***From Father Jim***

**“But love your enemies and do good to them, and lend expecting nothing back; then your reward will be great and you will be children of the Most High, for he himself is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful…Stop judging…stop condemning, forgive and you will be forgiven.”**

If we wished to choose one word to describe the ministry of Pope Francis, it would be ‘mercy.’ His writings reflect this teaching of Jesus in the beatitudes. He proclaimed a holy year of mercy. He constantly is extending the compassionate hand of Jesus to the poor and marginalized.

Luke’s teaching asks us to consider what seems so difficult. Love enemies, give without expecting a return, be concerned for ungrateful and those so distant from the gospel.

When you are driving and someone cuts you off, pray for him. If you are offended by someone’s remark, chalk it up to a bad day and don’t brood over it. Don’t live the expression ‘I don’t get mad, I just get even.’ Spend a moment discerning who might be an ‘enemy’ and seek a way to open the door to friendship, by prayer, a smile, or another sign of peace.

Didn’t Jesus tell us to forgive so we may be forgiven?

**Ash Wednesday is March 6th!**

Please bring in your last year's palms for us to turn into this year's ashes. Palms may be deposited in the baskets at the entrances to our churches.

**VISITING THE ILL:**

 Our Catechism [1506] states: "Christ invites his disciples to follow him by taking up their cross in their turn. By following him they acquire a new outlook on illness and the sick. Jesus associates them with his own life of poverty and service. He makes them share in his ministry of compassion and healing. “We too are called to be his disciples.”

 Currently, there are 3 days [Thursday, Friday and Sunday] which need someone to bring the Eucharist to our patients in Union Hospital. If you are interested in this ministry to the Hospital or to visit a local Nursing home or those who are homebound please contact Deacon Mike at 410-398-0009. Training will be provided. Thank you!



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**St. Jude’s 50th Anniversary:**

Our parish will be celebrating the 50th Anniversary of St. Jude Church in 2019! The committee is collecting pictures and stories to share. There is a box at the entrance to the church where you can leave items you would like to share, or you can drop items off at the parish office (attn: Cheryl Nickle). Please include your contact information on the items you are sharing, so that the items can be returned to you. Thank you! For additional information, or to share ideas for the celebration, please contact Cheryl Nickle at youthministry@iccparish.org.

**ST. PATRICKS DINNER/DANCE!**

Join us Saturday, March 9th for an evening of bag pipes, Irish Dancers and Irish Music. Tickets are on sale NOW. Cost $30.00/person or $50.00/couple. Go online to the Parish website or look inside next week’s bulletin for an insert. Full Irish Dinner, raffles, door prizes, 50/50, cash bar. Reserve your spot soon. This event is always a sellout!

**Readings for next week:**

**8th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**First Reading: Sirach 27:4-7**

This reading explains that quality and truth in conversation is a test for humankind. Only after listening to a person's reasoning can we know the mind of another.

**Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:54-58**

Paul speaks of the mystery of transformation that is victory over death when our mortality puts on immortality. We are encouraged by Paul to be steadfast and immovable, filling our lives with the work of the Lord.

**Gospel: Luke 6:39-45**

Today, Jesus teaches through the use of parables, first encouraging us to be like the teacher, understand that the blind cannot lead the blind. Jesus also reminds us that only the heart's good treasure produces good. In order to remain steadfast, we must heed what Jesus tells us. If we hear God's word, our foundation will be strong, unshaken, steadfast, built upon rock.

**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, **March 3rd.** Contact Dermott Mullan at 410-398-3368.

**Inspirational Quote of the Week:**

“We need silence to be alone with God, to speak to Him, to listen to Him, to ponder His words deep in our hearts. We need to be alone with God in silence to be renewed and transformed.” -- Saint Teresa of Calcutta

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**Environment Committee:**

We need a volunteer to oversee the environment at ICC. This includes caring for the plants, helping to plan and set up for the different seasons, note any need for repairs, and keep inventory of hosts and wine. Please contact Cheryl Nickle at youthministry@iccparish.org if you are interested.

