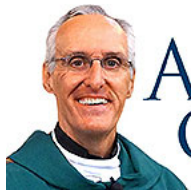


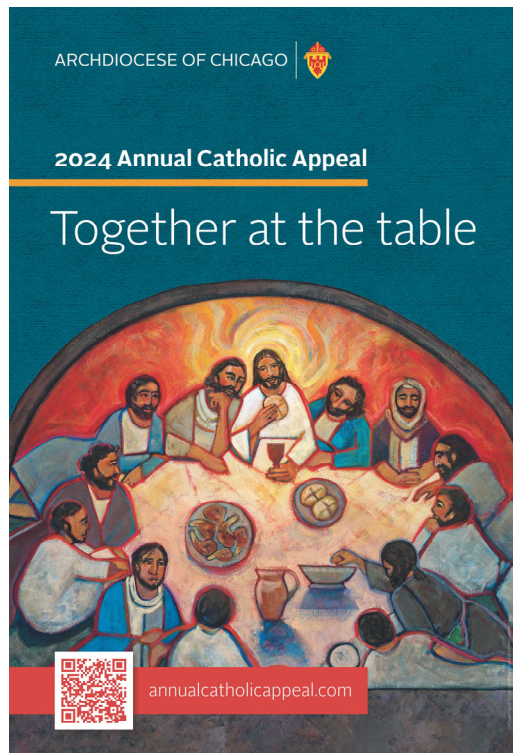
February 4, 2024 | Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time



ALL
OF US

Fr. Larry's
Weekly Letter
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2024 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL



Families in our parish should have received information about the 2024 Annual Catholic Appeal. Please spend some time reflecting on all the great blessings of the Catholic Appeal that come from the generous response of our parishioners who are committed to supporting the good work of the Catholic Church.

Remember that the Annual Catholic Appeal is different than the usual one-time special collection on a Sunday. Together, we are asked to pledge a gift for the year, over and above our Sunday contributions. This commitment can be paid in installments over a span of time.

The Annual Catholic Appeal enables us to support our life together at the Lord's table. The Appeal shares resources with struggling parish communities, Catholic schools and religious education programs. The Appeal enables us to support ministry formation, including priest development. It also funds initiatives for justice, peace and respect for life.

Also, through Catholic Relief Services, the Appeal serves people around the world, regardless of religious affiliation, whose lives are devastated by natural disasters, illness, wars and famine.

The Catholic faith is certainly alive in parishes and schools, soup kitchens and counseling centers, on street corners and in churches. It's lived through people of all backgrounds, from every neighborhood. People everywhere come together to support one another. It is in this spirit that the Catholic Appeal exists: to give us the opportunity to share our blessings and gifts, and build strong communities through our faith and generosity.

The Catholic Appeal is also a "win-win" situation for our diocesan parishes. Once our parish reaches its 2024 set parish goal of **\$55,001** in paid pledges, any additional funds come directly back to our parish to help pay our operating bills and salaries. In a few weeks, our parish is expected to receive **\$125,000** as a rebate from the 2023 Annual Catholic Appeal. This money goes directly into our parish bank account. This is a huge source of added income that helped to balance our Parish Operating Budget, and keep us "running in the black."

If you already received your pledge card in the mail, please complete it and mail it back, or bring it to Mass next weekend. For those who did not receive a mailing from the Archdiocese, there is a link to make a pledge. Just **[CLICK HERE](#)**. It is super easy. You can make it all happen in a matter of a few minutes.

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MAY HE REST IN PEACE

We will celebrate the faith, life and love of Dennis Snider, 87, on Saturday, February 10th with a Memorial Mass at 11:00 a.m. at Immaculate Conception Church. A visitation will be held before the Mass at 10:00 a.m.



We share our thoughts and prayers with Dennis' family; his loving wife Marilyn of 63 years, and his five children, Mark, Anne, Mary Jo, Teresa, and Sklylr.

Dennis was born in the small town of Walnut, Illinois. He was a strong proponent of higher education and encouraged his children and grandchildren to pursue their dreams.

Dennis faced a long battle with Alzheimer's Disease. Yet he still maintained his love for his family and sense of humor. His wit, wisdom and humor and loving presence will be sorely missed. May he now rest in peace with Christ, forever in heaven.

SINGING AND DANCING ALL NIGHT LONG

Our talented ICSJ Parish choir will be performing love songs on Saturday, February 10th immediately following the 5:00 p.m. Mass at Immaculate Conception Church. Join us for this great event. There will be wine and snacks, and plenty of great songs that will lift your spirits.



