# Welcome to Immaculate Conception Parish

A Catholic Community Inviting People to Follow Christ

October 6, 2024 - Twenty-Seventh Sunday In Ordinary Time



"For it was fitting that he, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the leader to their salvation perfect through suffering." - Hebrews 2:10

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#### Weekday Mass Schedule:

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

Wednesdays @ 8:30 A.M. (School Mass\*)

(\*Livestreamed)

(Special dates & times offered during Advent & Lent)

#### **Baptisms:**

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

### Church & Special Collections:

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Offertory envelopes can also be mailed in or dropped off at our Parish Office.

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### Testimonial Tuesday: Revealing The Holy Spirit @ Work In Our Community

We continue our new outreach program entitled "**Testimonial Tuesday**". Through our testimonies, we showcase how God loves us unconditionally and in the sharing of our story, inspire others to think about how God has met them via His Holy Spirit. Today's testimony has been given to us by Michael Tom:



Like most of us, I was born into a culture of Church. While I was not "*raised*" Catholic, I was everything that a good little boy should be. Mom dragged me to Church on a consistent basis and had a strong core of like-minded ladies who made

sure that my siblings and I were raised in a manner consistent with their belief. When I was 4 years of age, I sheepishly asked the Lord to be my Savior, not really understanding what I was asking, but asking just the same because that is what was expected of me. And woe to me if I did not do so. The "*fear*" of the Lord as a little boy has a far different meaning on what the "*Fear of the Lord*" means in Biblical context.

In 1990, I was on pace to receive the rewards promised. New job, new apartment, new friends. Everything was on the upswing. In May of 1990, a tsunami of personal events transpired starting with a loss of a parent, then loss of a job, loss of a friend, etc. At the time, the mounting losses drew life out of me. Hope vanished due to the overwhelming sense of grief, and not just through the loss of tangible things, but of the expectations associated with being a "good" boy. Doubt rapidly crept in as my expectations faded and I began to question God. Where was He? Why am I experiencing this? Where is my reward? Why was everything taken away from me?

As I struggled to get my feet back underneath me, I returned to where my relationship with God had started. The only thing that made sense at the time was my commitment which I had made as a little boy, and I wanted to know why I was now getting a raw deal. The pastor of my youth had long since retired, but I was hoping to find someone that I could talk with. Anyone who could help me get my life back. There was a gaping hole that needed to be filled, and fast. The Holy Spirit intervened here because the secretary at Church directed me to a therapist at the *Northwestern Rehab Institute*. Thus began my 3-year journey of rebuilding myself, one layer at a time. Expectation upon expectation, assessed and analyzed. Worthy of keeping? Keep. Piece of trash? Toss. Layer upon layer it continued, as the Holy Spirit continued to delve deeper.

In 1991, my sister told me about a Bible Study Class (BSF) that she had found. Unbeknownst to me, the death of our mother had impacted her as well. The loss of our mother had shaken her faith, and she was looking for answers just as I was. (Side note: if you are ever interested in a deep dive into the Word of God, visit *bsfinternational.org*). My sister invited me to join her in this Bible study as it was far greater than anything that she had experienced before. Shortly thereafter, while working on my BSF study guide, the Holy Spirit visited me while I was on the CTA. I do not remember my reaction, but I do remember our conversation. He asked me about our relationship. In His eyes, I was a fence-sitter, a 'take God from the shelf when I needed Him' kind of guy. As long as things were going my way, our relationship was good - but when they were not going well, that is another story. Most of all, I remember the Lord telling me that, if this is all that I was willing to give, then that was okay. But, if I wanted to give Him everything, then the places that we would go would have no bounds. I immediately realized that my hopes and desires of being an architect were mine, not His. I was still clinging on to my ideas, my expectations, my hopes – it was still all about me, me, me. This surprised me, because I had worked incredibly hard to get to where I was professionally – so much so that the idea of abandoning my hopes, my expectations, my identity (as an architect) felt catastrophic. Hadn't I lost enough already? But the more I thought about it, the more I realized that I was not fully committed to our relationship if I was holding on to MY dreams. I wept. Not because of what I was losing, but because of what I was doing. To truly understand and appreciate the relationship that I was in, I realized that I had to stop holding back from God. I had to give my hopes and dreams to Him. That was why I was there – in my 'desert experience', The Truth was revealed. With some hesitation, and a bit of trepidation, I recommitted my life to Christ that day. I told Him that if He wanted my job, it was His. I was ready to go to where *He* would want me. He had me, lock, stock, and barrel. His response floored me: "Stay right where you are."

