Welcome to Immaculate Conception Parish

A Catholic Community Inviting People to Follow Christ

March 17, 2024 - Fifth Sunday Of Lent



"Son though he was, he learned obedience from what he suffered; and when he was made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him." - Hebrews 5:8-9

Love God • Serve Others • Make Disciples

Immaculate Conception Parish

Contact Us

Parish Office Hours:

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

): 773.775.3833

: parishoffice@icchicago.org

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

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

 Sunday:
 Closed

Social Media

Parish Website: . www.icchicago.org

School Website:

.

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 optional.

All are welcome!

Weekday Mass Schedule:

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

(Please note: Friday daily Masses & First Friday Mass & Adoration temporarily suspended as of July 8th)

Online Wednesdays @ 8:30 A.M. (School Mass) (Worship with us virtually on our Facebook Page or Twitch)

Donate

Confessions:

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

(Special dates & times offered during Advent & Lent)

Baptisms:

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

Scan the QR Code below:

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.



Text-To-Give: Text "Sunday" to 773-915-0503

2

Join Us @ IC As We Walk Every Step With Christ During Holy Week<u>;</u> March 23rd through March 31st



Holy Week Schedule March 23rd - March 31st

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord: 5:00 P.M. (Saturday), 8:30 A.M. & *10:30 A.M. Masses

> Holy Thursday: *7:00 P.M. - Mass of the Lord's Supper

Good Fridaly: *3:00 P.M. - Passion of the Lord Service 7:00 P.M. - Stations of the Cross

Holty Saturday: 1:00 P.M. - Easter Basket Blessing *8:00 P.M. - The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord: 8:30 A.M., *10:30 A.M., & 12:30 P.M. Masses

(*Livestreamed)

Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday of Holy Week: **Mass @ 8:30 A.M.** Holy Thursday, Good Friday & Holy Saturday: **Morning Prayer @ 8:30 A.M.**

Parish Office Holiday Hours:

Our Parish Office will be closed on March 29th (*Good Friday*) and April 1st (*Easter Monday*). Beginning on Tuesday,
April 2nd and continuing through Saturday, April 6th, our Parish Office will be open from 9:00 A.M. until 2:00 P.M.



As we approach Easter, we give thanks to God for the many things we have accomplished together as a community. As our parish family continues to grow and evolve over time, we remain committed as a staff to seeking new and better ways to serve and inspire our IC community.

To that end, we encourage you to consider an Easter Gift to our parish. By supporting our Easter collection (which constitutes a sizable portion of our annual budget), you help fund vital ministries and areas of operation within our parish so that we can continue to fulfill our mission of leading people closer to Christ. All of your donations go directly into our community for its maintenance and improvement.

We thank you for your continued generosity and commitment to our spiritual home and we look forward to celebrating the joy of Easter together as a family at Immaculate Conception!

Giving Options @ IC:

- In-Person (Offertory Envelopes, Cash or Checks Made Payable To IC)
- **Online** (givecentral.org/ location/349/event/7746)

icchicago.org

- **Text-To-Give** (*Text "Easter"* to 773-915-0503)
- **Mail** (7211 W. Talcott Chicago, IL. 60631)

Second Collection: Easter Flowers Next weekend, we will also have a special second collection to help defray the cost of our flowers for our Easter decorations this year. Thank you for your kind generosity and for assisting us in beautifying our Church for our Easter celebration this year! Curious About Alpha? A Peek Behind The Scenes...

Week 6: Why and How Should I Read The Bible?

Are there contradictions in the bible? Is the bible more than a book of do's and don'ts? How does God speak to us through the bible?

Please pray for our Alpha guests as they prepare for their retreat

Snapshots From Our St. Joseph Bake Sale: March 9th & 10th

Join Us As We Honor Saint Joseph @ IC

Immaculate Conception Parish

St. Joseph,

Pray For Us!

