

Welcome to the Parish of
Immaculate Conception

A Catholic Community Inviting People to Follow Christ

April 26, 2020 - Third Sunday of Easter



Love God, Serve Others, Make Disciples



Recognizing the urgent need of sanitation supplies for our first responders (as they continue to faithfully serve and protect our community on the frontlines of the COVID-19 crisis), IC Principal Sue Canzoneri donated our school's supply of disinfectant wipes and hand sanitizers to the Chicago Police and Fire Departments on Tuesday, April 21st.

Worship with IC from home...

Sundays @ 11:00 A.M.

Monday through Friday @ 7:00 P.M.

Wednesdays @ 11:00 A.M. (School Mass)

We welcome all to join with us in prayer for our Masses which are livestreamed 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.

Please spread the word that IC is still the place to be by inviting your family, friends and neighbors to join our expanding virtual community.

Connect with our Parish Staff...

Although both our Church building and Parish Office are temporarily closed (through Thursday, April 30th in accordance with Governor Pritzker's Shelter-In-Place mandate for the state of Illinois), 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.

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

Support IC through Give Central...

The current suspension of liturgical services is regrettably leading to significant losses in our offertory income. Simply put, we would not be able to maintain our parish and continue our mission without you. As such, we are truly grateful for the continued generosity of our faithful parishioners.

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.

Thank you for your faithful stewardship of our parish!

Give

**AND GIFTS WILL BE
GIVEN TO YOU.**

LUKE 6:38



Gospel Reflection...

"The Lord has truly been raised and has appeared to Simon!"
- Lk 24:34

Jesus' resurrection appearance to the two disciples on the road to Emmaus is one of the most well-known and beloved resurrection stories. What do you think makes this resurrection account so appealing?

Spiritual Resources...

Many of you may be suffering from fear and anxiety amidst the Coronavirus pandemic and the economic repercussions it has caused. Thankfully, a small blessing has found its way to our parish. TAN Books, a Catholic publisher based in North Carolina and someone we have done business with in the past, has graciously offered to supply us with a host of books covering various spiritual topics, and perfect to keep your Faith strong and engaged during this difficult time, all at a **discounted rate of 30% off**.



Additionally, **30% of all sales from our parish will be sent back to us as a donation**. Simply go to their website, www.tanbooks.com, and use the code **IMMA60631** at checkout to receive the discount. **This is a great way to make a donation to our parish and receive something of great spiritual value in return.**

We hope you will find valuable resources on their website that will deepen your faith and comfort you during a very difficult time. If you have any questions, please contact Deacon Rick at carmoric@comcast.net.

Connect with IC through Zoom...

Opportunities for prayer (Monday through Saturday):

3:00 P.M. - Daily Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet
(hosted by Deacon Rick & his wife Carol)
Zoom Meeting Room/ID Code: 7902114314
(Security Password: 920449.)

A direct link to our virtual Zoom room is easily accessible on our parish website (www.icparish.net). Zoom offers you the opportunity to see and hear members of our community praying together and engaging in conversations about their faith, while also allowing you to interact and participate as well.

Please visit www.zoom.us to register and download the web app for free on your computer, smartphone or tablet.

All are welcome!



Live the Liturgy - Inspiration for the Week

Is God a real Being for you or simply an idea to be entertained? Often, we reduce God to a set of ideas, theories, and principles and neglect to see Him as the One who takes joy in helping us understand all of the events and mysteries of life. God delights in journeying with us and is the only One who can fill us with joy and make our hearts burn with excitement and jubilation. He is the One who assists us in recognizing the truth that is before us and interpreting not only the jewels of Sacred Scripture but the events of history. If we recognize God, we can also see that He inspires us to see the divine meaning of our own lives as well. Sometimes it takes us a little time. After all, even Jesus' closest friends had to walk with him for a while on the road to Emmaus before their eyes were opened in the breaking of bread.

Immaculate Conception Parish

PRAYER LIST FOR THE SICK

Mary Alvarez	Richard Losik
Concetta Bartucci	Benny Martinez
Melissa Bednarz	Edwin Martinez
Celerina Behrman	Frank Martinez
Robert Behrman	Jan Merino
Sonia M. B.	Veronica Murillo
Vince Caeti	Timothy Murray
Jackie Campbell	Mae O'Donnell
Rita Castillo	Jackie O'Koniewski
James Covello	Mary (Kores) Potwora
Sherry Crocifisso	Bill Remblake
Ronnie Cunningham	Sebastian L. Rivera
Brooke Foreman	David Rodriguez
Lila Gehner	Elaine Schatz
Ofelia Hernandez	Edward Stanczyk
Nancy Kinzie	Steven P. Trifilio
Craig Kloss	John Varallo
Lillian Kohut	Newly Added:
Arlene Lacey-Beyna	Irene Hand

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

To receive Communion at home, please contact our Parish Office or email Deacon Ron at: jmideacon@aol.com and leave your name, address, and telephone number.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT IC

For more information on upcoming events, please visit our parish website at www.icparish.net.

