***From Father Jim***

**“The grace of God has appeared, saving all, and training us to reject godless ways and worldly desires and to live temperately, justly and devoutly, and to await the blessed hope, the appearance of the glory of our great God and of our savior Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to deliver us from all lawlessness and to cleanse for himself a people of his own, eager to do what is good.”**

How fortunate for Titus to receive an encouraging letter from St. Paul. As we bring the Christmas season to a close, we too are encouraged to make the instruction our own. Yes, Jesus has come and still lives among us. We are challenged each day to focus on keeping our eyes on Jesus.

If life was difficult for Paul’s friends, how much more challenging it is for us, surrounded by the internet, material and consumer attractions, drawing us in a different direction. How clear are Paul’s words asking us to live temperately, when so many have nothing, to live justly, in a society which wishes to get ahead and put others down, and devoutly, when many look down on people with religious devotion, customs and traditions.

Why not take the virtues Paul recommends and meditate on one each day? May this help us to become eager to do what is good.



**Immaculate Conception School** is having an **Willy Wonka-themed Open House** on the first day of Catholic Schools Week, **Sunday, Jan. 27th, from 9:30 am -12:30 pm.** Concurrently, the school will be having their annual **Waffles & Raffles**, from 8:00am - 12:00pm, and will feature the Mayor’s famous sausage gravy! It’s going to be a lot of fun!! There will be school tours, Wonka Rooms, bubbles, balloons, Oompa Loompa photo station, Wonka activities, Wonka Story Time, and the opportunity to talk to teachers and parents about the Immaculate Conception School experience. Every child that attends the Open House will be given a **FREE raffle ticket.** Please join us!

RSVP - Emily Murphy, emurphy@icschoolweb.org

Questions? Call 410-398-2636



**January 14, 2019**

8:30 am Tony Sniadowski

**January 15, 2019**

8:30am Sebastiano Calvarese

**January 16, 2019**

8:30 am Enrique Sanchez

**January 17, 2019**

8:30 am Mr. Edward

**January 18, 2019**

8:30 am Steve Akins

**January 19, 2019**

8:30 am William Green II

5:00 pm Fred Gottemoller

**January 20, 2019 *2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time***

7:00 am Anthony Jimenez

8:30 am Laura and Earl Koch

9:00 am SJ People of the Parish

10:15 am Shirley Bareham

12:00 pm Shirley Discher



**COMMUNITY KITCHEN :**

**The next Community Kitchen** will be held Friday, **January 25th** at Elkton Presbyterian Church at noon. We are asking for donations of sandwiches (any kind), fruit, and desserts to be delivered to the Presbyterian Church by 11:00am, or the ICC Parish Center by 10:00am. We also need volunteers to help prepare, serve, and clean up afterward. Plan to arrive around 11:00 and be finished clean up around 1:30.

**If you would like to join our merry band** of helpers, please call Joyce Speakman at 610-597-3135, or Kathy Chamberlin at 410-398-7299. Cash donations are always appreciated. Please make checks out to Immaculate Conception Church and write Community Kitchen in the Memo section. Thank you for your generosity!

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

*Mrs Tiffany Bernard*

*Ms. Jacqueline Goetz and Family*

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

*Mr. Jordan Cole*

*Mr. John Ferrick*

*Mrs. Loretta McNabb*

**Readings for next week:**

**2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**First Reading: Isaiah 62:1-5**

Isaiah prophesizes that Jerusalem will again be held in high esteem by God. He states that all nations will witness its glory. He compares a groom's joy toward his bride to the joy that God will feel toward Jerusalem.

**Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:4-11**

Paul discusses the different gifts and talents bestowed upon individuals. He explains we all receive various talents so that everyone can contribute something to society.

**Gospel: John 2:1-11**

Jesus and Mary attended a wedding where Mary informed Jesus that there was no more wine. At first he said it did not concern him, but then he turned several jugs of water into wine. His disciples were also present, and believed in him more strongly after they witnessed the first sign of glory he revealed to them.

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

**Inspirational Quote of the Week:**

“I have always been taught that the secret of happiness is living moment by moment and to thank God for everything that He sends us in His goodness, day after day.” -- Saint Gianna Beretta Molla

**St. Jude’s 50th Anniversary:**

Our parish will be celebrating the 50th Anniversary of St. Jude Church in 2019! The committee will be collecting pictures and stories to share. There will be a box at the entrance to the church where you can leave items you would like to share or you can drop them off at the parish center. Don’t forget to put include your contact information so that the items can be returned to you! Please contact Cheryl Nickle at youthministry@iccparish.org with ideas or for more info about planning this celebration!

