

Welcome to  
*Immaculate Conception Parish*

*A Catholic Community Inviting People to Follow Christ*

*September 17, 2023 - Twenty-Fourth Sunday In Ordinary Time*

*The Lord is kind and merciful, slow to anger, and rich in compassion.*



*"None of us lives for oneself, and no one dies for oneself.  
For if we live, we live for the Lord, and if we die, we die for the Lord;  
so then, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's."*

*- Romans 14:7-8*

*Love God • Serve Others • Make Disciples*

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Parish Office Hours:

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

Parish Website:

🌐: [www.icchicago.org](http://www.icchicago.org)

School Website:

🌐: [www.iccowboys.net](http://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)*

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Vocation Journey Updates From Our Seminarians, Joseph & Jacob...

I, *Joseph Mick*, am returning for my third year at Mundelein Seminary and here at Immaculate Conception. In May, God willing, I will be ordained a deacon, and the year after that, a priest. I had the opportunity to spend this past spring semester in a parish in my home diocese of Wichita as part of the formation program at Mundelein. I was in a rural parish which had a Catholic school going through sixth grade. I taught sixth grade religion, and spent a lot of time in the school in general between visiting classrooms, recess, PE, lunch, etc. I was also able to visit the nursing home every week as well as some of the homebound parishioners to bring them communion. That was a great privilege to be able to bring the presence of Jesus into their suffering and to be with them.

After my time in the parish, I went to Guatemala with seven other seminarians of the diocese. We had a week of mission work, five weeks in the Spanish school, and a little bit of tourism thrown in. It was a great blessing to see the faith of the Guatemalan people and to be able to participate in that. I especially loved the four-hour procession for Corpus Christi. The whole route through the city was decorated with flower petals and colored sawdust. It was also challenging to see the poverty and the lack of hope for things to get better. A 36-year civil war which included a genocide ended in 1996, and so that is still very much a part of the national consciousness. My host family were evangelicals, as many people are in Guatemala, so that provided some interesting conversations. There is also a lot of syncretistic religion, with pagan practices being mixed with Christianity, that still goes on. The country has a lot of natural beauty: it is very mountainous, with rich volcanic soil, and some rainforests as well. I loved getting to hike a volcano and see some toucans and monkeys in the wild. I definitely returned more grateful for the blessings we have here. - *Joseph*



Hello, my name is *Jacob McGuire* and I'm a seminarian for the Diocese of Wichita, KS. I'm excited to be returning to Immaculate Conception and Mundelein Seminary after a great summer. I'm entering my second year at Mundelein and am looking forward to helping out with weekend Masses. This past summer, I did hospital ministry back in my home diocese. The whole experience was very eye-opening, as I had never been in a hospital for a substantial amount of time before. I was given the opportunity to be with many people in some of their most difficult and vulnerable moments and I was able to see how Christ was with them even in those difficult times. Needless to say, this summer left me feeling much more affirmed in my calling to the priesthood and helped me to better realize how I handle ministry.

Unlike last year, I will only be here for the first semester, as I will be going on what is called a "pastoral internship." Basically, I will be returning to my home diocese and spending a semester just in a parish. I'm really looking forward to this, as I've never both lived at and been heavily invested in a parish at the same time. In the meantime, I'm looking forward to getting to know you all better, whether it be picking up from last year or for the first time. I'm very grateful for the help Fr. Matt has given me over this past year and I'm looking forward to better understanding the dynamics of parish life. Please pray for both me and the other seminarians at Mundelein Seminary. - *Jacob*

This Weekend @ IC: Special Second Collection

The Seminarian Education Fund provides support for the training and education of men studying for the priesthood in the Archdiocese of Chicago. The fund helps to cover the cost to educate each archdiocesan seminarian as they proceed through the various stages of formation before ordination as a priest for Chicago.

Please support the men seeking to answer God's call to a life of service as a priest for the Archdiocese of Chicago.

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

**SEMINARIAN EDUCATION FUND**

The archdiocesan collection for the education and formation of our future priests.

September 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>

Thank you for supporting our seminarians through your generous gift to their education.

