



Welcome to the Parish of *Immaculate Conception*

A Catholic Community Inviting People to Follow Christ

March 29, 2020 - Fifth Sunday of Lent

Worship from Home...

Livestreamed Mass Schedule:

Sunday @ 11:00 A.M.

Monday through Friday @ 7:00 P.M.

Wednesday @ 11:00 A.M. (School Mass)



An Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment, receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You.

Amen.

Love God, Serve Others, Make Disciples

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Dear Friends in Christ,

During this time of uncertainty and anxiety, I pray that you and your loved ones are safe and healthy. This crisis challenges us to act responsibly by following the social isolation guidelines while striving to stay close emotionally and spiritually to our families, our friends and our communities. Please join me in praying for those affected by COVID-19, as well as our first responders, health care workers and individuals who have lost income due to precautionary closures.

Times such as these highlight the need for the spiritual sustenance and community connectivity our Archdiocese parishes provide every member of our Catholic community. To protect the safety of our community, most pastoral services are currently being performed virtually. I invite you to visit our website, www.archchicago.org, for up-to-date information on televised liturgies and other resources.

It is critically important that our parishes and pastors receive the offertory support they need to remain operational and sustainable despite the suspension of weekly Masses. The Archdiocese has developed a [universal online offertory page](#) where the faithful can make an offertory donation to any parish in the Archdiocese. These donations will assist the parishes with ongoing expenses related to ministry, maintenance, staff and other pressing needs, that depend on regular offertory support from parishioners. Many of our parishes are suffering significant financial hardship during this challenging time. Your online support will make a critical difference.

Additionally, as we are sensitive to the financial hardship suffered by many in recent days, we have also launched a [Coronavirus Emergency Fund](#). This fund will support members of our community who have been negatively affected by the pandemic. For example, the fund will support parents of Catholic school students who might struggle with tuition payments because of unexpected job loss, ministries providing the needy with sustenance or parish communities deeply harmed by the pandemic. Our neighbors down the street and across the Archdiocese need our support at this critical moment. Your donation can help provide them with that support.

Please visit www.archchicago.org/coronavirus/donate to support parish offertory, the Coronavirus Emergency Fund or both as your means allow. Your generosity is needed now more than ever.

Our Archdiocese community has always come together to support one another during times of need, and I ask you to do so again. Please continue to pray for each other, as I continue to pray for you.

Sincerely Yours in Christ,

Cardinal Blasé J. Cupich,

Archbishop of Chicago

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Please continue your support of our parish...

Even though public celebration of Mass has regrettably been suspended for the time being, we still require your financial assistance. As you know, our Sunday collection is by far the largest portion of financial support that our parish receives and is therefore critical to the vitality of our health and our sustainability as a parish. Simply put, we would not be able to maintain our parish and continue our mission without you. As such, we are truly grateful for the continued generosity of our faithful parishioners.



During this difficult time, we respectfully ask that you continue to support our parish (if you are able) as our bills continue and our staff members need to be compensated, regardless of whether or not our Church building is open. Your funds are critically needed to maintain our prayerful presence in our community during this unprecedented time.

Ways you can continue to support IC during the suspension of liturgical services:

Please kindly consider dropping off your weekly offering envelope at our Parish Office or sending it via mail to: 7211 W. Talcott Avenue, Chicago, IL. 60631. Donations are also accepted online through Give Central: www.givecentral.org/location/349 or through the recently established Archdiocesan Universal Offertory Collection: www.archchicago.org/offertory. Please kindly credit your monetary gift to Immaculate Conception – Talcott Avenue.

If you have any questions regarding setting up your online donations through Give Central, please contact our Parish Office at 773.775.3833 and a member of our Parish Staff will be happy to assist you.

With a truly grateful and humble heart, I thank you for your faithful stewardship of our parish. Be assured of my constant prayers for you and your loved ones as we persevere together as a parish family through this challenging time in our lives. May our merciful and loving Father strengthen our faith during times of illness and uncertainty as we continue to trust in His goodness and divine providence.

Fr. Robert

Connect with IC through Zoom...



With an eye towards bridging the physical divide between us and cultivating a meaningful virtual community at IC during this time of forced seclusion, we are exploring alternative methods of uniting our community in prayer and conversation by utilizing a communication tool entitled Zoom Video Conferencing. Please visit www.zoom.us to register and download the web app for free on your desktop computer, laptop, smartphone or tablet.

