

Welcome to
Immaculate Conception Parish

A Catholic Community Inviting People to Follow Christ

September 26, 2021 - Twenty-Sixth Sunday In Ordinary Time

The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.



*"Would that all the people of the Lord were prophets!
Would that the Lord might bestow his spirit on them all!"
- Numbers 11:29*

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

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!*



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.

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

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

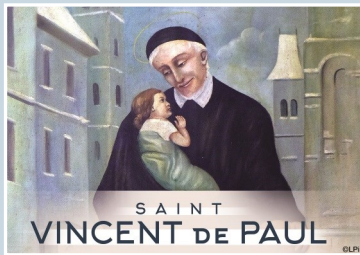
Offertory envelopes can also be mailed in or
dropped off at our Parish Office.

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.

Reflections From Fr. Robert Carlton: Saint Vincent de Paul



This week - on September 27th - the Church marks the memorial of Saint Vincent de Paul, who died in Paris in 1660.

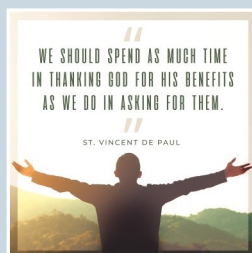
He is perhaps most well known today as the patron of works of charity and for being the namesake of the *Society of Saint Vincent de Paul*, which is a charitable organization that is dedicated to the service of the poor and was founded in 1833 in France. Today, that organization is active in 153 different countries. St. Vincent's initial motivations to join the priesthood, though, were hardly consistent with someone who would be the patron of

organizations that work for the poor. Born in 1581 to a farming family, his father sent him to the seminary when Vincent turned 15 and paid for his tuition by selling the family's oxen. His main reason for wanting to be a priest, though, was to get out of a life of working on the farm and as a way for social and monetary gain. He also was hoping to move up the "career ladder" of the Church and become a Cardinal or even the Pope. Vincent managed to start this plan off well by being ordained at the age of nineteen by a very elderly bishop who could barely see or hear. Becoming ordained at nineteen was, however, not allowed by the regulations of the Council of Trent, which required that priests be a minimum of twenty-four years old.

With this problem in his way, Vincent went back to his studies in Toulouse and Paris. Eventually, in 1612, he was assigned as a parish priest at a church in rural France. Almost immediately, though, he was recalled to Paris to serve as a chaplain to a noble family, who, significantly, had decided to endow a group of missionaries who would work with the poor in rural areas. It was during a visit to one of these poor families that Vincent had a change of heart and realized that he was being called to something more than a life of leisure. Vincent was in the middle of a visit to one of the tenets of a wealthy landowner and while he was there, he was called to hear the confession of a dying man. The man knew very little about the faith but his genuine sincerity both shocked and affected Vincent. Shortly after, Vincent preached a sermon about the need for repentance in the chapel in the village and, in response, the villagers stood for hours waiting to go to confession. In these confessions, then, the villagers spoke sincerely about their desire for the Gospel and for good and effective priests. Based on these experiences, Vincent gathered a group of missionary priests with him to go and minister to "poor country folk" and, in 1626, what later became the Vincentian order of priests was formed.

One thing that is very interesting about St. Vincent de Paul was that, by the end of his life, he really had achieved his goal of becoming famous and important and being remembered. Indeed, the priest who did his Funeral Mass said that Vincent had "transformed the face of the Church" and his statement was taken as correct. One would have to be an expert historian to remember the names of the Popes who served during the life of Vincent de Paul and even more of an expert to know any of the Cardinals who served during that time. However, after all these centuries, Vincent de Paul is the one who is well remembered. He was able to accomplish what he did, which would not have been possible otherwise, because he learned two lessons very well: "Perfection does not come from ecstasy but rather from doing the will of God" and "You must have an inner life, everything must tend in that direction. If you lack this, you lack everything."

Fr. Robert



From The Desk Of Our Director Of Worship...

