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March 26, 2017 Fourth Sunday of Lent

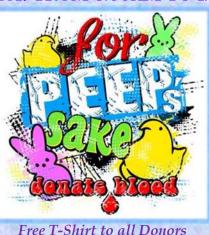
The Grapevine

Jesus said to him, "You have seen him and the one speaking with you is he." He said, "I do believe, Lord," and he worshiped him. —Jn 9:37-38

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION KC 6326 BLOOD DRIVE APRIL 2, 2017 FROM 8:00AM TO 1:00 PM

For Information Contact Our Lady of the Lake Blood Donor Center 765-8843





Donors
Should: Eat
first, Bring
picture ID, Be
17 or above
(16 w/parent
consent) and
bring reading
glasses.

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.

PASTORAL STAFF

Rev. Frank M. Uter	Pastor
Rev. Amal Raj, I.M.S	Associate Pastor
Mike Chiappetta	
Rudy Stahl	

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-Th	ursday-Friday 8:30 a.m.
Tuesday	6:00 pm followed by
	Novena/Benediction
Holy Days	As announced

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

RECONCIENTION
5:30-5:45 p.m.
8:00-8:20 a.m.
2:45-3:45 p.m.
ced 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: TEMORARILY 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.





This Week at a Glance

SATURDAY, MARCH 25 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM AA Meeting/Small Hall 2:45 PM - 3:45 PM Reconciliation/Church 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM Mass/Church SUNDAY, MARCH 26 Mass/Church 7:00 AM - 8:00 AM Mass/Church 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM Mass-ICC/C; MSH

9:00 AM - 11:00 AM
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM
11:00 PM - 4:00 PM
1:30 PM - 3:00 PM

RCIA-RCIA-C/MH/ELC-3
Mass/Church
Children's Liturgy/Small Hall
Retrouvaille Follow-up/Small Hall
Adult Confirmation Class/Room 2

MONDAY, MARCH 27

8:30 AM - 9:00 AM
9:15 AM - 2:00 PM
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM
AA Meeting/Small Hall
One Park For the Figure (Park)

2:00 PM - 3:00 PM4:30 PM - 5:30 PM

One Book Lenten Sharing/Rm 2
PSR Grades 1-5/FFC

 4:30 FM - 5:30 FM
 FSR Glades 1-5/FFC

 6:00 PM - 6:30 PM
 Lenten Mass/Church

 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM
 PSR Grades 1-5/FFC

 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM
 Soul Core/Small Hall

TUESDAY, MARCH 28

 8:30 AM - 9:00 AM
 Mass/Church

 9:15 AM - 2:00 PM
 Early Learning Center/ELC Rms.

 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM
 AA Meeting/Small Hall

 5:30 PM - 6:00 PM
 Reconciliation/Church

 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM
 Mass-Nov.-Bene./Church

 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM
 Encounter-Jr. High/Youth Hall

7:00 PM - 8:00 PM Adult Choir/Church 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM Men's Club/Small Hall

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29

8:30 AM - 9:00 AM Mass/Church 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM One Book Lenten Sharing/Rm 2

9:15 AM - 2:00 PM
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM
4:30 PM - 5:30 PM
5:30 PM - 6:30 PM
6:00 PM - 7:30 PM
6:00 PM - 7:30 PM
6:30 PM - 7:30 PM

6:30 PM - 8:00 PM Great Adventure Bible-Psalm/SH

THURSDAY, MARCH 30

8:30 AM - 9:00 AM Mass/Church

9:15 AM - 2:00 PM
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM
6:00 PM - 6:30 PM
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Boy Scouts/Pavilion

7:00 PM - 8:00 PM **FRIDAY, MARCH 31**

8:00 AM - 8:25 AM Reconciliation/Church
8:30 AM - 9:00 AM Mass/Church

9:00 AM - 9:30 AM 9:15 AM - 2:00 PM 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM 5:00 PM - 7:30 PM

Stations of the Cross/Church Early Learning Center/ELC Rms. AA Meeting/Small Hall Lenten Supper/Main Hall

