



# Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church

Feb 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>

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## **7<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - NAILING DOWN MERCY**

"Abishai whispered to David: 'God has delivered your enemy into your grasp this day. Let me nail him to the ground with one thrust of the spear.' " —1 Samuel 26:8

Abishai gave David the traditional "wisdom of war," that is: "Kill, nail, and spear the enemies before they do it to you first." In other words, "do unto others before they do unto you." David surprisingly rejected Abishai's standard advice (1 Sm 26:9). In this he prefigured Jesus, the Son of David.

Jesus didn't just talk about having mercy on our enemies. He paid the price for mercy by taking on Himself the just punishments which His enemies deserved. Instead of nailing His enemies to the ground (see 1 Sm 26:8), He let His enemies nail Him to the cross. Instead of thrusting a spear into His enemies, He let them thrust a spear into His side (see Jn 19:34). Jesus knows that treating guilty enemies with mercy would be unjust. So He fulfilled justice out of love for His enemies by paying the price for mercy on Calvary.

Therefore, "love your enemy and do good" (Lk 6:35). "Be compassionate, as your Father is compassionate. Do not judge, and you will not be judged. Do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Pardon, and you shall be pardoned" (Lk 6:36-37).

***Prayer: Jesus, may I receive and give Your crucified, precious mercy.***

## *Masses & Information*

Monday, Thursday, Friday.....7:30 a.m.  
 Saturday:.....5:30 p.m.  
 Sunday:.....8:30 a.m.  
 Wednesday:.....6:00 p.m.  
 Confession: Saturday.....4:30-5:15 p.m.  
 Sunday:.....7:55-8:15 a.m. or by appointment  
 First Wednesday Adoration.....7:00 – 10:00 p.m.  
 MARRIAGE PREPARTION: Contact Father Raj at least six months in advance.

BAPTISMS: Call the rectory for an appointment.  
 COMMUNION to shut-ins or the ill, call Fr. Raj at 248.7584 or 316.4146

Anyone who cannot come to the communion rail during Mass should let Father Raj know before Mass. Those who are ill or shut in should contact Bill Homer, if you would want communion brought to your home during the week or on weekends.

## *Masses Intentions*

Sun, Feb 24 - 8.30 a.m. + Matt and Eva Britten Family By Alice Kuehler  
 Mon, Feb 25 - 7:30 a.m. + Matt and Eva Britten Family By Alice Kuehler  
 Wed, Feb 27 - 6:00p.m. + Matt and Eva Britten Family By Alice Kuehler  
 Thurs, Feb 28 - 7:30a.m. + Matt and Eva Britten Family By Alice Kuehler  
 Friday, Mar 01 - 7:30a.m. + Matt and Eva Britten Family By Alice Kuehler  
 Saturday, Mar 02 - 5:30p.m. + Matt and Eva Britten Family By Alice Kuehler

## *Church Cleaning for March*

Neysa Friemel, Julie Friemel, Jessica Britten, Carolyn Brooks, Joannie Kling, Jan Britten, Tonda Torres, Laura Kuehler, Barbara Homer, Doris Homer, Kathleen Barkley, Adela Kotara, Melanie Hinson, and Karen Brown

## *Pray for Our Sick*

Brandi Sustaire, John Detten, Emma Detten, Tammy Bivens, Celeste Connelly, Schellon Major, Shamara Husemann, Bill Becker, Charleen Weller, Leonard Koetting, Alina Becker, Anna Marie Wink, Gary Collins, Alan Acker, Dale Brooks, Pam Bouse, Shirley Burgin, Matthew Gary Britten, Johnny Brumley, Karen Berry, Doris Britten, Dylan Stafford, Lynita Brown and Phillip Ollinger

## *Family Chalice Program*

Feb 23/24 Michele & Rodney Bohr  
 March 2/3 Mike and Marla Britten  
 March 9/10 Rita and Mike Lister  
 March 16/17 Kay and Cobb Britten

## *Birthdays & Anniversaries*

Feb 25<sup>th</sup> Trevor Friemel & Vanessa Eugea  
 Feb 26<sup>th</sup> Michele Bohr & Katy Britten  
 Feb 27<sup>th</sup> Howard G. Britten  
 A-Feb 28<sup>th</sup> Brett & Brittney Britten  
 March 1<sup>st</sup> Sharri Britten

## *Stewardship Reports*

### **02/17/19**

Individual	\$1,815.00
Loose	\$ 142.00
Children	\$ 5.40
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,962.40</b>

### **02/17/19 Building Fund**

Individual & Total	\$ 560.00
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### **02/17/19**

Individual	\$ 320.00
Loose	\$ 392.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 712.00</b>

