Welcome to Immaculate Conception Parish

A Catholic Community Inviting People to Follow Christ

March 2, 2025 - Eighth Sunday In Ordinary Time



"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me; because of which He has anointed me." - Luke 4:18

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Weekday Mass Schedule:

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

Wednesdays @ 8:30 A.M. (School Mass*)

(*Livestreamed)

(Special dates & times offered during Advent & Lent)

Baptisms:

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

Church & Special Collections:

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Dear Friends In Christ,

The time has come once again. We begin a sacred and unique season in the life of the Church - Lent. Traditionally, this period of time alludes to the forty days Jesus spent in the Judean desert fasting, praying, and preparing for the beginning of His public mission. The mission was most important: to proclaim the good news of the Kingdom of God and bring the gift of salvation to the earth.

During the time of Lent, as Jesus' followers, we are also called to a special journey of renewal and preparation for Easter. The season gives us opportunities for spiritual

rejuvenation, growing closer to God, and attaining a clearer discernment of God's will and our purpose in life. The Church's Lenten journey is rich in themes and traditions that help us along, but I would like to focus on some spiritual practices that might be helpful. Some of these invite us to personal prayer at home, others to public worship at our church:

Quiet reading and reflection on the Word of God – The Word of God speaks to us, guides us, and reassures us. (Consider trying Lectio Divina as we offer regular monthly sessions at our parish as well).

Personal Prayer and Devotions - Rosary, Litanies, and Stations of the Cross, are all examples of traditional private or public prayers.

Giving something up for Lent – Ascetic practices are deeply rooted in the Lenten tradition. Perhaps think about spending less time on the internet or time spent watching television – television can take over much of anyone's free time, time that could be spent in a more meaningful and enriching way.

Friday Fasts – Throughout Lent, the Church requires us to abstain from eating meat on Fridays. Fasting is an ancient and powerful spiritual practice that brings us to greater detachment from bodily things and disposes us to get closer to God. (As a matter of fact, the Church does not require but encourages us to some form of ascetic practice each Friday of the year, the day we remember the death of Christ on the cross).

Other Liturgical Practices - Please come to the Sacrament of Confession. Regular confession is the secret to spiritual health and the recipe for holiness (all of the saints knew this). As we begin our Lenten journey, let us remember about reconciling with God and our neighbor.

There are also opportunities for Monday through Thursday weekday morning Masses at 8:30 A.M., Tuesday Vespers at 6:30 P.M., Weekend Services, Stations of the Cross celebrated throughout Fridays of Lent at 7:00 P.M., occasions for the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and more. (Please visit our parish website, icchicago.org, or review page 5 of our bulletin for more details).

Dear Friends, as we enter into this unique time of Lent, let us respond generously to the invitation to travel along with Christ and commit ourselves wholeheartedly. Now is the time of grace and a chance to be renewed. It is Jesus himself who prepares this special journey, and He will not disappoint.

Please be assured of my prayers and spiritual support during this time.

In Christ, Fr. Michael, Associate Pastor

2025 Annual Catholic Appeal: Follow-Up Weekend (March 1st & 2nd)

Our parish is conducting our campaign for the *Annual Catholic Appeal*. Please remember that the Annual Catholic Appeal is much different than a one-time special collection. It is a pledge campaign where you can make a gift payable in installments. The new *Annual Catholic Appeal* theme, "Together we bring hope," is an important theme as we prayerfully consider our support for the Appeal but also important for embracing the life that the Lord wants us to live. Each pledge makes a difference! All parish communities participate in the campaign and the gifts of many enable our parishes, schools and ministries to deliver needed services. Thank you for your prayerful consideration and generous response. To make your gift, you can complete the mail-in giving envelope available at church or make a gift online at *annualcatholicappeal.com*. Please be certain to designate Immaculate Conception - Talcott Avenue so that our parish receives credit for your donation.



