

Welcome to  
*Immaculate Conception Parish*

*A Catholic Community Inviting People to Follow Christ*

*October 8, 2023 - Twenty-Seventh Sunday In Ordinary Time*

*The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel.*



*“O Lord of hosts, look down from heaven, and see;  
take care of this vine, and protect what your right hand has planted,  
the son of man whom you yourself made strong.” - Psalm 80:13-15*

*Love God • Serve Others • Make Disciples*

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Parish Office Hours:

Monday-Friday: 9:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.  
Saturday: 9:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.  
Sunday: Closed

Parish Website:

🌐: www.icchicago.org

School Website:

🌐: www.iccowboys.net

Social Media



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.

Twitch:

Membership-free platform where all are welcome to view our Masses and access content.

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



Mass and Sacrament Schedule

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)

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)

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](http://www.givecentral.org/location/349)

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

Scan the QR Code below:



Text-To-Give: Text “Sunday” to 773-915-0503



*The Current And Future Outlook Of Immaculate Conception...*

Blessings to everyone and my thanks for taking the time to read this.

I announced last week at our Masses that I would make a series of presentations during the month of October on stewardship and finances. As we continue to prepare materials for your consideration, please review what my mindset is behind this effort:

Parishes in the Archdiocese of Chicago for decades have excelled with Capital Campaigns. We can look at our Parish Center project nearly 20 years ago, *To Teach Who Christ Is* (Archdiocesan Campaign), our Sound System project, and most recently, *60 for 60*. In all of these efforts, we exceeded and accomplished our goals – for this, we are incredibly grateful.

On the other hand, it has been much more difficult in the Archdiocese to maintain regular giving, which lies at the heart of operational expenses, growth, and development. Many parishes struggle, and even strive for breaking even. As a non-profit entity, it is true that we do not exist to generate enormous profits. We do, however, live within our means which, as costs and inflation proceed, becomes smaller and smaller. Looking at our history, everyone at our parish *has* increased their donations over time and we have been able to match inflation, so I do not doubt that you are also conscious of this dynamic.

My hope in this month is to present our current financials (2022 Fiscal Year Report) on October 15<sup>th</sup>, and then to publish a list of goals (both near-term and long) the following weekend and propose the path that I think can get us there more quickly.

No Capital Campaign can provide the resources needed to bring on another priest, another staff member, or even address the need for ongoing formation of volunteers, staff, and priests. Only regular giving can assist these needs. Similarly, thanks to your continued generosity, I estimate that in the past 7 years, we have accomplished nearly 2+ million dollars of improvements and deferred maintenance to our school and church. We have done this by taking advantage of timely opportunities and with confidence in your generosity. As we catch up on certain things, sometimes left unattended for over 25 years, the costs of keeping our campus healthy will go down too.

Here is one example of my decision-making process: although not exclusively tied to money – as finding the right person is important too – one of the considerations for my not choosing to have an associate pastor is that it would have our parish operate at a deficit that would affect our savings. In doing so, we would greatly limit the future ability of our parish to grow. I made this decision in consultation with the bishop and leaders of our parish, and decided that I was confident in the support of my staff and volunteers to allow us to function as we needed to at the time.

This is not only about *'having more,'* but also about spending effectively and prudently. As we illuminate our path going forward, it will provide you with the ability to see what we have done, what we are doing, and what we hope to do. However you choose to support us, know that all of us at IC are extremely grateful for your trust and confidence thus far.

God bless - Fr. Matt

*From The Desk Of Our Director Of Worship...**A Note Of Welcome...*

As many of you have heard over the past two weekends, two new singers have joined our Sunday morning vocal ensemble. In addition to *Ben* and *Elizabeth*, *Rosemary Joyce* and *Joseph Mandry* have decided to make their musical home with us for the foreseeable future.

*Rosemary* recently completed her Master's in Vocal Performance at Louisiana State University. *Joseph* completed his Master's in Vocal Performance at Indiana University - Jacobs School of Music.



