

Welcome to
Immaculate Conception Parish

A Catholic Community Inviting People to Follow Christ

March 27, 2022 - Fourth Sunday Of Lent (Laetare Sunday)

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.



"During this Lenten season, let us pray by looking at the Crucified Lord. Let us open our hearts to the touching tenderness of God, and in his wounds place our own wounds and those of our world."

- Pope Francis

Love God • Serve Others • Make Disciples

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Parish Office Hours:

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

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

Parish Website:

💻: www.icchicago.org

School Website:

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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)

Capacity limits have been lifted and reservations are no longer required. Masks are now optional. All are welcome!

Church open for private prayer:
Monday-Friday: 8:00 A.M.-4:30 P.M.
Saturdays: 10:00 A.M.-6:00 P.M.

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.

Encountering The Holy Spirit @ Marytown: Snapshots From Our Alpha Weekend Retreat

My dear Brothers and Sisters,

On March 12th, Immaculate Conception hosted our Winter Alpha Weekend Retreat at Marytown Retreat and Conference Center, part of the National Shrine of Maximilian Kolbe. Twenty-one guests (Alpha participants and Team members) were in attendance.

The Alpha Retreat holds a special place in my heart as the Retreat is where the Alpha program delves deeply into exploring the person of the Holy Spirit: *who He is, what He does, and how He interacts within our lives*. I am constantly learning and constantly in awe with the person of the Holy Spirit and even more amazed by the Gifts of the Holy Spirit.

Over time, I have come to discover and believe that the Gifts of the Holy Spirit are unique gifts created by God for us. When I imagine receiving a gift made from the very hand of God, a gift that was crafted specifically for me, I am genuinely awestruck. How we use our gift to honor Him is our challenge.

The Alpha Retreat is also special to me because it provides me with a sense of what it must have been like in the early days of the Church before the Church was formalized. As we wind down the day on Saturday, we relax and bask in the glow of the Holy Spirit who has touched us in His own special way. It is here where the truest sense of community/relationship can be found as we embrace each other knowing that we have just been in the presence of Almighty God. His presence strengthens our bonds with one another and with Jesus.

As your Lenten journey draws to a close, please consider joining us for our next Alpha session. You won't be disappointed.

In Christ,
Michael Tom



Alpha Retreat photographs courtesy of Jocelyn Lim





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

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.



Fruitful Harvest Series - Sunday @ 11:30 A.M.



Fruitful Harvest:
Perspectives From
A Seminarian's Journey

Sundays @ 11:30 A.M.
3/27: Relationships
5/01: Liturgy & Prayer

Join our Seminarians on March 27th in our Rector's Assembly for our second session which focuses on "The Gift of Relationships."

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 series began on March 15th and continues at 7:00 P.M. in our Rector's Assembly on the following dates:

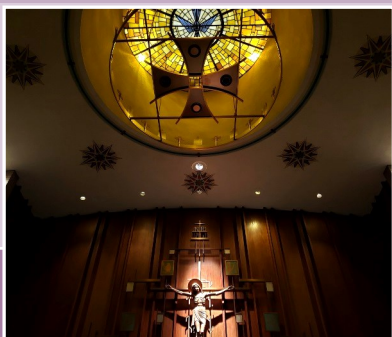


March 29th - Spiritual Meanings Of The Emotional Life
April 5th - Contemplatives In Action

A light soup dinner will be served @ 6:30 P.M. on each night of the sessions. (Free-will offerings will be gratefully accepted.)

Lenten Vespers Series - Thursdays @ 7:00 P.M.

Discipleship Group Study Series: Jesus' Passion - Thursdays @ 7:30 P.M.

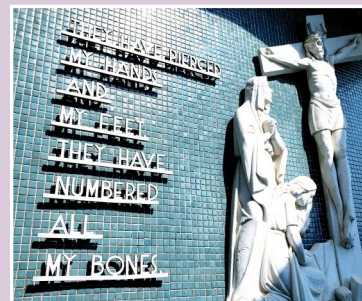


Experience Lenten Vespers @ IC on Thursday evenings @ 7:00 P.M. through April 7th

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 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 Rector's 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.

