



Immaculate Conception

Catholic Church † Mission of the Sacred Heart

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The Grapevine

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil. 4:00 p.m.
Sundays . . 7 a.m., 9 a.m., 9a.m. (MSH), 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.
Monday-Wednesday-Thursday-Friday-8:30 a.m.
Tuesday . . 6:00 pm followed by Novena/Benediction
Holy Days. As announced

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Tuesday 5:30-5:45 p.m.
Friday 8:00-8:20 a.m.
Saturday 2:45-3:45 p.m.
Other times as announced or by appointment.

BAPTISMS: Notify Parish Office during pregnancy. Instruction for parents and godparents is required.

MARRIAGE: Contact the Parish Office at least six months before desired date.

PRAYER LINE: (confidential ministry)
Contact Ms. Pat Pastor at 664-1097.

CARE OF THE SICK: Emergency calls answered immediately. Home visitation for the sick and shut-in weekly and upon request. Hospital visits weekly and upon request.

CHRISTIAN BURIAL: Please make arrangements by calling the Parish Office.

PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION CHAPEL:

Open 24 hours a day, seven days a week.
Contact Allison Renfrow at 665-1424.

Information or news for the Grapevine (published weekly) should be called in to the Parish Office at least two weeks prior to the event.



“In the same way, anyone of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple.” - Lk 14:33

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MISSION STATEMENT

Immaculate Conception Church Parish and the Mission of the Sacred Heart is a welcoming community, centered in the Eucharist, rooted in faith, growing in fellowship, and sharing in unity the mission Christ entrusted to us.

—Directory—

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St. Vincent de Paul—665-1623; CommUnity Hands—667-9015

Readings For The Week of September 4

Sunday: Wis 9:13-18b/Ps 90:3-6, 12-17/Phlm 9-10, 12-17/Lk 14:25-33
Monday: 1 Cor 5:1-8/Ps 5:5-7, 12/Lk 6:6-11
Tuesday: 1 Cor 6:1-11/Ps 149:1-6, 9/Lk 6:12-19
Wednesday: 1 Cor 7:25-31/Ps 45:11-12, 14-17/Lk 6:20-26
Thursday: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Ps 13:6/Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23
Friday: 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27/Ps 84:3-6, 12/Lk 6:39-42
Saturday: 1 Cor 10:14-22/Ps 116:12-13, 17-18/Lk 6:43-49
Next Sunday: Ex 32:7-11, 13-14/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 17, 19/1 Tm 1:12-17/Lk 15:1-32 or 15:1-10

—Administration—

August 20/21, 2016



Identified offertory givers: \$ 12,557.00
Visitors/unidentified: \$ 1,992.41
Assumption of Mary: \$ 195.00
Flood Relief: \$ 2,118.00
Total Collected: \$ 16,862.41

JULY 1, 2016 TO DATE

ACTUAL INCOME: \$ 172,267.09

JULY 1, 2016 TO DATE

ACTUAL EXPENSE: \$ 196,659.14
Surplus/Deficit \$ -24,392.05

St. Vincent de Paul: \$ 303.00
Building & Maintenance: \$ 815.00
Catholic University: \$ 5.00

August 27/28, 2016



Identified offertory givers: \$ 16,607.00
Visitors/unidentified: \$ 1,975.42
Assumption of Mary: \$ 5.00
Flood Relief: \$ 6,596.08
Total Collected: \$ 25,183.50

JULY 1, 2016 TO DATE

ACTUAL INCOME: \$ 197,450.59

JULY 1, 2016 TO DATE

ACTUAL EXPENSE: \$ 195,326.64
Surplus/Deficit \$ 2,123.95

St. Vincent de Paul: \$1,332.50
Building & Maintenance: \$ 565.00
Catholic University: \$ 5.00

NOTE: WeShare now has Special/Second Collections listed for your convenience ♦ iccmsh.weshareonline.org!

Parish News:

Adoration Chapel remains closed until further notice.

Early Learning Center Preschool updates will be posted on their Facebook page: ICC Early Learning Center Preschool. Restoration of our buildings is in progress. We will notify you when a date of opening will occur.

CommUnity Hands and St. Vincent de Paul: Please contact St. Vincent de Paul's Main Office in Baton Rouge at 225-383-7439.

All Sunday and Weekday Masses will take place in the church as usual. All programs such as bible classes and meetings have been cancelled (except R.C.I.A. classes) They will resume as facilities are made available. Updates will be made on Facebook (Church of the Immaculate Conception) and on our website (www.icc-msh.org).

