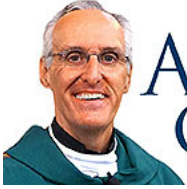


August 20, 2023 | Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time



ALL OF US

Fr. Larry's
Weekly Letter
#527

GETTING READY FOR OUR KIDS

Our teachers of Immaculate Conception and St. Joseph Parish School have returned to prepare for the beginning of a new school year. We welcome our faculty and staff back from their summer break.

Our students actually return this week on Wednesday, August 23rd. When this happens, the life of our parish noticeably “shifts into a higher gear.” Our two quiet campuses come back to life from the silence of summer. Just the sounds of our kids playing outside foster a certain type of excitement and joy.

THANK YOU GUYS!



I am grateful for Colm Murphy, our Director of Facilities, and our faithful crew of maintenance workers, who have prepared our buildings for occupancy again. They have spent the weeks of summer painting, cleaning, trimming, and repairing things so that everything is fresh and good to go on day one.

Their hard work and sweat makes a huge difference for the hundreds of people that come in and out of our buildings everyday. Thank you, guys, for a job well done!



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TRY ALPHA



A new season of our popular Alpha series will begin in September. It is a series of sessions exploring the Christian faith. Each talk looks at a different question around faith and is designed to create conversation. Everyone is welcome.

You can be a part of this inspiring program by visiting the Alpha page of our parish website by [CLICKING HERE](#).

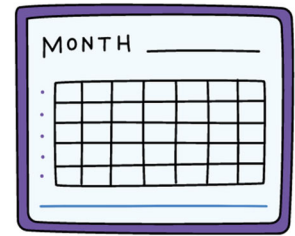
Fx. Larry

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VOLUNTEER DRUMMER



WE ARE LOOKING FOR A VOLUNTEER DRUMMER TO PLAY WITH OUR WONDERFUL CHOIR AT THE 11AM MASS ON SUNDAY MORNINGS AT SAINT JOSEPH'S CHURCH. INTERESTED? CONTACT [KRYAN@ICSJPARISH.ORG](mailto:kryan@icsjparish.org)



Mark Your Calendars!

August 21 | KnitWits

- 10am-1pm at St. Joseph lower level

September 7 | Alpha begins!

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

September 10 | Tunes on a Sunday Afternoon

- St. Joseph church at 2pm

September 16 | Liturgical Minister Training

- Immaculate Conception Church

September 18 | KnitWits

- 10am-1pm at St. Joseph lower level

September 22 | Wisdom, Women & Wine Book Club

- email Colleen cm.424.svdp@gmail.com

September 24 | Young Adults Brunch

- after 11AM Mass at Happy Camper

UPDATED DATE - November 16 | 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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Main Office Hours

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

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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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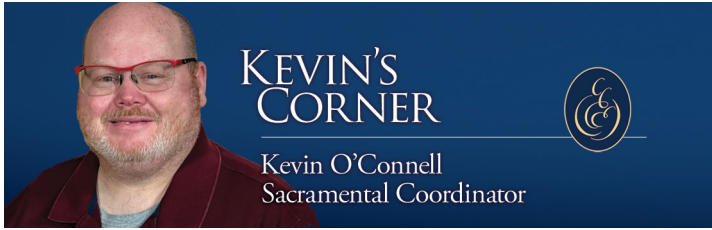
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KEVIN'S CORNER

Kevin O'Connell
Sacramental Coordinator



Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)

Are you not Catholic but...

- Feeling called to a deeper faith?
- Looking for a place to ...
- belong, pray, share, serve and grow?
- Curious about the Catholic faith?
- Ready to receive the sacraments, and become Catholic?

These are all great reasons to explore RCIA. Let's start the conversation! The new season begins in September. Your journey begins HERE! Contact Kevin, koconnell@icsjparish.org



*Stephen Basmachi
Baptized, Saturday, August 12th
Rafid Basmachi and Sandra Beebe*



*Anne Dorothy Wilkins
Baptized, Saturday, August 13th
Patrik and Mary Beth Wilkins*



*Ryan Mitchell and Lauren Zerante
Married Saturday, August 12, 2023
St. Joseph Church
Rev. Lawrence Lisowski presided*



*Zion Ehiremen Osezuwa Chibuzor Aimakhu
Baptized, Sunday, August 13th
John and Lydia Aimakhu*

Spirituality of Transitions: GROWING IN GRACE

Saturday, August 26
10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
Saint Clement Parish Center



Last spring several of us met to discuss, share and inspire each other as we seek to find purpose, fulfillment, happiness, and hope as we navigate growing older. In fact, those Growing in Grace get together were so well-received that we're scheduling new sessions for the fall at St. Clement, starting August 26th.

Please join us for the first in this new series of engaging and inspiring discussions with fellow parishioners and neighbors and share what you're hoping for in the coming year. We'll be brainstorming strategies for supporting those dreams along with reflecting on the role of faith in realizing them.

REGISTER TODAY!