As of **Monday, March 23rd** we will pray the rosary daily at **11:00 A.M. (Monday through Saturday)** hosted by Deacon Rick & his wife Carol [**Zoom Meeting Room/ID Code: 7902114314**]. At **3:00 P.M.**, we will pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet and engage in faith conversations (**Monday through Saturday**) hosted by our parishioner Mario Orrico & Fr. Robert [**Zoom Meeting Room/ID Code: 7661741428**]. Zoom will offer you the opportunity to see and hear members of our community praying together and engaging in conversations about their faith (as well as sharing their hopes and fears during this challenging time in our lives), while also allowing you to interact and participate as well.

Although we are temporarily restricted from physically assembling together as a parish family and encountering Christ through the Eucharist, if we are open to experimenting with the technology that is available to us, we can still embrace the underlying power of our community (as the body of Christ) by being emotionally and spiritually present for one another - so that we can continue to prayerfully support one another and remain connected in heart and mind. As God is ever-present, so we too strive to be here for you as a parish staff - to walk with you, to counsel you, to support you, to comfort you and to assure you that you are not alone.

Please continue to monitor our parish website (www.icparish.net) as well as our Facebook page for further spiritual opportunities as they become available.

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Parishioners and Guests of Immaculate Conception...



As a precautionary measure, due to concerns relating to public health, all liturgical services have been suspended in our Church until further notice (as mandated by Cardinal Cupich and the Archdiocese of Chicago.) This includes all daily and weekend Masses as well as Stations of the Cross (Friday evenings), Lenten Vespers (Tuesday evenings), and Reconciliation/Confessions (Saturday afternoons.)

Please be advised that, due to Governor Pritzker's Shelter-In-Place mandate for the state of Illinois (effective as of 5:00 P.M. on Saturday, March 21st), both **our Church and Parish Office will be closed until**

Tuesday, April 7th. As such, we are regrettably unable to offer opportunities for private prayer in our Church on Sundays at this time. While voicemail messages will continue to be monitored remotely on a daily basis by a member of our Parish Staff, we encourage you to connect with us via email at frontdesk@icparish.info with any questions, concerns or needs that may arise during the time the Shelter-In-Place order is in effect.

Please note: All previously scheduled activities, meetings, events, and practices have either been canceled or postponed through Tuesday, April 7th. Additional scheduling changes may occur as the situation continues to develop.

Worship from Home...

In lieu of gathering together for Mass at IC, we encourage our parishioners and guests to honor the Lord's Day by viewing our weekly broadcast of **Sunday Mass at 11:00 A.M.** featuring Fr. Robert & Fr. Matt (accompanied by Scott, our Director of Worship, on keyboard) which will be livestreamed through social media platforms Twitch TV and Facebook Live. Direct links to both platforms are easily accessible on our parish website (www.icparish.net). Weekday Masses will also be livestreamed daily **[Monday through Friday] at 7:00 P.M.** Our weekly **School Mass** will be broadcast on **Wednesdays at 11:00 A.M.** All livestreamed Masses will be recorded and archived for a limited time.

Private Masses will continue to be celebrated by Fr. Robert & Fr. Matt daily to honor the intentions of the day. Each Mass will also be offered for the wellbeing of our community and our city as we continue to pray for all those affected by the current Coronavirus outbreak, both locally and globally, so that they may be healed by our compassionate and merciful Father and find comfort and peace in His love.

Lenten Regulations

(from February 26, 2020, Ash Wednesday, to the Paschal Triduum)



Abstinence from meat is to be observed by all Catholics 14 years old and older on Ash Wednesday and on all the Fridays of Lent. Fasting is to be observed on Ash Wednesday by all Catholics who are 18 years of age but not yet 59. Those who are bound by this may take only one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted if necessary to maintain strength according to one's needs, but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted. The special Paschal fast, as well as abstinence, are prescribed for Good Friday and encouraged for Holy Saturday.

"Lent is ordered to preparing for the celebration of Easter. Since the Lenten liturgy prepares for the celebration of the Paschal Mystery, both catechumens, by the various stages of Christian Initiation, and the faithful, who recall their own Baptism and do penance." (Universal Norms on the Liturgical Year, #27)

By the threefold discipline of fasting, almsgiving and prayer, the church keeps Lent from Ash Wednesday until the evening of Holy Thursday. All of the faithful and the catechumens should undertake the serious practice of these three traditions. Failure to observe penitential days totally or a substantial number of such days must be considered serious.

"(On) weekdays of Lent, we strongly recommend participation in daily Mass and self-imposed observances of fasting. In light of grave human needs which weigh on the Christian conscience in all seasons, we urge particularly during Lent, generosity to local, national and world programs of sharing of all things needed to translate our duty to penance into a means of implementing the right of the poor to their part of our abundance."

