



# Weekly NEWS

February 8<sup>th</sup> , 2026

## Important Dates

- Feb 15<sup>th</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> Eucharist Parent Meeting 1pm in church
- Feb 15<sup>th</sup> 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation Parent Meeting 2pm in church
- Ash Wednesday Mass Feb 18<sup>th</sup> 8:05am and 6:30pm

## Reminders

As we head into our winter weather, keep in mind your families safety. Church is rarely cancelled, but if road conditions are unsafe near you, please stay home.

## What Are We Learning?

### Grow in faith for Lent

Ash Wednesday signals the beginning of the Lenten season, and Immaculate Conception Parish offers abundant options to make Lent a fertile "spring" to grow your faith life! Please take advantage of these opportunities!

#### **Ash Wednesday Masses**

February 18 at 8:05am & 6:30pm

#### **Offer Your Prayers for Someone**

Prayer works wonders! Take a card to remember the intentions of one of our homebound, or this year's Confirmandi, OCIA catechumens and candidates, or seminarians.

#### **Eucharistic Adoration & Holy Hour**

Tuesdays during Lent: 4pm, Silent Adoration in church begins; 6:30pm, Holy Hour (Holy Rosary, individual Reconciliation); 7:30pm, Benediction at 7:30pm.

#### **Stations of the Cross**

Fridays at 2pm (with ICS students) and 7pm (parish ministries lead).

#### **Knights of Columbus Blood Drive**

Friday, March 6, Garden Level, 8am-1pm. (A beautiful sacrifice.)

#### **Reconcile Tuesdays & Saturdays**

Feel God's magnanimous love in the Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturdays from 3:30-4:30pm, and Tuesdays from 6:30-7:30pm.

#### **UNBOUND: Seeking the Freedom of God's Love (an invitation)**

Wednesdays, Feb. 25 - April 1, 6:30pm in the Gira Library. Jesus invites us, and those he meets in the Gospels, to find a deeper spirituality and step into the Light. (No cost, materials provided.)

#### **Scripture Study Prep for Sunday**

Women's Bible Study every Tuesday at 6:30pm, Library  
Pathfinder's Men's Group every Saturday at 7:30am, KC Room

#### **CRS Rice Bowls AND Change for Life**

Your change can bring change!  
Practice almsgiving in a

meaningful way by picking up a CRS Rice Bowl in the Gathering Space, and/or continuing to use your SVDP Change for Life. Your monetary sacrifice makes a life-giving difference to the poorest of the poor. (Don't forget Cross Catholic Outreach, too!)

#### **Knights of Columbus Fish Fries**

The famous drive-thru Fish Fry serves from 3-7pm on Ash Wednesday and select Fridays! Check the bulletin for details.

#### **Lenten Speaker Series**

##### **Thursdays in Church:**

February 19, 7pm: **Benjamin**

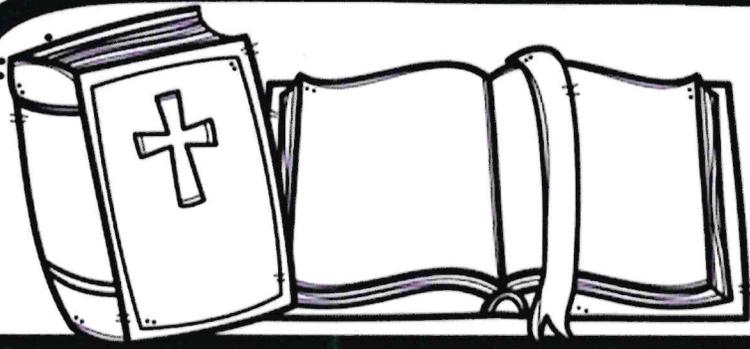
**Parviz, Grief and Hope**

March 12, 6:30pm: **Fr. Brian**

**Barker, Reflections on Lent**

March 19, 6:30pm: **Louis Damani**

**Jones, Mental Health & Faith**



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## Faith Reflection

### *First Reading*

Isaiah 58:7-10

### *Second Reading*

1 Corinthians 2:1-5

### *Gospel Reading*

Matthew 5:13-16

Read today's Gospel by the light of the flashlight. Ask everyone to consider what it means to say that Christians are to be the light of the world. How might your family act in a way that is a light for others, a light that is worthy to put on a lamp stand? Choose one thing that your family will do this week to show that you are the light of the world. You might choose to participate in an activity that your parish sponsors, such as help with a food pantry. Pray together by singing "This Little Light of Mine."

## Good News!

•Prepare for Lent. Ash Wednesday is the 18<sup>th</sup>. Mass at 8:05 am and 6:30 pm

## Gibault News

5th-8th Graders are invited to participate in our annual AMPLify contest on March 5th - Show off your Art, Math and Poetry skills!

Email [pkueker@gibalthawks.com](mailto:pkueker@gibalthawks.com) to sign up. We are still taking applications

- Go to <https://gibalthawks.com> and click "APPLY" to apply. Tuition

Assistance Applications are also being accepted until February 28, 2026. All

7th and 8th graders can schedule a shadow visit and spend the day with one

of our Student Ambassadors. Go to <https://gibalthawks.com> and click

"INQUIRE" to request more information. Questions can also be emailed to

our Admissions Coordinator, Pam Kueker at [pkueker@gibalthawks.com](mailto:pkueker@gibalthawks.com).

We want to welcome your student Home at Gibault!