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December 4, 2016
Second 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 5:30-5:45 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.

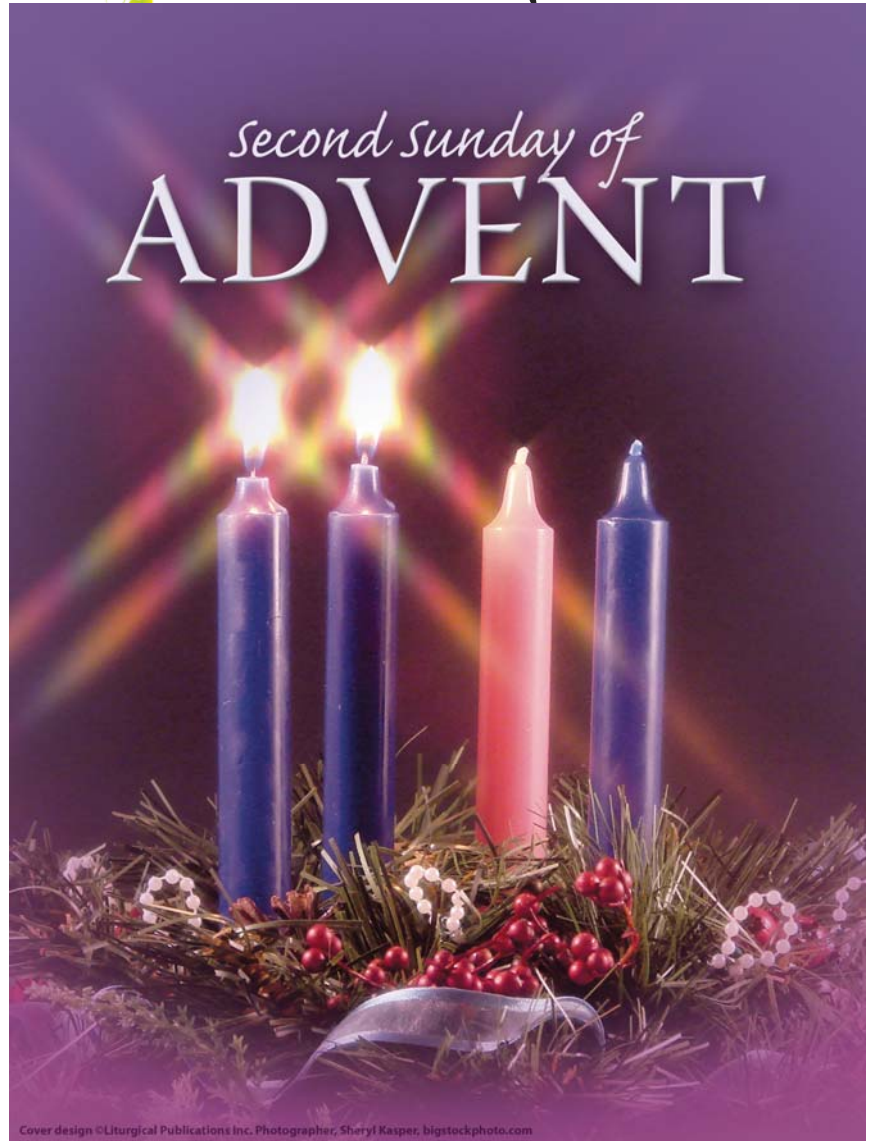
PRAYER LINE: (confidential ministry)
Contact Ms. Pat Pastor at 664-1097.

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: **TEMPORARILY CLOSED**
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.



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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

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4

7:00 AM - 8:00 AM	Mass/C
9:00 AM - 11:00 AM	RCIA-C/FFC-105
9:00 AM - 11:00 AM	RCIA/FFC-211
9:00 AM - 10:00 AM	Mass-ICC/C; MSH
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Mass/C
12:15 PM - 1:30 PM	Baptisms/C
1:00 PM - 5:00 PM	Retrouvaille Follow-up/FFC-211
1:30 PM - 3:30 PM	Liv. Parish Children's Choir
4:00 PM - 5:45 PM	Youth Choir/C
6:00 PM - 7:00 PM	Mass/C
7:00 PM - 8:00 PM	Patriotic Rosary/C

MONDAY, DECEMBER 5

8:30 AM - 9:00 AM	Mass/C
9:15 AM - 2:00 PM	Early Learning Center/T Bldg.
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM	AA Meeting/FFC-112
4:30 PM - 5:30 PM	PSR 1-5 Grade/FFC
6:30 PM - 7:30 PM	PSR 1-5 Grade/FFC

