



# 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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### Parish Pastoral Council

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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  
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.

**OCIA:** 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:

**Charles & Anne Obermeyer**, in memory of **Marie & Jerry Powderly**.

### Sunday, June 9 - 10th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 am Liturgy, Living & Deceased of Immaculate Conception  
 10:30 am Liturgy, John Hoar  
 2:30-4:00 ICC Young Adult Fellowship, DFFC  
*Sign-Ups for Red Cross Blood Drive Following All Liturgies*

### Monday, June 10, 2024

9:30 am Rosary/Novena

### Tuesday, June 11, 2024

9:30 am Eucharistic Adoration

### Wednesday, June 12, 2024

**NO LITURGY**

### Thursday, June 13, 2024

9:00 am Liturgy, Oblates of St. Francis de Sales  
 9:30 am Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Adoration Chapel

### Friday, June 14, 2024

9:00 am Liturgy, Oblate Srs of St. Francis de Sales

### Saturday, June 15, 2024

3:30 pm Reconciliation, Church  
 5:00 pm Liturgy, James Zola  
*Father's Day Recognition at All Liturgies*  
*Sign-Ups for Red Cross Blood Drive Following All Liturgies*

### Sunday, June 16 - 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 am Liturgy, Suzanne Ricci  
 10:30 am Liturgy, Living & Deceased of Immaculate Conception  
 2:30-4:00 ICC Young Adult Fellowship, DFFC  
*Father's Day Recognition at All Liturgies*  
*Sign-Ups for Red Cross Blood Drive Following All Liturgies*

*Liturgical Color for June 15 & 16 is Green*



### Sanctuary Candle

A 14-day Sanctuary Candle will burn in memory of **Frank Binni**, and was donated by **Gail Binni**.

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

### Stewardship of Treasure Report

#### May 25 & 26, 2024

Envelopes	159 (Envelopes)	\$ 5,460.00
e-Giving	147	\$14,196.03
Loose Check	26 (Checks)	<u>\$ 1,495.00</u>
Identifiable Contributions		\$21,151.03
Loose Cash		<u>\$ 1,854.00</u>
Total Contributions		\$23,005.03

#### June 1 & 2, 2024

Envelopes	171 (Envelopes)	\$ 9,102.00
e-Giving	—	\$ —
Loose Check	49 (Checks)	<u>\$ 3,584.00</u>
Identifiable Contributions		\$12,686.00
Loose Cash		<u>\$ 1,772.00</u>
Total Contributions		\$14,458.00

#### Offertory/1st Collection:

**Annual Budget: July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024**

**\$1,028,867.00**

**Total Collected YTD: July 1– June 2, 2024**

**\$1,039,753.70**

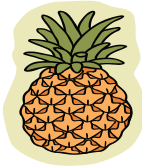
## Stewardship Reflection

*"If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand."  
 (Mark 3:24)*

Within your parish community, do your ministries collaborate with each other, or do they compete against each other? Do your parish ministries work for the greater glory of God, or do they work for the glory of the people running them? The primary goal of parish ministry is not to increase Mass attendance, increase the number of volunteers, or increase offertory. The primary goal is to be one Body of Christ that helps people take one step closer to Jesus. If it's not doing that, it's not worth doing.

## 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

August 10, 2024	September 7, 2024
November 9, 2024	January 4, 2025
March 1, 2025	June 7, 2025

## The Help Center Needs

### The Help Center Food Donations

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

June 2	Canned fruit
June 9	Jelly
June 16	Canned meat
June 22	Cold cereal
June 29	Rice (1 lb. bags)



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

## E-Giving Program

### Did you know that...

Immaculate Conception Church offers an electronic option for making regular offerings by debiting automatically from your checking account, savings account, or credit card. Our e-Giving program offers convenience for you and much-needed donation consistency for our parish. Contact Michele Bean, [mbean@iccwilm.org](mailto:mbean@iccwilm.org), or by calling 910-791-1003, ext. 105.

## Happy Anniversary, Fr. John!

Did you know that our pastor, Fr. John McGee, OSFS, will celebrate **42** years as a priest on June 12th? We at ICC want to let Fr. John know what a blessing he is, and how much we appreciate having him as our pastor.