The Distribution Center is now winding down. Sunday September 4, will be our last day. We are so grateful for the outpouring of generosity from all over! We are truly blessed! If you need any items such as cleaning supplies, canned goods, toiletries, etc., please go to area distribution centers (First United Methodist Church, 319 Maddie St., DS-Open M-Sat 10 a.m-4 p.m., Sun. 12-4 p.m.—665-8995; Live Oak Methodist Church, 34890 LA Hwy. 16, Watson-Open 8 a.m.-5 p.m. M-Fri, 664-4801).

If parishioners are still in need of gutting and clearing out their house, please contact the Church Office at 665-5359.

If you are available to help with the cleaning of houses, please call the Church Office at 665-5359.

CONSIDERATION OF OUR CHRISTIAN COMMITMENT: ORDINARY TIME SAINTS

The Scriptures today begin with mentioning that heavenly wisdom which makes straight our paths. It is truly comforting to know that the wisdom that guided the Apostles, the Church through the ages, is available to us for the asking.

This Sunday Pope Francis will canonize Mother Teresa of Calcutta in ceremonies at St. Peter's in Rome. She reflected the wisdom of God in many beautiful and simple ways. Some of her quotes can be both inspiring and consoling to us, especially at this time of rebuilding homes, lives and communities. I know all must know at least one of them, but I thought I would share a few of hers with you today:



she grabbed it and began to kiss it. You can imagine my surprise and delight. It was a precious moment, and means all the more as she is canonized this Sunday in Rome. Just a side note, that same year, I shook hands with St. John Paul II. It is a nice memory of having physical contact with two saints recently canonized by Pope Francis, but it is even better to remember that they are together in Heaven interceding for us all.

- ✦ Be faithful in small things because it is in them your strength lies.
- ✦ Being unwanted, unloved, uncared for, forgotten by everybody; I think that is a greater hunger, a greater poverty than the person who has nothing to eat.
- ✦ Each one of them is Jesus in disguise.
- ✦ Good works are links that form a chain of love.
- ✦ If you can't feed a hundred people, then feed just one.
- ✦ It is easy to love people far away. It is not always easy to love those close to us. It is easier to give a cup of rice to relieve hunger than to relieve the loneliness and pain of someone unloved in our own home. Bring love into your home, for it is there that our love for each other must start.
- ✦ Peace begins with a smile.
- ✦ Spread love wherever you go. Let no one ever come to you without leaving happier.
- ✦ We ourselves feel that what we are doing is just a drop in the ocean. But the ocean would be less because of that missing drop.

When she came to Baton Rouge in the early 1990's to establish the Convent for her sisters at St. Agnes, she came to the 7:00 a.m. Eucharist at the Cathedral. Bishop Ott had called me the night before and told me it was going to be announced on the 10:00 p.m. news and to please get things together and set up for the Eucharist. Sure enough, the news got around and the Cathedral was packed. I remember that morning so well. I was standing in front of the front doors of the Cathedral waiting for her and Bishop Ott to arrive and wondering what to do, should I shake her hand, nod my head, etc. When they arrived and began to get out of the car, I approached them. Bishop Ott saw me coming and pointed to me, I imagine telling her who I was. When I arrived he introduced me to her and she held out her hand. I presumed it meant she wanted to shake hands, so I extended mine, but



to discuss possible solutions and how they might continue to assist the needy of our community until they are permanently set up again. Let us keep their good work and ministry in our prayers.

While you have received updates on organizations and ministries and their upcoming plans, I thought since there was a little space left in the bulletin, I would give you an update on the buildings on campus as they relate in an important way to the dates, schedules and other activities that are and will be taking place on the parish campus. Thank you for the prayerful and warm support you have offered each other and all. It makes such a difference. Wishing you good days, Love,



Wishing you good days, Love,

John Ott

BUILDINGS ON OUR PARISH CAMPUS THE CHURCH took on about a foot of water. As of this writing (Tuesday), most of the tearing out of sheetrock is completed; The floors have been cleaned with a material to kill any bacteria that might have been growing beneath the tiles. The pews are damaged on the ends and kneelers. We have been in touch with the Sauder Company which built them. We are hoping that instead of having all the pews replaced, it might be possible to replace the ends and kneelers since the padded seats and backs seemed to come through it all well. Presently the big challenge is the plaster walls. Fans and



dehumidifiers have been running all week to dry the walls. The Environmental Engineer who gives us the o.k. on all buildings before repairs can take place said that if they could be completely dry when he returned, it would not be necessary to cut and remove two feet of plaster all around the church.

