

November 12, 2023 | Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time



Fr. Larry's Weekly Letter #539



Are you ready for this Thursday night? Do you have your tickets for our Parish Fall Fundraiser, "Raising Up Our Faith"? CLICK HERE FOR TICKETS.

A wonderful party has been planned by Jutta Keenan, our Parish Director of Evangelization and Events, and a great team of volunteers who have been working hard for months behind the scenes. There will be plenty food and music. Fr. McBrady has been shinning his dancing shoes all week, and is dying to be the first one out on the dance floor!

All of this will take place at "The School House" that is located right across the street from St. Joseph Church. It is a wonderful historic venue that takes us back in time to when St. Joseph's School first opened right after World War II, and was staffed by the Sisters of St. Scholastic.

The proceeds from our event will help to renovate the entrance way of Immaculate Conception Church that has become tired over the years.

I hope to see you Thursday. It will be nice for us to come together, to just relax, and have a fun night out.



This Sunday we acknowledge our 8th grade students who are preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in February next year. At our 11:00 a.m. Mass they will be blessed and commissioned by our parish community. Each candidate will write their name in the Book of Enrollment as a sign of their commitment and willingness to continue actively living out their Catholic faith through prayer, study and service.

The candidates proudly stand before us with an "adult faith." Their parents and sponsors have encouraged and guided them to this important moment in their journey of faith. Now, they standup and speak for themselves as they express their heart-felt desire to love and serve the Lord, and to actively participate in the life and ministries of the Church.

We are happy and hopeful for our candidates. We admire their youthfulness, energy and enthusiasm. They are a talented group of individuals who have a lot to offer our parish community.

In the months ahead they will have the opportunity to answer the call of discipleship by feeding the hungry, helping the elderly, teaching young children, serving at liturgies, and comforting those who are weak and feeble.

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The best part about their sacramental preparation is seeing them make a positive difference in our community by living out the gospel message of Jesus Christ.

Prayer will also be an important part of their preparation. They are encouraged to pray every day, both at school and at home, and especially on Sunday at Mass.

Six years ago, these young men and women received their First Holy Communion. They were certainly much smaller back then in 2nd Grade, but just as holy. I am sure their parents would agree that they have grown up way too fast on the way to becoming teenagers.

Our teens represent an important part of our Church today. Confirmation invites them to be engaged in the life of our parish and the larger community. We do not have to wait for them to grow up. Now is the time for them to share their gifts and talents to build the Kingdom of God.

The world we live in today needs courageous leaders and prophets that will inspire us to be better people that care for each other and the environment. Hopefully, through prayer, study and service, the commitment our teens make this Sunday will proudly stick, and be lived out for all to see.

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Henry Hailand & Kaitlyn Benjamin Married Friday, November 3 St. Joseph Church Rev. Lawrence Lisowski presided



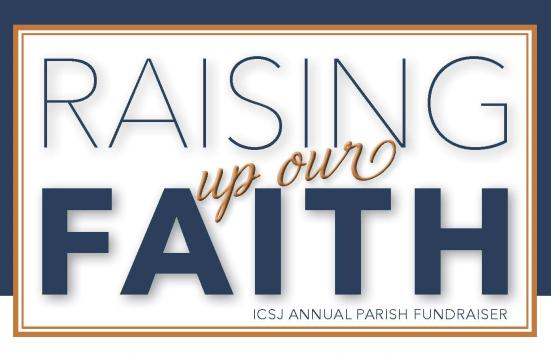
ICSJ Women's Book Club



The next book club is scheduled at 3:30 pm on Friday, December 1st

The book selected is **Small Fry** by Lisa Brennan-Jobs.

For more details, please email Colleen cm424svdp@gmail.com or Martha Martha_60603@yahoo.com



LAST YEAR WE HOWLED TO THE HEAVENS.
JOIN US THIS YEAR AS WE GATHER TO
DINE & DANCE THE NIGHT AWAY

WHILE BUILDING COMMUNITY & FAITH.

we hope to see you there!

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2023 6-10PM

LAST CALL!!

