THANK YOU LORD FOR SCHOOL!

"I AM NOT CAPABLE OF DOING BIG THINGS, BUT I WANT TO DO EVERYTHING, EVEN THE SMALLEST THINGS, FOR THE GREATER GLORY OF GOD." ~SAINT DOMINIC SAVIO

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."

Compassion, Honesty, Reverence, Integrity, Service, Trust

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 <u>iopnc.org</u> to register online, <u>please call to confirm that your online registration was received</u>.

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 #1045

Weekend of January 27 & 28

Saturday	5:00PM	People of the Parish
Sunday	8:00AM	+Trudy Knocke
	10:30AM	+Daigle Family
		+John Paul Kitko
	12:30PM	Intentions of Lizzette Barrios
		Trillot
Monday	12:00PM	Intentions of Cloe & Storm Beall
Tuesday	12:00PM	Intentions of Macy
Wednesday	8:10AM	
	12:00PM	+Ovido Juarez
Thursday	9:00AM	
	7:00PM	
Friday	12NOON	+Rudy & Louise Roll

Weekend of February 3 & 4

Saturday	5:00PM	+Steven Feldhaus
		Intentions of Anne Marie
		Sommese
Sunday	8:00AM	People of the Parish
	10:30AM	+Austin Heydon
	12:30PM	Intentions of Fernando Ramos

FINANCIAL NEWS:

OUR GRATEFUL RESPONSE FOR JAN. 21, 2024

Offertory	\$´	13,833.00
National Collections	\$	26.00
2 nd Collections Previous & Future	\$	2,817.00

NEXT WEEKENDS SECOND COLLECTION: IOP SCHOOL TUITION ASSISTANCE

2023 TAX STATEMENTS:

Parishioner needing a Contribution Tax Statement for the Income Tax year 2023 may request a copy by contacting the Parish Office at 347-4196 or by sending an e-mail request to psecretary.iop@gmail.com. Please provide your first & last name and your address or envelope number. *Please call before stopping by the Office to pick up a statement.* Financial totals will not be given out over the phone.



Traveling Monstrance at IOP In preparation of the 100th anniversary of the Diocese of Raleigh, IOP will host the Centennial Traveling Monstrance in the IOP Adoration Chapel on Thursday, February 1, 2024 all day.





Sunday, February 4, 2024 from 9:00AM until 1:00PM in the gym. To schedule an appointment visit redcrossblood.org and use the Sponsor Code: infant of prague.

FEBRUARY SENIOR SOCIAL:

The next Senior Social Dinner is scheduled for February 19th at 4 p.m. in the Parish Hall. In the past we had request for tickets from the general public, which we cannot accommodate. However, please know this was not meant to exclude family members or a friend or neighbor who is alone and needs companionship. The best part of this event is the opportunity to meet so many wonderful parishioners. The menu for February is Pot Roast. Tickets will be available in the Parish Hall after the Masses or in the Parish Office. Tickets will not be sold the weekend of Feb. 17th-18th. so get your tickets early.

FAITH FORMATION NEWS:

JANUARY 28 FEBRUARY 4, 11, 18, 25 MARCH 3, 10, 17 (no class 24, 31) APRIL 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



MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

The Men's Bible Study meets on Wednesday, at 7 pm in the Holy Spirit Room of the Parish Hall. Contact Tony DeCandia at <u>adecandia153@gmail.com</u> for details.



IS GOD CALLING YOU TO SPEND TIME WITH HIM IN EUCHARISTIC ADORATION?

The Adoration chapel currently has several open hours that need to be filled by a committed adorer. There is early Wednesday morning at 1:00 – 2:00am and 2:00 – 3:00am; also early Saturday morning at 3:00 – 4:00am. These are the middle of the night, but there is no better time to be with the Eucharistic Presence of Jesus than in the middle of the night. It is silent and offers an intimate experience to speak with and listen to the One who loves you with a divine love. Please consider these openings and let us know if you have any questions. You can contact any of the coordinators if you are able to fill one of these openings, or even if you can just cover for a few weeks.

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

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 <u>weekly RCIA session</u> <u>Sunday from 12:15 – 1:30 PM in the Parish</u> <u>Hall!</u>

The next two sessions are: January 28th : "Sacrament of Penance" February 4th: "Sacrament of the Eucharist"

Please feel free to reach out to the IOP RCIA Team by email to ioprcia@gmail.com 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*.

NEW: We are pleased to offer a monthly meeting/inquiry session every 4th Thursday of the month from 6pm to 7pm in the Parish Hall Library. Whether you are simply interested in the faith, new to the Catholic faith, or a fully initiated Catholic, you are most welcome. Our next open inquiry session will be on February 22nd. Come and join us!

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 trinawilson.iop@gmail.com

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 February 2nd 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 <u>iopnc.org/young-adult-group</u>. 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.



The Thrift Store is in urgent need of volunteers. We are looking for cashiers, sorters and warehouse assistance. Please call Kim Cianci at 910-937-1543 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.

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS & NEWS

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 38

"I am ready to enter the world. All of my reflexes are working together. I can move my hands and head and

can even tell the difference between light and dark. My brain is pretty developed now and I recognize sounds and voices. I am running out of things to do in here. My development inside the womb is completed. My lungs are ready for their first breath of air, all I need to do is wait until God decides it's time for my emergence into the world. It will be a life-changing day for me and my family. Please, pray for us.

1. If you participated in the Virtual Adoption and have items for the Pregnancy Resource Center, please bring them to the Parish Hall on Sunday. January 28th. They will be taken to the Pregnancy Resource Center on Monday, January 29th.

2. If you still have baby bottles, please turn them in immediately. Thank you for all you do.

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

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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



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

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 <u>domdalmasso@gmail.com</u> 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.

