

# Welcome to *Immaculate Conception Parish*

*A Catholic Community Inviting People to Follow Christ*

*March 7, 2021 - Third Sunday Of Lent*

*God's blessings to our students who received the Sacrament of  
Reconciliation for the first time*

Olivia Mia Accardo  
Sophia Grace Belluomini  
Elle Scarlett Biedron  
Harper Grace Biedron  
Devin Patrick Bock  
Patrick James Brooks  
Ava C. Campuzano  
Luca Casal  
Emily Nicole Elizabeth Cochran  
Madeline Grace Conner  
Wyatt Richard Cornwell  
Hailey Marie Edwards  
Annelise Marie Escher  
Beckett Edward Farmer  
Sara Jeanne Fleming  
Joseph Kenneth Galeno  
Seamus Dennis Glascott  
Mary Grace Graves  
Audrey Paige Hadden  
Justin David Hadden  
Cormack John Hammersmith  
Julia Hancin  
Joseph Paul Haugh  
John Francis Healy  
Gwendolyn C. Hoffman  
Joseph Ralph Holtkamp

Guliana Maria Huff  
Evelin Geraldine Irwin  
Reagan Lyn Jennings  
Reagan Johnson  
Anthony Pennington LaCivita  
Jeramie Lamas  
Edward John Ligas  
Joseph Michael Lite-DePasquale  
Danielle Lopez



Anthony John Maggio  
Isabel Ellen Magruder  
Aiden Xavier Martinez  
Joseph Andrew Marzen  
Emmett William McDonald  
Teagan McGrath  
Ivy Pearl Meersman

Aiden Cyrus Miloch  
Charlene Mae Miranda  
Mia Ann Moreth  
Aileen Rose Murphy  
Jeremy Myers  
Olivia Negron  
Johnathan Nelson  
Carina Stella Pol  
Louis Porcelli  
Edward John Tague  
Katherine Rose Rahlfs  
Gavin Rebholz  
Ella Lynn Rog  
Sean Thomas Roman  
Savannah Schaefer  
Juliana Rae Schnoor  
Eamonn Shevlin  
Clara Elise Sostak  
Owen Thomas Stanton  
Geneva Marie Stuber  
Seamus Towey  
Liam Thomas Wallace  
Isabella Diane Wielgus  
Margaret Claire Zimmers

*"If we acknowledge our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive our sins  
and cleanse us from every wrongdoing."*

*- 1 John 1:9*

*Love God • Serve Others • Make Disciples*

## Contact Us

☎: 773.775.3833

📍: 7211 W. Talcott Avenue  
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✉: parishoffice@icchicago.org  
(Please note: new email address)

### Parish Office Hours:

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

### Parish Website:

💻: [www.icchicago.org](http://www.icchicago.org)

### School Website:

💻: [www.iccowboys.net](http://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](http://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)

*Reservations are recommended to assist with contact tracing.  
Walk-ins are welcome, but must provide name and telephone number (or email) upon entry.  
Please visit our website or contact our Parish Office to register.*

### Weekday Mass Schedule:

#### Online Only

Monday, Tuesday & Friday @ 7:00 P.M.  
Wednesdays @ 8:30 A.M. (School Mass)  
(Worship with us virtually on our Facebook Page or Twitch)

#### In-Person

Thursdays @ 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:

First and Third Tuesdays of each month from 6:00-7:00 P.M.  
(Special dates & times offered during Advent & Lent)

### Baptisms:

Saturdays @ 1:00 P.M.  
Sundays @ 12:30 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](http://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.

### ***Looking to the Future of IC during (and after) the Pandemic***

This Lenten season marks the one-year anniversary of the pandemic. How different the world felt, or rather our lives felt, just a short while ago. I hope that we, as the leadership of the parish, have exhibited a practical mindset in our decisions this past year. I am the beneficiary of many good people doing good things. All of you in our parish are no exception. Your support of IC is greatly comforting to us, too.



With so many people invested and working hard, my impression is that we as a parish are not content with complacency.