THE SCHOOL HOUSE

{LOCATED AT 1065 N. ORLEANS}

WE WILL LIFT OUR GLASSES, FAITH & HEARTS
AS WE RAISE FUNDS TO BEAUTIFULLY RENOVATE
THE ENTRYWAY OF OUR BELOVED
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH





RAISING UP OUR FAITH AUCTION ITEMS

golf&lunch OLD ELM CLUB

DONT' MISS OUT OUT ON DINNER, DANCING & GREAT AUCTION ITEMS! THERE'S STILL TIME TO BUY TICKETS & JOIN US ON NOVEMBER 16!

RAISING UP OUR FAITH LIVE AUCTION ITEM

BID TO ENJOY A
MEN'S GOLF
OUTING FOR 2
WITH FATHER
LARRY AT OLD
ELM CLUB GOLF
COURSE!

Raise your paddle to bid on a round of golf for you and a friend with our generous donor and Fr. Larry at the beautiful Old Elm Men's Golf Club in Highland Park.

DATETBD



DINER ON THE DECK

RAISING UP OUR FAITH LIVE AUCTION ITEM

ENJOY DINNER
WITH OUR VERY
OWN FATHER
LARRY ON THE
BEAUTIFUL DECK
AT ST JOSEPH'S.

Raise your paddle to bid on a wonderful dinner for you and 5 guests. This item with be auctioned twice. DATE TBD



PLEASE SCAN FOR TICKETS & SPONSORSHIPS







Young Adult Small Group

Sundays after 11AM Mass

COME JOIN US FOR REFLECTION & FELLOWSHIP!

ALL YOUNG ADULTS WELCOME!

ST. JOSEPH PARISH CENTER

EMAIL ERODRIGUEZ@ICSJPARISH.ORG WITH ANY QUESTIONS

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ICSI MUSIC MINISTRY PRESENTS

MUNES ON SUNDAY AFTERNOON

A CONCERT SERIES

The ICSJ Music Ministry presenta *Tunes on a Sunday Afternoon*, a series of free community concerts featuring the talents of our ICSJ choir members and musicians, and other special guests.

JOIN US FOR OUR NOVEMBER PERFORMANCE!



September 10th 2pm, St. Joseph Church

Josephine Stracek: Women Voices in Song

A solo voice recital featuring music by women composers at the turn of the 20th century



October 8th 2pm, St. Joseph Church

Organist Clay Corso

A pipe organ concert featuring the historic 1892 Hutchings organ in St Joseph Church

Now at I.C. Church



November 12th 2pm, Immaculate Conception Church

An Afternoon of Taizé

Join the Music Ministry team for a candlelit afternoon of meditative Taizé songs and prayer



December 10th 2pm, St. Joseph Church

Lessons & Carols for Christmas

'Tis the season! Join the ICJS Music Ministry Team for a sing-a-long of all of your favorite carols

YOUR SUPPORT FOR THE SERIES IS GREATLY APPRECIATED! SCAN THE QR OR VISIT ICSJPARISH.ORG/TUNES





Two Volunteer Needs

We have two volunteer needs that have recently been brought to us. The first is for our sharing parish, Mother of the Americas. They are looking for an individual who could provide consulting to them on future financial planning and projection. The second is for one of our refugee families. This family has an 11 year old son with special needs and a two year old daughter; the family needs an advocate who will help work with them to find a school-type setting for each of the children for the coming school year 24-25. They would also like help finding affordable housing for families with special needs children. If you think you could be one of these volunteers, please get in touch with me asap! aklazura@icsjparish.org

Giving Tree: November 18th - December 10th

It's that time of year again! Our parish and school will be making Christmas merry and bright for so many families and individuals through our Giving Tree program. While all of the details can be found on the flyer in this bulletin, I wanted to remind you of the basics. The program kicks off on 11/18 and runs until 12/10; all gifts are due back by the 10th! We are utilizing an online sign up system for gifts. Tags will be on trees in both churches, but do not have gifts listed on them. Rather, each tag has the link and QR code (you can find this on the flyer), and by following either you are able to review the options and sign up for the gift(s) you'd like to give. Therefore, it is not necessary to have a tag to give a gift; simply sign up online! If you are someone who doesn't have a computer or isn't comfortable using one, please allow me to help you sign up! We are working to have individuals following the Masses in the back of the church to help you sign up but can't guarantee someone will be able to be at every Mass. Therefore, if you are struggling to sign up but want to participate, please email or call me and I will be more than happy to help you.

Meal for Migrants Round 2!

