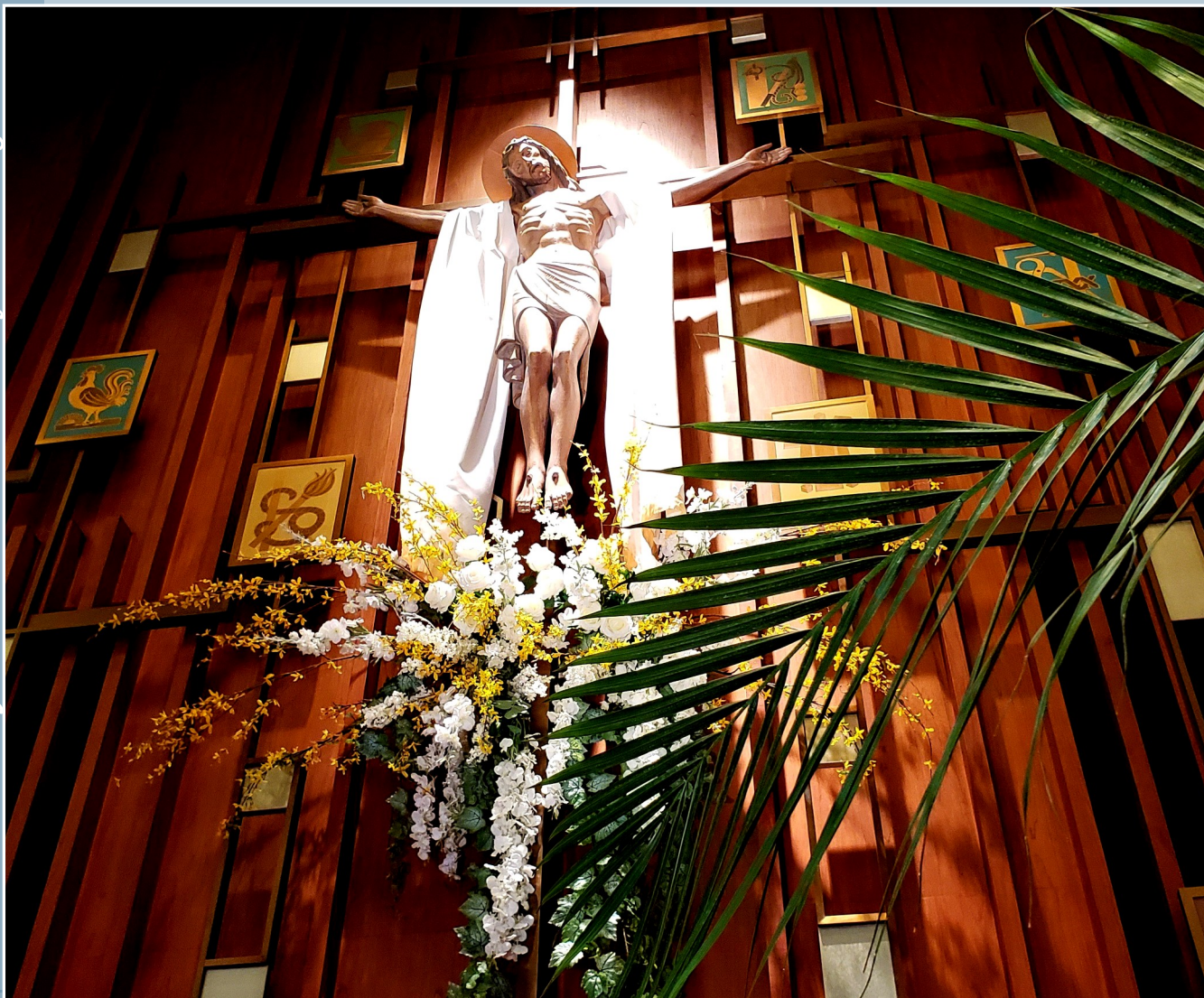


Welcome to
Immaculate Conception Parish

A Catholic Community Inviting People to Follow Christ

April 17, 2022 - Easter Sunday Of The Resurrection Of The Lord

This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.



"This man God raised on the third day and granted that he be visible, not to all the people, but to us, the witnesses chosen by God in advance, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead.

...To him all the prophets bear witness, that everyone who believes in him will receive forgiveness of sins through his name."