How do we avoid complacency? I believe it is stated in our mission statement:

*"Immaculate Conception Parish is a vibrant and growing Catholic community.*

***We introduce people to Christ, nurture them spiritually, equip them for ministry and send them out to transform the world.** All parishioners are committed to worship, to connect, to grow, to serve, and to give."*

This is the statement that drives our decisions. If this were only a nice statement, it would be one among millions. Our real question as leadership, and for you as a parishioner is, *"How do we realize our vision?"*

**1) Introduce people to Christ:** through our Masses and through our Alpha program, we hope to present to people the beauty of faith. In order to introduce people to Jesus, we ourselves need to grow closer to him.

We encourage our parishioners more and more to join us in our liturgies, prayer services, and, as we reopen, our community. *"This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another"* (Jn 13:35).

**2) Nurture them spiritually:** through our Vespers services we foster prayer. We are also looking at how we grow from our Alpha program in education and community. I think the thing that nurtures us spiritually most profoundly, however, is knowing one another. Relationships are key to our life in Christ. Will you work with us to make IC a place that fosters good, healthy relationships? *"Faithful friends are a sturdy shelter; whoever finds one finds a treasure. Faithful friends are beyond price, no amount can balance their worth. Faithful friends are life-saving medicine; those who fear God will find them"* (Sirach 6:14 - 16).

**3) Equip them for ministry:** Perhaps you are willing to go beyond being a friendly face and a good friend. Through Alpha and through our parish, we want to empower people to be leaders. Are you willing to discern your gifts with us? Are you willing to let your talents raise up new leaders who can serve greater numbers? *"May the God of peace ... furnish you with all that is good, so you may do His will"* (Hebrews 13:20, 21).

**4) Send them out to transform the world:** It is a good thing to have a community, liturgies that strengthen our soul, good friends, and purpose. Will you be willing to bring that goodness to a world in desperate need of it?

We recognize that these four things are not instantaneous. They require the grace of God, an open heart, and a community that works out of love for one another.

We also possess all of these things here at IC, but it is up to us to work together. Help me to improve our campus, serve our parish, and grow in faith. Let us allow the coming Easter season to be a reason for joy – not only because of our resilience in this pandemic, but our confidence that we can be even more than what we are now. It all starts with a small *"yes"* to God.

*"This is my beloved Son. Listen to him."* (Mark 9:8).

- Fr. Matt



## Opportunities for Confessions - Sundays @ 9:30 A.M. & Tuesdays @ 6:00 P.M.

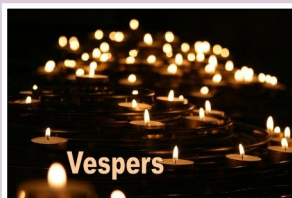


This Lent, we invite you to join us for spiritual opportunities to rekindle your relationship with our Lord. All are welcome!

During Lent, we will continue to offer opportunities to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation each Sunday morning between our **8:30 A.M.** and **10:30 A.M.** Masses through **March 28th**. (No registration required.) We simply invite you to remain after our 8:30 A.M. Mass concludes or to arrive early for our 10:30 A.M. Mass if you would like to receive the Sacrament from Fr. Matt or Fr. Robert. As we will not be offering a Communal Penance Service this Lent due to COVID-19 restrictions, we encourage you to take advantage of this special opportunity. We will also offer opportunities for Confessions on **Tuesday, March 16th** from **6:00-7:00 P.M.**



## Lenten Vespers Service - Wednesdays @ 7:00 P.M.



We invite you to gather with us in prayer on Wednesday evenings for our **Lenten Vespers Service: An Evening of Song & Prayer** which will take place in our Church from **7:00-7:30 P.M.** each Wednesday through **March 24th**. Freewill offerings (cash or checks) will be gratefully accepted at our Vespers Services during Lent – 50% will go towards sponsoring meals for the poor and homeless at Catholic Charities Food Kitchen, with the remaining 50% supporting our Music Ministry @ IC. If you will be attending Vespers virtually and would like to offer a donation, please either mail or drop off an envelope (clearly marked “Vespers”) at our Parish Office and we will properly designate the money or donate electronically at: <https://www.givecentral.org/location/349/event/29712>.

