

Church of the Incarnation

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Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time * February 8, 2026

We come together as a Christian community to minister the Gospel of Christ

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Welcome!

Please register at the parish office or online by visiting our website at www.incarnation-church.org.

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday - Friday.....7 a.m. and 8:30 a.m.

(No 7 a.m. Mass from Memorial Day through early September)

Saturday.....8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. (Vigil Mass)

Sunday.....7:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m..

Holy Days.....5 p.m. (Vigil Mass)

7 a.m., 8:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. on Holy Day

Eucharistic Adoration.....Wednesdays from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

BAPTISM

Baptisms are held every Sunday and some Saturdays at 1:00 pm. Baptism Preparation Sessions are held on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month via Zoom. Please call the office for an appointment.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Confessions are heard Monday through Saturday following the 8:30 A.M. Mass and on Saturdays from 4:00 P.M. to 4:30 P.M. in church or by appointment.

CARE OF SICK

Arrangements should be made through the parish office for home visits with the Eucharist for the sick and elderly. The office should be contacted for the Sacrament of the Sick.

SACRAMENTAL SPONSORSHIP

Sponsors for Baptism or Confirmation must:

Be a registered member of a Catholic parish

Be at least 16 years of age

Received Sacraments of Initiation:

Baptism, Eucharist, Confirmation

If married, according to the laws of the Catholic Church

Sunday, February 8 *Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time*

Gospel: Matthew 5:13-16

Jesus reminds the disciples and all Christians that they carry special responsibilities to be “the salt of the earth.” They must not hide their light but show their goodness to all.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, February 7

8:30am Jason Lockwood r/b John Fiocco
5:00pm Michael McNasby Sr. and Jr.
r/b Christina McNasby

Sunday, February 8

Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time

7:30am John and Craig Forsman r/b Wife and Mother
9:30am Frank McKenna r/b Ed and Pat Hughes
11:30am Helen and Betty
Joseph Gandini (29th Anniversary) r/b daughter, Grace
Chris Noakes r/b Mom and Dad
John and Theresa Hawley
r/b Robert and Carol LaPalomento
Mary Hess r/b Robert and Carol LaPalomento

Monday, February 9 – St. Scholastica

7:00am Mary Cristaudo r/b Lucy
8:30am Elaine Falci r/b husband, Robert

Tuesday, February 10

7:00am Living & Deceased Members of the Parish
8:30am George C. Flem Jr. r/b Robert and MaryJo Flem

Wednesday, February 11 – Our Lady of Lourdes

7:00am Joseph Muglie, Jr. r/b Family
8:30am Joanne Amadei r/b Joseph Little

Thursday, February 12

7:00am Nancy Petri r/b husband, Mark
8:30am Ann Jennings r/b family

Friday, February 13

7:00am Florence Wesolowski
8:30am Edward Peterson r/b Tom and Trish Peterson

Saturday, February 14 – Sts. Cyril and Methodius

8:30am Kathleen Magnotta r/b husband, Anthony
5:00pm William and Rita Dunbar
r/b daughter Linda, son Bill and family
For the Intentions of Deacon Doug Stetser
Frank P. Villari r/b Cathy Cacciola
Anne Bird r/b Kane and Raia families
James Gordon r/b Sandy and Ed Capell

Sunday, February 15

Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time

7:30am Joseph Schiavo r/b Fran Paley
9:30am John Romeo (18th anniversary) r/b wife, Grace
Mary A. Hess r/b Bill and Ida Zammarelli
Daniel Sepers r/b Dana MacFarland
Tony DiFabio r/b Retkovis Family
Kathleen Voelmle r/b Fran and Joanne West
11:30am Julia Crumsho r/b Marie and Eric Simpson

Readings for the Week

Monday, February 9

1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13; Mk 6:53-56

Tuesday, February 10

1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30; Mk 7:1-13

Wednesday, February 11

1 Kgs 10:1-10; Mk 7:14-23

Thursday, February 12

1 Kgs 11:4-13; Mk 7:24-30

Friday, February 13

1 Kgs 11:29-32, 12:19; Mk 7:31-37

Saturday, February 14

1 Kgs 12:26-32, 13:33-34; Mk 8:1-10

Prayer for Religious Vocations

Priest:

Let us pray for vocations.

All:

O God, we earnestly beseech you to bless the Church with many priests, deacons, seminarians and religious who will love you with their whole strength, be faithful to their vocation and gladly spend their entire lives to teach your truths, serve your Church and make you known and loved.

Priest:

Bless our families, bless our children.

All:

Choose from our homes those who are needed for your work.

Priest:

O Mary, Queen of the clergy,

All:

Pray for us. Pray for our priests, deacons, seminarians and religious. Obtain for us many more.

All:

Amen.



God gives us things to share, God
doesn't give us things to hold...