6:00 PM - 6:30 PM
6:30 PM - 7:00 PM
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Lenten Mass/Church
Stations of the Cross/Church
Charismatic Prayer Group/Church

SATURDAY, APRIL 1 12:00 - 1:00 PM

AA/Small Hall

Parish Life . Upcoming Events

2:45 PM - 3:45 PM 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM **SUNDAY, APRIL 2** 7:00 AM - 8:00 AM 8:00 AM - 1:00 PM 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM 11:00 PM - 4:00 PM 1:30 PM - 3:00 00 PM 4:00 PM - 5:45 PM 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Reconciliation/Church Mass/Church

Mass/Church Parish Blood Drive/Small Hall Mass-ICC/C; MSH RCIA-RCIA-C/MH/ELC-3 Mass/Church Children's Liturgy/Main Hall

Retrouvaille Follow-up/FFC-112

Adult Confirmation Class/Room 2 Praise Band/Church Mass/Church

Passion (Palm) Sunday April 9, 2017

On Passion Sunday we begin Holy Week with the celebration of the Lord Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem. Before the 9 am, 11 am, and 6 pm Masses, we gather

outside church for the "Blessing of the Palms".

As in the past, we are encouraging parishioners to bring their www.miss.com "palms" from home—they can be strips of palmetto leaves, sago fronds, or similar greens. Knowing that some may not have access to palms, we invite all parishioners with Sago Palms to bring as many extras as possible. (Please remember to trim a space near the base of the branch for easy holding). Please bring any extra palmetto leaves and sago fronds to the Pavilion on Thursday, April 6, Friday, April 7, or early Saturday, April 8. Please be sure to make every effort to attend these special liturgies as we begin this most Holy Week of the Church year.

ONE BOOK, ONE CHURCH

"Prayer Our Deepest Longing" by Ronald Rolheiser, Diocesan Lenten Book Study.

Week Five: Session Four

Question of the Week: "Contemplative prayer is the answer to restlessness" (p. 43). How might

this statement change your life?

PRAYER

Lenten Suppers

Served in the Main Hall

5:00 pm—7:30 p.m. | All Suppers \$8.00

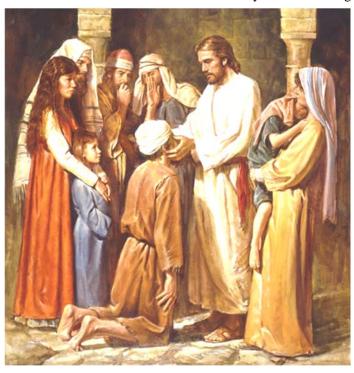
Friday, March 31, 2017

Sponsored by: The Men's Club Shrimp Salad, Crackers, Dessert Tickets on sale after all Masses 3/25-3/26

Friday, April 7, 2017

Sponsored by: The Knights of Columbus Fried Catfish, Potato Salad, Bread, Dessert Tickets on sale after all Masses 4/1-4/2

This Fourth Sunday of Lent's Gospel is the story of Jesus and the man born blind. Unlike many of the healing



accounts in the Gospel where Jesus simply heals a person and they leave praising God, this is a long account which details the effects of the blind man's healing on many - on him, his parents and family, the onlookers, the scribes and Pharisees. I find it interesting and good to be reminded how one action of Jesus affected so many, not just the man who was healed.

We experience the same thing in our own world today with what is commonly known as the "Ripple Effect." One action, even a small action such as a smile or kind word, can be carried by the receiver into his or her day, making changes in the days and lives of others, in both positive or negative ways. A lot of images have been used over the years to express this reality such as a stone thrown into a pond, but we see a powerful example of this in today's Gospel. Christ's action brings some closer to God's love and activity and drives others farther away. As we journey through Lent, let us pray that our actions, great and small, may always have a positive influence in our world.



