***From Father Jim***

**“Faith is the realization of what is hoped for and evidence of things not seen… for those who speak thus show that they are seeking a homeland.” “Do not be afraid any longer, little flock, for your Father is pleased to give you the Kingdom.”**

Remember the flamboyant congressman and minister known for his mantra ‘Keep the faith baby’? It is faith in God, belief in His word which gives meaning to life. I ask myself what do I hope for and what is the evidence not seen.

My life in the church is one of faith, which must continue to grow daily. Even when I have disappointments, I keep my eyes fixed on Jesus. I look to the Lord and the fulfillment of His promises. His kingdom has already begun in my living the faith found in the church, in my life of prayer and the sacraments. The Father has given me the kingdom already. I ask that I may see the kingdom now in the church and pray, ‘Thy kingdom come.’

***Join us for the St. Jude’s 50th Anniversary Fundraiser Dinner!***

Join us at Pier 1 Restaurant on **Thursday, August 15th** between 5:00-8:00pm. We have 10% donation cards available at the Parish Center, Immaculate Conception Church, and St. Jude Church. Pick one up, then present this card to the wait staff on the date of the fundraiser, and Pier 1 will donate 10% of your bill to ICC/SJ Parish!

**Viola recital!**

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**Please join us on Friday, August 16th at 7:00pm** at Immaculate Conception for the Viola Recital which was rescheduled from May. This will be a wonderful evening of beautiful music you don't want to miss!

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

*Judge Harry J. Goodrick Sr.*

*Mrs. Ruth Anne Kelly*

*Mrs. Doris Wagner*

**August 15th is a Holy Day of Obligation for The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.** Please join us at any of the following Mass times: **August 14th** at 7:00pm at Saint Jude or **August 15th** at Immaculate Conception at 12:00pm or 7:00pm.



**August 12, 2019 St.. Jane Frances de Chantal**

8:30 am Walter Narkiewicz

**August 13, 2019 Sts. Pontian & Hippolytus, Priests**

8:30 am James Haggarman

**August 14, 2019 St. Maximilian Kolbe, Priest**

8:30 am Alicia Schweizer

7:00 pm SJ Johnnie J. Steward

**August 15, 2019 The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

8:30 am Tony Sniadowski

12:00 pm IC Grace Barker

7:00 pm IC Yolly Delatorre

**August 16, 2019 St. Stephen of Hungary**

8:30 am Michael Franzoni

**August 17, 2019**

8:30 am Vincenza Cafini

5:00 pm Marvin Goldfield

**August 18, 2019 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

7:00 am John Harshaw

8:30 am John and Helen McCarthy

9:00 am SJ William Nelson

10:15 am Joseph McGlinn

12:00 pm Maryann Torres

**ICS SUMMER PROGRAMS!!**

**Don’t Miss out!!** Immaculate Conception School is excited to offer programs throughout the summer!

* **Avoid summer ‘brain-drain’** and sign up for one of our **tutoring programs!**
* **We are continuing Story-Time** for children aged 2-5. Gwen Davis reads classic children’s stories, provides themed activities, music, and snacks! **Story-Time is FREE!!**

**Contact Emily Murphy at** 410-398-2636 or Emurphy@icschoolweb.org for more information or to register for any of these programs!

**Readings for next week:**

***TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME***

**First Reading: Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10**

Jeremiah urged the people to surrender to the enemy. This angered the princes, who then requested that Jeremiah be put to death. The king allowed the princes to leave him in a cistern without food or water. But after Ebed Melech pleaded for Jeremiah's life, the king decided to free him.

**Second Reading: Hebrews 12:1-4**

This letter to the Hebrews inspires all Christians to persevere, in spite of the trials they may face. Jesus endured much suffering and was rewarded by God. Despite our struggles, we must remember Jesus' ability to endure and maintain strong faith in him.

**Gospel: Luke 12:49-53**

Jesus tells his disciples that his message will not bring peace to the earth. Instead, even families will become sharply divided because some members will embrace him, while others condemn him.

**Daily Readings:**

***Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time***

**Sunday** ......... Wis 18:6-9; Heb 11:1-2, 8-19 or 11:1-2, 8-12;

 Lk 12:32-48 or 12:35-40

**Monday** ...................................... Dt 10:12-22; Mt 17:22-27

**Tuesday** ............................. Dt 31:1-8; Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

**Wednesday** .................................. Dt 34:1-12; Mt 18:15-20

**Thursday** ......................... Vigil: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16, 16:1-2;

 1 Cor 15:54b-57; Lk 11:27-28

 Day: Rv 11:19a, 12:1-6a, 10ab; 1 Cor 15:20-27; Lk 1:39-56

**Friday** ............................................ Jos 24:1-13; Mt 19:3-12

**Saturday** .................................... Jos 24:14-29; Mt 19:13-15

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

Parents are required to attend a Baptism Class before their child can be Baptized. The next Baptism Class is **August 19th**, 7:00pm in the Parish Center. It’s never too early to prepare for the Baptism of your child. Contact the Parish at 410-398-1100 to register.

