



# 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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Office Hours  
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9:00am – 4:00pm

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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

There Are No Altar Flowers During the Summer Months

### Sunday, July 21 - 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8:30 am Liturgy, Vincent Carbacio
- 10:30 am Liturgy, Living & Deceased of Immaculate Conception
- 2:30-4:00 ICC Young Adult Fellowship, DFFC

### Monday, July 22, 2024

- 9:30 am Rosary/Novena

### Tuesday, July 23, 2024

- 9:30 am Eucharistic Adoration

### Wednesday, July 24, 2024

- 9:00 am Liturgy, Walter Gable

### Thursday, July 25, 2024

- 9:00 am Liturgy, Scott Miles
- 9:30 am Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Adoration Chapel

### Friday, July 26, 2024

- 9:00 am Liturgy, Edwin Colwell

### Saturday, July 27, 2024

- 3:30 pm Reconciliation, Church
- 5:00 pm Liturgy, William Haggerty

### Sunday, July 28 - 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

*Liturgical Color for July 27 & 28 is Green*



### Sanctuary Candle

A 14-day Sanctuary Candle will burn in memory of **the Living & Deceased Members of ICC**, and was donated by **the staff of ICC**.

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

### Stewardship of Treasure Report

#### July 13 & 14, 2024

Envelopes	162 (Envelopes)	\$ 7,194.00
e-Giving	76	\$ 3,851.24
Loose Check	35 (Checks)	<u>\$ 1,550.00</u>
Identifiable Contributions		\$12,595.24
Loose Cash		<u>\$ 2,231.00</u>
Total Contributions		\$14,826.24

### Solidarity Fund for the Church in

#### Africa

Envelopes	70 (Envelopes)	\$ 1,260.00
e-Giving	4	\$ 85.00
Loose Check	1 (Checks)	<u>\$ 10.00</u>
Identifiable Contributions		\$ 1,355.00
Loose Cash		<u>\$ 273.00</u>
Total Contributions		\$ 1,628.00

### Offertory/1st Collection:

**Annual Budget: July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025**

**\$1,122,000.00**

**Total Collected YTD: July 1- July 14, 2024**

**\$ 41,625.52**

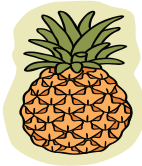
## Stewardship Reflection

*"He said to them, 'Come away by yourselves to a deserted place and rest a while.'"  
(Mark 6:31)*

Do you spend time, every day, alone and in silence listening to how God is calling you? If not, you are missing out on a wonderful opportunity to develop a more personal relationship with Him. Unless we talk and, more importantly, listen to God every day, how else will we know how He is calling us? Consider making a retreat this year to spend some 'alone time' with God.

## 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

<b>August 10, 2024</b>	<b>September 7, 2024</b>
<b>November 9, 2024</b>	<b>January 4, 2025</b>
<b>March 1, 2025</b>	<b>June 7, 2025</b>

## The Help Center Needs

### The Help Center Food Donations

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

<b>July 7</b>	<b>Cold cereal</b>
<b>July 14</b>	<b>Small peanut butter</b>
<b>July 21</b>	<b>Jelly</b>
<b>July 28</b>	<b>Beans (not green beans)</b>



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.

## Natural Family Planning

### National NFP Awareness Week

The Lord calls us to love Him and each other as He loves us. In marriage, this takes on a unique quality as the complementarity of husband and wife become the 'one flesh' union that Sacred Scripture so beautifully teaches. And, God's gift of children are the fruit of such a noble love!

The theme for this year's National NFP Awareness Week is 'Love Beyond Measure.' For more information about NFP, please visit [www.usccb.org/topics/natural-family-planning/national-nfp-awareness-week](http://www.usccb.org/topics/natural-family-planning/national-nfp-awareness-week).

