

Welcome to
Immaculate Conception Parish

A Catholic Community Inviting People to Follow Christ

April 24, 2022 - Second Sunday Of Easter (Sunday Of Divine Mercy)

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



*"Do not be afraid. I am the first and the last, the one who lives.
Once I was dead, but now I am alive forever and ever."
- Revelations 1:17-18*

Love God • Serve Others • Make Disciples

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Parish Office Hours:

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

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.

Online

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

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.

Reflections From Fr. Robert Carlton: Live In The Light



Wednesday of the second week of Easter features one of the more well-known Gospel passages, which is taken from the third chapter of John: *"For everyone who does wicked things hates the light...but whoever lives the truth comes to the light, so that his works may be clearly seen as done in God."* This particular Gospel from John is one of the more famous ones in the Gospels because of the line *"God so loved the world that he gave his only-begotten Son,"* a message that is truly at the core of the entire Gospels. But, right after this line, and in a line that should also be taken as indispensable to the Gospel message, is that Jesus wants us to live in the light – and if you live in the light, you will be transparent and you will follow the prayer that is said when people are ordained deacons in the church: *"Believe what you read. Teach what you believe. Practice what you teach."*

Notice that it does not say to believe what you think you ought to be reading, or teach what you think your superiors want you to be teaching. It also does not say to disregard things that you do not agree with or to pretend that they are simply not there, nor does it say to limit yourself to only things that are consistent with your preferences. Rather, the prayer says in essence, to be yourself and to be who you actually are.

On one level, this seems obvious, as people are instructed constantly in schools these days to be themselves, and certainly no one would be taken seriously if they actually advocated others trying to act and be like someone else. Also, corporations, the media, politicians, and seemingly everyone who has access to a microphone these days, tend to talk endlessly about transparency and being *"true to yourself."* However, the fact that people find a need to speak constantly about the importance of transparency would seem to suggest that quite a few people are not actually being particularly transparent, which should not be surprising, but also it would suggest that people do not really want others to be all that transparent with them, as they only appear willing to hear what they want to hear.

One thing that I would hope this Gospel would encourage people to do is to reflect genuinely on the level of transparency in their own lives, and not just in what they are personally doing, but in the level of transparency that they are willing to receive from others. Reasonable people want to receive honest feedback, but how often do you get honest feedback (when it is offered in a genuine way) and simply reject it when it is not what you want to hear? To give one specific example, why is it that people say they want political candidates to speak the truth, but whenever they do speak the truth and tell people what they *need* to hear (and not simply what they *want* to hear), the candidate that does that never seems to win anything? So, remember to live in the light and believe what you read, teach what you believe, and practice what you teach. - Fr. Robert

Fruitful Harvest Series - Sunday, May 1st @ 11:30 A.M.

IC Catholic High School Scholarships

Deacon Joseph

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Joseph

Rectory Assembly

Fruitful Harvest: Perspectives From A Seminarian's Journey

Sunday @ 11:30 A.M. 5/1: Liturgy & Prayer



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 next Sunday, May 1st.** The number and amount of the scholarships awarded is dependent upon the amount of money raised.

During the application process, we are still gratefully accepting donations to our Scholarship Fund, so if you would like to contribute electronically, please scan the following QR code with your phone:



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

Congratulations Mina and Jordan!



Mina & her son Jordan
with their Sponsors, Wayne & Erma Kinzie

This Easter Vigil, our Immaculate Conception Parish community was blessed to have *Mina Lee Acevedo* initiated into our Catholic faith through the reception of the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Eucharist. For Confirmation, she was joined by her son *Jordan*. Longtime parishioners *Erma and Wayne Kinzie* served as Mina's and Jordan's Sponsors, respectively. We warmly welcome *Mina and Jordan* into our Catholic family! Please pray for their continued growth in our precious Catholic faith. - *Deacon Rick and Carol*

If you are interested in learning more about our RCIA Program, please visit:
icchicago.org/connect/rcia-becoming-catholic.cfm or contact Deacon Rick: rmoritz@icchicago.org



Mina & her son Jordan with Fr. Matt



Mina & her son Jordan with Wayne & Erma Kinzie
and Deacon Rick & Carol Moritz

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

Immaculate Conception Parents Club will be hosting their **Spring Gala, "IC -The Place To Be"** 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 hor 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 **this 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!





