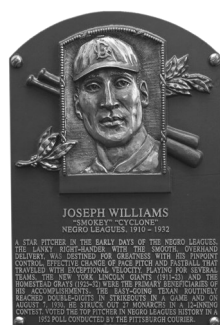
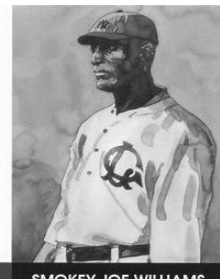


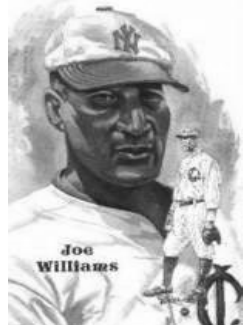
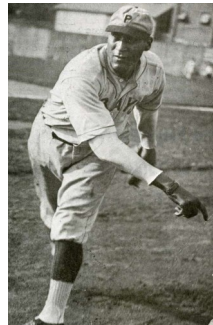
## THIS WEEK IN BLACK HISTORY



**Joe Williams**



SMOKEY JOE WILLIAMS



Joe Williams

**Joe Williams** was considered to be one of the best pitchers of his era, even though he never made it to the majors. The Negro Leagues star even edged out the great Satchel Paige in a vote of who was the greatest pitcher of the leagues of all time.

Joseph Williams was born on this day in 1886 in Seguin, Texas. Discovering the game as a boy, Williams grew to a towering 6-foot-4, allowing him to fling the ball with power. He began his career playing in small leagues in and around the San Antonio area before being discovered by the “Father of Black Baseball,” Rube Foster, during a game Foster’s Leland Giants had in the region.

Williams joined Foster’s team in 1910, and then went over to become a major star for the New York Lincoln Giants. It was there where he was given the nickname “Cyclone” due to the power in his right arm. Williams also played for lesser known teams during his time with the Giants before moving on to the Homestead Grays in 1925.

Even though Williams lost some of the “Cyclone” power, with his nickname switching over to “Smokey,” he still has good stuff. At the age of 44 in 1930, Williams fanned 27 Kansas City Monarchs, and then went on to defeat Paige in another dazzling display in a later game. Even baseball legend Ty Cobb, a known racist, said that Williams would have been a 30-game winner in Major League Baseball. Williams retired from the game in 1932.

A 1952 Pittsburgh Courier poll of Black sportswriters and baseball players elected Williams as the greatest pitcher in the Negro Leagues history over Paige. Williams passed at the age of 64 in 1946.

He was posthumously inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame in 1999.

### Sacraments

#### RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION):

Saturdays 3:00 PM and by appointment.

**BAPTISMS:** To arrange and prepare for the celebration of Baptism, please call the Pastor to schedule an appointment. Baptisms are usually celebrated on Sunday afternoon.

**FUNERAL:** Please call the parish as soon as possible to make arrangements for the Mass of Christian Burial.

**VISITING THE SICK:** If you or a family member are sick or in the hospital, please call the parish so that a pastoral visit can be arranged. The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick may be celebrated in the parish before hospitalization. Please call also to arrange for a Eucharistic minister to bring Communion to the sick. If you would like to request prayers for someone who is sick, please call the parish so that the name may be placed in the bulletin.

**MARRIAGES:** Preparation must begin at least six months prior to the wedding. **Please** make arrangements with the parish before scheduling the reception.

**ANNULMENTS/CONVALIDATION:** Please arrange a meeting with the Pastor to begin the process of celebrating your marriage in the Church.

**NEW PARISHIONERS:** Catholics who would like to be registered as parishioners of Immaculate Conception and receive stewardship envelopes should call the parish secretary or fill out a form in the vestibule of the church.

**RCIA:** Adults who desire to explore the possibility of becoming a member of the Catholic Church should contact the RCIA (Rite for the Christian Initiation of Adults) team. Preparation usually begins in September and Baptism or Reception is celebrated at the next Easter Vigil.

