

Welcome to
Immaculate Conception Parish

A Catholic Community Inviting People to Follow Christ

February 28, 2021 - Second Sunday Of Lent

I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living



"If God is for us, who can be against us."

- Romans 8:31

Love God • Serve Others • Make Disciples

Contact Us

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📍: 7211 W. Talcott Avenue
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(Please note: new email address)

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

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)

*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

Monday, Tuesday & Friday @ 7:00 P.M.
Wednesdays @ 8:30 A.M. (School Mass)
(Worship with us virtually on our Facebook Page or Twitch)

In-Person

Thursdays @ 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:

First and Third Tuesdays of each month from 6:00-7:00 P.M.
(Special dates & times offered during Advent & Lent)

Baptisms:

Saturdays @ 1:00 P.M.
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.

Opportunities for Confessions - Sundays @ 9:30 A.M. & Tuesdays @ 6:00 P.M.

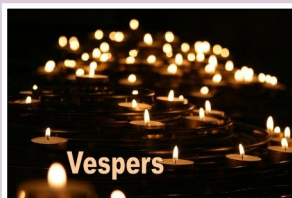


This Lent, we invite you to join us for spiritual opportunities to rekindle your relationship with our Lord. All are welcome!

On **Sunday, February 28th**, we will once again offer a special opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation between our **8:30 A.M.** and **10:30 A.M.** Masses. (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. Robert or Fr. Matt. As we will not be offering a Communal Penance Service this Lent due to COVID-19 restrictions, we encourage you to take advantage of this special opportunity. We will also offer opportunities for Confessions on the first & third Tuesdays of March (**March 2nd & March 16th**) from **6:00-7:00 P.M.**



Lenten Vespers Service - Wednesdays @ 7:00 P.M.



We invite you to gather with us in prayer on Wednesday evenings for our **Lenten Vespers Service: An Evening of Song & Prayer** which will take place in our Church from **7:00-7:30 P.M.** each Wednesday through **March 24th**. Freewill offerings (cash or checks) will be gratefully accepted at our Vespers Services during Lent – 50% will go towards sponsoring meals for the poor and homeless at Catholic Charities Food Kitchen, with the remaining 50% supporting our Music Ministry @ IC. If you will be attending Vespers virtually and would like to offer a donation, please either mail or drop off an envelope (clearly marked “Vespers”) at our Parish Office and we will properly designate the money.

Weekday In-Person Mass - Thursdays @ 8:30 A.M.

We are gradually beginning to expand our In-Person Weekday Mass schedule by reintroducing our **8:30 A.M.** Mass which will be celebrated **every Thursday** during Lent.

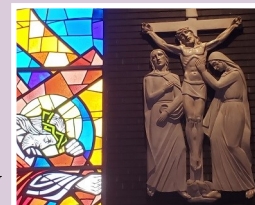
Registration & Livestreaming Options

Reservations are recommended for all of our in-person events to assist with contact tracing. Walk-ins are welcome, but must provide name and telephone number (or email) upon entry. If you would like to join us during Lent for *Confessions* (on Tuesdays), *Vespers* (on Wednesdays), our *8:30 A.M. Mass* (on Thursdays), or *Stations of the Cross* (on Fridays), please visit our parish website: www.icchicago.org or contact our Parish Office: 773.775.3833 to register.

If you are unable to join us in-person for either our Vespers Services on Wednesdays or our 8:30 A.M. Mass on Thursdays, we encourage you to join us virtually as both will also be livestreamed on our parish Facebook page (*Immaculate Conception Parish Chicago -Talcott*) as well as on our Twitch Channel: twitch.tv/icchicago.

Stations Of The Cross -Fridays @ 7:00 P.M.

The Way of the Cross will be prayed in our Church **every Friday evening of Lent** at **7:00 P.M.** through **March 26th**. On **April 2nd** (*Good Friday*), our parish family will gather to pray the Stations of the Cross at **3:00 P.M.** It is a traditional way of remembering what our Lord endured for us and how we continue to carry the Cross of Christ today. All are welcome!

