

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church

Second Sunday of Advent

December 10th 2017



**Today's second collection is
the Retirement Fund for Religious**



- Monday – December 11th** 5:00 PM – Rosary for Country
Tuesday – December 12th 6:30 AM – Special Intentions
 6:00-7:30 PM – **Confirmation**
Wednesday – December 13th 6:30 AM – Special Intentions
 5:00 PM – 6:00PM – **Choir Practice**
 6:00 PM – 7:00PM – CCD Classes
Thursday – December 14th 6:30 AM – Special Intentions
Friday – December 15th 6:30AM – Emile Richard Family,
 Grace Richard,
 8:00 AM Church Cleaning Day
Saturday – December 16th
 4:00 PM **Mass** – Brian T. Ortego, Francis, Zim, & Chris Dupre,
 Leonce Lalonde, Jr., Herbert Ortego, Jr., Anniversary Mass,
 Lane Ortego Anniversary Mass, Jay Ortego, Aubrey Soileau,
 Clyde Doucet Anniversary Mass, Clara Belle & Lionel J.
 Lafleur, Herman Hebert, Lois & Claude Blanchard,
 Poke Courvelle & Deceased Family,
 9:00 AM Christmas Program Practice
 5:00 PM Christmas Social in the Hall
Sunday – December 17th
 7:00 AM – Joseph E. Dupre, Lane Ortego, Jay Ortego,
 Ashley Doucet Boyd, J. Bailey, Mary Landry, Mike Wartelle,
 9:00 AM – Mass for the People
 11:00 AM (Holy Trinity) – Mass – Parishioners

**STEWARDSHIP:
12/3 \$2,636.00**

Thank you for your generosity!

Happy 2nd week of Advent!



SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Today's second reading is about Christ's coming again, "The day of the Lord," Peter calls it, but that day isn't December 25th. It's that other day, that second-coming-day about which Peter is concerned. He waits with great hope and anticipation for God to remake the earth into a place of perfect justice and peace. And he sets some demanding goals for the Christian

community as it awaits that final day of accounting and reconciliation: strive to be at peace, without spot or blemish. Christian stewards work for peace. As we await the coming of Christmas, what can we do to promote peace in our homes, workplaces, community and world?

OC CORNER

The OC Elementary School Christmas Play is set for this Wednesday at 6:00 pm in the school gym featuring preschoolers through fifth graders. Piano students will also have a Recital at Prompt Succor on Monday at 3:30 pm for the residents. Family and friends of Catholic education are reminded about the 2017-2018 Angel Appeal Drive in progress. You may want to consider an Appeal gift for Christmas in memory of a loved one. You can even 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!

ALL MINISTERS

Pick-up new Schedules in foyer of Church.

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS

Help religious communities. "Your generous contribution helps us to care for our retired sisters and enables our younger sisters to continue in active ministry," writes a religious sister. Your gift to today's collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious helps provide medications, nursing care, and more for thousands of senior sisters, brothers and religious order priests. It also helps ensure younger members can continue the good works of their elders!



COME HOME FOR CHRISTMAS

During Advent we celebrate the coming of Jesus. In this particular season of the Liturgical Year, we are reminded of our family and friends who have drifted away from the church. Once again, the Diocese of Lafayette will be sponsoring their annual "Come Home for Christmas Campaign." We want our brothers and sisters to return home to be with their spiritual family. Every active Catholic is encouraged to invite someone to accompany them to Mass on Christmas Day. Offer to pick them up and bring them with you. Please pray for the success of this outreach. We also encourage you to participate in your parish program by submitting to the Rectory the name of a special friend or family member that you would like to invite to Come Home for Christmas. Please submit the names and addresses by December 13.

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.

**12- 16 - 4:00 PM
EUCARISTIC MINISTERS**
 Claudette Fontenet
 Clara Darbonne
 Jane Thibodeaux
READER
 June Inhern
USHERS
 Herman Bidstrup
 Raynold Soileau
 Marcus Decou
 Merlin Valin
ALTAR SERVER
 Matthew Vidrine

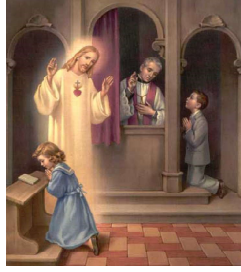
**12- 17 - 7:00 AM
EUCARISTIC MINISTERS**
 Winn Plattsmier
 Shirlene Matt
 Pauline Vidrine
READER
 Norma Guillory
USHERS
 Allen Vidrine
 Donnie Vidrine
 Phillip Dardeau
 Volunteer
ALTAR SERVER
 Elliot Landreneau

**12- 17 - 9:00 AM
EUCARISTIC MINISTERS**
 Bonnie Darbonne
 Freida Dejean
 Don Simoneaux
READER
 Amanda Bertrand
USHERS
 Bruce Courvelle
 Gary Wilson
 Gregory Doucet
 Benny Howard
ALTAR SERVER
 Michael Darbonne



AREA CONFESSIONS

- Father Matthew will hear confessions at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Washington on Wednesday evening, December 13th and December 20th from 6:30pm-8:00pm.
- All the church parishes of the Diocese of Lafayette will be open for individual confessions on the first 3 Wednesday evenings of Advent.
- Please make plans to come on these Advent Wednesdays and spread the word of this special outreach of mercy to those you know.



GENERAL CLEANING

Help us get God's house spiffy before Christmas. Our annual Church cleaning will be **Friday, December 15th at 8 AM**. Men and women of the community are all invited.

**You're
Invited**

CHRISTMAS SOCIAL

The Parish Social will be this 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



ATTENTION PARENTS AND KIDS

Don't forget to join us for our next practice on Saturday, December 16th and Saturday, December 23rd from 9am-10am for our annual Christmas program.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

4th Sunday of Advent December 24th

8:00 AM 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

New Years Day Mass

9:00 AM Immaculate Conception



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.



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

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 Sunday, 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 Bainsfather, 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.*



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.

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.



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.