

Welcome to
Immaculate Conception Parish

A Catholic Community Inviting People to Follow Christ

September 13, 2020 - Twenty-Fourth Sunday In Ordinary Time



"Forgive your neighbor's injustice; then when you pray, your own sins will be forgiven."

- Sirach 28:2

Love God, Serve Others, Make Disciples

Immaculate Conception Parish



Gather with us virtually as we pray with, and for, one another during our Masses which are broadcast live through **Twitch TV** (www.twitch.tv/icchicago) and through **Facebook Live** on our Facebook page: *Immaculate Conception Parish Chicago (Talcott)*. Direct links to both platforms are easily accessible on our parish website (www.icparish.net). For your convenience, all Masses are recorded and archived for a limited time.



Eloise Josephine Utah
Child of Jason David and Kristen Lynne (Walker) Utah

Phase 2 Reopening Mass Schedule:

Sunday Mass in Church (with reserved seating)
@ *5:00 P.M. Saturday (*beginning 9/19), 8:30 A.M. & 10:30 A.M.*
Please visit www.icparish.net to register.

*Sunday, September 20th @ 10:30 A.M. -
Formal Installation of Fr. Matthew Heinrich as Pastor of Immaculate Conception Parish (with Bishop Bartosic presiding)
(*Reservations are required. Limited space available.)

First Friday Mass & Adoration in Church (with reserved seating) @ 5:30 P.M. (October 2nd)

Worship with IC from home...

Sunday Virtual Mass @ 10:30 A.M.
Daily Virtual Mass @ 7:00 P.M. (Monday through Friday)
School Virtual Mass @ 8:30 A.M. (Wednesdays)



Opportunities for **Confessions** will be offered on the first and third Tuesdays of each month from **6:00-7:00 P.M.**

***Next Opportunity: September 15th**
***Reservations are required.**

Support IC through Give Central...

We are truly grateful for the continued generosity of our faithful parishioners as we would not be able to maintain our parish and continue our mission without you.

If you are able, please consider contributing electronically via Give Central at www.givecentral.org/location/349 to assist us in maintaining the vital ministries and services we provide on behalf of our community. If you have any questions regarding setting up your online donations through Give Central, please contact our Parish Office at 773.775.3833 and a member of our Parish Staff will be happy to assist you.

If you would prefer to support our parish with an offertory donation through cash or check, please mail your envelopes to our Parish Office at:
7211 W. Talcott Avenue, Chicago, IL. 60631.



"You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God." - 2 Corinthians 9:11

Updates Around Our Parish...

As we move into the month of September, there is a lot happening here at IC. Normally, I would write something more spiritual, but I thought it would be useful to provide you with an update on several of our efforts in one place:

1) *A New Website*

We recognize during this time that online interaction and ministry is an essential aspect of parishes. To that end, we are designing a new website which will better integrate our social media and assist us in more effectively communicating information to our community. It will feature a nice, updated look. Our hope is to have it go live sometime in the ballpark of November.

2) *Music*

I think we can all agree that our music has been wonderful and uplifting. This is part of our long-term plan to transform our culture within our parish community by improving our weekend experience. We perhaps can agree that sound is even more essential than visuals with regards to liturgy and worship. In addition to our in-person Masses, Scott and I have worked hard to bring the sound of our choir to your home with our online Masses as well.

Did you know that we have recorded over 2 ½ hours of music so far? We plan to record even more for your benefit. One thing we do ask: please continue to support our Music Ministry program through our monthly collection, either by using your gray Music Ministry envelope, or by donating electronically through *Give Central*: <https://www.givecentral.org/location/349/event/17649>. Your generosity not only allows us to continue our music at our present pace, but to look towards expanding our Music Ministry program as well!

3) *Sound System*

We have talked about it for quite some time now, but we will soon initiate the work on our new Sound System. I am particularly excited because the natural acoustics of our Church are excellent, and this new system should accentuate them well. We hope the work concludes in October. This will include streaming capabilities. We will work with this system before it goes live, so I do not have a timetable for its implementation at this time. I would like to make sure we provide the same audio and video quality in our Church for our streaming Masses as we have in our temporary chapel.

