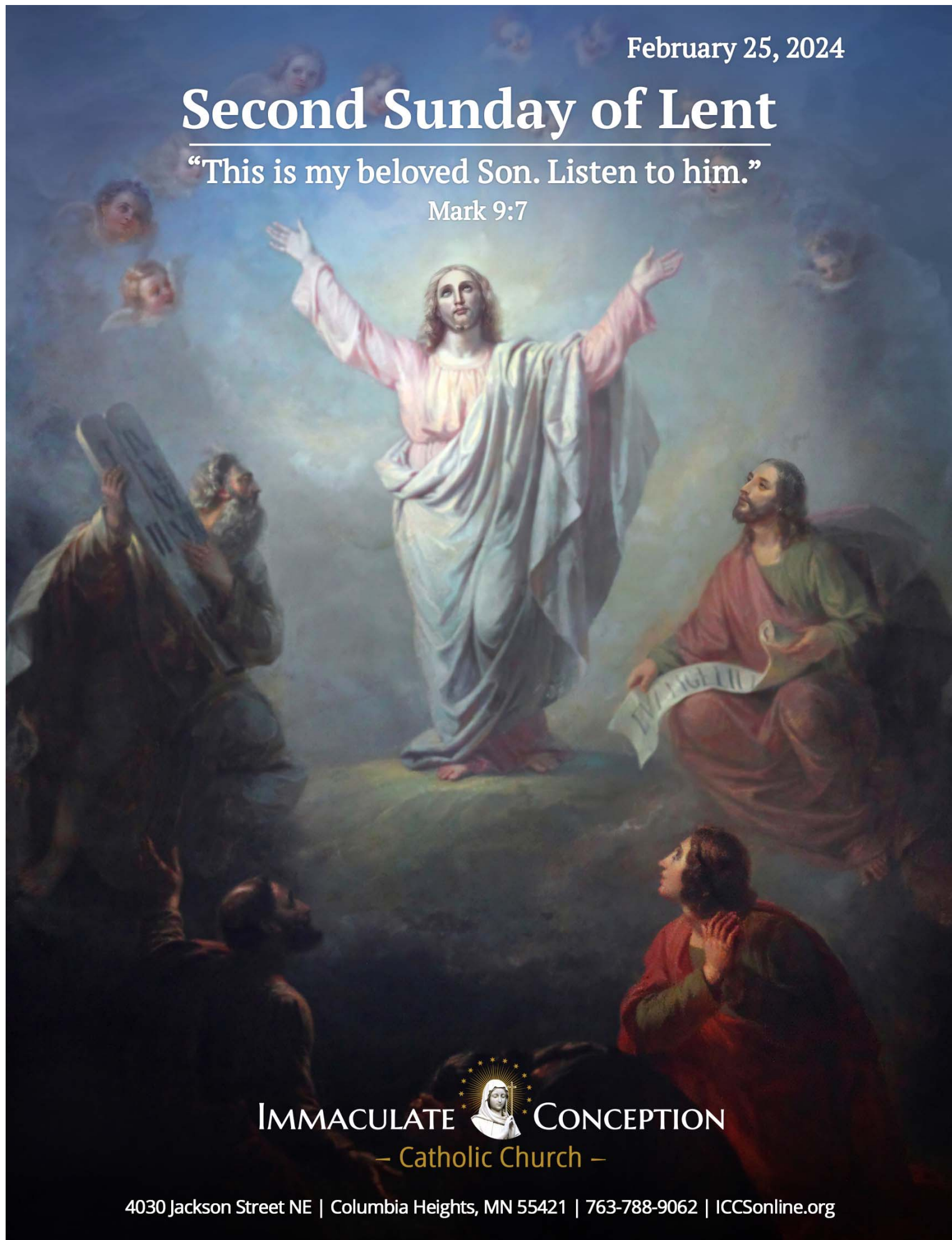


February 25, 2024

Second Sunday of Lent

“This is my beloved Son. Listen to him.”

Mark 9:7



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From the Pastor's Desk

I can't believe we're almost through February and well into Lent. I'm enjoying how this year's Lenten schedule fits so nicely into the civil calendar—the last part of February, all of March, and then we're done for April. Nice and neat this year.

