

THIS WEEK IN BLACK HISTORY

Doris "Dorie" Miller



Doris "Dorie" Miller (October 12, 1919 – November 24, 1943) was an American sailor in the United States Navy. He manned anti-aircraft guns during the attack on Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941, for which he had no training, and he tended to the wounded. He was recognized by the Navy for his actions and awarded the Navy Cross.

He was the first black American to be awarded the Navy Cross, the third highest honor awarded by the Navy at the time, after the Medal of Honor and the Navy Distinguished Service Medal. The Navy Cross now precedes the Navy Distinguished Service Medal. Miller's acts were heavily publicized in the black press, making him an iconic emblem of the war for black Americans. Nearly two years after Pearl Harbor, he was killed in action when his ship *Liscome Bay* was sunk by a Japanese submarine during the Battle of Makin.

On January 19, 2020, the Navy announced that CVN-81 would be named after him (USS Doris Miller), a *Gerald R. Ford*-class aircraft carrier scheduled to be laid down in 2023 and launched in 2028.



Family members of late Ship's Cook 3rd Class Doris Miller unveil a plaque commemorating the future Navy ship, the Ford-class aircraft carrier USS Doris Miller, at a Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day celebration event (Jan. 2020). Photo by Justin R. Pacheco/U.S. Navy.

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

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| 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 |
| Ministry to the Sick: Gene Decuir..... | 229-6076 |
| 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

My closest friends, Dear Lord, are a reprieve for my soul. Their acceptance sets me free to be myself. Their unconditional love forgives my failings. Thank you for these people who are a reflection of your love in my life. Help me be a friend who will lay down my life in such loving ways. Amen.

Faith ~ Family ~ Friends



PARISH COUNCIL OF MINISTRIES

January 21, 2020
MINUTES

Twenty one members of the Parish Council of Ministries and interested parishioners attended the meeting on January 21, 2020. After an opening prayer and the review and acceptance of the minutes of the October, 2019 meeting, Father Clark expressed his gratitude for the work that the committees did to make the receptions for the celebration of the Blessing of the Church so nice. Special thanks to the chairpersons: Geraldine Duvernay, Walterine Whitfield, Knights and Ladies of PC, and Sheila Duplechain DeRouen.

Pat Hives gave an overview of the upcoming Ministry Fair that will take place on the weekend of February 8-9. We hope that this will be a fun event serving not only as a time to sign up for ministries but also as a time for community building and fellowship. There will be door prizes and snacks. Chairs of ministries are asked to be present or have a representative present for all three sessions after the Masses. They should write a short blurb about the ministry to be placed in a bulletin insert. Fr. Clark asked that special attention be given to welcoming and retaining new members. He will be checking with chairpersons after six months to see how many new members have been incorporated into the ministry. We will also begin head shots for the online parish directory. There will be opportunity for parish registration and update of contact information.

Bishop Duca has asked that all parishes observe the weekend of March 7-8 as "Safe Haven Sunday." He wants to bring to the diocese's attention the dangers and the pervasiveness of pornography on the internet. Online pornography is targeting young people. The average age for first exposure to pornography is 11 years old. Pornography addiction is real and has a negative effect on marriages and family life. Help is available for those with this addiction. A booklet with suggestions for how to make your home a "safe-haven" will be available. During discussion of this topic, members highlighted that it is not only pornography but also "sexting" which is a danger for youth. Compromising photos of youth are shared on line and used for extortion and bullying.

Father Clark asked for suggestions for how we will observe Lent. We will have our traditional devotions of Revival (March 2, 3, 4), Stations of the Cross, the black books, a spiritual reading book. We will continue Prayer Partners. It was suggested that we have small faith sharing communities. Please share with Father Clark any suggestions you may have.

We will have a Jesuit deacon with us from fall 2020 to spring 2021. Chris Kellerman, SJ is completing his theological studies in Toronto and will be ordained a deacon in the spring. He will be with us on weekends as he works at the Jesuit Social Research Institute at Loyola with Father Fred Kammer, SJ.

The following news and announcements were shared: the Legion of Mary will host their first convocation of Legionnaires in Baton Rouge on Saturday, March 21. Ron Q. Lewis gave an update on remaining items of the "punch list" for the completion of the church. Reggie Berry gave a warning of the dangers of scams by telemarketers. Do not give any personal information over the phone to an unknown entity. First Confessions will be celebrated on Saturday, February 1. This year the Bishop's Appeal will benefit campus ministry including MLK Catholic Student Center.



THE SOCIETY OF SAINT VINCENT DePAUL

The Society of Saint Vincent DePaul at Immaculate Conception will be collecting items from parishioners to distribute to the homeless shelters in the Baton Rouge area. We will be collecting items in the Activity Center on February 9th during the Parish Ministry Fair. The shelters are in need of the following items:

- Personal Hygiene items (toothpaste, toothbrush, soap and deodorant)
- Towels (various sizes)
- Twin sheet set
- Socks (Children and adult sizes)

Additionally, we are recruiting new members to join our society; applications are available in the back of the church and in the Activity Center.

