Welcome to

Immaculate Conception Parish

A Catholic Community Inviting People to Follow Christ

March 13, 2022 - Second Sunday Of Lent



"Brothers and sisters, our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we also await a savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will change our lowly body to conform with his glorified body by the power that enables him also to bring all things into subjection to himself."

- Philippians 3:20-21

Love God • Serve Others • Make Disciples

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Parish Office Hours:

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



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!

Weekday Mass Schedule:

Online

Monday through Thursday @ 8:30 A.M. (Worship with us virtually on our Facebook Page or Twitch)

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.

Confessions:

Sunday mornings from 9:30 A.M.-10:15 A.M. (offered every Sunday during Lent)

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: Saint Patrick



With the upcoming Feast Day of St. Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland and the "Apostle of Ireland" who lived from approximately 385 through 461, it is worth reflecting upon the life of the actual St. Patrick. One of the main lessons of his life was reflected in the story of Joseph in the Book of Genesis, who said to his brothers (after Joseph became aware of what they were trying to do to him): "Don't be afraid. Am I in the place of God? You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives. So then, don't be afraid. I will provide for you and your children."

Patrick was born in a Britain that was controlled by the Romans and his father would have been a local official in the Roman government. In his Confession, Patrick makes it clear, though, that he was not a believer in any kind of religion in his early years. However, at the age of sixteen, according to Patrick's memoir, he was kidnapped by a group of Irish pirates and

was taken to Ireland and held captive there for six years. During this time, rather than be driven further away from a life of faith, Patrick chose to embrace the Christian way of proceeding: "And there [in Ireland] the Lord opened the sense of my unbelief that I might at least remember my sins and be converted with all my heart to the Lord my God, who had regard for my abjection, and mercy of my youth and ignorance, and watched over me before I knew Him, and before I was able to distinguish between good and evil, and guarded me, and comforted me as would a father his son."

After six years like this, Patrick heard a voice saying that it was time for him to go home and, responding to this, he fled from where he was and made his way to a port that was approximately two hundred miles away from where he had been and, within a couple of days, landed in Britain. Patrick eventually returned home to his family and continued his study of Christianity.

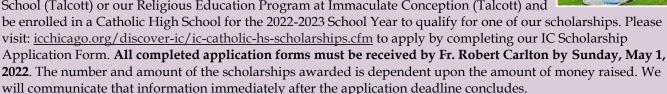
Some time after this, Patrick experienced another vision, which he recounted in his Confession: "I saw a man coming, as it were from Ireland. His name was Victoricus, and he carried many letters, and he gave me one of them. I read the heading: 'The Voice of the Irish.' As I began the letter, I imagined in that moment that I heard the voice of those very people who were near the wood of Foclut, which is beside the western sea - and they cried out, as with one voice: 'We appeal to you, holy servant boy, to come and walk among us.'" Patrick then returned to Ireland, where he found enormous success in his missionary work, aided largely by his knowledge and experience of Irish language and culture, which he had gained during his years as a slave there earlier in his life. According to tradition, Patrick died on March 17, 461, after twenty-five to thirty years of missionary work, during which time he was largely responsible for Ireland becoming one of the most Catholic countries in Europe.

Patrick's life is not only an example of commitment to the faith and to God's call, but also to how God can turn what appears to be times of great suffering towards the good in the long run, much as he did with Joseph in the Book of Genesis. How, then, in your life has God used instances of difficulty to lead you towards something good later?

Fr. Robert

Immaculate Conception Catholic High School Scholarships

Applications are now 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 enrelled in a Catholic High School for the 2022, 2023 School Voor to qualify for one of our school for the 2022, 2023 School Voor to qualify for one of our school for the 2022 and the conception of the concep



During the application process, we will still be gratefully accepting donations to our Scholarship Fund, so if you would like to contribute electronically to our IC Catholic High School Scholarship Fund, please either visit: givecentral.org/location/349/event/28631 or scan the following QR code with your phone:



Our heartfelt thanks to those who have already generously contributed to our Scholarship Fund!



Confessions - Sundays @ 9:30 A.M.

Opportunities to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be offered each Sunday morning during Lent from 9:30 until 10:15 A.M. through April 10th (*Palm Sunday*). On Thursday, March 31st, we will also offer a Communal Reconciliation Service (featuring opportunities for private confession) from 7:30-8:30 P.M. following our Lenten Vespers Service that evening.