**The Order of Blessing an Engaged Couple**

In 2016, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops presented a new *Order of Celebrating Matrimony to* be used. Within this Liturgical Text is The Order of Blessing an Engaged Couple. The blessing may be given either by the parents of the engaged couple, or by a Priest, a Deacon, or another lay person. If any engaged couples would like to receive this blessing, please contact Fr. Jim, Fr. Gerry, or Deacon Mike.

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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:**

***The Baptism of the Lord***

**Sunday**......Is 42:1-4, 6-7; Acts 10:34-38; Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

**Monday**...........................................Heb 1:1-6; Mk 1:14-20

**Tuesday**.........................................Heb 2:5-12; Mk 1:21-28

**Wednesday**..................................Heb 2:14-18; Mk 1:29-39

**Thursday***........................................*Heb 3:7-14; Mk 1:40-45

**Friday**...........................................Heb 4:1-5, 11; Mk 2:1-12

**Saturday**......................................Heb 4:12-16; Mk 2:13-17

 **Liturgical Ministers Next Week: *January 19th & 20th***

***5:00 pm***

**Altar Servers:** A.J. S, Nathan S •**EM’s:** Mary Anne S, Carol K

 • **Lector:** Tina B • **Ushers:** Eileen P, Pat C, Bill B

***7:00 am***

**Altar Servers: \*UNFILLED\*** • **EM’s:** Frank S, **\*UNFILLED\***

• **Lector:** William K • **Ushers:** Charles M, William C

***8:30 am***

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

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

**Altar Servers:** Mitchell H, Alex L • **EM’s:** Chris H, Les F, Dotty F, Peggy O, Tom V • **Lector:** Michele C • **Ushers:** Jule V, Bill D, Kevin O

***10:15 am***

**Altar Servers:** Damian W, Henry W • **EM’s:** David L, Kathy C, Richard L, Gwen D, James D • **Lector:** Rachel W •**Ushers:** Bob W, Steve A

***12:00 noon***

**Altar Servers:** Andrew F, Alex F • **EMs:** Corazon S, Charles C • **Lector:** Roberto O • **Ushers:** Teresa G

**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, January 20th is:**

Justine Quirk

**Immaculate Conception**

**School News**

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

**Story Time** is on Wednesday, **February 6th** at 10:00 A.M. in the PreK Room. 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!

**Coming up...**

**Mark your calendars!** Please plan on joining us for our annual Waffles and Raffles event on **Sunday, January 27th** in the ICS cafeteria from 8am to 12noon. This will kick off our 2019 Catholic Schools week activities. More details will be available as we get closer to the date.

**In the spirit of Giving:** Our 5th and 6th graders are doing a great job heading up Outreach donations!

**Fourth grade will be hosting** Special Persons’ Lunch at 11:15am on **Thursday, January 17th.**

**Catholic School’s Week is coming up starting January 27th - February 2nd!** Catholic School’s Week, sponsored by NCEA is an annual celebration of Catholic Education! This week is a week that is always full of faith and fun for students, families, and community members! This week is a way to celebrate the values that Catholic education provides our students! This year’s theme is, “Catholic Schools: Learn. Serve. Lead. Succeed.”

**Faith Formation**

**Religious Education & Sacraments**

**Religion Classes** Have resumed from Christmas break. We hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!!

**First Communion:** Parent orientation meeting is Monday, **January 28th.**

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

**Youth Ministry & Confirmation**

#### whats-your-story

**CONFIRMATION**

**Sponsor Meeting is today at 5:00pm at ICC**

**Next class will be**: Sun, January 20th & Wed, January 23rd.

***PAST DUE*** – Sponsor Eligibility Form and Saints Name.

**YOUTH GROUP**

Youth Group will meet again tonight, **Sunday, January 6th.**

**YOUTH MINISTRY WISH LIST:**

Bottled water and sodas

**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”** Begins on Monday, January 14th at 6:30pm and repeats on Tuesday, January 15th at 9:15 am in the parish center. Registrations are in the churches, parish center and online.

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



**The Parish outreach is currently in need of:** Pasta (no sauce needed,) Jelly, and toilet paper. Thank you!

**PARISH & FAMILY LIFE**

**Parish Coffee**

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

Join us for Parish Coffee, TODAY, **January 13th** after 10:15am Mass at ICC!

