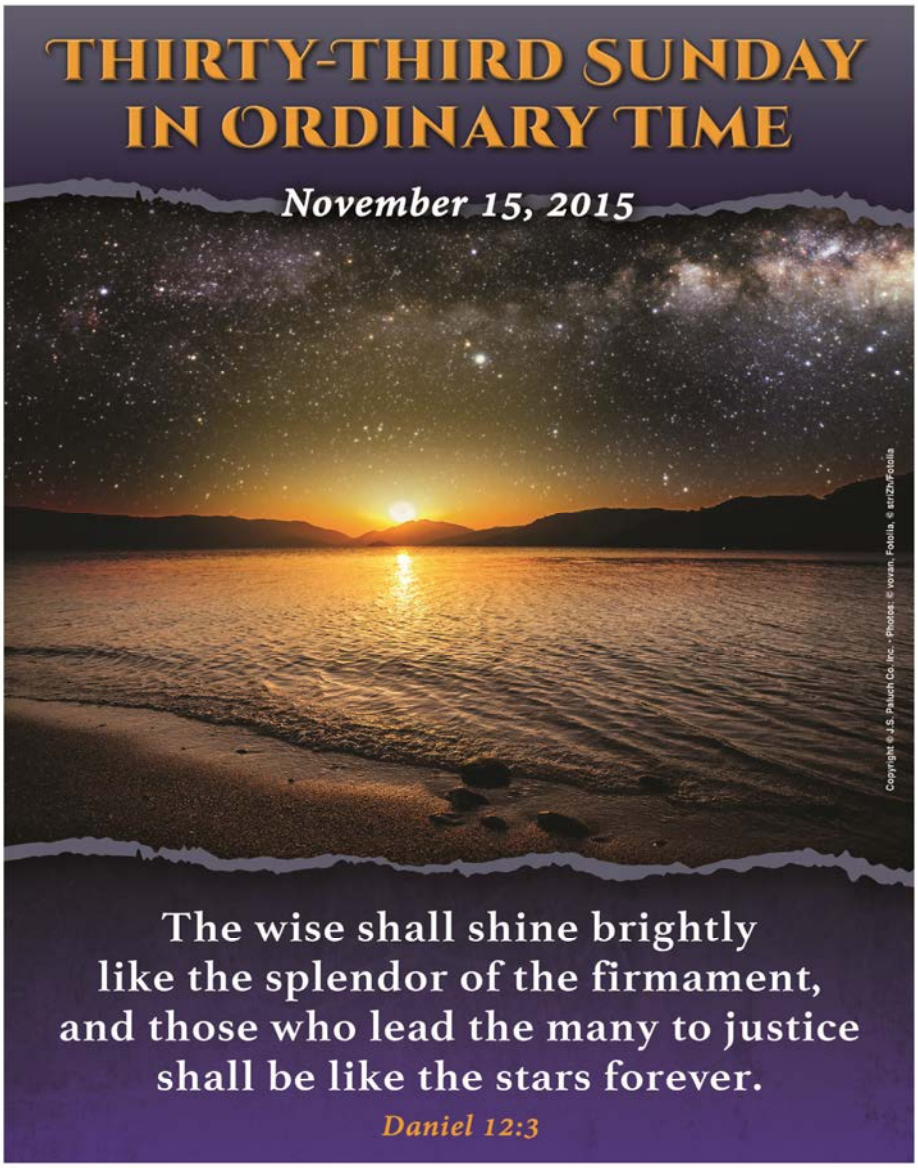
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
& ST. JOSEPH PARISHES

The Thirty-Third Sunday
in Ordinary Time
November 15, 2015



WELCOME! Immaculate Conception & St. Joseph Parishes are two Catholic communities united in faith, and committed to spreading the Gospel message of Jesus Christ through worship, prayer and service to others. Our historic and diverse parishes share the same pastor, pastoral staff, sacraments, ministries, religious education programs and school.

WE WARMLY WELCOME YOU TO OUR COMMUNITY OF FAITH.

All of Us - #122
-by Fr. Larry

A new film, *Spotlight*, opened in Chicago land movie theaters this week. It portrays the Boston Globe Pulitzer-Prize winning 2002 coverage of the Massachusetts clerical sexual abuse crisis. I haven't decided if I want to see the movie. Clerical sexual abuse of minors is a tragedy and a painful chapter in our faith, especially for the victims of abuse and their families. The Archdiocese of Chicago, like many organizations who work with young people, has struggled with this issue.

