Welcome to Immaculate Conception Parish

A Catholic Community Inviting People to Follow Christ

April 18, 2021 - Third Sunday Of Easter



"Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day and that repentance, for the forgiveness of sins, would be preached in his name." - Luke 24:46-47

Love God • Serve Others • Make Disciples

Contact Us

Parish Office Hours:

: 7211 W. Talcott Avenue Chicago, IL. 60631

: 773.775.3833

Saturday: Sunday:

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

Parish Website: □ www.icchicago.org

School Website: 🖳 : www.iccowboys.net

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: parishoffice@icchicago.org (Please note: new email address)

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.

Social Media

Twitch:

Membership-free platform where all are welcome to view our Masses and access content. Visit us at www.twitch.tv/icchicago



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 as of 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.

The Paschal Mystery

Inspired by my retreat last week as well as my time back, I feel it is important to express that the Easter season encompasses the mysteries of our faith. Without the Resurrection there would be no Christianity, without the Ascension there would be no hopefulness to our human condition, and without the Pentecost there would be no assurance of grace.

Three words that hold a central importance to this mystery are:

Alleluia – "Praise the Lord." Amen – "I believe." Peace

The Paschal mystery, the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of the Lamb, centers around praise, belief, and peace. What challenges these three things? Suffering, Death, and Sin. Suffering affects our ability to praise, death our beliefs, and sin our peace.

Lent tells us the story of Jesus' suffering so we can praise God's goodness. It tells us of His death so we can trust in His love for us. His resurrection assures us of the victory Christ won against sin, how it no longer has power over our souls.

The reason we have forty (really fifty) days of Easter are a reminder of the celebration that we *owe* God. Our celebration is not only food and drink, but of a celebration of justice, generosity, meekness, and righteousness. Food is a bodily praise, whereas a generous heart is spiritual praise. Both are acceptable but the latter is preferred and superior. Jesus permitted us to eat and drink, but He also commanded us to love as His Father has loved us.

As we progress through the Easter Season, be open to new articles and updates about how you can be generous in your faith and generous to IC. The generosity of God afforded us peace. Our generosity must also be at the service of others.

Fr. Matt

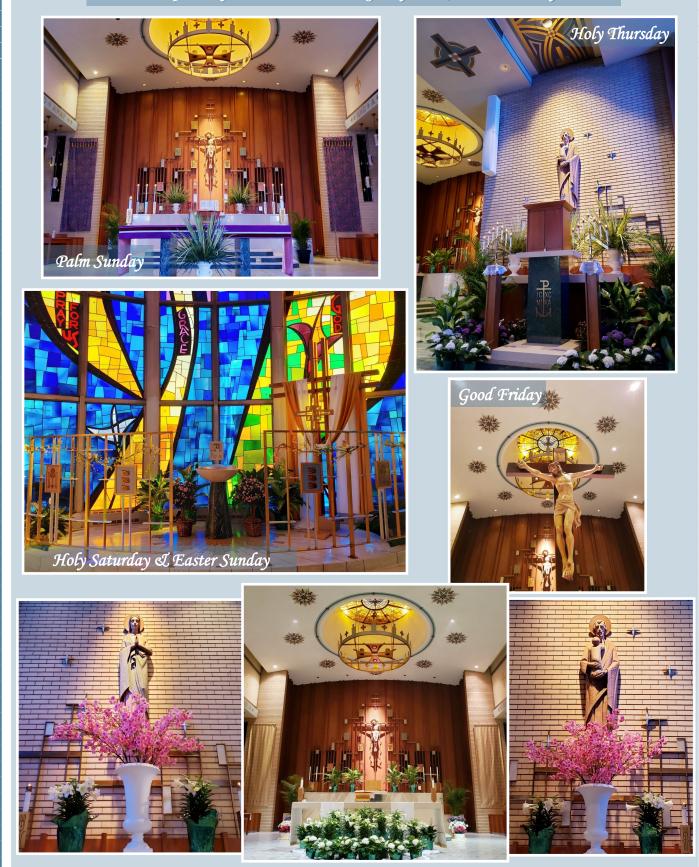


Scenic snapshots from Fr. Matt's retreat in Arizona





Snapshots of our Decorations during Holy Week & Easter Sunday



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chool News...

