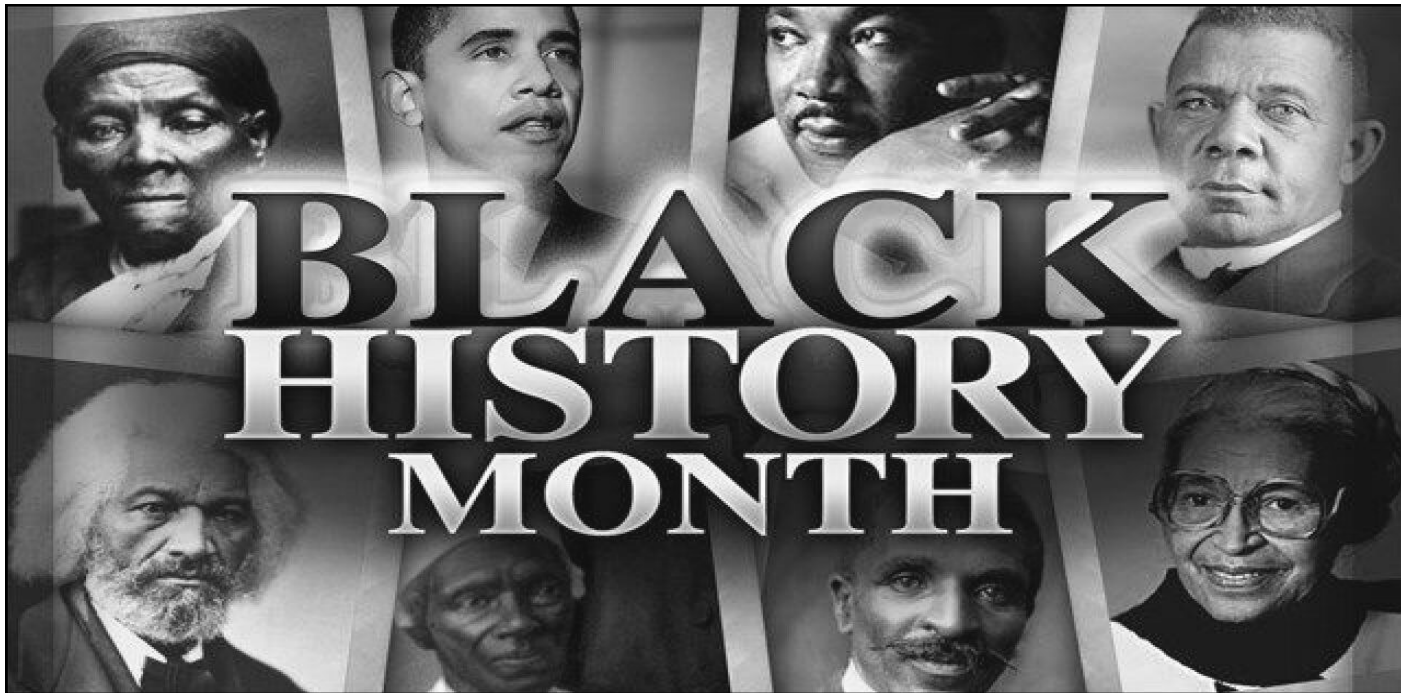




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Sacraments

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.

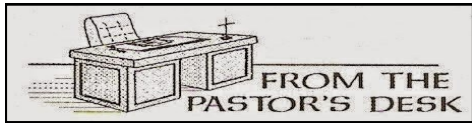
To Whom Do We Go

Adult Formation: Lovenia Watson.....778-1977
Altar Servers: Bradley DeRouen218-8292 / 284-5970
Child Protection Coord:.....Andrea Toles
Eucharistic Ministers: Beulah Decuir.....229-6076
Gospel Choir/Adult: Daphne Alex.....936-4051
Gospel Choir/Youth: Tara Winder428-5981
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: Deidra James Mackie.....772-3401
Usher's Coordinator: Walter Ennis.....(504)427-6459

This Week's Prayer

Dear Lord, thank you for the blessings you have given me for this day. Continue to shower me with your undying love and care. Show me wisdom and virtue when I am blind. Give me miracles if I ever become hopeless. Amen





Father Thomas F. Clark, S. J.



ASH WEDNESDAY-FEBRUARY 22



On Ash Wednesday, February 22, Mass with the distribution of ashes will be celebrated at 7:30 AM, 12:10 PM, and 7:00 PM. All of these Masses will be celebrated in the church. At 5:30 PM there will be a prayer service with the distribution of ashes at the MLK Catholic Student Center.

THANK YOU FOR OUR BLACK HISTORY CELEBRATION

What an awesome celebration of Black History Month at last week's 10:30 AM Mass.
Thank you to all the youth who participated.

LECTORS: Lundy Plain and Joshua Morrison

CALL TO WORSHIP: Kristen Sam and Maloric Doucet

MEDITATION AFTER COMMUNION: Kristen Sam and Lundy Plain

ALTAR SERVERS: Evan Addison, Ryleigh Valliere and Chaise Bias

PRESENTATION OF GIFTS: Maylea Doucet and Kendrick Slan, Jr.