The Solemnity Of Saint Joseph

On March 19th, we celebrate the holiness in the midst of unpredictable fatherhood. We first meet Joseph when he discovers his betrothed is pregnant...and not by him! St. Joseph does not know who the father is (yet), but he knows the punishment for adultery is death. He decides to divorce Mary quietly, and thus save her life. When an angel appears to reveal that Mary is pregnant by the Holy Spirit, St. Joseph trusts his dream and marries her. As a new foster father, Joseph must help his wife give birth in a stable. Later, he needs to escape the threats to his son's life by immigrating with his family to a foreign land. We know that St. Joseph is faithful, brave, and willing to sacrifice for those he loves. On the solemnity of St. Joseph, we don't merely celebrate a carpenter we celebrate a hero! ©*LPi*



Tuesday, March 19th

6:00 P.M.

Combined Vespers & Mass

with Bishop Mark Bartosic

*St. Joseph Table-

to follow @ 7:15 P.M.

in Rectory Assembly

(*Reservations Required)



Literacy Centers in Kindergarten through 3rd Grade

All students in Kindergarten through 3rd grade participate in Literacy Centers every Tuesday and Thursday. Literacy Centers provide engaging materials that help students strengthen literacy skills. Based on performance data, students are placed into small groups and rotate through 4 different centers. Each center is focused on foundational reading skills such as fluency, sight words, phonics, and reading comprehension.

Centers allow teachers to provide more one-to-one guidance and individualized feedback. They also give teachers the ability to formatively assess each individual student and use that information to differentiate classwork, target areas of need and modify group placement when needed. Students and teachers alike love Center time!

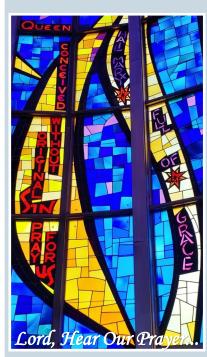






Please join our parish family in prayer ...

For those who are sick:



Nick Abbamonte Mina Acevedo Tom Altman Paul Amandes Amelia Aquino Arnold B. Robert Behrman Sonia M. B. Roberta Berger Arlene Lacey Beyna Grace Cabiao Vince Caeti Mary Cali Juanita Camacho Donna Chaplin Truman Collins James Covello Fr. Bob Crossmyer, C.P. Ronnie Cunningham Joe Day Paige Dicks Emily Divarco Eric Dulce Lilia Dulce *Elizabeth Felix* Patrick Fisher

Richard Flanagan Brooke Foreman Nicholas Frank Patricia Furgat Lila Gehner Joan Geiger Carol Grams Gloria Hernandez Ofelia Hernandez Katie Huber Judy Hull Mary Ann Hurtig Hugo Iaccino Kevin Jaburek Vivian Jester Marilyn Jones Margaret Joyce Wayne Kinzie, Sr. Donna Kirk Craig Kloss Ronald Kogol Lillian Kohut Katherine Kreuser Anthony LaPash Dawn LaVeau Florencia Silva Lucas Sean Lucas

Nathan Maisel Aida Makrinski **Benny Martinez** Edwin Martinez Frank Martinez Elsa Mazzoni *Jeff McBride* Mary McGrath Nikki Mendoza Pat Miaso Gerry Michalek, Jr. Helen Michalek Ledoina Monacelli Marta Morales Deacon Rick Moritz Veronica Murillo Mike Murphy Timothy Murray Brendan Nelson Barb Neustadt Phillip Nuccio John O'Brien Iackie O'Koniewski David Olson *Camille* Pavlis Elaine Pellegrinetti Ashton Peterson

Leo Pfest Paul Posch Mary Potwora **Baby Fiona Prades** Joe Rispoli Pia Rizza Sherry Rock David Rodriguez Cindy Rupp Milagros C. San Juan Carole Skorey Katherine Skorupa Edward Stanczyk Jack Stewart Bill Story Julie Szwedo Alma T. Donna Tisdale Beckie Tomala Steven P. Trifilio Mary Ellen Vanderman Louis Ward Miss Westhoff Rita Zambon Jerry Zschach Nancy Zschach *Newly Added

For our faithful departed:

Fr. Daniel R. Fallon



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



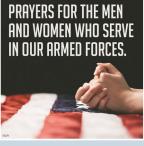
Lenten Disciplines of Fasting & Abstinence

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.