**Adoration for Vocations**

On the 1st Sunday of the month, exposition of the Blessed Sacrament occurs from 1pm-3pm in IC Chapel. Join us to pray for vocations. The next opportunity is, **September 1st.** Contact Dermott Mullan at 410-398-3368.

**Children’s Liturgy of the Word**

 CLW is for children ages 5-8 only. Children who are

not in this category are asked to remain in church.

**There is NO CLW during the summer months!**

**Liturgical Ministers Next Week: *August 10th & 11th***

***5:00 pm***

• **Altar Servers:** AJ S, Nathan S • **EM’s:** Julie M, Carol K • **Lector:** Edward R • **Ushers:** Pat C, Bob E, Eileen P, Bill B

***7:00 am***

•**Altar Servers**: Benedict J• **EM’s:** Gerald M, Sandra H, Alan S • **Lector:** James S • **Ushers:** Charles M

***8:30 am***

**Altar Servers:** Alex L, Elizabeth R • **EMs:** Kathy C, Don H • **Lector:** Louis N • **Ushers:** Anthony D, Wendel S, Anthony M, Steve C

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

**Altar Servers:** Mitchell H, Joseph H • **EM’s:** Chris H, Narcy Z, Dorothy D, Carol V, Peggy O • **Lector:** Michele C • **Ushers:** Jule V, Bill D, Kevin O

***10:15 am***

**Altar Servers:** Hayden S, Aila S • **EM’s:** Elizabeth B, Richard B, Richard L •**Lector:** Paula G • **Ushers:** Bob W, Steve A

**12:00 *noon***

**Altar Servers:** Henry W, Damian W • **EMs:** Corazon S, Kathy C • **Lector:** Bridgid W • **Ushers:** Teresa G, Charles C

**St. Jude 50th Anniversary:**

**Memories from Stella Cerino Lundin**

 It was our wedding day, October 16, 2004. What bride wants it to rain on her wedding day? Not many. But I kept telling myself that it’s supposed to bring good luck. Also, I reminded myself that it rained on Mom and Dad’s wedding day and they have been happily married for 28 years. It is what it is. We pulled up to the doors of St. Jude’s Church and I couldn’t wait to get inside. My future husband, Kevin, was waiting for me! As I was walking down the aisle, I could see the sky getting dark and the trees were blowing in the wind. But it didn’t matter to me what was going on outside.

 The church was beautiful. Our family and friends were all around us. And Kevin was waiting. We said our “I do’s”. We took our pictures, and it was time to leave. Kevin and I walked out the doors of St. Jude’s and looked to our left. It was a double rainbow! I’d never seen a double rainbow before and there it was, this double rainbow on our wedding day. How amazing was this?!

 Five years later, we were going in to listen to our unborn child’s heartbeat for the first time. I remember the doctor saying, “There’s Baby A’s heartbeat (Isabella) and there’s Baby B’s heartbeat (Sophia)”. Kevin and I were floored. We never thought we would ever be expecting twins. In that moment, it brought me back to the day we were married, walking out the back of St. Jude’s, seeing the double rainbow and thinking ‘My life is absolutely perfect.’

**Immaculate Conception**

**School News**

Our halls are quiet now that the students and staff are off for summer vacation! **Please keep our students and staff in your prayers** that they enjoy a wonderful and well-deserved summer break. They will return in the fall, ready to start another exciting year!

**The ICS Summer Photo Contest Returns!!**

We love seeing all of the places ICS goes during the summer! Take a picture of your child with a sign saying "ICS" and email it to Emurphy@icschoolweb.org with information about where it was taken. Photos will be posted on the ICS Facebook page throughout the summer. Prizes will be awarded for:

• The picture taken in a location furthest from ICS

• The silliest picture

• The most creative picture

**Story time continues at ICS!**

Bring your little ones, ages 2-5 to ICS this summer! Gwen Davis will read classic children’s stories and provide themed activities, music, crafts, and snacks! **Story time is FREE!!** Your children will love it! The next story time is **Wednesday, July 31st at 10:00am.** Call 410-398-2636 to reserve your spot!

