

Welcome to
Immaculate Conception Parish

A Catholic Community Inviting People to Follow Christ

September 6, 2020 - Twenty-Third Sunday In Ordinary Time



"If two of you agree on earth about anything for which they are to pray, it shall be granted to them by my heavenly Father. For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them." - Matthew 18:19-20

Love God, Serve Others, Make Disciples

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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.



Patrick Paul Labuz
Child of Walter Raymond and Elaine Marie (Barrett) Labuz

Phase 2 Reopening Mass Schedule:

Sunday Mass in Church (with reserved seating)
@ 8:30 A.M. & 10:30 A.M.

Please visit www.icparish.net to register.

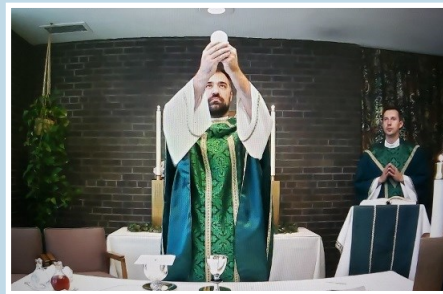
First Friday Mass & Adoration in Church (with reserved seating) @ 5:30 P.M. (October 2nd)

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.**

***Next Opportunity: September 15th**

***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 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

Navigating a Pandemic - Part III

September is here and the days grow shorter. We get some relief from a hot and dry summer, but the weather changes in cyclical patterns, which we can measure and predict. Meanwhile, many more changes are happening all around us.

Consider the following: civil unrest, economic downturn, the removal of public outlets, imposed quarantines, suspicion, political disagreements, fear of working, fear of not working, spending too much time with family, not spending enough time with family.



We shouldn't underestimate the vast amount of changes that have taken place around us. I don't believe we have underestimated this moment, but sometimes we fail to take into account the impact that our experience has on us internally.

I think faith has a role to play here, and that should also be readdressed. When I look at the world, I return quickly to Scripture, especially to what we call "Wisdom Literature."

"Wisdom Literature" refers to a section of the Old Testament dedicated to the search for wisdom, as opposed to telling a historical account, a moral, or prophecies. We *can* find wisdom in experience, reflection, and revelation, but the *art* of finding and understanding wisdom is unique to these books of the Old Testament.

Ecclesiastes comes to mind for me, which is said to be in the voice of King Solomon, the son of King David. He oversaw the construction of the great Temple and the greatest prosperity of Israel's history, yet through his own inattention to God, oversaw the greatest increase of wickedness, idolatry, and collapse as well. This book is written from his viewpoint as an old man, looking back on his successes and failures.

This book is emotional, if you allow it to be. You are given an overview of life in every facet.

"Better is the end of a thing than its beginning; and the patient in spirit is better than the proud in spirit. Be not quick to anger, for anger lodges in the bosom of fools. Say not, 'Why were former days better than these?' for it is not from wisdom that you ask this" (Ecc 7:8-10).

There are many such quotes, but this one stands out to me for our present time. The end of this experience of pandemic and the like, will better show us who we are as a people. Most of all, we as Christians are asked to be Christ in the world. Just as last week's reading states, *"Do not be conformed to this world but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that you may prove what is the will of God, [namely] what is good and acceptable and perfect"* (Rom 12:2).

When I began this article, it would be easy and convenient to feel anger, anxiety, fear, hopelessness, and all other negative emotions. But wisdom teaches us that *"there is nothing new under the sun"* (Ecc 1:9). Rather, *"If God is for us, who can be against us? ... Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? ... No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us"* (Rom 8:31, 35, 37). We can either live as ones who conquer life, or as ones conquered by life — specifically, we can allow ourselves to be conformed to this age (in all its anger and recrimination), or we can choose to overcome such darkness by our patience, our understanding, and our love.

Wisdom allows us to see which path is which. Wisdom allows us to choose. *"If we live by the Spirit [of Wisdom], let us also walk by the Spirit"* (Gal 5:25).

Fr. Matt

Modifications for Funeral and Memorial Masses at Immaculate Conception during the COVID-19 Pandemic...

Dear IC Parishioners,

The following are liturgical changes to our Funeral liturgies which will remain in effect until the current health crisis abates. We hope that this article will aid you in planning these services should you suffer a loss of a loved one during these uncertain times.



Wakes/Visitations:

Our Church is currently discouraging Wakes/Visitations in our Vestibule prior to Funeral Masses. The space is not very large, and extra volunteers are required to register and sanitize guests. If a Wake/Visitation in our Church is a necessity (and receives approval by our Pastor due to extenuating circumstances), we respectfully ask that no more than 10 people gather in our Vestibule at any given time. Please communicate the space and attendee limitations to family and friends as people may have to wait in line to gain entry into our Church.



