



# 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  
 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**

There Are No Altar Flowers During Lent

**Sunday, March 1—2nd Sunday of Lent**

- 8:30 am Liturgy, Robert Trombley
- 10:30 am Liturgy, Bernard Meyer
- 12:00–2:00 Level 4 Parent Workshop, DFFC
- 2:30–3:30 The Athanasius Center, DFFC

**Monday, March 2, 2026**

- 9:30 am Rosary/Novena

**Tuesday, March 3, 2026**

- 9:30 am Eucharistic Adoration

**Wednesday, March 4, 2026**

- 9:00 am Liturgy, Diane Guyre Burnett

**Thursday, March 5, 2026**

- 9:00 am Funeral Liturgy, Marie Paen

**Friday, March 6—First Friday & Adoration**

- 9:00 am Liturgy, Liam Kelsh
- 9:45–11:00 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

**Saturday, March 7, 2026**

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

**Sunday, March 8—3rd Sunday of Lent**

- 8:30 am Liturgy, Lois Sheehy
- 10:30 am Liturgy, Roger Fry
- 12:00–2:00 Youth Faith Formation, DFFC
- 2:30–3:30 The Athanasius Center, DFFC

*Liturgical Color for March 7 & 8 is Purple*



**Sanctuary Candle**

A 14-day Sanctuary Candle will burn in memory of **Bernie Maguire**, and was donated by **Joyce Maguire**.

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

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

**The Church in Central and Eastern**

**Europe**

Envelopes	81 (Envelopes)	\$ 2,143.14
e-Giving	—	—
Loose Check	9 (Checks)	\$ 685.00
Identifiable Contributions		\$ 2,828.14
Loose Cash		\$ 2,015.00
Total Contributions		\$ 4,843.14

**February 21 & 22, 2026**

Envelopes	135 (Envelopes)	\$ 6,507.00
e-Giving	—	—
Loose Check	33 (Checks)	\$ 2,905.00
Identifiable Contributions		\$ 9,412.00
Loose Cash		\$ 1,272.00
Total Contributions		\$ 10,684.00

**Black & Indian Missions**

Envelopes	69 (Envelopes)	\$ 1,339.00
e-Giving	—	—
Loose Check	5 (Checks)	\$ 85.00
Identifiable Contributions		\$ 1,424.00
Loose Cash		\$ 728.00
Total Contributions		\$ 2,152.00

**Offertory/1st Collection:**

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

**\$1,165,000.00**

**Total Collected YTD: July 1– Feb 22, 2026**

**\$ 813,897.61**

**Born to Eternal Life**

*Please remember in your prayers the following people:*



**Mary Tocidowski**, former parishioner. Please remember Mary and her family in your prayers.

**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**



**Time to spring forward!  
Daylight Savings Time  
Begins Next Sunday,  
March 8, 2026**

**The Help Center Needs**

**The Help Center Food Donations**

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

- March 1**            **Rice**
- March 8**           **Pasta sauce**
- March 15**         **Jelly**
- March 22**         **Canned carrots**
- March 29**         **Pasta**



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

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



**MONDAYS 9:30 am in the Church**

<b>Feb 23 -The Way of the Cross-Kelly Leader: Joe Mazur</b>	<b>March 16- Mary's Way of the Cross Leader: Gina Drost</b>
<b>March 2- Praying the stations with Pope Francis Leader: Susan Taylor</b>	<b>March 23 -The Way of the Cross with St. Francis de Sales Leader: Mike Weir</b>
<b>March 9- The Way of the Cross- Ondrla Leader: Phyllis Filgate</b>	

# Our Parish COMMUNITY

March 1, 2026  
 Second Sunday of Lent (A)  
 Genesis 12:1-4a / 2 Timothy 1:8b-10 / Matthew 17:1-9



[Jesus'] face shone like the sun, and his clothes became white as light.

MATTHEW 17:2

## Where Heaven and Earth Meet

ANN M. GARRIDO

**H**ave you ever noticed that mountains and clouds seem to “go together”? When I was a child, I thought it was because the mountains’ height pierced the sky. Turns out, it’s a bit more complicated. Mountains “create” their own clouds. When moving air comes across a mountain front, it forces the warm air to rise to cooler zones and water droplets in the air to condense. The phenomenon is so common that these clouds have their own name: lenticular. They are known for being bright—even colorful—with rays of light peeking out from behind.