[archchicago.org/seminarianfund](http://archchicago.org/seminarianfund)

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**QUIGLEY DAYS**

**September 30, 2023**

**10 a.m.** Mass and Adoration, Lunch  
St. James, Arlington Heights

**Noon** Paintball Explosion, East Dundee

Transportation available.

For details and to register:  
[forms.office.com/r/eG1ZVY2p8Q](https://forms.office.com/r/eG1ZVY2p8Q)  
or scan code.



WITH JOYFUL HEARTS,  
WE WELCOME OUR  
NEWLY BAPTIZED.



*Lucas Christopher Papateodoru*  
*Child of Alexander & Megan Lynn (Sweeney) Papateodoru*



*Avery Jane Stachulski*  
*Child of John Edward & Elizabeth Ashley (Curran) Stachulski*

*This Weekend @ IC: 10:30 A.M. Family Mass Resumes*

Please join us at our **10:30 A.M. Family Mass this Sunday, September 17<sup>th</sup>** (with Fr. Robert presiding) as we celebrate and acknowledge our new school and parish families that have joined our IC community. A hospitality reception will follow the conclusion of our Mass in the Vestibule of our Church. All are welcome!

Upcoming Family Mass Schedule:  
**October 15<sup>th</sup>** - Confirmation Candidates  
**November 19<sup>th</sup>** - TBD  
**December 17<sup>th</sup>** - IC Teen Club (Youth Ministry)



*Seeking To Become A Part Of A Meaningful Community? #TryAlpha @ IC*



*Saturday Morning Sessions Begin: September 16<sup>th</sup> (8:30 -10:00 A.M.)*

*Monday Evening Sessions Begin: September 18<sup>th</sup> (7:00 -8:30 P.M.)*



*You're Invited...*

**Join us for our upcoming  
Fall 2023  
Alpha Session @ IC!**

Alpha allows you to explore questions of the Christian faith in an open-minded and friendly environment. There's no cost and no pressure! Just lots of great conversation and space to think.

Each session begins with a meal, followed by a video presentation, then small group discussion. An hour and a half of the best time you will spend in an evening - or weekend morning!

Sign up now... spots are limited and fill up fast! Visit us at: [icchicago.org/connect/alpha.cfm](http://icchicago.org/connect/alpha.cfm) for more information and to register.



Patriot Day @ IC

IC School students & staff members observed Patriot Day by placing flags on our front lawn in remembrance of the lives that were lost on September 11, 2001 and by dressing in patriotic colors of red, white & blue. The rain put a slight damper on our annual tradition, but some of our classrooms were still able to place their flags while it was drizzling.



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

*For those who are sick:*



Tom Altman  
 Paul Amandes  
 Amelia Aquino  
 Arnold B.  
 Kelly Baran  
 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

**Bruno Giacomuzzi**  
 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  
 Sean Lucas  
 Nathan Maisel  
 Benny Martinez  
 Edwin Martinez  
 Frank Martinez  
 Elsa Mazzoni  
 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:*

Joseph W. Geringer (Relative of Bob & Claudia Kech)  
 Diane Marie Rudden (Sister of Fran Fogarty)  
 Michael J. Hickey (Nephew of Ed Stanislawski)  
 Mary L. Carden (Mother of Tom Carden)  
 Ronald J. Kelly  
 Maryann Dowmon



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

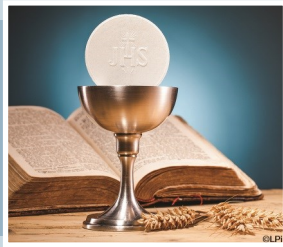


*For those who serve our country:*



**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  
**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, September 17<sup>th</sup>  
through  
Sunday, September 24<sup>th</sup>*