### Pastor Appreciation Prayer

Almighty and ever gracious God,  
We give you thanks for Father John  
You have appointed him to be our Shepherd;  
To minister to our spiritual needs,  
To reach the lost souls in our community,  
To prayerfully guide and tend to our church  
family.

We realize that the tasks of a pastor are  
demanding.

His job is never done.  
He listens, cares, and prays for us, encourages  
and teaches us, and reaches out to those in need  
of help and salvation.

We give you thanks, O Lord, for our pastor.  
In celebration of 41 years of ordination, we pray  
that you would strengthen and empower him.

We pray that you would bless him,  
And that you would keep him out of harm's way.  
May you keep him from temptations and  
negativity.

May the joy of the Lord always remain in his  
heart.  
Amen.

(Prayer written by Rev. Frank Schaefer, Portsmouth, NH, 2014)



# Our Parish COMMUNITY

June 9, 2024

Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

Genesis 3:9-15 / 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1 / Mark 3:20-35



## “Where Are You At?”

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

**P**aul Gauguin, a Post-Impressionist painter from France (1848-1903), lived part of his life in Tahiti, which inspired his artistic work. His last piece is titled *Where Do We Come From? What Are We? Where Are We Going?* It depicts Tahitian women in various daily activities of life—a child, a young adult, and an old woman approaching death. (See detail in the art below.) Gauguin’s middle question, “What Are We?” is similar to God’s question of Adam in the Garden, “Where are you?” In contemporary jargon, both questions may echo our asking someone, “Where are you at?” It’s not about where our body may be, but rather where our spirit is, where our heart is.

Like Adam, some can find themselves hiding from

God. That may be where they are “at.” All too often, the reason we hide from God is because we forget or choose not to remember where we come from—birthed by God into life. When we hide, whether from God, from our better selves, or from the demands and expectations of life, then we find ourselves frozen, going nowhere, failing to become the person God created us to be. Sin does that to us. It turns us in upon ourselves in a way that prevents us from growing into a full life. With sin in charge, our spirits become petrified, like dead wood, an image of what once was but will be no more. Where are you at? ●

### Reflect

**How would you answer Gauguin’s three questions?**



[Jesus said,] “Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother.”

MARK 3:35

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ARTWORK ADAPTED FROM WHERE DO WE COME FROM? WHAT ARE WE? WHERE ARE WE GOING? BY PAUL GAUGUIN

### MONDAY

June 10

Weekday

1 Kgs 17:1-6

Mt 5:1-12

### TUESDAY

June 11

St. Barnabas,

Apostle

Acts 11:21b-26;

13:1-3

Mt 5:13-16

### WEDNESDAY

June 12

Weekday

1 Kgs 18:20-39

Mt 5:17-19

### THURSDAY

June 13

St. Anthony

of Padua,

Priest and Doctor  
of the Church

1 Kgs 18:41-46

Mt 5:20-26

### FRIDAY

June 14

Weekday

1 Kgs 19:9a,

11-16

Mt 5:27-32

### SATURDAY

June 15

Weekday

1 Kgs 19:19-21

Mt 5:33-37

### SUNDAY

June 16

Eleventh Sunday  
in Ordinary Time

Ez 17:22-24

2 Cor 5:6-10

Mk 4:26-34

## Board Members Needed

### St. Mary Housing Corporation

The Board of Directors of St. Mary Housing Corp., a non-profit operated under the auspices of the Diocese of Raleigh, is looking for three additional board members. Meetings are quarterly, and the term is a commitment of three years.

We provide long-term housing for low income seniors in Hadden Hall I and II apartments in Wilmington, and provide various programs to help them during their stay.

Board membership requires a respectful attitude towards a religiously affiliated organization, and a commitment to the welfare of the residents. If interested, please email Nord Cofini at [nordcof@gmail.com](mailto:nordcof@gmail.com), or by calling 910-409-7142.



## Diocesan Second Collection

### Priests Welfare & Retirement

Diocesan Bishops provide financial and housing support for retired diocesan and religious order priests in accordance with the gospel. Many of our priests retire after 40 or 50 years of active ministry, far exceeding the typical years worked in most professions. Because our priests are paid a modest stipend during their active ministry, their corresponding Social Security benefit upon retirement is extremely small compared to workers with similar years of service. This fund provides additional resources for these priests.

