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First Sunday of Advent



The Grapevine



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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 5:30-5:50 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 225.664.1097.

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 225.665.1424.

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



1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

WATCH

Jesus said to his disciples:
"Be watchful! Be alert!
You do not know when the
time will come... What I say
to you, I say to all: 'Watch!'"

- Mk 13:33, 37

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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



Parish Life ♦ Upcoming Events

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2

7:00 AM - 8:00 AM That Man is You/ 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, DECEMBER 3

7:00 AM - 8:00 AM Mass/Church
 8:00 AM - 11:00 AM Breakfast w/St. Nicholas/Main Hall
 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM Mass-ICC/C; MSH
 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM RCIA-RCIC/FFC-212/ELC Room 3
 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM Mass-Child. Liturgy/Church/SH
 12:15 PM - 1:30 PM Baptisms/Church
 2:00 PM - 3:30 PM Liv. Children's Choir/Church
 4:00 PM - 5:45 PM Praise Band/Church
 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM Mass/Church
 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM Patriotic Rosary/Church

MONDAY, DECEMBER 4

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
 4:30 PM - 5:30 PM PSR Grades 1-5/FFC
 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM PSR Grades 1-7/FFC

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5

9:15 AM - 2:00 PM Early Learning Center/ELC Rms.
 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM AA Meeting/Small Hall
 5:30 PM - 5:50 PM Reconciliation/Church
 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM Mass/Nov.-Bene./Church
 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM ISM-High School/Youth Hall
 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM PSR Grade 10/FFC
 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM Soul Core/Small Hall
 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM Adult Choir/Church

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6

9:00 AM - 12:00 PM Threads of Love/Main Hall
 9:15 AM - 2:00 PM Early Learning Center/ELC Rms.
 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM AA Meeting/Small Hall
 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM Flood Victim Support Group/SH
 4:30 PM - 5:30 PM PSR Grades 1-5/FFC
 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM Children's Choir/Main Hall
 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM Encounter-Jr. High/Youth Hall
 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM Reconciliation/Church
 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM Women's Spiritual Grouping/R2
 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM Bible Study/Small Hall
 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM PSR Grades 1-9/FFC/MSH

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7

9:15 AM - 2:00 PM Early Learning Center/ELC Rms.
 8:30 AM - 9:00 AM Mass/Church
 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM AA Meeting/Small Hall
 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM PSR Grades 8-9/FFC
 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM Girl Scouts #10843/T16
 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM Mass-Immaculate Conception
 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM Boy-Cub Scouts/Pavilion/T building
 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM That Man is You/Room 2
 7:30 PM - 9:00 PM Charismatic Prayer/Church

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8—IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

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

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9

12:00 - 1:00 PM AA/Small Hall
 2:45 PM - 3:45 PM Reconciliation/Church
 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM Mass/Church

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10

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-RCIC/Main Hall/ELC 3

11:00 AM - 12:00 PM
 12:15 AM - 1:30 PM
 4:00 PM - 5:45 PM
 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Mass-Child. Liturgy/Church/SH
 Baptisms/Church
 Praise Band/Church
 Mass/Church



Masses for the
 Feast of the Immaculate Conception
 Holy Day of Obligation

Thursday, December 7, Vigil Mass at 4:00 p.m.
 (No 8:30 a.m. Mass)

Friday, December 8,
 Masses at 8:30 a.m.; Noon and 7:00 p.m.
 (No 8:00 a.m. Reconciliation)

Consideration of our Christian Commitment: A New Beginning

This Sunday as we gather for the Sunday Eucharist we celebrate the First Sunday of Advent, the beginning of a new Liturgical Year and Prayer Commitment Sunday. We hear in today's Scriptures Isaiah recalling all the times in history that God provides for Israel's protection, and begs the Lord to come again to their aid. As we begin another



Liturgical Year it is a beautiful posture to begin with – asking God to come to our aid as we begin again with the guidance and gifts of his Divine Spirit. **We seek to stay awake in prayer as we make our re-commitments to prayer this Sunday.**

There will be a special collection next Sunday for St. Joseph Abbey and Seminary. Last month Bishop Muench wrote a letter reminding us that St. Joseph Abbey and Seminary College in Covington, Louisiana, have had a profound influence on the life of the Catholic Church in the Deep South. For over 125 years the monks of the abbey have been educating and forming young men as candidates for the priesthood. This has been their primary mission and their lasting legacy. Most of our own diocesan priests, myself included, studied there.

