IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
Catholic Church

A Stewardship Community served by the Oblates of St. Francis de Sales

A People Not a Place
Learning to Live Jesus

OUR VISION

Our parish is the vibrant expression of the presence of the Risen Christ through sacred worship and loving service.

OUR MISSION

We live Jesus Christ by proclaiming the Gospel, by celebrating the Eucharist, by nourishing our Faith and by loving and serving all God's people.

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Liturgies and Devotions

Weekend - Saturday: 5:00 pm
Sunday: 8:30 & 10:30 am

Weekday - See "This Week at Immaculate Conception" - Page 3

Devotions - Rosary for World Peace/ Novena to Our Lady, Monday - 9:30 am

Rosary, Devotion to the Sacred Heart, First Friday
Fatima Rosary Devotion, First Saturday - 3:30 pm

Eucharistic Adoration -
First Friday, 9:45 am - 11:00 am ***and***
Tuesdays, 9:30 am - 10:30 am

Bulletin Deadline

Bulletin requests must be emailed to the Bulletin Editor: tkruger@iccwilm.org, by 12:00 noon on Wednesdays, ten days in advance of the weekend of publication. All articles should run for three weeks, be written three different ways, and must have name, phone # of contact person and dates requested to be in the bulletin. Articles must be limited to 100-150 words and include the *who, what, why, where and when*. A summary/result article with facts and figures should be submitted within a week of the event's completion.

New Parishioners

If you are new to Wilmington or to Immaculate Conception, we would like to take this opportunity to welcome you. We are an active and vibrant parish and ask, if you have decided to join us, that you will seriously consider giving of your time, talent, and treasure for the Lord's work. Completion of an Interest Card, Parish Registration Form and attendance to a Welcome/Orientation/ Registration Event is part of active membership and provides you with parish mailings. Please find an Interest Card located in the pamphlet rack in the Gathering Area of the church.

Sacramental Life

Infant Baptism: Celebrated monthly. Registered (minimum 3 months) and participating parishioners may schedule infant baptism after completion of a baptism preparation workshop and reception of godparent documents. Contact Gina Drost, Director of Faith Formation, at 910-791-1003, ext 112, preferably prior to the child's arrival. *Children over 7 are not baptized as "infants." Instead they are prepared to receive all 3 sacraments of initiation at a later date.

To Be a Godparent/Sponsor: for Baptism or Confirmation; you must be a registered, participating member for at least 6 months prior to requesting letter.

1st Reconciliation & 1st Eucharist: Second grade is our Sacramental year for First Reconciliation and First Eucharist. First grade faith formation is a pre-requisite for the second grade Sacramental year. We require four meetings for the parents/guardians of youth receiving these Sacraments.

Confirmation: Confirmation in our Diocese is celebrated in the high school years, and is a two year process. Candidates may enroll in Level I as a freshman with immediate preparation and celebration of the sacrament in Level II the sophomore year. Stewardship opportunities and attendance to a Confirmation retreat are mandatory.

Reconciliation: We celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation/confession, normally, Saturdays from 3:30-4:30 pm in the Church's Reconciliation Room. In addition, the sacrament is available by appointment. Please call the Parish Office to speak to the pastor.

RCIA: Adults seeking Initiation into the Full Communion of the Catholic Church are invited to contact Gina Drost, gdrost@iccwilm.org or 791-1003, ext.112

Matrimony: Only parishioners registered at ICC for at least 6 months may request to be married here. The couple must meet with a priest before setting a date and at least 6 months in advance of an anticipated wedding in order to complete the preparation process. All aspects of marriage planning requires the participation and approval of trained personnel. Contact: Claudia Sing, csing@iccwilm.org., 791-1003, ext. 100.

Anointing of the Sick: Anyone who is seriously ill or who is anticipating surgery or an extended hospital stay or who is weakened because of a prolonged illness or advanced age is encouraged to call the Parish Office to receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick.

Funerals: After a funeral director has been contacted but before any arrange-ments have been made public, the funeral director will contact the Parish Office in order to arrange for funeral time and/or vigil service. All aspects of parish funeral liturgy planning requires the participation and approval of trained parish personnel.