Living Stations Of The Cross

On Wednesday, April 13th, Immaculate Conception School middle school students (under the direction of Ms. Julie Szewdo) reenacted our Lord's sacrifice (and the history of our salvation) during their presentation of the *Living Stations of the Cross* as our entire student body joined together in prayer following our 8:30 A.M. School Mass.



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
Joseph Henmueller
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:

John Joseph Russell (Husband of Margaret)
Margarita Noemi Almanza
Brother Edwin (Donald) Dupre, F.S.C.
Virginia E. Jonaitis



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

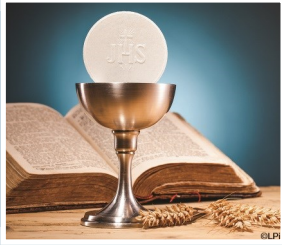


For those who serve our country:



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 24th
through
Sunday, May 1st*

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

5:00 P.M. (Saturday) – †Gloria Budziak; †Sean Meenan; and †Bruno, Assunta, & Enzo Pagnucci

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

Monday, April 25th – Saint Mark, Evangelist

8:30 A.M. – †Tommy Bonner

Tuesday, April 26th – Easter Weekday

8:30 A.M. – All Living & Deceased Priests & Religious

Wednesday, April 27th – Easter Weekday

8:30 A.M. – The Machala & Moskal Families (Living & Deceased Members)

Thursday, April 28th – Saint Peter Chanel, Priest and Martyr; Saint Louis Grignon de Montfort, Priest

8:30 A.M. – †Martin Qwery; and †Crispulo Medina (Death Anniversary)

Friday, April 29th – Saint Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church

8:30 A.M. – †Catherine Lacey; †Martin Kearney; †Francis Fader; and †Nicholas Fader

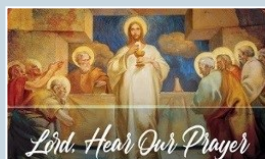
Saturday, April 30th – Saint Pius V, Pope

5:00 P.M. – †Mieczslawa Jastrzebzka; †Stanislaw Swiderski; †Paolo Erricolo; Phylicia Abraham (on her Birthday) (Living); and Arnold B. (Living)

Sunday, May 1st – Third Sunday of Easter

8:30 A.M. – †Gaetana “Donna” Bova; †Dan Bridges; †George Buschauer; and Mr. & Mrs. Rodolfo O. Ong & Family (Living) (In Thanksgiving)

10:30 A.M. – †Tommy Fuller; †Joseph Rutterer; †Frank Lucaso; †Patricia Janowiak (on her 1st Anniversary); †Francis & Moira Cross; Marc Jordan (Living) (on his Birthday); and The People of the Parish



