Welcome to Immaculate Conception Parish

A Catholic Community Inviting People to Follow Christ

September 20, 2020 - Twenty-Fifth Sunday In Ordinary Time



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Love God, Serve Others, Make Disciples



Gather with us virtually as we pray with, and for, one another during our Masses which are broadcast live through **Twitch TV** (www.twitch.tv/icchicago) and through **Facebook Live** on our Facebook page: *Immaculate Conception Parish Chicago (Talcott)*. Direct links to both platforms are easily accessible on our parish website (www.icparish.net). For your convenience, all Masses are recorded and archived for a limited time.





Ariella Marie Maldonado Child of Jason and Laura Marie (Ruiz) Maldonado

Phase 2 Reopening Mass Schedule: Sunday Mass in Church (with reserved seating) @ 5:00 P.M. (Saturday), 8:30 A.M. & 10:30 A.M.* Please visit www.icparish.net to register.

*Sunday, September 20th @ 10:30 A.M. -Formal Installation of Fr. Matthew Heinrich as Pastor of Immaculate Conception Parish (with Bishop Bartosic presiding)

First Friday Mass & Adoration in Church (with reserved seating) @ 5:30 P.M. (October 2nd)

Worship with IC from home... Sunday Virtual Mass @ 10:30 A.M. Daily Virtual Mass @ 7:00 P.M. (Monday through Friday) School Virtual Mass @ 8:30 A.M. (Wednesdays)



Opportunities for **Confessions** will be offered on the first and third Tuesdays of each month from **6:00-7:00 P.M. October 6th & October 20th *Reservations are required.**

Support IC through Give Central...

We are truly grateful for the continued generosity of our faithful parishioners as we would not be able to maintain our parish and continue our mission without you.

If you are able, please consider contributing electronically via Give Central at <u>www.givecentral.org/location/349</u> to assist us in maintaining the vital ministries and services we provide on behalf of our community. If you have any questions regarding setting up your online donations through Give Central, please contact our Parish Office at 773.775.3833 and a member of our Parish Staff will be happy to assist you.

If you would prefer to support our parish with an offertory donation through cash or check, please mail your envelopes to our Parish Office at: **7211 W. Talcott Avenue, Chicago, IL. 60631.**



"You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God." - 2 Corinthians 9:11

A Pastor's Installation...

While I am writing this before my actual Installation, I thought it might be useful to discuss what this moment means and what goes into it.

The word "installation" makes everything sound grander than it is, I suppose, but it is one of a few technical terms the Church uses regarding priests. When a seminarian becomes a Deacon first and then a Priest, a few things happen. He is first **instituted** to ministry, then he is **elected** as



a candidate for Priesthood and **received** by the Bishop of that Diocese. Afterwards, he is **ordained** for ministry and **assigned** to a parish.

A Pastor is a step further in this process where he is **installed**. The ritual that takes place at this weekend's Mass states, "Because Cardinal Cupich and I [the Bishop] are aware of your pastoral needs, we are confident in [this Priest's] qualifications for the office of Pastor. I now commend [him] to you as your new Pastor."

Afterward, the Bishop will give this charge to me, namely:

"Remember my brother to always be a loving father, a gentle shepherd, and a wise teacher of your people, so that you may lead them to Christ who will strengthen all that you do. As a teacher of that faith, I ask you now to lead your people in the profession of faith."

The role of Pastor is the role of a Priest and Administrator as well. He is the steward of people's gifts, trust, and spiritual health. In many ways, as I see it, the Pastor is also the steward of the goals and vision of a parish. In prayer, he is called to discern if something is fruitful or not.

In one sense, it is an honor because you are entrusted by your peers and superiors with what is an ancient task in our faith. On the other hand, there is the pressure of fulfilling these promises: of being a leader and, more than that, raising up other leaders in a given community as well.

I have been blessed to have Fr. Robert as a friend and mentor all these years. I have been blessed to come to Immaculate Conception just over two years ago and work with a good team of people.

There is much work to be accomplished and many challenges that lie ahead, but there are many reasons to be grateful as well. Please keep me in your prayers as I make this transition and learn this new role.

Hopefully, I can live up to my new role and responsibility. As always, it is only through God that good things are accomplished. I entrust myself to His wisdom and your love. May we work together to, as we say, *"Love God, serve others, and make disciples."*

Fr. Matt







Please join our parish family in prayer ...



