



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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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
 Chaplet of Divine Mercy to end human
 trafficking, Thursday - 9:30 am
 Rosary, Devotion to the Sacred Heart,
 First Friday

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 will run for three weeks, space allowing, 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 prerequisite 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 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 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

The Altar Flowers This Week Were Donated By:

Gina Drost & Lisa Levanti, in honor of **Vito & Anna Salerno** on their 61st wedding anniversary, **Phyllis Miller**, in memory of **Joe Miller**, her husband of 45 years, and his heavenly 82nd birthday on February 15, **Charles Nelson**, in memory of **Geraldine & Russell Nelson**, and **Mark & Betty Simpson**, in memory of **Paulina Kolk Beckham, Dewey Paul Beckham, and Thomas Hunter Beckham.**

Sunday, February 15—6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8:30 am Liturgy, Living & Deceased of Immaculate Conception
- 10:30 am Liturgy, Ellie Liereviere
- 12:00–2:00 Youth Faith Formation, DFFC
- 2:30–3:30 The Athanasius Center, DFFC
World Marriage Weekend

Monday, February 16, 2026

- 9:30 am Rosary/Novena

Tuesday, February 17, 2026

- 9:30 am Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesday, February 18—Ash Wednesday

- 9:00 am Liturgy, Georgette Drake
- 12:00 pm Liturgy of the Word & Distribution of Ashes
- 5:00 pm Liturgy of the Word & Distribution of Ashes

Thursday, February 19, 2026

- 9:00 am Liturgy, Adrianna Rullan
- 9:30 am Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Adoration Chapel

Friday, February 20, 2026

- 11:00 am Funeral Liturgy, Joyce Maguire

Saturday, February 21, 2026

- 3:30 pm Reconciliation, Church
- 5:00 pm Liturgy, Larry & Loretta McManus

Sunday, February 22—1st Sunday of Lent

- 8:30 am Liturgy, Walsh Culkin
- 10:30 am Liturgy, Frank Fisher
- 12:00–2:00 Youth Faith Formation, DFFC
- 2:30–3:30 The Athanasius Center, DFFC

Liturgical Color for February 21 & 22 is Purple

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

February 7 & 8, 2026

Envelopes	199 (Envelopes)	\$10,657.00
e-Giving	98	\$ 4,719.36
Loose Check	23 (Checks)	<u>\$ 1,814.00</u>
Identifiable Contributions		\$17,190.36
Loose Cash		<u>\$ 1,422.00</u>
Total Contributions		\$18,612.36

Offertory/1st Collection:

Annual Budget: July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026

\$1,165,000.00

Total Collected YTD: July 1– Feb 8, 2026

\$ 678,153.68

Sanctuary Candle



A 14-day Sanctuary Candle will burn in memory of **Rose Valentine Smith**, and was donated by **Virginia Nohe**.

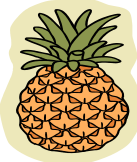
Ash Wednesday Collection

The Church in Central and Eastern Europe

The Collection on Ash Wednesday will be taken up to support the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. This Collection helps restore the Church and build the future in more than 25 countries still struggling to recover from former communist rule and now the war in Ukraine. Funds from this collection support reconstruction, education, formation, and poverty outreach. Please be generous to the collection this Wednesday. More information can be found at www.usccb.org/ccee.

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 8:30 am).

The Next Welcome Events

March 7, 2026

June 6, 2026

The Help Center Needs

The Help Center Food Donations

The following items are needed in **February 2026**:

February 1	Pasta
February 8	One- can meals
February 15	Rice
February 22	Ramen noodles/Cup 'O Noodles



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

Diocesan Second Collection

Black and Indian Missions

Next weekend we will take up the Collection for the Black and Indian Mission. Our support of this collection helps build the Church in African American, Native American, and Alaska Native communities from coast to coast. Schools, parish religious education programs, and diocesan ministries depend on your generosity to help them spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

To learn more about how your gifts make a difference, visit <https://blackandindianmission.org>.

Ways to Give at ICC

Donating at ICC

Donations may be made via check or debit/credit card. Please make checks payable to Immaculate Conception Catholic Church and write the collection on the memo line. For debit/credit cards, scan the QR code on the front cover of the Breaking Bread book, or visit the parish website at www.iccwilm.org. You can also set up regular electronic giving by going to the parish website, or by contacting Business Manager Charlie DaVolio at 910-791-1003, ext. 105 or cdavolio@iccwilm.org.



