

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son,
so that everyone who believes in him might have

Eternal

life

John 3:16



God's mercy and love, made clear in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus, overcame our sins and transgressions. God does not love us conditionally, or despite our sins, but rather because he created us, and he is love. His mercy and compassion are that of a loving Father.

In the first reading from Second Chronicles, we hear of the fall of Judah. In Paul's Letter to the Ephesians, he reminds us that even when we were dead in our transgressions, God brought us to life through Christ. In the Gospel, John proclaims that God so loved the world that he sent his only son.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

APRIL WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES—

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

ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL—

Stewardship involves more than just the gift we bring to the altar. In today's second reading, St. Paul urges the Corinthians to "do all for the glory of God." If we follow that advice in everything we do, we cannot help but be good stewards! Do we ask ourselves are we imitators of Christ by giving freely of ourselves – our time, talent and financial resources? Are our gifts to our parish acceptable? Are our gifts to the local Church through the Annual Diocesan Appeal acceptable? Let us pray for one another in love... *seeking a new heart, a new spirit*...each day...as the Lord promises. IHM goal is \$16,782.00. Please prayerfully consider what you can give.

THE CHURCH OFFICE—will be closed Tuesday, March 13th.

ADORATION / BENEDICTION—each

Friday during Lent, 5:00-5:50 / 5:50-6:00.

WAY OF THE CROSS—will immediately

follow, at 6:00 p.m.

LENTEN MEAL—will be served in Allen Hall, following the Way of the Cross.

OPERATION RICE BOWL—Please pick up one from the table at the church entrance today and return it by Wednesday, March 21st.

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.

EASTER EGG HUNT - sponsored annually by IHM Church and KC Council 9753, will be held Sunday, March 25th, 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.

LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE—will be held Monday, March 19th, 6:00 p.m., in the Church.



Vigil (4 p.m.) Mary Genova
Louis & Annie VanAsselberg
Sun. (9 a.m.) Eunice Bailey
(11 a.m.) All People
Mon. Sandy LaVallie Intention
Tues. No Mass
Wed. Kyle and Scott Myers
Thurs. Frances Lanclos
Fri. Janice White

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

SANCTUARY LAMP WILL BURN— in memory of Mary Genova, by her daughter, Lebo Clark. Please remember her in your prayers.

R.C.I.A.— This Sunday at the 9 a.m. Mass, we celebrate the 2nd Scrutiny with the catechumens who are preparing for initiation into the Church at Easter. Please keep them in your prayers.

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.

OFFERTORY GIFTS:

Regular collection: \$4,335.30

Improvement Fund: \$1,240.00

Allen Hall roof fund: \$26,171.00

Thank you for your generosity!

SICK LIST— Dealva Abel, Nancy Affeltranger, Kelly Allen, Brittney Arabie, Ernie Babineaux, Leah Baden, Dorothy Barrios, Jeanie Basco, Loretta Beebe, Sherri Bennett, Emma Benoit, Ed & Rosemary Bonial, Aaron Boyt, Donald Brouillette, Syble Brouillette, Louis Brunett, Jennie Buckowski, Joyce & Ray Burge, Paul Burks, 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, Jack Goudeau, Ernest Griffin, Evelyn Hare, Carolyn Hernandez, Bishop Ronald Herzog, Mo Hoyal, Jane Hulin, Ellis & Iva Isom, Danny Johnson, Jared Johnson, Audrey Kelley, Stacy Kerry, Mike Killian, Shelly Larrieu, Stephanie Larrieu, Arland McConathy, Mary Mantipty, Truce Marble, Jimmy Mayeaux, James Michiels Jr., Willie Milam, Melissa Miller, Annette Moreau, John Musgrove, Josephine Norwood, Paul Nugent, Abel Pacheco, Mary Perschy, Kelsye Peterman, Frances Philpot, Rose Quatrevingt, Judy Rechs, Alma and Mark Reitzell, Carol Rose, Joyce Santos, Maddox Sasser, Paul Schmidt, Ann Sellers, Gene Snow, Dean Soileau, Angie Tarinton, Norma Thomas, Myles Thompson, Nick Tullier, Mandy Vanderlick, Artis & Verla White, Grace Zaunbercher, Residents Tioga Manor Nursing Home

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

MASS HYMNS—are in the missal, #410, "Christ Before Us"; #400, "You Are The Healing"; #597, "We are the Light of the World."

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 – 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)** (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.

4th Thursday of each month

*(Subject to change)

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