

# Immaculate Conception Roman Catholic Church

**Father Herbert T. Burke, Pastor**

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## **Weekend Masses**

Saturday, 5:00pm  
Sunday, 9:00am, 11:30am, and 3:00pm(Español)

## **Weekday Masses**

Monday, 9:00am (Chapel)  
Wednesday, 7:00pm (Church)  
Thursday, 12:10pm (Chapel)  
Friday, 12:10pm (Chapel)

## **Rosary and Benediction**

Thursday, 7:00pm (Chapel)

## **Eucharistic Adoration**

Thursday, 12:30pm-8:00pm (Chapel)  
Friday, 12:30pm-1:30pm (Chapel)  
Saturday, 4:00pm-5:00pm (Church)  
Sunday, 8:00am-9:00am (Church)  
Sunday, 10:30am-11:30am (Church)  
Sunday, 2:30pm-3:00pm (Church)

## **Nocturnal Adoration**

Second Saturday of the Month,  
10:00pm—6:00am (Chapel)

## **Confession**

Saturday, 4:15-4:45pm  
Wednesday, 6:30pm-7:00pm

## **Welcome to our Parish!**

We welcome all visitors and newcomers to our parish family. If you need any Information regarding Baptism, First Communion or Matrimony, please contact Deacon Andy Cilone at 828-245-6219.

For information regarding instructions in the catholic faith through the RCIA program, please contact Deacon David Faunce at:  
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**November 10, 2024**  
**32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Immaculate Conception Roman Catholic Church ~ 1024 West Main Street ~ Forest City, NC ~ 28043**

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**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
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**WEEKLY CALENDAR for November 9-17, 2024**

Sat 9	Dedication of Saint John Lateran Basilica	5:00pm	Mass for the Parish
Sun 10	<b>32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	9:00am 11:30am 7:30pm	<b>Mass for Deceased Members of the Knights of Columbus</b> <b>Mass for Mary &amp; Sini, Happy Birthday, by the Kalapurakal Family</b> AA Meeting, call Floyd Kunkle at 289-6336 for information
Mon 11	Saint Martin of Tours	9:00am	Mass for the Gilbert Family
Wed 13	Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini	7:00pm 10:30am	Mass for Priscilla Bell Schultz by Paula Crandall Prayer Group, Parish Hall
Thurs 14	Saint Laurence O'Toole	12:10pm 7:00pm 7:30pm	Mass for ROS Claire Daigle <b>Rosary and Benediction in the Chapel</b> AA Meeting, call Floyd Kunkle at 289-6336 for information
Fri 15	Saint Albert the Great	12:10pm 7:00am	Mass for ROS Father Michael Kottar by Giuliana Riley Men's Prayer Group
Sat 16	Saint Gertrude the Great	5:00pm	Mass for ROS of Charles Hill, Sr. by Chuck & Janet Hill
Sun 17	<b>33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	9:00am 11:30am 7:30pm	Mass for ROS George Watson by the McEnerney Family <b>Mass for the Parish</b> AA Meeting, call Floyd Kunkle at 289-6336 for information

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR!** November 11: Ladies Guild, 10:00am, all women of the Parish invited.

November 14, 21: Daughters of the Visitation, 4:30-6:30pm, Parish Hall

November 16: Happy Feast Day Mother Gertrude!

November 16-17: Holy Land Souvenirs at all Masses

November 18: Prayer Shawl Ministry, 10:00am, Parish Hall

November 21-22: 24-Hour Adoration

November 24: Happy Birthday Deacon Andy!

December 5: Daughters of the Visitation, 4:30-6:30pm, Parish Hall

December 8: After 9:00am and 11:30am Masses: Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast and a Movie, 'Star'; more info on next page.

December 9: Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception (Since the feast is on December 8th and it falls on a Sunday, the Solemnity will be celebrated on the 9th. It is a Holy Day of Obligation)

December 14: Knights of Columbus Annual Christmas Basket and Coat Drive: see mor information on next page.



**Pope Quotes**

*"The souls in heaven assist us with their prayers, while we assist the souls in purgatory through our good works, prayer, and participation in the Eucharist."*

~ Pope Francis ~



**Saint Quotes**

*"The Holy Souls in Purgatory are our friends. If everyone were to adopt a holy soul to pray for, Purgatory would be empty in no time."*

~ Saint Gertrude the Great ~

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Email: [reharrill@rcdoc.org](mailto:reharrill@rcdoc.org).