4) *Social Media*

We have dedicated more time to our parish Facebook page, including our online Masses, sign-ups, etc., and we will soon add additional content.

Likewise, we also have accounts with YouTube (*Immaculate Conception*) and Twitch ([twitch.tv/icchicago](https://www.twitch.tv/icchicago)). I am writing and creating content for our YouTube channel centered around our music and featuring prayer. Twitch is used for livestreaming, primarily for Mass currently, but I would like to expand to other offerings in the future.

5) *Campus Updates*

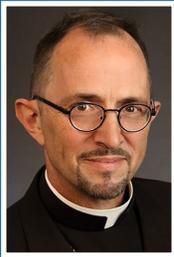
From internet, to painting, to carpeting, and cosmetic touch-ups, there are lots of little things being done behind the scenes to make us more efficient and better able to serve our community, all of which we intend to highlight soon.

In the meantime, thank you for all of your support so far. Along with our school, please be assured that my entire team and I are working our hardest to improve IC and live our mission daily. Making disciples of Christ requires dedication and passion, and I see this on a daily basis from those I work with. God, who is the source of all goodness, allows us to see what is good and cultivate it. Thank you for working with me to honor God and bring His Word to our community.

Fr. Matt



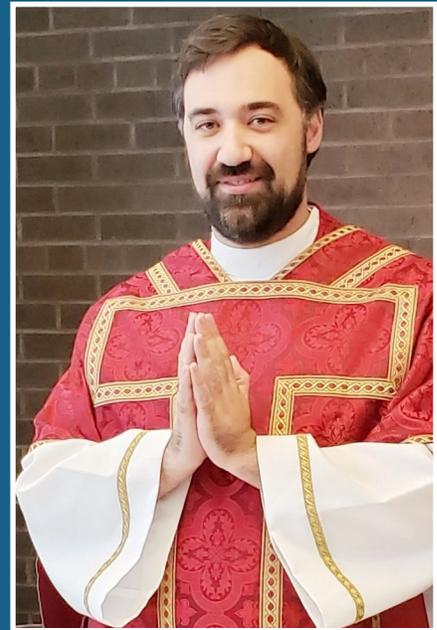
SAVE
the
DATE



with Bishop Mark Bartosic
presiding

*Sunday, September 20th
10:30 A.M. Mass

All are welcome to join us
as we joyfully celebrate the
Formal Installation of
Fr. Matthew Heinrich
as our Twenty-Second Pastor of
Immaculate Conception
Parish



"I will appoint over you shepherds
after my own heart, who will
shepherd you wisely and
prudently." - Jeremiah 3:15

*Reservations are required.

Please visit www.icparish.net to register.

Due to attendance restrictions, space is regrettably limited.

 VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



We are still actively recruiting additional volunteers to help staff our Greeting and Cleaning teams (led by our dedicated Captains, Darlene Mroz & Joe Jummati). If the Spirit moves you and you would like to volunteer to assist us with our ongoing reopening process, please complete our Parish Reopening Team Volunteer Form which is easily accessible on our parish website at www.icparish.net. We are particularly seeking volunteers to assist us with either our First Friday 5:30 P.M. Mass & Adoration and/or our Saturday evening Mass at 5:00 P.M. – which we plan to resume beginning on Saturday, September 19th.

Thank you for your prayerful consideration!

"Serve one another humbly in love."
- Galatians 5:13



And The Two Shall Become One...



*"And so we know and rely on the love God has for us. God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them."
- 1 John 4:16*



Mr. & Mrs. Brian and Margaret Felke

Joanne Kurzawski

Elaine Polo

Theodore & Tina Luga

Michael & Tracy Brogan and their sons Cameron and Owen

Justin & Emily Conner and their children Madeline & Patrick

Nicholas & Michelle Jackowski and their children Natalie & Benjamin

Sebastian & Sylvia Poniecki and their daughters Amanda & Maya



Second Collection for Christians in the Holy Land...

***September 13, 2020**

Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land. Your support helps the Church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools and offer Religious Education. The Pontifical Good Friday Collection also helps to preserve the sacred shrines. The wars, unrest and instability have been especially hard on Christians. In these times of crisis, the Pontifical Good Friday Collection provides humanitarian aid to refugees. When you contribute to the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, you become an instrument of peace and join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land.

