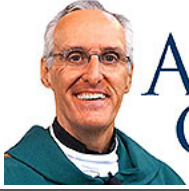


January 28, 2024 | Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time



ALL
OF US

Fr. Larry's
Weekly Letter
#550



This Sunday marks the beginning of Catholic Schools' Week for the Archdiocese of Chicago. We welcome many of our students and their parents, along with our faculty and staff, to our 11:00 a.m. Mass. Together, as a **Family of Families**, we celebrate and give thanks for all the ways our Catholic schools help our children to learn, serve, lead and succeed in life through a faith-based education. Our students were asked to wear their school uniforms this Sunday so that parishioners could identify our school families.



This year marks the 22nd anniversary of our school! Our school since its conception continues to be a vibrant school that provides an excellent Catholic education for our children. Our students are prepared to be successful young leaders at some of the most prestigious high schools in Chicago.

Currently, there are **303** students enrolled for the 2022-2023 school year with **59** faculty and staff members. It is recognized as a strong pillar of the Near North Community.

Immaculate Conception-St. Joseph School is unique in many ways. Our school, with an Operating Budget over **\$5 million**, is financially self-sufficient. Nearly **\$550,000** is generated through various fund-raising activities; with the most notable event, *Sparkle*, that will be taking place on Saturday, February 24th.

Our school families represent over **27** different zip codes. **34%** of our school families are registered at Immaculate Conception and St. Joseph Parish. **84%** of our students are Catholic. **\$56,456** has been allocated for tuition assistance for families with financial need. Also, our school has received funding from the Empower Illinois Tax Scholarship program of **\$218,646** assisting 21 Students. **While this program has recently been cut, we will continue to seek contributions to replace this funding.**



The success of our school is rooted in the sacrifices and dedication made by the faculty, staff and families. Great schools don't just fall out of the sky. They are created, supported and sustained by many who volunteer their time and talents.

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I am grateful for Katie Sullivan and Heather Lux, our co-principals, for their outstanding leadership and commitment to Catholic education. It is obvious that they pour their heart and soul into helping our children learn, serve, lead and succeed.

If your family would like more information about our Parish School, you can reach out to Jodi Thyen, our Director of Admissions, at jthyen@icsjschool.org She would be glad to assist you.

Charitable Contributions for 2023

Our Parish Office is currently preparing to mail out the 2023 tax statements for those families that have made a charitable contribution of \$250 or more to Immaculate Conception and St. Joseph Parish in the 2023 annual year. You should receive the statement by the beginning of February. If you believe you are missing a statement, please contact Angela Gore at: agore@icsjparish.org .

Fr. Larry



KnitWits

We are a group of knitters and crocheters who have been getting together for several years. 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, February 12th 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.

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



ICSJ PARISH

Second Collection Schedule

As Catholics, we are part of a universal Church that extends beyond our own parish boundaries. Special collections combine our resources to support important causes that carry out the mission of the Church. Please mark you calendar with the dates listed below and thank you for your generosity!

This Week

Collection for the Church in Latin America	January 28
Annual Catholic Appeal	February 3-4, February 10-11, February 17-18
Aid for the Church in Central & Eastern Europe	February 14
Little Sisters of the Poor	February 25
Sharing Parish: Mother of the Americas*	Palm Sunday – March 24
Holy Land	Good Friday – March 29
Catholic Charities	Mother’s Day – May 12
Priests’ Health & Retirement	June 9
Peter’s Pence	June 30
Missionary Co-Op	A Sunday in July/August TBD
Sharing Parish: Mother of the Americas*	ICSJ Taco Fiesta Sunday – July 28
Seminarian Education	September 22
World Mission Sunday	October 20
Catholic Campaign for Human Development	November 17
Retirement Fund for Religious	December 8
Sharing Parish: Mother of the Americas*	Feast of the Holy Family – December 29

Contributions may be made in at our Masses or on our website at [icsjparish.org/second-collections](https://www.icsjparish.org/second-collections)

* for the benefit of ICSJ’s Sharing Parish, Mother of the Americas Parish

Share YOUR Faith



Support the Collection for the Church in Latin America

Christ calls his disciples to love God and to love our neighbor. We Catholics can show love for our neighbors by performing corporal works of mercy, which include feeding those who are hungry, giving shelter to those who are homeless, and visiting prisoners.