JOIN US FOR STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Mondays 9:30 am in the Church

**Feb 23 -The Way of the Cross-Kelly
Leader: Joe Mazur**

**March 2- Praying the stations with
Pope Francis Leader: Susan Taylor**

**March 9- The Way of the Cross- Ondrla
Leader: Phyllis Filgate**

**March 16- Mary's Way of the Cross
Leader: Gina Drost**

**March 23 -The Way of the Cross with
St. Francis de Sales Leader: Mike Weir**

Our Parish COMMUNITY

February 15, 2026
Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)
 Sirach 15:15-20 / 1 Corinthians 2:6-10 /
 Matthew 5:17-37 or 5:20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37



“Let your ‘Yes’ mean ‘Yes,’
 and your ‘No’ mean ‘No.’”
 MATTHEW 5:37

Some Walk Away

FR. THOMAS M. SANTA, CSSR

“Let your ‘Yes’ mean ‘Yes,’ and your ‘No’ mean ‘No’” (Matthew 5:37). This teaching of Jesus seems to get lost, perhaps because it comes at the end of a long listing of commandments. Regardless, it seems to get right to the point, almost making the other commandments unnecessary or perhaps clarifying them. Either you are going to be a child of your heavenly Father and live like one, or you are not. If you are a child of God, you would not contemplate any evil behaviors, let alone actually do them.

That is the clarity of the teaching of Jesus. It is authentic. It is compelling. It invites a response. Yet, there are those who were present with him who did not understand. Who missed the point. Who insisted on another way. Who could not discern the simplicity of the truth. To each of these men and women, including some with the religious title of scribe or Pharisee, he observed, “And if the light in you is darkness, how great will the darkness be” (Matthew 6:23). Even sadder is that not only did they miss the point, they also simply walked away.

Do you want to say more than a simple “Yes” or “No”? Do you want to say, “Yes, but... I can’t do it now.” Or “I can’t forgive this particular person.” Or “I can’t welcome this particular stranger.” Or “I can’t love him or her or them.”

Have you also missed the point? Do you also want to walk away? ●



LEARN ABOUT THE AUTHORS OF OUR PARISH COMMUNITY

Reflect

What teachings of Jesus are too hard to consider?

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A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV



The Spirit opens borders, first of all, in our hearts. He is the Gift that opens our lives to love. His presence breaks down our hardness of heart, our narrowness of

mind, our selfishness, the fears that enchain us and the narcissism that makes us think only of ourselves.... Sadly, oddly enough, in a world of burgeoning “social” media, we risk being ever more alone.

HOMILY, ROME, JUNE 8, 2025

Monday

February 16
 Weekday

Jas 1:1-11
 Mk 8:11-13

Tuesday

February 17
 Weekday

Jas 1:12-18
 Mk 8:14-21

Wednesday

February 18
 Ash Wednesday

Jl 2:12-18
 2 Cor 5:20-6:2
 Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday

February 19

Thursday after
 Ash Wednesday
 Dt 30:15-20
 Lk 9:22-25

Friday

February 20

Friday after
 Ash Wednesday
 Is 58:1-9a
 Mt 9:14-15

Saturday

February 21

Saturday after
 Ash Wednesday
 Is 58:9b-14
 Lk 5:27-32

Sunday

February 22

First Sunday
 of Lent
 Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7
 Rom 5:12-19 or
 5:12, 17-19
 Mt 4:1-11

Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to DearPadre.org to send your question and to learn more about *Dear Padre*.

Wilmington Marriage Encounter

GOD CHOSE YOU
FOR ME

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Presents...

COUPLES WHO
PRAY
TOGETHER,
STAY
TOGETHER

Date: Saturday, February 21, 2026

Time: 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Where: St. Mark Catholic Church
1011 Eastwood Rd, Wilmington, NC

Pre-registration necessary - \$125 per couple
Includes light breakfast & lunch

Create a personal prayer for your marriage
and realize God's call to a relationship of
unity and holiness.

**Help your love to blossom and
mature to strengthen your spiritual
commitment!**



APPLY HERE



"It's like watering
your marriage garden
with Miracle Grow."
Karen and Dave



*All are reminded to dress with
reverence and respect as they come
to the liturgy all year long.*

Lent - Fasting & Abstinence

Church Regulations

Ash Wednesday, February 18, 2026, and Good Friday, April 3, 2026, are days of fasting and abstinence. Fridays of Lent are also days of abstinence.

