***From Father Jim***

**“Then the Lord said to Moses, ‘I will rain down bread from heaven for you. Each day the people are to go out and gather their daily portion; thus will I test them to see if they follow my instructions or not.’ ‘You are looking for me not because you saw signs but because you ate the loaves and were filled. Do not work for food that perishes but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you.”**

For several weeks we will be listening to the gospel of John, chapter 6, teaching us of the great gift of the Eucharist. John’s gospel does not detail the institution of the Eucharist, but this chapter is telling us to listen and learn. We listen to Jesus telling once again ‘I am’. The church is pleading for us to treasure the gift of the Eucharist, not to treat this great sacrament casually or routinely. Am I ready to learn again?

From the earliest days of the church, even before the gospels were written, St. Paul wrote of the tradition telling his readers of the gift of the Eucharist. He asked that they be worthy and prepared to receive such a great gift. We sometimes rush into mass, and even worse rush out to busy ourselves with other important things. What can be more important than to spend a reflective moment, thanking our loving God for feeding us? Am I hungry for the Lord?

***We extend our condolences and prayers to the families of those who have recently died:***

*Mr. William Killough*

*Mrs. Ida Onifer*

*Mrs. Margaret Schomo*

***We extend a warm welcome to our new parishioners:***

*Mr. Robert Meis, Sr.*

*Mr. and Mrs. Christopher Park and family*

*Mr. and Mrs. John Yeakel*

**Why Choose ICS?**

“Immaculate Conception School graduates flourish at Padua Academy. The strong spiritual and academic foundation provided by ICS empowers students to excel in high school.”

-- Cindy Mann, Head of School, Padua Academy



**August 6, 2018 The Transfiguration of the Lord**

8:30 am Alma Jose

**August 7, 2018 St. Sixtus II, Pope**

8:30 am Fr. Frank Blood, OSFS (Living Intention)

**August 8, 2018 Saint Dominic, Priest**

8:30 am Deceased Members of the Leisure Club

**August 9, 2018 Saint Teresa Benedicta of the Cross**

8:30 am Ian Hahn

**August 10, 2018 Saint Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr**

8:30 am Deacon Frank Giglio

**August 11 2018 Saint Clare**

8:30 am Sister Grace (Living Intention)

5:00 pm Chaiara Coiner

**August 12, 2018  *Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time***

7:00 am Kyle Rzucidlo

8:30 am Mike and Tilly Blendy

9:00 am SJ Mary Ann Chase (Living Intention)

10:15 am Emory Van Horn

12:00 pm People of the Parish

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**immaculate conception school is having two Pool Parties!**

**ICS families: Please join us and bring your friends** and their children. Saturday, **August 11th, 3:30-5:30** at the Elkton YMCA pool. A second pool party will be on **Wednesday, August 15th**, **9:30am-11:30am** at Kent County Parks & Rec Pool **Both pool parties are free!!** Swim with ICS students and talk to ICS parents and faculty about Immaculate Conception School. It’s a great opportunity to get to know our school community!! **All children must be accompanied by an adult.** Call Emily Murphy, Advancement Director, at 443-604-8615 for more information

**Readings for next week:**

**19th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**First Reading: I Kings 19:4-8**

Queen Jezebel had vowed to kill Elijah, who went into the desert and prayed for death. Instead he went to sleep and was awakened by an angel, who told him to eat the food God had given him. He ate and went back to sleep, but God’s angel again woke him and told him to eat. Strengthened by the food, he got up and walked forty days and nights to the mountain of God.

**Second Reading: Ephesians 4:30⎯5:2**

Paul appeals to the Ephesians to get rid of bitterness, anger, and malice. Instead they must be kind, compassionate, and forgiving just as God has been. We must be imitators of Christ, and love one another as he has loved us.

**Gospel: John 6:41-51**

The Jews were not convinced that Jesus was the bread that came down from heaven. But he again explains that he is the bread of life. He tells them that anyone who believes and eats this bread shall live forever. He explains that the bread he will give is his flesh, for the life of the world.

**Less than 1 month left until the start of RCIA!**

**Are you unbaptized and have a desire to be baptized? Are you a baptized Christian interested in becoming a Catholic? Are you a baptized Catholic who never received the sacraments of Eucharist or Confirmation? If you answered yes to any of these questions then RCIA is for you!!**

**A new RCIA program will be starting September 20th.** RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) is the process by which baptized Christians and those who are unbaptized become members of the Catholic Church. It is also the process by which baptized Catholics who never received the sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation receive those sacraments. Are you being called to have a deeper relationship with God? If so, please call the Parish Office at 410-398-1100 or email rcia@iccparish.org to learn more about RCIA and to register for RCIA. The RCIA process is a wonderful way to have a greater understanding of the Catholic faith and become closer to God in the process.