It’s no wonder why, throughout history, people have sought to ascend mountains as part of their spiritual journey. It was a way to get closer to the “heavens”—to those radiant clouds. Recall the prophet Elijah, who climbs Mount Sinai seeking a face-to-face encounter with God. Or Moses, who, with three of his closest friends, ascends Mount Sinai to meet God in a radiant cloud that hovers over the top of the peak.

So, it’s also no wonder why Jesus, with three of *his* closest friends, might also climb a mountain and meet Elijah and Moses there. No wonder why that mountain would be covered in a bright cloud that thunders with God’s voice, and why, in that moment, Scripture describes heaven and earth as mysteriously yet visibly mingling in the person of the transfigured Jesus.

The story of the transfiguration reminds us that just like mountains and clouds were meant for one another, heaven and earth were meant for one another. Jesus stands at the point where the two meet. ●



LEARN ABOUT THE AUTHORS OF OUR PARISH COMMUNITY

### Reflect

*What places or moments in my life have made me feel close to heaven?*

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
<b>MARCH 2</b>	<b>MARCH 3</b>	<b>MARCH 4</b>	<b>MARCH 5</b>	<b>MARCH 6</b>	<b>MARCH 7</b>	<b>MARCH 8</b>
<i>Lenten Weekday</i>	<i>Lenten Weekday</i>	<i>Lenten Weekday</i>	<i>Lenten Weekday</i>	<i>Lenten Weekday</i>	<i>Lenten Weekday</i>	<i>Third Sunday of Lent</i>
Dn 9:4b-10 Lk 6:36-38	Is 1:10, 16-20 Mt 23:1-12	Jer 18:18-20 Mt 20:17-28	Jer 17:5-10 Lk 16:19-31	Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a Mt 21:33-43, 45-46	Mi 7:14-15, 18-20 Lk 15:1-3, 11-32	Ex 17:3-7 Rom 5:1-2, 5-8 Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

### Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to [DearPadre.org](http://DearPadre.org) to send your question and to learn more about *Dear Padre*.



RICCARDO DE LUCA - UPDATE / SHUTTERSTOCK

### A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

*We must also cry out for peace in the world. Let us all say, “We want peace in the world!”*

*Let us pray for peace. Let us pray for peace and be witnesses of the peace and reconciliation of Jesus Christ, the light that we are all seeking for today’s world.*

GREETING TO YOUNG PEOPLE, ROME, JULY 29, 2025



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# Cape Fear Deanery

## LENT

### Communal Reconciliation Services

**February 17****11:00am St. Brendan the Navigator**Shalotte  
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



## Knights of Columbus Corner

### Valentines from Jesus

George Plarre and Kenny Levy were among the Knights that delivered Valentines from Jesus to some of the recently widowed parishioners from ICC and the Basilica of St. Mary, as well as some residents of the care facilities. This year the Knights delivered 30 gifts provided by KLOVE and the Knights to recipients in New Hanover and Brunswick County.



**2026 COLLEGIATE SCHOLARSHIP**  
sponsored by  
Cape Fear Deanery  
and  
Knights of Columbus



[Kofc2017.org/scholarship](http://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](http://Kofc2017.org/scholarship) or email [scholarship@Kofc2017.org](mailto:scholarship@Kofc2017.org) to apply today!

## 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](mailto:olivergalbraith@gmail.com) or text 910-619-3933
- **Julianna Breit:** [julianna.breit@gmail.com](mailto: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](http://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.