USHERS: Roman Johnson, Kay'lee Shepherd, Chase McClinton, Thomas Walker III

UNIVERSAL PRAYER: Addisyn Jarrett, Leo Borne, Raleigh Allison, Ty Walker, Ryan Bonton, Sophie Burrell, and Marcus Doucet.

A big shout out to Gloria DeRouen and the PSR teachers who did an amazing job preparing the students for this celebration. We cannot thank them enough for their weekly dedication to handing on the faith to our youth!



FRIDAY EVENING LENTEN DEVOTIONS



On the Fridays of Lent from February 24 to March 31, we will celebrate Mass at 5:30 PM followed by Eucharistic Adoration until 7:00 PM during which we will pray the Stations of the Cross. Come for some quiet time with the Lord at the end of the work week.

SMALL GROUP FAITH SHARING DURING LENT



Gather a group of friends or members of your church ministry and plan a day or half a day of reflection during Lent. You may meet at someone's house or at the church. We will provide you with materials with which to organize your time. You can adapt it to whatever format best suits your group. Sharing our faith strengthens our faith!

SATURDAY MORNINGS DURING LENT



On Saturdays, March 4, 11, 18, 25, Father Clark will offer a reflection group on the writings of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. We will meet in person from 10:00-11:30 AM. We will listen to a sermon of Dr. King and reflect on its themes and the Scripture it references.



TRI-PARISH REVIVAL-MARCH 6, 7, 8

Father John Judie, a native of New Orleans and a priest of the Archdiocese of Louisville, Kentucky will preach our Tri-Parish Revival on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, March 6, 7, 8. The services will begin at 6:00 PM on Monday at Saint Paul, on Tuesday at Saint Francis Xavier, and on Wednesday at Immaculate Conception. The Revival has been one of our most loved events. We are so happy to be able to present it again after a couple of years pause due to Covid.

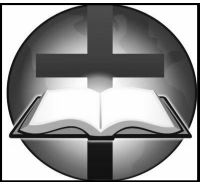
Happy Birthday

RONALD	BELLIAZERE	2/19
SOPHIE	DUBRIEL	2/19
MAKAYLIA	ASKEW	2/20
JUANITA	RICHARD	2/20
ZION	STEWART	2/20
ZANETTA	AUGUSTINE	2/21
LEROY	POYDRAS	2/21
STEPHEN	BRISCO JR.	2/22
ERIC	TOLES	2/22
JULIET	BETTS	2/23
BRYON	JACKSON, JR.	2/23
JANIYAH	LEWIS	2/23
TERRI	WHITE	2/23
STACEY	RICHARDSON	2/24
ELOYS	SAMUELS	2/24
JOHN	TOUSSAINT	2/24
CALLIA	COX	2/25
MARY	JACKSON	2/25
RUSSELL	JARREAU	2/25
QUINCY	LEWIS	2/25
MARLON	PATIN	2/25

CONGRATULATIONS TO ELAINE SIMMS



Congratulations to Elaine Sims who along with Father Clark will be one of the recipients of the Acie J. Belton Award honorees at the Crewe of Oshun Ball on February 25, 2023, at the Jewel J. Newman Center. Father Clark is proud to share this recognition with Elaine. Everybody knows about Elaine's dedication and service to the community. She is tireless in her concern for the good of the community, her loving service to the elders of the community, her deep faith and service to God, and her talent at making us all beautiful one head at a time! Be sure to congratulate Elaine and tell her, "Job well done!"



Mass Readings

February 19th - February 26th

Sunday

Lv 19:1-2, 17-18; Psalms 103; 1 Cor 3:16-23

Gospel: Mt 5:38-48

Monday

Sir 1:1-10; Psalms 93

Gospel: Mk 9:14-29

Tuesday

Sir 2:1-11; Psalms 37

Gospel: Mk 9:30-37

Wednesday

Ash Wednesday

Joel 2:12-18; Psalm 51; 2 Cor 5:20--6:2

Gospel: Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday

Dt 30:15-20; Psalms 1

Gospel: Lk 9:22-25

Friday

Is 58:1-9a; Psalms 51

Gospel: Mt 9:14-15

Saturday

Is 58:9b-14; Psalms 86

Gospel: Lk 5:27-32

Sunday

First Sunday of Lent

Gn 2:7-9, 3:1-7; Psalms 51; Rom 5:12-19

Gospel: Mt 4:1-11

ADULT CONFIRMATION



If any adult of the parish (over 18 years) who has made their First Communion but never had the opportunity to make their Confirmation and would like to prepare for Confirmation and celebrate it at Saint Joseph's Cathedral on Pentecost Sunday, May 28, 2023, please see Father Clark to arrange for preparation.

BLESSING OF MARRIAGE IN THE CHURCH



If anyone was married in a civil ceremony or in another church and would like to have their marriage recognized and blessed as a sacrament in the Catholic Church, please see Father Clark for information.