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.

6650 Carolina Beach Road, Wilmington, NC 28412

De Sales Faith Formation Center
910-791-9857

Church Office
910-791-1003
Fax: 910-791-0081
www.iccwilm.org

Office Hours
Monday – Friday
9:30am – 4:30pm
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.

**Liturgies and Devotions**

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

**Weekday** - See “This Week at Immaculate Conception” - page 4  

**Devi ons** - Rosary for World Peace, Monday - 9:30 am  
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 pm and Tuesdays, 9:30 am - 10:30 am

**Bulletin Deadline**  
Bulletin requests must be emailed to the Bulletin Editor: elacourse@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/Attendance to a Welcome/Orientation/Card, Parish Registration Form and Lord’s work. Completion of an Interest Card, Parish Registration Form and Lord's work. Completion of an Interest Card, Parish Registration Form and Lord's work. Completion of an Interest Card, Parish Registration Form and Lord's work.

**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 Loraine Fetzer, lfetzer@iccwilm.org or 910-791-1003, ext. 112 preferably before 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 prerequisite for the second grade Sacramental year. We require four meetings for the parents/guardians of youth receiving these Sacraments. Contact: Claudia Sing, csing@iccwilm.org., 791-1003, ext. 110.

**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.

**RCIA:** Adults seeking Initiation into the Full Communion of the Catholic Church are invited to contact Loraine Fetzer, lfetzer@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. 110.

**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 arrangements 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 personnel.

**Vocations to Priesthood or Religious Life:** Religious vocation as a priest, brother or sister, Fr. Michael Newman, OSFS, mmnewman@oblates.us or 419-531-1421, x231. Vocation to diocesan priesthood, Fr. Philip Tighe, fr.philip.tighe@raldioc.org or (919) 832-6279.
This Week at Immaculate Conception

This weekend’s Altar Flowers are Provided by:

All Those Who Donated Money For Easter Flowers

Sunday, September 6 - 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:30 am Liturgy, Janet Nelson
10:30 am Liturgy, John Echols

Monday, September 7, 2020
9:30 am Rosary/Novena in Chapel
See Fr. John & Staff by Appointment Only

Tuesday, September 8, 2020
9:30 am Eucharistic Adoration
See Fr. John & Staff by Appointment Only

Wednesday, September 9, 2020
9:00 am Liturgy, Byron Lusk
10:15 am Staff Development Meeting
See Fr. John & Staff by Appointment Only

Thursday, September 10, 2020
9:00 am Liturgy, John Passantino
9:30 am Chaplet of Divine Mercy
See Fr. John & Staff by Appointment Only

Friday, September 11, 2020
9:00 am Liturgy, Zoe Walters
9:45 am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
See Fr. John & Staff by Appointment Only

Saturday, September 12, 2020
5:00 pm Liturgy, Tom Helmuth
Reconciliation by Appointment Only

Sunday, September 13 - 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:30 am Liturgy, Living & Deceased Members of Immaculate Conception
10:30 am Liturgy, Frank Fisher

Liturgical Color for August 15 & 16 is Green

Stewardship of Treasure Report
Following “God’s Plan for Giving”

Stewardship of Treasure Report
August 29 & 30, 2020

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Offertory/1st Collection:
Annual Budget: July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021
$947,000.00
Total Collected YTD: July 1–August 30, 2020
$142,403.51

E-Giving Program

Reasons to sign up for e-Giving

*No need to write checks or bring cash to church.
*More secure than checks.
*Peace-of-mind knowing that the church is receiving your contribution even if you are unable to attend.
*All contributions are recorded for you on your bank statement with date of settlement.

Immaculate Conception Church offers an electronic option for making regular offerings by debiting automatically from your checking or savings account. Our e-Giving program offers convenience for you and much-needed donation consistency for our parish.

Contact Charlie DaVolio, cdavolio@iccwilm.org., (910) 791-1003, ext. 105.

Sanctuary Candle

A 14-day Sanctuary Candle will burn in memory of Ed Niedzialek, and was donated by Ed and JoAnn Colling.
**The Help Center Needs**

The following items are needed in September:

- **September 6**  Jelly
- **September 13**  Soup
- **September 20**  Cold Cereal
- **September 27**  Dry Pasta

Items may now be brought to church and put in the donation bin in the Gathering Area or you may continue bringing them directly to the Help Center at 3 North Third Street in Carolina Beach.

