started, our thoughts went right to HALLOWEEN! Kindergartners had a great time digging into pumpkins to identify the different parts and predicting how many pumpkin seeds were in our pumpkins. Do pumpkins float? What dissolves candy corn the fastest? Students followed the scientific method to make predictions, experiment, and record observations and results. We are excited to see what fun comes our way in November!















Learning About Pumpkins In Room 23

Kindergarteners in Room 23 have been busy learning about pumpkins! They learned about the pumpkin life cycle and sequenced the steps from seed to pumpkin. Kindergarteners were also excited to "*investigate*" a pumpkin! They discussed the attributes of a pumpkin and weighed and measured the pumpkin. They were surprised to find out that the pumpkin floats. Their favorite part was seeing the inside of the pumpkin after it was carved!













Please join our parish family in prayer ...



For those who are sick:

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

Patricia Furgat 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:

Petar Junkovic (Grandfather of Djok Pekic) Marcia A. Gavlin (Sister of Irene Depke) Diane C. Kilian Daniel Hackett (Brother of Barbara Hackett)



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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 Wieczorek

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 31st through Sunday, November 7th

Sunday, October 31st- *Thirty-First Sunday In Ordinary Time* 5:00 *P.M.* (*Saturday*) - †Bernardita San Juan; and †Dean Angelo, Sr. 8:30 *A.M.* – †Dorothy & Frank Tudisco; †Thomas Tudisco; †Lois Young; †Tom Schatz; †Krystyna R. Sadowska (Birthday Remembrance); and Gene Dengler (Living)

10:30 A.M. — †Stanislaw Swiderski; †Bernardita San Juan; †Quintin Lim (Birthday Remembrance); †Andrea Lelo; †Francis & Moira Cross; †Virginia Hannon Love; †Fr. Benet Kerion, C.P.; Beth & Adam Much and Family (Living); and The People of the Parish

Monday, November 1st - All Saints' Day

8:30 A.M. — †Leon Lacey, Jr.; †Edward Labuz; †The Boksa Family; †Tony & Jean Reszotko; †Martin Felix; †Leonard Kroll; †Robert J. Tolzien; †Bernardita San Juan; and Beth & Adam Much and Family (Living)

7:00 P.M. - The People of the Parish

Tuesday, November 2nd - The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day)

8:30 A.M. — †Thomas Paulson; and †Larry Ascenzo

7:00 *P.M.* — †Joaquin Gamboa; †Mike Holstein; †Krystyna Sadowska; †Carmencita Gonzalez; †Vicente Daylo; †The Deceased Members of the Daylo & Sabarillo Families; †The Deceased Members of The Hegarty & Monaghan Families; †Bernardita San Juan; †Leonardo Positano; †Mike Pavone; †Filomena Pavone; †Vito Positano; †Rafaella Positano; †Ricardo Mendoza; †Anacleta Mendoza; and †Mario Mendoza

Wednesday, November 3rd – *Saint Martin de Porres, Religious* 8:30 A.M. – Sr. Christine M. Moskal, C.R. (Living) (In Thanksgiving)

Thursday, November 4th - Saint Charles Borromeo, Bishop 8:30 A.M. - [†]Dolores Bokina

Friday, November 5th - Weekday

8:30 A.M. - Concordia S. Daylo (Living)

5:30 P.M. – †Ellen "Nellie" Gavin; †Patricia P. Dunleavy; †Ernesto Fernandez; †Trinidad Fernandez; Marilyn & Jaroslaw Sadowski (on their 10th Wedding Anniversary) (Living); and Gathi & Giang Abraham (on their 6th Wedding Anniversary) (Living)

Saturday, November 6th - Weekday

5:00 P.M. - *Mary Catherine "Katie" Kelly (Birthday Remembrance); and *John Dore

Sunday, November 7th - Thirty-Second Sunday In Ordinary Time 8:30 A.M.- †Frances Ozolins; †Lawrence Stockey; †Poor Souls In Purgatory; †Margaret Hand; and Zenobia Gonsalves (Birthday) (Living)

10:30 A.M. – †Tommy Fuller; †Stanislaw Swiderski; †The O'Hagan Family; †Eileen Carroll; †Monica F. Ward; †Michael & Malachy Byrne; †William & Nora Byrne; †Malachy & Kate Casey; †Leona E. Fitz; †Francis & Moira Cross; and The People of the Parish



Pope Tweet of the Week...

"To live out a mission means cultivating the sentiments that Jesus has, to believe with Him that those around me are also my brothers and sisters. May His love reawaken our hearts



and make us all true missionary disciples."





Brooke Elizabeth Felke Child of Brian Garrett L Margaret Alexandria (Crnkovich) Felke

James Michael Gabler Child of Michael L Meghan Aileen (Slattery) Gabler, Jr.



