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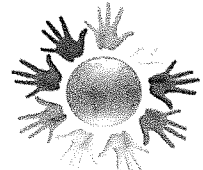
**MLK LATE NIGHT STUDY NIGHT APPRECIATION**

Martin Luther King Catholic Student Center collaborated with CUSA Tutoring Services on Tuesday, April 24 in hosting a study night for Southern students before final exams. We are so happy that so many students took advantage of this opportunity. We look forward to hosting more events like this in the future. Thanks to all who made this possible, especially Britany Melancon and tutors, the Saint Vincent de Paul Council of Immaculate Conception, especially Betty and Roderick Wells and Charles Duplechain.



**RACIAL HARMONY COMMISSION MEETING**

The Racial Harmony Commission of the Diocese of Baton Rouge will meet on Saturday, May 5 from 9:00AM to 12 noon at the Tracy Center of the Catholic Life Center, Room 214. The Commission will continue its planning for ways to invite Catholics to engage in the process of racial healing and transformation by engaging in dialogue groups, educational series, public lectures and discussion, development of curricula for religious education and Catholic schools, etc. Please consider coming and getting involved in one of the committees.



The Commission is planning a prayer service on Sunday, June 3, the feast of Corpus Christi, to celebrate the diversity of our local church in race, languages and cultures and the unity we share in the Body of Christ. The service will take place at Saint Joseph Cathedral and begin at 4:00 PM.

**BIBLE STUDY EACH MONDAY EVENING**

Bible Study continues each Monday evening at 7:00-8:00 PM in the Parish Activity Center. We are studying the Gospel of Mark. Everyone is welcome. Please bring a Bible, preferably the New American Bible, revised edition.



**XAVIER UNIVERSITY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION**

The Baton Rouge Chapter of the Xavier University Alumni Association is sponsoring a scholarship jazz brunch and silent auction from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm, Sunday, April 29, 2018. The event will be held in the Lod Cook Conference Center on the LSU campus. Musical entertainment will be provided by the Xavier University Jazz ensemble. Tickets for the brunch are available at the door for a donation of \$60 per person.



**ALTAR SERVERS PRACTICE**

New altar server practice takes place each Friday afternoon at 4:00 PM in the church. All boys and girls fourth grade and higher who have made their First Holy Communion are invited to begin practicing how to serve Mass. Parents, if this is not a convenient hour, please call Father Clark so that he can arrange a better time.



**Announcements and Upcoming Events**

**BLESSING OF STUDENTS BEFORE FINAL EXAMS**



On Sunday, April 29, at the 10:30 AM Mass we will have a special blessing for all Southern University students and all college students as they approach final exams and the end of this semester. We will have special recognition for graduating students. Southern students will assist with the ministries of the Mass. We all pray for our students during this important time of year.

**FLOOD RECOVERY RESOURCE FAIR**



Our first-ever Young Survivors' Flood Recovery Resource Fair was such a success that another one that will offer even more hands-on, interactive coping activities is planned for Sunday, May 20 at 12:30PM in the Activity Center.

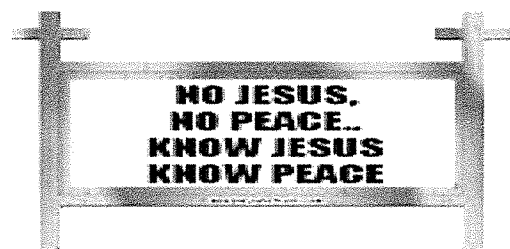
Our volunteer professionals can help your child and you sort through any lingering fear, anger, frustration or sadness still being experienced. This event is for you and your child: if your child's school, your workplace or your home was flood-damaged; if your home has not been fully restored; if your child or you have not adjusted to a "new normal"; if your child's personality or grades have changed for the worse; or if your household has or is still accommodating displaced relatives or friends.

Thank you to Parishioners Stephanie Price (ICare Educational Services), Kaylan Listach (Merrydale Elementary), Rayett Lockett (CareSouth Medical & Dental); Calvin McClinton (ICare Educational Services) and area professional Tarkisha Wallace (Soar Counseling & Consulting Services, LLC) for volunteering your time, energy and expertise to the success of this event.

