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July 30, 2017
The 17th Sunday in
Ordinary Time

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
George Hooper 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.

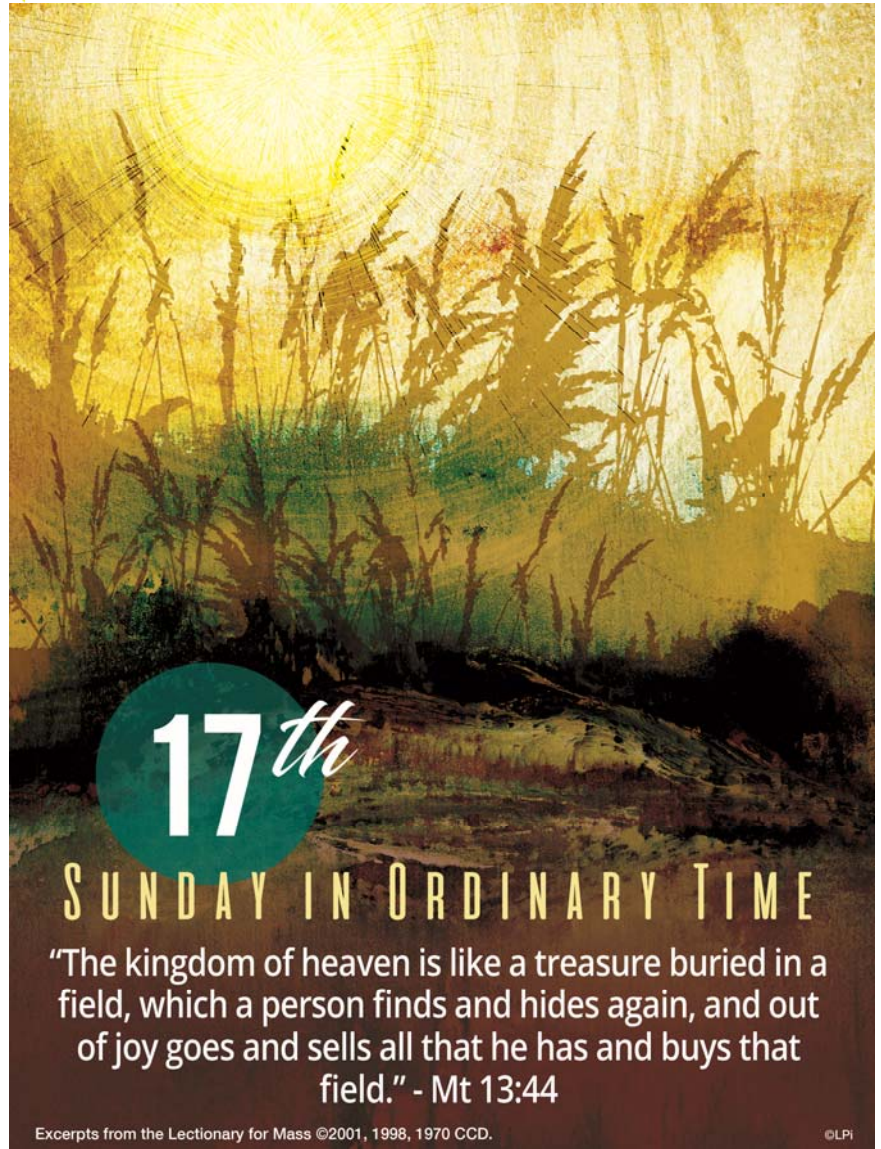
CARE OF THE SICK: Emergency calls answered immediately. Home visitation for the sick and shut-in weekly and upon request. Hospital visits weekly and upon request.

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.



SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field, which a person finds and hides again, and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and buys that field." - Mt 13:44

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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.