Mother Teresa

Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise You. We bless You. We adore you. We glorify You. We give You thanks for Your great glory. Lord God, heavenly King, O God almighty Father. Lord Jesus Christ, Only-begotten Son. Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father: you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. You take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. You are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For you alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord, You alone, are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Reading 1 – Isaiah 58:7-10

Thus says the LORD: Share your bread with the hungry, shelter the oppressed and the homeless; clothe the naked when you see them, and do not turn your back on your own. Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your wound shall quickly be healed; your vindication shall go before you, and the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard. Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer, you shall cry for help, and he will say: Here I am! If you remove from your midst oppression, false accusation and malicious speech; if you bestow your bread on the hungry and satisfy the afflicted; then light shall rise for you in the darkness, and the gloom shall become for you like midday.

Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 112:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 - The just man is a light in darkness to the upright.

Reading II - 1 Corinthians 2:1-5

When I came to you, brothers and sisters, proclaiming the mystery of God, I did not come with sublimity of words or of wisdom. For I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. I came to you in weakness and fear and much trembling, and my message and my proclamation were not with persuasive words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of Spirit and power, so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God.

Gospel - Matthew 5:1-12a

Jesus said to his disciples: "You are the salt of the earth. But if salt loses its taste, with what can it be seasoned? It is no longer good for anything but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot. You are the light of the world. A city set on a mountain cannot be hidden. Nor do they light a lamp and then put it under a bushel basket; it is set on a lampstand, where it gives light to all in the house. Just so, your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father."

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven: and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and His kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come.

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the Devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan, and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

To everything there is a season and a time for every purpose under heaven.
Ecclesiastes 3:1

“...a time to be born...”

Josephine Cecelia Tsounias
William Robert Henry Watts

“...a time to welcome...”

Berkenstock Family

“a time to be married...”

...a time to be healed...”

Ann Marie Agar, Sam Amaradio, Bernadette Andrews, George & Maureen Austin, Verna Bisconte, Rita Bruno, Carla Carelli, Colleen, Lynn Collins, Krista Collings, Bob Cooper, Jerrolyn Covely, Bob D'Alessio, Robert Deegan, Alberta DiFabio, Lucyna Dinces, Barbara, Stephen & Vincent DiTullio, Michael Donahue, Rich Donofrio, Ellie & Les Edwards, Jack Ewen, Francis Ferry, Anna Forsman, Marylou Furfari, Linda Gerwatoski, Jay Gigante, John Gilmore, Margaret Giordano, Michael Groody, Donovan & John Gura, John & Joseph Hart, Kathy Heisinger, Karol Hennessey, Nat Holland, George Ivan, Jason, Adalynne Johnson, Susan Kane, Karen, Carol Taylor-Kearney, Caroline Keenan, Marilyn Angelotti-Kelly, Fred Krumm, Steffanie Lerch, Richard Marcantonio, Michelle Marhefka, Barbara Marker, Elwood Martz III, Maryellen McAtee, John McDevitt, Dorothy McKeever, Anne McMenamin, Barbara & Ira McManus, Christina McNasby, Jack & Tim McSorley, Hannah McStay, Joan Morlachetta, Katie Mutek, Peter Myers, Frank Nowak, Nicole P., William Pappernek, Lee Peters, Giovanni Poloney, Helen Powell, Rose Quigley, Barbara Ragonese, Janet Rainier, Teri Reed, Joan Reilly, Mary Reilly, George Rein, Angie & Pete Richman, Patti Roberts, Jim Roche, Karen Rucci, Denise Sacco, Marguerite Sadler, Caterina & Santi Saya, Loretta Scardino, Nicholas Simeo, Sr., Linda Sesko, Eda Shannon, Jason Shipman, Frank Smith, Chris Stalker, Nick Stansbury, Melissa Swanson, Janie Talemal, Jason Tallarida, Ernie Tolentino, Evelyne & Tom Tull, Lou Underwood, Rosemarie Villari, William Walsh, Justin Weaver, John Werner, Nancy Taylor-Williams, Dianne Williamson, Richard Wilson, Theresa Woods, Lois Worthington, Lori Wotyka, Lois Wunsch, Maria Wyzykowski, Catherine Zabrodski, Francesco Zarzycki, Jacqueline Zellner, their caregivers, all others in need of our prayers.

“...a time to die...”

Carol Flick

CONTAGIOUS STEWARDSHIP

“Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.”

-Matthew 5:16

The generosity of being a good steward of your gifts has a positive effect on people, and it is contagious! Good works encourages more good works. Generosity is a by-product of a grateful lifestyle. The more we recognize God's gifts, the more we want to share them. Good stewards recognize that God is working through them, and they don't put themselves above the people they have been called to help.

Stewardship Report

January 20 through January 26 - \$17,244.80
January 27 through February 2 - 18,113.55

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS UPDATED

The Parish Offices are open Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Wednesdays from 9:00 a.m to 7:00 p.m and Saturday mornings from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.



