

Welcome to  
*Immaculate Conception Parish*

*A Catholic Community Inviting People to Follow Christ*

*October 4, 2020 - Twenty-Seventh Sunday In Ordinary Time*



*"Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God. Then the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus." - Philippians 4:6-7*

*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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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.

**October 6th & 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](http://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*

*Parish Office Renovation...*

Dear IC Parishioners,

Fr. Matt has mentioned frequently, both online and during his in-person Mass announcements, that our Parish Staff is working diligently behind the scenes to make improvements to our campus. On that note, I am pleased to report presently that we have finished asbestos encapsulation and recarpeting in our Parish Office. First and foremost, many thanks to our current and past donors for your contributions to our Sound & Video System/Carpeting Fundraiser. We truly could not have accomplished this without your support! Your generosity inspires us to work even harder on behalf of our parish community. Our next steps will include repainting our Parish Office, resurfacing our front office counter, a new light fixture for our main office and possibly some updated office furniture as well. As you can tell by the accompanying photographs, the carpeting in our Parish Office now mirrors that of our Church. A new black Cove Base has also been installed along the floorboards throughout our Rectory Assembly, Kitchen and Main Office.



*Scott (with his beloved dog, Mac) on our old forest green carpeting in our Parish Office*

Again, we could not have accomplished these upgrades without your support. Thank you for your continued generosity to our parish!

Yours in Christ,  
Scott



*Out with the old...*



*In with the new...*



*Our Parish Office during the skim coating process...*



## Immaculate Conception Parish



*Our newly recarpeted  
Parish Office...*

### Peter's Pence Collection... October 4, 2020

Today is the Peter's Pence Collection, a worldwide collection that supports the activities of the Holy See through which Pope Francis governs the Church and exercises his charitable works. When used for charitable outreach, funds from this collection help those most in need. Please take this opportunity to join with Pope Francis and be a sign of mercy. Please be generous today. For more information, please visit: <http://www.peterspence.va/en.html>.

Peter's Pence Collection  
*Be a Witness of*  
**Charity**







## The IC D.G.R. Court Dedication



On Thursday, September 24th, Fr. Matt blessed our new basketball court. The court was built by the Reichle Family with donations received in memory of Mr. Reichle, who passed away. After the blessing, Mrs. Reichle cut the ceremonial ribbon and then her children practiced shooting baskets.



*The Reichle Family*



## Immaculate Conception Parish

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



*For those who are sick:*

Tom Altman  
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  
Nancy Kinzie  
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.*

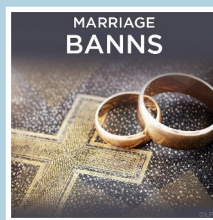
*For our faithful departed:*

Marion Pine



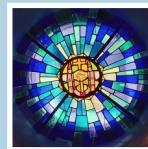
*"Eternal rest grant unto them,  
O Lord, and let perpetual light  
shine upon them."*

*For those preparing to be joined together in  
Holy Matrimony:*



Amanda Lauren Mroz  
and Brian Patrick Slater

*"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

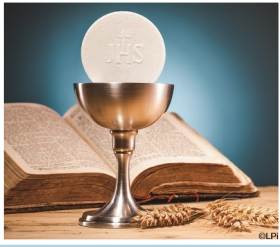
**U.S. Navy** - CMDR Michael Brasseur, Lt. Christopher Jenkins, PO Thomas T. Tudisco

**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](http://vets.archchicago.org) that provides information that can be of assistance.





***Mass Intentions:  
Sunday, October 4th through  
Sunday, October 11th***

**Sunday, October 4th - Twenty-Seventh Sunday In Ordinary Time**

**5:00 P.M. (Saturday) -** †Robert D. Kale; Nancy Kinzie (Living); and Jan Merino (Living)

**8:30 A.M. —** †Helen Johnson; †Francis & Moira Cross; †Robert H. Kech; †John & Lillian Bielski; †Stanislaw Swiderski; †William & Nora Byrne; and †Eileen Staunton

**10:30 A.M. —** †Mae I. Nelson; †Joseph J. Lykowski; †John Treslley; †Frank & Margherita Martino; †Pietro Biancorosso; †Serafina Nocito; †Bridget Rose Galassini; †Brian Murray (on his 2nd Anniversary); and Fr. James Altman (Living)

