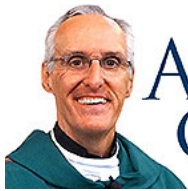


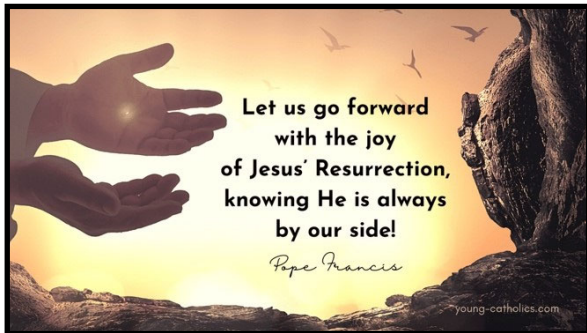
March 31, 2024 | Easter Sunday



ALL OF US

Fr. Larry's
Weekly Letter
#559

This week, just for the heck of it, I googled "Images For Easter." I was surprised to see how many pictures of furry bunnies and colored eggs in wicker baskets popped-up. Our secular world can easily overshadow our experience of the holy and sacred moments in our life.



Happy Easter to all! May our hearts be filled today with the hope and joy of Easter!

This is a day of great joy and celebration because Jesus Christ, who suffered a cruel death and rose from his tomb, is now risen in glory. We are all invited to enter into his joy. This is what Easter is about. Jesus is alive! He is risen! Alleluia!

Your presence at church this Easter Sunday is a precious gift to our parish community. How good it is for us to gather and share in the Eucharist. I am sure God is smiling down upon us today from heaven.

Easter offers us the hope we need. Hope is especially important in our world today, where there is so much suffering, pain, and despair. We are all touched by the effects of sin and death, whether in our own lives or in the lives of those around us. But the resurrection of Jesus offers us a way out of this darkness. It reminds us that death is not the final word, and that God never abandons us, even in our darkest moments.

As we celebrate Easter, we are called to let go of sin and selfishness, and to embrace the new life that Jesus offers. We are called to let Easter change our hearts and transform our lives, so that we may become more fully the people that God created us to be. We are called to be bearers of hope and agents of new life, bringing the light of Christ to the world that is so often shrouded in darkness.

I am grateful for the many volunteers who worked so hard behind the scenes throughout Holy Week to make our liturgies beautiful and meaningful expressions of our Catholic faith. Hundreds of hours go into planning,

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practicing, rehearsing, organizing, and decorating. We are blessed to have dedicated and devoted parishioners who bring great care and attention to our prayer and worship each week. Thank you to all who offered their time and talents to make this a very special and “Holy” Week.

REGISTER NOW

As always, we welcome those who are visiting us and those who are new to our parish. If you frequently attend either of our worship sites, it would be good for you to register with us so that you will be able to receive important information about our parish throughout the year.

Also, it is important for families to be registered with a particular parish –especially when important sacramental information needs to be recorded.

You can register directly on-line at www.icsjparish.org/register. It only takes a few minutes. [Subscribe now](#), and get the latest information for upcoming opportunities for prayer and service.



Now that we have completed Lent and celebrated Easter, I will be out of town this week.

Fr. Larry McBrady, and Fr. Brett Williams, from St. Clement parish, will be covering our Masses when I am gone. Take good care of them.

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 Fr. Larry. The emails look legitimate with a picture and full signature but they’re not! Please mark them as “Spam” or “Phishing.”

blossoms of hope
brunch

Benefiting the
Loving Outreach to Survivors of Suicide
(LOSS) Program

Sunday, April 28, 2024
11:00am-2:00pm

NEW LOCATION!
Westin Chicago Lombard
70 Yorktown Center | Lombard, IL

CATHOLIC CHARITIES
Archdiocese of Chicago

catholiccharities.net/events/blossoms-of-hope-brunch-2024

2024 Summer Organ Masses
8am - St. Joseph Church | 1107 N. Orleans St.

MAY 5, 2024
JUNE 2, 2024
JULY 7, 2024
AUGUST 4, 2024

Join us for a reflective Mass featuring hit tunes and hymns played on our historic organ. We hope you will join us for a refreshing Mass experience!



