

Welcome to  
*Immaculate Conception Parish*

*A Catholic Community Inviting People to Follow Christ*

*September 27, 2020 - Twenty-Sixth Sunday In Ordinary Time*



*May God Bless Our Newly Installed Pastor, Fr. Matt Heinrich!*

*"I will appoint over you shepherds after my own heart, who will shepherd you wisely  
and prudently." - Jeremiah 3:15*

*Love God, Serve Others, Make Disciples*



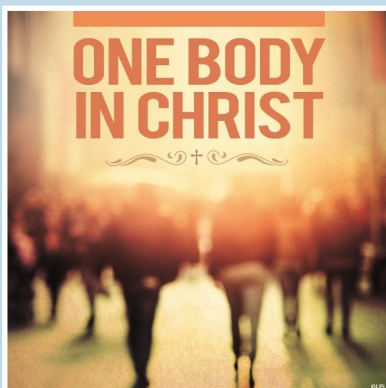
Gather with us virtually as we pray with, and for, one another during our Masses which are broadcast live through **Twitch TV** ([www.twitch.tv/icchicago](http://www.twitch.tv/icchicago)) and through **Facebook Live** on our Facebook page: *Immaculate Conception Parish Chicago (Talcott)*. Direct links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



*Dennis & Christina Cochran and their daughters  
Emily & Evelyn*

*Amelia Rizza and her daughter Pia*

*Brian & Amanda Slater*



**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.**

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

**Please visit [www.icparish.net](http://www.icparish.net) to register.**

**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 [www.givecentral.org/location/349](http://www.givecentral.org/location/349) 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*



### ***Lost and Found...***

Last weekend, I had the privilege of being installed as Pastor of Immaculate Conception. I had family and friends around me, in limited form, and I am sure our celebration would have been much bigger, had it been held under different circumstances. Many of you have also had to scale back weddings, graduations, birthday celebrations and the like during this time. It is certainly a form of loss.



As people left and we were half-asleep after a full day, we packed up the backyard. Shortly thereafter, my mom received a phone call informing her that her older sister (and my Godmother) had died after a lengthy and painful battle with cancer. All in all, it is a mix of bittersweet feelings, but we were comforted by the knowledge that she had died peacefully in her sleep and that we had prayed for her earlier during our Mass.

Faith, when it comes to death and our experiences with it, is incredibly powerful. I think that faith allows us to approach death without fear or doubt. Do we know exactly what happens to us after we die? Of course not—it's the veil that separates us. But I do take solace in a few passages that I keep close to my heart:

*"Seventy years is the span of our days, or eight for those who are strong. ... Then teach us to number our days that we may gain wisdom of heart" (Psalm 90:10, 12).*

*"As a father has compassion on his children, the Lord's compassion is on those who fear him. For he knows of what we are made, he remembers we are dust" (Ps 103:13-14).*

*"For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who has similarly been tested in every way, yet without sin. So let us confidently approach the throne of grace to receive mercy and to find grace for timely help" (Hebrews 4:15-16).*

There are many more such passages that come to mind, but the short of it for me is this:

God understands our struggle. He grieves because of sin and death too. But He sent Jesus, who subjected Himself to sin and death, making Himself lower than low, so that when He was raised and ascended, every aspect of our reality would be subject to Him. This means sin and death are powerless. It is impossible for them to capture someone who has faith and, in the sincerity of their heart, follows God to the best of their ability.

During my Installation Mass, Bishop Bartosic mentioned in his homily, quoting Therese of Lisieux, that some were created so they could love much and others only in little ways. But each in their own way could love fully – i.e., the Little Way. I think that is the second source of confidence for me in this period of change and loss—we are never impeded from loving to our capacity.

While we are limited now, the elderly, sick, and dying have been limited for a far longer time, but in many of them I have witnessed great, simple love. I saw this in my aunt as she was dying as well—the simple act of loving and being loved. Let this be the foundation of our faith and our thoughts, and we will never be lost.

