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Parish Office Hours  
Tues.-Fri. 9:00am - 4:00pm

## February 14, 2016 First Sunday of Lent

### Sacramental Life & Devotions

#### Mass Times

Saturday Vigil 5:30pm; Sunday 7:30, 9:30, 11:00am  
Monday - Friday 12:10pm

#### Sacrament of Reconciliation

Monday - Friday 11:45am - Noon in Church Confessional  
Saturday 4:00 - 5:00pm downstairs in Reconciliation Room  
Or by appointment

#### Baptism

If you are interested in having your child baptized, please call to schedule an appointment with Deacon Sean Stack at: 907-452-3701.

#### Marriage

Contact the parish office at least six (6) months prior to the wedding date.



#### Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Wednesday 6:00 - 7:00pm  
First Friday 7:30pm - midnight  
First Saturday 12:01am - 7:30am

#### Parish Devotions

Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays: 11:45am ~ *Rosary*  
Wednesdays: 6:00 - 7:00pm ~ *Exposition & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament*

1st Friday: after 12:10 Mass ~ *Prayers to the Sacred Heart of Jesus*  
3rd Friday: after 12:10 Mass ~ *Divine Mercy Chaplet*

Mass Intentions: If you would like to request that a Mass be said for your intention, please call 452-3533, or stop by the office during scheduled business hours. The suggested donation for a Mass intention is \$10.00.

#### WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS!!

If you wish to join our parish family, please fill out the **PARISH CENSUS FORM**, found in the vestibule or on our website, & place the completed form in the offertory basket or drop it by the Parish Office. **If you are an existing parishioner & you move**, please let the office know your new address.



#### FLOWERS



Flower envelopes are available in the vestibule & cry room. **There is availability for flower intentions for April, May, and June. Please help us provide flowers for our church!**

#### Lenten Reconciliation

St. Nicholas Church - Tues., Mar. 1<sup>st</sup>, 7:00pm  
ICC - Thur., Mar. 3<sup>rd</sup>, 7:00pm  
St. Raphael's Church - Wed., Mar. 9<sup>th</sup>, 7:00pm  
SHC - Tues., Mar. 15<sup>th</sup>, 7:00pm




FIRST SUNDAY  
OF LENT



#### Bulletin Deadline:

All articles and ads must be in to the ICC parish office **by 10 am on Thursday**, or they will not run until the following week. E-mail to: [iccfairbanks@gmail.com](mailto:iccfairbanks@gmail.com)


For The Week: Feb 13 - Feb. 21, 2016			Liturgies		Mass Intentions
Saturday	Feb 13	Saturday after Ash Wednesday	Is 58:9b-14	Lk 5:27-32	5:30pm: John & Rose Courtney (repose)
Sunday	Feb 14	First Sunday of Lent	Dt 26:4-10 Rom 10:8-13 Lk 4:1-13		7:30am: Joseph Brosek (repose) 9:30am: George Attla (repose) 11:00am: ICC Family Parish
Monday	Feb 15		Lv 19:1-2, , 11-18	Mt 25:31-46	12:10pm:
Tuesday	Feb 16		Is 55:10-11	Mt 6:7-15	12:10pm: Edward Hoch (healing)
Wednesday	Feb 17	The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order	Jon 3:1-10	Lk 11:29-32	12:10pm: Josepfa Beaudreau (repose)
Thursday	Feb 18		Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25	Mt 7:7-12	12:10pm: Hoch Family (intentions)
Friday	Feb 19		Ez 18:21-28	Mt 5:20-26	12:10pm: Helen Miller (repose)
Saturday	Feb 20		Dt 26:16-19	Lk 9:28b-36	5:30pm: Hank Zawacki (repose)
Sunday	Feb 21	Second Sunday of Lent	Gn 15:5-12, 17-18 Phil 3:17—4:1 Lk 9:28b-36		7:30am: Mary Plutt (repose) 9:30am: ICC Family Parish 11:00am: John Armstrong (repose)



**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS**


Jack & Family; Ken Haman; Michael Christensen; Elizabeth Conn; Katie, Liz, Amber, Mitch, Markay & Julie; Christopher Landry; Diane Sexton; Lew Champlin & Family; Sister Pat; Devin & Bobbi Stockton; Debra & Vander Pearson; Baby Lucy; George & Wanda Bowder & Family; Lisa Hover; Melvin & Linda; Sophie Koebelin; Jim Walsh; John & Cheryle Pfeffer; Pat Welborn; Betty Bremer; Burt & Delores Morris; Mary & Damien Stella; Donna Gavora; Ed Hoch; Mark Stack & Family; Mike & Comperchio Family; Barbara Rich; Little Barb & Larry; Jim Capen & Family & all names & intentions in our Book of Intentions.