Fasting is to be observed by all 18 years of age and older, who have not yet celebrated their 59th birthday. On a fast day one full meal is allowed. Two other meals sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids, including milk and juices, are allowed.

Abstinence is observed by all 14 years of age and older. On days of abstinence no meat is allowed. Note that when health or ability to work would be seriously affected, Church law does not oblige. When in doubt concerning fast and abstinence, the Parish Priest should be consulted.

Fasting, almsgiving, and prayer are the three traditional disciplines of Lent. The faithful and Catechumens should undertake these practices seriously in a spirit of penance and of preparation for Initiation into the Church or the renewal of Baptismal Promises at Easter.

**2026 COLLEGIATE
SCHOLARSHIP**



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Deanery
and
Knights of Columbus

KofC2017.org/scholarship

The **Cape Fear Deanery Parishes and Knights of Columbus** are excited to offer the **2026 Collegiate Scholarship** for graduating high school students! If you are a **registered parishioner** in the Cape Fear Deanery, this is your chance to earn up to **\$4,000** to support your college journey. Submit your application, including a biography, essay, and high school transcript, by **Thursday, April 30, 2026, at 11:59 PM**. Don't miss this opportunity—visit Kofc2017.org/scholarship or email scholarship@Kofc2017.org to apply today!

Lenten Family Project



Meals in a Bag Lenten Family Project

“Meals in a bag” are simple, budget-friendly meal kits. Each bag contains everything needed for one complete meal for four people, and are shelf-stable items like pasta, canned vegetables, beans, rice, or packaged proteins. These meals are designed to be affordable, easy to assemble, and require minimal cooking skills or equipment.

As part of our Faith Formation Family Lent Event, our families will be assembling meal bags for donation to The Help Center and Catholic Charities. By assembling these bags, we support local food pantries and neighbors in need while gaining a deeper understanding of how communities work together to help one another. We just need our parishioners to help by donating the items we need.

We will be collecting these items over the weekends of
March 14 & 15 and 21 & 22.

If you're able to donate a single item, or an entire meal kit, your support is greatly appreciated! Please remember, these items should be shelf-stable, and can be found at Dollar Tree as well as any grocery store.

Individual Items Needed

Black Beans
Canned Chicken
Canned Diced Ham
Carrots
Chili Seasoning Packet
Cream of Chicken Soup
Cream Style Corn
Diced Potatoes
Diced Tomatoes
Diced Tomatoes & Green Chiles
Evaporated Milk
Garlic & Herb Biscuit Mix
Green Beans
Kidney Beans
Mixed Vegetables
No Bean Chili
Pasta Sauce, 24 oz

Pinto Beans
Small Pasta
Spanish Rice
Tomato Sauce
Whole Kernel Corn

*Want to shop a whole bag?
Here's what you'll need for the
heartiest meals we're
assembling!*

Creamy Chicken & Dumplings

1 Box of Garlic & Herb Biscuit Mix
2 cans of Chicken
1 can of Cream of Chicken Soup
1 can of Evaporated Milk
1 can of Mixed Vegetables
1 can of Diced Potatoes

Homestyle Ham Chowder

2 5 oz. cans Diced Ham
1 can Diced Potatoes
1 can Whole Kernel Corn
1 can Cream Style Corn
1 can Cream of Chicken Soup
1 can Evaporated Milk

Cheesy Chicken and Rice Soup

1 large can of Chicken
1 can Black Beans
1 can Whole Kernel Corn
1 can Diced Tomatoes & Green Chiles
1 package Spanish Rice

**bags and certain additional ingredient items have already been acquired*

The Athanasius Center



Did you know that we have a Catholic ministry that welcomes people of all religious denominations to gather and discuss theological topics impacting personal and global

life? We are *The Athanasius Center*, and we welcome you to join us to share and explore ideas. All men and women, ages 18 and up, are welcome. We meet on Sundays from 2:30—3:30 pm in the DeSales Faith Formation Center, located on the campus of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church.

