

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC CHURCH

Pastor: Rev. C. Todd Lloyd

Deacon: Bob McDonner

Religious Education:

Rachel Christ

Music Coordinator:

Becky Boudreaux

Sunday Masses: 7:00, 9:00, and 11:00 AM

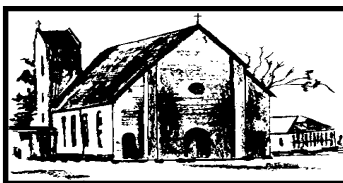
Sat. Vigil: 4:00 PM

Daily Masses:

Wed-Fri. Eucharist 8:00 AM & **Tues.** 6:00pm

Care of the Sick: Emergency calls immediately. The Eucharist is brought to the sick weekly. Families of those who are sick are encouraged to notify the Parish Office.

**P.O. Box 158
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**Parish Office 627-5124
Religious Education Office 627-5819
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Reconciliation: Saturday Vigil 4:00 PM. Saturday 3:00 PM and Tuesday 5:30pm

Marriage: Couples are asked to contact the priest at the beginning of the period of engagement or at least six months prior to the projected date of marriage.

Baptism: Celebrated monthly except during Lent & Advent. Please contact the Parish Office during early months of pregnancy. Baptism preparation is required.

Scriptures for the Week

Monday: I Jn 3:22 — 4:6; Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a;
Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday: I Jn 4:7-10; Ps 72:1-4, 7-8; Mk 6:34-44

Wednesday: I Jn 4:11-18; Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13;
Mk 6:45-52

Thursday: I Jn 4:19 — 5:4; Ps 72:1-2, 14, 15bc, 17;
Lk 4:14-22a

Friday: I Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Lk 5:12-16

Saturday: I Jn 5:14-21; Ps 149:1-6a, 9b; Jn 3:22-30

Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 29:1-4,
3, 9-10 or Ps 104:1b-4, 24-25, 27-30;
Acts 10:34-38 or Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7;
Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

This Week at I.C.

1/5 **Rel. Ed Grades K-2nd @ 5:30pm.**
KC Mtg @ 6pm.

1/6 **Rel Ed Grades 3rd-5th @ 5:30pm.**
Baptismal Seminar @ 6pm Rm 2.

1/10 **RCIA/RCIA-C.**

Sick List

Sharron Allement, Cleveland Allement, Daniel Allemond, Linda Armand, Hazel Armond, Janelle Amond, Craig Aguillard, Mary Lois Alexander, Rudolph P Antoine, Clarence Armand, Russ Armand, Julie Ashtin, Gary Aucoin, Verna Bankston, Ronnie Barlow, Rebecca Beard, Butch Beauvais, Linda Beauvais, Racheal Bello, Chad Bellelo, Mary Grace Bernard, Adeline Bonaventure, Chestin Boudreaux, Cheryl Bouquet, Hannah Boutee, Inez Bueche, Donald Butcher, Dorothy Butler, Peggy Cazayoux, Connie Cearley, Carl Chenevert, Earl Chustz, Gwen Chustz, Charles Chustz, Jean Chustz, Leroy Chustz, Violet Chustz, Benedict Cline, Kristy Cobb, Mabel Collette, Sadie Collins, Lee Comeaux, Brittany Costello, Sam Costanza, Barbara Coutrado, Jake Coutrado, Ivy David, Grant Joseph Delatte, Gary Denson, Betty Dickerson, Luke Dickinson, Deanna Lieux Ducote, Mrytis Duhe, Delta Dugas, Stacie Eirick, Wilfred Fleming, Daniel Firmin, Rachel Gaudin, Jerome Fontenot, Angie Fulmer, Zane Gabor, Theresa Gautro, Carmella Genusa, Alfred Gremillion, Charles Gremilion, Moise Galtier, Randy Gremillion, Erin Gross, Cindy Gueho, Celeste Guidroz, Leo Guidroz, Marilyn Guidroz, Dana Guzzardo, Brooklyn Heber, Betty Honore, Margaret Hooper, Bert Jarreau, Jr. Helen Jarreau, James Robert Jarreau, Jessie Jarreau, Laura Jarreau, Noah Jarreau, Ronald Jarreau, Wanda Jarreau, Larae Lewis Johnson, Judy Jones, Marie King, Kayla Kinler, Black Lalonde, Ida Langlois, Avery Laurent, Antoinette LeBlanc, Jeffrey LeBlanc, Roderick LeBlanc, Marilyn LeDuff, Jacob Laiche, John E. Landry, Eva Lalonde, Larry Lee, Kay Lee, Randy Levi, Anthony Lopinto, Margje Marionaux, Hartense Manchester, Aaron McLemore, Breanna McDonald, Alan Meadow, Ralph Mezat, Cheyenne Michalsky, Jacqueline Molina, Bernadine Moore, San Juana Moreno, Danielle Moses, Anthony Olinde Sr., James Olinde, Jonathan Olinde, Shane Roy Olinde, Frieda Parks, Mason Part, Corey Patin, Greg Patin, John Patin, Paul K. Patin, Mark Patin, Tren Patin, Sr., Jeff Plauche, Tricia Plauche, Haley Ponthieux, J.O. Porche, Gladys Porche, Irvis Pourciau, Leon Prevot, Jr., Brenda Puttle, Christina Quigley, Joyce Ricard, Barbara Rizet, Mary Roubiqueynn Rusk, Brenda Singletary, Lonnie Shasse, Angel, Raven and Amil Snell, Martin Smiley, Melanie Spears, Eric Stone., Connie Rozarto, Emily Taylor, Hank Ryan, Qwen Trabeaux, Brenda Tuttle, Debbie Wheeler, Bobby Williams, Jalen Williams, Joyce York.