This Week at a Glance

SATURDAY, JULY 29

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, JULY 30

7:00 AM - 8:00 AM Mass/Church
 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM Mass-ICC/C; MSH
 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM Mass/Church
 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM Mass/Church

MONDAY, JULY 31

8:30 AM - 9:00 AM Mass/Church
 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM AA Meeting/Small Hall

TUESDAY, AUGUST 1

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
 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM Soul Core/Small Hall

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 2

8:30 AM - 9:00 AM Mass/Church
 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM Threads of Love/Main Hall
 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM AA Meeting/Small Hall
 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM Flood Victim Support Group/Rm. 2
 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM Women's Spiritual Group/Room 2

THURSDAY, AUGUST 3

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 Summer Leisure/Small Hall
 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM Boy Scouts/Pavilion
 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM Charismatic Prayer/Church

FRIDAY, AUGUST 4

8:00 AM - 8:25 AM Reconciliation/Church
 8:30 AM - 9:00 AM Mass/Church
 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM AA Meeting/Small Hall

SATURDAY, AUGUST 5

12:00 - 1:00 PM AA/Small Hall
 2:45 PM - 3:45 PM Reconciliation/Church
 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM Mass/Church
 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM 80th Birthday Celebration/MH

SUNDAY, AUGUST 6

7:00 AM - 8:00 AM Mass/Church
 8:00 AM - 8:45 AM Coffee & Donuts/Main Hall
 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM Mass-ICC/C; MSH
 10:00 AM - 10:45 AM Coffee & Donuts/Main Hall
 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM Mass/Church
 12:15 PM - 1:15 PM Baptisms/Church
 4:00 PM - 5:45 PM Praise Band/Church
 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM Mass/Church

Parish Life ♦ Upcoming Events

Fall Festival is Fast Approaching

October 27-29, 2017



You can't taste the delicious



Yet,



You can't listen to the



Yet,



You can't enjoy the



Yet,

BUT



**YOU CAN BUY YOUR
\$10,000 RAFFLE
TICKET NOW!
Here's HOW:**

To participate, you can send a check made out to ICC for \$100 (indicate \$10,000 raffle), mail to 865 Hatchell Lane, Denham Springs, LA 70726 or come to the church office during office hours. Contact Person: Jane Collier; 665-2978.

*Let's make a Difference in
this year's Fall Festival!*



Support Group for Flood Victims at ICC

Catholic Charities is facilitating a support group here at Immaculate Conception for all parishioners who were affected by the flood. The meeting is every Wednesday

from 3:00-4:00 p.m. in Room Two of the Administration Building. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Rachel Mills at 225-316-3114.

REMINDER: The Anointing of the Sick is offered at the 4 p.m. Mass every first Saturday. Please call the Church Office at 665-5359 by Thursday, August 3, if you would like to receive this sacrament.

Question of the Week

Matthew 13:44-52 or 44-46—In the Gospel reading, Jesus offers a series of "end of the age" parables to the disciples--buried treasure, fine pearls, and the large catch of fish--and adds that every "scribe" (disciple) should make use of "the new and the old" from the storeroom. What do you think Jesus means by this statement?

Consideration of our Christian Commitment: Ordinary Time Pilgrims

As we celebrate this **Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**,



the Gospel speaks of the person who was in search of fine pearls, and one who finds a buried treasure in a field and sells all he has to have that treasure; basically it's about those who are seeking something special, something of

great value to them.

The term "pilgrim" often refers not just to someone on a journey, but one who is traveling to find something really valuable, a treasure, something (someone) who means a lot to him or her. In the last years of his life, St. Ignatius of Loyola dictated a brief account of his life. His fellow Jesuits wanted an account of his life and the spiritual ideals that moved him. Throughout the account of his life, St. Ignatius continually referred to himself as "a pilgrim." When he first dedicated his life to God, he went on pilgrimage to the Holy Land, but on his return, he continued to see his life as a pilgrimage in the broader sense. For St. Ignatius a person on a pilgrimage was a seeker, pretty much like the person in the Lord's parable this Sunday. In his own words, he was seeking "what better helps to deepening God's life in me." He did not see his response to God as a one-time settled thing. Circumstances change and new opportunities will open up. God will point in new directions. We need to always stay alert and seize the opportunities God places before us each day. His spirituality centered on being attentive to the movements of the Holy Spirit.

A prayerful examination of conscience sometimes focuses



on "what we might have done wrong," There is nothing wrong with this, but for St. Ignatius, the daily examin was more a review of the day – what might God have been trying to tell me when this happened, when that happened. His pilgrimage was all

about following and finding Jesus, the treasure in the field. He placed Jesus at the center of his life, for to be a true pilgrim is to let ourselves be led by the Lord.

