

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

March 11th, 2018

Next Weekends Second Collection: *Bishop's Services Appeal*

HOLY WEEK LOCATION CHANGES

Please make note of the following changes for Holy Thursday and Good Friday.



- **Holy Thursday*** (March 29th) – 6:30 PM at **Immaculate Conception** (Prev. HT)
- **Good Friday*** (March 30th) – 3:00 PM at **Holy Trinity** (Prev. IC)
- **Easter Vigil*** (Saturday evening, March 31st) – 8:00 PM (IC)
- **Easter Sunday** (April 1st) – **Regular Sunday Mass**
Schedule 7:00AM (IC), 9:00AM (IC) & 11:00 AM (HT)

- Monday – March 12th** – 5:00 PM – Rosary for our Country
6:00PM – 8:00PM **Lenten Mission hosted by Chad Justice**
- Tuesday – March 13th** – 6:30 AM Mass – Kip Fair
6:00PM – 8:00PM **Lenten Mission hosted by Chad Justice**
- Wednesday – March 14th** – 6:30 AM Mass – Special Intentions
6:00 PM – 7:00PM Adult Choir Practice
6:00 PM – 7:00PM – CCD Classes
7:00 PM – 8:00 PM – Children's Choir Practice
- Thursday – March 15th** – 6:30 AM Mass – Special Intentions
6:30PM – 8:30PM Adoration Thursdays
- Friday – March 16th** – 5:30 PM Mass – Emile Richard Family, Grace Richard
- ✠ *Followed by Stations of the Cross* ✠

Saturday – March 17th
4:00 PM Mass – Brian T. Ortego, Francis, Zim & Christ Dupre, J.A. & Rose Latiolais, Curry Landreneau, Lois & Claude Blanchard, Poke Courvelle Anniversary Mass & Deceased Family, Aubrey Soileau, Clyde Doucet, Mitzie Valin Brooks, Velma Fontenot, Elmer & Hazel Brooks,

Sunday – March 18th
7:00 AM – Mass – Clyde Soileau, Buster & Edna Plattsmier
9:00 AM – Mass – For the People
11:00 AM (Holy Trinity) Mass – Parishioners

Stewardship: 3/4 \$2511.75

Building & Maintenance: 3/4 \$948.00
Thank you for your generosity!



EASTER FLOWER DONATIONS

We are now accepting donations for Easter Flowers in Memory of Loved ones. If you'd like to make a donation, please put it in the collection basket in an envelope labeled Easter Flowers.

OC NEWS

Congratulations to the students who competed well in the recent District Literary Rally at the University of Louisiana-Lafayette. All 22 OC students placed in the top 5 of their subject areas. Fourteen of these students are now preparing for the State Literary Rally at LSU in April.

OC also takes pride in the 8th grade students who participated in the Regional Science Fair. Sarah Blanchard earned 1st place honors and will move on to state in Animal Science. The team of Lydia Martin and Lindsay Charles placed 3rd with their project in Plant Science.

CENTENNIAL NEWS



▪ **Our Second Bishop Appointed** - On March 13, 1956, Pope Pius XII accepted the retirement of Bishop Jules Jeanmard after 37 years of episcopal ministry to the new diocese. The Holy Father appointed Bishop Maurice Schexnayder as the second Bishop of Lafayette. Bishop Schexnayder, born and raised along the banks of the Mississippi River, had served as the Auxiliary Bishop under Bishop Jeanmard for five years prior to his appointment as Bishop. Schexnayder would oversee the diocese for 16 years until his retirement in 1972. He attended the Second Vatican Council and led the local Church through its early implementation. His episcopal motto, taken from the Salve Regina, was "Ad Te Clamamus" or "To Thee do we cry."

