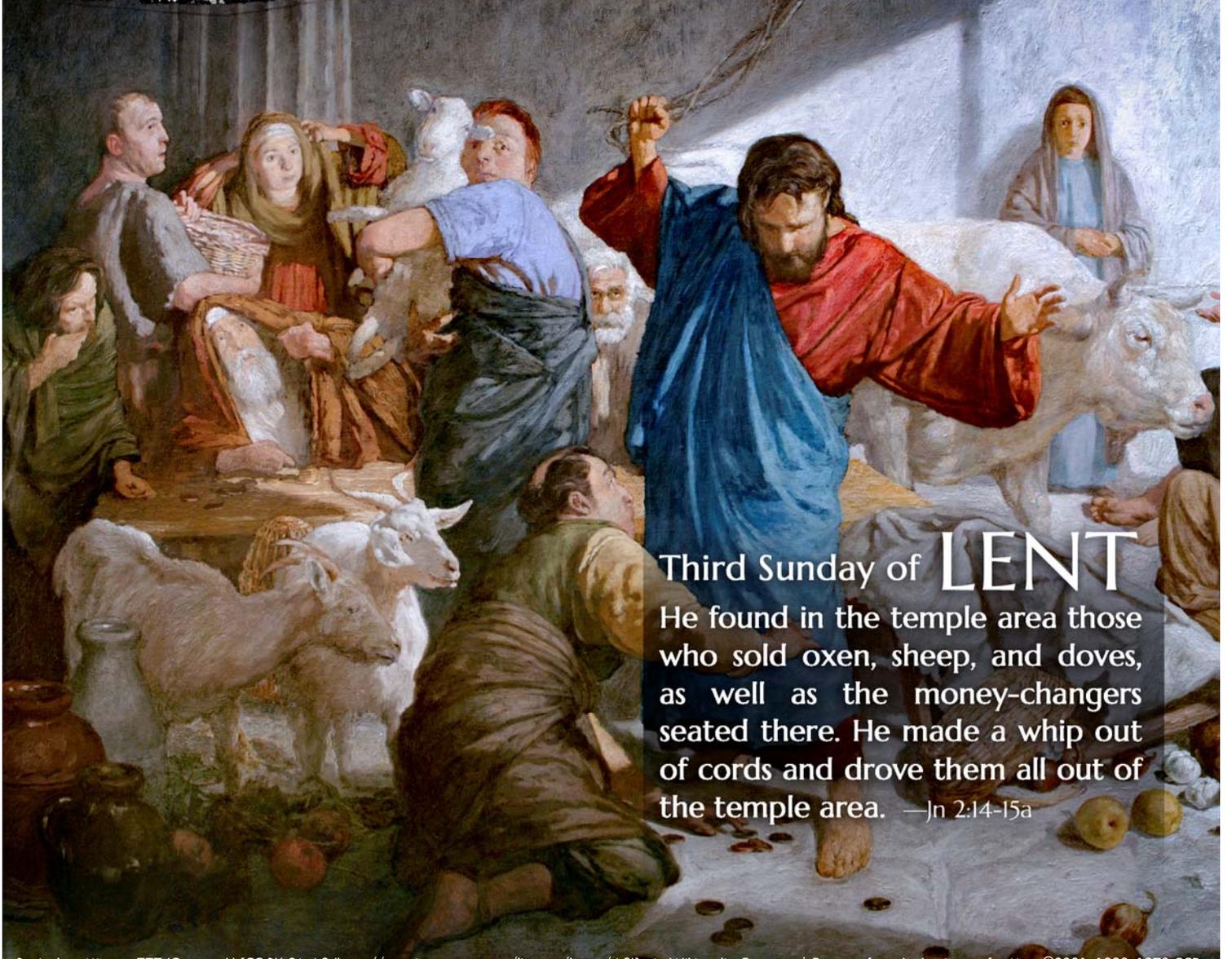




THE CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION



Third Sunday of **LENT**
He found in the temple area those who sold oxen, sheep, and doves, as well as the money-changers seated there. He made a whip out of cords and drove them all out of the temple area. —Jn 2:14-15a

