# Welcome to Immaculate Conception Parish

A Catholic Community Inviting People to Follow Christ

September 18, 2022 - Twenty-Fifth Sunday In Ordinary Time



"This is good and pleasing to God our savior, who wills everyone to be saved and to come to knowledge of the truth." - 1 Timothy 2:3-4

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## Contact Us

#### **Parish Office Hours:**

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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

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**Parish Website:** . www.icchicago.org

School Website:

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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** 



#### 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.

(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**:

2nd & 4th 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

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

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.

#### New Ministries, Programs, and Projects

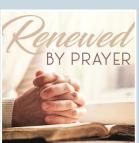
Last weekend for World Mission Sunday, I reflected on the letter from the Apostle John where he wrote, "for whoever does not love a brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen" (1 John 4:20b).

Loving the brother we can see does mean charity, it is true. But Christian love is not so easily compartmentalized and segmented. We cannot be disciples of Christ giving to the poor only – as necessary as corporal works of mercy are.

Christ formed us into a community of believers, not a confederation of individuals connected by circumstance. *"Loving the brother you can see"* means loving our community and those in it. It means investing yourself more deeply into prayer, spiritual growth, and personal maturity.

To that end, with our Alpha program beginning, we are growing as a team and as a program. We expect 20-30 participants (as of this writing), with people from other parishes – we see all Catholics as our brethren in faith, and all non-Catholics who seek an upright way of life as fellow-searchers with us. Alpha welcomes them all. Our team, now sixteen people strong, is ready to serve again, and for this I am thankful.

They are serving the brother they can see by calling others to an opportunity for a deeper faith.



We are beginning a new group for our Alpha Alumni called "*Connect.*" In it, we seek to connect parishioners to one another, but also to guide them to see how they, as individuals, connect to the mission of Christ. This program represents a movement into Phase 2 of our long-term plan, working towards the goal of "*equipping parishioners for ministry.*"

On **Saturday**, **October 15**<sup>th</sup>, we will host a **Day of Reflection** for all of our leaders. This day of prayer will begin at **11:00 A.M.**, concluding with a Holy Hour leading up to our 5:00 P.M. Mass on Saturday. My focus will be on the leadership of Christ and His Mission.

I will also begin working with our teachers monthly. As ministers and coworkers with me, I believe the impact they have on our children's faith is second only to their parents. As extensions of our Church and collaborators with my ministry as a priest, I hope I can equip them for their unique and important ministry with our children.

Our Seminarians are back with us and will be assisting me on a few things, from prayers to reflections. Please look forward to our Reflection Series "*Fruitful Harvest*" which will return in October.

We are also offering a new hospitality feature called our **Coffeehouse**. As an avid lover of coffee, I promise the coffee we offer will be high quality. I have also asked various groups in our parish to help host this special monthly gathering so that you can meet those who work for our parish in many capacities. It will start on **Sunday**, **October 2**<sup>nd</sup>, after our 8:30 A.M. Mass (open approximately from 9:30 A.M. until 12:30 P.M.). Meant to be light and social, we will even have the Bears Game on as needed.

With all that said, I hope you see that Fall and Winter this year have a robust lineup — and there is more to come. Thank you for your support of us, and I hope you can support these new efforts to help us grow.



- Fr. Matt



**Please note**: As of September 11<sup>th</sup>, our Alpha Saturday morning sessions are full. Limited spaces remain for our Monday evening sessions.



Mr. & Mrs. Matthew & Sarah Jose



Bradley & Kathryn Polender and their children Liliana & Westley

Christopher L Caroline Ramey and their son Aidan

Zach & Dana Carmen

Anthony & Mary Lam



Welcome to all visitors and guests! Interested in joining our IC Parish family? Register @ icchicago.org



Please join us at our **10:30 A.M. Family Mass this Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup>** (with Fr. Matt 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! <u>Upcoming Family Mass Schedule</u>: **October 16<sup>th</sup>** - *Confirmation Candidates*; **November 20<sup>th</sup>** - *Scouting Programs*; **December 11<sup>th</sup>** - *Service Groups* 

Family Masses @ IC



## IC Kindergarten Students Having Fun In Celebration Of "Dot Day"!

Our Kindergarten students visited our computer lab for their first class and listened to the story entitled: *The Dot* by *Peter H. Reynolds,* which then inspired them to use their computers to create dot pictures. As you can see below, our students genuinely enjoyed their class time in our computer lab!