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

The next Baptism Class is **March 18th**, 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.

**Daily Readings:**

***Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time***

**Sunday.................................**1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23;

 1 Cor 15:45-49; Lk 6:27-38

**Monday**............................................Sir 1:1-10; Mk 9:14-29

**Tuesday**............................................Sir 2:1-11; Mk 9:30-37

**Wednesday**....................................Sir 4:11-19; Mk 9:38-40

**Thursday***............................................*Sir 5:1-8; Mk 9:41-50

**Friday**...............................................Sir 6:5-17; Mk 10:1-12

**Saturday**.......................................Sir 17:1-15; Mk 10:13-16

 **Liturgical Ministers Next Week: *March 2nd & 3rd***

***5:00 pm***

**Altar Servers:** Mason H, Grace B •**EM’s:** Julie M • **Lector:** Rachel W • **Ushers:** Eileen P, Pat C, Bill B

***7:00 am***

**Altar Servers:** Jacob B, Sarah B• **EM’s:** Alan S, Gerald M, Sandra H • **Lector:** Chris W • **Ushers:** Charles M, William C

***8:30 am***

**Altar Servers:** Elizabeth R, Jeremy M • **EMs:** Don H, Cecilia G, Peter G •**Lector:** Ron G •**Ushers:** Anthony D Wendel S Anthony M, Steve C

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

**Altar Servers:** Matthew T, Luke T • **EM’s:** Peg O, Tom V, Diane C, Pat D, Carol V • **Lector:** Louis N • **Ushers:** Jule V, Bill D, Kevin O

***10:15 am***

**Altar Servers:** Justin M, Donovan O • **EM’s:** Rita M, Mary K, Gwen D, James D • **Lector:** Ben F •**Ushers:** Bob W, Steve A

***12:00 noon***

**Altar Servers:** Gabriel O, Valerie O • **EMs:** Cynthia J, Kathy C, Grace B • **Lector:** Pat K • **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 stay in church.

**The catechist for Next week, February 24th is:**

Francis Capparuccini

**Immaculate Conception**

**School News**

**Walk-In Wednesdays:**

Walk -In Wednesdays areevery Wednesday from 9:00am–11am. Tours are offered to those who wish to see the school in action!

**Story Time** is Wed, **March 13th** at 10:00am in the PreK Room. Please visit the ICS Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/icschoolmd](http://www.facebook.com/icschoolmd) and mark “Going” if you plan on attending. Space is limited, but all are welcome!

**In the spirit of Giving:** Our 7th and 8th graders are doing a great job heading up Outreach donations!

**Last Week...**

**We concluded** our “Pennies for Patients” collection! The students did a fabulous job collecting funds for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.

**Our 6th graders** got to show off all of their hard work at the Science Fair on **February 21st**at 6:30pm. They came up with some truly amazing projects!

**Our Middle School Students** learned all about Vikings on February 22nd at the Franklin Institute! It was definitely a fun and interesting day for them!

**Coming Up...**

The Maryland Agricultural Education Foundation **Mobile Science Lab** will visit ICS for an entire week of **March 4th-8th!** Hands-on investigations will be completed around particular themes: water quality, wetlands, well contamination, the foods we eat, healthy snacks, and environmentally friendly products. Each lesson will follow the scientific method.

**Faith Formation**

**Religious Education & Sacraments**

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**Religion Classes**

**Reminder: Re-registration has started.**  Registration packets have been sent home. There will be ***NO*** online registration this year.

**First Communion:** Parent/Child Meeting is on Feb. 24th at 4:00pm at ICC

**Outreach Donations**: Please remember to bring in your Outreach Donations!!

**Youth Ministry & Confirmation**

#### whats-your-story

**CONFIRMATION**

Next class will be:

Sunday, March 10th and Wednesday, March 11th

Anyone interested in knitting or crocheting a red confirmation scarf, please contact Cheryl at 410-392-3551.

