## Welcome to Immaculate Conception Parish

A Catholic Community Inviting People to Follow Christ

March 14, 2021 - Fourth Sunday Of Lent



"For we are his handiwork, created in Christ Jesus for the good works that God has prepared in advance, that we should live in them." - Ephesians 2:10

Love God • Serve Others • Make Disciples

## Contact Us

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

9:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.

9:00 A.M. - Noon

#### Parish Office Hours:

Saturday:

E: 7211 W. Talcott Avenue Chicago, IL. 60631

: 773.775.3833

Sunday:

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.

(**Please note**: new email address)

Social Media

## Twitch:

Membership-free platform where all are welcome to view our Masses and access content. Visit us at **www.twitch.tv/icchicago** 

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. 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.

Donate

First and Third Tuesdays of each month from 6:00-7:00 P.M.

**Parish Website:** . www.icchicago.org

School Website:

□ www.iccowboys.net

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(Special dates & times offered during Advent & Lent)

#### **Baptisms:**

Sundays @ 12:30 P.M.

## 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. 2





Holy Week and Sacred Triduum Schedule March 28<sup>th</sup> - April 4<sup>th</sup>

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord 5:00 P.M. (Saturday Mass of Anticipation) 8:30 A.M. and \*10:30 A.M. Masses (\*In-Person & Livestreamed)

> *Monday of Holy Week* **7:00 P.M.** - Virtual Mass

> *Tuesday of Holy Week* **7:00 P.M. -** Virtual Mass

*Wednesday of Holy Week* 8:30 A.M. - School Virtual Mass

Holy Thursday \*7:00 P.M. - Mass of the Lord's Supper (\*In-Person & Livestreamed)

Good Friday 3:00 P.M. - Stations of the Cross \*7:00 P.M. - Passion of the Lord with Holy Communion (\*In-Person & Livestreamed)

Holy Saturday 1:00 P.M. - Blessing of the Easter Food (Church) \*8:30 P.M. - The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night (\*In-Person & Livestreamed)

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord \*8:30 A.M., \*10:30 A.M., and 12:30 P.M. Masses (\*In-Person & Livestreamed)

Reservations are recommended due to attendance restrictions and to assist with contact tracing. **Online registration for our Sacred Triduum and Easter Sunday Masses will open on Wednesday, March 24<sup>th</sup>**. Please register at **www.icchicago.org.** For those without computer access, please contact our Parish Office at 773.775.3833 to register.

\*For those unable to join us in-person, our livestreamed Masses may be viewed on either our *Facebook* page or on our *Twitch Channel* (*twitch.tv/icchicago*)

## Lenten Outreach Opportunity: Food Collection for Catholic Charities Food Pantry

This Lenten season, our parish is 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.

## Each weekend, through March 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* 

The above food items may also be dropped off at our Parish Office during the week between the hours of 9:00 A.M.-5:00 P.M. 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. Many thanks to all those who have already donated food and to our volunteers for assisting us with our first delivery!



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School News...

## Virtual School Field Trip

Our third grade students in Mrs. Fritz's classroom are learning about fossils. To get a more in-depth look at how fossils can teach us about the past, they were lucky to be able to experience a virtual field trip through the Field Museum to learn about their most famous exhibit – Sue the T. Rex!

The Field Museum offers students a chance to ask questions, play trivia games and immerse themselves in the world of Sue the T. Rex. IC third graders were excited to come together with students from around the country to learn about the fossils themselves, how and where they were found and what paleontologists think the life of Sue was like millions of years ago. They were especially thrilled to receive a "*shout-out*" to their class during the live broadcast!

Students were able to learn about the steps that went into finding the fossils, assembling the pieces together and how Sue came to be at the Field Museum. Curators from the museum gave students a tour of the new exhibit space and immersed them in a 3D model of the dinosaur's fossils.

During a time when students cannot physically visit the Field Museum as a class, this was a great way to take a break out of everyday lessons and learn something new!



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



During Lent, we will continue to offer opportunities to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation each Sunday morning between our **8:30 A.M.** and **10:30 A.M.** Masses through **March 28th.** (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. 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 **Tuesday**, **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 or donate electronically at: *https://www.givecentral.org/ location/349/event/29712*.

## 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. 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.

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



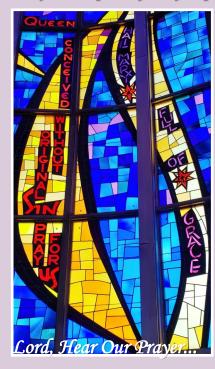
# Lenten Disciplines of Fasting & Abstinence

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.

