

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church

SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

January 14th, 2018

FR. MATTHEW – OUT OF TOWN

This week Fr. Matthew will be accompanying the Opelousas Catholic students on their pilgrimage to the March for Life in Washington, DC. As such, *weekday Masses* will be cancelled at Immaculate Conception from Tuesday, January 16th through Friday, January 19th.

Fr. Matthew regrets this inconvenience. For those wishing to pray at weekday Masses, please visit the nearby local churches.

- Monday – January 15th** 5:00 PM – Rosary for our Country
Tuesday – January 16th 6:30 AM – **No Mass Today**
Wednesday – January 17th 6:30 AM – **No Mass Today**
 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM Adult Choir Practice
 6:00 PM – 7:00PM – CCD Classes
 7:00 PM – 8:00PM – Children's Choir Practice
Thursday – January 18th 6:30 AM – **No Mass Today**
Friday – January 19th 6:30 AM – **No Mass Today**
Saturday – January 20th
 4:00 PM Mass – Francis, Zim & Chris Dupre, J.A. Rose Latiolais, Clara Belle & Lionel J. Lafleur, Lois & Claude Blanchard, Toodie Bailey, Poke Courvelle & Deceased Family,
Sunday – January 21st
 7:00 AM – Mass – Brian T. Ortego, Ashley Doucet Boyd, Burton Vidrine, Celeste Gaty
 9:00 AM – Mass – For the People
 11:00 AM (Holy Trinity)

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Christian stewardship begins with the call to discipleship and in today's Gospel we discover those first individuals who sought out Jesus and wanted to listen to him, learn from him and stay with him. Today, Christian stewards search out the hidden presence of Jesus in their own lives every day. They know Christ is the "Messiah" who will one day bring about a perfect restoration to a troubled world. They further understand that they are sacraments of his hidden presence in the world. Their task is to make that reality known through their own words and actions. What is one thing we can do to be better stewards of Christ's life in us?

OC CORNER

OCS students and staff will observe MLK Day on Monday. Classes will resume on Tuesday. Please pray for the school's seniors and adult chaperones who will be traveling to Washington, DC this week for the National Right-to-Life March. The OC Tasters' Dinner and Auction event tickets are also on sale through the Office of Advancement for \$35 per person. The event is set for February 7 at the Opelousas Civic Center. Tickets are available for purchase at OCS, Bodemuller the Printer, St. Landry Homestead Bank, and Cash Saver on Heather Drive. The Office of Advancement has OCS Viking yard signs for sale. Any family, alumni, grandparents, or friends who wish to display OCS pride may purchase a sign for only \$5. Call 942-5404 ext. 105.

01 - 20 - 4:00 PM
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS
 Jane Thibodeaux
 Evelina Soileau
 Vine Mayeux
READER
 Karen Ducote
USHERS
 Raynold Soileau
 Marcus Decou
 Herman Bidstrup
 Merlin Valin
ALTAR SERVER
 Matthew Vidrine

01 - 21- 7:00 AM
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS
 Brenda Baque
 Sheila Carrier
 Joey Bordelon
READER
 Norma Guillory
USHERS
 Donnie Vidrine
 Pauline Vidrine
 Allen Vidrine
 Phillip Dardeau
ALTAR SERVER
 Elliot Landreneau

01 - 21 - 9:00 AM
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS
 Pam Landreneau
 Jim Soileau
 Freida Dejean
READER
 Evelyn Hanna
USHERS
 Benny Howard
 Jessie Howard
 Gary Wilson
 Gregory Doucet
ALTAR SERVER
 Michael Darbonne

