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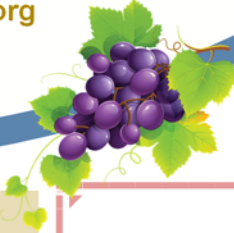
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May 14, 2017

Fifth Sunday of Easter



The Grapevine

PASTORAL STAFF

Rev. Frank M. Uter..... Pastor
Rev. Amal Raj, I.M.S. Associate Pastor
Mike Chiappetta Permanent Deacon
Rudy Stahl Permanent Deacon

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil..... 4:00 p.m.
Sundays 7:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m.,
9:00 a.m. (MSH), 11:00 a.m. & 6:00 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.



Immaculate Conception Parish

The **GRILL** is On For You

Food, Fun,
Family and Fellowship

Join us at the Pavilion
on May 21, 2017
after the 11 AM Mass

Get your **FREE** tickets
after all Masses
this weekend, May 13/14
A ticket will get you
a meal from the grill.



- Wear picnic attire to the 11 AM Mass.
- Bring lawn chairs to sit and relax with fellow parishioners and guests.
- Games, inflatables, a DJ-something for everyone!

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.

This Week at a Glance

Parish Life ♦ Upcoming Events

SATURDAY, MAY 13

8:30 AM - 2:00 PM KC Car Show/FFC Parking Lot
 12:00 - 1:00 PM AA/Small Hall
 12:00 - 1:00 PM Fatima Rosary/Church Parking Lot
 2:45 PM - 3:45 PM Reconciliation/Church
 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM Mass/Church

SUNDAY, MAY 14

7:00 AM - 8:00 AM Mass/Church
 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM Mass-ICC/C; MSH
 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM RCIA/Main Hall
 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM Mass/Church
 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM Children's Liturgy/Small Hall
 12:15 PM - 1:15 PM Baptisms/Church
 4:00 PM - 5:30 PM Praise Band/Church
 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM Mass/Church

MONDAY, MAY 15

8:30 AM - 9:00 AM Mass/Church
 9:15 AM - 2:00 PM Early Learning Center/ELC Rms.
 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM AA Meeting/Small Hall
 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM Catholic Daughters/Main Hall

TUESDAY, MAY 16

9:15 AM - 2:00 PM Early Learning Center/ELC Rms.
 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM AA Meeting/Small Hall
 5:30 PM - 6:00 PM Reconciliation/Church
 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM Mass-Nov.-Bene./Church
 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM Encounter-Jr. High/Youth Hall
 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM Adult Choir/Church
 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM Financial Peace/FFC-211

WEDNESDAY, MAY 17

8:30 AM - 9:00 AM Mass/Church
 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM AA Meeting/Small Hall
 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM ISM-High School/Youth Hall
 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM Early Learning Center Graduation/Church/Main Hall

THURSDAY, MAY 18

8:30 AM - 9:00 AM Mass/Church
 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM Bible Timeline/FFC-211
 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM AA Meeting/Small Hall
 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM Boy Scouts/Pavilion

FRIDAY, MAY 19

8:30 AM - 9:00 AM Mass/Church
 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM AA Meeting/Small Hall
 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM Charismatic Prayer/Church
 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM Group Flute & Drum Circle/Small Hall

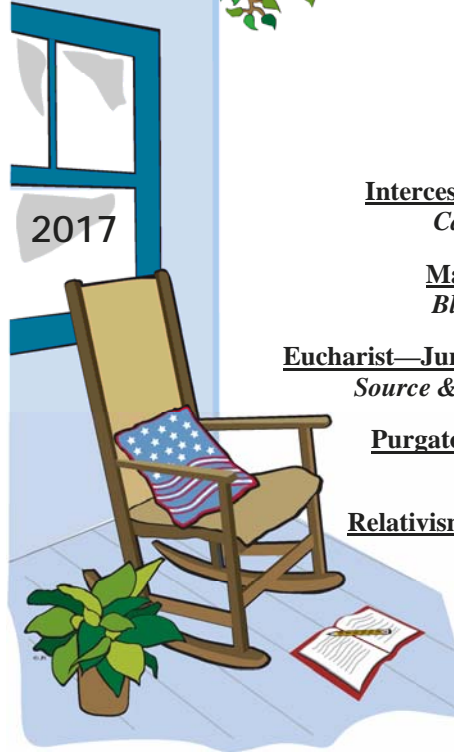
SATURDAY, MAY 20


9:00 AM - 10:00 AM Soul Core/Small Hall
 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM AA Meeting/Small Hall
 2:45 PM - 3:45 PM Reconciliation/Church
 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM Mass/Church