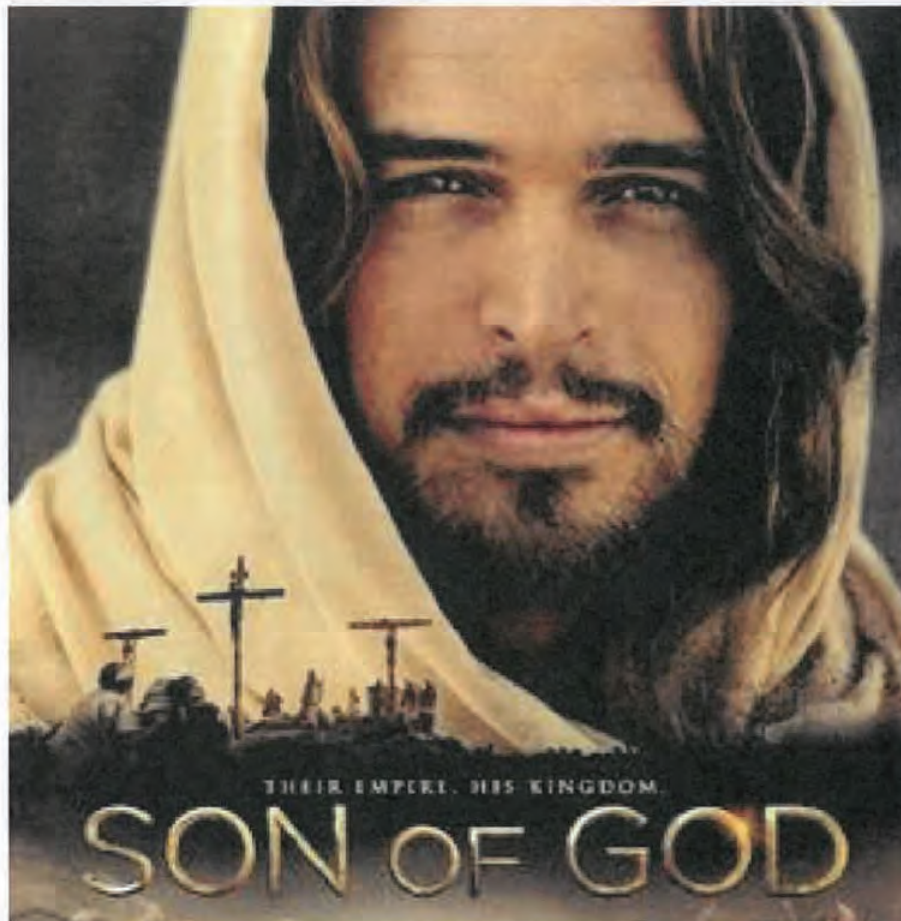
### Sponsoring a Youth

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](mailto: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](http://iccwilm.org) or contact Gina Drost, Director  
of Faith Formation.

## Prayer Matters

*Please remember the following people in your prayers:*

Herbert Aiken	Dorothy Maloney
Margaret Ager	The Maney Family
Kelly Avgerinos	Petar Manolev
Denise Barnes	Frankie Marcinkiewicz
Marley Baruto	Sonia Martin
Iliana & Maria Bouneva	Teri Massey
Lee Bowling	CJ Miley
Barry & Teresa Brighten	Diane Miller
Julie & John Bussi	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
Mary Gable	John Paulhus
Jim Gallagher	Debra Paulson
Keira Gibson	Camden Peterson
Donna Glisson	Natalina Pittari
Brenda Grainger & Family	Martin Plage, Jr.
Sandy Greggs	Lexie Queen
Lisa Plarre Griffith	Alice Radewicz
Maureen Hayes	Susan Reynolds
Sandra Hobbs	Ken Rowe
Linda Hogan	Tom Russell
Ruth Hohmann	Patti Schacht
Marcia Horvath	Jonathan Schoo
Pam Hults	Beatrice Schultz
Ann & Don Hutton	Misty Moore Seals
Dan Janusek	Rita & Ralph Seidl
Theresa Jeffers	Bob Smith
Dwayne Jessup	Fr. Greg Spencer
Denise Kassem	Lorraine Stattel
Tom Lakas	Cynthia & Paul Streb
The Lancaster Family	Luanne Styron
Tracy Langone	Christopher Swan
Gene Laskowski	Ginny Tascone
Eileen Lavelle	Mike Temple
Riley Liberati	Marieange Tribie
Darryl Lindner	Jack Walsh
Margaret Lupton	John Weisenreider
Dianne Lusk	Suzanne Westlake
Nicholas Lusk	Diane Wiegand
John Lyons	Jim Wirth
Julia Macdougall	

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

## Stewardship Reflection

***“Go forth from the land of your kinsfolk and from your father’s house to a land that I will show you.”  
(Genesis 12:1)***

God calls all of us to leave behind our old ways and to follow Him, placing our complete trust in Him. Some of the old ways that we struggle to leave behind might be materialism, selfishness, and greed. Yet God promises to show us a new land and a better way to live. Remember what St. Teresa of Calcutta said, ‘God does not call us to be successful, God calls us to be faithful.’