## Weekday In-Person Mass - Thursdays @ 8:30 A.M.

We are gradually beginning to expand our In-Person Weekday Mass schedule by reintroducing our **8:30 A.M.** Mass which will be celebrated **every Thursday** during Lent.

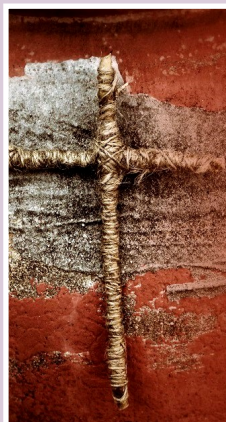
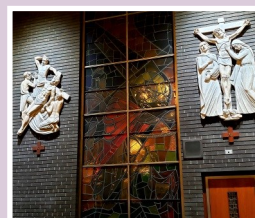
### Registration & Livestreaming Options

Reservations are recommended for all of our in-person events to assist with contact tracing. Walk-ins are welcome, but must provide name and telephone number (or email) upon entry. If you would like to join us during Lent for *Confessions* (on Tuesdays), *Vespers* (on Wednesdays), our *8:30 A.M. Mass* (on Thursdays), or *Stations of the Cross* (on Fridays), please visit our parish website: [www.icchicago.org](http://www.icchicago.org) or contact our Parish Office: 773.775.3833 to register.

If you are unable to join us in-person for either our Vespers Services on Wednesdays or our 8:30 A.M. Mass on Thursdays, we encourage you to join us virtually as both will also be livestreamed on our parish Facebook page (*Immaculate Conception Parish Chicago -Talcott*) as well as on our Twitch Channel: [twitch.tv/icchicago](https://twitch.tv/icchicago).

## Stations Of The Cross -Fridays @ 7:00 P.M.

The Way of the Cross will be prayed in our Church **every Friday evening of Lent** at **7:00 P.M.** through **March 26th**. On **April 2nd** (*Good Friday*), our parish family will gather to pray the Stations of the Cross at **3:00 P.M.** It is a traditional way of remembering what our Lord endured for us and how we continue to carry the Cross of Christ today.



## 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.



**Holy Week and Sacred Triduum Schedule**  
**March 28<sup>th</sup> - April 4<sup>th</sup>**

**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**  
(\*In-Person & Livestreamed)

**Monday of Holy Week**  
**7:00 P.M.** - Virtual Mass

**Tuesday of Holy Week**  
**7:00 P.M.** - Virtual Mass

**Wednesday of Holy Week**  
**8:30 A.M.** - School Virtual Mass

**Holy Thursday**  
**\*7:00 P.M.** - Mass of the Lord's Supper  
(\*In-Person & Livestreamed)

**Good Friday**  
**3:00 P.M.** - Stations of the Cross  
**\*7:00 P.M.** - Passion of the Lord with Holy Communion  
(\*In-Person & Livestreamed)

**Holy Saturday**  
**1:00 P.M.** - Blessing of the Easter Food (Church)  
**\*8:30 P.M.** - The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night  
(\*In-Person & Livestreamed)

**Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord**  
**\*8:30 A.M., \*10:30 A.M., and 12:30 P.M. Masses**  
(\*In-Person & Livestreamed)

Reservations are recommended due to attendance restrictions and to assist with contact tracing. **Online registration for our Sacred Triduum and Easter Sunday Masses will open on Wednesday, March 24<sup>th</sup>.** Please register at [www.icchicago.org](http://www.icchicago.org). For those without computer access, please contact our Parish Office at 773.775.3833 to register.

