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

## February 21, 2016 Second 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.



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




SECOND  
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 20 - Feb. 28, 2016			Liturgies		Mass Intentions
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)
Monday	Feb 22	The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle	1 Pt 5:1-4	Mt 16:13-19	12:10pm:
Tuesday	Feb 23	St. Polycarp, Bishop , Martyr	Is 1:10, 16-20	Mt 23:1-12	12:10pm: Joanne Isacc (repose)
Wednesday	Feb 24	Lenten Weekday	Jer 18:18-20	Mt 20:17-28	12:10pm: Hank Zawacki (birthday)
Thursday	Feb 25	Lenten Weekday	Jer 17:5-10	Lk 16:19-31	12:10pm: Sr. Dolorice Schier, FSPA (repose)
Friday	Feb 26	Lenten Weekday	Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a Mt 21:33-43, 45-46		12:10pm: Kenneth van-der-Hagen (repose)
Saturday	Feb 27	Lenten Weekday	Mi 7:14-15, 18-20	Lk 15:1-3, 11-32	5:30pm: Brendan Walsh (repose)
Sunday	Feb 28	Third Sunday of Lent	Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12 Lk 13:1-9		7:30am: ICC Family Parish 9:30am: Christopher Landry (health) 11:00am: Diane Sexton (health)




**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 Koeblin; 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; Debbie Grahek; & 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



**Catholic Relief Services:** *Next* week, our parish will take up the Catholic Relief Services collection. This collection supports six Catholic agencies that touch more than 100 million lives around the world. The funds from this collection help provide food to the hungry, support to displaced refugees, and Christ’s love and respect to all people. Next week, please give generously to the Catholic Relief Services collection and **help Jesus in disguise**.


**Black and Indian Mission Collection:** Thank you to everyone who participated in the 131<sup>st</sup> annual National Black and Indian Mission collection last weekend. Your prayerful support enables people to come to know Jesus Christ in African American, Native American, and Alaska Native communities all over the U.S.A. Spreading the Gospel couldn’t happen without your support!






**Hungering for a Healthy Start:** The next stop on our CRS Rice Bowl journey is the African nation of Rwanda, where we’re reminded to care for the unborn. This week we pray for pregnant mothers, that they may have the medical and nutritional support they need to raise healthy, thriving children. 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 *Lectors and EM’s next Fri., 26<sup>th</sup>* invite you to join them for this moving and powerful devotion. Please bring your favorite meatless dish to share.






**Lenten Opportunity:** Mr. Tom Edwards, associated with Renewal Ministries, will be presenting a Lenten Parish Mission, "ENCOUNTERING THE MERCY OF GOD" at ICC, which started Fri., Feb. 19<sup>th</sup> and continues 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 presentations, a grateful thank you from ICC Parish to Mr. Tom Edwards.


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






**The Young Messiah:** Yes, *The Young Messiah* is coming to town! Thur., Mar. 10<sup>th</sup>, 7PM at the Regal Cinemas. Pre-order and pay for your tickets after all Masses on Sat., Feb. 27<sup>th</sup> and Sun., Feb. 28<sup>th</sup> in the vestibule. All proceeds will be used to help our folks attend the National Conference on Catholic Youth Ministry in December. Trailers can be found at <http://youngmessiahresources.com/>.


**Today 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.






**ICC’s Traditional Seder Meal** that was planned for Sun., Mar. 20th (Palm Sunday) has been canceled. Unfortunately we were unable to find a leader for the meal.


**ICC’s Annual St. Patrick’s Day Potluck** will be Sun., Mar. 13<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00pm in Murphy Hall. Please bring a traditional Irish dish or a conventional dish to share with your friends. We also invite you to bring your favorite Irish music!






**Blood Pressure Weekend:** Next weekend, the Health Ministry Nurses will be taking blood pressures *after all masses*. To get your blood pressure taken, please see the Nurses on Sat., Feb. 27<sup>th</sup>, at the table in the Cry Room & on Sun., Feb. 28<sup>th</sup>, in Murphy Hall in the Nurse’s Nook.

**CD of the Week:** *My Beloved Son: Meditations for Lent:* Bishop Robert Barron offers five sermons on the spiritual discipline we must cultivate in the Lenten season, a discipline centered in Christ. These meditations cover topics such as finding our identity in God, prayer as the key to mission, our thirst for God, how to end our alienation from God, and how to joyfully embrace the way of happiness.





