

Immaculate Conception Parish & St. Jude Mission Church

JUNE 14, 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
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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
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?
Please contact the Parish Office
in advance to register for the Online
Baptism Preparation Class or to arrange
the date of Baptism. For information call
410-398-1100.

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. Rich Jasper - June 14, 2026
Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Confirmed in Love ...

A little over a week ago, I sat with our Confirmation candidates for one-on-one conversations, allowing each of them the opportunity to share a little bit about their faith journey and ask any questions they may have about Catholicism and their role in the Church.

As you can imagine, there were some nerves on display as the Confirmands walked into my office. I am sure they thought I would quiz them about the 7 gifts of the Holy Spirit or ask them to name all 12 fruits that are signs of His presence. Instead, I simply asked them to share the ways in which Jesus and their Catholic faith have touched their hearts, and I was hoping they could vocalize why Confirmation matters at this time in their lives.

When I made my Confirmation in 6th grade, I don't know if I really understood the power of the Gift that was being bestowed upon me. In some ways, the Spirit's presence will always be a mystery at work within us. And yet, these Confirmation candidates really had an awareness of why faith matters, especially now. They were honest as they talked about the challenges of high school; the overuse of technology; and the sense of fear and gloom that seems to color much of the world today. As they see it, the Sacrament of Confirmation is the Lord's way of granting them strength, courage and love to face the challenges, crosses and joys that come with living life to its fullness. Said one student: "The Holy Spirit gives me hope that no matter what, I will be okay and God will see me through."

St. Augustine, the 4th century scholar, bishop and saint of the Church who once lived a life far from God during his younger years, would – following his conversion – pray to the Holy Spirit daily, asking Him to come into Augustine's mind, heart and soul in order to sanctify all that he thought, said and did for the greater honor and glory of God.

This Sunday, as our candidates come forward here at Immaculate Conception to receive the Spirit, let us make Augustine's prayer the same one we pray for our own young parishioners. May they always know of our love and encouragement as they enter more deeply into the heart of God and the life of the Church. May we always support them with our prayers, and may they use the Gifts they are receiving today to become living stones in the life of our parish community and Christ's Light in our world.

Congratulations to our newly-Confirmed. We are all so very proud of your witness, and thank you for your presence in our Church. We can't wait to see what the Spirit does in your lives!



Monday, June 15, 2026

Weekday – Feast Day of St. Germaine Cousin

8:30 am --- Anthony Tran Minh Hien

Tuesday, June 16, 2026

Weekday – Feast Day of St. John Francis Regis

8:30 am --- Gertrudes Ponce

Wednesday, June 17, 2026

Weekday – Feast Day of St. Emily de Vialar

8:30 am ---- All Parishioners

Thursday, June 18, 2026

Weekday – Feast Day of St. Gregory Barbarigo

8:30 am ---- All Souls in Purgatory

Friday, June 19, 2026

Weekday – Feast Day of St. Romuald

8:30 am ---- Maria Nguyen Thi Cham

Saturday, June 20, 2026

Weekday – Feast Day of St. Vincent Kaun

8:30 am ----- Andrew Bond (Living Intentions)

5:00 pm ----- Robert Dorsett, Sr.

Sunday, June 21, 2026

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00 am ----- Daniel L. McMenanin, Jr.

9:00 am SJ --- John F. Handley, Jr and Dave Masucci

11:00 am ----- Donald Blansfield

Weekly Calendar:

Monday, June 15th

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

Tuesday, June 16th

9:30 am Spiritual Book Club - *PC*

Wednesday, June 17th

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

9:30 am Cantor Rehearsal – *IC*

7:00 pm Summer OCIA Program - *PC*

Thursday, June 18th

6:30 pm Catholic in Recovery - *PC*

Friday, June 19th

Outreach and Parish Office Closed - *Juneteenth Holiday*

6:30 pm Adoration – *IC Chapel*

Saturday, June 20th

8:30 am Mass - *IC*

5:00 pm Mass - *IC*

Sunday, June 21st

7:00 am and 11:00am Masses- *IC*

9:00 am Mass – *SJ*

Daily Readings:
Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday

Ex 19:2-6a; Rom 5:6-11; Mt 9:36-10:8

Monday

1 Kgs 21:1-16; Mt 5:38-42

Tuesday

1 Kgs 21:17-29; Mt 5:43-48

Wednesday

2 Kgs 2:1, 6-14; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday

Sir 48:1-14; Mt 6:7-15

Friday

2 Kgs 11:1-4, 9-18, 20; Mt 6:19-23

Saturday

2 Chr 24:17-25; Mt 6:24-34

Readings for Next Week:
Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Times

First Reading: Jeremiah 20:10-13

Because the prophet Jeremiah foretold disaster for Jerusalem, he was denounced. But Jeremiah trusted in the Lord and overcame his persecutors.