**If you are interested in learning more about ICS or would like to enroll your child,** please contact our Advancement Director, Emily Murphy at emurphy@icschoolweb.org. Now is the time to consider the benefits of the strong, faith-based, challenging academic program that ICS provides.

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

**office hours**

* **July & August**: 9:00a-1:00p Mon - Thurs.

**Contact Info:**

* Secretary jwilson@icschoolweb.org.
* Principal - bschilling@icschoolweb.org
* Advancement Director:-

 emurphy@icshoolweb.org

**Faith Formation**

**Religious Education & Sacraments**

**Religion Classes:** Classes are filling up quickly, please register as soon as possible.

**Catechist Meeting:** opening catechist meeting will be held on **Monday, August 19th** at 6:30pm in the Parish Center. Assistants are invited to attend. Both catechists & assistants, please let us know if you will or will not be able to attend. 410-392-3551 Thank you!

**We need Catechists and Assistants!** Would you like to share your Faith with the children of our parish? If so, the Religion Office needs you! We are in need of Catechists and Assistants for some of our Religious Ed classes. If you are interested in helping, please contact the Religious Ed office!

***We need of Catechists & Assistants in the following Classes:***

***Sunday***

K: Catechist & Assistant Gr 1: - Catechist

Gr 3: - Catechist & Assistant Gr 4: - & Assistant

Gr 7: - Assistant Gr 8: - Assistant

***Wednesday***

Gr 1: - Assistant Gr 5: - Catechist & Assistant

Gr. 7: - Catechist & Assistant Gr 8: Assistant

**Outreach Donations:** Please remember Outreach over the summer.

**Youth Ministry & Confirmation**

**CONFIRMATION**

The initial meeting for parents and candidates is on Sunday, **September 15th** at 2:00pm at ICC.

**YOUTH GROUP - Summer Calendar**

**Meetings are from 6-8pm in the Parish Center**

* **August 11th** Meeting (tonight)
* **August 18th** -Meeting

**Prayers for our teenage drivers!** Newly licensed drivers stop by the religion office or youth group to pick a key chain blessed by our priests.

**YOUTH MINISTRY WISH LIST:** Youth group is looking for a donation of a replacement refrigerator. We also are asking for sodas (cans please!)

**YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY:**

If you feel called to this ministry please contact the Cheryl at 410-392-3551 or youthministry@iccparish.org.

**ADULT EDUCATION**

**Interested in a study group?** Many opportunities are available. Call 410-392-3551 for more information.

**Adult Ed classes** – We are looking for someone to help teach classes next year. If you are interested, please contact Vickie at 410-392-3551 or re@iccparish.org.

**SOCIAL CONCERNS**

**Outreach**

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

**Food items:** spaghetti, spaghetti sauce, pudding, jello, jelly, tea, and canned vegetables

**Non-Food items:** toothbrushes, toothpaste, soap, and shampoo

**No clothing please!** As much as we appreciate the gesture, we do not have the space to store them. Thank you!

**PARISH EVENTS/INFORMATION**

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**Weekly Church Collections: Week of August 4th**

 ICC $8,772

 St. Jude $2,284

Online $4,124

 Total Offertory $15,160

**Keep up with regular offerings by giving electronically!!**

Just as you rely upon receiving income on a regular basis, we rely on your regular contributions. We greatly appreciate the efforts of our parishioners to make consistent donations throughout the year! To assist you, the church provides a convenient electronic giving option for setting up regular contributions! Simply visit our website and click the Online Giving Button!

**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
2. Increases efficiency of processing giving

**How to sign up?**

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

**PARISH & FAMILY LIFE**

**Parish Coffee**

There will not be Parish Coffee in June at St. Jude’s. Please join us for Parish Coffee on **Sept. 1st** following the 9:00 Mass.

**Join us for ICE CREAM ‘SUNDAY’** TODAY, **Aug. 11th** after the 8:30 & 10:15 Masses at ICC! We will be serving coffee, donuts, and Ice Cream outside the Parish Center! Hope to see you there!

**PARISH EVENTS/INFORMATION**

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**School Supply Shelf**

Many thanks to our volunteers who have loaded so many backpacks with school supplies! The School Supply Shelf will be open this month at Outreach. Monetary donations in support of this program are appreciated in the offertory collection or through online giving. Please mark your donation as “School Supply.”

**THANK YOU FROM COMMUNITY KITCHEN!**

Many thanks to our parish members for making our summer extravaganza such a huge success! The meal was delicious especially capped off with ice cream sandwiches to celebrate National Ice Cream Month! We are very grateful to our cash donors. These funds help to defray the cost of the meal. Thank you to our sloppy joe and pasta salad makers. Our desserts and watermelon are always blue ribbons winners! Our guests went out of their way to show appreciation and support. We look forward to being with our wonderful volunteers on our next service date on **October 25** when we will enjoy our annual fried chicken dinner! Until then, enjoy the rest of the summer season. May God continue to bless our work!

