

September 17, 2023 | Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Fr. Larry's Weekly Letter #531



There is a great quote about those who work in the field of education. It goes like this:

"Good Teachers, Teach. Great Teachers, Inspire."

This is so true. Hopefully, at one time in our life, we have been blessed by having a great teacher who inspired us, and even shaped and formed us into the person we are today.

My best teachers in grammar school, high school and college were creative and passionate. It was obvious that their heart was totally into what they were trying to accomplish in the classroom. Plus, they had the natural ability to bring out the best in their students.

Great teachers spark your imagination and make you think. They might even inspire you to dream of doing extraordinary things. They gently nudge you out of comfort zone.

My best teachers never wanted their students to just memorize information and spit it back out on a test. Anyone can do that. Instead they were more concerned that their students could understand how the things they were learning actually applied to their real life.

This Sunday, throughout the United States, Catholic parishes in each diocese celebrate "Catechetical Sunday."

We pray for and ask for God's blessings upon all those who share in the important work of teaching and passing our faith onto our children. They give of themselves in a generous way to help others open their hearts to Christ. Their dedication and example of faith is an inspiration to all of us.

Let us pray for our students, parents and families on this Catechetical Sunday. We are reminded that parents are the primary teachers of their children in faith and we pray that they may joyfully fulfill this responsibility. Parents need to be actively engaged in the education and Christian formation of their children. This is so important especially as we face the challenges of living in a very secular world.

Young parents need our support, and they need to see us living out our faith every day. We are all invited to give a powerful witness to our Catholic faith that will hopefully inspire our children. This can have a huge impact on their spiritual life for years to come.

#### **COULD YOU BE THE ONE?**



Recent studies, in the past couple of years, have shown that there is an increase in the number of people, particularly young people, who have no religious affiliation. The term "NONES" is used to refer to those who are unaffiliated with any organized religion. NONES derives from surveys of religious affiliation, in which "None" or "None of the above" is typically the last choice taken on a survey.

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One sobering statistic is that 50% of Catholics, 30 years and younger, have left the church. Half the kids we baptize and confirm in the last 30 years are now ex-Catholics or unaffiliated to a particular religion. One out of six millennials in the U.S. is now a former Catholic.

For every one person joining our church today, 6.45 are leaving. And most are leaving at young ages, primarily before the age of 23. The median age of those who leave is 13.

One very interesting fact about NONES is that most are ambivalent to religion, rather than hostile to it. (This information was taken from the article in the National Catholic Reporter magazine, entitled: "Catholic Church Should Focus On Getting 'NONES' Back, Bishop Barron Says," -June 12, 2020)

Could you be the one who brings someone back to the church? Maybe the first step is just to tell them what you appreciate about the Catholic church? Share with them why you chose to continue to practice your faith, and why it is important to you.

Then... invite them to sit next to you in the pew on Sunday.

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Brandon Carlson & Deirdre Gillette Married Saturday, September 9th St. Joseph Church Rev. Lawrence Lisowski presided



Austin Carey & Kelly Maday Married Saturday, September 9th St. Joseph Church Rev. Lawrence Lisowski presided



Roman James & Alexander Christian Zylinski Baptized, Sunday, September 10th Christian and Jamie Zylinski, and older sister Violet



Henry Ryan Juozitis Baptized, Sunday, September 10th Daniel and Catherine Juozitis

## 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



P 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

Parish Office: 312-787-7174 • Visit Us Online: www.icsjparish.org

#### **Main Office**

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.

#### Follow ICS J Parish on Social Media







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Support WEEKEND
Education Collection

## 2023 Second Collection Schedule

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

 $\ensuremath{^*}$  for the benefit of Mother of the Americas, ICSJ's Sharing Parish



## SEMINARIAN EDUCATION FUND

The archdiocesan collection for the education and formation of our future priests.



Thank you for supporting our seminarians through your generous gift to their education.



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## JOIN ICSJ YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY FOR MASS AND BRUNCH

Sunday, September 24th 11 AM | St. Joseph Church 12 PM | Happy Camper

Email erodriguez@icsjparish.org if you have any questions!



LAST YEAR WE HOWLED TO THE HEAVENS.

JOIN US THIS YEAR AS WE GATHER TO

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we hope to see you there!
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HELP RESTOCK THE SHELVES!

# FOOD & MORE DRIVE

9AM-12PM - SEPTEMBER 16TH IC PARKING LOT - 1431 N NORTH PARK AVE

Our Knights of Columbus will be collecting food to restock ICSJ's Food Ministry & clothing items to restock St. Josaphat's Don's Helping Hands ministry. Needed items include:

- Peanut Butter & Jelly
- Cereal & Oatmeal
- Canned Meats & Non-Perishable Entrees
- Individually packaged: multigrain bars(not harder granola-type bars), cookies, crackers, chips
- Dry ramen (in cups!)



