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The Grapevine

January 1, 2017
Solemnity of Mary,
Mother of God

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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.



MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

When eight days were completed for his circumcision, he was named Jesus, the name given him by the angel before he was conceived in the womb. - Lk 2:21

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

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

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31

12:00 PM - 1:00 PM AA Meeting/SH
 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM **Vigil-Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God/Church**

SUNDAY, JANUARY 1, 2017-SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

7:00 AM - 8:00 AM Mass/Church
 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM Mass-ICC/C; MSH
 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM Mass/Church
 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM Mass/Church

MONDAY, JANUARY 2-CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

8:30 AM - 9:00 AM Mass/Church
 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM AA Meeting/FFC-112

TUESDAY, JANUARY 3

12:00 PM - 1:00 PM AA Meeting/FFC-112
 5:30 PM - 6:00 PM Reconciliation/Church
 6:00 PM - 6:30 PM Mass/Nov/Bene/Church

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4

8:30 AM - 9:00 AM Mass/Church
 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM Threads of Love/Main Hall
 9:15 AM - 2:00 PM Early Learning Center/T Bldg.
 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM AA Meeting/FFC-112

THURSDAY, JANUARY 5

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 Boy Scouts/Pavilion

FRIDAY, JANUARY 6

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 - 9:00 PM Charismatic Prayer Group/Church
 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM AA/FFC-112

SATURDAY, JANUARY 7

9:00 AM - 11:00 AM Soul Core/Small Hall
 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM AA Meeting/SH
 2:45 PM - 3:45 PM Reconciliation/Church
 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM Sunday Mass/Church

SUNDAY, JANUARY 8

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-C/FFC-105
 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM RCIA/FFC-211
 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM Mass/Church
 12:15 PM - 1:30 PM Baptisms/Church
 12:30 PM - 2:00 PM PSR Grade 6/Main Hall/FFC
 2:30 PM - 4:00 PM PSR Grades 7-8/Main Hall/FFC
 4:00 PM - 5:45 PM Youth Band Practice/Church
 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM Mass/Church
 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM Patriotic Rosary/Church

PLEASE NOTE: BAPTISM SEMINAR HAS BEEN MOVED TO JANUARY 16 AT 7:00 PM.

Parish Life ♦ Upcoming Events

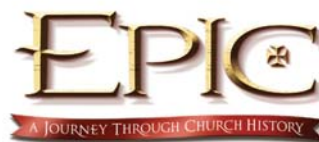
Bible Study Classes, Threads of Love and Young at Heart are coming BACK!



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 a deeply personal 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.

Threads of Love Sewing Ministry will return on Wednesday, January 4, at 9:00 a.m. in the Main Hall.

Young at Heart will return on Wednesday, January 11, at 11:00 a.m. in the Main Hall.

Question of the Week

Luke 2:16-21-Luke alone tells of the visit of the shepherds at Jesus' birth. How does Luke portray Mary in this encounter?

Consideration of our Christian Commitment: Beginning Together

This Sunday, we celebrate the Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God, the eighth day of Christmas, as well as the beginning of a new year. Today's feast honoring Mary, the mother of God, opens the new year with a fundamental Christian faith reality: that God so loved the world that he sent his only begotten Son to be our brother and our rescuer, to paraphrase St. John's Gospel. Mary's part in this divine plan began with the Annunciation of the wonderful birth she would experience in bringing forth Jesus, the Word of God made flesh. Her motherhood of Jesus ended with her at the foot of the cross. Our faith invites us to meditate on Mary, the mother of Jesus and the mother of God.

St. Luke's Gospel shows throughout a focus on Mary. Some speculate that he knew Mary and grew in his faith along with the Mother of God. With unselfish love she devoted herself to loving her son, Jesus, and being his first disciple as she watched and learned the ultimate meaning of his vocation in God's Plan, giving himself to that plan with heart and soul. She and her husband Joseph were the first to be invited to ponder deeply who this boy and man really was (in God's eyes). Mary herself is the guide to that meditation/contemplation. Our Gospel today declares, "Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart." A lifetime of pondering is initiated with her first encounters with her beloved son.

Thus, Mary is our model in relating to her son, the Son of God. And we can follow her in "reflecting with our hearts". We too experience Jesus as Word and Rescuer. Jesus calls us, as persons and as a Community of Faith, to open ourselves to his ultimate purpose and goodness. Let us open ourselves to those meetings with the one we call The Christ and be led to receive and reflect those encounters within our hearts and with the others that accompany us: friends, family, the poor, those in need, the sick, the imprisoned and the sister/brother that call upon us to share our gifts of faith, hope and love with them. Mary is clearly the original person of faith in her acceptance of God's plan for her and for the world through her. That is our same call also: to encounter Christ and to extend that encounter with others as one of his contemporary disciples. We pray for that encounter and passing it to others as Mary does so magnificently in her being the Mother of Jesus and the Mother of God.

As we neared Christmas, we were happy to welcome seven of our Girl Scouts who received scouting awards from the Diocese. The awards were given out by Bishop Muench to all the scouts of the Diocese on Scout Award Sunday back in August, but it was right after the flood, and our girls were not able to make it. We were happy to welcome Deacon Richard Grant, Chaplain of the Diocesan Office of Scouting who took part in the Eucharist and presentation of the awards. Congratulations to all these

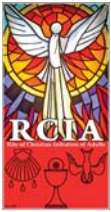


scouts as well as the parents and leaders who have worked with them.

Last year the Bishop established a Commission on Racial Harmony in the Diocese which is composed of priests, deacons, lay persons, religious, and different races. They have spent hours meeting, praying and working on a plan to assist the Diocese in promoting true racial harmony, rooted in Jesus Christ. They have composed a prayer called **Building Bridges**. We will use this prayer to conclude the Prayer of the Faithful this Sunday, January 1, which popes have called a world day of prayer for peace, and on January 15, the Sunday before Martin Luther King day. We have a basket of these prayers in the church foyer and invite you to take a copy home and pray it as a family and/or individuals.

Since August 13, we have received many gifts from all over the United States to assist parishioners and our community in flood relief. On occasion I have shared word about some of them with you. I thought you might enjoy reading of one of the latest. It came from St. Joseph Parish in Strongsville, Ohio, and was a \$1,000 donation to be used for continuing recovery. They wished to send it to Louisiana, and the pastor wrote in his letter, "One of our deacons, Deacon Pete Moore, is a deacon of the Archdiocese of New Orleans and is a classmate with Deacon Peter Schlette, so we chose your parish. As I write this bulletin, Deacon Pete is doing better in the hospital and hopes to be released over the holidays. Let us keep one another in prayer as we begin 2017 together. Love,

This Week ♦ Parish Life ♦ Formation ♦ Youth Events



Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

This Sunday the Catechumenate sessions for RCIA will resume. Those adults preparing to enter the Catholic Church will be dismissed at the end of the Liturgy of the Word, and joined by their sponsors after Mass. The parish is not sending them out because they are somehow “unworthy” to stay. God’s Word is their only food during this period. The participants depart from the Mass with their catechist to discuss the Mass readings for that Sunday and to experience more fully the impact of the Scriptures in their lives. This time is known as “Reflection on the Word.” This will continue each Sunday until Easter when those who are ready will join us at the Table of the Eucharist for the first time.

“All scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the one who belongs to God may be complete, equipped for every good work.”
(2 Timothy 3:16-17)

We ask that you continue to offer your prayers for those on this spiritual journey.

Parish School of Religion News Dates to Remember!

PSR Classes 6th-10th grade:

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

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

Confirmation News:

Interviews began the first day of the Christmas holidays for LPS—January 6.

- Day of Prayer—January 8; St. Joseph Cathedral Mass at Noon
- 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.)

**Winter Break for 1-5 Grade &
For Mission of the Sacred Heart:
December 15, 2016-January 22, 2017**



**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](#) .

Catholic Youth Leadership Awards—The Knights of Columbus is seeking candidates for The Catholic Youth Leadership Award. Cash prizes are presented to High School Seniors who show leadership in the Church, School and Community. The Top Prize is \$4000. Please call Danny Bennett with nominations at 505-6062. Interested students and parents can obtain an application at <http://louisianakc.org/programs/cyla/>. **Deadline for submission is January 31, 2017.**

\$500 Community Service Scholarship Award Sponsored by: Catholic Daughters #2331—This scholarship will be awarded in the Spring of 2017 to a graduate attending an accredited college or university. Area High School seniors are encouraged to apply (male or female). Applicant must be a member of Immaculate Conception Church/Sacred Heart Mission in Livingston. **Deadline for submitting applications is February 15, 2017.** For application or information, please contact: Alice Tassin at 225-335-3787 or JoAnn Martrain at 225-324-2904.

Parish Life ♦ Stewardship



December 31, 2016-
January 8, 2017

SATURDAY: 12/31/16

4:00 p.m. Edward Andy Anderson†; Ron Rinker†; Louise McKinney†; Katherine S. Gravatt†; Virgil & Mary Brown.

SUNDAY: 01/01/17

7:00 a.m. Lloyd deGeneres†; Donald Lavigne & Jeremy Berthelot†; Al Deranger†.

9:00 a.m. Mary Guidry†.

9:00 a.m. (MSH) Kenny Abbott†; Willis & Edmee Fontenot & Family†.

11:00 a.m. William & Josephine Rex†; Jean Meyers†; Staff of ICC.

6:00 p.m. Parishioners.

MONDAY: 01/02/17

8:30 a.m. Alex Theriot, Jr.†.

TUESDAY: 01/03/17

6:00 p.m. Alex Theriot, Jr.†.

WEDNESDAY: 01/04/17

8:30 a.m. Sylvia Pulizzano†.

THURSDAY: 01/05/17

8:30 a.m. Mary Guidry†.

FRIDAY: 01/06/17

8:30 a.m. Barbara Fossier†.

SATURDAY: 01/07/17

4:00 p.m. Special Intention; John L. Liebert†; Sam Guzzardo†; Sam & Kathy Caruso.

SUNDAY: 01/08/17

7:00 a.m. Parishioners.

9:00 a.m. Mary Guidry†; Donald Lavigne & Jeremy Berthelot†; Denver Denson†.

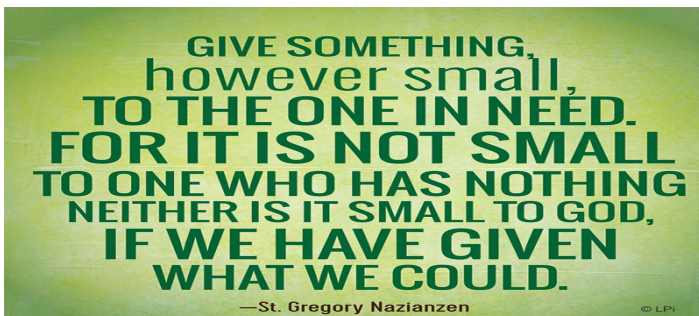
9:00 a.m. (MSH) Kenny Abbott†; Luther Lott, Jr.†; Tinky Lott†.

11:00 a.m. ICC Staff; William & Josephine Rex†; Waldine Leger; Jean Meyers†; Staff of ICC.

6:00 p.m. W. H. Sr. & Trina Scott†; Elsie F. Polito†.



CHURCH SANCTUARY LAMP:
01/01/17—01/07/17 burns in memory of
FLOOD VICTIMS & DONORS.



Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments

Listen. Think. Act —That is a mantra or slogan for many different groups. Some seek to battle prejudice and bias. Other groups hope to eliminate poverty or reduce crime. I have even found some companies use it as a way of increasing engagement among their employees. In a nutshell, it is about taking in what you have heard and then reflecting on it before you act. The most fruitful actions are those that take place after careful reflection. This is an important thing to remember for those trying to live a stewardship way of life. If we are honest with ourselves, too often most of us jump to conclusions too quickly or act in ways that cause friction because we didn't really think about the consequences of our actions. We are moving too fast in a world that seems to be moving ever faster. When the shepherds came to visit Jesus, the newborn King, they told Mary everything that the angels had told them. Luke tells us that after hearing all this, she "kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart." No response. No panic. No action. Her reflection was the appropriate response. In this New Year, you and I would do well to remember this Gospel account of Mary, the Mother of God. Let us resolve to listen more, reflect often, and then act accordingly. We are called to use our gifts wisely, sowing them in good soil. If we just throw them out, allowing them to simply fall wherever they may, have we really used them for God's glory? We need to listen. Think. Then act.

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

December 17/18, 2016



Identified offertory givers:	\$	17,993.00
Visitors/unidentified:	\$	2,208.01
Christmas Flowers:	\$	275.00
Christmas Offer:	\$	2,100.00
Immaculate Conception:	\$	15.00
Catholic Life Center:	\$	123.00
Total Collected:	\$	22,714.01

JULY 1, 2016 TO DATE

Actual Income: \$ **587,477.39**

JULY 1, 2016 TO DATE

Actual Expense: \$ **595,711.14**

Surplus/Deficit \$ **-8,233.75**

St. Vincent de Paul: \$ 388.00

Building & Maintenance: \$ 985.00

Retirement for the Religious: \$ 460.00

Donation made to The Building Fund given in
memory of: Winton Waguespack
by David & Sandy Robertson



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Outreach

Worship ♦ Directory

Respect Life Upcoming Events



Spiritual Adoption: A Spiritual Adoption will take place at all Masses on the weekend of January 7/8, 2017. Those adopting a child would be asked to pray for an unborn child every day for 9 months.

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. On the weekend of January 14/15, 2017, 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 in front of the Church and pray for the unborn.



SoulCORE
NOURISHING BODY & SOUL

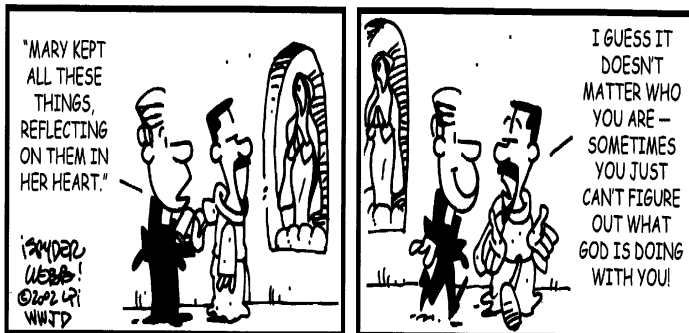
Saturday, January 7, 2017
at 9:00 a.m. in the Small Hall

ICC will resume the SoulCore Ministry in time for your New Year's Resolution of prayer and fitness! Everyone is invited to join us to pray the rosary and exercise with core strengthening, stretching, and full body movement.

SoulCore is a sensory experience and combines candlelight and music, providing participants the opportunity to nourish body, mind and soul while contemplating the mysteries and fruits of the rosary. Participants are asked to bring an exercise mat. All fitness levels are encouraged. A continental breakfast social will follow the workout.

For more info, contact Amanda Milton at 938-5236 or e-mail amandamilton88@gmail.com.

MARY, MOTHER OF GOD



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 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 01/01/17

- Sunday: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21
 - Monday: 1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98/Jn 1:19-28
 - Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:29--3:6/Ps 98/Jn 1:29-34
 - Wednesday: 1 Jn 3:7-10/Ps 98/Jn 1:35-42
 - Thursday: 1 Jn 3:11-21/Ps 100/Jn 1:43-51
 - Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147/Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:23-28 or 3:23, 31-34, 36, 38
 - Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149/Jn 2:1-11
 - Next Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12
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