Vocations to Priesthood or Religious Life: Religious vocation as a priest, brother or sister, Fr. Michael Newman, OSFS, mnewman@oblates.us or 419-531-1421, x231. Vocation to diocesan priesthood, please visit the Diocese of Raleigh's Vocations website at dioceseofraleighvocations.org.

This Week at Immaculate Conception

There are no Altar Flowers during the summer months.

Sunday, August 28 - 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:30 am Liturgy, Edward Stephen Raliski
10:30 am Liturgy, Living & Deceased Members of Immaculate Conception

Monday, August 29, 2022
9:30 am Rosary/Novena

Tuesday, August 30, 2022
9:30 am Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesday, August 31, 2022
9:00 am Liturgy, Albert Ajus, Michael Habash, & Agly Kassem

Thursday, September 1, 2022
9:00 am Liturgy, Linda McKernan
9:30 am Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Adoration Chapel

Friday, September 2 - First Friday and Adoration
9:00 am Liturgy, Carolyn Shields
9:45-11:00 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Church Offices Close at 1:00 PM for Labor Day

Saturday, September 3, 2022
3:30 pm Reconciliation, Church
5:00 pm Liturgy, Edmond Bondy

Sunday, September 4 - 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:30 am Liturgy, Living & Deceased Members of Immaculate Conception
10:30 am Liturgy, Ned Underhill

Liturgical Color for September 3 & 4 is Green

Sanctuary Candle

A 14-day Sanctuary Candle will burn in memory of **Frank Binni** and was donated by **Gail Binni.**

Stewardship - A Way of Life
Following "God's Plan for Giving"

Stewardship of Treasure Report

August 20 & 21, 2022

Envelopes	152 (Envelopes)	$ 7,899.00
e-Giving	148	$ 17,446.17
Loose Check	26 (Checks)	$ 1,370.00
Identifiable Contributions		$ 26,715.17
Loose Cash		$ 469.00
Total Contributions		$ 27,184.17

Offertory/1st Collection:
Annual Budget: July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023
$982,000.00

Total Collected YTD: July 1– Aug 21, 2022
$ 139,163.69

Stewardship Reflection

"Rather, when you hold a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; blessed indeed will you be because of their inability to repay you."
(Luke 14:13-14)

One of the main principles of living a stewardship lifestyle is to give without expecting anything in return. This is difficult for some to comprehend in our "consumerist" culture that we live in. This is even difficult for many parish communities that have become heavily dependent on parish fundraising events to support the mission and ministry of their local parish. Generally speaking, at a parish fundraiser, you pay money and receive something in return - it's just a financial transaction. This is opposed to our parish offertory at Holy Mass, where you unite you sacrifice with Jesus's, renewing our covenant relationship with Him.

Welcome Events

Welcome/Orientation/Registration Events

New to the area? Want to join ICC? Pick up an Interest Card in the pamphlet rack in the Gathering Area, fill it out and return to the church office, then attend one of the listed Welcome / Orientation / Registration Events. The events are on Saturday mornings, 9:00 am - 10:45 am (refreshments available at 9:00 am).

The Next Welcome Events

September 10, 2022
November 5, 2022 **January 14, 2023**
March 11, 2023 **June 3, 2023**

The Help Center Needs

The Help Center Food Donations

The following items are needed in **September 2022**:

September 4	**Canned meat**
September 11	**Canned beans (NOT string beans)**
September 18	**Dry pasta**
September 24	**Pasta sauce**

Any other packaged or canned food items or toiletries are gratefully accepted. **Thank you so much for your continued generosity.**

Fatima Rosary Devotion

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Please join us in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel on Saturday, September 3, 2022, at 3:30 p.m. for the devotion requested by our Lady of Fatima for the first Saturday of the month:

"I promise to assist at the hour of death with the graces necessary for salvation all those who, in order to make reparation to me, on the First Saturday of five successive months, go to confession, receive Holy Communion, say five decades of the Rosary, and keep me company for a quarter of an hour, meditating on the fifteen mysteries of the Rosary."

We will pray the Holy Rosary led by a member of the ICC Chapter-By-Chapter Book Club. To complete the devotion you should allow time for meditation on the mysteries of the Rosary, attend Reconciliation, and receive Holy Communion.

