

SUNDAY 9/23	MONDAY 9/24	TUESDAY 9/25	WEDNESDAY 9/26	THURSDAY 9/27	FRIDAY 9/28	SATURDAY 9/29
TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 8:30 AM LITURGY 9:45 AM ADULT FORMATION K-5 RELIG. ED. 11:00 AM LITURGY 7:00 PM 6-10 RELIG. ED.	12:00 PM PRAYER FOR PEACE 7:00 PM BIBLE STUDY FINANCE COUNCIL MEETING WOMEN LISTENING TO WOMEN	7:00 PM C.I.C.C.A. R.C.I.A. ROSARY SERVICE	6:30 PM I.C.C.C.W. - OPEN MEETING 7:00 PM JUSTFAITH	8:30 AM LITURGY 9:15 AM SCRIPTURE STUDY 6:30 PM MUSIC PRACTICE 7:00 PM SCRIPTURE FROM SCRATCH	8:30 AM LITURGY	4:00 PM RECONCILIATION 5:30 PM LITURGY

FROM THE DESK OF THE PASTOR —

Where Is The Priest?! — When I knew I was going to be gone last weekend, I was able to find three priests to preside at our weekend eucharists in my absence. Parishioners and visitors who came for the 11:00 A.M. eucharist are aware that one of the priests did not come as planned. So those who were gathered had a unique experience -- a Sunday Celebration in the Absence of a Priest, led by Carol Dufresne, our Pastoral Associate. While this was a unique experience for our Parish, it is an all too common experience for many parishes in the world who have no resident pastor. In such occurrences the Office of Liturgy in Rome prepared the ritual Sunday Celebrations in the Absence of a Priest.

I am thankful to Carol for her prayerful ability and adaptability in responding to this situation, and to all the various liturgical ministers who exercised their roles. I am thankful to the parish members who were accepting, understanding and prayerful.

As an adjunct note, the Bishop has asked every parish to select a few people to be prepared and trained to lead these types of celebrations on any given weekend as need arises.

A Question?? — If our parish census is accurate, we should have about 240 children in our Christian Formation Program here at ICC. Factually we have about 60+ children registered.

***Where are the others?
Who is helping to form their faith?***

ROSARY SERVICE: Please join us for our monthly rosary service on Tuesday, September 25, at 7:00 P.M.

To My ICC Family — Sincere and heartfelt thanks for your prayers. And thanks to those who brought me communion -- for the flowers, cards, visits and calls -- and for the rides to physical therapy. God Bless.

JULIE MANNEN

Creating Our Future — About 60 parish members accepted my invitation -- and actually the invite of Bishop DiLorenzo -- to participate in a comprehensive Diocesan planning process. Last Thursday the outline of the process was explained, and the “brainstorming” began. Be mindful that the Bishop is challenging all parishes to discern how they may creatively share clergy, and physical and financial resources in the years ahead. Shortly I will publish for you these initial brainstorming ideas. These will be brought forth in the next step of the process when parishes from all over Tidewater will come together here at Immaculate Conception on Saturday, October 20th.

Your parish reps in this process are Joe Paulus, Nancy Dixon and myself. In addition, Joan Kennedy serves on the Diocesan Planning Commission and as well works part-time for the Office of Diocesan Planning. If you have any questions or input, please contact one of us. Please add this to your prayer:

Come Holy Spirit, Renew the Face of the Earth and Renew the Face of Your Church!

Msgr. Bob Perkins

PARISH BLOOD DRIVE — Remember to sign up this weekend for the Blood Drive to be held here at ICC next **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, FROM 9:30 A.M. TO 1:30 P.M.** Please consider helping those in need. [Walk-ins are also most welcome.] *Remember that you must have your driver's license or a picture ID with you in order to donate blood.* If you have any questions, please leave a message in the office for Patti Mugler.

PLEASE NOTE: Various mobility items such as wheelchairs, walkers, crutches and electric (rechargeable) mobility chairs, are available for use by parishioners. These items are located in the office at the end of the nursery hallway.