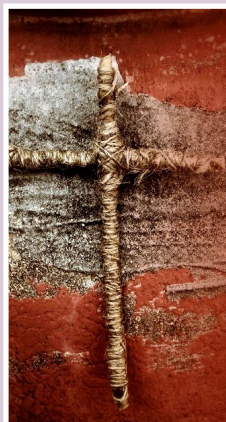


Lenten Disciplines of Fasting & Abstinence

Catholics in good health ages 18 to 59 are required to fast and to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

Fasting consists of eating only one meal, with the possibility of two smaller snacks that do not add up to a single full meal.

Catholics age 14 and older are to abstain from meat on all Fridays in Lent.



Hearing Accessibility Update



Good news! There has recently been a new accessibility streaming network added to our parish. This network allows our church sound system to stream directly to a hearing aid or cochlear implant user's personal device through their cell phone. Tune in to hear the readings, sermons, and song lyrics with ease.

In order to access the network, please follow the steps below:

1. Connect your phone to the Wifi Network called, "IC Listen" using the password: "Immaculate" (note the capital "I").
2. Download the WaveCast App.
3. Open the WaveCast App and select the network called, "FM_PLUS."
4. Once you are connected, you should be able to hear our church audio streaming directly through your hearing aids or cochlear implants. You can adjust the volume using the slider within the app. Sliding to the right turns up the volume and sliding to the left turns down the volume.

As a reminder, in addition to this streaming network, we also have some other assistive listening devices available for check out from our ushers:

1. **Telecoil NeckLoop:** This device works as a transmitter, collecting our church's sound signal and sending it directly to the user's hearing aids or cochlear implants. This is the ideal option for a hearing aid or cochlear implant user who does not have a smartphone that is connected to their devices. In order for this Telecoil NeckLoop to work, the hearing aids or cochlear implants must be in a "telecoil program." If you are unsure if your device has this program, ask your audiologist.
2. **Wireless Receiver:** This device is best for someone who would like to hear better, but does not have their own set of hearing aids or cochlear implants. It also works as a transmitter, collecting our church's sound signal and sending it directly to the user's ears via headphones. You can use the headphones provided by our church or bring your own set of headphones and connect them to the device.

If you need any assistance setting up the smartphone app or assistive listening devices, feel free to ask me before the 8:30 A.M. or 10:30 A.M. Sunday Masses. I am an audiology student and love to help people hear better.

EmilyAnn Duffley
(Church Musician)

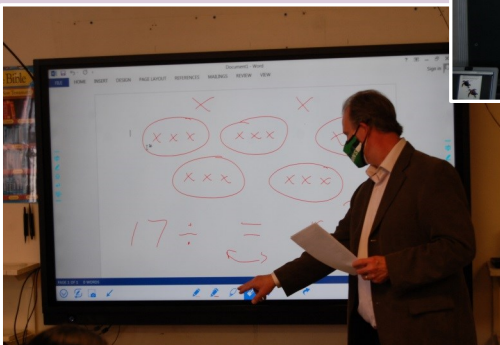
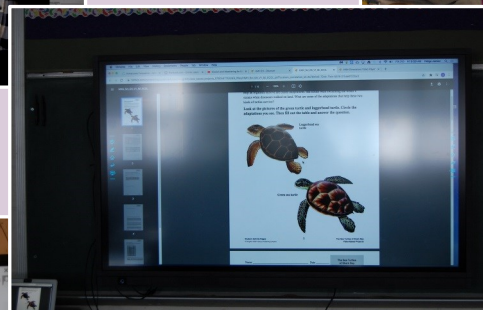
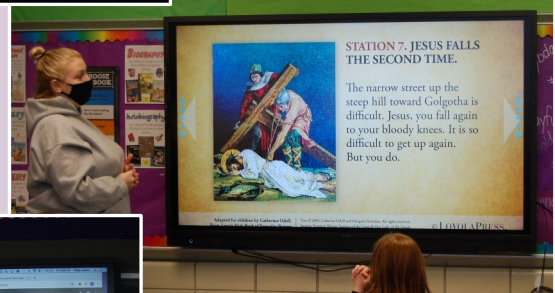
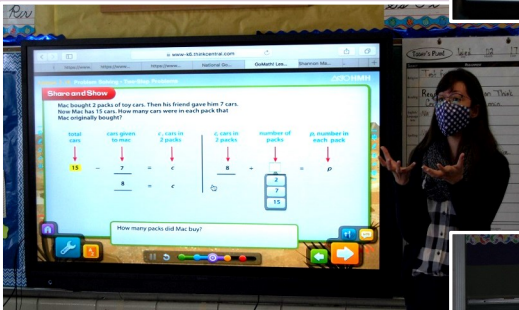
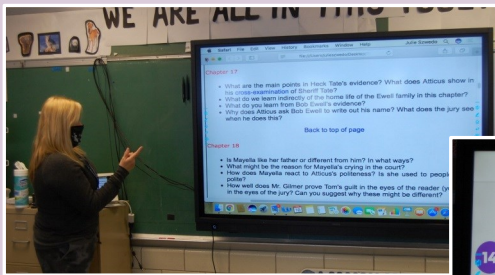




