



# Immaculate Conception

## CHURCH

MARCH 12, 2023 | 3RD SUNDAY OF LENT



## OUR MISSION

The mission of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church is to proclaim the gospel message of Jesus through Word, Sacraments and Works: to form our community in the traditions and teachings of our Catholic faith, to care for one another and the community at large and to bring others to know Jesus by our witness and example.

### PARISH TEAM

#### Pastor

Rev. John K. Antony

#### Associate Pastor

Rev. Balaraju Akkala

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# Parish Information & Worship

Información parroquial y culto



## MASS TIMES

### Daily Mass

Mon - Sat 7:00am (English)  
Tuesday & Thurs. 6:00pm (Español)

### Anticipation Mass

Saturday 5:00pm

### Sunday Mass

7:30am (English)  
10:00am (English)  
12:00pm (Español)  
2:00pm (Español)  
5:00pm Youth Mass (English)

### Confession

Tues & Thurs 5:00pm  
Saturday 3:30pm or By Appointment



Become a part of our church family!  
We invite you to fill out a registration form!  
You can find one on our website,  
[www.icchurch.com](http://www.icchurch.com), or at the Church Office.  
**¿Nunca te has registrado en la parroquia?**  
¡Regístrate en nuestra parroquia!  
Visita nuestra página web [icchurch.com/](http://icchurch.com/)  
**EnEspañol** o ven a la Oficina Parroquial por una forma de registro.

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Monday, March 13th

7:00 am †Phyllis Neubauer and  
†Renee Michaud

### Tuesday, March 14th

7:00 am Special Intention of  
Antoinette Beland

5:00 pm Confessions

6:00 pm †Esther Cahue Garcia

### Wednesday, March 15th

7:00 am †Larry Jones

### Thursday, March 16th

7:00 am †Helen Louise

5:00 pm Confessions

6:00 pm †Adaluz Ruiz de Rafaelano

### Friday, March 17th

7:00 am †Hershel Yarbrough

### Saturday, March 18th

7:00 am Special Intention of  
Stephanie Ferrari

3:30 pm Confessions

5:00 pm †Betty Grbcich

### Sunday, March 19th

7:30 am †Rosella Boerner

10:00 am Parishioners

12:00 pm †Antonia Martin Diego

2:00 pm †Francisca Garcia

5:00 pm †Scott Tomlison

## PRAY FOR... ORAR POR...

John Armstrong, Harold Willie, Jean Hendricks, Peggy Sutterfield, Elvin Frick, Jan Udouj, Lawrence Charves, Janet Hodgens, Mary Jean Loy, Alice Traynor, Caylee Cross, Tom Loy, Lynda Ledet, Bonnie Thatcher, Gary Orendorff Family, Pat Fuhrmann, Antoinette Beland, Tom Phillips, Jim Foldvary, Amy Graham, Amy Valley, Christopher James Capilo Leonhardi, Cecilia Stringer, Mary Josephine Thomas, Mary Allen, Maria Alexandra Ramirez, David Bond, Roswitha Goodman, Guy Ann Bartley, Joan Reif, Carl Dougherty, Ann Marie Richards, Pete and Donna Luebbers, Jim Myrick, Ben Baumann, Lily Flores, Maria White, Fernanda Garcia Martinez, Sandra Ahlert, Raymond Morton, Karen Wofford Donovan, Ann Bruning, Glenda Wise, Marguerite Carney, Betty Garth, Stan Adams, Bill Wilham, Jake Myers, Joe Griffin, Chris Millard, Dana McEachen, Lydia Burch, Emma Coker, Ben Patrick, Mary Pickle, Robin Bates, Ronnie Galloway, Joseph Casanova, Stephen Manus, Kalyann Barroso, Carolina Morales, Loretta Koch, John Anderson, Sr., Wanda Anderson, Melani Anderson, Warren Upchurch, Jane Hartmeier, Anne Udouj, Wayne Lofton, Tim Lively, Rumi De Lopez, John Fleek, Nancy Locovare, Richard Hollis, Lona Weisenfels, Kris Scott

For short term prayer needs, call the Prayer Chain at 479-651-1979.