Living Stations of the Cross



ICSJ 4th graders perform the Living Stations of the Cross. Big thanks to our 4th Grade teachers for making it happen!





The Journey of Faith is deeply intimate. And cause for great celebration! Meet two more of those on the journey. These two are already Catholic, yet they are growing by leaps and bounds in the Lord's Love. This Easter weekend, they are becoming fully initiated in our Church by receiving the sacraments of Holy Eucharist and Confirmation. We have so much to learn from their example.



My name is **Nick McCullough**. I grew up in the western suburbs with my parents and two brothers. I've chosen to take RCIA to take my last step in my faith journey and be confirmed in the Catholic church.



My name is **Kathy Wong Saines**. My children have been a part of the ICSJ school community for the past 11 years, and so I am thrilled to become a formal member of the ICSJ parish through the sacrament of the Eucharist and Confirmation this year, during the same year as my son, Ryan, seeks his Confirmation.

I have always served the ICSJ school community with my volunteering through the Parent Association and my baking. I am very happy to strengthen my relationship with God through the Church's wonderful ALPHA and RCIA programs.

OUR BURUNDI REFUGEE FAMILY IS HAVING A

BABY GIRL!

Please help us support them by purchasing items from [this Amazon Registry](#) or searching Baby Arakaza on Amazon's Find a Registry

This family is composed of a mom & dad, a 13 year old boy who is wheelchair bound due to cerebral palsy, and a 2 year old girl.

The parents both work alternating shifts in order to care for their children. In addition to supporting them via this registry, if you know of any affordable two bedroom apartments for rent please let me know; they are currently in a one bedroom and struggling to find something that is both affordable and wheelchair accessible.

Please contact Allie at aklazura@icsjparish.org if you have any gently used items you see listed on registry that you'd like to donate or with apartment leads!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR SUNDAY, MAY 5TH AT 12PM

We will host a small reception/shower to present these gifts in the St. Joe's basement following 11am Mass!



**Are you curious?
A believer?
Still seeking?**

**Join a conversation
about life, faith
and purpose**

Alpha



Learn more

Making Easter Come Alive!

Come and explore ways to make
Easter come alive in your everyday life.

on Saturday, April 13th
from 8:30-11AM at
Immaculate Conception Church

**Easter Morning of Reflection
with Fr. McBrady and Elly Rodriguez**



SUMMER *Volunteer Choir*

Join us for our summer volunteer choir opportunity. Rehearse before Mass at Immaculate Conception Church on any of the dates you are available. Sign-up below to receive an email reminder and PDF ahead of time for practice. Email jstracek@icsjparish.org for more details.

**2ND SATURDAY MAY THROUGH AUGUST
5PM MASS AT IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH**

**SATURDAY, MAY 10
SATURDAY, JUNE 15**

**SATURDAY, JULY 13
SATURDAY, AUGUST 10**

Scan to
sign-up





DOLPHIN DAYS

NEWS FROM IMMACULATE CONCEPTION - ST. JOSEPH



A FEW OF THE THINGS THAT MAKE ICSJ SCHOOL SO SPECIAL...

Our Unique Co-Teaching Model – 2 Certified teachers in each PreK3 – 3rd Grade Classroom

Faith Based Curriculum – Daily Religion class period, plus Catholic principles integrated throughout the day

Average Student to Teacher Ratios – PreK3 - Kindergarten 10:1, Primary Grades 12:1, and Middle School 20:1

Higher Standards – Since 2005, ICSJ’s Early Childhood Program has consistently earned NAEYC accreditation

Exemplar Academic Results – Students across all tested grade levels (K-8) regularly in the top 10-15% on iReady Tests

High School Placement – Graduates are prepared for and earn spots at the top high schools in Chicago (95% 1st choice)

Athletics and Extracurriculars – League Sports Teams offered from 4th - 8th and dozens of clubs and enrichment offerings

Specials / Practical Fine Arts at All grade Levels – Art, Music, STEM, Spanish and Physical Education from PrK3 - 8th

Extended School Day Program – Before and After School Care taught by ICSJ teachers available at both campuses


 IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL

Join us for an upcoming
ADMISSIONS TOUR

Friday, March 22 | 9 AM
Thursday, April 18 | 9 AM

RSVP on our school website at
www.ICSJSchool.org
or, by scanning
the QR code -->





 IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL

**TOT
PROGRAM**

Tuesdays & Thursdays
9:30 - 11 AM

For Toddlers &
Their Caregivers

Final 8-week Session
begins April 9!



