

Welcome to  
*Immaculate Conception Parish*

*A Catholic Community Inviting People to Follow Christ*

*April 4, 2021 - Easter Sunday Of The Resurrection Of The Lord*

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



*"Think of what is above, not what is on earth. For you have died,  
and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ your life appears,  
then you too will appear with him in glory."*

*- Colossians 3:2-4*

*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.  
Saturday: 9:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.  
Sunday: 9:00 A.M. - Noon

### Parish Website:

💻: [www.icchicago.org](http://www.icchicago.org)

### School Website:

💻: [www.iccowboys.net](http://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](http://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. (beginning **April 7th**)  
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](http://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.



## Easter Brings New Life

A blessed Easter to everyone from us here at Immaculate Conception. I am incredibly proud of my staff and volunteers whose sacrifices have made this year possible. Likewise, I am thankful to the tremendous generosity of our parishioners, both in-person and at-home, who have donated towards the continued function of our ministries.



Continuing the work of the past few years, we have been addressing, at its core, our culture here at Immaculate Conception. Part of this new culture is **accountability**, especially with respect to our Catholic identity. Everything we do should be an authentic representation of Christ's mission exercised by His Church. I believe that there are many wonderful instances of this already at IC, but we also have a great deal more building to do.

At the same time, it does no good to simply be dissatisfied with the present in favor of the future. Part of a healthy culture is to celebrate our victories while pursuing greater ones. To that effect, I would like to direct your minds to the people and things that have helped us to grow, even in these restrictive times.

Melissa has many titles – videographer, bulletin editor, office administration, website designer – in all things, she has dedicated her time and energy to many of our ventures. Any time you have benefitted from our online offerings, she is the primary reason. From **professional online services** to a **brand-new website**, we have really upgraded the quality of our parish communication. Marilyn has worked hard on many office projects throughout, too, especially upgrading our databases.

Melissa's mother, Cookie (Bernadette), works quietly behind the scenes with decorations, sacristan duties, and many unseen projects. Her support and dedication allows us to make every Mass beautiful.

Scott has worked nearly daily this pandemic to offer beautiful music in support of our liturgies, weddings, and funerals. Not only learning to be a **producer for our Masses** but helping with **recording over 5 hours of our choirs' music**. I think everyone can agree that the quality of our music has been uplifting and prayerful. Similarly, he has worked hard behind the scenes with the renovation of our parish office as well as the carpeting in our church.

Vince, our Director of Operations, along with Lisa (our School Accountant), has helped us to be fiscally responsible during this time. Vince has spearheaded many improvement projects around the campus, from the **repair of our ceiling** to the **repainting of our carport**, as well as many upgrades to our school. I also want to acknowledge Mike and Anthony (our Maintenance staff), for their execution in many repairs and tasks.

Sue, Tina, and Mary at our school have worked tirelessly for the benefit of our parents and children. From projects, to safety, to managing the great stress of an uncertain time, we as a parish should celebrate the momentous accomplishment of this **school year**. In similar ways, Julie has allowed our Religious Education Program to proceed.

Deacon Rick and Carol have worked hard to **provide sacraments and preparation to countless people**. Fr. Robert Carlton has dutifully served both our parish and community throughout this entire pandemic.

I don't have the space to list everything here in one place, but I want to thank our Alpha Team, led by Michael Tom, assisted by the wonderful group around him. To Phil in Parish Council, Stephanie in Finance Council, Ron in School Board, Maria in Parents Club, and Joe in Men's Club: I want to thank you and your respective teams who have done so much this year. I plan in the coming weeks to chronicle more explicitly everyone's hard work.

For now, allow me simply to show to all who visit IC that our success is not the result of a single person, but of a community that "*Loves God, Serves Others, and Makes Disciples.*" Join us, and help us make IC a place where all, both old and new members, can be proud to call it home.

~ Fr. Matt

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## Easter 2021

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,


Once again this year we celebrate Easter in the midst of a pandemic, in a time of social unrest, and in a period of natural disasters that seem to be consequences of climate change. So, our mood may be somber or even sad. Still, there are reasons for hope and optimism. The vaccines are addressing the pandemic. Our commitment to justice for all people can reshape our life together. And each of us can do our part in making a difference to forestall climate change. But there are even stronger foundations of hope for us as people of faith and followers of Jesus.

In the Resurrection of Jesus, we begin to share in the victory of life over death, grace over sin, and hope over despair. In faith, we know the direction of our future. Although we cannot and ought not to deny our struggles, we move forward through them with a resilient confidence rooted in the power of the Risen Lord Jesus.