Fr. Matt

### ***Parish Operations...***

When I took on the responsibility as Director of Operations over 15 months ago, I never imagined the challenges that would face our parish and community. COVID-19 has affected all of us. I must admit, the unprecedented disruption to Immaculate Conception Church had us worried. Our house, our place of prayer and worship, was no longer open to our congregation.



Services resumed slowly, as we livestreamed our daily Masses from a makeshift office chapel. Over time, our online Masses were enhanced with incredible recorded music. Three months ago, we were able to re-open our church for in-person worship. It took a team of volunteers and a concerted effort to safely celebrate the Eucharist together again. We have come a long way, but it will take more time before we return to some degree of normalcy.

Re-opening our church was the first milestone. Summer was upon us and our focus shifted to bringing our students back to school. Sue Canzoneri, our Principal, and her staff spent the summer developing Policies and Procedures to re-open our school with the health, safety and well-being of our students, teachers and staff in mind. We have now successfully completed 5 weeks of school.

A complete Parish Financial Report will be forthcoming in late October with more detail. In the meantime, I would like to thank each of you for your support as we navigated these uncertain times. With your weekly giving, our Sunday Collections are within 3% of the same time last year. Through your effort to register for Give Central, mail-in or drop off your donations, we ended our Fiscal Year at \$636,980 compared to Fiscal Year 2019 donations of \$655,913. The generosity of our community is overwhelming. Thank You!

Throughout the quarantine, we have used the time to initiate some of the projects that have long been planned, without too much of a disruption.

#### **Parish:**

- Installed new carpeting throughout our Church prior to resuming in-person services
- New carpeting has been installed in our Parish Offices.
- Finalized the insurance claim to repair the water damage to our Church ceiling. This project will be starting soon.
- The long-awaited project for our new Sound System and streaming capabilities has started. The work should be completed over the next 4-6 weeks.

#### **School:**

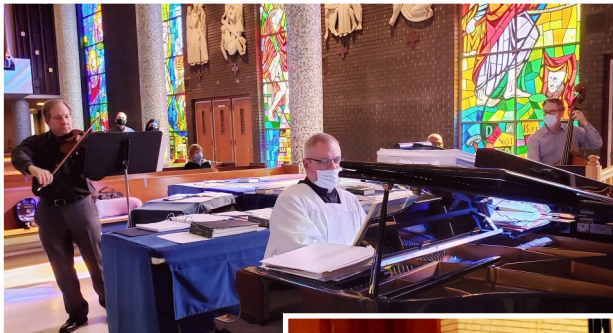
- Throughout the summer, maintenance and repairs to our air-conditioning system were completed. With the system running properly, we have avoided a costly chiller replacement.
- Contracted with a new cleaning company to continuously deep clean and sanitize our school. While this is an unexpected additional cost, it is necessary to keep our children and staff safe during this pandemic.
- 100 new chrome books were purchased to ensure each student in grades 4th-8th would have one and not have to share. We also purchased additional iPads for our lower grades.
- Installed a new Fire Alarm panel in our school to replace the original obsolete panel.

Our parish and school is a resilient community with a robust history. It is my privilege to be a part of the team at Immaculate Conception.

Vince Kennedy, Director of Operations



## Immaculate Conception Parish



Scenes from our 10:30 A.M. Mass on Sunday, September 20th as we welcomed Bishop Mark Bartosic who formally installed Fr. Matt Heinrich as our Pastor. Congratulations Fr. Matt!



Following our 10:30 A.M. Mass, Fr. Matt enjoyed a low-key celebration in his backyard, surrounded by family and friends.