Dear IC Parishioners and Friends,

It is hard to believe that Fall is right around the corner. So much has transpired as of late. Below is a brief update on some of what's been happening in our parish:



- The women's bathroom, men's bathroom, and bridal/usher's room have all been freshly repainted. Additionally, splash guards have been strategically placed to prevent water damage to the walls. Your generous contributions to our Maintenance Fund make these upgrades possible. We thank you for your continued generosity.
- Father Matt and I were able to visit our school this week and do a bit of recruiting for IC's children's choir (Choristers). We are extremely excited to get this ensemble up and running again (as COVID restrictions allow.)
- Our first Family Mass was last Sunday at 10:30 A.M. It was well attended and a joy to see our youth participating as readers and petitioners. We thank our 8th grade students for graciously hosting. Hospitality was provided after Mass, and we are grateful to all our volunteers who helped to make that possible.
- After consultation with Father Matt, I am pleased to announce that **Elizabeth Doyle** has been named *Assistant Director of Music*. Elizabeth has been with us for six years as a Cantor and Section Leader. I have worked with Elizabeth for more than a decade and I could not be more pleased to see her in this new role at IC. Elizabeth will be spearheading a small vocal trio (we hope that grows) which will sing once a month on the first Saturday of the month at our 5:00 P.M. Mass. I will still be there as well to tickle the ivories.
- Our professional quartet is growing. Starting in mid-October, you will see a new face joining **Elizabeth Doyle, EmilyAnn Duffley, and Katie & Justin Taylor** on Sunday mornings. **Ben Paoelli** will be joining us as our new Tenor Section Lead/Cantor. This will add significantly to our repertoire capabilities as we will now have an SSATB ensemble.
- Keep your eyes and ears open for the return of Vespers on Thursday evenings in Advent.
- In addition to our 8:30 A.M. violinist, **John Eckhardt, Donovan Mixon** (Guitar) and **Jim Cox** (Bass) continue to add to our liturgies twice a month at our 10:30 A.M. Mass. Look for a new twist in October. **Paul Semanic** (Trumpet) will be joining us for Mass on Sunday, October 10th. He will return for Christ the King in November as well.
- Our Handbell Choir "*Overtones*" have resumed rehearsals under the direction of **Karol Grib**. I await with great anticipation their return to select Sunday Masses throughout the liturgical year.



Finally, a huge "*Thank You*" to those who currently donate to our Music Ministry through our monthly envelopes. As of right now, we are just over \$12,000.00 in contributions. Our goal this year is \$22,000.00. Without your support, we would be unable to provide such a diverse array of instruments and vocalists throughout the year. Parish leadership knows that we are living in difficult times. Your extremely generous contributions reflect the joyful spirit that exists here at IC.

Thank you again for all that you do for our parish. Without the continued support of our parishioners, we would not be able to live out our mission to "*Love God, Serve Others, Make Disciples.*"

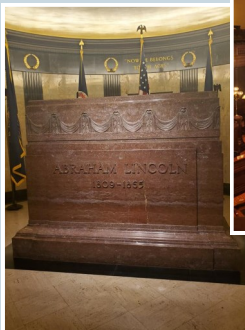
Peace in Christ,
Scott



News...

IC Middle School Students Travel To Springfield

On Friday, September 17th, our entire Middle School traveled to our state capital - Springfield. Every three years, our Middle School students drive down to visit and learn about the many Lincoln sites and tour the Illinois State Capitol building. We visited the Springfield home of our 16th President, Abraham Lincoln, Lincoln's tomb at Oak Ridge Cemetery, as well as the Lincoln Presidential Museum and Library. During our tour of the Illinois State Capitol, we visited the state House of Representative's chamber, the Governor's office, the Capitol Rotunda, and viewed selected pieces of art representing Illinois history and past Governors.



Please join our parish family in prayer ...



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

For those who are sick:

Patricia Furgat
Lila Gehner
Ofelia Hernandez
Kevin Jaburek
Craig Kloss
Lillian Kohut
Dave Lewin
Benny Martinez
Edwin Martinez
Frank Martinez
Donna McDonald
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:

Monica F. Ward



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

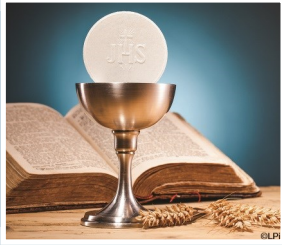


For those who serve our country:



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 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 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 26th
through
Sunday, October 3rd*

