## Welcome to

# Immaculate Conception Parish

A Catholic Community Inviting People to Follow Christ

September 19, 2021 - Twenty-Fifth Sunday In Ordinary Time



"And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace for those who cultivate peace."

- James 3:18

Love God • Serve Others • Make Disciples

The Lord upholds my life.

## Contact Us

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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



#### 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!



#### Weekday Mass Schedule:

#### Online

Monday though 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.

#### Confessions:

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

(Special dates & times offered during Advent & Lent)

#### **Baptisms:**

Sundays @ Noon

#### 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.

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



This past weekend, our dedicated Alpha Team (led by Michael Tom) hosted a hospitality reception at all our Masses to personally invite and encourage members of our parish family to experience Alpha @ IC. We also welcomed guest speakers at each Mass (our Alpha Alumni: Artemio & his wife Maria, Kelly and Mary) who offered inspiring witness testimonials regarding the impact that Alpha has had on their lives. Many thanks to our speakers for graciously sharing their stories with us, and special thanks to our Coordinator of Engagement, Mary Dosek, and our entire Alpha Team for all of their efforts this past weekend!







Brianna Victoria Freeman Child of Brian Michael L Anna (Freeman) Paulson



Gianna Gracie Paulson Child of Brian Michael L Anna (Freeman) Paulson



Anthony Michael McNichols Child of John Paul & Annalisa (Caricola) McNichols

Caleb James Villafane Child of Ismael & Diane Rita (Barry) Villafane



Eleanor Jane Long Child of George William & Emily Marie (Wagner) Long



Mary Claire Chambers Child of Timothy Patrick & Heather Mary (Kilgallon) Chambers



On Friday, September  $10^{th}$ , Immaculate Conception School students and staff members placed flags on our front lawn in remembrance of the nearly 3,000 lives that were lost twenty years ago on September  $11^{th}$ . Our students were also attired in patriotic colors of red, white and blue to mark the occasion.

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



## For those who are sick:

Tom Altman Patricia Furgat Robert Behrman Lila Gehner Sonia M. B. Ofelia Hernandez Roberta Berger Kevin Jaburek Craig Kloss John Bozek Vince Caeti Lillian Kohut Jackie Campbell Dave Lewin Rita Castillo Benny Martinez Zita Castro Edwin Martinez Donna Chaplin Frank Martinez Marie Conway Donna McDonald James Covello *Gerry Michalek, Jr.* Ronnie Cunningham Sam Milazzo Molly Morris Paige Dicks Paula Drew Veronica Murillo Ozzie D'Souza Timothy Murray Teresa Dzieciol Brendan Nelson Richard Flanagan Judith Nosko Brooke Foreman Mary Beth O'Grady Jackie O'Koniewski Mari Ann Olsen David Olson Mary Potwora Helen Rasmussen Bill Remblake Pia Rizza David Rodriguez Elaine Schatz Iennie 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:

Andrianna M. Jankowski James Denis McIntyre



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

#### For our First Communicants:



## 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 Brasseur, 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 Wieczorek

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 19<sup>th</sup> through Sunday, September 26<sup>th</sup>

Sunday, September 19th - Twenty-Fifth Sunday In Ordinary Time (Catechetical Sunday)

**5:00** *P.M.* (*Saturday*) - <sup>†</sup>Elizabeth Vaicaitis; <sup>†</sup>Ronald Vaicaitis; <sup>†</sup>Diane Fritz; <sup>†</sup>Joan Vaicaitis; and <sup>†</sup>Joanne Vickers

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

Monday, September 20th – Saints Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Priest, and Paul Chong Ha-sang and Companions, Martyrs 8:30 A.M. — Kataryna Protyniak (Living) (Birthday)

Tuesday, September 21st - Saint Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist 8:30 A.M. — †Mary Frances Doogan

Wednesday, September 22nd - Weekday

8:30 A.M. − †Robert Barder; †Ed Sikorski, Jr. (Birthday Remembrance); †Joseph Paura; †Evelyn Rutkowski (on her 2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary); and †Diane Basinski