**YOUTH GROUP**

Youth Group will meet tonight

**YOUTH MINISTRY WISH LIST:**

Sodas

**CONFIRMATION WISH LIST:**

Paper products, sparkling grape juice, sparkling cider and applesauce

**YOUNG ADULTS**

Contact Maddie Reese at memreese1010@gmail.com for updates.

**ADULT EDUCATION**

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

**Mary a Biblical Walk with the Blessed Mother –**Will meet again on Monday, February 25th at 6:30pm and repeats on Tuesday, February 26th at 9:15 am in the parish center. All are welcome.

**RESOURCES FOR THE SEASON:**

Visit the Parish Website at [iccparish.weconnect.com](http://www.iccparish.weconnect.com) and look under Resources to find Resources for Prayer, Scripture, etc.

**SOCIAL CONCERNS**

**Outreach**

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

**Non-Food items currently needed:**

Toothpaste, toothbrushes, soap, and feminine hygiene products.

**Food items needed:** Baked Beans, cereal, soup, and jello

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

**PARISH & FAMILY LIFE**

**Parish Coffee**

Join us for Parish Coffee, **March 3rd** after 9:00 am Mass at St. Jude’s.

Join us for Parish Coffee, **March 10th** after 10:15am Mass at ICC!

**PARISH EVENTS/INFORMATION**

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**Weekly Church Collections: Week of Feb. 17th**

 ICC $7,271

 St. Jude $1,454

Online $1,746

 Total Offertory $10,471

**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 appreciates the efforts of our parishioners to make consistent donations throughout the year - especially when winter weather makes it difficult to attend services! 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
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**PARISH EVENTS/INFORMATION**

**ROTATING SHELTER:**

We would like to thank all of our great volunteers for their help in making the week in January, along with the volunteers from Truth and Life Church, such a wonderful success! It was truly a week of caring and sharing. We are now signing up volunteers for our next week at Five Rivers Church during the week of March 4-11. **A second collection during Mass THIS WEEKEND, March 2nd & 3rd** will be held to support this important mission. Again, thanks to all for your continued support. For more information, please contact Carol and Bill Dale, dales7@comcast.net, 410-287-9548.

**PAPER TOWEL ROLL COLLECTION!** The set design of our spring musical, “Honk!” Jr needs your help! We are collecting paper towel or wrapping paper tubes! Please drop off your empty cardboard rolls at the Parish Center during office hours. Thank you for your help!

**Diocesan History Book**

We have **a limited supply** of two history books, “Rejoicing in the Lord,” and “Family of Faith” published by the Diocese to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the Catholic Diocese of Wilmington. “Rejoicing in the Lord” is a hard-cover, full-color coffee table book that features histories and photographs of all Catholic churches in Delaware and Maryland’s Eastern Shore, plus biographies of all nine Wilmington bishops. “Family of Faith” is a 35-page, color diocesan history done in the comic book or graphic novel style. **“Rejoicing in the Lord” is available for $30 each, and “Family of Faith” is sold for $12.** To purchase one or both books, please contact or visit the parish office **Purchase yours today!!**

**Interested in Catholic Homeschooling?** Our local TORCH group (Traditions of Roman Catholic Homeschoolers) is hosting an information session for those considering educating their children at home and those who would like to be involved in our TORCH group. Parents from Cecil, Harford, and Baltimore Counties are welcome to attend to learn how to get started, where to find help, and what options are available. Meeting will be held in Forest Hill on Saturday, March 16 at 10:00 AM at the home of Chrisie Plate. Feel free to contact her - chrisiep@verizon.net, or parishioner, Rachel Watkins - rmwatkins13@gmail.com for more information.