In October our church prepared and assembled a meal for the migrants staying at the 18th District Police Station and we are now all set for round 2 on Sunday, December 3rd. This will be a Lincoln Park Old Town Parishes collaboration. Please join this multi-parish effort by signing up using the link on the flyer in this bulletin or online at icsiparish.org/migrants.



Opening Your Heart
A Walking with Purpose
Women's Scripture Study Group
meets Tuesday Evenings, 6:30pm-8pm.
For more details email Jutta at
jkeenan@icsjparish.org

Growing in Grace







Mindfulness - Being Truly Present and Open to the Divine Presence

We hope you will join us on November 18 as we explore mindfulness practices that reduce stress, quiet your mind, and help you hear what God is saying to you. You'll have an opportunity to learn about and practice several meditation techniques and to discuss proven methods for feeling more fully present and improving your prayer life.

The session will be **facilitated by Elizabeth Pattara Schuster**, a member of
Saint Clement parish, the President of
Regina Dominican High School, and a
certified teacher of meditation and yoga.

REGISTER TODAY!



clement.org/growingingrace

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18

10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. with hospitality to follow

Saint Clement Parish Chapel



Saint Clement Parish | 642 W. Deming Place | Chicago, IL 60614 | 773-281-0371 | clement.org

HELP MAKE A MEAL FOR THOSE AT THE 18TH DISTRICT DOWN

Help us assemble and deliver lunch for the migrants & asylees at the 18th District **Police Station**

- When: Sunday, December 3rd, following the 9:30am Mass from 10:30-noon
- Where: Immaculate Conception Church Parish Hall (1431 N North Park)
- Please RSVP (prior to Nov. 22nd at the below link) by signing up to bring an item

www.mealtrain.com/potlucks/417612

Laura Powell School Outreach 🖄 lcpowell80@gmail.com 🔘 aklazura@icsjparish.org

Allie Klazura Parish Outreach

KnitWits

We are a group of knitters and crocheters who have been getting together for several years. Our purpose is to make baby blankets, hats and/or 8x8 squares for an organization called



Children's Place <u>www.childrens-place.org</u>. One of their many services helps newborns who are brought to this facility if their parent(s) cannot care for them. The babies either go into the foster system, or are adopted. In some cases, they do go back to their birth parent(s).

If you enjoy knitting and/or crocheting (or would like to learn), join us! We get together at St. Joe's once a month. Our next KnitWit gathering is

Monday, November 20th 10AM-1PM.

You can come for a half hour, a couple hours or for the entire time...whatever fits your schedule. Or, you can make a blanket, a hat or 8x8 squares at your convenience and drop off at IC or SJ. If you have any questions, please leave a message for me at ICSJ or send an email to me, Kathy at kmust1@yahoo.com.

Mark your calendar with our future dates...

December 18 2023

January 15 2024

February 19 2024

March 18 2024

April 15 2024

May 20 2024

June 17 2024

July 15 2024

August 19 2024

September 16 2024

October 21 2024

November 18 2024

December 16 2024

Why Register at a Parish?

- It is a sign of commitment and support to the life of a parish community and indicates willingness to belong to our parish family.
- Our Parish Staff will have the basic information needed to communicate with individual families, especially in times of emergency.
- Every Catholic needs to have their sacramental information documented. Copies of one's Baptismal, First Communion, Confirmation, and Marriage records are required at various times in our life.
- Families that enroll their children in our Parish School or Religious Education Program should be registered and active in the parish, especially if they intend to have their children receive the Sacraments.
- Families are able to receive important information about the parish that often comes through direct mailing.
- For Godparents, it is required to provide information stating active parish registration, practice of faith and ongoing support to the overall life of the parish.

Parish Mailing list is **only used for church purposes and never shared with
businesses or other organizations.

Click Here to Register



WHAT MAKES ICSJ SCHOOL SO SPECIAL?

CO-TEACHING MODEL

Leveraging a unique co-teaching model, ICSJ offers two, full-time certified teachers in every classroom through Grade 3. The resulting low student/teacher ratios provide ample opportunities for 1:1 instruction and differentiated learning.

AVERAGE STUDENT TEACHER RATIOS

Preschool - Kindergarten 10:1 Primary Grades 12:1 Middle School 20:1

FAITH-BASED CURRICULUM

ICSJ integrates Catholic principles throughout the academic curriculum including daily religion classes for all students, regular prayers services and masses and sacrament preparation for First Reconciliation, First Holy Communion and Confirmation. However, you need not be Catholic to attend and build a solid, values-based educational foundation at ICSJ School.