**Sunday, September 17<sup>th</sup> – Twenty-Fourth Sunday In Ordinary Time (Catechetical Sunday)**

**5:00 P.M. (Saturday)** – †John Wisniewski (on his 14<sup>th</sup> Anniversary); †Margaret & Kenneth Allen; †Stanislaw Swiderski; †Susan Aboy; †Denis & Kim Mahoney; †Mike Hickey; and †Lt. Kevin P. Walsh  
**8:30 A.M.** – †Madeline Mazzone; †Padraic Gavin; †Ellen Cummings; and †Poor Souls In Purgatory  
**10:30 A.M.** – †Louis & Frances Allocco; †Marie Frances Hagarty; †Sonia D. Diaz; †Kathleen Calumet; †Francis & Moira Cross; and The People of the Parish

**Monday, September 18<sup>th</sup> – Weekday**

**8:30 A.M.** – †Lauretta Froelich

**Tuesday, September 19<sup>th</sup> – Saint Januarius, Bishop and Martyr**

**8:30 A.M.** – †Jan Merino (Birthday Remembrance); †Margaret Kroll (on her 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary); †Harry & Marie Lackowski; †Francis Coelho; and Bernadette “Cookie” Anna (on her Birthday) (Living)

**Wednesday, September 20<sup>th</sup> – Saints Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Priest, and Paul Chong Ha-sang, and Companions, Martyrs**

**8:30 A.M.** – †Michael E. Heidkamp (on his 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary)

**Thursday, September 21<sup>st</sup> – Saint Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist**

**8:30 A.M.** – †Evelyn Rutkowski (on her 4<sup>th</sup> Anniversary); †Francis Sader (on his 18<sup>th</sup> Anniversary); †Nicholas Sader; and Gathi Abraham (on her Birthday) (Living)

**Friday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> – Weekday**

**Saturday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> – Saint Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest**

**5:00 P.M.** – †Sophie Sikorski (Birthday Remembrance); †Ed Sikorski, Jr. (Birthday Remembrance); †Joseph Paura (Birthday Remembrance); †Stanislaw Swiderski; †Vicki VanThournout; †Margaret Kroll (on her 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary); †Mike Hickey; and †Charles Kremer

**Sunday, September 24<sup>th</sup> – Twenty-Fifth Sunday In Ordinary Time**

**8:30 A.M.** – †Madeline Mazzone; †Daniel Fernandez; †Paul, Gloria & Steven Budziak; †Mike Hickey; †Danny Foley; and †Poor Souls In Purgatory  
**10:30 A.M.** – †Harold Johnson; †Paul Kokalj; †Manuel Mendoza; †Carmen Mendoza; †Joseph W. Geringer; †Francis & Moira Cross; and The People of the Parish



**September 17<sup>th</sup> through September 23<sup>rd</sup>**

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



**Jan Merino**  
(Birthday Remembrance)

Requested by: Erma Kinzie

**September 17<sup>th</sup> through September 22<sup>nd</sup>**

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



**Bernadette “Cookie” Anna**  
(on her Birthday)

Requested by: Erma Kinzie

**September 17<sup>th</sup> through September 22<sup>nd</sup>**

Our St. Joseph Votive is burning this week for the repose of the soul of

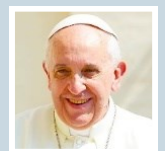


**Greg Nastaly**  
(Birthday Remembrance)

Requested by: Nikki Nastaly

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

“At times we are content to observe some precepts and to repeat prayers. The Lord, however, waits for us to encounter Him, to open our hearts to Him. For, our affections are healed when we enter into intimacy with Jesus.”



Support Our School: ICPC Fundraiser - September 20<sup>th</sup>

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**WED, 9/20**

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**MORETTI'S IS DONATING 15% OF FOOD & BEVERAGES SALES**  
 from everyone mentioning our organization and fundraiser on the date above!  
**GOOD FOR DINE IN - DELIVERY - CARRY OUT!**  
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**MANY THANKS FROM IMMACULATE CONCEPTION SCHOOL**  
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**MINISTRY NEWS**



Would you like to be more proficient using your technology devices? (Smart Phone, Smart Watch, lap-top, tablet, etc.)? If you do, please drop in at our second **Technology Café** on **Saturday, Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup> from 9:00-11:00 A.M.**

This special event will be held at: **St. Paul of the Cross, Holy Family Chapel** 320 S. Washington Avenue, Park Ridge

Beginning at 9:00 A.M., there will be a 30 minute presentation entitled: "*Tips and Tricks on Photo Management*", presented by Lida Bunting. This will be followed by one-on-one help beginning at 9:30 A.M.