## Immaculate Conception Parish

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



### *For those who are sick:*

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

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

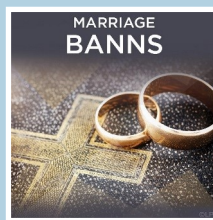
Mary Potwora  
Bill Remblake  
Sebastian L. Rivera  
David Rodriguez  
Elaine Schatz  
Thomas Skorupa  
Edward Stanczyk  
Marion Szumski  
Julie Szwedo  
Donna Tisdale  
Greg Tomaino  
Steven P. Trifilio  
Henry Wagener

*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:*

Mary S. Ryan  
Ignaz Nickl (Father of Carol Klemz)  
Thomas C. Craig (Husband of Patricia)  
Sue Stich (Aunt & Godmother of Fr. Matt)

### *For those preparing to be joined together in Holy Matrimony:*

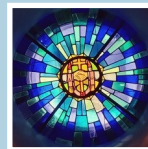


Amanda Lauren Mroz  
and Brian Patrick Slater



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

*"And the two shall become one..."  
- Ephesians 5:31*



### *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

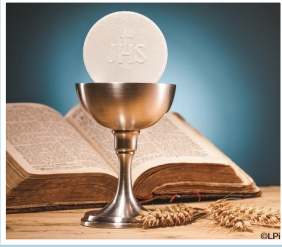
**U.S. Navy** - CMDR Michael Brasseur, Lt. Christopher Jenkins, PO Thomas T. Tudisco

**U.S. Air Force** - John Christopher Ocasio, Major Laurel Walsh, Captain Paul H. Kolk, LT. COL. Michael O'Koniewski; 2nd Lt. Colleen Bernal

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

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.

## Immaculate Conception Parish



### *Mass Intentions: Sunday, September 27th through Sunday, October 4th*

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

5:00 P.M. (Saturday) - †John Bielski, Jr.; †Patricia Dillon (Birthday Remembrance); and †Thomas Craig

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); Fr. James Altman (Living); and Carlo Angelo Gochuico (Living)

6:00 P.M. - The People of the Parish

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

8:30 A.M. — †Poor Souls In Purgatory

**Tuesday, September 29th - Saints Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, Archangels**

8:30 A.M. — †Dalton Davis; and Rebecca Flanagan (on her 30th Birthday) (Living)

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

8:30 A.M. — Helga Jarosz (Living)

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

8:30 A.M. — †Ignaz Nickl

**Friday, October 2nd - The Holy Guardian Angels**

5:30 P.M. — †Ellen "Nellie" Gavin; Carol & Deacon Rick Moritz (Living); and Pat Altman & Family (Living)

**Saturday, October 3rd - Weekday**

5:00 P.M. - †Robert D. Kale

**Sunday, October 4th - Twenty-Seventh Sunday In Ordinary Time**

8:30 A.M. — †Helen Johnson; †Francis & Moira Cross; †Robert H. Kech; †John & Lillian Bielski; †Stanislaw Swiderski; †William & Nora Byrne; and †Eileen Staunton

10:30 A.M. — †Mae I. Nelson; †Joseph J. Lykowski; †John Treslley; †Frank & Margherita Martino; †Pietro Biancorosso; †Serafina Nocito; †Bridget Rose Galassini; †Brian Murray (on his 2nd Anniversary); and Fr. James Altman (Living)

6:00 P.M. — The People of the Parish



**September 27th through October 3rd**

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

**Paul  
Kokalj  
(on his 10th Anniversary)**

Requested by: Joanne Kokalj

**September 27th through October 2nd**

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

**Rebecca  
Flanagan**

Requested by: Erna Kinzie

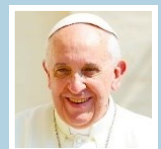
**September 27th through October 2nd**

The St. Joseph Votive is burning  
this week for the prayer intentions of

**Fr. James  
Altman**

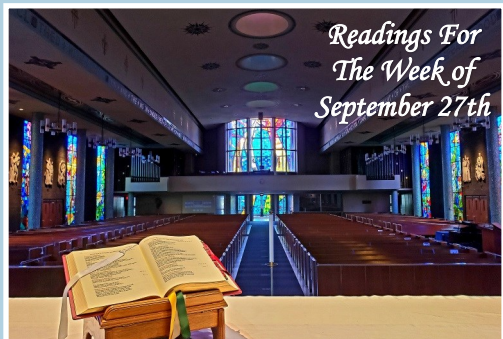
### *Pope Tweet of the Week...*

"Today, the nature that surrounds us is no longer admired, but "devoured." We must return to contemplation; so as not to be distracted by a thousand useless things, we must find silence; for the heart not to become sick, we must be still."