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

Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday:
8:30 A.M. - Mass

Holy Thursday:
8:30 A.M. - Morning Prayer
*7:00 P.M. - Mass of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday:
8:30 A.M. - Morning Prayer
3:00 P.M. - Stations of the Cross
*7:00 P.M. - Passion of the Lord Service

Holy Saturday:
8:30 A.M. - Morning Prayer
1:00 P.M. - Easter Basket Blessing (Church)
*8:30 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., and 12:30 P.M. Masses
(*Livestreamed)

Holy Week & Sacred Triduum Schedule: April 9th - April 17th



IC Students Support Ukrainian Relief Efforts

On Friday, March 18th, Immaculate Conception School students went out of uniform for a donation to help fund Ukrainian relief efforts!



Please join our parish family in prayer ...



Tom Altman
Paul Amandes
Arnold B.
Deacon Mike Bednarz
Robert Behrman
Sonia M. B.
Roberta Berger
John Bozek
Vince Caeti
Mary Cali
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

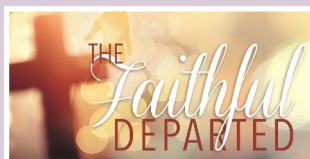
For those who are sick:

Bonnie Jean Gorski
Deacon Ron Gronek
Ofelia Hernandez
Kevin Jaburek
Wayne Kinzie, Sr.
Craig Kloss
Lillian Kohut
Katherine Kreuser
Anthony Lapash
Benny Martinez
Edwin Martinez
Frank Martinez
Gerry Michalek, Jr.
Molly Morris
Veronica Murillo
Timothy Murray
Brendan Nelson
Judith 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
Jennie Sekula
Don Skorey
Edward Stanczyk
Alma T.
Donna Tisdale
Camilla Trevino
Steven P. Trifilio
Peter Vandenberg
Mary Ellen Vanderman
Henry Wagener
Miss Westhoff
Rita Zambon
***Newly Added**

For our faithful departed:

Michael D. Gillespie
Patrick B. Mullaghy (Father of Maureen Even)
Helen Moore
Darlene Elizabeth Melone



"Eternal rest grant unto them,
O 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.

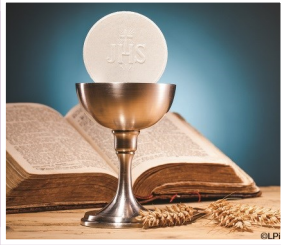
Catholics age 14 and older are to abstain from meat on all Fridays in Lent.

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, 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 Wiczorek

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 27th
through
Sunday, April 3rd*

Sunday, March 27th - Fourth Sunday of Lent (Laetare Sunday)

5:00 P.M. (Saturday) - †James Nimietz; †Stanislaw Swiderski; †James O'Connell (Birthday Remembrance); †Gene Carter; and †Dyan Nickerson

8:30 A.M. - †Dr. Michael Chaput; †Stefania & Walenty Poniecki; and †Dan Bridges

10:30 A.M. - †Frank & Margherita Martino; †Agostino & Francesca Chiaramonte; †Robin Weinmeier Moser; †Sarah Cunningham; †Michael Naughton; †Greg Mellon; †Francis & Moira Cross; †Angeline Ziberna; †Matthew Schilke; †Patrick B. Mullaghy; and The People of the Parish

Monday, March 28th - Lenten Weekday

8:30 A.M. - †Walter Herschbach; †Evelyn & Ronald Rutkowski (Birthday Remembrance); and †Diane Basinski (on her 5th Anniversary)

Tuesday, March 29th - Lenten Weekday

8:30 A.M. - †Hallie Hobbs; and Sr. Christine Maria Moskal, C.R. (Living)

Wednesday, March 30th - Lenten Weekday

8:30 A.M. - All Living & Deceased Priests and Religious

Thursday, March 31st - Lenten Weekday

8:30 A.M. - †Poor Souls In Purgatory

Friday, April 1st - Lenten Weekday

8:30 A.M. - The Machala & Moskal Families (Living & Deceased Members)