**Grace is not something that God gives; grace is what God is.** God does not love you because you are good; God loves you because God is good. It seems so difficult to get out of our own way & to simply see ourselves through the eyes of God. When we say “God loves us, unconditionally” do we truly understand & believe that that is possible? Do we see ourselves as a loveable child of God? Or do we allow ourselves to be torn down & hear the voice of the Evil One who is trying to take away our joy? If you listen to that voice you will hear that you are no-good, that you are a sinner, that you are weak & worst of all – that God Almighty couldn’t possibly love you with all of your faults. And when you try to see yourself through the eyes of God you may try to hide in the shame of your nakedness – Adam & Eve. However, the Good News is that there is a New Covenant between God & the human race through Jesus’ Life, Death & Resurrection. The Divine Mercy of God is so great – that His only begotten Son would be our Savior. Remembering that Jesus is like us in every way but sin, He went out into the desert for 40 days & 40 nights to contemplate His destiny in prayer. The Evil One was not absent during that time, as a matter of fact, he tempted Jesus every step of the way. We are told in Scripture that he said, “If you are truly the Son of God, turn stone into bread so that You can eat” & “If you are the Son of God, accept all the riches & power which I can give you” & finally, “If You are truly the Son of God, throw Yourself off the cliff so that Your Angels can put out their wings & save You leaste You tear Your skin against the rocks.” These temptations, not unlike ours, were to separate Him from His Father’s love & to spare His Passion to come. Jesus was indeed like us in every way but sin. Much as we would like not to sin – God didn’t see fit to make us Jesus. The Good News however is, we do have the choice to imitate Jesus & to choose the Love of God. We also have a God given conscience (the Holy Spirit), which shows us the path we are on, where it leads & helps us to navigate through the trials & tribulations, temptations & areas of danger along the way. God Almighty knows us – our souls – nothing is hidden, we are naked in spite of the ego dressing we try to cover ourselves with. One of the highest forms of blessed imitations which we could strive to accomplish is that of Jesus’ humility which He modeled during His earthly life. Jesus, (God Almighty), was humble unto death on the Cross – He was obedient to Love – He emptied Himself – for LOVE OF US. God tells us we are worthy of His Love. Fear Not. There is nothing we can think, say or do, which can separate us from His Love for us, His Unconditional Love. True, we can choose to be separated. He still would not Love you less, though He would surely grieve. Re-read the gospel on what Love is – slow to anger, not spiteful, not jealous etc. – that is God’s Love & what you should study & imitate. Here is another; “Yahweh, Yahweh – A God of tenderness & compassion, slow to anger, rich in kindness & abounding in faithfulness.” Exodus 34:6. This reminds me of times of seeing my father as well as my husband wipe the tears of a repentant child. Neither of them could resist the rolling tears of their children. After getting ‘caught’ there was always the look of a disappointed father which would instantly dissolve the child into a heap of sadness & regret. Into his arms the child would run with “I’m sorry Daddy.” Then there would flow the tears while listening to the “Why they shouldn’t have done that” & “Why Daddy is so disappointed.” This was followed by the kiss & making up & promises “Not to do it again.” Slow to anger, rich in kindness abounding in faithfulness – the father’s love trusts the child’s desire to do better & it is enough. This is true for God Almighty. For God, it is enough to have the ‘desire to desire.’ Our prayer for one another & for ourselves is to forgive. The passion of Pope Francis is to again make Merciful Love the foundation, the center & the goal during this Jubilee Year of Mercy. Amen.

**Lenten Questions:**

Q: Why are Sundays excluded from the reckoning of the forty days?


A: Because Sunday is the day on which Christ arose, making it an inappropriate day on which to fast and mourn our sins. On Sunday we must celebrate Christ’s resurrection for our salvation. It is Friday on which we commemorate his death for our sins. The Sundays of the year are days of celebration and the Fridays of the year are days of penance.

Q: Is there a biblical basis for abstaining from meat as a sign of repentance?

A: Yes. The book of Daniel states: “In the third year of Cyrus of Persia... “I, Daniel, mourned for three weeks. I ate no choice food; no meat or wine touched my lips; and I used no lotions at all until the three weeks were over.” (Daniel 10:1-3)-taken from [www.ewtn.com](http://www.ewtn.com).


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

Other Catholic News and Events




**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.



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**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).





**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.





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Budget	Weekly	Black and Indian Missions
\$347,820.00	\$6,688.85	\$1,588.32
<b>Regular Income</b>	<b>Regular Income</b>	<b>Building Fund</b>
To Date	Last Week	Last Week
\$221,390.30	\$7,336.66	\$402.00