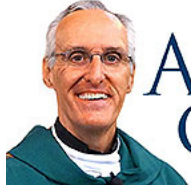


January 14, 2024 | Second Sunday in Ordinary Time



ALL  
OF US

Fr. Larry's  
Weekly Letter  
#548

## FAST FORWARD 30 YEARS

Last Sunday, we brought our Christmas season to a close with the celebration of the Epiphany of the Lord. We marveled at the classic story of the three kings who traveled from afar to Bethlehem so that they could pay homage to baby Jesus in his home.

This Sunday, we fast forward some thirty years. Jesus in today's gospel is an adult, who is beginning his public ministry.

As he arrives on the scene, John the Baptist points his disciples to Jesus. They seek him, and after spending time with him, they are convinced that they have found the Messiah they have been waiting for.

What is interesting to note once they figured this out, is their response. Just look at how Andrew responded! He went and brought his brother to Jesus.

How many of us have someone in our lives who doesn't know Jesus? Someone who doesn't know the joy of knowing him, of trusting him, of receiving his love, his forgiveness, his healing and his mercy? We probably all do. We are encouraged not to shy away from inviting these loved ones to meet Christ.

Let us rely on the Holy Spirit for help. The Holy Spirit can fill us with the courage to speak, and give us the words to extend an invitation that just might spark an encounter with Christ.

The truth is that God is calling all of us to be one of the means through which he extends his offer of salvation to others. Let us ask for the grace to respond like Samuel did: **"Speak Lord, for your servant is listening."** From there, let us trust that God will take care of the rest!

## SO... TELL ME ABOUT YOUR FAITH



This week I will begin my "Confirmation Interviews" with our students in 8th Grade. They are preparing to receive the sacrament on Saturday, March 2nd from Bishop Bob Casey, who serves as the Vicar General for the Archdiocese.

I enjoy these conversations with the kids because it allows me to get to know them better, and vice versa. I learn what they like to do for fun, what their family is like, and what high school they are hoping to attend in the Fall of this year. I ask them several religious questions like: Of the seven gifts that come with the Holy Spirit, which one do you feel you need the most in your life right now? Or, what saint did you pick for your Confirmation name, and why? What type of service project did you perform, and what did it mean for you to help someone who was in need?

It is amazing the wisdom and insight that these kids have. They are open and honest about the need for God in their life. They realize that their faith is important to them. They admit that they need the Holy Spirit to face some of the real challenges in their life.

*Fr. Larry*

## *A family of families*



*Gillian Clare Gundzik  
Baptized Sunday, January 7th  
Mark & Heather Glundzik*



*Anthony Albert Cammarata  
Baptized Sunday, January 7th  
Matthew Cammarata & Solange-Marie Velazquez*



## OUTREACH OUTLOOK

Allie Klazura • Outreach Ministries Coordinator

### **Migrant Assistance Updates; Help is Needed!**

St. Clement Parish is partnering with Catholic Charities to reopen the Madonna House for migrant women and children who have been victims of domestic abuse (<https://www.clement.org/resources/catholic-charities-madonna-house>). As an LPOT mission, we are partnering with St. Teresa's and St. Josaphat's to provide Wednesday dinners to these families, beginning 1/31. We are looking for volunteers to sign up to make meals at your home and drop off at the parish on Wednesday before noon. We have additional volunteers who have already completed training to be our drivers for meal delivery, so you don't have to worry about delivering the meal to Madonna House, only getting it to ICSJ! (If interested in becoming a driver/drop off volunteer, please email me at [aklazura@icsjparish.org](mailto:aklazura@icsjparish.org)) You can view our Meal Train here: <https://www.mealtrain.com/trains/qkdyzr/>. We invite you to sign-up for a date or dates that work for you in the coming weeks! This is a great opportunity to cook with your family, your friends, or maybe even your small group. The Madonna House will house about 20 people; for serving sizes ~15 adults and 5 children to begin; serving sizes will likely increase over the coming months. If you need help with recipe ideas, have questions about drop-off at ICSJ, or would like to learn more about other ways to be involved with the Madonna House, please contact Allie at the email address listed above. Thank you!

### **Service Day at our Sharing Parish**

Please mark your calendars for a day of service at our sharing parish, Mother of the Americas. We will be helping perform a deep clean of their social center located at 2412 S. Albany on February 17th from 10:30-12:30. This is a great service project for individuals, groups or families. Hope you can join us!

### **Kolbe House: Need for Winter Coats in Larger Sizes**

Kolbe House is in need of men's winter coats sizes L-5XL to provide for men who are released from jail or prison. You can help them on their way to stability. Contact Sandra Botello at [sbotello@kolbehouseministry.org](mailto:sbotello@kolbehouseministry.org). If you'd rather send new donations directly to Kolbe House, please see our [Amazon wish list](#).