For more information, please email or text us:

- **Oliver Galbraith:** olivergalbraith@gmail.com or text 910-619-3933
- **Julianna Breit:** julianna.breit@gmail.com or text at 910-338-8802

You can also find us on social media:

- **Instagram Name:** [athanasius_center](#)
- **Whatsapp QR code:**



Besides our Sunday meetings, the Athanasius Center also offers the following activities, which are hosted at the homes of participating members:

- **Book Club: Christianity Through the Centuries - 1st Friday of the Month at 7:00PM**
- **Bible Study: 3rd Friday of the Month at 7:00PM**

Homeworks 2026



Home Works Summer Mission

A group of 20 teens and adults will be traveling to Fayetteville, NC on June 14–19, 2026 to take part in a week long session that offers service projects that are prayerful and spiritual in nature. Home Works' activities focus on providing repairs to homeowners in need, assisting youth in their development, and empowering communities to meet the needs of its members. To learn more about the program, you can visit their website at www.homeworksofamerica.org.

The cost of the trip is a \$200 dollar donation, which will be covered this year through the generosity of the parishioners of ICC. If you are interested in attending, a non-refundable \$50 deposit with completed registration form should be turned into Marie Marshall, Youth Minister, in the Parish Office. You can only secure a spot with your registration and the deposit, and it is first come first serve! If you are unable to make the deposit, please reach out to Marie - no one will be turned away for inability to pay. Registration forms are available on the parish website and through the Youth Ministry Office.

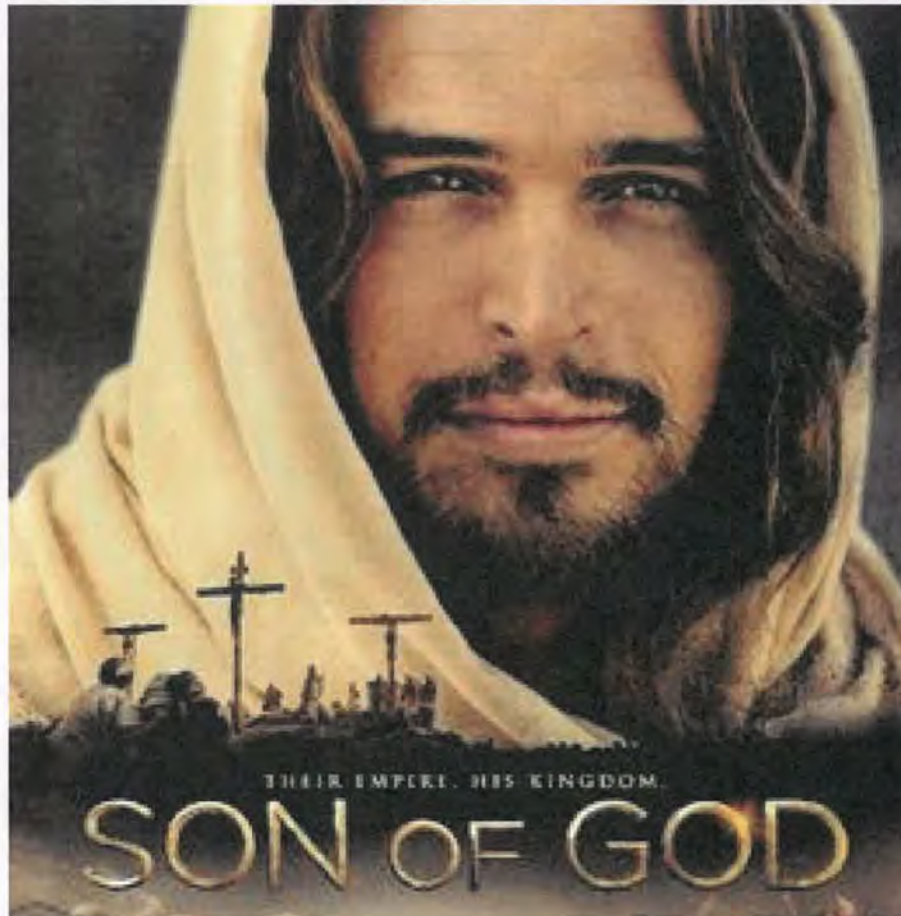
Sponsoring a Youth

Want to help out? The registration fee may be out of the budget for some interested families. If you would like to help sponsor a youth for this trip (partially or fully), or would like to contribute to the overall cost of this mission, please let Marie Marshall know today at mmarshall@iccwilm.org or 910-791-1003x110!