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MARCH 4, 2018 | THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Mass Schedule

Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday
Thursday
Saturday
Sunday

7:30 am
8:30 am
5:00 pm
8:00 and 10:00 am

San Damiano Adoration Chapel

Open weekdays
Door code needed after 4:00 pm | Questions? Call 763-789-3246
Reconciliation
Saturday
3:30 - 4:30 pm

Stations of the Cross Fridays during Lent at 2:00 and 7:00 pm.

Mission Statement

The Mission of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church is to proclaim and celebrate our Lord Jesus Christ. We fulfill our mission as Christian disciples by intentionally responding to God's call to grow in holiness.

4030 Jackson Street NE | Columbia Heights, MN 55421 | 763-788-9062 | ICCSonline.org

From the Pastor's Desk



Together In Faith Capital Campaign Update March 2018

The replacement of our church lighting panel is now complete. The new controls are easy to operate, and the wiring and circuits have been updated. We also installed LED bulbs in the ceiling fixtures above the side pews and back pews of church which saves us money on electricity costs. The next two projects for our campaign funds are scheduled for June and include the re-surfacing of the church parking lots and the repair of one set of school windows and lintels on the 3rd floor of the school. As of February 26, the total amount pledged to our 3-year capital campaign is \$1,131,720.00. Our campaign runs from July 1, 2016 - June 30, 2019.

Future Projects

Church parking lots
School windows (one set)
Fellowship Hall carpet
Retire Morgan Stanley loan
<u>Overdue Archdiocesan assessment</u>
TOTAL

Project Cost

\$ 81,900.00 (scheduled for June 2018)
\$ 36,000.00 (scheduled for June 2018)
\$ 26,000.00
\$ 80,915.00 remaining
<u>\$ 200,000.00</u>
\$ 424,815.00

Projects Completed

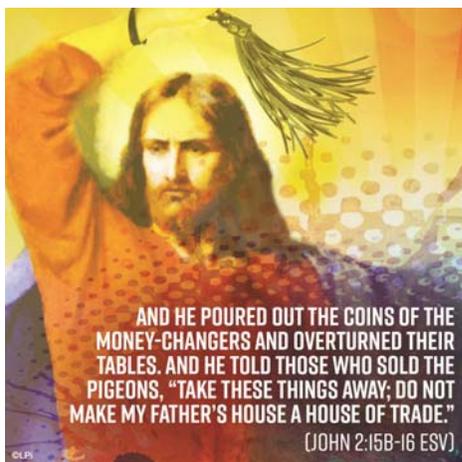
Church lighting panel	\$ 12,000.00
Church doors (two sets)	\$ 12,484.00
Retire Morgan Stanley loan	\$ 15,000.00 paid so far
Bell Tower repairs	\$ 257,000.00
Parish Office/School elevator	\$ 24,934.00
Boiler work and chimney	\$ 35,837.40
Concrete sidewalks and steps	\$ 26,000.00
<u>Church roof</u>	<u>\$ 130,147.00</u>
TOTAL	\$ 513,402.40

A Lent to Remember

I invite you to journey with me this Lent in our parish-wide study called *A Lent to Remember* which focuses on the transforming power of God's mercy in the Sacrament of Confession. There are four videos (plus a bonus episode for children) to watch and discuss. The videos are found online at FORMED.org. To register for FREE with FORMED, go to www.FORMED.org, enter our parish access code VKQPF9, then enter your email and create a password. You can participate in *A Lent to Remember* with your family, co-workers, neighbors, friends or by yourself. You can also join us here at church in Fellowship Hall on Mondays at 7:00 - 8:30 pm or on Wednesdays at 1:00 - 2:30 pm.

