

## THIS WEEK IN BLACK HISTORY

### John Morton-Finney



**John Morton-Finney** was a true Renaissance man, earning an impressive 11 degrees during his lifetime. The former Buffalo Soldier Army man and educator is also considered by some historians the longest-serving lawyer of all time.

Morton-Finney was born to a former slave father and a free mother in Kentucky. The parents taught their seven children the value of education which served the young man well early on. He joined the U.S. Army and became a member of the 24<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment, better known as the Buffalo Soldiers. Morton-Finney fought twice, first in the Philippines and once more in World War I.

Honorably discharged after his first tour, Morton-Finney earned the first of his degrees from Lincoln College in Missouri. When the great war began, he donned the uniform once more and fought for the American Expeditionary Force in France. Morton-Finney was teaching at a one-room schoolhouse at that time, and he returned to the States and earned several degrees in math, French, and history.

Morton-Finney met and fell in love with Lincoln College teacher Pauline Ray after taking her class. The pair wed in 1922 and relocated to Indianapolis, where Morton-Finney taught at the all-Black Crispus Attucks High School. Morton-Finney was head of the school's foreign language departments and was responsible for encouraging several children to pursue higher education.

While teaching at Crispus Attucks in 1935, Morton-Finney earned the first of four law degrees. He was also a voracious reader, often reading three or four titles at a time, according to accounts. In an interview on his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday, he said that he believed that there was no end to learning.

At 75, Morton-Finney earned the last of his several degrees from Butler University. He practiced law until he was 107 years old, besting Rush Limbaugh Sr., the Missouri attorney and father of the conservative pundit of the same name.

Morton-Finney passed in 1998. In 2000, the Indianapolis Public Schools Board honored Morton-Finney's 47 years as a teacher by re-naming the Center for Educational Services to the Dr. John Morton-Finney Center for Educational Services. Other honors include a residential house named for him on Indiana University's Purdue campus in 2014.

### 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 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

#### A Prayer For Patience

God, teach us what it means to have faith in silence. When we face trials that are beyond our understanding, help us to find peace. Help me be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, and faithful in prayer. You set all things in accordance to your time. Remind us to wait patiently, and find peace in your plan. Amen.





**CELEBRATION OF CONFIRMATION**

We will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation with Bishop Duca as the celebrant on Thursday, July 30 at 7:00 PM. Attendance will be limited to the candidates, their sponsor and their parents plus one more guest per candidate. The ceremony will be livestreamed on Facebook (Immaculate Conception BR) as well as YouTube (Immaculate Conception BR). Please pray for our candidates:

**Confirmation Class**



Megan Abraham  
Morgan Abraham  
Anthony Bradford  
Layla Johnson  
LeAnn Morrison  
Dajon Trudell  
Jai Washington  
Kristian Williams  
Naomi Winder

**Confirmation Class**



**CELEBRATION OF BAPTISM AND FIRST HOLY COMMUNION**



We will celebrate the Baptism of Lionel Shepherd, Jr. and Aidan Shepherd at the 4:00 PM Vigil Mass on Saturday, July 25 at 4:00 PM. Lionel will also receive his First Holy Communion. On Sunday at 10:30 AM Mass we will celebrate the Baptism of Ariell Martin and William Martin. They will also receive their First Holy Communion. Pray for these children and their families on this important moment of their Christian journey.

**THE FEAST OF SAINT IGNATIUS, JULY 31**



July 31 is the feast of Saint Ignatius of Loyola, the founder of the Jesuits, the religious community to which Father Clark and Deacon Chris belong. This is a special day for all Jesuits, usually celebrated with large gatherings of Jesuits. However, this year it will be much quieter as we cannot gather due to Covid 19. Yet, our hearts will still rejoice as we thank God for all the blessings we have received through our Father Ignatius and his unique insight into our relationship with Jesus that he handed on through the *Spiritual Exercises*. You will all be in our prayers on this feast day as we give thanks for the privilege of serving you at Immaculate Conception Church.