Please be generous!

*For more information about
Christians in the Holy Land, please visit
www.myfranciscan.org/good-friday.*



**Rescheduled from April 10, 2020*

Please join our parish family in prayer ...



For those who are sick:

Tom Altman
Concetta Bartucci
Melissa Bednarz
Celerina Behrman
Robert Behrman
Sonia M. B.
Vince Caeti
Jackie Campbell
Rita Castillo
James Covello
Sherry Crocifisso
Ronnie Cunningham
Richard Flanagan
Brooke Foreman
Lila Gehner
Irene Hand

Ofelia Hernandez
Esther Jarosh
Helga Jarosz
Nancy Kinzie
Craig Kloss
Lillian Kohut
Arlene Lacey-Beyna
Benny Martinez
Edwin Martinez
Frank Martinez
Jan Merino
Veronica Murillo
Timothy Murray
Mae O'Donnell
Mary Beth O'Grady
Jackie O'Koniewski

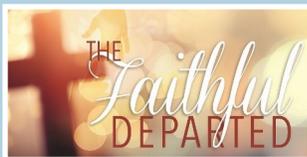
Mary Potwora
Bill Remblake
Sebastian L. Rivera
David Rodriguez
Elaine Schatz
Thomas Skorupa
Edward Stanczyk
Sue Stich
Julie Szwedlo
Donna Tisdale
Steven P. Trifilio
Henry Wagener

If you wish to have your name included in our prayer list (or removed), please contact our Parish Office at 773.775.3833.

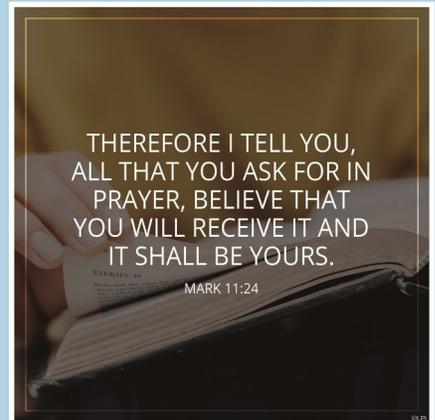
For our faithful departed:

Eileen T. Staunton
(Mother of Maryteresa Staunton & Marcella Carolan)

Elizabeth M. "Betty" Malek



"Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them."



For those who serve our country:



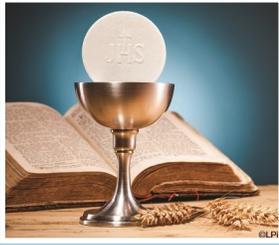
U.S. Army - SSgt. John Francis Mikita, Sgt. Kevin Whalen, SSgt Martine Makita, Chris Dash, Pvt. Jason G. Cavanaugh, Major Christopher Walsh, Capt. Benjamin Monson, 1st Lt. Katherine D. Hartnett, SPC Michael J. Stone, Pvt. Charlie Cruz Pappas, Thomas Treslo, National Guard Specialist 4th Class

U.S. Navy - CMDR Michael Brasseur, Lt. Christopher Jenkins, PO Thomas T. Tudisco

U.S. Air Force - John Christopher Ocasio, Major Laurel Walsh, Captain Paul H. Kolk, LT. COL. Michael O'Koniewski; 2nd Lt. Colleen Bernal

U.S. Marines - Sean Gronset, PFC Sebastian L. Rivera, Jr., PFC Christopher Hughes, PFC Algene D. Porticos

Please contact our Parish Office when these service people return home safely. If you are a veteran or know a veteran, the Archdiocese of Chicago has a website located at vets.archchicago.org that provides information that can be of assistance.