**Sponsors are also needed to walk with those** who are learning about the Catholic faith through the RCIA process. Do you love your faith? Do you want to share it with others? Please consider being a sponsor for RCIA. Call 410-398-1100 to sign up!

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**Does your child need to be Baptized?**

The next Baptism Class is**,** **August 20th**, 7:00-8:30 pm in the Parish Center. It’s never too early to prepare for the Baptism of your child. Parents are required and Godparents are encouraged to attend. Contact the Parish Office to register at 410-398-1100.

**Adoration for Vocations**

On the 1st Sunday of each month, exposition of the Blessed Sacrament occurs from 1pm-3pm in IC Chapel. Join us to pray for vocations to priesthood and religious life. The next opportunity is **next week, August 5th.** Contact Dermott Mullan at 410-398-3368.

**Daily Readings:**

***Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time***

**Sunday**.....................Ex 16:2-4, 12-15; Eph 4:17, 20-24; Jn 6: 24-35

**Monday.**........................Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; 2 Pt 1:16-19; Mk 9:2-10

**Tuesday**......Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22; Mt 14:22-36 or 15:1-2, 10-14

**Wednesday**.................................................Jer 31:1-7; Mt 15:21-28

**Thursday.***................................................*Jer 31:31-34; Mt 16:13-23

**Friday .**.....................................................2 Cor 9:6-10; Jn 12:24-26

**Saturday** ..................................................Hb 1:12-2:4; Mt 17:14-20

 **Liturgical Ministers for Next Week: *August 11th & 12th***

***5:00 pm***

**Altar Servers:** Donovan O, Mason H •**EM’s:** Julie M, Carol K, Mary Ann E • **Lector:** Edward R • **Ushers:** Eileen P, Bill B, Pat C

***7:00 am***

**Altar Servers:** Sarah B, Jacob B •**EM’s:** Sandra H, Ginnie D, Peter D

• **Lector:** Christopher W • **Ushers:** Charles M, William C

***8:30 am***

**Altar Servers:** Sean M, Ryan M • **EMs:** Peter G, Cecilia G, Don H

• **Lector:** Louis N • **Ushers:** Anthony D, Wendel S, Anthony M, Steve C

***9:00 am (SJ)***

**Altar Servers:** Sara M, Tommy M • **EM’s:** Peggy O, Pat D, Carol V, John N, Cheryl N •**Lector:** Dwight T •**Ushers:** Kevin O, Jule V, Bill D

***10:15 am***

**Altar Servers:** Hendric S, Ariane S • **EM’s:** Elizabeth B, Richard B, David L, James D, Gwen D • **Lector:** Brigid W • **Ushers:** Bob W, David B, Steve A

***12:00 noon***

**Altar Servers:** Benedict J • **EMs:** Pat K, Kathy C, Corazon S • **Lector:** Roberto O • **Ushers:** Teresa G, Charles C

**Children’s Liturgy of the Word**

Children’s Liturgy is for children ages 5-8 ONLY. Children
who are not in this category are asked to remain in church.

**There is NO Children’s Liturgy for the summer!**

Have a great Summer!!

**Immaculate Conception**

**School News**

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**We hope everyone continues to enjoy a wonderful summer!**

**You may contact office personnel** including secretary, principal, and advancement director any time during the summer. Phone and email messages will be checked regularly. Other school personnel including teachers, counselor, and the nurse are not required to monitor emails throughout the summer.

**Contact Info:**

* Secretary - (option 1) 410-398-2636; jwilson@icschoolweb.org
* Principal - (option 2) 410-398-2636;

 bschilling@icschoolweb.org

* Advancement Director - 443-604-8615; emurphy@icshoolweb.org

**Enrollment applications are still being accepted** for next school year. Individual tours may be scheduled by contacting the Emily Murphy, the Advancement Director at 443-604-8615. Now is the time to consider the benefits of a strong faith-based, challenging academic program that Immaculate Conception provides.

**faith formation**

**Education & Sacraments**

**Religion Classes for Gr K-8:**

To ensure a place for your child in the religion classes for next year, **you must register now!**

**You can register either:**

- On the Parish Website under Faith Formation

- By completing a hard copy of the forms

**\*\*Note:** Finances are never to be a reason not to register! Payment plans or assistance are available if needed.

**Did You Know that…**

-We have a Kindergarten Class that meets on Sunday Morning?

-Children must have attended 1st grade to register for 2nd grade and/or 1st Communion?