*Joseph & Rosemary*

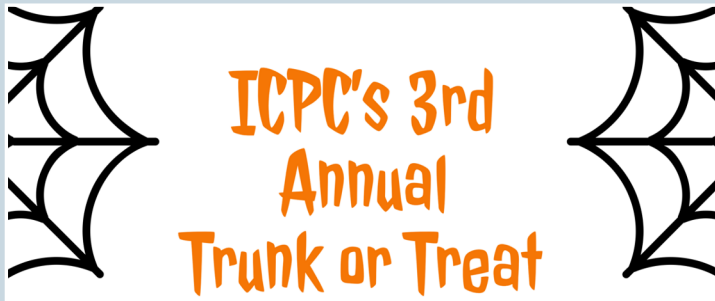


We are thrilled to have such talent here at IC leading our worship through song. Please feel free to stop by after Mass to say hello and welcome them to our IC Music Ministry family. - Scott



IC Parents Club 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Trunk Or Treat: October 13<sup>th</sup>

Family Mass: Celebrating Our Confirmation Candidates



# ICPC's 3rd Annual Trunk or Treat

**FRIDAY THE THIRTEENTH**

**Friday, October 13th**

**6pm to 8pm**

**IC West Parking Lot**

**\$3.00 per person**

- Trick or Treat Bags provided to each child
- No dogs allowed
- Pizza and concessions available for purchase

**CASH ONLY**

If you would like to decorate your car and hand out treats, contact Lauren Nerad via Fast Direct no later than 10/6. Limited spots available. Must arrive in the lot on 10/13 AFTER 3:30pm and NO LATER than 5:00pm to set up your car. You cannot leave until after 8pm.

## Thank you Sponsors



Please join us at our 10:30 A.M. Family Mass next Sunday, October 15<sup>th</sup> (with Fr. Robert presiding) as we



celebrate our Confirmation Candidates. A hospitality reception will follow the conclusion of our Mass in the Vestibule of our Church. All are welcome!

Upcoming Family Mass Schedule:

**November 19<sup>th</sup> - TBD**

**December 17<sup>th</sup> - IC Teen Club/Youth Ministry**



Please join us as we will be making sandwiches to donate to The Port Ministries of Chicago on Tuesday, October 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 P.M. in our Rectory Assembly.



Please invite any others that might be interested. We request that you kindly bring donations of lunch meat (ham, salami, or turkey) and sliced bread. We will also be accepting donations of cases of water, fruit cups, 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!

## 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 14<sup>th</sup>: 11:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M.**

**Sunday, October 15<sup>th</sup>: 8:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M.**

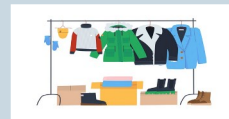
The truck will be parked on Summit Avenue.

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 19<sup>th</sup>**.

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 15<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>,  
18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>**

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 19<sup>th</sup>**.

If you would like to volunteer, please visit the Sign-Up Genius link provided below:

[tinyurl.com/2023CoatGiveawayVolunteers](https://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.



*Snapshots From Our Inaugural IC Teen Club Gathering - September 22<sup>nd</sup>*

Immaculate Conception Parish is excited to announce our **IC Teen Club**, which met for the first time on Friday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>. Attendance is open to all current 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade students, as well as all high school levels. Our Teen Club exists to bring our children closer to the teachings of Jesus by encouraging faith, love, community, and service. We will meet regularly once per month\* (primarily on Friday evenings) in the Rectory Assembly of Immaculate Conception, with additional meetings scheduled throughout the year for both on & off-site service-based projects. At each meeting, we will play games, enjoy a meal together, and engage our minds and hearts in a listening/sharing session.

\*Upcoming Regular Meeting Dates: 10/27, 11/17, 12/17, 1/26, 2/23, 3/22, 4/26

For more information, please contact: **Stephanie Argamaso @ [ICTeenClub@gmail.com](mailto:ICTeenClub@gmail.com)**

To register, please visit the link provided: [forms.gle/cg9fMcZjVRBm1GNR6](https://forms.gle/cg9fMcZjVRBm1GNR6)

*(Please note: registrations are due by Monday, October 16<sup>th</sup>)*





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

*For those who are sick;*



Tom Altman  
Paul Amandes  
Amelia Aquino  
Arnold B.  
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  
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  
Florenca Silva Lucas  
Sean Lucas  
Nathan Maisel  
Benny Martinez  
Edwin Martinez  
Frank Martinez  
Elsa Mazzone  
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  
Mary Potwora  
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. Triflilio  
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:*

Ronald Marcella (Brother of Judy Nosko)  
Carol Ann Lampres  
Bishop Kevin M. Birmingham



Stacey Lyn Buss and  
Brendan Joseph Houston  
Bridget Mary Haley and  
Kevin Alexander Powell

Colleen Margaret Monforti and  
John Paul Martin



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

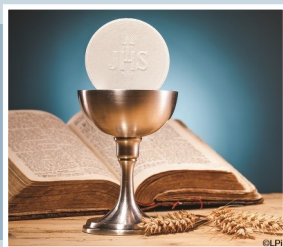
"And the two shall become one..." - Ephesians 5:31

