



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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BULLETIN ARTICLES: All bulletin items must be submitted to the Parish Office in writing or emailed to <u>psecretary.iop@gmail.com</u> no later than 10:00AM on Monday unless otherwise stated. If Monday falls on a holiday items still must to be submitted by 10:0AM.



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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, *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.



Weekend of August 3 & 4

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Sat.	5:00PM	+Josie & Dennis Pallang		
Sun.	8:00AM	+Aurora & Julio Lava		
	10:30AM	People of the Parish		
	12:30PM	+Baudilio Marin		
Monday	12:00PM	Conversion of Hearts		
Tuesday	12:00PM			
Wednesday	12:00PM	+Kristie Hellen Schmidt		
Thursday	9:00AM			
	7:00PM			
Friday	12:00PM			
Weekend of August 10 & 11				
Saturday	5:00PM	+Joseph Pierce		
-		+Josephine & Carrie Cumella		
Sunday	8:00AM	+Elmer & Martha Donley		
	10:30AM	+Mary Ceceilia Hough Guie		

Conversion of Hearts 12:30PM People of the Parish

FINANCIAL NEWS:

OUR GRATEFUL RESPONSE FOR JULY 28, 2024

Offertory	\$13,692.00
National Collections	\$ 40.00
2 nd Collections Previous & Future	\$ 3,458.00

NEXT WEEKENDS SECOND COLLECTION: SCHOOL SUPPORT



The Knights of Columbus will have doughnuts and coffee after the 8:00 am and 10:30 am masses in the hall. All parishioners are invited to join us in fellowship. Doughnuts are free but donation are greatly appreciated.



Infant of Prague Blood Drive will be held on Sunday August 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 Knights of Columbus Council 13220 is hosting a blood drive in the MCX Mainside parking lot on Saturday, 17 August from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Anyone who is 18 or older, weighs over 110 lbs., and hasn't donated in the past 60-days is eligible. You can get more information or to make an appointment: contact Wendy Binder, (910) 777-1502. Additionally, one can make an appointment online at <u>kofc13220.org</u>. by selecting Blood Drive Information. There is also an informative website: <u>http://www.militaryblood.dod.mil</u> that can be referred to for donors. Please note restricted access to the base precludes anyone without valid ID & sponsorship.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING:

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 14th at 6:00PM in the Parish Hall Library. All board members are asked to be in attendance.



As many of you are aware Seminarian Drew Navarro has completed his internship with us and has returned to Florida to continue his studies. For those wishing to send him cards and well wishes please send them directly to him at: Seminarian Drew Navarro, St. Vincent de Paul Regional Seminary, 10701 S. Military Trail, Boynton Beach, FL 33436.



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Our Come Grow With Us Spring / Summer Raffle drawing was held 28th of July following the 10:30 Mass. Seminarian Drew was good enough to be our official ticket puller. **Congratulations** to the following people

who won the prizes indicated:

\$1,000 - C ash	Kerry Brinker
\$100.00 - Gift Ce	rtificate/Cash
	Andrea Jones
\$50.00 - Gift Cer	tificate/Cash
	Paul & Irene Reilly
\$50.00 - Yen Ng	uyen-Dilda (Donated back to
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Thanks to all that purchased tickets. It was through your support that we were able to have a successful Raffle! Bobby the Builder

Music Festival – Volunteers Needed:

On Saturday. August 17th from 4:00 – 8:00 pm there

will be a live Bluegrass and Bachata Music Festival at the Infant of Prague Catholic School Upper Campus, 501 Ann Street downtown Jacksonville.

Sign-up now for the *Bluegrass, Bachata, & Bar-B-Que By the Bridge* event on August 17. This free event will feature live music, BBQ, a beer garden, and family fun activities. Volunteers can choose their hours and station. Indoor and outdoor volunteer stations are available. Volunteers must be 21 or older to work in the beer garden. Visit SignUpGenius to register today!





THE EUCHARISTIC MIRACLES OF THE WORLD EXHIBIT is coming to Infant of Prague parish, on September 28 & 29. Mark your calendars and plan on joining us for this powerful event. You will be able to explore some of the most amazing Eucharistic miracles from around the world. This collection of miracles was compiled by Blessed Carlo Acutis, the first millennial to be beatified. He designed it to bolster your faith and leave you in awe of the very real Presence of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. This is a unique experience that you won't want to miss.

LA EXPOSICIÓN DE LOS MILAGROS EUCARÍSTICOS

DEL MUNDO llegará a la parroquia Infante de Praga los días 28 y 29 de septiembre. Marquen sus calendarios y planeen unirse a nosotros para este poderoso evento. Podrás explorar algunos de los milagros eucarísticos más asombrosos de todo el mundo. Esta colección de milagros fue compilada por el beato Carlo Acutis, el primer milenario en ser beatificado. Lo diseñó para reforzar su fe y dejarlo asombrado de la Presencia real de Jesús en el Santísimo Sacramento. Esta es una experiencia única que no querrás perderte.

RCIA & SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION FOR ADULTS

Are you someone OR do you know someone who...

- Has expressed an interest in becoming Catholic?
- Was baptized Catholic as a child, but has not celebrated the Sacraments of Confirmation** and Eucharist?

