



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 for This Week Were
Donated By:

Amy Craig Bagnell & Jerry Bagnell, in celebration of **20 years of marriage**, by **Bob & Lynn Carter**, in memory of **Lisa Collins**, and **Jon Kirk**, in memory of **Judy Kirk**.

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

Monday, April 15, 2024

9:30 am Rosary/Novena

Tuesday, April 16, 2024

9:30 am Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesday, April 17, 2024

9:00 am Liturgy, Brian Lyle

Thursday, April 18, 2024

9:00 am Liturgy, Marion Isaksen
9:30 am Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Adoration Chapel

Friday, April 19, 2024

9:00 am Liturgy, John Kincart, Jr.

Saturday, April 20, 2024

3:30 pm Reconciliation, Church
5:00 pm Liturgy, Brooke Condon
5:00 pm Baptism, Amelia June Musnug

Sunday, April 21 - 4th Sunday of Easter

8:30 am Liturgy, Chris Schrichte
10:30 am Liturgy, Living & Deceased of Immaculate Conception
12:00-2:00 Elementary Faith Formation, DFFC
12:00-2:00 TTRPG Session, DFFC
2:00-4:00 Homeworks Information Meeting, DFFC
2:30-4:00 ICC Young Adult Fellowship, DFFC



Sanctuary Candle

A 14-day Sanctuary Candle will burn in memory of **Dee Bogard**, and was donated by **Judy Chmielenski**.

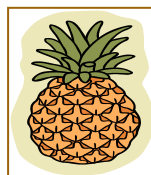
Stewardship Reflection

“Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, ‘Peace be with you.’ But they were startled and frightened...”
(Luke 24:36-37)

Throughout the day we have many opportunities to ‘see the face of Jesus’ in others and to ‘be the face of Jesus’ to others. Do we take that opportunity to provide ‘peace’ to those we encounter, or are we afraid of what others will think of us and do nothing? Pray for the strength and courage to live a ‘God-centered’ life rather than a ‘self-centered’ life.

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

Palm Sunday, March 23 & 24, 2024

Envelopes	171 (Envelopes)	\$ 6,319.00
e-Giving	156	\$15,239.17
Loose Check	34 (Checks)	\$ <u>1,390.00</u>
Identifiable Contributions		\$22,948.17
Loose Cash		\$ <u>2,003.00</u>
Total Contributions		\$24,951.17

Holy Thursday, March 28, 2024

Envelopes	67 (Envelopes)	\$ 1,493.00
e-Giving	1	\$ 25.00
Loose Check	2 (Checks)	\$ 45.00
Identifiable Contributions		\$ 1,563.00
Loose Cash		\$ <u>391.25</u>
Total Contributions		\$ 1,954.25

Good Friday, March 29, 2024

Envelopes	71 (Envelopes)	\$ 1,219.00
e-Giving	22	\$ 395.00
Loose Check	3 (Checks)	\$ 95.00
Identifiable Contributions		\$ 1,709.00
Loose Cash		\$ <u>549.00</u>
Total Contributions		\$ 2,258.00

Easter, March 30 & 31, 2024

Envelopes	172 (Envelopes)	\$14,351.50
e-Giving	103	\$ 5,287.50
Loose Check	42 (Checks)	\$ <u>5,039.00</u>
Identifiable Contributions		\$24,678.00
Loose Cash		\$ <u>3,655.00</u>
Total Contributions		\$28,333.00

Priests Welfare & Retirement

Envelopes	96 (Envelopes)	\$ 3,474.00
e-Giving	92	\$ 3,458.00
Loose Check	14 (Checks)	\$ <u>1,720.00</u>
Identifiable Contributions		\$ 8,652.00
Loose Cash		\$ <u>1,996.00</u>
Total Contributions		\$10,648.00

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

Stewardship of Treasure Report

April 6 & 7, 2024

Envelopes	168 (Envelopes)	\$ 9,968.00
e-Giving	—	—
Loose Check	46 (Checks)	\$ <u>3,500.00</u>
Identifiable Contributions		\$13,468.00
Loose Cash		\$ <u>1,438.00</u>
Total Contributions		\$14,906.00

Offertory/1st Collection:
Annual Budget: July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024
\$1,001,640.00
Total Collected YTD: July 1– Apr 7, 2024
\$ 875,287.46



Additional Easter Flowers Donations

Donated By:	In Memory/Honor Of;
Ms. Kathleen Corbett	Loved Ones
Ms. Marion DeCoursey	Dennis DeCoursey, Ben Campione, Rosalie Campione, Salvatore Campione, Daniel, Brian, Kay, & Danny, the DeCoursey Family
Mrs. Norma Falque	John Falque, Robert Marotta, the DeBraccio Family, the Falque Family
Mrs. Patricia Slater	Loved Ones



