# **Infant of Prague Catholic Church & School**

Marine Blvd, Jacksonville, NC

#### **WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE:**

Saturday Vigil - 5:00PM Sunday: 8:00AM, 10:30AM, 12:30PM, Misa en Espanol

FIRST SATURDAY MASS - 10:00AM

#### **DAILY MASS SCHEDULE:**

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday – 12Noon Thursday – 9:00AM, Thursday – 7PM (Spanish)

#### **RECONCILIATION:**

Friday 10:30AM-12Noon, Saturdays 2:00 - 4:00 PM or by Appointment

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MISSION STATEMENT: Called by our Baptism and empowered by the Holy Spirit, Infant of Prague Catholic Church and School celebrates our Unity in God through worship, sacraments and adoration. We educate in faith, embrace stewardship and proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

PARISH MOTTO: "Be Christ-like in all we say and do."

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**PARISH REGISTRATION:** We welcome new parishioners to share fully in our Parish life. As new members you bring vitality and growth to our parish. Registration forms are available in the clear magazine racks in each of the entrances of the Church. You may call the Parish Office to have a registration form mailed to you or stop by and complete a registration form at the Parish Office. You may also use the Parish web site iopnc.org to register online, please call to confirm that your online registration was received.

**BAPTISM:** Parental Attendance at a Preparation Class for the first child to be baptized is mandatory. The Baptism class takes place at 1:30PM in the Parish Hall on the last Sunday of the month and in Spanish on the 1st Wednesday of the month at 7PM in the Library of the Parish Hall. If you are requesting the baptism be in Spanish you will be required to attend the Spanish Baptism Instruction Class. Pre-registration is not required. To have your child baptized you must meet the following requirements (1) be a registered parishioner for at least three months (2) be practicing the faith (3) have obtained the signed Godparent Eligibility form and returned them to the Parish Office. Please check the bulletin monthly for possible changes of class dates. Parents planning to have children baptized in the near future can contact the Parish Office in advance to obtain Godparent Eligibility Forms, these forms will need to be returned to the Parish Office before any baptism date will be scheduled.

**MARRIAGE:** Arrangements must be made with a Parish Priest at least six months before your requested date. To be married at Infant of Prague you must be a registered member of our Parish for at least six months.

**ANOINTING OF THE SICK:** If you have a loved one who is in the hospital, a nursing home or homebound and in need of anointing please notify the Parish Priest at 910-347-4196 after hours please call 910-581-3101. Remember we cannot make visitations to people when we are unaware of their situation.



#### **ONE IN FAITH BOOK #958**

#### Weekend of December 9 & 10

Saturday 5:00PM +Steven Feldhaus Sunday 8:00AM People of the Parish

10:30AM

12:30PM +Luis Martinez Colon

Monday 12NOON +Hattie Yopp Tuesday 12NOON +Patricia Lewis

Wednesday 8:10AM

12NOON

Thursday 9:00AM

7:00PM +Rita Chavis

Friday 12NOON Intentions of Erica Hopkins

Intentions of Kyan Albrecht Intentions of Susan Helmbrecht

#### Weekend of December 16 & 17

Saturday 5:00PM +Vincent Corapi Sunday 8:00AM +Theresa Rutherford 10:30AM People of the Parish 12:30PM +Elipidio Moreno

# FINANCIAL NEWS:

#### **OUR GRATEFUL RESPONSE FOR DEC. 3, 2023**

Offertory \$19,738.00
National Collections \$ 776.00
2<sup>nd</sup> Collections Previous & Future \$5,722.00

## NEXT WEEKENDS 2<sup>ND</sup> COLLECTION: SCHOOL SUPPORT



#### **BAPTISM INSTRUCTION CLASS:**

The December baptism class will be held on Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup> at 1:30PM in the Parish Hall library.



The Christmas Giving Trees are up and loaded with envelopes for donations of gift cards. Your donation will help

families less fortunate this Christmas. We ask that all gift cards be returned be Dec. 11<sup>th</sup>.

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#### **CHRISTMAS ASSISTANCE:**

Any registered member of the Parish needing assistance with Christmas gifts for children ages 15 and below are asked to come to the

Parish Outreach Center and complete the application beginning on November 27<sup>th</sup> thru December 11<sup>th</sup>. *This program is intended to help ease the financial burden in making purchases not to purchase all of your Christmas aifts.* 

#### **ASISTENCIA NAVIDEÑA:**

Cualquier miembro registrado de la Parroquia que necesite Se solicita asistencia con regalos de Navidad para niños de 15 años o menos que vengan al Centro de Alcance Parroquial y completen la solicitud a partir del 27 de noviembre hasta el 11 de diciembre. Este programa está destinado a ayudar a aliviar la carga financiera al realizar compras y no a comprar todos los regalos de Navidad.

