



# 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  
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 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 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 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 are courtesy of all parishioners who donated by using their Easter Flower Donation Envelope

### Sunday, April 7 - 2nd Sunday of Easter

8:30 am Liturgy, Moe Tubbs  
8:30 am K of C Corporate Communion  
10:30 am Liturgy, Living & Deceased of Immaculate Conception

*K of C Membership Drive at all Liturgies  
No Faith Formation or Activities*

### Monday, April 8, 2024

**No Rosary/Novena**  
*Church Offices Closed*

### Tuesday, April 9, 2024

9:30 am Eucharistic Adoration

### Wednesday, April 10, 2024

9:00 am Liturgy, In Celebration of Connie Mercier's 90th Birthday

### Thursday, April 11, 2024

9:00 am Liturgy, Jim Martin  
9:30 am Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Adoration Chapel

### Friday, April 12, 2024

9:00 am Liturgy, Barbara Ann Branco

### Saturday, April 13, 2024

3:30 pm Reconciliation, Church  
5:00 pm Liturgy, Lawrence Strauss

### Sunday, April 14 - 3rd Sunday of Easter

8:30 am Liturgy, Living & Deceased of Immaculate Conception  
10:30 am Liturgy, Karen Kass  
12:00-2:00 JYM/TYM Faith Formation, DFFC  
2:30-4:00 ICC Young Adult Fellowship, DFFC

*Liturgical Color for April 13 & 14 is White*

#### *Please Note:*

***The Church Offices will reopen to the public on Tuesday, April 9, at 9:00 AM.***

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

#### Stewardship of Treasure Report

**Due to early submission to the bulletin company in observance of holiday deadlines, the offertory for the weekends of March 23 & 24 through April 6 & 7 will be in the bulletin for the weekend of April 13 & 14.**

*Sorry for any inconvenience.*

### Sanctuary Candle



A 14-day Sanctuary Candle will burn in memory of **John Echols**, and was donated by **Mary Jo Echols**.

## Divine Mercy Celebration

### Divine Mercy Sunday Celebration

**April 7, 2024 at 3:00pm**

St. Stanislaus Catholic Church,  
4849 Castle Hayne Rd.,  
Castle Hayne, NC

As the official Host of the Divine Mercy Devotion of the Cape Fear Deanery, all are invited to attend our Celebration on April 7th, 2024, at 3:00 pm.

We are proud to have the Knights of Columbus from the Cape Fear Deanery to serve as Honor Guard to our Celebration.

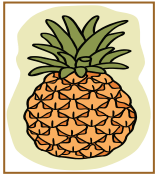
Following our devotion, everyone is invited to enjoy a delicious luncheon of fried chicken and pulled pork in our Parish Hall. Everyone is encouraged to bring a side dish or dessert to share for this enjoyable meal.

What a wonderful day of worship and fellowship with parishioners from the whole Cape Fear Deanery!

Please call 910-675-2336 with any questions.

## 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

May 11, 2024

June 1, 2024

## The Help Center Needs

### The Help Center Food Donations

The following items are needed in **April 2024**:

- April 7            **Peanut butter (small or medium)**
- April 14          **Jelly**
- April 21          **Canned meat**
- April 28          **Mac ‘n cheese**



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

## Stewardship Reflection

*“The community of believers was of one heart and mind, and no one claimed that any of his possessions was his own...”*  
(Acts 4:32)

All that we are and all that we have is a gift from God. Think of your family, your friends, your life, your talents, and your money—these are all gifts from God. We aren’t really owners of anything, we are merely ‘stewards’ of the gifts that God has blessed us with. We are called to be grateful and generous with all of our gifts for the benefit of others.

## Additional Easter Flowers Donations

Donated By:	In Memory/Honor Of;
Mrs. Joanne Alden	Hazel & Frank Geist, Francis Herel, Jr., Judith Gibb, Anna Kelly, John Alden
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## Our Parish COMMUNITY

April 7, 2024

Second Sunday of Easter (Sunday of Divine Mercy) (B)

