

REFLECTIONS FROM FATHER CLARK



We are pleased to welcome two Jesuit novices, **Dominic LaMantia and Eddie Crowder**, to our parish for the month of April. During their time with us, they will take part in our parish Masses, meetings, activities, visits to the sick, and other pastoral ministries. We trust that our Immaculate Conception family will extend to them a warm and heartfelt welcome.



Dominic LaMantia nSJ is a native of St. Louis, MO. He attended Georgetown University, where he double majored in math and philosophy. Following college, he participated in a service program for a year teaching theology at St. Louis University High School, a Jesuit high school which he had also attended. After working as staff for two years at Georgetown's Catholic Studies Program, he spent the next five years completing a PhD at Notre Dame in philosophy, where he focused on medieval philosophy, writing on such thinkers as St. Thomas Aquinas and Bl. Duns Scotus. Wishing to follow God's will and to help others grow closer to Christ, Dominic entered the Jesuit novitiate in August. As a novice, he has particularly enjoyed community life and learning about the history, spirituality, and saints of the order. He enjoys reading, cooking, and cheering on Notre Dame football.



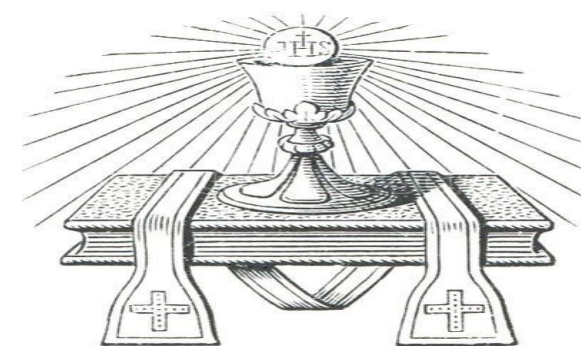
Eddie Crowder nSJ born in Bryan, Texas near Texas A&M University, Eddie was raised in Dallas in a tight-knit family and attended Southern Methodist University where he studied accounting. Growing up, Eddie was baptized at the age of 8 in the Baptist church and comes from a religious family with his father and maternal grandfather being deacons in the Baptist church. His conversion to the Catholic faith began in 2019 where he found Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament as truly present and grew a great devotion to the Blessed Mother, her husband Joseph, John the Baptist, John the Beloved Disciple, Teresa of Ávila, Ignatius of Loyola, Louis de Montfort, and many other saints. During the 13 years he spent working in public accounting as an auditor, he served many clients from various industries. In his free time before entering the Jesuit novitiate in August 2025, Eddie enjoyed being with his family including his two grand nephews and grand niece, cats, good wine and food, praying, volunteering at his parish's food pantry and Lenten fish fry's, and loving life in general.



SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER~SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY April 12, 2026

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Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil Mass: 4:00 PM
Sunday Mass: 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM

Weekday Masses: MLK Chapel
12:10 PM
Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs., Fri.



Weekly Announcements

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO MADE OUR EASTER SO BEAUTIFUL

Let us express again our deep appreciation to all who made our Holy Week and Easter celebrations so special. Thank you: Beautician Committee, our choirs, musicians, soloists, directors, altar servers, lectors, Eucharistic ministers, sacristan, ushers, hospitality, videographers, parish staff, and our all who participated actively in the liturgies.

OUR CANDIDATES FOR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION

As we enter the Paschal Season, we look forward to our celebrations of First Holy Communion on May 9, and Confirmation on April 30.

Our candidates for First Holy Communion are: **Adrian Augustine, Silas Brisco, Kyleigh Carter, Terry Jett, Jr., Jrue Slan and Sloane Williams.**

Our candidates for Confirmation are: **Tyler Addison, Clarke Carter, Miles Drummond, Ryan Gathe, Raheem Gray, Landen Gregory, Cameron Griffin, Robinson Jones, Evan LeDoux, Ariell Martin, William Martin, Jr., Kaidyn Patin, Julian Richard, Layla Richard, Kay Lee Shepard, Tylar Wilkins, Addison Wilson, Andrew Wilson, Anna Wilson and Tristen Wright.**

Please keep them and their families in your prayers!