THE ADMINISTRATION BUILDING took in about two feet of water and is next on our list as most of our parish operations, ministries and formation/education ministries have a home in and are served by this building. As of this writing, all sheetrock that needs removing has been removed. The studs and floors have been cleaned and treated and the building is good and dry. For all practical purposes, it seems ready for reconstruction.



THE EARLY LEARNING CENTER also took in about two feet of water, and has been cleaned, treated and we are hoping floors will not need replacement. Other than that, they are

nearing completion and are ready for reconstruction.

THE ADORATION CHAPEL is next on our list in terms of priorities. It took in the most water, over four feet, and required the most stripping, cleansing, fumigating, and other work. It is presently clean, purified, dry and ready for reconstruction.



THE OTHER OUTBUILDINGS – SCOUTS, MIGHTY MOMS, YOUTH, STORAGE have all been stripped, cleaned and should be about ready for reconstruction.

THE RECTORY has been stripped, all furnishings had to be



thrown out and the only things remaining are the ceiling light fixtures. But the building has been cleaned, purified, dried and is more or less ready for reconstruction.

We served as a Distribution Center since the flood, but this weekend, it is closing and goods are being given and rerouted to a Regional Distribution Center in Denham Springs so that we can continue to move forward with what needs doing on the site. This list is organized more or less in order of priorities to have work done. As with most of you, things change on a daily basis, with surprises we are happy with, and others we would rather not have. We hope to have one contractor who specializes in this work do the whole campus on a contract basis, as buildings are ready for them. The insurance companies, environmental offices, and others have a lot to say about this and we have met with our total staff to update them and receive input and hope this week if not before to have met with Finance and Parish Councils to give updates and receive input.

Again – Love, Fr. Frank 😊

Immaculate Conception Church September 4 — September 17, 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
4 7:00 AM - 8:00 AM Mass/C 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM Mass/C 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM Mass/MSH 9:00 AM - 12:00 AM Nursery/ELC4 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM Mass/C 12:00 AM - 1:00 PM Baptisms/C 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM Sunday Mass/C	5 8:30 AM - 9:00 AM Mass/C 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM AA Meeting/ FFC-112	6 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM AA Meeting/FFC -112 5:30 PM - 6:00 PM Reconciliation/C 6:00 PM - 6:30 PM Mass/C 6:30 PM - 7:00 PM Nov/Bene/C	7 8:30 AM - 9:00 AM Mass/C 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM AA Meeting/FFC- 112	8 8:30 AM - 9:00 AM Mass/C 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM AA Meeting/FFC- 112 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM RCIA Session/ FFC 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM RCIA-C/FFC	9 8:00 AM - 8:25 AM Reconciliation/C 8:30 AM - 9:00 AM Mass/C 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM AA Meeting/FFC -112 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM Charismatic Prayer/C	10 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM AA Meeting/FFC-112 2:45 PM - 3:45 PM Reconciliation/C 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM Sunday Mass/C
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In times like this, information can be hard to come by. For up to the minute info & news about ISM youth ministry please follow us on social media:



Download the free Remind app from iTunes or Android for group messages, flyers, & to message Kevin. Just search @ismlink in the app or text @ismlink to 81010 to receive text updates!

If you have any questions, contact Kevin at 225.268.9962 or acordkp@gmail.com



MASS INTENTIONS (09/03/16-09/11/16)

Saturday: 09/03/16—4 p.m. Cornelia Lorio†; Robert Adams, Jr.†; Noah Winnie Lachney, Sr.†; Noah & Maudry Lachney, Jr.†; Sam Guzzardo†; Phyllis & Joe Houghton†; Walker Police Dept. **Sunday: 09/04/16—7 a.m.** Lloyd deGeneres†; Ralph Stowe†. **9 a.m.**—Mary Angona†; Mary Guidry†; Louis “LJ” Berthelot†. **9 a.m.**—(MSH) Parishioners. **11 a.m.** Donald Lavigne & Jeremy Berthelot†; Dane Bannanno†; Butch Calmes†; Don & Mary James†. **6 p.m.** Lucille O’Neill†.

Monday: 09/05/16—8:30 a.m. Bernie Rice†.

Tuesday: 09/06/16—6 p.m. Alex Theriot, Jr.†.

Wednesday: 09/07/16—8:30 a.m. Mary Guidry†.

Thursday: 09/08/16—8:30 a.m. M/M Foster DeRouen†.