Acts 4:32-35 / 1 John 5:1-6 / John 20:19-31

**MONDAY**

April 8

*Annunciation  
of the Lord*

Is 7:10-14; 8:10

Heb 10:4-10

Lk 1:26-38

**TUESDAY**

April 9

*Easter Weekday*

Acts 4:32-37

Jn 3:7b-15

**WEDNESDAY**

April 10

*Easter Weekday*

Acts 5:17-26

Jn 3:16-21

**THURSDAY**

April 11

*St. Stanislaus,  
Bishop and Martyr*

Acts 5:27-33

Jn 3:31-36

**FRIDAY**

April 12

*Easter Weekday*

Acts 5:34-42

Jn 6:1-15

**SATURDAY**

April 13

*Easter Weekday*

Acts 6:1-7

Jn 6:16-21

**SUNDAY**

April 14

*Third Sunday  
of Easter*Acts 3:13-15,  
17-19

1 Jn 2:1-5a

Lk 24:35-48

# The Thomas Dilemma

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

**W**ill is a widower, now in his eighties. He calls every once in a while, partly to talk but really wanting to know how he can convince his grown children and grandchildren to come back to church. He tells me they're good people, but he would like them to have faith. It's been a mainstay in his life, he tells me, something that has gotten him through many difficulties. He loves his family but says their life would be so much richer if they had an active faith life. I try to tell Will he can't argue them into faith. At most he can share with them how faith has been a blessing in his life, hoping that it might then spark an interest in them.

The disciples in the Gospel story about "Doubting Thomas" experienced Will's dilemma. They were unable to convince Thomas that the Lord had risen. He insisted that he would only believe when he could put his fingers and hands into Jesus' wounds, which of course is just what happens the next time they are gathered. For Thomas, words were not enough; he needed the experience.

Sometimes that's true for us. We've heard the truth, but we haven't experienced the truth as real or relevant or something we cannot live without. The experience of grave need and then surrendering to God is what many need to remain faithful. Meanwhile, the faithful pray for those who do not believe, especially those we dearly love. ■

### Reflect

**Have you ever surrendered to faith  
even when you were filled with doubt?**

Jesus said to [Thomas], "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed."

JOHN 20:29



## Born to Eternal Life

Please remember in your prayers the following people:



**Sharon O'Neill**, parishioner. Condolences may be sent to Sharon's husband, Ed, at 4966 Pleasant Oaks Dr, Wilmington, NC 28412-7705.

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

## Young Adult Fellowship Ministry

### ICC Young Adult Fellowship Ministry

Are you a young adult looking for an opportunity to dialogue with fellow Catholics? The Young Adult Fellowship Ministry offers a uniquely intellectual and personal experience with other young adult members on a variety of topics of faith. We will meet on Sundays at 2:30 pm in the DeSales Faith Formation Center.

For more information, please email or text us:

- **Oliver Galbraith:** [olivergalbraith@gmail.com](mailto:olivergalbraith@gmail.com) or text 910-619-3033
- **Clint Turbeville:** [turbeville\\_r@lynchburg.edu](mailto:turbeville_r@lynchburg.edu) or text at 910-523-2987



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- Learn more about your Catholic Faith

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## Pro-Life Prayer

### St. Joseph, Defender of Life, Pray For Us

The USCCB is asking Catholics to join in prayer for the protection of women and the unborn from now through June 2024, as the Supreme Court prepares to hear oral arguments pertinent to the accessibility of chemical abortion.

#### *A Prayer to St. Joseph, Defender of Life*

Dearest St. Joseph,  
at the word of an angel,  
you lovingly took Mary into your home.  
As God's humble servant, you guided  
the Holy Family on the road to Bethlehem,  
welcomed Jesus as your own son  
in the shelter of a manger,  
and fled far from your homeland  
for the safety of both Mother and Child.

We praise God that as their faithful protector,  
you never hesitated to sacrifice  
for those entrusted to you.  
May your example inspire us also  
to welcome, cherish, and safeguard  
God's most precious gift of life.

Help us to faithfully commit ourselves  
to the service and defense of human life  
—especially where it is  
vulnerable or threatened.  
Obtain for us the grace  
to do the will of God in all things.  
Amen.

# SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY



## Loving and Merciful

Eternal Father,  
in you we find mercy,  
compassion, and love.  
May your Spirit work within us,  
calming our fears  
and opening our hearts  
so that we might greet others  
with peace.  
Grant us wisdom to put aside  
our doubts  
and like Thomas profess our  
belief in you.  
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sunday, April 7, 2024  
Ever Merciful



*Today's readings: Acts 4:32-35; Psalm 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24; 1 John 5:1-6; John 20:19-31.* On this Second Sunday of Easter, the Church also celebrates the Sunday of Divine Mercy. The readings today reveal some of the many facets of God's mercy. The psalm proclaims that "his mercy endures forever," and in the Gospel, Jesus enacts that mercy as he greets the disciples in peace. In a loving manner, Jesus helps the group of disciples overcome doubt about the resurrection. Though his followers do not recognize him, he is gentle, beginning both visits with the greeting, "Peace be with you."

During the homily on the canonization of St. Faustina, Pope John Paul II declared that the Second Sunday of Easter

would be called Divine Mercy Sunday. St. Faustina had shared her visions of Jesus appearing to her dressed in a white garment and with rays of light emanating from his heart. Jesus asked her to share the word of his mercy for a day to celebrate his mercy. St. Faustina trusted her vision.

The disciples to whom Jesus first appeared and whom he showed his wounds also trusted the man standing before them. At the sight of Jesus, these followers surrendered themselves completely to God. Think about your first encounter with Jesus. What was that moment like for you? How has your relationship changed over the stages of your life? Have others come to know Christ through your belief?



## THIS WEEK AT HOME

### Monday, April 8 Say Yes!

God loved the world so much that he sent his only Son and chose Mary as his mother. Though Mary was a young girl, she did not waver in her response to God, replying to the angel, "May it be done to me according to your word." How hard is it for you to say yes to God? Do you need to practice an affirmative response to God? As we continue to celebrate Easter, pause for a moment to acknowledge the opportunities in your life to say yes to God's will. *Today's readings: Isaiah 7:10–14, 8–10; Psalm 40:7–8a, 8b–9, 10, 11; Hebrews 10:4–10; Luke 1:26–38.*

### Tuesday, April 9 Invitation to Give

Imagine being told you need to rid yourself of all your possessions and give them to those in need. Many saints eschewed lavish lives and gave their wealth to the poor. These men and women stood in solidarity with those in need. God invites us to be in relationship with both him and others. Just as Jesus emptied himself for us, we must empty ourselves in service to others. How can you empty yourself for members of your community? *Today's readings: Acts 4:32–37; Psalm 93:1ab, 1cd–2, 5; John 3:7b–15.*

### Wednesday, April 10 Forgiving Yourself

Not only does God hear the cry of the poor, as the psalm proclaims, but he sent his Son so that all who believe might have eternal life. It is especially heartening to hear that "God did not send his Son into the world to condemn." Pray to God that he might help you forgive yourself for shortcomings. Should you not show yourself the same forgiveness that God shows you? *Today's readings: Acts 5:7–26; Psalm 34:2–3, 4–5, 6–7, 8–9; John 3:16–21.*

### Thursday, April 11 Power to Speak

"We must obey God rather than men," Peter tells his persecutors in today's reading from Acts. On this Memorial of St. Stanislaus, the Church honors a bishop who was not afraid to speak out against the evil in the king's deeds. As a Christian, are you committed to the work of fighting injustice and asserting the dignity of all people? Are you ready to be pointed out because you speak the truth? Pray to God that, through the power of the Holy Spirit, you are bestowed with strength and courage to denounce injustice and suffering. *Today's readings: Acts 5:27–33; Psalm 34:2, 9, 17–18, 19–20; John 3:31–36.*

### Friday, April 12 Trust in God

Have you ever discovered that you were "fighting against God," as today's first reading cautions? Why is it so hard for you to trust in God and let something be? After all, God will more than provide for our needs just as Jesus did when he multiplied the loaves and fish for the people who came to him. Humbly ask God to bestow upon you a gentle heart that listens to his Word and is open to his will. *Today's readings: Acts 5:34–42; Psalm 27:1, 4, 13–14; John 6:1–15.*

### Saturday, April 13 Surrender

"It is I. Do not be afraid," Jesus says to his disciples. Over and over, Scripture instructs not to be afraid and yet fear keeps a hold on us. God requests his followers to put their complete trust in him. God is always with us. Pause to feel his presence. When feeling alone or afraid, pray that the Holy Spirit fills you with courage to surrender to God. *Today's readings: Acts 6:1–7, Psalm 33:1–2, 4–5, 18–19; John 6:16–21.*