Sunday, September 26th - Twenty-Sixth Sunday In Ordinary Time

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

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

Monday, September 27th - Saint Vincent de Paul, Priest

8:30 A.M. - Terri Baumgartner (on her 72nd Birthday) (Living)

Tuesday, September 28th - Saint Wenceslaus, Martyr; Saint Lawrence Ruiz and Companions, Martyrs

8:30 A.M. - †James Farrelly; and †Masina Rizzo

Wednesday, September 29th - Saints Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels

8:30 A.M. - †Dalton Davis; Maria Alysse M. Ong (Birthday) (Living); and Rebecca Flanagan (on her 31st Birthday) (Living)

Thursday, September 30th - Saint Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church

8:30 A.M. - †Kathleen O'Reilly

Friday, October 1st - Saint Therese of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church

8:30 A.M. - †Ellen "Nellie" Gavin; †Patricia P. Dunleavy; and †Nancy Kinzie (on her 1st Anniversary)

5:30 P.M. - †Donald Kopec (on his 1st Anniversary)

Saturday, October 2nd - The Holy Guardian Angels

5:00 P.M. - †Eileen Mascha; †Kevin & Eileen Carroll; Corazon Valencia (Living) (For Safe Travel); and Gathi & Giang Abraham (Birthday) (Living)

Sunday, October 3rd - Twenty-Seventh Sunday In Ordinary Time (Respect Life Sunday)

8:30 A.M. - †Stanislaw Swiderski; †Brian Murray (on his 3rd Anniversary); †Francis & Moira Cross; †Liam Bradley; †Sharon Oglesby; and The People of the Parish

10:30 A.M. - †Frank & Margherita Martino; †Tommy Fuller; †Robert H. Kech; †Teresa Elam; †Amalia Barajas; †Manuel Herrera; †Michael Connolly; Mr. & Mrs. Rodolfo Ong and Family (Living); Margarita DiSalvo (Living); and Beth & Adam Much and Family (Living)



September 26th through October 2nd

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

Nancy Kinzie
(on her 1st Anniversary)

Requested by: Erma Kinzie

September 26th through October 1st

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

September 26th through October 1st

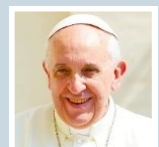
Our St. Joseph Votive is burning this week for the prayer intention of

Rebecca Flanagan
(on her 31st Birthday)

Requested by: Erma Kinzie

Pope Tweet of the Week...

"Contemplating the Sorrowful Mother, may we open ourselves to a faith that becomes compassion, a faith that identifies with those in need. A faith that imitates God's style, quietly relieving the suffering of our world and watering the soil of history with salvation."





Amelia Patricia Ward
Child of Timothy Michael & Shannon Marie (Chambers) Ward



Anthony & Nicole Roche
and their child Brody

Nora Masterson

Martin & Patricia Kearney



Our annual **Blessing of Pets** will take place next **Saturday, October 2nd at Noon** on our Parish Greenspace. All are welcome to join us with your beloved pet(s) to receive this special blessing from Fr. Robert Carlton in honor of St. Francis of Assisi's love for all creatures!

The Baby Bottle Project: October 2nd & 3rd through October 23rd & 24th

Beginning next weekend, **October 2nd & 3rd**, our parish will be participating in **The Baby Bottle Project** benefiting *The Women's Centers of Greater Chicagoland*. This non-profit organization directly assists mothers and families experiencing crisis pregnancies by offering emotional, financial, material, and spiritual support through counseling, clothing & monetary provisions, prayer, and other aid. By God's Grace, *The Women's Centers* have saved over 40,000 babies – and their mothers – from abortion since opening in 1984.

Please take a Baby Bottle home with you from our Church next weekend, fill it with your spare change, and kindly return it on the weekend of **October 23rd & 24th**.

This is a simple, but crucial fundraising effort for *The Women's Centers*. Please note: the Baby Bottles cost almost \$1.00 per bottle and are recycled afterwards, so please return upon completion of the project. Thank you for helping defend life, and remember to keep all pro-life undertakings in your prayers.

If you are making a donation by check, please make it payable to: **The Women's Center**. Thank you! You can also go directly to their website at: GoTWC.org or call 773.794.1313 to donate.