In an effort to keep our Lenten practices up, I'll be offering additional confessions Thursday evenings at 7:00 pm just during Lent. This is a great way to prepare for the death and resurrection of Jesus. In addition, please join us for our stations of the cross at either 2:00 pm in English or 6:30 pm in English and Spanish. I pray this time may be a time of great spiritual renewal for all of us here at Immaculate Conception.

Fr. Matthew Quail



This Week's Readings

Sunday, February 25, 2nd Sunday of Lent

Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 116:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19 (116:9)/Rom 8:31b-34/Mk 9:2-10

Monday, February 26

Dn 9:4b-10/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13/Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday, February 27, St. Gregory of Narek, Abbot and Doctor of the Church

Is 1:10, 16-20/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday, February 28

Jer 18:18-20/Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16/Mt 20:17-28

Thursday, February 29

Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 16:19-31

Friday, March 1

Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday, March 2

Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Sunday, March 3, 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

Scrutiny: 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

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Visiting Our Parish?

Welcome, we are glad to see you today! Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions. Know that we are here for you and that we welcome new members! For more information about ICC or to become a member contact Vicki at 763-788-9062 x 212. Online registration is available on our website, ICCSonline.org.

Mass Schedule

Tuesday	7:30 am
Wednesday	7:30 am
Thursday	8:30 am
Friday	7:30 am
Saturday	5:00 pm
Sunday	8:00 am
	10:00 am
	(en español) 11:30 am

Reconciliation

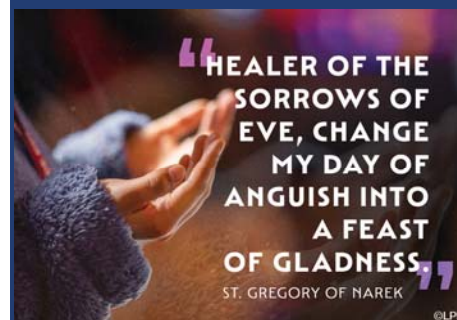
Saturday	3:00 - 4:45 pm
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Stations of the Cross

Friday	2:00 pm
	(bilingual) 6:30 pm

Eucharistic Adoration

San Damiano Chapel	
Open Weekdays	7:30 am



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School News

Mardi Gras Celebration

On February 13, ICS held its annual Mardi Gras celebration in the school gymnasium. The students had fun playing many different carnival games, like Bingo, Football Toss, Basketball Shoot, Cake Walk, and the Fishpond. Even Fr. Quail came down to enjoy the fun! A big thank you to all our volunteers who helped make this an event to remember. We appreciate your support.



Kindergarten Students Visit Crest View

Immaculate Conception School enjoys a community partnership with Crest View. The weekly visits with the residents bring joy to our students! Recently, our Kindergarten class created bumble heart valentines with the residents. This intergenerational learning means a lot to all. We are blessed.



Parish News

"Bring Up the Gifts"

God calls us to serve in many ways. IC invites you to "bring up the gifts" at Mass.

The presentation of the gifts marks the beginning of the second major part of the Mass: the Liturgy of the Eucharist. This preparation has been traditionally called the offertory since the priest prepares the gifts to be offered.

During the Mass, the offertory involves very simple gestures. Families will pick up the bread and the wine from the table in the back. Then, they will bring the gifts forward to present to the priest to be brought to the altar. After giving the gifts to the priest, it is customary to bow to the altar before returning to your pew. We especially encourage volunteers from families whose relatives are part of the Mass intentions for that particular liturgy.

To volunteer, just speak to one of the ushers before Mass. Thank you!

Dr. Ray



Wedding Banns

Kimberly Rogers
& Manuel Garcia

Pastoral Ministry

Anointing of the Sick

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

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 Stacy Malisheski and all who have died as a result of violence. May God grant them everlasting peace and joy in the kingdom of heaven.

Pray for All the Sick—Especially:

Bea Alain · Paul Bona · Tom Botzet · Vickie Botzet
Mary Fredenburg · Shawn Frederixon · Steve Haplin
Len Jurek · Marge Klimek · Anna Larson
Steven Lauinger · Dianne Redman · LeRoy Undis
Greg Sery · Elaine Thunstrom 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.

Soup Lunch

Mark your calendar for Friday, March 15, 11:30 am-1:30 pm for Soup Lunch followed by Stations of the Cross at 2:00 pm.



Women's Lenten Retreat

"DO WHATEVER
HE TELLS YOU."