\*For those unable to join us in-person, our livestreamed Masses may be viewed on either our *Facebook* page or on our *Twitch Channel* ([twitch.tv/icchicago](https://www.twitch.tv/icchicago))



James V. Chase

Julie Dufner

Joseph & Dottie Masterson

Thomas Hush & Lauren Pagano

Edgardo Gonzalez & Maria Rita Lotho  
and their daughter Emma

Jason & Kristen Utah  
and their children Reed & Eloise

Mark & Danica Langseth  
and their children Kevin & Hannah

Desmond & Jennifer Ryan  
and their children Desmond, Jr. & Evelyn Ann

Kevin & Sarah O'Brien  
and their children Quinn & Nora

Michael & Courtney Higgins  
and their sons Jake & Ryan

Matthew & Erin Borkowski  
and their children Tyler, Lillian & Brady

Emmanuel & Rosio Zambrano  
and their daughters Penelope & Isabella

Quentin & Erin Morrissey  
and their children Olsin, Ronan & Eilis

Matthew & Theresa O'Brien  
and their daughters Emma & Madelyn

Philip & Bridget Davidson  
and their daughter Bernadette

Stanley & Nancy Sroka  
and their son Sebastian

Juan & Lori Rodriguez  
and their sons Dillon & Aiden

Nicholas & Deanna Saviano  
and their daughter Alexandra



*Please join our parish family in prayer ...*



Tom Altman  
Concetta Bartucci  
Melissa Bednarz  
Baby Melanie Behren  
Robert Behrman  
Sonia M. B.  
Vince Caeti  
Jackie Campbell  
Rita Castillo  
Donna Chaplin  
James Covello  
Sherry Crocifisso  
Ronnie Cunningham  
Ozzie D'Souza  
Christina Dziekonski  
Richard Flanagan  
Brooke Foreman  
Lila Gehner  
Deacon Ron Gronek

*For those who are sick:*

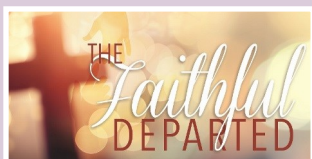
Ofelia Hernandez  
Dennis M. Jaburek  
Esther Jarosh  
Helga Jarosz  
Erma Kinzie  
Wayne Kinzie  
Craig Kloss  
Lillian Kohut  
Marcia Mally  
Benny Martinez  
Edwin Martinez  
Frank Martinez  
Fr. Eric Meyer, C.P.  
Sam Milazzo  
Veronica Murillo  
Timothy Murray  
Judith Nosko  
Mary Beth O'Grady  
Jackie O'Koniewski

David Olson  
Fr. Alan Phillip, C.P.  
Mary Potwora  
Helen Rasmussen  
Bill Remblake  
David Rodriguez  
Elaine Schatz  
Jennie Sekula  
Don Skorey  
Dennis Slater  
Edward Stanczyk  
Marion Szumski  
Donna Tisdale  
Steven P. Trifilio  
John F. Vargo  
Henry Wagener  
Geoffrey Woittel

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

*For our faithful departed:*

Harriet M. Boksa  
Frank M. Brigando



*"Eternal rest grant unto them,  
O Lord, and let perpetual light shine  
upon them."*

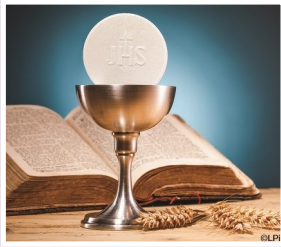


*For those who serve our country:*



**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, 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. Marines** - Sean Gronset, PFC Sebastian L. Rivera, Jr., PFC Christopher Hughes, PFC Algene D. Porticos

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](http://vets.archchicago.org) that provides information that can be of assistance.