- Acts of the Apostles 10:40-41,43

Love God • Serve Others • Make Disciples

Contact Us

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Parish Office Hours:

Monday-Friday: 9:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.
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Sunday: Closed

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)

Capacity limits have been lifted and reservations are no longer required. Masks are now optional. All are welcome!

Church open for private prayer:
Monday-Friday: 8:00 A.M.-4:30 P.M.
Saturdays: 10:00 A.M.-6:00 P.M.

Weekday Mass Schedule:

Online

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

In-Person

Monday through 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.-10:15 A.M.
(offered every other Sunday)

Baptisms:

2nd & 4th Sundays of each month @ Noon
(except during Lent)

Adoration & Vespers:

1st & 3rd Saturdays of each month from 6:00-7:00 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?

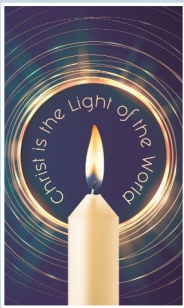
Please donate to our **Endowment Fund** (via Give Central) or support efforts by our **Holy Name Men's Club** and **Parents Club** posted on our Social Media or featured in our bulletin.

Christ Is Risen!

A blessed Easter to everyone here at Immaculate Conception! We celebrated the beautiful Triduum Masses, which re-presented the Last Supper, the Way of the Cross, and the Vigil which, in dramatic fashion, symbolically shows the darkness of sin and death being banished by the Light of the World.



As we emerge from our Lenten Season, we now prepare for our Easter celebrations. We recently concluded our Alpha Winter Session, our biggest one to date, in which many of our parishioners and neighbors opened themselves up to the workings of the Spirit. We will celebrate many baptisms in this new season, banishing Original Sin with the power of Christ's sacrifice. Our 2nd grade children are preparing for their First Communion in May, fulfilling a promise made at their baptism: that they would share in His sacrifice, calling God their Father in the midst of His Church.



There is still much work to be accomplished at Immaculate Conception, and that work centers on **renewal**. In our personal lives, renewal is about acknowledging that Jesus Christ is Lord. It is about acknowledging that faith is as much a relationship with God as it is belief, morals, and ritual. Renewal needs to take place in our community – both in our parish and school alike. When we renew our own hearts, they are made for love of God and love of neighbor. Our community needs ever more the impetus of seeing each other as brother and sister. We cannot acknowledge each other as such without genuinely knowing one another. Furthermore, we cannot know each other if we cannot spend time together.

To that end, I urge each parishioner: **consider joining Alpha**. Dozens of adults have already opened their hearts to Alpha and grown in a relationship with people outside of their natural circles (sports, clubs, grades, etc.) to find that all of us are searching for and need God. **Be a part of our regular worship**. Ritual and worship are not '*obligations*' in the legal sense, they are communal expressions of relationship, faith, and love of one who is called a child of God. Scripture and Sacrament are the foundation of a growing faith, they are responses from each of us to a relationship God extends to us. **Be generous to our community**. Generosity is sacrifice, which is to say that when we give, we should not open our other hand expecting something in return. Your generosity has allowed us to clean our campus and offer livestreaming services to our homebound, travelers, and those unable to be with us. So many of you have supported our Music Ministry and Maintenance funds, which we have reinvested directly back into our community. Likewise, your donations have helped us to invest in our parishioners as well, not for selfish ends, but to train and to prepare them for greater ministries moving forward.

As we conclude one season and move to the next, allow me to thank my staff: *Melissa, Scott, Vince, Cookie, Lisa, Marilyn, Elizabeth, Sue, Tina, Julie, Teri, Mary, Mike, Deacon Rick and Carol, Deacon Ron and Connie, Deacon Mike, and Fr. Robert*. To our Alpha and Evangelization Teams, our Councils, our organizations and groups, our teachers, and our volunteers, thank you all for your openness to the mission of the Church, the mission of IC, and for renewal in your own hearts.

I see and anticipate many more great things happening here at Immaculate Conception as we move forward together. Please consider being open to change, open to working with us, and open most of all to the Spirit who works within each one of us. It is only through Him that we can call God our Father, and only in Him that we say, "*Christ is risen!*"

- Fr. Matt



From The Desk Of Our Director Of Worship: Calling All IC Families...