Join Us!

# Service Day at Sharing Parish

February 17th, 2024 10:30-12:30

## Mother of the Americas Social Center

Join us at 10:30 on Saturday, 2/17, as we deep clean our sharing parish's social center. The social center is located at 2412 S. Albany, where there is a lot for ~10 cars and additional street parking available.

With Questions / To RSVP:



[aklazura@icsjparish.org](mailto:aklazura@icsjparish.org)







Looking for a new way to serve at ICSJ?

# Join Coffee & Donuts Crew

To help after 11AM Mass contact  
Kathy at [kscherer@deloitte.com](mailto:kscherer@deloitte.com)

To help after 9:30AM Mass contact  
Maureen at [maureenhaugh@yahoo.com](mailto:maureenhaugh@yahoo.com)

## 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 [www.childrens-place.org](http://www.childrens-place.org). 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

**DATE CHANGE: Monday, January 22nd 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](mailto:kmust1@yahoo.com).

**Mark your calendar  
with our future dates...**

**DATE CHANGE: February 12 2024**

March 18 2024

April 15 2024

May 20 2024

June 17 2024

July 15 2024

August 19 2024

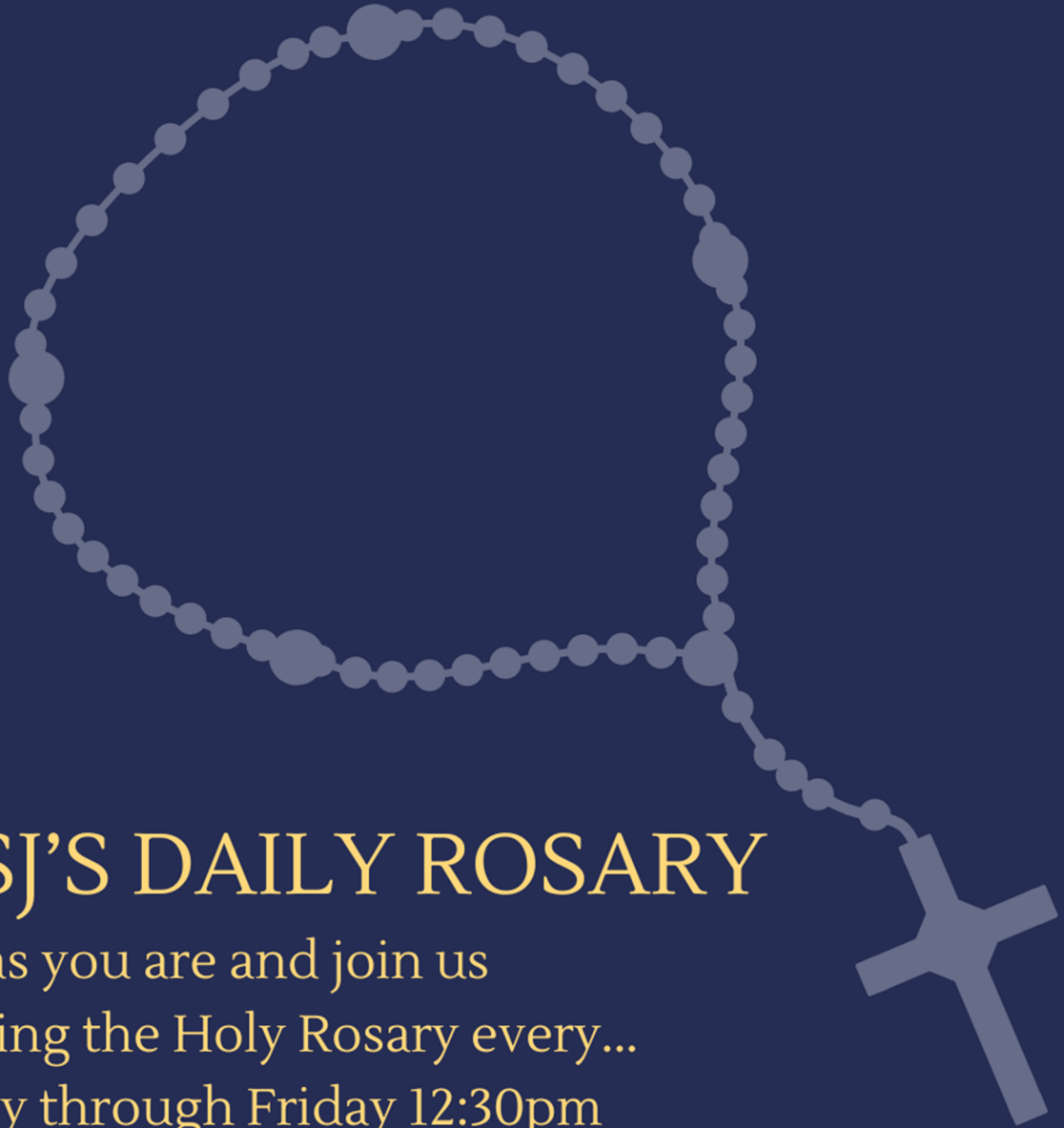
September 16 2024

October 21 2024

November 18 2024

December 16 2024





## ICSJ'S DAILY ROSARY

Come as you are and join us  
in praying the Holy Rosary every...  
Monday through Friday 12:30pm  
Saturday and Sunday at 7:30am