Nicolette Bergman and her son Luca Anthony Accardo

Dennis & Roberta Jaburek and their son Kevin

Barbara Ryan and her children Louis & Shannon

Robert Kostuch & Jennifer Fletchall and their daughter Madelyn

Anna Niemczura





Sunday: Dt 6:2-6/Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51 [2]/Heb 7:23-28/Mk 12:28b-34 **Monday:** Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [cf. 6]/1 Jn 3:1-3/Mt 5:1-12a

Saturday: Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27/Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 10-11 [1b]/Lk 16:9-15

Tuesday: Wis 3:1-9/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [1 or 4ab]/Rom 5:5-11 or Rom 6:3-9/Jn

6:37-40a

Wednesday: Rom 13:8-10/Ps 112:1b-2, 4-5, 9 [5a]/Lk 14:25-33 **Thursday:** Rom 14:7-12/Ps 27:1bcde, 4, 13-14 [13]/Lk 15:1-10

Friday: Rom 15:14-21/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [cf. 2b]/Lk 16:1-8

Next Sunday: 1 Kgs 17:10-16/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 [1b]/Heb 9:24-28/Mk 12:38-44

or 12:41-44

Gospel Meditation - Encourage a Deeper Understanding of Scripture



Centuries of God's devoted people have found this prayer on their lips: "Hear, O Israel! The Lord is our God, the Lord alone!" The fundamental prayer has been laid as the cornerstone of many spiritual lives. Where did you learn how to pray or did you? Maybe there is a wisdom figure in your life who inspired and guided you by the genuine, holy simplicity of their lives. His or her example may have led you to God and taught you how to pray. Or perhaps you discovered this art on your own after stumbling over yourself enough times and finally realizing it was time to reach out to Someone greater than yourself. There is a timeless truth that we not only tend to forget, but may have never

learned. There is only one God, the Lord alone! As a result, we often worship other gods rather than the One true God. Everything in our life gets distorted and we find ourselves lost and off center.

If we haven't learned it yet, there is a life lesson at the top of all of the possible lessons to be learned. There is One True and Eternal God who alone has a solitary claim on us and must be loved with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength. Until we learn this primary lesson, we run the risk of getting distracted and sidetracked. We will also never really figure out what is at the heart of the relationships we share with the other human beings on this planet with whom we share life. That one primary lesson will teach us the second most valuable lesson: that we must love our neighbor as ourselves. You cannot have one without the other. The presence of God in the core soul of each one of us requires that all of our relationships work together. This truth is at the heart of the Gospel.

If every human being, each in their own way, could stumble upon and genuinely embrace this truth, look how different life would be! Our priorities will immediately shift from "I and me" to "us and we" and we will develop a more inclusive vision for our brothers and sisters. Concerned not only about my own wellbeing and happiness but also that of our brothers and sisters, humanity stands a chance at succeeding in the struggle with injustice, abuse, inequity, violence, war, entitlement, and privilege. It seems that getting to this point has been at the heart of the Gospel and the kingdom of God from the moment Jesus first started to preach. It's a wonder why, then, why so many centuries later, we have still failed to achieve His vision. Maybe we just haven't learned our primary lessons yet. ©LPi

Ministry Schedules: Saturday, November 6 th L Sunday, November 7 th			
	Saturday 5:00 P.M.	Sunday 8:30 A.M.	Sunday 10:30 A.M.
Presiders	Fr. Robert Carlton	Fr. Robert Carlton	Fr. Robert Fedek
Lectors	R. Altman & S. Serb	J. Semmler	J. Lim & R. Lohman
Cantors	Vocal Trio	Vocal Quintet &Violin	Vocal Quintet & Guitar & Bass
Extraordinary Ministers	S. Witz	C. Mulligan	R. Siciliano
Altar Servers	TBA	ТВА	ТВА

Lectors: Upcoming Lector Training Session – 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

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Deacon Ronald & Connie Gronek

Deacon Michael Bednarz

Vincent Kennedy, Director of Operations

Scott Will, Director of Worship

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Our School Staff:

Sue Canzoneri, Principal

Tina Fitzgerald, Assistant Principal

Julie Szwedo, Religious Education Coordinator

Lisa Kessler, School Accountant

Mary Haley, School Secretary

What's Happening @ IC...

Monday, November 1st -

10:15 A.M.-Noon - Monday Morning Bible Study; RA

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

7:00-8:00 P.M. – All Saints' Day Mass; CH

Tuesday, November 2nd -

7:00-8:00 P.M. – All Souls' Day Mass; CH

7:30-9:00 P.M. - St. Joseph Table Planning Mtg.; Café

Wednesday, November 3rd-

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 P.M. – Confirmation Candidate & Sponsor Mtg.; Zoom

Thursday, November 4th -

7:00-8:00 P.M. – Pro-Life Committee Mtg.; Cafe

8:00-9:30 P.M. - Holy Name Men's Club Mtg.; BA

Friday, November 5th -

5:30 P.M. – First Friday Mass; CH

6:00-7:00 P.M. - First Friday Nocturnal Eucharistic Adoration; CH

8:15 P.M. - Men's Basketball; PC

Saturday, November 6th -

8:00 A.M.-4:00 P.M. - Fall Alpha Weekend Retreat; RA

Sunday, November 7th -

9:30-10:15 A.M. – Confessions; CH

2:00 P.M. – Confirmation (8th Grade) with Bishop Bartosic; CH



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Your Gifts to God and Parish...

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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.)