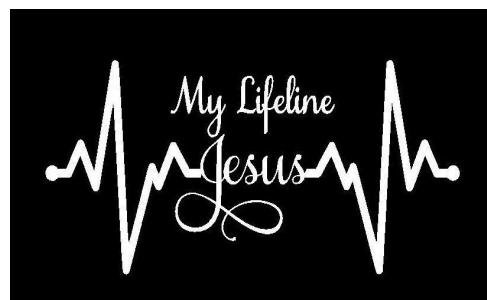
**TUITION ASSISTANCE:** Some financial aid for tuition assistance to Catholic schools is available to registered members of the parish. This is a one time grant of no more than \$1,000.00 to needy families to assist them during a time of financial crisis. Eligible families should write a letter to the Pastor who will evaluate the request with the Financial Advisory Committee.

### To Whom Do We Go

Adult Formation: Lovenia Watson.....	778-1977
Altar Servers: Bradley DeRouen .....	218-8292 / 284-5970
Child Protection Coord:.....	Andrea Toles
Eucharistic Ministers: Beulah Decuir.....	229-6076
Gospel Choir/Adult: Daphne Alex.....	936-4051
Gospel Choir/Youth: Tara Winder .....	428-5981
Hall Rental: Juliet Betts.....	775-7067
Ministry Council/Chair: Georgia Jenkins.....	775-5824
Pantry/Food and Vouchers: .....	774-3661
Sacristan: Rogers Jackson, Jr. ....	362-0907
Traditional Choir: Theresa Carmen.....	921-7315
Usher's Coordinator: Walter Ennis.....	775-7332

### This Week's Prayer

Dear God, bless our homes, that we cherish the daily bread before there is none, discover each other before we leave on our separate ways, and enjoy each other for what we are, while we have time to do so. Amen.





Father Thomas F. Clark, S. J.

**PARISH COUNCIL OF MINISTRIES**



There will be a meeting of the Parish Council of Ministries on this Tuesday, April 20 at 6:30 PM via Zoom. We will be discussing where we stand with the Covid restriction and if there are any changes we should make. I will send out a Zoom invitation on Monday, April 19.

**RECERTIFICATION FOR THE OFFICE OF CHILD PROTECTION**



The Office for Child Protection of the Diocese of Baton Rouge has adapted its training to include care for vulnerable adults. Every church staff member, PSR staff, teachers and volunteers, and any volunteer who has contact with minors or vulnerable adults must update their certification by watching the training video and taking the test and re-signing the Code of Ethics.

This will also include Eucharistic Ministers who bring Communion to the homebound. Father Clark will be sending out an email with the information needed for accessing the training and the code of ethics. There are no exceptions to this requirement. Please complete the training as soon as possible. We appreciate your cooperation.

**THE KNIGHTS OF PETER CLAVER, LADIES AUXILIARY, WILFRED B. RICARD COURT 116**



The Knights of Peter Claver, Ladies Auxiliary, Wilfred B. Ricard Court 116, is accepting Scholarship Award Applications for 2021.

Applications are available in the vestibule of the Church and the office of the Church Secretary (located in the Ministry Building). Completed applications are due no later than May 22, 2021. For additional information contact Barbara Dunbar at (225) 266-3354.

**WILFRED B. RICARD COUNCIL 116**

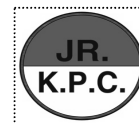


Wilfred B. Ricard Council 116 of the Knights of Peter Claver is accepting applications for our 11<sup>th</sup> annual scholarship award. We will award this scholarship to a **MALE APPLICANT** from Immaculate Conception Catholic Church. Applications for the scholarship can be picked in the rear of the church, by contacting the parish secretary, or via email at [monsieurjai@gmail.com](mailto:monsieurjai@gmail.com) Thanks, Aubrey Jones, Chairman.

Questions/comments regarding this request should be directed to Aubrey Jones, at 504.810.3555 or via email at [monsieurjai@gmail.com](mailto:monsieurjai@gmail.com).