## Immaculate Conception Parish



*Readings For  
The Week of  
September 27th*

**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

**Monday:** Jb 1:6-22/Ps 17:1bcd, 2-3, 6-7 [6]/Lk 9:46-50

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

**Wednesday:** Jb 9:1-12, 14-16/Ps 88:10bc-11, 12-13, 14-15 [3]/Lk 9:57-62

**Thursday:** Jb 19:21-27/Ps 27:7-8a, 8b-9abc, 13-14 [13]/Lk 10:1-12

**Friday:** Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5/Ps 91:1-2, 3-4ab, 4c-6, 10-11 [11]/Mt 18:1-5, 10

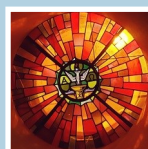
**Saturday:** Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17/Ps 119:66, 71, 75, 91, 125, 130 [135]/Lk 10:17-24

**Next Sunday:** Is 5:1-7/Ps 80:9, 12, 13-14, 15-16, 19-20 [Is 5:7a]/Phil 4:6-9/Mt 21:33-43



*Camden James Hornung*

*Child of Phillip Jay and Kristin Hilde (Heesemann) Hornung*



*Thomas Eric Catomer, Jr.*

*Child of Thomas Eric and Amanda Rose (Dickerson) Catomer*



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

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](http://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***



What prompts you to make the decisions you make? When confronted with a decision, whether one that is more trivial and mundane or one that is more significant and profound, we rely on guidance. That guidance can be the result of impulse and passion or the fruit of the interior voice of conscience. Decisions made on impulse and passion can be misguided and erroneous. Decisions based on conscience, or the moral voice within, will reflect the depth and maturity of our soul work. A more contemplative soul will make more contemplative

decisions. A less developed conscience will make decisions based on the individual's level of development.

Conversion and a change of heart are at the core of Jesus' message precisely because of this reality. We are works in progress. For the person on fire with the Holy Spirit and centered on God, life reflects an ever-deepening awareness and heightened sense of God's presence and a greater willingness to do God's will. What is happening internally is validated by what is witnessed externally. The hypocrite is the one who says yes when they really mean no. From the start, they had no desire to do the virtuous act but wanted to outwardly appear as if they did.

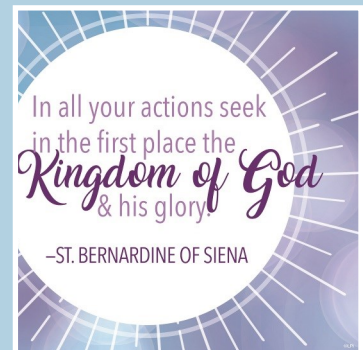
Where are you on the road of integrity? Honesty is all that is required. God is good with that. It is okay to struggle with our decisions and wrestle with ourselves. Consciences on the path to maturity and greater depth are not always going to know what action is immediately best. We may, at first, say no to what we know is right and, after prayerful reflection and thought, come around to doing it. Conversion happens when our no changes to yes, regardless of how sinful or out of sync we may be at the time. God is anxious to welcome us to Himself. But we cannot embrace Him unless we want to. Learning to orient our gift of free will to what is of divine origin, right, and best is a discipline we must always tweak and perfect.