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



TRY A FREE CLASS!
Contact Jodi at
312-944-0304 Ext. 312

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



STEWARDSHIP UPDATE



Nancy Gies
Parish Business Manager



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
AND ST. JOSEPH PARISH

A family of families

Your giving is important.

Your Easter donation helps us pay our bills (*over 90% of our operating budget comes from your donations*) and continue to do the good work that we do. We offer three easy ways to give:

1. Online

You can make one-time or recurring contributions on our GiveCentral page by using this QR code or by visiting



www.rebrand.ly/GiveToday-To-ICSJ

2. Venmo

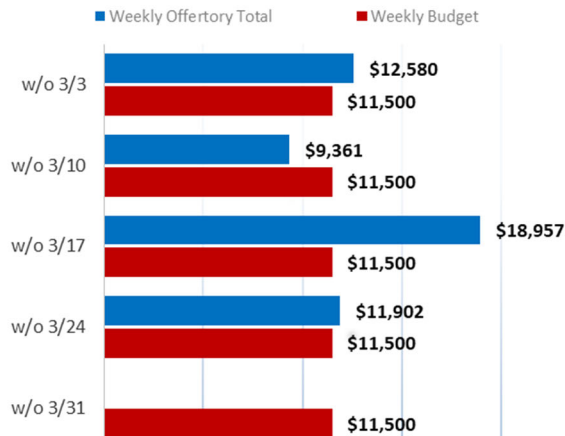
Send your payments to either venmo@icsjparish.org or the username **ICSJ-Chicago**

3. By Mail

Mail your checks to
ICSJ Parish
1107 N. Orleans Street
Chicago, IL 60610

Thank you for your loyalty and support!

Weekly Offertory - March 2023

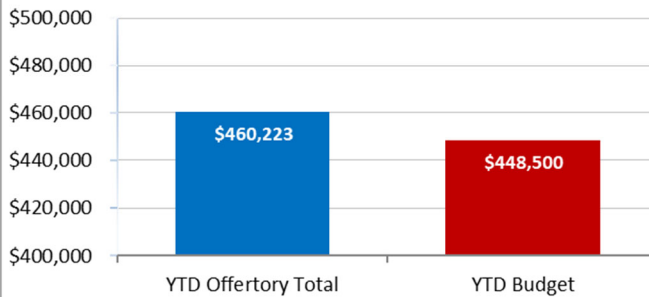


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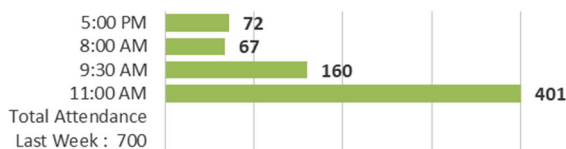
It takes \$3,093 per day to run our parish.

Fiscal Year Budget to Date

Parish Fiscal Year runs from July 1 through June 30



Attendance for 3/23 & 3/24



Mass Intentions

week of March 30 - April 5

Holy Saturday, March 30

7pm at St. Joseph with Fr. Larry Lisowski:

Ruth Madden

Easter Sunday, March 31

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

Deborah Puhala

John Pavlovic

Easter Sunday, March 31

9:30am Mass at Immaculate Conception with Fr. Larry Lisowski:

Robert and Mary Pat Breitfelder

Clementina Gamboa

Easter Sunday, March 31

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

Jeanette Kinsella

Monday, April 1

9am Mass at St. Joseph Fr. Brett Williams:

For the parishioners of our ICSJ parish community

Wednesday, April 3

9am Mass at St. Joseph with Fr. Brett Williams:

Suzanne Reynolds

Friday, April 5

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

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 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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1107 N. Orleans Street, Chicago, IL 60610

Main Office Hours

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday
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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.

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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