Our Church needs to always seek mercy and forgiveness for any harmful and disrespectful actions that have been inflicted upon the people of God. We need to always reach out with care to those who have become disillusioned by the lack of honesty and poor leadership of our Church. Understandably, regaining their trust and confidence will be a long and slow process. I pray for the Holy Spirit to help heal relationships that have been broken.

Since 1992, the actions that occurred in the Archdiocese of Chicago regarding clerical sexual abuse of minors differ substantially to what is shown in the film but our Archdiocese did take decisive action early—more than twenty years ago. At the time, Cardinal Bernardin challenged his fellow bishops across the United States to deal with this issue head on.

There are a few important ways Chicago's handling of the abuse crisis differs from the story told in *Spotlight.* In 1992, 10 years before the Boston Globe series ran, the Archdiocese of Chicago put in place a lay majority, an independent Review Board to examine cases of clerical sexual abuse of minors and make recommendations to the Archbishop regarding the cleric's fitness for ministry. The Archdiocese of Chicago established a victim assistance ministry in 1992, one of the first such ministries in the U.S. to provide pastoral care and support to victims of clerical sexual abuse and their families. Six Archdiocese priests have been credibly accused of sexual abuse that occurred after 1992. The last instance of sexual abuse of a child by a priest that we know of occurred in the Archdiocese in 2006, nearly 10 years ago. We pray and work diligently so it will never happen again.

Since 1992, the Archdiocese has strengthened its notification policy for reporting abuse of minors to public authorities. Since 2002 through today, all allegations of abuse of minors are reported to public authorities.

The Archdiocese of Chicago has trained more than 190,000 priests, deacons, religious, lay employees and volunteers to recognize and prevent abuse and more than 250,000 children to protect themselves from sexual predators. To date, the Archdiocese of Chicago has completed more than 150,000 background checks on clergy, employees and volunteers who work with children.

Every parish and school in the Archdiocese of Chicago has regular onsite audits to ensure compliance with Archdiocese policies and the Charter of Protection of Children and Young People. Annually every parish and school submits compliance data to the Office of Protection of Children and Youth to demonstrate compliance.

We know we don't have a fool-proof system, no organization can, but we do have a very strong and thoughtful system in place and we are committed to being vigilant in providing a safe environment for children to grow and thrive. We must also continue to serve victim survivors and call for those who suffer from sexual misconduct of Church personnel to come forward for pastoral care and support.

Archbishop Cupich served as the Chair for the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) Committee for the Protection of Children and Young People for three years. From his experience with the USCCB, as well as his work in other dioceses across the U.S. our Archbishop brings a deep and serious understanding and commitment to the issue of clerical abuse and the protection of children.

• My Thank You List

Thank you to all who participated in the Baby-Bottle project last month. The Women's Centers of Chicago greatly appreciate your generosity and support.

Thank you to those who hosted the wine and cheese reception last Saturday at Immaculate Conception. It was fun to mingle after Mass.

Thank you to those who said "YES" to the Wedding Sacristan appeal last weekend. We have room for more volunteers. Let me know if you are interested in this rewarding ministry. I can point you in the right direction.

Thank you to all who brought a bag of food to church today for the poor. Your donations will certainly help struggling families get through the Thanksgiving holiday. Thanks also to those who will deliver the food to our Sharing Parish and those who will stock the shelves at our Parish Food Pantry.

Thank you to our Ministers of Care who helped to organize our Anointing of the Sick Masses this weekend. I admire their compassion and care for those in need of healing in mind, body and spirit. It is comforting to know that we are not alone in our time of need, and that others are praying for us. Please pray for those who are unable to attend our Sunday worship because they are ill. We know that they are with us in spirit.

Thank you to our parishioners who have been serving on the *Parish Transformation Committee.* I have enjoyed our dialogue and reflection on how we can best enhance the overall mission of our parish. The program concludes this week. The committee is in the midst of finalizing a long-range plan for the future; one that will be shared with Bishop Kane, our Vicar, and parishioners in the next couple of weeks.

Thank you to the 2nd Graders in our Religious Education program who let me come into their classroom last Sunday and teach them about the Sacrament of Reconciliation. It was a lot of fun. They have a great sense of humor.

Fr. Larry

2015 Second Collections

Remaining Schedule

November 22nd
Catholic Campaign
For Human Development
December 13th
Retired Fund for Religious
December 27th
Sharing Parish

Thank you for your generosity!