Ample parking is available in the main parking lot. Please enter the Holy Family Chapel at Entrance Door A11, which is located under the bell tower.

This special event is sponsored by **Disciples In Mission** (our O'Hare Neighborhood parish grouping which includes *Immaculate Conception, Mary Seat of Wisdom, Our Lady of Hope, Our Lady of Ransom, St. Juliana* and *St. Paul of the Cross*).

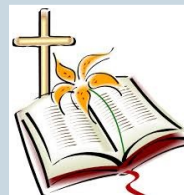
Please bring your device and your questions for a photo management presentation and for one-on-one help from our neighborhood volunteers while enjoying a cup of coffee and a snack. Any questions about this event can be directed to Susan at: [redheadclub@comcast.net](mailto:redheadclub@comcast.net)



*Save the Date...*  
**Eucharistic Minister & Minister of Care  
 Morning of Reflection**

**Saturday, October 28, 2023  
 8:30 A.M. until 1:00 P.M.**

Come join fellow ministers from *Mary Seat of Wisdom, Our Lady of Hope, Our Lady of Ransom, St. Juliana, Immaculate Conception, 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. At this time of Eucharistic Revival, and guided by Bishop Barron videos, 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.



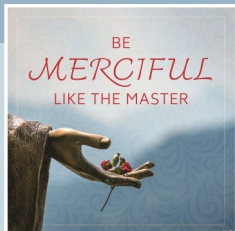
*Save the Date...*  
**Lector Morning of Prayer  
 and Reflection**

**Saturday, November 4, 2023  
 8:30 A.M. until 12:30 P.M.**

Come join fellow Lectors from *Mary, Seat of Wisdom, Our Lady of Hope, Our Lady of Ransom, St. Juliana, Immaculate Conception, Mary Mother of Martyrs* and *St. Paul of the Cross* parishes for a morning of prayer, reflection and renewal.

The retreat will start with a Celebration of the Eucharist and feature a reflection on scripture by Father Elliott Dees from St. Juliana Parish. The retreat will be held on the **Mary, Seat of Wisdom Parish campus.**





*Gospel Meditation: Encourage A Deeper Understanding Of Scripture - Fr. John Muir*

When I was in second grade, my prized possession was a metal Star Wars-themed lunch box. After school one day, another student ripped it from my hands. I helplessly watched in horror as my classmate threw it to the ground and violently stomped it into an unrecognizable heap of junk. I came home covered in tears of shame and rage. After a few months, I never thought about it again ... until I was almost thirty years old and on a retreat to prepare for Ordination to the Priesthood.

That childhood memory – and the attendant outrage – came back afresh. My spiritual director helped me in the process of acknowledging that I was angry because that kid *owed* me my lunch box. Then she helped me, through the grace of Jesus, to forgive the debt. Almost immediately I felt a new peace. I was amazed that I hadn't forgotten what I had lost, even from years before. Aren't we human beings simply amazing at remembering what people owe us?

We see this week in Jesus' parable a servant who is forgiven much but then commands another servant: "Pay back what you owe!" He can't forget or let go of how he was wronged. He *remembers* – and he becomes a monster because of it. If only he had remembered not only the debts owed to him, but also his greater debt owed to – and forgiven by – his master. It's natural for us to remember what others owe us. But when we contextualize those offenses in Jesus' mercy toward us and them, we're free to be merciful like the Master and less like a monster who never forgets. ©LPi

*This Weekend: IC Cub Scout Pack Popcorn Sale @ All Masses*

*Support IC By Advertising In Our Bulletin*



This weekend, our IC Cub Scout Pack will have different varieties of popcorn available for purchase in the Vestibule of our Church. Funds raised by our Cub Scouts help support their upcoming activities, programs, membership fees, and adventures throughout the year.