Readings For
The Week of
September 26th

Sunday: Nm 11:25-29/Ps 19:8, 10, 12-13, 14 [9a]/Jas 5:1-6/Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

Monday: Zec 8:1-8/Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29 and 22-23 [17]/Lk 9:46-50

Tuesday: Zec 8:20-23/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7 [Zec 8:23]/Lk 9:51-56

Wednesday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 4-5 [1]/Jn 1:47-51

Thursday: Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11[9ab]/Lk 10:1-12

Friday: Bar 1:15-22/Ps 79:1b-2, 3-5, 8, 9 [9]/Lk 10:13-16

Saturday: Bar 4:5-12, 27-29/Ps 69:33-35, 36-37 [34]/Mt 18:1-5, 10

Next Sunday: Gn 2:18-24/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 [cf. 5]/Heb 2:9-11/Mk 10:2-16 or 10:2-12

Gospel Meditation - Encourage a Deeper Understanding of Scripture

What are the little ones? They are the poor, the marginalized, the women and men at the well, the Zacchaeus' looking for Jesus from a tree, those mired in sin, the blind who want to see, and the lame who want to walk. They are the lepers and the different ones who have been told that they are unclean, and the ones who suffer from abuse and grave injustices and oppression. They are children who want nothing more than to be loved and enjoy celebrating their innocence. These are all the little ones and they are all vulnerable.

Life already brings them burdens, we don't need to add to them.

St. Oscar Romero said, *"When the church hears the cry of the oppressed it cannot but denounce the social structures that give rise to and perpetuate the misery from which the cry arises."* Why are so many people still so gravely hurting? We have the resources and the means to make things better. We choose not to. There are still those things called greed, pride, lust, apathy, jealousy, gluttony, and anger that prevent us from seeing each other and people to be loved and not objects to be used. Is this how God intended things to be?

God loves what is good and upright. It doesn't matter who did it or where it came from. In God's eyes, the end result is always faith, hope, and love. Those will always unite a person with God. We fill our lives with many things that are not good either for ourselves or for others. All of us have to work to discover what it is, exactly, that leads to the world's brokenness. There are people, systems, and ideologies in place that foster oppression and injustice rather than equity and fairness. Sadly, our complacency can be the greatest evil. Turning a blind eye, ignoring the truth, and believing that we are helpless to fix so great a problem, does little to move us closer to the kingdom of God. As members of the Body of Christ, we cannot condone anything that keeps people in misery.

As it is said, charity begins at home. Perhaps a good place to start is with our own households and making sure their foundations are properly laid. ©LPi

Ministry Schedules: Saturday, October 2nd & Sunday, October 3rd

	Saturday 5:00 P.M.	Sunday 8:30 A.M.	Sunday 10:30 A.M.
Presiders	Fr. Robert Carlton	Fr. Robert Fedek	Fr. Matthew Heinrich
Lectors	S. Serb & R. Altman	J. Semmler	R. Lohman & N. Schroeder
Cantors	E. Doyle	Vocal Quartet & Violin	Vocal Quartet
Extraordinary Ministers	D. Mroz	C. Mulligan	J. Campbell
Altar Servers	M. Gallagher; M. Moorehouse; K. Yau	O. Magruder; G. Reichle; B. Yak	C. Beach; J. Edwards; 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:

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*
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What's Happening @ IC...

Monday, September 27th –

7:00-8:30 P.M. – Alpha Fall Session; RA
 7:30-9:00 P.M. – IC Athletic Committee Mtg.; NWCR

Wednesday, September 29th –

8:30 A.M. – School Assembly Mass; Church
 4:00-5:00 P.M. – Religious Education Program
 In-Person Church Tour; CH
 7:00 P.M. – IC School Band Recruiting Parent Mtg.; PH/Café

Friday, October 1st –

5:30 P.M. – First Friday Mass; Church
 6:00-7:00 P.M. – First Friday Nocturnal Eucharistic Adoration; Church
 8:15 P.M. – Men's Basketball; PC

Saturday, October 2nd –

Noon – Blessing of Pets; Parish Greenspace

Sunday, October 3rd –

11:30 A.M.-1:00 P.M. – Alpha Alumni Connect Group Mtg.; RA



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.)