**2018 - GRADUATES**



All high school, college and graduate school students in our church parish who are graduating in 2018 will be recognized at the 10:30AM Mass on Sunday, June 10. Please complete a Graduate Recognition Form online at [www.immaculateconceptionbr.org](http://www.immaculateconceptionbr.org) or complete a form located in the entrance of the church.



**Happy Birthday**

MAURICE	BURRELL	4/29
KOLIN	MALTER	4/29
ANDRE	MCCULLIER	4/29
PATRICIA	ROBERSON	4/29
NOLEN	STAFFORD	4/29
CURTIS	BOWIE	4/30
MAURICE	GIVENS	4/30
ELLIS	HERRING	4/30
SARAH	COLLINS	5/1
BRENDA	COOKS	5/1
AUSTON	JONES	5/1
JOSEPH	PATRICK	5/1
FATHER	HOOKS	5/2
ANGELA	MARSHALL	5/2
RUTH	ROBINSON	5/2
DONALD	VICTORIAN	5/2
NICOLE	DECUIR	5/4
ERROLLYN	JACKSON	5/5
WILLIE	SANDERS	5/5

**ANNUAL COMMUNITY HEALTH FAIR**

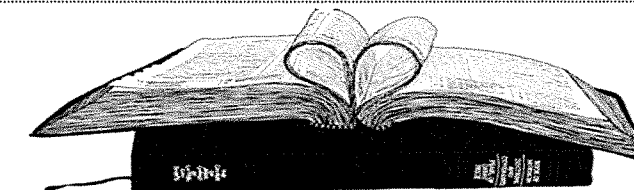


Our annual community health fair, a collaboration of Camphor Memorial United Methodist Church, Great Mt. Carmel Baptist Church, and Immaculate Conception Church, will be held on Saturday, August 4, 2018. This year Camphor Memorial is the lead church. Please volunteer to be a member of this planning community so that we can continue this tradition of collaboration and cooperation. Not only do we present a very helpful and educational event for the community, we also strengthen the bonds of our Christian fellowship with our neighborhood church partners. If you are willing to volunteer, please call Joseph Higginbotham at 225

**SCHOLARSHIP AWARD**



Wilfred B. Ricard Council 116 of the Knights of Peter Claver is accepting applications for our 9th annual scholarship award. We will award this scholarship to a MALE APPLICANT from Immaculate Conception Catholic Church. Applications for the scholarship can be picked up in the rear of the church, or by contacting the parish secretary. Questions/comments regarding this request should be directed to Aubrey Jones, advisor, Scholarship Committee at (504)810-3555 or via email at [monsieurjai@gmail.com](mailto:monsieurjai@gmail.com).



**Mass Readings**

**April 29th - May 6th Sunday**  
Acts 9:26-31; Psalm 22; 1 John 3:18-24  
Gospel: John 15:1-8

**Monday**  
Acts 14:5-18; Psalm 115  
Gospel: John 14:21-26

**Tuesday**  
Acts 14:19-28; Psalm 145  
Gospel: John 14:27-31a

**Wednesday**  
Acts 15:1-6; Psalm 122  
Gospel: John 15:1-8

**Thursday**  
1 Cor. 15:1-9; Psalm 19  
Gospel: John 14:6-14

**Friday**  
Acts 15:22-31; Psalm 57  
Gospel: John 15:12-17

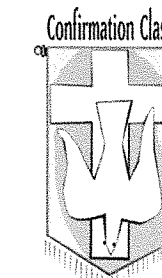
**Saturday**  
Acts 16:1-10; Psalm 100  
Gospel: John 15:18-21

**Sunday**  
Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48; Psalm 98; 1 John 4:7-10  
Gospel: John 15:9-17

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

**PRAY FOR OUR CANDIDATES FOR CONFIRMATION**

On Thursday, May 3 at 7:00 PM, our candidates for Confirmation from Saint Francis Xavier, Saint Paul the Apostle, and Immaculate Conception Churches will celebrate the sacrament with Bishop Muench at Saint Francis Xavier Church. Please pray for the candidates from our church:



Thai Alex  
Christopher Carter  
Nicholas Cloyd  
Tyler Griffin  
Desmond Honore  
Trinity Martin  
Shylon Matthews  
Matthew Winder

