



December 24, 2023 | Christmas



**ALL
OF US**

**Fr. Larry's
Weekly Letter
#545**

SEASONS GREETINGS FROM ALL OF US

“and on entering the house they saw the child Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of Gold, frankincense, and myrrh.”

- Matthew 2:11

Let us celebrate the glorious birth of our Lord Jesus Christ this Christmas season.

Take a moment to embrace the gift of family, friends, and fellowship in the presence of our Lord.

- Fr. Larry Lisowski, Pastor

An Irish Blessing

May your troubles be less
and your blessings be more
and nothing but happiness
come through your door.
Merry Christmas!

-Fr. Larry McBrady

“For to us a child is born, to us a son is given.” Isaiah 9:6
As we celebrate God’s gift to us - may His peace, love and joy be with us throughout the Christmas season and in the years to come. I am very grateful and blessed to be with the Immaculate Conception and St. Joseph faith community. May God continue to bless us, and may you and your family have a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

-Dcn. Neil Rogers

Merry Christmas! May the peace, love, hope, and joy of this season live in our hearts always. I am blessed to be able to spend this time with all of you and be constantly inspired by the ICSJ Family, and I wish you all good health and blessings in the New Year!

-Dcn. Zach Smith

Throughout the Season of Advent our students and families and parish continue to shine like a bright star. The caring support and outreach from our youngest to our oldest students remind me of all things possible and the blessings of being a part of Immaculate Conception-St. Joseph School. From service to feast days the true meaning of Christ can be seen and heard in our hallways and classrooms. My heartfelt wishes for a very Merry Christmas to all who know and call Immaculate Conception and St. Joseph a home away from home. May the New Year be filled with the grace and blessings of God's love and be shared generously.

Merry Christmas blessings.

-Katie Sullivan, Co-Principal- Hill Street Campus

A family of families

Merry Christmas to the wonderful ICSJ community! May God bless your life with love and joy this holiday season.

-Margaret Faller, Interim School Administrator - North Park Campus

Merry Christmas! May peace, joy, and love fill your hearts during the holiday season and always! My best wishes to all for many blessings in 2024! Happy New Year!

-Nancy Gies, Business Manager

Merry Christmas to all! May your hearts be filled with peace, joy, and love this holiday season! Many blessings to you and your family in the New Year. Happy 2024!

-Mary Catherine Messner, Assistant to the Business Manager

Wishing everyone a peaceful and joyful Christmas. I hope 2024 brings hope and happiness to everyone at ICSJ and beyond.

-Colm Murphy, Parish and School Maintenance Supervisor

Thank you, ICSJ family, for your living example of faith and love, and for raising your voices with us all year long! May God be with you and your families this Christmas season.

-Kate Ryan, Director of Music

I am so blessed this season to be celebrating Christmas with our Family of Families! I am grateful for a wonderful year of joy, love, and acceptance within this parish, and I wish you all continued blessings as we celebrate this Christmas season with one another.

-Josephine Stracek, Assistant to the Director of Music

I love this season! To think that God does everything to connect with us--even taking on flesh to become one of us. How awesome is that! Thanks for welcoming me into the ICSJ Family this year. May the birth of Jesus be reborn in you as you celebrate with family and friends and experience the best life possible--a life full of love, laughter, and faith. Merry Christmas.

-Kevin O'Connell, Sacramental Coordinator

God's Great Love is so palpable here in our ICSJ community each and every day. You are the faces of faith, love and service! It not only inspires, but gives me hope in this world. Wishing you and your families a joyous & peaceful Christmas.

-Jutta Keenan, Director of Evangelization & Events

Wishing you all a merry and bright Christmas! The ICSJ community has been my favorite gift of all. Filled with gratitude for another great year in our family of families.

-Elly Rodriguez, Assistant to the Pastor

Christmas feels special in a new way this year, experiencing the magic of the season with my two year old son. The Advent calendar and wreath, the train under the tree, the Nativity scene, the gingerbread houses, the lights and decorations, and all of the stories and traditions of Christmas have taken on new significance for me as he has begun to participate and understand. I wish for you the same special kind of enchantment for the season and gratitude for the people in your life as I've been blessed with this year.

-Allie Klazura, Outreach Ministries Coordinator

Wishing you all a joyous and peaceful Christmas!

-Angela Gore, Parish Coordinator and Bulletin Editor





IMMACULATE CONCEPTION AND ST. JOSEPH PARISH

2023 Christmas Season MASS SCHEDULE

CHRISTMAS EVE – SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24TH

4:00 p.m. Mass (Children's Liturgy) at St. Joseph Church – Fr. Larry Lisowski
preceded by a Christmas Music Concert at 3:15 p.m.