The monks began this ministry in 1889 and following the Benedictine tradition of balancing prayer and work, the monks instilled in the seminarians personal formation, a prayerful spirit, a love for the liturgy, a thirst for knowledge, and a respect for manual labor. As a result, the influence of the monks has been felt throughout the dioceses of Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama through the dedicated service of the 900 priests that have since been ordained after seminary formation. **Today St. Joseph Seminary College is the largest Catholic seminary college in the United States with over 140 students from 22 dioceses in seven states.** Given the urgent need for priests, the continued contribution of the monks of the abbey is invaluable.

Now, however, it is the monks who are in need. In March 2016, a disastrous flood overwhelmed the abbey and seminary. The monastery sustained significant damage. The gym floor was ruined. And all the air-conditioning and plumbing systems beneath the abbey church were destroyed. In all, 30 buildings on the campus received at least two feet of water. The damage is estimated in the millions of dollars. In order for the monks of the abbey to continue their mission of forming seminarians for the priesthood, they will need the

generous help of the people of the Dioceses of Louisiana.



Bishop Muench has authorized a special collection to benefit the abbey and seminary. **This collection will be taken up next weekend, December 9th and 10th. Special envelopes are available for this collection in your packets and it will be taken up right after the first regular collection.**

Many thanks to those of you who returned your Prayer Commitment Cards this Sunday. For those who may have forgotten them, there are a few extras in the rear of the church which can be placed in the collection basket in the coming weeks. We trust that our commitment to prayer will make this a real year of grace, not only to ourselves, but to those whom we serve.

As we begin Advent, we are grateful for the Catechumens and Candidates for Full Communion who will begin Advent with us. Pictured below are the



former Inquirers who participated in a retreat on Saturday in preparation for the Rites of Acceptance on November 19th. Joining us this Advent are eight Catechumens seeking Baptism at Easter and 13 Candidates for Full Communion, already baptized, but seeking to complete Christian Initiation with us at Easter through Confirmation and Eucharist. In addition to these adults and older youth, we have seven children who are going through RCIA-C.

As we begin this Advent Season together we thank the Father for the gift of hope, the gift that keeps giving. Let us pray for our Candidates and Catechumens and for all who journey with us. Love,

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RCIA
Rite of Christian
Initiation of
Adults/Children

'TIS (almost)
THE
SEASON

BEST
Advent
EVER

The preparations for Christmas include buying or making gifts for those whom we love. You can give no better gift than the gift that God has given to us: his Son, Jesus. Invite someone who is not Catholic or who has been away from the Church to attend Mass with you during this season.

For more information, contact Tammy Jackson at 225.665.9631 or tjackson@icc-msh.org.

Parish School of Religion News

PSR Upcoming Dates to Remember:

December 4 and December 6
Sacrament of Reconciliation for 5th Grade
4:30 and 6:30 p.m.

December 8-January 21
PSR Winter Break

Volunteer Opportunities in the Parish School of Religion

Newsletter Editor: Add style and eye-appeal to an informational two page newsletter produced about three times per year.

Photographer/Videographer: Supply content for social media and other methods of communication with images of regular classes, special events and the people involved in PSR.

Social Media: Help to identify types of social media which would best serve our need to communicate with parents and students. Help to set up accounts. Periodically add content.

Please call 665.5926, if you would like to volunteer your gifts and talents with us.

We prepare for everything we consider important in life. And that includes Christmas. Join our parish for Best Advent Ever, a free email program that will help you prepare for Christmas in a unique way. Each day you'll receive an email with...