Tom Altman Concetta Bartucci Melissa Bednarz Celerina Behrman Robert Behrman Sonia M. B. Vince Caeti Jackie Campbell Rita Castillo Phil Chiaramonte* James Covello Sherry Crocifisso Ronnie Cunningham Richard Flanagan Brooke Foreman Lila Gehner Irene Hand

For those who are sick:

Ofelia Hernandez Esther Jarosh Helga Jarosz Nancy Kinzie Craig Kloss Lillian Kohut Arlene Lacey-Beyna Benny Martinez Edwin Martinez Frank Martinez **Thomas McHugh*** Jan Merino Veronica Murillo Timothy Murray Mae O'Donnell *Mary Beth O'Grady* Jackie O'Koniewski

Mary Potwora Bill Remblake Sebastian L. Rivera David Rodriguez Elaine Schatz Thomas Skorupa Edward Stanczyk Sue Stich **Marion Szumski*** Julie Szwedo Donna Tisdale **Greg Tomaino*** Steven P. Trifilio Henry Wagener

*Newly Added

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:

Marie A. Hickey Fr. Peter Berendt, C.P. (Former Associate Pastor @ IC) John Treslley (Uncle of Kristi Edwards) Elizabeth A. Williams (Sister of Bonnie Nahulak)



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



For those who serve our country:



<u>U.S. Army</u> - SSgt. John Francis Mikita, Sgt. Kevin Whalen, SSgt Martine Makita, Chris Dash, Pot. Jason G. Cavanaugh, Major Christopher Walsh, Capt. Benjamin Monson, 1st Lt. Katherine D. Hartnett, SPC Michael J. Stone, Pot. Charlie Cruz Pappas, Thomas Treslo, National Guard Specialist 4th Class

<u>**U.S.** Navy</u> - CMDR Michael Brasseur, Lt. Christopher Jenkins, PO Thomas T. Tudisco <u>**U.S.** Air Force</u> - John Christopher Ocasio, Major Laurel Walsh, Captain Paul H. Kolk, LT. COL. Michael O'Koniewski; 2nd Lt. Colleen Bernal

<u>**U.S. Marines</u>** - Sean Gronset, PFC Sebastian L. Rivera, Jr., PFC Christopher Hughes, PFC Algene D. Porticos</u>

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 20th through Sunday, September 27th

Sunday, September 20th - Twenty-Fifth Sunday In Ordinary Time
5:00 P.M. (Saturday) - [†]Harry & Marie Lackowski; [†]Walter & Katherine Sment; and Jan Merino (on her 84th Birthday) (Living)
8:30 A.M. - [†]Marie Martin; [†]Francis & Moira Cross; [†]Louis & Frances Allocco; and [†]Stanislaw Swiderski
10:30 A.M. - [†]Gregorio Ramos & Francisca Ramos; [†]Amalia & Manuel Herrera; [†]Veronica Spera; [†]Michael Boggins (on his 3rd Anniversary); [†]Kathy LaRocco; and The Sampey Family
6:00 P.M. - The People of the Parish

Monday, September 21st – Saint Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist 8:30 A.M. – Gathi Abraham (Birthday) (Living)

Tuesday, September 22nd - *Weekday* 8:30 A.M. – [†]Ed Sikorski, Jr. (Birthday Remembrance); [†]Joseph Paura; [†]Robert Barder; and [†]Richard Zahn

Wednesday, September 23rd - *Saint Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest* 8:30 A.M. – [†]Sophie Sikorski (Birthday Remembrance)

Thursday, September 24th- Weekday 8:30 A.M. – ⁺Harold Johnson

Friday, September 25th - *Weekday* 8:30 A.M. – [†]Joan Larson (Birthday Remembrance); and [†]Michael Byrne (on his 15th Anniversary)

Saturday, September 26th - Saints Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs 5:00 P.M. - [†]John Bielski, Jr.; [†]Patricia Dillon (Birthday Remembrance); and [†]Thomas Craig

Sunday, September 27th – Twenty-Sixth Sunday In Ordinary Time

8:30 A.M.- [†]Clementine Longo; and [†]Stanislaw Swiderski; 10:30 A.M.- [†]Paul Kokalj (on his 10th Anniversary); [†]Francis & Moira Cross; [†]Malachy & Kate Casey; [†]Pamela Schmidt; Lanna Luedtke (Living); George Litgen (Living); and Fr. James Altman (Living)

6:00 P.M. – The People of the Parish





Requested by: The Abraham Family

September 20th through September 25th

The Blessed Mother Votive is burning this week for the prayer intentions of





"Today, in the tragedy of a pandemic, in the face of the many false securities that have now

crumbled, in the face of so many hopes betrayed, in the sense of abandonment that weighs upon our hearts, Jesus says to each one of us: "Courage, open your heart to My love."