God Bless You,

Father John Mitchell



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Readings and Observances

Sunday, March 4, 3rd Sunday of Lent

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

Monday, March 5

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

Tuesday, March 6

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

Wednesday, March 7, Sts. Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs

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

Thursday, March 8, St. John of God, Religious

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

Friday, March 9, St. Frances of Rome, Religious;

Day of abstinence

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

Saturday, March 10

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

Sunday, March 11, 4th Sunday of Lent;

Daylight Saving Time begins

2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23/Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 [6ab]/Eph 2:4-10/
Jn 3:14-21

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Pastoral Ministry

Fellowship

Join us next Sunday, March 11 in Fellowship Hall (lower level of the church), for fellowship, hosted by our Music Ministry.

Anointing Mass

All are welcome to attend an Anointing Mass (presided by Father John Mitchell) at the following location:

Crest View

4444 Reservoir Boulevard NE • Columbia Heights
March 7, 2018 at 3:15 pm

Individual Anointing of the Sick is available by request—call the parish office at 763-788-9062 x 212.



Lenten Soup Lunch

Join us on Friday, March 9 from 11:30 am - 1:30 pm for Soup Lunch followed by Stations of the Cross at 2:00 pm. This week, we will be serving all you can eat

homemade Minestrone, Potato and Tomato Basil soup. Free will offerings accepted.

In Need of Prayer? Please Call Us.

To add a name to the weekend Mass petitions or the bulletin, please call Vicki at 763-788-9062 x 212. For private prayer call Larene at 763-789-4246.

Pray For Our Loved Ones Who Have Died

Especially Cliff Shedlov and all who have died from war. May God grant them everlasting peace and joy in the kingdom of heaven.

Pray For All the Sick—Especially:

Paul Bona	Mary Fredenburg	Leon Reinarts
Claire Burgoyne	Joan Graves	Greg Sery
Barb Breen	Rev. James Klein	Irene Spensley
Michelle Cadieux	Gerald Krawiecki	Elaine Thunstrom
Nichole Castonguay	Tom Leight Jr.	Lois Weyers
Delores DeMars	Randy Mancuso	Germaine Wolsfeld
Pat Elmberg	Janet Mihalik	

and all those on our prayer chain

If your name was removed and you would like to continue to be on the prayer list please call 763-788-9062 x 212.

Pray for a Priest

Will You Pray for a Priest Each Day?

Prayer Suggestion: *Dear Jesus, hear my prayer on behalf of your priest, Father [N]. Give him a deep faith, a bright and firm hope, and a burning love which will ever increase in the course of his priestly life. Be his comfort, his joy, and his strength. Amen.*

March 4 – Rev. Donald Willard
March 5 – Rev. Joseph Williams
March 6 – Rev. Peter Williams
March 7 – Rev. George Welzbacher
March 8 – Rev. Thomas Wilson
March 9 – Rev. Peter Wittman
March 10 – Rev. Ben Wittnebel

Upcoming Events at IC!



HEALING MASS
Father Jim Livingston—Celebrant
Tuesday, March 13, 2018 • 7:00 pm
~ All Are Welcome ~

Lenten Fish Dinners

March 9 and March 23 in Fellowship Hall, 4:30 - 6:30 pm. Cod fish, mac and cheese, baked beans, baked potato, coleslaw, bread roll, dessert and beverage. Adults and seniors, \$10, ages 6 - 11, \$5, ages 5 and under free. All are welcome!

For more information visit ICCSonline.org.



YOUTH GATHERING SATURDAY, MARCH 17, 2018
9 AM - 12 PM
FOR 7TH - 12TH GRADE
PARENTS AND YOUTH LEADERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND!
JOIN THE STAFF OF ST. PAUL STREET EVANGELIZATION TO LEARN HOW TO EVANGELIZE IN YOUR EVERYDAY LIFE IN EASY AND FUN WAYS. THE WORKSHOP INCLUDES PRESENTATIONS, SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION, PRACTICE, ROLE PLAYING, AND MORE.