JOHN 2:5



Presented by Chris Heiderscheidt

Saturday, March 9

9:00 am - 1:00 pm

Registration 8:30 am

Immaculate Conception Church

Fellowship Hall (lower level of the church)

Admission \$25.00

(light breakfast and lunch included)

Registration must be received by March 1.

Registration forms available at all church entrances.

For more information call Vicki Bazille 763-788-9062 x 212

Social Justice Ministry

Feed My Starving Children

The IC Social Justice Committee is inviting all parishioners to join us to help collect funds for Feed My Starving Children.



Ways to Help:

- M&Ms fill the tube program: Please return on or before Palm Sunday, April 24 filled with \$14 in quarters, bills or a check. (We will provide a basket in the narthex each Sunday for returns).
- Cash Contribution: If writing a check please make it payable to Immaculate Conception. Checks written to Feed My Starving Children will not go toward the fundraiser. Please drop in the collection basket at Mass, in the envelopes provided or an envelope clearly marked: Feed My Starving Children.
- Pray for all those who are hungry.

Coins for Social Justice — This Weekend!

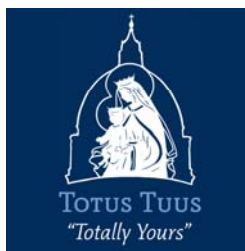
IC parishioners are asked to fill the collection basket with their pocket change to benefit the Social Justice Ministry. Only the loose change and marked envelopes from this collection are designated for Social Justice. Marked envelopes are available at all entrances to the church.

Eucharistic Adoration

"This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased, listen to him."
(Matthew 17:5)

Jesus, present in the Blessed Sacrament in our Eucharistic adoration chapel, is available to everyone. Praying in Jesus' presence gives adorers the sense of peace and understanding only Jesus can give. Our chapel is available Monday through Friday beginning at 7:00 am. All are invited and encouraged to come to our chapel as a part of their Lenten journey.

We are looking for more scheduled adorers. **We have the following open hours: Mondays at 1:00 pm, Tuesdays at 1:00 pm, Wednesdays at 8:00 am, 10:00 am and 1:00 pm, and Thursdays at 1:00 pm. We are also in need of partner adorers for many hours.** If you would like to schedule an adoration hour, are unable to attend your scheduled hour, or have questions about adoration, please call Sandy at 763-789-3246.



Faith Formation

Save the dates!

Totus Tuus Summer Program:

June 9-13 (Sunday through Thursday evenings) for grades 7-12.

June 10-14 (Monday through Friday during the day) for grades 1-6.

Catholic Trivia!

Question: An assembly of Cardinals formed to elect the next pope is referred to by what name?

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Answer: A Conclave.

Reflections

Why Do We Do That?—Catholic Life Explained

Why Hold Hands?

Question:

Why do we hold hands during the Our Father?

Answer:

The practice of members of the assembly holding hands while praying the Lord's Prayer during the Mass is a custom that developed organically in the 1970s and 1980s. While some commentators acknowledge that the practice varies from place to place, it is a fairly universal reality in parishes across the United States. For some, this action symbolizes the communion of Christians praying together as one family of believers honoring the Father of All. Critics of the practice sometimes express concern that holding hands can be a distraction from the more significant unity that is experienced when we process to the altar to receive sacramental communion.

And so, we're left to ask, what is the answer?

The General Instruction of the Roman Missal (the document that offers specific instructions for the celebration of the Mass) is silent on the practice, saying only that "all the faithful say the prayer" with the priest. The website of the US Bishops simply observes that "No position is prescribed in the Roman Missal for an assembly gesture during the Lord's Prayer." And so, we're left to discern within ourselves and within our parish and religious communities what is an authentic gesture of praise during this important point of the Mass. For some, this means continuing to hold hands, while for others, this may mean adopting another posture of prayer.

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Word of Life

Respect Life Reflection

"The essence of our identity is that we are created in God's image and likeness and loved by Him. Nothing can diminish the priceless worth of any human life. Every person is **cherished**."

—USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities
Respect Life Reflection: Cherished, Chosen, Sent
usccb.org/cherished-chosen-sent-reflection

Council of Catholic Women News

Butter Braid Fundraiser

We will be in the narthex this weekend to take your orders for Butter Braids. Order forms are also available at all church entrances. Contact Diane 612-916-8365 or tiedendc@gmail.com for orders or questions.