(U.S. Bishops statement on penitential observances, 1966)

Learning Hasn't Stopped at IC School!



On Friday, March 13th, we received official word from the Archdiocese that all Catholic Schools would shut down for 2 weeks due to the Coronavirus (COVID19). Each school was asked to design and implement a rigorous e-learning plan. Electronic learning (e-learning) relates to student learning that is delivered through technology.



In a matter of 3 days, the teachers at IC had to switch their teaching plans from in-person, face-to-face lessons to e-learning. Using their knowledge, creativity and passion for teaching, they all came up with daily plans that ensured students would continue learning. Assignments were posted each day covering Religion, Math, ELA, Science and Social Studies, questions were answered through email and grades (letter, pass/fail or completed) were given. What they managed to do was nothing short of extraordinary!

I sent daily Parent Grams through our Fast Direct system to keep parents updated and to encourage them to contact their child's teacher if they had any questions, concerns or were feeling overwhelmed. Obviously, this is new for everyone, but we have been working together to ensure that our students continue learning without too much frustration (for the students or the parents).

Although our texts and videos are available online, teachers were looking for ways to improve instruction so they began using technology like: *Google Classroom*, *SeeSaw*, *Zoom* and *Google Hangout* which are all great ways for students to be able to see their teachers presenting a lesson or reading to the class. It also helps to see other students so you feel less isolated and more a part of the IC community.

On Friday, March 20th, our Art teacher taught a lesson using *Instagram* and 188 students tuned in. This was definitely the largest class she has ever taught! She plans to continue offering new art lessons on Wednesdays and Fridays at 12:30 P.M.

I will end each school day at 3:00 P.M. with prayer, announcements (including birthdays) and my joke of the day. This will be live through *YouTube*.

We pray for an end to this virus, hopeful that we can return to school soon. But as we wait, learning must go on!

Stay healthy!

Sue Canzoneri,
Principal

Holy Week and Sacred Triduum Schedule

All Masses & Services will be livestreamed @ www.twitch.tv/icchicago

*Please note: Mass times may be subject to change.

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

April 5th

11:00 A.M. – Mass

Holy Thursday

April 9th

6:00 P.M. - Mass of the Lord's Supper

Monday of Holy Week

April 6th

7:00 P.M. - Mass

Good Friday

April 10th

6:00 P.M. - Passion of the Lord

Tuesday of Holy Week

April 7th

7:00 P.M. - Mass

Holy Saturday

April 11th

*TBD - The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night

Wednesday of Holy Week

April 8th

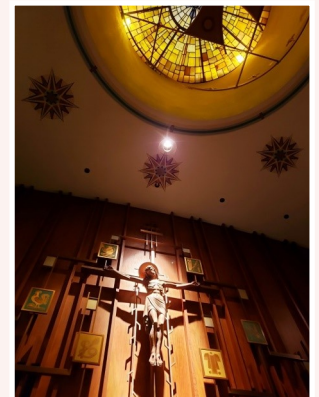
11:00 A.M. - School Mass

7:00 P.M. – Mass

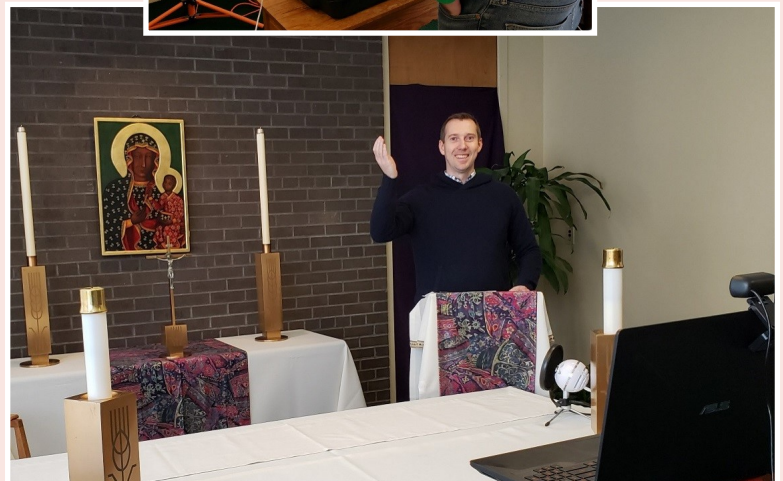
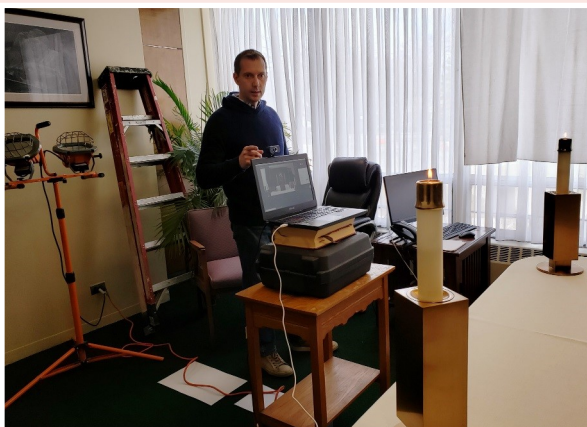
Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

