



Sin separates us from God. In the same way that leprosy separated people from their communities until they were healed, sin separates us from God until we ask for forgiveness and healing. Let us have the faith of the leper in today's Gospel, and believe in the healing words and touch of Jesus when it is our time to need forgiveness.

In the first reading, a man with a skin infection is deemed unclean and separated from the community. In Corinthians, Paul tells us to be imitators of Christ, and to do everything for the glory of God. In the Gospel, Jesus cures a leper, and then tells him not to speak of the healing to anyone.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### MARCH WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

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

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.

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

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY, DEACON L.G.! - 2/11/12—Your parish family rejoices with you on the 6th Anniversary of your Diaconate Ordination! Your service as deacon has greatly blessed our church parish. We are truly blessed to have you among our "flock."



ASH WEDNESDAY—February 14th, is the beginning of Lent. It is **not** a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass and Distribution of Ashes will be at 8:00 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. There will be no distribution of Ashes outside of Mass.

LENTEN REFLECTION BOOKLETS— are available on the table at the church entrance. Please pick up a copy this weekend.

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.

LENTEN REGULATIONS—are on the back of the bulletin.



Vigil (4 p.m.) Pete Ceasar  
Louis & Annie VanAsselberg  
Sun. (9 a.m.) Deacon Deloach Intention  
Gabby Dupont  
Fred Galloway  
(11 a.m.) All People  
Mon. Eunice Bailey  
Tues. No Mass  
Ash Wed. 8:00 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.  
Thurs. Jack Snow  
Fri. Phyllis Hennegan Intention

Mass intentions next weekend: Vigil (4 p.m.) - Pete Ceasar, Louis & Annie VanAsselberg; Sun. (9a.m) -Deacon Deloach Intention, Gabby Dupont, Fred Galloway; Sun. (11:00 a.m.) - All people.

SANCTUARY LAMP WILL BURN— in memory of Fred Galloway. Please remember him in your prayers.

FLOWERS ARE DONATED— by the children and grandchildren of Ed & Pat DeSoto, in honor of their 57th wedding anniversary ~ February 26, 1961. Lord, we ask you to bless all marriages, that they might present an image of Christ's union with the Church.

#### OFFERTORY GIFTS:

Regular collection: \$5,012.25  
Improvement Fund: \$1,015.00  
2nd Collection: Church Today  
Coll. Ash Wed.—Church Central/East. Europe  
Allen Hall roof fund: \$26,060.00

*Thank you for your generosity!*

SICK LIST - Nancy Affeltranger, Kelly Allen, 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, 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, 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, Mary Mantipty, Jimmy Mayeaux, James Michiels, Jr., Willie Milam, Annette Moreau, John Musgrove, Paul Nugent, Abel Pacheco, Mary Perschy, Kelsye Peterman, Frances Philpot, Rose Quatrevingt, Judy Rechs, Alma Reitzell, Mark Reitzell, Bill Riggs, Carol Rose, Joyce Santos, Maddox Sasser, Paul Schmidt, Ann Sellers, Gene Snow, Dean Soileau, Angie Tarinton, Norma Thomas, Nick Tullier, Mandy Vanderlick, Artis & Verla White, Grace Zaunbercher, Residents at Tioga Manor Nursing Home.



#### MASS HYMNS

are in the missal,

#474, "Love Divine, All Love Excelling"

#690, "Healing River of the Spirit"

#388, "Sent Forth by God's Blessing"

**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 – 5<sup>th</sup>: Wed. 5:30 – 6:30 p.m.

6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>: Wed., 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

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

Ladies Altar Society:

2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday, 9:00 a.m.

Allen Hall

Tioga Manor Nursing Home:

Communion Service, 10:00 a.m.

1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of each month

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

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.

4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month

\*(Subject to change)

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