St. Ignatius was always flexible and adaptable. The only thing that didn't change was his awareness that Jesus was the treasure in the field, the treasure he wished to find in his life at the end of each day, and at the end of his days. The daily examin can help us live our lives as pilgrims. With this form of prayer and reflection, we can be better prepared to follow (and find) Jesus in all circumstances, no matter how winding the road. May the good God help us as we travel the road as pilgrims, seeking the treasure of our lives.

Our Scout Troop met last week with families and friends

to recognize the scouts for their hard work as they progress toward Eagle Scout. Shown below, Ben Parker is called to join the group (and his older brother) as they are awarded



patches from summer camp held at Comer Scout Reservation. Ben, a second grader, didn't anticipate being included in these awards and was all smiles.. We thank those who work with and support the scout programs sponsored by the parish.

As we go through the year, we have a number of funerals that are celebrated within the Eucharist.

We are in need of more funeral sacristans to assist with the funerals. Sometimes, they are needed not only to set up, but to assist as lectors or Eucharistic ministers, in short, do whatever assists both the families and the parish in this time of need. Persons interested in knowing more about this ministry are encouraged to contact Sherry Leger who would be happy to answer any questions and walk with the persons volunteering until they feel comfortable doing it themselves. We would all appreciate help with this valued ministry.

The Inquiry Sessions for RCIA begin on August 10th,

and as of this writing 22 persons have called and signed up to participate in the Inquiry part of RCIA. We would like to encourage any persons who may have expressed an interest in learning more or becoming a part of the Catholic Church to "come and see."

Let us keep all students, teachers, and families in prayer as we prepare for another school and pastoral year; Love,

Parish Life ♦ Formation

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) And Children (RCIC)



What do Catholics believe?

Come find out!

Thursday, August 10th @ 7PM

ICC-MSH.ORG

For more information, contact Tammy Jackson at 665-5359; tjackson@icc-msh.org.

Parish School of Religion News

During the month of July, the Religious Education Office hours vary. If you wish to register, please call the office at 665-5926 ahead of time to make sure someone is available. All registration forms can be found on the church website at icc-msh.org. You may print the forms, complete them, and mail them with the registration fees, or you may drop them off at the office.

Classes begin the week of September 11th. This is the time of year when we plan for the number of catechists needed for the classes offered. We also purchase books and supplies. Please help us by registering now if you have not registered already so that we can have a smooth start in September.



Congratulations and prayers to the children who were baptized recently:

*Phillip George Preston
Isabel Brielle Ruiz
Riggins Anthony Waldrop*



Cursillo Sisters, "please join us" every Wednesday, except the 2nd Wednesday of each month, for weekly spiritual grouping. We will meet at 6:00 p.m. in Room 2 in the Administration Building.

If you have any questions, please call Carla James at 229-5519.

Parish Life ♦ Outreach ♦ Worship

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!

THIS WEEK'S SPOTLIGHT: *Called to Holy Matrimony*



It's popular to think of marriage as merely a commitment between two people who love each other, but marriage, along with Holy Orders, is a Sacrament of Service. God unites a husband and wife in the covenant of marriage to grow in selfless love for one another and their children, to build up the Body of Christ, and to serve as a witness to the world. Do we know what it means to be called to marriage? How can we know whom to marry?



Is your marriage on the right road . . . Or is it a little off track? Life can be difficult, and so can the challenges you face in marriage.

Does the distance between you seem wide? Are you already separated? Looking for a better way? Retrouvaille can help and offers hope for a better relationship. Retrouvaille is a peer ministry of volunteer couples that can help you learn the tools of healthy communication, build intimacy and heal, just as they have done in their own marriages. Retrouvaille is Christian-based, and Catholic in origin but welcomes couples of all faiths as well as non-religious couples. Retrouvaille can help get your relationship back on track. For more information about an upcoming Retrouvaille Weekend program for couples, (Next Program in Baton Rouge is September 8-10) contact: Randall and Robin Bellard @ 225-271-4092 or visit our website: HelpOurMarriage.com

Praise and Worship Gatherings All Invited



The Charismatic Prayer Group has moved to a new night! Come and join us every Thursday from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. for praise and worship in the church. If you have any questions, contact Henry Pulizzano at 938-6493 or Rick Guidry at 337-1653.