5:00 p.m. Mass at Immaculate Conception Church – Fr. Larry McBrady

CHRISTMAS DAY – MONDAY, DECEMBER 25TH

8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Joseph Church – Fr. Larry McBrady

9:30 a.m. Mass at Immaculate Conception Church – Fr. Larry Lisowski

11:00 a.m. Mass at St. Joseph Church – Fr. Larry McBrady

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY – SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31ST

5:00 p.m. Mass (Saturday night) at Immaculate Conception Church – Fr. Larry Lisowski

8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Joseph Church – Fr. Larry McBrady

9:30 a.m. Mass at Immaculate Conception Church – Fr. Larry Lisowski

11:00 a.m. Mass at St. Joseph Church – Fr. Larry McBrady

NEW YEAR'S DAY – MONDAY, JANUARY 1ST

9:30 a.m. Mass at Immaculate Conception Church – Fr. Larry McBrady

11:00 a.m. Mass at St. Joseph Church – Fr. Larry Lisowski

EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD – SUNDAY, JANUARY 7TH

5:00 p.m. Mass (Saturday night) at Immaculate Conception Church – Fr. Larry McBrady

8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Joseph Church – Fr. Larry Lisowski

9:30 a.m. Mass at Immaculate Conception Church – Fr. Larry McBrady

11:00 a.m. Mass at St. Joseph Church – Fr. Larry Lisowski



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Your holiday giving is important.

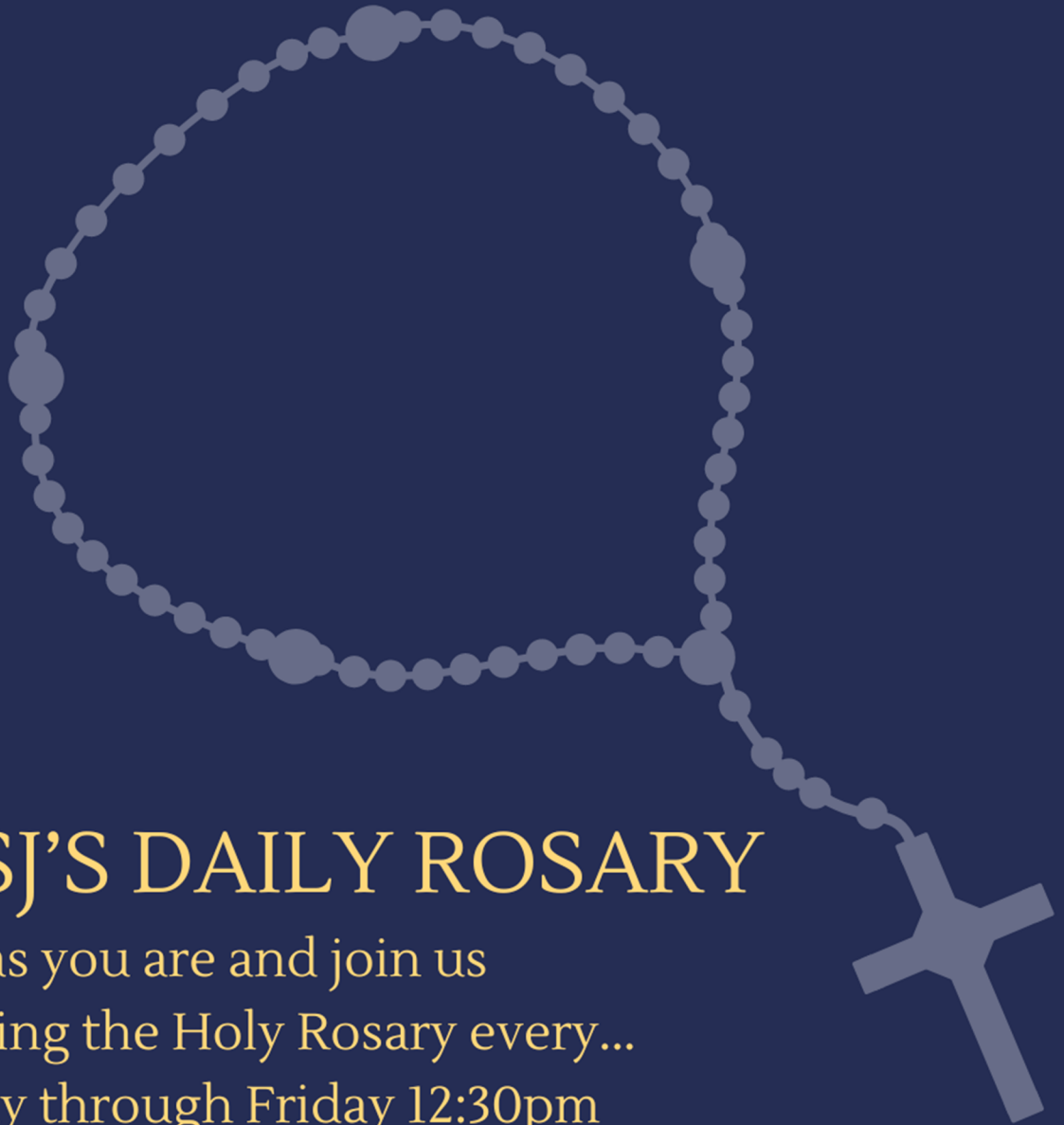
God calls us to be good and faithful stewards. Sharing our blessings helps us to build the Kingdom of God. As we approach Christmas and the year end, please review your parish contributions. Your financial support at this time is important, helping our parish pay its bills and continue the mission and ministry of Jesus.

