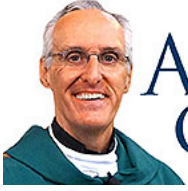


April 7, 2024 | Second Sunday of Easter



ALL
OF US

Fr. Larry's
Weekly Letter
#560

REAL GOOD TIMING

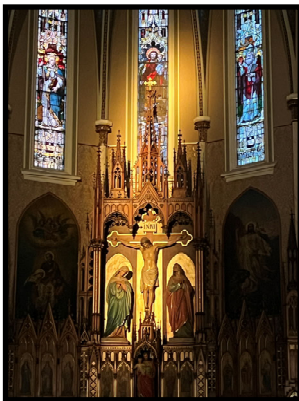
Right before our Easter Vigil Mass last Saturday two things happened that really took me by surprise. First, in the sacristy, after I put on my vestments, Deacon Neil said, "I have a bone to pick with you."

I wondered what could be bothering Neil who is certainly a "no drama deacon."

Neil, who is an alum of the University of Illinois at Champaign (along with his wife Trish) said "How could you schedule the Easter Vigil Mass right in the middle of the Illinois-UConn basketball game?"

We quickly checked the score of the game on our phones. The Illini were losing by 30 points. Neil let me off the hook. Our attention shifted back to the Easter Vigil.

My second surprise on Saturday was a religious one. It happened right at 7:00 p.m., at the start of Mass, the sun was shining perfectly on our high altar in St. Joseph's church. The rays of sunlight came from the setting sun in the west and they were perfectly aligned with the body of Jesus on the cross.



I thought to myself, "Boy God has a real good sense of timing." Plus, what a beautiful sight for our parishioners sitting in the pews who are about to hear the Good News that Jesus has risen from the dead.

Our Easter season lasts for 50 days as we make our way to the feast of Pentecost, on May 19th. Our Church in a prayerful way, allows us to savor the great event of our Lord's resurrection.

For the next several weeks we will continue to sing the Easter hymns as well as the joyful Alleluias. Hopefully our Easter lilies will hang in there for a few more weeks.

The bible readings at daily Mass are fantastic during the Easter season. They are filled with hope and the promise of a new life given to the disciples of the early church.

As part of your daily prayer, I recommend reading and reflecting on the daily scriptures these next several weeks. Here is a link that will quickly connect you to the reading for the day. [CLICK HERE.](#)

FILLED WITH LOTS OF GOOD STUFF

Parishioners came to have their Easter baskets blessed in church. The wicker baskets were filled with colorful eggs, links of fresh sausage, sweet chocolates, bread and butter and some hearty horseradish. After fasting during Lent, it's now time to feast and thank God for all our blessings.



Fr. Larry



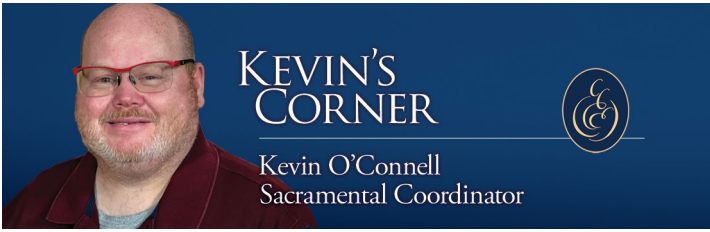
KEVIN'S CORNER

Kevin O'Connell · Sacramental Coordinator



Last Saturday, at the Easter Vigil, we celebrated as eight of our sisters and brothers were baptized, entered the Church, received Jesus in First Communion and made their Confirmation. May we always live as one family of faith.





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



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!



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



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



Learn more

Alpha at ICSJ begins Thursday, April 4th!

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**



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

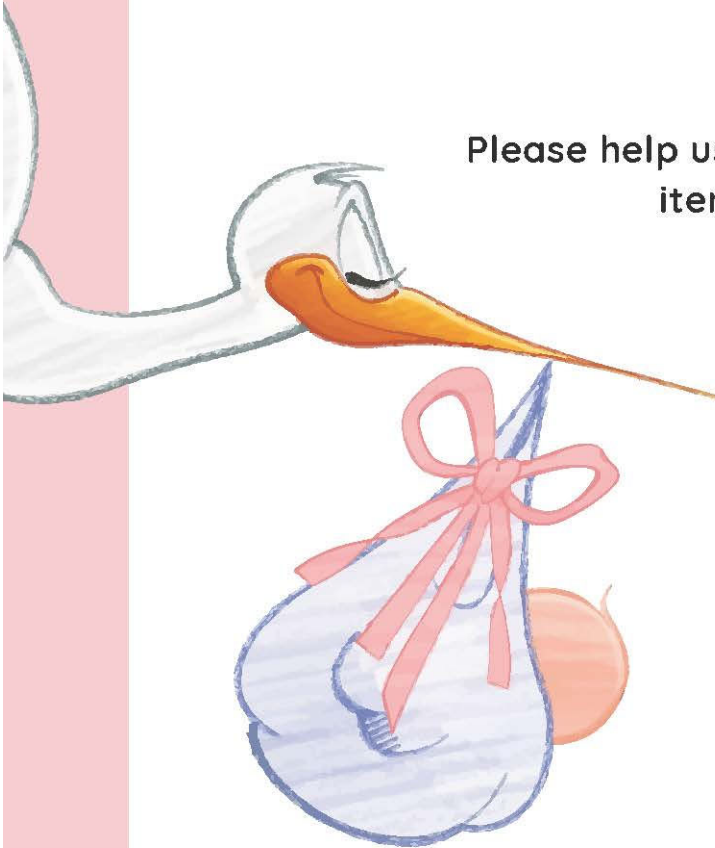
This family is composed of a mom & dad, a 13 year old boy who is wheelchair bound due to cerebral palsy, and a 2 year old girl.

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!



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





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



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!



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!

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

Mass Intentions

week of April 6 –12

Saturday, April 6

5pm at Immaculate Conception with

Fr. Larry McBrady:

Lauren Wegner

For peace for Pat Waldron and family

Sunday, April 7

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

Tiernan Schuldt

Sunday, April 7

9:30am Mass at Immaculate Conception with

Fr. Brett Williams:

Mary Ann Sullivan

For the healing of Natalie Davies

Sunday, April 7

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

Robert Weglarz

Kevin Clancy

Monday, April 8

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

Melissa Stucky

Wednesday, April 10

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

Ernie Peterson

Friday, April 12

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

Anthony Randazzo

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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Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday
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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.

Follow ICSJ Parish on Social Media



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