



Seek Jesus diligently in your daily life. The Magi in the Gospel sought the newborn King diligently, willing to travel from the East to find Him. We can find Jesus in our daily lives so much more easily, just by being open to the many ways He is present to us. How diligent are we at finding Jesus in our own life?

The first reading recounts the splendor of Jerusalem as it draws other nations to the glory of God. In his Epistle to the Ephesians, Saint Paul proclaims the Good News that the Gentiles are co-heirs of salvation with the people of Israel. The Gospel recounts the journey of the Magi to Bethlehem, where they worshipped the baby Jesus.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PLEASE BE COURTEOUS—The flu is very bad this year, and it is extremely dangerous to the young and the elderly. If you are sick, or had fever within 48 hours, you may still be contagious, and it is okay to miss Mass. Please don't take the chance of making someone else sick. Thank you for understanding!

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES—Please call the church office if you are celebrating a wedding anniversary during the month of February.

CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS—Federal tax laws require that donors receive written acknowledgement of charitable contributions totaling \$250 or more before they can be claimed on tax returns. If you need a 2017 yearly statement of your donations to Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, please call the church office before January 31st.

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 \$5.00 per Mass. The sanctuary lamp can be burned one week for a loved one or an intention. Donation is \$5.00



blessed so many who would have otherwise not received!

Special thanks to all who worked so hard to make our CCD Christmas program so special! Sissy Pace, is was beautiful!

Special thanks to all who helped in decorating the church for Christmas. It was beautiful!

Special thanks to our Music Ministry for all of their hard work and dedication in making our Masses so special!

Special thanks to all of our Lay ministers, CCD /RCIA Catechists and Lay organizations for your faithful service throughout the year!

Special thanks for your faithful contributions throughout the year. IHM Parish continues to grow and thrive because of your generosity!

Special thanks to all for your many Christmas gifts and cards! Your expression of love and generosity are deeply appreciated! -

~ Fr. Rick, Deacon & Sherry, Tara ~

Special thanks to all who participated in the *Christmas Cheer Angel Tree Program*. Your generosity



Vigil (4 p.m.) Pete Ceasar
Sun. (9 a.m.) Michelle Babineaux, and
Michael Shane Ryland
Aldon and Louis Granger
James Begnaud
(11 a.m.) All People
Mon. Odell Alford
Tues. No Mass
Wed. Hazel Roberts
Thurs. Deacon Ray "Whistle" Gibson
Fri. Carl Perschy

Mass intentions next weekend: Vigil (4 p.m.) - Michael and Irvin Brouillette; Sun. (9a.m) - Trey Brown, Lloyd Gray; Sun. (11:00 a.m.) - All people.

SANCTUARY LAMP—will burn in memory of Fred Galloway. Please remember him in your prayers.

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE—Freddie A. Lavespere, brother of Gladys (Clyde) Brossette; Joseph P. Sills, brother of Judy (Louie) Richardson and John Sills. We offer our sympathy and extend our prayers to their family and friends.

LADIES ALTAR SOCIETY - monthly meeting will be held Thursday, January 11th, 9:00 a.m., in Allen Hall.

CCD CLASSES RESUME—at their regular times on Wednesday, January 10th.

FLOWERS—If you would like to donate fresh flowers for the altar in honor or in memory of someone, please call the office. The cost for two arrangements is \$110.00.

OFFERTORY GIFTS:

Regular collections: \$3,923.00
2nd collection: Improvement Fund.
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, Cleveland Craig, Susan Degeyter, James Deslatte, John Deslatte, Sophie Douzat, Catherine Dupray, Doug Fairchild, Marie Finley, Evelyn Hare, Carolyn Hernandez, Bishop Ronald Herzog, Carmen Hively, Pam Hogue, Mo Hoyal, Jane Hulin, Ellis & Iva Isom, Danny Johnson, Jared Johnson, Audrey Kelley, Stacy Kerry, Mike Killian, Shelly Larrieu, Stephanie Larrieu, 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.

CYLA AWARDS—Knights of Columbus Council 9753 is sponsoring the Catholic Youth Leadership Award. All Catholic high school seniors are eligible to apply. Deadline for applications to be returned to the church office completed and signed is Wednesday, January 17th. Applications are available at www.louisianakc.org under CYLA section.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS—monthly meeting will be held Monday, January 8th, beginning at 6:30 p.m., at their KC Hall on Birkland Drive.

MASS HYMNS—are in the missal, #107, "We Three Kings"; #96, "Infant Holy, Infant Lowly, #95, "Go Tell It On The Mountain."

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)**

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

(Subject to change) **

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