

REFLECTIONS FROM FATHER CLARK

PARISH COUNCIL OF MINISTRIES MINUTES August 25, 2026

Fourteen councilors and interested parishioners attended the Parish Council of Ministries on Tuesday, August 25 at 6:30 PM. After an opening prayer and a review and acceptance of the minutes of the May meeting, Father Clark gave an update on the projects the parish has been engaged in.

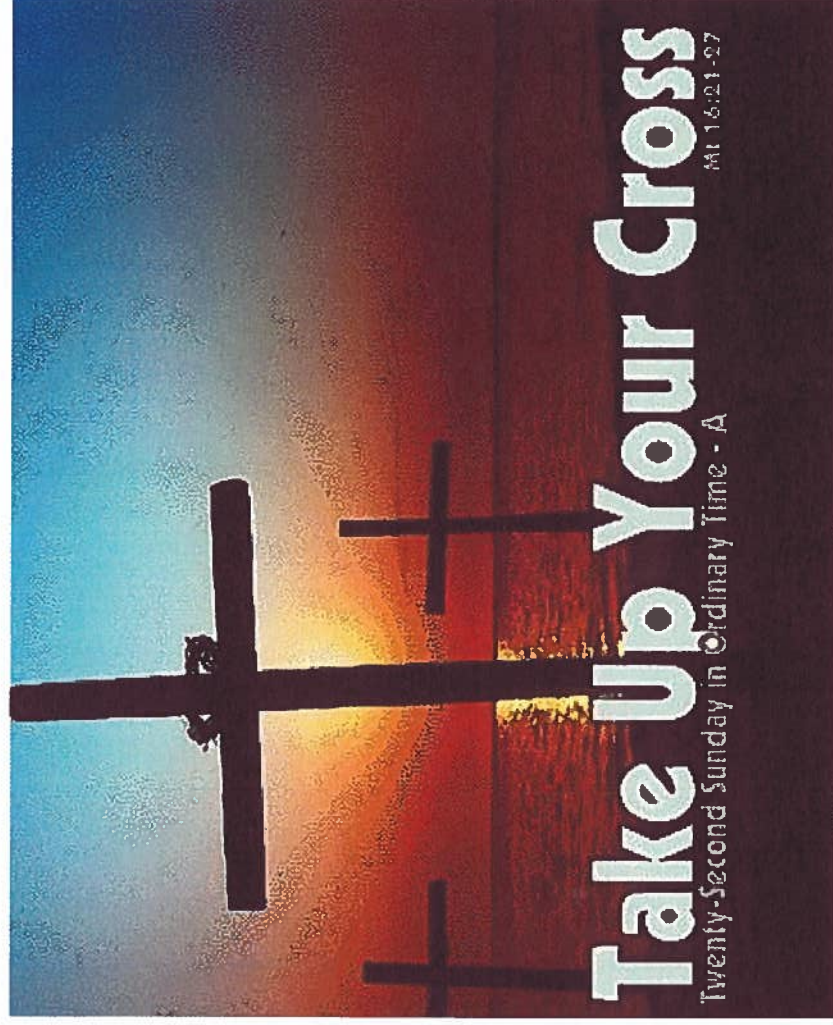
Our Community Lighthouse has been installed. The city will conduct its final inspection on August 26 or 27. Entergy will soon issue a Permission to Operate. We will be able to operate the solar power in the building in an emergency before Entergy's permit. After the permit is issued, we can run the building on solar power all the time at considerable utility savings to the parish. In the event of a power outage after a storm or another event, our Lighthouse Keepers team will be ready to open the Lighthouse to serve as a respite center for charging devices and as a cooling or heating station. The ribbon cutting ceremony for the Lighthouse will take place on Monday, September 14 at 4:00 PM in the Activity Center with many public officials in attendance.

We have begun our Community Dinners at the MLK Catholic Student Center on Thursdays from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm. All students are welcome. The Community dinners have a dual purpose to build community and fellowship and to provide students who are experiencing food insecurity with a weekly meal. Many community churches and organizations have signed up to sponsor a meal. We are partnering with the Nutrition Department of SU, who will take any leftovers and provide them to students they are in contact with on the next day. The greatest challenge is getting the word out to students. We are also in the process of setting up a computer/study room with 4 desktop computers, a printer, a white board, a smart board, study carrels, and two small group tables. This resource will be for SU students only.

Our new Provincial superior, Fr. Drew Kirschman, SJ, made his first annual visit to the parish on Sunday, August 9. He concelebrated at the 10:30 AM Mass and met with members of the Parish Council of Ministries and Financial Advisory Committee after Mass. He was very pleased with everything that parishioners shared. He noted that as a parish we are engaged in the four apostolic priorities of the Jesuits: sharing the Spiritual Exercises and Ignatian spirituality, accompanying youth on their journey of faith, working toward reconciliation, and caring for creation.

Ron Q. Lewis updated us on some of our appliances requiring maintenance and repair. We have purchased a wireless microphone to help us hear our guests when they introduce themselves to us at the end of Mass. Georgia Jenkins shared outreach materials from other churches.

News and Announcements: The Church Picnic with take place on Sunday, October 11 from 12 noon to 3:00 PM, rain or shine. The Advent Giving Tree will be available from the end of October to the first Sunday of December. The KPC will have their BBQ dinner sale on October 17. The SU Homecoming Parade will take place on Sunday, September 27 at 1:00 PM. We will have our regular Mass schedule with an abbreviated Mass at 10:30 AM. Those who park in the parking lot for Mass may stay there for the parade. The Homecoming Game Day is Saturday, October 3. There will be no 4:00 PM Vigil Mass on that day and the Knights will sell parking spaces. PSR registration is in process with classes beginning on September 13.



Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ August 30, 2026

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church
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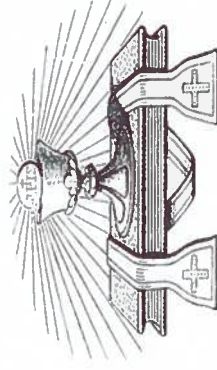
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serving the family of God and feeding the soul of the Community.



Mass Schedule

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

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

PASTOR: Father Thomas F. Clark, S.J. (225) 775-7067/(225) 773-2036

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COORDINATOR: Gloria DeRouen (225) 936-8162

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MLK/SU CATHOLIC STUDENT CENTER: Joyce Johnson - Wilfred Johnson (225) 775-8691



INVITATION FROM GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY

Golden Opportunity is a vibrant program for adults ages 50+ that offers day trips, educational classes, wellness activities, games, crafts, special events, and so much more! Annual membership costs \$30 for an individual and \$50 for a couple. If you join now, your membership will carry you to December 2027. For more information contact parishioner Cassandra Broussard at 225-755-4984.

100 DAYS FOR SCOTLANDVILLE

The city of Baton Rouge Public Works will focus on projects in Scotlandville starting October 1. They will use the issues that have been reported to 311. During the month of September, Scotlandville residents, please take the time to call 311 and report issues that need to be fixed, e.g., trash piles, blighted houses, overgrown lots, discarded tires, business fronts, abandoned cars, standing water, potholes, etc. Make sure you have the case number associated with your report. They will be only responding to issues reported to 311. Let's take advantage of this opportunity and report needs during September.

RIBBON CUTTING FOR OUR COMMUNITY LIGHTHOUSE

On Monday, September 14 at 4:00 PM, we will celebrate the opening of our Community Lighthouse with a ribbon cutting ceremony in our Activity Center. Please plan to come out and celebrate this great event for our church and community. We expect many public officials to attend including Bishop Duca. The ribbon cutting will be followed by a mini parade around the block with members of the Southern University Human Jukebox. We are going to let our little light shine!

GET OUT THE VOTE

Start getting ready to vote in the all-important midterm elections on November 3. The deadline to register to vote in person, by mail, or at an OMV office is October 5. The deadline to register to vote through the Geaux Vote Online Registration System is October 13. Early voting is October 20-27, excluding Sunday, October 25, from 8:30 am to 6 pm. The deadline to request an absentee ballot is October 30 by 4:30 pm. You can request an absentee ballot through the Voter Portal or in writing through your Registrar of Voters office. The deadline for the Registrar of Voters to receive a completed absentee ballot is November 2 by 4:30 pm. On election day, the polls are open from 6 am to 8 pm. The ballot on November 3 is a lengthy one. There are many propositions to consider. You must give adequate preparation to cast your vote wisely.

Remember, the best strategy is to vote in person during early voting. If you vote by mail, send it in as early as you can. Tell everyone you know that this is a crucial election and every vote counts.

Happy Birthday September

TIFFANY	CARTER	9/1
ANDREA	TOLES	9/1
CHARLEEN	BAHAM	9/2
LAKEDRA	BAISE	9/2
CHANDLER	BIAS	9/2
MICHAEL	JACKSON	9/2
CONSUELA	KNIGHT	9/2
MICHAEL	JAMES	9/3
SHEILA	SIMS	9/3
KIMBERLY	THOMAS	9/3
PATRICK	GRIFFIN, II	9/5
RASHIDA	MCKNIGHT	9/5
JOSHUA	MORRISON	9/5
CATHERINE	STEVENSON	9/5
CODY	HULBERT	9/6
KAREN	JARRETT	9/6
THERESA	MIMS	9/6
DEWAYNE	PATIN	9/6
ALONZO	JONES	9/6
BARRY	RICARD	9/6

PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION (PSR) REGISTRATION

2026-2027

Registration is open now! Classes begin Sunday, September 13, 2026, from 9:00-10:15 AM. Registration forms are available in the church foyer and online at www.immaculateconceptionbr.org.

Fees: \$25 for the first child, \$15 for each additional child, plus \$10 for students preparing for First Holy Communion or Confirmation. Complete a separate registration forms for each child and submit payment as directed on the form or through Online Giving. For information, contact Gloria DeRouen (225-936-8162), Stephanie Yearby (214-881-5663), or the Church Office at (225) 775-7067.

Weekly Mass Readings August 30th-September 6th

Sunday

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jeremiah 20: 7-9

Romans 12: 1-2

Matthew 16: 21-27

Monday

Monday of the Twenty-Second Week

in Ordinary Time

1 Corinthians 2: 1-5

Luke 4: 16-30

Tuesday

1 Corinthians 2: 10b-16

Luke 4: 31-37

Wednesday

1 Corinthians 3: 1-9

Luke 4: 38-44

Thursday

Memorial of Saint Gregory the Great, Pope, and the

Doctor of the Church

1 Corinthians 3: 18-23

Luke 5: 1-11

Friday

1 Corinthians 3: 18-23

Luke 5:33-39

Saturday

1 Corinthians 4: 6b-15

Luke 6: 1-5

Sunday

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ezekiel 33: 7-9

Romans 13:8-10

Matthew 18: 15-20