Pray every day for IC+SJ.

I ask everyone to pray for our parish.
I ask you to set your smartphone or
alarm clock to ring at 3:00 p.m. every day

and say one Our Father,
one Hail Mary,
and a Glory Be
for our parish.

Let us pray everyday for the Holy Spirit to transform us and our parish, by the generous offering of our time, talents and treasures.
Please pray with me, every day at 3:00 p.m.
Know that at the same time,
I will be praying for you.

Fr. Larry

CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES 2016

MARGARET MANOR BINGO

Please join the Margaret Manor residents for Bingo games on the third Thursday of the month. We rely on our parishiners to help out with volunteering and prize donations. Please contact Jo Ann Lazuka with any questions at 773-975-0811 or jlazuka@sbcglobal.net

Who: All are welcome

Where: 1065 N. Orleans (former St. Joseph School)

When: Third Thursday of the month (November 19th) 12:30pm

What: Prizes needed/Toiletries, Accessories, Clothing

Religious Education News

Mary Beth May, Director, Religious Education

RCIA in November

Those joining the Catholic Church this Easter are learning more about the Catholic faith each week with presentations, discussion, and prayer. Parishioners are invited to share in these sessions on Tuesday evenings at Immaculate Conception. Here is what we are up to in the month of November:

November 10: Catholicism 101
November 17: The People of God
November 22: Rite of Welcome at the 11:00am St. Joseph Mass

Religious Education

The children in Religious Education learned about and prayed the Rosary during the month of October. In November we will focus on learning about the Saints and praying prayers that these Saints have given the Church. Here is what we are up to this month:

November 22: Regular Class Session
November 29: NO SESSION - Thanksgiving

Confirmation Candidates

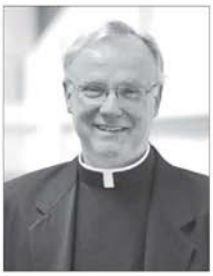
Last Sunday, the Eighth Grade Confirmation Candidates presented and enrolled in the Confirmation process. These students are committing themselves to the final months of preparation by promising to complete 15 hours of community service, discussing matters of faith with their sponsors, and participating in a Confirmation Retreat in January. Please keep these Candidates in your prayers as they take these finals steps in becoming fully initiated members of the Catholic Church.

Many Blessings,
Mary Beth May
marybethm@icsnorthpark.com
(312)944-0304 ext. 204

Visit us online at **www.icsjparish.org**

FALL SCRIPTURE STUDY *Extension!*

We are pleased to announce 2 additional sessions that will examine how the geography of the Holy Land affects the study of scripture. These fascinating sessions will feature a brief video presentation by Father Donald Senior followed by a lively group discussion.



Father Senior, a leading Catholic New Testament scholar, is President Emeritus of the Catholic Theological Union in Chicago where he is also a professor of the New Testament. Father Senior is a Passionist priest who has served on the Pontifical Biblical Commission since 2001.

SATURDAY NOV. 14 & 21, 9:30-11:00AM

Immaculate Conception 3rd-Floor Meeting Room

Breakfast refreshments will be served

2 NEW SESSIONS!

November 14th:
The Geography of John

November 21st:
The Geography of the Acts of the Apostles

Note: Scripture Study will go on hiatus after Nov. 21 and will resume Jan. 9 with the Gospel of John.

All are welcome to attend these additional sessions!

Give it a try! You'll gain new insights into the riches of our faith while enjoying the fellowship of other parishioners!

REGISTER TODAY AT
icsjparish.org/scripture-study
or by calling 312-944-1230

WEDDINGS

Congratulations
Gar Pang and Sylvia Kim
Married Saturday, November 7
St. Joseph Church

Congratulations Madeline and Harrison

Congratulation to Madelyn and Harrison Mellon who are in 2nd Grade at Immaculate Conception- St. Joseph School.

At the school Mass on Tuesday they both made a Profession of Faith, in which they expressed their desire to join the Catholic Church. As infants they were baptized in the Episcopal Church, and now they are preparing for their First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion.

They are joined with their parents Christian and Catherine Mellon who are proud help them to know God's mercy and love.

Thanksgiving FOOD DRIVE

ICSJ PARISH AND SCHOOL WORKING TOGETHER TO GIVE TO THOSE IN NEED

ICSJ parishioners and school families are invited to help stock the shelves of our Parish Pantry and our sister Parish, Assumption Church BVM. Please use the provided brown grocery bag and fill it with non-perishable items and return. We are grateful for whatever you can donate!

