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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 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 919-622-2659 member we cannot make visitations to people when we are unaware of their situation.



ONE IN FAITH BOOK #1028

Weekend of May 11 & 12

Sat. 5:00PM For All Mothers of the Parish both living and deceased

Sun. 8:00AM For All Mothers of the Parish

both living and deceased

10:30AM People of the Parish

12:30PM For All Mothers of the Parish

both living and deceased

Monday 12:00PM +Eileen Lynch Fagan

Tuesday 12:00PM Intentions of Clover & Lily Mae

Papenfuse

Wednesday 8:10AM +Kim & Paul Beall

12:00PM

Thursday 9:00AM Intentions of Brooklyn, Shawna

and Jacob

7:00PM

Friday 12:00PM +Antoinette Heller

Weekend of May 18 & 19

Saturday 5:00PM +Josie & Dennis Pallang

+Anne Reeder

Sunday 8:00AM +Barbara Marapoti

+Delores Hines

+Joe Pierce

10:30AM +Juana M. Buigas

Intentions of Ruth Ann Dixon

Couvin

+Andrew Welford

12:30PM People of the Parish

FINANCIAL NEWS:

OUR GRATEFUL RESPONSE FORMAY 5, 2024

Offertory	\$21,576.00
National Collections	\$ 114.00
2 nd Collections Previous & Future	\$ 5,561.00

NEXT WEEKENDS SECOND COLLECTION:

IOP SCHOOL TUITION ASSISTANCE

Dear Friends,

Thank you for everything you have done and been for me over these last 23 years. IOP will always be a part of my heart! I promise to keep you in prayer and hope you pray for me as I make this transition to retirement.

Sr Barbara Marie

MAY SENIOR SOCIAL:

The next Senior Social Dinner is scheduled for May 20th at 4 p.m. in the Parish Hall, please join us in fellowship. If you sit near a senior at Mass who has not been joining us at the Dinner, please introduced yourself and invite them to attend so we get to know them. Menu for May is lasagna. Tickets will be available in the Parish Hall after the Masses or in the Parish Office. This will be our last social until September. A special thank you for all the volunteers who make this wonderful event possible.



Our next restaurant fundraiser will be at the Paleteria Deya Ice Cream Shop on Wednesday, May 15, from 3-9pm! This parishioner-owned business will donate 25% of sales to the Come Grow With Us campaign when you mention IOP at

checkout! Located at the 24 Brynn Marr Rd in the Brynn Marr Plaza in Jacksonville. https://icecreamdeya.com/ ¡Ven a cenar con nosotros!

¡Nuestro próximo recaudación de fondos en un restaurante será en la heladería Paleteria Deya el miércoles 15 de mayo de 3 a 9 p. m.! ¡Esta empresa propiedad de los feligreses donará el 25 % de las ventas a la campaña Ven a crecer con nosotros cuando menciones a IOP al finalizar la compra! Ubicado en Brynn Marr Plaza en Jacksonville.

2024 INFANT OF PRAGUE SCHOOLS COME GROW WITH US – SPRING RAFFLE

Sponsored by Knights of Columbus Council 3574

1 st Prize – Riding Lawn Mower with Bag OR \$1000.00 2 nd Prize - \$100.00 Gift Certificate 3 rd & 4 th Prize - \$50.00 Gift Certificate

Drawing will take place on 28 July at 2:00 pm Tickets \$5.00 Each – OR BETTER YET – 3 FOR \$10.00

2024 ESCUELAS INFANTILES DE PRAGA VEN A CRECER CON NOSOTROS – RIFA DE PRIMAVERA

Patrocinado por el Consejo 3574 de Caballeros de Colón

1er premio: cortadora de césped con operador a bordo con bolsa O \$1000,00

2do Premio - Certificado de Regalo de \$100.00 3er y 4to premio - Certificado de regalo de \$50.00 El sorteo se realizará el 28 de julio a las 14:00 horas. Boletos \$5.00 cada uno – O MEJOR AÚN – 3 POR \$10.00

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Vacation Bible School July 29-Aug 2, 2024

Open to participants from Kindergarten to 5th grade, and volunteers from 6th grade to adult. Registration is free. We invite you to consider donating \$5 per child to help offset the cost. Visit iopnc.org/vbs to register.

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS & NEWS

In April, the Outreach Resource Center assisted 56 households/147 individuals with 3,291lbs of food from our food pantry. Our food pantry volunteers have generously served 154 hours to assist those in need. We assisted 16 households/50 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.

