



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION  
CATHOLIC CHURCH  
MISSION OF THE  
SACRED HEART

*“You Heard It Through the Grapevine.”*

## ICC-MSH Leadership

We Met On: March 3, 2015; We Meet Next On: April 7, 2015

All are welcome! Meetings take place from 7 p.m.—8:30 p.m. in the Main Hall. Commissions meet on the first Tuesday of the month to plan various ways to improve our parish and grow in our community of faith.

**Special Topic:** This week, the commissions met to discuss our upcoming Parish Outreach Mission. The youth of our parish will be joining the youth of St. George and Our Lady of Mercy parishes to clean up a street in Eastover Estates Subdivision. The mission will take place from July 15-July 18. Volunteers are needed to help with the mission in various ways. Stay tuned for more updates.

### A dministration

*The Administration Commission meets to discuss finances, facility issues, and communication among parish leaders and parishioners. Contact: Michelle Holmes at [mholmes@icc-msh.org](mailto:mholmes@icc-msh.org)*

On the Mission:

- We are looking at ways to make sure the mission runs smoothly and safely. We will work to contact local law enforcement to keep all participants safe.

Other Updates:

- Online giving is still in the works. Parish School of Religion tuition, raffle tickets, and dinners can all be purchased using online giving.
- We are also looking at an online app to conduct finances and stay updated on our parish
- The weekly bulletin publishing contract is up for renewal. We are looking around to find the best services for our parish.

### F or mation

*The Formation Commission meets to discuss ways to grow the formation and educational development of our parishioners. Contact: Pamela Cowart at [pcowart@me.com](mailto:pcowart@me.com)*

Updates:

- The Youth Group has exciting events coming up including Abbey Youth Fest and Steubenville on the Bayou.
- The Diocese of Baton Rouge is working with the Young Adult Group to bring Theology on Tap to our parish. Theology on Tap features guest speakers while guests dine at a local restaurant.
- The Young Adult Group is also planning a 4-day pilgrimage to Alabama this May. Stay tuned for more details.
- The Lenten resources pamphlets will be placed in the bulletins during the Easter season.
- We are considering bringing the “Joy of the Gospel” series to our parish during the next Lenten season.

## **O**utreach

*The Outreach Commission meets to discuss ways to increase our ministry and social services to the larger community—in our neighborhoods and beyond.*

Contact: Stephanie Gaudin at [nurse@icc-msh.org](mailto:nurse@icc-msh.org)

On the Mission: Help Needed

- We are looking to have ice donated for mission participants.
- We are also looking to have tents donated to use on the days of the mission.
- Looking for transportation to transport youth from mission site to church. If anyone has a large or small bus, please contact us.

Other Updates:

- New people have reached out to join the Welcome Committee to welcome new parishioners to our parish and new members are welcome to join us.
- The Nursing Home Ministry is encouraging new members to join them.
- The Women's Retreat was a success and we are considering doing it again in the future.

## **W**orship

*The Worship Commission meets to discuss ways to increase the spiritual growth of parishioners in a variety of opportunities. Contact: Ted Gibson at [tedmgibson@yahoo.com](mailto:tedmgibson@yahoo.com)*

Updates:

- We are still looking at various designs of pews to be installed in the church.
- New thermostats have been installed in the church.
- We are looking at new flooring in the church with hardwood or tile.

Help Wanted:

- More ushers are needed at the 4:00 p.m. Saturday Mass and the 6:00 p.m. Sunday Mass.
- More youth involvement is needed at the 6:00 p.m. Mass. More ushers and lectors are welcome to join us.

## **C**ommunity

*The Community Commission meets to discuss ways to build a deeper sense of Christian community for parishioners of all ages and interests. Contact: Helen Albarado at [hvalbarado@gmail.com](mailto:hvalbarado@gmail.com).*

On the Mission:

- Possibly get food donations from local restaurants to feed the participants.
- Possibly ask parishioners to cook meals for the participants.

Other Updates:

- Young at Heart is taking a casino trip this month.
- Commission member Helen will be taking up donations for the seminarians all year long. If anyone has anything to donate, particularly black socks, please contact her.
- Several Lenten dinners are coming up. All are welcome and encouraged to attend.