We are helping to give to those in need.

- The St. Joseph Food Pantry has been serving those in need for 50 years. Originally located in the IC Rectory, the pantry is in the basement of the old St. Joseph School.
- Our sister Parish, Assumption Church BVM located in the Little Village neighborhood is an important home to many families who are less fortunate.

NOVEMBER 11-15, 2015

Please fill your bag with:

Pasta (No Mac-N-Cheese)
Spaghettios or other canned pasta mealls
Rice
Beans
Juice (Bottled or Boxed)
Dry Cereal
Etc.

Make sure to drop off your bag at Sunday Mass by November 15th or return it to School (North Park or Hill Street) on November 11th & 12th.

MAKE THANKSGIVING COUNT

ICSJ SCHOOL & PARISH HELPING HANDS

ICSJ PARENT ASSOCIATION

Request immediate prayer for you or a loved one.

Immaculate Conception & St. Joseph's *The Prayer Connection* is ready to help. *The Prayer Connection* is a ministry of IC+SJ parishioners dedicated to praying for the needs of others. These needs may include illness, job loss, births, surgery, moving, difficult situations, disability, and more. No prayer request is too large or too small, there is no fee, and all requests remain confidential.

the PRAYER Connection

To request prayer for yourself or a loved one, or to become an intercessor on The Prayer Connection Team, visit

icsjparish.org/the-prayer-connection

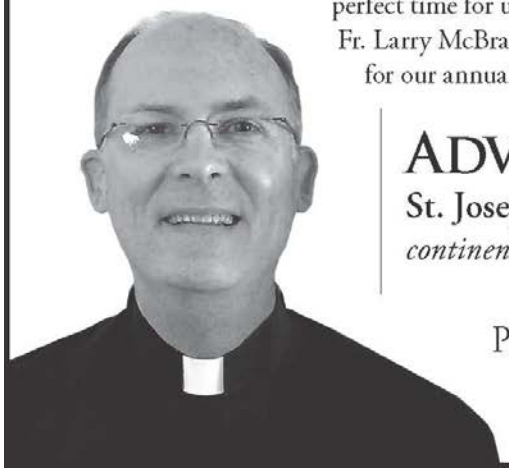
Prayer request forms are also located in the back of the church

PRAYER TIPS

"The first words of Pope Francis: "But first I want to ask you a favour. Before the Bishop blesses the people I ask that you would pray to the Lord to Bless me."

THE WORD IS MERCY.

Pope Francis has declared the next year (beginning on December 8th) as *The Year of Mercy*. God's mercy is a major theme in all of scripture. The Season of Advent is a perfect time for us to reflect on the presence of mercy in our own lives. Please join Fr. Larry McBrady, and other members of the IC+SJ community, on Saturday, December 12th for our annual Advent Day of Prayer. We hope to see *you* as we embark on *The Year of Mercy*.



ADVENT DAY OF PRAYER

St. Joseph Church | Saturday, December 12th | 8:45 am-12 noon

continental breakfast will be served | parking available in the parish lot

Please RSVP by visiting **www.icsjparish.org/advent-retreat**

or by calling the parish office at 312-944-1230

CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE PROGRAM

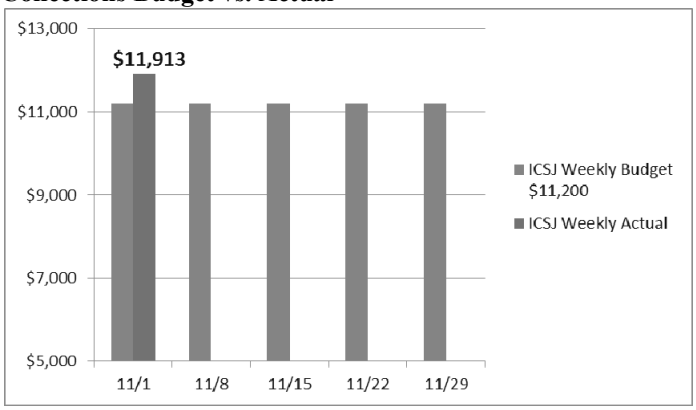
With Christmas fast approaching, the annual Immaculate Conception/St. Joseph Christmas Giving Tree Program will kick off next weekend on November 21, 2015. This beneficial program allows parishioners and church visitors to demonstrate their Christian faith by purchasing a Christmas gift for a family member at our sharing parish, Assumption Church, BVM or a resident of Flannery Apartments, a CHA building for senior citizens.

