# Welcome to Immaculate Conception Parish

A Catholic Community Inviting People to Follow Christ

February 23, 2025 - Seventh Sunday In Ordinary Time



"Just as we have borne the image of the earthly one, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly one." - 1 Corinthians 15:49

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#### Weekday Mass Schedule:

Monday through Thursday @ 8:30 A.M. (Rosary Prayers & Chaplet of Mercy prayed after Weekday Masses)

Wednesdays @ 8:30 A.M. (School Mass\*)

(\*Livestreamed)

(Special dates & times offered during Advent & Lent)

#### **Baptisms:**

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

#### **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.

#### Scan the QR Code below:



On February 26, 2025 Bishop-elect Robert M. Fedek will be consecrated as an Auxiliary Bishop for the Archdiocese of Chicago @ Holy Name Cathedral Episcopal Ordination Livestream Link: archchicago.org/bishopordination

We joyfully invite you to join us as he celebrates his first Mass as a newly consecrated Bishop with our Immaculate Conception Parish Family

Bishop Robert M. Fedek Mass of Thanksgiving

# SATURDAY, MARCH 1ST

5:00 P.M. Reception to follow afterward from 6:15 to 9:00 P.M. in our Fr. Eric Meyer Parish Center (7271 W. Talcott)

by Monday, February 24th 2025 Annual Catholic Appeal: Commitment Weekend (Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup> I 23<sup>rd</sup>)

To RSVP for the Reception, please scan the QR Code

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We invite you to spend some time this week reflecting on the *Annual Catholic Appeal* materials you have received in our bulletin, vestibule or in the mail. The *Annual Catholic Appeal* is much different than a one-time special collection. It is a pledged commitment to make a gift over time. Your pledge can be made payable in installments. Each pledge makes a difference because all parishes participate in the *Appeal* and the gifts of many enable our archdiocese to deliver needed ministries and services and to extend a worldwide hand of help through Catholic Relief Services. It is our way to affirm the theme of this year's *Appeal*: *Together we bring hope*.

In addition, the *Annual Catholic Appeal* also funds services in our own parish. Once we successfully achieve our parish goal of **\$55,548**, all additional money received is sent back to us for use in our parish. If you received your pledge form in the mail, please complete it and mail it back. This year, we also encourage our parishioners to make their *Annual Catholic Appeal* gifts online at *annualcatholicappeal.com*. Please be certain to designate *Immaculate Conception – Talcott Avenue* so that our parish receives credit for your donation. We thank

you for your continued support of our parish as well as of those less fortunate across our Archdiocese!

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Together we bring hope

Please consider supporting this year's Appeal. Your generous contribution will be a source of blessing for many people, for yourself and for your loved ones.

To make a gift by phone: 312.534.7959 To mail: 835 North Rush Street Chicago, IL 60611 To give online: annualcatholicappeal.com As Christians, we use prayer, fasting, and almsgiving as the means to grow in our relationship with God START ALPHA ... and further explore that relationship explore that relationship Seveek Session Starts February 24th! Register Today: www.icchicago.org/connect/alpha.cfm

Begin Your Alpha Journey @ IC: Monday, February 24th

Shrove Tuesday Holy Hour: March 4<sup>th</sup>

Please join us for a Holy Hour on *Shrove Tuesday*, March 4<sup>th</sup>, the day before *Ash Wednesday*. It will be from 9:00 A.M. until 10:00 A.M., which is



immediately following our 8:30 A.M. Mass. This is a special way to prepare for the holiest season of the year, so we hope that you can attend.



Old palms may be returned to our Church through Monday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>. Please deposit them in the clearly marked boxes that are located in the Vestibule area of our Church. You may also drop them off in our Parish Office.

The old palms will be burned by *Fr. Michael (assisted by our 8<sup>th</sup> Grade students)* on **Tuesday, March 4<sup>th</sup>** after our 8:30 A.M. Mass in preparation for our blessing and

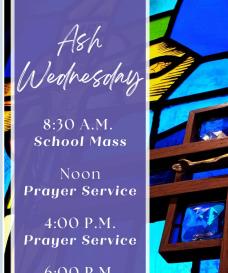
distribution of ashes on Ash Wednesday (March 5th).