beautiful Another ministry with a "ripple effect" in the parish is the St. Joseph Altar. Built by the Friends of St. **Joseph**, it is a wonderful ministry which reaches out into the parish and community in many ways. In late January, early February, we began to see cookie makers every Tuesday and Thursday in the parish hall baking cookies to give out to visitors last Saturday. Bags of cookies have often accompanied me as I made hospital visits and visits to homebound parishioners. Children from the Early Learning Center looked forward to their visits. In time, cookies gave way to cakes which were baked and decorated by the Friends of St. Joseph. Finally the cakes gave way to casseroles, spaghetti and spaghetti sauce. I was told that over five hundred people were served last Saturday. Then the ripple continued as all the left overs were brought to the sisters at St. Agnes to be served to the poor and needy who visit their soup kitchen. Those who worked on the altar were too many to be gathered together at one time, but many of the workers were present for the



Blessing of the Altar (above) on Friday, March 17th. Each year the altar is dedicated to someone or a family. This year it was dedicated to the flood victims and those who



gave assistance. I thought was appropriate to have Lota Lamonica, who coordinated has much of our relief efforts these seven months, pose by the dedication sign. Much food, much good will, and many good ripples throughout our parish,

larger community and beyond - We thank all who participated with the altar in any way.

Many are asking about the Adoration Chapel. There are two things remaining to be done. First there are still a few hours which need to be covered. Also there are those who wish to continue but may not yet be back home. They need to be contacted and see where they are in their readiness to resume this prayer ministry. They will be contacted. Volunteers can contact Allison Renfrow arenfrow05@bellsouth.net. Love,



Parish Life + Formation



Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

RCIA-THE RITES OF SCRUTINY

This Fourth Sunday of Lent we, the assembly, celebrate with our Elect the second of three Rites of Scrutiny which includes prayer for the strength to be faithful to the gospel and deliverance from evil. The Elect will bow in humility as the priest and our community prays for them. The Rites of Scrutiny are meant to uncover and

then heal all that is weak, defective, or sinful in the elects' hearts and to bring out through repentance all that is upright, strong and good. Three Scrutinies are celebrated in the parish community on the 3rd, 4th, and 5th Sundays of Lent, after the Homily. The celebrations of the Scrutinies also remind the whole parish community of the need to reflect on our own sins and the need for God's help. In our faith journey with those seeking Baptism, we must stir our souls to expose any parts of ourselves that have not been purified by the burning love of the Holy Spirit. Use this group of readings as Lenten reflections, asking the Lord to give you the grace to hear what is being said to you.

Parish School of Religion News

PSR Second Grade:

- First Eucharist Practice and Retreat—April 29, 2017; 1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m. in the Main Hall
- First Eucharist—May 7, 2017; 1:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m.
- Vacation Bible School—June 19-23 (K-5th Grades); registration begins March 27 (\$15 per student).

Last week of Religious Education Classes: April 3-5.

Religious Education registration is NOW open for 2017/18. You may register at the Faith Formation Center on Mondays 1:00 - 7:30p.m., Tuesdays 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., or Wednesdays 11:00 a.m. – 7:30 p.m. You may also print out the registration forms from the Church website (www.icc-msh.org/formation) and mail the completed forms with payment to Immaculate Conception Church Religious Ed. office. If you have any questions, call 225-665-5926.



Everyone is invited to join us to paul CORE pray the rosary and exercise with core strengthening, stretching, and full body movement. SoulCore is a

sensory experience that combines candlelight and music, providing participants the opportunity to nourish body, mind, & soul while contemplating the mysteries and fruits of the rosary. Our schedule is as follows: Monday, March 27; 6:30 p.m.-Small Hall; Thursday, April 6; 6:30 p.m.-Small Hall. Please bring an exercise mat. All fitness levels are encouraged to attend. For more information, contact Amanda Milton at 225-938-5236.

COMING SOON: FPUFlex!



We will be using this new format for FPU so class time will be shorter. The informational class about this new format will be held Tuesday, April 4 at 7:00 pm in FFC,

Room 211. Classes start April 18 and will continue for 9 Tuesdays at 7:00 pm. Each class should last about an hour. For any questions please contact coordinator Melinda Mayeux at 225-603-2932 or garlic.eater@hotmail.com. You can also register for the class on the Dave Ramsey website: http://www.daveramsey.com/fpu/classes/1039213.