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6

9:15 AM - 2:00 PM	Early Learning Center/T Bldg.
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM	AA Meeting/FFC-112
5:30 PM - 6:00 PM	Reconciliation/C
6:00 PM - 6:30 PM	Mass/Nov/Bene/C
7:00 PM - 8:00 PM	Adult Choir/C

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7

9:15 AM - 2:00 PM	Early Learning Center/T Bldg.
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM	AA Meeting/FFC-112
4:00 PM - 5:00 PM	Immaculate Conception Mass/C
4:30 PM - 5:30 PM	PSR 1-5 Grade/FFC
5:30 PM - 6:30 PM	Children's Choir/MH
6:30 PM - 7:30 PM	PSR 1-5 Grade/FFC
6:30 PM - 7:30 PM	PSR 1-5 Grade/MSH

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8-CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

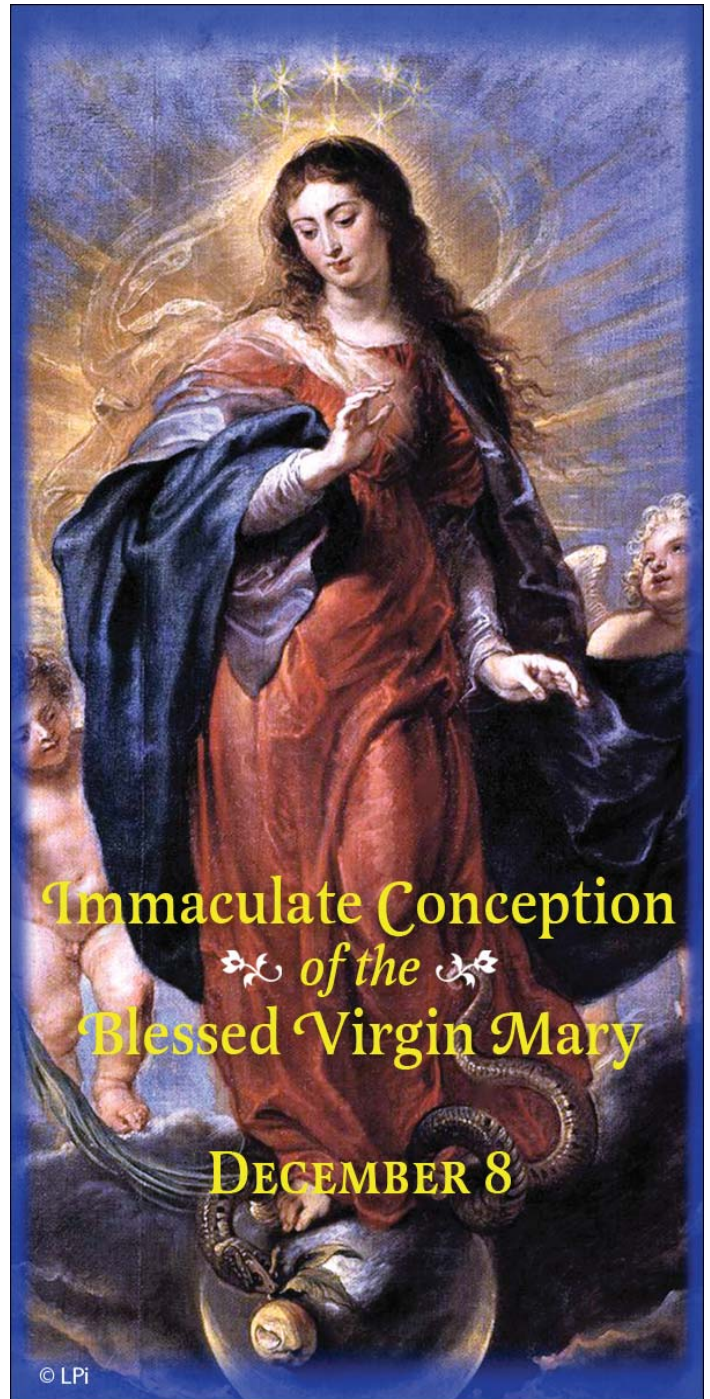
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12:00 PM - 1:00 PM	Immaculate Conception Mass/C
9:15 AM - 2:00 PM	Early Learning Center/T Bldg.
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM	AA Meeting/FFC-112
6:30 PM - 9:30 PM	Boy Scouts Court of Honor/FFC-211
7:00 PM - 8:00 PM	Immaculate Conception Mass/C
8:00 PM - 9:00 PM	Open House of Parish Campus/MH