Flash forward 30+ years. A beautiful wife and four kids later, I can now see that it has been a most amazing adventure. In retrospect, I give thanks for these events and the gifts I received because I now understand why they happened when they did. And best of all, the adventure continues...and you are a part of it. - *Michael* 

If you have a testimony that you would like to share, please submit it via e-mail at Evangelization@icchicago.org.

### This Weekend: The Baby Bottle Project Begins

Each October, the Church in the United States celebrates *Respect Life Month.* As Catholics, we are called to cherish, defend, and protect those who are most vulnerable, from the beginning of life to its end, and at every point in between. During October, we are asked to reflect more deeply on the dignity of every human life. (See <u>www.respectlife.org/celebrate</u> for more information.)

As is our parish tradition, IC will mark Respect Life Month by participating in The Baby Bottle Project to benefit the life-saving mission of The Women's Centers of Greater Chicagoland (www.goTWC.org.) This weekend - October 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> - the Pro Life Committee will distribute baby bottles at all Masses to bring home and collect spare change to help fund the work of supporting life. More details will be forthcoming during October.



Join us for coffee, pastries & conversation in our Rectory Assembly after our 8:30 A.M. & 10:30 A.M. Sunday Masses

> Special Guest Host: IC Hospitality Team www.icchicago.org

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Next Weekend: Homecoming Mass, Pep Rally, I Homecoming Game

HOCO MASS AT 5 :00PM PEP RALLY TO FOLLOW PARISH CENTER \$10 for Food & Beverages \$10 for Food & Deverages \$10 for Food & Deverages



Did you ever wonder if God's word has meaning for our daily life? Do you sometimes wonder if the Gospel Readings are still relevant for today's society? If so, you are not alone!

Join us in prayer as we host Lectio Divina on Tuesday, Oct. 8th @ 7:00 P.M. in our Rectory Assembly.

All are welcome!

**Immaculate Conception Parish** 

Tuesday,

Oct. 8th

7:00 P.M.



### Third Grade Engineers

Our Third Grade students in *Mrs. Fritz's* classroom were hard at work this week learning about and building *Rube Goldberg Machines*! After learning how to test and improve solutions during their Science lesson, students were then tasked with the challenge of getting a marble to land in a cup. In order to do this, students had to first make a plan with their group by brainstorming ideas, followed by making a list of materials they could use and creating a sketch of what it might look like.

Our students got creative using recycled materials and items around the classroom to get their marble from the starting point into the cup. It was great to see so much creativity and excitement in our classroom! Our students learned the process of starting with an idea, testing it and modifying the build to achieve success. Using teamwork, all of the Third Grade children in Room 16 worked hard and learned while having fun with their classmates!













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

### For those who are sick:



Nick Abbamonte Mina Acevedo Tom Altman Paul Amandes Amelia Aquino Arnold B. Diane Ballog Robert Behrman Sonia M. B. Roberta Berger Michael Berry Grace Cabiao Mary Cali Juanita Camacho Donna Chaplin Truman Collins James Covello Ronnie Cunningham Joe Day Paige Dicks Eric Dulce Lilia Dulce Alicia Enriauez *Elizabeth Felix* Patrick Fisher Richard Flanagan Brooke Foreman Nicholas Frank

Sai Garcia Lila Gehner Joan Geiger Carol Grams Gloria Hernandez Ofelia Hernandez Katie Huber Judy Hull Mary Ann Hurtig Kevin Jaburek Vivian Jester Wayne Kinzie, Sr. Donna Kirk Craig Kloss Ronald Kogol Lillian Kohut Katherine Kreuser Zachary Lacey Dawn LaVeau Dave Liebhart Eileen Liebhart Florencia Silva Lucas Sean Lucas Joseph Madary Nathan Maisel Aida Makrinski Christina Mally Giorgio Marconi

