

Immaculate Conception Parish & St. Jude Mission Church

MAY 17, 2026



454 Bow Street
Elkton, MD 21921

MASSES

Saturday Evening: 5:00 pm
Sundays: 7:00 & 11:00 am
Holy Days: As announced
Weekdays: Mon. - Sat., 8:30 am

CONFESSIONS

Saturday, 9:15 - 10:15 am

BAPTISMS

2nd & 4th Sundays of
the month, 12:15 pm

Rev. Richard J. Jasper
Pastor

Rev. James Gebhart
Associate Pastor

Rev. Gerald Dunne, OSFS
Priest in Residence

Mr. Ben Feril
Permanent Deacon



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MASSES

Sundays: 9:00 am
Holy Days: As announced

CONFESSIONS

Before Sunday Mass,
8:20 - 8:50 am

BAPTISMS

3rd Sunday of the
month, 10:15 am

Schedule of Liturgies



Parish Office: 410-398-1100
455 Bow Street, Elkton, MD 21921
Monday - Friday: 8:30 am - 4:00 pm
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Registration: Please call the Parish Office for a registration form, or register online.
Office of Faith Formation
Vickie Eichler / 410-392-3551
Coord. of Primary Faith Formation
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Marriages
Please contact a priest one year in advance.
Ministry to the Sick and Homebound
Deacon Michael Truman / 410-398-0009
Call Parish Office whenever you or a family member are hospitalized or needs a visit.
Parish Outreach / 410-398-2110
Open Mon, Wed., & Fri. from 9:30 am - 11:30 am
Coordinator of Music & Liturgy
George I. Gregory / 410-398-3244
icsjmusic@gmail.com
Contemporary Ensemble Rehearsal
Tuesday at 7:00 pm (*Sept. to May*)
Cantor Rehearsal
Wednesday at 9:30 am

Immaculate Conception Cemetery
Our cemetery is conveniently located off of Rt. 213 and Childs Road, Elkton, MD 21921. For current availability and pricing, contact Peggy O'Donnell in the Parish Office at 410-398-1100 or iccmanager455@gmail.com.
Baptisms: Pregnant? Have a newborn? Does your child need to be Baptized? You are invited! Classes are on Monday evenings, 6:30 - 7:30 pm in the Parish Center. Please contact the Parish Office in advance to register for the Baptism Preparation Class or to arrange the date of Baptism. Call 410-398-1100 for information or to register.
Pastoral Council Meeting
3rd Wednesday of the month (*Sept. - June*) at 5:00 pm in the Parish Center.
Parish Liturgy & Finance Committees
Meets monthly

REFLECTION

By Fr. James Gebhart - May 17, 2026
The Ascension of the Lord

Dear Parishioners of Immaculate Conception and St. Jude's,

I am grateful to Fr. Rich for lending me his space in the bulletin this week!

I wanted to inform all of you of a new endeavor Bishop Koenig has asked me to begin this summer. Sometimes a diocesan bishop will ask a priest to go on for further academic studies in order to receive a degree that will benefit the diocese, our parishes, and parishioners. Some months ago, Bishop Koenig asked me to further my studies in Canon Law.

Canon Law is the legal system of the Catholic Church. At first, it may seem a bit odd that the Church would have a legal system, similar to what we are so accustomed to seeing and living by in both local and national government. However, with the presence of the Catholic Church around the globe and having over one billion baptized members, you can imagine that there has to be something that keeps everything "in order," so to speak. This is where Canon Law comes into play, as it exists to safeguard and maintain our values, norms, standards, rights, and responsibilities as a Church and as individuals. It is something that is always at play in the life of the Church, even though we may not hear about it too often. As a priest, I refer to it frequently in the exercise of my ministry.

Further studies for me will happen over the course of the next four years. The most intense parts of these studies will happen over each summer, specifically June and July. During those months, I will be living and studying at the Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C. During the normal academic year, however, I will be back in the diocese and taking courses online each semester. What works well with this program is that it allows me to continue to minister in the diocese for the majority of the year. I wanted to make you all aware of this as I know you will notice my absence this summer.

As I begin these studies soon, I would ask you to please pray for me. I will need them! As always, please know of my prayers and care for you all.

God Bless You,
Father Gebhart

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We extend our condolences and prayers to the families of those who have recently died:

Eternal rest Grant unto them, O Lord; And let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.