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



Tom Altman Paul Amandes Arnold B. Robert Behrman Sonia M. B. Roberta Berger John Bozek Vince Caeti Mary Cali Jackie Campbell Zita Castro Donna Chaplin James Covello Ronnie Cunningham Paige Dicks Margarita DiSalvo Emily Divarco Eric Dulce Lilia Dulce Ozzie D'Souza Joan Fabiano Dolores Firlotte Richard Flanagan Brooke Foreman Patricia Furgat Lila Gehner

#### For those who are sick:

Bonnie Jean Gorski *Marie Hagarty* Gloria Hernandez Ofelia Hernandez Judy Hull Mary Ann Schmitt Hurtig Kevin Jaburek Bob Kech Wayne Kinzie, Sr. Craig Kloss Lillian Kohut Katherine Kreuser Anthony LaPash Denis Mahoney Benny Martinez Edwin Martinez Frank Martinez Pat Miaso Gerry Michalek, Jr. Glen Molo Molly Morris Veronica Murillo Timothy Murray Brendan Nelson Anne O'Brien John O'Brien

Jackie O'Koniewski David Olson Ashton Peterson Leo Pfest Mary Potwora Helen Rasmussen Rosaleen Reilly **Bill Remblake** Joe Rispoli Pia Rizza David Rodriguez Fr. Donald Senior, C.P. Don Skorey Edward Stanczyk Jill Swagler Alma T. Donna Tisdale Camilla Trevino Steven P. Trifilio Mary Ellen Vanderman Henry Wagener Miss Westhoff Rita Zambon Denis Zamirowski

For our faithful departed:

Sharon Zago (Mother of John, Kevin & Lisa Zago) Patricia Ann "Patti" Thornton (Wife of Thomas) Edward J. Niklewicz Jacques Foucre (Husband of Anna)



"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, Thomas Treslo, National Guard Specialist 4<sup>th</sup> Class

**U.S. Navy -** CMDR Michael Brasseur, LCDR Christopher Jenkins, PO Thomas T. Tudisco **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 -** Sean Gronset, PFC Sebastian L. Rivera, Jr., PFC Christopher Hughes, PFC

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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 18<sup>th</sup> through Sunday, September 25<sup>th</sup>

Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup> – *Twenty-Fifth Sunday In Ordinary Time* 5:00 P.M. (Saturday) – <sup>†</sup>John Wisniewski; <sup>†</sup>Madeline Mazzone; <sup>†</sup>Stephanie Klatt; Rafael Salvat (Living); and Timothy Bellizi (Living) 8:30 A.M. – <sup>†</sup>Walter & Katherine Sment; <sup>†</sup>George Buschauer; <sup>†</sup>Eugene & Francis Coelho; and <sup>†</sup>Francis & Moira Cross 10:30 A.M. – <sup>†</sup>Anna Arriva; <sup>†</sup>Marie Martin; <sup>†</sup>Minnie Simone; <sup>†</sup>Louis & Frances Allocco; <sup>†</sup>The Furgat Family; <sup>†</sup>David Grex; <sup>†</sup>Charlie Manley (Birthday Remembrance & 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary); and The People of the Parish

#### Monday, September 19th - Saint Januarius, Bishop and Martyr

8:30 A.M. – <sup>†</sup>Jan Merino (Birthday Remembrance); <sup>†</sup>Harry & Marie Lackowski; <sup>†</sup>Maxine Harkenrider; and Cookie Anna (on her Birthday) (Living)