School News...

TRUTOUCH Ultra-HD LED Multi-Touch Displays

The goal during this school year and every school year is to engage our learners, whether they are in-person learning or remote learning. Made possible by grants, IC School was able to purchase a Trutouch Interactive Panel for each of our 24 classrooms. It will make it easier to keep students engaged and interested in class, make it convenient to record instruction when needed, and provide tools designed for better collaboration and more creative learning. During this pandemic COVID-19 school year, Immaculate Conception School has had to provide tools to students for remote learning. Students would not be able to do remote learning without 1:1 devices. These panels will provide a large format screen that can be shared easily on remote classes. Trutouch is providing free online professional development for all teachers so that they can utilize the new technology to the fullest advantage for our students in and out of the classroom during this unprecedented time.



Please join our parish family in prayer ...



Tom Altman
Concetta Bartucci
Melissa Bednarz
Baby Melanie Behren
Robert Behrman
Sonia M. B.
Vince Caeti
Jackie Campbell
Rita Castillo
Donna Chaplin
James Covello
Sherry Crocifisso
Ronnie Cunningham
Christina Dziekonski
Richard Flanagan
Brooke Foreman
Lila Gehner
Deacon Ron Gronek
Ofelia Hernandez

For those who are sick:

Dennis M. Jaburek
Esther Jarosh
Helga Jarosz
Erma Kinzie
Wayne Kinzie
Craig Kloss
Lillian Kohut
Marcia Mally
Benny Martinez
Edwin Martinez
Frank Martinez
Fr. Eric Meyer, C.P.
Sam Milazzo
Veronica Murillo
Timothy Murray
Judith Nosko
Mary Beth O'Grady
Jackie O'Koniewski
David Olson

Fr. Alan Phillip, C.P.
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:

Charles Frederick Heybrock
James A. Courtney
Matthew J. Galloway (Husband of Mia, Son of Diane)
Christopher J. Passeri



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

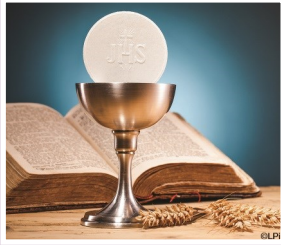


For those who serve our country:



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, February 28th
through
Sunday, March 7th

Sunday, February 28th - Second Sunday of Lent

5:00 P.M. (Saturday) - †Harry Schatz

8:30 A.M. — †Ivan Perez

10:30 A.M. — †DJ O'Shea; †Memena Palmieri; †Francis & Moira Cross; Laura Luedtke (Living); and The People of the Parish

Monday, March 1st - Lenten Weekday

7:00 P.M. (Virtual Mass) — †Robert Keenley

Tuesday, March 2nd - Lenten Weekday

7:00 P.M. (Virtual Mass) — †Martin Parsons

Wednesday, March 3rd - Saint Katharine Drexel, Virgin

8:30 A.M. — †Baby Kataeri Moon Marni Wesley

Thursday, March 4th - Saint Casimir

8:30 A.M. — †Joseph Miaso (on his 1st Anniversary)

Friday, March 5th - Lenten Weekday (World Day of Prayer)

5:30 P.M. & 7:00 P.M. (Virtual Mass) — †Ellen "Nellie" Gavin; †Patricia P. Dunleavy; and †John W. Ault

Saturday, March 6th - Lenten Weekday

5:00 P.M. - †Katharina Kraemer (on her 15th Anniversary)

Sunday, March 7th - Third Sunday of Lent

8:30 A.M. — †Dolores Capra (on her 6th Anniversary)

10:30 A.M. — †Joseph J. Lykowski; †Tommy Fuller; †Louis & Frances Allocco; †Linda Kowal; †Francis & Moira Cross; and The People of the Parish



February 28th through March 6th

Our Sanctuary Lamp is burning this week for the prayer intention of

Dennis Slater



February 28th through March 5th

Our Blessed Mother Votive is burning this week for the repose of the soul of

Marilyn Martin



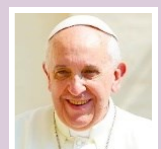
February 28th through March 5th

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

Michael Galloway

Pope Tweet of the Week...