Participation is simple. Christmas trees decorated with gift tag ornaments will be located in the back of Immaculate Conception Church and St. Joseph Church starting next weekend on Saturday, November 21, 2015. Each ornament will have the name and gender of a gift recipient along with suggested gift items including size/color/style, etc. when appropriate to simplify your gift purchasing. You may take one or multiple ornament tags from the tree, but we need for you to sign the Giving Tree roster located next to the tree providing your name and contact information next the name shown on the tag(s) you are taking.

Gifts should be wrapped and clearly marked with the name of the individual shown on the tag(s) you take from the tree. All gifts are due on or before *Sunday, December 13, 2015 and should be returned to the parish office. Do not leave your gift(s) under of the Christmas trees or anywhere else at the churches where they may be lost or misplaced.*

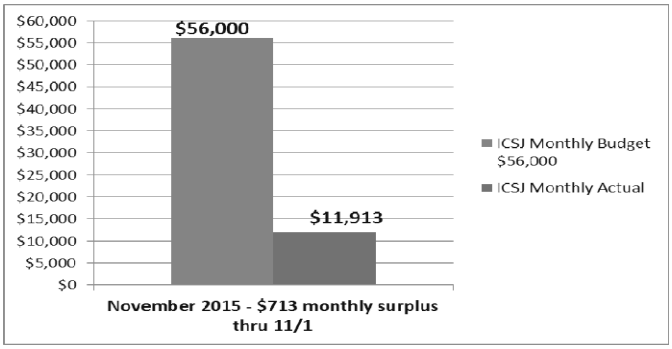
Your participation and generosity in bringing Christmas joy to others in need will be greatly appreciated. Please contact Maureen Wilson – mwilson@nationalable.org or (312) 994-4207 or (312) 515-6084 with questions or for more information about this program.

November 2015 Weekly - ICSJ *Combined* Sunday Collections Budget vs. Actual



ICSJ is currently running a **($33,284)** deficit for Sunday collections. (7/1-11/1)

November 2015 Monthly ICSJ *combined* Sunday Collections



Parish Transformation Update: Week 8

By: Kaitlin Larson

Transformation Committee spent this past week's session working in our designated small groups, expressing ideas, using survey data, and previous notes, to develop an action plan for our parish moving forward. The three small groups that committee members are a part of are finance, mission, and education/school. The finance committee focuses on the financial state of our parish and related issues such as collection, electronic giving, opportunities for fundraising, and looking at what will be best for our parish community in tackling our debt. The mission team assists the construction of the mission narrative and how our building blocks are present and carried out within our parish community. Finally, the school and education team look at both the school community of ICSJ and their involvement with the parish community as well as education for our parishioners and families. The subcommittees are also working on an action plan that supports our parish building blocks of prayer and worship, missionary spirit, and stewardship, which are also reflected in our mission narrative.

The committee also had an opportunity to hear and support the development of the parish's mission narrative. This will become the cornerstone of our parish and will reflect what our community resembles and has to offer. It will be captured through scripture, our building blocks, and collaborative ideas from the overall committee members. We are excited about the mission narrative and believe it truly captures the ICSJ community. A final draft will be shared with parishioners.

Next week subcommittee members will continue their work by brainstorming actions to achieve our goals, selecting specific objectives and timelines to complete the steps of the action plan. Items that will also be discussed by the parish transformation committee are; evaluating the Mass schedule and Mass times to support a greater sense of community amongst the ICSJ parish community.

"Each person is a unique reflection of the face of God, a divine mystery, an unfinished work of art."

A CALL TO PARTICIPATE

IN AN IMPORTANT AND REWARDING NEW IC+SJ PARISHES MINISTRY

IC+SJ is currently re-starting a vital parish ministry called SPRED, which stands for "Special Religious Development." This Archdiocesan program serves children and adults with special needs and provides opportunities for helping them grow in their faith. SPRED relies on carefully developed small communities of faith for learning, fellowship, support and religious education. The program touches the lives of many people – catechists, participants, and their families. It is a unique gift for all.

IC+SJ volunteers are needed now to become SPRED catechists.

This is an opportunity to examine your personal response to the message of our Holy Father for justice and compassion for all.