Tuesday, September 20<sup>th</sup> - Saints Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Priest, and Paul Chong Ha-sang, and Companions, Martyrs 8:30 A.M. – <sup>†</sup>John Keane

## Wednesday, September 21<sup>st</sup> – Saint Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist

8:30 A.M. – <sup>†</sup>The Furgat Family; <sup>†</sup>Stephanie Klatt; <sup>†</sup>Nicholas Sader; <sup>†</sup>Francis Sader (on his 17<sup>th</sup> Anniversary); and Gathi Abraham (Birthday Blessings) (Living)

#### Thursday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> – Weekday

**8:30** A.M. – <sup>†</sup>Ed Sikorski, Jr. (Birthday Remembrance); <sup>†</sup>Joseph Paura (Birthday Remembrance); <sup>†</sup>Robert Barder; <sup>†</sup>Evelyn Rutkowski (on her 3<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary); <sup>†</sup>Gloria Budziak; and <sup>†</sup>Eric Zeitlin

Friday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> - Saint Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest Friday Daily Masses Temporarily Suspended (as of July 8<sup>th</sup>)

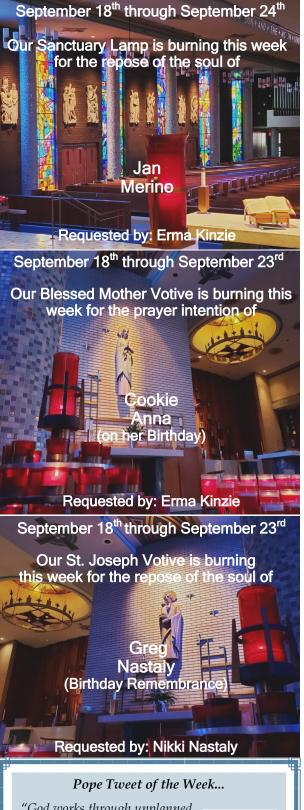
#### Saturday, September 24th - Weekday

5:00 P.M.— <sup>†</sup>Sophie Sikorski (Birthday Remembrance); <sup>†</sup>Madeline Mazzone; <sup>†</sup>John Bielski, Jr.; <sup>†</sup>Harold Johnson; <sup>†</sup>Stanislaw Swiderski; <sup>†</sup>Michael Byrne; <sup>†</sup>Malachy Byrne; and Len Belen (Birthday Blessings & For Good Health) (Living)

Sunday, September 25<sup>th</sup> – *Twenty-Sixth Sunday In Ordinary Time* 8:30 A.M.– <sup>†</sup>The Furgat Family; <sup>†</sup>George Buschauer; <sup>†</sup>Francis & Moira Cross; and <sup>†</sup>Carol Vargo

10:30 A.M. – <sup>†</sup>Paul Kokalj; <sup>†</sup>Joan Larson (Birthday Remembrance);
<sup>†</sup>Joseph Henmueller; <sup>†</sup>Jeremy Paul Konczal; <sup>†</sup>Peter Lacey; <sup>†</sup>Andy McDonough; <sup>†</sup>Manuel Mendoza; and The People of the Parish

