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THE PARISHES OF IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH AND ST. JOSEPH CHURCH ARE A CATHOLIC COMMUNITY THAT SHARE THE SAME PASTOR, PASTORAL STAFF, SACRAMENTS, MINISTRIES AND SCHOOL. WE WELCOME YOU TO SHARE OUR COMMON MISSION TO PERSONALLY LIVE THE GOSPEL OF JESUS AND TO WORSHIP GOD THROUGH PRAYER, LITURGY AND SERVICE TO OTHERS. TO REGISTER CALL THE PARISH OFFICE AT IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OR ST. JOSEPH CHURCH.

FEBRUARY 5, 2012
THE FIFTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME



HONORARY CHAIRPERSON
MOST REVEREND FRANCIS KANE,
AUXILIARY BISHOP OF CHICAGO,
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SPARKLE

FROM VISION TO REALITY

ANNUAL BENEFIT GALA TO BENEFIT
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION - ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2012
THE SCHOOL OF THE ART INSTITUTE CHICAGO
GRAND BALLROOM
112 S. MICHIGAN

GALA FROM 6:30-11:30
COCKTAILS & HORS D'OEUVRES
LIVE & SILENT AUCTION, ENTERTAINMENT
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YOUR 2012 GALA CHAIRPERSONS
ELLEN BRAST, LORI SULLIVAN AND MICHELLE FARRELL

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- \$1,200 INCLUDES 2 TICKETS
- \$500 DOES NOT INCLUDE TICKETS
- \$300 DOES NOT INCLUDE TICKETS



TICKETS

- ATTENDING AT \$150 EACH
- I AM UNABLE TO ATTEND. PLEASE ACCEPT MY DONATION OF \$ _____
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PARISH INFORMATION

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Phone: 312-944-1230

MASSES

Monday through Friday: 7:00 AM
Saturday: 7:30 AM
Saturday Evening: 5:00 PM
Sunday: 9:30 AM, 12:30 PM

Coffee and Donuts after 9:30 AM Mass.

Holy Days: Anticipated Mass: 5:30 PM;
Holy Days: 7:00 AM, 5:30 PM

PARISH OFFICE

Donna Miles, Parish Secretary
Sherrine Manning, Evening/Weekend Receptionist



ST. JOSEPH

Phone: 312-787-7174

MASSES

Monday through Friday: 8:00 AM
Sunday: 8:00 AM, 11:00 AM

Coffee and Donuts after 11:00 AM Mass.

Holy Days: 8:00 AM, 7:00 PM

PARISH OFFICE

Amanda Armour, Parish Secretary



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION ST. JOSEPH STAFF

Rev. Pat Lee, Pastor
Rev. Ron Galt, Associate Pastor
Alice Doering, Religious Education Office
Margaret Hemma Anderson, Business Manager
Mary Jameyfield, Music Director
Maria Hill, IC School Principal (Hill Street Campus)
Katie Sullivan, IC School Principal (North Park Campus)

SACRAMENTS

Baptisms: Call either Parish Center
Marriages: Call either Parish Center at least four months in advance
Anointing of the Sick: Anytime by request.
Please notify the Parish Office if home bound or hospitalized.

Reconciliation: Saturdays at IC: 2:30 pm-3:15 pm or by appointment.

REGISTRATION

New parishioners: Call either Parish Office to register. For IC School information: Please call 312-944-0304.

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK AT IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4 - BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
7:30 am—Living and Dec Members of the Fitzgerald and Ward Families

ANTICIPATED MASS FOR THE 5TH SUNDAY ORD. TIME
5:00 pm— Robert Prince; David E. Jorgensen

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5: THE 5TH SUNDAY ORD. TIME
9:30 am—Jean Athey; Pete Tortorello
12:30pm—Donald Flynn

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6: ST. PAUL MIKI AND COMPANIONS
7:00 am – Craig Barth

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7
7:00 am— Jane Montesano

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8: ST. JEROME EMILIANI; ST. JOSEPHINE BAKHITA
7:00 am— Therese Rae

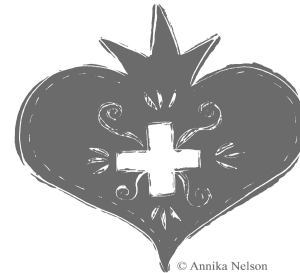
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9
7:00 am— Charles and Theresa Valente

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10: ST. SCHOLASTICA
7:00 am— Ed and Helen Bell