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

**Monday, October 5th - Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos, Priest**

**8:30 A.M. —** †Mary Cassara (on her 3rd Anniversary)

**Tuesday, October 6th - Saint Bruno, Priest; Blessed Marie Rose Durocher, Virgin**

**8:30 A.M. —** †Richard Zahn; Richard Kula (Living); and Martin & Rosana Hegarty (on their 30th Wedding Anniversary) (In Thanksgiving) (Living)

**Wednesday, October 7th - Our Lady of the Rosary**

**8:30 A.M. —** †Theresa & Charlotte Hoenig

**Thursday, October 8th - Weekday**

**8:30 A.M. —** †Deceased Members of the Daylo & Hegarty Families; and Martin J. Hegarty (Birthday — In Thanksgiving) (Living)

**Friday, October 9th - Saint Denis, Bishop, and Companions, Martyrs; Saint John Leonardi, Priest**

**5:30 P.M. —** †Dennis Burke; and †Nick & Josephine Faklaris

**Saturday, October 10th - Weekday**

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

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

**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 Gronek (Living)

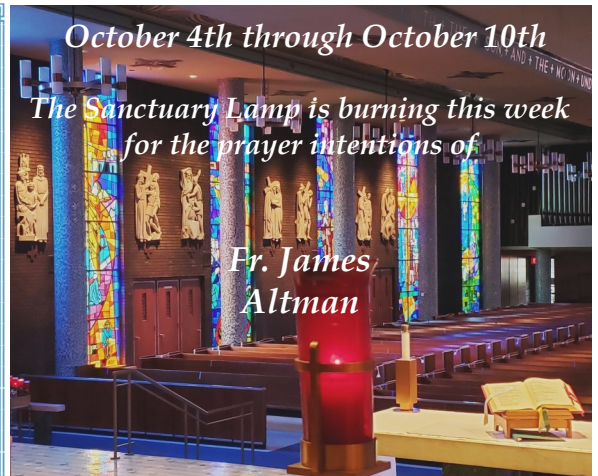
**6:00 P.M. —** The People of the Parish



**October 4th through October 10th**

**The Sanctuary Lamp is burning this week  
for the prayer intentions of**

**Fr. James  
Altman**



**October 4th through October 9th**

**The Blessed Mother Votive is burning this  
week for the prayer intentions of**

**Phil  
Chiaromonte**



**October 4th through October 9th**

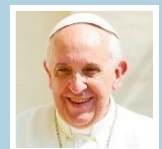
**The St. Joseph Votive is burning  
this week for the prayer intentions of**

**Melissa  
Bednarz**



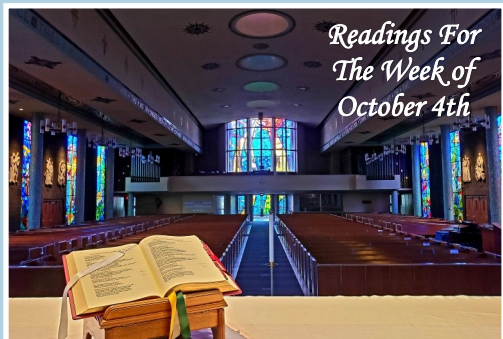
***Pope Tweet of the Week...***

*"Almighty God, present in the  
entire universe and in the  
smallest of Your creatures, fill  
us with the strength of Your  
love so that we might take care  
of life and beauty."*





## Immaculate Conception Parish



### Readings For The Week of October 4th

**Sunday:** Is 5:1-7/Ps 80:9, 12, 13-14, 15-16, 19-20 [Is 5:7a]/Phil 4:6-9/Mt 21:33-43

**Monday:** Gal 1:6-12/Ps 111:1b-2, 7-8, 9 and 10c [5]/Lk 10:25-37

**Tuesday:** Gal 1:13-24/Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 14c-15 [24b]/Lk 10:38-42

**Wednesday:** Gal 2:1-2, 7-14/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Lk 11:1-4

**Thursday:** Gal 3:1-5/Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75 [68]/Lk 11:5-13

**Friday:** Gal 3:7-14/Ps 111:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6 [5]/Lk 11:15-26

**Saturday:** Gal 3:22-29/Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [8a]/Lk 11:27-28

**Next 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



*Emilia Stella Kosinski*

*Child of Jonathan Alexander and Maggie (Bochnak) Kosinski*



*Brian Arthur Olsen*

*Child of Arne Robert and Brigid Rose (Leyhane) Olsen*



*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](http://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***



Do you ever wonder why things never seem to come together? We see glimpses of consistency, equity, justice, peace, harmony, and wellbeing, but it always falls short. Human life is still expendable and manipulated, people are used for personal advancement, countries are at war, the economy continues to face turbulence, anger and frustration are widespread, and happiness is the possession of just a few and not the many. Could it be that we are serving the wrong kingdom? We keep trying to make our kingdom work and find ourselves still scratching our heads after repeatedly failed attempts to do so. It is almost as if people are saying, "we'll get it right this time if we do ...," as if some new and secret innovation has yet to be

tried.