SUNDAY, MAY 21

7:00 AM - 8:00 AM Mass/Church
 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM Mass-ICC/C; MSH
 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM The Grill is on for you/Pavilion
 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM RCIA Closing/Main Hall
 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM Mass/Church
 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM Children's Liturgy/Small Hall
 1:30 PM - 3:00 PM Adult Confirmation/Room 2
 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM Mass/Church

Thursday Nights
 7:00 p.m.
 Small Hall



Summer
 Leisure
 Learning 

Salvation—May 25
How are we saved?

Intercessory Prayer—June 1
Can the saints hear us?

Mary—June 8, June 15
Blessed Among Women

Eucharist—June 22, June 29, July 6
Source & Summit of our Faith

Purgatory—July 13, July 20
A Biblical Reality

Relativism—July 27, August 3
What is Truth?

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World Marriage Day

On Saturday, June 10, 2017, Immaculate Conception and the Mission of the Sacred Heart will honor all couples at the 4 p.m. Mass who will celebrate their 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55, 60, or more years of marriage. If you are celebrating one of these anniversaries this year, or last year in 2016, please call the Church Office at 665-5359, or go to our website: www.icc-msh.org.

Couples are asked to meet before Mass in the Main Hall. They will be honored by walking in procession and given reserved seating in church. A reception for the couples and their family members will follow in the Main Hall after Mass. A photographer will also be available to photograph each couple.

We would like to include your wedding picture in a booklet for all of the couples. If you bring the picture to the church office, we will scan it, and return it immediately. If you have a scanned copy, email it to gcrichard@icc-msh.org. Also, we would like to include in the booklet one thing you have learned about marriage, if you would like to share.

DEADLINE: Monday, May 29.



Consideration of our Christian Commitment: An Easter People

As we gather this Fifth Sunday of Easter, we gather with the Lord who reminds us as he reminded his first disciples, that we go to the Father by following the way the Lord has shown us, the path of obedience, the path of love, the path of openness to all the Lord would share with us. As we move through this Easter season, let us encourage one another in traveling the path Jesus has set for us, Jesus who is “the way, the truth and the life.”

As we celebrated Holy Week, Bishop Muench gathered with all the priests of the Diocese and blessed the Holy



Oils which would be used in parishes throughout the Diocese in the coming year for the Anointing of the Sick, those preparing for Baptism, for the actual Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Orders. We thank **Tammy and T.D. Jackson** who participated in the Eucharist at the Cathedral and brought the oils back to the parish. This was especially appropriate since Tammy will be the Chairperson of our RCIA ministry in the coming year when the oils will be used.

We are happy to welcome new Altar Servers who will be ministering at the Sunday Liturgies with us. Pictured below are: Canaan Lowery, Maygen Levert, Jacob Coates



and Faith Chiappetta. **If any youth, fifth grade and above, would like to minister with them and the rest of our Liturgical Ministers, please let Deacon Rudy, our parish office or me know, and we will let you know when we have our next practice.**

We thank all those who serve at the Sunday and daily Liturgies in so many ways.

Congratulations to Matthew Guzzardo one of our younger parishioners who was confirmed last year. Matthew recently received the Louisiana Young Heroes Award, along with eight others from around the state. The 22 year old program celebrates the achievements of students who have inspired those around them and devoted their time, talents and energy to make their schools, churches or communities better places. They were honored at a luncheon at the Governor’s Mansion and a banquet at the Renaissance Hotel in Baton Rouge. Matthew is a senior at Denham Springs High School, and when the flood waters began rising in his neighborhood this past August, he and another student went house to house at 4:00 a.m. warning neighbors. They noticed a car stuck in the rising water and that the passenger was paralyzed and couldn’t escape. Matthew jumped into the water and rescued the woman, getting her safely in a boat. Two days later, he risked his safety to rescue a man trapped on top of his car in the flood waters. We congratulate Matthew and his family and wish him God’s every blessing in the years ahead.