Our parish is staffed by the Oblates of St. Francis de Sales, who receive a portion of these funds for their retirement. The cost of this financial support is allocated among all parishes of the diocese. Parishes meet this required goal through 2nd collections, paying any remaining balance from its operating budget. This special collection will be taken up next weekend, June 15 & 16. We thank you in advance for your generous support.

## Parish Pastoral Council

### Will You Answer the Call?

The Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) is accepting nominations for parishioners interested in being part of the Council. The PPC is an advisory council assisting our pastor and staff in achieving the vision and mission of the parish. Members participate in projects undertaken by the Council and other ministries within the parish.

In order to be considered for the Council, all nominees must meet the following criteria:

- Must be registered members of the parish for at least one year
- Must participate in at least one other parish ministry, and be committed to the principles of parish stewardship
- Is supporting the parish financially

If interested in more details and information, please contact Matt Simms, PPC Chair, at [ppcchair@iccwilm.org](mailto:ppcchair@iccwilm.org).

## Catholic Daughters

### CDA Changing of the Robes

The last meeting of the year for the Catholic Daughters Court #2444 will be on June 14th at 9:45 in the DeSales Faith Formation Center. This meeting will include a ceremonial *Changing of the Robes*, where our Robes will be passed from the outgoing officers to those newly elected. We will also distribute pins to members celebrating 5, 10, 15, 20, etc., years of membership in the organization. The meeting will be followed by lunch at Rucker John's restaurant. We hope to see you there.



## Knights of Columbus Corner

### K of C Sponsorship Opportunities

Each year the Knights of Columbus Council 1074 operates a charity golf tournament. This year's event will be held on Monday, September 30, at Pine Valley Country Club, and we're asking for parishioner sponsorship and donations to serve as prizes and awards. Proceeds from this year's event will be shared with the **Special Olympics of New Hanover County** and other local charities

In the spirit of God's charity, we ask that you please share your bounty with those less fortunate in the form of a sponsorship, gift cards, or any items that you would like to donate.

There are several levels of sponsorship to be had, all of which will go a long way towards supporting the Knights and those that we serve. Please email [aloysius726.lm@gmail.com](mailto:aloysius726.lm@gmail.com) with any questions, or for more information regarding how you can become a sponsor.

The Knights thank you in advance for your consideration and support. Further information regarding registration will be forthcoming as the date of the event gets closer.



## Summer Blood Drive

### Summer Blood Drive - June 21st



ICC will sponsor our Summer Blood Drive on Friday, June 21st, from 10:00 am - 3:30 pm, in Brisson Hall in the DeSales Faith Formation Center. Please help us maintain sufficient supplies for the busy summer season. Every two seconds of every day, someone needs blood and/or platelets, and the average blood transfusion requires three units. To give blood, you must be at least 17 years of age, over 110 lbs., and in reasonably good health. There is no upper age limit. When you present, Red Cross staff will take a brief medical history and conduct a mini-exam to determine your eligibility. If you are a regular donor, you are eligible to donate if you last gave on or before April 26, 2024.

Our volunteers will help with sign-ups before and after all Liturgies on the weekends of June 8 & 9 and June 15 & 16. Appointments are also available by phone or email, and by direct sign-up on the Red Cross website [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org). The website has an option to sign up for Rapid Pass, an option to complete initial questions and required reading prior to your appointment. This is highly recommended, and will save you time and improve your donation experience. Please contact Mike Apicella at [beachblooddrive@gmail.com](mailto:beachblooddrive@gmail.com) or call 301-915-4658 to request an appointment or for further information. Please support this special stewardship and give the gift of life! Thank you.



# PRIEST WELFARE & RETIREMENT SECOND COLLECTION

Diocesan Second Collection

## Your Generous Support Is Needed and Appreciated.

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The Priest Welfare and Retirement Fund provides additional resources for these priests. Our parish is staffed by the Oblates of St. Francis de Sales, who receive a portion of these funds for their retirement.

The cost of this financial support is allocated amongst all parishes of the diocese. Parishes meet this **required** commitment through 2nd collections. **Any remaining balance must be paid from its operating budget.**

Immaculate Conception holds four collections throughout the fiscal year to meet this commitment. The dates for 2023-2024 are: August 27, 2023, Christmas, Easter and Father's Day. The PWR is calculated at 8.73% of the offertory reported for the **prior** fiscal year that runs June 30 - July 1.