Prayer Request

Please remember all of our troops overseas, especially members of Immaculate Conception Parish Family:

Timothy Harleaux, Marines; Lance Corporal Metoyer, Marines; P.F.C.; SPC ; Timothy J. Loucks, Corporal U.S. Marine; Lance Corporal Gary R. Major, Jr., Corporal; Private First Class; Captain Jordan Morirs;; Lieutenant Stephen Burleigh, Jr.; MT2 Jacob Lamotte., Sgt. Greg Silva, Army

Sacristans

For the month of January are Gail McLin and Anita McDonner.

THANK YOU!!!

The Ladies Auxiliary of Immaculate Conception Church would like to thank everyone who participated in purchasing gifts from the angels on our Giving Tree for 2015. Your generosity allowed a lot of children who are less fortunate to have a joyful Christmas.

LITTLE MINUTES

Little drops of water,
little grains of sand,
make the mighty ocean
and the pleasant land;
so the little minutes,
humble though they be,
make the mighty ages
of eternity.

—Julia A. Fletcher Carney

In Christ,

This Sunday is the Epiphany of the Lord. It is a celebration of God's revealing himself through Jesus Christ to all of creation, which is represented by the scene of the Magi bringing gifts to the Lord.

There is a happy coincidence this week of the Epiphany that we celebrate two saints who are critical to Catholic education in our nation: Sts. Elizabeth Ann Seton and John Neumann. The three Wise Men who came to Bethlehem used the God given gift of human reason and study of creation to determine the coming of the Christ into the world. Jesus reveals to all that the God of creation is among us. This is a good time to celebrate those two early saints of the "new world" who played a critical role of using education as a means to promote God's revelation.

On Monday the 4th we celebrate the Memorial of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton. She was the first American born saint to be canonized. She died in 1821 and was canonized in 1975. She converted to Catholicism after spending her childhood as a member of an affluent Episcopalian family in New York. She was widowed with children early in life and was left with little financial stability. She took to living a religious life and ventured to open a school for girls. She began a religious community and opened the first free Catholic girls' school in Maryland and came to be known as Mother Seton. There are several schools dedicated to Catholic education for girls which trace their roots back to this saint's work.

On Tuesday the 5th we celebrate the Memorial of St. John Neumann. He was not born in the U.S. but came here from the Czech Republic in 1836 when he was 25, and then was ordained a priest. He did a lot of missionary work and outreach in New York and around the northeast. He eventually became bishop of Philadelphia and established the nation's first diocesan school system. His model of educating so many young Catholic children was emulated and is still bearing fruit today all throughout our nation.

Both of these saints, patrons of Catholic education in the United States, are good reminders of the importance of teaching young people about the faith. God has given humanity a special gift of reason. This gift is not only for the study of created things. Many saints would say that our ability to study creation is actually something that draws us more into knowing the Creator. The Magi are a good example of how worldly knowledge has its ultimate goal in knowledge of God. This week may be a good time to evaluate whether or not we support Catholic education both by our own personal study and by promoting Catholic schools and religious programs at the parish. The manifestation of God to creation, the *Epiphany*, is something that we should all want to advance in our world.

Totus Tuus,
Fr. Todd Lloyd