Free tickets are still available for The Grill Is On for You which will be held next Sunday, May 21. The free tickets help us prepare for the celebration and will be available after all Liturgies this weekend. The Grill Is On for You is a fun time to relax and enjoy fellowship as we near the end of the official ministry year and move into the “summer mode.” With PSR finished for the year, the RCIA Neophytes will receive their certificates and RCIA will be finished for another year on May 21. Many of our ministries will be slowing down for the summer months as parishioners may be going on vacation. **Next Sunday is also the Feast of St. Eugene de Mazanod, the founder of the Oblates, a good day to gather together.** There is no charge for anything and hot dogs and hamburgers will be served, along with soft drinks, ice cream and funnel cakes. There will be games for the children and we hope you can come and enjoy the afternoon with us.

We wish the ladies of the parish – mothers, grandmothers, sisters, aunts, wives and even staff - all who take care, nurture and support us in so many ways, a very good and happy Mother’s Day. We thank our good God for you, and wish you all a good and graced day.

As we continue through the Easter Season, let us remember one another in prayer. Love,

Parish Life ♦ Formation ♦ Youth Ministry



**Rite of Christian
Initiation of Adults**

(Each week during the next few months, we will be sharing the R.C.I.A. experience and stories of our new Catholics who joined the Church this Easter, as well as comments from their sponsors).

“I was Baptist for 64 years and I loved my church and my God, but when I walked into Immaculate Conception Church, I knew I had been missing something. So I started coming to the R.C.I.A. meetings with my daughter, Vicki. It was so wonderful. The people were radiant with the love of God. Then my daughter, Belinda, came and I listened again, then Sally, and I thought, why not me God. I can be a part of this wonderful church, and these blessed people. Thank you, God, and bless every one of you for helping me along my journey— all of you.”

—Florita Lee



Pictures are available from the Easter Vigil through Shutterfly. Please go to this link: <https://rcia2017icceastervigil.shutterfly.com/>



Congratulations and prayers to the children who were baptized recently:

*Bryleigh Ann Purwis
Viktor Joseph Robinson*



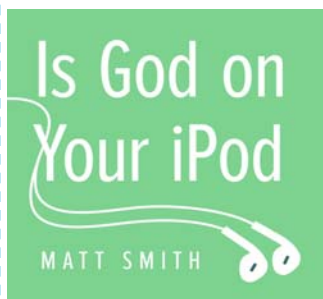
Vacation Bible School—June 19-23 (K-5th Grades); registration has begun! (\$15 per student). Registration form is available on our website: www.icc-msh.org; in the Religious Education Office or at the Church Office.

**Deadline to register is June 9.
No registrations taken at the door.**

**FORMED: The Catholic Faith on Demand
A Great Resource for Your Summer Adventures**

HOW TO REGISTER

- Go to Formed.org
- Enter our Parish Code **D8RNTP** (case sensitive) on the homepage
- Create a personal account with your user name/email and password
- Start enjoying the best Catholic content all in one place!



Is mainstream music bad for you? Can hit songs remind you of the things of God? Matt Smith discusses how we as Christians can judge all different types of music to determine whether or not it is going to lead us closer to The Good The True, and The Beautiful...which is ultimately closer towards God.



Graduation NEWS

Class of 2017—We would like to recognize and congratulate all of our graduates of 2017 by printing their names in our bulletin. Please e-mail names to elamath@icc-mh.org or call the Church Office at 665-5359 by May 22. All names will be printed in the June 11 Grapevine.