Prayer Intentions are being refreshed every 2 months. Please call the office to add & or remove a loved one to the prayer box.




ICC News & Events of Interest

**Black and Indian Mission Collection:** *this* weekend February 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> at all Masses our parish will take up the 131<sup>st</sup> annual National Black and Indian Mission collection. Our support of this collection helps build the Church in African American, Native American, and Alaska Native communities from coast to coast. Schools, parish religious education programs, and diocesan ministries depend on your generosity to help them spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ! You can help meet unmet needs with a generous contribution today. Thank you for your support!

 **Hungering for Opportunity:** This week, CRS Rice Bowl take s us to Laos, where Hongkham is using her love of cooking to provide for her family—and feed an entire school. How do we use our passions and gifts for the betterment of those we meet? Visit [www.crsricebowl.org](http://www.crsricebowl.org) for more.





**Stations Of The Cross** is one of the most popular Lenten devotions. We will gather every Friday at 6pm for a meatless potluck, followed with the Stations of the Cross at 7pm. *The Catholic Homeschoolers is hosting Fri., 19<sup>th</sup>* and invites you to join them for this moving and powerful devotion. Please bring your favorite meatless dish to share.

 **The Rite of Election & Call to Continuing Conversion Today** Sun., Feb. 14<sup>th</sup> at SHC, 4:00pm. A reception will follow please contact SHC at 474-8932 for more info.


**Lenten Opportunity:** Mr. Tom Edwards, associated with Renewal Ministries, will be presenting a Lenten Parish Mission, "ENCOUNTERING THE MERCY OF GOD" at ICC, Fri., Feb. 19<sup>th</sup> through Tues., Feb. 23<sup>rd</sup>. Light snacks and good fellowship will be provided! To show our appreciation a good will collection will be taken after the presentation, a grateful thank you from ICC Parish to Mr. Tom Edwards.

**The ICC Health Ministry** will have available pamphlets from the Fairbanks Memorial Hospital LIFELINE for anyone interested in learning more about what to do in case of a fall at home and how to get help as soon as possible. We will also have a sign-up sheet for anyone interested in attending a presentation given by representatives from LIFELINE about what is available in our Community to assist those living at home. From experience, it is reassuring to know that a loved one or friend has a means of calling for help if needed. Stop by the Nurses' Nook February 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> to learn more.


**Lenten Resources** for adults & children are available in the vestibule. Please take one to help you & your family on your Lenten Journey.




**Faith, Film & Food:** Please join us *next* Fri., Feb. 19<sup>th</sup>. In honor of Pope Francis’ recent decision to canonize Jose Sanchez del Rio, a martyr in the Cristero War in Mexico in the 1920s and 30s, we will present an encore of “For Greater Glory”, starring Andy Garcia, Eva Longoria, and Peter O’Toole. Movie and potluck will begin after Stations of the Cross.

 **ICC’s Parish Office** will be closed on Mon., Feb. 15<sup>th</sup>, in observance of Presidents Day.


**Choir Practice:** Join us on Thursdays at 6pm in the choir loft. We need more voices and instrument players. We are continuing to prepare for Lent and Easter.

 **CD of the Week:** *Three Days that Changed the World:* Fr. Perez brings us alongside Jesus in the final hours of His public ministry as He brings to fulfillment the very purpose His Incarnation, the salvation of all mankind. Fr. Perez’s detailed insights of those last three days offer a moving look into the loving heart of the Messiah and detailed descriptions of his intense emotional and physical sufferings as they really were. With this knowledge, our hearts can only love him more.

**KNIGHTS of COLUMBUS 2016 BISON RAFFLE:** *The K of C annual Bison Hunt Raffle Tickets are on sale now!* Winners are *Guaranteed* a Bison hunt on a private Kodiak island ranch; which includes horseback, 3 days of food and lodging or you may choose \$3,500 in cash instead of the Bison hunt. Drawing to be held Saturday, April 26<sup>th</sup> at the K of C State Convention in Anchorage. You do not need to be present to win, no hunting license required, tickets are transferable and chances are **\$20.00** each. To purchase a ticket please call Frank McGilvary, 452-6929 or call ICC office 453-3533.