## Prayer Matters

*Please remember the following people in your prayers:*

Herbert Aiken	Gregg Lysaght
Charles Babinski	Erin Mabry
Drew Baker	The Maney Family
Megan Bardeen	Petar Manolev
Marley Basurto	Frankie Marcinkiewicz
Gail Bean	Teri Massey
Carol Bigwood	Kenneth May
Lorraine Biml	Connie Mercier
Iliana Bouneva	Ernest & Margie Messing
Barry & Teresa Brighten	Diane Miller
Christopher Brooks	Chris Moore
Tony Casiere	Irene Muccia
John Clavin	Kyle Muccia
Eva Congleton	Ernie Munoz
Susan Craig	Maurice Murphy
Margaret Deaton	Joanne McAteer
Marion DeCoursey	Barbara McCann
Patrick Delaney	Denise McGee
Leslie Dixon	Josephine McGovern
Kathy Driscoll	Joan McKillop
Carol Dubin	Ann Noack
Kathleen Estep	Kelly O'Connor
AC Everett	Edward O'Neill
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Sandra Hobbs	Susan Self
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Barbara Jezek	David Stiver
J.J. Jones	Cynthia & Paul Streb
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Ken Keith	Marieange Tribie
Lauren Kelly	Pat Tyson
David Kendziora	Jack Walsh
Addison LaCourse	T. Michael Werner
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Tracy Langone	Richard Weisenreider
Eileen Lavelle	Stephen Weisenreider
Christine Levy	Anita Wynn
Mildred Lowrance	
Margaret Lupton	
Nicholas Lusk	
John Lyons	

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

## Healing Spiritual Retreat

### Recovering Our Soul Connections Retreat

The experience of sexual abuse can reach every level of our being and leave us feeling distant from ourselves and even God. You are invited to come together with other women for a weekend experience of reflection and inspiration to help you reconnect with your deepest self and the God who loves all of you.

The 2024 Recovering Our Soul Connections Retreat, which includes an exploration of sacred scripture, music, movement, expressive arts, mutual support, and liturgy, will be held at Well of Mercy Retreat Center (<https://wellofmercy.org/>) in Hamptonville, NC. The retreat begins at 6:00 pm on Thursday, June 20, and concludes at noon on Sunday, June 23. Over a period of two months prior to the retreat, you will meet with a spiritual director to build a supportive relationship.

Space is limited to 12 retreatants. Applications will be accepted until the retreat is full. If accepted to the retreat, the full retreat fee of \$200 is required to secure your reservation. Subsidies from the Diocese of Raleigh, the Catholic Community of St. Thomas More in Chapel Hill, and the North Carolina State Court of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas make this retreat possible.

For more information, or to request an application, please email us at [soulconnection366@gmail.com](mailto:soulconnection366@gmail.com) or visit **Recovering Our Soul Connection on Facebook**.

## Join Us in Steubenville

### Power & Purpose Conference

St. Mary Magdalene Church in Apex is traveling to Franciscan University of Steubenville on June 14-16 for an adult Catholic conference. Come learn from great speakers and hear more about the power of the Holy Spirit.

We will be traveling via coach bus, and would love for you to join us. Learn more at [steubenvilleconferences.com](http://steubenvilleconferences.com). Reserve your spot today by contacting Laura Werner at [lwerner@franciscan.edu](mailto:lwerner@franciscan.edu). You can also reach Laura by phone at 919-889-9904.



**ALTAR FLOWERS**  
**January to June 2024**

**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 6 & 7, 2024 - Epiphany of the Lord
- Jan 13 & 14, 2024
- Jan 20 & 21, 2024
- Jan 27 & 28, 2024
- Feb 3 & 4, 2024 - World Marriage Day
- Feb 10 & 11, 2024

**No Flowers during Lent**

- Apr 13 & 14, 2024
- Apr 20 & 21, 2024
- Apr 27 & 28, 2024
- May 4 & 5, 2024 - 1st Eucharist
- May 11 & 12, 2024 - Mother's Day
- May 18 & 19, 2024 - Pentecost
- May 25 & 26, 2024 - Most Holy Trinity
- June 1 & 2, 2024 - Body & Blood of Christ
- June 8 & 9, 2024
- June 15 & 16, 2024 - Father's Day
- June 22 & 23, 2024
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