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**Baptism Preparation Workshops at ICC**

ICC’s Baptism Preparation Workshops are held in the main church sanctuary. All workshops are held on Sunday afternoons from 12:00 pm to 2:00 pm:

**The 2020-2021 Baptismal Preparation Workshops**

- September 27, 2020  November 8, 2020
- January 24, 2021  March 21, 2021
- June 6, 2021

To register for a Baptism Preparation Workshop, please contact Loraine Fetzer, lfetzer@iccwilm.org or 910-791-1003, ext. 112.

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**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 which are held in the De Sales Faith Formation Center (building directly behind the church). The events are on Saturday mornings, 9:00 am - 10:45 am (refreshments available at 9:00 am).

**The Next Welcome Events**

- September 12, 2020  January 16, 2021
- November 14, 2020  June 5, 2021
- March 6, 2021

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**Fall Blood Drive**

Due to the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic, and decisions by New Hanover County and our parish to hold school and Faith Formation classes remotely, the De Sales Faith Formation Center remains closed. Consequently, the ARC annual Fall Blood Drive, tentatively scheduled for **Friday, October 23, 2020**, has been canceled. We hope to be able to hold the blood drive next fall, most likely in October 2021.

**Fall Blood Drive**

To give blood you must be at least 17 years of age, over 110 lbs and in reasonably good health. There is no upper age limit. When you present, Red-Cross staff will take a brief medical history and conduct a mini-exam to determine your eligibility.

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Please contact Tom Jennings at carobeach1@aol.com, 910-619-0762 for further information.

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**Worldwide Marriage Encounter**

“Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me.” For our marriage to be the best it can be, we must follow Jesus. Join us on a **VIRTUAL Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience** weekend on Sept 11-13, 2020, or the weekend of November 6-8, 2020, in Atlantic Beach, NC. Early sign up is recommended. For more information, visit our website at https://NCMarriageDiscover.org, or contact us at applications@NCMarriageDiscovery.or, or at 704-315-2144.
### Calendar

**Monday**  
SEPTEMBER 7  
Weekday  
1 Cor 5:1–8  
Lk 6:6–11

**Tuesday**  
SEPTEMBER 8  
Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
Mt 5:1–4a or  
Rom 8:28–30  
Mt 11:16, 18–23  
or 1:18–23

**Wednesday**  
SEPTEMBER 9  
St. Peter Claver, Priest  
1 Cor 7:25–31  
Lk 6:20–26

**Thursday**  
SEPTEMBER 10  
Weekday  
1 Cor 8:1b–7, 11–13  
Lk 6:27–38

**Friday**  
SEPTEMBER 11  
Weekday  
1 Cor 9:16–19, 22b–27  
Lk 6:39–42

**Saturday**  
SEPTEMBER 12  
Weekday  
1 Cor 10:14–22  
Lk 6:43–49

**Sunday**  
SEPTEMBER 13  
Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Sir 27:30–28:7  
Rom 14:7–9  
Mt 18:21–35

### Our Parish Community

September 6, 2020  
Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)  
Ex 33:7–9  
Rom 13:8–10  
Mt 18:15–20

If...you warn the wicked to turn from their ways, but they do not, then they shall die in their sins, but you shall save your life.  
EZEKIEL 33:9

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### It’s None of My Business

This statement might sound like we are respecting the independence of others. It is none of our business how they live their lives, how they behave in society, how they worship God. We mind our own business; they mind theirs. After all, are we our brother’s or sister’s keepers?

Today’s readings challenge this attitude. Ezekiel is told that he must proclaim God’s will to the Israelites. If he reneges in his calling and someone dies in guilt, Ezekiel will be held responsible for that death. However, if the wicked refuse to hear this message, their death in guilt will be their own doing, for one must freely accept God’s word. In the Gospel, Jesus outlines a way for his disciples to lead sinners back to the community. Both Ezekiel and the disciples have responsibilities to those who are not living faithfully. They both take steps to call them back. In this sense, they act as their brother’s or sister’s keeper. However, they do not meddle in the other’s business. The sinner must freely decide to return. God does not force repentance.

This might be a hard message. Who wants to step up and point out another’s error in leaving the Church? However, if we are really concerned, we will do what we can to bring them back. We might not proclaim like the prophet or the disciples did. But the way we live our lives should show them the true value in being a faithful follower of Jesus.