Using i-Ready Reading/Math Program in First Grade

This year, our students are using the i-Ready interactive online learning program that provides assessment and instruction based upon each student's unique needs. It's designed to help learners of all abilities, but most importantly, our first grade students in Room 9 love it! They are thrilled with the reading and math online lessons and eagerly look forward to advancing in the program. Keep going first graders! - Ms. Pawelek















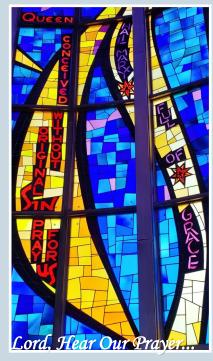








Please join our parish family in prayer ...



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 Sherry Crocifisso Sr. Mary Pat Cummings, SP Sam Milazzo Ronnie Cunningham Paige Dicks Ozzie D'Souza Christina Dziekonski Richard Flanagan

For those who are sick:

Brooke Foreman Lila Gehner Ofelia Hernandez Dennis M. Jaburek Helga Jarosz Erma Kinzie Wayne Kinzie Craig Kloss Lillian Kohut Marcia Mally **Benny** Martinez Edwin Martinez Frank Martinez 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:

Esther M. Jarosh Robert S. Konczal (Father of Renee Baio)



"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 18th through Sunday, April 25th

Sunday, April 18th - Third Sunday of Easter
5:00 P.M. (Saturday) - [†]Jason Walker; [†]William Joseph Hanrahan; and [†]Claudette Panfil;
8:30 A.M. - [†]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

Monday, April 19th – *Easter Weekday* 8:30 A.M. – Sr. Mary Pat Cummings, SP (Living)

Tuesday, April 20th - Easter Weekday 8:30 A.M. – ⁺Clair Tyson

Wednesday, April 21st - Saint Anselm, Bishop and Doctor of the Church 8:30 A.M. (Virtual Mass) – [†]Robert Konczal

Thursday, April 22nd – *Easter Weekday* 8:30 A.M. – [†]Carm Schillinger (Birthday Remembrance); and Scott Kinzie (on his 51st Birthday) (Living)

Friday, April 23rd - Saint George, Martyr; Saint Adalbert, Bishop and Martyr 8:30 A.M. – [†]Michael Faulhaber

Saturday, April 24th - Saint Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest and Martyr 5:00 P.M. - [†]Diane Sprincz

Sunday, April 25th – *Fourth Sunday of Easter* 8:30 A.M.– [†]Stanislaw Swiderski; and Gene Dengler (Living) 10:30 A.M.– [†]Frank & Margherita Martino; [†]Anna & Nicola Chiusolo; [†]Christopher Janicki; [†]Esther Jarosh; [†]Francis & Moira Cross; and The People of the Parish





Him. In our failings He sees children to help up; in our misery He sees children in need

of His merciful love."

WITH JOYFUL HEARTS, WE WELCOME OUR NEWLY BAPTIZED.



Addison Kathleen Escher Child of John Joseph & Danielle Louise (Bopp) Escher



Nora Joanne O'Brien Child of Kevin Michael & Sarah Kathleen (King) O'Brien



James & Jennifer Buckner and their children James & Charles Jason Van Sky & Annmarie Baiocchi and their child Parker John & Elizabeth Stachulski and their child Brooklyn

