



# Immaculate Conception

Catholic Church † Mission of the Sacred Heart

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## The Grapevine

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25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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### PASTORAL STAFF:

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Ronnie Dugas. . . . . Parish Administrator  
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Peter Schlette. . . . . Permanent Deacon  
Rudy Stahl. . . . . Permanent Deacon

### MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil. . . . . 4:00 p.m.  
Sundays . . 7 a.m., 9 a.m., 9a.m. (MSH), 11 a.m. & 6 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:

**CLOSED TEMPORARILY DUE TO FLOODING**  
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.



## 25<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“THE PERSON WHO IS TRUSTWORTHY IN VERY SMALL MATTERS IS ALSO TRUSTWORTHY IN GREAT ONES; AND THE PERSON WHO IS DISHONEST IN VERY SMALL MATTERS IS ALSO DISHONEST IN GREAT ONES.” - LK 16:10

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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.

—Directory—

**Church Office-665-5359; (Hours: M-F, 8 a.m. 5 p.m.)**

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**Liturgy Coordinator:** Deacon Rudy Stahl; deaconrudy@icc-msh.org  
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 Mrs. Judy Graphia; jgraphia@icc-msh.org

**Maintenance Office—665-2281; ext. 206**

Mr. Harry Stelly; Mr. Fred Adams; Mrs. Joni Hebert; Ms. Kerry Brown

**Parish School of Religion Office—665-5926**

**Coordinator for Grades 1-6:**  
 Mrs. Barbara Normand; bnormand@icc-msh.org

**Coordinator for Grades 7-10:**

Mrs. Gwen Richard; gerichard@icc-msh.org

**Parish School of Religion Secretary/Site Child**

**Protection Officer:** Mrs. Jane Stahl; jstahl@icc-msh.org

**Youth Minister:** Mr. Kevin Acord; acordkp@gmail.com

**Early Learning Center—664-8968**

**ELC Director:** Mrs. Mandy Haley; elc@icc-msh.org

**Asst. Director:** Mrs. Karen Smith; elc@icc-msh.org

Readings For The Week of September 18

Sunday: Am 8:4-7/Ps 113:1-2, 4-8/1 Tm 2:1-8/Lk 16:1-13 or 16:10-13  
 Monday: Prv 3:27-34/Ps 15:2-5/Lk 8:16-18  
 Tuesday: Prv 21:1-6, 10-13/Ps 119:1, 27, 30, 34-35, 44/Lk 8:19-21  
 Wednesday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Ps 19:2-5/Mt 9:9-13  
 Thursday: Eccl 1:2-11/Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17/Lk 9:7-9  
 Friday: Eccl 3:1-11/Ps 144:1-4/Lk 9:18-22  
 Saturday: Eccl 11:9-12:8/Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17/Lk 9:43b-45  
 Next Sunday: Am 6:1a, 4-7/Ps 146:7-10/1 Tm 6:11-16/Lk 16:19-31

—Administration—

**September 3/4, 2016**



Identified offertory givers: ..... \$ 17,626.00  
 Visitors/unidentified: ..... \$ 2,407.27  
 Religious Education: ..... \$ 25.00  
 All Saints:..... \$ 5 0.00  
**Total Collected: \$ 20,108.27**

**JULY 1, 2016 TO DATE**

**ACTUAL INCOME: ..... \$ 239,387.32**

**JULY 1, 2016 TO DATE**

**ACTUAL EXPENSE: .....\$ 239,597.97**  
**Surplus/Deficit .....\$ -210.65**

St. Vincent de Paul: ..... \$ 528.00  
 Building & Maintenance: ..... \$6,086.00  
 Catholic University: ..... \$1,159.00  
 Prop. Of Faith/World Mission: ..... \$ 20.00

**September 10/11, 2016**



Identified offertory givers: ..... \$ 16,146.50  
 Visitors/unidentified: ..... \$ 1,992.74  
 Religious Education: ..... \$ 40.00  
**Total Collected: \$ 18,179.24**

**JULY 1, 2016 TO DATE**

**ACTUAL INCOME: ..... \$ 259,492.85**

**JULY 1, 2016 TO DATE**

**ACTUAL EXPENSE: .....\$ 239,805.97**  
**Surplus/Deficit .....\$ 19,686.88**

St. Vincent de Paul: ..... \$ 251.00  
 Building & Maintenance: ..... \$2,875.00

**Parish News:**

**Reminder:** All Bible classes, That Man Is You classes, Financial Peace, Young at Heart Luncheon, Threads of Love Sewing Ministry and any other meetings scheduled for September have been postponed except R.C.I.A. classes. They will resume as facilities are made available. Updates will be made on Facebook (Church of the Immaculate Conception) and on our website (www.icc-msh.org).

**Our Annual Fall Festival and The Fall Festival Kickoff** in October have been postponed due to the flood.

**\$10,000 Raffle:** If you have purchased a ticket, you may either hold on to your ticket or get a refund. We will still have the \$10,000 Raffle drawing but it will be at a later date.

**Adoration Chapel** remains closed until further notice.

**Early Learning Center Preschool** updates will be posted on their Facebook page: ICC Early Learning Center Preschool. Restoration of our buildings is in progress. We will notify you when a date of opening will occur.

**Children's Liturgy of the Word** is postponed until further notice.

**CommUnity Hands and St. Vincent de Paul:** Please contact St. Vincent de Paul's Main Office in Baton Rouge at 225-383-7439.

**Distribution Centers in the Community:** If you need any items such as cleaning supplies, canned goods, toiletries, etc., please go to area distribution centers (First United Methodist Church, 319 Mattie St., DS-Open M-Sat 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Sun. 12-4 p.m.—665-8995; Live Oak Methodist Church, 34890 LA Hwy. 16, Watson-Open 8 a.m.-5 p.m. M-Fri, 664-4801).

## CONSIDERATION OF OUR CHRISTIAN COMMITMENT: ORDINARY TIME TRUST

**The Gospel today speaks of those who are trustworthy in small matters as well as in large matters.** We were blessed in the early years of our parish to have the service of the Oblate Missionaries of Mary Immaculate serve Livingston Parish. They were founded by St. Eugène de Mazenod for the purpose of preaching the Gospel to the poor. They did a wonderful job. But an interesting aspect of their founding was when St. Eugène de Mazenod went to Rome to have the new religious order approved by the Pope, the Pope asked him to take a look at the rule approved a few years earlier for the Redemptorists.

A few years before St. Eugène de Mazenod founded the Oblates in France, St. Alphonsus Liguori was deeply moved by the plight of the poor living in Naples and the surrounding area and established his community with the aim of providing spiritual nourishment. Amongst his companions was the future St. Gerard Majella. In 1748 St. Alphonsus petitioned Pope Benedict XIV, to allow him to establish a congregation to minister to the poor in the area around Naples, who were in his own words, "...the most in need of spiritual help, since frequently they have no one to administer to them the Holy Sacrament or the Word of God...their plight is such that many, for lack of (apostolic) laborers, reach death's door without knowing anything at all of the necessary truths of the faith. This is because the number of priests...is few."<sup>1</sup> Benedict agreed and the congregation was formed in 1749. About thirty years later, St. Eugène de Mazenod went to the Pope with almost the same request which was approved, with the request that he look at the rule of the Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer (Redemptorists), as he worked on the rule for the Oblates. Thus began a beautiful connection between the two orders.

St. Alphonsus Liguori wanted his companions to be itinerant preachers of the Word of God. Traditionally, this has been the foundation of the Redemptorist mission as they are well known for conducting parish missions. The purpose of these parish missions and the homilies preached by the Redemptorists is to "...invite people to a deeper love for God and a fuller practice of the Christian life." In accordance with the instructions of St. Alphonsus, preaching is to be down-to-earth and understandable to all who are listening. **A ministry related to preaching is publishing. Thus the Redemptorist have a ministry located in Missouri known as Liguori Publications. We are happy to welcome to our parish Fr. Byron Miller, C.Ss.R, a Redemptorist priest who is in charge of Liguori Publications.**

Many of you are familiar with **Blessed Fr. Francis Xavier**



**Seelos** who died in a Yellow Fever Epidemic in New Orleans in 1867. The Seelos Shrine in New Orleans has become a favorite place of pilgrimage for many, and Fr. Byron was in charge of the shrine for many years and is the one who worked to have it as it now is. So a lot of good things come together with Fr. Byron who comes to us

this weekend. He has a good message for you, and I know you will enjoy meeting him and celebrating the Liturgy with him.

Fr. Byron has been a good friend through the years and has helped me in many ways. He asked about coming here a year ago and I told him we would love to have him, but while I would leave some good Community Coffee here for him, I would take advantage of his coming to have some days off, never knowing what would be coming our way last month. I usually schedule days away a year before because of the number of weddings I am asked to participate in. These will be a combination of vacation and retreat days. I will be spending some days of prayer and reflection at a Franciscan Friary that has special connections with the family through the years. More on this later.

As I write this, things seem to be moving ahead on the parish campus. Belfor Restoration has begun work on the church and buildings we most need to use as soon as possible. I hope you are moving ahead also. Let us keep each other in prayer. Love,



150 years ago, the Redemptorists were entrusted with the image of Our Mother of Perpetual Help. In 1866, they received permission from Pope Pius IX to move the ancient painting to their church in Rome and from that time on they have spread devotion to

Our Mother of Perpetual Help.

Immaculate Conception Church September 18— October 1, 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>18</b> 7:00 AM - 8:00 AM Mass/C 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM Mass/C 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM Mass/MSH 9:00 AM - 12:00 AM Nursery/ELC4 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM Mass/C 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM Sunday Mass/C	<b>19</b> 8:30 AM - 9:00 AM Mass/C 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM AA Meeting/ FFC-112	<b>20</b> 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/C 6:30 PM - 7:00 PM Nov/Bene/C	<b>21</b> 8:30 AM - 9:00 AM Mass/C 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM AA Meeting/FFC- 112	<b>22</b> 8:30 AM - 9:00 AM Mass/C 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM AA Meeting/FFC- 112 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM RCIA Session/ FFC 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM RCIA-C/FFC	<b>23</b> 8:00 AM - 8:25 AM Reconciliation/C 8:30 AM - 9:00 AM Mass/C 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM AA Meeting/FFC -112 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM Charismatic Prayer/C	<b>24</b> 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM AA Meeting/FFC-112 2:45 PM - 3:45 PM Reconciliation/C 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM Sunday Mass/C
<b>25</b> 7:00 AM - 8:00 AM Mass/C 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM Mass/C 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM Mass/MSH 9:00 AM - 12:00 AM Nursery/ELC4 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM Mass/C 12:15 PM Baptisms Church 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM Sunday Mass/C	<b>26</b> 8:30 AM - 9:00 AM Mass/C 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM AA Meeting/ FFC-112	<b>27</b> 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/C 6:30 PM - 7:00 PM Nov/Bene/C 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM Adult Choir/C	<b>28</b> 8:30 AM - 9:00 AM Mass/C 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM AA Meeting/FFC- 112	<b>29</b> 8:30 AM - 9:00 AM Mass/C 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM AA Meeting/FFC- 112 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM RCIA Session/ FFC 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM RCIA-C/FFC	<b>30</b> 8:00 AM - 8:25 AM Reconciliation/C 8:30 AM - 9:00 AM Mass/C 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM AA Meeting/FFC -112 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM Charismatic Prayer/C	<b>1 OCTOBER</b> 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM AA Meeting/FFC-112 2:45 PM - 3:45 PM Reconciliation/C 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM Sunday Mass/C

full back  
 Never tire of firmly speaking out  
 in defense of life from its conception.

**MARCH  
 FOR  
 LIFE  
 T-SHIRT  
 FUND-  
 RAISER!**

Christ is with you:  
 Be not afraid.  
 -St. John Paul II  
 #Prolifeneration

Due to the flood, we extended the deadline for the T-shirt orders. All moneys/orders are due in the Church Office by October 1<sup>st</sup>. You may also place your orders/money inside a blank envelope and state: **T-Shirt Orders for MFL (money counters do not open)** and place in the collection basket at Mass. Form also available on our website at [www.icc-msh.org](http://www.icc-msh.org). Thank you for your generosity and help for this year! God Bless! For more information, contact Jessica Cowart at 347-3999 or e-mail: [jessicacowart@me.com](mailto:jessicacowart@me.com).

SIZE	QUANTITY
Youth S	AM _____ A3XL _____
Youth M	A L _____
Youth L	AXL _____
Adult S	A2XL _____

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
 PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

All proceeds will go to help send the high schoolers on the MARCH FOR LIFE IN D.C. JANUARY 2017! \$20 EACH

**MASS INTENTIONS (09/17/16-09/25/16)**  
**Saturday: 09/17/16—4 p.m.** Alex Theriot, Sr.†; Paul & Priscilla Varnado. **Sunday: 09/18/16—7 a.m.** Bill Collier†; M/M Glenn Floyd; Lloyd deGeneres†; Ray Thibodeaux†; Donald Lavigne and Jeremy Berthelot†. **9 a.m.**—Garrett Minard†; Mary Guidry†; Bob Fennell, Sr.†; Ann Watson. **9 a.m.**—(MSH) Robert & Bobby Vigil†; Victor Silvio†. **11 a.m.** Dane Bananno†; Butch Calmes†; Chuck Sturm†; Lucille O’Neill†; Anna Nicole Dunnaway†; Barbara Cheney†; **6 p.m.** Parishioners.  
**Monday: 09/19/16—8:30 a.m.** Alex Theriot, Jr.†.  
**Tuesday: 09/20/16—6 p.m.** Lucille O’Neill†.

**Wednesday: 09/21/16—8:30 a.m.** Matt Lofton†.  
**Thursday: 09/22/16—8:30 a.m.** Eddie Knapps†.  
**Friday: 09/23/16—8:30 a.m.** Pauline Hebert†.  
**Saturday: 09/24/16—4 p.m.** Deanna Adcock†; Virgil & Mary Brown†; Lindell Gill, Sr.†; EBR Police Department; EBR Sheriff Office. **Sunday: 09/25/16—7 a.m.** Parishioners. **9 a.m.**—Lloyd deGeneres†; Brian Thomas†; Mary Guidry†; Louis “LJ” Berthelot†; Donald Lavigne & Jeremy Berthelot†. **9 a.m.**—(MSH) Caleb Rushing†. **11 a.m.** Toney Stikeleather†; Butch Calmes†. **6 p.m.** Byrle Sterba†; Lucille O’Neill†.

**CHURCH SANCTUARY LAMP: 09/18/16—09/24/16**  
 burns in memory of **VIOLA HONDROULIS.**

—Formation—



We would like to welcome the ..... Adults and ..... Children attending the RCIA Inquiry Sessions that began September 1. The RCIA Process is a journey of faith including prayer, faith sharing, study and celebration. It is not too late to join these sessions which are held on Thursday evenings at 7:00 p.m. in the Faith Formation Center, Room 211.

For more information, contact Judy Graphia at 936-6697. For children, contact Tammy Young at 202-7505 to register or for further information.

## Parish School of Religion News:

Thank you for your patience as we reworked the schedule for the Parish School of Religion.

Livingston Parish Public Schools has not changed the dismissal time for elementary school students. Therefore, our schedule for **1<sup>st</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> grade is unchanged from previous years.** We will offer classes on Monday at 4:30 and 6:30 pm and on Wednesday at 4:30 and 6:30 pm. Classes will begin Monday, October 10, 2016.

The extended school day for Livingston Parish Public Middle and High School students required us to totally rework the schedule for the Parish School of Religion. This year we will offer a program that combines at-home work with one monthly 90 minute gathering on Sunday afternoon for 6<sup>th</sup> through 10<sup>th</sup> grades. The Schedule is as follows:

### 6<sup>th</sup> Grade: The Old Testament (2nd Sunday of each month at 12:30 pm to 2:00 pm)

Six Sessions: October 9, November 13, December 11, January 8, February 12, and March 12.

### 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade: Morality & the Life of Jesus (2nd Sunday of each month at 2:30 pm to 4:00 pm)

Six Sessions: October 9, November 13, December 11, January 8, February 12, and March 12.

### 9<sup>th</sup> Grade: The Mass/ Theology of the Body (3rd Sunday of each month at 12:30 pm to 2:00 pm)

Six Sessions: October 16, November 20, December 18, January 15, February 19, and March 19.

### 10<sup>th</sup> Grade: Confirmation Preparation—Year One (3rd Sunday of each month at 2:30 pm to 4:00 pm)

Six Sessions: October 16, November 20, December 18, January 15, February 19, and March 19.

### 11<sup>th</sup> Grade: Confirmation Preparation—Year Two

Three 2 1/2 hour sessions: Sunday, 10/23/2016, 12:30 until 3:00 pm, Saturday, 11/19/2016 11:00 am until 1:30 pm and Tuesday, 11/22/2016 6:00 until 8:00 pm.

I realize that this schedule may not work for everyone. We will continue to offer the option of traditional home school. In this option, all lessons are completed at home, at your own pace and completed work is turned in at the end of the year.

*Remind* is a quick and easy communication tool. **Remind is only for middle and high school students and all catechists.**

Text @icc6 to 81010 for 6<sup>th</sup> grade

Text @icc7 to 81010 for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade

Text @icc9 to 81010 for 9<sup>th</sup> grade

Text @icc10 to 81010 for 10<sup>th</sup> grade

Text @iccon to 81010 for 11<sup>th</sup> grade Confirmation

Text @icccat to 81010 if you are a classroom Catechist

Please consider volunteering to be a catechist or aide. Because of the many changes in our lives and community, as well as our new schedule, some of our faithful, long time catechists will not be able to return.

For students attending classes at the Mission of the Sacred Heart, grades 1-5 your schedule remains unchanged. Class will resume Wednesday, October 12 at 6:30 pm. For middle and high school students, you have the following options 1) join a class in Denham Springs or 2) traditional home school.

This letter is meant to give everyone the “big picture” of our schedule. If you need to make changes, to the day/time or classroom/home school options, now is the time. Once we have made these changes, we will send out individual student schedule letters—most likely near the end of September.

Thank you for your cooperation and consideration. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to call. We wish you peace and blessing as we heal and recover from the aftermath of flooding. We are keeping you and all those affected by the flood in our prayers.

Sincerely,

Gwen Richard  
225-665-5926 ext. 223



## Pray for the Sick

If you wish to place a name on the prayer list or retain a name after the four-week period, please call the church office at 665-5359. For the prayer line, call Pat Pastor at 664-1097.

Kathy Alello	Betty Frugé	Chris Morris
Stacey Allee	Clay Furlow	Avery Musick
Elmer Allen	Moore Gauthier	Doris Nix
Mr. Amir	Dee Dee Gautreau	Billie Oliver
Jane Ardoin	Evelyn Guyban Germany	Mary Piper
Will Arnold	Mac Griffin	Fran Poche
Karen Balle	Johnny Guyban	Troy Pourciau
Joseph Beazer	Shirley Harrington	Edna Purvis
Judy Bennett	Richard Hartley	John Richeaux
Linda Betz	Charles Haughton, Jr.	Tyler Rivers
Nick Bertrand	Natalie Hicks	Darrin Rogers
Perri Blackledge	Valerie Hill	Stephen Rogers
Lynne Blair	Betty Himel	Desi Rosado
Susan Birou	Jimmy Hood	Erica Ryland
Carley Biscotto	Helen Wickwire Hoshman	Jessica Schexnayder
Dana Bramlett	Carole Hyman	Ernest Scott
John Bramlett, Jr.	Wanda Ishmael	Jerri Scott
Dale Breaux	Jeanette Jandler	Gene Sellers
Caty Brignac	Chelse Kaighen	Ozark Shaffort
Amelia Brown	Vicki Kelly	Lynne Sharp
Troy Campo	Bruce Kerr	Mary Ann Siciliano
Barbara Carlton	Michael Kilcrease	Charles Stafford
Emily Caruthers	Sally Kramer	Mike Stephens
Leila Champagne	Eva Laborde	Dennis Strader
Scott Charleville	Louis Lacara	Daren Tassin
Kristi Chenier	Alan Landry	Paul Tassin
Jim Cook	Julie LaFleur	Joanna Terry
Troy Ann Cooper	Pauline Lambert	Nell Thigpen
Jeanne Comeaux	Aaron LeBlanc	Jeff Thornton
Lavern Conerly	Leonard LeBlanc	Mickie Todd
Bob Daniels	Jeffery LeJeune	Pat Trahan
Christina Daniels	Ronald Lohr	Jean Tullier
Maxim Daquin	Elsie Lousteau	Nick Tullier
Brandon/Charlene DeCuir	Lucy Maranto	Ms. Pat Ulbright
Joseph Desota	Vincent Maranto	Ann Viola
Shirley DeSoto	Sr. Maria	Mary Walker
Jessica Dettman	Richard Mariani	Christopher Waller
Laura Diaz	Anita Martinez	Robert Whiddon
Russell Dietrich	Bernard Martinez	Susie White
Darryl Dufour	Edward Martinez	Melissa Wilkes
Pat Dunn	Karen L. Matherne	Wolinski Family
MacKenzie East	Jennifer McBride	Kenneth Woodburn, Jr.
Ernest "Ray" Edelmann	George Meyers	Robin Wroten
Glenn Ezell	JoAnne Miles	Jorda Young, Jr.
Charles Fava	Jackie Miller	Richard/Vertie Young
Jeff Fisher	Dennis Montgomery	
	Cherry Moore	

## Stump the Deacon

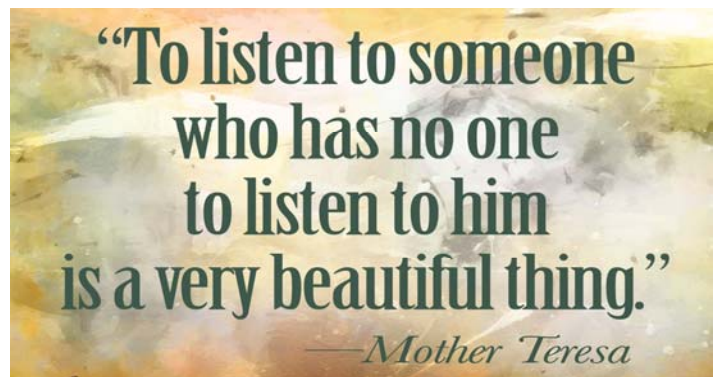
### Why Me, Lord?

This is a legitimate question that we all may be asking ourselves in light of this extensive flooding. Why me? Are we any greater sinners than others? Are we being punished? I think not. If we deserve punishment it will come soon enough and will be much more personal. But perhaps we are being disciplined. The difference is that discipline implies training or learning. It has a purpose and a meaning, a desired outcome. An athlete disciplines himself to become a better athlete, a monk disciplines himself to become a better disciple, and a father disciplines his son to make him a better man. St Paul tells us that God disciplines those He loves as a father disciplines his son. Perhaps God is trying to make us better persons, better Christians.

The lesson here may be different for each of us. Perhaps He is trying to tell us that we are too attached to material goods, goods that can so easily be lost or destroyed. Perhaps He is trying to tell us that we need to be better neighbors to one another and be more concerned with other people's needs. Perhaps He is just trying to get our attention. To remind us how much we depend on Him and not our own strength.

St. Paul also tells us that no one appreciates discipline until they see the results, the fruits of their pain. Today as we struggle to rebuild our homes and our lives we need to pray. Pray that God will show us the purpose and meaning of our suffering. Pray that He will be with us to guide us through this. Pray that He will give us the grace to become the Christians He wants us to become.

Please continue to submit your questions to me at [www.deaconrudy@icc-msh.org](mailto:www.deaconrudy@icc-msh.org) or 225-665-5359.



**PLEASE NOTE:** If you have already submitted **Baptism Registration Forms** before the flood, all baptism registration forms and documents were destroyed. If you would please contact Sherry Leger by e-mail ([sleger@icc-msh.org](mailto:sleger@icc-msh.org)), she will gladly send you another baptism registration form. So sorry for any inconvenience this may cause you. God Bless!



We express our sympathy and prayers to Joseph Monistere, Sr. on the death of his mother, **ROSE MONISTERE**; to Carole Bigner on the death of her husband, **ROBERT JAMES BIGNER**; and to Menessa Lindsey and Sandy Manale on the death of their mother, **MARY MACHADO**.