## PARISH STEWARDSHIP INFORMATION — 03/05/2023

Weekly Contributions	\$53,938
YTD Budget	\$1,104,970
YTD Contributions	\$1,128,831
Amount over (short)	\$23,861

Building Repair Fund	
Weekly Contributions	\$2,140
YTD Budget	\$29,906
YTD Contributions	\$28,378
Amount over (short)	(\$1,528)

Total Attendance	1,664
Envelopes Sent	843
Envelopes Used	435
Electronic Giving	192

**Immaculate Conception Church**  
Thanks you for your generous giving!



## WEEKLY SCHEDULE

### SUNDAY, MARCH 12TH

- 10:00 am RCIA Dismissal in the Church
- 12:15 pm RCIA for children & First Communion classes in St. Anne's Building
- 3:00 pm 4:12 Youth Group meets in 4:12 youth bldg. for Ping-Pong and Cornhole Tournament
- 6:00 pm Year II Confirmation class will meet in Parish Center
- 6:00 pm Study of St. Peter in the Green Room
- 6:30 pm Year I Confirmation class will meet in St. Anne's Building

### MONDAY, MARCH 13TH

- 6:00 pm Boy Scouts meeting
- 6:30 pm Bingo in the Parish Center
- 6:30 pm Amistad Ladies meet in St. Anne's Hall
- 7:00 pm Spanish Choir Practice in the Church

### TUESDAY, MARCH 14TH

- 12:30 pm Study of the Eucharist in the Green Room
- 7:00 pm Youth Mass Band practice
- 7:00 pm RCIA in Eng. & Spa. the 4th floor of the St. Anne's building
- 7:00 pm The Bible Timeline Bible Study in the Green Room

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15TH

- 9:00 am Ladies Auxiliary in St. Anne's Building
- 6:30 pm English Choir Practice
- 6:30 pm PRE in I.C. School and St. Anne's Bldg
- 7:00 pm CCM in 4:12 youth building

### THURSDAY, MARCH 16TH

- 6:00 pm Ignatian Prayer Group in Green Room
- 6:30 pm Sp. Children's Choir in Common Rm

### FRIDAY, MARCH 17TH

- 6:00 am Men of Faith meet in St. Anne's Hall
- Stations of the Cross in Church (English) and Chapel (Spanish)
- 6:00 pm Lenten Meal in the Parish Center after
- 7:00 pm EPJ young adult group in St. Anne's

### SATURDAY, MARCH 18TH

- 7:00 pm Spanish Prayer Group- St. Anne's Hall

### SUNDAY, MARCH 19TH

- 10:00 am RCIA Dismissal in the Church
- 12:15 pm RCIA for children in St. Anne's Bldg
- 4:00 pm 4:12 youth group meets in 4:12 building
- 6:00 pm Study of St. Peter in the Green Room
- 6:00 pm NO Year II Confirmation class
- 6:30 pm NO Year I Confirmation class

## VOLUNTEER OF THE WEEK

Thank you for everything you do for our Parish!

This week we want to recognize,

### Hispanic Prayer group

for preparing a delicious meal for our 2nd Lenten meal after Stations of the Cross on March 3rd. We are very thankful for you!

### Lenten Reconciliation Service

Churches in our area will be hosting Lenten Reconciliation services with several priests visiting each church. A great opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation this Lent season!

#### Thursday, March 16th

6:00 p.m. at I.C. Church

#### Thursday, March 30th

7:00 pm at St. Michael's in Van Buren

### I.C. Church E-Newsletter

If you would like receive our weekly e-newsletter please send an email to Cecilia Garcia at [churtado@icchurch.com](mailto:churtado@icchurch.com).

### RCIA News

The 1st Scrutiny for the RCIA elect will be held this Saturday, March 11th at the 5:00pm English Mass and Sunday, March 12th at the 2:00pm Spanish Mass.

The 2nd Scrutiny will be held next Sunday, March 19th, 2023 at the 10:00am English Mass and at the 2:00pm Spanish Mass.