FORMED

The Hour of Our Death | Eternal Rest | Episode 3



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Mass Intentions

Sunday, February 25

8:00 am +Philip Epstein
10:00 am Scott and Teresa Hoffman
11:30 am IC Parish

Tuesday, February 27

7:30 am Steve Lauinger

Wednesday, February 28

7:30 am +Clarence and Richard Emon

Thursday, February 29

8:30 am +Lorna Miguel

Friday, March 1

7:30 am +Knights of Columbus Deceased Members

Saturday, March 2

5:00 pm Fr. Bruno Nwachukwu

Sunday, March 3

8:00 am +Francisco and Cristita Kimpan
10:00 am +Vincent and Stella Guzik
11:30 am IC Parish

+Deceased

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Our Mission

The Mission of The Church of the Immaculate Conception 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.



Gospel Meditation

2nd Sunday in of Lent

As a college student, my prized possession was an after-market car stereo. It was my pride and joy: glorious audio, eye-catching display screen, and multi-disc CD changer. It drained my hard-earned dollars, but it was totally worth it. It drenched me in music everywhere I drove. On Ash Wednesday of my senior year of college, Father Tom, the Jesuit priest at my university said, "Pray for God to tell you what he wants you to sacrifice for Lent." I did. In my heart, the answer came: "Give up listening to your car stereo for forty days." I winced. Not possible, I thought. Can't do it. I made other plans. The next morning, I was stunned to find that my car had been broken into, and my fancy stereo ripped out and stolen.

God's command to sacrifice what we love is no joke. This week in Genesis 22, God says: "**Abraham!**" "**Here I am,**" he replied. **Then God said, "Take your son, your only son, whom you love — Isaac — and go to the region of Moriah. Sacrifice him there as a burnt offering on a mountain I will show you."** Believe me, I know. We like to be in control. It chafes us that God sets the terms of what we must sacrifice, and how. But this is no impersonal, tyrannical process. Remember that God uses their names, Abraham and Isaac. God knows each one of us and the precious gifts He commands us to offer. Finally, our sacrifices are for our own good. Do we trust this enough to do what Father Tom asked me to do?

Lenten challenge: This week, I dare you to ask God: "What do you want me to give up?" He may ask for that which you love most. It will be something precious to you: time, money, a relationship, a dream, an opportunity. What matters is we trust Him and act sacrificially in line with His command. Whatever we sacrifice will of course come back to us as surely as the Risen Jesus — but that doesn't make it easy.

—Father John Muir | ©LPI

Securing Our Financial Future

Year to Date Parishioner Giving Update

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Variance to Budget</u>
Online & Envelope Donations	\$ 304,171	\$ 320,845	(\$ 16,674)
Open Plate Offerings	\$ 105,364	\$ 84,580	\$ 20,784
Total Giving	\$ 409,535	\$ 405,425	\$ 4,110

This weekend we will have a presentation on the financial health of our parish.

IC Music Presents

Our talented IC Music Ministry performed music hits from Broadway shows old and new at "IC Music Presents: The Lullaby of Broadway" on February 10, 2024. See more highlights from the show at ICCSonline.org.

**Invite God's Love into Your Life:****Join us for the Life in the Spirit Seminar**

Presentations, Praise and Worship, and Prayer in English and Spanish

What: Learning how to deepen your relationship with the Holy Spirit, fellowship, Rosary, Mass, praise and worship, and prayer.

Where: Immaculate Conception Catholic Church.

When: Friday March 15, 6:00-10:00 pm and Saturday March 16, 8:00 am-9:00 pm.

Cost: \$30 love offering for all food, talks, and materials.

How to Register and Pay: After Mass or in the parish office. You can also email Mary Nawrocki at mnawrocki@immac-church.org and pay onsite.

Invita el amor de Dios a tu vida:**Únase a nosotros para el Seminario Vida en el Espíritu**

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Qué: Aprender cómo profundizar en las Escrituras y en la relación con el Espíritu Santo, crecer en comunidad a través de la Misa, Rosario, alabanza y oración.

Dónde: Iglesia Católica Inmaculada Concepción.

Cuando: Viernes 15 de Marzo 6:00 pm-10:00 pm y Sábado Marzo 16 8:00 am - 9:00 pm.

Costo: \$30 Ofrenda de Amor para comida, charlas y materiales.

Cómo registrarse y pagar: Después de la Misa, o en la oficina. También puede enviar un correo electrónico a mnawrocki@immac-church.org y pagar en el sitio.



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