#### **COUNTERS NEEDED:**

We are looking for a few parishioners to help count the offertory collections. The counting is done on Monday mornings for a few hours. If you are interested please contact Jose Cabrera at the Parish Office.



HELP WANTED: Do you have experience as a bus driver and possess an up-to-date CDL with a Passenger Endorsement? Are you interested in serving the parish on an as-needed basis? Please contact the Business Manager, Jose R Cabrera, for information! Drivers will be compensated. 910-347-4196, iopbmanager@gmail.com

#### **SENIOR SOCIAL DINNER:**

There will not be a Senior Social Dinner in December. We started this event to be a blessing to the seniors of Infant of Prague Parish. We wanted to enjoy a meal and to get to know each other and fellowship. It has come to our attention that tickets were sold or given to members of the community. Please remember we are not professional; we are seniors trying to serve seniors. This event is for our church Seniors only. The only exception is if members need a driver who does not belong to the church. Also our senior volunteers were a bit stressed with so many request for take outs. As I mentioned above, the purpose of this event is for us to get together, so in the future take out request will be honored for shut in members only. We are volunteers who love to serve and are happy to serve you. Please remember we are learning as we go and ask you to help us to make this a success. See you in January.

#### **MEN'S BIBLE STUDY**

The Men's Bible Study will resume on Wednesday, January 10th at 7 pm in the Holy Spirit Room of the Parish Hall. Contact Tony DeCandia at <a href="mailto:adecandia153@gmail.com">adecandia153@gmail.com</a> for details.



#### **FAITH FORMATION NEWS:**

DECEMBER 10, 17 (no class 24 or 31) JANUARY 7, 14, 21, 28

CONFIRMATION will be celebrated on Saturday, March 2, 2024 at 2pm.

FIRST COMMUNION will be celebrated on Saturday, April 13, 2024

#### NOTICIAS DE FORMACIÓN DE FE

La CONFIRMACIÓN se celebrará el sábado 2 de marzo de 2024.

PRIMERA COMUNIÓN se celebrará a las sábado 13 de abril de 2024

Las clases de FORMACIÓN EN LA FE comienzan el domingo 10 de septiembre. Si aún no ha registrado a su

### **THRIFT STORE NEWS:**

IOP Thrift Store will only be accepting donations Tuesday – Friday, 9:30 AM - 4:00 PM. Proceeds from the Thrift Store (after utilities) help us to assist families in danger of disconnection of utilities. Without these funds this assistance program would come directly out of parish funds.

#### **YOUTH MINISTRY**

All Middle and High school youth are welcome to join the IOP Youth Group. This group provides an opportunity for the youth of our parish to form community, to serve, and to build their faith in an engaging environment under the

mentorship of our young adult ministry team. We meet each Sunday from 4-6pm in the parish gym. For information please contact <a href="mailto:trinawilson.iop@gmail.com">trinawilson.iop@gmail.com</a>

Todos los jóvenes de secundaria y preparatoria son bienvenidos a unirse al grupo de jóvenes de IOP. Este grupo brinda una oportunidad para que los jóvenes de nuestra parroquia formen una comunidad, sirvan y construyan su fe en un ambiente atractivo bajo la tutoría de nuestro equipo de ministerio de adultos jóvenes. Nos

reunimos todos los domingos de 4 a 6 p. m. en el gimnasio de la parroquia. Para obtener información, comuníquese con trinawilson.iop@gmail.com

JUNIOR CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS: JCDA is open to girls from age 6 to 18 and meet will meet on January 5th in the Outreach Center (327 Mildred Ave.) from 6 pm to 8 pm. If you are interested in joining JCDA, please email jcda1643@gmail.com or call/texting Jessica Nelis at 616-322-5299.

# YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

The Young Adult Ministry is open to 21 year olds to 40 year olds. They meet every Wednesday at 7 pm in the IOP Outreach Resource Center (327 Mildred Ave). For more information, check out iopnc.org/young-adult-group.

El Ministerio de Jóvenes Adultos está abierto a jóvenes de 21 años a 40 años. Se reúnen todos los miércoles a las 7 pm en el Centro de Recursos de Extensión de IOP (327 Mildred Ave). Para obtener más información, visite iopnc.org/young-adult-group.