"May the example of so many doctors and healthcare workers who have risked their life to the point of losing it due to the #pandemic move us to feeling truly grateful for how generously, and sometimes heroically, they carry out their profession."



Second Collection: Church in Central & Eastern Europe - February 27th & 28th



This week, our special collection supports the **Church in Central and Eastern Europe**. The fall of communism occurred more than 25 years ago, but the Church still struggles to rebuild after decades of oppressive rule. Under communism, religion and religious practices were openly persecuted and atheism was actively propagated and enforced. Your support of this collection helps renew vital aspects of the Church life: it supports seminary programs, promotes ministries and education for children and families, rebuilds churches and renews community life around the region. Please be generous and prayerfully consider how you can support this collection today. For more information, please visit www.usccb.org/ccce.

Lenten Outreach Opportunity: Food Collection for Catholic Charities Food Pantry



This Lenten season, our parish will be collecting food to support the Catholic Charities Food Pantry (located on Rand Road) which provides food/supplies for low-income residents of

Northwest Chicago and the Northwest suburbs.

Beginning this weekend, February 27th & 28th, please consider dropping the following much-needed items off in bins located at the entrance of our Church:

Peanut Butter & Jelly, Spaghetti & Pastas, Pasta Sauce, Rice, Condensed Milk, Canned Soup (or Dry), Canned Fruits

If you would like to assist us with sorting, boxing and delivering the collected food items to the Food Pantry this Lent, please contact our Parish Office at 773.775.3833.

IC Holy Name Men's Club presents

Immaculate Conception ST. PATRICK'S DAY

Party postponed, COOKING CONTINUES!

Homemade! Tradition!

SAT. MARCH 13th

Pick-up/Delivery @5pm-7pm

Cost: Platter-\$20 (each additional \$18)
Homemade Corned Beef, Cabbage, Potatoes, Rye Bread, Pickle, Dessert

Sandwich: \$15 (each additional \$13)
Corned Beef on Rye, Chips, Pickle, Dessert

Take a break from cooking for this DELICIOUS Fundraiser!

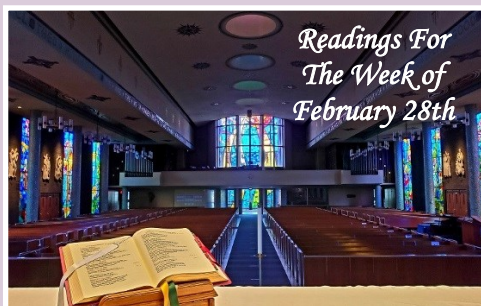
(Pay with Cash/Check/Venmo)

****Please call and reserve your order by March 6th.**
(That way we will know how much to Cook)

Contact:

Pat Gallagher 773-251-2271	Amy Gallagher 708-955-6203
Sean Fennessy 773-269-9778	Jack Murphy 773-860-1092
Ralph Warner 773-550-6747	Marty McGrath 773-425-4650

Made with Passion! ** IC Parish Center ** 7271 W Talcott, Chicago



Readings For The Week of February 28th

Sunday: Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 116:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19 [9]/Rom 8:31b-34/Mk 9:2-10

Monday: Dn 9:4b-10/Ps 79:8, 9 11 and 13 [cf. 103:10a]/Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23 [23b]/Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20/Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16 [17b]/Mt 20:17-28

Thursday: Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [40:5a]/Lk 16:19-31

Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21 [5a]/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12 [8a]/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Next Sunday: Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [Jn 6:68c]/1 Cor 1:22-25/Jn 2:13-25 or Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

Gospel Meditation - Encourage a Deeper Understanding of Scripture



A pregnant woman was walking in the store and met an old friend. Her friend exclaimed, “*You are absolutely beaming!*” The new life God placed in her womb radiated throughout her body. It was brightly visible on her face and in her eyes. Transformation and change usually happen from the inside out. It is very rare that simply imposing structure from the outside does any good. Yes, it is true that routines and habits can change when things are done differently. But, for this change to last there has to be an interior renewal and metamorphosis as well. Simply regulating behavior and bringing someone into conformity with accepted protocols doesn’t mean their heart and soul come with them.

