

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church

First Sunday of Advent

December 3rd 2017

**Today's second collection is for
Building & Maintenance**

Monday – December 4th

5:00 PM – Rosary for Country

Tuesday – December 5th

6:30 AM – Special Intentions

6:00 PM – 7:30 PM – Confirmation

Wednesday – December 6th

6:30 AM – Special Intentions

5:00 PM – 6:00PM – Choir Practice

6:00 PM – 7:00PM – CCD Classes



Thursday – December 7th

6:30 AM – Carlton J. & Mona F. Sylvester

6:00 PM – (IC) Vigil Mass - Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Friday – December 8th – Feast of the Immaculate Conception – Holy Day of Obligation

6:30 AM – Brian T. Ortego, Emile Richard Family, Grace Richard, Deceased Members of the class of 1954 at AIC, Mrs. Isabel Perry Coach of AIC, Gantt & Mildred Nicholson,

6:00 PM – (HT) Special Intentions

Saturday – December 9th –

4:00 PM Mass – Brian T. Ortego, Leonce Lalonde, Jr., Aubrey Soileau, Clara Belle & Lionel J. Lafleur, Herman Hebert, Lois & Claude Blanchard, Evier Francois & Deceased Family, Poke Courvelle & Deceased Family,

Sunday – December 10th

7:00 AM – Shirley & Ruth D. Soileau, Ashley Doucet Boyd, Raymond Dupre

9:00 AM – Mass for the People

11:00 AM (Holy Trinity) – Mass – Parishioners

STEWARDSHIP: \$2,091.45
Thank you for your generosity!

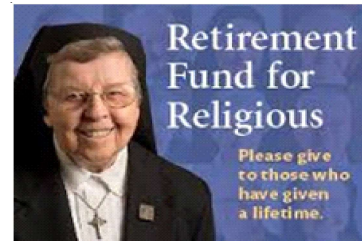
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

The season of Advent is upon us, and in today's Gospel Jesus delivers a simple message through the pen of Saint Mark: "Be watchful! Be alert!" Christian stewards understand what Jesus meant when he said, "It's like a man going away: He leaves his house and puts his servants in charge, each with his assigned task." Good stewards realize that to each one a task is assigned by God. They have been set in a particular place and station in life, and have been gifted with unique relationships. How do we respond to the tasks or cultivate our relationships in a way that keeps us alert for the return of Christ?



OC CORNER

The "Student Visitation Day" at OCS is set for this Friday, December 8, for students (grades 6-12) who are interested in attending OCS in 2018-19. It will run from 8:30 am to 12 noon, beginning with a school mass for the Immaculate Conception. Parents should call 337-942-5404 ext. 105 to register children for attendance. See the many blessings OCS has to offer! Family members are invited to the Elementary School Christmas Play on December 13 at 6:00 pm featuring preschoolers through fifth graders. Family and friends of Catholic education are reminded about the 2017-2018 Angel Appeal Drive in progress. You can make your gift online through the school website www.OCSvikings.com. Besides helping the Foundation Trust Fund, funds will also be used to purchase Chromebooks for classroom use. God bless everyone for the assistance!



RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS

Your Donation works for aging religious. "I read that roughly 95 percent of donations to the Retirement Fund for Religious aid senior religious," a donor writes. "That's wonderful when we truly want our donations to *work*."

**12- 09 - 4:00 PM
EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

Evelina Soileau
Catherine Courvelle
Ruth Montgomery

READER

Ethel Landreneau

USHERS

Raymond Soileau
Marcus Decou
Merlin Valin

Herman Bidstrup

ALTAR SERVER

Matthew Vidrine

**12- 10 -7:00 AM
EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

Joey Bordelon
Brenda Baque
Sheila Carrier

READER

Merryle Soileau

USHERS

Donnie Vidrine
Pauline Vidrine
Phillip Dardeau

Allen Vidrine

ALTAR SERVER

Elliot Landreneau

**12- 10 - 9:00 AM
EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

Rick Ortego
Jim Soileau
Pam Landreneau

READER

Rhonda Bordelon

USHERS

Mike Vidrine
Tommy Leleux
Nicky Dejean

Jessie Howard

ALTAR SERVER

Michael Darbonne



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DOLL & TOY FUND

The Catholic Daughters, Court St. Landry, is sponsoring the local Doll & Toy Fund drive. A box will be placed at the entrance to the church to receive new and unwrapped toys for this worthy cause. Monetary donations are also appreciated. Checks should be made payable to Doll & Toy Fund and mailed to: 176 Rue Savanna, Opelousas, LA. c/o Janis Courville. For more information call 337-789-0971