#### **FOOD PANTRY NEEDS & NEWS**

In November, the Outreach Resource Center assisted 69 households/210 individuals with 3,989lbs of food from our food pantry. We assisted 13 households/45 individuals through our utility assistance program. Your generous contributions have helped feed and keep the electricity/water on for members of our community. Donations can be dropped off at the Outreach Resource Center at 327 Mildred Ave, next the Parish Office. Canned fruit, Applesauce, Instant potatoes, Canned peas, Carrots,, Mixed veggies, Pancake mix and syrup, Tuna helper, Hamburger helper, Grape jelly. Gift cards to local grocery stores like Aldi's, Walmart, Food Lion, and Piggly Wiggly help us provide perishable items like milk and bread. Paper grocery bags and empty egg cartons are always needed. Thank you.

#### **FAMILY LIFE MINISTRY**

#### **SPIRITUAL ADOPTION – WEEK 31**

"I finally made my move this week and turned my body over. It was tough, but I did it! It is important that I am upside down now so that when the time comes for me to make my entrance into the world I'll be ready to go. My lungs have started to secrete a liquid that will help them fully expand when I take my first breath of air. I can't WAIT for my BIRTHday. Please keep praying for me

**IOP RESPECT LIFE GROUP:** The Infant of Prague Respect Life Group meets the 4<sup>th</sup> Friday of each month beginning at 6:00PM in the Parish Hall.

New Mom Community Night: Are you a new or expectant mother seeking support in your parenting journey? New Mom Community Nights is a social ministry group that

provides support and education to new and expectant mothers through community and peer-based ministry. We meet on Thursdays from 5:30-7:30 at members' homes to share the roses and thorns of our week and learn the art of motherhood through dialogue and periodic presentations on pertinent topics. To learn more, please contact

email motherhoodcommunityed@gmail.com

# RCIA & SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION FOR ADULTS

Eager for a refresher about the Catholic faith? Interested in exploring the rich intellectual and spiritual tradition of the Church? Accompanying our seekers as a Sponsor or Faith Guide? Then please join us at our <a href="weekly RCIA session">weekly RCIA session</a> Sunday from 12:15 – 1:30 PM in the Parish <a href="Hall!">Hall!</a> Whether you are simply interested in the faith, new to the Catholic faith, or a fully initiated Catholic, you are most welcome.

We are excited for our seekers taking the next steps with the Rite of Acceptance into the Order of Catechumens (for those that have not been baptized) and the Rite of Welcome (for those that have been baptized) which will be celebrated at the 10:30am Mass on Sunday, December 10th. Then at 12:15pm, we gather for the next session which will cover: "The Early Church and the Holy Spirit". Then we will have a break and will resume RCIA sessions on Sunday, January 7th, 2024!

Please feel free to reach out to the IOP RCIA Team by email to <a href="mailto:ioprcia@gmail.com">ioprcia@gmail.com</a> or by phone/text to: (910) 378-9869. Again, all sessions are from 12:15 – 1:30 PM in the Parish Hall (after coffee & donuts). We hope to see you there! Your presence would be a blessing. Let us seek God with our whole *mind*, *heart*, and *will*.

**GREGORIAN CHANT:** 

Gregorian Chant Choir: Join us as we learn the fundamentals of this ancient art and practice traditional hymns. Beginners are welcome! The Gregorian Chant Choir practices in the choir loft on Wednesday at 6pm.

Contact Dom Dalmasso at <a href="mailto:domdalmasso@gmail.com">domdalmasso@gmail.com</a> for information.

#### **BENEDICTINE OBLATES:**

St. Michael the Archangel Deanery is the local chapter of Benedictine Oblates of St. Vincent Archabbey. We meet every third Tuesday of the month in the Parish Hall at 7 pm. For more information contact Rob Hilton at 910-330-0637 or just show up in the Parish Hall on the 3rd Tuesday at 7 pm.