CENTENNIAL NEWS

- **A New Diocese is named** - On January 11, 1918 Pope Benedict XV officially created the Diocese of Lafayette. News reached New Orleans weeks later. The Pope did not immediately name a bishop for the new diocese, so the Archdiocese of New Orleans continued to look after the new diocese until a Bishop was in place. Fr. Teurlings and the parishioners at St. John in Lafayette, had completed a new church just two years prior. In February, Fr. Teurlings received the word that his new church would serve as the Cathedral of the new diocese.
- **Centennial Indulgence** – an indulgence granted by Pope Francis can be gained throughout this Centennial Year by all who visit the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist and pray the Centennial Prayer (with the usual conditions for an indulgence). Please see the Diocesan Webpage for more information. The Centennial Prayer will be in the Cathedral beginning January 11th or you may print it from the webpage (available in various languages on webpage).
- **Pro-Life March Activities** – Vigil Mass on January 19 at 7pm at St. Pius X in Lafayette (tickets required – free). Rosary Congress from January 19 – 26 in the St. Pius X Adoration Chapel. Rally Praise and Worship on January 20 in ULL Quad from 9:30am-11:30am followed by the Pro-Life March (11:30-12:30) to the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist with a welcome by Bishop Deshotel at 12:30 and a Prayer Service and Benediction (12:30-1:30) inside the Cathedral. Rose Dinner at the Petroleum Club at 6pm (tickets required - \$75 per person/\$600 per table of 8). For all ticket information, call the Diocesan Pro-Life Office – 261-5607

NEWLY BAPTIZED

We welcome into the family of Immaculate Conception the newly Baptized. We also pray for their Parents and Godparents. **Welcome: Silas Ferdinand Hebert**



PRO-LIFE RALLY & MARCH

Saturday, January 20, 2018, 9:30 AM this event is intended to be an interdenominational event, bringing together all Acadiana residents to raise one loud collective voice against the killing of innocent life. The rally will include musical performances by Christian artist Josh Blakesley, as well as a presentation by keynote speaker Joe Farris. Joe Farris has been speaking to Catholic audiences all over North America for the past 20 years, offering a consistent message of inspiration and hope.

The march will begin at 11:30 a.m. when participants depart from the quad and head to the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist, where they will be greeted by Bishop Deshotel. The bishop will then conduct a special prayer service inside the Cathedral; the service will conclude with Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.



Lenten Day of Reflection for Women

Embracing Change

Saturday, February 17, 2018
8:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
St. Plus X School Theater
201 East Bayou Parkway
Lafayette, La.

Special Guest Speakers:
Very Rev. Chester Arconoux
Katie Austin
Kessie Thomas

Maintaining Value

Sponsored by
Theresians of Roses of Acadiana District

LENTEN DAY OF REFLECTION FOR WOMEN

The Roses of Acadiana District Theresians will host "Embracing Change, Maintaining Value," a Lenten Day of Prayer and Reflection for Women of Faith. A light breakfast, lunch and snacks will be provided. Registration is \$25 in advance, \$30 at the door. Online Registration ends Wednesday, February 14th. You can go on online at: www.acadianatheresians.com

2018 DIOCESAN MARRIAGE ANNIVERSARY MASS

The annual Diocesan Marriage Anniversary Mass will be held on Sunday, February 25, 2018 at Our Lady of Fatima Church in Lafayette. The 2:00 p.m. Mass will be celebrated by Bishop J. Douglas Deshotel.

Pre-registration by no later than February 15 is required for all couples who wish to be honored as they celebrate **25, 40, 50, 60, or more years of married life during 2018.**

Couples may register online at <http://diolaf.org/marriage-anniversary-mass>

DIRECTED RETREATS AT THE JESUIT SPIRITUALITY CENTER

The Jesuit Spirituality Center offers personally directed retreats. Participants may choose either a 5-day or 3-day option. The center specializes in these personally directed retreats, which are based on the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius Loyola. Solitude and silence are important aspects of the retreat experience.

For additional details, including cost and registration information, please contact the center at 337-662-5251 or visit online at www.jesuitspiritualitycenter.org.



CONFIRMATION & FIRST COMMUNION EVENTS

- **First Holy Communion Mass** will be Sunday, May 13th during the regularly scheduled 9AM Mass.
- **First Penance** with Fr. Matthew will be during the children's regularly scheduled catechism class sometime in April.
- **Confirmation Retreat** will be held Saturday, February 10th here at Immaculate Conception Church.
- **Confirmation Mass** with Bishop Deshotel will be at Immaculate Conception Church on Tuesday, March 20th at 6 PM

LOCAL BIBLE STUDY

Come, Lord Jesus! Is a weekly journey to study and meditate on the Sunday Gospels.