Susan Marcheski, Kathy Chamberlin

MASS Intentions

Monday, May 18, 2026

Weekday – Feast Day of St. John I, Pope

8:30 am --- Rick Jasper

Tuesday, May 19, 2026

Weekday – Feast Day of St. Celestine

8:30 am --- Fr. Peter Verone Chu Quanh Minh

Wednesday, May 20, 2026

Weekday – Feast Day of St. Bernadine of Siena

8:30 am ---- Osiris Cruz-Batista

Thursday, May 21, 2026

Weekday – Feast Day of St. Christopher Magallanes

8:30 am ----- Pablo Velasco

Friday, May 22, 2026

Weekday – Feast Day of St. Rita of Cascia

8:30 am --- Rick Jasper

Saturday, May 23, 2026

Weekday – Feast Day of St. John the Baptist de Rossi

8:30 am ----- Betty Lou Gasbarro

5:00 pm ----- Osiris Cruz-Batista

Sunday, May 24, 2026

Pentecost Sunday

7:00 am ----- Charles Thompson

9:00 am SJ -- Bill Fazio

11:00 am ----- Leonito Leonardo

Weekly Calendar:

Monday, May 18th

9:30 -11:30am Outreach Office Open - *PC Lower Level*

Tuesday, May 19th

9:30 am Spiritual Book Club - *PC*

6:30 pm Devine Mercy Group - *PC*

7:00 pm Contemporary Rehearsal – *IC*

Wednesday, May 20th

9:30 – 11:30am Outreach Office Open – *PC Lower Level*

9:30 am Cantor Rehearsal – *IC*

Noon LAOH Book Club - *PC*

Thursday, May 21st

6:30 pm Cub Scouts - *Cafeteria*

Friday, May 22nd

9:30 – 11:30am Outreach Office Open - *PC Lower Level*

6:30 pm Adoration – *IC Chapel*

Saturday, May 23rd

8:30 am Mass - *IC*

5:00 pm Mass - *IC*

Sunday, May 24th

7:00 am Mass - *IC*

9:00 am Mass with Baptism – *SJ*

11:00 am Mass with Baptism - *IC*

Daily Readings:
The Ascension of the Lord

Sunday

The Ascension of the Lord
Acts 1:1-11; Eph 1:17-23; Mt 28:16-20

Monday

Acts 19:1-8; Jn 16:29-33

Tuesday

Acts 20:17-27; Jn 17:1-11a

Wednesday

Acts 20:28-38; Jn 17:11b-19

Thursday

Acts 22:30, 23:6-11; Jn 17:20-26

Friday

Acts 25:13b-21; Jn 21:15-19

Saturday

Morning: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31
Jn 21:20-25

Readings for Next Week:
Pentecost Sunday

First Reading: Acts 2:1-11

On the feast of Pentecost, the disciples were gathered together when suddenly tongues of fire rested upon them, and they were filled with the Holy Spirit. They began to speak in many tongues; those who heard them were filled with amazement.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13

Paul tells the Corinthians that each possesses different gifts and performs different ministries, but each works for the common good in Christ Jesus.

Gospel: John 20:19-23

Jesus appears to the apostles after his resurrection and bestows upon them the power to forgive sins.

WEEKLY CHURCH COLLECTIONS:

Week of 5/10:

Sunday Collection...\$ 7,723

Online Donations... \$ 3,770

Mailed In.....\$ 1,145

TOTAL \$12,638

PARISH INFORMATION

Lost and Found Basket at ICC: The following items have been in the basket for a few months: a rosary, a veil, a few key fobs and a set of keys. If you are missing one of these items, please stop by the parish office.

NEW MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY at Immaculate

Conception/St. Jude: We are looking for a few women to pray as part of a Magdala Grove for our priests and deacons: *Fr. Rich, Fr. Gebhart, Fr. Dunne, Deacon Mike and Deacon Ben*. This is an apostolate specifically for women in "hidden" seasons of life – homebound, tied to young children's routines, working long hours or shifts, those who can offer up sickness and suffering, etc. Praying as part of a Magdala Grove requires no specific prayers or time commitments! If you are interested in learning more, visit www.MagdalaGrove.com or contact parishioner Maryellen Knorr at mmsmom2012@gmail.com.

Beginning in June 2026, **Immaculate Conception is offering a new Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA) program** —a welcoming opportunity for individuals to explore the Catholic faith. These sessions will cover the core teachings and experiences of the Church and will help prepare participants for the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist. Classes will take place every Wednesday at 7pm at the Parish Center. We invite you to join us —bring your questions, share your experiences, and journey in faith within a supportive and friendly environment. For more details, please contact Deacon Ben Feril at iccdeaconben@gmail.com or call 443-907-8159.