In Glory, Praise and Thanksgiving and with a humble heart, I pray: My Lord Jesus Christ, Your Eucharistic presence teaches me how to love as you have loved me. In your great love for me you continue to give yourself, body, blood, soul and divinity in this sacrament of your love. As I pray here in your Eucharistic presence, enkindle in me the fire of your gospel. Nourish me with your love and compassion so that I may be your living presence to all I meet. Amen. With this beautiful Holiday upon us: this is just a friendly reminder that Holy Hours will be needing coverage. For those who feel they may be able to help with any coverage; please come in and check the clipboard in the back of the adoration chapel or you may contact one of the Coordinators below to find out what coverage is needed. With sincere appreciation, we thank you one and all. God Bless You! Coordinators:

Maureen Fiorello 353-0085 or 910-336-9359 Carrie Albright 928-606-4169, Bob Butler 910-320-7852 Madeleine Feagle 910-389-0764 Bilingual Coordinator Ariana Lopez Turner 910-554-7798

### **CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS NEWS:**

Next meeting will be Jan. 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7 pm in the Parish Hall. CDA is open to Catholic women, age 18 and above. The Religious Article gift shop at the parish hall entrance of the church is open after most weekend Masses. Come shop with us today!

#### **DIOCESAN NEWS:**

The Catholic Charities New Bern Office is looking for an Office Manager. The position is part-time (25 hours per week) and will be responsible for maintaining a hospitable, confidential, efficient and professional atmosphere in the office; providing administrative, bookkeeping and office management skills to the

operation of the regional office; establishing and maintaining appropriate professional standards; and representing Catholic Charities and its mission to the public. To apply or for more information, please visit www.CatholicCharitiesRaleigh.org/careers.

#### **New Year's Retreat**

New Year's Retreat. Let a certified 'coach' guide you through some time-honored spiritual practices in this year's retreat, "Spiritual Exercises for the New Year." Enter the year spiritually renewed and well-equipped with some techniques to keep you spiritually fit throughout the year. In addition to engaging presentations, there'll be Mass, confession, Matins, Vespers, and Adoration. Plus time to simply reflect upon the New Year in our sacred spaces, enjoy the gas logs in our lounge, or explore the beautiful grounds of the Catholic Conference Center in Hickory, NC. Two nights, December 30-January 1. As a special treat, there will be a New Year's Eve banquet with some traditional festivities. The last two years have sold out, so register now at www.catholicconference.org/new-vears. For more information, email info@catholicconference.org or call 828.327.7441.

#### **Project Rachel Post Abortion Healing Retreat** January 5-7, 2024

If you desire healing from a past abortion, you are invited to experience the love of Jesus Christ at a Project Rachel weekend retreat January 5-7, 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. For more information or to register for the retreat, contact Project Rachel at: project.rachel@raldioc.org or call (919) 852-1021. The website is: rachelnc.org. Cost is \$200 for lodging, meals, and all retreat materials. Discount of \$50 for early registration. If there is a financial burden, assistance is available.

#### **DECEMBER 16 & 17, 2023**

#### **READERS**:

SAT. 5:00PM Theresa Bogue SUN. 8:00AM **Bob Blick** 10:30AM Katherine Selleck

#### **ALTAR SERVERS**:

SAT. 5:00PM SUN. 8:00AM Evelyn & Olivia Moulton, Lily Place, Linwood Taylor Jr 10:30AM Lucas & Reuben Alexander, Matthew Curran, Evelyn Selleck

SAT. 5:00PM Elizabeth Barone, Sherri Branham,

#### **EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS:**

Ofelia Abel, Ginny Albano, Richard Cole, Robbie Hilton, Laurie Holmes, Tim Weber SUN. 8:00AM Kris Burritt, Johnny Carr, Wyonia Chevis, Bradford Duross, Regina Edwards, Brian Hazel 10:30AM Christina Dixon, Vielka Mason, Mary Beth Poole, Darwing Preciado, Nitza Preciado, Lori ReadyDiGiovanni

BULLETIN ARTICLES: All bulletin items must be submitted to the Parish Office in writing or e-mailed to psecretary.iop@gmail.com no later than 10:00AM on Monday. If Monday falls on a holiday items still need to be submitted by 10AM.

With the upcoming holidays we will have early transmittal dates for the bulletin:

December 24th bulletin - all bulletin items need to be submitted to the Office by Wednesday, December 13th at 2:00PM. Transmission is on Friday by 11:00AM.

December 31st bulletin - All bulletin items need to be submitted to the Parish Office by Wednesday, December 20th at 2:00PM. Transmission is on Friday by 11:00AM.

January 7th bulletin - All bulletin items need to be submitted to the Parish Office by Wednesday, December 27th at 2:00PM. Transmission is on Friday by 11:00AM.





After ten years of dedicated service, Jennifer Feldhaus Bryson will resign from her role as Principal of Infant of Prague Catholic School in preparation for a military transfer to Hawaii. The community of Infant of Prague Catholic Church and School would like to thank Mrs. Bryson and wish her a very fond farewell!

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