Together we bring hope 2025 Annual Catholic Appeal

Please consider supporting this year's Appeal. Your gene contribution will be a source of blessing for many people, for yourself and for you loved ones. To make a gift by phone 312.534.7959 To mail: 835 North Rush Stree Chicago, IL 60611 To give online: annualcatholicappeal.com



Shrove Tuesday Holy Hour: March 4th

Begin Your Lenten Journey @ IC: March 5

Please join us for a Holy Hour on *Shrove Tuesday*, March 4th, the day before *Ash Wednesday*. It will be approximately from 9:00 A.M. until



10:00 A.M., following our 8:30 A.M. Mass. This is a special way to prepare for the holiest season of the year, so we hope that you can attend.



Old palms may be returned to our Church through **Monday**, **March 3**rd. Please deposit them in the clearly marked boxes that are located in the Vestibule area of our Church. You may also drop them off in our Parish Office. The old palms will be burned

by *Fr. Michael (assisted by our 8th Grade students)* on **Tuesday, March 4th** after our 8:30 A.M. Mass in preparation for our blessing and distribution of ashes on *Ash Wednesday* (March 5th).

Experience Alpha This Lent @ IC ...



Our opening week of Alpha begins with a few questions: Is Christianity boring? Untrue? Irrelevant?

Our small groups challenged these questions, considered what is needed to thrive in today's world, discussing science & faith, and how that ties into being a Christian.

Still Want to START ALPHA?



Registration Open Until March 9th www.icchicago.org/connect/alpha.cfm





Second Collection: Ash Wednesday (March 5th)



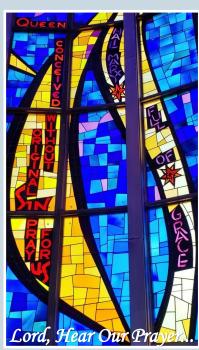
This week, our special collection on Ash Wednesday supports the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. Your donation helps restore the Church and build the future in more than 25 countries still struggling to recover from former communist rule and now grappling with the war in Ukraine. Funds from this collection support reconstruction, education, formation, and poverty outreach. Thank you for your generosity to the collection today. For more information, please visit www.usccb.org/ccee. #iGiveCatholicTogether also accepts funds for this collection if you prefer to donate online.

Journey With Us This Lenten Season @ IC: Opportunities For Prayer, Reconciliation L Service...



Please join our parish family in prayer ...

For those who are sick:



Mina Acevedo Tom Altman Paul Amandes Amelia Aquino Arnold B. Diane Ballog Deborah Barnum Annie Beckman Robert Behrman Sonia M. B. Roberta Berger Michael Berry Grace Cabiao Mary Cali Juanita Camacho Jackie Campbell Donna Chaplin Truman Collins James Covello Ronnie Cunningham Joe Day Paige Dicks Emily Divarco Barbara Donnelly Jack Donnelly Eric Dulce Lilia Dulce Alicia Enriquez

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*Newly Added

For our faithful departed:

James Paul Fairbairn Jr., MD



"Eternal rest grant unto them, 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 U.S. Navy - CMDR Michael Brasseur, CDR Christopher Jenkins, PO Thomas T. Tudisco, LTJG 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; SSgt. Bryan H. O'Koniewski **U.S. Marines** - PFC Sebastian L. Rivera, Jr., PFC Christopher Hughes, PFC Algene D. Porticos, LCpl Daniel Wieczorek, Cpl 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.





Mass Intentions: Sunday, March 2nd through Sunday, March 9th

Sunday, March 2nd – Eighth Sunday In Ordinary Time

5:00 P.M. (Saturday) — [†]Marty Hegarty; [†]Stanislawa Gaszcz; [†]Zeny Marcelino (3rd Anniversary); [†]Tom Coughlan (on his 9th Anniversary); [†]Fr. Ron Lewinski; [†]Joanne Leck; [†]Zofia & Jozef Robak and [†]Klemens & Brygida Fedek (Grandparents of Bishop Fedek); [†]Teresa Robak (Godmother of Bishop Fedek); [†]Tony & Carol Colamonico (Living); Sherry Anne Caparros (Living); Maria (Living); and Bishop Robert M. Fedek (Living)

8:30 A.M. – [†]Richard DiPietro (on his 1st Anniversary); and [†]Helena & Kazimierz Jurka

