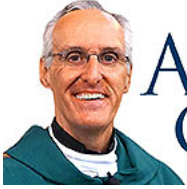


July 30, 2023 | Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



ALL OF US

Fr. Larry's Weekly Letter #524

"I GOT THIS ONE"

Let's do lunch this Sunday. I'm buying!



Our annual Taco Fiesta takes place this Sunday, July 30th at 12:00 noon, in our school parking lot at our Hill Street campus. There will be plenty of great food and drink for everyone. I hope you can join us.

Plus, we will be able to enjoy the company of our friends who are visiting us from our Sharing Parish, "Mother of the Americas". Their parish is located in the Little Village neighborhood on the south side of Chicago.

We are also blessed to have Fr. Tom Boharic, the pastor of Mother of the Americas Parish, celebrating the 11:00 a.m. Mass. He will tell us about the great things that his parishioners are doing for their parish and for their neighborhood.

WHAT DO YOU LOVE?

We hear another interesting story from Jesus at Mass this Sunday. It opens up with a man who was stumbling around in a field and then he comes across a little mound. He is curious and digs into it and he finds a huge treasure.

Now this was very common during the days of Jesus, because people would hide their riches by burying them deep in the ground.

It is important to point out that this guy who is walking around in the field, knows that the field is not his. He knows that he is not allowed to keep the goods. The treasure does not belong to him. In fact, Jewish law suggests that he turn it in and look for the people who really own it.

But the man is careful, and even crafty. So he digs another hole someplace else and hides the treasure. Then he goes and sells everything he has, everything, and he buys the field so that nobody knows he has the hidden treasure. This a great story!

It is interesting that Jesus does not comment on the dishonesty of the man, but wants us to focus on his good fortune that he stumbles upon. Now his life has changed as he becomes an important and wealthy person.

But the heart of the story is not that this guy automatically became rich like winning the lottery. Instead, what is relevant is the fact that he saw that something he had found was a treasure, something very special, and it led him to lay his life down for it. He was willing to change his whole life because of what he found.

What treasure are you looking for in your life? What does your heart always hunger for, time and time again?

Clearly, the guy in the parable is hungry for security.

What is the thing that you treasure the most, that which you would never give up? What are you willing to sacrifice for? What do you care about most?

Jesus says, "Where your heart is, that is where your treasure will be." If our treasure is God, then our heart is in the right place.

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NORTH TO ALASKA!

Last Sunday, after the 8:00 a.m. Mass, I had the honor of blessing a neat BMW motorcycle that was pointed north to Alaska. Kevin O'Malley, our parishioner, as part of his "bucket list," had carefully planned the trip to the famous remote area of the James Dalton Highway, which is a 414-mile stretch of gravel and dirt road that runs through some of northern Alaska's most remote wilderness. His wife, Karen, will eventually fly out west to meet him.

I should have asked Kevin if he packed his rosary. Please keep him in your prayers as he embarks upon this great adventure. May God guide him along the way.

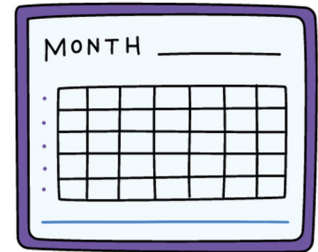


STORIES AND SPIRITS

Theology on Tap, which is a great summer speaker series for Young Adults, is about to begin next month. ICSJ, St. Michael's, St. Teresa of Avila's and St. Josaphat's, will be hosting the four presentations that will take place on **Tuesday nights, at the Black Barrel LIVE, that is located on 455 W. North Ave.** This is a wonderful opportunity for Young Adults to hear modern day stories of how God is working in the life of Catholic Chicagoans. Check It out! Details are in today's bulletin.

Fx. Lacey

Mark Your Calendars!



July 30 | Taco Fiesta

- 12pm Hill Street School Parking Lot

August 4 | First Friday Mass and Coffee

- Join us for coffee after 9am Mass at the St. Joseph Church Parish Center

August 12 | Stroke Scan Plus

- Immaculate Conception Parish Hall

September 7 | Alpha begins!

- Find out more at www.icsjparish.org/alpha

September 16 | Liturgical Minister Training

- Immaculate Conception Church

November 9th Parish Fundraiser

- The School House

Look out for more details on all events in our News from the Pews!

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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1107 N. Orleans Street, Chicago, IL 60610

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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Join us for coffee and fellowship in the
St. Joseph parish center after 9am mass
All are welcome- young children and
babies too.

Every First **Friday** of the Month
Feel free to bring a snack to share.
Coffee and water will be provided.

WARNING: SPAM EMAIL ALERT

Fr. Larry, Fr. McBrady and the parish staff do not solicit individuals for gift cards or money via email or text. We have had several reports from parishioners receiving spam emails from Father Larry. The emails look legitimate with a picture and full signature but they're not! Please mark them as "Spam" or "Phishing."