**Mass Intentions:**  
**Sunday, March 7th**  
**through**  
**Sunday, March 14th**

**Sunday, March 7th - Third Sunday of Lent**

**5:00 P.M. (Saturday) -** †Katharina Kraemer (on her 15th Anniversary)

**8:30 A.M. —** †Dolores Capra (on her 6th Anniversary)

**10:30 A.M. —** †Joseph J. Lykowski; †Tommy Fuller; †Louis & Frances Allocco; †Linda Kowal; †Francis & Moira Cross; †Stanislaw Swiderski; and The People of the Parish

**Monday, March 8th - Saint John of God, Religious**

**7:00 P.M. (Virtual Mass) —** †Ann Dosek

**Tuesday, March 9th - Saint Frances of Rome, Religious**

**7:00 P.M. (Virtual Mass) —** †Walter Nowak

**Wednesday, March 10th - Lenten Weekday**

**8:30 A.M. —** †Elizabeth Serafin

**Thursday, March 11th - Lenten Weekday**

**8:30 A.M. —** †Harriet Boksa

**Friday, March 12th - Lenten Weekday**

**7:00 P.M. (Virtual Mass) —** †Matthew Galloway

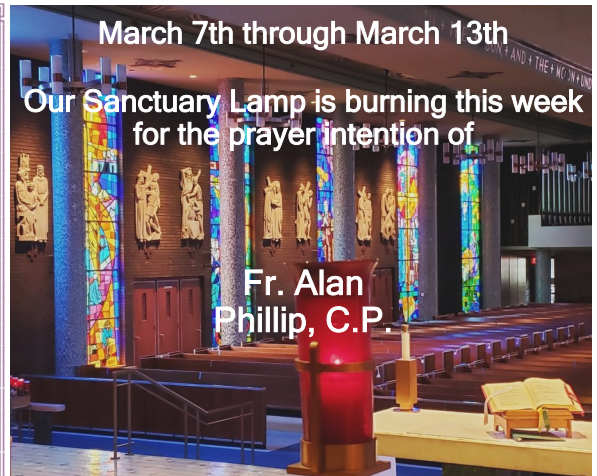
**Saturday, March 13th - Lenten Weekday**

**5:00 P.M. -** †Joseph Kula

**Sunday, March 14th - Fourth Sunday of Lent**

**8:30 A.M. —** †Harry & Betty Pawlowski

**10:30 A.M. —** †Alex Covello; †Benedict Schronski; †Francis & Moira Cross; †Stanislaw Swiderski; †Matthew Galloway; and The People of the Parish



**March 7th through March 13th**

**Our Sanctuary Lamp is burning this week for the prayer intention of**

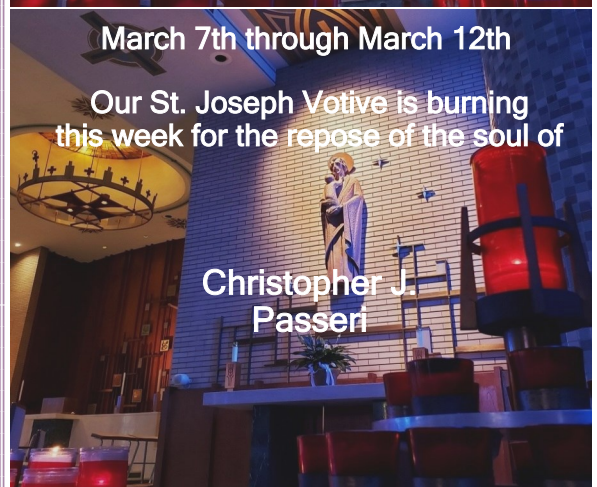
**Fr. Alan Phillip, C.P.**



**March 7th through March 12th**

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

**Harriet Boksa**



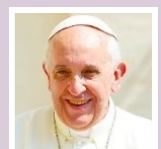
**March 7th through March 12th**

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

**Christopher J. Passeri**

**Pope Tweet of the Week...**

*"During the Season of #Lent, the Holy Spirit drives us too, like Jesus, into the desert (Mk 1:12-15). It is not a physical place, but rather an existential dimension in which we can be silent and listen to the word of God, so that a true conversion might be effected in us."*





### Lenten Outreach Opportunity: Food Collection for Catholic Charities Food Pantry

This Lenten season, our parish is collecting food to support the Catholic Charities Food Pantry (located on Rand Road) which provides food/supplies for low-income residents of Northwest Chicago and the Northwest suburbs.

