

Welcome to *Immaculate Conception Parish*

A Catholic Community Inviting People to Follow Christ

March 3, 2024 - Third Sunday Of Lent

Congratulations to our students who encountered God's love and mercy in the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time on Wednesday, February 21st! Please keep them in your prayers as they prepare to receive the Sacrament of First Holy Communion in May.

Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

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| Luca Accardo | Adelyn Martinez |
| Logan Belluomini | Alexandra Martinez |
| Layla Brooks | Ryan Maseth |
| Elijah Carcellar | Fiona McGee |
| Aubrey Clarke | Gavin McGee |
| Kevin Clarke | William Miehlich |
| Mia Coletta | Thomas Minghettino |
| James Cuddihee | Charles Mondl |
| Amelia DeRango | Aubrey Morales |
| Aidan Devey | Shane Murphy |
| John Dore | Olivia Natalini |
| Violet Durkin | Clare Neracl |
| Edward Eaglin | Cooper O'Brien |
| Alexandra Ehrhard | Charlie Ochoa |
| Emma Escher | Gavin Palanca |
| Isabelle Fleming | Emma Paxson |
| McKenna Folan | Penelope Pekic |
| Luke Granadon | Nelle Reynolds |
| Killian Graves | Desmond Ryan |
| Margaret Hughes | Emma Saladino |
| Riley Jennings | Ava Sanchez |
| Thomas Johnson | Victor Szorc |
| Adriana Kelly | Xavier Vallejos |
| Nicholas Knudsen | Gabrielle Via |
| Madelyn Kostuch | Henry Walsh |
| Dylan Krajcir | Violet Warner |
| Brooklyn Labuz | Shawn Wickery |
| Cameron Labuz | Owen Willemsson |
| Gabriel Lamas | Jackson Wilson |
| Luke Lesniak | Violet Zinchuk |
| Everett Lucas | Amelia Zub6 |
| Georgina Malone | |

*"For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord.
Live as children of light, for light produces every kind of goodness and righteousness and truth."
- Ephesians 5:8-9*

Love God • Serve Others • Make Disciples

Contact Us

☎: 773.775.3833

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

✉: parishoffice@icchicago.org

Parish Office Hours:

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:

💻: www.iccowboys.net

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 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)

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)

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.

Scan the QR Code below:



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

Celebrate St. Joseph's Day @ IC

Seeking Volunteer Bakers For Our St. Joseph Bake Sale

Immaculate Conception Parish

*St. Joseph
Feast Day
Celebration*

**Tuesday,
March 19th**

**6:00 P.M.
Combined
Vespers & Mass
with
Bishop Mark Bartosic**

**St. Joseph Bake Sale
March 9th & 10th**

**After 5:00 P.M. (Sat.),
8:30 & 10:30 A.M. (Sun.)
Masses
(in Church Vestibule)**

**All Proceeds Benefit
Catholic Charities
Immigrant & Refugee
Services**

**St. Joseph Table
to follow @ 7:15 P.M.
in Rectory Assembly**



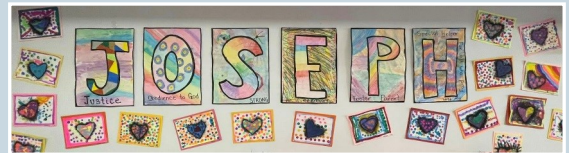
**(Limited space available for
St. Joseph Table Dinner
please RSVP by March 10th)**

For additional information regarding our **St. Joseph Table Dinner**, please contact **Carmen Warfield** (carmen.warfield@molex.com or 773.259.7647) or **Rob Lohman** (rob@lohmanlawgroupllc.com or 312.907.7929). Space is limited to approximately 65-70 attendees, so **please be certain to RSVP by Sunday, March 10th.**

We are seeking volunteer bakers to assist us by donating baked goods for our Bake Sale. (cookies, brownies, candies, cakes, muffins, etc. are all appreciated!)

All donated goods must be pre-packaged for individual sales. We are unable to accept goods that are not packaged properly.