**Today is World Marriage Day**  
*Almighty and eternal God*  
*You blessed the union of husband and wife*  
*So that we might reflect the union of Christ with his Church:*  
*Look with kindness on us.*  
*Renew our marriage covenant.*  
*Increase your love in us,*  
*And strengthen our bond of peace so that, (with our children),*  
*We may always rejoice in the gift of your blessing.*  
*We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

 **My friends let us pray to accept the grace to ‘empty our heads.** That’s right, empty our heads. Fast from filling your mind with performance driven ego-self oriented thoughts & plans of what you will do ‘for God’ during this Lenten Journey. Instead begin to purge our souls from the all-consuming fault finding inventory taking & stop the self-defeating recriminating beatings. Start anew on this journey by making a sorrow filled confession, followed by a sincere Act of Contrition & your penance. The priest will help guide you. Ask God for the grace to see yourself as He sees you in this sorry state. You are His most precious creation, you are His son/daughter, you are His & He does Love you, absolutely & unconditionally. Accept the grace to believe this as fact & accept a grace filled faith to Love yourself as He does. Stop to realize that it is actually Divine grace which has led you to the painful suffering of conscience & the reluctance to admit to faults. Why would you resist? If you have been troubled by guilt for a long time, you probably have crowded your soul with negative self-talk & may have become accustomed to sensations of discomfort. Pain in the gut is often the result of unconscious or perhaps deliberate self-loathing. With stubborn folks it seems to be so habitual that they cannot escape the temptation to be so demoralized as to cause self-inflicted punishment for what is crowding & gnawing at their souls. They can come to feel so unworthy, so guilty that they believe lashing out & becoming angry, self-destructive & hopelessness is what they deserve. Being unloved – feeling unlovable is a shame with so much dreadful power. It is no wonder that on so many levels this is a very real root of addiction. How can you be a positive loving person or have an intimate relationship with God or anyone else if you do not experience nurturing Love? At a very tender age, so many are told they are unworthy, they are bad & they are no-good-for nothing. Eventually they come to believe severe abuse is deserved & Love does not exist. Too often, no one speaks to them of Love, there is no mention that God loves them &

certainly no one tells them that they are loved. Some are despondent to the point of bitter contempt. How do you cover the pain, the abandonment & the rejection? 9 times out of 10 a person finds the path of least resistance which is companionship with those like them – because - ‘misery loves company or some live in isolation & despair, cutting ties – trusting no one & believing in nothing except suffering. It takes the grace of God to fill that void in their soul. God needs for us to share our grace with those in need. It’s the God given grace alive in us which is meant to be shared. We who have already accepted the grace necessary must build relationships, friendships & trust by being open, loving & accepting. God will do the rest. There is nothing more beautiful than seeing the mustard seed take root & begin to grow right before your eyes. It starts with our simple smile & our acknowledgement that the forlorn begin to change. They know they are not invisible to you, that they are loved & lovable & eventually they begin hearing that they are not invisible to God Almighty. The Light of God, in us, helps guide the needy come out of the darkness. Who are the needy? So often, all of us who sit in our pews week after week are searching for relief of our suffering souls yet remain invisible. How can we encourage anyone to accept the Love of God, if we remain hidden, stingy & unapproachable? All of this is to say on this 1<sup>st</sup> week of Lent – let us pray to step onto the path with the intention of deepening your personal relationships with God & others - asking for forgiveness & reconciliation. May we desire & ask for the grace to know that each of us is worthy of the Love of God & others. With confidence & steady footing may walk with the Love of God which fills the void in our soul. ‘Look & see the Goodness of the Lord’ within everyone who crosses your path, smile & recognize them as a child of God like yourself, needy & frail without truly knowing the Love of the Father. Let us ask & accept the grace of Divine Mercy of God & to stay in this path with Him - as we pray together in the Garden. Amen.


Michele Vangelas - Religious Education & Youth News - 452-3533 - [icc.alaska.re@gmail.com](mailto:icc.alaska.re@gmail.com)


**This Sunday, February 14<sup>th</sup> is the Rite of Sending** at ICC 11:00 AM Mass and the Rite of Election at Sacred Heart Cathedral 4:00 PM. Let us rejoice and pray for our Catechumens and Candidates as they prepare to receive the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil.