**Each weekend, through March 27th & 28th**, please consider dropping the following much-needed items off in bins located at the entrance of our Church: *Peanut Butter & Jelly, Spaghetti & Pastas, Pasta Sauce, Rice, Condensed Milk, Canned Soup (or Dry), Canned Fruits*



The above food items may also be dropped off at our Parish Office during the week between the hours of 9:00 A.M.-5:00 P.M. If you would like to assist us with sorting, boxing and delivering the collected food items to the Food Pantry this Lent, please contact our Parish Office at 773.775.3833.

## SCHOOL SPIRIT TASTES GREAT



Make dinner a selfless act by joining us for a fundraiser to support Immaculate Conception School. Come in to the Chipotle at **119 S Northwest Hwy** in Park Ridge on **Tuesday, March 9th** between **4:00pm** and **8:00pm**. Bring in this flyer, show it on your smartphone or tell the cashier you're supporting the cause to make sure that 33% of the proceeds will be donated to Immaculate Conception School.

### NEW! ORDER ONLINE FOR PICKUP

Use code **VWKZGHH** before checkout in 'promo' field. Orders placed on Chipotle.com or through the Chipotle app for pickup using this unique code will be counted towards the fundraiser.



All online orders must be placed for pickup at the same time/location of the fundraiser. Delivery cannot be counted at this time. Gift card purchases during fundraisers do not count towards total donated sales, but purchases made with an existing gift card will count. \$150 minimum event sales required to receive any donation.

IC Holy Name Men's Club presents

## Immaculate Conception ST. PATRICK'S DAY

Party postponed, COOKING CONTINUES!

Homemade! Tradition!

### SAT. MARCH 13th

Pick-up/Delivery @5pm-7pm

**Cost: Platter-\$20 (each additional \$18)**  
Homemade Corned Beef, Cabbage, Potatoes, Rye Bread, Pickle, Dessert

**Sandwich: \$15 (each additional \$13)**  
Corned Beef on Rye, Chips, Pickle, Dessert

Take a break from cooking for this **DELICIOUS Fundraiser!**

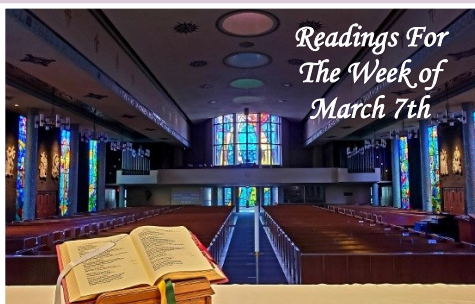
(Pay with Cash/Check/Venmo)

**\*\*Please call and reserve your order by March 6th.**  
(That way we will know how much to Cook)

Contact:

Pat Gallagher 773-251-2271	Amy Gallagher 708-955-6203
Sean Fennessy 773-269-9778	Jack Murphy 773-860-1092
Ralph Warner 773-550-6747	Marty McGrath 773-425-4650

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### Readings For The Week of March 7th

**Sunday:** Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [Jn 6:68c]/1 Cor 1:22-25/Jn 2:13-25 or Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

**Monday:** 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab/Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4 [cf 42:3]/Lk 4:24-30

**Tuesday:** Dn 3:25, 34-43/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9 [6a]/Mt 18:21-35

**Wednesday:** Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20]/Mt 5:17-19

**Thursday:** Jer 7:23-28/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/Lk 11:14-23

**Friday:** Hos 14:2-10/Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 and 17 [cf. 11 and 9a]/Mk 12:28-34

**Saturday:** Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab [cf. Hos 6:6]/Lk 18:9-14

**Next Sunday:** 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23/Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 [6ab]/Eph 2:4-10/Jn 3:14-21 or 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4m 5, 6 [1]/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38



### Gospel Meditation - Encourage a Deeper Understanding of Scripture



Many prefer a “*create as you go*” approach to life where laws and protocols primarily exist to secure and protect liberties rather than dictate and outline proper and right behavior. There are no real benchmarks for acceptable ethical and moral behavior, with a “*you can’t tell me what to do*” attitude prevailing. Parents are even limited in what they can request of their children, and dealing with threatening behaviors, especially from adults, are a challenge as well. Acceptable and expected conduct seems to amount to safeguarding each other’s space rather than increasing awareness of necessary relationships that require a more refined and higher response.