Income Budget: \$637,850

July 1, 2007 - June 30, 2008

September Financial Information

Weekly Income	10%	5%
\$100	\$10.00	\$ 5.00
200	20.00	10.00
300	30.00	15.00
400	40.00	20.00
500	50.00	25.00

	<u>Week of 9/16</u>	<u>Month of Sept.</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Env./checks	\$ 8,113.17	\$ 36,660.67	\$ 134,356.62
Loose	772.77	3,227.18	13,379.14
Other	1,371.26	1,371.26	1,900.50
YTD Interest			2,839.91
Total	\$ 10,257.20	\$ 41,259.11	\$ 152,476.17

Families using Envelopes/Checks in September: 389 out of 610

A *Tithe* is 10% of one's gross income. That 10% is divided: 5% is placed in the Sunday collection for the ministries and operations of the Parish. The *other* 5% is donated to diocesan collections, local appeals for the needy, disaster relief, favorite charities, and Catholic school tuition. Above all, *Tithing* is an act of faith on the part of a believing person.

STEWARDSHIP

THE DISHONEST MANAGER IN TODAY'S PARABLE KNEW HOW TO MANIPULATE MONEY TO HIS OWN ADVANTAGE. BUT THE GOSPEL WARNS THAT NO ONE CAN SERVE BOTH GOD AND MONEY. WHICH DO I SERVE? IS MY STEWARDSHIP SUCH THAT ANYONE CAN TELL?

FAITH FORMATION FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH — Classes begin today! **Elementary Grades [K-5]** will meet at 9:45 A.M. in the worship area; **Upper Grades [6-10]** will meet at 7:00 P.M. in the worship area. All catechists, students and parents are asked to be present.

Enrollments are still being taken for all grades. Contact Manola at the Parish Office during the week [9:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.].

PRESCHOOL FAITH FORMATION CLASSES HAVE BEEN CANCELLED due to a lack of volunteers, as well as the fact that only three families have signed up for the classes which were to have been held during the 8:30 A.M. and 11:00 A.M. liturgies. If you would like to be a Preschool Catechist, please contact Manola at 826-0393 or icc.mjdobbs@verizon.net.

PARISH MINISTRY FAIR — *How are you sharing your time, talent and treasure with your Church family? We need you and the unique gifts that God has placed in you!* An ICC Ministry Fair will be held after all liturgies on October 27 and 28. Representatives of all our parish ministries will be on hand to share their experiences. **What is God calling you to do?**

All ministry chairpersons are invited to join Msgr. Perkins at 7:00 PM. on Thursday, October 4, in the "triple room" for a brief meeting to prepare for the Ministry Fair.

R.C.I.A. — There is still time to "Come and See." Are you wondering whether the Catholic Church is for you? Come and See.... We gather every Tuesday night at 7:00 P.M. in the "triple room."

To the Parish Family of ICC:

I thank God for each and every one of you. We are truly blessed to be members of such a God-loving and Holy Spirit-led community. On Sunday, September 16th, at 11:00 A.M., we saw what the Holy Spirit can and will do **if** we allow ourselves to be open. When our scheduled celebrant was unable to join us, you — the people of God, continued to pray, and together we broke open God's Word and had a wonderful celebration. Your prayers, love and support made Sunday possible. I salute you, and I feel privileged to serve you.

Yours in Christ,
Carol, your Pastoral Associate

SCHEDULES — September 29/30

Nursery

8:30 A.M. Shauna Cannella; Volunteer Needed
11:00 A.M. 2 Volunteers Needed

Lectors

5:30 P.M. Cheryl Carnevale; Jesse White
8:30 A.M. John Dever; Buena Reese
11:00 A.M. Tere Gustafson; Mike Mannen

Lead Eucharistic Ministers

5:30 P.M. Gayle Cowles; Steve Cowles
8:30 A.M. Lori Stefanko; Martha Campbell
11:00 A.M. Linda Carel; Denny Carel

Children's Liturgy

8:30 A.M. Robin Weisbrod; Lyndsay Ealey
11:00 A.M. Allison de Guzman; Stephanie Keatts

Coffee and Doughnuts

8:30 A.M. Charlene & Tom Foughner; Deanna & Walt Johnson

11:00 A.M. Kelly Sibley; Hudgins Family; Restituto Family
Food Pantry — Karene Dryden; Sean & Katherine Gibbons
Morning Ministry — Marie-Claude David (9/24)

Muriel Baisden (9/27)

