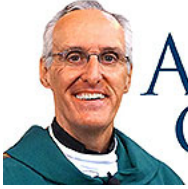


April 28, 2024 | Fifth Sunday of Easter



ALL  
OF US

Fr. Larry's  
Weekly Letter  
#563

## COMING TO THE BIG TABLE



Our children in 2nd Grade will receive their First Holy Communion on Saturday, May 4th. This year we are blessed to have **26** First Communicants. How exciting it is for them to receive the Eucharist for the first time!

Please keep our children, and their families, in your prayers. We are proud of them and we are inspired by their desire to come closer to Jesus as they share this sacred meal with us. We give thanks for those parents and catechists who have modeled their faith for their children. We joyfully welcome them to the table of the Lord.

## SOON AND VERY SOON

Deacon Zach Smith will become a priest next month! We are so proud and happy for him. It has been a delight to have him engaged in the life of our parish for his internship year. This year has given Deacon Zach the opportunity to preach at Sunday Mass, baptize young infants, and assist at weddings.



Deacon Zach will be ordained on Saturday May 25th, at 10:00 a.m., at Holy Family Church, which is right next to St. Ignatius High School, located at 1080 West Roosevelt Road.

**Deacon Zach will celebrate his First Mass of Thanksgiving on Sunday, May 26th at our 11:00 a.m. Mass.** There will be a reception afterwards in our St. Joseph Parish Center. I hope you can share in the joy and excitement of his next chapter in his wonderful journey of faith.



This week, Deacon Zach performed his first wedding for **Ian Mejos** and **Abigail Cruz** on April 24, 2024. Congratulations Zach! Well done!

*Fr. Larry*

*A family of families*



*Meadow Iris Africano  
Baptized Saturday, April 20th  
Henry and Tessa Africano*



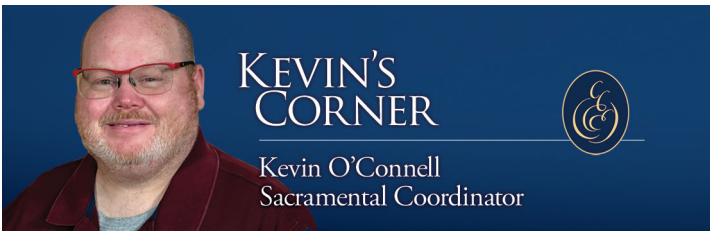
*Ryan Halliday & Allison Leopold  
Married Saturday, April 20th  
St. Joseph Church  
Rev. Lawrence Lisowski presided*



*Zofia Barbara Kokoszka  
Baptized Saturday, April 21  
Michael and Amanda Kokoszka*



*Ian Mejos & Abigail Cruz  
Married Wednesday, April 24th  
St. Joseph Church  
Rev. Lawrence Lisowski and  
Dcn. Zach Smith presided*



Do you want to help make one of the most important days in people's lives so special? Looking to give back to our church? If the answer is yes, then think about being a Wedding Co-Sacristan.

You will not regret playing such a beautiful role. Each wedding necessitates just a two hour commitment, mostly on Saturday afternoon.

Come join the team and sign-up as you are available. Our parish hosts about 40 weddings a year and this is a major ministry at ICSJ. It's fun, easy, and so meaningful. This is a great opportunity to experience love and hope in our world. Please contact Kevin for more information: [koconnell@icsjparish.org](mailto:koconnell@icsjparish.org)



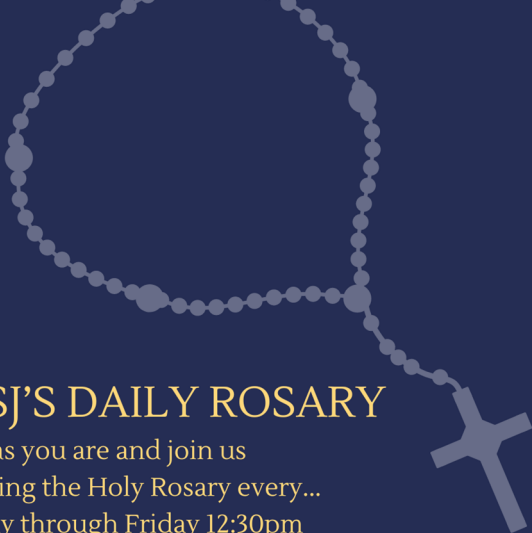
### Decision Coaching Ministry

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 [metraynor@gmail.com](mailto:metraynor@gmail.com)



### 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](mailto:agore@icsjparish.org) or call (312)787-7174 ext 1

## 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](mailto: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!**





# ICSJ SPRED NEWS

*"Teach Me to Love Others the Way You First Loved Me"*

## SPRED Reconciliation March 24, 2024

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

To our parishioners, we thank you for your generosity in support of our **SPRED Ministry** here at ICSJ. We are extremely grateful for the support from our **Knights of Columbus** and the Tootsie Roll Drive that make this annual event a success. Your donations help to create a beautiful and welcoming pathway to those individuals with learning disabilities grow in their Faith while becoming spiritually aware of the Presence of God in their daily lives.