For those interested in participating, please scan the QR code provided or sign-up via the form available in our Church Vestibule. All donated baked goods will be accepted by our St. Joseph Team Members on **Friday, March 8th from 3:00-7:00 P.M. in our Church Vestibule.** Questions? Please contact **Laura Delana** (laur7406@comcast.net) or **Lyn Christy** (lynjchristy@yahoo.com). Thank you for your support of our Special Lenten fundraiser!



Celebrate Family Mass @ IC: Sunday, March 10th (Hosted By: IC Altar Servers)



Please join us at our 10:30 A.M. Family Mass **next Sunday, March 10th** (with **Fr. Matt** presiding) as we celebrate our **IC Altar Servers**. Our Choristers will join together with our Vocal Quartet to lead our congregation in song. In addition to our St. Joseph Bake Sale, our **Altar Servers** will provide coffee & beverages following the conclusion of our Mass in the Vestibule of our Church. All are welcome and encouraged to join us!



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



Week 4: How Can I Have Faith?

Is faith just a blind leap, or is there *evidence* for our faith? Are we to believe in an event? A person? A feeling? What makes someone a Christian?

Please pray for our Alpha guests & leaders during this Lenten Season



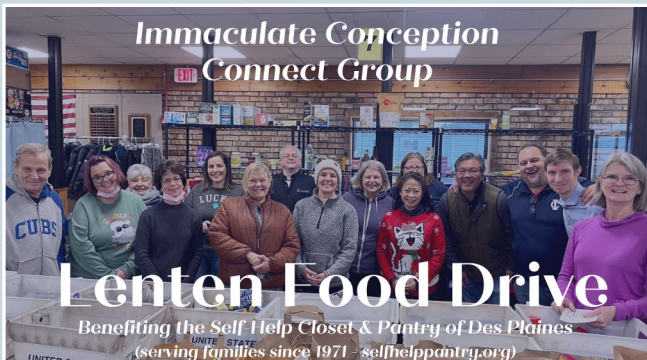
Please join us as we will be making sandwiches to donate to *The Port Ministries of Chicago* **this Thursday, March 7th** at **5:30 P.M.** in our Rectory Assembly. Please invite

any others that might be interested. We request that you kindly bring donations of lunch meat (ham, salami, or turkey) and sliced bread. We will also be accepting donations of cases of water, fruit cups, and small individual bags of chips. If you cannot attend and would like to drop off donations, you can do so that evening or call/text *Nancy Soprych* at 773.805.3254 to make the necessary arrangements.

Thank you so much!



Lenten Food Drive: February 16th through March 8th



During this Lenten Season, we are once again accepting donations of non-perishable food items on behalf of the **Self-Help Closet & Pantry of Des Plaines**. These items must not be expired, so please be certain to check expiration dates prior to dropping off your donations! All food items must be in their original, factory-sealed containers.

To participate, please look for the **Big Red Bins** with the **Self-Help Closet & Pantry's** logo on them (as pictured below) which will be located in our Church Vestibule, Parish Office Vestibule, School Front Lobby and Parish Center Lobby.



Begins: Friday, February 16th **Ends: Friday, March 8th**

We greatly appreciate all donations and we thank our entire IC Family in advance!

Preferred Donations

(Items Currently Most In Need)

- Canned Dinner Dishes (Pasta, Chili, Hash, Etc.)
- Pasta Sauce (24 Ounce Jars)
- Canned Fruit (14-16 Ounces)
- Peanut Butter (16-18 Ounces)
- Jelly or Jam
- Boxes of Breakfast Cereal
- Flour
- Sugar
- Ketchup (Full-Size)
- Nutritional Drinks (Ensure & Boost)
- Canned Beans (Kidney, Pinto, Garbanzo, Baked)
- Ready-To-Eat Soups (e.g. Progresso, Campbell's Chunky) & Condensed Soups (e.g. Campbell's)
- Pancake Mix & Syrup
- Pasta (Boxes, Bags, Ramen, Macaroni & Cheese)
- Canned Vegetables (Corn, Tomatoes, Green Beans, Mixed, Etc.)
- Rice
- Side Dishes In Boxes & Pouches
- Black, Green & Herbal Teas

In addition to food items, we will also accept donations of gloves, scarves, winter hats & coats (clean & gently used.) Additional questions? Please contact **Rob Lohman** via email at rob@lohmanlawgroupllc.com or call our Parish Office at 773.775.3833.