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11: OUR LADY OF LOURDES;
7:30 am— Jim and Joan Turk

ANTICIPATED MASS FOR THE 6TH SUNDAY ORD. TIME
5:00 pm —James and Anna Bansley; Living and Deceased Members of the Driscoll Family

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12: THE 6TH SUNDAY ORD. TIME
9:30 am— Lois Evans; Peg Purcell
12:30pm— Angela and Edward Gillespie;
Margaret Fergusson



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MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK AT ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5: THE 5TH SUNDAY ORD. TIME
8:00 am – For our Parishioners

11:00 am— Audrey Vaughan
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6: ST. PAUL MIKI AND COMPANIONS

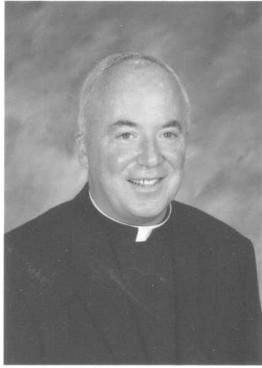
8:00 am— Patrick Smith
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7
8:00 am —Special Intention of Edna Montemayor

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8: ST. JEROME EMILIANI; ST. JOSEPHINE BAKHITA
8:00 am—Thelma and George Venturi

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9
8:00 am —for expectant parents

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10: ST. SCHOLASTICA
8:00 am – Apollaro and Imundo Families

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12: THE 6TH SUNDAY ORD. TIME
8:00 am— Florence Fogarty
11:00am— For our Parishioners



LETTER FROM FR. PAT LEE
PASTOR OF
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION & ST. JOSEPH PARISHES

FEBRUARY 5, 2012
THE 5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*“Human empathy and compassion are united
with divine power in Jesus.”*

Dear Parish Family,

The evangelist Mark has a very unique way of presenting Jesus in all of His humanity even as the wonders He works attest to His divinity. We see His tender approach and concern, as takes the hand of Peter's ailing mother-in-law and helps her up. At the same time He drives away her fever. Human empathy and compassion are united with divine power in Jesus.

The miracles of Jesus come at a cost to Him. The whole town shows up at Peter's door, after sunset, and after a long day of preaching at the synagogue and healing and driving out demons. The whole town, fresh from its restful Sabbath, prevails on Jesus Who must surely be tired. Yet He patiently continues to heal and drive out demons. The power of God is channeled through a human body that knows both hunger and exhaustion.

Before dawn, Jesus seeks to steal away to a deserted place, to pray and seek some respite. His peace is broken by the clamor of the disciples, pursuing Jesus to let Him know “that everybody is looking for you.” They are excited by Jesus' growing popularity, and their share in it as His disciples. While they bask in their new-found importance in Capernaum, Jesus takes the wind out of their sails. He has not come to be a revered and admired local hero, but to preach the kingdom of God.

Prayer has clarified the vision of Jesus and re-fueled Him for the challenging work ahead. He will sacrifice His own comfort and popularity to embrace the mission entrusted to Him. In this Mark strongly contrasts Jesus with the religious leaders of Israel, who reveled in their importance and the status and respect accorded to them.

It is no accident that the real and active power of God, seen in the wonders performed, dwells in this humble Servant, Who puts the will of the Father, and the needs of others, before His own.

God bless you.

Fr. Pat

ONE BOOK—ONE PARISH: “REDISCOVER CATHOLICISM”

On the weekend of January 7-8 we received a gift—a copy of “Rediscover Catholicism” by Matthew Kelly. As promised, some gatherings are planned to ponder our sense of what it means to be Catholic. These sessions are for all of us (no matter if you've had time to read “Rediscover Catholicism” or not). You are invited you to join and enrich the discussions. If you can't make the meetings - consider the following questions that are germane to the hearts of all spiritual seekers:

Is the Catholic Church thriving or just surviving? As a Catholic am I thriving or just surviving?

Is there a relationship between these two questions?

Is the Gospel a living, thriving part of my life? Why? Why Not? If not, how can I make it so?

