



Jesus teaches us that God, who is Mercy, desires our obedience in word and deed. Today's readings speak of our freedom to choose obedience or disobedience to God, and the very real effects of our choices. God's love for us is such that while he desires our union with him, he allows us to respond to his love as we choose.

In the first reading, Ezekiel writes of the choice of each person to turn toward or away from virtue, and toward or away from wickedness. In this way, we choose life or death. Paul's letter to the Philippians encourages us to be united in heart and mind, and to act selflessly. In Matthew's Gospel, Jesus tells the

parable of the two sons—one who is initially disobedient, but ultimately chooses obedience to the father; the other son claims obedience, but does not fulfil the will of the father.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

RESPECT LIFE SUNDAY—October 1, 2017- "Be Not Afraid" - "Human life must be respected and protected absolutely from the moment of conception. From the first moment of his existence, a human being must be recognized as having the rights of a person -- among which is the inviolable right of every innocent being to life. "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you" (Jer 1:5 Job 10:8-12 Ps 22:10-11) "My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately wrought in the depths of the earth" (Ps. 139:15). Since the first century the Church has affirmed the moral evil of every procured abortion. This teaching has not changed and remains unchangeable." -- Catechism Catholic Church, n. 2270-2271

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION— CCD classes began Wednesday, August 16th. Please register your child as soon as possible. Grades KN—5th meet 5:30—6:30 p.m.; 7th—11th meet 7:00—8:00 p.m., in Allen Hall. Registration forms may be printed online at our website.

R.C.I.A.—Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults— began August 22nd. Classes meet each Tuesday, 6:00—7:30 p.m., in Allen Hall. If you are interested in completing your Sacraments of Initiation, or inquiring about the Catholic Faith, please call the church office.

R.C.I.C. - Rite of Christian Initiation of Children - is available for children between the ages of seven and 15 who are not fully initiated in the Catholic Church, and therefore need to celebrate Baptism, Eucharist and/or Confirmation. Classes will be held during regular CCD times on Wednesdays; Classes began August 16th.



Vigil (4 p.m.) Deacon Ray "Whistle" Gibson
Jeanetta Harms
Hazel Roberts

Sun. (9 a.m.) Chet Cassell
Joseph Mike Faircloth

Sun. (11 a.m.) All People

Mon. No Mass*

Tues. No Mass

Wed. No Mass*

Thurs. No Mass*

Fri. Gertie McNeal

Mass Intentions next weekend: Vigil (4 p.m.) - Shelby Clark, Lewis Dupray, Johnston and Pelletier Families; Sunday (9 a.m.) - Chet Cassell, Eric Gorden, Gage LaVallie; Sunday (11:00 a.m.) - All People.



SANCTUARY LAMP WILL BURN—this week in memory of Hazel Roberts. Please remember her in your prayers.

FLOWERS ARE DONATED—by Ernie & Betty Babineaux, in memory of their parents and siblings. Please remember them in your prayers.

***NO MORNING MASS**—Monday, October 2nd through Thursday, October 5th.

OFFERTORY GIFTS:

Regular collection: \$3,119.33

Retired Priests: \$900.70

2nd collection: Improvement Fund

Allen Hall roof fund: \$25,030.00

Church AC/Heat unit: \$5,205.00

Thank you for your generosity!

SICK LIST—Nancy Affeltranger, Ernie Babineaux, Leah Baden, Nelson Ball, Dorothy Barrios, Jeanie Basco, Emma Benoit, Cylie Blevins, Elaine Bombassi, Milton Boney, Ed & Rosemary Bonial, Roland Boudreaux, Donald Brouillette, Syble Brouillette, Joyce & Ray Burge, Kylie Bush, Joy Caldwell, Rita Cantu, Lily Ceasar, Trina Cerbus, Geraldine Christy, Lebo Clark, Cleveland Craig, Special Intentions GB, KLG; Frankie Costantino, John David, Susan Degeyter, Deacon L.G. Deloach, John Deslatte, Sophie Douzat, Catherine Dupray, Marie Finley, Fred Galloway, Laura Hadwin, Evelyn "Aunt Pete" Hare, Carolyn Hernandez, Bishop Emeritus Ronald Herzog, Pam Hogue, Jane Hulin, Ellis & Iva Isom, Danny Johnson, Jared Johnson, Audrey Kelley, Mike Killian, Shelly Larrieu, Greg LeJeune, Mary Mantiply, Jimmy Mayeaux, James Michiels, Jr., Kaden Michiels, Willie Milam, Ottis Monroe, John Musgrove, Paul Nugent, Abel Pacheco, Dawn Parker, Mary Perschy, Kelsye Peterman, Frances Philpot, Rose "Baby" Quatrevingt. Judy Rechs, Alma Reitzell, Mark Reitzell, Carol Rose, Joyce Santos, Maddox Sasser, Paul Schmidt, Ann Sellers, Gene Snow, Dean Soileau, Norma Thomas, Nick Tullier, John Tumminello, Artis & Verla White, Irma White, Marie Wilde, Grace Zaunbercher, Residents Tioga Manor.

ALTAR FLOWERS - If you would like to donate fresh flowers for the altar, either in memory or in honor of someone, please call the Church office. The total cost is \$110.00.

INTERESTED IN BECOMING A DEACON? - The Office of the Permanent Diaconate would like to announce the start of a new Permanent Deacon Formation class beginning Fall of 2018. Dcn. Richard Mitchell, assistant director for the Office of the Permanent Diaconate, is now taking contact information and fielding questions from men who may be interested in discerning this ministry. Dcn. Richard's contact information is: telephone (318) 445-6424, ext. 206 or email: dcnrmitchell@diocesealex.org

MASS HYMNS—are in the missal, #531, "Praise the Lord, Ye Heavens"; #474, "Christians, Let Us Love One Another"; #581, "They'll Know We Are Christians."

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; 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

****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

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