Immaculate Conception's commitment for the 2023-2024 fiscal year is **\$62,241** (8.73% of the Offertory on June 30, 2023).

Immaculate Conception plans to meet this commitment through the four Priest Welfare and Retirement collections held throughout the fiscal year.

Thank you for your stewardship!

**70** † the normal retirement age for priests of the Diocese of Raleigh

**53%** † portion of the parish contribution that funds the Diocese of Raleigh Clergy Pension Plan.

**21%** † portion that pays long-term nursing home costs for priests of the Diocese of Raleigh and to pay salary, benefits and living expenses for priests of the Diocese of Raleigh and to provide support for priests who are ill, infirm, or otherwise unable to serve at this time.

**12%** † portion the Diocese of Raleigh provides to Religious Orders of priests working in the Diocese of Raleigh to assist with their retirement.

**5%** † portion that funds medical expenses of priests working or retired in the Diocese of Raleigh that are not covered by insurance (after priests have paid \$500 deductible).

**7%** † portion funds health insurance and Medicare premiums for retired priests of the Diocese of Raleigh.

**1%** † portion that funds the Clergy Care Management Program which provides acute health care intervention and wellness programs for priests of the Diocese of Raleigh.

**1%** † portion that funds legal, actuarial and other professional services to maintain the Clergy Pension Plan of the Diocese of Raleigh.



*These are the ones who have baptized our children, married our daughters, given the sacraments to our children, forgiven our sins, challenged us to live the Gospel, been at the bedside of the dying in the middle of the night, and are at the altar every Sunday to bring us Jesus. Now is our chance to say Thank You! Please consider a generous gift to the Priest Retirement Fund!*



## Prayer Matters

*Please remember the following people in your prayers:*

Herbert Aiken	Helenita Lukasewicz
Alfred Allongo	Margaret Lupton
Laura Arredondo	Nicholas Lusk
Drew Baker	John Lyons
Megan Bardeen	Gregg Lysaght
Denise Barnes	The Maney Family
Marley Basurto	Petar Manolev
Carol Bigwood	Frankie Marcinkiewicz
Bill Brown	Teri Massey
Iliana Bouneva	Kenneth May
Barry & Teresa Brighten	Connie Mercier
Christopher Brooks	Ernest & Margie Messing
Tony Casiere	Diane Miller
John Clavin	Chris Moore
Eva Congleton	Irene Muccia
Joe Craig	Kyle Muccia
Susan Craig	Ernie Munoz
Margaret Deaton	Maurice Murphy
Marion DeCoursey	Joanne McAteer
Patrick Delaney	Barbara McCann
Berta Dennard	Denise McGee
Leslie Dixon	Josephine McGovern
Kathy Driscoll	Joan McKillop
Carol Dubin	Ann Noack
Kathleen Estep	Kelly O'Connor
AC Everett	Edward O'Neill
Eleanor Flannery	Joanne Owens
Robert Flavin	John Paulhus
Brenda Floyd	Debra Paulson
Jennifer Freeman	Martin Plage, Jr.
Mary Gable	Lexie Queen
Keira Gibson	Julius Quick
Sandy Greggs	Anne-Marie Regan
Dale Guy	Susan Reynolds
Don & Gloria Harris	Ken Rowe
Maureen Hayes	Melanie Ryan
Louise Hebert	Kerri Schafer
Sandra Hobbs	Vivian Scharver
Angelique Hunter	Jonathan Schoo
Barbara Jezek	Beatrice Schultz
J.J. Jones	Rita & Ralph Seidl
Denise Kassem	Susan Self
Lauren Kelly	Brian Slater
David Kendziora	Carol Stevens
Fred Koch	David Stiver
Wyatt Kroger	Cynthia & Paul Streb
Addison LaCourse	Kaye Torrens
Robert LaGoe	Marieange Tribie
Tracy Langone	Pat Tyson
Eileen Lavelle	Jack Walsh
Jessica & Andrew Leo	T. Michael Werner
Christine Levy	John Weisenreider
Mildred Lowrance	Anita Wynn

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

"A Living Example of the Gospel"



June 16-21, 2024

We ask that our friends and family at ICC please keep our missionary participants, and all of those attending this work session, in your prayers as we are away on this AMAZING experience of living the Gospel in Fayetteville, NC! This program allows youth to spend a prayer-filled and spiritual week repairing and renovating homes for elderly and underprivileged families.