—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

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**FOR Reflection**

* Is your life an example of the values of your faith?  
* Pray for those whom you love, who have left the practice of the faith.
Knights of Columbus News

K of C Food Drive

Due to the effects of Hurricane Isaias, the shelves of the Help Center of Carolina Beach could use some extra help. Join the Knights of Columbus as they host a supplemental food drive on Saturday, September 12th, from 10 a.m. until noon. This will be a drive-through event, and is to be held in the parking lot of ICC, near the flag pole. Donations of the following, which are in constant need by the Help Center, will be gratefully accepted:

1) Macaroni and cheese
2) Any canned vegetables
3) Any canned pasta
4) Any canned meat

All food donations will be taken directly to the Help Center following the collection.

Labor Day Prayer

A Prayer For Labor Day

Lord on this Labor Day, we thank You for the blessing of work. We ask for strength to complete each day. We ask for rest when we are weary. We ask for Your guidance and hope for everyone seeking employment. We ask that You be with those whose faces we might never see but who work tirelessly each day for the good of all of us. Amen.

“Come to me, all you who labor and are Heavy burdened, and I shall give you rest.”
Matthew 11:28-30

Hearing Devices Available for the Hearing Impaired
Please see an Usher for Assistance

Liturgyc Corner By Paul Turner

The Lord Be with You

When you say, “Good morning!” are you saying this is a good morning? Or that you wish it were a good morning? Or that this morning is good but other mornings aren’t?

When the priest says, “The Lord be with you,” just what does he mean?

This greeting originates in the Old Testament Book of Ruth. Ruth, the great-grandmother of King David, landed her husband Boaz by gleaning conspicuously in his barley fields. Boaz returned to the fields that day and greeted the workers with, “The Lord be with you!” (Ruth 2:4). At the time, it was equivalent to saying “Good morning!” St. Paul used the same greeting (2 Thessalonians 3:16), and our reply at Mass, “And with your spirit,” is also found in his writings (2 Tim 4:22; Philemon 25; Galatians 6:18; Philippians 4:23).

These expressions entered the liturgy in the first centuries of the Church’s life. When we hear, “The Lord be with you,” we’re hearing the greeting of our ancestors in the faith.

Who is “the Lord”? For Boaz, it meant God. But for Christians it means Christ. At his Ascension, Jesus promised he would be “with us” (Matthew 28:20), as he would be whenever two or three gather in his name (Matthew 18:20).

Customarily only priests and deacons greet the assembly in this way. Others should probably just say, “Good morning.” The reason has more to do with the reply, in which the assembly entrusts to the priest the role of leadership. The priest who says, “The Lord be with you,” has no need to say, “Good morning.” He’s just done it.

We hear this greeting, or a variation on it, four times at Mass: at the Introductory Rites, the Gospel, the Eucharistic Prayer, and the Final Blessing. Each time it alerts the assembly that something is about to happen.

Some presiders improvise the saying, “The Lord is with you.” Admittedly, the Latin original, Dominus vobiscum, allows this interpretation, but its meaning is a lot like “Good morning.” It doesn’t mean so much that it is a good morning, but that we hope you have one.

This ancient greeting, a simple dialogue between priest and people, greets, proclaims Christ, establishes roles, and alerts us that great things will follow.
Faith Formation Registration

We are now accepting registration online at www.iccwilm.org for Kindergarten through 12th grade for the 2020-2021 Faith Formation Year. Sessions will begin October 4.

Due to the current pandemic, and in the best interest of our children, youth, their families, and all of our volunteers and catechists, the first half of our Faith Formation year will be conducted remotely. Conditions will be evaluated after Christmas, and a decision will be made as to whether we will resume our sessions in person.

Based on available resources, our sessions will be conducted three ways:
1. Video conference sessions led by a catechist.
2. Combination of video conference and family sessions.
3. Family sessions with parents using provided materials and attending periodic video support sessions to address questions, concerns, and share additional resources.

Grades will be conducting their sessions as follows:
♦ Kindergarten – Family Session
♦ Year 1 (1st) – Combination
♦ Year 2 (2nd) – Family Sessions with in-person Sacramental Workshops
♦ 3rd – Video Conferencing
♦ 4th – Family Sessions*
♦ 5th – Video Conferencing
♦ 6th, 7th, & 8th – Video Conferencing
♦ Level I (9th) – Family Sessions with in-person Parent Meeting
♦ Level II (10th) – Video Conferencing with in-person Sacramental Workshops
♦ Level III (11th & 12th) – Family Sessions*

*Subject to change as we gain Catechists. Registered households will be notified of any changes.