ICC Lenten Retreat

Immaculate Conception Lenten Retreat
Saturday March 14, 2026



All ages welcome.

Doors open at 9am for coffee and light refreshment.

Movie begins at 9:30am. Discussion following

Free admission, however registration is required
online at iccwilm.org or contact Gina Drost, Director
of Faith Formation.

Prayer Matters

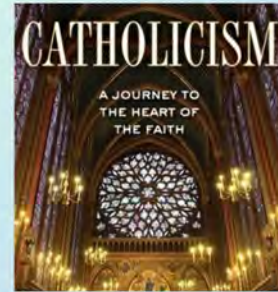
Please remember the following people in your prayers:

Herbert Aiken	John Lyons
Margaret Ager	Julia Macdougall
Kelly Avgerinos	The Maney Family
Denise Barnes	Petar Manolev
Marley Basurto	Frankie Marcinkiewicz
Iliana & Maria Bouneva	Sonia Martin
Lee Bowling	Teri Massey
Barry & Teresa Brighten	CJ Miley
Julie & John Bussi	Diane Miller
Terry Cashen	Chris Moore
The Casiere Family	Irene & Kyle Muccia
John Clavin	Barbara McCann
Christine Coco	Ed McCann
Eva Congleton	Paul McCauley
Joe Craig	Leah McDaniel
Margaret Deaton	Denise McGee
Marion DeCoursey	Maura McGoldrick
Bertha Dennard	Joan McKillop
Leslie Dixon	Loretta McManus
Judith Dreisbach	Maureen McNally
Kathy Driscoll	Vince McNally
Skip & Charlotte Fairall	Anne Obermeyer
Robert Flavin	Edward O'Neill
Jennifer Freeman	Joanne Owens
Cindy G.	John Paulhus
Mary Gable	Debra Paulson
Jim Gallagher	Natalina Pittari
Keira Gibson	Martin Plage, Jr.
Donna Glisson	Christine Ponzio
Brenda Grainger & Family	Lexie Queen
Sandy Greggs	Alice Radewicz
Lisa Plarre Griffith	Susan Reynolds
Maureen Hayes	Ken Rowe
Sandra Hobbs	Tom Russell
Linda Hogan	Patti Schacht
Ruth Hohmann	Jonathan Schoo
Marcia Horvath	Beatrice Schultz
Pam Hulst	Misty Moore Seals
Ann & Don Hutton	Rita & Ralph Seidl
Dan Janusek	Bob Smith
Theresa Jeffers	Fr. Greg Spencer
Dwayne Jessup	Lorraine Stattel
Denise Kassem	Cynthia & Paul Streb
Tom Lakas	Luanne Styron
The Lancaster Family	Christopher Swan
Tracy Langone	Ginny Tascone
Gene Laskowski	Mike Temple
Eileen Lavelle	Marieange Tribie
Riley Liberati	Jack Walsh
Darryl Lindner	John Weisenreider
Margaret Lupton	Diane Wiegand
Dianne Lusk	
Nicholas Lusk	

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

Adult Faith Formation

Catholicism & Community:
MONTHLY LUNCH AND LEARNING



De Sales Faith Formation Center 12-2

January 14	July 8
February 11	August 12
March 18	September 16
April 22	October 14
May 13	November 11
June 17	December 9

Join fellow parishioners as we explore our Catholic faith through the award-winning Catholicism Series by Bishop Robert Barron. Each month we'll watch an episode and enjoy a guided community discussion. Bring your lunch or sign up for a Firehouse Subs Box Lunch.

Register online at ICCWilm.Org or contact Gina Drost Director of Faith Formation for more information

Volunteer with Catholic Charities



Catholic Charities Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Raleigh - Cape Fear Region

Clean Start Mobile Laundry Training

Join us as we serve our neighbors through our mobile laundry trailer. Providing more than clean clothes—we are able to create a welcoming, compassionate space where every guest is treated with dignity.

 March 3, 2026

 2pm-4pm

 5th Flood Conference Room at the Harrelson Center
Once registered will share details for parking!



Contact Layla.Perez@ccharitiesdor.org for questions!