Sunday: Is 55:6-9/Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18 [18a]/Phil 1:20c-24, 27a/Mt 20:1-16a

Monday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [5]/Mt 9:9-13 *Tuesday*: Prv 21:1-6, 10-13/Ps 119:1, 27, 30, 34. 35, 44 [35]/Lk 8:19-21 *Wednesday*: Prv 30:5-9/Ps 119:29, 72, 89, 101, 104, 163 [105]/Lk 9:1-6 *Thursday*: Eccl 1:2-11/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17bc [1]/Lk 9:7-9 *Friday*: Eccl 3:1-11/Ps 144:1b and 2abc, 3-4 [1]/Lk 9:18-22 *Saturday*: Eccl 11:9 – 12:8/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17 [1]/Lk 9:43b -45

Next Sunday: Ez 18:25-28/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [6a]/Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5/ Mt 21:28-32



"With all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another through love, striving to preserve the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace" - Ephesians 4:2-3



Ray L Jan Ehrlich on their 65th Wedding Anniversary!



Jocelyn Lim, Joe Jummati, Rob Lohman, Darlene Mroz, Lee Garza & Ralph Warner

VOLVNTEERS NEEDED

We are still actively recruiting additional volunteers to help staff our Greeting and Cleaning teams (led by our dedicated Captains, Darlene Mroz & Joe Jummati). If the Spirit moves you and you would like to volunteer to assist us with our ongoing reopening process, please complete our Parish Reopening Team Volunteer Form which is easily accessible on our parish website at www.icparish.net. We are particularly seeking volunteers to assist us with either our First Friday 5:30 P.M. Mass & Adoration and/or our Saturday evening Mass at 5:00 P.M. Thank you for your prayerful consideration!

> "Serve one another humbly in love." - Galatians 5:13

Gospel Meditation - Encourage a Deeper Understanding of Scripture



If I work for five hours, I expect to get paid for five hours. If I work for two, I expect to get paid for two. What if we worked for a company that paid everyone the same amount regardless of how long they worked? How would we feel going home with the same pay for working eight hours as my co-worker did for working only two hours? Secular wisdom would have a huge problem with this and a visit to the Labor Board would quickly pursue. But this is God's wisdom and God's ways.

We sometimes think that if we pray more, better, or more fervently and

go over and above with the practice of our faith, God will somehow reward us and present us with some kind of merit badge. We are so wrong. Spiritual practices have only one true purpose: to deepen our love for God. In deepening our love for God, we also increase our ability to see God's presence around us, living life more purposefully and contemplatively. What if God chooses to treat someone who has come on the scene of faith later in life the same as someone who has devoted their whole lives to it? Does it really matter? If we have the merit badge notion of faith, we can find ourselves feeling a little arrogant and even jealous of folks who have not followed the same path that we have. We can even see ourselves as the privileged few who have a corner on the faith and fully possess it.

That thinking doesn't square with God. God is all about mercy in abundance and is ready to take anyone to Himself regardless of when they come. He is only happy that they have come home and delights in their return. After all, if you really and truly love someone, does it matter what they will give you in return or what you receive as a benefit? If relationships were assessed based upon productivity, they would lack authentic love. We invest too much self interest in our prayer and neglect to see it as an opportunity to pursue our Lover and deepen the intimate bond we have with God.

When we breathe our last, all that is of consequence is union with God. If my love for God is real, I am going to want to live the Gospel, abide by the commandments, practice my faith, forgive and love my neighbor, and care for the environment, regardless of how much time it takes or benefits me. We want God to think and behave as we do, and in doing so, we set ourselves up for disappointment. God has a totally different agenda and that's okay. ©LPi

Everyday Stewardship – Recognize God in your Ordinary Moments

Be Sure to Look the Part...

I used to coach my oldest son in soccer when he was younger. As he got older, he would go to tryouts for select and high school teams. I was no longer the coach, but I always shared with him one piece of advice before any tryout: Be sure to look the part. I told him that if he showed up looking like a soccer player, there was an increased chance of him being seen as a soccer player. If he showed up looking like a kid that plays soccer in video games as opposed to the real thing, he might not be taken seriously. As he grew older, that same advice was then applied to getting a job. It's advice I have heeded myself all my life. You can even say it is like another common phrase: "Fake it till you make it."



As disciples of Jesus Christ, we certainly do not want to fake it, but we do need to look the part. The world looks at those of us who proclaim to be Christians to see if there is anything to this way of life. If they see us looking and acting like people transformed by Jesus Christ, they will be more likely to take Christianity seriously. If they look at us and see nothing different, then they can easily conclude that there is nothing different about Jesus Christ. He just becomes simply another religious figure of history. Can the world see the power of Christ in you? How will you look the part?

- Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi

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Connect with our Parish Staff...

Although our Church building will be open on a limited basis, our Parish Office will continue to remain closed for the time being. In the meantime, our Parish Staff is still available to assist you. Please don't hesitate to contact us at 773.775.3833 (voicemails are monitored daily) or connect with us via email at <u>frontdesk@icparish.info</u> with any questions, concerns or needs that may arise during this time.

Please take comfort in the knowledge that you are loved, missed and prayed for daily by all of us.

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If you have questions, please contact **Deacon Rick** @ 773.775.3833 Ext. 105, or via email at: <u>carmoric@comcast.net</u>.