Instructions and information will be mailed in advance of our October 4 start date. An orientation session will be held for households using the provided materials in their Family Sessions.

Please contact our Director of Faith Formation or Youth Minister with any questions regarding this process.

Loraine Fetzer
Director of Faith Formation
K - 5th Grade
910-791-1003 ext. 112
lfetzer@iccwilm.org

Marie Marshall
Youth Minister
6th - 12th Grade
910-791-1003 ext. 110
mmarshall@iccwilm.org
**Prayer Matters**

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**New Cohort for Diaconate Formation**

The Diocesan Office of the Permanent Diaconate is preparing to start the next cohort for the Formation of Permanent Deacons. Practicing Catholic men that are discerning a vocation to the Permanent Diaconate should send an email to Amy.breindel@raldioc.org by Sunday, September 13.

Appointments will be made for those who express an interest to learn more about the Diaconate in the Diocese of Raleigh and have the opportunity to ask questions about the formation process. This is the first step for candidates who are interested in forming the next group of Aspirants to the Diaconate.

**Thank You Note**

Dear Father John,

On behalf of the Oblates of St. Francis de Sales, I thank you for your generous donation of $9,000.00 in response to your parish’s recent Oblate Annual Appeal to assist us in our ministries.

The Annual Appeal at Immaculate Conception is an opportunity for us to tell our story. We Oblates are blessed by your generosity and our ministries are enhanced because of your financial support. We are grateful to you and your fellow parishioners for your ongoing support.

Your gift enables us to continue our work and advance the mission that has brought peace, consolation, and joy to many through the years.

Gratefully in St. Francis de Sales,
V. Rev. Michael S. Murray, OSFS
Assistant Provincial

**Project Rachel**

If you desire healing from a past abortion, you are invited to experience the love of Jesus Christ at the Project Rachel weekend retreat September 25-27, 2020. The weekend retreat is strictly confidential for both women and men and includes discussions, spiritual exercises, the sacrament of reconciliation, a Memorial Service and a Mass of the Resurrection. Participation offers a beautiful opportunity to experience God’s love, forgiveness, and compassion. For more information, or to register for the retreat, contact Project Rachel at project.rachel@raldioc.org, or call 919-852-1021. The cost for the weekend is $200 ($150 for early registration) for lodging, meals, and all retreat materials. If you have a financial burden, some assistance is available.
FREE COVID-19 COMMUNITY TESTING

Are you experiencing any of these symptoms?

- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Cough
- Fever
- Chills
- Repeated shaking with chills
- Sore throat
- Muscle pain
- New loss of taste or smell
- Headache

910-798-6800
Monday-Friday
8am - 5pm

New Hanover County is providing testing to anyone experiencing COVID-19 symptoms. It’s free of charge and you don’t need any insurance. Call 910-798-6800 to speak with a Public Health nurse and be scheduled for a COVID-19 test.

CALL 910-798-6800 FOR SCREENING & SCHEDULING

Put out by the Cape Fear Deanery Catholic Charities

WE NEED ONE ANOTHER, ESPECIALLY NOW

North Carolina seniors and others at high risk of COVID-19 can request help with:

- Food and medical deliveries, including needs for pets
- Wellness checks

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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 - Elaine LaCourse” 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:

- September 12 & 13, 2020
- September 19 & 20, 2020
- September 26 & 27, 2020
- October 3 & 4, 2020 - Respect Life Sunday
- October 10 & 11, 2020
- October 17 & 18, 2020
- October 24 & 25, 2020
- October 31 & Nov. 1, 2020 - All Saints
- November 7 & 8, 2020
- November 14 & 15, 2020
- November 21 & 22, 2020 - Christ the King
- November 26, 2020 - Thanksgiving Day
- December 8, 2020 - Feast of Immaculate Conception

Name: ________________________________
Address: ________________________________
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Phone#: ________________________________
Intention: ________________________________
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Comments: We are reopening all our liturgies this weekend of June 20-21, 2020. Please send only 225 bulletins.

Thank you.