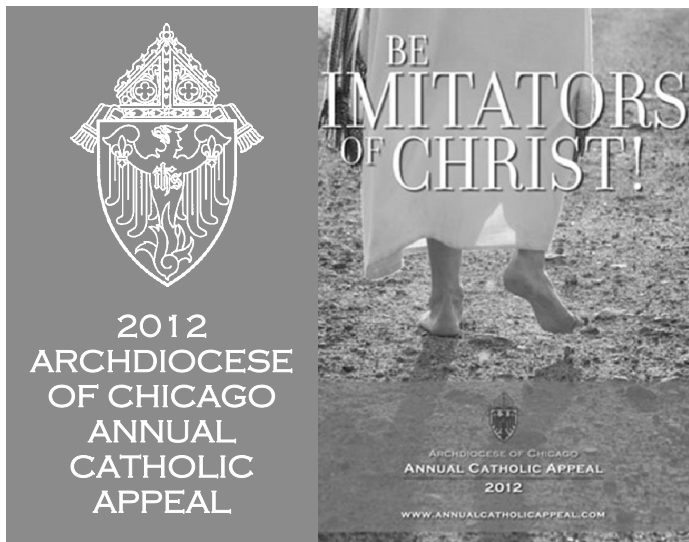
What does it mean to live the Gospel? Is there more than one way?

By calling me to live an authentic life, God is saying: “*Be all I created you to be.*”

Have I ever thought what this might mean for my life?

Our author states that holiness is the goal of the Christian life. What does living a holy life mean for me?

Sessions will meet at both Immaculate Conception and St. Joseph Parishes. Pick convenient time(s) and date(s) and join in lively discussions with your parish family. [IC - Joy Room; SJ - Parish Ctr. Conf. Room]
IC: Sat. Feb. 11 (3:30pm) or Thurs. Feb. 16 (3:30pm) or Thurs. Feb. 23 (3:30pm) or Sat. Feb. 25 (3:30pm)
SJ: Sun. Feb.12 (noon) or Thurs. Feb. 16 (10 am) or Thurs. Feb. 23 (10 am) or Sun. Feb. 26 (noon).



Please spend some time this week reflecting on the Annual Catholic Appeal brochure that you received with your bulletin. While funding a number of Archdiocesan ministries, the Appeal supports parish ministries that provide religious education to children, youth and adults in economically disadvantaged communities. It is also one of the largest philanthropic sources of financial assistance for Catholic schools in the Archdiocese.

Please remember that the Annual Catholic Appeal campaign is much different than a one time special collection. It is a pledge campaign where you can make a gift payable in installments.

As you review the work enabled by your contribution to the Annual Catholic Appeal, please reflect on God's gifts to you. He has given you all that you have. Your gifts to our parish, to the Archdiocese and to the work of the Church throughout the world are given in gratitude for the continuing gifts that God gives you. Sometimes it is difficult to envision how one pledge can help an organization the size of our Archdiocese, how it can make a real difference. But each pledge does make a difference because all parishes participate in the campaign and the gifts of many enable our Archdiocese to deliver needed ministries and services.

Our combined gifts not only signify our gratitude to God, they fund a significant portion of the work of our Archdiocese. After our parish goal is reached in cash, 100% of the additional funds come back to our parish to help to fund our needs.

If you received your pledge form in the mail, please complete it and mail it back or bring it to Mass next weekend. For those of you that did not receive a mailing or have not had time to respond to it, we will conduct our in-pew pledge process at all Masses next weekend. Thank you for your prayerful consideration and generous response.

*"Your word, LORD, stands forever,
it is firm as the heavens." -Psalm 119:89*



BIBLE STUDY AND DISCUSSION
with
FR. PAT

Tuesday evenings 6:30 p.m.
at Immaculate Conception Church
in the Joy Room.

All are welcome. Please join us.

The Monthly Parish Stewardship report reflects the prior month's total stewardship and correlates that amount to the month-to-date budget. Monthly reporting is more accurate because it includes monthly and weekly electronic giving in addition to weekly Offertory giving.

Immaculate Conception Stewardship Dec. 2011

Monthly Budget	\$33,333.33
Total Monthly Stewardship	\$32,597.70
Over/Under Budget	(\$735.63)

IC Year-to-Date Budget	\$200,000.02
Actual	\$186,776.12
Over/Under Budget	(\$13,223.90)

*IC Christmas Budget	\$97,000.00
Total Christmas Stewardship	\$126,726.00
Over/Under Budget	\$29,746.00

St. Joseph Stewardship, Dec. 2011

Monthly Budget	\$11,250.00
Total Monthly Stewardship	\$10,015.35
Over/Under Budget	(\$1,234.65)

SJ Year-to-Date Budget	\$67,500.00
Actual	\$59,539.72
Over/Under Budget	(\$7,960.28)

*SJ Christmas Budget	\$8,600.00
Total Christmas Stewardship	\$5,814.00
Over/Under Budget	(\$2,786.00)

Thank you for your generosity.