We are thrilled to announce that we now offer an American Sign Language (ASL) Inclusive Mass on the 2nd Sunday of each month; **starting June 14th** at the 11:00am Mass at Immaculate Conception Church! This Mass will be interpreted every month, ensuring our Deaf and hard-of-hearing community members always have a guaranteed, accessible service.

Need an interpreter for another Mass or event?

An ASL Interpreter can be provided upon request for all other Masses, sacraments, and funerals. To make a request, please contact Heather directly at (443) 889-5039.

Help Us Spread the Word!

If you know someone who could benefit from an ASL interpreted Mass, please share this wonderful news with them so we can welcome them to our parish!

A Special Thank You!

A huge and heartfelt thank you to Heather Ulmen, who is generously volunteering her time and incredible gift to make this possible. We are so blessed by your dedication to making our parish more welcoming for everyone!

FAITH FORMATION

Religion Classes Grades K through 8th: We celebrated the closing of our Religious Education Program for the 2025-26 school year on Wednesday, April 29th. The Office of Faith Formation would like to wish everyone an enjoyable summer. We hope to see you at the Summer Academy of Faith Program this June, which begins our 2026-27 Religious Education Program.



Registration is open for the **2026 Summer Academy of Faith!** This week-long rainforest adventure is a fantastic alternative to the Fall & Winter religious education sessions.
When: June 22-26, 2026; 9:00am to 3:30pm
Who: Incoming Kindergarten through Grade 8
Volunteers: Adult and teen “Jungle Guides” are needed!

Spots are filling up fast. Please scan the QR Code to register.

Important Update for All Faith Formation Families!

Did you know our **Fall program** for **grades 1 thru 5** is **shifting to a homeschool/online model** this September?



If you prefer your child to experience their catechism classes in a fun, in-person environment alongside their peers, the Summer Academy (June 22-26) is the place to be! Your child can complete all 30 hours of religious education instruction in one unforgettable week.

Special note for parents of incoming 1st Graders:

Since this is your kid's first year with us, we want to make sure you are in the loop! **We highly encourage you to register your first grader for the Summer Academy of Faith** so they can experience the joy of **in-person classes** right from the start.

During the **Summer Academy of Faith**, we will be having **training** for any child who has celebrated First Communion who would like **to be an Altar Server**. If your child misses this one, we will have another training session in the fall.

Let's grow wild for God together! Grab their spot today.

Calling All Parents of High Schoolers (Grades 9-12)!

Help your teens stay connected to their faith and their peers!

Life Teen offers monthly events where high schoolers—whether they attend Catholic, public, or private school—can build meaningful friendships and grow in their relationship with God. Please encourage your teen to join us tonight **May 17th at 5:30pm** for a cookout on the parish center grounds.

FAITH FORMATION CONTINUED

Children's Mass & Breakfast: Mark your calendars for a special morning of faith and fellowship! This gathering is especially for families with young children ages 0-5 (older siblings are always encouraged to attend!). Come start your weekend with Jesus and our parish community on **Saturday, May 30th** at St. Jude Mission Church at 9am Mass (breakfast immediately follows at 9:45am). Please scan the QR code to register.



Catholic Adult Faith Formation:

Divine Mercy group - The Divine Mercy group meetings are every **Tuesday, 6:30pm to 7:30pm** in the ICC parish center. All adults in the parish are invited to come learn about the message of divine mercy and pray with us! Members who wish to join via zoom may contact Heather Ulmen at hu_ntrprtr@outlook.com for the link.

Spiritual Book Club is open to all parishioners. The club meets via Zoom every Tuesday, except the 3rd Tuesday, which is in person. We will be discussing our next book entitled “I Want You to be Happy” by Pope Francis next **Tuesday, May 19th at 9:30am** in the Parish Center. If you are interested in joining, please email Mary Ann Hopkins at: mah106@verizon.net.

Opportunities for personal devotion:

- Holy Hour: Fridays from 6:30 to 7:30 pm in the IC Chapel
- Pray the Rosary: Saturday mornings after 8:30am Mass in the IC Chapel
- Pray the Rosary Virtually: Sunday afternoons at 3pm, contact Maureen Whelan for the link at (fordewhelan@yahoo.com).

Sacraments:

Baptism:

Pregnant? Have a newborn? Does Your Child Need to be Baptized?

You can now complete the Baptism Prep Class in the comfort of your own home. Please contact the Faith Formation Office at 410-392-3551 for more information.

Confirmation: The last Confirmation class will be on **Wednesday, June 3rd** at 6:30pm in the Parish Center Youth Room.