10:30 A.M. – [†]Marty Hegarty; [†]Maria Plawiak; [†]Tommy Fuller; [†]Tommy Tovar; [†]Orlando Russo; [†]Francis & Moira Cross; [†]Pat Furgat; [†]Claudia Kech; Erma & Wayne Kinzie (Living); Nancy Kremer (Living); Rose Siciliano (Living); IC Holy Name Men's Club (Living); and The People of the Parish

Monday, March 3rd – *Saint Katharine Drexel, Virgin 8:30 A.M. –* [†]Marty Hegarty; [†]George Archibald; and [†]Jean & Jack Joyce

Tuesday, March 4th - Saint Casimir

8:30 A.M. – [†]Marty Hegarty; and [†]Fr. Alan Phillip, C.P. (on his 4th Anniversary)

Wednesday, March 5th - Ash Wednesday

8:30 A.M. – [†]Emanuela Paladino; and The People of the Parish 6:00 P.M. – [†]Marty Hegarty; and [†]JoAnn Barder

Thursday, March 6th – *Thursday after Ash Wednesday*

8:30 A.M. – [†]Marty Hegarty; [†]Fr. Ronan Newbold, C.P. (on his 3rd Anniversary); [†]Dolores Capra (on her 10th Anniversary); [†]Ellen "Nellie" Gavin; [†]Patty Dunleavy; [†]Katharina Kraemer (on her 19th Anniversary); and [†]Hugh Masterson

Friday, March 7th - Friday after Ash Wednesday; Saints Perpetua and Felicity , Martyrs (World Day of Prayer)

Saturday, March 8th - Saturday after Ash Wednesday; Saint John of God, Religious

5:00 P.M.—[†]Marty Hegarty; [†]Lucrezia Segreto (Birthday Remembrance); [†]Malachy & Michael Byrne; and [†]Tony & Carol Colamonico (Living)

Sunday, March 9th – First Sunday of Lent

8:30 A.M.- [†]Walter Nowak; [†]Jessie Bartilotta (25th Anniversary); and [†]Jim Sheehan

10:30 A.M.— [†]Marty Hegarty; [†]The Deceased Members of The Furgat Family; [†]Charles Grayzeck; [†]Michael Casey; [†]Claudia Kech; [†]Mary Jayne Doherty; [†]Filippo Sperandeo; [†]Francis & Moira Cross; and The People of the Parish



Our Mass is a beautiful celebration of Christ's love for us, so what better way to honor cherished friends & family members than to have a Mass offered in their name.



To request a Mass Intention for a living or deceased loved one, please contact our Parish Office @ 773.775.3833. Suggested Donation: \$10.00 (Mass Card included.)

IC HNMC Annual St. Patrick's Day Celebration

<F HICAGO, ame Societu Immaculate Conception ELEBR @6PM Sat. March 8th Live Music: The Road Taken (feat Tom Losik and Joe Shevlin) Laurence Nugent & Frank Quinn, Shannon Rovers Pipe Band Sheila Healy Academy of Irish Dance Homemade Corned Beef, Cabbage, Potatoes, Food: Irish Soda Bread, Chips, Desserts Open Bar: Mixed Drinks, Beer, Wine, Pop, Water and Coffee **Tickets: \$50 (60+), \$60 (Prepaid), \$65 (At Door)** Tables of 10 can be reserved prior to March 1st Contact: Pay by Cash/Check/Venmo @Pat-Gallagher-20 Amy Gallagher 708-955-6203 Pat Gallagher 773-251-2271 Jack Murphy 773-860-1092 Ralph Warner 773-550-6747 Marty McGrath 773-425-4650 21+ **IC Parish Center** 7271 W Talcott, Chicago

2024 Contribution Statements Now Available

2024 Contribution Statements (for tax purposes) are now available to our parishioners & donors upon request. If you would like to receive either a paper statement or an electronic statement of your contributions to our parish for tax year 2024, please visit our website: **icchicago.org** and complete our online **Contribution Statement Request Form**. For those without computer access, please contact our Parish Office via telephone at 773.775.3833 to

request a copy of your statement (available via pick up at our Parish Office or sent via postal mail.) With grateful hearts, we thank you for your faithful & generous support of our parish!

Event

Bethlehem Arts @ All Masses



Next 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 the reduction

of tourism, the Catholic Community has come to depend more on the sale of these articles abroad to survive and to keep their faith and Christian presence in the Holy Land. The woodcarvings are beautiful and reflect faith and love for our Lord.