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



*Mass Intentions:  
Sunday, October 8<sup>th</sup>  
through  
Sunday, October 15<sup>th</sup>*

**Sunday, October 8<sup>th</sup> - Twenty-Seventh Sunday In Ordinary Time**

**5:00 P.M. (Saturday)** - †Stanislaw Swiderski; †Brendan & Marie Hagarty (Wedding Anniversary Remembrance); †Mary Abraham; and Mr. & Mrs. Marty & Rose Hegarty (on their Wedding Anniversary) (Living)

**8:30 A.M.** - †Daniel Fernandez

**10:30 A.M.** - †Francis & Moira Cross; †Angeline Plantago; †Ronald Marcella; Marty Hegarty (on his Birthday) (Living); and The People of the Parish

**Monday, October 9<sup>th</sup> - Saint Denis, Bishop, and Companions, Martyrs; Saint John Leonardi, Priest (Columbus Day)**

**8:30 A.M.** - †Dolores Scott (on her 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary); †All Holy Souls In Purgatory; Anastacio Ladao, Jr. (Living); and Jakob Bednarz (on his Birthday) (Living)

**Tuesday, October 10<sup>th</sup> - Weekday**

**8:30 A.M.** - †Barbara Hoffmann (Birthday Remembrance); and †Elizabeth Serafin

**Wednesday, October 11<sup>th</sup> - Saint John XXIII, Pope**

**8:30 A.M.** - †Leoncio Labutap Sabarillo; and †Joseph Lendino

**Thursday, October 12<sup>th</sup> - Weekday**

**8:30 A.M.** - †Sam Zell

**Friday, October 13<sup>th</sup> - Weekday**

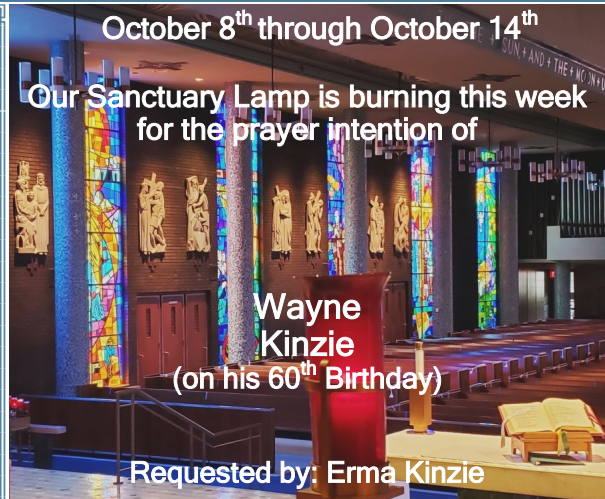
**Saturday, October 14<sup>th</sup> - Saint Callistus I, Pope and Martyr**

**5:00 P.M.** - †Stanislaw Swiderski; †Edwardo Capito, Sr. (Birthday Remembrance); †Nellie Perkins; †Maureen Schwarz; †Melissa Bednarz (Birthday Remembrance) & Deacon Mike Bednarz (Living) (on his Birthday) (Wedding Anniversary Remembrance); and Wayne Kinzie (on his 60<sup>th</sup> Birthday) (Living)

**Sunday, October 15<sup>th</sup> - Twenty-Eighth Sunday In Ordinary Time**

**8:30 A.M.** - †Dolores McDonald; †Poor Souls In Purgatory; and †Steve Bezenyei

**10:30 A.M.** - †Deceased Members of The Furgat Family; †Krystyna Sadowska (Birthday Remembrance); †Marie Frances Hagarty; †George Beatovic; †Teresa D. Herrera (Birthday Remembrance); †RoseAnne Ahern; †Mary Kay Garrity; †Lori Henmueller; †Francis & Moira Cross; †Mary Byrne & Nelius Byrne; and The People of the Parish



October 8<sup>th</sup> through October 14<sup>th</sup>

Our Sanctuary Lamp is burning this week for the prayer intention of

**Wayne Kinzie**  
(on his 60<sup>th</sup> Birthday)

Requested by: Erma Kinzie



October 8<sup>th</sup> through October 13<sup>th</sup>

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

**Margaret Kroll**

Requested by: The Kroll Family



October 8<sup>th</sup> through October 13<sup>th</sup>

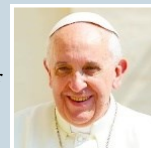
Our St. Joseph Votive is burning this week for the prayer intention of