Journey With Us This Lenten Season @ IC: Opportunities For Prayer & Reconciliation...

**9:30 A.M.
until
10:15 A.M.**

*Lenten
Confessions*

Sundays

- March 3rd
- March 10th
- March 17th
- March 24th*

*Final Opportunity
Prior to Easter

icchicago.org

Tuesday, March 5th:
Parish Reconciliation Service
6:30-7:30 P.M.



Immaculate Conception Parish

*Lenten Vespers
Series*

March 5th
(Sung Vespers feat.
our Professional Musicians)
Parish Reconciliation Service
to follow @ 6:30 P.M.

March 12th
(Simple Music, Spoken Prayer)

March 19th
St. Joseph's Day
Combined Vespers & Mass
with Bishop Mark Bartosic
(feat. our Professional Musicians)

March 26th
(Simple Music, Spoken Prayer)

Join us as we sing & pray
together this Lenten Season...

**Tuesdays
@ 6:00 P.M.**



Stations Of the Cross

Fridays During Lent
@ 7:00 P.M.

Join us in prayer as we remember
what our Lord endured for us
and how we continue to carry
the Cross of Christ today...



Lectio Divina means "divine reading" in Latin. It is a meditative technique of reading the Bible in which we let go of our own agendas and open ourselves (intellectually & emotionally) to what God is trying to communicate to us.

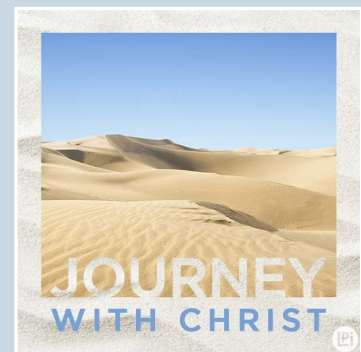
*"In this season of #Lent, let us retreat into the "desert."
May we dedicate time to silence to allow the voice of the
Lord to speak to our heart and keep it in goodness.
- Pope Francis*



Lectio Divina
(Divine Reading)

Did you ever wonder if
God's word has meaning
for our daily life? Do you
sometimes wonder if the
Gospel Readings are still
relevant for today's
society? If so, you
are not alone!

Join us in prayer this
Lenten Season as we
host a Lectio Divina
on Tuesday, March 12th
@ 7:00 P.M.
in the Rectory
Conference Room.
All are welcome!



**Tuesday,
March 12th
7:00 P.M.**

Immaculate Conception Parish

Rectory Conference Room

*Please join our parish family in prayer ...**For those who are sick;*

Lord, Hear Our Prayers...

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
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
Gloria Hernandez
Ofelia Hernandez
Katie Huber
Judy Hull
Mary Ann Hurtig
Kevin Jaburek
Vivian Jester
Margaret Joyce
Wayne Kinzie, Sr.
Donna Kirk
Craig Kloss
Ronald Kogol
Lillian Kohut
Katherine Kreuser
Anthony LaPash
Dawn LaVeau
Florescia Silva Lucas
Sean Lucas
Nathan Maisel
Benny Martinez
Edwin Martinez
Frank Martinez
Elsa Mazzoni

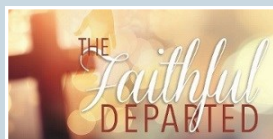
Jeff McBride
Mary McGrath
Nikki Mendoza
Pat Miaso
Gerry Michalek, Jr.
Helen Michalek
Ledoina Monacelli
Marta Morales
Deacon Rick Moritz
Veronica Murillo
Mike Murphy
Timothy Murray
Brendan Nelson
Barb Neustadt
Phillip Nuccio
John O'Brien
Jackie O'Koniewski
David Olson
Camille Pavlis
Elaine Pellegrinetti
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
Edward Stanczyk
Jack Stewart
Bill Story
Julie Szvedo
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:

Tracy L. Reppen (Wife of Barry)



*"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.