Born to Eternal Life

Please remember in your prayers the following people:

Chase Turano, grandson of parishioners Barry & Mary Ann Turano. Condolences may be sent to the Turanos at 4901 Merlot Ct, Wilmington, NC 28409-3664.

E-Giving Program

Did you know that...

Immaculate Conception Church offers an electronic option for making regular offerings by debiting automatically from your checking account, savings account, or credit card. Our *e*-Giving program offers convenience for you and much-needed donation consistency for our parish. Contact Michele Bean, mbean@iccwilm.org, or by calling 910-791-1003, ext. 105.

Calendar

Monday
AUGUST 29
The Passion of St. John the Baptist
1 Cor 2:1–5
Mk 6:17–29

Tuesday
AUGUST 30
Weekday
1 Cor 2:10b–16
Lk 4:31–37

Wednesday
AUGUST 31
Weekday
1 Cor 3:1–9
Lk 4:38–44

Thursday
SEPTEMBER 1
Weekday
1 Cor 3:18–23
Lk 5:1–11

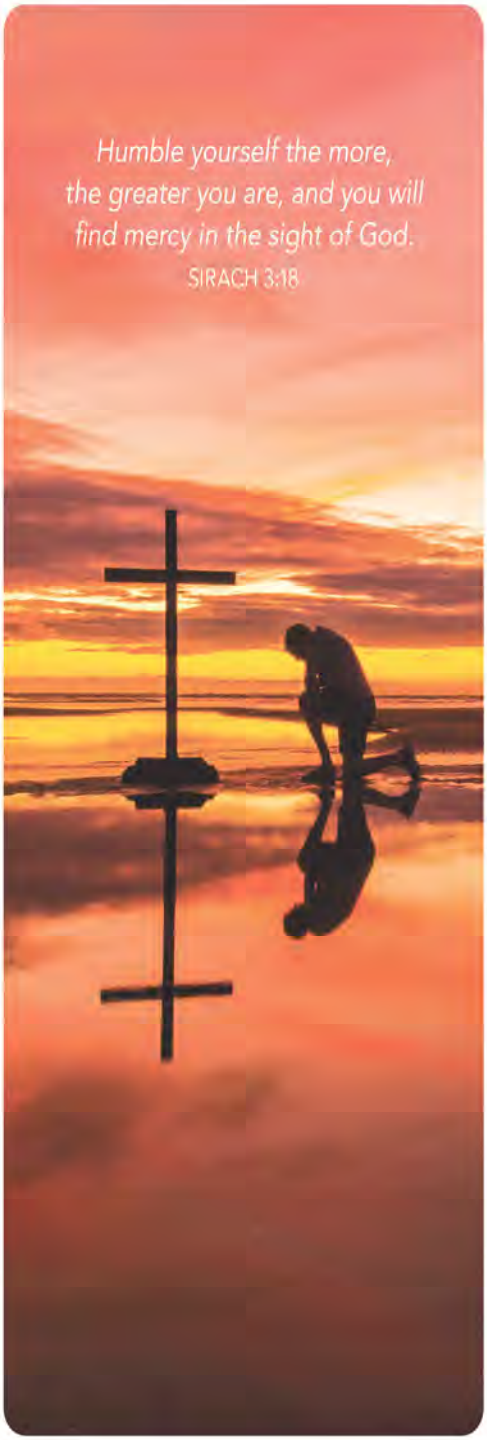
Friday
SEPTEMBER 2
Weekday
1 Cor 4:1–5
Lk 5:33–39

Saturday
SEPTEMBER 3
St. Gregory the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church
1 Cor 4:6b–15
Lk 6:1–5

Sunday
SEPTEMBER 4
Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Wis 9:13–18b
Phlm 9–10, 12–17
Lk 14:25–33

Our Parish COMMUNITY

August 28, 2022
Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)
Sir 3:17–18, 20, 28–29
Heb 12:18–19, 22–24a
Lk 14:1, 7–14



I'm Nobody! Who Are You?

This is the title of one of Emily Dickinson's most beloved poems. Did she really think she was nobody? Probably not. But neither was she eager to get bogged down by the approval of others. She seems to have been satisfied with who she was and how she lived her life.