FORMED: The Catholic Faith on Demand A Great Resource for your Lenten Journey

HOW TO REGISTER

- Go to Formed.org
- Enter our Parish Code D8RNTP (case sensitive) on the homepage
- Create a personal account with your user name/email and password
- Start enjoying the best Catholic content all in one place!

Bible Studies, Books for Children, Exploring the Catholic Faith, Inspirational, Catholic Parenting, Audio Books, Movies. . . So much to discover!

Just a few of the movies offered! There is something for the whole family. Below are a few of the new features:





Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl SPOTLIGHT: El Salvador

El Salvador is the smallest and most densely populated country in Central America. With a population of just more than 6 million, it is also considered the most industrialized country in Central America. However, its people continue to face serious challenges. An estimated one in five El Salvadorans have immigrated. The income inequality between rural and urban areas is severe and low economic growth and high levels of violence and insecurity continue to affect Salvadoran society in profound ways. Environmental degradation and global climate change make the country highly susceptible to natural disasters. For downloadable photos, visit crsricebowl.org/photos.



Stewardship Parish Life



March 25, 2017-**April 2, 2017**

SATURDAY: 03/25/17

4:00 p.m. Karen Matherne†; Kathy Alello†; Carol Frey.

SUNDAY: 03/26/17

Lloyd deGeneres†; Mary Guidry†; Donald 7:00 a.m.

Lavigne & Jeremy Berthelot[†].

9:00 a.m. Parishioners.

9:00 a.m. (MSH) Robert, Bobby & Sherri Vigil; Ada

Marcantel[†]; Zita Jones[†]; Johnny Berkley[†];

Edward Rayne, III†; Dixon Family.

11:00 a.m. Marie "Leola" Guidry†; Shirley Phillips†;

Victor Angona†.

6:00 p.m. Phillip John Bilski[†].

MONDAY: 03/27/17 8:30 a.m. Bill Collier.

6:00 p.m. Deacon Pete Schlette[†].

TUESDAY: 03/28/17

James Worsham[†]. 8:30 a.m. Libby James[†]. 6:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY: 03/29/17

8:30 a.m. Evelyn Theriot†.

THURSDAY: 03/30/17

8:30 a.m. M/M Xavier Aydell† 6:00 p.m. Alex Theriot, Jr.†.

FRIDAY: 03/31/17

Paula Roblin[†]. 8:30 a.m. Open Intention. 6:00 p.m.

SATURDAY: 04/01/17

Karen Matherne[†]; Kathy Alello[†]; Jonah 4:00 p.m.

Dugas†; Annie Silvia†; Carolyn Weber†; Vertie

Young.

SUNDAY: 04/02/17

Lloyd deGeneres†. 7:00 a.m.

Mary Guidry†; Maria Nay-Thi-Pham†; Rosalie 9:00 a.m.

Joubert†; Delmas Forbes, Sr.†; Phillip John

Bilski†.

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

11:00 a.m. Jean Meyers†; Leola Guidry†.

6:00 p.m. M/M John Sterba†.



CHURCH SANCTUARY LAMP:

03/26/17—04/01/17 burns in memory of

OPEN INTENTION.

We express our sympathy and prayers to Valerie Arnold on the death of her sister, Sympathy NANCY THOUSAND.



The Knights of Columbus of Council 6326 congratulate our Catholic Youth Leadership Award winners for this year: Jessica Litolff from Holden High School and Thomas Fuentes from Denham Springs High School. Thanks to

all who participated and good luck to the Class of 2017!

Recognizing God in your Ordinary Moments



Talking about discipleship and truly being a disciple are two very different things. It is easier to know what we should do than to carry out. Many saints from our tradition have had much to say about this struggle to do what they know they must do, and not do that which they know they shouldn't. It is part of being human.

Without God, we have no chance to overcome this predicament. Without God, our

actions can ring hollow, or often we are too immobilized to act at all. Without God, we suffer with blindness to the truth of what is important and eternal.