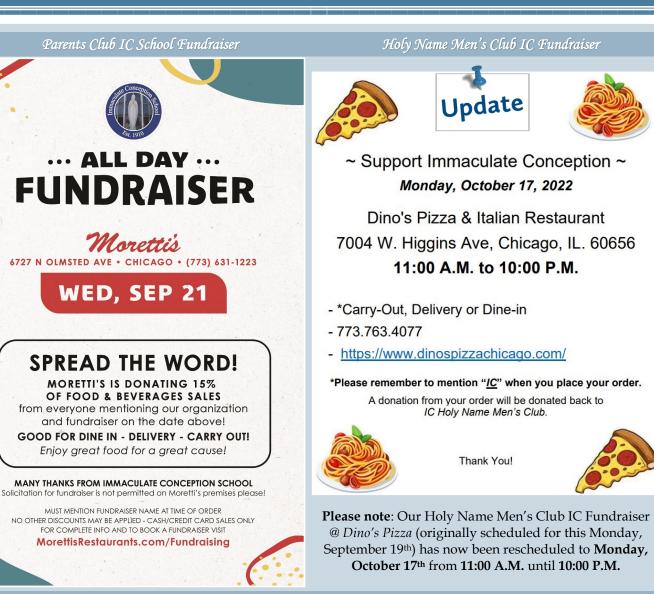




"God works through unplanned events, as well as through setbacks. Let us ask the Lord to send us His Spirit so that He might help us to discern and to recognize His presence even in



the unforeseen and painful situations in our lives."



Special Collection This Weekend: September 17th L 18th

# ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO SEMINARIAN EDUCATION FUND

The archdiocesan collection for the education and for<u>mation of our future priests.</u>



The Seminarian Education Fund provides support for the training and education of men studying for 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.

Extra envelopes are available in the Vestibule of our Church this weekend, or you may make a gift online at *archchicago.org/seminarianfund*. Please be generous (if you are able.)

#### Gospel Meditation - Encourage a Deeper Understanding of Scripture



"You cannot serve both God and mammon." Merriam-Webster defines mammon as material wealth or possessions, especially having a debasing influence. While God does not take issue with our need to use money for the business of our lives, there can be a problem with the attitudes we bring to it. We can easily become so preoccupied and obsessed with money that it becomes the real "god" we worship. Do we serve mammon instead of God? In their book, Wealth, Riches and Money, Craig Hill and Earl Pitts outline symptoms of mammon's influence in our lives. Some of these are worry and anxiety over money, money mismanagement, fear

over "never having enough," an "I can't afford it" mentality, impulse buying, stinginess, greed, debt, and discontent.

Many of the things on that list can consume us to the point that we are distracted from what we really need to be doing. Many people spend an inordinate amount of time worrying about money and it becomes the source of their worst fears. If we are honest with ourselves, we need to admit that we place far more emphasis on our material securities than we ought. In fact, we have actually convinced ourselves that we cannot live without it. Are we that certain about the presence of God? Many of the world's problems, especially those involving inequity and injustice, result from conflicts about money. Many equate money with happiness. Those successful in accumulating large amounts of it quickly realize just how wrong they are.

"Your ultimate allegiance is not to the government, not to the state, not to nation, not to any man-made institution. The Christian owes his ultimate allegiance to God, and if any earthly institution conflicts with God's will it is your Christian duty to take a stand against it. You must never allow the transitory evanescent demands of man-made institutions to take precedence over the eternal demands of the Almighty God (Martin Luther King, Jr.)." This is the point Jesus is trying to make. Unfortunately, when we look around our man-made kingdoms are far more prevalent than God's kingdom. When we start seeing greater evidence of justice, equity, dignity, respect, opportunity, gentleness, holiness, solidarity, honesty, simplicity, care for creation, and a decrease in ambition, then we will know that God's kingdom is being served. We will be doing what we are supposed to do. ©LPi

#### Job Opportunities @ IC: Custodian/Maintenance Worker

Cub Scout Popcorn Sale: September 24<sup>th</sup> I, 25<sup>th</sup>

IC is currently looking for a full-time Custodian/Maintenance Worker to work in both our Church and School. Primary responsibilities are minor building maintenance, snow removal and facility cleaning. This position requires the worker to be physically capable to perform daily tasks.



If interested, please contact Vincent Kennedy, Director of Operations, at 773.775.3833 or vkennedy@icchicago.org.



Next 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.