Ignatian Spirituality Series - Tuesdays @ 7:00 P.M

We invite you to join Fr. Robert (Carlton) on Tuesday evenings this Lent for our *Ignatian Spirituality Series* as we continue to examine the life of St. Ignatius and explore Ignatian Spirituality. Our Lenten series consists of 4 sessions which will be conducted at **7:00 P.M.** in our Rectory Assembly on the following dates:

March 15th - Recap of Advent Sessions on The Examen and Ignatian Contemplation

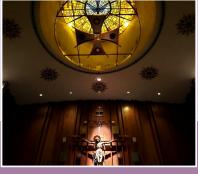
March 22nd - God In Ordinary Life

March 29th - Spiritual Meanings Of The Emotional Life

April 5th - Contemplatives In Action

The topics for our sessions listed above may be added to based upon the interests of those participating. A **light soup dinner will be served from 6:30 P.M.-7:00 P.M. on the nights of the sessions.** (Free-will offerings will be gratefully accepted.) Please contact Fr. Robert at <u>rearlton@archchicago.org</u> with any additional questions. If you are interested in attending our *Ignatian Spirituality Series*, please either complete our online registration form @icchicago.org/connect/Ignatian-Spirituality-Series.cfm or contact our Parish Office (773.775.3833) to register.

Lenten Vespers Series -Thursdays @ 7:00 P.M. Discipleship Group Study Series: Jesus' Passion: The Story of Redemptive Suffering - Thursdays @ 7:30 P.M.



Experience Lenten Vespers @ IC on Thursday evenings @ 7:00 P.M. through April 7th

Join us as we pause and reflect at the close of the day to bless God and one another in song, silence and prayer.



Our Lenten Discipleship Group Study Series: "Jesus' Passion: The Story of Redemptive Suffering" with Deacon Rick examines the Scriptural basis of Mel Gibson's film, The Passion of the Christ, and explores how this powerful portrayal of the suffering and death of Jesus relates to the Bible and the teachings of the Catholic



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Church, with a portion of the movie shown at each class. Our series began on March 3rd and continues on Thursday evenings from **7:30-9:00 P.M.** through **April** 7th in our Rectory Assembly.

Stations of the Cross - Fridays @ 7:00 P.M.



The Way of the Cross will be prayed every Friday evening of Lent at 7:00 P.M. through April 8th. On April 15th (Good Friday), our parish family will gather to pray the Stations of the Cross at 3:00 P.M. It is our traditional way of remembering

what our Lord endured for us and how we continue to carry the Cross of Christ today.



News:

Cowboy's Boot Scootin' Boogie

IC students bopped to the music in our Boosterthon fundraiser on Thursday, March 3rd! Thanks to the generosity of our donors, we successfully surpassed our goal of raising \$40,000 to replace carpeting in half of our classrooms with brand new flooring. We are so excited to be able to make this much-needed improvement to our school!























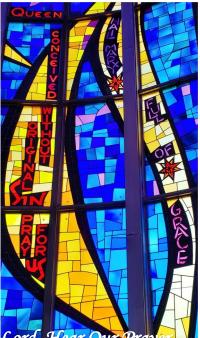








Please join our parish family in prayer...



Tom Altman Paul Amandes Robert Behrman Sonia M. B. Roberta Berger John Bozek Vince Caeti Zita Castro Donna Chaplin Marie Conway James Covello Ronnie Cunningham Paige Dicks Paula Drew Ozzie D'Souza Dorothy D'Souza Richard Flanagan Brooke Foreman Patricia Furgat Lila Gehner Bonnie Jean Gorski Deacon Ron Gronek Ofelia Hernandez

For those who are sick:

Kevin Jaburek Wayne Kinzie, Sr. Craig Kloss Lillian Kohut Katherine Kreuser Anthony Lapash Benny Martinez Edwin Martinez Frank Martinez Gerry Michalek, Jr. Helen Moore Molly Morris Veronica Murillo Timothy Murray Brendan Nelson Iudith Nosko 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 Iennie Sekula Don Skorey Edward Stanczyk Donna Tisdale Camilla Trevino Steven P. Trifilio Peter Vandenbergh Mary Ellen Vanderman Henry Wagener Miss Westhoff Rita Zambon

*Newly Added

For our faithful departed:

Maureen Francis Ruffner (Grandmother of Dawn LaVeau) Fr. Ronan Newbold, C.P. (Former Associate Pastor @ IC) Angeline Ziberna (Mother of Ricky Ziberna)



"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 Wieczorek

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, March 13th through Sunday, March 20th

Sunday, March 13th- Second Sunday of Lent

5:00 *P.M.* (*Saturday*) - [†]Joanna Rice (Birthday Remembrance); and The Romero Family (Living)

8:30 A.M.—†Joseph Kula; and Diana Szyszkiewicz (Living) 10:30 A.M.—†Louis & Frances Allocco; †Milagros Bernardita San Juan (on her 9th Anniversary); †Benedict Schronski; †James Byrne; †Patrick Byrne; †Eleanor A. Kolecki; †Norma Collins; †Sue McGrath; †Francis & Moira Cross; †Irene Kmiecik; †Scott Joseph Tedesco; and The People of the Parish

