

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 17th, 2017

Monday – September 18th

6:00 PM – Rosary for Country

Tuesday – September 19th

6:30AM – Special Intentions

Wednesday – September 20th

6:30AM – Special Intentions

5:00PM – 6:00PM Choir Practice

6:00PM – 7:00PM – CCD Classes

Thursday – September 21st

6:30AM – Special Intentions

Friday – September 22nd

6:30AM – Emile Richard & Family, Grace Richard

Saturday – September 23rd

4:00PM Mass – Brian T. Ortego, Leonce Lalonde Jr., Herbert Ortego, Jr., Jay Ortego, Lane Ortego, John L. Speyrer, Aubrey Soileau, Lisa Delafosse, Ashley Doucet Boyd, Clara Belle & Lionel J. Lafleur, Poke Courvelle & Deceased Family, Herman Hebert, Lois & Claude Blanchard

Sunday – September 24th

7:00 AM – Buster & Edna Plattsmier, J.A. & Rose Latiolais, Special Intentions

9:00 AM – Mass- Toodie Bailey, Mike Wartelle, Raymond Dupre

11:00 AM (Holy Trinity) – Mass – Parishioners



FROM THE OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

Bishop J. Douglas Deshotel informs all clergy and lay faithful of the Diocese of Lafayette that Mr. Thomas “Mac” Smith is prohibited from speaking, disseminating any printed materials, or exercising any ministry or apostolate in any parish, school or Catholic institution in the Diocese of Lafayette. In particular he is not to promote alleged spiritual messages, “soaking prayer,” apparitions, locutions, or visions etc. by means of any Catholic entity in the Diocese of Lafayette. All clergy and lay faithful who are in communion with the Church are to abstain from participating in those activities and from any involvement in the spreading of Mr. Thomas “Mac” Smith’s writings, teachings or alleged spiritual messages. For those who are disappointed by this decision, I encourage you to seek security in Jesus Christ, the Sacraments, and the Scriptures.

OC CORNER

It is Homecoming week! Alumni, family and friends are invited to come out and enjoy the festivities! The parade will roll on Thursday at 5:45 pm down Union Street; and on Friday, the mass will begin at 8:40 am in St. Landry Catholic Church and the game will kick off at 7 pm in Donald Gardner Stadium. Alumni are encouraged to visit the Alumni Welcome Tent one hour before the game to enjoy food and fellowship!

OC is holding “Operation Viking Care” to collect items for those affected by Hurricane Harvey. During this week, they will be gathering new socks and underwear donations.

Please remember the 2017-2018 Annual Angel Appeal Drive! Donations for the appeal may be mailed in or can be made online ... see the school website. And the “Viking 162 Envelope Ship” will be sailing for the appeal! May God bless everyone for the gifts and prayers!

OPERATION VIKING CARE

Opelousas Catholic is collecting items each week to assist those suffering from the devastating events of the recent flooding. It has been named “Operation Viking Care”. Baby diapers and cleaning supplies have been collected, and in this third week, paper towels and toilet paper will be gathered; then the week of September 18th, socks and underwear; and the last week of September 25th, it will be school supplies. Anyone wanting to contribute can drop these items off at OCS or the weekly Vikings football games. God Bless!

GARDEN AFFAIR

The Washington Garden Club and LSU-Ag Department have joined together to present a forum on home gardening Saturday September 23rd at St. John’s Church, 308 Church Street, Washington, LA from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM. There will be great speakers from LSU plus lunch for only \$10 per person. Some of the discussions will be about citrus plants, home vegetable gardening, landscaping and more.

For more information call Ms. Ethel at 945-0948 or Ms. Catherine at 826-5049.

Stewardship:

9/10 \$2,600.25

Thank you for your generosity

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Today’s Gospel reading continues Jesus’ instructions on being good stewards of others – the direction that if we love Jesus Christ, we must forgive an individual 77 times. The reading compels us to consider one of the most difficult practices of Christian Discipleship. Forgiveness is the way of Jesus, the way of the cross. Vengeance, bitterness and hatred seem so much easier and certainly more desirable. Forgiveness is a hard to road to travel, but it is the only road that leads to life in Christ. Consider this week who you need to forgive.



9 - 23 - 4:00 PM EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Claudette Fontenot
Jane Thibodeaux
Ruth Montgomery

READER

June Inhern

USHERS

Merlin Valin
Herman Bidstrup
Raynold Soileau
Joe Meche

ALTAR SERVER

Matthew Vidrine

9 - 24- 7:00 AM EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Winn Plattsmier
Pauline Vidrine
Mary Alice Blanchard

READER

Norma Guillory

USHERS

Allen Vidrine
Phillip Dardeau
Donnie Vidrine
Volunteer

ALTAR SERVER

Elliot Landreneau

9 - 24 - 9:00 AM EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Freida DeJean
Jim Soileau
Bonnie Darbonne

READER

Pam Landreneau

USHERS

Benny Howard
Gary Wilson
Jessie Howard
Gregory Doucet

ALTAR SERVER

Michael Darbonne



ROSARY RALLY

Our annual Rosary Rally will be held on our rectory lawn on Saturday, October 14th at 12:00 noon.

