



Christ offers all people the living water of salvation. To those who thirst for truth in this world, our Christian faith offers the living waters of baptism and life in Christ. So many in our world are like the woman in the Gospel, isolated and afraid, often living on the fringes, looking for something or someone in whom to place their trust and faith. Let us pray they turn to Christ.

In the first reading, fear and need cause Israel to grumble against Moses and the Lord. God responds with water flowing from the rock. The second reading reminds us that salvation is a gift, granted through the cross of Jesus. In the Gospel, Jesus encounters a broken woman at the well. His words renew her and change her life.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

APRIL WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Please call the church office if you are celebrating a wedding anniversary during the month of April. Your parish family would like to recognize you for your commitment.

ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL—“*I will give you a New Heart “...and a new spirit I will place within you.”* (Ezekiel 36:26) Stewardship involves more than just the gift we bring to the altar. In today’s second reading, St. Paul urges the Corinthians to “do all for the glory of God.” If we follow that advice in everything we do, we cannot help but be good stewards! Do we ask ourselves are we imitators of Christ by giving freely of ourselves – our time, talent and financial resources? Are our gifts to our parish acceptable? Are our gifts to the local Church through the Annual Diocesan Appeal acceptable? IHM goal is \$17,525.00.



LENTEN REGULATIONS - are on the back of the bulletin.

ADORATION / BENEDICTION —each Friday during Lent, 5:00—6:00 p.m.

WAY OF THE CROSS —will immediately follow. It commemorates key events on the day of Christ’s crucifixion—His final walk through Jerusalem, carrying the Cross.

LENTEN MEAL—will be served in Allen Hall, following the Way of the Cross.

RICE BOWLS—please turn in your donation before Easter.

EASTER FLOWER ENVELOPES—are on the table at the church entrance. Your gift will be used to decorate the Church during the Easter season. You may drop your gift in the collection basket.



Vigil (4 p.m.) Irvin and Michael Brouillette
Mary Hennegan
Sun. (9 a.m.) Michelle Babineaux, and
Michael Shane Ryland
Gabby Dupont
Aldon & Louis Granger
(11 a.m.) All people
Mon. Carl Joseph
Tues. No Mass
Wed. Jeanette Snow
Thurs. Russell Arabic
Fri. Mary Foster Bogan

Mass intentions next weekend: Vigil (4 p.m.) - Johnston & Pettetier families, John & Lynne Weis; Sunday (9 a.m.) - Eric Gorden, Gage LaVallie, Donna Tuegel; Sunday (11 a.m.) - All People.

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE—Michael R. Hively, brother of Buddy (Carmen) Hively; and, Mary Foster Bogan, mother of Larry (Ramona) Foster. We offer our sympathy and extend our prayers to their family and friends.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FISH DINNER – will be held in Allen Hall each Friday during Lent, 11:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m. Cost is \$7.00 per plate. Menu: fried catfish, French fries, coleslaw, hushpuppies.

OFFERTORY GIFTS:

Regular collection: \$4,808.95
Black & Indian Missions: \$942.91
Allen Hall roof fund: \$24,041.55
Church AC/Heat unit: \$5,200.00

Thank you for your generosity!

SICK LIST – Nancy Affeltranger, Laverne Antee, Shannon Aycock, Ernie Babineaux, Leah Baden, Aiden Bazar, Suzanne Bardwell, Dorothy Barrios, Cylie Blevins, Special Intention GB, Mary Foster Bogan, Jackie Brandow, Randy Brossette, Syble Brouillette, Betty Brown, Joyce & Ray Burge, Lily Ceasar, Frank Chapman, Jim Cutler, Stephanie Dauzat, John David, Carl Davis, Coen Davis, John Deslatte, Shannon Doyle, Catherine Dupray, Jordan Edwards, Tess Furden, Velma Gass, Deacon Ray Gibson, Deborah Halbrook, Devin & Nancy Harley, Mitzi Hawn, Carolyn Hernandez, Bishop Emeritus Ronald Herzog, Joni Holloway, Kenneth Howell, Olivia Huntsberry, Karson Husser, Derek Hutson, Susan Ingram, Iva Isom, Danny Johnson, Jared Johnson, Audrey Kelley, Mike Killian, Breydon Lonidier, Jimmy Mayeaux, Ronnie Mayeaux, Jr., Willie Mae Milam, Ottis Monroe, Annette B. Moreau, John Musgrove, Paul Nugent, Abel Pacheco, Dawn Parker, Juanita Patterson, Mary Perschy, Frances Philpot, Aubrey Rabalais, Deidra Rachal, Judy Rechs, Alma Reitzell, Mark Reitzell, Mica Reynolds, Hazel Roberts, Carol LaCaze Rose, Rita Rusk, Maddox Sasser, Paul Schmidt, Ann Sellers, Kay Setliff, Samuel Sylvester, Nick Tullier, Georgia Wagner, Allison Weaver, Terri Weaver, Artis & Verla White, Connie Whittington, Luisa Wickham, J.V. Buck Williams, Braxton Willis, Juanita Willett, Patsy & Zane Young, Gracie Zaubnercher, Residents at Tioga Manor



MASS HYMNS— are in the missal, #461, “*I Heard The Voice of Jesus*”; #475, “*There’s A Wideness in God’s Mercy.*” (We will have no recessional Hymn during Lent.)

(Mass settings are from the Belmont Mass: Alleluia — #846; Holy, Holy, Holy —#847; Save Us, Savior—#850; Amen — #851; Lamb of God—#852)

LENTEN REGULATIONS

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence. This means that we do not eat meat and we have only one full meal.

The other Fridays of the season of Lent are days of abstinence from meat. The obligation to abstain from meat binds Catholics 14 years of age and older. The obligation to fast, limiting oneself to one full meal and two lighter meals in the course of the day, binds Catholics from the age of 18 to 59. Those who are younger or older may freely embrace these disciplines. But Lenten disciplines should never endanger your health.

It is obvious that abstaining from meat is meaningless for vegetarians, who must choose some other form of abstinence. It is equally obvious that replacing meat with a gourmet seafood meal is not in keeping with the spirit of Lent.

Permanent Schedule

Regular Office Hours

Monday – Thursday, 8:30 a.m. – 12 noon & 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 12:00 noon

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Weekend Masses: (ext. 1)

Saturday Vigil, 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

Confessions:

20 minutes prior each weekend

Mass or by appointment

Marriages:

Pre-marital preparation takes

several months. Call Father

6 months before marriage

Religious Education Classes:

Kn – 5th: Wed. 5:30 – 6:30 p.m.

6th – 12th: Wed., 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

****Began August 17, 2016 ****

Ladies Altar Society:

2nd Thursday, 9:00 a.m.

Allen Hall

Tioga Manor Nursing Home:

Communion Service, 10:00 a.m.

1st Thursday of each month

*Subject to change; call office.

Weekday Masses: (ext. 1)

Mon., Wed., Thurs., Fri.,

8:00 a.m. (No Tues. Mass)

Baptisms:

By appointment

Please call office to schedule

New Parishioners:

Welcome to IHM Parish!

Please call the office to

register.

R.C.I.A. (Adult Inquiry Classes):

Tuesday, 6:00—7:30 p.m.

Allen Hall

****Began August 30, 2016****

Knights of Columbus # 9753:

First Monday, 7:00 p.m.

KC Hall, Birkland Drive

Mass at Tioga Manor Nursing Home:

All are invited – 10:00 a.m.

4th Thursday of each month

*Subject to change; call office.

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