ADVENT MORNING OF REFLECTION

Our Lady Queen of Angels Parish Senior Angels Group will be sponsoring an Advent Morning of Reflection on December 13th, 2017. Our speaker will be Monsignor Keith DeRouen, pastor of Our Lady Queen of Angels Church. He will focus on Advent meditations, and will conclude the morning of reflection with a celebration of the Mass. The morning will begin with coffee and doughnuts in the church hall at 8:00AM. All participants will then walk over to the church for the morning of reflection with Monsignor DeRouen.

CHRISTMAS SOCIAL

The Parish Social will be Saturday, December 16th in the evening after 4PM Mass. We hope you, your family, and your friends will be able to join us in the parish hall that evening. If you'd like to assist with the planning, please speak with Mrs. Landreneau.



CHRISTMAS FLOWER DONATIONS

We are now accepting donations for Christmas 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 Christmas Flowers.



CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

4th Sunday of Advent December 24th
8:00AM Immaculate Conception
10:00 AM Holy Trinity

Vigil Masses on Christmas Eve Sunday, December 24th
4:00 PM and 6:00 PM at Immaculate Conception
Please arrive at 3pm for the Christmas program

Christmas Mass on Monday, December 25th
8:00 AM at Immaculate Conception
10:00 AM at Holy Trinity

RETRouvaille WEEKEND

Retrouvaille is a program for troubled marriages. The weekend of January 1-5-2018 will provide a safe setting, encouraging couples to learn communication in marriage in a respectful manner. For more information and to register visit www.helpourmarriage.com.

CONFIRMATION & FIRST COMMUNION EVENTS

- **First Holy Communion Mass** will be Saturday, May 13th during the regularly scheduled 9AM Mass.
- **First Penance** with Fr. Matthew will be during the children's regularly scheduled catechism class sometime in April.
- **Confirmation Retreat** will be held Saturday, February 10th here at Immaculate Conception Church.
- **Confirmation Mass** with Bishop Deshotel will be at Immaculate Conception Church on Tuesday, March 20th at 6 PM



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

SICK LIST

Mary LeDoux, Lyle Soileau, Baby Laura Savant, Leslie Deroche, Mitzi Valin Brooks, Shane Richard, Patricia Ann Richard, Peter Merritt, Gage Bihm, Vern Dvorak, Donald Johnson, Clyde Soileau, Dannie Ardoin, Patricia Fontenot, Dirk Soileau, Juanita Stelly, Christopher Joubert, Mcall Thibodeaux, Betty Sparks, Ken Miller, Jimmy Bertrand, Connie Benoit, Desi LaPoint, Percy LaPoint, Mark Brown, Voorhies Brown, Diane Fontenot, Phillip Pastorick, Rogers Louviere, Russell Humphries, Rickey Doucet, Tristan Estis, Dr. Amy Franchebois Baimsfather, J.L. Pitre, Mrs. Jimmy Martin, Bernard Marks, Frieda Mayeux, Frankie Fontenot, Donald Robertson

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.*



SURVIVOR OF SUICIDE

The Jacob Crouch Suicide Prevention Services and the Office of Marriage and Family Life are forming a support group especially tailored for survivors of suicide. This group will provide 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 will be facilitated by a licensed counselor and is open to all survivors of suicide over the age of 18. The group will meet on two evenings a month. Please call Kelley Chapman at 337 261 5653 for more information or to register.

GROUP 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 December:

Norma Plattsmier, Donna Dardeau, Lee Valin



ARE YOU A NEW PARISHIONER?

Welcome to all new parishioners! We'd like to get to know you better. Please call or come by the office to complete a census form at your convenience. We look forward to serving you!

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.