5:30 P.M. - †Ellen "Nellie" Gavin; and †Patty Dunleavy

Saturday, April 2nd - Saint Francis of Paola, Hermit

5:00 P.M. - †Barbara Hoffmann (on her 10th Anniversary); †Erin Adreani; and Alma T. (Living)

Sunday, April 3rd - Fifth Sunday of Lent

8:30 A.M. - †Anthony Mazzone; †Ann Kula; †Stanislaw Swiderski; †Dan Bridges; and The People of the Parish

10:30 A.M. - †Rosemary Kwok; †Tommy Fuller; †Vincenzo Porcelli; †Marilyn McCallister (on her 12th Anniversary); †Patrick Loftus; †Michael Kennedy; †Tom Conlon; †Francis & Moira Cross; and The Sevilla Family (Living - In Thanksgiving)



March 27th through April 2nd
Our Sanctuary Lamp is burning this week
for the prayer intention of

Joe
Rispoli
(on his Birthday)

March 27th through April 1st
Our Blessed Mother Votive is burning this
week for the repose of the soul of

Barbara
Hoffmann
(on her 10th Anniversary)

March 27th through April 1st
Our St. Joseph Votive is burning
this week for the prayer intention of

Deacon Ron
Gronek

Pope Tweet of the Week...

"Saint Joseph, you who experienced the suffering of those who must flee, you who were forced to emigrate to save the lives of those dearest to you, protect all those who flee because of war, support them in their difficulties, strengthen them in hope, and let them find welcome and solidarity."



IC Parents Club Fundraiser: Tuesday, March 29th



Immaculate Conception School

SCOOPIE NIGHT!

March 29th, 2022
4pm – 7pm
Help support
Immaculate Conception
School and 10% to 20%
of ALL sales will go to
the school

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Kevin & Cristina Hawkins
and their daughters Elizabeth & Elena

Tim Clinard & Catherine Wilson
and their daughters Elisabeth & Madelyn

Christopher & Meridith Mannix
and their children Jack, Audrey, & Benjamin

Kathleen DiSilvestro

Martin & Lynda Kehoe
and their children Martin, Maeve, & Paige

Jason Talanian & Tona Costello
and their children Neva Rose & Leo

Jeffrey & Carrie Hadden
and their children Justin & Audrey

Joseph & Krista Harkin
and their daughters Isla Grace & Kathryn Mae

Craig & Shana Magis
and their children Pherrin & Kira

Allen Layne & Erin Lauesen
and their daughters Evelyn & Vivian



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IC Spring Gala

THE PLACE TO BE

The Spring Gala is back...

Friday April 29th, 2022
At The Lido

If you are interested in a sponsorship
opportunity or contributing an in kind
donation email ICGALA2022@gmail.com
for more details.

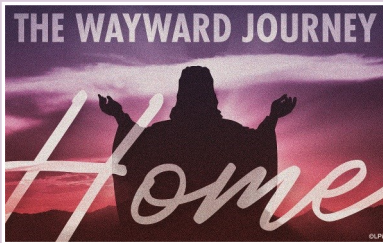
Second Collection For Easter Flowers: March 26th & 27th

This weekend, we will have a
special second collection to help
defray the cost of our flowers for
our Easter decorations this year.
Donations will be gratefully
accepted by our ushers as they
pass the collection baskets
during Offertory time. Thank
you for your kind generosity
and for assisting us in
beautifying our Church for our
Easter celebration this year!



Members of our IC Parents Club will have Spring Gala
Tickets & Basket Raffle Tickets available for
purchase in the Vestibule of our Church after all
Masses next weekend, April 2nd & 3rd as well as on the
weekend of April 23rd & 24th.