Parish Life ♦ Community ♦ Worship ♦ Stewardship



May 13, 2017-
May 21, 2017

SATURDAY: 05/13/17

4:00 p.m. Robert Adams, Jr.†; Kathy Alello†; Libby James†; Winnie & Noah Lachney, Sr.†; Lindell Gill, Sr.†; Maudry & Noah Lachney, Jr.†; W. H. Sr. & Trina Scott†; Brooklynn LeBlanc†; Laurie Blair†; Joey & Trudy Waguespack†; Josephine Guzzardo†; Maria Nguoi†; Maria Mau†; Dan & Betty Roche.

SUNDAY: 05/14/17

7:00 a.m. Lloyd deGeneres†; Shirley Phillips†; Steve Rushing†; Mickie Todd†; Florence Beaudet†; Donald Lavigne & Jeremy Berthelot†;
9:00 a.m. Mary Guidry†; Denver Denison†; Rosie Genusa†; Jonah Dugas†; Deacon Pete Schlette†; Phillip John Bilski†; Rosalie Joubert†; Olen Picou†; Lillian Lipovsky†.
9:00 a.m. (MSH) Lynwood Stafford, Jr.†; Willis & Edmee Fontenot & Family†; Edwin Lohr†; Robert C. Adams†; Caleb Rushing†; Edward Rayner, III†; Zita Jones†.
11:00 a.m. Parishioners.
6:00 p.m. Angelle Wyatt; Sarah Gully†.

MONDAY: 05/15/17

8:30 a.m. Viola Hondroulis†.

TUESDAY: 05/16/17

6:00 p.m. Paula Roblin†.

WEDNESDAY: 05/17/17

8:30 a.m. Delmas Forbes, Sr.†.

THURSDAY: 05/18/17

8:30 a.m. Phamthi Nay†.

FRIDAY: 05/19/17

8:30 a.m. Alex Theriot, Jr.†.

SATURDAY: 05/20/17

4:00 p.m. Elmic Leger†; Laurie Blair†; Rosalie Joubert†; Kathy Alello†.

SUNDAY: 05/21/17

7:00 a.m. Lloyd deGeneres†; Donald Lavigne & Jeremy Berthelot†; Mickie Todd†.
9:00 a.m. Mary Guidry†; Phillip John Bilski†; Delmas Forbes, Sr.†; Olen Picou†; Lillian Lipovsky†.
9:00 a.m. (MSH) Edith Patrus†; Matt Lofton†; Edward Rayner, III†; Dixon Family.
11:00 a.m. Jean Meyers†; Angelle Wyatt; Mary & Maurice Butler†.
6:00 p.m. Parishioners.

CHURCH SANCTUARY LAMP:

05/14/17—05/20/17 burns in memory of
OPEN INTENTION.

ADORATION CHAPEL LIGHT:

05/14/17—05/20/17 burns in memory of
JERRY VALENTINE, SR.



Recognizing God in your Ordinary Moments



What do you think is the value of your stewardship? Do you believe that through your actions both great and small that God can touch people, heal them, and change their lives?

Too often we can mistakenly assume that what we do, say, or offer can have little effect in the grand scheme of life. We are simply poor sinners in need of salvation so what could we do anyway?

Jesus speaks very powerfully to what can be done by those who believe in him and follow him. He says in John's Gospel, "Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever believes in me will do the works that I do, and will do greater ones than these, because I am going to the Father." Greater ones than these? Think about all the miracles of Jesus recorded in sacred Scripture. You and I can do works greater than those?

St. Teresa of Avila said, "Christ has no body now on earth but yours." We are Christ to a world that needs him. It is the Christ in you that responds to the Christ in me. If it were only you alone going about doing good works and deeds, then your stewardship would amount to little. But if you bear the name Christian, and you approach your discipleship seriously, you can truly do greater things. If you understand your stewardship as a way that Jesus works in our world, then this way of life, cultivating and sharing your gifts at every turn, becomes more valuable than all the gold in the world.