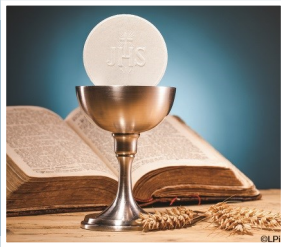
Fasting consists of eating only one meal, with the possibility of two smaller snacks that do not add up to a single full meal.

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 Wiczorek, 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.



*Mass Intentions:
Sunday, March 3rd
through
Sunday, March 10th*

Sunday, March 3rd – Third Sunday Of Lent

5:00 P.M. (Saturday) – †John Stuckel; †Antonio Casamento; †Vincent Diamond; †Patrick & Barbara McDonagh & their Son Patrick; †Laura Stonikas; and Gianna Console Caldwell (Living)
8:30 A.M. – †Marie A. Barwig (Birthday Remembrance); and †Jose Urizarri (on his Anniversary)

10:30 A.M. – †The Deceased Members of The Furgat Family; †Tommy Fuller; †Robert Battalini; †Patrick & Kathleen Byrne; †Roseleen Mendoza; †Francis & Moira Cross; †Raymond Brezinski, Jr. (3rd Month Anniversary); †Lib & Marie Allocco; †Tom Coughlan; †Fe Doruelo (on her Anniversary); and The People of the Parish

Monday, March 4th – Saint Casimir

8:30 A.M. – †Fr. Alan Phillip, C.P. (on his 3rd Anniversary)

Tuesday, March 5th – Lenten Weekday

8:30 A.M. – †Michael J. Montalbano

Wednesday, March 6th – Lenten Weekday

8:30 A.M. – †Fr. Ronan Newbold, C.P. (on his 2nd Anniversary); †Katharina Kraemer (on her 18th Anniversary); †Joseph Imburgia; †Victoria Cox; †Hugh Masterson; and †Noreen Nolan

Thursday, March 7th – Saints Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs

8:30 A.M. – †Dolores Capra (on her 9th Anniversary); †Ellen “Nellie” Gavin; †Patty Dunleavy; †Lucrezia Segreto (Birthday Remembrance); and †Linda Kowal

Friday, March 8th – Saint John Of God, Religious

Saturday, March 9th – Saint Frances Of Rome, Religious

5:00 P.M. – †Walter Nowak; †Michael & Malachy Byrne; †Frederic Welk; †Karen Volante; and Mary Ann Schmitt Hurtig (on her Birthday) (Living)

Sunday, March 10th – Fourth Sunday Of Lent (Laetare Sunday)

8:30 A.M. – †Elizabeth Serafin; †Poor Souls In Purgatory; †The Urizarri & Segura Families; and †Lee P. Markowski
10:30 A.M. – †Chuck Johnson & Diane Conrath (Living) (Wedding Anniversary Remembrance); †Sr. Mary Pat Cummings (Birthday Remembrance); †Benedict Schronski; †Stanislaw Zawora; †Louis & Frances Allocco; †Francis & Moira Cross; and The People of the Parish



March 3rd through March 9th

Our Sanctuary Lamp is burning this week for the repose of the soul of

Loreli Hegarty

Requested By: Marty & Rose Hegarty

March 3rd through March 8th

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

Tracy Reppen

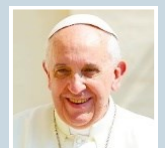
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Julie Szwedo

Pope Tweet of the Week...

“Jesus has lovingly cared for us, mercifully tended our wounds, opened our hearts to joy with His Spirit. All these are goods that we cannot keep only to ourselves or hide away. We have been showered with gifts, so we are called to make ourselves a gift for others.”



