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MASS SCHEDULE (Additions / Changes on Page 2)

Saturday: 4:30 pm @ IC
Sunday: 8:00 am @ SP and 10:00 am @ IC
Monday: No Mass
Tuesday: 5:30 pm @ IC
Wed-Thrs-Fri-Sat: 8:00 am @ IC
Thursday: 5:30 pm @ SP

RECONCILIATION / CONFESSION

Saturday: 8:30-9:30 am and 3:30-4:15 pm @ IC
Sunday: 7:15 am - 7:45 am @ SP
Tuesday: 4:30 pm - 5:15 pm @ IC
Thursday: 4:30 pm - 5:15 pm @ SP

Inquiries Regarding: Newcomers, Wedding Dates, Baptism Requirements, Ministry of Care, and RCIA, please call the Parish Office @ 815-589-3542.

Electronic Giver: Please visit our Parish Website @ www.icspchurches.org or contact the Parish Office for more information.

March 29, 2020



5TH SUNDAY OF LENT

Jesus told her, "I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live."
- Jn 11:25

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Even though we say that we believe, there is a part of us that doesn't. There are many times in our lives when we experience death, whether it be the physical death of someone we love, a failed relationship, the loss of a job, or a broken dream. Then we reach out to God to fix it.

God is the God of surprises, not our demise. God opens new possibilities, begins new chapters, creates new verses, and brings us to new heights.

God has truly tended to every detail of our lives. Jesus wants us to come out of our closed-up tombs. Are we going to listen to Him this time??

PLEASE NOTE — All IC and SP Masses, church activities and meetings, have been CANCELLED due to the threat of Coronavirus exposure.

MISSION STATEMENT OF IMMACULATE CONCEPTION AND ST. PATRICK CHURCHES

To become Disciples of Jesus, nourished by the Sacraments and supporting each other in Faith, as we bring Him to our Community and the World in Witness, Service, and Love.

Events Of The Week

PLEASE NOTE: All IC/SP Masses, Adorations, Confessions, General Meetings, and other Parish Activities, have ALL been cancelled until further notice, due to the threat of the Coronavirus. Thank you, again, for your prayers, patience, and understanding in this matter. Any questions, please call the Parish Office at 815-589-3542.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Although Masses have been cancelled until further notice, Fr. Matthew will continue to offer Mass daily for scheduled intentions. *IF you had desired to be present* for a Mass that you had scheduled, please contact the Parish Office. We will take your information and get back to you, once public Masses resume, to arrange a 2nd Mass for that intention, free of offering.

Our continued thanks to all the faithful for your patience and understanding as we face this difficult time together. Please pray for an end to this deadly disease and for all those affected by the Coronavirus, that they may have a speedy and full recovery.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

† *For the Repose of the Soul*

Mon.	Mar. 30	No Mass	
Tues.	Mar. 31	5:30 pm	Kathy Schipper
Wed.	April 1	8:00 am	† Lorraine Bennett
Thur.	April 2	8:00 am 5:30 pm	† Msgr. Thomas Monahan † Msgr. Thomas Monahan
Fri.	April 3	8:00 am	† Msgr. Thomas Monahan
Sat.	April 4	8:00 am 4:30 pm	† Gale Zambreno † Darlene Burke
Sun.	April 5	8:00 am 10:00 am	People of the Parish † Dorene Pease

SCRIP CARDS Are ON HOLD Until Further Notice

Due to the complications of trying to sell SCRIP Cards and avoiding person-to-person contact, sale of SCRIP Cards is being put on hold until further notice.

We regret the inconvenience, but we wish to do our part to keep everyone safe during the Coronavirus epidemic and to help our Nation get passed this as soon as possible. We truly appreciate your patience and understanding in this matter.

Never Underestimate “The Power of Prayer”

Please send your prayer requests for the Prayer Chain to the Parish Office, or go to our website and fill out the request form. If you have questions regarding the Prayer Chain, please call Doreen at the Parish Office.

Opening Our Hearts in the Time of Coronavirus

The Virtue of Charity

From a Sermon by Pope St. Leo the Great (+461AD)

In the Gospel of John the Lord says: *In this will all men know that you are my disciples, if you have love for each other* (John 13.:35). In a letter of the same apostle we read: *Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God; he who does not love does not know God, for God is love.* (1 John 4:7)

The faithful should therefore enter into themselves and make a true judgment on their attitudes of mind and heart. If they find some store of love’s fruit in their hearts, they must not doubt God’s presence within them. If they would increase their capacity to receive so great a guest, they should practice greater generosity in doing good, with persevering charity.

If God is love, charity should know no limit, for God cannot be confined.

Any time is the right time for works of charity, but these days of Lent provide a special encouragement. Those who want to be present at the Lord’s Passover in holiness of mind and body should seek above all to win this grace, for charity contains all other virtues and covers a multitude of sins.

As we prepare to celebrate that greatest of all mysteries, by which the blood of Jesus Christ did away with our sins, let us first of all make ready the sacrificial offerings of works of mercy. In this way we shall give to those who have sinned against us what God in His goodness has already given to us.

Let us now extend to the poor and those afflicted in different ways a more open-handed generosity, so that God may be thanked through many voices and the relief of the needy supported by our fasting. No act of devotion on the part of the faithful gives God more pleasure than that which is lavished on His poor. Where He finds charity with its loving concern, there He recognizes the reflection of His own fatherly care.