Placing of the Pall/Cremains:

This now takes place in the back of our Church. Once the Pall is placed on the casket, it is moved to the front of our Church before the Mass begins. Due to social-distancing restrictions, there will not be a processional with the priest. In the event of a cremation, the cremains are placed on a table at the foot of our Sanctuary steps and guests are pre-seated prior to the Funeral Mass.

First Reading:

There is only one reading (other than the Gospel) for the near future. The reading is delivered by our Director of Worship. Guests are not allowed into the Sanctuary until after Communion (if a Eulogy is to be given.) The Psalm, Gospel Acclamation, and Gospel protocols have not changed.

General Intercessions/Prayers of the Faithful:

These petitions are read by the priest. Guests are not allowed at the Ambo until after Communion.

Preparation of the Gifts:

The bread, wine, and water will already be on the Altar. Gift Bearers are not allowed at this time.

Communion:

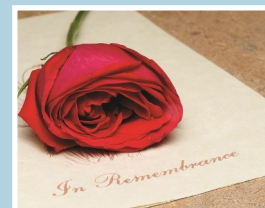
Communion protocols follow those of our Sunday Mass. Please follow the priest's instructions.

Eulogies:

Eulogies are permitted. Our Director of Worship will discuss guidelines with you during your planning consultation.

Closing:

Please practice social distancing when exiting behind the funeral procession. If cremains are present, they are taken by the family as they depart our church.



Additional questions can be answered during your consultation with either our Director of Worship or the presiding priest.

Yours in Christ,
Scott Will, Director of Worship

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On Tuesday, August 25th our School Faculty & Staff warmly welcomed our students back home for the beginning of the 2020-2021 Academic Year. While it was a very unusual first day of school for all involved, we are all truly grateful to be here! Our entire school community is committed to carefully following all the required guidelines so that we can all enjoy a fun, successful and healthy school year.



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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
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
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
Eileen Staunton
Sue Stich
Julie Szwedlo
Donna Tisdale
Steven P. Trifilio
Henry Wagener

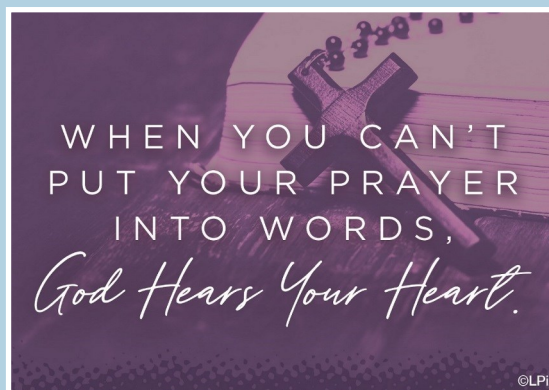
If you wish to have your name included in our prayer list (or removed), please contact our Parish Office at 773.775.3833.

For our faithful departed:

Jose C. Sazo (Father of Anabella Allen)
Mae I. Nelson (Mother of Donna McGrath)



*"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

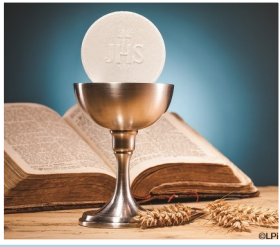
U.S. Navy - CMDR Michael Brasseur, Lt. Christopher Jenkins, PO Thomas T. Tudisco

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 that provides information that can be of assistance.

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Mass Intentions: Sunday, September 6th through Sunday, September 13th

Sunday, September 6th - Twenty-Third Sunday In Ordinary Time

5:00 P.M. (Saturday) - †Margaret & Kenneth Allen; and †Brian Dillon (Birthday Remembrance)

8:30 A.M. — †Francis & Moira Cross; †Aniello Porcelli; †Henry & Irene Janowski; †Rita Inmann; †Mary Karnick; †Patrick Noonan; †Dennis Van Mieghem; †Patrick Lawlor; †Thomas Wallace; †Nicole Tolstead; †Emmanuel E. San Jose; Nancy Kinzie (on her 78th Birthday) (Living); and The People of the Parish

10:30 A.M. — †Pietro Biancorosso; †Serafina Nocito; and †Stanislaw Swiderski

6:00 P.M. - †Tommy Fuller

Monday, September 7th - Weekday (Labor Day)

8:30 A.M. — Wayne & Erma Kinzie (on their 24th Wedding Anniversary) (Living)

Tuesday, September 8th - The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:30 A.M. — †Gloria Felix Hedden

Wednesday, September 9th - Saint Peter Claver, Priest

8:30 A.M. — †Margaret Pryma (Birthday Remembrance); †Emmanuel E. San Jose; and Rich Flanagan (on his 61st Birthday) (Living)

Thursday, September 10th - Weekday

8:30 A.M. — †Elizabeth Serafin; †Robert Dillon (on his 2nd Anniversary); and †Joyce Pennington