Celebrate Saint Patrick's Day @ IC

IC Alumni: Connect With IC



IC Holy Name Society presents

Immaculate Conception ST. PATRICK'S DAY CELEBRATION

@6PM

Sat. March 9th

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

Food: Homemade Corned Beef, Cabbage, Potatoes,
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 2nd

Contact: (Pay by Cash/Check/Venmo)

Pat Gallagher 773-251-2271

Amy Gallagher 708-955-6203

Jack Murphy 773-860-1092 Ralph Warner 773-550-6747

Marty McGrath 773-425-4650

JOIN THE FUN

IC Parish Center 7271 W Talcott, Chicago

21+
Event



Shaun & Jami McGovern
and their child Jami Lynne

Terence & Kathleen Shiel

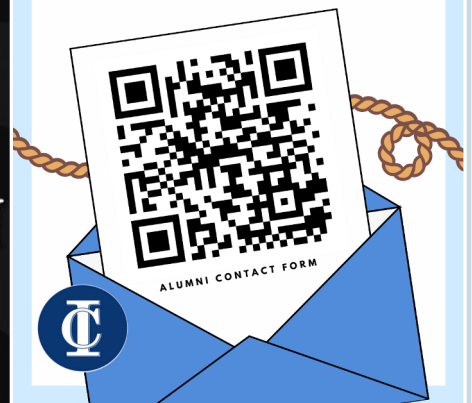
Erin Sanders

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

CALLING ALL I.C. ALUMNI

This year, the I.C. Alumni Committee is starting an alumni database to help strengthen our community across class years.

If you are an I.C. alumni or parent of alumni, please use the QR code below to fill out our contact form and stay in the know!



Support IC

If your family's needs are being met, please be a light to others by considering a gift through your individual retirement account (IRA) in support of our parish. By naming *Immaculate Conception Parish* as a beneficiary, you will provide crucial financial support to IC and the entire value of your gift will be transferred to us free from federal estate and income tax. It costs nothing to change the beneficiary on your retirement plan and will mean everything to our future parish community.

Please contact your IRA administrator for more information, or contact **Vince Kennedy** at 773.775.3833 EXT. 106 or via email at vkennedy@archchicago.org

This Weekend @ IC: Coffee House

Join Us For Our Monthly Book Club Gathering

All are welcome!

Immaculate Conception Parish

COFFEE HOUSE



**Sunday
Mar.
3rd**

Join us for coffee, pastries & conversation
in our Rectory Assembly after our
8:30 A.M. & 10:30 A.M. Sunday Masses

Special Guest Host: IC Connect Group

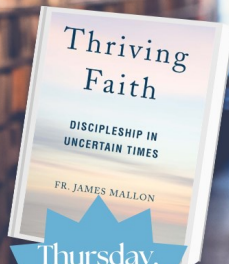
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Book Club

You're invited to our recently
launched **IC Book Club**, which meets
on the first Thursday of each month.
We are currently reading & discussing
"Thriving Faith", by Fr. James Mallon.
This book is available in paperback
and e-reader form via Amazon.

Please join us and invite a friend
for this monthly opportunity to learn
from one another and grow in
our faith and friendships!



**Thursday,
March 7th
7:00 P.M.**

Rectory Assembly

icchicago.org

**EDISON PARK
NONNO
PINO'S
ITALIAN KITCHEN**

**Join us Tuesday March 5th
4:30 PM TO 8:30 PM**

**20 % OF YOUR ORDER WILL BE DONATED TO
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
Class of 2024 Fund**

**DINE -IN, CARRY-OUT & DELIVERY
(773) 594-1155**

**FAMILY MEALS AVAILABLE FOR CARRYOUT & DELIVERY,
pre-ordering recommended**

Check out our Menus at
nonnopolositaliankitchen.com

**Immaculate Conception School
Est. 1910**

2023 Contribution Statements

2023 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 2023, 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!*