- Men's T-Shirts/Undershirts (M, L, XL)
- Men's Underwear (M, L, XL)
- Men's Sweatshirts (M, L, XL)
- Socks (Tube socks)

Contact Allie at aklazura@icsjparish.org with questions or to help volunteer during the drive!

#### **Decision Coaching Ministry**

Often a brief or ongoing conversation with someone new can help to provide perspective on making big decisions, or on how to approach complex issues. This can be particularly true in charting new education, career, retirement, and post retirement directions. Parishioner Mike Traynor offers such free, confidential decision coaching for the ICSJ community.

Mike has been a leader and decision maker for many businesses and nonprofit organizations for over 40 years. His independent, experienced, and practical advice helps people make well-considered decisions and determine effective means to achieve their goals.

Every new decision or direction offers an opportunity to approach our relationship with God in a new way. Mike's approach to coaching is fully mindful of this opportunity, and its importance. All decision coaching is tailored to comport well with each person's interest in deepening their Christian spiritual life.

Contact Mike at <a href="mailto:metraynor@gmail.com">metraynor@gmail.com</a>



#### Mother of the Americas / Kolbe House Adoption of Migrant Families

#### Items & Gift Cards Needed

Recently, Mother of the Americas parish and a Kolbe House employee helped two migrant families with housing. The families now have an apartment, but there are a significant number of items they need. Items can be dropped off at Mother of the Americas, 2226 S. Whipple St M-F 9-5 with attention to the Gonzalez-Rivas and the Vasquez-Chacoa Families. Please call Gloria Hernandez at 773-247-0070 to coordinate drop off of items or with questions.

Here is the list we received detailing some of their specific needs: pots & pans, kitchen table w/chairs, beds (full), couch, towels, pillows, sheets (size full and twin), curtains (6), tv, lamps, gift cards to Target or Wal-Mart, and the following clothing:

Daughter - Children's Size 4 top; 4 pants; shoes 6

Adult Male - Men's XL top; 36 waist pants; shoes 9

Adult Female- Women's S top; 2/4 / S pants; shoes 5.5

Adult Male - Men's S top; 30 waist pants; shoes 8.5

Adult Female - Women's M top; 12/14 / L pants; shoes 7.5



#### **Knights of Columbus**

#### **Tootsie Roll Drive**

Each year our Knights of Columbus don their familiar yellow aprons for their annual Tootsie Roll Drive. The Knights are at it again and plan to be at all the ICSJ Masses on September 23rd and 24th to collect your donations and distribute tootsie rolls. However, you can also choose to contribute online using the following website:



To support the 2023 Tootsie Roll Drive, please go to icsjparish.org/spred



Funds collected from the Tootsie Roll Drive go to the ICSJ SPRED program.

SPRED (Special Religious Development) is an Archdiocese religious education program specifically designed to meet the spiritual needs of children and adults with developmental disabilities. Through the experience of friendship in one-to-one relationships, our Friends with special needs discover a sacred place of belonging where they enjoy meaningful relationships in helping them realize their own giftedness and dignity.



#### **Soccer Challenge**

The ICSJ and St. Mike's Knights of Columbus will be helping to host a Soccer Challenge for students at Our Lady of Tepeyac, the grammar school that is part of Mother of the Americas, our sharing parish in the Little Village neighborhood.

Students in grades 4-8 will have a chance to show off their penalty kick skills, and winners in each age/gender category will win a Knights of Columbus soccer ball and have a chance to compete at the Regional and State levels. ICSJ parishioners are welcome to join in and help at all or part of the event. It will be held on

> Friday, September 29 from 8:30 a.m. until Noon at 2414 S. Albany Avenue.

If interested, please contact Dan Stolze at danstolze@gmail.com or 312-622-2293

September 10th!

ICSJ MUSIC MINISTRY PRESENTS

# MUNES ON SUNDAY AFTERNOON

A CONCERT SERIES

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

#### **UPCOMING PERFORMANCES:**



September 10th 2pm, St. Joseph Church

Josephine Stracek: Women Voices in Song

A solo voice recital featuring music by women composers at the turn of the 20th century



October 8th 2pm, St. Joseph Church

Organist Clay Corso

A pipe organ concert featuring the historic 1892 Hutchings organ in St Joseph Church



November 12th 2pm, St. Joseph Church

An Afternoon of Taizé

Join the Music Ministry team for a candlelit afternoon of meditative Taizé songs and prayer



December 10th 2pm, St. Joseph Church

Lessons & Carols for Christmas

'Tis the season! Join the ICJS Music Ministry Team for a sing-a-long of all of your favorite carols

HELP SUPPORT THIS WONDERFUL SERIES! SCAN THE QR CODE OR VISIT ICSJPARISH.ORG/TUNES



## WISDOM, WOMEN & WINE BOOK CLUB!



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## **OPEN HOUSE CHICAGO**

We are pleased to announce that historic St. Joseph Church has again been selected to participate in the Open House Chicago event on October 14 and 15 this year. If you would like to volunteer to help guide visitors on either day, please contact Joan Moore at <a href="mailto:jbem28@msn.com">jbem28@msn.com</a>.

