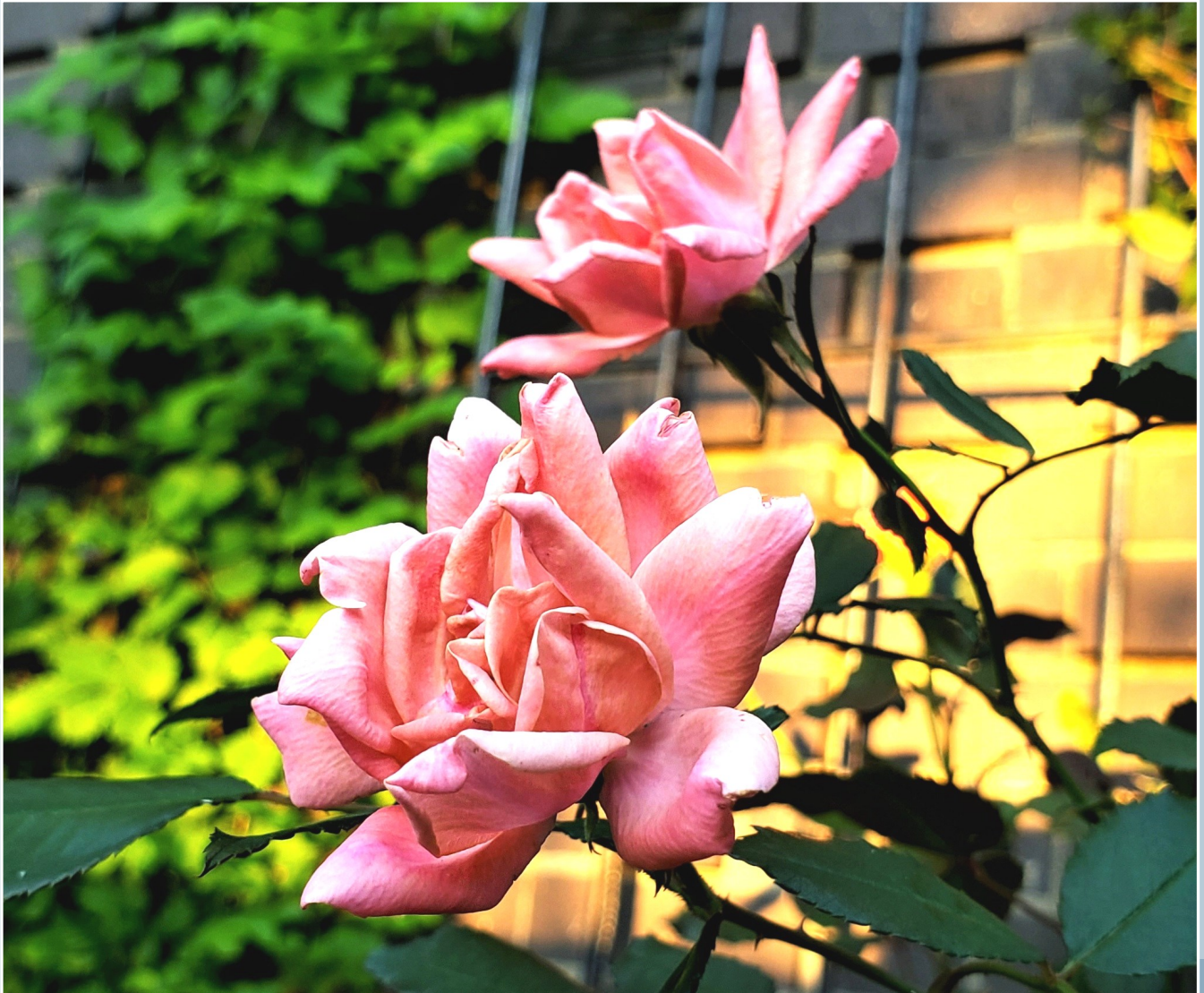


Welcome to
Immaculate Conception Parish

A Catholic Community Inviting People to Follow Christ

September 12, 2021 - Twenty-Fourth Sunday In Ordinary Time

I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living.



*“What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone says he has faith but does not have works?
Can that faith save him?”*

- James 2:14

Love God • Serve Others • Make Disciples

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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

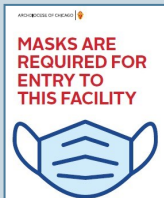


Mass and Sacrament Schedule

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. All are welcome!



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.

Weekday Mass Schedule:

Online

Monday through 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.