Made for Happiness: Dare to Want More

Saturday, March 17, 2018, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm. Youth Gathering, "Made for Happiness: Dare to Want More" presented by Denise Hirl (St. Paul Street Evangelization), IC's Sarah Ashmore. Cost \$5. Register at www.stpaulse.com/columbiaheights/

Eucharistic Adoration

"Lord, you have the words of everlasting life".

John 6:68

Our Eucharistic adoration chapel is a quiet place to read, pray and think about the words of the Lord. There are Bibles and numerous spiritual books and pamphlets available for adorers to read and study during their adoration hour. How pleased Jesus must be to see his adorers reading and listening to His words. Everyone is invited to spend some time in adoration during this Lenten season.

Adorers are urgently needed for the following hours:

- Mondays at 3:00 pm
- Wednesdays at 2:00 pm
- Thursdays at 11:00 am and noon
- Fridays at 8:00 am

Partner adorers are needed for the following hours:

- Mondays at 1:00 pm
- Tuesdays at 1:00 pm and 3:00 pm
- Wednesdays at 3:00 pm, 5:00 pm and 7:00 pm
- Thursdays at 8:00 pm
- Fridays at 7:00 pm

Please consider joining this prayer-fill ministry and volunteer for one of the hours listed above. To sign up call Sandy at 763-789-3246 or Fran at 763-788-0924.

Social Justice

IC Social Justice Committee is inviting all Parishioners to join us to help collect funds for



WAYS TO HELP:

- **M&M's Fill the Tube Program -**
300 tubes available, while they last, in the church narthex.
Return them by Palm Sunday, March 24 and 25, filled with \$14 in quarters.
(We will provide a basket in the narthex each Sunday for returns.)
- **We are also accepting cash contributions.**
If you're writing a check; please make it payable to Immaculate Conception.
Please drop in the collection basket at Mass in an envelope clearly marked, "Feed My Starving Children."
- **Pray for all those who are hungry.**

For more information contact Vicki at 763-788-9062 x 212.

Minnesota FoodShare

Saturday, March 10 - Sunday, March 11, 2018

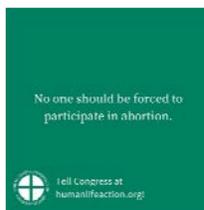
This March, we join food shelves, faith communities, businesses, and organizations across Minnesota in acting to end hunger and food insecurity. Please bring nonperishable items for our local food shelf and/or monetary donations. Again your donations will be given directly to SACA. Boxes will be provided in the narthex for food donations. Checks or cash should be placed in an envelope marked "FoodShare" and placed in the collection basket at the Offertory (Please make checks payable to SACA).



Parish News

Conscience Protection Act

Health care providers, churches, and others are being forced to participate in abortion or provide health care coverage for it. Urge Congress to stop this coercion by passing the Conscience Protection Act. Send your representatives a message TODAY at www.humanlifeaction.org



Butter Braid Fundraiser—Last Chance

This weekend is the last chance to order your Butter Braid pastry. This hand braided pastry would be great for Easter brunch or as a yummy treat for someone's Easter basket. CCW members will be in the narthex after all Masses to take your order. Cost is \$13. Pastries will be ready for pick-up on Palm Sunday weekend

The Wild Goose is Loose!

Join us for the next Intercessory Prayer Ministry meeting on Friday, March 9 from 7:00 - 8:30 pm in the St. Clare Room. We will be viewing "Segment 5: Gifts of the Holy Spirit" from the video series *The Wild Goose*, which is part of the FORMED program. This series "is a work of the Holy Spirit, which is awakening in the hearts of all those participating in God's love and transforming power." Please bring a pen, prayer journal or notebook, and your Bible. There will be time for prayer, discussion and sharing how God is answering prayers for the church and school. Refreshments and fellowship time are included. If you would like more information, please contact Mary Scott in the Faith Formation Office at 763-788-9062 x 208. All are welcome—invite a friend!