FAITH FORMATION NEWS:

REGISTRATION: Re-registration forms can be found in the acrylic holders at each door of the Church or at the Parish Office. The forms are PURPLE and are available in English and Spanish.

Every child must be re-registered each year. If we do not have a copy of your child's Baptism certificate, please submit one when you register. Please register as soon as possible so that your child has a reserved seat and that appropriate books and materials can be ordered. Forms are NOT available online. Registration fee can be submitted in cash or check. For more information - call the Office at 910-347-4196 ext 401 or email faithform.iop@gmail.com.

RCIA & SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION FOR ADULTS

How does our parish attract inquirers each year who consider becoming Catholic?

The short answer is <u>you</u>! When any parish has many inquirers year after year, it is the fruit of the Holy Spirit as parish members open their hearts to welcome others. Members of a welcoming and evangelizing community

take seriously their call to share the Divine message of salvation. It happens in parish families, in the workplace, in gatherings with friends and neighbors, and in daily contacts. Give thanks to God as He continuously strengthens each of us who seek to do His will in offering a gentle, humble, and clear welcome to the Catholic faith. Let's all do our part! Jesus said, "Go out into the whole world and proclaim the Gospel to every creature." (Mark 16:15)

If you (or anyone you know) are interested in the faith, new to the Catholic faith, or a fully initiated Catholic with questions, we invite you to our once-amonth **Inquiry** session held every 4th Thursday of the month from 6pm to 7pm in the Parish Hall library. The next Inquiry session will be on **Thursday**, **May 23rd**. We hope to see you there!

Feel free to reach out to the IOP RCIA Team by email to ioprcia@gmail.com or by phone/text to: (910) 378-9869 with any questions/comments/concerns. Let us continue to seek God with our hole *mind*, *heart*, and *will*.



ADORATION CHAPEL OPENINGS:

The Adoration chapel currently has just a few open hours available for new adorers. Thank you to those that have stepped forward to fill in the other needs we had. I'm sure that Jesus will show you his love during your holy hours. Please contact any of the coordinators if you are able to fill one of these openings or have any questions.

WED 1:00-2:00pm (shared), WED 4:00-5:00pm, THURS 4:00-5:00pm (shared), SAT 2:00-3:00pm.

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

APERTURAS DE LA CAPILLA DE ADORACIÓN

La capilla de la Adoración actualmente tiene solo unas pocas horas de apertura disponibles para los nuevos adoradores. Gracias a aquellos que han dado un paso adelante para llenar las otras necesidades que teníamos. Estoy seguro de que Jesús te mostrará su amor durante tus horas santas. Por favor, póngase en contacto con cualquiera de los coordinadores si puede llenar una de estas vacantes o si tiene alguna pregunta.

MIÉRCOLES 1:00-2:00PM (compartido), MIERCOLES 4:00-5:00PM, JUEVES 4:00-5:00PM (compartido), SABADO 2:00-3:00pm.

Coordinadores: Maureen Fiorello 910-353-0085 o 910-336-9359, Carrie Albright 928-606-4169, Bob Butler 910-320-7852, Madeleine Feagle 910-389-0764 y nuestra Coordinadora Bilingüe Ariana Lopez Turner 910-554-7798

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 June 7th 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.

FAMILY LIFE MINISTRY

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.



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

support to new and expectant mothers through community and peer-based ministry. We meet Thursdays from 5:30-7:30 at members' homes. To learn more, please contact motherhoodcommunityed@gmail.com

IOP THRIFT STORE NEWS:

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

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 Wednesday - Saturday's, 9:30 AM - 4:00 PM. If you need furniture or bulk items picked up, please call the store (910) 937-1543.

PLEASE NOTE

The IOP Thrift Store will <u>not</u> be accepting donations of **CLOTHES** May 15th - May29th. At this time we have received three truckloads of clothes from UNC Wilmington which will take us a while to sort and store. We will be accepting all other donations during this period of time. We apologize for any inconvenience this might cause. Thank you for your support.

Livestream Volunteers Needed!