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 U.S. Navy - CMDR Michael Brasseur, LCDR Christopher Jenkins, PO Thomas T. Tudisco, Ensign 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 **U.S. Marines** - PFC Sebastian L. Rivera, Jr., PFC Christopher Hughes, PFC Algene D. Porticos, LCpl Daniel Wieczorek, LCpl 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.

Immaculate Conception Parish



Mass Intentions: Sunday, March 17th through Sunday, March 24th

Sunday, March 17th – Fifth Sunday Of Lent

5:00 P.M. (Saturday) — [†]Lee Heinrich (Birthday Remembrance); [†]Carm Schillinger (on her 3rd Anniversary); [†]Lillian Smuda; [†]Antoni Zambrzycki (on his 34th Anniversary); [†]Terry Rutkowski (on his 10th Anniversary); [†]Ronald Rutkowski (on his 17th Anniversary); and [†]Patrick Cahill

8:30 A.M. – ⁺Mary Schwarz; ⁺Thomas Sullivan; ⁺Louis Nutoni; and ⁺Wladyslaw Aksamit & Jadwiga Aksamit

10:30 A.M. – [†]Brendan Hagarty, Sr. (Birthday Remembrance); [†]John Jennings; [†]Patrick Cahill; [†]Manuel Mendoza; [†]Patrick J. Brennan; [†]Kevin Patrick Toomey; [†]Francis & Moira Cross; [†]Philip Bober; [†]Consolacion Medina (Anniversary); [†]Milagros Bernardita Capito San Juan (on her Anniversary); In Thanksgiving (Offered by Julie & Willie Sevilla) (Living); and The People of the Parish

Monday, March 18th – Saint Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

8:30 A.M. – ⁺Ellen Cummings (Birthday Remembrance)

Tuesday, March 19th - Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:30 A.M. – [†]Danny Gillespie (on his 35th Anniversary); [†]Jaime Macolor San Juan; and The Cozzo & Puccio Families (In Thanksgiving – Living) 6:00 P.M. – The People of the Parish

Wednesday, March 20th - Lenten Weekday

8:30 A.M. – [†]Daniel Clavette (on his 1st Anniversary); [†]Dorel Morris; Nicola Burke; and Abigail Gonsalves (Living – For Special Intention)

Thursday, March 21st – *Lenten Weekday* 8:30 A.M. – [†]John E. Pastwa; and [†]Paul, Gloria & Steven Budziak

Friday, March 22nd - Lenten Weekday

Saturday, March 23rd - *Saint Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop* 5:00 P.M.— [†]Thomas Naughton; [†]Karen Volante; and [†]Francisca Macolor San Juan (Birthday Remembrance)

Sunday, March 24th – *Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord* 8:30 A.M.– [†]Joshua Edwards; [†]Stefania & Walenty Poniecki; and Lori Amelio (Living)

10:30 A.M. – [†]Frank & Margherita Martino; [†]Alex & Edelia Covello; [†]Agostino & Francesca Chiaramonte; [†]Frederic Welk; [†]Marion L. Urso; [†]Francis & Moira Cross; and The People of the Parish



"The Lord's gaze upon us is not a blinding beacon that dazzles us and puts us in difficulty, but rather the gentle glimmer of a friendly lamp, that helps us to see the good in ourselves and to be



aware of the evil, so that we may be converted and healed with the support of His grace."