**Thursday, September 23**<sup>rd</sup> - *Saint Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest* 8:30 A.M. — †Sophie Sikorski (Birthday Remembrance); and †Gloria Budziak

Friday, September 24th - Weekday

8:30 A.M. — †Harold Johnson (Birthday Remembrance); †Madeline Mazzone; and †Tomasito Baltazar (on his 5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)

Saturday, September 25th - Weekday

5:00 P.M. - †Joan Larson (Birthday Remembrance); †John Bielski, Jr.; †Norah Greene; †Michael Byrne; †Malachy Byrne; and Len Belen (For Good Health) (Living)

**Sunday, September 26**<sup>th</sup> – *Twenty-Sixth Sunday In Ordinary Time* 8:30 A.M.– †Camille Parrilli; †Lucille Frachello; †Albert Padamadan; and Gene Dengler (Living);

10:30 A.M. — †Paul Kokalj; †Stanislaw Swiderski; †Gregorio Ramos; †Francisca Ramos; †Jaime Hernandez; †Patricia Dillon (Birthday Remembrance); †Francis & Moira Cross; †James Hiera; †Mary Byrne; †Nialus Byrne; †Joan Larson; Beth & Adam Much and Family (Living); and The People of the Parish



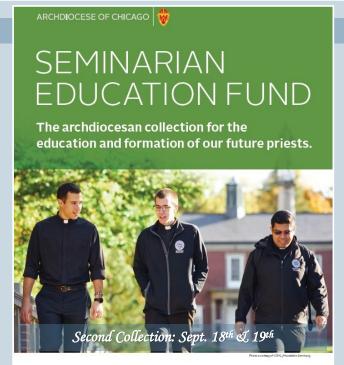


#### Pope Tweet of the Week...

"Let us #PrayTogether today for all the people who suffer from sadness, because they are alone or because they do not know what the future holds for them, or because they cannot support their family, because they have no job. Many



people suffer from sadness. Let us pray for them."



The Seminarian Education Fund provides support for men studying for the priesthood in the Archdiocese of Chicago. The fund helps cover the cost of educating our seminarians as they proceed through the stages of formation before ordination as priests.

Your generosity supports these men answering God's call to a life of service for the Archdiocese of Chicago.

Please give today at archchicago.org/seminarianfund

Thank you!



Deacon Joseph Nguyen, Joseph Mick, Colin Keiser & Jacob Hahn

IC Parents Club

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION SCHOOL

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Please join us on **Thursday**, **September 23**<sup>rd</sup> at **6:00 P.M.** in our Rectory Assembly to make sandwiches to donate to *The Port Ministries*. All donations of ham, turkey, salami and sliced loaves of bread are needed along with working hands to assemble the sandwiches. This is a great way for students to earn service hours as well. We are also collecting brand new toys for Christmas distribution to the children of *The Port Ministries*. Puzzles, board games, dolls, trucks, cars, Play-Doh, gift cards, etc. are being collected that evening as well. Any questions, please contact Nancy @ 773.805.3254.



Sunday: Wis 2:12, 17-20/Ps 54:3-4, 5, 6-8 [6b]/Jas 3:16-4:3/Mk 9:30-37

**Monday:** Ezr 1:1-6/Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/Lk 8:16-18

**Tuesday:** Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [5]/Mt 9:9-13

**Wednesday:** Ezr 9:5-9/Tb 13:2, 3-4a, 4befghn, 7-8 [1b]/Lk 9:1-6 **Thursday:** Hg 1:1-8/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/Lk 9:7-9

Friday: Hg 2:1-9/Ps 43:1, 2, 3, 4 [5]/Lk 9:18-22

Saturday: Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a/Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13 [cf. 10d]/Lk 9:43b-45