**\*\*No experience needed. We will guide you.\*\***

**Pick up a card in the back of church that looks like  
this page for the zoom meeting ID and password or  
email Angela at [agore@icsjparish.org](mailto:agore@icsjparish.org) or  
call (312)787-7174 ext 1**





## STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

Nancy Gies  
Parish Business Manager



# 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@icsiparish.org](mailto:ngies@icsiparish.org) or (312) 787-7174 ext 7.

## Sign up for eGiving

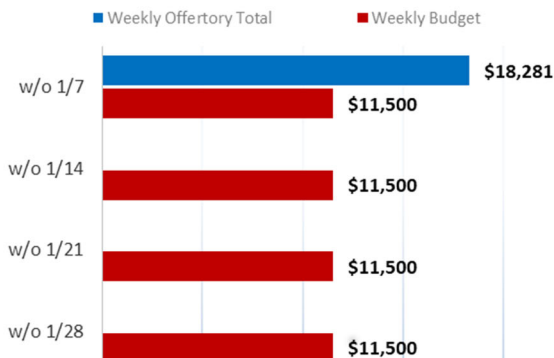
eGiving is a secure and convenient way of giving to Immaculate Conception and St. Joseph parish. It is eco-friendly and cost-saving. Just click **HERE** and to make your one-time, weekly, or monthly donation.

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](mailto:erodriguez@icsjparish.org) or (312)787-7174 ext 4.

### Weekly Offertory - January 2023

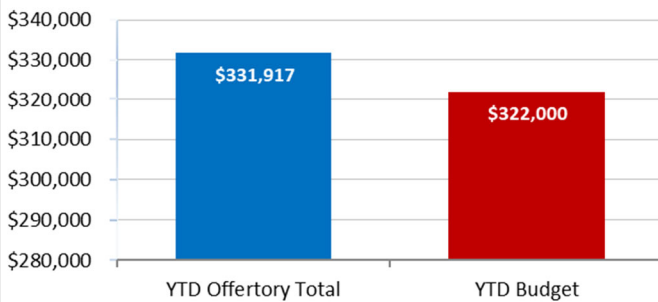


The parish budget requires over one weeks' worth of collections just to cover parish utilities, maintenance, and insurance each month.

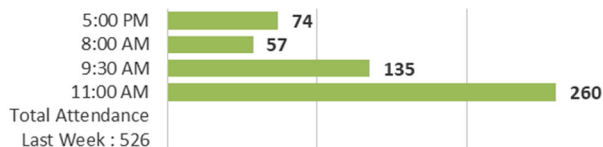
**It takes \$3,093 per day to run our parish.**

### Fiscal Year Budget to Date

Parish Fiscal Year runs from July 1 through June 30



### Attendance for 1/6 & 1/7



# Mass Intentions

week of January 13-19

## Saturday, January 13

5pm at Immaculate Conception with  
Fr. Larry McBrady: **For the parishioners of our  
ICSJ parish community**

## Sunday, January 14

8am at St. Joseph with Fr. Larry McBrady:  
**Shirley Appleget**

## Sunday, January 14

9:30am Mass at Immaculate Conception with a  
Redemptorist Priest from St. Michael's  
Parish: **Fr. Joseph Mueller, SJ**

## Sunday, January 14

11am Mass at St. Joseph with  
Fr. Larry McBrady: **Mark Alles**

## Monday, January 15

9am Mass at St. Joseph Fr. Larry Sanders:  
**Charles Lopardo**

## Wednesday, January 17

9am Mass at St. Joseph with  
Fr. Larry Lisowski: **For the R.C.I.A. Candidates  
and Catechumens**

## Friday, January 19

9am Mass at St. Joseph with  
Fr. Larry McBrady: **Tim O'Connell,  
Thomas B. Gulan**

# 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](http://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](http://www.icsjparish.org/the-prayer-connection) to submit a prayer Request. To join our ICSJ prayer ministry, email Angela at [agore@icsjparish.org](mailto: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](mailto: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!



**PRAY**

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



**GROW**

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



**SERVE**

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



**SHARE**

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



**BELONG**

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

Visit [icsjparish.org/mission](http://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

## Contact Us

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### North Park Office Hours

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

## Follow ICSJ Parish on Social Media



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