April 24th through April 30th

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

Dorothy D'Souza

April 24th through April 29th

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

Maureen McGee Kogen

Requested by: The McGee Family

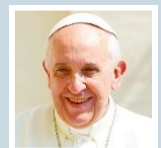
April 24th through April 29th

Our St. Joseph Votive is burning this week for the prayer intention of

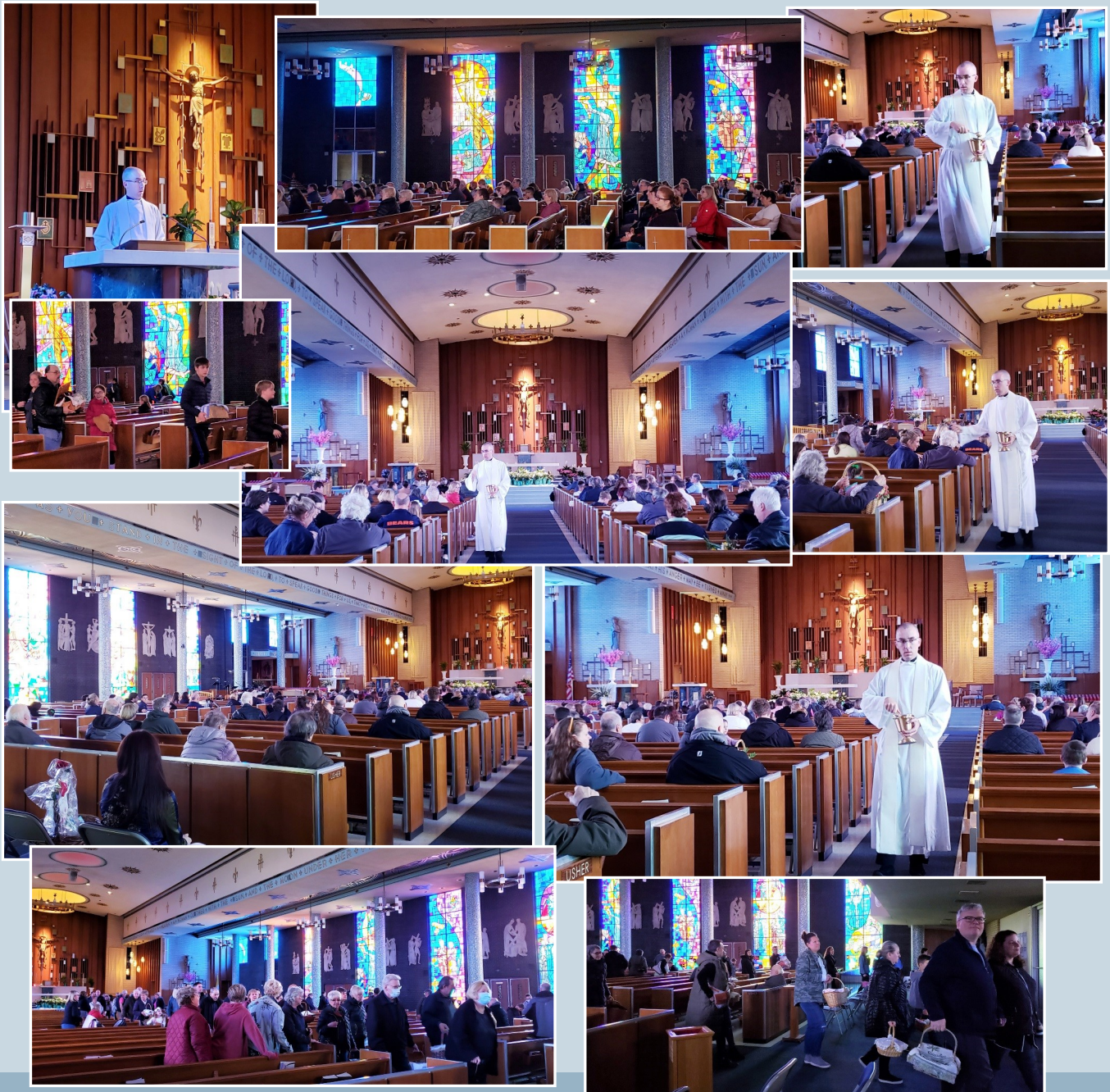
Ozzie D'Souza

Pope Tweet of the Week...

“Jesus is alive! Today, too, he walks in our midst, changes us and sets us free. Thanks to him, evil has been robbed of its power; failure can no longer hold us back from starting anew; and death has become a passage to the stirrings of new life.”



Snapshots From Our Easter Basket Blessing On Holy Saturday, April 16th with Fr. Robert Carlton



*Ryan & Kathryn Reilly
and their daughter Avaleigh*

Michael & Celia Conway

*Joshua & Aura Bernson
and their children Lucas Ryne & Olivia Rose*

Rocco & Nadia Hindo Minghettino

*Welcome to all visitors and
guests! Interested in joining our
IC Parish family?
Register @ icchicago.org*

Gospel Meditation - Encourage a Deeper Understanding of Scripture



Even Thomas struggles to remove his boulder! Being very pragmatic and determined, he wants to see the risen Christ for himself! Thomas's boulder is heavy with mistrust. Many of ours are too. A certain amount of skepticism is good, as it can save us from being duped or misled. But we can become so skeptical of things that it erodes our ability to trust anything we see or hear. Skepticism can actually be a well-disguised defense mechanism that we use to prevent us from being hurt or perceived as a fool. Having too much ego protection is a real risk. Thomas, because of the boulder blocking his vision, could not even trust the word of his friends.