There are many easy ways to give:



- 1. Make one-time or recurring contributions** on our GiveCentral page by using this QR code above or by visiting www.rebrand.ly/GiveToday-To-ICSJ
- 2. Send your gift with Venmo** to either venmo@icsjparish.org or the username ICSJ-Chicago.
- 3. Send a gift check my mail** to ICSJ Parish, 1107 N. Orleans Street, Chicago, IL 60610.
- 4. Take advantage of tax deductions** for this tax year if your gift is made on or before December 31st.
- 5. Gifts of stocks and other securities**, held more than one year, are excellent gifts. You may be able to deduct the stocks' fair market value and avoid paying capital gains tax on the appreciation of the stock.
- 6. Consider gifts from an IRA** as a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD).
- 7. Gift annuities** are an option for parishioners wishing to donate to their parish over a long time frame.
- 8. A matching gift donation from your employer** is an easy way to multiply your giving. Check to see if they offer this option.
- 9. Consider donating your time, talent and resources to the church or school!**
Visit www.icsjparish.org/mission for ideas on how you can "be the face of Jesus in today's world."

Thank you for your loyalty and support!



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 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 or (312) 787-7174 ext 7.

Sign up for eGiving

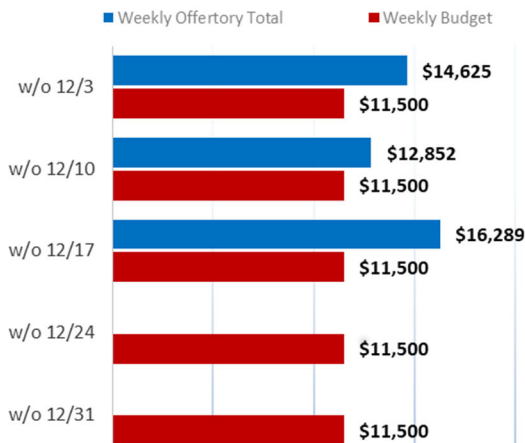
eGiving is a secure and convenient way of giving to Immaculate Conception and St. Joseph parish. It is eco-friendly and cost-saving. Just click **HERE** and to make your one-time, weekly, or monthly donation.

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.

Weekly Offertory - December 2023

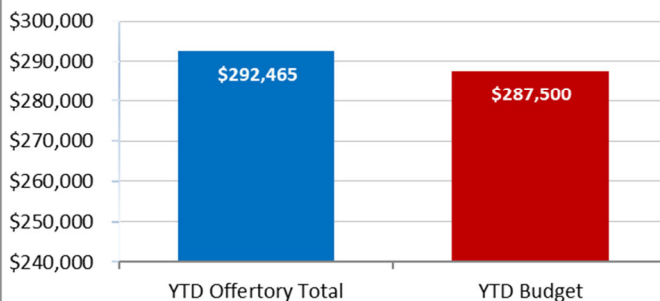


The parish budget requires over one weeks' worth of collections just to cover parish utilities, maintenance, and insurance each month.

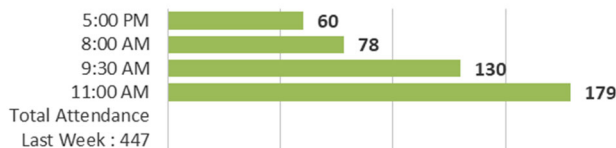
It takes \$3,093 per day to run our parish.

Fiscal Year Budget to Date

Parish Fiscal Year runs from July 1 through June 30



Attendance for 12/16 & 12/17



Mass Intentions

week of December 23-29

Saturday, December 23

5pm at Immaculate Conception with

Fr. Larry Lisowski:

For the well-being of John Rhett Butler

Sunday, December 24

NO 8am Mass at St. Joseph on Sunday, December 24

9:30am Mass at Immaculate Conception with

Fr. Larry Lisowski:

Christopher, Mary and Fred Clark

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

Shirley Appleget

Sunday, December 24 - Christmas Eve

4pm Mass at St. Joseph with Fr. Larry Lisowski:

Tim, Michael and Billy O'Connell

5pm Mass at Immaculate Conception with

Fr. Larry McBrady:

Mike, Gabriel and Salome Rodriguez

Monday, December 25 - Christmas

8am Mass at St. Joseph with Fr. Larry McBrady:

Alena Maria Pastore

9:30am Mass at Immaculate Conception with

Fr. Larry Lisowski:

For the Kozak and Lisowski Family

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

Emilio and Raffaella Pastore

Wednesday, December 27

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

Suzanne F. Reynolds

Friday, December 29

9am Mass at St. Joseph with Fr. Larry McBrady:

Sally Streeter

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.



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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
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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Main Office Hours

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday
9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. (closed Thursday)

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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