Please note: As a precautionary measure, all previously scheduled activities, meetings, and events have either been canceled or postponed through Thursday, April 30th. Additional scheduling changes may occur as the situation continues to develop.

Pope Tweet of the Week...

"Let us pray together for the elderly, especially those who are isolated or in rest homes and are afraid of dying alone. They are our roots. They gave us the faith, tradition, and a sense of belonging. Let us pray that the Lord might be near to them."



Your Gifts to God and Parish

If you plan to move from the parish, please notify the Parish Office at least three months before you move. Also, if you will be away for more than 3 months, please call the Parish Office, so your envelopes can be stopped for that time period. If you use electronic giving and still receive envelopes, please contact the Parish Office so we can discontinue your receiving of envelopes.

Eternal Rest Grant Unto Them...

Please join our parish family in prayer as we honor our faithful departed:

Ronald "Ron" Horist (Father of Michael Horist)
Joseph M. Vuich, Sr. (Husband of Anne)
Grace Romano (Mother of Margherita Taibi)



Readings for the Week of April 26th

Sunday: Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 [11a]/1 Pt 1:17-21/Lk 24:13-35

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
St. Joseph the Worker: Gn 1:26 – 2:3 or Col 3:14-15, 17, 23-24/
Ps 90:2, 3-4, 12-13, 14 and 16 [cf.17b]/Mt 13:54-58

Saturday: Acts 9:31-42/Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 [12]/Jn 6:60-69

Next Sunday: Acts 2:14a, 36-41/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [1]/1 Pt 2:20b-25/Jn 10:1-10

BAPTISMS: Arrangements must be made in advance. A preparatory session is required for parents. The sessions are every other month on the 2nd Tuesday at 7:30 P.M. in the Rectory Assembly. No baptisms during Lent.

MARRIAGES: Those contemplating marriage need to contact a priest of the parish to begin the process of preparation at least six months in advance. No marriages during Advent and Lent.

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.

PARISH REGISTRATION: Please contact or visit the Parish Office for more information.

Our Parish uses



for online donations

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giving at givecentral.org

MASST
INTENTIONS

Please note: Although public celebration of Mass has been suspended until further notice, Fr. Robert and Fr. Matt will continue to celebrate Mass privately for the wellbeing of our community and our city and to honor the intentions of the day.

Sunday, April 26 - Third Sunday of Easter

5:00 P.M. (Saturday) - The People of the Parish
7:30 A.M.— †Clementine Longo
9:30 A.M.— †Larry Ghidara (on his 4th Anniversary)
11:15 A.M.— †Frank & Margherita Martino; †Francis & Moira Cross; †Teresa Maniscalco; and †Sebastiano Giannese
6:00 P.M. - †Regina Hanusiak

Monday, April 27 – Easter Weekday

8:30 A.M.— Anthony Ensalaco (Living)

Tuesday, April 28 - Saint Peter Chanel, Priest and Martyr; Saint Louis Grignon de Montfort, Priest

8:30 A.M.— †Thomas Craig

Wednesday, April 29 - Saint Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church

8:30 A.M.— †Catherine Lacey

Thursday, April 30 - Saint Pius V, Pope

8:30 A.M. — †Mieczyslawa Jastrzebska

Friday, May 1 - Saint Joseph the Worker

8:30 A.M.— †Charles F. Grayzeck (Birthday Remembrance); and †Ellen “Nellie” Gavin

Saturday, May 2 - Saint Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

5:00 P.M. - †Leoncio Doruelo (on his 31st Anniversary)

Sunday, May 3 – Fourth Sunday of Easter

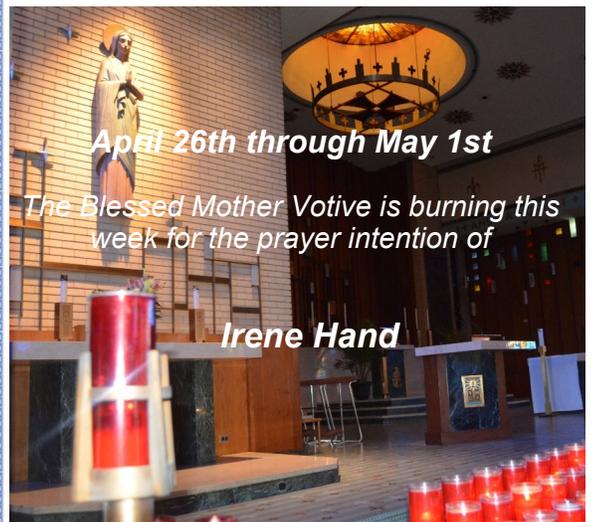
7:30 A.M.— †Stanley Zawora & Janina Zawora
9:30 A.M.— †Francis & Moira Cross; †Aida Miranda; and †Charles Grayzeck
11:15 A.M.— †Pietro Biancorosso; †Serafina Nocito; †Robert Babich; †Hope Zinchuk; and †Juan Martinez
6:00 P.M. - †Tom Anna (Birthday Remembrance)