Unlike Dickinson, many of us live for the approval of others. In fact, we almost glorify celebrities—and not simply for their accomplishments. Their taste becomes our choice in buying clothes; their opinions shape our thinking; their social life becomes our entertainment. This is a strange turnaround, for the only reason they are famous is that we have given them our approval. We made them celebrities.

We all know people who, in the eyes of the broader society, might be considered "nobodies" but who really are the "somebodies." They are like Dickinson. They know who they are and do not pretend to be someone or something else. They do not put on airs; they do not expect to be treated better than others. They simply are who they are. These are the people described in today's readings. They have lived as Sirach counsels: "Humble yourself" (Sirach 3:18). This does not mean humiliate yourself or put yourself down. It means be who you are, the *you* that God made. Don't try to be someone else. The Gospel story shows what might happen if you think you are more than you really are. The proud man was literally put in his place.

So, who are you?

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR *Reflection*

- ***What do you do to gain other's approval? Does that change who you are?***
- ***How often do you describe yourself as better than others? Is it true?***

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Wedding Anniversary Liturgy

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The Wedding Anniversary Mass, typically celebrated each year in October, honors those celebrating wedding anniversaries, with special recognition to couples with 25, 50, or 60 years of marriage The Mass will take place on Saturday, October 15, at 10:00 am at Holy Name of Jesus Cathedral in Raleigh.

Those interested should register to attend the Mass and/or to receive a Commemorative Certificate at https:// raldioc.configio.com/go/wam2022. For questions, please call 984-900-3184.

Catholic Singles Event

NCSC 2022

Single and Catholic? September 16-18, 2022, join hundreds of single Catholics coming from all parts of the US (and beyond!) at the 21st National Conference for Single Catholics at the Westfields Marriott in Chantilly, VA.

The weekend includes talks by dynamic speakers, music, social events, Mass, adoration, opportunities for confession, fellowship, food, and more.

The first 50 attendees (nationwide) to sign up using the promo code **PARISH22** will get $50 off the cost of the event. For more information, or to register, visit www.National CatholicSingles.com , or call 512-766-5798.

Welcome Back!

Andrea Reynolds
Director of Music

I am excited to announce that Andrea is returning to our staff as Immaculate Conception's Director of Music.

Andrea will be working on a part-time basis.

Among her responsibilities are:

- Selecting music for all weekly and special Liturgies
- Ensuring that the Cantor and Accompanist binders are prepared for each Liturgy
- Coordinating rehearsals with musicians for Christmas and Holy Week Liturgies
- Preparing rehearsal schedules for the ICC Adult Choir and Cantors, and conducting rehearsals as indicated
- Accompany weekly Choir Liturgy at 8:30 am on Sunday, and at other Liturgies as available

Please join me in welcoming Andrea back as Immaculate Conception's Director of Music.

In the Spirit of St. Frances de Sales,

Fr. John

PRIEST WELFARE & RETIREMENT SECOND COLLECTION

Diocesan Second Collection

Your Generous Support Is Needed and Appreciated.

Diocesan Bishops provide financial and housing support for retired diocesan and religious order priests in accord with the gospel. Many of our priests retire after 40 or 50 years of active ministry, far exceeding the typical years worked in most professions. Because our priests are paid a modest stipend during their active ministry, their corresponding Social Security benefit upon retirement is extremely small compared to workers with similar years of service.

The Priest Welfare and Retirement Fund provides additional resources for these priests. Our parish is staffed by the Oblates of St. Francis de Sales, who receive a portion of these funds for their retirement.

The cost of this financial support is allocated amongst all parishes of the diocese. Parishes meet this ***required*** commitment through 2nd collections. ***Any remaining balance must be paid from its operating budget.***

Immaculate Conception holds four collections throughout the fiscal year to meet this commitment. The dates for 2022-2023 are: August 28, 2022, Christmas, Easter and Father's Day. The PWR is calculated at 5.8% of the offertory reported for the **prior** fiscal year that runs June 30 - July 1.

Immaculate Conception's commitment for the 2022-2023 fiscal year is **$57,939** (5.8% of the Offertory on June 30, 2022).