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9-CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

8:00 AM - 8:25 AM	Reconciliation/C
8:30 AM - 9:00 AM	Mass/C
9:15 AM - 2:00 PM	Early Learning Center/T Bldg.
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM	AA Meeting/FFC-112
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM	Charismatic Prayer Group/C
7:00 PM - 8:00 PM	AA/FFC-112

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10

12:00 PM - 1:00 PM	AA Meeting/SH
2:45 PM - 3:45 PM	Reconciliation/C
4:00 PM - 5:00 PM	Sunday Mass/C



Masses for the
 Feast of the Immaculate Conception
 Wednesday, December 7, Vigil Mass at 4:00 p.m.
 (No 8:30 a.m. Mass or Reconciliation)
 Thursday, December 8, Masses at
 8:30 a.m.; Noon and 7:00 p.m.
 Open House of our Parish Campus
 following the 7:00 p.m. Mass

Question of the Week

Matthew 3:1-12-Why do you think John the Baptist placed such a strong emphasis on repentance during his public ministry?

Consideration of our Christian Commitment: Looking Forward

This Sunday, the Second Sunday of Advent, Isaiah speaks of a new day. Twice he begins sentences by saying “On that Day.”



Paul speaks about what was written before for our instruction and how we are to live now, and John the Baptist in our Gospel speaks of the Kingdom of God which is at hand. It is a beautiful thing about the spirit of Advent that we find ourselves

looking forward in many ways. We are called by the Lord to do so. The prayers offered to us in the Missal call us to look forward, and of course the spirit of the season has even the youngest among us looking forward to the days to come.

I think we are being given the opportunity as a parish community this week to look forward in a different, special and graced way.

This Thursday we will celebrate the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, the primary feast of Mary in the Church Calendar, and of course the title by which she is known as patroness of our Immaculate Conception Parish and the United States. We have the opportunity to share looking forward in a very special way this year as we celebrate her feast day Thursday, December 8th. The contractors of Belfor Construction feel that most of the rooms attached to the church will be finished by December 8; They feel the offices will have been finished earlier in the week, giving us the opportunity to begin moving in; They feel that while the Adoration Chapel might not be ready for Adoration, most of their work will be completed there by December 8th; The Early Learning Center should have been completed and the children back in their regular classrooms by then; and the rectory, “low man on the totem pole,” may not be finished, but work will be progressing on it.

We would like to invite parishioners following the 7:00 evening Eucharist on Thursday, December 8th, to snacks and refreshments in the parish hall following the Eucharist and to a sort of open house in which you will be able to see how things have progressed on the parish campus. Lights will be on and doors will be open in all the rooms and all buildings on campus except for the Faith Formation Center which didn’t suffer internal damage from the flood. You can feel free to walk from building to building if you wish and see how things have progressed. We may not be completely finished with all rooms and

buildings on campus, but will have the opportunity to “look forward to their completion” together. We hope you can join us. We thank the Catholic Daughters for serving refreshments and snacks in the large hall.

December 8th, will also mark the 20th Anniversary of the Establishment of the Adoration Chapel, and we will have a book of Committed Adorers available for you to see and look through in case you have not renewed your commitment for when the Chapel officially reopens. Allison Renfrow will be here with the book to answer any questions and assist you and the parish in helping get Perpetual Adoration begun again when the chapel is ready.

A major ministry of the Committed Adorers in the Adoration Chapel is praying for vocations and for our seminarians. Each year, I have traditionally asked a seminarian to place the current vocation poster up on the wall in the

Adoration Chapel, and this year Joseph Bergan was with us, as he had come to speak to our Confirmation Candidates. I asked him to be the “poster seminarian” this year and he

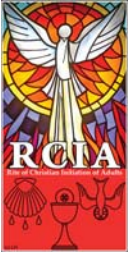


was willing to oblige. We thank God for Joseph and the other seminarians who are studying for our Diocese, and renew our commitment to pray for them and for vocations as we renew our prayer ministry in the Adoration Chapel. The poster was the first thing to be rehung in the Chapel’s reception area.

A few have asked about the Giving Tree which we have customarily had in the rear of the church during the Advent season. Because of the flooding and recovery efforts going on in so many households of the parish, it was thought that many of our families were in more need of clothing and other items than the usual toys, and it would be better for parents to be able to get their children what they most needed and desired this year. Gift cards will be available for families in need instead of the usual toys. We hope and pray this works well for all.