### Downtown Churches Lenten

Luncheons Lunch will be served from 11:45am-12:15pm; Worship Service in the Church 12:15pm-12:45pm; Lunch will be served from 12:45pm-1:15pm. Everyone is invited!

Date:

Host Church:

Preacher:

March 13

St. John's Episcopal  
Rev. Steven Kurtz

March 20

Central Presbyterian  
Rev. Dc. David Sims

March 27

First Presbyterian  
Dc. Greg Pair

April 3

Goddard Methodist  
Rev. Tasha Blackburn

### Mass for Hope and Healing

**What:** To pray for healing for survivors of child sexual abuse, and to commemorate April as the National Child Abuse Prevention Month

**When:** Sunday, April 30, at 5:30 p.m.

**Where:** Cathedral of St. Andrew, 617 S. Louisiana St., Little Rock

**Who:** Anyone who is interested in praying for victims, their families and friends.

Bishop Anthony B. Taylor, *Celebrant*

# News & Events

## Noticias y Eventos

### Fish Fry Fridays

Knights of Columbus in Fort Smith will again have a fish fry dinner every Friday night of lent, February 24, thru April 7, at the Hall at Columbus Acres. The doors will open at 5:30pm fish will be ready at 6pm. All fish plates will be \$10.00 Fish, Shrimp, or combo plate, all with fries, hushpuppies, and coleslaw. A few special events this year include March 10, stations of the cross with Fr. Joseph starting at 5:30, and March 17, we will show the movie No Greater Love the Mother Teresa story, produced by the Knights of Columbus. Show time will be 6:30pm. We look forward to seeing everyone again this year.

### 4:12 Youth Group Schedule

Come join our Youth Group on Sundays at the 4:12 youth group building! Open to all youth in grade 6th-8th regardless of Church or religious affiliations! Please contact Loretta Collins at 479-883-5570 for questions about the 4:12 youth group.

#### Schedule

March 19th — 4:00pm  
April 2nd — 4:00pm  
April 16th — 4:00pm

### Job Opportunity

The Sisters of St. Scholastica Monastery offers employment opportunities to interested, qualified individuals. We are currently looking for someone to work within our maintenance department full time. We are interested in persons who have a variety of skills and are team players. We offer a benefits package within the setting of our monastic campus.

To learn more and to request an interview please contact the Sisters of St. Scholastica by sending your resume to [humanresources@stscho.org](mailto:humanresources@stscho.org) or calling 479-783-4147 (8:30 a.m. -5:00 p.m.) for more information.

### Adoration Chapel

The Adoration Chapel will remain closed for repairs. New water pipes, ceiling, floors, & new paint will take a while to complete. Adorers will be notified in advance for the reopening date. Pray that this work will be done as soon as possible and will prevent future problems. For more information, please call one of the following coordinators:



**Laurie Hindman** 479-629-4175  
**Roxana Devora** (Spanish) 479-926-3191  
**Bernice Wallace** 479-806-6053



### PRINCIPAL IMMACULATE CONCEPTION SCHOOL, FORT SMITH, AR

Immaculate Conception School is seeking a highly motivated and qualified principal beginning by August, 2023. Candidate must be a Catholic with a master's degree in education administration or leadership; have 3-5 years teaching experience; previous employment as principal or assistant principal preferred. For more information or to apply, send cover letter, resume, reference from a pastor and your teaching philosophy statement to: [frjohn@icchurch.com](mailto:frjohn@icchurch.com). Application deadline: April 10, 2023.

### Faith Community Course

Catholic Charities of Arkansas is hosting a four-day Faith Community Course. It is open to licensed, registered nurses who want to practice holistic health for individuals and the community using nursing knowledge combined with spiritual care. Parishes that want to start a faith community nursing ministry are encouraged to send at least one representative to the training. The course will be held April 21-22 and May 5-6 in the Biltz Room in St. John Center's Morris Hall in Little Rock. The course is free. Register at [dolr.org/events/faith-...](http://dolr.org/events/faith-...) For more information, contact Sister Iliana Aponte, DC, at (501) 664-0340 or [iaponte@dolr.org](mailto:iaponte@dolr.org).