Please consider joining the livestream ministry team and help us reach out to the sick, the homebound, and those who cannot be present at the liturgy. Training is available upon request, no experience is necessary. We regularly stream the 10:30am Sunday Masses and are seeking to stream the 12:30PM Misa. Contact Marie Tinsley at <a href="mailto:mailto

ALTAR SERVERS: IOP has changed the paradigm for Altar Servers. Our motto is "come one, come all". We have discovered experience is worth more than a thousand training sessions. If you would like to be an Altar Server, just ask!! Ask your IOP teacher, ask one of the Altar Servers, ask the Seminarian Drew, ask the Deacon, or ask the Priest. Show up for Mass willing to server and we will find a spot for you. As you gain experience, you will move up to positions of more responsibility.

Women's Group:

All women are invited to join the IOP Women's Group! We meet every first and third Monday of the month at 6:30pm in the parish library. The Women's Group will be reading through Jesus and the Jewish Roots of Mary by Brandt Pitre. Contact Jessie Girardin for more information: 703-731-9685, jessicamgirardin@gmail.com Point of Contact: Jessica Girardin for more information: 703-731-9685, jessicamgirardin@gmail.com

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 adecandia 153@gmail.com for details.

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.



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 domdalmasso@gmail.com for information. See the parish website for a printable version of the Mass Parts that the choir chants at the 10:30 Mass.

BLOOD DRIVE:

The Knights of Columbus Fr. Aloysious H. Schmitt Council 13220 is sponsoring a pre-Holiday Blood Drive at St. Francis Xavier Catholic Chapel on Saturday, May 18, 2024, from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM.



BUNCO FUNdraiser

Hosted by IOP Catholic Daughters on Saturday June 1st at 10:00AM in the Parish Hall. Proceeds to benefit the Come Grow with Us Campaign. Please secure your seat by contacting Donna Merriman 910 539-8752 \$25.00 per person

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS NEWS:

Next CDA meeting will be August 7th at 6:30 pm in the Parish Hall. Please shop our gift shop around weekend Masses (located at the parish hall entrance of the church).

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS:

Cor exists to form and strengthen Catholic men in faith and virtue as missionary disciples by drawing them into a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ through prayer, formation, and fraternity. While this is being offered and hosted by the Knights of Columbus, it is an opportunity open to all men of the parish. The Cor Men's Group meets on the second Saturday (8 AM) and fourth Tuesday (7 PM) of each month in the Parish Hall Holy Spirt Room. We invite all men to join us in prayer, formation and fraternity. Please contact edwinfastnacht@outlook.com for any questions.



Let's keep in touch! Sign up now to receive IOP's monthly newsletter in your inbox and never miss a beat! Parishioners who entered their email address in their parish registry should already have

received the March newsletter. To join the mailing list. visit the parish website or scan the QR code.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR: MAY 18 & 19, 2024

READERS:

SAT. 5:00PM Elizabeth Barone SUN. 8:00AM Richard Dodson 10:30AM Caroline Martin

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

SAT. 5:00PM Ofelia Abel, Sherri Branham, Shay DeCandia, Laurie Holmes, Tim Weber, Bob Wilman

SUN. 8:00AM Kris Burritt, Johnny Carr, Bradford Duross, Brian Hazel, Theresa Misko,

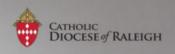
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10:30AM Jennifer Correro, Jerry Gray, Vielka Mason, Mary Beth Poole,

Lori Ready-DiGiovanni, Katherine

Selleck

Next month, Deacon Cong and Deacon Ross will be ordained priests for our diocese! Their ordination is on June 1 at 10am at Holy Name of Jesus Cathedral.



Holy Hour for Vocations

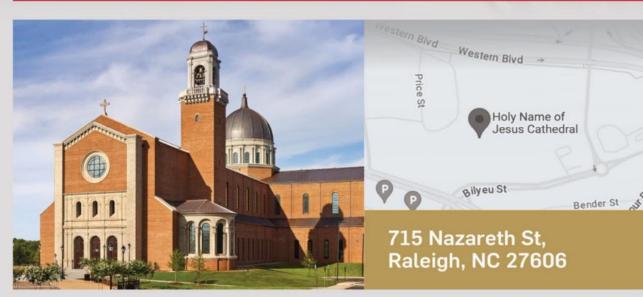
May 31, 2024 / 7:00p - 8:00p Holy Name of Jesus Cathedral

A reception to follow the Holy Hour at the Holy Name of Jesus Cathedral Parish Center



Join **Bishop Luis Rafael Zarama** as he leads a Holy Hour to pray for our priests, and for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and to the religious life.





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