Immaculate Conception plans to meet this commitment through the four Priest Welfare and Retirement collections held throughout the fiscal year.

Thank you for your stewardship!

70 † the normal retirement age for priests of the Diocese of Raleigh

53% † portion of the parish contribution that funds the Diocese of Raleigh Clergy Pension Plan.

21% † portion that pays long-term nursing home costs for priests of the Diocese of Raleigh and to pay salary, benefits and living expenses for priests of the Diocese of Raleigh and to provide support for priests who are ill, infirm, or otherwise unable to serve at this time.

12% † portion the Diocese of Raleigh provides to Religious Orders of priests working in the Diocese of Raleigh to assist with their retirement.

5% † portion that funds medical expenses of priests working or retired in the Diocese of Raleigh that are not covered by insurance (after priests have paid $500 deductible).

7% † portion funds health insurance and Medicare premiums for retired priests of the Diocese of Raleigh.

1% † portion that funds the Clergy Care Management Program which provides acute health care intervention and wellness programs for priests of the Diocese of Raleigh.

1% † portion that funds legal, actuarial and other professional services to maintain the Clergy Pension Plan of the Diocese of Raleigh.

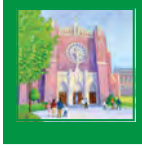
These are the ones who have baptized our children, married our daughters, given the sacraments to our children, forgiven our sins, challenged us to live the Gospel, been at the bedside of the dying in the middle of the night, and are at the altar every Sunday to bring us Jesus. Now is our chance to say Thank You! Please consider a generous gift to the Priest Retirement Fund!

Prayer Matters

Please remember the following people in your prayers:

Susan Alford & Family
AC Everett
Gabrielle Baldwin
Marsha Barnes
Marley Basurto
Alfred Beck
Dee Bogard
Jan Boland
Edith Brady
Barry & Teresa Brighten
Christopher Brooks
Bill & Maureen Brown
Carol Burchill
Nick Burton
John Campbell
Micki Campbell
Joe & Joan Carbone
Joan Carilli
Carmela Carrano
Susan Craig
Joanne Davis
Marion DeCoursey
Grace Deich
Jim Demetres
Leslie Dixon
Arthur Doody
Judy Faulk
John Finn
Eleanor Flannery
Robert Flavin
Barbara Fleming
Corrie Formica
Walt & Mary Gable
Maureen Gillan
Richard Gray
Sandy Greggs
Lorraine Grimsley
Frank Grissler
Dale Guy
Ronald Hardy
Louise Hebert
The Hinko Family
Tom Hoepfner
Russell Jackson
J.J. & Margie Jones
Denise Kassem
Lauren Kelly
Charles Koff
Helen Kramer
Delores Leary
William Logan
Helenita Lukasewicz
Margaret Lupton
Gregg Lysaght
Joanne McAteer
Joan McCall
Barbara McCann
Carol McCann
Denise McGee
Denise McGlynn
Josephine McGovern
Drew McIntyre
Beulah McKee
Joan McKillop
Bernie Maguire
Frankie Marcinkiewicz
Teri Massey
Connie Mercier
Owen James Monroe
Bill Moore
Pat Moran
Kyle Muccia
Ann Noack
Edward O'Neill
Joanne Owens
Roberta & Robert Painter
Debra Paulsen
Donna Piner
Susan Reynolds
Janice Rotundo
John & Beatrice Schultz
Rita & Ralph Seidl
Debbie Selig
Glen Severage
Jeff Stewart
David Stiver
Larry Strauss
Cynthia Streb
Holly Swan
Michael Talaska
Kaye Torrens
Rob Verderosa
Ashton Villers
Richard Wadzinski
Jack Walsh
Jack Ward
Brendan Wear
John Webb
Rose Marie Weisenhorn
Kay Weninger
Margaret Wenz
T. Michael Werner
Richard White
Arlyn Wyatt
Kenneth Wycoff
Pete Zoeller

Names will remain on the list for one month from time of request. Please call the office if you wish to renew.



Liturgy Corner

By Paul Turner

Fr. Paul Turner is pastor of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Kansas City, Missouri, and director of the Office of Divine Worship for the Diocese of Kansas City-St.