-Students must have completed Grades 7 AND 8 to register for Confirmation?

**Questions?** Contact the religion office at 410-392-3551

**HELP US SUCCEED!**

**WANTED:** Adult volunteers to teach small groups of young people, and Teens or Adults to serve as an Assistant.

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Willingness to communicate about our faith, a love of young people, and a desire to be more involved. Experience is not necessary-training provided!

**ASSISTANTS ARE NEEDED FOR:**

Kindergarten: Sunday Morning

Gr. 3 & 4: Sunday Morning

**CATECHISTS ARE NEEDED FOR**

7th grade on Sunday

8th grade on Sunday and Wednesday

**Contact 410-392-3551 or** **re@iccparish.org** **to volunteer.**

**THANK YOU!! THANK YOU!!** Vacation Bible School raised $706 for Outreach through their coin challenge!

**Youth Ministry & Confirmation**

**CONFIRMATION**

**If you will be in 9th grade next year, don’t forget to register for Confirmation.** Once registered, you will receive information on service opportunities.

**YOUTH GROUP:**

Next Meeting: August 12th .If you play music, bring an instrument! If not, come hang out with us!

**YOUTH MINISTRY WISH LIST:** BOTTLED WATER, plastic ware.

**Young Adults Group:**

Contact Maddie Reese at mem.reese1010@gmail.com

**Adult Education**

**Interested in a study group?** Many opportunities are available. Call the Parish Office at 410 392-3551.

**Parish Book Study:** Our parish book study will begin meeting on Tuesday, September 18 in the Parish Center 9:15-11:15. Our book will be The Shattered Lantern by Ronald Rolheiser. If you are interested, please contact Mary Ann Hopkins at 443-553-4604.

**Resources for the season**

-Visit [iccparish.weconnect.com](http://www.icc.weconnect.com) and look under Resources. Click on “downloads” to find Resources for Prayer, Scripture, etc.

-Scripture puzzles for children continue to be posted on our Website under Children’s Corner.

**SOCIAL CONCERNS**

**Outreach**

Please consider donating non-perishable foods to the Outreach! Thank you so much for your help, generosity, prayers, & donations to this essential ministry!!

**It’s Christmas in July!**

**Please contribute** canned fruits and vegetables, pork & beans, pb & j, tuna fish, and personal items such as hand soap, shampoo, dish detergent, etc. to Outreach during our **Christmas in July campaign!** Drop off your bag after Mass or at the Parish Center at your convenience. Thank you!

**PARISH & FAMILY LIFE**

**Parish Coffee**

Join us for Parish Coffee THIS weekend, **August 5th** after 9:00 am Mass at St. Jude’s.

Join us for Parish Coffee, **August 12th** after 10:15 mass at IC! See you there!

**PARISH EVENTS/INFORMATION**

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*Thank you so much for your continued*

*generosity and support to your parish!*

**Weekly Church Collections: Week of July 29th**

 ICC $9,723.00

 St. Jude $1,535.00

Online $4,268.00

 Total Offertory $15,526.00

***We offer electronic giving!***

**How does Online giving benefit you?**

1. It’s easy, convenient, and safe
2. Allows you to give any amount, any time.
3. Allows you to track your giving

**How does Online giving benefit the parish?**

1. Creates consistency of giving to help with financial planning
2. Increases the efficiency of processing giving

**How to sign up?**

1. Visit iccparish.weconnect.com
2. Click “Go to Online Giving”
3. Sign up! It’s that easy!



**Sunday, August 5**

8:20 AM Confessions - SJ

1:30 PM Adoration for Vocations

Monday, August 6

9:00 AM Novena - CH

8:00 PM AA Mtg - Caf

Tuesday, August 7

9:00 AM Holy Hour – CH

Wednesday, August 8

9:00 AM Rosary Crusade/SJ Novena-CH

9:30 AM Cantor Rehearsal - IC

1:00 PM Leisure Club - PC

7:00 PM Handbell Reh - IC

Thursday, August 9

9:00 AM Rosary Crusade - CH

6:30 PM Boy Scout Meeting - PC

6:30 PM Cantor Rehearsal - IC

Friday, August 10

9:00 AM Rosary Crusade - CH

7:00 PM NA – Caf

**Saturday, August 11**

9:00 AM Rosary Crusade - CH

4:15 PM Confessions - IC

7:00 PM NA – Caf



**PARISH EVENTS/INFORMATION**

**Community kitchen**

Our Summer Gala was a wonderful picnic lunch topped off with watermelon and delicious desserts including ice cream sandwiches to celebrate National Ice Cream Month. Many thanks are extended to our volunteers who MAKE IT HAPPEN every time our parish provides lunch! Special thanks to Jaimie Tedesco and Christine Smith, parish volunteers who assist in the weekly work of Elkton Community Kitchen. We are blessed with their support. Thanks so much for every bit of time, talent and energy which makes ICC/St. Jude a "fav" among our guests. Count on our continued prayers for all members of the Parish and for all of our Ministries. See you on our next service date on 10/26/18. Enjoy the rest of the summer and have a safe and happy Labor Day!