At the Easter Vigil during the lighting of the Paschal candle from the new fire, I pray in your name: "May the light of Christ rising in glory dispel the darkness of our hearts and minds." And I will continue to raise that prayer to God for all of us in this holy season. Join me in that same prayer and lift up your petition with a confident and trusting heart.

May God bless, keep, and protect you and your loved ones.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

  
Archbishop of Chicago

PSALM 118



## School News...

### *Living Stations Of The Cross*

On Monday, March 22nd, 8th Grade students in Ms. Szwedó's Religion class reenacted our Lord's sacrifice (and the history of our salvation) during their presentation of the *Living Stations of the Cross*. Since our entire student body is regrettably unable to gather together during this time, their presentation was videotaped so that all of our students could join together in prayer virtually in their respective classrooms.





*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  
**Howard Coyle**  
Sherry Crocifisso  
Ronnie Cunningham  
Ozzie D'Souza  
Christina Dziekonski  
**Betty Eggers**  
Richard Flanagan

*For those who are sick:*

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  
Geoffrey Woittel

**\*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:*

Ann Margaret Reis (Sister of Patrick McGarry)



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

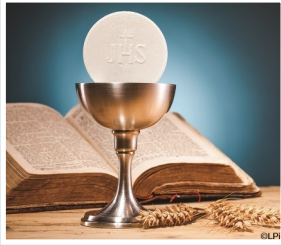


*For those who serve our country:*



**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](http://vets.archchicago.org) that provides information that can be of assistance.



*Mass Intentions:  
Sunday, April 4th  
through  
Sunday, April 11th*

**Sunday, April 4th - Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord**

8:30 A.M. — †Eugene Mroz; and †Stefania & Walenty Poniecki

10:30 A.M. — †Joseph J. Lykowski; †Tommy Fuller; †William Brander (on his 9th Anniversary); †Marilyn McCallister (on her 11th Anniversary); †Stanislaw Swiderski; †Michael, Stanley & Genevieve Potwora; †Cecilia & Pasquale Demarinis; †John Livensparger; †Cosmo & Pasqua Dalessandro; †Francesca McDonald; and †Francis & Moira Cross

12:30 P.M. — The People of the Parish

**Monday, April 5th - Monday within the Octave of Easter**  
(No Mass offered on this day)

**Tuesday, April 6th - Tuesday within the Octave of Easter**  
(No Mass offered on this day)

**Wednesday, April 7th - Wednesday within the Octave of Easter**

8:30 A.M. — †James R. Maurer

**Thursday, April 8th - Thursday within the Octave of Easter**

8:30 A.M. — †Ann Reis

**Friday, April 9th - Friday within the Octave of Easter**

8:30 A.M. — †Ellen "Nellie" Gavin; and †Patricia P. Dunleavy

**Saturday, April 10th - Saturday within the Octave of Easter**

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

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

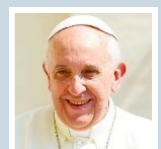
8:30 A.M.- †William Brander (Birthday Remembrance); and †Stefania & Walenty Poniecki;

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; and †Bertha Liberio



**Pope Tweet of the Week...**

"How many times have we told the Lord: "Lord, I will come to you later... I can't come today. Tomorrow I will begin to pray and do something for others". In this life, we will always have things to do and excuses to offer, but right now is the time to return to God."





### IC Catholic High School Scholarships



Applications are now 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](http://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](mailto:rcarlton@archchicago.org). All completed application forms must be received by **Monday, April 12, 2021**. We anticipate announcing the recipients of the Scholarships by **Friday, May 7, 2021**.

### Our Weekday In-Person Mass Schedule Resumes @ 8:30 A.M.

We are pleased to announce that we will be resuming our regular Weekday morning Mass schedule at **8:30 A.M.** beginning on **April 7<sup>th</sup>**. 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. (For our regular online Mass attendees: please be advised that we will not be offering our virtual Mass on either Monday, April 5<sup>th</sup> or Tuesday, April 6<sup>th</sup> as our staff takes a much-needed break post-Holy Week/Easter. We thank you for your understanding!)

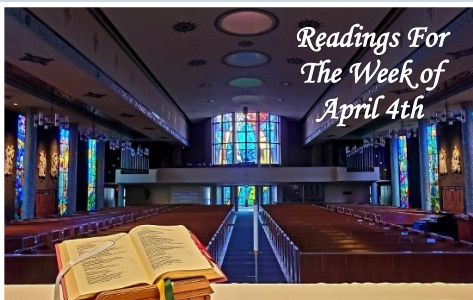


### Upcoming Opportunities For Confessions



Beginning on **Sunday, April 11<sup>th</sup>**, 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.**



