

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

January 28th, 2018

Next Weekends Second Collection: *Building & Maintenance*

Monday – January 29nd 5:00 PM – Rosary for our Country
Tuesday – January 30th 6:30 AM – Special Intentions
Wednesday – January 31st 6:30 AM – Special Intentions
 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM Adult Choir Practice
 6:00 PM – 7:00PM – CCD Classes
 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM – Children’s Choir Practice
Thursday – February 1st 6:30 AM – Special Intentions
Friday – February 2nd 6:30 AM – **First Friday**
 Emile Richard Family, Grace Richard
 7:00 – 8:00 AM – **Adoration**
Saturday – February 3rd First Saturday –
8:00 AM Mass – Special Intentions
4:00 PM Mass – Aubrey Soileau, Lester, Mable & Bill Gautreaux, Clara Belle & Lionel J. Lafleur, Leo Paul Decou, Lois & Claude Blanchard, John L. Speyrer, Mrs. Addie Wartelle, Nickie & Jamie Splane, Eric Gautreaux, Joyce Fontenot, Jay Sylvester, Poke Courvelle & Deceased Family, Lisa Delafosse, Betty Sparks, Aubrey Soileau, Deceased Priest of our Parish: Fr. Cooney, Fr. Regan, Fr. Sylvester, Fr. Berube, Souls in Purgatory,
Sunday – February 4th
7:00 AM – Mass – Brian T. Ortego, Carlton J. & Mona F. Sylvester, Ashley Doucet Boyd, Onezime & Ola Matt, Clyde Soileau, James Rex “Kip” Fair, Jr.,
9:00 AM – Mass – For the People
11:00 AM (Holy Trinity)

Stewardship: 1/21 \$3004.00
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FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

In today’s Gospel we hear proclaimed the beginning of Jesus’ public ministry. He teaches. He heals. And all are amazed. By their baptism, Christian stewards realize they are called to do the same in their lives. They are called to be the light of Christ each day. As we bring closure to the beginning of this new year, now is a good time to ask the Lord to fill our hearts with courage and faith, so that we too may publicly minister in his name; that we may be liberated from our insecurities and fear so that we can share the Gospel authoritatively and work to heal at least one wounded relationship in the coming months ahead.



OC CORNER

Please purchase your tickets for the Feb. 7 OC Tasters’ Dinner and Auction event as soon as possible. They are \$35 per person and available at OC, Bodemuller the Printer, Cash Saver, and St. Landry Homestead Bank. In the Live Auction, OC is excited to offer a beautifully framed Blue Dog print donated by the George Rodrigue Foundation of the Arts in memory of Wilda Cosgrove!

OC celebrates Catholic Schools Week this week and will hold the special week’s mass on Wednesday at 8:40 am honoring special individuals involved in Catholic education.

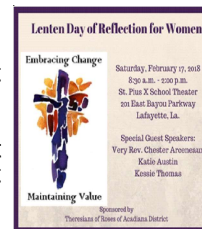
It is registration time! New families seeking admission may begin the online application/admissions process now. Current families may begin registering on February 5 while new families begin registration on February 19 once application has been accepted. With questions, contact Mrs. Briley, Admissions Director, at 942-5404 ext. 109 or email brileyj@ocsvikings.com.

CENTENNIAL NEWS

- **The Diocese of Lake Charles** - On January 29, 1980, Pope St. John Paul II created the Diocese of Lake Charles. The western portion of the Diocese of Lafayette was now a diocese of its own. Fr. Jude Speyrer, a priest of the Diocese of Lafayette and a native of Leonville, was chosen to be the first Bishop of the Diocese of Lake Charles. He was consecrated a bishop by Bishop Frey (Bishop of Lafayette), Bishop Schexnayder (Bishop Emeritus of Lafayette), and Bishop Perry (Auxiliary Bishop in New Orleans and native of Lake Charles). Bishop Speyrer served as Bishop of Lake Charles for twenty years.
- **Centennial Indulgence** – an indulgence granted by Pope Francis can be gained throughout this Centennial Year by all who visit the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist and pray the Centennial Prayer (with the usual conditions for an indulgence). Please see the Diocesan Webpage for more information. The Centennial Prayer will be in the Cathedral beginning January 11th or you may print it from the webpage (available in various languages on webpage).

LENTE DAY OF REFLECTION FOR WOMEN

The Roses of Acadiana District Theresians will host “Embracing Change, Maintaining Value,” a Lenten Day of Prayer and Reflection for Women of Faith on Saturday, February 17th from 8:30 am to 2:00 pm at the St. Pius X School Theatre in Lafayette. A light breakfast, lunch and snacks will be provided. Registration is \$25 in advance, \$30 at the door. Online Registration ends Wednesday, February 14th. You can go on online at: www.acadianatheresians.com for more information.



THANK YOU

On behalf of the Catholic Daughters, Court St. Landry #119, I would like to thank all who donated to our annual Doll and Toy Fund toy drive. Your generous donations helped us to give toys to 1,212 children on our Christmas list this year. Thank you for helping these deserving children to have a Merry Christmas morning. Janis Courvelle, Doll and Toy Fund Chairman.