Attention: Advertise on the Bulletin!

During the week of March 5, Gina Shaughnessy, our parish representative from Liturgical Publications, Inc. will be here working on setting up the advertising for our bulletin for the upcoming year. We hope that parishioners who have a business will consider sponsoring an ad on the back of the bulletin since the revenue from the ads is what makes the bulletin possible at no cost to the parish. Also, if you know of any other business in the community that would like to support the parish, please let them know about this opportunity. Advertisements can be purchased for a business, family, or a sponsor ad can be purchased to promote community service organizations. If you are interested in more information, please call Gina Shaughnessy at the parish office (763-788-9062) during the week of March 5 or on her cell phone anytime (952-356-6488). You can also email her at gshaughnessy@4LPi.com.

Beyond Our Parish

2018 Archdiocesan Men's Conference

New Time and Location!

Saturday, March 10, 9:30 am – 4:00 pm, Saint Thomas Academy, Mendota Heights. Keynote Speaker: Monsignor Thomas Richter. The conference also includes Mass, break-out sessions with dynamic speakers, and the opportunity for the sacrament of Reconciliation. Bring your own lunch or purchase from the on-site food trucks! Find more details and register at TheCatholicWatchmen.com. Cost: \$25. Questions? Contact Enzo Randazzo at randazzov@archspm.org or 651-291-4483.

Thank Our Advertiser of the Week...

El Tequila Mexican Grill and Bar

4005 Central Ave NE • Columbia Heights
763-710-5723

This advertiser, and the others on the back of the bulletin, make this bulletin possible, please support them when you can.

Reflections

Word of Life

“O God our Creator... give us courage in making our voices heard on behalf of the rights of your Church and the freedom of conscience of all people of faith.”

—USCCB, “Prayer for the Protection of Religious Liberty”
www.bit.ly/ReligiousLibertyPrayer

Why Do We Do That?

Catholic Traditions Explained

Question: After attending our parish retreat and feeling much better and stronger about my faith, I want to make this Lent worthwhile. What can I do to keep the spirit and practice of Lent?

Answer: You’ve already taken the first step by going on the parish retreat. It is important for us to “tune up” our faith, taking some time to renew ourselves through prayer, meditation and education. By deepening our knowledge and understanding of faith, we are often better attuned to its richness and meaning for our life.

Lent is an intense retreat, a forty-day period of reflection and penance that prepares us to celebrate the passion, death and resurrection of Christ. Our communication with God and our awareness of him is the purpose of prayer. Setting aside extra time each day helps intensify the season. Prayer includes daily Mass, Stations of the Cross, communal penance services and private confession. Making restitution for sin as well as disciplining our hearts and minds to focus on God is the purpose of penance. It helps us restore a sense of balance to our souls, thrown off kilter by sin. Penance includes personal sacrifice, self-denial, fasting, almsgiving and charitable works.

Finally, spiritual practices help us sharpen our understanding and insight into the meaning and understanding of our faith. When you take your faith seriously, you do what is necessary to follow Jesus more closely, to integrate your life and your faith more carefully.

Live the Liturgy—Inspiration for the Week

How seriously do we take the Ten Commandments? Many today adopt a free spirit approach to life and resist conforming their thoughts and actions to established guidelines and principles. We all need direction. Those who travel realize how much easier journeys can be when equipped with the proper directions. The Ten Commandments are God’s proper directions for us to assist us in living our lives as his children. We are given the example of Jesus, the living temple. Jesus allows us to share in his intimate relationship with his Father so that we can more quickly find our way to him. Guidelines and structure are important. Lent reminds us we are created in a certain way and are meant to live our lives in God.