- Short inspirational videos from Matthew Kelly and Dr. Allen Hunt
- Practical tips for your everyday life
- Real-life stories of hope

TO SIGN UP, VISIT BestAdventEver.com/BeautifulHope

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ST. VINCENT DE PAUL ANGEL TREE GIFTS

Stop by our tree and select your child or angel from the Angel Tree. Then, **purchase the gifts that are listed on the angel tag for each angel.** These angels are for local children.

Each angel lists the child's specific wants and needs. The gifts can be toys, clothes or both and the amount is up to you. Remember, what you give **will be all that the child gets for Christmas.** All of them need clothes, but Christmas is not Christmas without a toy!

Please return all gifts **UPWRAPPED** with tags attached, to the church **before Dec. 16th.**

Breakfast with St. Nicholas

Sunday, December 3, 2017

8:00 am.— 11:00 am. In the Main Hall

Tickets available at the door.



Congratulations and prayers to the children who were baptized recently:

Tucker Paul Perault
Macey Lane Sledge

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December 2, 2017
December 10, 2017

SATURDAY: 12/02/17

4:00 p.m. Pham Thi Nay†; Marion & Gladys Sanders†; Conversion of Non-Believers; Ferdinand Crochet†; Kathy Alello†; Mark G. Falgout†; Lamy Chopin†; Julia Palazzolo Marino†; Vertie Young†; Joann Hood†.

SUNDAY: 12/03/17

7:00 a.m. Mickie Todd†; Laura Didier†; Lloyd deGeneres†; Donald Lavigne & Jeremy Berthelot†.

9:00 a.m. Mary Guidry†; Rosalie Joubert†; Clarence Newcomb†; Phillip John Bilski†; Beverly Morales†; Ana Nguyen Di†; Grace Claire Van Nortwick†; †; †;

9:00 a.m. (MSH) Parishioners.

11:00 a.m. Clyde Meyers, Jr.†; Jean Meyers†; Dolores Dodson†; Edward McKnight†; M/M James Brewin, Sr. †.

6:00 p.m. Rev. Dominic Do Nguyen†.

MONDAY: 12/04/17

8:30 a.m. John Durand.

TUESDAY: 12/05/17

6:00 p.m. Denver Denison†.

WEDNESDAY: 12/06/17

6:00 p.m. Al Deranger†.

THURSDAY: 12/07/17

8:30 a.m. Barbara Fossier†.

FRIDAY: 12/08/17

8:30 a.m. Katherine Brousard†; **12:00 p.m.** Alex Theriot, Jr.†; **7:00 p.m.** Al Deranger†.

SATURDAY: 12/09/17

4:00 p.m. Constance Durand†; Rosalie Joubert†; Ferdinand Crochet†; Kathy Alello†; Rev. Tien Joseph Nguyen†; Lindell Gill, Sr.†; Mary & Virgil Brown†; Mark G. Falgout†; Lamy Chopin†.

SUNDAY: 12/10/17

7:00 a.m. Lloyd deGeneres†; Donald Lavigne†; Jeremy Berthelot†; Mickie Todd†; †; Michael LeBouef.

9:00 a.m. Mary Guidry†; Beverly Morales†; Dolores Dodson†; Edward McKnight†; Bob Fennell, Sr.†; Rev. Vincent Dihn Nguyen†;

9:00 a.m. (MSH) Willis & Edmee Fontenot & Family†; Ed Rayner†; Marjorie Acosta.

11:00 a.m. Parishioners.

6:00 p.m. Phillip John Bilski†.

CHURCH SANCTUARY LAMP: 12/03/17—12/09/17

burns in memory of **JERRY VALENTINE, SR.**

ADORATION CHAPEL LIGHT: 12/03/17—12/09/17

burns in memory of **GEORGE & JOSEPHINE GUZZARDO.**

St. Vincent de Paul Christmas Food Drive

Food barrels are located at the entrance of the Church and the Main Hall for non-perishable food items during the holiday season. Items collected will be distributed for Christmas Food Baskets for the needy.



*** FREEZER FRIENDS—FREEZERS ARE LOW**

With the holidays fast approaching, the need to have our freezers full is so important. 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!