Let us keep one another in prayer as we journey through Advent. I hope you can come Thursday evening. Love,

This Week ♦ Parish Life ♦ Formation ♦ Youth Events



Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

R.C.I.A. The Catechumenate Phase which began Sunday, November 27 marked the beginning of formal instruction in the Catholic faith. Prospective Catholics learn the basics of the faith and how to live the Catholic way of life. The catechumenate focuses on Jesus, His teachings, the Church and the sacraments. During this Phase, the catechumen/candidate will take part in the Sunday Liturgy of the Word although they do not participate in the Eucharist. They will leave the assembly after the homily with a blessing, and they will continue to explore the meaning of the Scripture readings (breaking open the Word). This dismissal is a powerful sign and public witness to the community of faith of the sincerity and determination of those seeking to become Catholic. It shows that they are seriously pursuing their call and preparing to become full-fledged, committed Catholics. After Sunday, December 11, the Catechumenate phase will resume in January. We ask that you continue to offer your prayers for those on this spiritual journey.

Contact Judy Graphia at the Church office, 665-5359, if you would like more information.

Catholic Daughters Christmas Social Monday, December 19; 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.

Join us as we gather together for our Holiday Social. This will not be a sit down dinner as in years past. This year we specifically wish to invite all those that have been impacted by the recent flood to attend. All members of the court are encouraged to attend to offer comfort and support.. There is No Cost To Attend! Please RSVP to Gwen Richard at 665-5926; ext. 223 or email gcrichard@icc-msh.org by December 12 if you plan to attend.

Parish School of Religion News Dates to Remember!

PSR Classes 6th-10th grade:

- 6th Grade—December 11; 12:30-2:00 p.m.
- 7th & 8th Grade—December 11; 2:30-4:00 p.m.
- 9th Grade—December 18; 12:30-2:00 p.m.
- 10th Grade—December 18; 2:30-4:00 p.m.

Anyone in 6th-10th grade who missed the November classes, please call the office at 665-5926 for make-up classes.

Winter Break: December 15, 2016-January 22, 2017

Confirmation Students: Don't forget reconciliation during Advent (See Page 2 for complete schedule).

REMINDER: March for Life Fundraiser
Bake Sale, Donut Orders
& Art for Life
December 3/4, 2016
After All Masses

Donut Orders available for pickup on
Sunday, December 11th; 8am-11am; Main Hall



Congratulations and prayers to the children who were baptized recently:

*Madilyn Grace Dousay
Adelynn Rose Meyer*

All students grades 6-12 Join us for the 2nd annual ISM Christmas Party!

Sat December 17th 6-9pm
In the ISM youth room
Please bring a \$10
gift to exchange.
There will be food,
games, and prizes!
RSVP Kevin by
Monday Dec 12th
@ 225.268.9962 or
acordkp@gmail.com



Parish Life ♦ Stewardship



**December 3, 2016-
December 11, 2016**

SATURDAY: 12/03/16

4:00 p.m. Sam Guzzardo†; M/M George Guzzardo†; Chuck Harrison & Family†; Douglas Fuentes; Rev. Richard Hall, OMI†; Keith David Budde, Sr.†; Dominic Do†; Kathy Alello†.

SUNDAY: 12/04/16

7:00 a.m. Parishioners
9:00 a.m. John Durand†; Louis “LJ” Berthelot†; Phillip John Bilski†; Kenneth Badeaux, Sr.†; Lucille O’Neill†; Mary Guidry.
9:00 a.m. (MSH) Open Intention.
11:00 a.m. Dane Bananno†; Butch Calmes†; Mark Andrew Smith†; Michael Bui & Tran Bon†; Dan Gully†.
6:00 p.m. Special Intention.

MONDAY: 12/05/16

8:30 a.m. Alex Theriot, Jr.†.

TUESDAY: 12/06/16

6:00 p.m. Laura Didier†.

WEDNESDAY: 12/07/16

4:00 p.m. Fedele Family†.

THURSDAY: 12/08/16

8:30 a.m. Constance Durand†.
12:00 p.m. Ron Rinker†.
7:00 p.m. M/M Henry Pulizzano.

FRIDAY: 12/09/16

8:30 a.m. Bill Collier.

SATURDAY: 12/10/16

4:00 p.m. Harry Saucier†; Lindell Gill, Sr.†; Rev. Richard Hall, OMI†; Kathy Alello†.