SPRED is not simply something 'nice' to do. It is an imperative of our faith. It is our call to be Church for All.

To learn more, come out and observe the program or join us at our upcoming information meeting at Immaculate Conception. You will be surprised. You will be touched. You will discover something special that can grace your life.

IC+SJ SPRED Informational Gathering
Wednesday, December 5th at 6:30pm
Immaculate Conception Parish Center

For more information, or to register to observe a session, please contact Julia Hess at julia.spredcrw@sbcglobal.net or 773-539-3634.
www.queenofangelsspred.org

St. Joseph Parish Ministry Schedule

THIS WEEK				
November 15h	**Lectors**	**Eucharistic Ministers**	**Sacristan**	**Greeters**
8:00am Mass	(1)T. Slavin	(1)T. Slavin	(1)	(1)
Celebrant: Fr. Larry Lisowski	(2)	(2)		
11:00am Mass	**Lectors**	**Eucharistic Ministers**	**Sacristan**	**Greeters**
Celebrant: Fr. Larry Lisowski	(1)T. Anderson	(1)C. Rehkemper	(1) F. Marco	(1) AM Lewis
Anointing of the Sick Mass	(2)J. Sender	(2)M. Prendergast		(2)A. Holmes
		(3)B. Woodward		(3) E. Pena
NEXT WEEK				
November 22nd	**Lectors**	**Eucharistic Ministers**	**Sacristan**	**Greeters**
8:00am Mass	(1)I.Onyeagbako	(1)I. Onyeagbako	(1)	(1)
Celebrant: Fr. Larry McBrady	(2)	(2)		
11:00am Mass	**Lectors**	**Eucharistic Ministers**	**Sacristan**	**Greeters**
Celebrant: Fr. Larry McBrady	(1)A. Cirillo	(1)EJ Karsten	(1)	(1)A. Holmes
	(2)J. Valle	(2)C. Rehkemper		(2)AM Lewis
		(3)M. Valle		(3) C & J Rivers

Immaculate Conception Parish Ministry Schedule

THIS WEEK			
November 14thand November 15th	**Lectors**	**Eucharistic Ministers**	**Sacristan**
5:00 pm Mass	(1)A. Fielek	(1)A. Fielek	(1) Cathy Siller
Celebrant: Fr. Bill O'Shea	(2)B. Dwyer	(2)M. Nick	
		(3)A. Rudner-Rusin	
9:30 am Mass	**Lectors**	**Eucharistic Ministers**	**Sacristan**
Celebrant: Fr. Larry McBrady	(1)R. Maechling	(1)E. Wydeven	(1)George & Donna Miles
Anointing of the Sick Mass	(2)M. Snider	(2)J. Dadajewska	
12:30 pm Mass	**Lectors**	**Eucharistic Ministers**	**Sacristan**
Celebrant: Fr. Larry McBrady	(1)G. Duday	(1)R. Iori	(1)Kim Morton
	(2)J. Mosser	(2)K. Morton	
NEXT WEEK			
November 21st and November 22nd	**Lectors**	**Eucharistic Ministers**	**Sacristan**
5:00 pm Mass	(1)R. Tromater	(1)M. Nick	(1)Mayer Family
Celebrant: Fr. Larry Lisowski	(2)L. Sanchez	(2)L. Sanchez	
		(3)A. Fielek	
9:30am Mass	**Lectors**	**Eucharistic Ministers**	**Sacristan/Usher**
Celebrant: Fr. Larry Lisowski	(1)J. Kennedy	(1)J. Dadajewska	(1)Julie Viancourt
	(2)	(2)	
12:30 pm Mass	**Lectors**	**Eucharistic Ministers**	**Sacristan/Usher**
Celebrant: Fr. Larry Lisowski	(1)J. Mosser	(1)K. Morrissey	(1)Kim Morton
	(2)G. Duday	(2)MA Trauscht	
		(3)J. Mosser	

Today's Readings

First Reading -- Those who lead the many to justice shall be like the stars forever (Daniel 12:1-3).
Psalm -- You are my inheritance, O Lord! (Psalm 16).
Second Reading -- Where there is forgiveness, there is no longer offering for sin (Hebrews 10:11-14, 18).
Gospel -- Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away (Mark 13:24-32).