—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

May 6/7, 2017



Identified offertory givers:	\$	20,739.00
Visitors/unidentified:	\$	2,726.20
Commentator:	\$	597.00
Total Collected:	\$	24,062.20

JULY 1, 2016 TO DATE

Actual Income: \$ **1,144,118.60**

JULY 1, 2016 TO DATE

Actual Expense:	\$	1,231,463.73
Surplus/Deficit	\$	-87,345.13
St. Vincent de Paul:	\$	400.00
Building & Maintenance:	\$	5,945.00
Retirement for Priests:	\$	10.00



We express our sympathy and prayers to Terri Ezell and Venessa Navarre on the death of their father, **LT. MINTON VAUGHN WHITEHEAD**; and to the family and friends of **WESLEY WATSON**.



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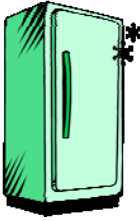
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Parish Life ♦ Community

Worship ♦ Directory

FREEZER FRIENDS—FREEZERS ARE LOW



This ministry is for the needs of individuals and families, **whether they are parishioners or not**, who may find themselves in situations where cooking and grocery shopping may be a temporary hardship. If you would like to donate meals, please prepare the meal, freeze it in a disposable container, label it including heating instructions and bring to the Church Office during hours (M-F; 8 am-5 pm) or you can place the items in the Freezer Friends Freezer. We do have containers available if you would like to pick them up during office hours. Thank you!

Did you know you can help SAVE a LIFE with Soda Can Tabs?

Did you know you can help SAVE a LIFE with Soda Can Tabs? St. Jude Children's Research Hospital is one of the only pediatric cancer research centers that doesn't require families to pay for services not covered by insurance. The nearby Ronald McDonald House is available to provide housing for families that don't live close to the Memphis facility. Every 1,267 tabs you save equals one pound of high-grade aluminum. We presently have five children from our parish who are battling cancer. Read more: http://www.ehow.com/how_8479115_save-pop-tabs-st-jude.html. You can bring tabs to the church office. For more information, contact Gwen Richard at gcrichard@icc-msh.org.



Traveling Chalice For Vocations—The Chalice will be received by the Cassidy family (Peggy) the week of May 21, 2017 at the 9 a.m. Mass. If your family is interested in receiving the Traveling Chalice, call Mary Lynn Womack at 665-3505.

Readings for the week of 05/14/17

Sunday: Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19/1 Pt 2:4-9/Jn 14:1-12
 Monday: Acts 14:5-18/Ps 115:1-4, 15-16/Jn 14:21-26
 Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28/Ps 145:10-13ab, 21/Jn 14:27-31a
 Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6/Ps 122:1-5/Jn 15:1-8
 Thursday: Acts 15:7-21/Ps 96:1-3, 10/Jn 15:9-11
 Friday: Acts 15:22-31/Ps 57:8-10, 12/Jn 15:12-17
 Saturday: Acts 16:1-10/Ps 100:1b-3, 5/Jn 15:18-21
 Next Sunday: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17/Ps 66:1-7, 16, 20/1 Pt 3:15-18/Jn 14:15-21

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Adoration Chapel News

Great News! The Perpetual Adoration Chapel is NOW OPEN! Thanks be to God! Please continue to prayerfully consider an hour with Our Lord Jesus Christ.

Twelve Biblical reasons for wanting to Spend One Hour with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament:

#6 of 12...Each hour you spend with Jesus will deepen his divine peace in your heart.

“Come to me all of you who are weary and find life burdensome and I will refresh you...” “Cast all of your anxieties upon the one who cares for you...” (Mt. 11:28; Pt. 5:7)

The following hours are still needed:

Tuesday	Saturday	Sunday
2:00-3:00 AM	1:00-2:00 PM	6:00-7:00 PM
Friday	10:00-11:00 PM	
8:00-9:00 PM		

You can contact Allison Renfrow at arenfrow05@bellsouth.net, call 665-1424 or you can call the Church Office at 665-5359.

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2nd and 3rd Sundays: 12:00 Noon-4:00 P.M.;
 Monday and Wednesdays: 12:00 Noon-7:30 P.M.;
 Tuesday: 8:00 A.M.-5:00 P.M.

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 Youth Minister: Mr. Kevin Acord; acordkp@gmail.com

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