Boulders are hard to move. It's difficult to seek change or take a risk, especially when we are so afraid to be vulnerable or reluctant to trust another's word. When we are closed minded, overly pragmatic, unwilling to see things in a different way, stubborn or defensive, it is difficult to be surprised by God and stretched. We need to be less guarded, self-assured, and self-absorbed. God cannot break into the ordinary moments of our lives and inspire us when we cling to doubt. If we are going to discover resurrection faith, we have to believe that what the witnesses say is true, especially when they are credible. We also have to trust that the risen Christ is alive in us, too!

While the first witnesses to the resurrection have faded into history, there are many others who have come after them. They continue to inspire by walking the talk of faith. They are the martyrs who offer their lives for the Gospel, the simple holy people in our communities who cling so steadfastly to their faith, those who have touched despair and found new hope and the ones who, even in spite of ridicule, still pursue their hunger and thirst for God. They are our friends, acquaintances, biblical heroes, and saints, and many others who are convinced that they have seen the Lord! The risen Christ may not surprise us with the same kind of visit as he did the first disciples, but God finds other ways. All we have to do is open our eyes, remove whatever is preventing us from seeing and believing and exclaim: "My Lord and my God!" ©LPi

IC School Band Fundraiser: World's Finest Candy Sale - Next Weekend, April 30th & May 1st



IC School Junior Band Members

Our IC School Band will be selling *World's Finest Chocolate* bars for \$1.00 after all Masses next weekend, Saturday, April 30th and Sunday, May 1st (while supplies last.) The money raised will help the band to fund band receptions, purchase trophies and even instruments! The bars come in *caramel, milk chocolate with almonds, crisp, milk chocolate, dark chocolate, and wafer.*

We thank you in advance for your support!



IC School Senior Band Members

Ministry Schedules: Saturday, April 30th & Sunday, May 1st

	Saturday 5:00 P.M.	Sunday 8:30 A.M.	Sunday 10:30 A.M.
Presiders	Fr. Robert Carlton	Fr. Matthew Heinrich	Fr. Robert Carlton
Lectors	N. Kremer	J. Lim	N. Kremer
Cantors	Vocal Quintet	Vocal Quintet & Violin	Vocal Quintet & Guitar & Bass
Extraordinary Ministers	A. Schnitzlein	D. Zamirowski	R. Siciliano & C. Kech
Altar Servers	T. Cox; I. Cox; K. Yau	TBA	TBA



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 Bednarz

Vincent Kennedy, Director of Operations

Scott Will, Director of Worship

**Melissa Anna, Office Administration & Communications/
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Marilyn Sadowski, Receptionist

Bernadette Anna, Parish Sacristan

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What's Happening @ IC...

Monday, April 25th – School Resumes

3:10-4:30 P.M. – Jr. Ringers Rehearsal; CH

7:00-8:30 P.M. – Overtones Rehearsal; CH

7:30-9:00 P.M. – IC Athletic Committee Mtg.; NWCR

Tuesday, April 26th –

6:30-8:30 P.M. – Parish Finance Council Mtg.; RA

Wednesday, April 27th –

2:00-3:30 P.M. – Choristers Rehearsal; CH

4:00-5:00 P.M. – Religious Education Program Class; Zoom

4:00-5:00 P.M. – 2nd Grade REP First Communion Practice; CH

7:00-9:00 P.M. – Parish Pastoral Council Mtg.; RA/Zoom

Thursday, April 28th –

7:00-9:00 P.M. – School Board Mtg.; RA

Friday, April 29th –

6:30-11:00 P.M. – Parents Club 2022 Spring Gala Fundraiser:

“IC-The Place To Be”; The Lido Banquet Hall

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

Saturday, April 30th –

9:00-11:30 A.M. – 41st Ward Paper Shredding Event; PC West Lot

**CH (Vestibule) - IC School Band Fundraiser: “World’s Finest Candy” Sale
(@ 5:00 P.M. Mass)**

Sunday, May 1st –

**CH (Vestibule) - IC School Band Fundraiser: “World’s Finest Candy” Sale
(@ 8:30 A.M. & 10:30 A.M. Masses)**

**11:30 A.M.-1:00 P.M. – Fruitful Harvest: Perspectives From A
Seminarian’s Journey; 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.

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