Our Parish COMMUNITY

April 14, 2024

Third Sunday of Easter (B)

Acts 3:13-15, 17-19 / 1 John 2:1-5a / Luke 24:35-48



MONDAY
April 15
Easter Weekday
Acts 6:8-15
Jn 6:22-29

TUESDAY
April 16
Easter Weekday
Acts 7:51-8:1a
Jn 6:30-35

WEDNESDAY
April 17
Easter Weekday
Acts 8:1b-8
Jn 6:35-40

THURSDAY
April 18
Easter Weekday
Acts 8:26-40
Jn 6:44-51

FRIDAY
April 19
Easter Weekday
Acts 9:1-20
Jn 6:52-59

SATURDAY
April 20
Easter Weekday
Acts 9:31-42
Jn 6:60-69

SUNDAY
April 21
Fourth Sunday
of Easter
Acts 4:8-12
1 Jn 3:1-2
Jn 10:11-18

Peace, the Marker of Faith

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

Spiritual writers tell us that a sure sign of life lived with faith in God is peace, the inner kind of peace that enables you to rest in it with no worry or anxiety. When the risen Lord appears in the midst of the disciples just back from Emmaus and says to them first off, "Peace be with you," that's the sort of peace he's talking about and wishing for them.

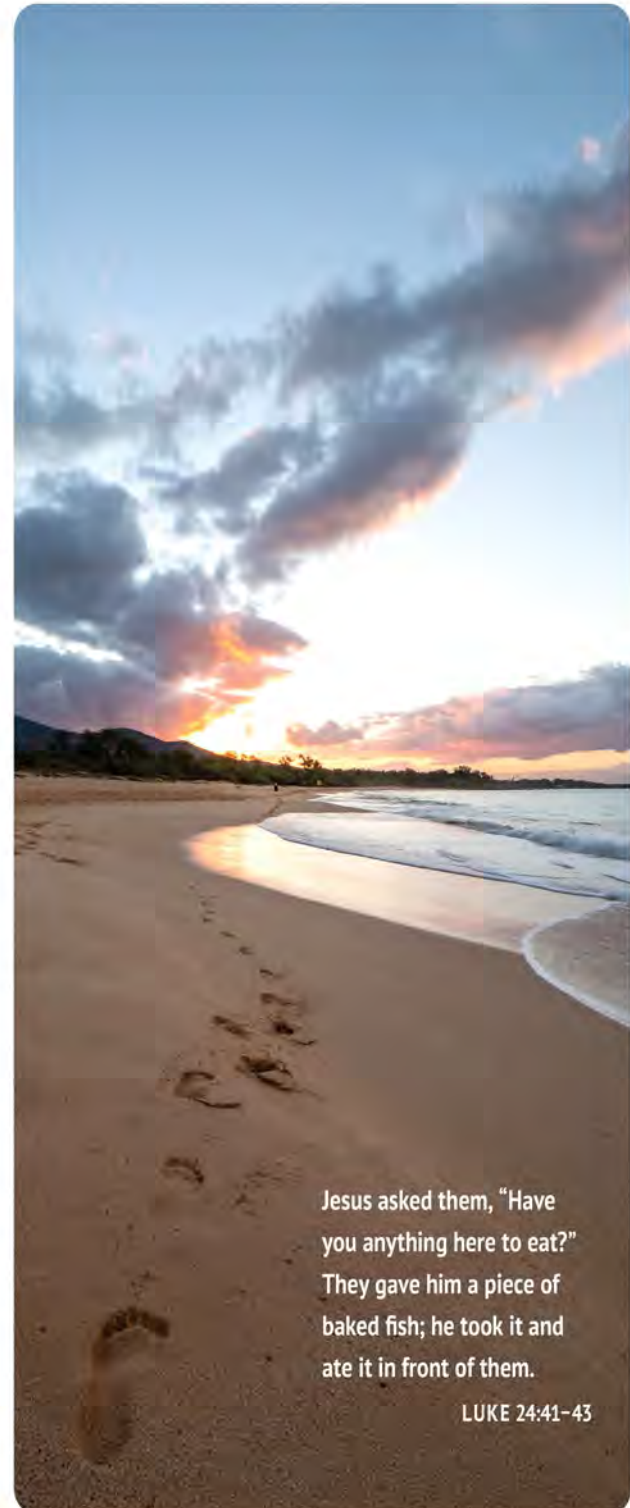
Such peace doesn't seem to be something easy to come by, something that simply plops into the lap of your soul. More than anything it seems to be the fruit of prayerfulness—sometimes praying the rosary or other traditional prayers and sometimes just simply sitting in the quiet, in the midst of love without having to say any words.