## 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 Sherry Crocifisso Ronnie Cunningham Ozzie D'Souza Christina Dziekonski Richard Flanagan Brooke Foreman Lila Gehner

## For those who are sick:

Deacon Ron Gronek 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 Fr. Eric Meyer, C.P. 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:

Fr. Alan Phillip, C.P. (Former Associate Pastor at IC) Raymond C. Kloss



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

For those who serve our country:

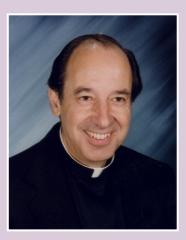


**U.S. Army -** SSgt. John Francis Mikita, Sgt. Kevin Whalen, SSgt Martine Makita, Chris Dash, Pvt. Jason G. Cavanaugh, Major Christopher Walsh, Capt. Benjamin Monson, 1st Lt. Katherine D. Hartnett, SPC Michael J. Stone, Pvt. Charlie Cruz Pappas, Thomas Treslo, National Guard Specialist 4th Class

**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, March 14th through Sunday, March 21st

Sunday, March 14th - Fourth Sunday of Lent 5:00 P.M. (Saturday) - <sup>†</sup>Joseph Kula; <sup>†</sup>Milagros Bernardita San Juan (on her 7th Anniversary); and <sup>+</sup>Jaime San Juan (on his 1st Anniversary)

8:30 A.M. - <sup>+</sup>Harry & Betty Pawlowski 10:30 A.M. – <sup>†</sup>Alex Covello; <sup>†</sup>Benedict Schronski; <sup>†</sup>Francis & Moira Cross; \*Stanislaw Swiderski; \*Matthew Galloway; \*Ronald Rutkowski (on his 16th Anniversary); and The People of the Parish

Monday, March 15th - Lenten Weekday 7:00 P.M. (Virtual Mass) - <sup>+</sup>Lillian Smuda

Tuesday, March 16th - Lenten Weekday 7:00 P.M. (Virtual Mass) - Anthony Ensmaco (Living)

Wednesday, March 17th - Saint Patrick, Bishop 8:30 A.M. - <sup>+</sup>Erin Leahy

Thursday, March 18th - Saint Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop and Doctor of the Church 8:30 A.M. – <sup>†</sup>Fr. Alan Phillip, C.P.

Friday, March 19th - Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary 7:00 P.M. (Virtual Mass) - <sup>†</sup>Joe Kopec; Freda Lazar (Living); and Joseph Lazar (Living)

Saturday, March 20th - Lenten Weekday 5:00 P.M. - \*Patrick Casey; \*Tommy Kelly; and \*Thomas Craig (on his 1st Anniversary)

Sunday, March 21st - Fifth Sunday of Lent

8:30 A.M.- <sup>†</sup>Stanislaw Swiderski; <sup>†</sup>Stella Zablocki; <sup>†</sup>Barbara Kopfensteiner; \*Francis & Moira Cross; and \*Helen Jaworski 10:30 A.M. - \*John Pastwa (on his 2nd Anniversary); \*Phyllis Levand; \*Barbara Brochocki (Birthday Remembrance); and The People of the Parish





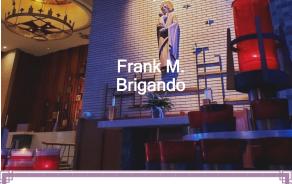
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#### Pope Tweet of the Week...

"All of us are specialists in crucifying others to save ourselves. Jesus, instead, allowed himself to be crucified, to teach us not to



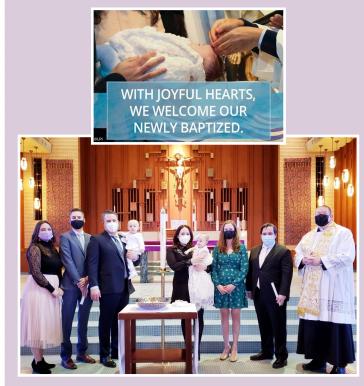
shift evil onto others. #Lent "

## IC Catholic High School Scholarships

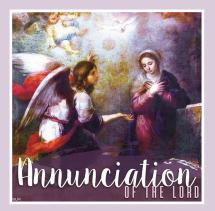


Applications are now being accepted online for our IC Catholic High School Scholarships. Due to the generosity of our donors, we are grateful to be able to offer eligible students these \$500 Scholarships to be applied towards their tuition at Catholic High Schools. All interested applicants/students 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 to apply by completing our IC Scholarship Application Form.

Please submit all questions and completed applications to Fr. Robert Carlton by email at <u>rcarlton@archchicago.org</u>. 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**.



Henry Charles & Madeleine Joanna Solan Children of John Edward Solan & Michelle Katherine Grayzeck



On **Thursday, March 25th**, in addition to our morning Mass at **8:30 A.M.**, all are welcome to join us for a special evening Mass at **7:00 P.M.** as we celebrate the *Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord* as a parish family. Please visit icchicago.org or contact our Parish Office at 773.775.3833 to register.

For those unable to join us in-person, we encourage you to join us virtually as both our morning & evening Masses that day will be livestreamed from our Church via **twitch.tv/ icchicago** and our **Facebook** page.



