

Unless a grain of wheat



falls into the earth
and dies, it remains
just a single grain;
but if it dies,
it bears much fruit.

John 12:24

Everyone, great and small, will have God's law written on their hearts, and their sins forgiven. The Lord reaches out once again to his people. God, ever faithful, extends his hand to those who break the covenant. No longer depending on prophets to communicate, under the new covenant each individual will know God's law, his love, his mercy. God's personal invitation calls for a personal response. Will we receive it?

In today's reading from Jeremiah, the Lord declares a new covenant with his people. The letter to the Hebrews presents Jesus as the perfect high priest. In today's Gospel, Jesus approaches His passion.

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- As Pope Francis tells us "Every Christian is a missionary to the extent that he or she has encountered the love of God in Christ Jesus. We no longer say that we are 'disciples' and missionaries' but rather we are always missionary disciples." We are to serve as instruments of the New Evangelization. These efforts are enhanced and supported through diocesan efforts. Your gift to the 2018 Annual Diocesan Appeal is one way for you to help me and all of our faithful to *give a new heart* to all we encounter. +Bishop David Talley

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 prayerfully consider what you can give.

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—Please pick up one from the table at the church entrance 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 - sponsored annually by IHM Church and KC Council 9753, will be held Sunday, March 25th, beginning at 12:00 noon. Children, bring something to gather eggs in, and meet in Allen Hall. Prizes and candy will be given in four age groups ~ newborn—2 years; 3—5 years; 6—8 years; and, 9—10 years.

LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE—will be held Monday, March 19th, 6:00 p.m., in the Church.



Vigil (4 p.m.) Mary Beedle
Michael and Irvin Brouillette
Sun. (9 a.m.) Lloyd Gray
Mary Hennegan
(11 a.m.) All People
Mon. Jacob Williamson
Tues. No Mass
Wed. Gertie McNeal
Thurs. Trey Brown
Fri. Jane Snow

Mass intentions next weekend: Vigil (4 p.m.) - Deacon L. G. Deloach Intention; Sun. (9a.m) - Carmelita Asadon, John David; Sun. (11:00 a.m.) - All people.

SANCTUARY LAMP WILL BURN— this week in memory of Kyle and Scott Myers. Please remember them in your prayers.

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE— Ronald Youngblood, brother of Billy (Sharon) Youngblood; and, Rusty Cutler, cousin of Jim (Linda) Cutler. We offer our sympathy and extend our prayers to their family and friends.

R.C.I.A. - This Sunday at the 9 a.m. Mass, we celebrate the 3rd Scrutiny with the catechumens who are preparing for initiation into the Church at Easter. Please keep them in your prayers.

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.

OFFERTORY GIFTS:

Regular collection: \$4,290.00

Catholic Relief: \$466.00

Allen Hall roof fund: \$26,171.00

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, 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, 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, Mo Hoyal, Jane Hulin, Ellis & Iva Isom, Danny Johnson, Jared Johnson, Audrey Kelley, Stacy Kerry, Mike Killian, Shelly Larrieu, Stephanie Larrieu, Arland McConathy, Mary Mantipty, Truce Marble, Jimmy Mayeaux, James Michiels Jr., Willie Milam, Melissa Miller, Annette Moreau, John Musgrove, Josephine Norwood, Paul Nugent, Abel Pacheco, Mary Perschy, Kelsye Peterman, Frances Philpot, Rose Quatrevingt, Judy Rechs, Alma and Mark Reitzell, 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 at Tioga Manor Nursing Home.

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

MASS HYMNS—are in the missal, #713, "Lift High the Cross"; #647, "Flow River Flow"; #410, "Christ Before Us."

+++ **HOLY WEEK /EASTER SCHEDULE** +++

Lenten Penance Service ~ Monday, March 19th, 6:00 p.m.

There will be no confessions scheduled during Holy Week

Daily Mass ~ Monday, March 26th and Wednesday, March 28th, 8:00 a.m.

Chrism Mass ~ Tuesday, March 27th, 11:00 a.m.,

St. Francis Xavier Cathedral

Bishop Talley will bless the Oil of the Sick and the Oil of the Catechumens and consecrate the Oil of Chrism. Our Priests will also renew their priestly vows during this Mass.

Holy Thursday ~ The Lord's Supper ~ March 29th, Mass at 6:00 p.m.

Washing of Feet, Presentation of Oils, Transfer of the Holy Eucharist

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until midnight

Good Friday ~ The Lord's Passion ~ March 30th, 6:00 p.m.

Liturgy of the Word, Veneration of the Cross, Holy Communion

(There is No Mass anywhere on Good Friday)

Holy Saturday ~ Easter Vigil ~ March 31st, 8:00 P.M.

Service of Light, Liturgy of the Word, Liturgy of Baptism, Mass

Easter Sunday ~ Resurrection of the Lord ~ April 1st, 9:00 and 11:00 a.m.

(There will be no 8:00 a.m. Mass, Monday, April 2nd)

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

- Good Friday is a day 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

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