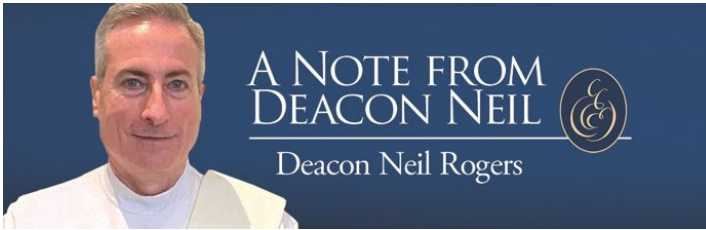
Folks are still talking about the smooth dance moves of Louise Nora and her husband, Marshall Brown, when they let loose to Frankie Valli's "Can't Take My Eyes Off Of You." It was a moment of beautiful synergy!

PRAYING WITH OUR LITTLE ONES



A special "Family Mass" will be celebrated next Sunday, February 11th, at the 9:30 a.m. Mass at Immaculate Conception Church. The children who are enrolled in our early childhood grades, Pre-K 3-year old's, to Kindergarten, along with their parents will be directly helping with the liturgy. I am sure it will be really cute. After Mass, everyone is invited for coffee and donuts in the Parish Hall.

Fx. Lamy



The readings on this Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time give us great examples of the attributes of optimism and hope. The prophet Job from our first reading is an interesting character, always appearing to expect the worst. He was a man afflicted by extreme suffering, and in this suffering pours out his agony before God. Job attempts to find reason in human suffering, but as we see there is no easy explanation.

St. Paul, in the second reading, is on fire! He gives us a wonderful explanation of his vocation and why he enthusiastically shares the Good News with everyone he meets. Definitely a “type A” personality with a positive outlook on life.

And in the Gospel, we hear the story of the healing of Simon’s mother-in-law, and how the whole town flocked to Jesus because of His great works.

If we place ourselves in the role of the Disciples, both in today’s Gospel story and throughout Jesus’ ministry, I think it is safe to say they experienced days filled with optimism and hope, but also days filled with doubt and uncertainty. The Disciples were ordinary people, just like you and me. They are wonderful examples of how optimism is the faith that leads to achievement. And that nothing can be done without hope and confidence. May God continue to bless all of us at ICSJ Parish!

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

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2024 Annual Catholic Appeal

Together at the table



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ICSJ MUSIC MINISTRY'S

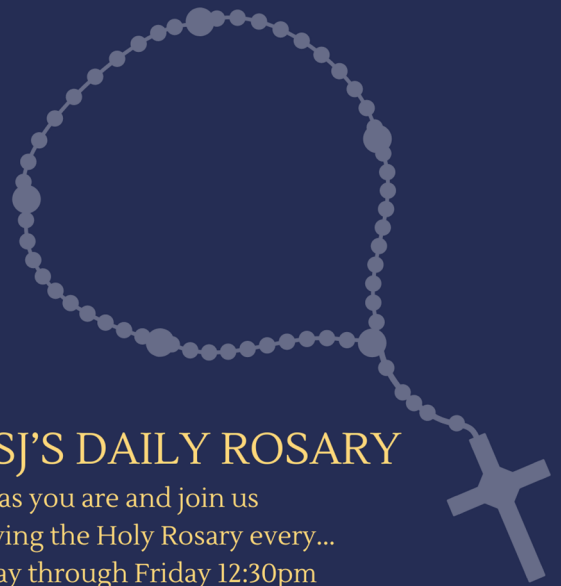
Love Song Sing - Along

FEBRUARY 10 | 6:00PM

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

Charitable Contributions for 2023

Our Parish Office mailed 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 this week. If you believe you are missing a statement, or have any questions, please contact Angela Gore at: agore@icsjparish.org .



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

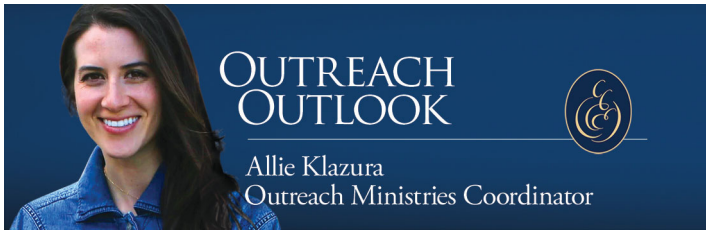


Marriage Blessing Mass

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!**



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.