ACCREDITATION

Since 2005, ICSJ's Early Childhood Program has consistently earned NAEYC accreditation (National Association for the Education of Young Children).

HIGH SCHOOL PLACEMENT

95% of our recent graduates were accepted by their first choice high school. ICSJ graduates excel at Chicago's most competitive Catholic, independent and public Selective Enrollment high schools, including St. Ignatius, Loyola Academy, DePaul College Prep, Walter Payton College Prep, Jones College Prep, Whitney M. Young, and Lane Tech.

FACILITIES

Students learning and growth are enhanced by unique, modern facilities across two campuses; including a full-size gymnasium,rock climbing walls, libraries, secure playgrounds, a dance studio, science and foreign language labs and much more.

TECHNOLOGY

ICSJ integrates the latest technology to enhance instruction at every grade level. Our state-of-the-art STEM lab, classroom SMART boards and 1:1 iPad model for students in Grades 4-8 prepare students to be lifelong global learners.

ATHLETICS

75% of ICSJ students in Grades 4-8 participate in our competitive interscholastic athletic program.

EXTRACURRICULAR

ICSJ offers numerous extracurricular classes and clubs to students in K - Grade 8. Enrichment choices include Musical Theater, Student Council, Coding, STEM, Cooking, Choir, Yoga and Band.

SPECIALS

Specialists in the areas of Spanish, music, physical education, fine arts, library and technology provide ICSJ students at every grade level academic exploration beyond the core.

EXTENDED DAY PROGRAM

Many of our families require daily early morning and/or late afternoon coverage for their kids. Both before and after school care program options are available and



COME FOR A TOUR

We invite you to visit our school this fall. Speak with key members of our leadership team and current parents while touring our classrooms and learning spaces. See for yourself what our families love about ICSJ!

GROUP TOURS 9-10AM

Friday, October 27 Wednesday, November 8 Monday, December 4

MIDDAY ZOOM TOUR 12-1PM

Thursday, November 16

RSVP at www.icsjschool.org or, scan this QR code:

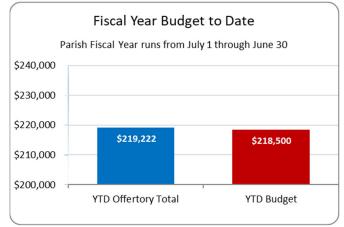


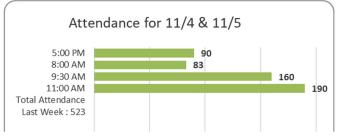
APPLICATION DEADLINE IS DECEMBER 8, 2023

NORTH PARK CAMPUS | Prekindergarten - Grade 3 (+Tots) | 1431 N North Park Avenue HILL STREET CAMPUS | Grades 4 - 8 | 363 W Hill Street | www.icsjschool.org | 312.944.0304 ext. 312



Weekly Offertory - November 2023 Weekly Offertory Total Weekly Budget \$11,500 W/o 11/12 \$11,500 W/o 11/26 The parish budget requires over one weeks' worth of collections just to cover parish ultilities, maintenance, and insurance each month. It takes \$3,093 per day to run our parish.





Have you considered a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD)?

A QCD gift (a.k.a. IRA charitable rollover) allows individuals age 70½ or older to authorize their IRA administrator to make a direct transfer of funds from their IRA to qualified charities, tax-free. This way of giving does not generate taxable income, which may lower your annual income level. If you are age 72 or older, the amount you transfer may count towards your required minimum distribution.

If you would like more information on how to make a QCD gift to Immaculate Conception and St. Joseph Parish please contact: Nancy Gies at ngies@icsjparish.org or (312) 787-7174 ext 7.

Sign up for eGiving

eGiving is a secure and convenient way of giving to Immaculate Conception and St. Joseph parish. It is eco-friendly and cost-saving. Just click **HERE** and to make your one-time, weekly, or monthly donation.

To all our faithful parishioners who give their time, talent and treasure—thank you for your generosity!