Immaculate Conception Parish

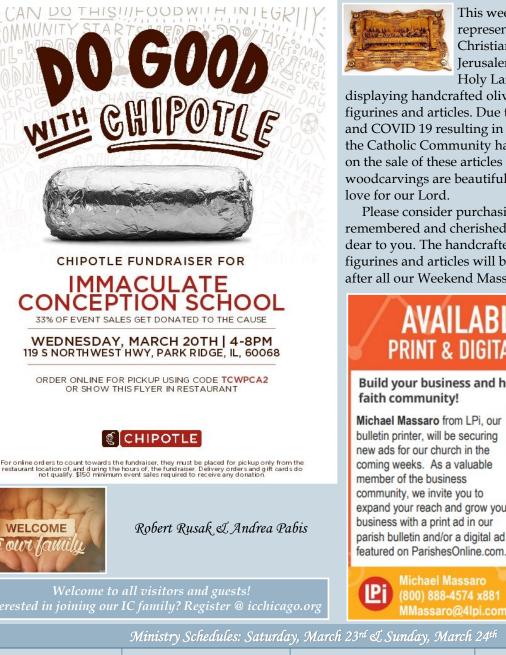


As always, we are humbled by the generous response from our IC community for our Lenten Food Drive. We extend our heartfelt thanks to all those who donated food & monetary contributions this Lenten Season to assist the *Self-Help Closet & Pantry of Des Plaines* to fulfill their mission of caring for our brothers and sisters most in need. Many thanks to our *IC Connect Group* for kindly hosting our annual *Lenten Food Drive* as a part of their service efforts and for their assistance coordinating the delivery of our parish family's donations on Saturday, March 9th!

"The sick, the vulnerable, and the poor are at the heart of the Church. They must also be at the center of our human concern and pastoral care. May we never forget them!" - Pope Francis



IC Parents Club Fundraiser



This Weekend @ IC: Bethlehem Arts @ All Masses

This weekend, IC will host representatives of the Catholic Christian Community from Jerusalem and Bethlehem in the Holy Land who will be

displaying handcrafted olive wood religious figurines and articles. Due to the political conflict and COVID 19 resulting in the reduction of tourism, the Catholic Community has come to depend more on the sale of these articles abroad to survive. The woodcarvings are beautiful and reflect faith and

Please consider purchasing a gift that will be remembered and cherished for yourself or someone dear to you. The handcrafted olive wood religious figurines and articles will be available for purchase after all our Weekend Masses.

AVAILABLE NOW! **PRINT & DIGITAL AD SPACES**

Build your business and help us grow a vibrant

Michael Massaro from LPi, our bulletin printer, will be securing new ads for our church in the coming weeks. As a valuable member of the business community, we invite you to expand your reach and grow your business with a print ad in our parish bulletin and/or a digital ad featured on ParishesOnline.com.



Shinish y Schedules, Subartury, Sharen 25 - 68 Subartury, Sharen 24			
	Saturday 5:00 P.M. Mass Palm Sunday	Sunday 8:30 A.M. Mass Palm Sunday	Sunday 10:30 A.M. Mass Palm Sunday
Presiders	Fr. Matthew Heinrich	Fr. Matthew Heinrich	Fr. Robert Fedek
Lectors	N. Kremer & N. Schroeder	J. Lim	M. Carroll
Cantors	E. Doyle	Vocal Quartet	Vocal Quartet
Extraordinary Ministers	L. Delana; S. Witz	C. Mulligan; D. Sebastian; L. Womack; M. Zizzo	J. Campbell; C. Kech; K. Sanchez; R. Siciliano
Altar Servers	T. Cox; M. Gallagher; E. Gonzalez	P. Beckman; J. Galeno; A. McMahon	S. Borowski; M. Brown; K. Giannola



Our Parish Staff: Fr. Matthew Heinrich, Pastor Fr. Robert Fedek, Weekend Assistant Deacon Rick & Carol Moritz Deacon Ronald & Connie Gronek Vincent Kennedy, Director of Operations Scott Will, Director of Worship Melissa Anna, Office Administration & Communications/ Bulletin Editor Elizabeth Doyle, Assistant Director of Music Marilyn Sadowski, Receptionist Bernadette Anna, Parish Sacristan Michael La Haye, Head of Maintenance

