



# Weekly NEWS

March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2026

## Important Dates

- March 29 – April 5<sup>th</sup> Easter break
- March 29<sup>th</sup> - Confirmation Retreat
- April 11<sup>th</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> Eucharist Retreat
- April 12<sup>th</sup> PSR
- April 18<sup>th</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> Eucharist Rehearsal
- April 19<sup>th</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> Eucharist
- April 22<sup>nd</sup> Confirmation
- April 26 Class 10am Mass 11 am

## Reminders

We are in the Final stretch. Please make sure to complete and return any make up work you might have.

## 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!)

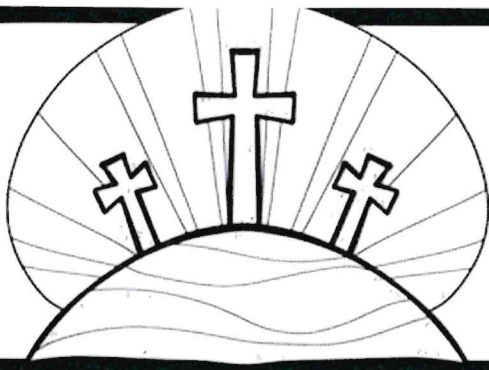
#### **Knights of Columbus Fish Fries**

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**

Ezekiel 37:12-14

**Second Reading**

Romans 8:8-11

**Gospel Reading**

John 11:1-45

Jesus' promise of eternal life is a central element of our Catholic faith. Even though Easter is still two weeks away, our Gospel today invites us to acknowledge Jesus' power over death, evidenced in the raising of Lazarus, and to anticipate Jesus' conquering of death once and for all in his death and Resurrection. We sometimes use examples from nature to help describe this mystery of our faith. Jesus himself talked about the seed that dies when planted in the ground in order to produce new life (John 12:24). Using that image and others, we find hope and confidence in Jesus, the Resurrection and the life.

### Good News

#### *Fifth Week of Lent*

*"As we identify more deeply with Christ, the very pattern of his life becomes ours. We experience ... now one aspect and now another of Christ's paschal mystery, of his life, death and resurrection."*

You Are Sent, C.46  
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## Gibault Update

HOP INTO FUN!  
**EASTER EGG HUNT**  
MARCH 22 | 12:30PM  
GIBAULT CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL  
FREE & OPEN TO THE PUBLIC  
RAIN OR SHINE  
PHOTO OPPORTUNITY WITH EASTER BUNNY

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#### Be in the Know!

We are still Taking Applications – go to <https://gibalthawks.com> and click "APPLY" to apply today.

Freshman Scholarship Applications are due by March 31, 2026

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 a shadow day.

Our Student Ambassadors have created an Instagram to help families know about admissions information and events! Check them out @gibault\_ambassadors

**JUNIOR HIGH MIXER**  
**MEXICAN FIESTA PARTY**

- APRIL 17
- 6PM - 8PM
- SENIOR PATIO AT GCHS

Follow the gym sidewalk, to the right  
**BRING A FRIEND!**  
RSVPS ARE APPRECIATED BUT NOT REQUIRED