<i>Teddy Clifford</i>	<i>Lucas Kruger</i>
<i>Natalie Fair</i>	<i>Marie Marshall</i>
<i>Christina Fatum</i>	<i>Justin Naklicki</i>
<i>Julia Fatum</i>	<i>Cameron Nunn</i>
<i>Karen Gaughan</i>	<i>Brady Savard</i>
<i>Matthew Hancock</i>	<i>Jim Savard</i>
<i>Brody Hanson</i>	<i>Sarah Tavares</i>
<i>Natalie Hanson</i>	<i>Nico Vafiadis</i>
<i>Jorge Kruger</i>	<i>Dan White</i>

We also ask that you remember in prayer those we will be serving this week, and those who go without the assistance they need.

*"We ourselves feel that what we are doing is just a drop in the ocean. But the ocean would be less because of that missing drop."*

~ Mother Teresa

## Save the Date for S'mores!



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

## Holy Hour

with Bishop Luis Rafael  
 Thursday, June 27 at 6:30 pm



## Project Rachel

### Post-Abortion Healing Retreat

If you desire healing from a past abortion, you are invited to experience the love of Jesus Christ at a Project Rachel weekend retreat June 14-16, 2024, in the Raleigh area. The weekend retreat is strictly confidential, for both women and men, and includes discussions, spiritual exercises, the sacrament of reconciliation, a Memorial service, and a Mass of the Resurrection. Participation offers a beautiful opportunity to experience God's love, forgiveness, and compassion.

The cost of the retreat is \$200 for lodging, meals, and all retreat materials. If there is a financial burden, assistance is always available. For more information, or to register for the retreat, contact Project Rachel at (919) 852-1021 by email at [project.Rachel@raldioc.org](mailto:project.Rachel@raldioc.org). or go to the website at <https://rachelnc.org>.

A traveling monstrance is part of the Diocese of Raleigh's centennial, which observes the 100th anniversary of its founding in 1924, and it will be at Immaculate Conception Church on Thursday, June 27. We will be celebrating a Holy Hour with Bishop Luis Rafael at 6:30 pm that evening.

The endeavor serves not only to unite the diocese during a milestone, but to focus on the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist during a year that will see the National Eucharistic Congress in July.

A liturgical vessel that holds the Eucharist, a monstrance is part of venerating the Blessed Sacrament. The word monstrance has its roots in the Latin verb *monstrare*, which means *to show*.

The traveling monstrance was an important part of the Eucharistic Congress, which took place in October 2023. This year, after traveling through the Raleigh Deanery, beginning at Sacred Heart Church, which was the cathedral for the diocese from 1924 until 2017, the monstrance is traveling to parishes, schools, homes and neighborhoods to be a central part of similar celebrations marking the rich history and bright future of our Catholic faith in the Diocese of Raleigh.



## Immaculate Conception Church Kid's Summer Camp Let's make some memories!

Join us  
June 25, 26, & 27  
1:00 pm - 3:00 pm in the  
De Sales Center  
for CRAFTS & STORYTIME!

Open to all children ages 6-11

\$10 supply fee per participant  
No participant is turned away due to  
inability to pay.

Registration opens May 1  
Signup online at [iccwilm.org](http://iccwilm.org)

Contact Gina Drost,  
Director of Faith Formation  
at [gdrost@iccwilm.org](mailto:gdrost@iccwilm.org)  
910.791.1003 ext. 112