**Mass Intentions:
Sunday, September 13th
through
Sunday, September 20th**

Sunday, September 13th - Twenty-Fourth Sunday In Ordinary Time

5:00 P.M. (Saturday) - †Raymond & Exilda Luedtke
8:30 A.M. — †Minnie Simone; and †Ann Arriva
10:30 A.M. — †Maria Martino; †Carlo & Anna Paura; †Francis & Moira Cross; †Krystyna Sadowska; †Stanislaw Swiderski; †Rocca Caponigri (on her 1st Anniversary); and Pat Altman (Living)
6:00 P.M. - The People of the Parish

Monday, September 14th - The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

8:30 A.M. — †Poor Souls In Purgatory

Tuesday, September 15th - Our Lady of Sorrows

8:30 A.M. — †Nick & Josephine Faklaris

Wednesday, September 16th - Saints Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs

8:30 A.M. — †John Wisniewski

Thursday, September 17th- Saint Robert Bellarmine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

8:30 A.M. — †Frank Shortino (on his 15th Anniversary)

Friday, September 18th - Weekday

8:30 A.M. — †Jim & Mary Kay Feeney

Saturday, September 19th - Saint Januarius, Bishop and Martyr

5:00 P.M. - †Harry & Marie Lackowski; †Walter & Katherine Sment; and Jan Merino (on her 84th Birthday) (Living)

Sunday, September 20th - Twenty-Fifth Sunday In Ordinary Time

8:30 A.M.- †Marie Martin; †Francis & Moira Cross; †Louis & Frances Allocco; and †Stanislaw Swiderski
10:30 A.M. — †Gregorio Ramos & Francisca Ramos; †Amalia & Manuel Herrera; †Veronica Spera; †Michael Boggins (on his 3rd Anniversary); †Kathy LaRocco; and The Sampey Family
6:00 P.M. — The People of the Parish



September 13th through September 19th

The Sanctuary Lamp is burning this week for the repose of the soul of

Eileen Staunton

September 13th through September 18th

The Blessed Mother Votive is burning this week for the prayer intentions of

Arnold & Michael Ommundson & Family

September 13th through September 18th

The St. Joseph Votive is burning this week for the repose of the soul of

John Wisniewski

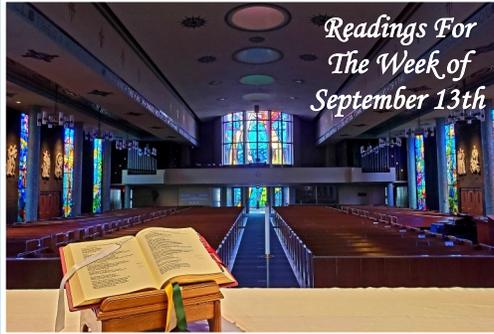
Requested by: Erma Kinzie

Pope Tweet of the Week...

“Mother Teresa, tireless worker of charity, pray for us, so that our criterion for action might be gratuitous love, offered freely to everyone without distinction of language, culture, race, or religion.”

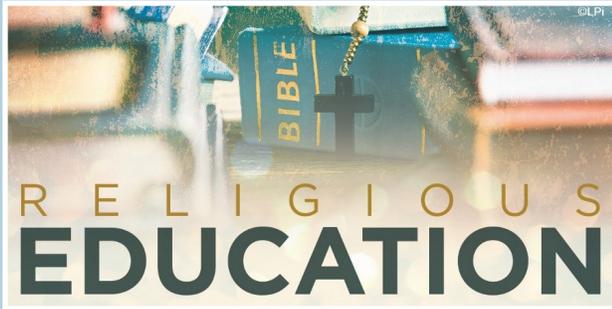


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*Readings For
The Week of
September 13th*

Sunday: Sir 27:30 – 28:7/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12 [8]/Rom 14:7-9/
Mt 18:21-35
Monday: Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38 [cf. 7b]/Phil 2:6-11/
Jn 3:13-17
Tuesday: 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a/Ps 31:2 and 3b, 3cd-4, 5-6, 15-16, 20
[17]/Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35
Wednesday: 1 Cor 12:31 – 13:13/Ps 33:2-3, 4-5, 12 and 22 [12]/Lk 7:31
-35
Thursday: 1 Cor 15:1-11/Ps 118:1b-2, 16ab-17, 28 [1]/Lk 7:36-50
Friday: 1 Cor 15:12-20/Ps 17:1bcd, 6-7, 8b and 15 [15b]/Lk 8:1-3
Saturday: 1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49/Ps 56:10c-12, 13-14 [14]/Lk 8:4-15
Next Sunday: Is 55:6-9/Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18 [18a]/Phil 1:20c-24, 27a/
Mt 20:1-16a



*Immaculate Conception School
Religious Education Program 2020-2021*

First Day of Class:

Wednesday, September 16th – 4:00-5:00 P.M.