Donate

Confessions:

Sunday mornings from 9:30 A.M.-10:15 A.M.
(offered on an every other week basis – effective as of **April 11th**)

(Special dates & times offered during Advent & Lent)

Baptisms:

Sundays @ Noon

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.

Reflections From Fr. Robert Carlton: Twentieth Anniversary of September 11th

This weekend marks the Twentieth Anniversary of the attacks on September 11, 2001. Twenty years is, of course, a long time but also not so long of a time for people who lost someone that day. One of the challenges on a day like this, is to not let memories of it gradually recede into the past where they can be consigned to a museum. It is worth noting now that an entire generation has been born and raised since the attacks occurred and there are people serving in our military now who were born after the September 11th attacks. That day, for those of us who can remember it, was, among many other things, really an intersection of good and evil. The evil, of course, of people using religion to justify doing what they did. The good, though, was certainly present on that day as well.

One of the more inspiring stories I heard of that day is about Rescue 2, which is a fire station in Brooklyn. The first plane hit the World Trade Center at 8:46 A.M. and between that time and when the second plane hit at 9:03 A.M., the firemen from Rescue 2 were able to travel from Brooklyn all the way into Manhattan and to the World Trade Center. Presumably, it would have to take a minute or two for the call to go out that something was going on in Manhattan and another minute or so for the firemen to put their boots and uniforms on. To be able to leave Brooklyn, go through the Brooklyn Battery Tunnel and get to the World Trade Center during rush hour traffic in barely fifteen minutes is not only remarkable in and of itself, but also a testament to the dedication that those firemen had for their jobs and for the people of New York City. Those seven firemen that went had no reason, at the time, to think that this was going to become what it became and no reason to think that whatever was going on could not be handled by the many firemen stationed in Manhattan. The only way that they could have arrived at the World Trade Center in fifteen minutes, then, would be if they did not ask any of those questions and went simply because they knew that some of their fellow New Yorkers, whom they had presumably never met and would have no reason to believe that they would ever meet, needed something that they were able to provide. The fact that the 343 firemen who died that Day, including all seven of the firemen from Rescue 2, is their ultimate testimony to their dedication and commitment.

Ultimately, though, I think that September 11th comes down to what the Jesuit paleontologist Pierre Teilhard de Chardin wrote: "In the final analysis, the question of why bad things happen to good people transmutes itself into some very different questions, no longer asking why something happened, but asking how we will respond, what we intend to do now that it has happened." One way to answer that is also to look at something else de Chardin suggested, and that is to try, in some way, to turn everything to the good. One can easily ask how something like September 11th could be turned to the good. Perhaps it could teach us that life is not something that just keeps going and going and going and that our time is not infinite and that there are things that we were put here on Earth to do, so we need to go about doing them and not waste our time and energy on things that ultimately do not really matter. Perhaps it could also make us remember that the benefits of unity far outweigh the benefits of disunity and division. It is indeed unfortunate that the memories of the unity in our country after September 11th seem to be fading just as quickly as the other memories of that day.

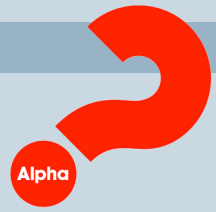
Fr. Robert



A New Season Of Alpha @ IC Begins on Monday, September 20th



Alpha, as its name and logo imply, is a beginning and a starting point. For some, it is their very first step into deepening their faith. For others, it is a new commitment to understanding their relationship with God. Alpha exists for those at all stages in their faith: the Catholic of 50+ years, the recently converted, those longing to go deeper, those who seek a more intentional community experience, those who are interested in faith or becoming Catholic, and those looking to try something new.



Alpha is a program designed to encourage inquiring minds and hearts. While its format is simple, it draws on one of the most powerful principles of our faith, *“Where two or three are gathered in my name, there I am in the midst of them”* (Mt 18:20). Being together in faith and discussing how it fits into our daily lives is a benefit to anyone and everyone.

Our leaders have worked and trained together. They have been through Alpha themselves. Below are some of their testimonies regarding the positive impact of Alpha in their lives:

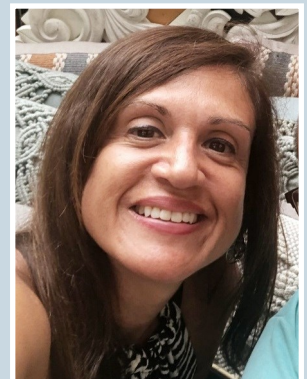


“Alpha provides an opportunity for thoughtful reflection on God’s infinite love for us all. Participating in Alpha has been an insightful experience that has inspired me to want to grow more deeply in my faith.”