Peter was a homeless man who lived in a very remote and rudimentary tent community. He was happy to make his daily trip to McDonald’s and always welcomed a gift card or two so that he could buy some coffee and something to eat. A generous advocate worked to secure him an apartment in hopes of moving Peter out of his makeshift housing and into something safer. Peter finally got the grand tour of his new “*digs*,” received his own key, remarked how wonderful the place was, closed the door behind him when they left and never returned. He preferred his tent. No matter how much things changed on the outside, Peter was happy where he was. A poignant lesson was learned that day.

How is your Lent going? By now you ought to have a sense of whether you’re really “*into it*” this year and something transformational is happening. For many, it’s only the stuff on the outside that changes for a few weeks and then they return to business as usual. For others, there are some real inner changes happening that are deepening their relationships with God, others, self, and creation. If we are serious about moving to a new place and radiating with the presence of new life and joy, then we have to clear the way to listen for God’s call. Then, there is God’s request to change things up a bit and order our lives differently. After realizing we have been called and given a mission, we have to trust that this is where we need to be. And then, after all of this hard work we are asked to act. The fruit that is revealed will indicate whether our journey is authentic. The brilliance of conversion will begin to shine on our faces as we contemplate the One to whom we are asked to listen.

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Everyday Stewardship – Recognize God in your Ordinary Moments

When Sacrifice Becomes Mundane

It seems to happen every year, like clockwork: we drag a bit, as we enter into the second week of Lent. On Ash Wednesday, we feel a bit like soldiers banging our shields, rushing into battle. “*We’re ready, God!*” our hearts cry out. “*Transform us through sacrifice! Your will be done!*”

But by now, these Lenten resolutions are no longer novelties — they’ve joined the ranks of everyday inconveniences, which somehow are the hardest to bear. Because transformation, in real life, happens in inches, just as a battle is won slowly in the crash of one sword against another. It’s not always a dramatic thing, to the naked eye. It’s the perseverance in prayer despite weariness, or the continual denial of some pleasure even though there’s that nagging voice in our minds saying: *go ahead, God doesn’t really mind.*

It’s a week when we all need a shock to the system — and wouldn’t you know it, this Sunday God gives us a double-whammy of dramatic sacrificial scenes. We picture Abraham, who also cried “*Ready!*” when God called, never imagining what He would ask: the surrender of his long-awaited son. We see Christ himself transfigured, as God shows us what He is ready to give up for love of us.

We must remain committed, persevering daily in acknowledging that everything belongs to God. What we sacrifice, we simply give back to Him.

If God is for us, who can be against us? Can we still reply, “*Ready!*” when we hear the call of God?

– Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi





Our Parish Staff:

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Fr. Robert Carlton, *Associate Pastor*
Fr. Robert Fedek, *Weekend Assistant*
Deacon Rick & Carol Moritz
Deacon Ronald & Connie Gronek
Deacon Michael & Melissa Bednarz
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Scott Will, *Director of Worship*
Melissa Anna, *Office Administration & Communications/ Bulletin Editor*
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***Please note:** new email addresses of our Parish Staff

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Lisa Kessler, *School Accountant*
Mary Haley, *School Secretary*

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What's Happening @ IC...

Monday, March 1st -

7:00 P.M. — Alpha Session; Zoom

Tuesday, March 2nd -

6:00-7:00 P.M. — Confessions; Church

Wednesday, March 3rd -

7:00 P.M. — Lenten Vespers Service;
 Church

Thursday, March 4th -

8:30 A.M. — Weekday Mass; Church
 8:00-9:30 P.M. — Holy Name Men's Club Mtg.; Zoom

Friday, March 5th -

5:30 P.M. - First Friday Mass; Church
 6:00-7:00 P.M. — First Friday Nocturnal Eucharistic
 Adoration; Church
 7:00 P.M. — Stations Of The Cross; Church



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.**)