For more than 50 years, the US bishops' program to aid the Church in Latin America has helped the Church carry out its pastoral mission of mercy among those with both spiritual and material needs across Latin America and the Caribbean.

In Mexico's Diocese of Iztapalapa, much of the population lives below the poverty line and has trouble meeting basic needs. The crime rate is high. Offenders who complete their jail sentences face rejection and isolation and risk reoffending upon their return to society. With grant support from the Collection for the Church in Latin America, the diocese created the Cristo Redentor evangelization center, where persons released from prison can receive job search help, group therapy, spiritual direction, and the Sacrament of Reconciliation. And they can participate in recreational activities such as theater, games, and music, all at no charge.

In Venezuela, economic hardship and political turmoil have caused food shortages and a migration wave that has left behind vulnerable people, such as seniors. Without adequate resources, the elderly are particularly vulnerable to health problems, malnutrition, and homelessness. The Diocese of Carúpano, with help from the Collection for the Church in Latin America, established a social dining room at its Casa de la Caridad Santa Ana, where it provides nutritious lunches and spiritual and medical care to 100 people every day. The diocese also delivers bags of food and supplies to an additional 80 people every week.

These works of mercy are made possible through the generosity of Catholics in the United States to the Collection for the Church in Latin America.

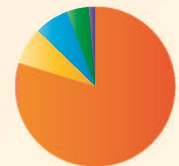
For more information about the Collection for the Church in Latin America, visit www.usccb.org/latin-america.

2022 CLA Financials

Expenses

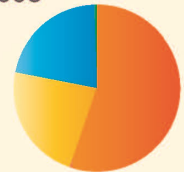
- Grants and Donations: **79.98%**
- Program Costs: **7.26%**
- Allocations—Internal Grants: **6.93%**
- Promotions and Fundraising Expenses: **4.52%**
- Administrative Expenses: **1.30%**

Total Expenses: \$6,517,768



Total Number of Grants Approved: 251
Total Amount Approved: \$6,583,605

- General Pastoral*: **55.46%**
- Formation of Clergy and Religious, and Vocations: **22.85%**
- Emergency Disaster Funds: **21.19%**
- Child Protection: **0.50%**



*includes evangelization, religious education, family and other pastoral ministries

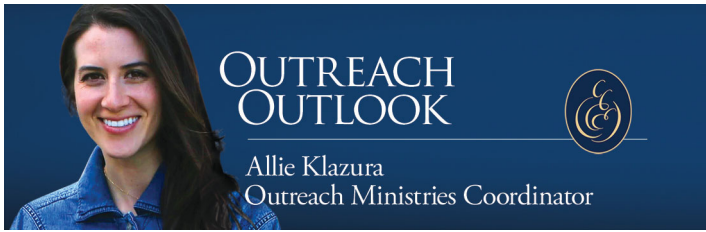


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More U.S. Citizens!

In December of 2022, our first 'Pioneer Refugee' family's father became a U.S. Citizen. We are thrilled to share that his wife became a citizen in November, enabling their minor children to gain their citizenship also! They are grateful beyond words for the love and support from our ICSJ family of families since their arrival from Kabul, Afghanistan nearly seven years ago where the father had worked with our US Military. He has been employed consistently since their arrival, the mother has beautifully managed the family, and the children have been model students and great athletes at their schools.



Migrant Response Fund

We are blown away by the response to our Meal Train for the migrant women and children who will soon be moving into the Madonna House - thank you!!! If you would like to help support this effort, there is a dedicated ICSJ GiveCentral fund for migrant response: <https://www.givecentral.org/location/167/3559>. These funds will be used in the coming months as needs arise for these families and others.

Need for New USB Cords for Refugees

RefugeeOne has a current need for families they'll welcome over the next couple of months. The organization has been provided with 100 Google Pixel phones to give to these families, however the phones did not come with a charging block and cord (**USB-C**). If you're able to provide any number of these (they are trying to reach 100 in order to have one per phone),

please follow the above link and ship to: RefugeeOne
Attn: Kelli Wendt Girgis 6008 N. California Chicago, IL 60659.

Grocery Assistance Needed!