The story in John 9 of Jesus healing the blind man is about more than a physical healing and just one man. It is about how each of us can find healing of our blindness by turning to Jesus Christ. Are you someone that has been saying, "I don't understand all this talk of discipleship and stewardship; what's the big deal?" We all have a blindness that needs to be healed, and the body of Christ needs you so that God's presence in our world can be seen in a more profound manner. The reality is that God heals the blindness of those who seek him so that, in turn, they may be vehicles by which others may see as well. This Lent, you are invited to bring your blindness to Jesus. All the written reflections in the world will not give you new eyes. Those eyes can only be found in Jesus. —Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

March 18/19, 2017	N. C.	Stewardship UPDATE
Identified offertory givers:	\$	16,966.00
Visitors/unidentified:	\$	2,173.02
Easter Flowers:	\$	637.00
Total Collected:	\$	19,776.02
JULY 1, 2016 TO DATE Actual Income:	\$	962,570.54
JULY 1, 2016 TO DATE	ф	4 004 640 0
Actual Expense:	\$	1,021,642.97
Surplus/Deficit	\$	-59,072.43
St. Vincent de Paul:	\$	180.00
Building & Maintenance:	\$	999.00
Church in Eastern Europe:	\$	1.00
Catholic Relief Services:	\$	25.00
Black & Indian Mission:	\$	5.00







Parish Life • Outreach 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.

James Arnold, Jr. Colby Austin Clara Babin Kaley Barr Lynne Blair Linda Bourgeoise Cathy Brignac Leila Champagne Lamy Chopin Janet Daniel Karen Dembron Mona Deshotel Joseph & Shirley Desoto Tyler Rivers Glen Ezell Shirley Garner Stephen Gomez Linda Johnson Henry Harris John Hauler

Pam Hebert Betty Hymel Debbie Kleinpeter Jason Kleinpeter Will Kleinpeter Cara Lambert George Landry Elsie Lousteau Patty McFarland Howell Merwin Harvey Price, Sr. Eric Prochaska Ricky Robinson Dan & Betty Roche Jerri Rogers Katherine Roy Jessica Schexnayder John Sehon Jr

John Sehon III Carl Shelden Charles Stafford Cindy Stelly Dennis Strader Dalen Tidwell Mickie Todd Mystery Trahan Nick Tullier Pat Ulbright Dottie Vojak Catherine Werner Robin Wroten Jorda Young Richard/Vertie Young

The Grapevine Worship • Directory



Adoration Chapel News

As you can see, we only have **THREE** HOURS LEFT TO FILL! Please prayerfully consider just one hour with Jesus a week! What a beautiful way to live the Lenten Season! So grateful for those who have committed recently! Come, let us adore HIM! Jesus waits for you!

"Let us be generous with our time in going to meet Jesus and ready to make reparation for the great evils of the world. Let your adoration never cease."

(Saint John Paul II)

The following hours are still needed:

Thursday Saturday 2:00-3:00 AM 9:00-10:00 PM **Friday** 4:00-5:00 PM

You can contact Allison Renfrow at arenfrow05@bellsouth.net, call 665-1424 or you can call the Church Office at 665-5359.

Spiritual Adoption Third Month Developing Baby

During this month the baby grows to a length of more than two inches and a weight of one ounce. At nine weeks fingerprints are evident and never change. The baby now sleeps, awakens and exercises muscles energetically - turning the head, curling toes and opening and closing his or her mouth. The palm, when stroked, will make a tight fist. Fingernails and toe nails form, and the baby's sex is now identifiable. The baby breathes amniotic fluid to help develop and strengthen the respiratory system. Vocal cords are complete, and at times it appears as if this little baby is crying.

Keadings for the week of

Sunday: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-6/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41

or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

Monday: Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-12a, 13b/Jn 4:43-54 Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday: Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-15, 17-18/Jn 5:17-30

Thursday: Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-23/Jn 5:31-47

Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Ps 34:17-21, 23/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday: Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-12/Jn 7:40-53

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2nd and 3rd Sundays: 12:00 Noon-4:00 P.M.; Monday and Wednesdays: 12:00 Noon-7:30 P.M.;

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

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