**WILFRED B. RICARD BRANCH 116**

**JUNIOR DIVISION OF THE KNIGHTS OF PETER CLAVER**



Any male, age 7 through 17 and has made their 1st Communion or studying to do so, who is interested in becoming a member of Wilfred B. Ricard Branch 116 Junior Division of the Knights of Peter Claver, please contact: Patrick Gerald Berzat (225-276-4674 or [pgberzat@aol.com](mailto:pgberzat@aol.com).) Also, you can contact Rogers Jackson at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church for an application or more

**FAMILY AND YOUTH ZOOM MASS ON APRIL 18**



Our next Family and Youth Zoom Mass will be on Sunday, April 18 at 5:00 PM via Zoom. If any young person would like to read a reading, offer one of the petitions or a prayer of thanksgiving, please let Father Clark know.



**Happy Birthday**



Happy birthday!	ARCHIE	BROWN	4/18	Happy birthday!
	VIOLET	HAYNES	4/18	
	ANNA	JACKSON	4/18	
	DEJUAN	ROSS	4/18	
	ASALENA	LEBLANCE	4/19	
	CASSANDRA	BROUSSARD	4/20	
	JOSEPH	MATHIS	4/20	
	LEONA	WILSON	4/20	
	HENRY	CARMEN	4/21	
	DARRYL	HONORE, I	4/21	
	ANTHONY	BRADFORD	4/22	
	KAYLAN	LISTACH	4/22	
	CHLOE'	SHELMIRE	4/22	
	JOHN	THIBODEAUX	4/22	
	ANGELA	BALTAZAR	4/23	
	CONSTANCE	DRUMMOND	4/23	
TERRY	JETT, JR.	4/24		
ALFRED	LEDOUX, JR.	4/23		
KERRY	MALTER	4/24		
DAVID	PERKINS	4/24		

Happy birthday! Happy birthday!

**NEXT PARKING LOT MASS ON APRIL 25**



Our next parking lot Mass will be on Sunday, April 25 at 10:30 AM, weather permitting. Our parking lot Masses may be one thing that we remember as a distinctive feature of our pandemic adjustments.

**BLOOD DRIVE:  
SCOTLANDVILLE INTERFAITH  
HEALTH MINISTRY**



On Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup>, Immaculate Conception Church, Camphor Memorial UMC, Greater Mt. Carmel BC, and Allen Chapel AME will sponsor a blood drive at our Activity Center. There is a critical shortage of blood in South Louisiana. To help alleviate this shortage, please consider donating a pint of blood in memory of or in honor of your mother during the week before Mother's Day. Giving blood is the gift of life. Give life in memory of or in honor of the one who gave you life. Please make an appointment; Monday, May 3: 8:00 am-3 pm; Tuesday, May 4: 10 am -5 pm; Wednesday, May 5: 12 pm-7 pm. Sign-up sheets are in the foyer of the church. You may sign up on line using the links on the flier that has been shared via email.



**Mass Readings**

**April 18th - April 25th  
Sunday**

Acts 3:13-15, 17-19; Psalm 4; 1 John 2:1-5a  
Gospel: Luke 24:35-48

**Monday**

Acts 6:8-15; Psalm 119  
Gospel: John 6:22-29

**Tuesday**

Acts 7:51--8:1a; Psalm 31  
Gospel: John 6:30-35

**Wednesday**

Acts 8:1b-8; Psalm 66  
Gospel: John 6:35-40

**Thursday**

Acts 8:26-40; Psalm 66  
Gospel: John 6:44-51

**Friday**

Acts 9:1-20; Psalm 117  
Gospel: John 6:52-59

**Saturday**

Acts 9:31-42; Psalm 116  
Gospel: John 6:60-69

**Sunday**

Acts 4:8-12; Psalm 118; 1 John 3:1-2  
Gospel: John 10:11-18

*Forms for new parishioners or changes are located in the vestibule of the*

**PRAISE God FROM WHOM  
all blessings flow**

**PRAYERS AND BEST WISHES TO  
DEACON CHRIS KELLERMAN**

Deacon Chris will be returning to New Orleans to his work at the Jesuit Social Research Institute at Loyola University. Let us keep him in our prayers as he prepares for his ordination to the priesthood on June 12 at Holy Name of Jesus Church in New Orleans. Chris will be visiting us during the coming year as a new priest on a schedule that fits whatever Covid restrictions we will have.