▪ **Second Centennial Deanery Mass** will be at St. Landry Catholic Church, our 2nd oldest canonically established Church in the Diocese, on March 23 at 6:30pm in Opelousas. All Clergy and Laity are invited to attend this Mass and reception with our Bishop Deshotel as we continue to honor and celebrate this Centennial Jubilee Year of our Diocese. This is an exciting year and it is good for all of us from all parts of the Diocese of Lafayette to come together for the Centennial Events to reflect upon our past and recommit to the future that God is leading us into. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend.

CONFIRMATION & FIRST COMMUNION EVENTS

- **Confirmation Mass** with Bishop Deshotel will be at Immaculate Conception Church on Tuesday, March 20th at 6 PM
- **First Penance** with Fr. Matthew will be during the children's regularly scheduled catechism class Wednesday, March 21st
- **Our Last Catechism Class** will be Wednesday, March 21st
- **First Holy Communion Practice** will be Saturday, May 12th from 10:00AM – 11:00AM Parents should make every effort to attend practice with your child that morning.
- **First Holy Communion Mass** will be Sunday, May 13th during the regularly scheduled 9AM Mass.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

If your parish celebrates the Mass for the Second Scrutiny for catechumens preparing for Baptism at the Easter vigil, you may hear the Gospel story of how a man born blind came to be a disciple of Jesus Christ. Jesus and his disciples are walking along when they encounter the man. The disciples ask a question that reflects a narrow understanding of God's mercy. They assume that if people suffer, then they must have done something bad to deserve it. In the case of a man born blind, it had to be something done by his parents. But Jesus says: "Neither he nor his parents sinned; it is so that the works of God might be made visible through him..." Good stewards know that God is working in their lives so that through their lives, God's goodness will be revealed. How is God working in you? Do you see God's goodness reflected in your life? If your parish does not celebrate the Mass for the Second Scrutiny for catechumens, you may hear the Gospel story of Jesus' encounter with Nicodemus, a Pharisee and leader of the Jews who comes to Jesus by night, recognizing Jesus as a teacher from God, but coming in secret for fear of being put out of the synagogue. Jesus rebukes him for his lack of understanding. Good stewards realize that for the sake of this world, God gives his most cherished beloved son. And so they are willing to confess Jesus as their Lord and savior in a public way. They do not keep their faith to themselves, in darkness. The Gospel reading challenges us to profess our faith in word and deed publicly, not to hide it away. Are we willing to accept the Gospel's challenge? Are we willing to get out of our personal "comfort zone" and confess our faith in Christ Jesus in an open, tangible way?

03 - 17 - 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

03 - 18 - 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

03 - 18 - 9:00 AM
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS
Pam Landreneau
Jim Soileau
Rick Ortego
READER
Evelyn Hanna
USHERS
Benny Howard
Jessie Howard
Gary Wilson
Gregory Doucet
ALTAR SERVER
Michael Darbonne



CHOIR NEWS

Our Church Choir is starting to prepare for Holy Week and the Lenten and Easter Seasons. If anyone is interested in joining and singing with the Choir for these holy seasons then please join us for practice March 17th from 9am to 10am. You don't need to know how to read music, just bring your heart and voice!



MEATLESS FRIDAYS

Every person 14 years of age or older **must abstain from meat on all the Fridays of Lent.** Abstinence forbids the use of meat, but not of eggs, milk products or condiments made of animal fat. Every person 14 years of age or older must abstain from meat on all other Fridays of the year, unless he or she substitutes some other form of penance for abstinence.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION LENTEN MISSION

Teacher, author and national speaker Chad Justice will be our Mission Speaker Monday, March 12th and Tuesday March 13th in the church from 6:00PM – 8:00PM. Justice is the author of "Waiting for Eli, A Fathers Journey from Fear to Faith" and "Elis Reach," on the value of human life and the power of prayer.

CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION NORTH DEANERY

The Diocese of Lafayette Centennial Mass for the North Deanery will be celebrated on Friday, March 23 at 6:30 PM at St. Landry Catholic Church. Bishop Douglas Deshotel will be the main celebrant and homilist will be Bishop Jarrell. Several priests of the diocese will concelebrate. The St. Landry Church choir will be organizing the music for the evening. We want to invite all singers in the area to join in the celebration. Music will be provided for all who wish to sing.