*Sunday*: 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23/Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 [6ab]/Eph 2:4-10/Jn 3:14-21 or 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4m 5, 6 [1]/Eph 5:8-14/ Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38 *Monday*: Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b [2a]/Jn 4:43-54 *Tuesday*: Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9 [8]/Jn 5:1-16 *Wednesday*: Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18 [8a]/Jn 5:17-30 *Thursday*: Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23 [4a]/Jn 5:31-47 *Friday*: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29 [37]/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a *Saturday*: Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12 [2a]/Jn 7:40-53 *Next Sunday*: Jer 31:31-34/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15 [12a]/Heb 5:7-9/Jn 12:20-33 or Ez 37:12-14/Rom 8:8-11/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 [7]/Jn

## Gospel Meditation - Encourage a Deeper Understanding of Scripture



Is there something to Lent that goes beyond our own spiritual house cleaning and spiritual refinement? Yes, there is! It has to do with listening and learning so that we can take up the task of the Gospel with greater clarity and fortitude. While the spiritual refocusing of Lent is necessary, the fruit of this Lenten conversion has much more to do with learning how we can be a better Church than it does about our eternal salvation. Salvation is a gift that flows out of God's unconditional Mercy and cannot be merited. The spiritual maturity we can experience as a result of our Lenten disciplines serves to reduce the anxiety and apprehension we may experience as messengers of

good, but very challenging, and unsettling, news.

St. Oscar Romero said that, "a church that doesn't provoke any crises, a Gospel that doesn't unsettle, a word of God that doesn't get under anyone's skin, a word of God that doesn't touch the real sin of the society in which it is being proclaimed, what gospel is that?" When we listen to those descriptive and provocative words, do they resonate with anything in our experience? As messengers of the Gospel, we are called to bring an unsettling message to the world. If our main concern is protecting our self-interests, then we are missing something huge! Many really struggle with being rejected, dismissed, or perceived as someone who is speaking out of turn. There is a counter cultural message that must be preached that clearly sides with the poor, marginalized, victimized, oppressed, neglected, disregarded, and lost souls throughout the world. There is a widespread misery among the peoples that is all too often allowed to fester with no one coming forward to offer a change or resolution.

The Church can speak to the needed structural changes that will allow people to earn just wages, feed their families and share abundantly and equally in the gifts of God's good earth. Such a vision is not some optimistic fairy tale, but the vision of the Creator himself. Lent reminds us, as St. Oscar Romero also states, that, "*we are workers, not master builder, ministers, not messiahs. We are prophets of a future not our own.*" We are not called to labor simply for the benefit of the here and now but of the "*what is to come.*" Our myopic vision can be replaced by a more far reaching Lenten vision that is much greater and deeper in scope. As long as we are carrying the right blueprints with us and our thoughts extend beyond ourselves, then even the little things we do and the simplest prayer we utter go a long way. They give witness to our preference for the light of Christ and not the darkness of error and sin. ©LPi

#### Everyday Stewardship - Recognize God in your Ordinary Moments

#### Awake, O Sleeper!

This morning came a little earlier than I would have liked — Daylight Savings Time always does. Sometimes that morning sunlight seems more intrusive than illuminating. You're still half-lost in sleep, and that sun is demanding of you a lot more than you're ready to give. I've said it, and I'm sure you've said it, too. "*Just five more minutes.*" You hit the "*snooze*" button on your iPhone once (maybe twice? Show of hands?) and turn away from the window.



So many kings of the Old Testament were steadfast in their sleepy ways, rejecting the light their God tried to share with them. Likewise, John tells us that, though Light — Christ — was sent into the world, the world preferred darkness.

Sometimes it seems, when reading through Scripture, that all throughout salvation history, God has been trying to pull back the curtains, to rouse us from our defiant slumber. And we resist Him. Time and time again, we resist Him.

Light brings a certain responsibility with it. It seems to compel productivity. Furthermore, there's no hiding in the light. Any photographer worth his salt knows how to manipulate it, highlighting the good and casting some merciful shade on the bad.

As we enter into the fourth week of Lent, we're getting so close to the main event. Can we handle the light that will come on Easter morning, bursting into the tomb as the stone is rolled away? Can we keep ourselves from hitting the "*snooze*" button on our souls, and sit up to face the dawn of a new day? – *Tracy Earl Welliver*, *MTS* ©LPi



#### **Our Parish Staff:**

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Our School Staff:

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

*Monday, March* 15*th* - 7:00 P.M. – Alpha Session; Zoom

*Tuesday, March* 16th -6:00-7:00 P.M. – Confessions; Church

*Wednesday, March* **17***th* **- 7:00 P.M. –** Lenten Vespers Service; Church

*Thursday, March* 18th -8:30 A.M. – Weekday Mass; Church 7:00 P.M. – School Board Mtg.; Zoom

*Friday, March* 19th -7:00 P.M. – Stations Of The Cross; Church

For more information on upcoming events, please visit our parish website @ www.icchicago.org. fitzgerald@iccowboys.net szwedo@iccowboys.net kessler@iccowboys.net haley@iccowboys.net

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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.

**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.)