### Readings For The Week of April 4<sup>th</sup>

**Sunday:** Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 [24]/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Mk 16:1-7 or Lk 24:13-35  
**Monday:** Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 [1]/Mt 28:8-15  
**Tuesday:** Acts 2:36-41/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22 [5b]/Jn 20:11-18  
**Wednesday:** Acts 3:1-10/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9 [3b]/Lk 24:13-35  
**Thursday:** Acts 3:11-26/Ps 8:2, 5, 6-7, 8-9 [2ab]/Lk 24:35-48  
**Friday:** Acts 4:1-12/Ps 118:1-2, 4, 22-24, 25-27 [22]/Jn 21:1-14  
**Saturday:** Acts 4:13-21/Ps 118:1, 14-15, 16-18, 19-21 [21a]/Mk 16:9-15  
**Next Sunday:** Acts 4:32-35/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 [1]/1 Jn 5:1-6/Jn 20:19-3



### *Gospel Meditation - Encourage a Deeper Understanding of Scripture*



Who are you? This question was most assuredly asked of Jesus on the day of resurrection and it is a question asked of each of us. Our identities can be described in so many ways. We can start with our gifts and our talents, expertise and unique personality expressions. We can describe things we like and things we prefer to set aside. As descriptive and captivating as these can be, none come close to our essence, our real and true self. While accurate in their own right, the self who lives and interacts with the world is the self we want others to see, the one we project. But there is much more to us just as there is much more to Jesus.

Jesus could describe himself based on all of the same criteria we use for ourselves. After all, Jesus is totally human. With all that people witnessed and all that Jesus knew about his physical human self, his divinity also shined forth. There was so much more to know about him. Whereas once Jesus was transfigured on top of a mountain before his disciples' eyes, so today he is transfigured before our eyes as he reveals his resurrected self as the Christ. Alleluia, Christ is risen! His glorified presence stands before us showing us that we are all much more than we see ourselves to be and show to others. We have a depth, purpose, and essence that go way beyond the superficial treasures of our existence to the very core of who we are.

Within each one of us is a spark of Divine Love where creature and Creator meet, and we are known uniquely by the name God whispers to us. It is not the earthly name that was given to us but the one that flows from Divine Power and claims us as one who is special and chosen in God's eyes. This is the self that will rise one day with the eternal Christ of God and live eternally as God provides. This is the self that when free from all superficial constraints layered upon it in this life can discover and know freedom in a way never possible before. This is love lifting us up and transforming us into who we really are, not who we want or need ourselves to be. Who are you? A special, unique child of God who has been fashioned in God's image, sustained by the power of God's love and kept eternally with the Blessed Trinity in heaven. Get to know this deeper, truer self as it is who you really are.

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### *Everyday Stewardship – Recognize God in your Ordinary Moments*

#### **A Happy Ending Isn't the Whole Story...**

*"Is there a happy ending?"*

When my kids were young, we never made it past the first whiff of any narrative tension before I got this question. As soon as whatever princess or furry woodland animal who was the hero of the story got into any small scrape, they wanted that reassurance, *"Is there a happy ending?"*

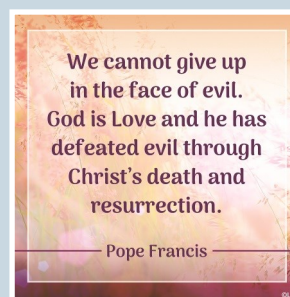
I can't say I blame them. Don't we all feel that way sometimes? We enter into a relationship with someone or some situation, and we just want to protect ourselves. We want to know it's not going to go badly — or, if it does, that we will be able to come back from it. It's a human instinct, a reflex. Our inclination to protect ourselves makes it so that we sometimes want to press fast-forward on the bad stuff and skip straight ahead to the happily-ever-after.

Easter is the ultimate happy ending. It's the day of miracles. The day when all the stones roll away and all the sins are forgiven. It's the day that puts everything right.

But if we learned anything from this week — from the Passion and death of the Lord — it's that we can't press fast-forward on the hardships of life. That tension, that loss, that fear — it's crucial, isn't it? As Catholics, we are who we are because of Easter. But Easter doesn't happen without Good Friday.

So, does the story of salvation have a happy ending? We know it does. But we also remember that the ending isn't all that matters.

— 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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### *What's Happening @ IC...*

#### *Thursday, April 8th –*

8:30 A.M. – Weekday Mass; Church  
 8:00 P.M. – Holy Name Men's Club  
 Mtg.; RA/Zoom

#### *Friday, April 9th –*

8:30 A.M. – Weekday Mass; Church

#### *Sunday, April 11th –*

9:30 A.M.-10:30 A.M. – Confessions; Church



*For more information on upcoming events, please visit our parish website @ [www.icchicago.org](http://www.icchicago.org).*

### *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](http://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](mailto:parishbulletin@icchicago.org) (\*Please note: new email address.)