

Welcome to
Immaculate Conception Parish

A Catholic Community Inviting People to Follow Christ

April 11, 2021 - Second Sunday Of Easter (Sunday Of Divine Mercy)

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, his love is everlasting



*“Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is begotten by God,
and everyone who loves the Father loves also the one begotten by him.”
- 1 John 1:1a*

Love God • Serve Others • Make Disciples

Contact Us

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(Please note: new email address)

Parish Office Hours:

Monday-Friday: 9:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.
Saturday: 9:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.
Sunday: 9:00 A.M. - Noon

Parish Website:

🌐: www.icchicago.org

School Website:

🌐: www.iccowboys.net

Social Media



Facebook:

View our Masses, connect with fellow parishioners, and access exclusive articles and content. Simply search “**Immaculate Conception Parish Chicago (Talcott)**” and request to join our online community.

Twitch:

Membership-free platform where all are welcome to view our Masses and access content.

Visit us at www.twitch.tv/icchicago



Mass and Sacrament Schedule

Weekend Mass Schedule:

Saturday Vigil @ 5:00 P.M.
Sunday Mass @ 8:30 A.M.
Sunday Mass @ 10:30 A.M.*
(*Our 10:30 A.M. Mass is also livestreamed)

Reservations are recommended to assist with contact tracing. Walk-ins are welcome, but must provide name and telephone number (or email) upon entry. Please visit our website or contact our Parish Office to register.

Weekday Mass Schedule:

Online Only

Wednesdays @ 8:30 A.M. (School Mass)
(Worship with us virtually on our Facebook Page or Twitch)

In-Person

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday @ 8:30 A.M.
First Friday Mass @ 5:30 P.M. each month followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction from 6:00-7:00 P.M.

Confessions:

Sunday mornings from 9:30 A.M.-10:30 A.M. (offered on an every other week basis beginning on **April 11th**)

(Special dates & times offered during Advent & Lent)

Baptisms:

Sundays @ 12:30 P.M.

Donate

Church & Special Collections:

Interested in supporting our parish, specific ministries and projects?

Please consider giving online at Give Central: www.givecentral.org/location/349

Offertory envelopes can also be mailed in or dropped off at our Parish Office.

School:

Interested in supporting Catholic Education for both present and future generations?

Please donate to our **Endowment Fund** (via Give Central) or support efforts by our **Holy Name Men’s Club** and **Parents Club** posted on our Social Media or featured in our bulletin.

Snapshots from our Blessing of the Easter Food on Holy Saturday with Fr. Robert



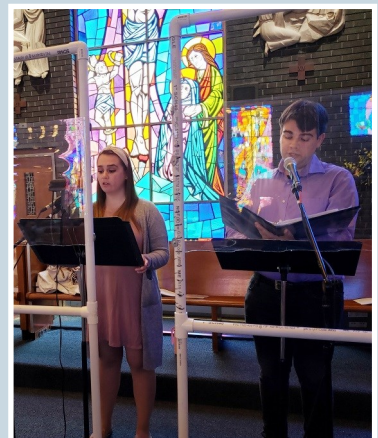
A Note Of Gratitude....

Our heartfelt thanks to all those who joined us during Holy Week & Easter, either in-person or virtually. With truly grateful hearts, we thank all of our *Art & Environment* volunteers (Cheryl, Claudia & Bob) for their work behind the scenes assisting our staff with decorating and preparing our Church for our Easter celebration. We also thank our dedicated *Parish Reopening Team* volunteers (led by Jocelyn Lim, Darlene Mroz and Joe Jummati) who graciously sacrificed time with their own families to serve as greeters, hand sanitizers and ushers at all of our Triduum & Easter Sunday Masses to help us continue to keep our parish family safe as we gathered together to celebrate the resurrection of our Savior. Many thanks to our Lectors (Rob, Darlene, Eddie, Joe, Mary, Erma, Rita & Jocelyn), our Altar Servers (Olivia & Nick), and our Seminarians (Joseph, Jacob & Lee) for their participation during our Triduum liturgies. May God abundantly bless all those who faithfully serve our IC community!



Snapshots from our Easter Sunday Celebration @ 12:30 P.M.





Please join our parish family in prayer ...