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

2023 Second Collection Schedule

THIS WEEKEND
Support our Sharing Parish
Mother of the Americas!

As Catholics, we are part of a universal Church that extends beyond our own parish boundaries. Second & 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!

Contributions may be made in-person at Mass or online via GiveCentral by visiting icsjparish.org/second-collections

Collection for the Church in Latin America	January 22
Annual Catholic Appeal	February 4-5, February 11-12, February 18-19
Aid for the Church in Central & Eastern Europe	February 26
Sharing Parish: Mother of the Americas*	Palm Sunday – April 2
Holy Land	Good Friday – April 7
Catholic Charities	Mother’s Day – May 14
Priests’ Health & Retirement	June 11
Peter’s Pence	July 2
Missionary Co-Op	July 16
Sharing Parish: Mother of the Americas*	July 30
Seminarian Education	September 17
World Mission Sunday	October 22
Catholic Campaign for Human Development	November 19
Retirement Fund for Religious	December 10
Sharing Parish: Mother of the Americas*	December 31



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

**COMING
July
30th!**



All Are Invited to ICSJ's Taco Fiesta! **Feast on Tacos, Margaritas and More**

ICSJ Parish's annual Taco Fiesta returns Sunday, July 30th! Celebrate with our good friends from our sharing parish Mother of the Americas, while enjoying authentic Mexican fare including tacos, margaritas and more! This free, festive event will take place rain or shine immediately following our 11:00 a.m. Mass at St. Joseph Church.



Sunday, July 30th at 12:00 p.m.
ICSJ School Hill Street Campus, 363 W Hill Street

across the street from St. Joseph Church

Volunteers needed! Sign up to be part of our Taco Fiesta Crew!

Scan the QR code to visit our volunteer sign-up sheet



JULY MIGRANT ASSISTANCE DRIVE

Throughout the month of July, ICSJ will collect the below items to support Holy Name Cathedral's Supper Service, where they are feeding and caring for a great number of the city's asylum seekers, including over 50 children under the age of 10.

Needed Items (new & unopened):

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| -diapers | -children's books | -dental floss | -nail clippers | -soap bars |
| -baby wipes | (in Spanish) | -deodorant | -brushes/combs | -ibuprofen & |
| -infant formula | -feminine pads | -hand sanitizer | -hair ties | acetaminophen (all |
| -coloring books | -toothpaste | -shaving cream | -shampoo | ages) |
| -crayons | -toothbrushes | -razors | -conditioner | -children's cold & |
| | | | | cough medicine |

Donations can be placed into the boxes at the back of either church at Masses throughout the month of July.

[Click here to see the Mass schedule!](#)

With the help of our Knights of Columbus, weekly donation drops will be made to Holy Name Cathedral. Thank you for your generosity!



With any questions please contact Allie at aklazura@icsjparish.org

All Young Adults,
please join us
for a fun and
meaningful night of



STORIES & SPIRITS



As Christians, our faith is based on the tradition of the divinely inspired storytelling of the Gospel. Join our *Theology on Tap* series, *Stories & Spirits*, to hear modern day stories of God working in the life of Catholic Chicagoans. We've all got a story! Are you ready to explore yours?

**All young adults
ages 21-35 are welcome!**

**Tuesdays in August at 7:00 p.m.
Black Barrel LIVE!, 455 W North Avenue**

TO REGISTER
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SERIES SPEAKERS



Tuesday
8/8
BISHOP MARK BARTOSIC
Auxiliary Bishop of Chicago,
Episcopal Vicar for
Vicariate II



Tuesday
8/15
EMILY CORTINA
Coordinator of Outreach
and Formation,
Kolbe House Jail Ministry



Tuesday
8/22
DR. KIMBERLY LYMORE
M.Div, D.Min, Associate
Minister, Faith Community
of St. Sabina



Tuesday
8/29
KEVIN PEASE
Director of IPS Scripture School
at Institute of Pastoral Studies,
Loyola University Chicago

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STROKE SCAN PLUS

Stroke Scan Plus will be hosting a Stroke, Vascular & Abdominal Ultrasound Screening at Immaculate Conception and St. Joseph Parish on

Saturday, August 12, 2023

in the Immaculate Conception Parish Hall

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These screenings are typically NOT performed at annual check-ups, nor will insurance companies pay for them unless you are symptomatic. Collectively, these screenings cost thousands. Stroke Scan will be offering them to you for \$169 for all 7 combined. Health/Flex Savings Accounts are accepted. Please call 866-935-7226 to schedule an appointment today.

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News About Our Children's Religious Education Program



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at **ST. MICHAEL**

ICSJ Parish continues its partnership with neighboring St. Michael Parish to provide children's religious education. Our combined program, now called *Old Town Parishes Religious Education at St. Michael*, is proud to offer *Family Faith Formation* as its cornerstone.