There is something about surrendering to God's love over the course of many lived days that eventually brings us to that sort of trusting peace.

The thing about such peace is that only you know if it's genuine. When you feel peace when life turns topsy-turvy, that's God peace. When life is progressing smoothly, it's not easy to know if that's God's peace or just a life without turbulence. But if you're at peace when everything else around you is not, that's when you know it's the presence of God that has you all wrapped up in worry-free wonder. ●

Reflect

Have you ever felt at peace even when there is conflict or fear?



Jesus asked them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of baked fish; he took it and ate it in front of them.

LUKE 24:41-43

Auction & Raffle

Sister Isaac Center Quarter Auction & Raffle



The Sister Isaac Center is holding a Quarter Auction and Raffle on Saturday, April 27.

For more information, or to purchase raffle tickets online, please see the information below.



Join us for the Sister Isaac Center's Quarter Auction and Raffle! Great prizes will be available from local businesses.

When: April 27, 11:00 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Where: St. Mary Catholic School, Lower School Cafeteria, 412 Ann Street

Ticket Prices: General admission (\$15), extra paddles (\$10), raffle tickets (\$10)

Scan the QR code to view the raffle items and buy tickets.

Food and beverage will be available for purchase, courtesy of the Catholic Daughters.

Can't attend? You can still participate in the raffle! Winners will be notified by phone. Raffle prizes include weekend getaways and golf packages.

Contact outreach@stmaryparish.org with any questions or visit www.the-sisterisaccenter.org.

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.

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Please join us to learn about valuable community resources and best practices for caregivers supporting people living with Alzheimer's Disease or other dementias. Both sessions include time for caregiver Q+A at the end.

April 27, 2024
9-10:30 am

ABCs of Dementia

Review the four most common types of dementia and their individual characteristics. This session includes information about how each type of dementia impacts all five senses.

May 25, 2024
9-10:30 am

Living with Dementia - Behaviors

Session focused on various behaviors associated with early, middle, and late stages of Alzheimer's Disease. The goal of this session is to have a better understanding of how dementia affects memory, thinking, and activities of daily living.



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THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER



A Reconciling Love

Loving Father,
you sent your Son,
our Lord Jesus Christ,
to reconcile the world to you.
Grant that our hearts may be open
to your revelation

in the Eucharist and in the Word.
May your Spirit enliven us
that we may spread our faith
to all we encounter.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sunday, April 14, 2024
Without Fear



Today's readings: Acts 3:13–15, 17–19; Psalm 4:2, 4, 7–8, 9 (7a); 1 John 2:1–5a; Luke 24:35–48. “Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures,” we hear in today’s Gospel. Our lives are sometimes filled with so much noise that our Lord’s voice gets lost amid the cacophony. If time in silence with God is carved into our day, we can discern what God is saying to us in Scripture. But being still in a quiet place can be daunting. Begin the practice by sitting in the quiet one minute a day until that minute passes quickly. On subsequent days, increase the time to two, three, and four minutes until you are able to sit for twenty minutes with God.

In that silence, open yourself to be vulnerable to God. Doing so might seem daunting so begin by reading a verse

from Scripture, saying a short prayer, or speaking to God just as you would speak to a friend. Tell God what makes you doubt in his promise. There is no need to fear such a conversation with God, for he wants a deeper relationship with you. Just as he met the startled and terrified disciples where they were in their faith, so he will meet you.

“Peace be with you,” Jesus says to the disciples in today’s Gospel. He wants peace for you also. In the silence, Christ awaits your invitation to open your mind to the Scriptures. He, too, awaits your response as a witness to the mercy and forgiveness he offers all who believe. In accepting the peace that Christ offers, consider who in your life needs you to offer them mercy.



THIS WEEK AT HOME

Monday, April 15 Bread of Life

Jesus says to his disciples, “You are looking for me not because you saw signs but because you ate the loaves and were filled.” Jesus is the Bread of Life; he gave himself to us in the Last Supper and continues to do so at each Eucharist. Some people continue to go spiritually hungry because they do not avail themselves of the nourishment Christ offers. As you begin your week, ask God to work through you to continue building the kingdom. *Today’s readings: Acts 6:8–15; Psalm 119:23–24, 26–27, 29–30; John 6:22–29.*