**COMMUNITY OUTREACH**

1st Sunday (November 3)	Yokefellow Sunday	Canned beans, (15 oz) any type (pinto, kidney, etc.)
2nd Sunday (November 10)	Hospice Sunday	Ensure, any flavor
<b>3rd Sunday (November 17)</b>	<b>Hands of Hope Sunday</b>	<b>Children's diapers, SIZE LARGE</b>
4th Sunday (November 24)	Backpack Sunday	Individual-serving size of Mac & cheese, ravioli, beanie-weenies, etc

**COLLECTION INFORMATION For November 3, 2024**

Regular Offering: \$8,809.48  
Seminarian Education: \$2518.00  
All Saints Collection: \$1,562.00

You can make online donations through the following link:  
<https://giving.parishsoft.com/app/giving/immaculateconceforestcity>

Year-round Contribution Envelopes are on the table in the Narthex.

## Prayers for the Sick

Mary Absher, Cynthia Beam, Emily Bailey, Alisha Benfield, Iris Borrás, Wade Boswell, Father Burke, Melissa Chandler, Gary Colhouer, Frank Colini, Joanne Colini, Sabrina & Kevin Collier, Julie Collins, Michelle Contreras, Michelle Daigle, Danya Davis, Claudia Dodrill, Robert DuCharme, Danya Evans, Carol Faunce, Emanuel Garcia, Rebekah Giltner, Gloria Gimpaya, Silvestre Gonzalez, Nancy Goulet, Ellie Graves, Gertrude Hand, David Hernandez, Julian Hernandez, Sherlin Hernandez, Janet Hill, Clare Jablonski, Betsy Jackson, Father Jenkins, Kate Johnson, Gabriel Jones, Erlinda Judson, Bishop Jugis, Ronnie Kennedy, Jim & Joan King, Jared Krantz, Charlie Kutilek, Ed Long, Stephannie Longo, Patricia Lucas, Jeff Lugo, Wilson Mancipe, Monica Martin, Elias Martinez, Nathan I. McCain, Jennifer McDonald, Joan Meade, Geri Melton, Esther Mendoza, Teresa Mendoza, Gloria Millette, Kevin Millette, Scott Moore, Lucas Cade Motter, Alan Murfitt, Keith Oliver, Luis Parra, Maria Parra, Carmen Perez, David Picquet, Ken Pierson, Charles Plateroti, Bonnie Rackley, Peter Ranc, Richard Ranc, Rick Rorey, Deborah Rowlands, Camille Russo, Nathan Ryback, Linda Samarotto, Cassie Schmanski, Gloria Sears, Linda & Keith See, Samantha Smith, Sister Mary Olivia, Larry St. Clair, Nancy St. Clair, Beth Ann Stamper, Cole Suhy, Doug Suhy, Gladys Talley, Mark Tavernia, Richard Thelen, Federico Trejo, Patty Wansor, Arwin Watts, Fred White, Patricia White, Sammy White, Bernice Williams.

Please let us know when you are ready to be taken off our "Prayers for the Sick" list; email [pjwlmg@gmail.com](mailto:pjwlmg@gmail.com)



### ESPECIALLY FOR....

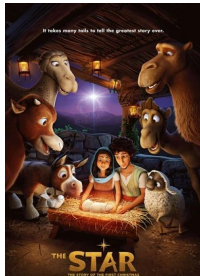
E2 Private First Class Jayden Mills, USMC, Stationed at Camp Hansen, Okinawa, Japan; CDR Stuart Whitaker; John Escalera, also in the Navy; CDR Jeffrey Gerring of the US Navy. Please consider adding the name of someone you

love to our prayer list for our Troops. Email to [pjwlmg@gmail.com](mailto:pjwlmg@gmail.com)



Please Pray for Our First Responders, especially for:

**Officer Max DeLauter**, Shelby Police Department and  
**Officer Nathan Shomette**, Charlotte Mecklenburg Police Department



## Pancakes and a Movie

Come join the Knights, after the 9 and 11:30 Masses on December 8, as we celebrate

Keeping Christ in Christmas with pancakes

(Plain, Chocolate Chip and Peppermint) and the Nativity movie, The Star.

Funds raised will be for the LAMB foundation - Least Among My Brethren. All proceeds/donations will support our program for the Intellectually Challenged - where 85% of funds stay in the county.



### Knights of Columbus Disaster Relief

Disaster Relief donations to our Knights of Columbus Council have been flowing in from Parishioners and friends/relatives from across the country to support families in Western NC. The Knights have decided that the best way to make sure these funds get to the neediest of families in the hardest hit areas is to adopt a Knights of Columbus council in the impacted areas. The first adopted council was Swannanoa Council 13016 at St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church. We have distributed nearly \$4,000 to Council 13016 that is being delivered to identified families in that community. We will continue to collect and distribute disaster relief funds as these donations continue to come in. If you would like to donate, reach out to any Knights of Columbus member for more information. Donations can be dropped off at the Parish office in and envelope marked for KoC Disaster Relief.

## HOLY LAND SOUVENIRS

Just a heads up for the upcoming date in November for the Holy Land Souvenirs. They will be here next weekend, of November 16- 17<sup>th</sup> at all masses.