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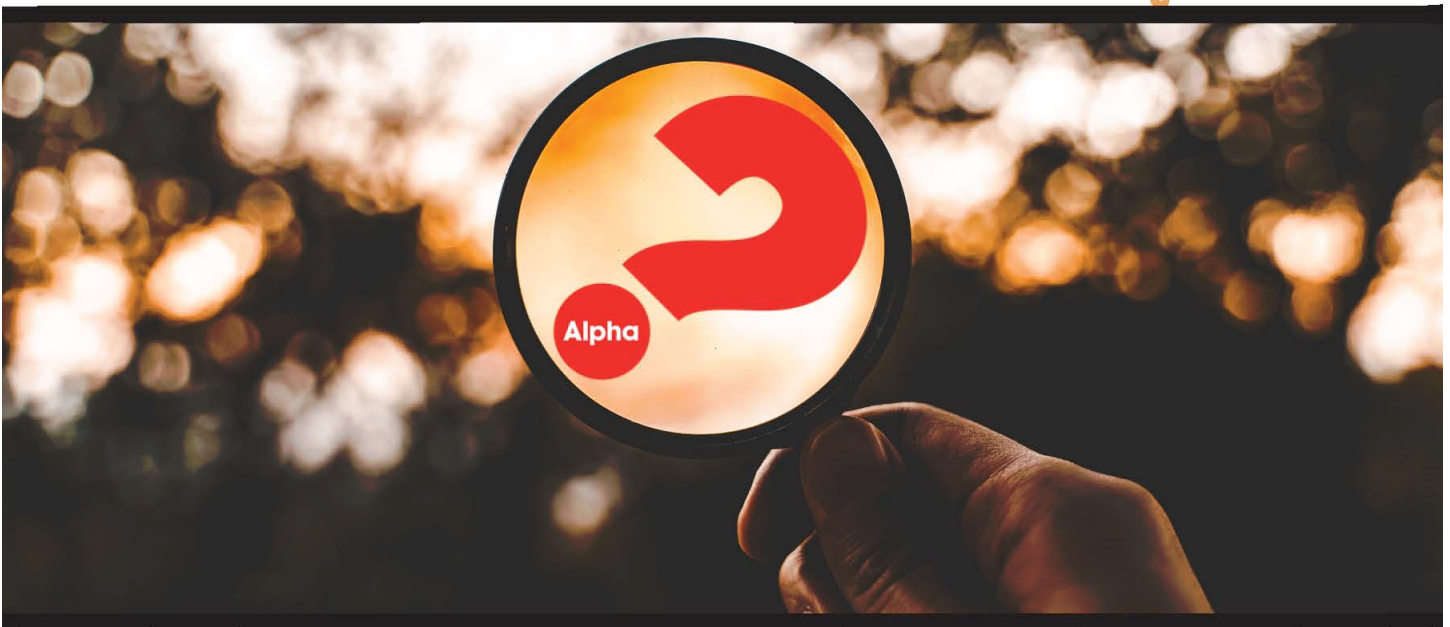


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WHEN FAITH IS SHARED, FAITH IS STRENGTHENED

Alpha returns this Fall!

Thursdays starting September 7th from 6:30-8:15pm



Join us at the Immaculate Conception Parish Center for engaging videos, delicious food and inspiring conversations that take a closer look at our life, our faith and what it all means.



Everyone is welcome! Parishioners, neighbors, friends and family. Christian and non-Christians. Bring a friend! There's no pressure, no commitment, no homework and it's completely free!

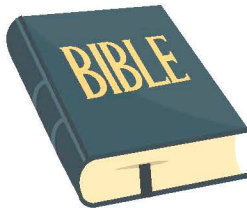


Join us the first few nights to give it a try! Visit www.icsjparish.org/alpha for more details and to register for September 7th.

Looking to *grow* your faith? Feeling called to *serve*?

Answer the Call

Become an ICSJ Liturgical Minister



Lector

Proclaim the
Word of God



Eucharistic Minister

Distribute
Holy Communion
at Mass



Usher

Welcome the
Community

Are you looking to grow in your faith and share your talents with ICSJ on Sundays? Join us for our upcoming Liturgical Ministry Training on Saturday, September 16th to receive formation as a lector, eucharistic minister, and/or usher. Belong to our growing community of ministers that help make our Sunday liturgies a vibrant service for all! **Please RSVP to Elly at erodriguez@icsjparish.org if you plan to attend.**

Liturgical Minister Training

September 16th • 9:00-11:00 a.m. • Immaculate Conception Church



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

**Tuesdays in August at 7:00 p.m.
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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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ICSJ MUSIC MINISTRY PRESENTS

Tunes ON A SUNDAY AFTERNOON

A CONCERT SERIES

ICSJ Music Ministry is proud to present *Tunes on a Sunday Afternoon*, a series of community concerts featuring the gifts and talents of our choir members, musicians, and other special guests. The series, sponsored by our generous parishioners, will begin this fall and run through next spring.



Sunday, September 10th

Join us for our first concert,

WOMEN VOICES IN SONG

presented by Josephine Stracek

More details to come soon!

News About Our Children's Religious Education Program



OLD TOWN
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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





DOLPHIN DAYS

News from ICSJ School

ICSJ Tot Program

We are thrilled to announce that the ICSJ Tot Program will return to its original format for the 2023/2024 School Year. Please spread the word and join us for this fantastic opportunity to learn and grow with your toddler and experience the magic of ICSJ School.