April 26th through May 2nd

The sanctuary lamp is burning this week for the prayer intention of

Melissa Bednarz



April 26th through May 1st

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

Irene Hand



April 26th through May 1st

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

Regina Hanusiak

PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY

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, U.S. Army - Thomas Treslo National Guard Specialist 4th Class

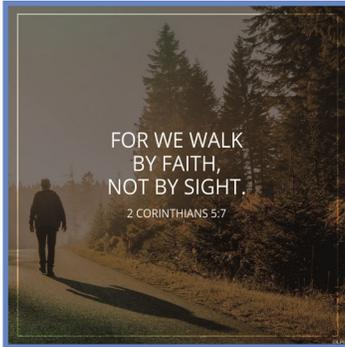
U.S. Navy - CMDR Michael Brasseur, Lt. Christopher Jenkins, PO Thomas T. Tudisco

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. Marine - Sean Gronset, PFC Sebastian L. Rivera, Jr., PFC Christopher Hughes, PFC Algene D. Porticos

Let us pray for these women and men and all who are serving in the military. Please contact the Parish Office when these service people return. If you are a veteran or know a veteran, the Archdiocese of Chicago has a website: vets.archchicago.org that provides information that can be of assistance.

Gospel Meditation - Encourage a Deeper Understanding of Scripture



What does it take for our eyes to be opened? Every day, a man laboriously walks down Main Street of town. With great difficulty but graceful determination, he places one foot in front of the other, uses a crudely made staff for support, and walks. His pace is slow, but he walks. What does he hope to see? Where does he want to go? What does he find? We all walk through life. The type of “walking” life requires is not always physical but is most assuredly emotional and spiritual. We walk, we look, we encounter, and we seek. How we do these things and what we actually find is determined by what we carry and what we allow ourselves to discover along the way.

If walking is too challenging for us, we may choose to isolate and stay alone. If we are afraid to walk, we may become overly dependent on others providing for us and abandon the journey. We can walk and pay attention only to what is in front of our feet and never notice the immensity of what is happening around us. The road is never the same twice. The journey is always different. What kinds of things do you notice as you walk through life? It seems that the disciples of the Road to Emmaus missed a lot at first. We do as well.

We are called to walk with purpose, to listen, and to notice things that may not at first be apparent. We have to allow the One who has a special claim on our soul to enlighten, instruct, and inspire us. The incarnate mystery of God is pulsating in and through all of creation, where the presence of the Word who became flesh can be discovered. He has been with us all along. How could we have missed Him? Our journey brings us back to the breaking of the bread, and something begins to stir within us. We begin to understand, and things look differently. Bread, body, wine, and blood bring us to see that everyone and everything is a “Eucharistic” encounter. We become what we eat and we see what we eat. We continue to walk. Our eyes are now opened, and we recognize Him. Our hearts burn. Stay with us. Please stay with us.

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Everyday Stewardship – Recognize God in your Ordinary Moments

Mean What You Say...

Missouri is known as the “Show Me” state. There seem to be differing points of view as to how this motto came into existence, but today it is said to speak of a people who operate with common sense and are not easily fooled by slick-talking or show. We would be prudent to adopt such a disposition ourselves. To be this way is not really like St. Thomas in the Gospel when he doubts what he clearly sees right in front of him. It is more about holding ourselves to a standard explained in another motto: “Say what you mean and mean what you say.”

If we claim to be Christians, disciples of the risen Jesus, then those around us should be able to tell by our actions. Can someone truly be a disciple of Jesus and not be a good steward of all he has given? Jesus makes himself known to us continually in the Holy Eucharist. When we come together to break bread at Mass, Jesus shows us his love by becoming truly present to us. He is willing to show us. What are we in turn willing to show him?

Every day, Jesus calls us to respond in some way. Our response shows whether we are who we claim: his disciples. I am pretty sure Jesus is not from Missouri, but I know he is not fooled by our half-truths and misguided intentions. He also means what he says and says what he means. Shouldn’t his disciples do the same?

– Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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