Visit our parish website www.ic-sjchurch.org
and click on the Stewardship tab to read
about contribution options.

* *Stewardship totals for Christmas are not included
in monthly and year-to-date totals.*

ST. JOSEPH PARISH MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Sacristan: Toni Gamble

THIS WEEK: FEBRUARY 5: THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00 AM MASS

LECTOR 1

Erin Schifeling

LECTOR 2

Julie Riedle

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER

Joan Fogarty

11:00 AM MASS

LECTOR 1

Ann Muchlebach

LECTOR 2

Chantal Kazay

WELCOMERS

Anna Lewis; Lautisha Smiley

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER

Mary Prendergast

NEXT WEEK: FEBRUARY 12: THE SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00 AM MASS

LECTOR 1

Joy Loverde

LECTOR 2

Sharon Coleman-Weems

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER

Joan Fogarty

11:00 AM MASS

LECTOR 1

TOBY ANDERSEN

LECTOR 2

Dan Stolze

WELCOMERS

Jon Seely; Lautisha Smiley

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER

Maria Valle

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH MINISTRY SCHEDULE

THIS WEEK: FEBRUARY 4-5: THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5:00 PM MASS

LECTOR 1

Lynn Sanchez

LECTOR 2

Virginia Hogan

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Margaret Nick; Louise Nora; Katey Strembel

9:30 AM MASS

LECTOR 1

Karen Dante

LECTOR 2

Jane Kennedy

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Mary Ann Breitfelder; Janet Novak; Dorothy Radke

12:30 PM MASS

LECTOR 1

Joe Murray

LECTOR 2

MaryAnn Trauscht

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Kathleen Morrissey; Judith Mosser

NEXT WEEK: FEBRUARY 11-12: THE SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5:00 PM MASS

LECTOR 1

Virginia Sullivan

LECTOR 2

Laura Barker

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Louise Nora; Susann Ozuk; Lynn Sanchez

9:30 AM MASS

LECTOR 1

Pat Rodgers

LECTOR 2

Dorothy Radke

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Lorenzo Gella; George Miles; Anita Mueller

12:30 PM MASS

LECTOR 1

Amy Fielek

LECTOR 2

Marilynn Snider

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Judith Mosser; Joe Murray; Marilynn Snider

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY: 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13; Mk 6:53-56
TUESDAY: 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30; Mk 7:1-13
WEDNESDAY: 1 Kgs 10:1-10; Mk 7:14-23
THURSDAY: 1 Kgs 11:4-13; Mk 7:24-30
FRIDAY: 1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19; Mk 7:31-37
SATURDAY: 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34; Mk 8:1-10
SUNDAY: Lv 13:1-2, 44-46; Ps 32;
 1 Cor 10:31 — 11:1; Mk 1:40-45

TODAY'S READINGS

FIRST READING: Job spoke, saying: I have been assigned months of misery, and troubled nights have been allotted to me (Job 7:1-4, 6-7).
PSALM: Praise the Lord, who heals the brokenhearted (Psalm 147).
SECOND READING: I have become all things to all, to save at least some (1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23).
GOSPEL: Jesus cured many who were sick with various diseases (Mark 1:29-39).

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time; World Day for Consecrated Life; Boy Scout Sunday
Monday: St. Paul Miki and Companions
Wednesday: St. Jerome Emiliani; St. Josephine Bakhita
Friday: St. Scholastica
Saturday: Our Lady of Lourdes; World Day of the Sick



WILL YOU TIE ONE ON FOR SPARKLE?



ICSJ SCHOOL IS THRILLED TO PARTNER WITH BOW TIE CAUSE IN CREATING A SPECIAL FEATURE FOR THIS YEAR'S SPARKLE...

To kick off the 10th anniversary year of the reopening of ICSJ, we have commissioned a beautiful silk tie (also available in youth size) that will be ready to wear to SPARKLE, Easter, First Communion, dress days for the boys at the Hill Street campus, & any time where you want to show your inclusion in and support for our school and parish community. A little bird tells us this will be the hottest accessory at SPARKLE...

Ladies - make sure the man in your life isn't left out... or buy the youth size for YOUR wrist.