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS NEWS:

Feeling lucky? Purchase tickets for the Luck of the Irish fundraiser for CDA. Tickets are \$5 and choose your lucky numbers. If your number matches the NC state evening drawing, your prize starts at \$25. Sunday's winnings are \$50, and St. Patrick's Day is \$75. Contact Cindy Heintz at 845-820-5967 or heintz.cindy@gmail.com. Go n-eirí an t-ádh leat

Next meeting will be February 7, 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!

CDA EDUCATION CONTEST:

The annual CDA education contest is open. Please find information in the magazine racks by the church doors or at the parish website. It is open from Grade 4 to adult. Theme is "How does my love shine for others?" Or "God's love and kindness will shine upon us like the sun that rises in the sky" (Luke 1:78).

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS:



St. Patrick's Day Dinner

IOP Parish Hall Saturday March 9, 2024 at 6:00pm Corned Beef or Ham Ticket \$10.00 We will be selling tickets after the Masses & parishioners can contact a

Knights for a ticket purchase.

Cena del día de San Patricio

Salón Parroquial IOP Sábado 9 de marzo de 2024 a las 18:00 horas Carne en conserva Boleto \$10.00

28 Jan - Rosary after 8:00 AM Mass for Right to Life and Traditional Marriages. All are invited to join us

4 Feb. – Coffee & Pastries after the 10:30 mass. Please note there will not be Coffee & Pastries after the 8:00AM mass.

DIOCESAN NEWS:

14th Annual Catholic Men's Conference of the Carolinas

The Catholic Men's Conference of the Carolinas, which has been a staple to Catholic men of the Carolinas, is now moving into its fourteenth year of conferences with its next event scheduled for February 10, 2024, at St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church, 1400 Suther Rd, Charlotte, NC 28213. For the first time in its history, Bishop Luis Rafael Zarama from the Diocese of Raleigh will be present to celebrate Mass, with keynote speaker Jesse Romero along with a great line up of others. Tickets are on sale now

at <u>catholicmenofthecarolinas.org</u>. Cost: \$40 General Admission; \$35 Knights of Columbus; \$20 Virtual.



Is your marriage going down the right road . . . or is it a little off track? Life can be difficult, and so can the challenges you face in marriage. Does the distance between you seem wide? Are you already separated? Looking for a better way? Retrouvaille can help and offers hope for a better relationship. Retrouvaille is a peer ministry of volunteer couples that can help you learn the tools of healthy communication, build intimacy, and heal, just as they have done in their own marriages. Retrouvaille is Christian-based and Catholic, but welcomes couples of all faiths as well as non-religious couples. Retrouvaille can help get your relationship back on track. For more information about our upcoming Retrouvaille Weekend program in Raleigh on March 8-10, 2024: email

<u>retrouvailleraleigh@gmail.com</u>, call 567-225-6115, or visit <u>http://bit.ly/41sFcW6</u> or <u>helpourmarriage.org</u>

Night to Shine Prom Night Experience:

St. Catherine of Siena, Wake Forest is excited to host "Night to Shine", sponsored by the Tim Tebow Foundation, on Friday, February 9, 2024! "Night to Shine" is an unforgettable prom night experience, centered on God's love for *people with special needs*, *ages 14 and older*. We are blessed to be a part of this growing worldwide movement through the local church where thousands of people with special needs will be celebrated, given the royal treatment, and reminded of God's love for them! Please visit scswf.org to learn how to register to become a guest, volunteer or donate.

Recovering Our Soul Connections:

A Retreat for Women Who Have Been Sexually Abused June 20-24, 2024 - Well of Mercy in Hamptonville, NC The retreat, which includes an exploration of Sacred Scripture, music, movement, expressive arts, mutual support, and liturgy, will begin at 6 PM on Thursday and end at Noon on Sunday. Over a period of two months prior to the retreat you will meet with a spiritual director to build a supportive relationship. Subsidies from the Diocese of Raleigh, the Catholic Community of Saint Thomas More in Chapel Hill, and the North Carolina Courts of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas make this retreat possible. For more information, or to request an application, please email soulconnection366@gmail.com or visit Recovering Our Soul Connections on Facebook. Applications will be accepted until the retreat is full. The cost to retreatants is \$200.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR: FEBRUARY 3 & 4, 2024

READERS:

SAT. 5:00PM	Alissa Fender
SUN. 8:00AM	Doug Nehls
10:30AM	Judy Itable

ALTAR SERVERS:

SAT. 5:00PM SUN. 8:00AM Stefan Aragona, Andrew, Ashley and

Michelle McNicoll 10:30AM Lucas & Reuben Alexander, Evelyn Selleck, William Smith

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

- SAT. 5:00PM Ginny Albano, Jamie Andrade, Elizabeth Barone, Sherri Branham, Andrea Sopko, Mary Wilman
- SUN. 8:00AM Bob Blick, Richard Dodson, Bradford Duross, Regina Edwards, Willa Feldhaus, David Ratte
 - 10:30AM Wilma Davis, Carol Frugoli, Caroline Martin, Vielka Mason, Fran Montcrieff, Jesse Morales



A Prayer for Catholic Schools

Almighty God,

You sent forth your Son as a beacon of hope for all people.

As a Teacher, He has given us the prime example of the importance of education.

As disciples, we look to him for inspiration and strength.

Thank you for the many people who have dedicated their lives in service to our Catholic Schools.

Thank you for the teachers and Boards of Management who sustain our schools.

Thank you for the parents who have given support and witness to the importance of Catholic education.

Thank you for the students who work hard to further their education. Bless all our Catholic Schools and the many people who advance our mission.

May our schools be a home for those who seek to grow in openness, faith, love, intellect and commitment to justice.

In your name, we pray. Amen.

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