COME MARINATE IN THE WORD!

The Jubilee of the Word Marathon – 100 Hours for 100 Years is an extraordinary and unique way to celebrate the Centennial of the Diocese of Lafayette! Beginning on Wednesday April 4th at 12:30 PM the Bible will be read publicly cover to cover without pause in the Square of St. Martinville. The Marathon will conclude on Divine Mercy Sunday at 4:30 PM. Bishop Douglas Deshotel will begin the reading from the first chapters of Genesis and Bishop Michael Jarrell will conclude with the closing chapters of the Book of Revelation. Over 300 lectors will be needed for 20 minute intervals. Lectors from churches throughout Acadiana and others interested in reading are encouraged to sign up for a reading slot during the Marathon. All are encouraged to come listen and *Marinate* in the Word! For more information or to register as a lector please contact Fr. Michael Champagne, CJC at fetedieuduteche@gmail.com or 337-394-6550. More information is available at www.fetedieuduteche.org and Fete-Dieu du Teche on Facebook.

BAPTIZED IN CHRIST

We welcome into the Church through the Rite of Infant baptism,
Logan Russell Baham, Child of Daniel R. Baham II & Shelby Bertrand



This child was born again by water and the Holy Spirit on Saturday, March 3rd.
Congratulations and blessings!

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



Connie Benoit, Jeffrey Stelly, Dr. Amy Franchebois Bainsfather, Frieda Mayeux, Ray Levaha, Fr. Albert Nunez, Margaret Lafleur, Mcall Thibodeaux, Claudia Abell,

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: Very Rev. Msgr. Robie Robichaux, JCL, JV
Monday: Rev. William Rogalla
Tuesday: Rev. Msgr. J. Robert Romero
Wednesday: Rev. Mario Romero
Thursday: Rev. David Rozas
Friday: Rev. William Ruskoski
Saturday: Rev. Michael Russo

PRAYER IN DEFENSE OF MARRIAGE

God our Father, we give you thanks for the gift of marriage: the bond of life and love, and the font of the family. The love of husband and wife enriches your Church with children, fills the world with a multitude of spiritual fruitfulness and service, and is the sign of the love of your Son, Jesus Christ, for his Church. The grace of Jesus flowed forth at Cana at the request of the Blessed Mother. May your Son, through the intercession of Mary, pour out upon us a new measure of the Gifts of the Holy Spirit as we join with all people of good will to promote and protect the unique beauty of marriage. May your Holy Spirit enlighten our society to treasure the heroic love of husband and wife, and guide our leaders to sustain and protect the singular place of mothers and fathers in the lives of their children. Father, we ask that our prayers be joined to those of the Virgin Mary, that your Word may transform our service so as to safeguard the incomparable splendor of marriage. We ask all these things through Christ our Lord, **Amen.**



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.

MONDAY 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.



MONTH OF MARCH:
Norma Plattsmier, Merryle Soileau
Karen Ducote, Diane Wartelle



SURVIVOR OF SUICIDE SUPPORT GROUP

The death of a loved one is never easy and grief is experienced differently for everyone. The Jacob Crouch Suicide Prevention Services and the Office of Marriage and Family Life have formed a support group especially tailored for survivors of suicide. This group provides 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 is facilitated by a licensed counselor and is open to all survivors of suicide over the age of 18 and meets on two evenings a month. Please call Kelley Chapman at 337-261-5653 for more information or to register

DIVORCE RECOVERY PROGRAM

The Office of Marriage and Family Life offers a 6-week divorce recovery program for those who have suffered from divorce/separation. Please visit our website, www.diolaf.org/divorcerecovery to register or to find out more information.

RETROUVILLE WEEKEND

Retrouville is a program for troubled marriages. The weekend provides a safe setting; encouraging couples to learn communication in marriage in a respectful manner. Visit the website for more information and to register www.helpourmarriage.com.



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.