### Promise to protect

The Catholic Diocese of Little Rock is committed to protecting children and young people.



If you are aware of abuse or have been abused by Clerics, Church volunteers, or Church workers, please contact the State of Arkansas Hotline for Crimes against Children at 1-800-482-5964 and the Chancellor for Canonical Affairs, Dcn. Matthew A. Glover, (501) 664-0340 ext. 361. For pastoral assistance please contact the Victim Assistance Coordinator for the Diocese of Little Rock: Laura Gottsponer at (501) 664-0340, ext. 425.

### Associate Editor for Arkansas Catholic

The Diocese of Little Rock has an opening for an Associate Editor for Arkansas Catholic. Requirements include a bachelor's degree in journalism/ communications or equivalent experience and two years of writing and editing experience. This is a full-time position at St. John Catholic Center in Little Rock with competitive pay and benefits including retirement plan. To inquire or apply by submitting a cover letter, resume and portfolio, email Malea Hargett, Editor, Arkansas Catholic, at [mhargett@dolr.org](mailto:mhargett@dolr.org) or call (501) 664-0125.

## ESTA SEMANA

### DOMINGO 12 DE MARZO

- 9:00 am Clases de Evangelización del Grupo de Oración en Edificio Sta. Ana
- 12:15 pm Clases de RCIA y de Primera Comunión en el Edificio Santa Ana
- 3:00 pm Grupo Juvenil 4:12 se reúne en Salón 4:12 para el evento de PingPong
- 6:00 pm Clases de Confirmación Año 2 en Salón Grande
- 6:30 pm Clases de Confirmación Año 1 en Edificio Santa Ana

### LUNES 13 DE MARZO

- 6:30 pm Bingo en el Salón Parroquial
- 6:30 pm Grupo de Amistad en Salón Sta. Ana
- 7:00 pm practica de coro en la Iglesia (coro de 12:00pm)

### MARTES 14 DE MARZO

- 12:30 pm Estudio de Biblia (Ingles) en el Green Room

### MIÉRCOLES 15 DE MARZO

- 9:00 am Damas Auxiliares en el Salón Parroquial
- 6:30 pm Clases de catecismo en Sta. Ana y en la Escuela I.C.

### JUEVES 16 DE MARZO

- 6:30 pm Practica de coro, Ángeles de Dios en el salón Common Room, 2do piso

### VIERNES 17 DE MARZO

- 6:00 pm Estaciones de la Cruz en la Iglesia (ingles) y en la Capilla (español) Habrá una merienda después
- 7:00 pm Grupo de EPJ en el Edificio Sta. Ana

### SÁBADO 18 DE MARZO

- 7:00 pm Grupo de Oración en Salón Santa Ana

### DOMINGO 19 DE MARZO

- 9:00 am Clases de Evangelización del Grupo de Oración en Edificio Sta. Ana
- 12:15 pm Clases de RCIA en el Edificio Santa Ana
- 4:00 pm Grupo de Jóvenes 4:12 en el salón de los jóvenes 4:12
- 6:00 pm Estudio de Biblia (Ingles) en el Green Room
- 6:00 pm NO habrá Clases de Confirmación Año 1 en Edificio Santa Ana
- 6:00 pm NO habrá Clases de Confirmación Año 2 en Salón Grande



## VOLUNTARIO DE LA SEMANA

¡Gracias por todo lo que haces por nuestra parroquia!

Esta semana queremos reconocer a:

### Al Grupo de Oración

Por preparar la deliciosa merienda cuaresmal para el Segundo Viernes de Cuaresma el 3 de marzo.  
¡Muchas gracias por todo lo que hacen!

### Estaciones de la Cruz

Las Estaciones de la Cruz comenzarán el viernes 24 de febrero a las 6:00pm. Las Estaciones en Español estarán en la Capilla y las Estaciones en Inglés estarán en la Iglesia. Tendremos una comida de Cuaresma en el Centro Parroquial cada viernes después de las Estaciones.