Ministry Schedules: Saturday, March 9th & Sunday, March 10th

| | Saturday 5:00 P.M. Mass Fourth Sunday Of Lent | Sunday 8:30 A.M. Mass Fourth Sunday Of Lent | Sunday 10:30 A.M. Family Mass Fourth Sunday Of Lent |
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| Presiders | Fr. Matthew Heinrich | Fr. Robert Fedek | Fr. Matthew Heinrich |
| Lectors | E. Kinzie | L. Beckman | Youth Lectors |
| Cantors | E. Doyle | Vocal Quartet | Choristers & Vocal Quartet |
| Extraordinary Ministers | E. Kinzie; K. Gillespie | M. Zizzo; D. Mroz; C. Mulligan; D. Sebastian | C. Kech; K. Sanchez; R. Siciliano; S. Serb |
| Altar Servers | TBA | TBA | TBA |

**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/
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What's Happening @ IC...**Monday, March 4th -****10:15 A.M.-Noon**—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 5th -****6:00-6:30 P.M.**—Lenten Vespers Service; CH**6:30-7:30 P.M.**—Parish Reconciliation Service; CH**7:00-8:00 P.M.**—St. Joseph Table Team Mtg.; RA**Wednesday, March 6th -****8:30 A.M.**—School Mass; CH**2:00-3:30 P.M.**—Choristers Rehearsal; CH**7:00-9:00 P.M.**—Parish Pastoral Council Mtg.; RA**Thursday, March 7th -****5:30-6:30 P.M.**—IC Outreach: *Sandwiches For The Poor Ministries*; RA**7:00-8:30 P.M.**—IC Book Club; RA**8:00-9:30 P.M.**—Holy Name Men's Club Mtg.; BA**Friday, March 8th - IC Connect Group Lenten Food Drive Concludes****3:00-7:00 P.M.**—St. Joseph Bake Sale Intake; CH Vestibule**7:00 P.M.**—Parish Stations of the Cross; CH**Saturday, March 9th -****8:30-10:00 A.M.**—Winter Alpha Saturday Morning Session; RA**(St. Joseph Bake Sale @ 5:00 P.M. Mass in CH Vestibule)****6:00 P.M.-Midnight**—HNMC Annual St. Patrick's Day Celebration; PC**Sunday, March 10th - Fourth Sunday Of Lent (Laetare Sunday)****(St. Joseph Bake Sale @ 8:30 & 10:30 A.M. Masses in CH Vestibule)****9:30-10:15 A.M.**—Lenten Confessions; CH**10:30 A.M.**—Family Mass (Hosted By: IC Altar Servers); CH**Noon-2:00 P.M.**—Cub Scout Blue & Gold Event; PH**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.

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Why Do We Do That? - Catholic Life Explained: End of Mass

Question:

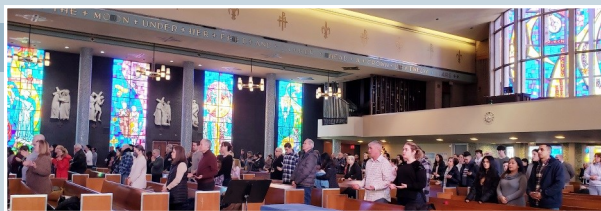
Is it ever Ok to leave Mass before it ends?

Answer:

This is an interesting question because beneath the surface there seems to be an assumption that if it's okay, then why do we have to stay after we receive communion? The short answer is "no," but we definitely want to go a bit deeper as we consider why.

First, when we think about questions like this, we must consider this in adult terms. If there is something gravely important that we need to do, then we must attend to that. However, if it is a matter of convenience or preference, then we really have to stop and think again. First, while we always want to recognize the importance of sacramental communion in the Mass, we also need to understand how important the time of thanksgiving and prayer after communion is. This is summarized in the Prayer After Communion offered by the celebrant and then we are also commissioned to "Go forth" during the Dismissal of the Mass, reminding us that we have been entrusted with a gift — the Word of God and the Presence of Christ in the sacrament — and that we are to share that gift with others.

If we simply leave after we receive communion, we risk two things. First, there is the possibility that we will turn our reception of communion into a purely personal, individual experience that is separated from our common experience of worship — and communion in the fullest sense — and, second, we lose an opportunity for gratitude and serious reflection if we simply leave after communion. This time of thanksgiving, reflection, and, ultimately, missioning, are important and, in the end, an essential part of the celebration of the Mass. ©LPi



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