



Jesus performed many signs, but it was in His death and resurrection that God's glory was fully revealed and made manifest. When Jesus drives the money changers and animal vendors from the Temple, the Jews demand a sign to prove His authority. They do not have the faith to see what is in front of them. Later, when Jesus dies and is risen, His disciples remember His words, and they understand and believe. Do we have the faith to see what is revealed right in front of us, in this Eucharist?

In the first reading, God presents the Ten Commandments to Moses. In the Letter to the Corinthians, Paul declares Christ as the power and wisdom of God for Jew and Gentile, alike. Today's Gospel displays Jesus' zeal for His Father's house, as He drives the money changers and animal sellers out of the Temple.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINISTRY SCHEDULES — Eucharistic ministers, lectors, altar servers and ushers, please pick up your ministry schedules for March and April this weekend.

APRIL WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES — Please call the church office if you are celebrating a wedding anniversary during the month of April.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS — monthly meeting will be held Monday, March 5th, beginning at 6:30 p.m., at their KC Hall, on Birkland Drive.

LADIES ALTAR SOCIETY — monthly meeting will be held Thursday, March 8th, beginning at 9:00 a.m., in Allen Hall.

ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL — As we begin this 2018 ADA season, let us seek a *conversion of heart*...to support the financial needs of the Diocese of central Louisiana with a generosity that sees each of the 70 missions and parishes...and the diocesan Bishop that cares for them...as neighbor. Let us pray for one another in love...*seeking a new heart, a new spirit*...each day...as the Lord promises. IHM goal is \$16,782.00. Please give what you can.

ADORATION / BENEDICTION — each Friday during Lent, 5:00-5:50 / 5:50-6:00.

WAY OF THE CROSS — will immediately follow, at 6:00 p.m.

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

OPERATION RICE BOWL — Catholic Relief Services' Lenten faith-in-action program. Please pick up one today and return it by Wednesday, March 21st.

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

EASTER EGG HUNT - will be held Sunday, March 25, 12:00 noon. More details to come in future bulletins.

R.C.I.A. — This Sunday at the 9 a.m. Mass, we celebrate the 1st Scrutiny with the catechumens who are preparing for initiation into the Church at Easter. Please keep them in your prayers.



Vigil (4 p.m.) Shelby Clark
Johnston and Pelletier families
Annie VanAsselberg

Sun. (9 a.m.) Michelle Babineaux, and
Michael Shane Ryland
Aldon and Louis Granger,
James Begnaud

(11 a.m.) All People

Mon. Frances Lanclos
Tues. No Mass
Wed. Gene & Linda Dupuis Intention
Thurs. Hank Fordham
Fri. Trey Brown

Mass intentions next weekend: Vigil (4 p.m.) - Mary Genova, Louis & Annie VanAsselberg; Sun. (9a.m) - Eunice Bailey; Sun. (11:00 a.m.) - All people.

SANCTUARY LAMP WILL BURN — in honor of Gene & Linda Dupuis' 50th Anniversary. Please keep them in your prayers.

LADIES ALTAR SOCIETY — brings the ladies of the Parish together to help the Pastor and parish family. Membership is open to all ladies of the parish. Meetings are held the 2nd Thursday of each month, September through May; attendance is not mandatory. Our next meeting is Thursday, March 8th. You are cordially invited to join us! Please call Doris Buelow, 640-3350, or Tara, 640-9446, ext. 0, if you are interested.

YOUTH GROUP MEETING — will be held this Sunday, March 4th, beginning at 12:00 noon, in Allen Hall. All youth are urged to attend.

OFFERTORY GIFTS:

Regular collection: \$6,041.00
2nd collection: Improvement Fund
Allen Hall roof fund: \$26,070.00

Thank you for your generosity!

SICK LIST - Dealva Abel, Nancy Affeltranger, Kelly Allen, Brittney Arabie, Ernie Babineaux, Leah Baden, Dorothy Barrios, Jeanie Basco, Loretta Beebe, Sherri Bennett, Emma Benoit, Ed & Rosemary Bonial, Roland Boudreaux, Aaron Boyt, Donald Brouillette, Syble Brouillette, Louis Brunett, Jennie Buckowski, Joyce & Ray Burge, Paul Burks, Kylie Bush, Rita Cantu, Lily Ceasar, DeeDee Chrobus, Lebo Clark, Rusty Cutler, Susan Degeyter, James Deslatte, John Deslatte, Sophie Douzat, Catherine Dupray, Doug Fairchild, Marie Finley, Jack Goudeau, Ernest Griffin, Evelyn Hare, Carolyn Hernandez, Bishop Ronald Herzog, Pam Hogue, Mo Hoyal, Jane Hulin, Ellis & Iva Isom, Danny Johnson, Jared Johnson, Audrey Kelley, Stacy Kerry, Mike Killian, Shelly Larriou, Stephanie Larriou, Greg LeJeune, Arland McConathy, Mary Mantiply, Truce Marble, Jimmy Mayeaux, James Michiels Jr., Willie Milam, Melissa Miller, Annette Moreau, John Musgrove, Paul Nugent, Abel Pacheco, Mary Perschy, Kelsye Peterman, Frances Philpot, Rose Quatrevingt, Judy Rechs, Alma and Mark Reitzell, Bill Riggs, Carol Rose, Joyce Santos, Maddox Sasser, Paul Schmidt, Ann Sellers, Gene Snow, Dean Soileau, Angie Tarinton, Norma Thomas, Myles Thompson, Nick Tullier, Mandy Vanderlick, Artis & Verla White, Grace Zaunbercher, Residents Tioga Manor.

CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS — If you need a 2017 yearly statement of your donations to Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, please call the church office.

MASS INTENTION REQUESTS — If you would like a Mass offered in honor of or in memory of someone, please call the church office. The usual stipend is \$5 per Mass. The sanctuary lamp can be burned one week for a loved one or an intention. Donation is \$5.

MASS HYMNS — are in the missal, #713, "Lift High the Cross"; #484, "Where Charity and Love Prevail"; #720, "How Firm A Foundation."

ELECTRONIC FUND TRANSFER- E.F.T. is a simple and easy way to make regular offertory contributions by having your donations drafted from your checking /savings account, or credit card, on a regular basis. It will automatically be posted on your giving statements, as in the past. It is a convenient way to consistently remember your church's life and ministry, and helps the church by ensuring that our home parish is not forgotten when you are away. You may indicate Regular collection, Improvement fund, or both. If you would like to participate in the EFT program, please stop by or call the church office and request the *Authorization for recurring gifts form*. Return the form to the church office or place it in the collection basket.

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.

Regular Schedule

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

Facebook at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church

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.

****Classes began August 16th****

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)** (especially during flu season) ** (Subject to change)

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

****Classes began August 22nd****

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)** (Subject to change)

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