These beautiful silk ties incorporate a small repeating ICSJ holy family logo motif on a true dark navy background, and are subtle but distinctive. Bow ties will be available late January. We have limited quantities, so support ICSJ and reserve yours now by returning a check payable to ICSJ or by visiting the Sparkle tab at the ICSJ website.

BOW TIES- ADULT & CHILD SIZE \$57.00

More information on Bow Tie Cause can be found @ <http://bowtiecause.org> or contact Ellen Brast.



ICSJ School is a *Box Top\$* school! We earn 10¢ for every *Box Top\$* coupon you clip from the packaging of participating products of various companies like Betty Crocker, Avery, Ziploc, Hefty, Pillsbury, Kleenex and Green Giant (just to name a few). After you have clipped a few *Box Top\$* coupons please send them to ICSJ school child or in the *Box Top\$* collection boxes at both churches in the vestibule. The ICSJ Parent Association earns approximately \$800 every year just from clipping these little coupons! Thank you!



The Wisdom Flame — Burning Bright with Care



We are excited to welcome our friends at the Wisdom Flame Care Ministry. We will be hosting workshops. Each workshop is two parts. The workshops will be held at Immaculate Conception Parish Center, 1431 N. North Park Avenue. The dates are: Monday, February 27 at 7 p.m. and Monday, March 12 at 7 p.m.

or

Thursday, March 22 at 7 p.m. and Thursday, April 12 at 7 p.m.

The workshop is focused on helping families prepare for and navigate their caregiver journeys. We had a chance to interview the co-founders of The Wisdom Flame on how they help strengthen families and care for caregivers. Here was our fireside chat.

Q: You say there is a serious caregiver crisis happening,. What do you mean?

A: *There are currently 50 million Americans who are unpaid family members caring for a loved one. There will be 80 million caregivers in less than a decade as our society ages.*

Q: Who is a caregiver?

A. *Caregivers are a sacred treasure. A caregiver is any unpaid family member who steps up and helps a loved one with their daily needs as they journey through a chronic illness, aging or disability.*

Q: What is caregiver burnout?

A: *Caregivers are untrained, unprepared and overwhelmed. Care giving starts with a crisis and it can last many years. The impact can be massive—emotionally, physically and financially. The struggle often results in beautiful people becoming totally burned out and families in turmoil.*

Q. So how do you help caregivers and families?

A. *The Wisdom Flame is a journey towards restoring healthy and balanced caregivers and care receivers. It is about opening up a courageous conversation with families and arriving at a commitment to care for each other in a loving, respectful and powerful way. Our vision is happy and wise families.*

Q. What motivated you to create The Wisdom Flame?

A. *A brief visit home to my parents and grandfather transformed into an unexpected one year care giving journey. I was inspired at the power of families to come together and rise to the challenge. We were moved to share lessons learned from many other families as well and so The Wisdom Flame was born. We are thankful to have the opportunity to share this with you.*

The Wisdom Flame is a care ministry that helps families navigate the often difficult journey of care giving. Please join us at Immaculate Conception Parish Center on: Monday, February 27 at 7 p.m. and Monday, March 12 at 7 p.m. or Thursday, March 22 at 7 p.m. and Thursday, April 12 at 7 p.m.

Prayer Shawl Ministry: The Pastoral Council of Immaculate Conception-St. Joseph parishes is asking if there is an interest in a new ministry opportunity. The Prayer Shawl ministry provides a way to literally wrap people in prayer. Prayer shawls are knitted or crocheted shawls about 24 inches in width and 6 feet in length. Just the right size to wrap around your shoulders. They are distributed to members of our congregation who are in need of our prayers. As prayer shawls are made, the maker prays for the one who will be receiving the shawl. A message of encouragement is delivered with the shawl. Just as Jesus wraps us in His love and peace, we can provide a shawl to someone who needs to be held and wrapped in prayer. If you are interested in joining this ministry, please contact Susann Ozuk at 312-804-9745 or by e-mail: susannozuk@gmail.com.

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE...

MONDAY Feb. 6	TUESDAY Feb. 7	WEDNESDAY Feb. 8	THURSDAY Feb. 9	FRIDAY Feb. 10	SATURDAY Feb. 11	SUNDAY Feb. 12
RCIA 6:30 pm Joy Room at IC	Bible Study w/Fr. Pat 6:30 pm Joy Room at IC		Closed AA at IC at 7pm		School fundraiser "Sparkle" See bulletin cover for more information	Coffee and rolls after 9:30 and 11:00 am Masses
Closed AA St. Jos. 7pm	Closed AA mtg 7 pm at IC				Food Pantry 1065 Orleans Lower Level 8:30 a.m.	