All Religious Education classes will be held online for this School Year and will be taught by IC School Professional Teachers (most at the grade level they teach daily.)

Classes will meet virtually on a weekly basis on
Wednesdays from 4:00-5:00 P.M.
via Zoom Video Conferencing.

Sacramental Programs:

**Immaculate Conception Parish Policy states that students must attend Religious Education classes in Grades One and Two to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Communion in Grade Two.

Students must attend Religious Education classes in Grades Six and Seven to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in Grade Eight.

All course requirements must be met.
Regular attendance is expected.

For additional information, please contact Julie Szvedo
(Religious Education Coordinator) at szvedo@iccowboys.net

2020 Religious Education Virtual Class Schedule:

September 16th, 23rd & 30th
October 7th, 14th & 21st
November 4th, 11th & 18th
December 2nd, 9th & 16th

2021 Religious Education Virtual Class Schedule:

January 13th, 20th & 27th
February 3rd, 10th & 17th
March 3rd, 10th, 24th & 31st
April 21st & 28th



Sacramental Dates:

***First Communion** (*rescheduled from May 2020):
Saturday, September 12th at 10:00 A.M. & 1:00 P.M.



Confirmation [8th Grade]:
Sunday, November 15th @ 1:00 P.M. & 4:00 P.M.

First Reconciliation:
Wednesday, February 24, 2021 @ 7:00 P.M.



First Communion [2nd Grade]:
Saturday, May 1, 2021 @ 10:00 A.M. & 1:00 P.M.

**Times may be subject to change*

2020-2021 Religious Education Tuition:

[Tuition fee includes all books and class materials]
One student per family (Grades 1-7): \$300
One student (Grade 8) (classes end on December 16th): \$150
(plus Confirmation fee of \$50)
Tuition increases by \$100 per additional child
Confirmation fee (Grade 8): \$50
Communion fee (Grade 2): \$50
Registration fee (for first time families only): \$30
Late fee (after Wednesday, September 9th): \$50
First Tuition payment is due by: **September 16th**
Second Tuition payment is due by: **February 10, 2021**
All tuition payments will be made online via Give Central.
Details forthcoming.

Gospel Meditation - Encourage a Deeper Understanding of Scripture



What right do we have to limit the amount and degree of forgiveness we show to others when we are so desperately in need of it ourselves? In not wanting someone who hurt us to downplay or forget the gravity of their wrong, we cling to anger, resentment, and wrath as a way of maintaining control. It is a way to acknowledge and express our deep hurt. We fail to realize that in doing so we hold ourselves hostage to these destructive feelings and actually become mired in the bondage of sin. All we gain is further alienation from ourselves, others, and especially God. We are no longer free but tethered to all of this unresolved negativity. Don't we really want to let it go? The fact is that we need to.

A good self-reflective posture will quickly show us that when the shoe is on the other foot and we are the ones in need of forgiveness, we desire it above anything else. This is especially true with our relationship with God. It is hypocritical to want one thing for ourselves and something else for another. Yet, many act in precisely this way.

Perhaps we think that in offering forgiveness, even for the most grievous of wrongs, somehow excuses the person of their wrong and makes it almost acceptable. This is what makes revenge, retaliation, and punishment so attractive. We see forgiveness as being an eraser that easily wipes away the offense without consequence. Or, we may believe that in offering forgiveness I must somehow forget the wrong and open myself as a victim of even greater possible hurts in the future. In fact, forgiving my sister or brother of their wrongful actions or attitudes involves none of this. It does not erase anything or position me vulnerably as a doormat to be walked on.