Monday, March 14th - Lenten Weekday

8:30 A.M. — †Diane Sprincz (on her 1st Anniversary); †Paulino Gutierrez (on his 40th Day Anniversary); †Terry Broda Rutkowski (on her 8th Anniversary); and †Ronald Rutkowski (on his 15th Anniversary); and James Abraham (Living) (on his 4th Birthday)

Tuesday, March 15th - Lenten Weekday

8:30 A.M. — †Lillian Smuda; †Carm Schillinger (on her 1st Anniversary); and Phylicia Abraham (Living)

Wednesday, March 16th - *Lenten Weekday* 8:30 *A.M.* - †Jozef Pawlowski; and †Titi Delisi

Thursday, March 17th - Saint Patrick, Bishop

8:30 A.M. — [†]Kathy Colletti (Birthday Remembrance); [†]Ada Acevedo; [†]Erin Leahy; [†]Christopher Schuh (Birthday Remembrance); and Steven Pawlowski (Living)

Friday, March 18th - Saint Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

8:30 A.M. – *Jason Walker; and *Charles Montalbano

Saturday, March 19th - Saint Joseph, Spouse of The Blessed Virgin Mary

5:00 P.M.—†Harry & Betty Pawlowski; †Frank M. Labellarte; †Walter & Loretta Bak; †Michael & Josephine Model; †Stanislaw Swiderski; †Jozef Olga Pasierb; and The Cozzo & Puccio Families (Living)

Sunday, March 20th - Third Sunday of Lent

8:30 A.M.- [†]Francis & Moira Cross; [†]Michael Naughton; and The People of the Parish

10:30 A.M. – †Alex & Edelia Covello; †Sarah Cunningham; †Fr. Ronan Newbold, C.P.; †Patrick & James Byrne; †Darlene Ziga Marconi; and Ryan Costelloe (Living)



Pope Tweet of the Week...

"Prayer, charity and fasting are not medicines meant only for ourselves but for everyone: they can change history, because they are the principal ways for God to intervene in our lives and in the world. They are weapons of the Spirit." #Lent



Join The Saints In Honoring Saint Joseph ...



Immaculate Conception Parish St. Joseph Table Saturday, March 19th Noon-4:00 P.M. Rectory Assembly

Volunteers & Food Drop-off: 9:00 A.M.-Noon First Seating & Serving of Food @ Noon

(Magic Show: 12:30 P.M.-1:30 P.M.)

Second Seating & Serving of Food @ 2:00 P.M.

(Magic Show: 2:30 P.M.-3:30 P.M.)

Please Note: Each seating requires a separate donation and can be paid at the door, space permitting! Limited seating preference given to those who pay prior to the event. **All children must be accompanied by an adult.**

Suggested Minimum Donation: Adults - \$10, Children - \$5 (ages 3-14), Children under 3 or Seniors over 65 who bring a Dish/Dessert to Share are Free!

Our St. Joseph Table traditionally contains meatless selections of pasta, fish, salads, side vegetable dishes, pizza, and desserts of all kinds. Donations help support our School and Community.

We pray you consider bringing ready-to-serve food and/or volunteer to:

Set-up on Friday 3/18 from 3:00 P.M.-6:00 P.M., Accept Food Drop-offs or Pick-up Restaurant Donations on Saturday Morning from 9:00 A.M.-Noon, Serve Food from Noon-1:30 P.M. and/or from 2:00 P.M.-3:30 P.M., Clean-up from 4:00 P.M.-5:00 P.M.

RSVP Tickets available @ our Parish Office and after Weekend Masses in the Vestibule of our Church.



To pay using **Venmo**, please scan the QR code provided and enter in the memo field: *St. Joseph Table - Noon* or *2:00 P.M. Seating* when paying.

To pay using **Zelle**, please enter our email address: icmensclub@hotmail.com.

Please contact Deacon Mike @ 847.361.9766, 773.368.3063 or at MABednarz@archchicago.org when paying in advance, to volunteer/drop-off food, or if you need additional information.





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"The generous will themselves be blessed, for they share their food with the poor."

Lenten Food Drive For Catholic Charities - Des Plaines

Our Lenten Food Drive to benefit the Catholic Charities Food Pantry in Des Plaines (located at 1717 Rand Road) is currently in progress and will continue each weekend of Lent **through April 9th & 10th**. Both food and monetary donations will be gratefully accepted.

The items currently most in need are as follows:

Cereal; Rice; Beans; Dry Packaged Goods; and Pasta & Sauce.

If you are donating food items, please be certain to check expiration dates prior to doing so. Please deposit all food donations in the collection boxes located in the Vestibule of our Church. Food donations will also be accepted in our Parish Office during the week between the hours of 9:00 A.M. until 5:00 P.M.