*Sing sweetly on*  
**Mother's Day**

Join our volunteer choir in celebrating Mother's Day on May 12.

**Women's Choir**

9:30am Mass at Immaculate Conception

**Men's Choir**

11am Mass at St. Joseph



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!

# **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](mailto: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





**SAVE THE DATE!**  
**Sunday, May 19th**

# Larrypalooza!



**Join us for Larrypalooza!, celebrating Fr. Larry's  
40th Ordination Anniversary**

Come together with friends and family for an afternoon of fun, food,  
and festivities as we celebrate Fr. Larry's four decades of priestly service.

Save the date and let's make this celebration one to remember!

**Sunday, May 19th • 12-2pm**  
**ICSJ School Hill Street Gymnasium**

**More details to come!**



BE STILL

# God's Great Love

ICSJ Women's Retreat

june 20-23

AND KNOW

SAVE THE DATE!

For more information contact  
Elly at [erodriguez@icsjparish.org](mailto:erodriguez@icsjparish.org)



# 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](http://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!

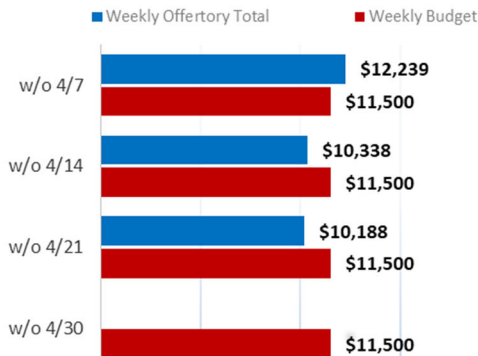
[www.icsjschool.org/  
apps/pages/totprogram](http://www.icsjschool.org/apps/pages/totprogram)

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

Learn more about Immaculate Conception-St. Joseph School at [www.icsjschool.org](http://www.icsjschool.org)!



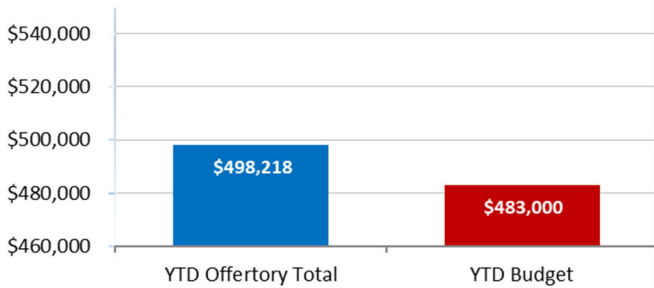
**Weekly Offertory - April 2023**



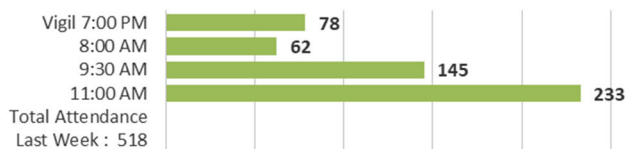
The parish budget requires over one weeks' worth of collections just to cover parish utilities, maintenance, and insurance each month.  
**It takes \$3,093 per day to run our parish.**

**Fiscal Year Budget to Date**

Parish Fiscal Year runs from July 1 through June 30



**Attendance for 4/20 & 4/21**



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](http://www.rebrand.ly/GiveToday-To-ICSJ)

## 2. Venmo

Send your payments to either [venmo@icsjparish.org](mailto: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!*

# Mass Intentions

week of April 27 - May 3

## Saturday, April 27

5pm at Immaculate Conception with

Fr. Larry Lisowski:

**Mike Lyons**

**For the well-being of Monica Lyons**

## Sunday, April 28

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

**Jesse Scutchfield**

## Sunday, April 28

9:30am Mass at Immaculate Conception with

Fr. Larry Lisowski:

**May Sundberg**

**For the healing of Natalie Davies**

**Refugio and Frances Romo**

## Sunday, April 28

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

**Otto Klaus Hirschhauser**

**Jessica Prost**

## Monday, April 29

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

**For the well-being of JoAnn O'Malley**

**For the well-being of Patrick Lyons**

## Wednesday, May 1

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

**Jesse Scutchfield**

## Friday, May 3

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

**Melissa Stucky**

**For the healing of David Lynn**

# 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](http://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](http://www.icsjparish.org/the-prayer-connection) to submit a prayer Request. To join our ICSJ prayer ministry, email Angela at [agore@icsjparish.org](mailto: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](mailto:pastor@icsjparish.org), to schedule a time to meet.



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## 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](http://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

## Contact Us

**Parish Office: 312-787-7174 • Visit Us Online: [www.icsjparish.org](http://www.icsjparish.org)**

### Main Office

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### 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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