Welcome to Immaculate Conception Parish

A Catholic Community Inviting People to Follow Christ

March 24, 2024 - Palm Sunday Of The Passion Of The Lord



"He humbled himself, becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Because of this, God greatly exalted him." - Philippians 2:8-9

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:

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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.



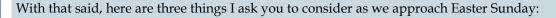
Text-To-Give: Text "Sunday" to 773-915-0503

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Holy Week

Dear parishioners,

These past months I have reflected on the state of our parish as well as her future. Likewise, I have had the opportunity to observe the current state and trajectory of the Archdiocese. Challenges will meet us as we move forward, not unlike the challenges that face Christ as he enters Jerusalem. Christ's sufferings were for our salvation, and our sufferings, both current and future, serve to forge us into the image of that same Christ.



1) No one can save us except Christ

Take your hope out of systems, politics, and future plans. Even spouses, children, careers, hobbies, and money. All of these things provide structure and comfort, but they do not free us from the ancient Enemy. Neither can these things give us new life. If God accompanies us in all things, and we prioritize Him, then family becomes a vocation. Our careers become the vehicle by which we build and resource God's kingdom. Even our hobbies can please God.

Without His Son, nothing is pleasing in His sight. (Cf., 1 Pet 1:13-25)

2) Our Parish needs to Grow

Our parish is gradually stagnating. I don't mean numbers, necessarily. They have steadily increased. Rather, the attitude of many people, now that our school and parish have avoided closure and merging, is settling into a complacency that concerns me.

Some parishioners are still wary of or annoyed by our Alpha program, for example, claiming it is *'unnecessary for them.'* I will not claim it is necessary or unnecessary for any person, but it is beneficial. Many parishioners who have been here 30+ years have said that they know more people in the parish now in 1 year than they did the previous 30. A community is not a confederation of believers, but disciples who love one another.

I also urge you to be uncomfortable and invite people to Mass. As I said in number (1), and in a previous Lenten homily, people will not know Christ except if they *hear* you. Seeing is not believing. Let them *see* and *hear* Christ because of you. As of now, about 750 people join us each weekend. I would like to see that number be 1,000 by November.

3) Your gift matters

Money isn't everything, but it is how the world works. We are not "*of the world*," but we labor in it. As of now, we are on pace to maintain our parish, keeping pace with inflation – for this I am grateful. Many of your sacrifices make what we do now possible. As I encouraged you previously (in October), consider your current gift to the parish. My ideal world would be to have 2 priests, but as of now we can't afford it. I can only cut so much, and many people have expressed to me a desire to grow.

I know I have offered a lot in a small space, but please prayerfully consider what I have said. Pray for me and pray for our parish. I believe we can do good things now and in the future, in Jesus' name. Amen.







Join Us @ IC As We Walk Every Step With Christ During Holy Week: 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)
 - **Text-To-Give** (*Text "Easter"* to 773-915-0503)
 - **Mail** (7211 W. Talcott Chicago, IL. 60631)

Second Collection: Easter Flowers This 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!



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From The Desk Of Our Director Of Worship: Triduum L Easter Music Preview

Dear Parishioners,

It is hard to believe that Easter is nearly here. With that being said, I encourage you to consider attending Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and if you have not previously done so, the Easter Vigil. Musically, they will all be quite different. On Thursday, we will have our full complement of singers and violin. Friday will be a bit more subdued. Please note that our Good Friday Service is at 3:00 P.M. Stations of the Cross will take place at 7:00 P.M. That is a change from previous years, so please take special note. Saturday evening will feature a full complement of singers and include strings and Oboe. Join us for one of our three Easter Sunday Masses with our resident vocal ensemble, strings, and oboe.

If you normally don't contribute to Music Ministry via your monthly envelopes or online, I humbly ask you to consider a onetime donation to help defray the cost of our special Triduum musicians. IC strives to create a prayerful environment through good liturgy. It is with your generous support that we are able to accomplish that goal. If you do not receive envelopes or do not give online, a check is fine, as long as you notate "*Music Ministry*" in the memo line.

Thank you again for your generous support of the many ministries of our parish. Yours in Christ, *Scott*

Curious About Alpha? A Peek Behind The Scenes ...

Celebrating St. Patrick's Day @ IC School



Does God guide, or control, our lives? How do we know we are hearing God and not experiencing coincidence? This week we learn about five ways God speaks to us.

Heavenly Father, we give You thanks for the gift of Your Son, Jesus Christ, who came not as a conquering king but as a humble servant. On this Palm Sunday, we celebrate His victory over sin and death, paving the way for our salvation. Amen.









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 Michael Berry Arlene Lacey Beyna Grace Cabiao Vince Caeti Mary Cali Juanita Camacho Donna Chaplin Truman Collins James Covello Ronnie Cunningham Joe Day Paige Dicks Emily Divarco Eric Dulce Lilia Dulce Elizabeth Felix Patrick Fisher Richard Flanagan

Brooke Foreman Nicholas Frank Patricia Furgat Sai Garcia 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:

Giorgina Cozzo (Mother of Andre Cozzo) Fr. Robert "Bob" T. Crossmyer, C.P. (Former Associate Pastor @ IC: 1994-1995)



"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.



