

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church

THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

January 21st, 2018

Monday – January 22nd
Tuesday – January 23rd

Wednesday – January 24th

Thursday – January 25th
Friday – January 26th

Saturday – January 27th

4:00 PM Mass – Brian T. Ortego, Clara Belle & Lionel J. Lafleur, Lois & Claude Blanchard, Toodie Bailey, Jack Thibodeaux, Poke Courvelle & Deceased Family,

Sunday – January 28th

7:00 AM – Mass – Ashley Doucet Boyd,
 9:00 AM – Mass – For the People
 11:00 AM (Holy Trinity)

5:00 PM – Rosary for our Country
 6:30 AM – Lionel J. Lafleur Anniversary
 Mass, Claude Blanchard Anniversary Mass
 6:00 PM – 7:30PM Confirmation
 6:30 AM – Carlton J. & Mona F. Sylvester
 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM Adult Choir Practice
 6:00 PM – 7:00PM – CCD Classes
 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM – Children’s Choir
 Practice
 6:30 AM – Special Intentions
 6:30 AM – Emile Richard family,
 Grace Richard



CENTENNIAL NEWS

■ **Taking a Pro-Life Stand** - The U.S. Supreme Court legalized abortion in the infamous Roe v. Wade decision on January 22, 1973. In a short span of days, 105 Lafayette Physicians, led by Dr. Zerben Bienvenu and others, wrote and signed a resolution stating their opposition to abortion and their resolve to preserve human life. Their advertisement read in part: “We maintain that life DOES exist before birth. As physicians, we intend to fulfill our commitment to preserve that life.”

The Diocese of Lafayette continues to respect, protect, and serve life from conception to natural death.

■ **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).

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Thank you for your generosity!

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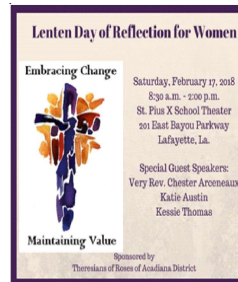
The first disciples of Jesus in today’s Gospel left their work and their daily routines to follow him. They abandoned their livelihoods, familiar surroundings and the lives to which they had become accustomed to be closer to him. The good steward finds ways to be removed from what may be a comfortable existence or daily routine in order to serve the Lord more faithfully. All too often, out of fear, insecurity or even selfishness, we refuse to leave the safety of the little world we have created for ourselves in order to hear the Lord’s call and be challenged by his Gospel. Perhaps we should reflect on what comforts we need to sacrifice in order to be better stewards of God’s mercy, compassion and hospitality he planted within us.

OC CORNER

Tickets for the OC Tasters’ Dinner and Auction event are now on sale for \$35 per person. They are available at OC, Bodemuller the Printer, Cash Saver on Heather Drive, and St. Landry Homestead Bank. It is set for February 7 at 6 pm in the Opelousas Civic Center. A featured auction item includes a beautifully framed Blue Dog print donated by the George Rodrigue Foundation!

Registration time for the 2018-2019 school year is upon us. New families seeking admission may begin the online application/admissions process now. Registration for current families begins on February 5 while new families may begin registration on February 19 once application has been accepted. With questions, contact Mrs. Briley, Admissions Director, at 942-5404 ext. 109 or email brileyj@ocsvikings.com.

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 on Saturday, February 17th from 8:30 am to 2:00 pm at the St. Pius X School Theatre in Lafayette. 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 for more information.

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>

BIBLE MARATHON

The Community of Jesus Christ Crucified is sponsoring a Bible Marathon 100 hours for 100 Years on the grounds of Historic St. Martin de Tours Church in St. Martinville Wednesday, April 4th starting at 12:30 pm thru Sunday, April 8 4:30 pm. Come be a part of accepting the richness of the Word of God into our Hearts! For more information or to sign up as a reader email fetedieuduteche@gmail.com or call us at 337-394-6550

01 - 27 - 4:00 pm
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS
 Claudette Fontenet
 Clara Darbonne
 Catherine Courvelle
READER
 Jan Tehurn
USHERS
 Marlene Beauxis
 Marcus Decou
 Merlin Valin
 Herman Bidstrup
ALTAR SERVER
 Matthew Vidrine

01 - 28 - 7:00 AM
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS
 Shirlene Matt
 Winn Plattsmier
 Pauline Vidrine
READER
 Norma Plattsmier
USHERS
 Phillip Dardeau
 Volunteer
 Allen Vidrine
 Donnie Vidrine
ALTAR SERVER
 Elliot Landreneau

01 - 28 - 9:00 AM
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS
 Freida DeJean
 Don Simoneaux
 Bonnie Darbonne
READER
 Yvette Howard
USHERS
 Gregory Doucet
 Jessie Howard
 Benny Howard
 Gary Wilson
ALTAR SERVER
 Michael Darbonne



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

DIOCESE OF LAFAYETTE CENTENNIAL PILGRIMAGE TO CANADA

Celebrate the Centennial Anniversary of the Diocese of Lafayette with a pilgrimage to Canada August 27th thru September 5th. The spiritual directors are Bishop Douglas Deshotel, Fr. Cedric Sonnier, and Fr. Paul Broussard. Experience the rich French heritage of Québec as we take a spiritual journey to Montréal and Québec City. In Nova Scotia explore our Acadian heritage.

Please Join us Wednesday, July 26th at 6:30 pm in the Knight Hall Auditorium at Our Lady of Fatima Church in Lafayette, LA to learn more about the pilgrimage and take advantage of special discounts!

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.

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

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Connie Benoit, Betty Sparks, Jeffrey Stelly



PRAYER FOR THE UNBORN

Virgin of Guadalupe, Patroness of unborn children, we implore your intercession for every child at risk of abortion. Help expectant parents to welcome from God the priceless gift of their child's life. Console parents who have lost that gift through abortion, and lead them to forgiveness and healing through the Divine Mercy of your Son. Teach us to cherish and to care for family and friends until God calls them home. Help us never to see others as burdens. Guide our public officials to defend each and every human life through just laws. Inspire us all to bring our faith into public life, to speak for those who have no voice. We ask this in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ, who is Love and Mercy itself. Amen.

WEEKLY PRAYER FOR PRIESTS EACH DAY

Eternal Father, we lift up to You these and all the priests of the world. Sanctify them, heal and guide them. Mold them into the likeness of Your Son, Jesus, the Eternal High Priest. May their lives be pleasing to You in Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Sunday: Rev. William Massie
Monday: Rev. Kenneth Mayne
Tuesday: Rev. Louis McCabe, SJ
Wednesday: Rev. Garrett McIntyre

Thursday: Rev. Bert Mead, SJ
Friday: Rev. Glenn Meaux, SOLT
Saturday: Rev. Aaron Melancon



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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