Get Involved

Check out all the opportunities here at ICSJ parish, click **HERE.** Or let's set up a coffee so we can get to know each other, your talents and strengths and where they might be used best here at ICSJ. Contact Elly Rodriguez at erodriguez@icsjparish.org or (312)787-7174 ext 4.

Mass Intentions

week of November 11-17

Saturday, November 11

5pm at Immaculate Conception with Fr. Larry McBrady:

For the parishioners of the ICSJ parish community

Sunday, November 12

8am Mass at St. Joseph with Fr. Larry Lisowski: William & Marian Gore

Sunday, November 12

9:30am Mass at Immaculate Conception with Fr. Larry McBrady:

For the well-being of Sandy Romo

Sunday, November 12

11am Mass at St. Joseph with Fr. Larry Lisowski: **Rita Stoffels**

Monday, November 13

9am Mass at St. Joseph with Fr. Larry Lisowski: Mark Alles

Wednesday, November 15

9am Mass at St. Joseph with Fr. Larry Lisowski: **Charlie & Frances Salvo**

Friday, November 17

9am Mass at St. Joseph with Fr. Larry McBrady: For the healing of Meghan

What is a Mass Intention?

Immaculate Conception and St. Joseph parish offers the possibility for you to request that a Mass be celebrated for a particular intention. Requesting a Mass intention means that you are asking that the grace of Christ's sacrifice in his death and resurrection be applied for a particular purpose, for example, for a deceased person or a living person who is ill or in thanksgiving for a favor received. An intention can also be made for an occasion of a birthday, anniversary or special need, or it can be directed to a cause, such as an increase of vocations or respect for life. Usually, a single intention is attached to a given Mass. But it is also possible to gather several intentions in one Mass with exactly the same effect.

To request a Mass Intention, please visit www.icsjparish.org/mass-intentions or call Angela at the parish office (312)787-7174 ext 1.

Prayer Request

Every month, we receive dozens of prayer requests on our website. No matter where you live in the world, you are invited to share your needs with those who have committed to pray on your behalf. Please visit www.icsjparish.org/the-prayer-connection to submit a prayer Request. To join our ICSJ prayer ministry, email Angela at agore@icsjparish.org

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Consider taking advantage of celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Going to confession is great for one's soul. Receive the wonderful gift of healing and peace that our God longs for us to have in our life.

Contact Fr. Larry, at pastor@icsjparish.org, to schedule a time to meet.



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION AND ST. JOSEPH PARISH

A family of families

OUR Vision

WHERE DO WE WANT TO GO?

Inspired by God's great love, we are called to be the face of Jesus in today's world, welcoming all to our Family of Families, and walking as disciples through our works of compassion and mercy.

OUR Mission

HOW DO WE GET THERE?

We will be
disciples on a joyful mission,
constantly committed
anew to praying,
serving, growing, sharing
and belonging
in Jesus' name.

Be the Face of Jesus and change the world!



Imaging having a deep, rich prayer life which brings clarity, comfort, hope and joy into your life and to others!



Imagine feeling really close with God, who loves you always!



Imagine being God's hands and feet in this world, that desperately needs help and healing!



Imagine brimming with faith and God's love so that it spills over into every relationship and aspect of your life!



Imagine creating a diverse, loving community where everyone is welcomed and appreciated for who they are!

Visit icsjparish.org/mission for ideas on taking the next step!



Welcome

Inspired by God's great love, we are called to be the face of Jesus in today's world, welcoming all to our Family of Families, and walking as disciples through our works of compassion and mercy.

Our Two Places of Worship







Immaculate Conception Church

1431 N. North Park Avenue, Chicago, IL 60610



Free parking available in church parking lot; street parking also available.

St. Joseph Church

1107 N. Orleans Street, Chicago, IL 60610



Street parking available; free parking available across the street at ICSJ School, 363 W. Hill St.

Mass Schedule

Sunday

8:00 a.m. - St. Joseph Church 9:30 a.m. - Immaculate Conception Church 11:00 a.m. - St. Joseph Church

Saturday

5:00 p.m. - Immaculate Conception Church

Monday · Wednesday · Friday

9:00 a.m. - St. Joseph Church

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North Park Office

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North Park Office Hours

Tuesday, Wednesday 4:00-8:00 p.m., Saturday 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

For questions regarding Weddings, Registration, Mass Intentions, Baptisms, Giving, volunteering, and other general information, please visit our website or call the Parish Office.

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