MARRIAGE AND FAMILY LIFE

Your marriage can be closer, stronger, and more peaceful than it is right now. Not because life gets easier, but because you learn how to face it together, with Christ at the center. Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, Wilmington, DE is hosting a **one-day retreat "Joyful Ever After"** on **Saturday, June 27th** from 8:30am to 4pm. Early bird price \$20 before May 16th and after May 16th the price is \$30 per couple. Light breakfast and Lunch is included. Register by June 6th by visiting <http://ihm.org/2026-marriage-retreat>.

SOCIAL CONCERNS

ICC OUTREACH: Outreach is open every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday mornings from 9:30am - 11:30am located in rear of the Parish Office Building..

"Food donation is a powerful reminder that we are all interconnected in this journey of life."

If you can donate any of the items below, please drop them off at the Parish Office during business hours.
Thank you!

Food: baked beans, tuna fish

Household Items: dish soap, laundry detergent

Toiletries: shampoo, toilet paper, tooth paste, bar of soap

Please bring in your **Redner's receipts** for Outreach! Check with Redner's courtesy desk to see how ICC Outreach can get credit for your purchase!

Immaculate Conception provides dinner to the Paris Foundation at 200 Road B, Hollingsworth Manor in Elkton on the **second Thursday each month.**

Patricia Gibson (ICC Parishioner) is the coordinator for our day of service. If you can help by donating cold-cut sandwiches, fruit, and drinks - please contact her at 443-907-7529. Side Note: *The Paris Foundation is in need of men's clothes: jeans, sweatpants, and shorts. Please contact them at 484-645-1880 if you have anything to donate.*

Wellness Tip: Our relationship with the Almighty guides our overall health and life. God's desire is that we experience wholeness. By committing ourselves to prayer, the sacramental life of the Church, we can find healing. In giving ourselves to others through the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy, we are able to become healthy in body, mind, and spirit. Through our relationship with the Lord and his Church, we can find true happiness. The walk with Jesus is a daily one, and in taking each day one at a time, we can become more deeply rooted in faith.

PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

Knights of Columbus - Bishop Becker Council 2427:

The Knights of Columbus is an international Order of Catholic men who are called to lead with faith, protect our families, serve others, and defend values in a busy changing world. We meet in the Parish Center on the **2nd Tuesday** of each month at **7pm.**



If you would like to join today, simply go to www.KofC.org/joinus and enter our council #2427 for local information.

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and Christian Charity is our motto. So, if you want to surround yourself with a dynamic and interesting group of local Irish women who enjoy their heritage and are committed to serving the community, contact Anne Fazio, President at anne.fazio1@outlook.com.

We meet on the 1st Wednesday of the month from September to May. We will take a break for the summer and resume in the Fall.

LAOH Book Club is open to any book lover. We focus on Irish authors' novels, non-Irish writers' works set in Ireland, or nonfiction related to Ireland. Our May book selection is "This is Happiness" by Niall Williams. We will meet on **Wednesday, May 20th** from **Noon - 2pm** in the Parish Center. For additional information, please text Cheryl at 443-553-5625.

ICC/SJ Leisure Club is open to all parishioners who are 50 years old and above. We play cards and board games. We meet on the **2nd and 4th Wednesdays** of each month from **1-3pm** in the Parish Center. For more information, please contact Bette Green at 443-553-9129.

Cub Scouting is for boys and girls from Kindergarten to 5th grade. Regular weekly meetings are held on **Thursdays at 7pm** in the ICS cafeteria. For more information about Pack 444, please contact: iccpack444@gmail.com.

Their enthusiasm is high as they look forward to warmer weather and the chance to put their skills into action with upcoming hikes, fishing, and camping adventures.



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- Alcoholism
- Drug addiction
- Lust/pornography addiction
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- Family/friends impacted by addiction
- Compulsive spending and debting
- Codependency issues
- Adult children of dysfunctional homes
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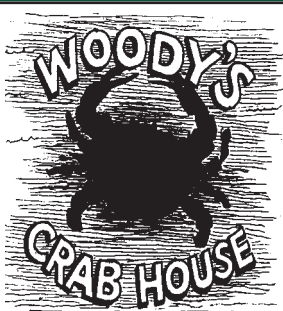
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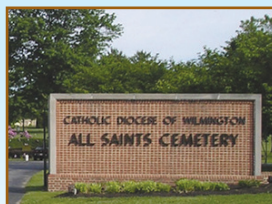
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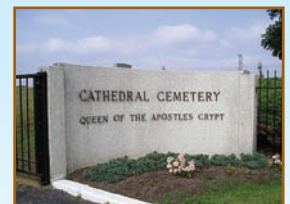
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