Forgiveness is an act of freedom that restores honest dialogue, shares true, and heartfelt feelings and acknowledges the consequences of an action. It admits that the wrong has caused a hurt that must be healed and squarely positions responsibility on the offender. The act of forgiveness recognizes our sinfulness and brokenness. It also admits that the most saintly among us is capable of doing very grave and deep harm to another person. It sees that we all can be victims of our passions and works in progress that deserve unlimited chances to get it right. With forgiveness, I release myself from the bonds of negativity and pursue a path of restoration, wholeness, and healing. I do not forget the wrong nor do I dismiss it. Sometimes, we have to stay far away from the one who hurt us. But we can still heal internally and be free. For the one who wants to be forgiven and the one who needs to offer forgiveness, the journey can be an adventure in learning what brought us to this place and what is needed to move forward. This is exactly how God treats us. Why would we not want to do the same for others?

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Everyday Stewardship – Recognize God in your Ordinary Moments

Should I Stay or Should I Go?...

Life is not always easy on us and it can be hard to figure out the next step to take in our journey. We can even become immobilized by indecisiveness and fear about making the wrong move or choosing the incorrect path. I think of the song, *Should I Stay, or Should I Go*, as a mantra for many times in my life. Should I stay in this house, this job, or this car? Should I go here or there? When those times of decision surface, I usually turn to my wife, my friends, or even my children. Talking it out can help, and their perspectives give me more data to consider. When I lean on others to help me make a decision, it helps me become more confident in my choices.



Discerning the will of God is not easy either. Rarely do we understand God's calling clearly at first. God's calling is always more easily discerned within a community of faithful disciples. Our stewardship way of life can suffer greatly if we refuse to allow others to assist us in the process of discernment. What gifts or talents are needed for the task at hand? Where do I fit best into God's plan? Where is God leading me? No one should have to decide the answers to these questions alone. We need to always lean on the Body of Christ to help us see the path that God has laid before us. Without a little help along the journey, over time we might find ourselves stuck in the same place where we started.

– Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi

Connect...

Connect with our Parish Staff...

Although our Church building will be open on a limited basis, our Parish Office will continue to remain closed for the time being. In the meantime, our Parish Staff is still available to assist you. Please don't hesitate to contact us at 773.775.3833 (voicemails are monitored daily) or connect with us via email at frontdesk@icparish.info with any questions, concerns or needs that may arise during this time.

Please take comfort in the knowledge that you are loved, missed and prayed for daily by all of us.

Follow us on Facebook...

Groups you can join:

- Immaculate Conception Parish Chicago (Talcott)
- Immaculate Conception School Alumni Chicago, IL
- IC Cowboys (for current school parents only)

Pages you can "like":

- Immaculate Conception School Chicago
- Immaculate Conception Church



Events...

What's Happening @ IC...

Tuesday, September 15th - 6-7:00 P.M. – Confessions; CH

Wednesday, September 16th – 4-5:00 P.M. – Religious Education Virtual Classes Begin; Zoom

Thursday, September 17th – 7:00 P.M. – School Board Mtg.; Zoom

Sunday, September 20th - 10:30 A.M. – Formal Installation of Fr. Matthew Heinrich as Pastor of Immaculate Conception Parish; CH



For more information on upcoming events, or to register for our Masses or Confessions, please visit our parish website at www.icparish.net.

Your Gifts to God and Parish...

If you plan to move from our parish, please notify our Parish Office at least three months prior to your change of address. Also, if you will be away from home for more than 3 months, please contact us so that your envelopes can be stopped during that time period. If you have transitioned to electronic giving and still receive offertory envelopes, please contact our Parish Office so that we can discontinue your receiving of envelopes.

Parish Registration: Please contact our Parish Office at 773.775.3833 or visit our parish website at www.icparish.net for additional information.

Bulletin Deadline: The deadline for all bulletin submissions is Friday at Noon – 8 days prior to the Sunday it will appear. The email address is icparishbulletin@gmail.com.

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www.twitch.tv/icchicago



& YouTube...



<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCv5KKsLvpD9Q2yuAR8naK4A>

Are you a non-Catholic interested in becoming Catholic, or learning more about our Catholic faith? Do you have a non-Catholic family member or friend who would like to know more about our Catholic faith? We invite you to look deeper into the richness of our Catholic faith through the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) program.

If you have questions, please contact **Deacon Rick** @ 773.775.3833 Ext. 105, or via email at: carmoric@comcast.net.