**Brooke Foreman**  
(Daughter of Jennifer (Zyks) & Jeremy Foreman)

Requested by: Ray & Jan Ehrlich

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

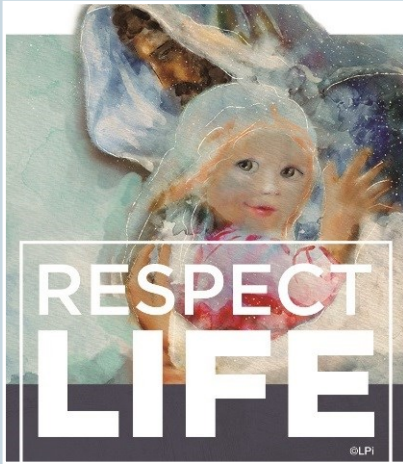
*"Today begins the month of October, the month of the Rosary and of the missions. I encourage everyone to experience the beauty of praying the Rosary, contemplating the mysteries of Christ with Mary and invoking her intercession for the needs of the Church and of the world."*





Respect Life Month

ICHNS 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Daddy Daughter Dance: October 21<sup>st</sup>

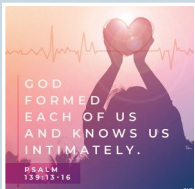


During October, the Church asks us to consider more deeply why every human life is valuable and reflect on how to build a culture that protects life from conception to natural death.

St. Teresa of Calcutta viewed abortion as *"a poverty."* *"Any country that accepts abortion is not teaching its people to love, but to use any violence to get what they want. That is why the greatest destroyer of love and peace is abortion."*

The Women's Centers of Chicago has put this pro-life message in action for over 37 years and has saved more than 41,000 babies and their families. Please support their important mission by participating in **The Baby Bottle Project** – filling a bottle with spare change. Bottles are available in our Parish Office and should be returned to our Church by **Sunday, October 15<sup>th</sup>**.

An online **Respect Life Novena** October 13<sup>th</sup> through October 21<sup>st</sup> offers prayers and reflections delivered to your email! Please visit [respectlife.org](http://respectlife.org) for information on the novena.



ELEVENTH ANNUAL  
**DANCIN' WITH MY DADDY**  
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2023



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

Tear Here

RSVP

NAME (DAD): \_\_\_\_\_  
DAUGHTER(S): \_\_\_\_\_  
AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \_\_\_\_\_



Spare change saves lives...  
Your generous support is appreciated!

The  
**Baby Bottle Project**

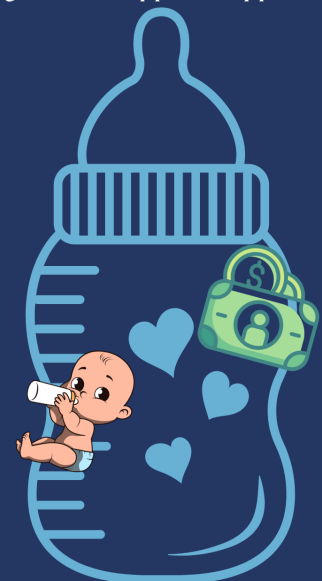


Annual Fundraiser Benefiting  
The Women's Centers of Greater Chicagoland

Empty Baby Bottles Distributed @ IC:  
Sept. 30th & Oct. 1st  
(Available In Church Vestibule & Parish Office)

Please Return All Donations To IC  
(bottles filled with spare change, currency or checks)  
By: Sunday, Oct. 15th

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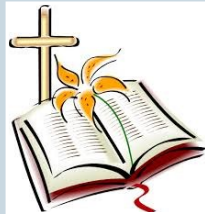
# MINISTRY NEWS



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 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 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 [rcmkech@aol.com](mailto:rcmkech@aol.com) with your intention to attend **by Saturday, October 7<sup>th</sup>** so we can plan accordingly.

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 [ceannrua@email.com](mailto:ceannrua@email.com) with your intention to attend **by Saturday, October 21<sup>st</sup>** so we can plan accordingly.