Second Reading: Romans 5:12-15

Paul explains to the Romans that Adam's sin brought death to all, but Christ's gift of himself brought grace and life.

Gospel: Matthew 10:26-33

In authoritative and encouraging words, Jesus urges the apostles to fear nothing -- only him who can destroy the soul. Telling them, "every hair of your head has been counted," he promises that "Whoever acknowledges me before men I will acknowledge before my Father in heaven."

WEEKLY CHURCH COLLECTIONS:

Week of 6/7:

Sunday Collection...\$ 9,338

Online Donations... \$ 3,846

Mailed In.....\$ 1,598

TOTAL \$14,782

PARISH INFORMATION

We extend a warm welcome to our newly registered members.....

Angelica Hernandez, Jennifer Fitzgerald



CONGRATULATIONS to all 2026 graduates from Kindergarten to Doctorates! May God bless you and fill you with the Spirit of His love. May He give you hope so that you move into the future with an eager and open heart.

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, 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.

Classes will take place **every Wednesday at 7pm** at the Parish Center for 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. 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 today** 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.

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!

FAITH FORMATION

2026-2027 Fall Family Catechesis Class:

Fall Faith Formation Changes!

Heads up, families! We are updating our Fall program format this September. Please note the different structures depending on your child's grade:

Grades 1 to 5: Our Fall program is shifting to a *fully homeschool/online model*.

Grades 6 to 8 (Edge): Students will participate in the Edge program, which meets in-person *twice a month*.



2026 Summer Academy of Faith:

Last week everyone who enrolled in the Academy of Faith should have received a flocknote from the Faith Formation Office about the Parent Meeting that was scheduled for June 10th. If you missed this important meeting, please contact Vickie Eichler at 410-392-3551 to be sure all consent and release forms have been completed.



Thank you to all the volunteers who are stepping up to help with the Academy of Faith Summer Program.

Treat Our Summer Academy Volunteers! Our Summer Academy is just around the corner (June 22-26), and we are so blessed by the amazing adult volunteers dedicating their time and energy to our youth! To say, "thank you" and keep their spirits high during this busy week, we are putting together a little Hospitality Station just for them.

We would love your help stocking it! If you are able, please consider blessing our team by donating:
Breakfast items (donuts, coffee cake...)
Sweet & salty snacks (individually wrapped items like cookies, chips, trail mix, granola bars...)
Cases of bottled water

Donations can be dropped off at the Parish Center. Thank you so much for your generosity and for helping us take care of the team that makes this program so special!

FAITH FORMATION CONTINUED

Sacraments:

Please keep our Confirmation candidates in your prayers as they receive the sacrament of Confirmation this afternoon at Immaculate Conception Church. **Congratulations** to our newly-Confirmed. We are all so very proud of your witness, and thank you for your presence in our Church. We can't wait to see what the Spirit does in your lives!

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. ***We will take a break for the summer and resume in the Fall.*** Parishioners who wish to join this group may contact Heather Ulmen at hu_ntrptr@outlook.com.

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 on **Tuesday, June 16th 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).

MARRIAGE AND FAMILY LIFE

Retrouaille: Rediscover the Love in your Marriage:

Couples learn to build communication skills and to increase intimacy. It provides help for marriage problems, difficulties or crises. The next program begins the weekend of **July 31 – August 2**, at the Malvern Retreat House in Malvern, PA. For more information, or to register, visit www.MarriageHelpDelVal.org or call 215-766-3944 or 800-470-2230. All inquiries are strictly confidential.

Rachel's Vineyard Catholic Retreat will be held the weekend of **November 6-8, 2026**. This retreat offers emotional and spiritual healing for anyone who has struggled with grief and loss from abortion or miscarriage. Whether you are post-abortive or know someone who is, freedom awaits. Contact Nan Bernardo-Freeman at 302-463-7711 (call or text) or lucyminn929@gmail.com by October 11.

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 reminds us that abundance is best enjoyed when it is shared with those in need."

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

Thank you!

Food: jelly, tuna fish, cereal, canned corn & string beans

Household Items: dish soap

Toiletries: shampoo, tooth paste

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 Parish 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 are able to offer some of your time or food donations, please contact her at 443-907-7529.

PARISH ORGANIZATIONS



ICC / St. Jude Family
FISHING
Event

Event Schedule:

- Fishing: 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM
- Lunch & Fellowship: 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM
(Hot dogs, chips, and drinks provided)

What to bring:

- Your family and fishing gear (if you have it!).
- Bait is provided. Loaner gear is available if needed.

RSVP to Mike Cunha: (516) 587-2241
Please include your party size and if you need to borrow gear.