For those who are sick:



Tom Altman
 Concetta Bartucci
 Melissa Bednarz
 Baby Melanie Behren
 Robert Behrman
 Sonia M. B.
 Michael Breslin
 Vince Caeti
 Jackie Campbell
 Rita Castillo
 Donna Chaplin
 James Covello
 Howard Coyle
 Sherry Crocifisso
Sr. Mary Pat Cummings, SP
 Ronnie Cunningham
 Ozzie D'Souza
 Christina Dziekonski
 Betty Eggers

Richard Flanagan
 Brooke Foreman
 Lila Gehner
 Ofelia Hernandez
 Dennis M. Jaburek
 Esther Jarosh
 Helga Jarosz
 Erma Kinzie
 Wayne Kinzie
 Craig Kloss
 Lillian Kohut
 Marcia Mally
 Benny Martinez
 Edwin Martinez
 Frank Martinez
 Sam Milazzo
 Veronica Murillo
 Timothy Murray
 Judith Nosko

Mary Beth O'Grady
 Jackie O'Koniewski
 David Olson
 Mary Potwora
 Helen Rasmussen
 Bill Remblake
 David Rodriguez
 Elaine Schatz
 Jennie Sekula
 Don Skorey
 Dennis Slater
 Edward Stanczyk
 Marion Szumski
 Donna Tisdale
 Steven P. Trifilio
 John F. Vargo
 Henry Wagener

***Newly Added**

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:

Donald R. Krawzak
 Karen Avorywoskie
 Michael Faulhaber



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

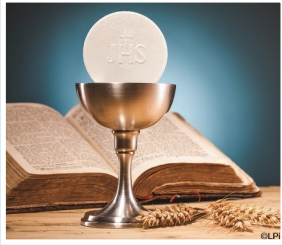


For those who serve our country:



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, April 11th
through
Sunday, April 18th*

Sunday, April 11th - Second Sunday of Easter (Sunday of Divine Mercy)

5:00 P.M. (Saturday) - †Rosemary Kwok; †Ann Kula; and †Edward Labuz

8:30 A.M. — †William Brander (Birthday Remembrance); and †Stefania & Walenty Poniecki;

10:30 A.M. — †Michael O'Donnell; †Vincenzo Porcelli; †Stanislaw Swiderski; †Ronald & Evelyn Rutkowski (Wedding Anniversary Remembrance); †Maria Virginia Pardo; †Marilyn Martin; †Jerry Heart; †Mary Lynch; †Norma Gotz Shaw; †Francis & Moira Cross; †Bertha Liberio; †Carlos Martinez; and The People of the Parish

Monday, April 12th - Easter Weekday

8:30 A.M. — †Les Brettman; and †Ann Kula

Tuesday, April 13th - Saint Martin I, Pope and Martyr

8:30 A.M. — †Elizabeth Serafin (Birthday Remembrance)

Wednesday, April 14th - Easter Weekday

8:30 A.M. (Virtual Mass) — †Stella Koziol

Thursday, April 15th - Easter Weekday

8:30 A.M. — †Sophie Sikorski (on her 14th Anniversary)

Friday, April 16th - Easter Weekday

8:30 A.M. — Claudine Merino (on her 55th Birthday) (Living)

Saturday, April 17th - Easter Weekday

5:00 P.M. - †Jason Walker; and †William Joseph Hanrahan

Sunday, April 18th - Third Sunday of Easter

8:30 A.M.- †Claudette Panfil; and †Frank & Estelle Lunski

10:30 A.M. — †Eleanor Brissette (on her 15th Anniversary); †Stanislaw Swiderski; †Victor Alvarado; †Andrea Garcia; †Miguel Garcia; †Bertha Liberio; †Marilyn K. Martin; †Nell Doherty; †Francis & Moira Cross; Carol Moritz (Living); and The People of the Parish



April 11th through April 17th

Our Sanctuary Lamp is burning this week for the prayer intention of

Claudine Merino
(on her 55th Birthday)

Requested by: Erma Kinzie



April 11th through April 16th

Our Blessed Mother Votive is burning this week for the prayer intention of

Sr. Mary Pat Cummings, SP



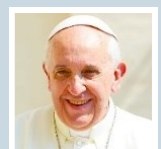
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Our St. Joseph Votive is burning this week for the repose of the soul of

Carm Schillinger

Pope Tweet of the Week...

"Dear brother, dear sister: if on this night you are experiencing an hour of darkness, a day that has not yet dawned, a light dimmed or a dream shattered, open your heart with amazement to the message of Easter: "Do not be afraid, He has risen!"