Young at Heart Christmas Luncheon—will be

held on **Wednesday, December 13** at 11 am at Immaculate Conception Church in the Main Hall. If you have not received your meal ticket yet, please call Linda Lopez at 665-3202.

November 18/19, 2017



Identified offertory givers:	\$	15,271.00
Visitors/unidentified:	\$	1,557.00
Christmas:	\$	200.00
Christmas Flowers:	\$	5.00
Total Collected:	\$	17,033.00

St. Vincent de Paul:	\$	308.00
Building Maintenance:	\$	1,350.00
Campaign for Human Development:	\$	809.00

November 25/26, 2017



Identified offertory givers:	\$	10,823.00
Visitors/unidentified:	\$	1,989.09
Christmas Offering:	\$	10.00
Christmas Flowers:	\$	167.00
Catholic Life Center:	\$	10.00
All Saints:	\$	20.00
Total Collected:	\$	13,019.09

St. Vincent de Paul & Thanksgiving:	\$	2,145.00
Building Maintenance:	\$	359.00
Campaign for Human Development:	\$	145.00
St. Joseph Abbey:	\$	10.00



WeShare Online Giving
icc-msh.weshareonline.org



Parish Life ♦ Outreach



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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| Kathleen Adams | Joseph Desoto | Dennis Montgomery |
| Pat Albright | Shirley Desoto | Brittney Mixon |
| Terry Arnett | Dominic Distefano | Claire Perkins |
| Ashlyn Ashmore | Barry Edler | Ehret Price |
| Julie Ashton | Doug Fuentes | Tyler Rivers |
| Colby Autin | Debbie Gomez | Ricky Robinson |
| Judy Baker | Zachary Graas | Dan & Betty Roche |
| Terry Finney Bales | Mary Guilbeau | Jerri Rogers |
| Carolyn Barcelona | Ashlynn Hebert | Jessica Schexnayder |
| Kaley Barr | Pam Hebert | John Sehon III |
| Lynne Blair | Dane Henson | Dennis Strader |
| Charlie Blocker | Betty Himel | Dot Strader |
| Fanny Borne | Billy Jackson | Dwight Thousand |
| Caty Brignac | Adlee Kinney | Nick Tullier |
| Letha Brignac | Rickey Kinney | Pat Ulbright |
| Libby T. Burns | Janie/Leo Lott | Judy Vidrine |
| Wayne Caruso | Margaret Lott | Richard Young |
| Leila Champagne | Louis Martin | Susan Young |



Perpetual Adoration Chapel

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

The following two hours are still needed:

Sunday: Noon-1:00 PM
Friday: Midnight-1:00 AM

REMINDER: Noon-1:00 p.m. hour every Friday is for the unborn and praying for priests. We pray **ALoud** the Pro-life Rosary and the Chaplet for Priest. Please join us.

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**



Christmas Baskets for Seminarians—Our seminarians are in need of black socks, handkerchiefs, and Wal-Mart gift cards. If you can assist them, please bring items by the church office by December 3. For more information, contact Helen Albarado at 225.369.9534. Thank you for your generosity and let us continue to pray for priests, seminarians, and for vocations.



Traveling Chalice For Vocations—The chalice will be received by the Womack family (Mary Lynn) the week of December 10, 2017 at the 9:00 a.m. Mass (MSH). If your family is interested in receiving the Traveling Chalice, call Mary Lynn Womack at 225.665.3505.

Readings for the week of 12/03/17

- Sunday: Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 [4]/1 Cor 1:3-9/Mk 13:33-37
 - Monday: Is 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 8:5-11
 - Tuesday: Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17 [cf. 7]/Lk 10:21-24
 - Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [6cd]/Mt 15:29-37
 - Thursday: Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a [26a]/Mt 7:21, 24-27
 - Friday: Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4 [1a]/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38
 - Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [cf. Is 30:18d]/Mt 9:35--10:1, 5a, 6-8
 - Next Sunday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 [8]/2 Pt 3:8-14/Mk 1:1-8
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