During the pandemic, we were forced to suspend gift-bearing at our Masses. With the worst of this behind us, we would like to resume our tradition of families bringing up the bread and wine during the *Preparation of Gifts*. If your family is called to this ministry, we would very much like to hear from you. The process is simple. You simply bring the gifts from the back of our church to the foot of the altar during our preparation hymn. You may contact our parish office at 773.775.3833 to sign up for a particular weekend/Mass. You may also email swill@icchicago.org and I will alert our Greeters that you will be bringing up the Gifts. Please do consider participating. Our IC families are the life blood of our parish. Your physical presence and participation are critical to our mission of spreading Gospel values throughout our community. Peace — Scott

*With Profound Thanks: A Note of Gratitude Regarding Our Lenten Food Drive*

IC is truly "the place to be". Our Parish Staff would like to thank each and every one of our contributors to our Lenten Food Drive. Whether you donated food or contributed money online via *Give Central*...we thank you for your generosity! Together, our IC community donated almost 100 boxes of food to the Catholic Charities Food Pantry of Des Plaines this Lent. This gesture is truly representative of who we are as a parish family. Our mission and values are clear. We love God, serve others, and make disciples.

We would be remiss if we did not acknowledge the dedicated efforts of two people in particular: Colleen Mulligan and her husband, Carey Orr. Once our parish leadership decided to host a food drive during Lent, organizing and coordinating the logistics of such an endeavor seemed a bit daunting at first (given the small size of our staff.) To that end, we approached Carey and Colleen, and with absolutely no hesitation on their part, we received a simple "of course we will!" in response to our request to assist us with our Lenten service project. Over the course of the past five weeks, our faithful couple made multiple trips to the Catholic Charities Food Pantry in Des Plaines, sorting and delivering much-needed food to our brothers and sisters in need. This generosity is truly who we are as a people of God. A job well done, good and faithful servants! Thank you, thank you, thank you! - Fr. Matt & our entire IC Staff

*ICPC Spring Gala: "IC-The Place To Be" - Friday, April 29th @ 6:30 P.M.*

After a two year hiatus, **Immaculate Conception Parents Club** is proud to announce the return of our **Spring Gala, "IC -The Place To Be"** which will be held on **Friday, April 29th from 6:30 P.M. until 11:00 P.M.**
@ **The Lido Banquet Hall** (5504 N. Milwaukee Avenue — Chicago.)

Entry Tickets may be purchased through our *Spring Gala Hand Bid* site: handbid.app.link/ICThePlaceToBe (\$75.00 per ticket: includes entry fee, heavy hors d'oeuvres and an open bar.) As space is limited, please **RSVP** at your earliest convenience if you are interested in joining us.

Spring Gala Cash Raffle Tickets may be purchased via *SmartTuition*: <https://bngn.blackbaud.school/?id=0jj30ugkwdn> (\$25.00 per ticket)
Grand Prize: \$5,000 **2nd Prize:** \$1,000 **3rd Prize:** \$500
(Winner need not be present at the time of drawing on Friday, April 29th.)

Members of our IC Parents Club will also have Spring Gala Cash Raffle Tickets & Basket Raffle Tickets available for purchase in the Vestibule of our Church after all Masses next weekend, **April 23rd & 24th.**

Questions? Please contact Mary Ellen or Nicole via email at ICGALA2022@gmail.com

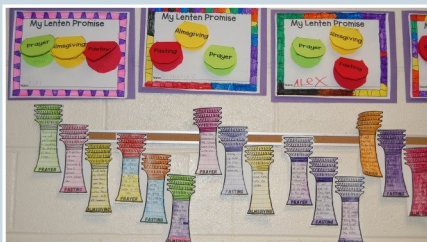
Join us for an evening of fun, friendship, and fundraising in support of Immaculate Conception School!





Easter Art Projects

In celebration of Easter, our School halls are currently adorned with artwork created by our talented students during their Lenten journey!



Immaculate Conception Catholic High School Scholarships

Applications are currently being accepted online for our IC Catholic High School Scholarships. 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 2022-2023 School Year to qualify for one of our scholarships. To apply by completing our IC Scholarship Application Form, please visit: icchicago.org/discover-ic/ic-catholic-hs-scholarships.cfm **All completed application forms must be received by Fr. Robert Carlton by Sunday, May 1, 2022.** The number and amount of the scholarships awarded is dependent upon the amount of money raised. We will communicate that information immediately after the application deadline concludes.