IC Catholic High School Scholarships

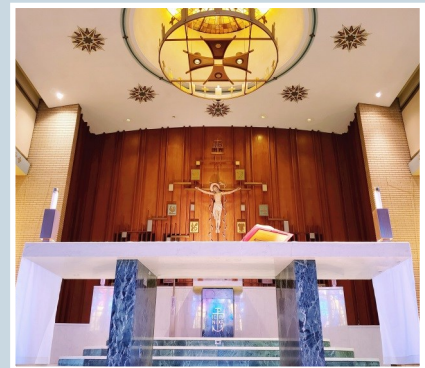


Applications are still being accepted online for our IC Catholic High School Scholarships. Due to the generosity of our donors, we are grateful to be able to offer eligible students these \$500 Scholarships to be applied towards their tuition at Catholic High Schools. All interested applicants/students must have either graduated from Immaculate Conception School (Talcott) or our Religious Education Program at Immaculate Conception (Talcott) and be enrolled in a Catholic High School for the 2021-2022 School Year in order to qualify for one of our scholarships. Please visit www.icchicago.org to apply by completing our IC Scholarship Application Form.

Please submit all questions and completed applications to Fr. Robert Carlton by email at rcarlton@archchicago.org. All completed application forms must be received by this **Monday, April 12, 2021**. We anticipate announcing the recipients of the Scholarships by **Friday, May 7, 2021**.

Join Us For Our Weekday Masses @ 8:30 A.M.

As of April 7th, we have resumed our regular Weekday morning Mass schedule at **8:30 A.M.** Walk-ins are welcome on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays – no pre-registration required. **Please note:** our **8:30 A.M. School Mass on Wednesday mornings** remains closed to the public **through the end of May**. Once this school year concludes, walk-ins will be welcome for our 8:30 A.M. Mass on Wednesday mornings **beginning in June**.



For the time being, all of our Weekday Masses will continue to be livestreamed via our Facebook page or via our Twitch Channel ([twitch.tv/icchicago](https://www.twitch.tv/icchicago)), so if you are unable to join us in-person, we encourage you to join us virtually.

Upcoming Opportunities For Confessions



Beginning this **Sunday, April 11th**, we will continue to offer opportunities to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Sunday mornings between our 8:30 A.M. and 10:30 A.M. Masses (**approximately from 9:30-10:30 A.M. – offered on an every other week basis.**) No registration required. We simply invite you to remain after our 8:30 A.M. Mass concludes or to arrive early for our 10:30 A.M. Mass if you would like to receive the Sacrament from Fr. Matt or Fr. Robert.

Please be advised: As we shift our Confession schedule to every other Sunday morning, **we will no longer be offering opportunities for Confessions on the first and third Tuesdays of each month from 6:00-7:00 P.M.**



Sunday: Acts 4:32-35/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 [1]/1 Jn 5:1-6/Jn 20:19-3
Monday: Acts 4:23-31/Ps 2:1-3, 4-7a, 7b-9 [cf. 11d]/Jn 3:1-8
Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5 [1a]/Jn 3:7b-15
Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [7a]/Jn 3:16-21
Thursday: Acts 5:27-33/Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20 [7a]/Jn 3:31-36
Friday: Acts 5:34-42/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 [cf. 4abc]/Jn 6:1-15
Saturday: Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19 [22]/Jn 6:16-21
Next Sunday: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19/Ps 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9 [7a]/1 Jn 2:1-5a/Lk 24:35-48

Gospel Meditation - Encourage a Deeper Understanding of Scripture



What a wonderful joy fills us today as we ponder the inexhaustible mercy of God. *"Mercy is the heart of God,"* Pope Francis tells us. The image of a heart has been used to point to the very life source of a person as it is the organ that allows life to flow through our veins and sustain us. Mercy is the heart of God. Imagine this dynamic, powerful, compassionate, piercing, embracing, loving, propelling, penetrating, absorbing, and enveloping, transforming presence of God flowing into the very depth of our souls. It is God's mercy that allows blood to flow through our veins. It is God's mercy that forms every atom of our being and leads us to what is true. God's mercy reveals all superficiality and falsehood, and lays bare all distortions, empty promises, weakness, and sin.