Parish Life ♦ Community

Parish Life ♦ Stewardship



July 29, 2017-
August 6, 2017

SATURDAY: 07/29/17

4:00 p.m. Joseph Lorio, Sr.†; Rosalie Joubert†; Laurie Blair†; Mary Grace Jones†; Kathy Alello†; Ferdinand Crochet†; Deacon Collie J. Mangano†; Mattie Lee Hudson†.

SUNDAY: 07/30/17

7:00 a.m. Lloyd deGeneres†; Mickie Todd†; Donald Lavigne & Jeremy Berthelot†.
9:00 a.m. Mary Guidry†; Joseph Pham Dinh Soan†; Phillip John Bilski†; Sigmand C. Kalicki†.
9:00 a.m. (MSH) Open Intention.
11:00 a.m. Jean Meyers†; M/M Burton Morales†.
6:00 p.m. Parishioners.

MONDAY: 07/31/17

8:30 a.m. Alex Theriot, Jr.†.

TUESDAY: 08/01/17

6:00 p.m. Conversion of Non-Believers.

WEDNESDAY: 08/02/17

8:30 a.m. Kenneth Badeaux, Sr.†.

THURSDAY: 08/03/17

8:30 a.m. Pham Thi Nay†.

FRIDAY: 08/04/17

8:30 a.m. Barbara Fossier†.

SATURDAY: 08/05/17

4:00 p.m. Edgar Durand†; Garrett H. Minard†; Sam Guzzardo†; Gus Guzzardo†; Mike Guzzardo†; Laurie Blair†; Lindell Gill, Sr.†; Mickie Todd†; Mary Grace Jones†; Kathy Alello†; Deacon Collie J. Mangano†; Laura Belle Cowart†; Ferdinand Crochet†; Mattie Lee Hudson†.

SUNDAY: 08/06/17

7:00 a.m. Parishioners.
9:00 a.m. Constance Durand†; Mary Guidry†; W. H. Sr. & Trina Scott†; Rosalie Joubert†; Delmas Forbes, Sr.†; Donald Lavigne & Jeremy Berthelot†; James Bub Patin†; Sarah Gully†; Molly LeBlanc†.
9:00 a.m. (MSH) Willis & Edmee Fontenot & Family†; Lynne Lofton Walker†.
11:00 a.m. Donald Guidry†; Enrique Cerda†.
6:00 p.m. Margarita Molina†; Phillip John Bilski†; Melvin Herbert Higginbotham†.

CHURCH SANCTUARY LAMP: 07/30/17—08/05/17
burns in memory of **KENNETH BADEAUX, SR.**
ADORATION CHAPEL LIGHT: 07/30/17—08/05/17
burns in honor of **DEBBIE GOMEZ.**



We express our sympathy and prayers to Benny and Chrissie Fontenot on the death of their wife and mother, **DIANNE FONTENOT**; and to Ted, Denise and Lauryn Gibson on the death of their father, father-in-law and grandfather, **DEACON RAY "WHISTLE" GIBSON.**

Patriotic Rosary for our Nation—Join us to pray a rosary for our nation every first Sunday (August 6) at 7:00 p.m. in the Church.

Recognizing God in your Ordinary Moments



My wife is a big Dave Ramsey fan. She loves when he tells people that in order to pay down their debt they need to sell so many of their possessions that the kids think that even they can be sold for the right price. He

definitely sees earthly possessions as simply tools to be used and not "possessed." This is a tough, countercultural message for sure in the eyes of the average American. Too often, our self-worth is derived from our wealth and the items we own. The size of our house, the brand of our car, and the quantity of our belongings are all gauges of success in our world. For Ramsey, not only can you not truly own anything if you owe money to others, it belongs to God anyway and is only given to us as stewards.

Could you sell all you have right now? Could you walk away from all that you have amassed and be truly free? When Jesus speaks of the merchant who sells all he has to obtain a pearl of great price, he calls us to see the pearl as the kingdom of heaven. Nothing on earth can rival the value of the kingdom. If that is true, why is it so hard to surrender everything to God to obtain it? It can be fear that keeps us from stepping out in faith. It can be selfishness that prevents us from letting go. Whatever it is, we must face the fact that we are "possessed" by it. The good news is that God does not expect us to conquer this obstacle on our own. But with God, all things are possible.