Saturday, June 20
9:00 AM

53 Rosewood Dr, Elkton, MD 21921
Hosted by Knights of Columbus Bishop Becker Council #2427

Knights of Columbus - Bishop Becker Council 2427: Is hosting a Family Fishing Event on **Saturday, June 20th** from 9am to 11am at 53 Rosewood Drive, Elkton. RSVP to Mike Cunha at 516-587-2241. See flier above for more details.

PARISH ORGANIZATIONS CONTINUED

Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians: Friendship, Unity, 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 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. **Have a relaxing summer and see you in the fall.** Please text Cheryl Nickle at 443-553-5625 if you wish to join.

ICC/SJ Leisure Club is open to all parishioners who are 50 years old and above. Please come join us for games, fellowship, snacks, and fun. Meet new friends. **The club will not meet on June 24th due to the Summer Academy Program. See you in July!** We meet on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month. During the *summers months we will meet from Noon – 2pm* in the Parish Center. For more information, please contact the parish office at 410-398-1100.

Cub Scouting : Cub Pack 444 concluded the 2025–26 program year with a family picnic. All Cubs successfully earned their rank and completed fishing and biking requirements for their levels. Upcoming activities include Cub Day Camp this month, fellowship event in July, and a Blue Rocks game in August. **Regular meetings will resume in late August.**

Catholic in Recovery: Catholic in Recovery provides healing from addictions, compulsions, and unhealthy attachments. Weekly meetings combine the spiritual principles of 12-step recovery and the sacraments of the Catholic Church. Join us as we overlap scripture from Sunday's Mass readings, liturgical themes, and recovery topics with honest discussion and prayer. Confidentiality is protected and adults are welcome to attend at any time.

Meetings will be held in the Parish Center every Thursday from 6:30 - 7:30pm. **This group will not meet on June 25th due to the Summer Academy Program. See you on July 2nd!** For more information visit www.catholicinrecovery.com or contact Lucy Sneeringer at lucy@catholicinrecovery.com

DIOCESAN NEWS

2026 Faith and Charity Catholic Appeal – All Faith and Charity Catholic Appeal participants who pledged, please mail all payments in the self-addressed, envelope provided with your pledge reminder. **Do not make** payments to the parish office or through the Offertory collection.

STEP UP TO THE ALTAR. MAKE AN IMPACT!

A job so big only a kid can do it!

Why Join the Altar Server Team?

Serving at the altar is a beautiful way to grow in your faith, build great friendships, and gain confidence through leadership. As an Altar Server, you step up as a young leader in our parish. Serving at the altar is more than just helping out — it's a unique way to lead by example and make a real difference in our celebration. We would love to have you on our team!



No experience? No problem!

We provide full, step-by-step training. Our first session will be during the *Summer Academy*, with another opportunity this fall. Our goal is to make sure you feel completely confident before you step up to the altar.



Awesome Perks for Middle Schoolers:

- **Earn Service Hours:** Need hours for school or other programs? We are happy to provide service hour certificates for your dedication!
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Parents, we know middle school schedules are incredibly busy! We want this to be a joy, not a burden, and completely work around your family's commitments.

- **You Are in Control:** Once a quarter, we will send home an availability sheet so you can easily coordinate with your family's unique demands and extracurriculars.
- **Tailored to You:** Simply tell us which Masses and Church locations work best for your family, and we will only schedule your child based on your answers.



Ready to join?

Registration is super easy and fully online! Scan the QR Code and fill out the form.



"Let the children come to me, and do not prevent them; for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." – Matthew 19:14

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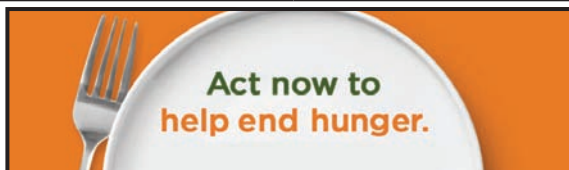


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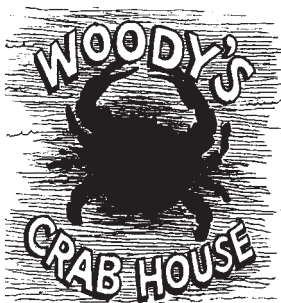
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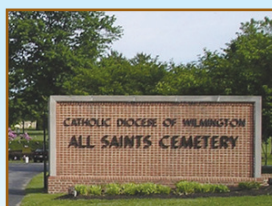
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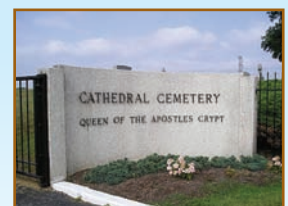
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