A disabled woman living in the Loop is looking for help with groceries at least once a month. She is willing to go to the store to shop for the items and primarily needs assistance with carrying groceries home. Volunteer would need to be masked at all times. Please contact Allie if you are interested in learning more - aklazura@icsjparish.org.



**Hey ICSJ basketball players:
Here's a fun activity that you are invited to participate in.**

All boys and girls ages 9 through 14 are invited to participate in the upcoming Knights of Columbus Free-Throw Competition on Sunday, February 4 at 12:00 PM. The event will take place at the ICSJ gym at 363 West Hill St. Knights basketballs will be awarded in each age/gender category, and winners will have a chance to compete in a District competition, and possibly State and National events. Please arrive at the gym by 12pm to participate. For questions contact Mr. Moulis or Dan Stolze at danstolze@gmail.com or 312-622-2293. It will be lots of fun - we hope you can join in!

Winning boys and girls in each age group will receive a Knights of Columbus basketball.



• DINNERS FOR MIGRANT FAMILIES •

DELIVERY DRIVERS NEEDED

DETAILS:
WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON
MEAL PICKUP FROM THE
ST JOSEPH PARISH
CENTER FOR DELIVERY
TO MADONNA HOUSE
BETWEEN 2 AND 4PM

IF INTERESTED IN
PROVIDING A
DINNER, VISIT THE
MEAL TRAIN:

[MEALTRAIN.COM/
TRAINS/QKDYZR](http://MEALTRAIN.COM/TRAINS/QKDYZR)



IF INTERESTED IN BECOMING A DRIVING VOLUNTEER,
CONTACT ALLIE AT AKLAZURA@ICSJPARISH.ORG

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO



2024 Annual Catholic Appeal

Together
at the table



annualcatholicappeal.com



Marriage Blessing Mass

Join us for a celebration
of married couples!

We will give a special blessing to all
married couples in our ICSJ community,
**Saturday, February 10th at 5PM Mass
at Immaculate Conception.**

This special Mass will be followed by
ICSJ Music Ministry's *Love Song Sing-
Along* and reception at 6PM in the IC
Parish Hall!



YOU ARE INVITED TO
ICSJ MUSIC MINISTRY'S

Love Song Sing - Along

FEBRUARY 10 | 6:00PM

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH
PARISH HALL
1431 N. NORTH PARK AVE.
CHICAGO, IL 60610

Join Us!

Service Day at Sharing Parish

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

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





IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
AND ST. JOSEPH PARISH

Presents our Annual

ST. JOSEPH *Table*

A Luncheon Feast in Honor of our Patron Saint

Save the Date

Sunday, March 10th

12:00 to 2:00 pm • ICSJ Hill Street Campus

Circle Sunday, March 10th on your calendar for St. Joseph Table, ICSJ's annual lunchtime "Festa Italiana" in honor of our patron saint, St. Joseph. This complimentary feast features mouth-watering selections from area restaurants along with parishioner pot-luck favorites.

All are invited - more details to come!





Looking for a new way to serve at ICSJ?

Join Coffee & Donuts Crew

To help after 11AM Mass contact
Kathy at kscherer@deloitte.com

To help after 9:30AM Mass contact
Maureen at maureenhaugh@yahoo.com



ICSJ CELEBRATES CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

ICSJ is a leading Catholic parish school educating over 300 students in prekindergarten through grade eight. The challenging curriculum, dedicated and accomplished faculty, unique co-teaching model, and breadth of enrichment opportunities prepare students for the most selective high schools in Chicago.

95% ACCEPTANCE TO 1ST CHOICE HIGH SCHOOL
2 TEACHERS IN EACH PREK-GRADE 3 CLASSROOM
SERVING KIDS FROM AROSS 27 ZIP CODES
12:1 STUDENT:TEACHER RATIO K-GRADE 5

50 CLUBS, TEAMS & ENRICHMENT OPPORTUNITIES
63% FACULTY EARNED OR COMPLETING MASTER'S
1:1 IPAD ENVIRONMENT SCHOOLWIDE
BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE AVAILABLE



Friday, January 26
Celebrating Our Community
Spiritwear Day
Special DNN Broadcast
Science Fair

Sunday, January 28
Celebrating Our Parish
Family Mass at St Joseph Church, 11am
Scholastic Book Fair