Ministry Schedules: Saturday, September 24th & Sunday, September 25th			
	Saturday 5:00 P.M.	Sunday 8:30 A.M.	Sunday 10:30 A.M.
Presiders	Fr. Robert Fedek	Fr. Robert Fedek	Fr. Robert Fedek
Lectors	R. Altman	D. Sebastian	E. Kinzie & N. Schroeder
Cantors	E. Doyle	Vocal Quintet & Violin	Vocal Quintet
Extraordinary Ministers	L. Delana	D. Sebastian	R. Siciliano & D. Mroz
Altar Servers	K. Giannola; K. Bowers; C. Villafane	S. Gillespie; D. Gillespie; E. Miehlich	I. Luna; E. Carroll; C. Beach



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/ Bulletin Editor Elizabeth Doyle, Assistant Director of Music Marilyn Sadowski, Receptionist Bernadette Anna, Parish Sacristan Michael La Haye, Head of Maintenance

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

Monday, September 19th -3:10-4:30 P.M. - Jr. Ringers Rehearsal; CH 7:00-8:30 P.M. - Fall Alpha Monday Evening Sessions Begin; RA 7:00-8:30 P.M. – Overtones Rehearsal; CH Wednesday, September 21<sup>st</sup> -8:30 A.M. - School Mass; CH All Day - Parents Club IC School Fundraiser @ Moretti's in Edison Park (Carry-Out, Dine-In & Delivery) 2:10-3:30 P.M. - Choristers Rehearsal; CH 4:00-5:00 P.M. - Religious Education Program Class; SC Thursday, September 22nd -5:00-9:00 P.M. - Parents Club Used Uniform Sale; Café 6:30-8:30 P.M. - Parish Finance Council Mtg.; RA Friday, September 23rd -No School – Teacher Professional Development Day 8:15-10:00 P.M. – Men's Basketball; PC Saturday, September 24th -8:30-10:00 A.M. - Fall Alpha Saturday Morning Session; RA CH (Vestibule) - Cub Scout Popcorn Sale (@ 5:00 P.M. Mass) Sunday, September 25th -CH (Vestibule) - Cub Scout Popcorn Sale (@ 8:30 & 10:30 A.M. Masses)

9:30-10:15 A.M. - Confessions; CH

11:30 A.M.-1:00 P.M. - Evangelization Team Mtg.; RA

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#### Your Gifts to God and Parish...

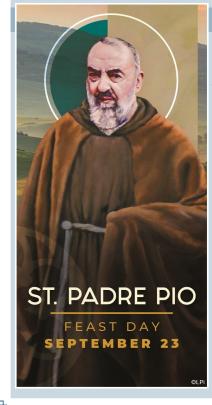
If you plan to move from our parish, please notify our Parish Office at least three months prior to your change of address. Also, if you will be away from home for more than 3 months, please contact us so that your envelopes can be stopped during that time period.

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** 

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#### Saint of The Week - Examples of Our Faith: Saint Pius of Pietrelcina (September 23<sup>rd</sup>)

Best known as Padre Pio, St. Pius was born Francesco Forgione in 1887 in Pietrelcina, Italy. As a young boy he suffered many illnesses including typhoid. He joined Capuchin Franciscans at 15 and took the name of Pius or "*Pio*" in honor of Pope Pius I. He was ordained in 1910, and at this time he received the marks of stigmata, the wounds of Christ, but they eventually healed. Frequent illnesses continued to plague him as a young man.

Padre Pio served in the Italian Medical Corps during World War I, but he was discharged early because of illness, which was likely tuberculosis. He was assigned to the friary in San Giovanni Rotondo. In 1918, while continuing to serve at the friary, the stigmata appeared again, and this time remained until his death.

Many faithful came to see him at the friary, his days were long, beginning with Mass at 5:00 A.M. then hearing confessions all day with breaks to bless the sick. A simple man, content to do God's will on earth and with the ardent desire to serve the sick and poor in whom he saw Christ, he urged a hospital, Casa Sollievo della Sofferenza (House for the Relief of Suffering), to be built in San Giovanni Rotondo. It opened in 1956.

Padre Pio died at the age of eighty-one in 1968 and in 2002 Pope John Paul II proclaimed him "*St. Pio of Pietrelcina.*" ©LPi





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