We have lost our axis to the world of “*anything goes*” and no longer see the Ten Commandments as practical and wise guideposts to effective living. We live on “*relativism island*” where only a possible suggestion to “*love and do not harm*” may be the only standard able to be preached. While Jesus most certainly emphasized love above anything else, it was never about warm fuzzy feelings or halfhearted humanitarian efforts. The love of which Jesus spoke establishes an intimate connection with God, neighbor, self, and creation. Because this love, who is God Himself, is at the foundational core of our lives, it demands actions and attitudes that serve to build up, increase, and free up those relationships. Love requires proper conduct. Preserving and enhancing these love centered relationships is at the heart of the Ten Commandments (and the Beatitudes) and the reason for Jesus’ display of anger in the temple.

The Ten Commandments can save the world from turmoil and conflict by instilling basic moral and relational principles within us. They also hold a healthy sense of sin in balance and always remind us of our relationship with God and the freedom God offers. Our faith preserves these jewels of truth that we often look beyond, dismiss altogether, or seek to remove from public view. Human beings can be so arrogant at times. Our Lenten journey, especially when embarked upon with sincerity and resolve, can restore all of our essential relationships. When we get absorbed in life’s preoccupations and demands, things can quickly get distorted and we can find ourselves way off track. In short, we find ourselves in sin. Humanity is losing a sense of both grace and sin. We need both to understand what is real and true. Until we do, the oppressive systems and ideologies that hurt so many will never change. We will never change. We are grateful for those courageous souls who willingly embrace the conversion and hard work Lent demands and stand against antiquated systems and ideologies. They give us hope that all is not lost. ©LPi

### Everyday Stewardship – Recognize God in your Ordinary Moments

#### Parents Just Don’t Understand...

Anybody remember the old rap song by the Fresh Prince, aka Will Smith, “*Parents Just Don’t Understand?*” As we grow up, it is sometimes a struggle for us to imagine that our parents understand us. It can seem impossible that Mom and Dad remember the stress of exam week or peer pressure. We never saw them as children; we never saw their disappointed faces when they weren’t invited to a party, or their dashed hopes at a bad test grade. We never saw them homesick their first week of college or nervous to ask their crush to Homecoming.

We’re often the same way about God. We gripe about what He asks of us. “*He doesn’t understand sin – he’s all-good,*” we think. “*He doesn’t understand temptation – He is perfect.*” In Scripture, God can be very much a father, telling us what we can and cannot do. And yet, in His divine genius, He is sometimes simply a man at a well, asking for a drink.

For me, it turns out that I didn’t need to tell my parents anything about what I was going through as a kid – they knew already. What I needed was for them to tell me what to do, and how to do it.

Similarly, we don’t need to tell God about human nature. We need God to tell us about His nature. He’s good enough to ask us for a drink, to enter into our humanity. But we have to remember, for our own sakes, to have the humility to ask Him for something, too – the water that will quench our eternal thirst.

– Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi





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**What's Happening @ IC...**

**Monday, March 8th -**

7:00 P.M. – Alpha Session; Zoom

**Wednesday, March 10th -**

7:00 P.M. – Lenten Vespers Service;  
 Church

7:30 P.M. – Parish Pastoral Council  
 Mtg.; Zoom

7:30 P.M. – Parents Club Mtg.; Zoom



**Thursday, March 11th -**

8:30 A.M. – Weekday Mass; Church

**Friday, March 12th -**

7:00 P.M. – Stations Of The Cross; Church

*For more information on upcoming events, please visit  
 our parish website @ [www.icchicago.org](http://www.icchicago.org).*

**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](http://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](mailto:parishbulletin@icchicago.org) (\*Please note: new email address.)