U.S. Army - SSgt. John Francis Mikita, Sgt. Kevin Whalen, SSgt Martine Makita, Chris Dash, Pot. Jason G. Cavanaugh, Major Christopher Walsh, Capt. Benjamin Monson, 1st Lt. Katherine D. Hartnett, SPC Michael J. Stone, Pot. 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.

For those who serve our country:

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Mass Intentions: Sunday, March 24th through Sunday, March 31st

Sunday, March 24th – Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord 5:00 P.M. (Saturday) – [†]Thomas Naughton; [†]Karen Volante; and [†]Francisca Macolor San Juan (Birthday Remembrance) 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

Monday, March 25th – *Monday of Holy Week*

8:30 A.M. – [†]Jerry H. Gaede; [†]The Deceased Members of The San Juan & Capito Families; [†]E.M. Philip (12th Anniversary); and [†]Walter Richard Kunkes, Sr.

Tuesday, March 26th - *Tuesday of Holy Week*

8:30 A.M. – [†]Fr. Eric C. Meyer, C.P. (Birthday Remembrance); and [†]All Souls In Purgatory

Wednesday, March 27th – *Wednesday of Holy Week* 8:30 A.M. – [†]Dr. Michael Chaput; [†]Walter Herschbach; [†]Evelyn Rutkowski (Birthday Remembrance); and Lily Kurian (Living – Baptism Blessing)

Thursday, March 28th – Holy Thursday 7:00 P.M. – Mass of the Lord's Supper

Friday, March 29th - Good Friday 3:00 P.M.— Passion of the Lord Service

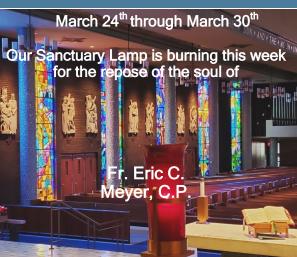
Saturday, March 30th - Holy Saturday 8:00 P.M.— The Easter Vigil In The Holy Night

Sunday, March 31st – Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

8:30 A.M.- [†]Edward Labuz; [†]Jean Reszotko; [†]Philip Bober; [†]Rosemary Kwok; [†]Claudette Panfil; [†]Poor Souls In Purgatory; and [†]Jeffrey Graef

10:30 A.M. – [†]Amy Witz (on her 1st Anniversary); [†]Rosemary Kwok; [†]Lori Goodman; [†]Frank & Dorothy Tudisco; [†]Thomas Tudisco; [†]Pat Brennan; [†]Linda Rowe; [†]Thomas Tovar; [†]Francis & Moira Cross; and The People of the Parish 12:30 P.M. – For Good Samaritans (Living)





March 24th through March 29th

Our Blessed Mother Votive is burning this week for the prayer intention of



March 24th through March 29th

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



Pope Tweet of the Week...

"God seeks the humble who hope in Him, not in themselves and their own plans. Christian humility is not simply one virtue among others. It is the basic disposition of life. We believe we



are in need of God and make room for Him, putting all our trust in Him."





Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the *Pontifical Good Friday Collection*, which helps Christians in the Holy Land. Your support helps the church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools and offer religious education. The *Pontifical Good Friday Collection* also helps to preserve the sacred shrines. The pandemic hit particularly hard the Christians in the Holy Land. Most of them depend on pilgrimages for work. In these times of crisis, the *Pontifical Good Friday Collection* is also necessary to meet the basic needs of the People of God still living in this Land where the Church was born. When you contribute to the *Pontifical Good Friday Collection*, you become an instrument of peace and join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land. Please be generous (if you are able). For more information about Christians in the Holy Land, please visit *www.myfranciscan.org/good-friday*.

Pontifical Good Friday Collection: March 29th

A Note of Appreciation From Our IC Girl Scouts

On behalf of all the IC Girl Scouts Troops, we would like to thank all parishioners and school families for purchasing Girl Scout cookies and for your very generous monetary donations.

In total, we sold over 500 boxes of Girl Scout cookies from the church sales on the weekend of February 3rd & 4th. In addition, we donated 25 boxes of cookies.

Thanks again for your support! Troop 25988 Troop 20357 Troop 26233 Troop 21008







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The Support of Your Business is Greatly Appreciated

Michael Massaro from LPi, our bulletin printer, will be securing new ads for our church in the coming weeks. It is the support of the business community that helps to make our church thrive. Please consider purchasing a print and/or digital ad as your participation makes our bulletin successful, and you attract customers!

Church bulletin advertising is a cost-effective way to advertise 52 times per year and show support for your local community; in turn, parishioners will support you!

Digital advertising allows your business to be front and center to anyone who visits a church profile page on ParishesOnline.com — that's approximately 500,000 page views per month!