Traci Marconi **Benny Martinez** Edwin Martinez Frank Martinez Elsa Mazzoni Jeff McBride Mary McGrath Nikki Mendoza Pat Miaso Gerry Michalek, Jr. Ledoina Monacelli Marta Morales Deacon Rick Moritz Veronica Murillo Mike Murphy Timothy Murray Brendan Nelson Barb Neustadt Phillip Nuccio John O'Brien Jackie O'Koniewski David Olson Camille Pavlis Elaine Pellegrinetti Ashton Peterson Leo Pfest Paul Posch Mary Potwora

**Baby Fiona Prades** Stella Ranieri Joe Rispoli Pia Rizza Sherry Rock David Rodriguez Cindy Rupp Milagros C. San Juan Carole Skorey Katherine Skorupa Edward Stanczyk Daniel Stanton Jack Stewart *Julie Szwedo* Alma T. Donna Tisdale Beckie Tomala Steven P. Trifilio Mary Ellen Vanderman Miss Westhoff Jialun Xu Rita Zambon Iustin Zamirowski Jerry Zschach Nancy Zschach

\*Newly Added

For our faithful departed:

Stefania Szczepaniak Robert Tiberi, Sr. (Father of Robert Tiberi, Jr.)



"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; SSgt. Bryan H. O'Koniewski U.S. Marines - PFC Sebastian L. Rivera, Jr., PFC Christopher Hughes, PFC Algene D. Porticos, LCpl Daniel Wieczorek, LCpl Luis A. Corea, LCPL 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 6<sup>th</sup> through Sunday, October 13<sup>th</sup>

### Sunday, October 6<sup>th</sup> – Twenty-Seventh Sunday In Ordinary Time World Communion Sunday; Respect Life Sunday

5:00 P.M. (Saturday) — <sup>†</sup>Joanie Fabiano (on her 2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary); <sup>†</sup>Robert Kale; and For Life From Conception to Natural Death 8:30 A.M. – <sup>†</sup>Josefa Fernandez; <sup>†</sup>The Deceased Members of The Cappelletti Family; <sup>†</sup>Bishop Kevin Birmingham; and Richard Kula (Living)

**10:30** A.M. – <sup>†</sup>The Deceased Members of The Furgat Family; <sup>†</sup>Frank & Margherita Martino; <sup>†</sup>Tommy Fuller; <sup>†</sup>Robert Henry Kech; <sup>†</sup>Maria Plawiak; <sup>†</sup>Judy Houston; <sup>†</sup>Diane Schmitt; <sup>†</sup>Ildefonso Rodriguez; <sup>†</sup>Romeo Empleo; <sup>†</sup>Francis & Moira Cross; Marty & Rose Hegarty (on their 34<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary) (Living); Thomas Tuggle (Living); and The People of the Parish

### Monday, October 7th - Our Lady of the Rosary

**8:30** A.M. – <sup>†</sup>Brendan, Sr. & Marie Hagarty (Wedding Anniversary Remembrance); <sup>†</sup>Edward G. Pekowski; <sup>†</sup>Gregory Schladt; and The Living Members of The Machala & Moskal Families

### Tuesday, October 8th - Weekday

**8:30** A.M. – <sup>†</sup>Dolores Firlotte (on her 3<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary); and Marty Hegarty (on his Birthday) (Living)

Wednesday, October 9<sup>th</sup> – Saint Denis, Bishop, and Companions, Martyrs; Saint John Leonardi, Priest 8:30 A.M. – Thomas Brejcha (Living)

#### Thursday, October 10<sup>th</sup> – Weekday

**8:30** A.M. – <sup>†</sup>Elizabeth Serafin; <sup>†</sup>Barbara Hoffmann (Birthday Remembrance); <sup>†</sup>Brian Robert Ruehl; <sup>†</sup>Godofredo Vitug (Birthday Remembrance); and The Living Members of The Machala & Moskal Families

