



REFLECT REPENT REJOICE

life gained by his followers through their reconciliation with God. The Gospel recalls a father's joy upon the return of his wayward son.

True forgiveness that heals our hearts and souls comes from God. The parable of the prodigal son tells of a parent's undying love and compassion for his son who sinned against heaven and earth. The season of Lent reminds us that God is waiting with open arms for us to come back to him! The forgiveness of God is truly a great gift!

The joy of forgiveness permeates Scripture readings today. Joshua rejoices as Israel celebrates the Passover in the Promised Land. Paul exults in the new

ANNOUNCEMENTS



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.

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.

RICE BOWLS—Please return your gift by Sunday, April 14th.

R.C.I.A.— This Sunday at the 11:00 a.m. Mass, we celebrate the Second Scrutiny with the catechumens and candidates who are preparing for initiation into the Church at Easter. Please keep them in your prayers.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, DEACON L.G.! - April 1st ~ Every day you do so much for our whole Parish community! We are praying for many blessings on your special day, and throughout the year. Have a great birthday, knowing that you are well loved! May God grant you many more years to live, love and serve!

CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED—Tuesday, April 2nd.

LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE—will be held Monday, April 8th, 6:00 p.m. There will be several priests available to hear individual confessions.

ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL— Our goal is \$16,366.00.



Vigil (4 p.m.) Trey Brown
Paul Schmidt Intention
Sun. (9 a.m.) Irvin and Michael Brouillette
Nelda Goodman
(11 a.m.) All People
Mon. Deacon L.G. Deloach Intention
Tues. No Mass
Wed. Gage LaVallie
Thurs. Carl Perschy
Fri. John Bordelon

Mass Intentions next weekend - Vigil (4:00 p.m.) - Irvin and Michael Brouillette, Shelby Clark; Sunday (9:00 a.m.) -Lewis Dupray, Sr., Lloyd Gray; (11 a.m.) - All people.

SANCTUARY LAMP— will burn this week for Bonnie Burke Intention. Please keep her in your prayers.

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE—Iva Isom, wife of Ellis Isom; Stephen Wagner, brother of Bob (Nancy) Wagner. We offer our sympathy and extend our prayers to their family and friends.

EASTER EGG HUNT - sponsored annually by IHM Church and KC Council 9753, will be held Sunday, April 14th, 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.

OFFERTORY GIFTS :

Regular collection: \$3,462.00

2nd coll.: Catholic Relief Services

Thank you for your generosity!

SICK LIST – Nancy Affeltranger, Ariel Armstrong, Ernie Babineaux, Dorothy Barrios, Jeannie Basco, Bob & Nancy Beal, Ed & Rosemary Bonial, Donald Brouillette, Syble Brouillette, Steve Brown, Louis Brunett, Jennie Buckowski, Jonie Burch, Bonnie Burke, Joyce Burge, Paul Burks, Jan Carlton, Lebo Clark, Charles Clover, Joy Cooley, Raymond Costantino, Susan Degeyter, Mary & John DeSlatte, James Etta Dixon, Catherine Dupray, Marie Finley, Henry Fordham, Ronnie Foster, Mary Ann Greiner, Carolyn Hernandez, Bishop Herzog, Pam Hogue, Chevy Howell, Heidi Howell, Jane Hulin, Dana Isom, Ellis Isom, Danny and Jared Johnson, Audrey Kelley, Shelly Larrieu, Teresa LeBlanc, Ginger Lemons, Arland McConathy, Melody McGee, Jaime Meredith, Caitlin Merrell, James and Mary Michiels, Kaden Michiels, Melissa Monk, Annette Moreau, Arnold Murrell, Josephine Norwood, Joy Nugent, Abel Pacheco, Gayle Porto, Steve Primeaux, Rose Quatrevingt, Judy Rechs, Mark Reitzell, Alma Reitzell, Mona Robertson, Carmen Rozano, Woody Sanders, Paul Schmidt, Ann Sellers, Gene Snow, Dean Soileau, Debbie Strubble, Lou Sutton, Wren Noel Trahan, Nick Tullier, Gordon & Rae Tullier, George Wetzel, Artis White, Nellie White, Bo Whittington, Megan Wilson, Residents at Tioga Manor Nursing Home.

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,

#715, "Take Up Your Cross"

#118, "Gracious God"

(No recessional hymn during Lent)

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

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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 – 11th: Wed., 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

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

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

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