Novena To The Holy Face Of Jesus



The Novena to the Holy Face of Jesus begins this Sunday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> and ends on Monday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>, the day before Shrove Tuesday, the Feast of the Holy Face of Jesus. This is a private devotion that you can do on your own. Devotion to The Holy Face of Jesus is about prayerfully reflecting on the wounds and mistreatments that Jesus suffered to His Face during His bitter Passion. Below is where you can find prayers to participate in the nine-day Novena: <u>https://theholyface.com/wp-content/</u> uploads/2018/01/Holy-Face-9Day-Novena.pdf

Begin Your Lenten Journey @ IC: March 5th



6:00 P.M. Evening Mass

Ashes will be blessed & distributed during each Mass & Prayer Service

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#### National Junior Honor Society Induction Ceremony

members helped host a reception to welcome our new members after the ceremony concluded. The

On Wednesday, January 29<sup>th</sup> in our Parish Center, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students were inducted into the *National Junior Honor Society*. The selection of these candidates was based on careful consideration of *Scholarship, Leadership, Service, Character* and *Citizenship*. Congratulations to our new members and their families. Our current

following are our new members of the *Immaculate Conception Chapter* of the *National Junior Honor* Society for 2025: Zoryana DiBartolo, Caroline Egan, Jack Escher, Jordan Geyer, Daniel Gillespie, Liv Haney, Isabella Koenig, Vivian Layne, Norah Malloy, and Elena Moran.















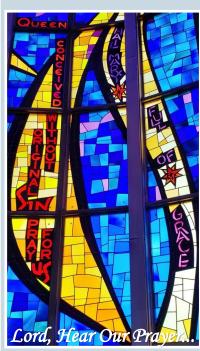






#### Please join our parish family in prayer ...

#### For those who are sick:



Mina Acevedo Tom Altman Paul Amandes Amelia Aquino Arnold B. Diane Ballog Deborah Barnum Annie Beckman Robert Behrman Sonia M. B. Roberta Berger Michael Berry Grace Cabiao Mary Cali Juanita Camacho Jackie Campbell Donna Chaplin Truman Collins James Covello Ronnie Cunningham Joe Day Paige Dicks Emily Divarco Barbara Donnelly Jack Donnelly Eric Dulce Lilia Dulce Alicia Enriquez

Fr. Neil Fackler *Elizabeth Felix* Patrick Fisher Richard Flanagan John Fleming Brooke Foreman Nicholas Frank Sai Garcia Joan Geiger Carol Grams *Gloria* Hernandez Ofelia Hernandez *Katie Huber* Judy Hull Mary Ann Hurtig Kevin Jaburek Vivian Jester Tommy Kesling Wayne Kinzie, Sr. Donna Kirk Craig Kloss Ronald Kogol Lillian Kohut Katherine Kreuser Zachary Lacey Dawn LaVeau Bob Leck Dave Liebhart

Eileen Liebhart Florencia Silva Lucas Sean Lucas Nathan Maisel Aida Makrinski Luciana Maugeri Giorgio Marconi Traci Marconi **Benny Martinez** Edwin Martinez Frank Martinez Elsa Mazzoni Jeff McBride Mary McGrath Nikki Mendoza Pat Miaso Gerry Michalek, Jr. Ledoina Monacelli Marta Morales Deacon Rick Moritz Veronica Murillo Mike Murphy Timothy Murray Brendan Nelson Barb Neustadt Phillip Nuccio John O'Brien Jackie O'Koniewski

David Olson Elaine Pellegrinetti Ashton Peterson Leo Pfest Paul Posch Mary Potwora **Baby Fiona Prades** Pia Rizza Sherry Rock David Rodriguez Cindy Rupp Carole Skorey Edward Stanczyk *Julie Szwedo* Alma T. Donna Tisdale Beckie Tomala Steven P. Trifilio Mary Ellen Vanderman Miss Westhoff Jialun Xu Lisa Yak Rita Zambon Justin Zamirowski Jerry Zschach Nancy Zschach