**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 Jan. 6th**

 ICC $11,049.00

 St. Jude--------------------- $1,828.00

Online $3,539.00

 Total Offertory $16,416.00

 Christmas Offering $24,983.00

***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 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!

**PARISH EVENTS/INFORMATION**

**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 never-before-seen photographs of all Catholic churches in Delaware and Maryland’s Eastern Shore, plus biographies of all nine Wilmington bishops, with important ministries and events highlights. “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 Make sure to **purchase yours today!!**

**ROTATING SHELTER:**

Immaculate Conception/St Jude will participate in the rotating Shelter for the homeless again this year. We will be partnering with Five Rivers Church (290 Whitehall Road, Elkton) **March 4-11**.

Many volunteers are needed! For information or to volunteer you can contact Carol and Bill Dale, 410-287-9548, or email dales7@comcast.net.

Our parish has participated in this mission for the past 13 years with overwhelming support. We touch many lives performing this service to the neediest in our community. God bless and thanks to everyone!

**Baby Bottle Campaign.**

**The Cecil County Pregnancy Center** provides support for pregnant mothers and their families. The Center depends entirely on donations. An important source of donations is a campaign in which people take home a Baby Bottle from Church, use it to collect money or checks at home, and then return it to the Church after a few weeks. This year, the Center will provide baby bottles to ICC/SJ parish on the weekend of January 19/20. Please consider taking home one of the bottles on January 19/20 so that the Center can continue its work of building a Culture of Life in Cecil County.



**Sunday, January 13**

8:20 AM - Confessions - SJ

8:30 AM - Religious Ed

8:30 AM - Anointing Catechumens with oil-CH

1:30 PM - Baptisms - IC

5:00 PM - Confirmation Sponsor Mtg - IC

6:00 PM - HS Gathering - PC

Monday, January 14

9:00 AM - Novena - CH

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

8:00 PM - AA Mtg - Caf

Tuesday, January 15

9:00 AM - Holy Hour - CH

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

5:30 PM - Pre-JV Basketball - gym

6:30 PM - Varsity Boys Basketball - gym

7:30 PM - Contemporary Rehearsal - IC

Wednesday, January 16

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

9:30 AM - Cantor Reh - IC

5:00 PM - Parish Council Mtg - PC

6:15 PM - Religious Ed

6:30 PM - JV Boys Basketball - gym

Thursday, January 17

9:00 AM - Rosary Crusade - CH

11:00 AM - 4th Gr Special Person Lunch

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, January 18 -- ICS ½ Day

9:00 AM - Rosary Crusade - CH

5:30 PM - Pre- JV Basketball - gym

7:00 PM - NA – Caf

**Saturday, January 19**

9:00 AM - Rosary Crusade - CH

4:15 PM - Confessions - IC

7:00 PM - NA – 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)**

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 Annual Cream Puff Day**

Mount Aviat’s Cream Puff Day is **February 8!** Delicious, homemade cream puffs —a specialty of the Oblate Sisters — are available for **pre-order only until February 1st**. Pricing is $2.75 each or $33/dozen. Pick up is Friday, February 8th at the MAA gym between the hours of 8:00am - 3:00pm. Delivery is available for large orders in Elkton and Newark. Order forms are available on the MAA website at [www.MountAviat.org](http://www.MountAviat.org). Contact Pat Seigel at 410.398.2206 during school hours with any questions.

***Worldwide Marriage Encounter*** - It has been said that the greatest gift you can give your children is two parents very much in love with each other. Polish up this gift and put a bow on it at a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend! The next Marriage Encounter weekend with be March 1-3, 2019 in Rehoboth Beach, DE. For information, visit our website at [www.me-delmar.org](http://www.me-delmar.org) or to register for the weekend, please call Tony and Linda Massino at 302-220-9833. Don’t Delay! Your marriage deserves this gift!

**SACRED:**

Celebrate our Catholic Faith with a day of spiritual renewal on Saturday, February 23rd at 8:00am-3:00pm. Cost is $45, or $40 if paid by Tues, January 31st online at [www.sacred.salesianum.org](http://www.sacred.salesianum.org). The price includes coffee, a light breakfast, lunch and over 15 courses in adult religious education. Reconciliation is offered at 8am and 3pm. Optional Mass at 4pm. Don’t miss out on a fun filled and informative way to celebrate our Catholic Faith and to enter the season of Lent. This popular day of spiritual renewal through the lens of Salesian Spirituality has had over 150 attendees each year.