**PARISH EVENTS/INFORMATION**

**School Supply Shelf**

**ICC Outreach will be hosting the School Supply Shelf** again this summer! Families in need can receive school supplies for students in Grades K-12. **Can you help?**

* We’re looking for adults and students to help load and distribute backpacks weekdays in August at the Parish Center. (Yes, we sign for service hours!) Contact our coordinator rvntngr95@gmail.com to discuss availability.
* Monetary donations are now being requested so we can stock the Shelf for this year’s program. Tax-deductible donations to ICC Outreach can be dropped in the offertory collection, or you can contribute online! Please mark your donation as “School Supply.”

**Help prepare local students with the tools they need to learn!**

**Christmas Bazaar Needs:** The Christmas Bazaar Committee is looking for business(es) or patron(s) to sponsor the printing of the money raffle tickets for the Christmas Bazaar. Any contributing business or patron will receive recognition for their sponsorship. Also, if your business, family, or group would like to assemble and donate a basket for the theme basket raffle, please contact us. The points of contact for the Christmas Bazaar are Lisa Kaminski at 410-392-9558 or Jackie Gedz at 410-392-0396.

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**Support ICC when you shop!**

**Amazon has** some amazing deals! Make sure to visit [smile.amazon.com/ch/52-6015220](http://www.smile.amazon.com/ch/52-6015220)! When you shop at Amazon Smile, Amazon donates a percentage of your purchase to Immaculate Conception Parish!

**COMMUNITY EVENTS/INFORMATION**

**Knights of Columbus**

***Bishop Becker Council 2427***

**443-616-5370** or [**www.kofc2427.org**](http://www.kofc2427.org)

**Meetings:** 2nd & 4th Tuesdays of the month at 7:00 pm at the Parish Center

**The LAOH (The Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians)**

**Help the LAOH feed the hungry!**

Your $5.00 donation will help support Immaculate Conception Church Outreach and Good Shepherd Church St. Vincent de Paul Society. In return, you get a **Boscov’s 25% shopping pass to be used on October 16** for “Friends Helping Friends” Day. Your donation gives you the opportunity to use your 25% discount shopping pass on October 16 at all Boscov’s locations (not valid online). In addition, you are eligible to register to win fabulous prizes; including shopping sprees and more! You can contact a LAOH member or stop by the parish office to pick up your shopping pass.

**join Servpro of hunt Valley & hartford county for bike to the bar!** Join us at Brick Bodies Padonia in Timonium, MD on **Saturday, August 18th** at 11:30am for $30 for a 60 minute spin class, then, after sweating it out, refuel and unwind at Mother’s North Grille. Riders enjoy their first drink free and complimentary light appetizers. 10% of food and drink purchases are donated directly to Catholic Charities of Baltimore. Register at [www.eventbrite.com/e/bike-to-the-bar-tickets-46533945283](http://www.eventbrite.com/e/bike-to-the-bar-tickets-46533945283).

**The Cathedral of Saint Peter is in need of our help.** The weekend of August 18 & 19, a special collection for the maintenance and preservation of the Cathedral of Saint Peter will be taken up in all parishes in our diocese. Please be as generous as you can. For more information about the Cathedral, visit the Cathedral’s website at [www.cathedralofstpeter.com](http://www.cathedralofstpeter.com). For a video tour of the Cathedral, and a tour of the Cathedral’s 100 year-old pipe organ, visit the diocesan website at [www.cdow.org/cathedral](http://www.cdow.org/cathedral). **Together, we can help** assure that our Cathedral will remain a place of beauty and prayer during our Diocese’s 150th anniversary year and for generations to come.

***Is God calling you to a deeper prayer life and relationship with Him?*** The Secular Discalced Carmelites (OCDS) may be for you. We are a Catholic lay order of men and women undertaking to live an evangelical life of fraternity and contemplative prayer, according to the Carmelite Saints. We meet in NEWARK, DE on the 3rd Saturday of each month. To learn more, please contact Dan (302-252-8784) or Laurie (410-378-0010).

**Inspirational Quote of the Week:**

“Pray, hope, and do not worry.” ~ Padre Pio