April 12th

11:00 A.M. Mass



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Join us for a glimpse behind the scenes as Fr. Robert's office is repurposed and transformed into our new chapel (studio) — home of our virtual Masses (livestreamed on www.twitch.tv/icchicago) Sundays @ 11:00 A.M. and Weekdays @ 7:00 P.M.

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Our virtual IC community witnessed the grand unveiling of our new chapel (studio) as Fr. Matt and Fr. Robert celebrated Mass at 11:00 A.M. on Laetare Sunday, March 22nd.



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PRAYER LIST FOR THE SICK

Mary Alvarez	Richard Losik
Concetta Bartucci	Benny Martinez
Melissa Bednarz	Edwin Martinez
Celerina Behrman	Frank Martinez
Robert Behrman	Jan Merino
Sonia M. B.	Veronica Murillo
Vince Caeti	Timothy Murray
Jackie Campbell	Mary O'Donnell
Rita Castillo	Jackie O'Koniewski
James Covello	Mary (Kores) Potwora
Sherry Crocifisso	Bill Remblake
Ronnie Cunningham	Sebastian L. Rivera
Brooke Foreman	David Rodriguez
Lila Gehner	Elaine Schatz
Ofelia Hernandez	Edward Stanczyk
Nancy Kinzie	Steven P. Trifilio
Craig Kloss	John Varallo
Lillian Kohut	
Arlene Lacey-Beyna	

Eternal Rest Grant Unto Them...

Please join our parish family in prayer as we honor our faithful departed:

Thomas C. Craig (Husband of Patricia)

Readings for the week of March 29th

Sunday: Ez 37:12-14/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 [7]/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [4ab]/Jn 8:1-11

Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9/Ps 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21/Jn 8:21-30

Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/Jn 8:31-42

Thursday: Gn 17:3-9/Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [8a]/Jn 8:51-59

Friday: Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7 [cf. 7]/Jn 10:31-42

Saturday: Ez 37:21-28/Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13 [cf. 10d]/Jn 11:45-56

Next Sunday: Mt 21:1-11/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 [2a]/Phil 2:6-11/Mt 26:14—27:66 or 27:11-54

If you wish to have your name included in our prayer list or removed, please contact our Parish Office at 773.775.3833.

To receive Communion at home, please contact our Parish Office or email Deacon Ron at: jmjdeacon@aol.com and leave your name, address, and telephone number.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT IC

For more information on upcoming events, please visit our parish website at www.icparish.net.

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Pope Tweet of the Week...

"Our God is near and asks us to be near to one another. Perhaps right now we cannot draw near physically to others for fear of contagion, but we can reawaken in ourselves a habit of drawing near to others through prayer and mutual help."



Our Parish uses



for online donations

Sign up for online

giving at givecentral.org

Your Gifts to God and Parish

If you plan to move from the parish, please notify the Parish Office at least three months before you move. Also, if you will be away for more than 3 months, please call the Parish Office, so your envelopes can be stopped for that time period. If you use electronic giving and still receive envelopes, please contact the Parish Office so we can discontinue your receiving of envelopes.

The Mass is a beautiful celebration of Christ's love for us. What better way to honor someone than to have a Mass offered in their name.

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MASST INTENTIONS

Please note: Although public celebration of Mass has been suspended until further notice, Fr. Robert and Fr. Matt will continue to celebrate Mass privately for the wellbeing of our community and our city and to honor the intentions of the day.