Readings for the Week

Monday: 1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63;
Ps 119:53, 61, 134, 150, 155, 158; Lk 18:35-43
Tuesday: 2 Mc 6:18-31; Ps 3:2-7; Lk 19:1-10
Wednesday: 2 Mc 7:1, 20-31; Ps 17:1bcd, 5-6, 8b, 15;
Lk 19:11-28 or (for the memorial of the
Dedication) Acts 28:11-16, 30-31; Ps 98:1-6; Mt 14:22-33
Thursday: 1 Mc 2:15-29; Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15; Lk 19:41-44
Friday: 1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59; 1 Chr 29:10bcd, 11-12; Lk 19:45-48
Saturday: 1 Mc 6:1-13; Ps 9:2-4, 6, 16, 19; Lk 20:27-40
Sunday: Dn 7:13-14; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Rv 1:5-8; Jn 18:33b-37

Parish Information

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
1431 N. North Park Avenue
Phone: 312-944-1230

MASSES
Tuesday: Thursday: 7:00 AM
Saturday: 7:30 AM
Saturday Evening: 5:00 PM
Sunday: 9:30 AM; 12:30 PM

Coffee and Donuts after 9:30 AM Mass.

Holy Days: 7:00 AM, 5:30 PM

PARISH OFFICE
Clair Martin, Parish Coordinator
Samantha Stephens, Asst. Parish Coordinator
Sherrine Manning, Evening/Weekend Receptionist

ST. JOSEPH
1107 N. Orleans Street
Phone: 312-787-7174
Angela Gore, Parish Coordinator

MASSES
Monday, Wednesday, Friday: 8:00 AM
Sunday: 8:00 AM, 11:00 AM

Coffee and Donuts after 11:00 AM Mass.

Holy Days: 8:00 AM; 7:00 PM

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION ST. JOSEPH STAFF

Rev. Lawrence Lisowski, Pastor
Rev. Larry McBrady, Senior Priest
Rev. Ronald Hicks, Resident Priest
Mark Besztery, Business Manager
Maria Hill, ICSJ School Principal (Hill Street Campus)
Katie Sullivan, ICSJ School Principal (North Park Campus)
Mary Beth May, Director of Religious Education
Kate Ryan, Director of Music
Libby Lucas, Bulletin Editor
Colm Murphy, Maintenance Supervisor

SACRAMENTS
Baptisms: Call either Parish Center
Marriages: Call either Parish Center at least four months in advance
Anointing of the Sick: Anytime by request. *Please notify the Parish Office if home bound or hospitalized.*
Reconciliation: Saturdays at IC: 8:30 a.m. or by appointment.
ICSJ SCHOOL INFORMATION:
Please call 312-944-0304.
New parishioners: Call either parish office to register or visit our parish website: **www.icsjparish.org**.

Mass Schedule

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH

Saturday, November 14th-7:30am
Greg Lewis
Saturday, November14th– 5:00pm
Tony Apollaro//Cynthia Haley
Sunday, November 15th–9:30am
Nate Mecurio//Jayne Wadden
Sunday, November 15th-12:30pm
For the Living & Deceased Members of the Rae, McDermott & Blankenship Families
Tuesday, November 17th-7:00am
Fr. Fred Tomzik
Thursday, November 19th7:00am
Joan Fogerty
Saturday, November 21st-7:30am
Jayne Wadden
Saturday, November 21st–5:00pm
Jaqueline Brown//Tony Apollaro// Edmund G. Lazuka
Sunday, November 22nd–9:30am
The Living & Deceased Members of the William M. O'Shea Family//The Living & Deceased Members of the John Valerio Family
Sunday, November 22nd–12:30pm
Angela & Edward Gillespie//JoAnn Bartow

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

Sunday, November 15th–8:00am
For Our ICSJ Parishioners//Fr. Fred Tomzik
Sunday, November 15th-11:00am
Mary Gardiner
Monday, November 16th-8:00am
Earl Moore
Wednesday, November 18th-8:00am
Dawn C. Rish//Sherrine Manning & Family
Friday, November 20th-8:00am
Kimberly Hubbard & Family
Sunday, November 22nd-8:00am
For Our ICSJ Parishioners//Joan Moore & Family
Sunday, November 22nd–11:00am
Raymond Rudis//Pauline Pyznarski

SAINTS and SPECIAL OBSERVANCES THIS WEEK

Sunday: Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: St. Margaret of Scotland; St. Gertrude
Tuesday: St. Elizabeth of Hungary
Wednesday: Dedication of the Basilicas of Ss. Peter and Paul; St. Rose Philippine Duchesne
Saturday: Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary