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January 15, 2017

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time



## 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.



## Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

John the Baptist saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world. He is the one of whom I said, 'A man is coming after me who ranks ahead of me because he existed before me.'" — Jn 1:29-30



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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, JANUARY 14

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

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 15

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-RCIA-C/FFC-211/105  
 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM Mass/Church  
 12:30 PM - 2:00 PM 9th Grade Class/MH/FFC  
 2:30 PM - 4:00 PM 10th Grade Class/MH/FFC  
 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM Mass/Church

### MONDAY, JANUARY 16

8:30 AM - 9:00 AM Mass/Church  
 9:15 AM - 2:00 PM Early Learning Center/T Bldg.  
 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM AA Meeting/FFC-112  
 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM Baptism Seminar/Small Hall  
 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM Catholic Daughters/MH  
 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM Confirmation Practice/Church

### TUESDAY, JANUARY 17

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/Church  
 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM Mass-Nov.-Bene./Church  
 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM Jr. High-Encounter/Youth Room  
 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM Adult Choir/Church

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18

8:30 AM - 9:00 AM Mass/Church  
 9:15 AM - 2:00 PM Early Learning Center/T Bldg.  
 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM AA Meeting/FFC-112  
 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM Children's Choir/Church  
 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM ISM-High School Youth/Youth Rm.  
 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM Soul Core/Small Hall  
 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM Confirmation Practice/Church

### THURSDAY, JANUARY 19

8:30 AM - 9:00 AM Mass/Church  
 9:15 AM - 2:00 PM Early Learning Center/T Bldg.  
 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM AA Meeting/FFC-112  
 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM Confirmation-Reception/C/MH  
 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM Boy Scouts/Pavilion

### FRIDAY, JANUARY 20

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

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 21

12:00 PM - 1:00 PM AA Meeting/FFC-112  
 2:45 PM - 3:45 PM Reconciliation/Church  
 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM Sunday Mass/Church

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 22

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-RCIA-C/FFC-211/105  
 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM Mass/Church  
 12:15 PM - 1:30 PM Baptisms/Church  
 4:00 PM - 5:45 PM Youth Band Practice/Church  
 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM Mass/Church  
 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM Rosary for Life/Church

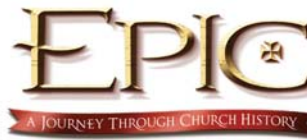
## Bible Study Classes are BACK!



**Psalms, The School of Prayer  
 Introduction Class  
 Wednesday, January 25, 2017  
 6:30 p.m.; Small Hall**

At the heart of the Bible are the Psalms, prayers from God, that help us learn to pray. The Holy Spirit inspired them. Israel sang them. Christ himself prayed them, as did our Blessed Mother. These sacred hymns become our sincere response to God's loving and wondrous deeds for us. Their words captivate the imagination and draw us into an encounter with God. Learn to establish a deeply personal dialogue with God through praying the Psalms.

Please contact the Church Office at 665-5359, if you would like to register for this 10 week series held once a week on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.



**Epic: The Early Church  
 Social Gathering  
 Thursday, January 26, 2017  
 9:30 a.m.  
 FFC-Rm. 211/212**

Discover the amazing story of the first 500 years of Church history—a time filled with courageous saints, brilliant philosophers, eloquent theologians, ruthless emperors, and heroic martyrs. Blessed John Paul II said, "Christ is the foundation and center of history, he is its meaning and ultimate goal." This exciting study program encourages people to grow closer to Christ through deeper understanding of his Church.

Come join us for a social gathering on Thursday, January 26, at 9:30 a.m. in the Faith Formation Center as we reflect, pray and share our experiences during these last five months after the flood.

Classes will start on Thursday, February 2, at 9:30 a.m. in the Faith Formation Center. If you are interested in this 10 week series, please call the Church Office at 665-5359 to register.

## Question of the Week

**John 1:29-34**-Only in the Gospel of John do we hear the title "the Lamb of God" used in reference to Jesus. What does this title mean to you?

## Consideration of our Christian Commitment: Return to Ordinary Time

**This Sunday we begin Ordinary Time which will continue through February until we begin Lent on March 1.** In today's Gospel, John the Baptist testifies that he saw the Holy Spirit come down upon the Lord, and that he knows he is the Son of God.

This same Lord remains among us as we enter into Ordinary Time, sharing with us that same Divine Spirit who was seen descending upon him. With such gifts present in our lives and days, how can they be considered ordinary? Perhaps we might better consider them "ordinarily graced, ordinarily gifted." What a way to live our days!

**Moving back into Ordinary Time, it has been great seeing things happen which are very special to us, yet five months ago would have been considered ordinary:** The first week of January students of the Early Learning Center moved back into their completed and restored classrooms. It was great visiting the rooms and feeling



the excitement as they celebrated their first day in new classrooms and later came together for pizza. Pictured above is their teacher, **Mary Stelly (Queen Bee), with the four year old Busy Bees.**

**What would have been ordinary school days together back in August,** turned into an adventure for the 500 students of Denham Springs Elementary School who were divided into three groups and went to other schools in the civil parish after the flood. We were able to give/lease property on the parish campus for them to relocate for the next two or three years as their school was rebuilt. Happily they should be moving into their temporary classroom here on the parish campus toward the end of this month. Their move dovetails with a special project which will be coordinated by **Dylan Naquin**, a candidate for the Eagle Scout badge. He has spoken with the School Board who were delighted with the offer, and requested from the Scout

Office permission to gather together a group of scouts and high school students to assist the faculty to move into their new classrooms toward the end of this month. Dylan plans on advertising the project and enlisting the help of other high school students, and any who may read this and wish to contact about helping with this, may email him at [ajnaq@yahoo.com](mailto:ajnaq@yahoo.com).

**Two other activities are on the horizon, reminding us that we are slowly returning to normal:** Ronnie Dugas heard from the ride company, confirming **October 27, 28 and 29 for the Fall Festival.** Having had to cancel last year's Festival, it will be good to be able to plan again.

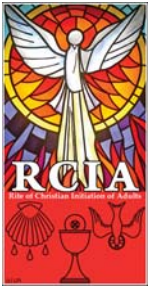


**You perhaps have seen the flier advertising our Annual Ministry Appreciation Supper.** This year it will be held on Friday, January 27<sup>th</sup>, which just happens to be the eve of the Chinese New Year's this year, the Year of the Rooster. We decided to have a Chinese theme, Chinese treats and hope this will be a good and fun evening for all. We will have our band which has always been a delight to many, good food, combined with much gratitude to all who serve with the parish in ministering all that the good Lord has entrusted to us. Please be sure and RSVP to the parish office at 665-5359 so we can better plan for a good evening.

**Fr. Raj will be leaving on vacation days this Monday, January 16,** and will be returning to the parish on Thursday, February 2. We wish him good and graced days as he visits with family and friends.

As we enter into Ordinary Time, let us keep one another in prayer that the good Lord may make these good and graced days for all; Love,

This Week ♦ Parish Life ♦ Formation ♦ Youth Events



**Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults**

The Catechumenate sessions focus 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.

Please continue to pray for our catechumens/candidates.

**Parish School of Religion News**

**Dates to Remember!**

PSR Classes 6th-10th grade:

- 6th Grade—February 12; 12:30-2:00 p.m.
- 6th Grade—March 12; 12:30-2:00 p.m.
- 7th & 8th Grade—February 12; 2:30-4:00 p.m.
- 7th & 8th Grade—March 12; 2:30-4:00 p.m.
- 9th Grade—January 15; 12:30-2:00 p.m.
- 9th Grade—February 19; 12:30-2:00 p.m.
- 9th Grade—March 19; 12:30-2:00 p.m.
- 10th Grade—January 15; 2:30-4:00 p.m.
- 10th Grade—February 19; 2:30-4:00 p.m.
- 10th Grade—March 19; 2:30-4:00 p.m.

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

Confirmation News:

- Confirmation Practice—January 16; 7-8:45 p.m. in the Church for Thursday Confirmation
- Confirmation Practice—January 18; 7-8:45 p.m. in the Church For Friday Confirmation
- Sacrament of Confirmation—January 19; 7:00 p.m. (report to Main Hall by 6:00 p.m.)
- Sacrament of Confirmation—January 20; 7:00 p.m. (report to Main Hall by 6:00 p.m.)

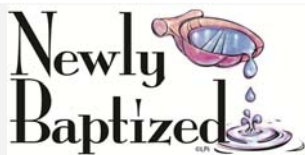
**1-5 Grade & For Mission of the Sacred Heart Classes will resume the week of January 22, 2017**

**Program for 9th Grade Students!**



*You: Life, Love and the Theology of the Body* is a unique program which reveals to teens their value as a person: their bodies, their sexuality, and their individual call to love. Filmed on location all over the world, the program features teens as well as respected Catholic leaders. It addresses, head on, many of the issues teens are already exposed to via entertainment media, societal pressures, and their own interactions with each other.

This program is being offered, January-March 2017, through PSR to 9th grade students. This program will give teens the answers and the tools they need to successfully navigate through life. Contact Gwen Richard at 225-665-5926; ext. 223, if you have any questions.



Congratulations and prayers to the children who were baptized recently:

- Hardi Grace Foster*
- Violet Joyce Kean*
- Liam Thomas Marten*

All JrHi students come join us on Tuesdays @ 6PM!

ENCOUNTER is our JrHi only weekly meeting on Tuesdays at 6PM in the ISM youth room...



...we enjoy food, fun, friends, & faith building discussions together...call Kevin for details!

is back January 10th!

*We're back!*

All high school students are welcome to join us at our weekly high school hang out on Wednesday nights beginnings again on

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE**

**WEDNESDAY JANUARY 11 AT 6PM**

in the ISM youth room!

For more information about Youth Events, contact Kevin Acord, Youth Minister; [acordkp@gmail.com](mailto:acordkp@gmail.com).

Parish Life ♦ Stewardship



January 14, 2016-  
January 22, 2017

**SATURDAY: 01/14/17**

**4:00 p.m.** Robert Adams Jr.†; Sam & Kathy Caruso; Katherine Broussard†; Kathy Alello†; Winnie & Noah Lachney, Sr.†; Maudry & Noah Lachney, Jr.†; John L. Liebert†; Carol Kline†.

**SUNDAY: 01/15/17**

**7:00 a.m.** Lloyd deGeneres†; Donald Lavigne & Jeremy Berthelot†; Lucille O’Neill†; Mary Guidry†; John “Jay” Bond, II†.

**9:00 a.m.** Parishioners.

**9:00 a.m.** (MSH) Ivy Lee Howze†; Robert, Bobby & Sherri Vigil†.

**11:00 a.m.** William & Josephine Rex†; Madelyn Kelly†; Jean Meyers†; Maria Nay-Thi-Pham†; Dominic Fontana†; Manuel Reyes Ruiz†.

**6:00 p.m.** George Sterba†; Phillip John Bilski†.

**MONDAY: 01/16/17**

**8:30 a.m.** Evan Baut.

**TUESDAY: 01/17/17**

**6:00 p.m.** Frank Bova†.

**WEDNESDAY: 01/18/17**

**8:30 a.m.** Bessie LeDoux†.

**THURSDAY: 01/19/17**

**8:30 a.m.** Alex Theriot, Jr.†.

**FRIDAY: 01/20/17**

**8:30 a.m.** Isabel Durand†.

**SATURDAY: 01/21/17**

**4:00 p.m.** Carol Kline†; Al Deranger†; Patricio C. Torres†; Kathy Alello†; Ralph & Martha Dupuy; Elsie “Faye” Polito†.

**SUNDAY: 01/22/17**

**7:00 a.m.** Lloyd deGeneres†.

**9:00 a.m.** Mary Guidry†; Jean Meyers†; Phillip John Bilski†; Denver Denison†; Larry M. Oubre†; Bill Collier†.

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

**11:00 a.m.** Dominic Fontana†; Manuel Reyes Ruiz†.

**6:00 p.m.** Elsie F. Polito†.



**CHURCH SANCTUARY LAMP:**  
01/15/17—01/21/17 burns in memory of  
**MADelyn KELLY.**



We express our sympathy and prayers to the family and friends of **CLARENCE BLANCHET.**



Can you imagine what kind of response I would get if I asked my three children, "Who would like to volunteer to clean up the kitchen after dinner today?" Six eyeballs staring at me like I had two heads! If I couch my request in terms of volunteerism, I have suggested that they don't have any real ownership in

this matter. Perhaps they do sometimes think that their mother and I are simply hired hands to take care of them, but rest assured, I have not received a paycheck for services rendered lately.

When you and I give a donation of blood, we volunteer our time and blood to the Red Cross. The Red Cross does not employ most of us, nor do we own a part of the Red Cross. We can only volunteer ourselves for the cause.

As parishioners we are part of a parish family. We belong to our parish community. We do not visit on a Sunday morning, since we cannot visit a place that is home. The call of the body of Christ occurs in every parish and our response should be that of the psalmist, "Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will." Real stewardship never counts the cost and never asks for volunteers. We step forward because we belong to something greater than ourselves and the head of that community is Jesus. After dinner at my house, someone needs to clean up the kitchen. In your parish community, someone needs to respond to the call of Jesus. In both cases, no volunteers are needed. We will rely on family instead.

—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

January 7/8, 2017



Identified offertory givers:	\$	17,351.00
Visitors/unidentified:	\$	2,373.59
Christmas Offer:	\$	100.00
Christmas Flowers:	\$	20.00
Solemnity of Mary:	\$	710.00
Catholic Life Center:	\$	35.00
<b>Total Collected:</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>20,589.59</b>

**JULY 1, 2016 TO DATE**  
**Actual Income:** \$ **753,860.58**

**JULY 1, 2016 TO DATE**  
**Actual Expense:** \$ **694,456.39**  
Surplus/Deficit \$ 59,404.16  
St. Vincent de Paul: \$ 175.00  
Building & Maintenance: \$ 3,391.00  
Retirement for the Religious: \$ 65.00  
Church in Latin America: \$ 35.00



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## Outreach

## Worship ♦ Directory

## Respect Life Upcoming Events



**Cemetery for the Unborn:** As we approach the 44th anniversary of Roe vs. Wade on January 22nd, let us focus our attention and prayers on the unborn.

This weekend we will, once again, create a cemetery for the unborn after all Masses. White crosses will be available for any family who would like to participate, as they come out of Mass, to place a cross at the designated marker by the statue of the Sacred Heart.

## PROTECT MOMS AND BABIES!

## LIFE MARCH SOUTH

Baton Rouge

Saturday, Jan. 21, 2017

10 am - Noon



LALifeMarch.com

Life March South activities will begin at 9:30 a.m. with pre-event remarks and program at Galvez Plaza behind the Old State Capitol. The March for Life will begin at 10:00 a.m., concluding at or near the State Capitol at 10:45 a.m. At that point, the formal program of the event will begin.



St. Faustina, a great missionary of Divine Mercy, recorded in her Diary the consoling words of Jesus: I want *“all souls to trust in the unfathomable abyss of My Mercy, because I want to save them all.”*

If you or someone you know is struggling with a previous abortion, there is help. Local, state and national resources are listed at [www.mfldiobr.org/post-abortion-resources.html](http://www.mfldiobr.org/post-abortion-resources.html).

March for Life: January 23-28  
Washington, D.C.  
[www.youthmarchforlife.com](http://www.youthmarchforlife.com)

We ask that you keep this pilgrimage in your prayers lifting up the hearts of our youth who will attend as well as the adult leaders, chaperones, seminarians, priests, religious and deacons who will accompany them. Please visit the above website to get a taste of what our youth have experienced!



## Adoration Chapel News:

Allison Renfrow has 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](mailto:arenfrow05@bellsouth.net) and let her know if you plan to keep your hour or would like to sign-up.

Prayers continue during this Season of Re-build and Renewal! Blessed be the Lord!

## Readings for the week of 01/15/17

Sunday: Is 49:3, 5-6/Ps 40/1 Cor 1:1-3/Jn 1:29-34

Monday: Heb 5:1-10/Ps 110/Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday: Heb 6:10-20/Ps 111/Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday: Heb 7:1-3, 15-17/Ps 110/Mk 3:1-6

Thursday: Heb 7:25--8:6/Ps 40/Mk 3:7-12

Friday: Heb 8:6-13/Ps 85/Mk 3:13-19

Saturday: Heb 9:2-3, 11-14/Ps 47/Mk 3:20-21

Next Sunday: Is 8:23--9:3/Ps 27/1 Cor 1:10-13, 17/Mt 4:12-23 or 4:12-17

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