The **Family Faith Formation** program offers a combination of in-class learning as well as at-home learning. Teaching children about the Catholic faith is first and foremost the privilege and responsibility of parents. That is the reason we strive to include families in our educational initiatives. We dedicate ourselves to helping families raise their children in the Catholic faith by promoting lifelong learning and growth in the Four Pillars of Faith: faith-formation, worship, service, and community.

The **Family Faith Formation** model is designed to give parents the tools, knowledge, and best practices to pass on the faith to their children. Further, the model allows parents to experience an ever-growing community in the parish, to find support among fellow Catholic parents, and to learn, experience, and grow in their faith along with their children. **Family Faith Formation** assists in not only strengthening one's relationship with Jesus but also within the entire family . . . even intergenerational!

To learn more about the program, or for calendar, tuition and registration information, please scan the QR code or visit www.st-mikes.org/religious-education





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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.

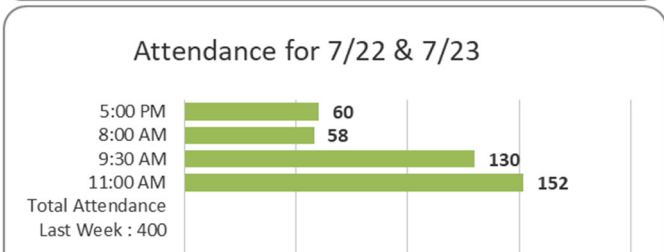
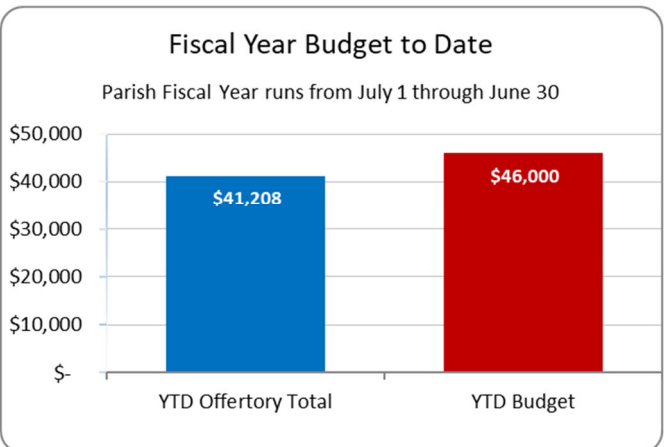
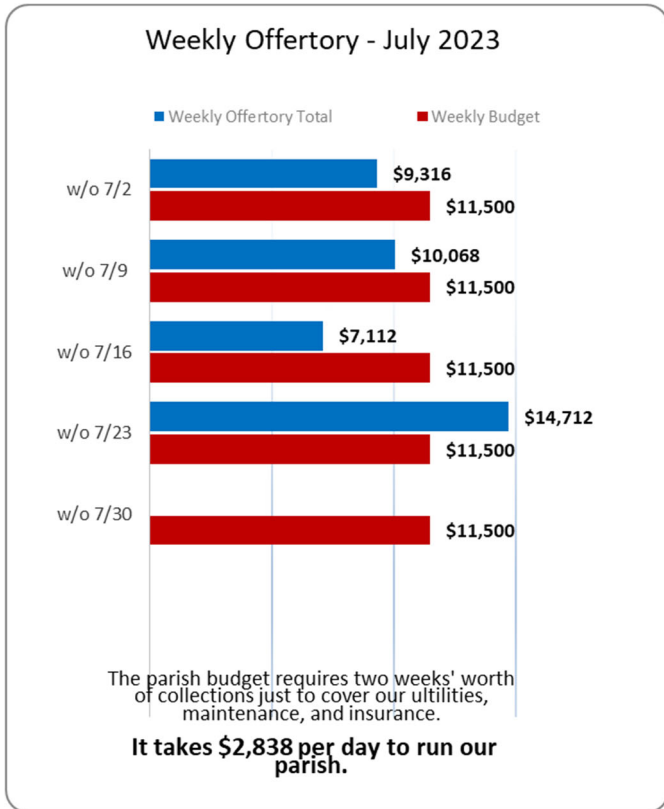
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Get Involved

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 July 29– August 4

Saturday, July 29

5pm at Immaculate Conception with
Fr. Larry McBrady:
Kevin Rowan

Sunday, July 30

8am Mass at St. Joseph with Fr. Larry Lisowski:
Emma Schafer

Sunday, July 30

9:30am Mass at Immaculate Conception with
Fr. Larry McBrady:
Dennis Haugh
Michael Lyons

Sunday, July 30

11am Mass at St. Joseph with Fr. Tom Boharic:
Kevin Rowan

Monday, July 31

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

Wednesday, August 2

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

Friday, August 4

9am at St. Joseph with Fr. Larry McBrady:
Susie & Tom Reynolds

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.

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