NEW BIBLE STUDY BEGINNING

Our next Bible study will be "No Greater Love" starting on Monday, February 23 at 7:00 p.m. and ending Monday, March 30. Filmed on location in the Holy Land, No Greater Love is a biblical pilgrimage that reveals Christ's amazing love for us. Best-selling author Edward Sri guides you through the last hours of Christ's life. You will walk step-by-step with Jesus from the garden of Gethsemane to Mount Calvary. Experience a deeper understanding and appreciation of God's immeasurable and unconditional love for you. Grow closer to Jesus than you ever have before. If you are interested in participating, please contact the Parish Office at 856-468-1314 or email Deacon Phil at pcurran@incarnation-church.org.

K OF C SCHOLARSHIPS

Incarnation Council #6364 is offering high school scholarships and college scholarships. To be considered, the 8th grade student must be a member of Incarnation Parish or St. Margaret's School and plan to attend a Catholic high school. The 12th grade student must be a member of Incarnation Parish and plan to attend a 2- or 4-year accredited college. The scholarship intends to recognize the student that best represents the Knights of Columbus virtue of charity in the form of active ministry and academic accomplishments will also be considered.

An application can be found on the parish website – <https://www.incarnation-church.org/knights-of-columbus>. Paper applications may be picked up at the parish office. Completed applications must be submitted along with a letter of recommendation from a teacher or counselor at student's school, an essay (essay requirements are on the last page of the application) along with a certification from one of your parish priests.

Completed applications are due by February 20. They may be emailed to davezyc@comcast.net or mailed to the address found on the application cover letter.

VALENTINES DAY DINNER DANCE

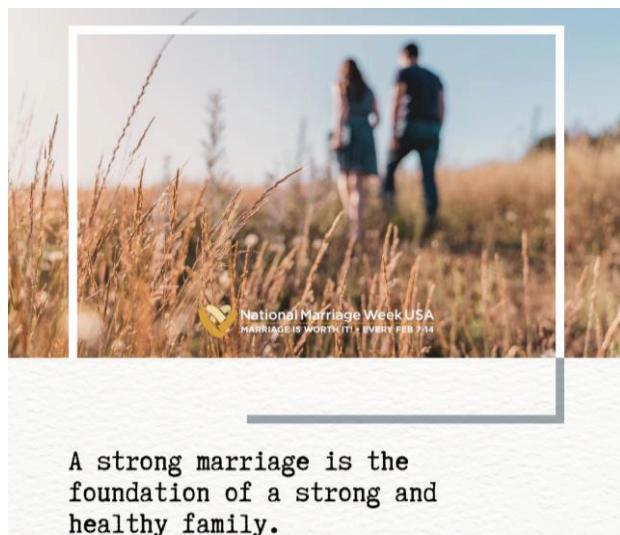
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COR MEN'S FELLOWSHIP THIS WEEK

Men, are you looking for an opportunity to grow your faith while connecting with other men of the parish? Join us every 2nd Tuesday of the month for Cor (Latin for "Heart"), a new video and discussion based fellowship. Our next meeting is this Tuesday, February 10 at 7:30 p.m. in the Kernan Center. For info, call/text Brian at (424) 274-2648 or Bob at (856) 994-3476.

INCARNATION ANGELS

Join other women of the parish on Tuesday, February 10 at 7:00 p.m. in the Kernan Center. We will be discussing our upcoming fundraiser – the Craft and Vendor Event – March 21.



February 7 through February 14
is National Marriage Week.

May all married couples strive daily to faithfully and lovingly live out their marriage vows, bearing witness to the love God has for each of us.

LIVING AS MISSIONARY DISCIPLES

Our Scripture passage for this Sunday comes from the Gospel of Matthew 5:13-16. In this reading, Jesus describes our identity and purpose as disciples. We are to be “Salt of the Earth” and “Light of the World”. In giving us this identity and mission, Jesus is telling us that we are now to carry out the God-given role originally entrusted to the people of Israel through the Prophet Isaiah (Is 2:2-5, 42:6, 49:6).

These two images of light and salt are meant to correct any misunderstanding of religion that considers faith to be only a personal or private experience. Because of our faith, we are called to be people who affect the world around us. Our “saltiness” and our “light” do not originate from within us; these qualities originate from God as gifts given to us. As Christians, we are simply called to live out those gifts so others can experience them. When we keep our faith private, we fail to affect the world around us and in doing so we fail in our identity and mission.

Think about it: How can I be a better witness in order to inspire others?



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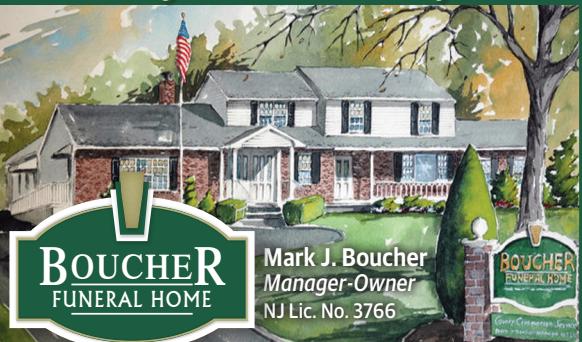
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