\*Newly Added

### For our faithful departed:

Martin J. "Marty" Hegarty (Husband of Rose) John Skiba Lila Gehner (Mother-In-Law of Deacon Mike Bednarz) Janet B. Deyro



"Eternal rest grant unto them, 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, 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Katherine D. Hartnett, SPC Michael J. Stone, Pvt. Charlie Cruz Pappas U.S. Navy - CMDR Michael Brasseur, CDR Christopher Jenkins, PO Thomas T. Tudisco, LTJG Marina J. Monacelli U.S. Air Force - John Christopher Ocasio, Major Laurel Walsh, Major Paul H. Kolk, LT. COL. Michael O'Koniewski; Captain Colleen Bernal; SSgt. Bryan H. O'Koniewski **U.S. Marines** - PFC Sebastian L. Rivera, Jr., PFC Christopher Hughes, PFC Algene D. Porticos, LCpl Daniel Wieczorek, Cpl Luis A. Corea, LCPL Brian Mendoza 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, February 23<sup>rd</sup> through Sunday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>

Sunday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> - Seventh Sunday In Ordinary Time
5:00 P.M. (Saturday) - <sup>†</sup>Tracy Reppen (on her 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary);
<sup>†</sup>Annamarie DiBuglione; <sup>†</sup>Angela DiBuglione; <sup>†</sup>Noreen Nolan;
<sup>†</sup>Patrick Cahill; <sup>†</sup>Michael Kelly; <sup>†</sup>Joseph Pipolo; <sup>†</sup>Patrick McDonagh,
Barbara, & Son Patrick; <sup>†</sup>Salvatore Freni (on his 6<sup>th</sup> Anniversary);
<sup>†</sup>Marty Hegarty; <sup>†</sup>Tony & Carol Colamonico (Living); and Sherry Anne Caparros (Living)

8:30 A.M. – <sup>†</sup>Milagros C. San Juan; and Deacon Mike Bednarz (Spiritual Blessings on his trip to Rome) (Living)

**10:30** A.M. – <sup>†</sup>Walter J. Bak (Birthday Remembrance); <sup>†</sup>Tom Anna (on his 39<sup>th</sup> Anniversary); <sup>†</sup>Angie & Tony Mazza; <sup>†</sup>Claudia Kech; <sup>†</sup>Dennis Ascalon; <sup>†</sup>Orlando Russo; <sup>†</sup>Francis & Moira Cross; <sup>†</sup>Pat Furgat; <sup>†</sup>Marty Hegarty; <sup>†</sup>Dr. James Fairbairn; and The People of the Parish

#### Monday, February 24th - Weekday

8:30 A.M. – <sup>†</sup>Marty Hegarty; <sup>†</sup>Paul, Gloria & Steven Budziak; <sup>†</sup>Ellen Rask; <sup>†</sup>Kay Bewick; Rosemary Lacey (Living); Nancy Kanoon (Living); and Marie Giovanni (Living)

#### Tuesday, February 25th - Weekday

8:30 A.M. — <sup>†</sup>Marty Hegarty; <sup>†</sup>Penny Jaworski (on her 9<sup>th</sup> Anniversary); <sup>†</sup>John E. Pastwa; and <sup>†</sup>Chance Johnson (Birthday Remembrance)

#### Wednesday, February 26th - Weekday

**8:30** A.M. – <sup>†</sup>Marty Hegarty; <sup>†</sup>Amy Witz (on her 2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary); and Bishop Robert M. Fedek (on his Episcopal Ordination) (Living)

Thursday, February 27<sup>th</sup> – Saint Gregory of Narek, Abbot and Doctor of the Church 8:30 A.M. – <sup>†</sup>Marty Hegarty