Parking will be available in front of the parish hall.

In case of inclement weather, the rally will take place in church. The rally will take place on the same day as the Fall Antique Fair. Come pray and stir the local economy too!



UPCOMING DIRECTED RETREATS JESUIT SPIRITUALITY CENTER

The Jesuit Spirituality Center at Grand Coteau, Louisiana, announces these upcoming individually directed retreats:

Mon., October 2nd or Thursday, October 5th

Mon., October 16th or Thursday, October 19th

Mon., October 20th or Thursday, November 2nd

Mon., November 13th (3 & 5 days only)

Mon., December 4th or Thursday December 7th

Special Weekend Group Programs:

Praying with St. Peter: A Day of Reflection and Prayer

Fr. Mark Thibodeaux, S.J. – Saturday, Sept. 16 – 9:00am – 4:00pm

Fee: \$60.00 includes Lunch

For an application form to register, visit our website jesuitspiritualitycenter.org or call (337) 662-5251 Monday – Friday 8:00am – 12:00 noon and 1:00pm – 5:00pm

JUST MARRIED:

The Catholic Guide to Surviving and Thriving in the First Five Years of Marriage

All married couples are invited to an evening of marriage enrichment with Fr. Jude Halphen, Director of the Office of Marriage and Family Life. Fr. Halphen will be presenting “Just Married: The Catholic Guide to Surviving and Thriving in the First Five Years of Marriage.” It will be on Wednesday, October 4, 2017, 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

This event is free to attend, but registration is required by calling the office at 337-261-5653 or visiting www.diola.org/marriage-enrichment.

PRAYER FOR HURRICANE SEASON



O God, Master of this passing world, hear the humble voices of your children. The Sea of Galilee obeyed your order and returned to its former quietude. You are still the Master of land and sea. We live in the shadow of a danger over which we have no control: the Gulf, like a provoked and angry giant, can awake from it seeming

lethargy, overstep its conventional boundaries, invade our land and spread chaos and disaster. During this hurricane season we turn to you, O Loving Father. Spare us from past tragedies whose memories are still so vivid and whose wounds seem to refuse to heal with the passing of time. O Virgin, Star of the Sea, Our Beloved Mother, we ask you to plead with your Son in our behalf, so that spared from the calamities common to this are and animated with a true spirit of gratitude, we will walk in the footsteps of your Divine Son to reach heavenly Jerusalem where a stormless eternity awaits us. Amen.

ST. MARY'S ALTAR SOCIETY

Immaculate Conception is blessed to have such an active, organized, and committed Altar Society that helps our church in so many ways. If you're interested in joining, please speak with Pam Landreneau.



CHOIR – YOUTH MEMBERS

Saint Paul advises to sing “psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God.” We are extremely blessed to have a talented mix of adults and children in our choir. Practices for the remainder of August will be held on Tuesday evenings at 6pm. Once Catechism starts on September 6th, practice will change to Wednesdays at 5pm. If your child would like to join and also has Catechism that night we will make sure they get to the hall safely and in time for class. For more information, please speak with the director, Mrs. Amanda Bertrand her number is 337-945-8064 or call the office.

LOCAL BIBLE STUDY

Come, Lord Jesus is a Catholic Bible study program. The Scripture study portion of the meeting uses readings for the upcoming Sunday Mass. Immaculate Conception Church has two separate groups. Both groups meet on Tuesdays. The first meeting is at 3:30 and the second is at 5pm in the parish Hall. New members are always welcome! One group at Immaculate Conception has been meeting for over 19 years! For more information, please speak with Mrs. Agnes LeBlanc or call the office.

GROUP ROSARY

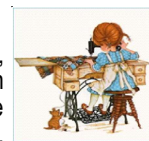
All are invited to a group rosary every Monday at 6:00 pm at Immaculate Conception. Prayers will be offered for our country and an end to violence in the world.

SICK LIST

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, Clyde Soileau, Dannie Ardoin, Patricia Fontenot, Dirk Soileau, Juanita Stelly, Christopher Joubert, Mcall Thibodeaux, Betty Sparks, Ken Miller, Jimmy Bertrand, Lori Moreau, Connie Benoit, Desi LaPoint, Percy LaPoint, Mark Brown, Voorhies Brown, Diane Fontenot, Phillip Pastorick, Rogers Louviere, Russell Humphries, Guy Landreneau, Rickey Doucet, Tristan Estis, Dr. Amy Franchebois Bainsfather, J.L. Pitre,

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.*



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 September:

Ethel Landreneau, Elaine Fontenot, Ruth Montgomery, Catherine Courville, Thank ya'll!

ARE YOU A NEW PARISHIONER?

Welcome to all new parishioners! We'd like to get to know you better. Please call or come by the office to complete a census form at your convenience. We look forward to serving you!

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.