#### Fecha:

- 10 Marzo
- 17 Marzo
- 24 Marzo
- 31 Marzo

#### Servido por:

- Escuela I.C.
- Damas Auxiliares
- Ultreya
- Consejo Vida Parroquial

#### Persona de Contacto:

- Sharon Blentlinger
- Peggy Meyers
- Mariella Araujo
- Heather Beene

### Horario para rezar el Rosario

19 MARZO: MARIBEL FERNANDEZ  
26 MARZO: MARIA CONCEPCIÓN MANJARREZ

\*\*El Rosario se comenzara a las 11:20am\*\*  
Si deseas rezar el Rosario en los próximos meses favor de llamar y dejar un mensaje con Mariella Araujo al (479) 785-7978.

### Colaborador de la Campaña CASA

Dar es un estilo de vida. La generosidad, ya sea dando desinteresadamente de su tiempo, de sus talentos o de su tesoro, es un sello verdadero de ser un discípulo de Cristo. En la Diócesis de Little Rock estamos muy bendecidos de contar con muchos individuos y familias que se han unido para hacer la diferencia en nuestro mundo al apoyar continuamente y desde hace mucho tiempo la Campaña Católica de Arkansas a Compartir. Regrese su ofrenda/ promesa de CASA en los sobres proporcionados.



### Servicios de Reconciliación

Iglesias en el área llevaran a cabo servicios de Reconciliación con varios sacerdotes visitantes. ¡Una gran oportunidad para recibir el Sacramento de Reconciliación!

#### Jueves 16 de marzo

6:00 p.m. en Inmaculada Concepción

#### Jueves 30 de marzo

7:00 pm en San Miguel en Van Buren

### Grupo de Oración

El grupo de oración, Cristo Rey, de la Inmaculada Concepción te hace la invitación a que formes parte de este grupo lleno del Espíritu Santo. Se reúnen todos los Sábados de 7:00pm a 9:00pm en el salón Santa Ana. ¡No faltes!

### Noticias de RICA

El 1er Escrutinio para los electos del RICA se llevará a cabo este sábado 11 de marzo en la misa en inglés de las 5:00 pm y el domingo 12 de marzo en la misa en español de las 2:00 pm.

El 2do escrutinio se llevará a cabo el próximo domingo 19 de marzo de 2023 en la misa en inglés de las 10:00 am y en la misa en español de las 2:00 pm.

# Noticias y Eventos

## News & Events

### Hora Santa

Estás invitado a participar en una Hora Santa con nosotros cada primer Jueves del mes después de la misa de 6:00pm en la Iglesia grande o en la Capilla de Santa Ana. Habrá música de fondo mientras pasas un momento íntimo con el Sagrado Sacramento en el altar. Date la oportunidad de vivir esta experiencia con el Señor. ¡Jesús te espera en el altar, no faltes!



### Grupo de Jóvenes 4:12

¡Únete al Grupo de Jóvenes! Abierto para todos los jóvenes de 6to —8vo grado, nuestro Ministerio de jóvenes incluye actividades sociales y comunitarias, catecismo, servicio, Misas de jóvenes, y servicios de oración y alabanza. Nos reunimos en el Centro Juvenil cada primer y tercer domingo del mes a las 4:00pm.



Oremos por todos nuestros enfermos, para que su cercanía a Dios les de alivio y consuelo, especialmente por Gumaro Cerda, Margarita Silva, Manuel Del Rio, Esperanza Solorio, Jorge García, Agustín Morales, y Kalynn Barroso, y todos los enfermos de nuestra parroquia.

*(Si deseas que oremos por tu ser querido, favor de llamar ala oficina parroquial para agregar su nombre.)*

## PROTEGER A NUESTROS MENORES

LA DIOCESIS DE LITTLE ROCK ESTA COMPROMETIDA A PROTEGER A LOS NIÑOS Y JOVENES.

Si usted está enterado de algún abuso o ha sido abusado por Clérigos, voluntarios o funcionarios de la Iglesia, por favor comuníquese a la Línea de Ayuda del Estado de Arkansas para Crímenes contra Niños al (800) 482-5964 y con el Canciller para Asuntos Canónicos, Diác. Matthew A. Glover (501) 664-0340, ext. 361.