**Next Sunday:** Nm 11:25-29/Ps 19:8, 10, 12-13, 14 [9a]/Jas 5:1-6/Mk 9:38-43, 45,

47-48

## Gospel Meditation - Encourage a Deeper Understanding of Scripture



There is something about being first. Whether it be first in line, first to be picked for the team, or the first one to finish their work, great satisfaction is achieved. Our egos love being first. It somehow sets us apart from everyone else, gives us a sense of pride and positions us to feel better than others. When we are first, we can glory in our efforts, skills, and achievements. Isn't that what really matters? After all, we are taught from a very young age to be proficient, stay on top, be the best at what we do, and win the praise and esteem of others. This is the stuff

that makes us successful and provides us with a comfortable, satisfying life.

Jesus wants none of it. All of the details we anguish over mean little to the kingdom of God. You want to be first? Then, be a servant and welcome a child. All of this is the opposite of our often vehement pursuits. If we are serious about following Jesus and living the Gospel, then we must put the needs of others before our own. If we continue to listen only to the noise of the world, we are going to continue to believe the illusions we inherit. Those illusions come in many forms, but all have things in common: me before you, being on top and not the bottom, us versus them, personal security over universal harmony and peace. When are we going to learn that always striving to be the best and first is an empty pursuit in our struggle for happiness? While satisfying our ego with this momentary boost of esteem may feel good for a moment, is it what we really desire?

If we can break from the world's noise and create a space of sacred silence in our lives, we can begin to listen and see that we are being called in another direction. What we really desire is not the bolstering of our egos but the innocence we lost somewhere along the way. When we can be playful, joyful, and even somewhat carefree, life is good. We want our relationships to work, a place to call home, and to live peaceful lives with our sisters and brothers. Only a servant can do this. The servant's prayer seeks to detach from self-concern in order to be used by God. Rather than worrying about being first and coming out on top, we can be inspired, guided, empowered, and led to do good works. Stop worrying about being first and put greater energy into feeling joy. ©LPi

Ministry Schedules: Saturday, September 25 <sup>th</sup> & Sunday, September 26 <sup>th</sup>			
	Saturday 5:00 P.M.	Sunday 8:30 A.M.	Sunday 10:30 A.M.
Presiders	Fr. Robert Carlton	Fr. Robert Fedek	Fr. Robert Carlton
Lectors	N. Kremer & R. Altman	L. Beckman	N. Kanoon; S. Clemente
Cantors	E. Doyle	Vocal Quartet &Violin	Vocal Quartet
Extraordinary Ministers	E. Kinzie	D. Zamirowski	R. Siciliano
Altar Servers	P. Beckman; I. Cox; K. Giannola	S. Eaglin; M. Eaglin; O. Magruder	C. Beach; K. Bowers; J. Edwards

<u>Lectors</u>: 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:

Fr. Matthew Heinrich, Pastor
Fr. Robert Carlton, Associate Pastor
Fr. Robert Fedek, Weekend Assistant
Deacon Rick & Carol Moritz
Deacon Ronald & Connie Gronek
Deacon Michael Bednarz
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
Anthony Vitali, Maintenance

Our School Staff:
Sue Canzoneri, Principal
Tina Fitzgerald, Assistant Principal
Julie Szwedo, Religious Education Coordinator
Lisa Kessler, School Accountant
Mary Haley, School Secretary

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

Monday, September 20<sup>th</sup> – 7:00-8:30 P.M. – Alpha Fall Session Begins; RA

Wednesday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>-8:30 A.M.—School Assembly Mass; Church 4:00-5:00 P.M.—Religious Education Class; Zoom

*Thursday, September* 23<sup>rd</sup> — **6:00-7:00 P.M.** – IC Outreach (Sandwiches for The Port Ministries); RA

<u>Friday, September 24th</u> — No School — Teacher Professional Development Day 8:15 P.M. — Men's Basketball; PC

Sunday, September 26<sup>th</sup> — 9:30-10:15 A.M. — Confessions; Church 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 (\*Please note: new email address.)