The Road to Discipleship



**Disciples. It’s who we are.
Discipleship. It’s what we do.**



Weekly Calendar

Sunday, March 4

Mass, Intention, IC Parishioners _____ 8:00 am
ICCW Butter Braid Sale _____ 8:00 am - 11:30 am
Mass, Intention, +Stella & Vincent Guzik _____ 10:00 am

Monday, March 5

RCIC I _____ 4:30 pm - 5:30 pm
Boy Scouts Troop 119 _____ 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm
A Lent to Remember Study _____ 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

Tuesday, March 6

Mass, Intention, +CCW Deceased Members _____ 7:30 am
ICS Parent/Teacher Conferences _____ 3:30 pm - 7:00 pm
Charismatic Prayer Group _____ 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

Wednesday, March 7

Mass, Intention, +Joe and Othelia Kowal _____ 7:30 am
A Lent to Remember Study _____ 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm
Girl Scouts _____ 3:00 pm - 4:15 pm
Anointing Mass, Crest View _____ 3:15 pm
Faith Formation Family Dinner _____ 6:00 pm - 6:30 pm
Faith Formation, Pre K-Grade 6 _____ 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm
Intramurals _____ 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm
Faith Formation - Grades 7 - 8 _____ 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm
Confirmation I - Grade 9 _____ 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm
Parish Choir Rehearsal _____ 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

Thursday, March 8

Mass (School) _____ 8:30 am
Funeral Schola Rehearsal _____ 10:00 am - 11:00 am
Girl Scouts _____ 3:00 pm - 4:15 pm
Communion Service, Crest View on 42nd _____ 3:15 pm
ICS Parent/Teacher Conferences _____ 3:30 pm - 7:00 pm
Bell Choir Rehearsal _____ 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

Friday, March 9

No School – Teacher In-Service
Mass, Intention, +Joe Goodman _____ 7:30 am
Our Brothers Keeper _____ 9:00 am - 12:00 pm
Lenten Soup Lunch _____ 11:30 am - 1:30 pm
Stations of the Cross _____ 2:00 pm
RCIC I _____ 4:30 pm - 5:30 pm
Stations of the Cross _____ 7:00 pm
Intercessory Prayer Ministry _____ 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm
Our Lady of Guadalupe Formation _____ 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Saturday, March 10

RCIA _____ 8:00 am - 12:00 pm
Boy Scouts Ceremony _____ 10:00 am - 3:00 pm
Reconciliation _____ 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm
Mass _____ 5:00 pm
Intention, +Vincent Guzik Family Deceased Members
Girl Scouts Cookie Sale _____ 5:00 pm - 6:30 pm
Our Lady of Guadalupe Prayer Group _____ 6:30 pm - 9:00 pm

Sunday, March 11

Daylight Savings Time Begins
Mass, Intention, IC Parishioners _____ 8:00 am
Girl Scouts Cookie Sale _____ 8:00 am - 11:30 am
Fellowship _____ 8:30 am - 12:30 pm
Mass, Intention, +Bob Prokott _____ 10:00 am

+Deceased

Gospel Meditation



Third Sunday of Lent

“We all have things in our lives that don’t belong there. Maybe it’s the poor way we allow someone to treat us, maybe it’s a habitual sin, maybe it’s a pattern of thought or attitude that traps us in a cycle

of regret, anger, or an inability to forgive. Jesus has bold words for us today: “Take these out of here.”

When we hear the story of the Cleansing of the Temple, it can be easy to look down on the animal-sellers and money-changers. However, they set up shop in the Temple for a very practical purpose. People needed to buy animals to sacrifice, they were going to sacrifice them in the Temple: ergo, quite a convenient, successful marketplace! For many of us, the negative influences in our lives don’t come out of nowhere. We might have considered them quite practical and reasonable initially. We wanted to keep the peace, so we allowed someone to talk to us disrespectfully. A person hurt us deeply and we weren’t prepared to let go of our resentment right away. Over time, these can fester and corrupt our inner life in a way we didn’t expect.

The response of Jesus is a strong one. “He made a whip out of cords and drove them all out of the temple area.” God wants us to be whole, healthy human beings. He knows how destructive it is for our souls to be caught up sin—our own sin and those of others. God’s love for us is startlingly fierce. In a few short weeks we will celebrate the culmination of that courageous love as Jesus goes to his death on the cross.