# *Liturgical Ministers*

## **Saturday, Feb 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2018 at 5:30 p.m.**

Servers: Phineas and Saffron

Lectors: Jason Eugea

Extraor. Com. Minister: Vanessa Eugea & Jan Britten

## **Sunday, Feb 24<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 8:30 a.m.**

Servers: K'leigh and Maci

After Mass  
Lectors: Cliff Britten

Extraor. Com. Minister: Kay Britten, Marla Britten and Melanie K Britten

## **Saturday, Mar 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2018 at 5:30 p.m.**

Servers: Kacie and Saffron

Lectors: Jason Eugea

Extraor. Com. Minister: Vanessa Eugea & Kevion Brown

## **Sunday, Mar 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2018 at 8:30 a.m.**

Servers: Owen and Hugh

Lectors: Marcia Conrad

Extraor. Com. Minister: Michele Bohr, Sandie Hickey and Susan Britten

## **Saturday, Mar 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 5:30 p.m.**

Servers: Damon and Stephen

Lectors: RonKuehler

Extraor. Com. Minister: Jan Britten & Kevin Brown

## **Sunday, Mar 10<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 8:30 a.m.**

Servers: Ali and Madison

Lectors: TYM

Extraor. Com. Minister: Barbara Homer, Joannie Kling, & Tabitha Eggemeyer

## **Saturday, Mar 16<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 5:30 p.m.**

Servers: Phineas and Trace

Lectors: Jason Eugea

Extraor. Com. Minister: Vanessa Eugea & John Connelly

## **Sunday, Mar 17<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 8:30 a.m.**

Servers: Kate and Carrigan

Lectors: Nick Kuehler

Extraor. Com. Minister: Nicole Kuehler, Sandie Hickey, & Susan Britten

# *Announcements:*

## **Second Collection:**

Mar 6<sup>th</sup> Ash Wednesday

## **Christian Mothers Meetings:**

Mar 11<sup>th</sup> in the Parish Hall @ 6:30

Christian Mothers: Our annual Spring Fling is Saturday, March 2, at 6:30p after Mass. Dinner will consist of either chicken breast or steak (you choose when you get your ticket). You can make your reservation after Mass this weekend. The cost is \$20.00 per person to be paid in advance. You can also see Kathleen Barkley about your reservation. Kathleen can be contacted at (806-433-5701).

Also, this year it is BYOB, we will furnish the setups. Come and join the fellowship with your church family. There will be different games to play after dinner.

Hope to see you there!

**\*St. Mary's in Clarendon is having a fish fry Friday Feb. 22, Mar. 8 and Mar 22. Each night will start at 5:30 and serve until 7:30. We will serve Fish, french fries, beans, cole slaw, hush puppies and dessert for \$12.00 a plate for adults and \$5.00 for kids.**



## Announcements:

\*Wednesday, March 6 is Ash Wednesday – Mass at 7:30 am and 7:30pm.

\*First Saturday devotion: The practice of the First Saturday devotion was requested by Our Lady of Fatima, who appeared to three shepherd children in Fatima, Portugal, multiple times starting in 1917. She said to Lucia, the oldest of the three children: “I shall come to ask . . . that on the First Saturday of every month, Communions of reparation be made in atonement for the sins of the world.” Years later she repeated her request to Sr. Lucia. “Look, my daughter, at my Heart, surrounded with thorns with which ungrateful men pierce me at very moment by their blasphemies and ingratitude. You at least try to console me, and say that I promise to assist at the hour of death, with the graces necessary for salvation, all those who, on the first Saturday of five consecutive months, shall confess, receive Holy Communion, recite five decades of the rosary, and keep me company for 15 minutes while meditating on the 15 mysteries of the rosary, with the intention of making reparation to me.”

There are five requirements, one should: 1. Have the intention of consoling the Immaculate Heart in a spirit of reparation. 2. Go to confession (within eight days before or after the first Saturday). 3. Receive Holy Communion. 4. Say five decades of the Holy Rosary. 5. Meditate for 15 minutes on the mysteries of the Holy Rosary with the goal of keeping Our Lady company (for example, while in church or before an image or statue of Our Lady).

Why five Saturdays: Our Lord appeared to Sr. Lucia on May 29, 1930 and gave her the reason behind the five Saturdays devotion. It is because there are five types of offenses and blasphemies committed against the Immaculate Heart of Mary: 1. Blasphemies against the Immaculate Conception 2. Blasphemies against Our Lady’s perpetual virginity 3. Blasphemies against her divine maternity, in refusing at the same time to recognize her as the Mother of men 4. Blasphemies of those who publicly seek to sow in the hearts of children, indifference or scorn or even hatred of their Immaculate Mother 5. Offenses of those who outrage Our Lady directly in her holy images. Never think that Jesus is indifferent to whether or not His mother is honored!

Greater difficulty, greater reward: While keeping up with these devotions over five or nine consecutive months is not easy, the reward for making the effort is eternal. Look again at those promises from Jesus and Mary! Nothing in this life is more important than holy religion (living according to the will of God as revealed through his Church), offering yourself to God as a self-gift for the benefit of others (Christ-like reparation for the sins of others), and obtaining salvation through Jesus Christ (joining the saints in heaven for all eternity). So, resolve to make the effort to do one or the other (or both!) of these devotions, and pray for the grace to follow through to the end. God always gives the grace to those who wish to faithfully accomplish his requests!

CCD Schedule for the upcoming months.

Wednesday March 6<sup>th</sup> Ash Wednesday CCD classes at 6pm followed by Ash Wednesday Service at 7pm. We will be saying Stations of the cross on Wednesday Evenings during Lent at 6pm and there will not be Mass on those nights. CCD classes will Follow.

Spring Break March 10-16 NO CCD

Parish Reconciliation April 3. CCD classes at 6pm followed by reconciliation at 7.

No CCD class Wednesday April 17 Holy Week.

Last day of CCD and party Wednesday May 1.

First Communion: Sunday May 5 at 8:30 am Mass. Reception after Mass.

Confirmation: Sunday May 12 at 8:30am Mass. TYM Mother’s Day Breakfast after Mass and reception for Confirmation kids.

Senior Sunday: May 19 at 8:30am Mass. Reception after Mass.