"Mercy is the force that reawakens us to new life and instills in us the courage to look to the future with hope," Pope Francis continues. God's all forgiving, compassionate love is with us. When we finally believe and accept that Christ's resurrected transfigured presence resides with us, we then find within us a strong confidence to accept life's imperfections and disappointments and move on. Every day is a new adventure in new life. God leaves the past behind and opens doors to the future. It doesn't matter how many mistakes we made yesterday. All that matters is what we do tomorrow and what we learn along the way. It is so easy to remain tethered and mired in the past, but there is no need to do so. God is all about tomorrow and the work God has yet to do in our lives.

Mercy gives birth to hope. Hope for the greatest of sinners and hope for the worst of disasters. There is nothing God cannot do and nothing God cannot fashion. After all, everything we know and treasure was once nothing, and look what God did with the nothing God had! The resurrected Christ stands before us with nail marks in his wrists and wounds on his body as a testament that not even injustice, suffering and death can trample over and destroy God's mercy. What have we to fear? Why do we keep ourselves from peace? Our lack of faith prevents us from going forward and fully receiving the holiness God desires to breathe upon us. Breathe in God's mercy, allow the wind of God's presence to kiss all of your sins and caress all of your fears. Exhale peace.

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Everyday Stewardship – Recognize God in your Ordinary Moments

Eye Has Not Seen

They say seeing is believing. But if you've ever ordered a pair of pants online, you know that's not always the case. Whatever the photos promise us, what looked like a perfectly nice shade of navy blue on our computer screens comes in the mail as an unusual shade of blue green that only appears in the giant box of Crayola crayons.

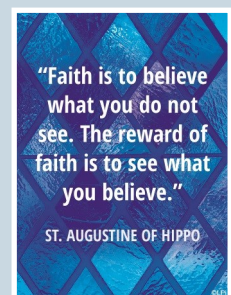
The Apostle Thomas, who couldn't bring himself to accept that Jesus had risen from the dead without seeing him, is such an utterly relatable figure in the Gospels. Thomas is still reeling from a loss — not only of his good friend but his Lord, who was taken prisoner and crucified before his eyes. Thomas is guarding himself. He's not believing the hype. He's going to be the only judge of what is real and what is fiction.

Would any of us be any different? We've all had those thoughts. Can we believe it all — Jesus, salvation history, the Eucharist — when we haven't seen it with our own two eyes? That's when we need to remember that those two eyes were absolutely positive they had ordered a pair of navy blue pants.

It's easy for us to sit back stroking our chins in judgment at Thomas, *"you didn't believe the testimony of your friends!"* But do we accept the testimony of our friends? The saints, the popes, the Church fathers themselves?

Sometimes the things that are most worthy of believing can't be seen with the naked eye.

– Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi





Our Parish Staff:

Fr. Matthew Heinrich, *Pastor*
Fr. Robert Carlton, *Associate Pastor*
Fr. Robert Fedek, *Weekend Assistant*
Deacon Rick & Carol Moritz
Deacon Ronald & Connie Gronek
Deacon Michael & Melissa Bednarz
Vincent Kennedy, *Director of Operations*
Scott Will, *Director of Worship*
Melissa Anna, *Office Administration & Communications/
 Bulletin Editor*
Marilyn Sadowski, *Receptionist*
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**Please note: new email addresses of our Parish Staff*

Our School Staff:

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Lisa Kessler, *School Accountant*
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What's Happening @ IC...

Monday, April 12th –
 8:30 A.M. – Weekday Mass; Church
 7:00-8:30 P.M. – Alpha Session; Zoom

Tuesday, April 13th -
 8:30 A.M. – Weekday Mass; Church
 6:30 P.M. – Finance Council Mtg.; Zoom

Wednesday, April 14th -
 7:00 P.M. – Pastoral Council Mtg.; Zoom
 7:30 P.M. – Parents Club Mtg.; Zoom

Thursday, April 15th –
 8:30 A.M. – Weekday Mass; Church
 7:00 P.M. – School Board Mtg.; Zoom

Friday, April 16th –
 8:30 A.M. – Weekday Mass; Church



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.icchicago.org to join our parish family.

Bulletin Deadline: The deadline for all bulletin submissions is Friday at Noon – 8 days prior to the Sunday it will appear. Bulletin submissions are accepted via email at: parishbulletin@icchicago.org (*Please note: new email address.)

For more information on upcoming events, please visit our parish website @ www.icchicago.org.