If you prefer to contribute electronically, monetary donations will also be accepted via Give Central at givecentral.org/location/349/event/32488 or scan the following QR Code with your phone to donate:



Gospel Meditation - Encourage a Deeper Understanding of Scripture



There is so much wisdom in the first commandment. The daily demands of life, current political ideologies and dynamics, social expectations, corporate philosophies, and even technology can easily become lesser gods. We can find ourselves beholden to and held captive by these secular constructs and systems. Even for those who profess a faith in the one true God, these lesser, attractive but false gods are a temptation. Being overly preoccupied and even obsessed with the state of our present lives, we lose sight of our real destiny and purpose.

Jesus showed his disciples a glimpse of this destiny when he was transfigured before their eyes. In fact, Peter was so caught up in the brilliance, awe, and sacredness of these fleeting moments that he wanted to extend them as long as possible. Wonderful things happen when we leave our illusions and discover something that is true. This is why creating some sacred space in our lives for reflection, prayer, renewal, refreshment, centering ourselves, and disconnecting from the noise is so important. It shows us how false and shallow our lives can be and what is really of importance. Do you create some kind of sacred space in your life? Lent is a perfect time to do so.

St. Irenaeus, one of the early fathers and martyrs of the Catholic Church, said that, "he who was the Son of God became the Son of Man that man ... might become the son of God." We mistakenly believe that life is all about us. It's not. Ours is a journey of transformation in which we become more and more one with the mind of Christ and Christ himself. St. Augustine saw this same transformation occurring when the Eucharist is received. In receiving the Eucharist, we become what we eat, the Body of Christ. Honestly acknowledging false gods that we cling to can open the door for God to show us the wholeness and holiness to which we are called. Take time to discover the sacred. When we do, we will want to stay there for a while. Then, when we return to our personal affairs, we will see more clearly. ©LPi

Special Collection: Aid For The Church In Central and Eastern Europe

Pope Francis has called upon the Universal Church to pray for peace in Ukraine. Catholics in the US can also show their solidarity by participating in the annual Collection for the Church in Central & Eastern Europe. The collection will help the Church in Ukraine bring the light of Christ to the faithful affected by the darkness of war, violence, and loss of families and homes and provide other essential funding in the region. Your support of this collection is a tangible way of assisting the Church's response and outreach to those affected and displaced by the violence. Your contributions will continue to provide emergency funds that are already helping the victims of this war with food and water, hygiene supplies, support, and other necessary humanitarian services. Your support is crucial to help those affected by this unfolding humanitarian disaster. Envelopes are available in the Vestibule of our Church. Please be generous (if you are able.)

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Ministry Schedules: Saturday, March 19th & Sunday, March 20th Saturday Sunday Sunday 5:00 P.M. 8:30 A.M. 10:30 A.M. **Family Mass Presiders** Fr. Matthew Heinrich Fr. Robert Fedek Fr. Robert Carlton Lectors R. Altman L. Beckman **Youth Lector Cantors** E. Doyle Vocal Quintet & Violin **Vocal Quintet & Guitar & Bass** S. Serb **Extraordinary** S. Witz L. Delana **Ministers Altar Servers** C. Beach; K. Bowers; P. Beckman; G. Reichle; K. Giannola; I. Luna; E. Hyland C. Villafane E. Peters



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What's Happening @ IC...

Monday, March 14th -

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

7:00-8:30 P.M. – Alpha Winter Session; RA

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

Tuesday, March 15th-

6:30-8:00 P.M. - Ignatian Spirituality Series; RA

7:30-9:00 P.M. - St. Joseph Table Planning Comm. Mtg.; Café

Wednesday, March 16th -

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

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

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

Thursday, March 17th - St. Patrick's Day

7:00-7:30 P.M. - Lenten Vespers Service; CH

7:30-9:00 P.M. – Lenten Discipleship Group Study Series: *Jesus' Passion:*

The Story of Redemptive Suffering; RA

Friday, March 18th -

7:00 P.M. - Stations Of The Cross; CH

8:15-10:00 P.M. -Men's Basketball; PC

Saturday, March 19th - St. Joseph's Day Noon-4:00 P.M. - St. Joseph Table; RA

6:00-7:00 P.M. – Adoration (concluding with Vespers & Benediction); CH

Sunday, March 20th - Third Sunday of Lent

9:30-10:15 A.M. – Lenten Confessions; CH

10:30 A.M. – Family Mass (Hosted By: 1st Grade); CH

11:30 A.M.-1:00 P.M. – Evangelization Team Mtg.; RA

4:00-6:00 P.M. – Cub Scout Blue & Gold Event; PC



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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.

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