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!





DOLPHIN DAYS

NEWS FROM IMMACULATE CONCEPTION - ST. JOSEPH

COME TAKE A GROUP TOUR!

Prospective families are invited for a group or personal tour of our school to learn more, meet our leaders and to hear what everyone loves about ICSJ School!

NEXT GROUP TOUR • FEBRUARY 15 • 9 AM!

CALL OR USE THIS QR TO RSVP

Jodi Thyen, our Director of Marketing and Admissions can be reached at 312-944-0304!



APPLICATIONS STILL BEING ACCEPTED

We are currently accepting applications at all grade levels for the 2024-25 school year. The online application can be found on our website or by scanning the QR code to the right.



APPLY



TOT PROGRAM

Tuesdays & Thursdays
9:30 - 11 AM

8-week sessions

Toddler and Caregiver

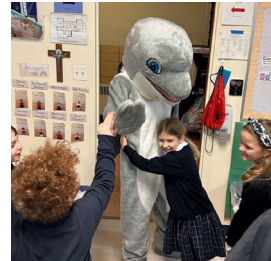
[www.icsjschool.org/
apps/pages/totprogram](http://www.icsjschool.org/apps/pages/totprogram)



**TRY A
FREE CLASS!**
Contact Jodi at
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Ext. 312



CELEBRATING CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK!



Learn more about Immaculate Conception-St. Joseph School at www.icsjschool.org!



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

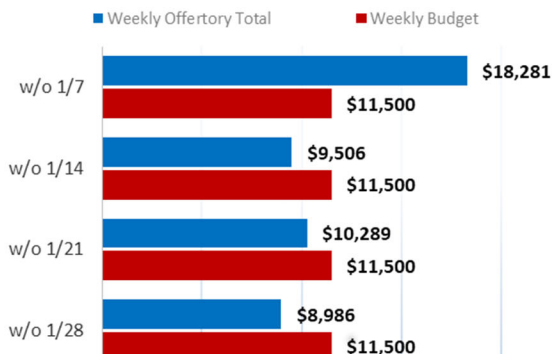
eGiving is a secure and convenient way of giving to Immaculate Conception and St. Joseph parish. It is eco-friendly and cost-saving. Just click **HERE** and to make your one-time, weekly, or monthly donation.

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.

Weekly Offertory - January 2023

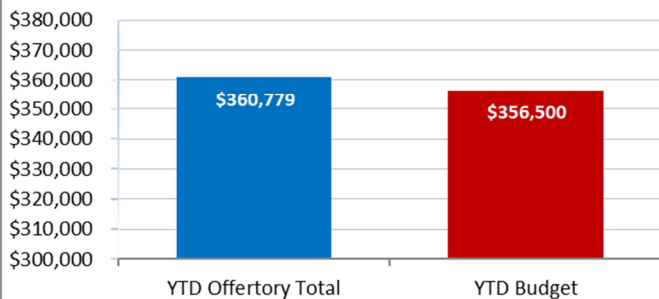


The parish budget requires over one weeks' worth of collections just to cover parish utilities, maintenance, and insurance each month.

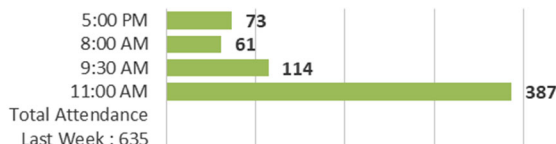
It takes \$3,093 per day to run our parish.

Fiscal Year Budget to Date

Parish Fiscal Year runs from July 1 through June 30



Attendance for 1/27 & 1/28



Mass Intentions

week of February 3-9

Saturday, February 3

5pm at Immaculate Conception with

Fr. Larry Lisowski:

Richard Warsaw

Sunday, February 4

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

Dillon Slattery

Sunday, February 4

9:30am Mass at Immaculate Conception with

Fr. Joe Glab:

Mary Ann Sullivan

Sunday, February 4

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

Katharina and Michael Siwei Jr.

Monday, February 5

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

Clare Reynolds Joyce

Clara Lukens Mueller

Wednesday, February 7

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

Daniel Goodwin

Friday, February 9

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

Marianne Anheuser

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](https://www.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

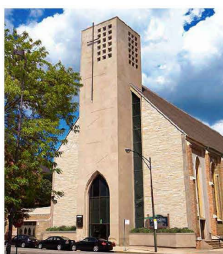


Immaculate Conception Church

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.

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