#### Friday, February 28th - Weekday

#### Saturday, March 1st - Weekday

**5:00** P.M. – <sup>†</sup>Marty Hegarty; <sup>†</sup>Stanislawa Gaszcz; <sup>†</sup>Zeny Marcelino (3<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary); <sup>†</sup>Tom Coughlan (on his 9<sup>th</sup> Anniversary); <sup>†</sup>Tony & Carol Colamonico (Living); Sherry Anne Caparros (Living); and Bishop Robert M. Fedek (Living)

**Sunday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> –** *Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time* 8:30 A.M.- <sup>†</sup>Richard DiPietro (on his 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary); and <sup>†</sup>Helena & Kazimierz Jurka

**10:30** A.M.— <sup>†</sup>Marty Hegarty; <sup>†</sup>Maria Plawiak; <sup>†</sup>Tommy Fuller; <sup>†</sup>Tommy Tovar; <sup>†</sup>Orlando Russo; <sup>†</sup>Francis & Moira Cross; <sup>†</sup>Pat Furgat; <sup>†</sup>Claudia Kech; Erma & Wayne Kinzie (Living); Nancy Kremer (Living); Rose Siciliano (Living); IC Holy Name Men's Club (Living); and The People of the Parish



Our Mass is a beautiful celebration of Christ's love for us, so what better way to honor cherished friends & family members than to have a Mass offered in their name.



To request a Mass Intention for a living or deceased loved one, please contact our Parish Office @ 773.775.3833. Suggested Donation: \$10.00 (Mass Card included.)

#### IC HNMC Annual St. Patrick's Day Celebration

This Weekend: School Band Fundraiser

Our IC School Band

for \$1.00 after all Masses on Saturday,

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Przemyslaw Niedziela

Catherine Drougas

will be selling *World's* Finest Chocolate bars



2024 Contribution Statements Now Available

2024 Contribution Statements (for tax purposes) are now available to our parishioners & donors upon request. If you would like to receive either a paper statement or an electronic statement of your contributions to our parish for tax year 2024, please visit our website: icchicago.org and complete our online Contribution Statement Request Form. For those without computer access, please contact our Parish Office via telephone at 773.775.3833 to



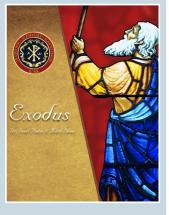
request a copy of your statement (available via pick up at our Parish Office or sent via postal mail.) With grateful hearts, we thank you for your faithful & generous support of our parish! Exploring Scripture Monday Mornings: Exploring The Book Of Exodus

*Exodus* is a gripping 1,200+ verse narrative, and one of the most famous ever told. Many of us have heard it since we were little children, but how often have we taken the time to study its chapters as our guiding light, the Church, understands them?

Scott Hahn, Mark Shea, and Fr. Patrick Winslow are here to help you do just that. You will quickly discover a powerful tale of redemption and revelation that unquestionably earns its reputation.

In 28 revealing lessons, you will learn:

- What sacrament the Crossing of the Red Sea prefigures
- Why we shouldn't be afraid to study the Old Testament
- How God responds to us when we try to run ahead of him



In the Christian life, everyone is a pilgrim. What God told Moses thousands of years ago still applies to us today: God will fit us for our tasks. He will never ask us to do anything beyond our strength. Learn how the Israelites mirror our own struggles to accept this, and draw courage from God's infinite faithfulness to all his children.

The 28 sessions will meet on Mondays beginning on March 3, 2025. There will be some days off due to holidays, vacations and weather, so the end date has not yet been determined. Each session will be from 10:00 A.M. to Noon. We will meet in the Rectory Assembly. The cost is \$50, which covers the required study guide. If this cost is too much for you, a few books will be available for in class use only (these books will not be allowed to be taken home). To register, please fill out the form below and return it with your payment to Immaculate Conception Parish as soon as possible. Please make checks payable to Immaculate Conception Parish. We need to have your payment by Sunday, February 23, 2025 to ensure that you will receive your book by the start of class.