CAN YOU HELP?

The list of items needed are:

- tube socks
- underwear (T shirts & boxer shorts)
- toothbrushes with holders
- toothpaste & mouthwash
- hand sanitizer
- wipes
- facial tissue
- gallon zip loc bags
- deodorant for both men and women
- combs
- soap
- shampoo & conditioner
- wash cloths/towels
- disposable razors
- Shaving cream
- CTA bus cards

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISHIONERS, LAURA AND ZACHARY BARKER collect toiletries and other items to be given to both Deborah's Place and the Night Ministry. All items listed should be unused and preferably safety sealed. **Deborah's Place accepts full size toiletries. The Night Ministry prefers travel size toiletries.** There are collection boxes right outside the Joy Room at IC and in the altar server closet located in the atrium area at St. Joseph Church.

Leslie and Bill Barker are the parents of Laura and Zach. Laura and Zach are high school students at the Latin School of Chicago. The Barker Family took over the hygiene products collection for Deborah's Place several years ago when IC parishioners and brothers Alex and Scott Gidwitz (who started the project during their high school years) entered college.

Please keep this wonderful project in your thoughts. Whether you donate travel size toiletries or full size products, know that your generosity is greatly appreciated. Thank you and God bless you.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION & ST. JOSEPH CHILDREN'S RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM
For more information please call 312/787-7174 or e-mail: adoering@icsnorthpark.com

ENGAGING THE HOLY IMAGINATION OF CATHOLIC CHILDREN.

All Catholic children not attending a Catholic school should be enrolled in Religious Education Classes. Classes meet on Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m. at the new Immaculate Conception-St. Joseph School located at 363 W. Hill Street.

Current Schedule: February-March

- Feb. 5 Regular Class Session (**Sock Sunday*)
- Feb. 12 Regular Class Session
- Feb. 19 NO SESSION – Presidents Day weekend
- Feb. 26 Regular Class Session
- Mar. 4 Rel. Ed. **Night Ministry Service Project*
- Mar. 11 Regular Class Session (Daylight Savings Time begins)
- Mar. 18 NO SESSION – Spring Break
- Mar. 25 NO SESSION – Spring Break



Protecting God's Children

For information about the Archdiocesan program for the Protection of Children and Youth, please visit www.archchicago.org and click on the "Protecting Children" and/or the "Children Matter Network" tab on the left side of the screen.

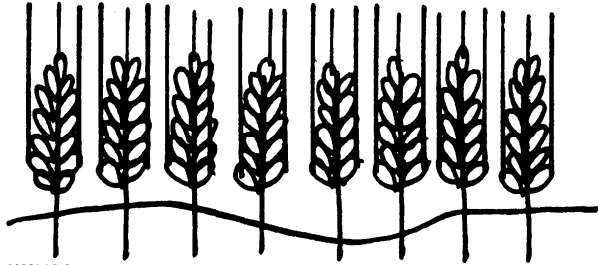
Clergy Sexual Abuse Contacts & Phone Numbers

Office for the Protection of Children & Youth
Jan Slattery – 312-534-5254

Child Abuse Investigation and Review Office
Leah McCluskey – 312-534-5205

Office for Safe Environment
Mayra Flores – 312-534-5238

Office of Assistance Ministry (for victims)
Thomas P. Tharayil, LCSW, BCD
– 312-534-8267



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The Good News

Today's readings begin with a few verses from the book of Job. First, Job complains that his nights drag on endlessly. Then, worse yet, *"My days are swifter than a weaver's shuttle; they come to an end without hope"* (Job 7:6). Not exactly encouraging, these lamentations, not when taken alone.

Most of us have been there, though, and the antidote is the *"good news"* that Paul found so compelling that *"an obligation has been imposed on me, and woe to me if I do not preach it!"* (1 Corinthians 9:16). Paul felt driven to announce the gospel to as many people as possible, *"to save at least some"* (9:22).

This good news is the mystery of the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, who lifted Simon Peter's mother-in-law from her sickbed with a mere touch of his hand. *"The whole town was gathered at the door. He cured many who were sick with various diseases, and he drove out many demons"* (Mark 1:33-34)). Our woes and demons are as real as Job's, and Jesus is our savior.

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