## Catholic High School Information

### Fr. Thomas F. Price Catholic High School

Fr. Thomas F. Price Catholic High School, located at the Tileston Building at the Basilica of St. Mary in Wilmington, has officially launched!

Applications for admission for the 2026-2027 school year are now being accepted. For more information, or to apply, please visit <https://www.ftpch.s>

## 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](http://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](mailto:cdavolio@iccwilm.org).

## 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

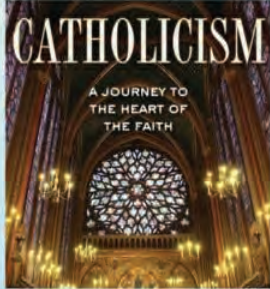
### Cheesy Chicken and Rice Soup

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*

## 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](http://ICCWilm.Org) or contact Gina Drost, Director of Faith Formation for more information

## From the Diocese

### Lenten Resources

As the sacred season of Lent begins, we are invited to turn our hearts to renewal and walk more closely with Christ. To support the Lenten journey during these 40 days, the Diocese of Raleigh's Lent page offers simple helpful tools for prayer and reflection, including:

- Spiritual resources for prayer, fasting, and almsgiving
- Reconciliation services offered in parishes across the Diocese
- Lent and Easter events calendar

Find the link to the Diocesan resource page at [dioceseofraleigh.org/lent](http://dioceseofraleigh.org/lent).

## St. Stanislaus Food Sale

### Frozen Food Sale

On Saturday, March 21, St. Stanislaus Catholic Church will host their Easter frozen food sale from 9:00 am - 12:00 pm in the church parish hall.



The pierogis, which are imported from our supplier in PA, are available in Potato & Cheese, Jalapeno & Cheese, Sauerkraut, Farmer's Cheese, Cabbage, Cheddar & Bacon, Spinach & Feta, and Prune.

The kielbasa is from our supplier in NJ and there will be nut rolls and poppyseed rolls as well.

For more information, please call Rebecca at the St. Stanislaus Parish office at 910-675-2336.

## Lenten Adoration

### Lenten Hour of Adoration

Come experience the joy and blessings of spending quiet time with Jesus, sharing your heart's desires, longings, sufferings, and joys.

A Holy Hour of Adoration normally takes place every Tuesday morning from 9:30—10:30 in the church. Come for all or any part of the hour.

## Catholic Daughters Meeting

### Join Us!



CDA Court Immaculate Conception will conduct its regularly scheduled monthly meeting on Friday, March 13. The meeting begins in the DeSales Faith Formation Center at the 9:00 AM Liturgy. SGT Gene Moore of the New Hanover County Sheriff's Office will discuss situational awareness and fraud prevention. All women of the parish are cordially invited to attend.

## 2026 Bishop's Annual Appeal

\$19,301 Received of ICC Goal of \$150,556



BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL  
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### BAA Prayer

*Heavenly Father,*

*You call us as one body in Christ—many hearts, many hands, united in Your love.*

*As we begin the Bishop's Annual Appeal for 2026, pour out Your Spirit upon our Diocese of Raleigh.*

*Renew in us the desire to serve with joy, to give with gratitude, and to love without measure.*

*May our efforts strengthen the mission of Your Church—to form disciples, educate hearts and minds, and bring hope to those who long for Your presence.*

*Remind us that every act of generosity builds up the Body of Christ and extends the reach of Your mercy.*

*Make us faithful stewards of the gifts You have given, so that through our unity and sacrifice.*

*Your light may shine ever brighter in Eastern North Carolina.*

*We ask this through Christ our Lord.*

*Amen.*

# 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

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