Friday, October 11th - Saint John XXIII, Pope

Saturday, October 12<sup>th</sup> - *Weekday* 5:00 P.M.— <sup>†</sup>Hugh Masterson; <sup>†</sup>Brian Masterson; <sup>†</sup>Noreen Nolan; <sup>†</sup>Nora Ylagan; and <sup>†</sup>Salome Posadas

Sunday, October 13<sup>th</sup> – *Twenty-Eighth Sunday In Ordinary Time* 8:30 A.M.– <sup>†</sup>Robert & JoAnn Barder; <sup>†</sup>Deacon Michael Klatt; and <sup>†</sup>All Poor Souls In Purgatory

**10:30** A.M.— <sup>†</sup>Joseph Imburgia; <sup>†</sup>Robert Edwards; <sup>†</sup>Carole A. Dunne; <sup>†</sup>Jack Stewart; <sup>†</sup>Amalia Herrera; <sup>†</sup>Manuel Herrera; <sup>†</sup>Francis & Moira Cross; For Unborn Babies; and The People of the Parish





October 6<sup>th</sup> through October 11<sup>th</sup>

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



October 6<sup>th</sup> through October 11<sup>th</sup>

Our St. Joseph Votive is burning this week for the prayer intention of

Our Mass is a beautiful celebration of Christ's love for us, so what better way to honor cherished friends & family members than to

have a Mass offered in their name.



To request a Mass Intention for a living or deceased loved one, please contact our Parish Office @ 773.775.3833. Suggested Donation: \$10.00 (Mass Card included.)

Requested By: Mary Herward



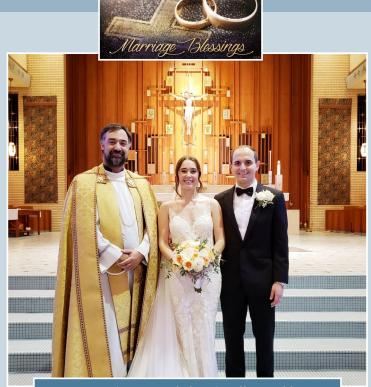


Please join us as we will be making sandwiches to donate to *The Port Ministries of Chicago* on **Wednesday, October 16<sup>th</sup>** at **5:30 P.M.** in our Rectory Assembly. Please invite any others that might

be interested. Students in need of service hours can earn one hour by bringing donations and assembling sandwiches.

We request that you kindly bring donations of sliced lunch meat (ham, salami, or turkey) and sliced bread. We will also be accepting donations of Ziploc sandwich bags, cases of water, fruit cups, granola bars, and small individual bags of chips. If you cannot attend and would like to drop off donations, you can do so that evening or call/text *Nancy Soprych* at 773.805.3254 to make the necessary arrangements.

Thank you so much!



Mr. & Mrs. Nicholas & Colleen Sakkos



IC Class of 74' 50th Reunion Celebration

Saturday, October 19<sup>th</sup> 3:00 P.M. – School Tour (Meet at the front doors facing Talcott)

4:00 to 11:00 P.M. – The Bringer Inn, 6230 Lincoln Avenue Morton Grove, IL. 60053

Any questions? Please contact *Jim Hagarty* at james\_d\_hagarty@yahoo.com



Richard L Annie Anton-Johnson and their children Reagan, Thomas L Jackson

Tawny Pyszką

Bernadette Vitug Dennis L Jane McCann Welcome to all visitors and guests! Interested in joining our IC family? Register @ icchicago.org

# IRELAND PILGRIMAGE



## August 25—September 3, 2025

You are invited to join Father Matt Heinrich on this customized and private journey that

will immerse you in the rich history and spirituality of Ireland. Highlights include panoramic tours of Dublin's iconic landmarks, the sacred Cliffs of Moher, the historic Galway City, and a journey to the Shrine of Our Lady of Knock, where the Blessed Mother appeared in 1879. Throughout your travels, Mass will be celebrated in significant locations, you will savor traditional meals and enjoy authentic Irish entertainment. Experience Ireland's deep Catholic roots and witness its breathtaking landscapes on this unforgettable pilgrimage. This journey begins and ends in Dublin, and then returns to the USA.