Mary Niewinski (Wife, Mother, IC Parishioner with her husband, Ed for 26 years. Their 4 children are graduates of Immaculate Conception School. Mary has been an active volunteer at IC over the years and joined our Alpha team in 2019. She plans to remain active in Alpha and hopes that others will find value in Alpha as well.)

“Alpha provides an experience for you to explore and deepen your relationship with God. You will better understand God’s unconditional love and the work of the Holy Spirit.”

Patty Rios (Wife, Mother, IC Parishioner and Volunteer)



“The Alpha program taught me to reflect more deeply on my personal relationship with Christ. It was a roadmap that created a pathway for me to show how the Holy Spirit can work in my life. It also showed me that my journey with Christ continues to evolve.”

Joe Yau (Husband, Father of 3, IC Parishioner for 20 plus years, Parish Council Member, Professional Actor and Part-Time Paraprofessional at a Therapeutic Day School)

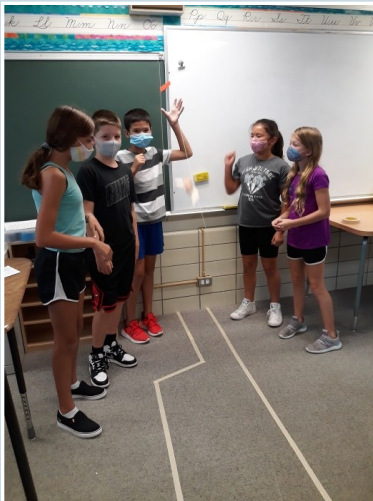
Our Alpha Team leaders will be at our Masses this weekend to answer your questions and to tell you more about why Alpha might be of interest to you.



News...

Fifth Grade Engineers

We are so happy to have hands-on Science again! Our Fifth Grade Science classes began their year with an engineering group activity. They were presented with the challenge of building a carrier for a ping-pong ball that could travel down a zip-line in three seconds or less, without the ball falling out of the carrier. After identifying the criteria and constraints for the project, the teams brainstormed and sketched their ideas. They then had ten minutes to build their carriers, using only the materials that were supplied. Solutions were tested on the zip line, and modifications were made to optimize the performance of their carrier. Our students enjoyed being able to collaborate on a project again!



Family Masses Resume @ IC on the Third Sunday of Each Month @ 10:30 A.M.

Please join us at our **10:30 A.M. Family Mass next Sunday, September 19th** with Fr. Robert Carlton presiding. A hospitality reception hosted by our Eighth Grade students and their families will follow the conclusion of our Mass in the Vestibule of our Church. All are welcome and encouraged to attend Mass with your families and join us afterward to greet and socialize with your fellow parishioners at IC!



Please join our parish family in prayer ...

For those who are sick;



Tom Altman
 Robert Behrman
 Sonia M. B.
 Roberta Berger
 John Bozek
 Vince Caeti
 Jackie Campbell
 Rita Castillo
 Zita Castro
 Donna Chaplin
Marie Conway
 James Covello
 Ronnie Cunningham
 Paige Dicks
 Paula Drew
 Ozzie D'Souza
 Teresa Dzieciol
 Richard Flanagan
 Brooke Foreman

Patricia Furgat
 Lila Gehner
 Ofelia Hernandez
 Kevin Jaburek
 Angie Jankowski
 Craig Kloss
 Lillian Kohut
 Dave Lewin
 Benny Martinez
 Edwin Martinez
 Frank Martinez
 Gerry Michalek, Jr.
 Sam Milazzo
 Molly Morris
 Veronica Murillo
 Timothy Murray
 Brendan Nelson
 Judith Nosko
 Mary Beth O'Grady

Jackie O'Koniewski
Mari Ann Olsen
 David Olson
 Mary Potwora
 Helen Rasmussen
 Bill Remblake
 Pia Rizza
 David Rodriguez
 Elaine Schatz
 Jennie Sekula
 Don Skorey
 Dennis Slater
 Edward Stanczyk
 Marion Szumski
 Donna Tisdale
 Camilla Trevino
 Steven P. Trifilio
 John F. Vargo
 Henry Wagener

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:

Robert Dennis Crowley



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

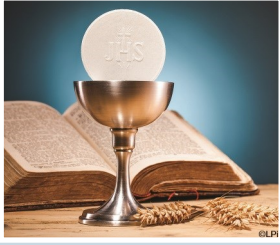


For those who serve our country:



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, 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 Basseur, 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 Wiczorek

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, September 12th
through
Sunday, September 19th*

Sunday, September 12th - Twenty-Fourth Sunday In Ordinary Time (Grandparents' Day)

5:00 P.M. (Saturday) - †Margaret & Kenneth Allen; †Joseph Paura (on his 53rd Anniversary); †Rita Inman; †Tony & Jean Reszotko; and †Stefania Godek (on her 1st Anniversary)

8:30 A.M. — †Stanislaw Swiderski; †Albert Kern; †Gloria Cuchapin; †Francis & Moira Cross; and †Joan P. Boggins;

10:30 A.M. — †Maria Martino; †Raymond & Exilda Luedtke; †Donald Mally; †Minnie Simone; †Ann Arriva; †Marie Martin; †Anastasia Fudala; †Aniello Porcelli; †John Bacchi; †Deceased Members of The Jurcenko Family; †Eulogio Buhat (on his 1st Anniversary); †Joan Boggins & Family; †Deceased from the 1943 Explosion in Italy; Beth & Adam Much and Family (Living); and The People of the Parish

Monday, September 13th - Saint John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

8:30 A.M. — †Mary Kearin McMann

Tuesday, September 14th - The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

8:30 A.M. — †MariaAnna Andrea Madonia; and †Arnold Pirsoul (on his 2nd Anniversary)

Wednesday, September 15th - Our Lady of Sorrows

8:30 A.M. — †Joseph J. Lykowski (on his 1st Anniversary)

Thursday, September 16th - Saints Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs

8:30 A.M. — †John Wisniewski; and †Maria Corazon Cherry

Friday, September 17th - Saint Robert Bellarmine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

8:30 A.M. — †Madeline Mazzone; and †Josefa Fernandez

Saturday, September 18th - Weekday

5:00 P.M. - †Elizabeth Vaicaitis; †Ronald Vaicaitis; †Diane Fritz; †Joan Vaicaitis; and †Joanne Vickers

Sunday, September 19th - Twenty-Fifth Sunday In Ordinary Time

8:30 A.M.- †Walter & Katherine Sment; †Albert Kern; and John & Diane Bozek (Living)

10:30 A.M. — †Harry & Marie Lackowski; †Louis & Frances Allocco; †Jan Merino; †Stanislaw Swiderski; †Lena Marrone; †Aida Miranda; †Cornelius Byrne; †Mary Byrne; †Francis & Moira Cross; Beth & Adam Much and Family (Living); and The People of the Parish

September 12th through September 18th

Our Sanctuary Lamp is burning this week for the repose of the soul of

**John
Wisniewski**

Requested by: Erma Kinzie

September 12th through September 17th

Our Blessed Mother Votive is burning this week for the prayer intention of

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

Requested by: Ray & Jan Ehrlich

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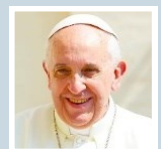
Our St. Joseph Votive is burning this week for the prayer intention of

**Steve
Barans
(For Good Health)**

Requested by: Ed & Joan McGee

Pope Tweet of the Week...

"What is the secret of a blessed life, a happy life? Recognizing Jesus as the living God. For it is not important to know that Jesus was great in history. What matters is the place I give Him in my life."





Mr. & Mrs. Matthew & Anne Mullally



*Wayne & Erma Kinzie
(on their 25th Wedding Anniversary)*



*Edgar & Gabriela Santiago
and their son Gabriel*

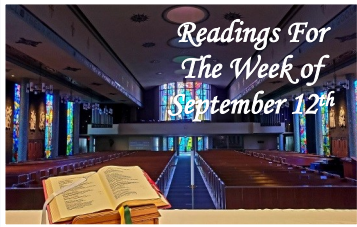
*Jose Ochoa & Sheila Barrett
and their sons Charlie & Liam*

Judy McDermott



Help Wanted...