## 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



# Our Parish COMMUNITY

July 21, 2024

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

Jeremiah 23:1-6 / Ephesians 2:13-18 / Mark 6:30-34

**MONDAY**

July 22

St. Mary Magdalene

Sg 3:1-4b or

2 Cor 5:14-17

Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

**TUESDAY**

July 23

Weekday

Mi 7:14-15, 18-20

Mt 12:46-50

**WEDNESDAY**

July 24

Weekday

Jer 1:1, 4-10

Mt 13:1-9

**THURSDAY**

July 25

St. James, Apostle

2 Cor 4:7-15

Mt 20:20-28

**FRIDAY**

July 26

Sts. Joachim and

Anne, Parents

of the Blessed

Virgin Mary

Jer 3:14-17

Mt 13:18-23

**SATURDAY**

July 27

Weekday

Jer 7:1-11

Mt 13:24-30

**SUNDAY**

July 28

Seventeenth

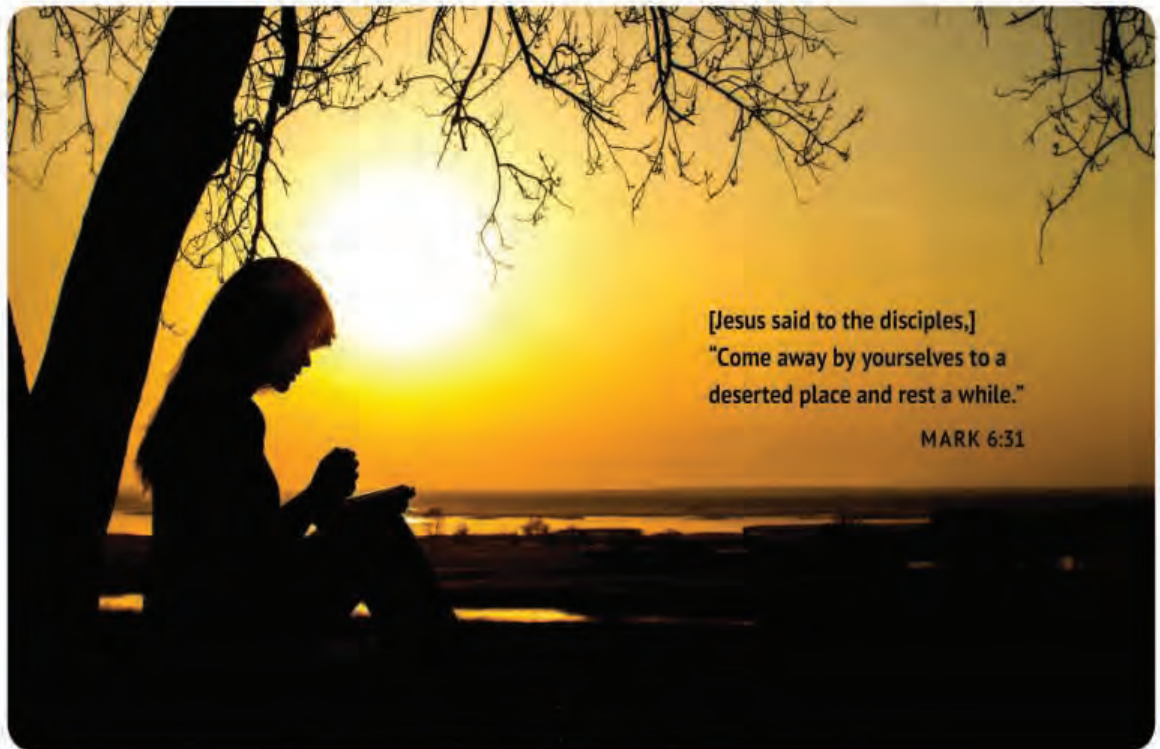
Sunday in

Ordinary Time

2 Kgs 4:42-44

Eph 4:1-6

Jn 6:1-15



[Jesus said to the disciples,]  
"Come away by yourselves to a  
deserted place and rest a while."

MARK 6:31

## Dancing in the Dark

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

In 1931, Arthur Schwartz and Howard Dietz collaborated to write the song "Dancing in the Dark." It's said that the lyrics are primarily about how we feel our way through life, not sure where life is leading us and wondering why we're here. There are many who feel they are "dancing in the dark."

The Scriptures this week promise that God will shepherd us through difficult times, particularly when we feel lost amid uncertain choices we must make. Consequently, we are tempted to look for signs about what to do—paying attention to billboards, hoping a tune on the radio will give an answer, opening the Bible at random and pointing to a verse, multiplying prayers in hope of a sudden revelation.

The reality is that God does speak to us, but usually in the silence, in the quiet moments of a busy day.

At times, it may be when we begin to second-guess ourselves and realize we are becoming the sort of person we do not want to become. God's voice may be camouflaged in our emotions, helping us recognize how our fears may be calling us to trust in him, or in our anxieties that move us to face the futility of a relationship. He might be calling us through friends who offer advice contrary to what we think, yet persistently insisting we face what we do not wish to see. It is in the silence that we begin to move from dancing in the dark to marching in sync with a divine rhythm. ●

### Reflect

**Have you ever emerged from a dark time feeling more in touch with God and God's will for you?**



# Scholarship for Saints Gold Winner Josie Behm



On behalf of Father John, the Staff of ICC and the entire community, we celebrate with Josie on her Gold award. With thanks to the Cape Fear Deanery and the Knights of Columbus.



## Knights of Columbus Corner

### K of C Soccer Challenge

Knights of Columbus Council #1074 will be holding their annual Soccer Challenge on July 25, from 5:00 pm-8:00 pm, at Town Creek District Park, located at 6420 Ocean Hwy E in Winnabow, NC.

The Soccer Challenge is open to boys and girls, ages 9 to 14. Each player will be allowed 15 shots on goal for their age group, and will receive a certificate of participation. Each age group winner will also advance to compete in the District Championship 25 shot contest on another date.

There is no cost to participate, but please do come early to register.

If you would like to participate, or need further information, please contact Ron Thompson at (609) 802-6321, email [ronaltdt93@gmail.com](mailto:ronaltdt93@gmail.com).

Good luck to all!



How can you make an imprint on the lives of the children in our community? Share your faith journey with them and see the results. For more information on how you can bring your faith into our community contact our faith formation team.