This is a very special event that will feature an organ recital on our historic 1892 Hutchings Organ on Sunday afternoon, October 15 at 2 pm as an added bonus for us and our visitors



#### 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

#### October 8 | Tunes on a Sunday Afternoon

• St. Joseph church at 2pm

#### October 14 and 15 | Open House Chicago

• St. Joseph Church Architectural Tours

#### October 16 | KnitWits

• 10am-1pm at St. Joseph lower level

#### November 16 | Parish Fundraiser

• The School House

Look out for more details on all events in our

News from the Pews!

## ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

## PILGRIMAGE TO FRANCE APRIL 8 – 17, 2024

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**Cardinal Blase Cupich** will join us April 12 for the remainder of the pilgrimage.

Cost is \$4,269 per person, based on double occupancy (\$879 supplement for a single room).

For more information about what is included, visit vocations.archchicago.org/events/pilgrimage-to-france. The inquiry form is at bit.ly/3qrcGWS.





#### Dolphin Days

News from Immaculate Conception - St. Joseph School















#### UPCOMING GROUP TOURS FOR PROSPECTIVE PARENTS - PLEASE, TELL A FRIEND!

Believe it or not, we're already giving tours for the 2024/25 school year! If you, or any of your friends, family, neighbors or co-workers are looking for a premier Catholic elementary school in heart of the city, please direct them to our Director of Marketing and Admissions, Jodi Thyen, at jthyen@icsjschool.org. Word of mouth is our best form of advertising!

#### **Upcoming Group Tours**

Thursday, September 28 • 9–10 am Thursday, October 12 • 9–10 am Friday, October 27 • 9–10 am RSVP at www.icsjschool.org



#### THANK YOU ICSI TEACHERS AND STAFF!

Please join us in thanks and prayer for our nearly 45 ICSJ teachers on this Catechetical Sunday! May God continue to bless them as they work to create faithfilled leaders of the future!

#### CREATING CLASSROOM CHARTERS

"How do you want to feel when you're at school?" "What makes you feel safe, loved and heard?" These are the questions asked when each ICSJ class begins work on their unique Classroom Charter. When we thoughtfully consider, discuss, and then put our collective needs down on paper, we're more likely to commit to respecting each other in our daily communications.











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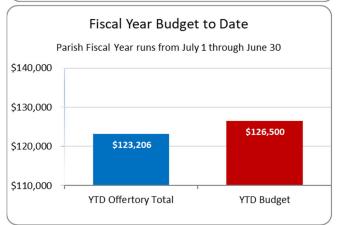


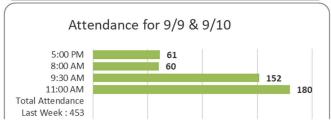
"Can I go to my school today?"

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# Weekly Offertory - September 2023 Weekly Offertory Total Weekly Budget \$13,232 \$11,500 \$8,669 \$11,500 W/o 9/17 \$11,500 The parish budget requires two weeks' worth of collections just to cover our ultilities, maintenance, and insurance. It takes \$2,838 per day to run our parish.





# Have you considered a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD)?

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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 <a href="mailto:ngies@icsiparish.org">ngies@icsiparish.org</a> 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 <a href="mailto:erodriguez@icsjparish.org">erodriguez@icsjparish.org</a> or (312)787-7174 ext 4.

#### **Mass Intentions**

week of September 16-22

#### Saturday, September 16

5pm at Immaculate Conception with Fr. Larry McBrady: For the R.C.I.A. inquirers

#### Sunday, September 17

8am Mass at St. Joseph with Fr. Larry Lisowski: **Agnes Vespo** 

#### Sunday, September 17

9:30am Mass at Immaculate Conception with Fr. Larry McBrady: **Dr. Elsa Gran** 

#### Sunday, September 17

11am Mass at St. Joseph with Fr. Larry Lisowski: In thanksgiving for Piotr and Claire Mikrut on their first wedding anniversary

#### Monday, September 18

9am Mass at St. Joseph with Fr. Larry Lisowski : For our Alpha guests

#### Wednesday, September 20

9am Mass at St. Joseph with Fr. Larry Lisowski: For the R.C.I.A. inquirers

#### Friday, September 22

9am at St. Joseph with Fr. Larry Lisowski: For the parishioners of our ICSJ parish community

## 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 <a href="mailto:pastor@icsjparish.org">pastor@icsjparish.org</a>, to schedule a time to meet.



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