Our address is: Immaculate Conception Parish: 7211 W. Talcott Avenue, Chicago, IL. 60631

Please include the following form with your check. If you have any questions, please contact Deacon Rick at 773.775.3833, leave a message, or email him at rmoritz@iccchicago.org.

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Name (s):\_\_\_\_\_\_ # Attending:\_\_\_\_

Amount Enclosed: \$\_\_\_\_\_

Email Address or Phone #:\_\_\_\_\_

Ministry Schedules: Saturday, March 1 <sup>st</sup> L. Sunday, March 2 <sup>nd</sup>			
	Saturday 5:00 P.M. Mass	Sunday 8:30 A.M. Mass	Sunday 10:30 A.M. Mass
Presiders	Bishop Robert Fedek	Fr. Michael Wyrzykowski	Fr. Michael Wyrzykowski
Lectors	P. Moy	M. McDermott; P. McDermott	N. Schroeder
Cantors	E. Doyle	Vocal Quartet	Vocal Quartet
Extraordinary Ministers	S. Witz; K. Gillespie; P. Posch; K. Sampey	L. Beckman; J. Beckman; L. Delana; M. Wagner	M. Niewinski; E. Niewinski; R. Siciliano; C. Willocks
Altar Servers	E. Hyland; L. Love; S. Traversa	T. Cox; K. Rahlfs; N. Rahlfs	K. Catomer; N. Eaglin; E. Gonzalez



#### Our Parish Staff:

Fr. Matthew Heinrich, Pastor Fr. Michael Wyrzykowski, Associate Pastor Bishop-elect Robert Fedek, Weekend Assistant Deacon Rick & Carol Moritz Deacon Ronald & Connie Gronek Vincent Kennedy, Director of Operations Scott Will, Director of Worship Melissa Anna, Administrative Supervisor & Communications/ Bulletin Editor Elizabeth Doyle, Assistant Director of Music Marilyn Sadowski, Receptionist Bernadette Anna, Parish Sacristan

#### **Our School Staff:**

Sue Canzoneri, Principal Tina Fitzgerald, Assistant Principal Julie Szwedo, Religious Education Coordinator Lisa Kessler, School Accountant Mary Haley, School Secretary

#### What's Happening @ IC ...

<u>Monday, February 24<sup>th</sup></u>— **7:00-8:30 P.M.**—Winter Alpha Session Begins; RA

<u>Tuesday, February 25<sup>th</sup></u>— 6:00-9:00 P.M.— Alpha Executive Team Mtg.; RA

Wednesday, February 26<sup>th</sup> -8:30 A.M. – School Mass; CH 2:10-3:30 P.M. – Choristers Rehearsal; CH 8:00-9:30 P.M. – IC Athletic Committee Mtg.; NWCR

<u>Thursday, February 27th</u> –
8:30 A.M.-3:00 P.M. – School Booster-Thon Fun Run; PC
7:00-8:30 P.M. – Overtones Rehearsal; CH
7:00-8:00 P.M. – St. Joseph Table Team Mtg.; Café
7:00-9:00 P.M. – Parents Club Mtg.; RA

*<u>Friday, February 28</u><sup>th</sup> – School Trimester 2 Ends* **8:15 P.M. –** Men's Basketball; PC

<u>Saturday, March 1st</u> – 5:00 P.M. – Bishop Robert M. Fedek: Mass of Thanksgiving; CH 6:15-9:00 P.M. – Reception For Bishop Robert M. Fedek; PC

<u>Sunday, March 2<sup>nd</sup></u> – 2025 Annual Catholic Appeal Follow-Up Weekend 9:30-10:15 A.M. – Confessions; CH

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#### **Upcoming Bulletin Deadlines:**

March 2<sup>nd</sup> Bulletin submissions due: Friday, February 21<sup>st</sup> March 9<sup>th</sup> Bulletin submissions due: Friday, February 28<sup>th</sup>

Bulletin submissions are accepted via email at: parishbulletin@icchicago.org

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