Cape Fear Deanery

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Communal Reconciliation Services



February 17

11:00am St. Brendan the Navigator
Shallotte
910-754-8544

February 19

7:00pm UNC-W
Wilmington
(910) 792-0507

February 24

11:00am Basilica of St. Mary
Wilmington
910-762-5491

7:00pm St. Stanislaus

Castle Hayne
910-675-2336

February 25

7:00pm St. Joseph *Bilingual*
Burgaw
910-259-2601

February 26

7:00pm St. Therese
Wrightsville Beach
910-256-2471

March 3

7:00pm St. Mark
Wilmington
910-392-0720

March 4

11:00am Sacred Heart
Southport
910-457-6173

7:00pm All Saints

Hampstead
910-270-1477

March 10

7:00pm Immaculate Conception
Wilmington
910-791-1003

March 12

11:00am St. Mark
Wilmington
910-392-0720

7:00 pm Sacred Heart *Bilingual*

Whiteville
910-642-3895

March 19

7:00pm Basilica of St. Mary *En español*
Wilmington
910-762-5491

Catholic Daughters of the Americas

Catholic Daughters Pre-Lenten Retreat



Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court Immaculate Conception sponsored a pre-Lenten Retreat for women on Friday, February 6th. The retreat was led by Fr. John Lyle, OSFS, who spoke on the topic, “May she be like all the holy women whose praises are sung in the Scriptures.” 51 women attended, including members of the Catholic Daughters Court Wilmington (the Basilica of St. Mary), the Columbiettes (St. Mark), and a parishioner from St. Therese.



Stewardship Reflection

*“For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.”
(Matthew 5:20)*

The Pharisees lived according to the letter of the law, and they used this to elevate themselves above the other people. Jesus is clear—it’s the love that you have in your heart, for God and for others, that will lead you to Heaven. Simply following church rules to the letter and not out of love does not necessarily put you on the path to Heaven. Attending Sunday Mass and then gossiping about a fellow parishioner in the parking lot is an example of being a modern-day Pharisee.



Our Confirmation students have been praying for our Communion students leaving notes and treats for them as they meet on different weeks. Due to the snow and a rescheduled workshop they got to meet each other and share in a pizza lunch. Everyone had a blast.



ST. MARY CATHOLIC SCHOOL
ATHLETIC BOOSTER

GRACE ON THE GREENS GOLF SCRAMBLE

Saturday March 21st 2026
10 AM Shotgun Start

Olde Point Country Club
513 Country Club Dr, Hampstead,
NC 28443

\$80 Per Player- Food Included



2026 Bishop's Annual Appeal



A Message From **Bishop Luis Zarama**

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

When you support the Bishop's Annual Appeal, you help bring the light of Christ to life across 54 counties, 81 parishes, and 14 missions. Together, we share in the work of the Gospel — building up the Body of Christ here in Eastern North Carolina through faith, worship, and service.

The Bishop's Annual Appeal allows us to put our faith into action. The Gospel calls us to serve by giving, by praying, and by volunteering both within our parish communities and beyond them. Your generosity strengthens our Church and makes possible the ministries that form disciples, educate our seminarians, support Catholic schools and faith formation, care for those in need through Catholic Charities, and nurture parish and campus ministries throughout our Diocese.

I ask you to prayerfully consider supporting this year's Bishop's Annual Appeal. Your faith and generosity help us continue to grow as one Church — many parts, united in the love of Christ.

May God bless you and your family for your faithful witness and generous hearts.

In Christ,

† Luis Rafael Zarama, J.C.L.
Bishop of Raleigh

ALTAR FLOWERS

January to June 2026

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 Kruger**" 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:

- Jan 3 & 4, 2026 - Epiphany of the Lord
- Jan 10 & 11, 2026 - Baptism of the Lord
- Jan 17 & 18, 2026
- Jan 24 & 25, 2026
- Jan 31 & Feb 1, 2026
- Feb 7 & 8, 2026
- Feb 14 & 15, 2026 - World Marriage Weekend

No Flowers during Lent

- Apr 18 & 19, 2026
- Apr 25 & 26, 2026
- May 2 & 3, 2026 - 1st Eucharist
- May 9 & 10, 2026 - Mother's Day
- May 16 & 17, 2026 - The Ascension of the Lord
- May 23 & 24, 2026 - Pentecost
- May 30 & 31, 2026 - Most Holy Trinity
- June 6 & 7, 2026 - The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ
- June 13 & 14, 2026
- June 20 & 21, 2026 - Father's Day
- June 27 & 28, 2026

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone #: _____

Intention: _____