Distractions

"DON'T PRAY at Mass. Pray the Mass."

That piece of advice disoriented many Catholics in the 1960s when the Church invited us to take a different role at Mass. Catholics used to go to church carrying prayer books and rosaries so they could say their own prayers while Mass was going on. They were asked to set aside many of the prayers they used to say privately in order to take part in the prayer going on around them publicly. When you visit someone, you do not immediately pick up the phone to visit someone else. Having a conversation is good, but having the wrong one will distract us. While at Mass we don't avoid prayer; we take part in a specific prayer.

Distractions come in many other forms, too. You will find people reading the bulletin, balancing their checkbook, cutting their nails, and adjusting their makeup during the homily, the Scripture readings, or the Eucharistic Prayer. Occasionally a cellular phone rings. Sometimes it belongs to the priest! If he answers it, you know that distractions have gotten way out of hand.

Sometimes we bring our own distractions. You may come to church with the intention of joining in the prayer, but your mind begins to wander to the events of the day ahead, the memory of the day past, the fears you harbor, the loves you enjoy, the appearance of the church or the behavior of worshipers.

Nonetheless, our common goal is to pray the Mass. It is hard, but two activities will help: preparation at home and concentration at church. At home, you can prepare for Mass by reading the Scriptures beforehand and making time for personal prayer. Then when you arrive at church, the skills you honed at private prayer will enhance your communal prayer. During the Mass, concentrate on the texts you say or sing. Think about the meaning of the words. Listen attentively when one of the ministers speaks. Observe the silences with reverence. Distractions will be fewer when our preparation and concentration grow stronger.

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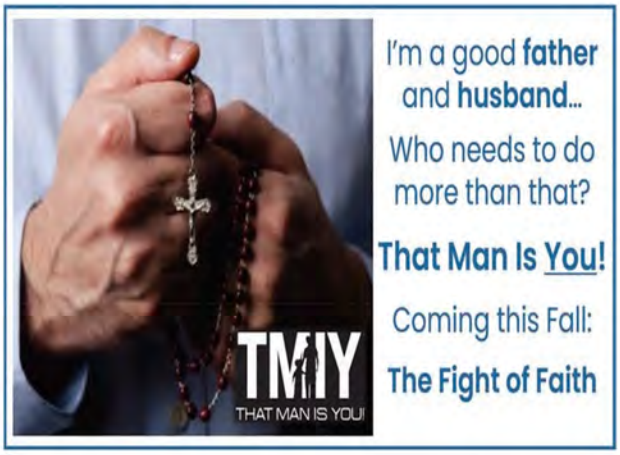
Men's Group at St. Mark

That Man is You!

That Man is You! is an interactive, nationwide men's program focused on the development of men in the modern world. It combines the best research from science with the teachings of the Catholic faith and the wisdom of the saints to develop the vision of authentic men capable of transforming themselves, their families, and greater society. This year's theme is **"The Fight of Faith,"** which will help you embrace our true identity as sons of the Father while experiencing the intimacy and secrets of a deep and personal friendship with Christ. Uncover the ultimate truth that sheds light on all things: God's own identity..

Now in its 5th year in Wilmington, TMIY meets at St. Mark Catholic Church, located at 1011 Eastwood Rd, each Saturday morning, starting on September 10 at 6:00 AM, ***yes you read that correctly!*** Each week will include s fellowship breakfast, an engaging video presentation, and small breakout groups. The early meeting time is established so as to not interfere with family time, and to provide you with a reflective opportunity to supercharge your weekend and the week ahead. **All Wilmington men are invited to attend this free program. No pre-registration is necessary.**

If you have any questions, please contact Ryan DiParisi at TMIY.StMark@gmail.com.



Marriage Encounter

"For every one who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted." Be humble in your marriage. Attend an upcoming **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experiences** on Sep 23-25, 2022, in HERNDON, VA, and Nov 4-6, 2022, in ATLANTIC BEACH, NC. Early sign up is recommended.

For more information visit our website at: https://NCMarriageDiscovery.org or contact us at applications@NCMarriageDiscovery.org or 704-315-2144.