Gospel Meditation - Encourage a Deeper Understanding of Scripture



God's love story reveals itself in our stories, experiences, and aspirations. We are all prodigal sons and daughters. There are many times in our lives when we would "sell our souls" in order to pursue our passions. We pursued what we wanted without regard for others or God. We have sowed our oats, thrown ourselves into careless pleasures, spent what we know we ought to have saved, turned our backs on those we love and abused gifts we have been given. We even hit bottom and realized the silliness and self-destruction of it all. We needed to come home. We knew we erred and needed a gentle

presence to show us God's unconditional love. This wayward journey home changed us.

As much as we need to be welcomed, we are also the one who needs to do the welcoming and mercy giving. Those we love need our guidance, but they don't always take it. We know that what they are doing is off the mark, self-destructive and wrong. We have to let them go and let it happen, even though they might get hurt. As we wait and hope, they choose to make their way back to us. They don't need us to judge them. They have done enough of that to themselves. We immediately embrace them and are just happy they're home. God uses us to help heal them. Knowing how much we craved understanding and forgiveness ourselves, we can now freely give it away. God uses what he has taught us to teach others.

We are also the entitled ones. At least we "think" we are entitled. After all, we work hard for what we have. We cannot get our heads around the idea that someone can get something that I really deserve! If I do what I'm supposed to do, I ought to be rewarded for that, right? If I do something wrong, I ought to pay the consequences. This is justice, isn't it? This is not God's justice. God is all about love, mercy, compassion, and forgiveness. God's justice is love freely given without merit. We carry the stories of the prodigal son, the unconditional forgiving father, and the entitled angry brother with us. When we make friends with all three, humbly telling those stories to others makes us Christ's ambassadors. ©LPi

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. Please scan the following QR Code with your phone to donate:



Ministry Schedules: Saturday, April 2nd & Sunday, April 3rd

	Saturday 5:00 P.M.	Sunday 8:30 A.M.	Sunday 10:30 A.M.
Presiders	Fr. Robert Fedek	Fr. Matthew Heinrich	Fr. Robert Carlton
Lectors	N. Kremer	J. Semmler	M. Carroll & N. Schroeder
Cantors	Vocal Quartet	Vocal Quintet & Violin	Vocal Quintet & Guitar & Bass
Extraordinary Ministers	D. Mroz	C. Mulligan	R. Siciliano
Altar Servers	M. Moorehouse; E. Serb; K. Yau	K. Catomer; J. Losik; E. Miehllich	K. Bowers; E. Carroll; N. Rahlfs

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Deacon Michael Bednarz
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What's Happening @ IC...**Monday, March 28th –**

10:15am-Noon – Monday Morning Bible Study; RA
 7:00-8:30 P.M. – Alpha Winter Session; RA
 7:00-8:30 P.M. – Overtones Rehearsal; CH

Tuesday, March 29th –

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

Wednesday, March 30th –

9:30-11:00 A.M. – School Lenten Reconciliation; CH
 2:00-3:30 P.M. – Choristers Rehearsal; CH
 4:00-5:00 P.M. – Religious Education Program Class; Zoom
 7:30-9:00 P.M. – IC Athletic Committee Mtg.; NWCR

Thursday, March 31st –

9:30-11:00 A.M. – School Lenten Reconciliation; CH
 7:00-7:30 P.M. – Lenten Vespers Service; CH
 7:30-8:30 P.M. – Lenten Communal Reconciliation Service; CH
 7:30-9:00 P.M. – Lenten Discipleship Group Study Series: *Jesus' Passion*; RA

Friday, April 1st –

5:30-7:00 P.M. – First Friday Mass & Nocturnal Eucharistic Adoration; CH
 7:00 P.M. – Stations Of The Cross; CH
 8:15-10:00 P.M. – Men's Basketball; PC

Saturday, April 2nd –

9:00 A.M.-Noon – 2nd Grade First Communion Experience Day; PH/Café
 PC Spring Gala Ticket & Basket Raffle Sale (@ 5:00 P.M. Mass); CH

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

Sunday, April 3rd – Fifth Sunday of Lent

PC Spring Gala Ticket & Basket Raffle Sale (@ 8:30 & 10:30 A.M. Masses); CH
 9:30-10:15 A.M. – Lenten Confessions; CH

**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