**Sunday, February 24**

8:20 AM - Confessions - SJ

8:30 AM - Religious Ed

8:30 AM - RCIA Dismissal - CH

1:30 PM - Baptisms - IC

4:00 PM - 1st Communion Mtg - ICS/ICC

6:00 PM - HS Gathering - PC

Monday, February 25

9:30 AM - Novena - CH

6:30 PM - Adult Ed Program: Mary - PC

8:00 PM - AA Mtg - Caf

Tuesday, February 26

9:00 AM - Holy Hour - CH

9:15 AM - Adult Ed Program: Mary - PC

4:00 PM - “Honk” Rehearsal - gym

5:30 PM - Pre-JV Basketball - gym

6:30 PM - Varsity Boys Basketball - gym

7:00 PM - Knights of Columbus Mtg - PC

7:30 PM - Contemporary Rehearsal - IC

Wednesday, February 27

9:00 AM - Rosary Crusade/SJ Novena-CH

9:30 AM - Cantor Reh - IC

1:00 PM - Leisure Club - PC

4:00 PM - “Honk” Rehearsal - gym

6:15 PM - Religious Ed

6:30 PM - JV Boys Basketball - gym

Thursday, February 28

9:00 AM - Rosary Crusade - CH

4:00 PM - “Honk” Rehearsal - gym

6:30 PM - Varsity Girls Basketball - gym

6:30 PM - Boy Scouts - PC

6:30 PM - Cub Scouts - PC

6:30 PM - Cantor Rehearsal - IC

7:00 PM - Parish Choir Rehearsal - IC

7:00 PM - RCIA - PC

Friday, March 1

9:00 AM - Rosary Crusade - CH

5:30 PM - Pre- JV Basketball - gym

7:00 PM - NA Mtg - Caf

**Saturday, March 2**

9:00 AM - Rosary Crusade - CH

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**COMMUNITY EVENTS/INFORMATION**

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**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)**

The Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians, Inc. Cecil County Division 1, an Irish Catholic Action group has meetings on the first Wednesdays of the month at 1:00pm in the ICC Parish Center. Meetings run September through May. We are always looking for new members! If you are an Irish Catholic woman and want to serve your community, and learn more about your Irish heritage come join us! Contact Janice White, President at 410-378-3493

**Mount Aviat’s 9thAnnual 5K and Sister Walk**

Join the Mount Aviat community, including the Oblate Sisters, on Sunday, April 7th at 9:15 a.m. for the 9th Annual 5K and Sister Walk. Don’t miss out on the pre-registration rate available until March 18th: $20/per person or $50/per family. Pre-registration fee includes T-shirts. Trophies will be awarded after the race in the gym. To register, go to [www.MountAviat.org](http://www.MountAviat.org) and download a registration form or contact Janie at janietrumbull@gmail.com. Mass will take place prior to the race at 8:00 a.m. at the school.

**The 10th annual *Pilgrimage; Journey to the Kingdom***

Join us, Saturday, April 13th!! This event led by Bishop Malooly, will bring together hundreds of youth, young adults and families to commemorate Jesus’ entrance into Jerusalem at the beginning of Holy Week. The Pilgrimage cross is carried through the streets of Wilmington. We will pray for the sick, the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated. There will be a time for Eucharistic Adoration, Stations of the Cross, and a closing Mass celebrated by Bishop Malooly and concelebrated by priests from around the Diocese. Palms will be distributed at the Mass. We welcome nationally known singer and songwriter Ben Walther who will provide music throughout the day.

**Come experience Mardi Gras in Delaware** on Tuesday, March 5, 6-9pm at Holy Angels (in Fremont Hall), 82 Possum Park Road, Newark. Family friendly. Free admission. Authentic food and drinks available to purchase at the event. 50/50 raffle drawing that evening. Last year each of our 5 winners won over $3,000! For more information contact 302-731-2219 or Phyllis510@comcast.net. RSVP encouraged but not required. “Laissez le bon temps rouler!”



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