### Knights of Columbus Annual Christmas Basket,

### Toys, and Coats for Needy Families December 14th



We thank the Parish again for the tremendous support in the past with this program. We are again asking the parish for financial donations or donations of toys and new coats for ages 1 to 16. Adult coats will be accepted as well to be made available for families who otherwise would not have these items this Christmas. **We are expecting 75 families** this year up from the typical 60. Knights will collect toys and coats before the masses, or these items can be dropped off in the parish hall. Financial donations can be given to your favorite Knight or can be dropped off at the Parish office in an envelope marked for KoC Christmas Baskets.

### Prayer for the Souls in Purgatory

Eternal Father, I offer You the most Precious Blood of Your Divine Son, Jesus, in union with the Masses said throughout the world today, for all the Holy Souls in Purgatory, for sinners everywhere, for sinners in the Universal Church, those in my own home, and within my family. Amen.

## This is a test!

Let's see if you can answer these questions from the Baltimore Catechism.

408. When will Christ judge us?
409. What is the judgement called which we have to undergo immediately after death?
410. What is the judgement called which all men have to undergo on the last day?
411. Why does Christ judge men immediately after death?
412. What are the rewards or punishments appointed for men's souls after particular judgement?
413. What is hell?
414. What is purgatory?
415. Can the faithful on earth help the souls in purgatory?

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408. Christ will judge us immediately after our death, and on the last day.

409. The judgement which we have to undergo immediately after death is called the particular judgement.

410. The judgement which all men have to undergo on the last day is called the general judgement.

411. Christ judges men immediately after death to reward or punish them according to their deeds.

412. The rewards or punishments appointed for men's souls after the particular judgement are heaven, purgatory, and hell.

413. Hell is a state to which the wicked are condemned, and in which they are deprived of the sight of God for all eternity, and are in dreadful torments.

414. Purgatory is the state in which those suffer for a time who die guilty of venial sins, or without having satisfied for the punishment due to their sins.

415. The faithful on earth can help the souls in purgatory by their prayers, fasts, almsdeeds, by indulgences, and by having masses said for them.

**ANSWERS**

## Praying for the Souls in Purgatory

Why have a test? Well, it makes sense that if we celebrate November 2 as the feast of All Souls, we might as well have a clear idea of who we are praying for, and why.

Some of you may have turned the page to see if you answered the questions correctly. If you got 100% you are probably showing your age. The questions are from the Baltimore Catechism of 1885. This catechism was used in the United States through the early 1960s. Every third grader would have been able to answer these questions.

In those days we all had Catechism class. And we studied what? The Baltimore Catechism. Within its pages were written the basic doctrines of our faith. It is a well known fact that our Catholic faith emphasizes right beliefs, and not simply right behavior. Learning those beliefs at an early age was guided by that little blue catechism, by our parents and by our teachers.

For now, let us look at question number 408, 409, and 412 by reflecting on today's Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC) ¶ 1022: Each man receives his eternal retribution in his immortal soul at the very moment of his death, in a particular judgment that refers his life to Christ; either entrance into the blessedness of heaven-through a purification (purgatory) or immediately (heaven) or immediate and everlasting damnation (hell).

Saint John of the Cross put it simply. "At the evening of life, we shall be judged on our love."

All of us would like to think that we would go straight to heaven. And many of us certainly will. But we are told that "all who die in God's grace and friendship, but still imperfectly purified, are indeed assured of their eternal salvation; but after death they undergo purification so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven." (CCC ¶1030)

The practice of praying for the dead finds its roots in the Old Testament when Judas Maccabeus (2Macc 12:46) made atonement for the dead so that they might be delivered from their sin. From the beginning the Church has honored the memory of the dead and offered prayers in suffrage for them, above all, the Eucharistic sacrifice, so that they may attain the beatific vision of God. The Church also commands almsgiving, indulgences and penance undertaken on behalf of the dead." (CCC ¶1032)

The Council of Trent, on September 16, 1562 declared that: "the sacrifice of the Mass is propitiatory (conciliatory) for both the living and the dead." Trent declared "According to the traditions of the Apostles, it is rightly offered not only for the sins, punishments, satisfactions and other necessities of the faithful who are living, but also for those departed in Christ but not yet fully purified."

That brings us to the process of Mass Intentions. The Cure d'Ars, Saint John Vianney, wrote: "If we knew the value of the Mass, we would die of joy!" The Mass has infinite value as the celebration of Christ's sacrifice of atonement at Calvary. For that reason, there is no set number of masses required to bring a soul out of purgatory.

The comforting realization for many of us is that if the particular soul we are praying for is already safely in heaven, God will allow a Mass to benefit another deceased member of the Body of Christ.