Friday, September 11th - Weekday

8:30 A.M. — †Joseph Paura (on his 52nd Anniversary); and †Emmanuel E. San Jose

Saturday, September 12th - The Most Holy Name of Mary

5:00 P.M. - †Raymond & Exilda Luedtke

Sunday, September 13th - Twenty-Fourth Sunday In Ordinary Time

8:30 A.M. — †Minnie Simone; and †Ann Arriva

10:30 A.M. — †Maria Martino; †Carlo & Anna Paura; †Francis & Moira Cross; †Krystyna Sadowska; †Stanislaw Swiderski; and Pat Altman (Living)

6:00 P.M. — The People of the Parish



September 6th through September 12th

The Sanctuary Lamp is burning this week for the prayer intentions of

Wayne & Erma
Kinzie

Requested by: Erma Kinzie

September 6th through September 11th

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

Nancy
Kinzie

Requested by: Erma Kinzie

September 6th through September 11th

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

Tom
Altman

Requested by: Deacon Rick & Carol Moritz

Pope Tweet of the Week...

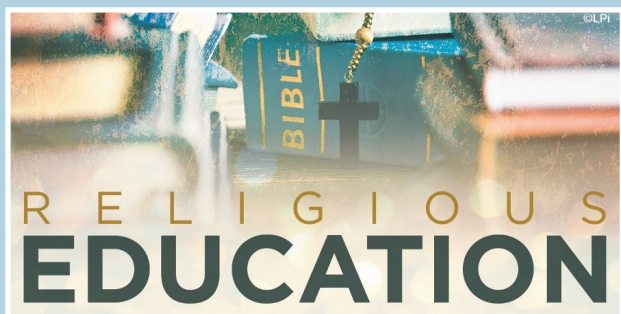
"Trust in the Lord and make an effort to enter into His plans, accepting that His salvation can reach us in ways that may be different from what we expect."





Readings For
The Week of
September 6th

Sunday: Ez 33:7-9/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/Rom 13:8-10/Mt 18:15-20
Monday: 1 Cor 5:1-8/Ps 5:5-6, 7, 12 [9]/Ps 5:5-6, 7, 12 [9]/Lk 6:6-11
Tuesday: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Ps 13:6ab, 6c [Is 61:10]/Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23
Wednesday: 1 Cor 7:25-31/Ps 45:11-12, 14-15, 16-17 [11]/Lk 6:20-26
Thursday: 1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13/Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 23-24 [24b]/Lk 6:27-38
Friday: 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6, 12 [2]/Lk 6:39-42
Saturday: 1 Cor 10:14-22/Ps 116:12-13, 17-18 [17]/Lk 6:43-49
Next Sunday: Sir 27:30—28:7/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12 [8]/Rom 14:7-9/Mt 18:21-35



*Immaculate Conception School
Religious Education Program 2020-2021*

Registration:

Religious Education Registration will be held online
from **Tuesday, September 1st** through
Wednesday, September 9th

First Day of Class:

Wednesday, September 16th — 4:00-5:00 P.M.

All Religious Education classes will be held online for this
School Year and will be taught by IC School Professional
Teachers (most at the grade level they teach daily.)

Classes will meet virtually on a weekly basis on

Wednesdays from 4:00-5:00 P.M.
via Zoom Video Conferencing.

Sacramental Programs:

****Immaculate Conception Parish Policy states that
students must attend Religious Education classes in Grades
One and Two to receive the Sacraments of
Reconciliation and First Communion in Grade Two.**

Students must attend Religious Education classes in Grades
Six and Seven to receive the Sacrament of
Confirmation in Grade Eight.

All course requirements must be met.
Regular attendance is expected.

For additional information, please contact Julie Szewo
(Religious Education Coordinator) at szewo@iccowboys.net

**2020 Religious Education
Virtual Class Schedule:**

September 16th, 23rd & 30th
October 7th, 14th & 21st
November 4th, 11th & 18th
December 2nd, 9th & 16th

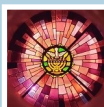
**2021 Religious Education
Virtual Class Schedule:**

January 13th, 20th & 27th
February 3rd, 10th & 17th
March 3rd, 10th, 24th & 31st
April 21st & 28th



Sacramental Dates:

***First Communion** (*rescheduled from May 2020):
Saturday, September 12th at 10:00 A.M. & 1:00 P.M.



Confirmation [8th Grade]:
Sunday, November 15th @ 1:00 P.M. & 4:00 P.M.

First Reconciliation:
Wednesday, February 24, 2021 @ 7:00 P.M.



First Communion [2nd Grade]:
Saturday, May 1, 2021 @ 10:00 A.M. & 1:00 P.M.