Nicholas Arguelles



Sunday: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19/Ps 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9 [7a]/1 Jn 2:1-5a/Lk 24:35-48 Monday: Acts 6:8-15/Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30 [1ab]/Jn 6:22-29 Tuesday: Acts 7:51 – 8:1a/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 7b and 8a, 17 and 21ab [6a]/Jn 6:30-35 Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8/Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a [1]/Jn 6:35-40 Thursday: Acts 8:26-40/Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20 [1]/Jn 6:44-51 Friday: Acts 9:1-20/Ps 117:1bc, 2 [Mk 16:15]/Jn 6:52-59 Saturday: Acts 9:31-42/Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 [12]/Jn 6:60-69 Next Sunday: Acts 4:8-12/Ps 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29 [22]/1 Jn 3:1-2/ Jn 10:11-18

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Gospel Meditation - Encourage a Deeper Understanding of Scripture



We often act out of ignorance. Armed with the best of intentions, we think we are seeing clearly and correctly, but we are not. We don't always understand the full meaning of things and only perceive part of the truth. Hence, our judgments and actions can be impaired by myopic, incomplete or erroneous perceptions. The meaning of life, understanding of human experience, and negotiating life's challenges can all become skewed without proper understanding and vision. The resurrection of Christ is the corrective to our incomplete and limited view of life. Looking at things with the eyes of faith brings a depth of clarity and understanding to how

we see God, ourselves, others, and the world.

Even the disciples struggled with their limited understanding and ignorant perceptions. It was only when Jesus opened their minds to understand the Scriptures that their eyes were opened. It was their "*aha*" moment when everything clicked. We all want the substance of our lives to come together, make sense, and have meaning. This is easier to achieve when things are going positively and life is good. It is when suffering, disappointment, death, hardship, and injustice enter the picture that things can become unsettled and disoriented. Our faith in the goodness and love of God is tested. We tend to shift our focus on these difficult and challenging moments and do not see them within the greater picture of how God intends life to unfold. We can gain, from the passion and resurrection of Christ, the clear vision we need in order to move away from ignorance to enlightenment.

We need our "*aha*" moment when everything comes together and clicks. It can come in a fleeting instant when we feel totally connected with God, where we find ourselves, others and all of creation. It is a moment when all is right and good, regardless of how difficult our journey. Our "*aha*" moment assures us that God is here, right with us, in us and around us bringing us a gift and blessing we can receive nowhere else: peace. In those brief sacramental encounters when we are lifted up out of ourselves and centered, we can hear God say, "*peace be with you*," and we feel secure. It's all okay. The resurrected Christ has the power to bring this gift to us. Some people, as they are facing their deaths, remark about this peace. When looking into the window of eternity, they experience a depth of joy and are amazed at God's goodness and closeness. We are called to be witnesses to this Good News.

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Everyday Stewardship - Recognize God in your Ordinary Moments

How to Fail Your Way to Heaven...

You know what are some of my favorite moments in Scripture? The little "*Easter eggs*" of Jesus' humanity, things like Jesus falling asleep, Jesus drawing in the sand, Jesus playing with kids. And how about Jesus rising from the dead, appearing to his disciples and saying, "*So, have you got anything to eat*?"

It's right for us to always keep in mind that Jesus is God. But we also have to remember that he was man. He got hungry. He cried when he felt sad and laughed when he felt happy. He got tired. He got bored.

Because he was God, none of those feelings ever led him into sin, like they do us. He never spent a car ride trying to pass the hours by seeing how annoyed he



could make his older sister. He never smacked Peter over the head for saying something really stupid. But he did unleash some Biblically righteous anger on those traders in the temple, didn't he? And he wasn't shy about calling Peter "*a Satan*" when his friend tempted him to take the easy way out.

It's the tightrope walk we all try to balance every day, honoring our human emotions while still answering God's call to be better. Being perfect isn't the domain of the Christian — that's the domain of Christ only. Trying and failing, then trying again (and failing again) and again and again? That's the domain of the Christian.

- 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 Bernadette Anna, Parish Sacristan Michael La Haye, Head of Maintenance Anthony Vitali, Maintenance

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What's Happening @ IC...

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Sunday, April 25th-9:30-10:30 A.M. - Confessions; Church

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

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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.)