A personal note from Fr. Matt: The rich faith of the Irish people has influenced and served the Church the world over. I look forward to sharing this opportunity with you. Ireland is home to countless people in our neighborhood, but just as important is its legacy of faith. As I helped to organize this trip, my concern was both the beauty of faith and the beauty of the land itself. Combining both religious sites as well as natural sites, I hope to express the glory of God by visiting Ireland.



Have access to the whole brochure below:



Ireland Trip Information

#### **Pilgrimage includes:**

- Round-Trip Economy Class Airfare, Chicago to Dublin
- Group Airport Transfers in Ireland
- Luxury Motorcoach with Air Conditioning
- Driver/Guide throughout the Tour
- 8 Nights Standard Hotel Accommodation
- 8 Breakfasts & 8 Dinners
- 5 Masses scheduled
- Baggage Handling for one piece of Luggage; taxes & fees
- Sightseeing as indicated in the Itinerary
- Flight Bags, Ticket Wallets, Baggage Tags, & Identifying Strap
- Customized Travel Journal

Contact: Anne Wolf (Anne Vacations, LLC) AnneVacations@gmail.com 224.366.0881

Ministry Schedules: Saturday, October 12 <sup>th</sup> & Sunday, October 13 <sup>th</sup>			
	Saturday 5:00 P.M. IC Homecoming Mass	Sunday 8:30 A.M. Mass	Sunday 10:30 A.M. Mass
Presiders	Fr. Matthew Heinrich	Fr. Robert Fedek	Fr. Matthew Heinrich
Lectors	N. Schroeder	M. Niewinski	N. Kanoon
Cantors	E. Doyle	Vocal Quartet	Vocal Quartet
Extraordinary Ministers	K. Gillespie; S. Serb; S. Serb	B. Gonsalves; C. Mulligan; D. Sebastian; D. Zamirowski	J. Campbell; N. Kanoon; K. Sanchez; C. Willocks
Altar Servers	O. Accardo; L. Love; A. McMahon	P. Beckman; K. Catomer; E. Hyland	S. Borowski; E. Carroll; M. Carroll



### **Our Parish Staff:**

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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, October 7th -10:00 A.M.-Noon - Monday Morning Bible Study; RA 7:00-8:30 P.M. - Fall Alpha Session; RA 7:00-8:30 P.M. - Overtones Rehearsal; CH

Tuesday, October 8th -7:00-8:30 P.M. - Lectio Divina; RA

Wednesday, October 9th -8:30-9:30 A.M. - School Mass; CH 2:10-3:30 P.M. - Choristers Rehearsal; CH 3:00-6:00 P.M. – Online Parent/Teacher Conferences; Zoom 4:00-5:00 P.M. – Religious Education Program Class; SC 7:00-8:30 P.M. - Alpha Alumni Connect Group Session; RA 7:00-8:30 P.M. - Future City; Café

Thursday, October 10th - School: 11:30 A.M. Dismissal 12:30-5:30 P.M. – In-Person Parent/Teacher Conferences; SC 7:30-9:00 P.M. - IC Parents Club Mtg.; RA

#### Friday, October 11<sup>th</sup> – No School

Saturday, October 12<sup>th</sup>-8:30 A.M.-1:00 P.M. - IC Hospitality Team; RA 5:00 P.M. – IC Football Homecoming Game Mass; CH 6:00 P.M. – IC Homecoming Pep Rally; PC 6:00 P.M. - Tolton Teaching Parish Program Committee Mtg; PR

Sunday, October 13th -

1:00 P.M. - IC JV Football Homecoming Game Vs. SPC; @ ND College Prep 2:30 P.M. - IC Varsity Football Homecoming Game Vs. SPC; @ ND College Prep

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### **Upcoming Bulletin Deadlines:**

October 13th Bulletin submissions due: Friday, October 4th October 20th Bulletin submissions due: Friday, October 11th

Bulletin submissions are accepted via email at: parishbulletin@icchicago.org

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