**Times may be subject to change*

2020-2021 Religious Education Tuition:

[Tuition fee includes all books and class materials]
One student per family (Grades 1-7): \$300
One student (Grade 8) (classes end on December 16th): \$150
(plus Confirmation fee of \$50)
Tuition increases by \$100 per additional child
Confirmation fee (Grade 8): \$50
Communion fee (Grade 2): \$50
Registration fee (for first time families only): \$30
Late fee (after Wednesday, September 9th): \$50
First Tuition payment is due by: **September 16th**
Second Tuition payment is due by: **February 10, 2021**
All tuition payments will be made online via Give Central.
Details forthcoming.

Gospel Meditation - Encourage a Deeper Understanding of Scripture



It's all about reconciliation and conversion, not punishment. Relationships are not static adventures but wonderful gifts that continue to develop, grow, change, and mature. We are meant to be social beings, so isolating ourselves from others is rarely helpful. But, because human beings are on the one hand tremendously gifted, talented, and blessed creations, they are on the other also flawed, broken, and sinful. We all need to humbly admit that we are works in progress and not only capable of enriching each other's lives but causing deep hurts and wounds as well. Hence, we always need to be reconciled. We are always growing, changing, and expanding our knowledge of who we are and how we are meant to share life together.

Because reconciliation and conversion are always part of the mix of life, honesty is crucial. Without honesty, we can easily find ourselves living a lie and causing more harm than good. Being able to freely share our feelings, especially those involving pain and hurt, is a charism necessary to pursue and an art to learn. When we are wronged or wrong someone else, we do not enjoy the confrontation that can and needs to come. We are taught to keep our feelings to ourselves, especially when they are negative, and we tend to avoid difficult conversations. Hence, we never really learn how to confront another, successfully resolve conflict, find reconciliation, and welcome conversion. When we hurt or wrong someone, it does not mean that we are a bad or sinful person who deserves only punishment and excommunication. Quite the opposite! We are simply a human person who can make poor choices and sin and can be forgiven. We can restore and deepen the relationship that has been affected and find our way home again.

Jesus clearly wants to avoid shame because it has no purpose in achieving reconciliation and conversion. All broken relationships deserve a chance at reconciliation. Every person has room for growth and a need for conversion. We have to learn to be okay with honesty and not be afraid to hear and process what someone needs to say, even if it is difficult for us to hear. Severing a relationship, both personally or with the church community as a whole, ought to definitely be a last resort and only pursued when all else has failed.

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Everyday Stewardship – Recognize God in your Ordinary Moments

The Blessing of the Community...

I have been blessed to be a member of my parish community for 28 years. For much of that time I was serving as a member of the parish staff, but it was still the community that I call home. I have been fortunate to be able to remain in that parish, even as my life has encountered new chapters and callings. I am so grateful to God that I have been able to grow, be nourished, and find companionship in a parish for this long of a time.

It is a natural tendency for human beings to desire belonging to something bigger than themselves. Not everyone is fortunate enough to find the community, big or small, that fulfills that need. Unfortunately, that means that many communities suffer from not having the benefit of the gifts, skills, and talents that any member can offer. Communities are in many ways living organisms that move and breathe based upon the individuals who form that body. A community is truly the sum of its parts.

Your parish community reflects you and everyone else in that community. The more each member gives to the community, the stronger that community finds itself. If you hold back, your community suffers, and you gain little. I know firsthand what being a part of a community can mean to a person. I would be no one at all – and you would not be reading this – if it weren't for the life I have had in my parish community.

– Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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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 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)



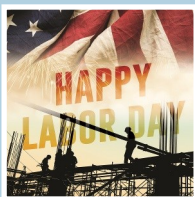
Pages you can "like":

Immaculate Conception School Chicago
Immaculate Conception Church

Events...

What's Happening @ IC...

Monday, September 7th -



Tuesday, September 8th -
7:00 P.M. — Pastoral Council Mtg;
Zoom

Wednesday, September 9th—
Religious Education Online
Registration Concludes

7:00 P.M. — Parents Club Mtg.; Zoom

Saturday, September 12th—
10:00 A.M. & 1:00 P.M. — First
Communion (2nd Grade); CH



For more information on upcoming events, or to register for our Masses or Confessions, please visit our parish website at www.icparish.net.

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 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.

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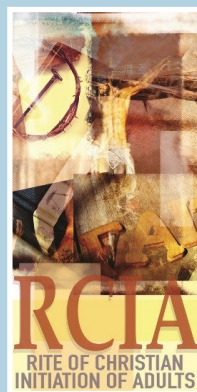
www.twitch.tv/icchicago



& 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: carmonic@comcast.net.



***Sunday, September 20th—**
10:30 A.M. Mass

Formal Installation of
Fr. Matthew Heinrich
as Pastor of

Immaculate Conception Parish
(with Bishop Mark Bartosic presiding)

*Reservations are required.
(Limited space available.)