CHURCH CONTRIBUTIONS FOR 2019

Parishioners who would like a copy of their church contributions for 2019, please fill out the form located in the vestibule of the church titled, **CHURCH CONTRIBUTIONS/2019** and place it in the box next to the forms. Your information will be mailed to you. Those who contribute online may download a statement of their contribution from the We Share website. Thanks

WALKING WARRIORS HEALTH AND WELLNESS MINISTRY



HEALTHY TIDBIT: Have you heard these three flu myths? **MYTH:** You can catch the flu from the flu vaccine. **FACT:** The flu shot (vaccine) is made from an inactivated virus that cannot transmit infection. **MYTH:** You can catch the flu from going outside in cold weather without wearing a coat or while having wet hair or by being near a drafty window. **FACT:** The only way to catch the flu is by being exposed to the influenza virus. **MYTH:** Healthy people do not need a flu shot. **FACT:** The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) recommends that everyone (starting at 6 months of age and including pregnant women) should get a flu shot every year. health.harvard.edu

ATTENTION



The Walking Warriors Health and Wellness Ministry is looking for ICCC Parishioners or professionals who can offer their services for **FREE** as: a registered nutritionist or graduate student enrolled in a Nutrition Program; a registered nurse, medical doctor, or pharmacist who can perform blood pressure/blood glucose testings; or a certified personal trainer, yoga instructor or exercise instructor who could lead aerobics, strength training or yoga classes. Please contact Andrea Toles 504-491-6556 or Sheila Duplechain DeRouen 225-936-4110.

Happy Birthday

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| ANNE | BALTAZAR | 1/26 |
| ADDYSON | FORT | 1/26 |
| GAIL | JOHNSON | 1/26 |
| JANICE | JOSEPH | 1/26 |
| DENITRA | PERKINS | 1/26 |
| MEGAN | WILTZ | 1/26 |
| BIZANNA | BEASLEY | 1/27 |
| ALVIN | FLEURY, JR. | 1/27 |
| NYRA | LANDRY | 1/27 |
| ANTHONY | LUMBARD | 1/27 |
| FELESHA | JETT | 1/27 |
| JONATHAN | SMITH | 1/27 |
| JACIEN | DOTSON | 1/28 |
| ABRAM | HAYNES | 1/28 |
| SONIA | ALLISON | 1/29 |
| ALRITA | FORD | 1/29 |
| SENTORIA | FOSTER | 1/29 |
| MILLIE | PRICE | 1/29 |
| COURTNEY | ROBINSON | 1/29 |
| RENITA | BOUDREAUX | 1/30 |
| CAROLYN | CARTER | 1/30 |
| NICHOLAS | MONTGOMERY | 1/30 |
| CARRIE | CHRISTY | 1/31 |
| RAYLAND | CRAIG | 1/31 |
| TRISTYN | DEROUEEN | 1/31 |
| WILLIE | SANDERS, JR. | 1/31 |
| SHARYN | WILCOX | 1/31 |
| THERESA | WILLIAMS | 1/31 |
| JACQUELYN | THOMAS | 2/1 |
| JOYCE | GARNER | 2/1 |
| EARL | MARCELLE | 2/1 |
| BRANDEN | PORCHE, JR. | 2/1 |
| ALTON | STATION, JR. | 2/1 |

SAVE THE DATES!!

Please keep the following dates in mind. **February 1:** First Confessions; **February 9:** Parish Ministry Fair; **February 26:** Ash Wednesday; **March 2, 3, 4** Tri-Parish Lenten Revival; **April 5:** Palm Sunday; **April 12;** Easter Sunday; **April 30:** Confirmation; **May 16:** First Holy Communion.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK
JANUARY 26 AT 2:00 PM

We will have a celebration of the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick on January 26 (TODAY) at 2:00 PM in the church. This sacrament of healing is for all who are experiencing illness or weakness. If someone is unable to come to church and would like to celebrate the sacrament, please call Father Clark and he will visit them at home.



Mass Readings

January 26th- February 2nd
Sunday
Is 8:23--9:3; Psalm 27; I Cor. 1:10-13,17
Gospel: Mt 4:12-23
Monday
2 Sm 5:1-7, 10; Psalm 89
Gospel: Mk 3:22-30
Tuesday
2 Sm 6:12B-15, 17-19; Psalm 24
Gospel: Mk 3:31-35
Wednesday
2 Sm 7:4-17; Psalm 89
Gospel: Mk 4:1-20
Thursday
2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29; Psalm 132
Gospel: Mk 4:21-25
Friday
2 Sm 1:1-4A, 5-10A, 13-17; Psalm 51
Gospel: Mk 4:26-34
Saturday
2 Sm 12:1-7A, 10-17; Psalm 51
Gospel: Mk 4:35-41
Sunday
Feast of the Presentation of the Lord
Mal 3:1-4; Psalm 24; Heb. 2:14-18
Gospel: Lk 2:22-40

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

PARISH MINISTRY FAIR: FEBRUARY 8-9



Please plan to come to the Parish Ministry Fair after the Masses on February 8-9. Check out new and existing ways in which you can become involved in the parish. Fellowship with parishioners and enjoy the snacks and door prizes. Get your photo taken for the parish directory. Update your contact information. Register as a parishioner if you have not done so already. Bring an item for the homeless.

CADAV MEETING ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 28

There will be a meeting of CADAV (Community against Drugs and Violence) on Tuesday, January 28, at 6:00 PM at the Scotlandville Library. This meeting is a good way of staying informed about what is happening in the community.