In these acts of giving do not fear a lack of means. A generous spirit is itself great wealth. There can be no shortage of material for generosity where it is Christ Who feeds and Christ Who is fed. In all this activity there is present the hand of Him Who multiplies the bread by breaking it, and increases it by giving it away.

The giver of alms should be free from anxiety and full of joy. His gain will be greatest when He keeps back least for Himself. The holy apostle Paul tells us: *He Who provides seed for the sower will also provide bread for eating* (2 Corinthians 9:10); He will provide you with more seed, and will increase the harvest of your goodness, in Christ Jesus our Lord, Who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit for ever and ever. Amen.

Sick Members

Sue Amman, Elaine Carlson, Fr. A. Downie,
Wayne Higgins, Mary Lou Johnson, Judy Koenes,
Richard Sanderson, Kathleen Schipper, Lefty Ward

Homebound, Retirement, or Nursing Home List

Charlotte David @ Alverno
Mardelle Dykstra @ Prairie Hills
Leah Kustes @ Eagle Point
Joan Luce @ Alverno
Joan Reeser @ Alverno
Elsie Warner @ Harbor Crest
Carolyn Ziegler @ Bickford

Holy Communion to the Homebound

Holy Communion to Homebound has been temporarily suspended due to the current Coronavirus epidemic. Please pray for all those who are homebound and in nursing homes, that they may remain in good health. Please pray for an end to this world-wide health threat.

Happy April Birthdays

April 1	Gideon Mussman	April 17	Leah Kustes
April 4	Daniel Portz	April 17	Corey Currie
April 4	Lola Facio	April 18	Daniel Posateri
April 5	Tony Kuebel	April 18	Ronald Hook
April 5	Patricia Newton	April 23	Rich Sanderson
April 9	Mary Kiger	April 24	James Burke
April 13	James Thompson	April 26	Joan Luce
April 14	Mary LaShelle	April 27	Liliana Meumann

Happy April Anniversaries

April 4	Gary & Becky Hovey
April 12	Robert & Patricia Newton
April 16	Tony & Kathy Kuebel
April 24	Curt & Lori Lisius
April 25	Dave & Kathleen Harrison
April 25	Logan & Kelsay Rieck
April 28	Ed & Rosemany Kavanaugh
April 30	Dean & Karen Eganhouse
April 30	Bill & Zita Blumhoff

Easter Flowers — Update

For anyone who has made an offering to the parish to purchase altar flowers for Easter Sunday, please note that all 2020 Easter Flower Offerings will be donated to the General Fund, unless otherwise informed.



Featured Pantry Items for April 2020

Albany Food Pantry - Food, Health, Hygiene Items; Cleaning and Laundry Products

Fulton Area Food Pantry - Canned Meats and Tuna

Clinton Pregnancy Center - Infant and Toddler Shoes and Socks

Please save all your donations and bring them to IC and SP when Mass Times return to normal.

ROCKFORD DIOCESE CANCELS ALL WEEKDAY AND WEEKEND MASSES

Fr. Camaioni got word last week, March 17, 2020, from the Diocese of Rockford, to CANCEL ALL weekday and weekend MASSES through April 4, 2020, or until further notice from the Diocese. All other parish activities/meetings at IC and SP have also been CANCELLED, which include the following:

- All AM and PM weekday and weekend Masses
- All Adoration / Confessions
- Religious Education Classes
- “Bible Basics” Information Classes
- Friday 4:30 pm Adoration / Confessions
- Friday 5:30 pm Stations of the Cross
- “Be Reconciled” Day on April 1, 2020
- St. Vincent DePaul Meetings
- Divine Mercy & Rosary on Mondays
- Penance Services at other local-area churches
- Weekend Mass Counters for IC and SP
- Cleaning of IC and SP Altar Linens
- IC Easter Egg Hunt on Easter Sunday after Mass
- SP Spaghetti Supper on April 18, 2020

Until further notice, the Parish Office will NOT be open to the public. However, staff will be working, as listed on the front page of the bulletin.

So, if you have any questions at all, PLEASE call the Parish Office at 815-589-3542. If no one answers, please leave a message and someone will return your call as soon as possible.

Weekly bulletins are available on-line at the Parish Website and on MyParish App. Text APP to 88202 or visit myparishapp.com.

Hard-copies of the bulletin will be available by mail. Please call the Parish Office to have them sent to you. Thank you for your patience, consideration, and prayers. This, too, shall pass.

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Cleaning Altar Linens for April 2020
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Flowers at IC Church will be rescheduled as soon as Masses at both IC and SP return to their normal schedules.

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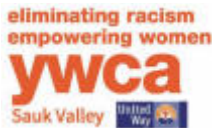
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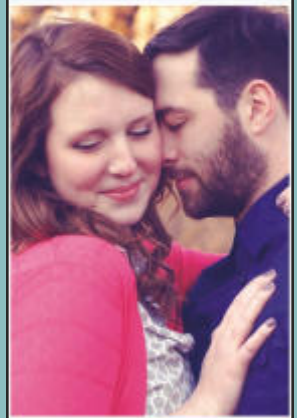
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