STEWARDS NEEDED:

- KINDERGARTEN AIDE
- 2ND LEVEL AIDE
- 3RD LEVEL CATECHIST

MIDDLE SCHOOL SMALL GROUP LEADERS  
JYM AIDES

SACRAMENT EVENT HOSTS

CONTACT  
GDROST@ICCWILM.ORG OR  
MMARSHALL@ICCWILM.ORG

## Reminder of Parking Lot Courtesies

With summer nearly upon us, and the increase of new visitors to ICC, here are a few reminders of parking courtesy . . .

- ✚ You are invited to drop off passengers at the front walkway to the Gathering Area, but this is an emergency lane and parking is NOT allowed at any time.
- ✚ Handicap parking is available in the front of the church, and is clearly marked.
- ✚ Please be good stewards and park ONLY in lined parking spots. There is additional parking along the side of the church with a second entrance to the Gathering Area in the back.
- ✚ Our church is located on a very busy highway. To ensure a safe and speedy exit from the parking lot following our weekend Liturgies, we have paid Sheriff Deputies directing traffic. Please watch them carefully and follow their lead.
- ✚ We appreciate that so many of our parishioners want to be courteous and stop and allow people out of their parking spot, but that interrupts the flow of exiting. The Sheriff Deputies have asked us to remind everyone that they are only allowed to stop traffic for a few minutes at a time, so it is very helpful to keep the flow going while the traffic is stopped.
- ✚ We know that everyone has someplace to be after Liturgy, but that should not preclude common courtesy. Please practice an attitude of patience, and follow the proper flow to exit the church parking lot. It is up to each of us to do our part and keep everyone safe and accident free.
- ✚ And, lastly, but not least: the parking lot is not patrolled during service times, so please make sure to lock your car, and remove all valuables when you come to Liturgy. It's always better to be safe than sorry.



# LIFT UP YOUR HEART

Written by John Burns



**BASED ON THE  
SPIRITUAL CLASSIC  
*INTRODUCTION TO  
THE DEVOUT LIFE***

## BOOK DISCUSSION

**TUESDAYS 6:30PM-8:30PM**

SEPT. 24, OCT. 1, 8, 15, 22

**THURSDAYS 10AM -12 NOON**

SEPT. 26, OCT. 3, 10, 17, 24

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## Prayer Matters

*Please remember the following people in your prayers:*

Herbert Aiken	Margaret Lupton
Alfred Allongo	Nicholas Lusk
Laura Arredondo	John Lyons
Drew Baker	Gregg Lysaght
Megan Bardeen	The Maney Family
Denise Barnes	Petar Manolev
Marley Basurto	Frankie Marcinkiewicz
Carol Bigwood	Teri Massey
Iliana Bouneva	Kenneth May
Barry & Teresa Brighten	Connie Mercier
Christopher Brooks	Ernest & Margie Messing
Tony Casiere	Nancy Mezzela
John Clavin	Diane Miller
Eva Congleton	Chris Moore
Joe Craig	Irene Muccia
Susan Craig	Kyle Muccia
Margaret Deaton	Ernie Munoz
Marion DeCoursey	Maurice Murphy
Patrick Delaney	Joanne McAteer
Berta Dennard	Barbara McCann
Leslie Dixon	Denise McGee
Kathy Driscoll	Josephine McGovern
Carol Dubin	Joan McKillop
Kathleen Estep	Ann Noack
AC Everett	Kelly O'Connor
Eleanor Flannery	Edward O'Neill
Robert Flavin	Joanne Owens
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Keira Gibson	Lexie Queen
Sandy Greggs	Anne-Marie Regan
Dale Guy	Susan Reynolds
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Maureen Hayes	Kerri Schafer
Louise Hebert	Vivian Scharver
Sandra Hobbs	Jonathan Schoo
Angelique Hunter	Beatrice Schultz
J.J. Jones	Rita & Ralph Seidl
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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
Jennifer Little	Anita Wynn
Mildred Lowrance	
Helenita Lukasewicz	

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

## 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.



## ALTAR FLOWERS

### September to December 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 - Trucey 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  
turtle dove is heard in our land."  
Song of Songs 2:12**

Choose from the following weekends:  
(No Flowers during Advent)

- August 15, 2024—Assumption of Mary
- August 31 & September 1, 2024—Labor Day
- September 7 & 8, 2024
- September 14 & 15, 2024
- September 21 & 22, 2024
- September 28 & 29, 2024
  
- October 5 & 6, 2024 - Respect  
Life Sunday
- October 12 & 13, 2024
- October 19 & 20, 2024
- October 26 & 27, 2024
  
- November 1, 2024—All Saints' Day
- November 2 & 3, 2024
- November 9 & 10, 2024
- November 16 & 17, 2024
- November 23 & 24, 2024 - Christ the King
- November 28, 2024 - Thanksgiving Day
  
- December 9, 2024 - Feast of the Immaculate  
Conception

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**IN REMEMBRANCE OF SAMANTHA JOSEPHSON**

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