—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

July 22/23, 2017



Identified offertory givers:	\$ 14,144.00
Visitors/unidentified:	\$ 1,861.32
Total Collected:	\$ 16,972.44
JULY 1, 2017 TO DATE	
Actual Income:	\$ 80,628.11
JULY 1, 2017 TO DATE	
Actual Expense:	\$ 105,649.90
Surplus/Deficit	\$ -25,021.79
St. Vincent de Paul:	\$ 76.00
Building Maintenance:	\$ 980.00

Donation made to The Building Fund given in memory of: **Clyde Meyers** by **Kathy deGeneres**



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Parish Life ♦ Community

Worship ♦ Directory

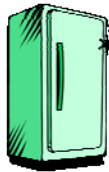


Pray for the Sick

If you wish to place a name on the prayer list or retain a name after the four-week period, please call the church office at 665-5359. For the prayer line, call Pat Pastor at 664-1097.

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| Pat Albright | Debbie Gome | Jerri Rogers |
| Ashlyn Ashmore | Betty Jo Graham | Jessica Schexnayder |
| Colby Autin | Pam Hebert. | John Sehon Jr |
| Kaley Barr | Janice Kelly | John Sehon III |
| Lynne Blair | Rheannon Landry | Charles Stafford |
| Dana Bramlett | Margaret Lott | Dennis Strader |
| John Bramlett, Jr. | Brittney Mixon | Alexa Taylor |
| Donna Broussard | Tyler Rivers | Nick Tullier |
| Leila Champagne | Ricky Robinson | Pat Ulbright |
| Chloe Cheney | Dan & Betty Roche | Richard/Vertie |
| Lamy Chopin | Cameron Cutrer | Young |

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!



Traveling Chalice For Vocations—The chalice will be received by the Dugas family (Dub and Sandra) the week of August 5, 2017 at the 4:00 p.m. Mass. If your family is interested in receiving the Traveling Chalice, call Mary Lynn Womack at 665-3505.

Readings for the week of 07/30/17

- Sunday: 1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12/Ps 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-130/Rom 8:28-30/Mt 13:44-52 or 13:44-46
 Monday: Ex 32:15-24, 30-34/Ps 106:19-23/Mt 13:31-35
 Tuesday: Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28/Ps 103:6-13/Mt 13:36-43
 Wednesday: Ex 34:29-35/Ps 99:5-7, 9/Mt 13:44-46
 Thursday: Ex 40:16-21, 34-38/Ps 84:3-6a, 8a, 11/Mt 13:47-53
 Friday: Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37/Ps 81:3-6, 10-11ab/Mt 13:54-58
 Saturday: Lv 25:1, 8-17/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8/Mt 14:1-12
 Next Sunday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9/2 Pt 1:16-19/Mt 17:1-9



Perpetual Adoration Chapel

We only have *seven hours* to fill! Please continue to prayerfully consider an hour with Our Lord Jesus Christ.

The following hours are still needed:

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| Tuesday:
12:00-1:00 AM
12:00-1:00 PM
Thursday:
2:00-3:00 AM | Friday:
1:00-2:00 AM
8:00-9:00 PM | Saturday:
8:00-9:00 AM
8:00-9:00 PM |
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REMINDER COMMITTED ADORERS: Please contact your **hourly coordinator first** if you are unable to keep your hour and have tried to get a sub. If unable to reach them, contact the division leaders/assistants below:

- 12 Noon-5 PM**—Melinda Mayeux-603-2932
6 PM-11 PM—Theresa Campagna-664-8823; Angela Hood-342-2292
12 Midnight-5 AM—Allison Renfrow-978-1892
6 AM-11 AM—Mary Toler-369-2814; Debbie Hargis-504-722-1874
 Substitute list and guidelines located at icc-msh.org, under worship.

If you would like to commit to an hour, call Allison Renfrow at 978-1892 or arenfrow05@bellsouth.net

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 Mrs. Sherry Leger; sleger@icc-msh.org

MAINTENANCE—(225) 665-5359

- Mr. Harry Stelly; Mr. Fred Adams; Mrs. Joni Hebert; Ms. Kerry Brown

PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION OFFICE —(225) 665-5926

OFFICE HOURS DURING SCHOOL SESSIONS:
 Monday through Thursday: 1:00 P.M.-8:00 P.M.

Coordinator for Grades 1-5:

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