Monday, January 29
Celebrating Our Students
Out of Uniform Day (classroom themes)
Service Project/Book Drive Begins
Spelling Bee
Whole School BINGO
Scholastic Book Fair

Tuesday, January 31
Celebrating Our Families
VIP/Parent/Grandparent Breakfast & Visits
Scholastic Book Fair



Catholic Schools
United in Faith and Community



FOR MORE INFORMATION
OR TO SET UP A TOUR, SCAN
THE QR CODE OR VISIT US AT
www.icsjschool.org

Wednesday, February 1
Celebrating Our School Community
Mass at St. Joseph Church, 9:30am
Dolphin Games and Challenges
Scholastic Book Fair Ends
Reading Challenges

Thursday, February 2
Sharing Our Gifts
Cross-Campus Reading Buddies
Dolphin Challenges
Teacher Brunch North Park
(Thank you Parent Association!)

Friday, February 3
Celebrating Those Who Support Us
Service Project/Book Drive Wraps Up
Teacher Brunch Hill Street
(Thank you Parent Association!)
More Dolphin Challenges at North Park
8th Grade vs. Teachers in
Volleyball at Hill Street



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

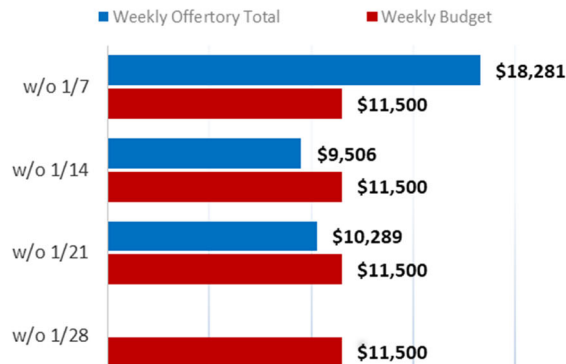
eGiving is a secure and convenient way of giving to Immaculate Conception and St. Joseph parish. It is eco-friendly and cost-saving. Just click **HERE** and to make your one-time, weekly, or monthly donation.

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 - January 2023

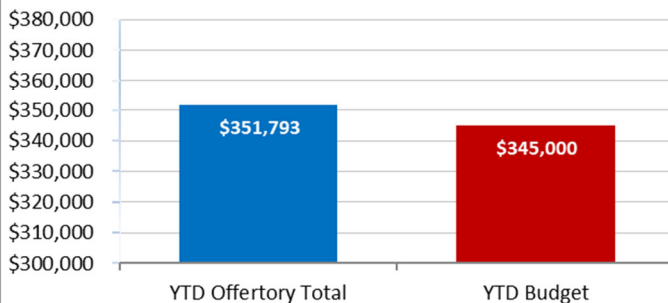


The parish budget requires over one weeks' worth of collections just to cover parish utilities, maintenance, and insurance each month.

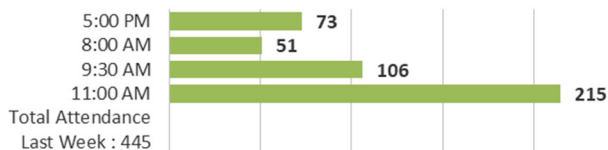
It takes \$3,093 per day to run our parish.

Fiscal Year Budget to Date

Parish Fiscal Year runs from July 1 through June 30



Attendance for 1/20 & 1/21



Mass Intentions

week of January 27– February 2

Saturday, January 27

5pm at Immaculate Conception with Fr. Larry Lisowski:

Edward Lanctot

Josephine Grekowicz

Sunday, January 28

8am at St. Joseph with Fr. Larry Lisowski:

Jim Lail

For the well-being of Kathy Achille

Sunday, January 28

9:30am Mass at Immaculate Conception with Fr. Ed Vella:

James Olles

Mark Clark

Sunday, January 28

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

Shirley Appleget

Jim Lail

Monday, January 29

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

Peter Tortorello

John Hyland

Dianne Hyland

Wednesday, January 31

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

Melissa Stucky and family

Friday, February 2

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

Francesco Salamone

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!



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

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Main Office Hours

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

North Park Office

1431 N. North Park Ave, Chicago, IL 60610

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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