We are blessed at Immaculate Conception to have three thriving Come, Lord Jesus! Groups already formed. Everyone is welcome and there is always room for additional people to join. Please call the office with any questions you may have.



Our meeting times are as follow:

Tuesday afternoon at 3:30 PM to 5:00 PM – In the parish Hall
5:00 PM to 6:00 PM – In the parish Hall

Thursday morning at 9:30 AM to 11:00 AM at Ms. Jane Dupre's home

IT'S AN UPDATE



Help us update our parish sick list. If you yourself or someone you care about should be added to our **2018 sick list** in our parish bulletin, please contact the rectory so we can begin a roster. As a reminder the sick list is for those who are ill and not intended for general prayer intentions. **Thank you!**

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Connie Benoit, Betty Sparks, Jeffrey Stelly, Mary LeDoux, Lyle Soileau, Baby Laura Savant, Leslie Deroche, Mitzi Valin Brooks, Shane Richard, Patricia Ann Richard, Peter Merritt, Gage Bihm, Vern Dvorak, Donald Johnson, Dannie Ardoin, Patricia Fontenet, Dirk Soileau, Juanita Stelly, Christopher Joubert, Mcall Thibodeaux, Ken Miller, Jimmy Bertrand, Desi LaPoint, Percy LaPoint, Mark Brown, Voorhies Brown, Diane Fontenet, Phillip Pastorick, Rogers Louviere, Russell Humphries, Rickey Doucet, Tristan Estis, Dr. Amy Franchebois Bairnsfather, J.L. Pitre, Mrs. Jimmy Martin, Bernard Marks, Frieda Mayeux, Frankie Fontenet



PRAYER BLANKET MINISTRY

Prayer Blankets can benefit those suffering in body, mind, or spirit. For those interested in being part of this ministry, please contact Jerry Mayeux at 308-3325 or Jane Dupre at 945-6881. If you have fabric you'd like to donate, it would be appreciated.

If you or a loved one would like a prayer blanket please call the ladies mentioned above or the church office.

GROUP ROSARY

All are invited to a group rosary every Monday at 5:00 pm in church at Immaculate Conception. Prayers will be offered for our country and an end to violence in the world. Invite your friends and family.



SURVIVOR OF SUICIDE

The Jacob Crouch Suicide Prevention Services and the Office of Marriage and Family Life are forming a support group especially tailored for survivors of suicide. This group will provide a safe place for those who have lost a loved one to suicide to share their struggles, experiences, and pain as they struggle to regain hope and strength. The group will be facilitated by a licensed counselor and is open to all survivors of suicide over the age of 18. The group will meet on two evenings a month. Please call Kelley Chapman at 337-261-5653 for more information or to register.

Month of January:

Jeanette Martin & Shirlene Matt



2018 SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM POLICY

Infants are to be baptized according to the norms of the Rite of Baptism.

Parents must be registered at Immaculate Conception Church or live in the boundaries of our parish. Parents and godparents are to watch a series of instructional videos, which will be e-mailed to the parents, and afterwards attend a baptismal preparation course prior to scheduling a baptism as is required by the Diocese of Lafayette.

At least one Godparent Must Be:

- + Catholic
- + 16 years or older
- + Received the sacrament of confirmation
- + Must be active in Faith

Only 2 Godparents or 1 Godparent and 1 witness may be recorded on the Baby's Baptismal Certificate.

Please contact the Parish Office for further details at 826-7396



WELCOME NEW PARISHIONER!

Welcome to Immaculate Conception Church! We are very glad you are here and pray that you become active in our vibrant church community where we love God, one another, our community, and our world with our thoughts and actions. If you are new to the parish, please complete a registration form which can be found on our website immaculate-conception-washington.org under "About, Contact Us" or you may come into the office. Please return the form either in the collection basket or to the parish office.

PARISH BULLETIN INFORMATION: Contact the bulletin editor (parish secretary) or bring information to the rectory. All information must be in by Monday. If your family or business would like to help support the bulletin by taking an ad, or remember a loved one "In Memoir" Please call: John or Peter Watson at 985-868-6804.

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