**Our catechumens are:** Xavier Oleson, Joshua Tackett, Isabelle Timmons, Lacy Villa and Martin Warfield  
**Our candidates are:** Michelle Martin, Bruce “Mike” McGhie, Darius Nikolai, Aiden Smith and Madeline Stepovich


**ICC Parish “FORMED”:** Please register at [FORMED.org](http://FORMED.org), the Parish code is: ***J8WDM7***.

Other Catholic News and Events


 **Church History:** A little known battle took place early in the history of Fairbanks, that resulted in the location of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church being located where it is today. Bring a dish for the potluck, a friend for the show and learn the rest of the story! Mon., Feb. 15<sup>th</sup>, 6:30pm at Pioneer Park in the Pioneer Hall building, presentation starts at 7:30pm.


**The Mass of Chrism** will be celebrated on Fri., Mar. 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm. Bishop Chad Zielinski invites you to this most solemn and significant liturgy to be celebrated at Sacred Heart Cathedral in Fairbanks. During this Mass, Bishop Chad will bless the Oil of the Catechumens, the Oil of the Sick and consecrate the Oil of Holy Chrism. 


 **Open House Catholic Schools of Fairbanks:** Will be Fri., Mar. 4<sup>th</sup> 5 - 7 pm, it should be a very fun evening. Guests can choose to participate in one or all events: School tours & information, Knights of Columbus Annual Fish Fry (MP Room), Basketball games, First Friday art show featuring our very own CSF students.

**There is a St. Andrew Dinner** scheduled on Tues., Feb. 16<sup>th</sup> at the Kobuk Center for young men high school age and older who are thinking about vocations to the priesthood or religious life. Call or email Fr Robert for more details at 907-488-2595 or [fr.robert.fath@gmail.com](mailto:fr.robert.fath@gmail.com). 

**EDUCATION + FAITH = THE DIFFERENCE!** **Feast and Faith:** These evenings are designed for young adult Catholics (18-35) and those who want to know more about the Catholic Faith to come together for an evening that includes a meal, fellowship, presentations, and discussion about matters of faith. All those between the ages of 18 and 35 are welcome to attend. Each evening is offered at no cost to the participants! *Our Spring Schedule is: Thur., Feb. 25<sup>th</sup>; Thur., Mar. 31<sup>st</sup>; Thur., Apr. 28<sup>th</sup>; Thur., May 26<sup>th</sup>.* All gatherings are held from 6:30pm—8pm at Miguel’s Banquet Room 1235 Airport Way. For more information please contact Dr. Kelle Lynch-Baldwin at [youthdirector@cbna.org](mailto:youthdirector@cbna.org).

**Stephen Ministry** is starting training for *new* Stephen Ministers. Training begins Tues., Mar. 1<sup>st</sup>, 6 - 8:30pm, and continues, Sat., Mar. 5<sup>th</sup>, 9 am - 12pm. All training is held in the Chancery Dining Room. If you are interested and want to volunteer to offer The Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy to others, please contact Ann Nickerson, 907-374-9553 or [ann@cbna.org](mailto:ann@cbna.org). 

 **Hospice** is offering ongoing Bereavement Opportunities: Grief Recovery Support Group, Suicide Survivor Support Group, Men’s Bereavement Breakfasts, Daytime and Evening Grief Support Groups for Women. To sign up or learn more information, contact David Rumph at 458-3095 or [david.rumphjr@bannerhealth.com](mailto:david.rumphjr@bannerhealth.com).

**Purpose Driven Life:** Sisters and Brothers, come take a journey through Lent with Fr. Gerald Ornowski, MIC. Every Sunday evening for the six Sundays of Lent we will explore the best-selling book *The Purpose Driven Life* to help you discern God’s plan for your spiritual growth. The sessions will include reading, discussion and time for reflection. We will meet 6:30 to 8:00pm at the chancery building beginning the First Sunday of Lent, Feb. 14<sup>th</sup>. Bring your own book if you have one, some copies will be available. More info from Fr. Gerald at 374-9938. 





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Budget	Weekly	Building Fund
\$347,820.00	\$6,688.85	\$1,616.25
<b>Regular Income</b>	<b>Regular Income</b>	<b>Building Fund</b>
To Date	Last Week	Last Week
\$214,053.64	\$4,609.02	\$1,616.25