Para asistencia pastoral, por favor comuníquese con la Coordinadora de Asistencia para Víctimas de la Diócesis de Little Rock Laura Gottsponer (501) 664-0340, ext. 425.



### Capilla de Adoración

La Capilla de Adoración permanecerá cerrada por reparaciones. Las nuevas tuberías de agua, el techo, los pisos y la pintura nueva tardarán un tiempo en completarse. Los adoradores serán notificados con tiempo de la fecha de reapertura. Oremos para que este trabajo se haga lo antes posible y prevenga problemas futuros. ¡Feliz año nuevo!



Por favor llama a una coordinadora para programar tu hora santa con Jesús:

**Laurie Hindman** 479-629-4175  
**Roxana Devora** (Hispana) 479-926-3191  
**Bernice Wallace** 479-806-6053

### Una Iglesia

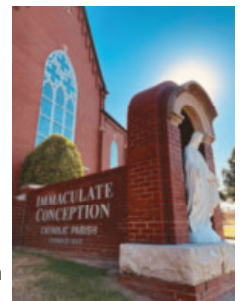
La iniciativa diocesana Una Iglesia invierte cada año en una pequeña misión parroquial en nuestra diócesis que necesite un empujoncito para convertirse en una comunidad próspera. La iglesia colaboradora de 2022-2023 es la Iglesia del Inmaculado Corazón de María en Magnolia. Todos los fondos donados a Una Iglesia en el transcurso de los próximos 12 meses ayudarán a la parroquia a expandir su centro parroquial para incluir oficinas, una cocina más grande, salones y salón de conferencias. Por favor oren por este proyecto y contribuyan hoy. Para donar o para más información: [dolr.org/one-church-spanish](http://dolr.org/one-church-spanish).



### Concurso Fotográfico

Cualquier fotógrafo de Arkansas, mayor de 18 años, puede ingresar su foto de una iglesia o institución católica local para tener la oportunidad de aparecer en la portada del directorio de la Diócesis de Little Rock 2024. AR Catholic patrocina el concurso anual de fotografía de portada. La fecha límite para participar en el concurso es el 17 de marzo.

Las reglas y un formulario de inscripción están disponibles en [arkansas-catholic.org](http://arkansas-catholic.org). Para obtener más información, comuníquese con Emily Roberts por correo electrónico a [eroberts@dolr.org](mailto:eroberts@dolr.org).



# Readings for the Week

Lecturas de la Semana

## MONDAY

2 Kgs 5:1-15ab/Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4/Lk 4:24-30

## TUESDAY

Dn 3:25, 34-43/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9/  
Mt 18:21-35

## WEDNESDAY

Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20/Mt 5:17-19

## THURSDAY

Jer 7:23-28/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 11:14-23

## FRIDAY

Hos 14:2-10/Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14  
and 17/Mk 12:28-34

## SATURDAY

Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab/Lk 18:9-14

## SUNDAY

1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 (1)/  
Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41



## LUNES

2 Re 5, 1-15/Sal 41, 2. 3; 43, 3. 4/Lc 4, 24-30

## MARTES

Dn 3, 25. 34-43/Sal 24, 4-5. 6 y 7. 8-9/Mt 18, 21-35

## MÍERCOLES

Dt 4, 1. 5-9/Sal 146, 12-13. 15-16. 19-20/  
Mt 5, 17-19

## JUEVES

Jr 7, 23-28/Sal 94, 1-2. 6-7. 8-9/Lc 11, 14-23

## VIERNES

Os 14, 2-10/Sal 80, 6-8. 8-9. 10-11. 14 y 17/Mc 12, 28-34

## SÁBADO

Os 6, 1-6/Sal 50, 3-4. 18-19. 20-21/Lc 18, 9-14

## DOMINGO

1 Sm 16, 1b. 6-7. 10-13/Sal 22, 1-3. 3-4. 5. 6 (1)/  
Ef 5, 8-14/Jn 9, 1-41



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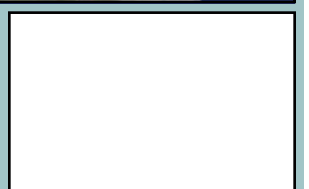
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