During the application process, we will still be gratefully accepting donations to our Scholarship Fund, so if you would like to contribute electronically, please either visit: givecentral.org/location/349/event/28631 or scan the following QR code with your phone:

Our heartfelt thanks to those who have already generously contributed to our Scholarship Fund!



Please join our parish family in prayer ...



Tom Altman
Paul Amandes
Arnold B.
Deacon Mike Bednarz
Robert Behrman
Sonia M. B.
Roberta Berger
John Bozek
Vince Caeti
Mary Cali
Zita Castro
Donna Chaplin
Marie Conway
James Covello
Ronnie Cunningham
Paige Dicks
Margarita DiSalvo
Paula Drew
Ozzie D'Souza
Joan Fabiano
Richard Flanagan
Brooke Foreman
Patricia Furgat
Lila Gehner

For those who are sick:

Bonnie Jean Gorski
Deacon Ron Gronek
Ofelia Hernandez
Kevin Jaburek
Wayne Kinzie, Sr.
Craig Kloss
Maureen McGee Kogen
Lillian Kohut
Katherine Kreuser
Anthony LaPash
Tina LaPash
Benny Martinez
Edwin Martinez
Frank Martinez
Gerry Michalek, Jr.
Molly Morris
Veronica Murillo
Timothy Murray
Brendan Nelson
Anne O'Brien
John O'Brien
Jackie O'Koniewski
David Olson
Ashton Peterson

Leo Pfest
Mary Potwora
Helen Rasmussen
Rosaleen Reilly
Bill Remblake
Joe Rispoli
Pia Rizza
David Rodriguez
Elaine Schatz
Jennie Sekula
Don Skorey
Edward Stanczyk
Wivina Stremel
Alma T.
Donna Tisdale
Camilla Trevino
Steven P. Trifilio
Peter Vandenberg
Mary Ellen Vanderman
Henry Wagener
Miss Westhoff
Rita Zambon

***Newly Added**

For our faithful departed:

Merle Ann Sudie (Mother of Brian and Keith Sudie)
Dorothy M. D'Souza (Wife of Ozzie)



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

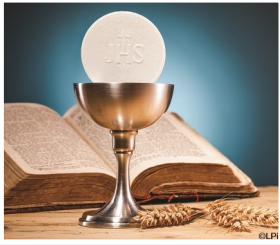


For those who serve our country:



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, LCDR Christopher Jenkins, PO Thomas T. Tudisco
U.S. Air Force - John Christopher Ocasio, Major Laurel Walsh, Major Paul H. Kolk, LT. COL. Michael O'Koniewski; Captain Colleen Bernal
U.S. Marines - Sean Gronset, PFC Sebastian L. Rivera, Jr., PFC Christopher Hughes, PFC Algene D. Porticos, LCpl Daniel Wiczorek

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 17th
through
Sunday, April 24th*

Sunday, April 17th - Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

8:30 A.M. — †Ada Acevedo; †Frank & Estelle Lunski; †Claudette Panfil; †Stanislaw Swiderski; †Dan Bridges; †Lourdes Baltazar; †Francis & Moira Cross; and †Stefania & Walenty Poniecki

10:30 A.M. — †Edward Labuz; †Sophie Sikorski (on her 15th Anniversary); †Sr. Mary Julianne Maciuszek, C.R.; †Cardinal George; †Tom Tudisco; †Dorothy & Frank Tudisco; †Eleanor Brissette (on her 16th Anniversary); †Jose Juachon; Claudine Merino (on her 56th Birthday) (Living); Arlene Matusiak (on her 80th Birthday) (Living); Carol Moritz (on her Birthday) (Living); and The People of the Parish

12:30 P.M. — †Alejandro Maldonado

Monday, April 18th - Monday within the Octave of Easter

8:30 A.M. — †Richard Pawlowski; Mark Joseph Ong (on his Birthday) (Living); and Carol Moritz (Birthday) (Living)

Tuesday, April 19th - Tuesday within the Octave of Easter

8:30 A.M. — The Machala & Moskal Families (Living & Deceased Members); and Alicia M. Ong (on her Birthday) (Living)

Wednesday, April 20th - Wednesday within the Octave of Easter

8:30 A.M. — †Concetta Bartucci; †Ted & Mary Bednarz (Birthday Remembrance); and †Ricky Baltazar