Friday: 09/09/16—8:30 a.m. Larry Lastrapes, Jr.†.
Saturday: 09/10/16—4 p.m. Ron Rinker†; Lindell Gill, Sr.†; Deanna Adcock†; Lucy & Merlin Coco†; Anna-Mae Bourgoyne†; Joe & Verlia Wyble & Family†; Walker Police Department. **Sunday: 09/11/16—7 a.m.** Brother John Keplinger, OMI†; Lloyd deGeneres†; Greg Coco†. **9 a.m.**—Bobbie & Pat Patterson; Butch Calmes†; Mary Guidry†; Lucille O’Neill†. **9 a.m.**—(MSH) Edwin Lohr†; Willis & Edmee Fontenot & Family†; Lynwood Stafford, Jr.†. **11 a.m.** Parishioners. **6 p.m.** Sylvia Pulizzano†; Bessie LeDoux†.

CHURCH SANCTUARY LAMP: 09/04/16—09/11/16 burns in honor of **SAL CONIGLIO**.
ADORATION CHAPEL LIGHT: 09/04/16—09/11/16 burns in memory of **OPEN INTENTION**.

—Formation—



Last Thursday, September 1, 2016, the R.C.I.A. Adult Inquiry Sessions began with an Introductory Session. These sessions

will be held every Thursday evening at 7:00 p.m. in the Faith Formation Center, are very informal, and open to anyone interested in learning more about our Catholic faith. Contact Judy Graphia at 936-6697 for more information. NOTE: Sessions for children to attend RCIA-C also began Thursday, September 1, and are held at 6:30 p.m. These sessions are for children who have not received the sacraments and are in 2nd grade or older. Contact Tammy Young at 202-7505 for more information.

Parish School of Religion News:

For All Catechists: Immaculate Conception Church parish family has experienced great heartache with the widespread flooding of 2016. Fr. Frank has commented several times “we are all in the same boat!” We are praying for you and all who experienced loss.

Please answer the following survey so we can make plans for the coming year.

1. What is your current housing status?
2. What is your current transportation status?
3. What is the best way to contact you? Cell phone, e-mail, etc.
4. Are you able to return as a catechist? Yes No
5. If you are able to return, give an approximate date when you would be available.

Confirmation retreats to Angola have been cancelled. We will plan a retreat in late October here in the parish.

For Parents: As we work to resume our normal lives of school, work, and worship in the wake of 2016 floods, our schedules will be different. The Parish School of Religion is working to adapt and work with the changes Livingston Parish is making to the “school day”. We will finalize our plans after Livingston Parish Schools announce their complete schedule that begins September 12, 2016. Please answer the following survey:

1. Are you still living in Livingston Parish?
2. Are you returning to ICC for religious education?
3. What grade will your child(ren) be in for the parish school of Religion?
4. Have you received your child(ren)’s Livingston Parish school schedule yet?
5. If so, what is the name of the school?
6. What is your child’s time schedule?

We offer our prayer to all affected by the flood!

—Outreach—

Living in a Whole New World

We have all witnessed/lived through events that changed our lives-September 11th, Katrina/Rita and now the “Great Flood of 2016”. “An event that causes great distress and disruption is one definition of the word **trauma**”. We continue to be distressed by the pictures we see or the stories we hear in the aftermath of the floods. We also have suffered disruption of the “normalcy” of our lives at home, school, work and getting where we need to go in a timely fashion.

Think about how you have been feeling. Have you had trouble concentrating? Is your memory worse lately? Are you irritable? Or how about trouble sleeping, restless, just not as effective at work or home? These are all NORMAL responses to what we have all experienced at the hands of the Great Flood. ALL of us have had our lives disrupted and we ALL need to recover from it. Studies have shown that people deal and cope better with large traumatic events (deaths, divorce, act of nature) than they do with daily disruptions of their lives.

It will take time to move on and to have symptoms disappear. Establishing routines is one way to help. It shows us that life can be normal (or almost normal). Routine also leads to decreased fear. Renew and continue with your connections to people. Try to reestablish order. Gradually most of us will feel our fear lessen, being able to feel more in control, and having more understanding of the situation. We need to grieve for our loss, whether it be everything we had or the fact that our lives have changed. This “acute crisis” time will pass. It may take a few days to months. Don’t get upset or worry about these feelings. They are very normal and healthy.

Take care of yourself. Get plenty of sleep, eat regularly, exercise, talk about your feelings, watch alcohol intake (it does NOT make things better), LAUGH, have balance in your life. Self care is essential in coping with trauma and its aftermath.

Over the next few weeks I hope to share a few more articles to give some guidance in dealing with the aftermath of this event. The information for this article is from Lynn M. Levo, CSJ, Ph.D. and Sheila Harron, Ph.D. from the St. Luke Institute in Maryland. If you need further information, please contact the Parish Nurse at 665-5359 or nurse@icc-msh.org.