Tuesday, April 16 Never Hunger

People are always looking for signs. Despite all the times Jesus performed miracles, healed people, and cast out demons, some in today’s Gospel continue to doubt the power of God. People either believe because they have seen or because they have been healed. When asked to be given the bread of life, Jesus responded, “I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never hunger.” As you receive the Eucharist every week, meditate on what It means for Christ to be the Bread of Life. How is he sustenance for you? *Today’s readings: Acts 7:51–8:1a; Psalm 31:3cd–4, 6, 7b, 8a, 17, 21ab; John 6:30–35.*

Wednesday, April 17 Visible Signs

“I came down from heaven not to do my own will but the will of the one who sent me.” With those words in today’s Gospel, Jesus reveals that he has submitted his life to God. The first reading, from Acts, shows how such submission cost St. Stephen his life. But as Philip proclaimed the Messiah to Samaria, “there was great joy in that city.” Do you understand that you have a responsibility to bring the joy of the Gospel to those you meet? *Today’s readings: Acts 8:1b–8; Psalm 66:1–3a, 4–5, 6–7a; John 6:35–40.*

Thursday, April 18 We Believe

Today’s Gospel encourages us to ponder the mystery of the Trinity. The reading tells us that no one has seen the Father “but the one who is from God.” Each Sunday at Mass, the faithful profess in the creed that Jesus is consubstantial with the Father. Pray with either the Apostles’ Creed or the Nicene Creed, taking time to realize what the words and our beliefs about the Trinity mean. *Today’s readings: Acts 8:26–40; Psalm 66:8–9, 16–17, 20; John 6:44–51.*

Friday, April 19 New Lives

Saul’s plans—to bring back in chains anyone who followed the Way—were upended when Jesus asked, “Why are you persecuting me?” Soon, Saul was seeking baptism and proclaiming the Good News. Sudden changes often bring people to reconsider their priorities. A dramatic example of that occurred during the lockdowns of the COVID-19 pandemic. Do you need to reexamine your values and determine whether they are aligned with how God is calling you? *Today’s readings: Acts 9:1–20; Psalm 117:1bc, 2; John 6:52–59.*

Saturday, April 20 Be Salt!

In today’s Gospel from John, we hear that many disciples “returned to their former way of life.” That image of people going back to their old ways is contrasted with Peter’s declaration of allegiance and the growth of the Church recorded in Acts. When we give in to temptation and return to former ways, we may experience momentary happiness but miss out on the peace that Christ offers. The reading from Acts tells of the peace in the Church as it was being built up. Where do you notice peace today? *Today’s readings: Acts 9:31–42; Psalm 116:12–13, 14–15, 16–17; John 6:60–69.*



Prayer Matters

Please remember the following people in your prayers:

Herbert Aiken	Nicholas Lusk
Charles Babinski	John Lyons
Drew Baker	Gregg Lysaght
Megan Bardeen	Erin Mabry
Denise Barnes	The Maney Family
Marley Basurto	Petar Manolev
Gail Bean	Frankie Marcinkiewicz
Carol Bigwood	Teri Massey
Lorraine Biml	Kenneth May
Iliana Bouneva	Connie Mercier
Barry & Teresa Brighten	Ernest & Margie Messing
Christopher Brooks	Diane Miller
Tony Casiere	Chris Moore
John Clavin	Irene Muccia
Eva Congleton	Kyle Muccia
Joe Craig	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
Judy Faulk	Joanne Owens
Eleanor Flannery	John Paulhus
Robert Flavin	Debra Paulson
Brenda Floyd	Martin Plage, Jr.
Jennifer Freeman	Lexie Queen
Walt & Mary Gable	Anne-Marie Regan
Keira Gibson	Susan Reynolds
Sandy Greggs	Melanie Ryan
Dale Guy	Kerri Schafer
Don & Gloria Harris	Vivian Scharver
Maureen Hayes	Jonathan Schoo
Louise Hebert	Beatrice Schultz
James Hinson	Rita & Ralph Seidl
Sandra Hobbs	Susan Self
Anthony Jenkins	Carol Stevens
Barbara Jezek	David Stiver
J.J. Jones	Cynthia & Paul Streb
Denise Kassem	Bill Sunseri
Lauren Kelly	Marieange Tribie
David Kendziora	Pat Tyson
Addison LaCourse	Jack Walsh
Robert LaGoe	T. Michael Werner
Tracy Langone	John Weisenreider
Eileen Lavelle	Richard Weisenreider
Christine Levy	Stephen Weisenreider
Claudia Lewis	Anita Wynn
Mildred Lowrance	
Margaret Lupton	

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 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. Reserve your spot today by contacting Laura Werner at 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
- June 29 & 30, 2024

Name: _____

Address: _____

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Intention: _____