Catholic Scouting Mass of Thanksgiving

Join Bishop Luis Rafael Zarama and the Raleigh Diocese Catholic Committee on Scouting in celebrating our annual Mass of Thanksgiving for Scouting on Saturday, November 5, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. at Holy Name Cathedral in Raleigh . Everyone is invited! After Mass, the Knights of Columbus will be sponsoring lunch and fellowship at the Fallon Center at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish.

Interested? Please RSVP prior to October 15, 2022, at http://bit.ly/3Ot08Es

Project Rachel

Abortion is one of the most common procedures in the US, experienced by millions of women, many of whom are Catholic. Abortion can create a wound in post-abortive women (and men), resulting in spiritual and emotional problems. The Project Rachel ministry assists women and men who have been wounded by abortion to find truth and healing. There is a confidential support group beginning in the Triangle area in late September.

For more information, or to register for the retreat, contact Project Rachel at (919) 852-1021 by email at Project.Rachel@raldioc.org. or go to the website at https://rachelnc.org. Calls and appointments are kept strictly confidential.

REBOOT!

REBOOT! With Chris Stefanick

One of the most dynamic Catholic speakers is coming soon to St. Thomas More in Chapel Hill. On Wednesday, September 28, from 7:00 - 9:00 PM. Don't miss **Reboot!**, the fun, inspiring, and practical experience for all ages (12+) of applying the beauty and genius of the Gospel to every aspect of your life.

God didn't create us to just get by: He created us to live life to the full. Get ready to take your life to a new level - practically and spiritually. Rediscover God and rediscover the life your were made for. Get tickets online (limited seating is available) by going to **https://reallifecatholic.com/events/thomas-more-chapel-hill-reboot-live/** . Tickets are $30-$39, and include all event materials and take-away items.

Spiritual Retreat

Men's Retreat 2022: Practical Holiness

Learn the lessons of St. Frances de Sales on how to grow spiritually even amidst life's many demands. And his words, "Be who you are...and be that well." The retreat will take place on October 7-9, at the beautiful Catholic Conference Center in Hickory, NC. Enjoy the fall colors and the company of other men in a setting ideal for both group discussion and private reflection, with plenty of areas of interest indoors and outside. Along with several thought-provoking talks, there will be opportunities for Mass, Adoration, confession, and spiritual direction.

For more information, or to register, call us at 828-327-7441, email info@catholicconference.org, or visit www.catholicconference.org/mens-retreat .

Retrouvaille Program

Lifeline for Marriage

Retrouvaille helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. It is designed to provide the tools to help get your marriage back on track. It will give you the opportunity to rediscover each other and examine your lives together in a new and positive way. This program has helped 10's of 1,000's of couples experiencing marital difficulty at all levels, including disillusionment and deep misery.

For confidential information, or to apply to attend the program beginning with a weekend of September 9-11, 2022, call 434-793-0242 or email: retrouvaillenc@msn.com or visit the web site at www.helpourmarriage.org .

ALTAR FLOWERS
September to December 2022

Our weekly Altar Flowers depend solely on donations from you, our parishioners. We need your help to ensure that we have flowers at all the weekend liturgies.

Fill out this form with the date (s) you would like to donate the Altar Flowers in memory of a loved one or in celebration of a special event.

The size of the flower arrangement is determined by the number of households that contribute on a given weekend. We accept up to 4 households per weekend. Memorial contributions are $65.00. Make your check payable to **Immaculate Conception Church** with *"Altar Flowers"* written on the memo line.

Place your form and check in an envelope marked *"Flowers - Tracey Krüger"* and put in the collection basket or drop off during office hours, Mon-Fri, 9:00 am to 4:00 pm.

"The flowers appear on the earth, the time of pruning the vines has come, and the song of the turtledove is heard in our land."
Song of Songs 2:12

Choose from the following weekends:

No Flowers during Advent

___August 15, 2022—Assumption of Mary

___September 3 & 4, 2022—Labor Day
___September 10 & 11, 2022
___September 17 & 18, 2022
___September 24 & 25, 2022

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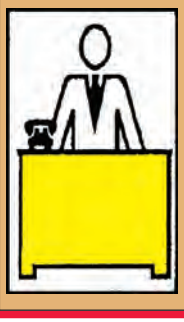
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