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 on **March 8th & 9th**.



Eileen Bond

Welcome to all visitors and guests! Interested in joining our IC family? Register @ icchicago.org



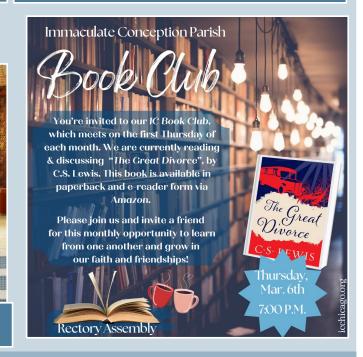
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Spencer Gregory Van Sky Child of Jason John & Annmarie (Baiocchi) Van Sky



Mr. L Mrs. David Martinsek L Meredith Card



Ministry Schedules: Saturday, March 8th I. Sunday, March 9th

	Saturday 5:00 P.M. Mass First Sunday of Lent	Sunday 8:30 A.M. Mass First Sunday of Lent	Sunday 10:30 A.M. Mass First Sunday of Lent
Presiders	Fr. Michael Wyrzykowski	Fr. Michael Wyrzykowski	Fr. Michael Wyrzykowski
Lectors	J. Lim	L. Beckman	N. Kanoon
Cantors	E. Doyle	Vocal Quartet	Vocal Quartet
Extraordinary Ministers	R. Altman; D. Mroz; P. Posch; S. Witz	J. Beckman; K. Gillespie; D. Sebastian; L. Womack	J. Jummati; M. Niewinski; K. Sanchez; C. Willocks
Altar Servers	T. Egan; J. Galeno; E. Gonzalez	C. Villafane; K. Murphy;	K. Catomer; L. Love; E. Hyland



Our Parish Staff:

Fr. Matthew Heinrich, Pastor Fr. Michael Wyrzykowski, Associate Pastor Bishop Robert Fedek, Weekend Assistant Deacon Rick & Carol Moritz Deacon Ronald & Connie Gronek Vincent Kennedy, Director of Operations Scott Will, Director of Worship Melissa Anna, Administrative Supervisor & Communications/ Bulletin Editor Elizabeth Doyle, Assistant Director of Music Marilyn Sadowski, Receptionist Bernadette Anna, Parish Sacristan

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 3rd</u>— 10:00 A.M.-Noon– Exploring Scripture Monday Mornings: *The Book of Exodus;* RA 7:00-8:30 P.M. – Winter Alpha Session; RA

Tuesday, March 4th –

8:30 A.M. – Mass; CH (*Ceremonial Burning & Blessing of Palms by Fr. Michael after Mass*) 9:00-10:00 A.M. – Shrove Tuesday Holy Hour; CH 7:00-9:00 P.M. – Parish Pastoral Council Mtg.; RA

 Wednesday, March 5th - Ash Wednesday (Second Collection: Church In Central & Eastern Europe)

 8:30 A.M. – School Mass; CH

 Noon – Prayer Service; CH

 2:10-3:30 P.M. – Choristers Rehearsal; CH

 4:00 P.M. – Religious Education Program Prayer Service; CH

 6:00 P.M. – Mass; CH

<u>Thursday, March 6th</u> – 7:00-8:00 P.M. – St. Joseph Table Team Mtg.; Café 7:00-8:30 P.M. – IC Book Club; RA 8:00-9:30 P.M. – Holy Name Men's Club Mtg.; BA

<u>Friday, March 7th</u> – 7:00 P.M. – Stations of the Cross; CH

<u>Saturday, March 8th</u> – (CH Vestibule – Bethlehem Arts @ 5:00 P.M. Mass) 6:00 P.M.-Midnight – Holy Name Men's Club Annual St. Patrick's Celebration; PC

<u>Sunday, March 9th</u> – First Sunday Of Lent (CH Vestibule – Bethlehem Arts @ 8:30 & 10:30 A.M. Masses) 9:30-10:15 A.M. – Lenten Confessions; CH



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Upcoming Bulletin Deadlines:

March 9th Bulletin submissions due: Friday, February 28th March 16th Bulletin submissions due: Friday, March 7th

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

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