02- 03 - 4:00 PM
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS
 Ruth Montgomery
 Jane Thibodeaux
 Vine Mayeux
READER
 Madison Ardoin
USHERS
 Raynold Soileau
 Marcus Decou
 Merlin Valin
 Herman Bidstrup
ALTAR SERVER
 Matthew Vidrine

02 - 04 - 7:00 AM
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS
 Sis Ortego
 Albert Ortego
 Mary Ann Blanchard
READER
 Donna Dardeau
USHERS
 Allen Vidrine
 Pauline Vidrine
 Donnie Vidrine
 Phillip Dardeau
ALTAR SERVER
 Elliot Landreneau

02 - 04 - 9 AM
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS
 Jessie Howard
 Jim Soileau
 Rick Ortego
READER
 Pam Landreneau
USHERS
 Bruce Courvelle
 Tommy LeLeux
 Mike Vidrine
 Nicky Dejean
ALTAR SERVER
 Michael Darbonne



2018 DIOCESAN MARRIAGE ANNIVERSARY MASS

The annual Diocesan Marriage Anniversary Mass will be held on Sunday, February 25, 2018 at Our Lady of Fatima Church in Lafayette. The 2:00 p.m. Mass will be celebrated by Bishop J. Douglas Deshotel. **Pre-registration by no later than February 15** is required for all couples who wish to be honored as they celebrate **25, 40, 50, 60, or more years of married life during 2018.**

Couples may register online at <http://diolaf.org/marriage-anniversary-mass>

BIBLE MARATHON

The Community of Jesus Christ Crucified is sponsoring a Bible Marathon 100 hours for 100 Years on the grounds of Historic St. Martin de Tours Church in St. Martinville Wednesday, April 4th starting at 12:30 pm thru Sunday, April 8 4:30 pm. Come be a part of accepting the richness of the Word of God into our Hearts! For more information or to sign up as a reader email - fetedieuduteche@gmail.com or call us at 337-394-6550

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

DIOCESE OF LAFAYETTE CENTENNIAL PILGRIMAGE TO CANADA

Celebrate the Centennial Anniversary of the Diocese of Lafayette with a pilgrimage to Canada August 27th thru September 5th. The spiritual directors are Bishop Douglas Deshotel, Fr. Cedric Sonnier, and Fr. Paul Broussard. Experience the rich French heritage of Québec as we take a spiritual journey to Montréal and Québec City. In Nova Scotia explore our Acadian heritage.

Please join us Wednesday, July 26th at 6:30 pm in the Knight Hall Auditorium at Our Lady of Fatima Church in Lafayette, LA to learn more about the pilgrimage and take advantage of special discounts!

DIRECTED RETREATS AT THE JESUIT SPIRITUALITY CENTER



The Jesuit Spirituality Center offers personally directed retreats. Participants may choose either a 5-day or 3-day option. The center specializes in these personally directed retreats, which are based on the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius Loyola. Solitude and silence are important aspects of the retreat experience.

For additional details, including cost and registration information, please contact the center at 337-662-5251 or visit online at www.jesuitspiritualitycenter.org.

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



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Connie Benoit, Jeffrey Stelly, Dr. Amy Franchebois Bairnsfather, Frieda Mayeux,

PRAYER FOR THE UNBORN



Virgin of Guadalupe, Patroness of unborn children, we implore your intercession for every child at risk of abortion. Help expectant parents to welcome from God the priceless gift of their child's life. Console parents who have lost that gift through abortion, and lead them to

forgiveness and healing through the Divine Mercy of your Son. Teach us to cherish and to care for family and friends until God calls them home. Help us never to see others as burdens. Guide our public officials to defend each and every human life through just laws. Inspire us all to bring our faith into public life, to speak for those who have no voice. We ask this in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ, who is Love and Mercy itself. Amen.

WEEKLY PRAYER FOR PRIESTS EACH DAY

Eternal Father, we lift up to You these and all the priests of the world. Sanctify them, heal and guide them. Mold them into the likeness of Your Son, Jesus, the Eternal High Priest. May their lives be pleasing to You in Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Sunday: Rev. Bill Melancon **Thursday:** Pope Francis
Monday: Msgr. Louis Melancon **Friday:** Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI
Tuesday: Rev. Mark Melancon **Saturday:** Bishop J. Douglas Deshotel
Wednesday: Rev. Andre Metrejean

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 prayerblanket please call the ladies mentioned above or the church office.

MONDAY 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 February:
Karen Ducote, Jill Soileau,
Sheila Carrier & Tammy Pitre



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.

2018 SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM POLICY

Infants are to be baptized according to the norms of the Rite of Baptism. Parents must be registered at Immaculate Conception Church or live in the boundaries of our parish. Parents and godparents are to watch a series of instructional videos, which will be e-mailed to the parents, and afterwards attend a baptismal preparation course prior to scheduling a baptism as is required by the Diocese of Lafayette.

At least one Godparent Must Be:

- + Catholic
- + 16 years or older
- + Received the sacrament of confirmation
- + Must be active in Faith

Only 2 Godparents or 1 Godparent and 1 witness may be recorded on the Baby's Baptismal Certificate.

Please contact the Parish Office for further details at 826-7396



WELCOME NEW PARISHIONER!

Welcome to Immaculate Conception Church! We are very glad you are here and pray that you become active in our vibrant church community where we love God, one another, our community, and our world with our thoughts and actions. If you are new to the parish, please complete a registration form which can be found on our website immaculate-conception-washington.org under "About, Contact Us" or you may come into the office. Please return the form either in the collection basket or to the parish office.

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.

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