FIRST RECONCILIATION PREPARATION starts with a parent meeting on October 3, at 7:00 P.M. This meeting is for parents who desire to have their children receive First Eucharist during the Easter season.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sat., 9/22 1 Tm 6:13-16 Lk 8:4-15
 Sun., 9/23 Am 8:4-7 1 Tm 2:1-8 Lk 16:1-13
 Mon., 9/24 Ezr 1:1-6 Lk 8:16-18
 Tues., 9/25 Ezr 6:7-8, 12, 14-20 Lk 8:19-21
 Weds., 9/26 Ezr 9:5-9 Lk 9:1-6
 Thurs., 9/27 Hg 1:1-8 Lk 9:7-9
 Fri., 9/28 Hg 2:1-9 Lk 9:18-22
 Sat., 9/29 Zec 2:5-9, 14-15 Lk 9:43-45
 Sun., 9/30 Am 6:1, 4-7 1 Tm 6:11-16 Lk 16:19-31

MASS INTENTIONS

5:30 P.M. *Marie Bojorquez (+)*
Joyce Curran (+)
 8:30 A.M. *Pedro & Isabel Roy (+)*
Edward & David Bittenbender (+)
 11:00 A.M. *Bud & Rita Hirsch (+)*
Edith & Bernadette Kavota (+)
Jim Fay (+)
 8:30 A.M.
 8:30 A.M.
 5:30 P.M. *Bill Check (+)*
Irma Fowler (+)
 8:30 A.M. *Elizabeth Sanders (+)*
 11:00 A.M. *James Oscar Leake (+)*
Angelina Cavanna

I.C.C.C.W. OPEN MEETING — I.C.C.C.W. will hold a meeting open to all women of the Parish on Wednesday, September 26. There will be refreshments at 6:30 P.M., followed by the meeting at 7:00 P.M. Carol Dufresne will be the speaker. If you have any questions, please leave a message in the office for Pat Yoder.

PARISH FOOD PANTRY — Volunteers are needed to give out food bags. **Time Required:** 2 Hours, between 10:00 A.M. and 12:00 Noon, one day a week; **Duties:** Pack and give out bags from the Parish Food Pantry to people who request them. **Contact:** Manola at the Parish Office (826-0393 or icc.mjdobbs@verizon.net).

MAIL PICK-UP THIS WEEK: Collection Counters, Food Pantry Stockers, Funeral Calling Tree Updates, Lectors, Ministers of Care, Registering New Parishioners and 11:00 A.M. Ushers/Greeters.

The **MINISTRY OF CARE** (hospital visitation) will hold their October workshop on Sunday, October 7, from 9:45 - 10:45 A.M. An invitation to attend this meeting is extended to anyone interested in participating. Please leave a message in the office for Ann Daiber for further information.

FARM FRESH ABC REWARD PROGRAM — St. Mary Star of the Sea School extends their thanks for your continued support of this program and would again appreciate your participation this year. (Last year the school was able to earn enough reward points to receive valuable educational equipment for the classrooms.) Please place your Farm Fresh cash register receipt stubs (bottom portion) in the basket in the “ticket booth.” Also being collected are Campbell’s soup labels and Box Tops. If you have any questions, please leave a message in the office for Kelly Bocwinski.

SINGLE FRIENDS IN CHRIST — A smoke-free, alcohol-free, singles only dance will be held from 7:30 to 11:00 P.M. on Friday, September 28, at the Church of the Ascension Community Center, 4853 Princess Anne Road in Virginia Beach. Admission is \$6.00 for members and \$9.00 for non-members. For more details, call 754-7067 or 474-0775, or check their website, www.sficvbva.com.

Two diocesan immersion retreats to Haiti are being planned for 2007/2008 — Trips are designed for individuals to be immersed into Haiti by giving them the opportunity to learn about its history, culture, economics, politics and religion, and to begin establishing relationships with the people of Haiti. The first trip will be December 1-9, 2007, and the second will be July 12-19, 2008. For an application and more information, please contact Patrice Schwermer (804-622-5129 or pschwermer@richmonddiocese.org).

A JOURNEY TO THE HOLY LAND — 9 Days, April 8-16, 2008 — Visit the places of the Gospel under the direction of Msgr. Mike McCarron and Fr. Bob French. For your free color brochure and registration form, please call Mary Ann Steigelman at 596-5772.