**From the *Catechism of the Catholic Church, paragraph 1286:* "...the reception of the sacrament of Confirmation is necessary for the completion of baptismal grace. For "by the sacrament of Confirmation, [the baptized] are more perfectly bound to the Church and are enriched with a special strength of the Holy Spirit. Hence they are, as true witnesses of Christ, more strictly obliged to spread and defend the faith by word and deed."

RCIA sessions, which focus on the teaching and experience of the Church, and prepare individuals to celebrate the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist during the Easter Season, will be resuming on **September 8th**. Sessions will be held on Sundays from 12:15-1:30PM in the Parish Hall, until May 18th, 2025.

To those with questions or are just interested in the Catholic faith, who are not baptized, are of other faiths, or are adult Catholics who were not confirmed, we offer an **Inquiry** session every 4th Thursday of the month from 6pm to 7pm in the Parish Hall library. The next Inquiry session will be on **Thursday, August 22nd**. We hope to see you there!

We would also like to invite **ANY fully initiated Catholic** that is curious or interested in **helping out the RCIA Team** to please join us **after the 10:30am Sunday Masses in August** in the Parish Hall. We will go over all the various ways that we can carry out our mission as Catholics, accompanying seekers to Christ, in our parish!

Feel free to reach out to the IOP RCIA Team by email to <u>ioprcia@gmail.com</u> 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*.



The Infant of Prague parish is very blessed to have been able to offer perpetual adoration for 29 years! Some of the current adorers have been committed from the very beginning, and we are so thankful for their faithful dedication. However, we have some openings at this time. We want to invite YOU to consider becoming a scheduled adorer for our Adoration Chapel. During your holy hour you will be in the presence of Jesus. He is truly present in the Blessed Sacrament displayed in the Monstrance. He will be looking upon YOU with LOVE. You can speak to Him, in your heart, with prayers of petition or thanksgiving. No matter how YOU spend your holy hour with Jesus, you will find the many blessings that come from it. These are the current openings: MONDAY 3-4 pm, TUESDAY 8-9 am, FRIDAY 10-11 am. And WEDNESDAY 6-7 am and 9-10 am, THURSDAY 6-7 am, SUNDAY 6-7 pm.

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

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 <u>trinawilson.iop@gmail.com</u>

JUNIOR CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS: JCDA is open to girls from age 6 to 18 and meet will meet on Sept. 6th in the Outreach Center (327 Mildred Ave.) from 6 pm to 8 pm. If you are interested in joining JCDA, please email <u>icda1643@gmail.com</u> 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.

FAITH FORMATION NEWS:

Faith Formation classes begin on Sunday, September 8, 2024.

REGISTRATION: 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. Registration fee can be submitted in cash or check. For more information - call the Office at 910-347-4196 ext 401 or email faithdevelopment.iop@gmail.com

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS & NEWS

In June, the Outreach Resource Center assisted 53 households/161 individuals with 3,168.5lbs of food from our food pantry. Our food pantry volunteers have generously served 96 hours to assist those in need. We assisted 24 households/86 individuals through our utility assistance program. Your generous contributions have helped feed and keep the electricity/water on for members of our community. We are thankful for the White Oak High School's FFA for their bountiful donations of produce.

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.

FAMILY LIFE MINISTRY

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 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.



Do you run/walk and love life? Consider joining Life Runners!

What: We are an international, pro-life, running ministry. We run/walk as a prayer

to honor the unborn and to grow in awareness and knowledge of life-giving ministries/resources so that our members are ready to respond to and uplift expectant parents in the community.

When: Last Saturday of every month @ 7am Where: Lejeune Memorial Gardens Visit liferunners.org and join the Jacksonville chapter.

Questions: Contact Erin at jacksonvillelr@gmail.com

IOP THRIFT STORE NEWS:

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.

Women's Group:

The IOP Women's Group is taking a break during June and July. Please keep an eye on the bulletin for information on the next study. Contact Jessie Girardin to join the mailing list or Whatsapp group: 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 <u>adecandia153@gmail.com</u> 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 <u>domdalmasso@gmail.com</u> for information. See the parish website for a printable version of the Mass Parts that the choir chants at the 10:30 Mass.

Secular Order of Discalced Carmelites

Do you want to grow closer to Jesus? Do you want to deepen your interior life and imitate Our Lady? Do you think you may be called to a life of prayer as a lay person in the midst of the world? If you can answer "Yes!" to any of these questions, you are invited to visit the Secular Order of Discalced Carmelites. Learn more about the Carmelite Order, its role in the world, and the saints who made it happen. Discover if you may be called to follow St. Teresa of Avila, St. John of the Cross, St. Thérèse of Lisieux and the many other Carmelite saints by living hidden in the Heart of Christ for the sake of the Church and the world. If you are a confirmed and practicing Catholic at least 18 years old and are interested in the Secular Carmelites of Wilmington. please contact Theresa Bogue at theresabogue@yahoo.com.

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 guestions.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR: AUGUST 10 & 11, 2024

READERS:

SAT. 5:00PM Ryan Lawson SUN. 8:00AM Joe Frank 10:30AM Caroline Martin

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

SAT. 5:00PM Amy Alcott, Sherri Branham, Robbie Hilton, Diane Lewis, Tim Weber, Mary Wilman

- SUN. 8:00AM Bob Blick, Bradford Duross, Regina Edwards, Willa Feldhaus, Christina Fernandez, David Ratte
 - 10:30AM Wilma Davis, Christina Dixon, Barbara Duffy, Gail Morales, Jesse Morales, Mary Beth Poole

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