Sunday, March 29 - Fifth Sunday of Lent

5:00 P.M. (Saturday) — †Walter Herschbach

7:30 A.M.— †Merle Protacio

9:30 A.M.— †Henry Teel

11:15 A.M.— †Frank & Margherita Martino; †Agostino & Francesca Chiamonte; and †Francis & Moira Cross

6:00 P.M.— Melissa Bednarz (Living)

Monday, March 30— Lenten Weekday

8:30 A.M.— †Thomas Craig

Tuesday, March 31 - Lenten Weekday

8:30 A.M.— Martha Petramala (Living)

Wednesday, April 1 - Lenten Weekday

8:30 A.M.— †Giovanni Saso

Thursday, April 2 - Saint Francis of Paola, Hermit

8:30 A.M.— †Barbara Hoffmann (on her 8th Anniversary)

Friday, April 3 - Lenten Weekday

8:30 A.M.— †Ann Kula

5:30 P.M.— †Ellen "Nellie" Gavin; †Maureen Serb (Birthday Remembrance); and †Bill Kohut (on his 2nd Anniversary)

Saturday, April 4 - Saint Isidore, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

5:00 P.M.— †Eugene J. Mroz; and †William Brander (on his 8th Anniversary)

Sunday, April 5 - Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

7:30 A.M.— †Kenneth Schnotala

9:30 A.M.— †Charles Grayzeck

11:15 A.M.— †Pietro Biancorosso; †Serafina Nocito; †Francis & Moira Cross; †John "Jack" O'Brien; †Albert Aguilar; and †Philip Bober

6:00 P.M.— †Eleanor Brissette (on her 14th Anniversary)

March 29th through April 4th

The sanctuary lamp is burning this week for the repose of the soul of

Thomas Craig

March 29th through April 3rd

The Blessed Mother Votive is burning this week for the repose of the soul of

Barbara Hoffmann
(on her 8th Anniversary)

March 29th through April 3rd

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

Greg Nastaly
(on his 7th Anniversary)

Requested by Nikki Nastaly

PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY

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. Army - 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. Marine - Sean Gronset, PFC Sebastian L. Rivera, Jr., PFC Christopher Hughes, PFC Algene D. Porticos

Let us pray for these women and men and all who are serving in the military. Please contact the Parish Office when these service people return. If you are a veteran or know a veteran, the Archdiocese of Chicago has a website: vets.archchicago.org that provides information that can be of assistance.



Lent, Holy Week and Easter Season Resources...

We are pleased to offer complimentary copies of the April MAGNIFICAT and MAGNIFIKID magazines, two of the more popular Catholic prayer and worship guides in the United States. The MAGNIFICAT features daily Mass readings, prayers for the morning and evening, articles, inspiring profiles on ancient and modern saints, daily meditations, and commentaries on beautiful sacred art. It comes with a separate Holy Week edition, with each copy individually wrapped in plastic.

The MAGNIFIKID provides a weekly guide to the Sunday Mass, fun puzzles, and interesting insights to the Saints and Sacraments. The weekly issues, which are also available electronically, come wrapped in plastic.

To receive a free copy by mail, please **contact Deacon Mike Bednarz at 847.361.9766** or mikebednarzcpa@att.net for details. You can also visit www.magnificat.com for more information.

There is also a 24/7 commercial-free radio station called WAOB 106.7 FM, which stands for We Are One Body. It's found on the internet and is available on the TuneIn radio app. It offers a wide range of religious programming, such as the daily Mass, Rosary, reflections on the saints and scripture – just to name a few.

To get started, visit their website: <http://www.waob.org/> to listen live or download their iPhone/Android application for your particular time zone. Since they broadcast 24/7 commercial-free, you may want to look at their schedule tab on the Home Page to get an idea when a program might be broadcasted for the day.

If you happen to miss a program, there's an option to select a different time zone to hear it. For example, the daily Mass is broadcast at 8:00 A.M. Eastern or 7:00 A.M. Central time. However, you do have an option to hear it again by selecting another time zone, such as Mountain or Pacific time. And if you have a smart device at home, you can ask Alexa to play WAOB We Are One Body on TuneIn Radio.

Please share the above information with those in need, especially the elderly. As disciples of Christ, it's up to us to do what we can to pick up medicine from the store when we're shopping for groceries, drop-off a cooked meal, as well as spread the Word of God!

Deacon Mike Bednarz

Many people are being impacted in many ways by the COVID-19 virus
If you or someone you know has lost income, please know

New Hope Community Food Pantry can help

We are located at 7115 W Hood Street, Chicago IL 60631

We are open on Tuesdays from 9:30 AM to 11:30 AM to provide an emergency one week supply of groceries

We serve zip codes 60630, 60631, 60646, 60656, 60706
Please bring an ID that shows your current address

For further information, visit us at
www.newhopefoodpantry.com



Let us *love*,
since that is
what our hearts
were made for.

ST. THÉRÈSE DE LISIEUX