*Eduardo Salinas & Michell Hernandez  
and their children Alison & Eduardo, Jr.*

Welcome to all visitors and guests!  
Interested in joining our IC Parish family?  
Register @ [icchicago.org](http://icchicago.org)



**Stay Connected @ IC:**

Subscribe to our bimonthly email newsletter (featuring updates on parish events & projects, school activities, community highlights & service opportunities):

[icchicago.org/register/constantcontact.cfm](http://icchicago.org/register/constantcontact.cfm)

*Ministry Schedules: Saturday, October 14<sup>th</sup> & Sunday, October 15<sup>th</sup>*

	Saturday 5:00 P.M. Mass	Sunday 8:30 A.M. Mass	Sunday 10:30 A.M. Family Mass
Presiders	Fr. Matthew Heinrich	Fr. Matthew Heinrich	Fr. Robert Fedek
Lectors	N. Kremer	D. Sebastian	J. Campbell
Cantors	E. Doyle	Vocal Quartet	Vocal Quartet
Extraordinary Ministers	M. Dosek; R. Altman	A. Schnitzlein; L. Delana; M. Zizzo	K. Sanchez; D. Mroz; R. Siciliano; S. Serb
Altar Servers	B. Yak; S. Gillespie; D. Gillespie	O. Magruder; I. Magruder; A. McMahon	S. Eaglin; N. Eaglin; O. Accardo



**Our Parish Staff:**

**Fr. Matthew Heinrich**, Pastor  
**Fr. Robert Fedek**, Weekend Assistant  
**Deacon Rick & Carol Moritz**  
**Deacon Ronald & Connie Gronek**  
**Vincent Kennedy**, Director of Operations  
**Scott Will**, Director of Worship  
**Melissa Anna**, Office Administration & Communications/  
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**Elizabeth Doyle**, Assistant Director of Music  
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**Bernadette Anna**, Parish Sacristan  
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**What's Happening @ IC...**

**Monday, October 9<sup>th</sup> – Columbus Day – No School**  
 7:00-8:30 P.M. – Fall Alpha Monday Evening Session; RA  
 7:00-8:30 P.M. – Overtones Rehearsal; CH

**Wednesday, October 11<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  
 7:00-8:30 P.M. – Alpha Alumni Connect Group Session; RA  
 7:00-8:00 P.M. – Future City Mtg.; WCR

**Thursday, October 12<sup>th</sup> –**  
 7:30-9:00 P.M. – Parents Club Mtg.; RA

**Friday, October 13<sup>th</sup> –**  
 6:00-8:00 P.M. – ICPC "Trunk or Treat" Event; PC West Lot

**Saturday, October 14<sup>th</sup> -**  
 1:00-5:00 P.M. – Parish Leadership Day Of Reflection; RA/CH  
 IC Pro-Life Group: The Baby Bottle Project (Collection @  
 5:00 P.M. Mass)

**Sunday, October 15<sup>th</sup> -**  
 IC Pro-Life Group: The Baby Bottle Project (Collection @  
 8:30 A.M. & 10:30 A.M. Masses)  
 9:30-10:15 A.M. – Confessions; CH  
 10:30 A.M. – Family Mass (Confirmation Candidates); CH  
 (Hospitality Reception To Follow In Church Vestibule)



**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.

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**Parish Registration:** Please contact our Parish Office at 773.775.3833 or visit our parish website at [www.icchicago.org](http://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](mailto:parishbulletin@icchicago.org)



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

**The Gift That Gives Back...**

It never ceases to amaze me how often I fall into the trap and end up grumbling about the greatest gifts in my life. A husband, children, a life that is full almost to bursting: these are things for which I once begged God. These are the jewels in the crown of my life.

Oh, but the children need care. Constant care. And a husband – a real flesh-and-blood creation of God, entrusted to me by God, to help me be holy and relying on me for holiness in turn – well, that relationship is a lot of work, isn't it? And a "full life" – I laugh to think of it, and then I blush with shame, because I admit sometimes, I do yearn for a life that is a little less ... full. A full life can leave you awfully tired at the end of the day.

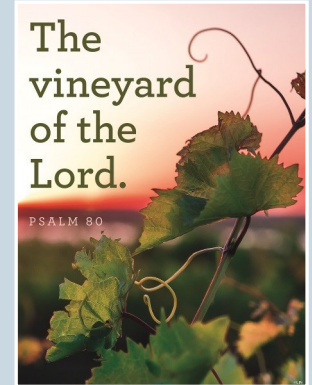
I would imagine it's the same for everyone, no matter your life circumstances or vocation. Your greatest blessings are also those things that require much of you, more than you imagined you would ever be asked to give. The biggest jewels make the crown heavy.

But if we had any of these gifts without the effort it takes to maintain them, would they be half as sweet?

In this same way, the work of the vineyard is opened to us through baptism; we are given the chance to produce fruit for the kingdom. It's a chance we never dared to dream would be given to us.

It's a gift. But just like with any gift worth having, it requires effort. Upkeep. Work.

It requires that we give in return. And it's the giving that somehow, mystically, transforms us. It's the giving that turns into the gift itself.



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