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***Everyday Stewardship – Recognize God in your Ordinary Moments***

**Is It the Thought That Counts?...**

I can remember times when I received a gift that I would not have chosen for myself. At those times I certainly thought to myself that "it was the thought that counts." I was happy that the gift-giver thought of me at all. Then there have been times when my children have not given me a gift and then chose to tell me all about what they were going to give me. They would then follow it up by saying, "it was the thought that really counts." Really?! I don't think so. I could think of sending my wife on a cruise, but that is not in any way the same as going on the cruise. I think there are times when all of us think we are more generous than we are, simply because we were thinking about being generous.



This way of thinking can be dangerous. Jesus teaches us to say what we mean and mean what we say. The intentionality of our actions is important, but intentionality without action is meaningless. How we act and what we give serves as evidence of our intentions and indicates where our heart truly lies. If we fool ourselves into thinking we are someone we are not, it can become difficult to see the truth. We need to look for the fruit in our lives. We need to make sure our desires and thoughts are moving us to act. You know that other saying about intentions, don't you? Don't pave the road to a place no one wants to end up with your intentions. Instead, let your intentions and actions lead others to another place where Jesus can be found.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi

## Connect...

### 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 [frontdesk@icparish.info](mailto:frontdesk@icparish.info) 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.

### Follow us on Facebook...

#### Groups you can join:

Immaculate Conception Parish Chicago (Talcott)  
Immaculate Conception School Alumni Chicago, IL  
IC Cowboys (for current school parents only)



#### Pages you can "like":

Immaculate Conception School Chicago  
Immaculate Conception Church

## Events...

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

**Friday, October 2nd -**

**5:30-6:00 P.M. — First Friday Mass;**  
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**6:00-7:00 P.M. — First Friday**  
Nocturnal Eucharistic Adoration;  
CH

**For more information on upcoming events, or to register for our Masses or Confessions, please visit our parish website at [www.icparish.net](http://www.icparish.net).**



### Virtual Baby Bottle Project...

During Respect Life month in October, our parish will be participating in The Virtual Baby Bottle Project benefiting The Women's Centers of Greater Chicagoland. Since we are not distributing baby bottles at this time, due to Coronavirus concerns, we ask that you kindly write a check to The Women's Center. Please deposit it in our Offertory Box and we will be certain to mail all proceeds to this wonderful organization, which assists mothers and families experiencing crisis pregnancies. You can also visit their website at: [GOTWC.org](http://GOTWC.org) or call 773.794.1313 to make a donation. By God's Grace, The Women's Centers have saved over 40,000 babies—and their mothers—from abortion since opening in 1984. If you are making a donation by check, please remember to make the check payable to: The Women's Center. Thank you!

### 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.icparish.net](http://www.icparish.net) for additional information.

**Bulletin Deadline:** The deadline for all bulletin submissions is Friday at Noon – 8 days prior to the Sunday it will appear. The email address is [icparishbulletin@gmail.com](mailto:icparishbulletin@gmail.com).

### Follow us on Twitch Tv...

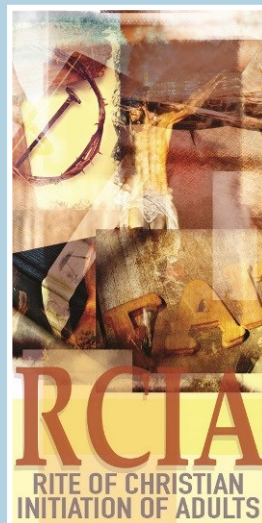
[www.twitch.tv/icchicago](http://www.twitch.tv/icchicago)



### & YouTube...



<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCv5KKsLvpD9Q2yuAR8naK4A>



Are you a non-Catholic interested in becoming Catholic, or learning more about our Catholic faith? Do you have a non-Catholic family member or friend who would like to know more about our Catholic faith? We invite you to look deeper into the richness of our Catholic faith through the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) program.

If you have questions, please contact **Deacon Rick @ 773.775.3833 Ext. 105, or via email at [carmoric@comcast.net](mailto:carmoric@comcast.net)**