Michael Massaro (800) 888-4574 x881 MMassaro@4lpi.com

Ministry Schedules: Sacred Triduum (March 28th—30th) & Easter Sunday, March 31st

	Holy Thursday 7:00 P.M. Mass of the Lord's Supper	Good Friday 3:00 P.M. Passion of the Lord	Holy Saturday 8:00 P.M. Easter Vigil
Presiders	Fr. Matthew Heinrich	Fr. Robert Fedek	Fr. Matthew Heinrich
Lectors	E. Kinzie; M. Niewinski	N. Kremer; L. Beckman	E. Kinzie; J. Lim; N. Kremer; L. Beckman
Cantors	Vocal Quartet & Violin	Vocal Quartet	Vocal Quartet, Strings & Oboe
Extraordinary Ministers	C. Kech; E. Kinzie; D. Mroz; C. Mulligan; M. Zizzo	L. Womack; M. Zizzo	L. Delana; E. Kinzie; M. Zizzo
Altar Servers	G. Hoffman; L. Love; I. Magruder; J. Nelson	P. Beckman; T. Cox; S. Eaglin	P. Beckman; T. Cox; D. Gillespie; S. Gillespie
	Easter Sunday 8:30 A.M. Mass	Easter Sunday 10:30 A.M. Mass	Easter Sunday 12:30 P.M. Mass
Presiders	Fr. Robert Fedek	Fr. Robert Fedek	Fr. Matthew Heinrich
Lectors	N. Schroeder	M. Niewinski	J. Lim
Cantors	Vocal Quartet, Strings & Oboe	Vocal Quartet, Strings & Oboe	Vocal Quartet, Strings & Oboe
Extraordinary Ministers	K. Gillespie; C. Mulligan; A. Schnitzlein; D. Sebastian	J. Campbell; E. Niewinski; M. Niewinski; R. Siciliano	M. Dosek; C. Kech
Altar Servers	E. Hyland; C. Villafane; B. Yak	S. Borowski; M. Brown; E. Gonzalez	O. Accardo; C. Beach O. Bernson
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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...

Monday, March 25th -

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 26th -6:00-6:30 P.M. – Lenten Vespers Service; CH 6:45 P.M. – Alpha Executive Team Mtg.; RA

Wednesday, March 27th – 8:30 A.M. – School Mass; CH 7:30-9:00 P.M. – IC Athletic Committee Mtg.; NWCR

<u>Thursday, March 28th</u> – Holy Thursday (School Spring Break Begins) 8:30 A.M. – Morning Prayer; CH 7:00 P.M. – Mass of the Lord's Supper; CH (Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 11:00 P.M. concluding with Night Prayer)

<u>Friday, March 29th</u> – Good Friday (Parish Office Closed) 8:30 A.M. – Morning Prayer; CH 3:00 P.M. – Passion of the Lord Service; CH 7:00 P.M. – Parish Stations of the Cross; CH

<u>Saturday, March 30th – Holy Saturday</u>
8:30 A.M. – Morning Prayer; CH
8:30-10:00 A.M. – Winter Alpha Saturday Morning Session; RA
1:00 P.M. – Blessing of Easter Baskets; CH
8:00 P.M. – The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night; CH
(Hospitality Reception to follow for Newly Initiated/Confirmed in CH Vestibule)

Sunday, March 31st – Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

8:30 A.M. – Mass; CH 10:30 A.M. – Mass; CH 12:30 P.M. – Mass; CH



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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.

Upcoming Bulletin Deadlines: March 31st Bulletin submissions due:

Wednesday, **March 20**th April 7th Bulletin submissions due: Wednesday, **March 27**th

Bulletin submissions are accepted via email at: parishbulletin@icchicago.org 10

Holy Communion Homebound Visits

My dear Brothers and Sisters:

The reception of Holy Communion at home, by any sick and homebound parishioner who is

unable to attend church services, is a special blessing and a sign of support and concern shown by the Christian community of IC Parish. This home visit by an IC trained and mandated Minister of Care, represents Christ's presence and manifests faith and charity on behalf of the whole community toward those who cannot be present at Mass to receive the Eucharist.

Arrangements can be made according to the specific needs of the individual requesting the visit and can be scheduled on a weekly basis (or as needed.) This Ministry of Care home visit to distribute Holy Communion, is a service provided by IC and is available upon request made to our IC Parish Office.

If you would like to receive Holy Communion at home for yourself or for a relative or loved one who is unable to attend Mass at IC, please contact our IC Parish Office at 773.775.3833. You may also contact *Deacon Ronald Gronek* directly via email: jmjdeacon@aol.com

Respectfully your brother in Christ,

Deacon Ronald J. Gronek (IC Ministry of Care Coordinator)

What Will Your Legacy Be?

Support IC

During this holy season of prayer and almsgiving, we hope you will consider

a gift through your will or trust in support of the future of our parish community. A bequest can be made to our parish using the following language:

"I give [insert specific dollar amount, or percentage of net or residuary] to The Catholic Bishop of Chicago, Tax ID #36-2170826, a corporation sole located in Chicago, Illinois, to be used for the benefit of *Immaculate Conception Parish* located in Chicago, Illinois. However, if *Immaculate Conception Parish* ceases to exist in its current form, then to the new parish or parishes erected in its stead."

Please consult an estate attorney and financial advisor when drafting your will or trust. For more information, please contact *Vince Kennedy* at 773.775.3833 EXT. 106 or via email at vkennedy@archchicago.org



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