Thursday, April 21st - Thursday within the Octave of Easter

8:30 A.M. — †Les & Barbara Burton; and Mary Herward (on her Birthday) (Living)

Friday, April 22nd - Friday within the Octave of Easter

8:30 A.M. — †Carm Schillinger (Birthday Remembrance); †Gerald M. Halvey; †Anacleto Mendoza (Death Anniversary); †Ricardo Mendoza (Death Anniversary); †Fortunato Medina (on his 40th Day Anniversary) and Scott Kinzie (on his 56th Birthday) (Living)

Saturday, April 23rd - Saturday within the Octave of Easter

5:00 P.M. — †Gloria Budziak; †Sean Meenan; and †Bruno, Assunta, & Enzo Pagnucci

Sunday, April 24th - Sunday of Divine Mercy (Second Sunday of Easter)

8:30 A.M. — †Dan Bridges; and †George Buschauer

10:30 A.M. — †Larry Ghidara (on his 6th Anniversary); †Nicola & Anna Chiusolo; †Frank & Margherita Martino; †Thomas McNicholas; †Francis & Moira Cross; †Fr. Ronan Newbold, C.P.; †Maria Celina Alvarez; †Rosalba Jacome; and The People of the Parish

April 17th through April 23rd

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

Carol Moritz
(on her Birthday)

Requested by: Nancy Kanoon

April 17th through April 22nd

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

Maureen McGee Kogen

Requested by: The McGee Family

April 17th through April 22nd

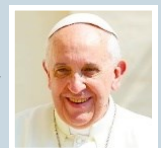
Our St. Joseph Votive is burning this week for the repose of the soul of

Isaac Kanoon
(on his 7th Anniversary)

Requested by: Nancy Kanoon

Pope Tweet of the Week...

"In this season of conversion, sustained by God's grace and by the communion of the Church, let us not grow tired of doing good. The soil is prepared by fasting, watered by prayer and enriched by charity."



Easter 2022

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

As we gather this year to celebrate the Lord's Resurrection, we cannot avoid our circumstances. Shadows of sin and death loom large over us. The pandemic, our experience of social unrest and daily violence on our streets, and, of course, the horrors of war in Ukraine and other parts of the world—all remind us how much we need the Lord's redemptive and healing power in our lives.

Our source of hope amid these challenges is anchored in all that we have witnessed in the liturgies of Holy Week. We have celebrated that the Lord Jesus entered into the fullness of our human experience. He went to the very darkest edges of that human experience. He entered into our suffering, struggle, and even our desperation, when he cried out on the cross, "My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?" He squarely faced sin and death on the cross.

And it was precisely in the moment he fully emptied himself, placing himself totally in the hands of God, that he was raised up from the dead victorious. But, his rising from the dead is not just a matter of his personal vindication. He came back from the dead for us, to give us a share in his victory. This is what takes place in our Baptism, which is confirmed in the Holy Spirit, and sustained by the Eucharist. He lives in us, and his victory over sin and death lives in us as well.

As Pope Francis reminds us, we need to share the victory of the resurrection with others, as Jesus did with us. We do this by being sisters and brothers to one another. As Church, we are a family of faith that walks with each other in moments of pain, struggle, and grief, keeping alive the promise that Jesus, the victor over sin and death, remains with us. We are never abandoned. My prayer for all of us in the Archdiocese of Chicago is that we will stand firm in hope, confident that the One who has gone before us in death has come back from the dead for us. May the peace of the Risen Lord be with you and those you love.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Blase Cupic, Archbishop
Archbishop of Chicago

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Gospel Meditation - Encourage a Deeper Understanding of Scripture



There are many stones in our paths that keep us from truly living and being free. Some of these boulders have been there for a very long time. They have been there so long that they have even settled into the soil of our lives with other weeds, vines, and compacted soil keeping them firmly in place. We find them hard to move and trying to do so can be exhausting. What are these suffocating albatrosses that keep us so tethered and immobile? They are many things.

