

REFLECTIONS FROM FATHER CLARK

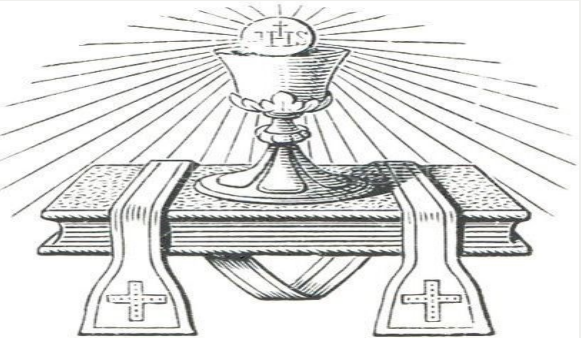
Take, Lord, and receive my life as it is today:
my dreams and disappointments,
my successes and failures,
my memories and hopes,
my fears and my joys.
Receive my work and my rest,
my family and my friends,
my conversations and my silence,
my plans and the unexpected turns along the way.
Receive every ordinary moment,
for You have been present in them long before I recognized You.
Take my time, my talents,
my voice, my compassion,
my strengths and my weaknesses,
and all the opportunities You place before me each day.
May everything I have become,
and everything I have yet to become,
find its purpose in You.
Receive the burdens I carry,
the questions that remain unanswered,
the wounds that still seek healing,
and the hope that keeps me moving forward.
Receive the people You have entrusted to my care
and every encounter through which You reveal Your presence.
All that I am, all that I have,
and all that I will ever be
comes from You.
To You, Lord, I return it with gratitude,
trusting that You continue to lead me
through the ordinary moments of life,
where Your love is quietly at work.
All is Yours.
Dispose of it according to Your loving will.
Whether in moments of clarity or uncertainty,
in joy or sorrow, in work or rest,
may my life always belong to You
and give greater glory to Your name.
Give me only Your love and Your grace.
Those will be enough for every tomorrow,
as I continue to find You
in the midst of life.
Amen.



NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ AUGUST 9, 2026

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serving the family of God and feeding the soul of the Community.

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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



WELCOME, FATHER ANDREW KIRSCHMAN, SJ

On July 31, Father Drew Kirschman, SJ became the provincial superior of the Jesuit Central Southern Province. This weekend he marks his first annual visit to Immaculate Conception Church. He will concelebrate at the 10:30 AM Mass on Sunday.

BLESSINGS ON THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR

As the new school year begins, we lift up all our students, teachers, staff, and administration and ask God for a safe, peaceful, and orderly start of the school year. May families settle into the routine of school and work together to make the household run smoothly and cooperatively. May teachers, staff, and administration be energized and excited about the opportunities the new year brings.

COMMUNITY MEETING ON TUESDAY

On Tuesday, August 11, at 6:00 PM, our church in collaboration with the Power Coalition will host a Community Meeting about the November elections. Sen. Regina Barrow, Rep. Barbara Carpenter, Commissioner Davante Lewis, and Councilor Anthony Kenney will be present to share information about the redistricting bill, changes to the voting laws, and ways to work for an historic turnout in November. Everyone is welcome. Please share this invitation with your family and friends.

COMMUNITY DINNER AT MLK CATHOLIC STUDENT CENTER

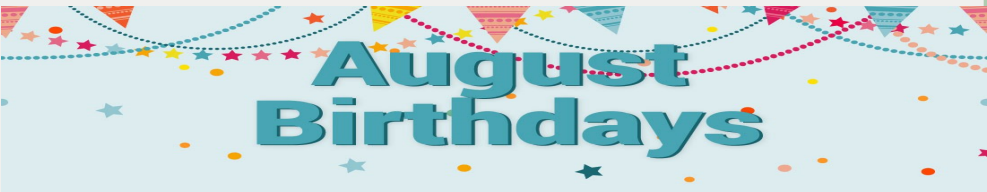
To address food insecurity among SU students, the MLK Catholic Student Center will sponsor a community dinner for all SU students on Thursdays from 5 PM to 7 PM. Students may eat there or take out. There will also be an opportunity for fellowship and fun. If your fraternity, sorority, or organization would like to sponsor a dinner per semester, please contact Father Clark.

FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION OF MARY

Saturday, August 15, is the Feast of the Assumption of Mary. Whenever a holy day falls on a Saturday or Monday, it is not a day of obligation. However, we will celebrate the feast on the vigil, Friday, August 14 at 6:00 PM with Mass.

LIGHT HOUSE CELEBRATION AND GET OUT THE VOTE RALLY

On Saturday, August 22, from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM, we will announce our Community Lighthouse to the neighborhood with a celebration in our parking lot on Saturday, August 22, 2026 from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM. We will also be encouraging everyone to Get Out the Vote in November. There will be music, speakers, food, voter registration, and Lighthouse info. Please come out and support our event.



DERRICK	BARNES	8/10
KIMBERLY	ENCALADE	8/10
KATRINA	GRIFFIN	8/10
PATRICIA	ROBERTSON	8/10
MARVA	ALLEN	8/11
MIRANDA	CHRISTOPHER	8/11
CYNTHIA	CLOUDET	8/11
JACQUELINE	COLEMAN	8/11
TERYN	DEROUEN	8/11
DERRICK	FRANKLIN	8/11
MERCEDES	GUERIN	8/11
DONYE	NETTER	8/11
GLINDA	VERRETT	8/11
LINDA	ROSS	8/11
SHIRLEY	BONNEY	8/12
KARTER	WHITE	8/12
NEKESHIA	WILLIAMS	8/12
LATOYA	DIXON	8/13
CEDRIC	ROBILLARD	8/13
LAWRENCE	ST. AMANT	8/13
ANDRE	NEWTON,JR.	8/14
KAREN	OLISON	8/14
JOSEPH	RICHARD	8/14
PAULETTE	RIDEAU	8/14
JAMIE	WILLIAMS	8/14
BECKY	BELLANGER	8/15
LOGAN	DAUPHINE	8/15
GLINDA	LEWIS	8/15
LOIS	PRESTON	8/15
THAI	ALEX	8/16
MILES	DRUMMOND	8/16
PATRICK	JENKINS	8/16
ANITRA	KING	8/16
JARED	SAMPSON	8/16
LAWRENCE	WILLIAMS, SR.	8/16
LATOYA	DOTSON	8/17
ELOISE	JOHNSON	8/17
CYNTHIA	ST. AMANT	8/17

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 9th—August 16th**

Sunday
Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Kings 19: 9a-11-13a
Romans 9: 1-5
Matthew 14: 22-23

Monday
**Feast of Saint Lawrence, Deacon
and Martyr**

2 Corinthians 9: 6-10
John 12: 24-26

Tuesday
Memorial of Saint Clare, Virgin
Ezekiel 2: 8-3:4
Matthew 18: 1-5, 10, 12-14

Wednesday
Ezekiel 9: 1-7; 10: 18-22
Matthew 18: 15-20

Thursday
Ezekiel 12: 1-12
Matthew 18: 21-19:1

Friday
**Memorial of Saint Maximilian Kolbe,
Priest and Martyr**
Ezekiel 16: 1-15, 60, 63
Matthew 19: 3-12

Saturday
**Solemnity of the Assumption of the
Blessed Virgin Mary**
1 Chronicles 15: 3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2
1 Corinthians 15: 54b-57
Luke : 11:27-28

Sunday
Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Isaiah 56: 1, 6-7
Romans 11: 13-15, 29-32
Matthew 15: 21-28