In the meantime, Lent is an opportunity for cleansing and renewal. If we’ve allowed into our lives things that don’t belong, let today be the day we ask Jesus to clear them out. It’s not always easy or pretty, but it’s necessary for our hearts to function the way they were made. God will turn our tables over if we ask Him to.

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“I, the LORD, am your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, that place of slavery. You shall not have other gods beside me.”
Ex 20:2-3

Collections

Week 35—February 24/25, 2018

Our weekly financial contributions will not publically available on our website. If you would like this information, please call Alan Savage, Parish Business Administrator. He can be reached at x 207. Thank you.

Church Directory

Emergency (Death or Anointing) 763-788-9062 (#2)

PARISH

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School Fax 763-788-9066

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Sandy Sichak

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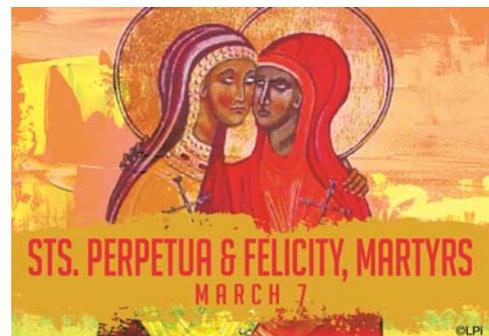
Jane Bona (School Principal)

Steve Smith (Parish Trustee)

Copies of the Parish Council meeting minutes are available in the pamphlet racks at the entrances to the church.

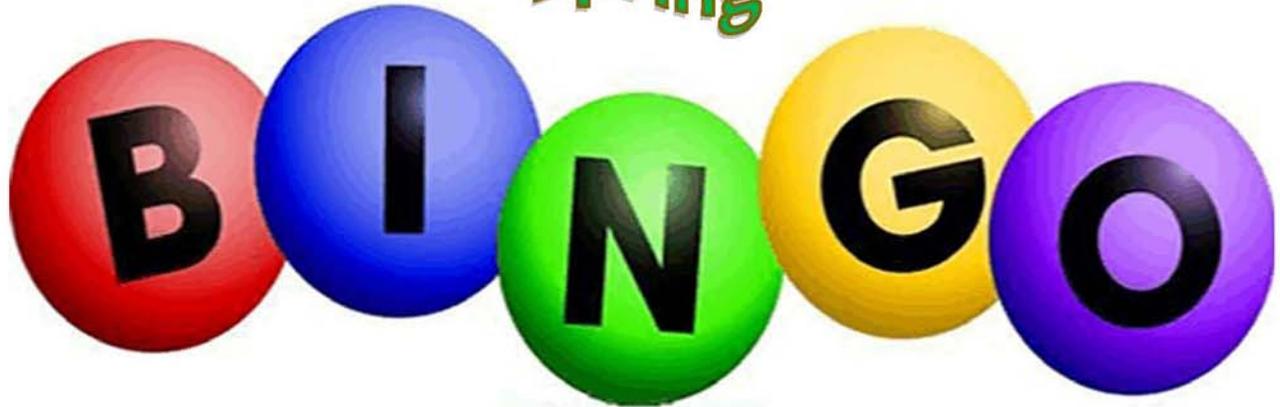
LOW GLUTEN HOSTS

Low gluten hosts (.002 gluten) are available. Come to the Sacristy before Mass to request one.



Immaculate Conception Church & School

Spring



& Ham Raffle

Sunday, March 18, 2018

12:30 pm - 3:30 pm

Four, 10 game Bingo sessions with a cover-all at the end of 4th session!

Snacks and beverages available for purchase.



**Fun for the
whole family!**



Win a Ham in a Raffle!

Come to the
IC Pancake Breakfast
following the 8:00 & 10:00 am
Masses on March 18th
and then join us for the
Spring Bingo & Ham Raffle



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