

IC SCHOOL NEWS

FEBRUARY 2019



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Dear Families,

January brought us many interesting weather days. Due to the closures we are slightly behind with some office duties. We appreciate your patience as we work to get out billing, volunteer hour statements, etc.

At this time during the 18-19 calendar year, school has been closed eight days. Our yearly schedule allows for six grace days which are termed “acts of God”. Due to the state of emergency declared by Michigan’s Governor Whitmer we have been granted three additional grace days by our diocese.

Please note that our calendar does not include a mid-winter break during February. This is in contrast to our Three Rivers Public Schools. If your child rides the bus there will not be service on Friday 2/15 and Monday 2/18. Please make alternative arrangements for transporting your children on these days.

Love and the Body of Christ have been the central themes of our Sunday Gospels over the past few weeks. It is very fitting as we enter the secular month that honors love with the celebration of Valentine’s Day. We as Christians know that true love, “agape” love which Christ gives to us, is so much deeper and sacrificial than that which the world gives us. Our homes are the first place that children learn about love. The upcoming observances of National Marriage Week (Feb. 7 – 14) and World Marriage Day (Sunday, Feb. 10) are an opportunity to focus on building a culture of life and love that begins with supporting and promoting marriage and the family. Please use the following link to find resources that can be used in your home, the domestic church. <http://usccb.org/issues-and-action/marriage-and-family/national-marriage-week.cfm>

In Christ’s Peace,

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FAITH

Our highlighted saint for the month is Saint Anna the Prophetess. Her feast day falls on February 3rd.

Saint Anna was widowed at a young age and spent most of her life thereafter in prayer and fasting for the coming of the Messiah in the temple. She was at the temple during Jesus' presentation and greeted the Holy Family after Holy Simeon blessed the Christ child. You can read about St. Anna in the text below taken from Luke 2:34– 38.

³⁴ and Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, "Behold, this child is destined for the fall and rise of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be contradicted³⁵ (and you yourself a sword will pierce)^[k] so that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed."³⁶ *There was also a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years, having lived seven years with her husband after her marriage,³⁷ and then as a widow until she was eighty-four. She never left the temple, but worshiped night and day with fasting and prayer.³⁸ And coming forward at that very time, she gave thanks to God and spoke about the child to all who were awaiting the redemption of Jerusalem.*



St. Anna the prophetess is often depicted two different ways; holding a scroll, showing her status as a true prophetess, and with her hands raised to the heavens in proclamation of the Messiah.

KNOWLEDGE

Parent– Teacher Conferences are coming up on February 19th-

Signups are in the school office window. Please stop in and sign up!

Energize for Lent

Our fourth and final family night of the year will focus on the upcoming season of Lent. Immaculate Conception is sponsoring the diocesan energizer. This event will be open to the entire Diocese in addition to our parish & school. The energizer is a free family event and consists of food and fellowship, praise and worship music, a 25 minute presentation by the students of IC school, a coinciding craft lesson and a closing prayer as we adore our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament.



Please join us and bring your friends and family so we can get energized about our faith together!

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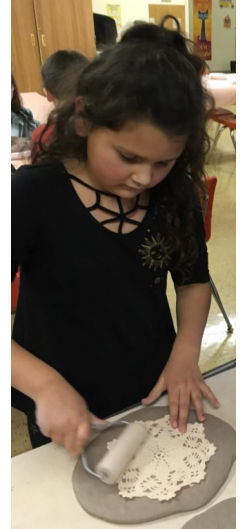
SERVICE



February

We have decided that we will continue to collect board games and gently used toys throughout the month of February to donate to the Keystone Place Homeless Shelter.

Students will be making pinch pots with Mr. Francis Granzotto at 1:30PM on February 20th. These "soup bowls" will be sold at our annual Lenten soup supper on March 15th. All proceeds will go to Catholic Relief Services Operation Rice Bowl.



Pope's Prayer Intention for February

Human Trafficking

For a generous welcome of the victims of human trafficking, of enforced prostitution and of violence.

Important Dates:

FEBRUARY 7 POPCORN THURSDAY

FEBRUARY 11 LATE START; Class begins at 9:55AM

FEBRUARY 14 Trip to Heartland

FEBRUARY 19 Parent-Teacher conferences

FEBRUARY 20 FREE COMMUNITY PLAYGROUP

FEBRUARY 20 Lenten soup bowl making day 1:30PM

FEBRUARY 25 LATE START; Class begins at 9:55AM

FEBRUARY 28 POPCORN THURSDAY

FEBRUARY 28 Energize for Lent 5:30-7:30PM. Dinner Provided.

IC SCHOOL FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS—

Michael Stedman 2/20

Kasen Kovach 2/20

Plinio Carrasquero Socorro & Aubriella Coburn 2/26