Immaculate Conception School is currently seeking a Middle School Science teacher for grades 6, 7 and 8. If you, or someone you know, may be interested, please contact Sue Canzoneri at 773.775.0545 or via email at canzoneri@iccowboys.net



Sunday: Is 50:5-9a/Ps 116:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [9]/Jas 2:14-18/Mk 8:27-35
Monday: 1 Tm 2:1-8/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17 [1Cor 11:26b]/Lk 7:1-10
Tuesday: Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38 [cf. 7b]/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17
Wednesday: 1 Tm 3:14-16/Ps 111:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [2]/Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35
Thursday: 1 Tm 4:12-16/Ps 111:7-8, 9, 10 [2]/Lk 7:36-50
Friday: 1 Tm 6:2c-12/Ps 49:6-7, 8-10, 17-18, 19-20/Lk 8:1-3
Saturday: 1 Tm 6:13-16/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5 [2]/Lk 8:4-15
Next Sunday: Wis 2:12, 17-20/Ps 54:3-4, 5, 6-8 [6b]/Jas 3:16 – 4:3/Mk 9:30-37

Gospel Meditation - Encourage a Deeper Understanding of Scripture



We need to get our bearings straight and properly lay life’s cornerstone. Otherwise, the rest of our journey will be skewed, and our judgment clouded. We can recall Jesus’ famous rebuke of Peter, “*You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do.*” Even he, as one of Jesus’ closest friends struggles with understanding things and grasping the big picture. Pierre Teilhard de Chardin (1881-1955) a renowned and learned French Jesuit priest often has these words attributed to him: “*We are not human beings having a spiritual experience. We are spiritual beings having a human experience.*” Whether they were actually from his

lips, they certainly mimic his thought. These wise words orient us and capture the essence of who we really are.

Many people consider spirituality an option. It is no wonder that they come to this conclusion when they predominantly define themselves using human terms and concepts. Immersed in this world view, they struggle finding any semblance of God because God does not work according to human expectations! This is especially true when suffering and death enter life’s picture. If we are only human beings having a spiritual experience, then we wrongly expect our spirituality to serve us as we desire. The human expectation is that my spiritual life is something that is useful in avoiding pain, hardship, and death, not something that gives the courage to live through it!

So, when we protest and get upset with God because our journey is becoming difficult, painful, treacherous, disappointing, and even pointing us toward death, Jesus rebukes us as he did Peter and gently reminds us how to see. It is God who inspires and opens hearts to see truth and beauty. In God, the true meaning of things is understood, and we receive a depth of insight and understanding that is not found following purely human paths. It is not our task to understand God, as God is beyond human understanding. Ours is the joyful privilege of simply resting in God’s presence simply because God is God and we are who we are. As spiritual beings having an exciting and adventurous human experience, it is in our DNA to do so. Through prayer we can let go and let be. This is how we lose our lives but then save them. ©LPi

Ministry Schedules: Saturday, September 18th & Sunday, September 19th

| | Saturday 5:00 P.M. | Sunday 8:30 A.M. | Sunday 10:30 A.M. Family Mass |
|-------------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Presiders | Fr. Robert Fedek | Fr. Matthew Heinrich | Fr. Robert Carlton |
| Lectors | E. Kinzie & J. Lim | N. Kremer & J. Semmler | Youth Lectors |
| Cantors | E. Doyle | Vocal Quartet & Violin | Vocal Quartet & Guitar & Bass |
| Extraordinary Ministers | R. Altman | D. Sebastian | C. Kech |
| Altar Servers | I. Cox; K. Giannola; M. Moorehouse | S. Eaglin; M. Eaglin; J. Edwards | P. Beckman; K. Bowers; J. Losik |

Lectors: 2021 Lector Workbooks are available for pick up in our Sacristy as well as in our Parish Office. If you have not already received your copy, please remember to pick one up at your earliest convenience.



Our Parish Staff:

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Fr. Robert Carlton, *Associate Pastor*
Fr. Robert Fedek, *Weekend Assistant*
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Deacon Ronald & Connie Gronek
Deacon Michael Bednarz
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Mary Haley, *School Secretary*

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What's Happening @ IC...

Tuesday, September 14th –
 7:30-9:00 P.M. – Baptismal Preparation Session;
 RA

Wednesday, September 15th -
 8:30 A.M. – School Assembly Mass; Church
 2:00-3:30 P.M. – IC Teacher Development Session
 (with Fr. Matt); RA
 4:00-5:00 P.M. – Religious Education Classes
 Begin; Zoom
 7:30-9:30 P.M. – Parents Club Mtg.; RA

Thursday, September 16th –
 7:00-9:00 P.M. – School Board Mtg.; RA

Friday, September 17th –
 8:15 P.M. – Men's Basketball; PC

Sunday, September 19th –
 10:30 A.M. – Family Mass; Church
 (Hospitality Reception to follow hosted by our 8th Grade students)



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 (*Please note: new email address.)