**Christmas Bazaar Planning:** Planning for the annual Christmas Bazaar is in full swing! Mark your calendars for the bazaar to be held on **November 9th & 10th.** The Committee invites you to help in the following ways: We are soliciting donations from individuals, groups, and businesses for our theme basket raffle. If you would like to donate a theme basket or items for a theme basket (including gift cards), please contact us! Anyone interested in vendor space at the bazaar can contact iccchristmasbazaar@gmail.com. The Book Nook will be collecting used books starting in September. Additional information about when and where to drop off donations will be in the bulletin starting in September. **Anyone interested in joining the Christmas Bazaar planning committee** is warmly invited to join us at our next meeting scheduled for **August 20th at 6pm** in the Parish Center. Points of Contact for the Christmas Bazaar are Lisa Kaminski, 410-392-9558, kaminski-uch@comcast.net; Jackie Gedz, 410-392-0396, Jackie.gedz@Verizon.net; or Terry Gustafson, 443-553-2324, teresa.gustafson@verizon.net



**Sunday, August 11**

8:20 AM - Confessions - SJ

10:00 AM - Ice Cream ‘Sunday’ - SJ

1:30 PM - Baptisms - IC

6:00 PM - HS Gathering - PC

Monday, August 12

9:00 AM - Novena - CH

8:00 PM - AA Mtg

Tuesday, August 13

9:00 AM - Holy Hour - CH

6:30 PM - Knights of Columbus - PC

7:30 PM - Contemporary Rehearsal - IC

Wednesday, August 14

9:00 AM - Rosary Crusade / Novena-CH

9:30 AM - Cantor Rehearsal - IC

1:00 PM - Leisure Club - PC

6:30 PM - CYO Soccer - grounds

Thursday, August 15

9:00 AM - Rosary Crusade - CH

6:30 PM - Cantor Rehearsal - IC

6:30 PM - Boy Scout Mtg - PC

6:30 PM - Cantor Rehearsal - IC

7:00 PM - Parish Choir Rehearsal - IC

Friday, August 16

9:00 AM - Rosary Crusade - CH

5:00 PM - Viola Recital - IC

6:30 PM - CYO soccer - grounds

7:00 PM - NA Mtg - Caf

**Saturday, August 17**

9:00 AM - Rosary Crusade - CH

4:15 PM - Confessions - IC

7:00 PM - NA Mtg - Caf



**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

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

**Help the LAOH feed the hungry!**

The Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians is holding their annual Fall fundraiser after the 5:00pm Mass on **August 3rd** and after all Masses the weekend of **August 31st-September 1st** The LAOH is seeking your $5 donation to help support Immaculate Conception Outreach and Good Shepherd’s St. Vincent de Paul Society. In return, you will receive a Boscov’s 25% discount shopping pass to be used on **October 16th** for “Friends Helping Friends” Day shopping pass at all Boscov locations. In addition, you are eligible to register to win fabulous prizes, including shopping sprees and more! You can also purchase a shopping pass in the Parish Office during business hours. Thank you in advance for helping us help others.

***Calling All Runners, Walkers & Sleepers!***

The Little Sisters of the Poor again invite you to enjoy one of the biggest and best 5k events in our area! Run or walk the 13th Annual Knights of Columbus Nun Run 5K, presented by DiSabatino Construction and Saul Ewing.

**When:** 9:00 am start, Saturday, September 14 (registration opens at 8:00 am)

**Where:** 185 Salem Church Road Newark, DE 19713

**Cost:** $25 (until September 13); $30 (on-site registration) Family Discount: $20 each for 3 or more members

**Fundraising Goal:** To raise funds for procurement of a 14-passenger transit bus/coach to accommodate our Residents who need assistance with wheelchair accessibility.

**Visit our website:** [www.nunrun5k.org](http://www.nunrun5k.org) or call our Development office 302 368-5886 for further information.

**Annual Catholic Appeal**

THANK YOU to everyone who made a pledge to the diocesan Annual Catholic Appeal! Giving to the Appeal greatly helps our Parish! We are **so close** to meeting our parish goal! We are only $4,172 away in pledges! If you have not yet participated, please consider doing so today! Thank you for your generosity and support! To learn more, visit [www.cdow.org](http://www.cdow.org). Click “Giving” then “Annual Catholic Appeal.”