COMMUNITY CLEAN UP ON SATURDAY, MAY 18

There will be a community clean-up on Saturday, May 18 starting at 9:00 AM. We will be responsible for picking up litter in our neighborhood. If you are able, please plan to contribute a couple of hours to the beautification of our neighborhood.

KPC Annual Scholarship Award

The **Wilfred B. Ricard Council 116 of the Knights of Peter Claver** is now accepting applications for its **16th Annual Scholarship Award**. This scholarship will be awarded to a **male applicant who is a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church.**

Applications may be obtained **online through the church website, picked up at the rear of the church, or requested by email at monsieurjai@gmail.com.**

The application deadline is **April 26, 2026.**

Education Assistance Award – 2026 Female Graduating Seniors

The **Knights of Peter Claver Ladies Auxiliary, Wilfred B. Ricard Court 116**, will provide Education Assistance Awards to **two (2) female students of the Catholic faith that attend Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Baton Rouge**, who have completed 4 years of high school (a graduate of the class of 2026), and plan to continue their education. **To be eligible for an award you must complete a Biographical Sketch Form and submit it to Lady Barbara Dunbar or Lady Barbara Denu no later than May 15, 2026.**

If you have questions, Contact Lady Dunbar at (225) 266-3354. Copies of the 2026 Guidelines and Biographical Sketch Form are available in the rear of the church and in the office of the church parish secretary.



APRIL	BRUMFIELD	4/13
JIARA	STEPHNEY	4/13
TANESHA	JOHNSON	4/14
ALFRED	WIMS, JR.	4/14
CATHERINE	ABUWI	4/16
VICTORIA	CHRISTOPHER	4/16
MARILYN	ALEXANDER	4/16
JANIYA	HOWARD	4/16
ALBERT	LEWIS, JR.	4/16
JARED	NELSON	4/16
JENNIFER	O'CARROLL	4/16
JAMARI	LOCKETT	4/16
LADONNA	EVANS	4/17
DICKSON	IDUSUYI	4/17
ERICA	JOHNSON	4/17
ARCHIE	BROWN	4/18
VIOLET	HAYNES	4/18
ANNA	JACKSON	4/18
DEJUAN	ROSS	4/18
ASALENA	LEBLANCE	4/19
DEBORA	TUCKER	4/19
CASSANDRA	BROUSSARD	4/20
JOSEPH	MATHIS	4/20
LEONA	WILSON	4/20



The **Wilfred B. Ricard Branch 116** proudly announces the winner of the "Double Burner Fryer" fundraiser—**Congratulations to Daphne Alex!**

The **Junior Knights** extend their sincere thanks to everyone who supported this project. Your participation helped make it a great success as we prepare for the upcoming Louisiana Junior KPC State Conference.

TOGETHER BATON ROUGE: CIVIC ACADEMY AMENDMENT 2

Together Baton Rouge will host a Civic Academy on the implications of Amendment 2, a constitutional amendment that would create the Saint George breakaway school and separate it from the East Baton Rouge Parish school system. While this needs to pass statewide and here in East Baton Rouge Parish to take effect. That means that Baton Rouge has power to stop it, and our best shot at defeating it right here at home. The academy will take place on Tuesday, April 14, 6:00-7:30 PM at the BRCC Acadian Campus, 3250 N. Acadian Thruway, Baton Rouge, LA 70805.

Weekly Mass Readings April 12th-April 19th

Sunday Second Sunday of Easter

Acts 2: 42-47
1 Peter 1: 3-9
John 20: 19-31

Monday
Acts 4: 23-31
John 3: 1-8

Tuesday
Acts 4: 32-37
John 3: 7b-15

Wednesday
Acts 5: 17-26
John 3:16-21

Thursday
Acts 5: 27-33
John 3: 31-36

Friday
Acts 5: 34-42
John 6: 1-15

Saturday
Acts 6: 1-7
John 6: 16-21

Sunday Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 2: 14, 22-33
1 Peter 1: 17-21
Luke 24: 13-35