We serve God's kingdom. We may not like hearing that, but it is true. God did not make only a few of us. God made all of humanity and all of humanity is called into service. How often do we defer any of our decision making to God? Secular leaders enjoy winking at the Sacred Scriptures and using them when they advance a cause, but are they really listened to? Even those who consider themselves believers tend to sift through God's Word, taking what seems to fit and apply and discarding the rest. After all, if we were really serving God's kingdom, we would see an abundance of fruit testifying to this fact. But what's growing on the vine is anything other than good Gospel-centered fruit.

Nothing in this world or the next belongs to us. We have such a hard time believing this and live our lives as if everything belongs to us. And, the fruit does not lie. Trees that are neglected and not properly fertilized reveal that fact. They cannot keep these deep secrets from being discovered. If God's kingdom was really being served, then life would have looked much differently after the crucifixion. By now, there would be plenty of fantastic fruit to harvest in abundance: faith, hope, love, prudence, temperance, justice, and fortitude. Do we see these in abundance around us? Why not?

Still we grapple with ownership, privilege, status, and the protection of our rights. It's all about us and what we want, think we need, and expect to acquire. When did this change of focus occur? We may be struggling with this since humanity's day in the garden and have never understood that the focus cannot be on us and the apple but on God and God's justice. Maybe the only answer is that the Kingdom be taken from us and given to someone who is willing to do a better job. Is that the fate we really want?

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***Everyday Stewardship – Recognize God in your Ordinary Moments***

**Gifts Given to Share...**

My oldest two children took piano lessons when they were younger. In fact, it was because my oldest wanted to learn to play so badly that we purchased a piano. He would use it for practice during his few years of lessons, and then my daughter took up the instrument. After a few years of lessons for each, restlessness set in and a type of indifference took over. The lessons and the practicing came to an end.

My youngest had not expressed much interest in piano when he was younger. Then when he was a teenager, he asked for lessons. He began to play and now he plays even for fun and to relax. When his siblings try to play, they are stuck with the truth that those days are gone and since they gave it up years ago, they can no longer really play. In many ways, they were given a gift, but since they did not use and cultivate it, they lost it.

God gives us gifts every day and we too often act like those gifts will simply always be there. The truth is, unlike God Himself, many of those gifts are not eternal. If we fail to acknowledge them and put them to use, we risk losing them in the end. What a shame. What gifts might be slowly slipping away from each of us due to our lack of interest and indifference? They might not be there if and when we change our minds.

– 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](mailto: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



## Events...

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

**Tuesday, October 6th -**  
**6:00-7:00 P.M. — Confessions; CH**

For more information on upcoming events, or to register for our Masses or Confessions, please visit our parish website at [www.icparish.net](http://www.icparish.net).



Our annual **Blessing of Pets** will take place this **Saturday, October 3rd at Noon** on our Parish Greenspace. All are welcome to join us with your beloved pet(s) to receive this special blessing from Fr. Robert Carlton in honor of St. Francis of Assisi's love for all creatures! Please remember to wear your masks and practice safe social-distancing throughout the blessing.

### 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](http://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](mailto:icparishbulletin@gmail.com).

### Follow us on Twitch Tv...

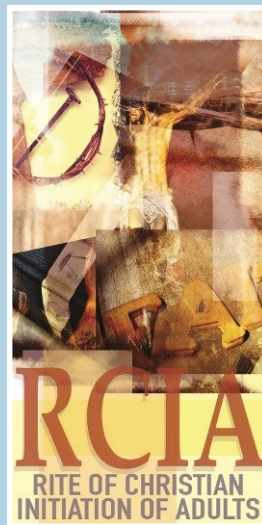
[www.twitch.tv/icchicago](http://www.twitch.tv/icchicago)



### & YouTube...



<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCv5KKsLvpD9Q2yuAR8naK4A>



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](mailto:carmoric@comcast.net)**