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL

TOT PROGRAM



TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS
SEPTEMBER 2023 - MAY 2024
9:30 AM - 11:00 AM
ICSJ SCHOOL
1431 N NORTH PARK AVENUE

The ICSJ Tot Program is the ideal transition toddlers need to begin their evolution from a home-concentrated environment to a school-based setting. Children and their caregivers will enjoy circle time, playtime, Spanish, and gross motor exploration.

Open to children who will be 2 years of age by 9/1/23.

Please apply online at www.icsjschool.org/totprogram or, contact Jodi Thyen at jthyen@icsjschool.org to learn more.



Learn more about ICSJ 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.

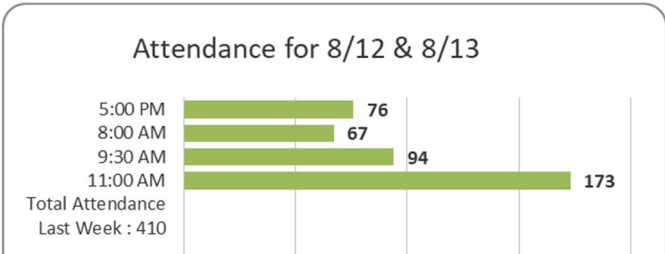
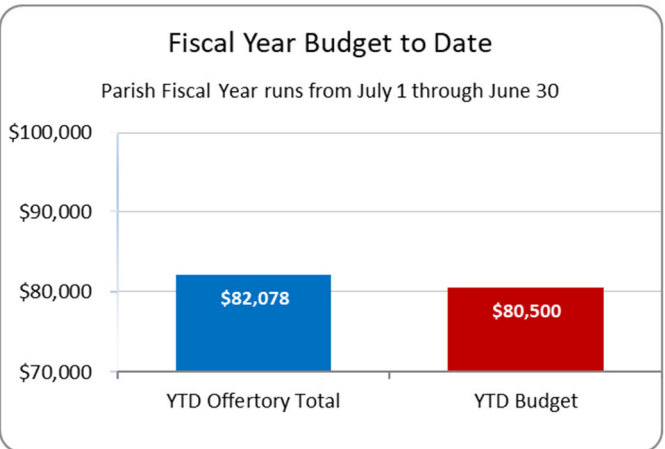
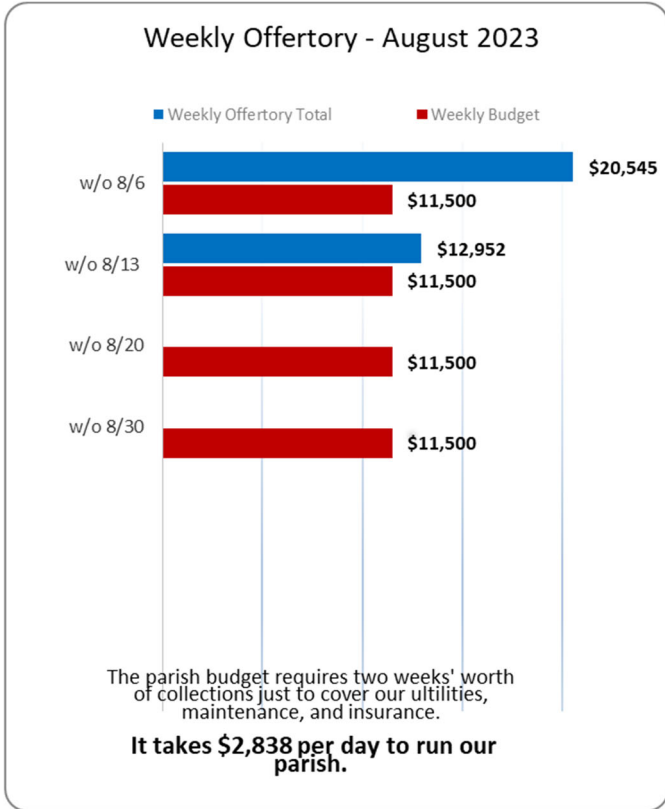
Sign up for eGiving

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.



Mass Intentions

week of August 19– 25

Saturday, August 19

5pm at Immaculate Conception with
Fr. Larry McBrady: **Ann Mayer Scaffidi**

Sunday, August 20

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

Sunday, August 20

9:30am Mass at Immaculate Conception with Fr.
David Godleski, SJ: **For the parishioners of our
ICSJ parish community**

Sunday, August 20

11am Mass at St. Joseph with Fr. Larry McBrady:
**For the parishioners of our ICSJ parish
community**

Monday, August 21

9am Mass at St. Joseph with Fr. Andy Matijevic :
**For the parishioners of our ICSJ parish
community**

Wednesday, August 23

9am Mass at St. Joseph with Fr. Andy Matijevic:
**Patricia Lanctot, For God's Blessings upon
Fr. Larry and his priesthood**

Friday, August 25

9am at St. Joseph with Fr. Larry McBrady:
Tom Reedy

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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