

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church

Third Sunday of Advent

December 17th 2017



**Christmas Office Schedule –
Closed December 21st through December 26th**



Monday – December 18th 5:00 PM – Rosary for Country
Tuesday – December 19th 6:30 AM – Special Intentions
Wednesday – December 20th 6:30 AM – Special Intentions
 6:00 PM – **No CCD Classes**
Thursday – December 21st 6:30 AM – Felton Meche
 Anniversary Mass
 8:00 AM – **Office Closed**
Friday – December 22nd 6:30 AM – Emile Richard Family,
 Grace Richard,
 8:00 AM – **Office Closed**

Saturday – December 23rd
 4:00 PM **Mass** – Brian T. Ortego, Leonce Lalonde, Jr., Aubrey Soileau, Lisa Delafosse, Clara Belle & Lionel J. Lafleur, Herman Hebert, Lois & Claude Blanchard, Poke Courvelle & Deceased Family,

Sunday – December 24th – Fourth Sunday of Advent
 8:00 AM (IC) – Mass for the People
 10:00 AM (Holy Trinity) – Mass – Parishioners
 3:00 PM Christmas Program
 4:00 PM (IC) **Christmas Eve Vigil Mass** – Ann Tate, Jay Sylvester, J. Bailey Anniversary Mass, Jack Thibodeaux, Lor & Atwood Soileau, Rita & George Buller, J.A & Rose Latiolais, Hazel & Elmer Brooks, Carlos & Ray Macip, Russell Humphries, Butsie, Buddy & Jimmy Carrier, Ashley Doucet Boyd, Herbert Lafleur, Jr., Arville Soileau, Jr., Mr. & Mrs. Arville Soileau, Sr., Mr. & Mrs. John Howard and Shirley, Ivan Ray & Deceased Family, Evier Francois & Deceased Family, Alex & Loretta Marks and sons, JoAnn Okeson, Mike Wartelle, Mr. & Mrs. Edwin Vidrine, Mr. & Mrs. Jack Wartelle, Hilray & Alida Soileau, Leo Soileau, Gerald Soileau, Godfrey Mayeux, Toodie Bailey, John L. Speyrer, Clifton Briley Family, Joseph A. Soileau Family, Joseph E. Dupre, Olide Vidrine Sr., Olide Vidrine, Jr., Murie Vidrine, Curie Vidrine, Evered Vidrine, Marie Vidrine, Hilda Vidrine, Harold Mortz,
 6:00 PM (IC) **Christmas Eve Vigil Mass** – Special Intentions

STEWARDSHIP:

12/10 \$2,077.00

Thank you for your generosity!

12- 23 - 4:00 PM
EUCARISTIC MINISTERS
 Evelina Soileau
 Clara Darbonne
 Jane Thibodeaux
READER
 Ethel Landreneau
USHERS
 Marcus Decou
 Herman Bidstrup
 Raynold Soileau
 Merlin Valin
ALTAR SERVER
 Matthew Vidrine

12- 24- 8:00 AM -
Fourth Sunday of Advent
EUCARISTIC MINISTERS
 Pauline Vidrine
 Winn Plattsmier
 Sheila Carrier
READER
 Katie Fontenot
USHERS
 Philip Dardeau
 Allen Vidrine
 Donnie Vidrine
 Mike Vidrine
ALTAR SERVER
 Elliot Landreneau

12- 24 - 4:00 PM –
Christmas Eve Vigil
EUCARISTIC MINISTERS
 Ruth Montgomery
 Freida DeJean
 Claudette Fontenot
READER
 Pam Landreneau
USHERS
 Raynold Soileau
 Nicky DeJean
 Mike Vidrine
 Jessie Howard
ALTAR SERVER
ASSIGNED

12- 24 - 6:00 PM –
Christmas Eve Vigil
EUCARISTIC MINISTERS
 Don Simoneaux
 Bonnie Darbonne
 Jim Soileau
READER
 Karen Ducote
USHERS
 Marcus Decou
 Tommy Leleux
 Bruce Courvelle
 Donnie Vidrine
ALTAR SERVER
ASSIGNED

12-25- 8:00 AM –
Christmas Day
EUCARISTIC MINISTERS
 Joey Bordelon
 Shirlene Matt
 Brenda Baque
READER
 Norma Plattsmier
USHERS
 Allen Vidrine
 Pauline Vidrine
 Phillip Dardeau
 Benny Howard
ALTAR SERVER
ASSIGNED



THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



In today's second reading Paul concludes his letter to the Christian community at Thessalonica by providing it with actions to take as they wait for the return of the Lord. The first action is to rejoice always and give thanks in all circumstances. This sounds easy but it's not. The two words that make this task difficult are "always" and "all". This means giving thanks and rejoicing even when our circumstances are not always moments of joy and thanksgiving, or when we are confronted with a broken world. Prayerful stewards rejoice and give thanks in all circumstances because they are people of hope. A good reflection this week would be how the season of Advent can give you reason to hope.