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*Ministry Schedules: Saturday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> & Sunday, September 24<sup>th</sup>*

	Saturday 5:00 P.M. Mass	Sunday 8:30 A.M. Mass	Sunday 10:30 A.M. Mass
Presiders	Fr. Robert Carlton	Fr. Bill Sheridan	Fr. John Siemianowski
Lectors	N. Kremer	D. Sebastian	M. Carroll
Cantors	E. Doyle	Vocal Trio	Vocal Trio
Extraordinary Ministers	L. Womack; K. Gillespie	D. Zamirowski; C. Mulligan; M. Zizzo	N. Kanoon; E. Rossi; C. Kech; R. Siciliano
Altar Servers	D. Gillespie; S. Gillespie; J. Nelson	E. Hyland; J. Galeno; G. Reichle	E. Carroll; K. Catomer; K. Giannola



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**What's Happening @ IC...**

**Monday, September 18<sup>th</sup> -**

7:00-8:30 P.M. – Fall Alpha Monday Evening Session Begins; RA  
 7:00-8:30 P.M. – Overtones Rehearsal; CH

**Wednesday, September 20<sup>th</sup> -**

8:30 A.M. – School Mass; CH  
 4:00-5:00 P.M. – Children's Religious Education Program Class; SC  
 7:00-8:00 P.M. – Future City Information Night; NWCR

**Thursday, September 21<sup>st</sup> -**

7:00-9:00 P.M. – School Board Mtg.; RA

**Friday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> -**

**No School – Teacher Professional Development Day**  
 6:30-8:30 P.M. – IC Teen Club Mtg. (Youth Ministry); RA  
 8:15 P.M. – Men's Basketball; PC

**Saturday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> -**

8:30-10:00 A.M. – Fall Alpha Saturday Morning Session; RA  
 Summer Mission Co-Op Appeal – Guest Speaker @ 5:00 P.M. Mass

**Sunday, September 24<sup>th</sup> -**

Summer Mission Co-Op Appeal – Guest Speaker @ 8:30 & 10:30 A.M.  
 Masses  
 11:30 A.M.-1:00 P.M. – Evangelization Team Mtg.; RCR



**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](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 Hateful Things We Hug Tight...**

At the end of "Lord of the Rings: Return of the King," Gollum fights with Frodo for possession of the One Ring. He wins the fight, but in doing so topples over the edge of the mountain ledge, falling into the cavernous fires of Mount Doom. As he falls, we see him smile, and clutch the ring to his chest. He is happy. He has won what he spent his life pursuing.

It is only in the last millisecond before his face slips below the lava that we see his eyes widen in terror as he realizes the truth: the thing he clutches to his heart is the thing that killed him. In choosing the ring, he chooses death.

Sin, and the fallen nature of this world, makes us addicted to something that kills us.

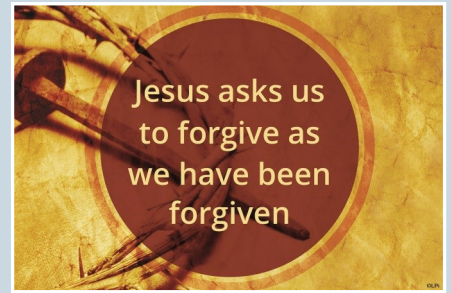
Like any addiction, it is a vicious cycle. The less we forgive, the more hardhearted we become ... and the less we seek forgiveness ourselves.

What breaks the cycle? Reconciliation with God — or, Confession, as we call it. In fact, it does more than break the cycle. It turns it backward. Not only does it detoxify our souls of sin, it weakens our addiction to sin's effects — anger, vengeance, unforgiveness. The confession of evil works is the first beginning of good works, said St. Augustine.

Ultimately, I view our whole human life as a struggle on the ledge of a mountaintop. It is certain that we will choose sin — we always do. We will tumble over the side, toward ruin. But let us be Frodo, and not Gollum. Let us cling to the rock of the sacraments and accept the hand that would drag us away from the flames.

*"Wrath and anger are hateful things, yet the sinner hugs them tight." — Sirach 27:30*

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