* : fr.matt@icchicago.org

rmoritz@icchicago.org jmjdeacon@aol.com vkennedy@icchicago.org swill@icchicago.org m.anna@icchicago.org parishbulletin@icchicago.org

parishoffice@icchicago.org

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, March 18th</u> – 10:00 A.M. – Monday Morning Bible Study: *The Acts Of The Apostles*; RA 7:00-8:30 P.M. – Winter Alpha Monday Evening Session; RA 7:00-8:30 P.M. – Overtones Rehearsal; CH

Tuesday, March 19th – St. Joseph's Day

6:00-7:00 P.M.—St. Joseph's Day Combined Vespers & Mass (*with Bishop Bartosic*); CH

7:15-9:15 P.M. – St. Joseph Table Dinner (Reservations Required); RA

Wednesday, March 20th -

8:30 A.M. – School Mass; CH 2:00-3:30 P.M. – Choristers Rehearsal; CH 4:00-5:00 P.M. – Religious Education Program Living Stations of the Cross; CH 7:00-9:00 P.M. – Parish Finance Council Mtg.; RCR

<u>Thursday, March 21st</u> – 7:30-9:00 P.M. – Parents Club Mtg.; RA

Friday, March 22nd –
2:00 P.M. – School Living Stations of the Cross; CH
7:00 P.M. – Parish Stations of the Cross; CH
8:15 P.M. – Men's Basketball; PC

<u>Saturday, March 23rd</u>– All Day – Winter Alpha Weekend Retreat; RA/CH

<u>Sunday, March 24th</u> – Palm Sunday 9:30-10:15 A.M. – *Lenten Confessions (*final opportunity prior to Easter); CH 11:30 A.M.-1:00 P.M. – Evangelization Team Mtg.; RCR

canzoneri@iccowboys.net fitzgerald@iccowboys.net szwedo@iccowboys.net kessler@iccowboys.net haley@iccowboys.net

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.

Upcoming Bulletin Deadlines: March 24th Bulletin submissions due: Thursday, March 14th March 31st Bulletin submissions due: Wednesday, March 20th April 7th Bulletin submissions due: Wednesday, March 27th Bulletin submissions are accepted via email at: parishbulletin@icchicago.org 10

Saint Patrick<u>:</u> March 17th

Whether you know him as the man who brought Christianity to Ireland or simply as a reason you eat corned beef and cabbage in March, St. Patrick (415 – 493) is a well-known saint around the world.

St. Patrick was born in Britain of a Romanized family. At the age of 16, he was kidnapped by Irish raiders from the villa of his father, a deacon and local official, and brought into slavery in Ireland. He spent six long years there as a herdsman, during which he turned to his faith for strength. He later escaped back to Britain on a ship, where he was eventually reunited with his family.

His years of captivity changed him and brought out a zeal for God and a yearning to spread the message of Jesus Christ. Despite the constant danger of martyrdom, he continued to travel throughout Ireland where he baptized and confirmed in the name of Christ. ©*LPi*



Support IC

Do you have a life insurance policy you no longer need? Please consider instructing your life insurance agent to

MAY THE ROAD

RISE UP

TO MEET YOU

IRISH BLESSING

include *Immaculate Conception Parish* as a primary or secondary beneficiary on your policy. It costs nothing to change the beneficiary on your policy and will mean everything to our future parish community. For more information, please contact your financial planner, attorney or insurance representative. If you have additional questions, please contact *Vince Kennedy* at 773.775.3833 EXT. 106 or via email at vkennedy@archchicago.org



For ad info. call 1-800-950-9952 • www.4lpi.com

Immaculate Conception Church, Chicago, IL



For ad info. call 1-800-950-9952 • www.4lpi.com

Immaculate Conception Church, Chicago, IL