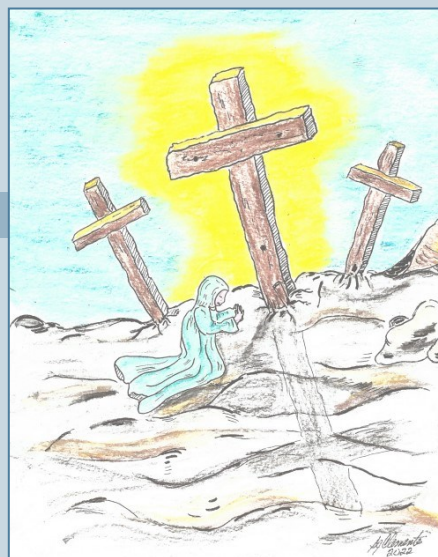
They are past childhood wounds and hurts that stem from disappointment, rejection, or abuse. People may have told us we were unwanted, that the world is frightening, that there are only some acceptable feelings you can have and others you cannot. We may have tried to love someone or struggled to figure out how and were met with rejection. Maybe we trusted someone completely and were betrayed. We come to life collecting barnacles that begin to attach to other barnacles and before you know it, we have a mass of solid matter blocking our vision and keeping us from moving. We live in fear. We are afraid of losing what we have, afraid that the future will be empty, afraid that we won't succeed and even more afraid that we will not be loved. There is so much fear. Didn't Jesus tell us not to worry and to not be afraid? Either we believe in the message of Easter, or we don't!

Go confidently into the night. Walking with God you will find the light and strength you need. Often without even knowing, God will move those boulders and stumbling blocks that bind us and, with putting one foot in front of the other and looking forward, we will move. The resurrection of Christ is really all about receiving the gifts of trust and faith and doing new things. The rocks that bind us keep us spinning the same wheels and doing the same things. When was the last time you threw caution to the wind and actually did something totally out of character and different? This is where we find God, in the spontaneous, the adventurous, the fun, and the creative choices we make! God is not boring and stuck. God is exciting and engaging. Jesus Christ is risen from the dead! Find a way to trust that this is true and live. ©LPi

Easter Sunday Collection

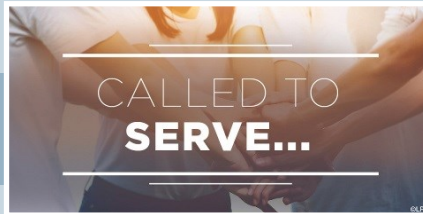


Our parish ministries rely upon your generosity so please prayerfully consider giving or increasing your gift this Easter (if you are able.) Your contributions will be gratefully accepted by our ushers as they pass the collection baskets during Offertory time @ our Easter Masses. You can also donate online via Give Central: givecentral.org/location/349/event/7746. Whichever method you choose to assist us with our mission, your continued support of IC is genuinely appreciated!



Ministry Schedules: Saturday, April 23rd & Sunday, April 24th

	Saturday 5:00 P.M.	Sunday 8:30 A.M.	Sunday 10:30 A.M.
Presiders	Fr. Matthew Heinrich	Fr. Robert Fedek	Fr. Robert Carlton
Lectors	N. Kremer	J. Semmler	J. Campbell & N. Schroeder
Cantors	Vocal Quintet	Vocal Quintet & Violin	Vocal Quintet & Violin
Extraordinary Ministers	S. Witz	L. Delana	R. Siciliano
Altar Servers	L. Love; C. Villafane; K. Yau	J. Losik; O. Magruder; G. Reichle	P. Beckman; A. Callinan; E. Peters



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Deacon Ronald & Connie Gronek

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What's Happening @ IC...

Monday, April 18th – Easter Monday

Parish Office Closed

Friday, April 22nd –

8:00-10:00 P.M. – Men's Basketball; PC

Saturday, April 23rd –

**CH (Vestibule) - Parents Club Spring Gala Cash Raffle &
Raffle Basket Ticket Sale (@ 5:00 P.M. Mass)**

Sunday, April 24th –

**CH (Vestibule) - Parents Club Spring Gala Cash Raffle & Raffle Basket
Ticket Sale (@ 8:30 A.M. & 10:30 A.M. Masses)**

9:30-10:15 A.M. – Confessions; CH

11:30 A.M.-1:00 P.M. – Evangelization Team Mtg.; RA



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.



Join our Seminarians on **Sunday, May 1st** @ **11:30 A.M.** in our Rector's Assembly for the final session of our 3-part "Fruitful Harvest" series which will focus on "The Gift of Liturgy & Prayer." All are welcome!

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