### Adventurers Wanted!

June 25, 26 & 27  
1:00—3:00 pm  
De Sales Faith Formation Center

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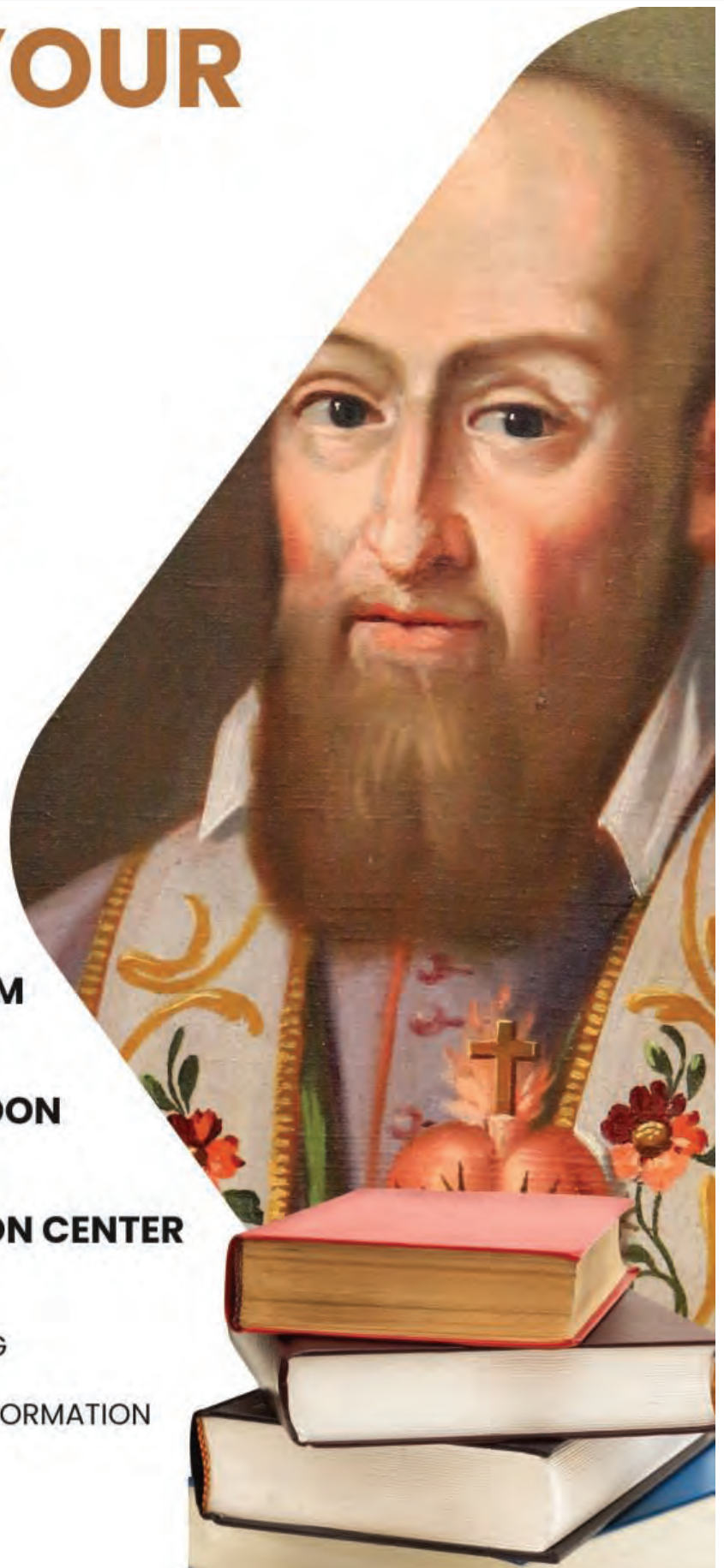
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# Dear Padre,

## What is original sin?

Original sin is the sin that occurred at the origins of the human race. "Although he was made by God in a state of holiness, from the very onset of his history man abused his liberty, at the urging of the Evil One. Man set himself against God and sought to attain his goal apart from God" (Pastoral Constitution on the Church in the Modern World, [*Gaudium et Spes*], 13).

According to Genesis, a world of beauty was deformed by sin. The first two chapters tell how God created all things, including people, and saw that they were "very good." However, in chapter three, Adam rejects God and separates himself from God. Adam tries to hide from God, blames Eve for his sin, and experiences the pangs of guilt.

From this original sin, a host of evils followed, resulting in division, pain, bloodshed, loneliness, and death. The reality that this tragic, familiar narrative points to is a basic part of our experience. It is the teaching of the Church that every mortal born into this world, except the Virgin Mary, is affected by original sin. This means that each "descendant of Adam" (including us) is created without sanctifying grace and is subject to the inclination to sin and to death. Each of us needs redemption through the saving death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. ●

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June 10

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June 11

St. Barnabas,

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Acts 11:21b-26;

13:1-3

Mt 5:13-16

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Mt 5:27-32

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Ez 17:22-24

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Song of Songs 2:12

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