OC CORNER

The Junior Beta Club is completing their Toy Drive tomorrow. Mid-term exams will continue through Wednesday when students and staff will dismiss at noon for the Christmas holidays. Classes will resume on January 8. Upcoming in January includes "Future Student Day" which has been re-scheduled for January 11 from 12 noon to 2 pm. Students interested in OCS for 2018-2019 are invited and encouraged to attend. Family and friends should mark February 7 on their calendars for the OCS Tasters' Dinner and Auction event. Tickets can be purchased at OCS this week for \$35 per ticket, making a wonderful Christmas gift! OCS wishes everyone a blessed Christmas and a happy and holy 2018!

2018 CALENDARS

Calendars for 2018 are now available. Pick one up on the back table of church.

RELIGIOUS GIVE THANKS

A religious sister writes, "When we see the generous response of so many thousands of persons in order to help us, religious men and women, we are left speechless." Senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests across the country send heartfelt thanks and prayers for your donation to last weeks Retirement Fund for Religious collection.

AREA CONFESSIONS



- Father Matthew will hear confessions at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Washington on Wednesday evening, December 20th from 6:30pm–8:00pm.
- All the church parishes of the Diocese of Lafayette will be open for individual confessions on the first 3 Wednesday evenings of Advent.
- Please make plans to come on these Advent Wednesdays and spread the word of this special outreach of mercy to those you know.



COME HOME FOR CHRISTMAS
THE CATHOLIC CHURCH WELCOMES YOU
COME HOME FOR CHRISTMAS

During Advent we celebrate the coming of Jesus. In this particular season of the Liturgical Year, we are reminded of our family and friends who have drifted away from the church. Once again, the Diocese of Lafayette will be sponsoring their annual "Come Home for Christmas Campaign." We want our brothers and sisters to return home to be with their spiritual family. Every active Catholic is encouraged to invite someone to accompany them to Mass on Christmas Day. Offer to pick them up and bring them with you. Please pray for the success of this outreach. We also encourage you to participate in your parish program by submitting to the Rectory the name of a special friend or family member that you would like to invite to Come Home for Christmas. Please submit the names and addresses by December 13.

ATTENTION PARENTS AND KIDS

Don't forget to join us for our next practice tomorrow Sunday, December 17th after 9AM Mass and on Saturday, December 23rd from 9am-10am for our annual Christmas program.



CHRISTMAS FLOWER DONATIONS

Our deadline for accepting donations for Christmas Flowers in Memory of Loved ones will be Tuesday, December 19th. If you'd like to make a donation, please put it in the collection basket in an envelope labeled Christmas Flowers.



WEDDING CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to

Caleb J. Higginbotham and Taylor Lynn Stanford

who were married Saturday, December 9th, 2017 here at Immaculate Conception. Fr. Matthew presided at their wedding Mass.



RETRouvaille WEEKEND

Retrouvaille is a program for troubled marriages. The weekend of January 1-5-2018 will provide a safe setting, encouraging couples to learn communication in marriage in a respectful manner. For more information and to register visit www.helpourmarriage.com.



CCD – CATECHISM REMINDER

Parents, please be attentive to the list given out at the beginning of the CCD school year, entitled "What Your Child Should Know at Each CCD Grade Level". This list is available online at <http://immaculate-conception-washington.org/children> Please help your child to learn and understand these basics of the Christian faith and Catholic prayers. As stated at the beginning of the CCD year, students will need to have mastery of this list in order to advance to the next CCD grade level next fall. Please practice the prayers often with your children so that they can memorize them. Practice makes perfect and many of the students are still unfamiliar with these prayers

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 you can reach her on her cell phone for directions at 337-945-6881



SICK LIST

Mary LeDoux, Lyle Soileau, 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, Connie Benoit, Desi LaPoint, Percy LaPoint, Mark Brown, Voorhies Brown, Diane Fontenot, Phillip Pastorick, Rogers Louviere, Rickey Doucet, Tristan Estis, Dr. Amy Franchebois Bainsfather, J.L. Pitre, Mrs. Jimmy Martin, Bernard Marks, Frieda Mayeux, Frankie Fontenot, Donald Robertson

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 December:

Norma Plattsmier, Donna Dardeau, Lee Valin,



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.