SUNDAY: 12/11/16

7:00 a.m. Lloyd DeGeneres†; Lucille O’Neill†; Maria Nguyen & Thi Mon†; Special Intention
9:00 a.m. Parishioners
9:00 a.m. (MSH) Open Intention
11:00 a.m. Sylvia Pulizzano†; Dane Bananno†; Butch Calmes†; Bessie LeDoux†; Douglas Fuentes.
6:00 p.m. Thomas Maher†; Phillip John Bilski†.

CHURCH SANCTUARY LAMP: 12/04/16—12/10/16
burns in memory of **DANE BANANNO.**



We express our sympathy and prayers to Vivian Chiappetta on the death of her cousin, **GLADYS MORGAN**; to Antoinette Nowacki on the death of her husband, **HENRY S. NOWACKI, JR.**; and to Zoey Waguespack and Hillary Berthelot on the death of their husband and father, **WINTON JOSEPH WAGUESPACK.**

November 19/20, 2016



Identified offertory givers:	\$	16,054.50
Visitors/unidentified:	\$	1,887.36
All Saints:	\$	20.00
Christmas Flowers:	\$	55.00
Total Collected:	\$	18,016.86

JULY 1, 2016 TO DATE
Actual Income: \$ **518,226.54**

JULY 1, 2016 TO DATE

Actual Expense:	\$	565,676.76
Surplus/Deficit	\$	-47,450.22
St. Vincent de Paul:	\$	175.00
Building & Maintenance:	\$	1,355.00
Catholic University:	\$	5.00
Campaign for Human Development	\$	835.00
Thanksgiving	\$	255.00

**Donation made to
The Building Fund given in memory of:
Jean Meyers by Charles & Jeannine Schutte**

November 26/27, 2016



Identified offertory givers:	\$	12,607.00
Visitors/unidentified:	\$	2,250.66
Christmas Flowers:	\$	60.00
Total Collected:	\$	14,917.66

JULY 1, 2016 TO DATE
Actual Income: \$ **533,211.20**

JULY 1, 2016 TO DATE

Actual Expense:	\$	574,080.83
Surplus/Deficit	\$	-40,869.63
St. Vincent de Paul:	\$	1,520.00
Building & Maintenance:	\$	167.50
Campaign for Human Development	\$	45.00
Thanksgiving:	\$	67.00



Retirement Fund for Religious (RFR)

Give thanks for religious. A parishioner writes, “We thank God today and every day for every religious sister who taught us in school, not only our ABCs, but also to love God.” Share your gratitude for the senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests who made a positive difference in so many lives. Please give generously to next week’s collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious.



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Outreach



Separated/Divorced Program Begins Sunday January 15, 2017 at St. Aloysius in Baton Rouge

Journey of Hope is a special program addressing the concerns of separated/divorced Catholics. It offers support and addresses important issues that arise as a result of a divorce. The strong emphasis on prayer, scripture and Church teachings leads to healing and a better relationship with Christ. Some of the topics discussed are:

*How do I deal with my Anger?
What Does the Church Say About Divorce?
Can I Receive the Sacraments?
How Do I Deal with My Children?
Dealing with Your Ex-Spouse.
Why Does God Allow Divorce to happen?
Suffering Has Meaning?!?
Do I Need to Forgive? and other important issues.
Based on the book*

Divorced. Catholic.

Now What?

Navigating Your Life After Divorce

Sessions begin Sunday January 15, 2017

Call Angela Falgoust at 343-6657 ext. 3031 or email at afalgoust@staloyusparish.com for more information or to register go to [JOURNEY OF HOPE REGISTRATION](#).

Worship ♦ Directory



Adoration Chapel News:

December 8, 2016 is the 20th Anniversary of our Adoration Chapel. Allison Renfrow will be available after the 7:00 p.m. Mass in the Main Hall with the Adorers sign-up book, if you have not been notified and would like to recommit to your hour or would like to sign-up for an hour. You can email Allison at arenfrow05@bellsouth.net.

Readings for the week of 12/04/16

Sunday: Is 11:1-10/Ps 72/Rom 15:4-9/Mt 3:1-12
Monday: Is 35:1-10/Ps 85/Lk 5:17-26
Tuesday: Is 40:1-11/Ps 96/Mt 18:12-14
Wednesday: Is 40:25-31/Ps 103/Mt 11:28-30
Thursday: Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38
Friday: Is 48:17-19/Ps 1/Mt 11:16-19
Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Ps 80/Mt 17:9a, 10-13
Next Sunday: Is 35:1-6a, 10/Ps 146/Jas 5:7-10/Mt 11:2-11

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Tuesday: 8:00 A.M.-5:00 P.M.

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