**ICCC YOUTH DIGITAL CITIZENSHIP WORKSHOPS**

The Digital Citizenship (DC) workshop series for Immaculate Conception Catholic Church (ICCC) parish youth is sponsored by the ICCC Social Justice Ministry. Digital Citizenship is a teacher led on-line platform that engages students in various on-line lessons focused on internet safety, responsibility, and etiquette. Youth participants will be able to: 9th-12th

- Articulate why it's important to consider the perspectives of others on and offline
- Appreciate the motivations and feelings of all parties involved in an incident of online cruelty
- Draw conclusions about how to respond when someone is the target of online cruelty.

Workshops will be offered for **only** ICCC youth (9th-12th), on **Saturday August 8th and 22nd from 10:00-11:30am**. Workshops will be taught by parishioner Aubrey Jones, ICARE Prevention Specialist. Each youth will need to have an individual registration form. **Registration runs July 13-28th.**

**Registration Link:** [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdMMNy09dw2128rihWnywXYfFnschBBRu-q1WhOb\\_1lhRFTOA/viewform?usp=pp\\_url](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdMMNy09dw2128rihWnywXYfFnschBBRu-q1WhOb_1lhRFTOA/viewform?usp=pp_url)  
**Questions:** [iccsim1@gmail.com](mailto:iccsim1@gmail.com)

**Happy Birthday**

CASSANDRA	BENOIT	7/26
JOHN	DARJEAN	7/26
ENA	LACY	7/26
THADDEUS	SAM	7/26
JORDAN	THOMAS	7/26
TIARA	JOHNSON	7/27
BERTHA	BEARD	7/28
EVAN	LEDOUX	7/28
TIMOTHY	DAIGRE	7/29
SHERLAN	DUNN	7/29
ROLANDA	JOHNSON	7/29
ROSHAWN	PRESTON	7/29
RAVEN	PRICE	7/29
ALLEGRA	RICHARD	7/29
JARED	ABADIE	7/30
PAMELA	BUTLER	7/30
ALEXANDRA	NEAL	7/30
KELSEY	WILLIAMS	7/31
PATRICK	BURLS	7/31
JESSICA	OLIVE	7/31
JANICE	ANDERSON	8/1
JARROTT	ANDERSON, SR.	8/1
LIONEL	ANDERSON	8/1
STEFFANI	BOURGEOIS	8/1
SHIRLEY	HENDERSON	8/1
RONALD	JOHNSON	8/1
JHAELYN	ODOM	8/1
WAYNE	STATION	8/1
SHANNON	VITAL	8/1
THOMAS	WALKER, III	8/1
BERNARD	WASHINGTON, JR.	8/1

**DEACON CHRIS KELLERMAN RETURNS TO NEW ORLEANS**



Deacon Chris will be returning to New Orleans on August 1. He will be working at the Jesuit Social Research Institute at Loyola University. The plan is for him to be with us on weekends for Sunday Masses. We will have to watch the rise and fall of Covid 19 infections to see what will be prudent and safe. For the time being he will remain in New Orleans until it is safer to travel back and forth from New Orleans. He plans to spend extended time with us in December and around Easter. We hope the situation will improve so that he can be with us each weekend.

**FATHER CLARK'S CHANGE OF DAY OFF**

Father Clark will be changing his day off from Wednesdays to Fridays in August. His first day off on a Friday will be August 7. That means that daily Mass will be celebrated Monday through Thursday, August 3-6, including Wednesday. There will be no Mass on Friday, August 7.



**Mass Readings**

July 26th- August 2nd  
**Sunday**  
I Kings 3:5, 7-12; Psalm 119; Rom 8:28-30  
Gospel: Matt 13:44-52  
**Monday**  
Jer 13:1-11; Deuteronomy 32  
Gospel: Matt 13:31-35  
**Tuesday**  
Jer 14:17-22; Psalm 79  
Gospel: Matt 13:36-43  
**Wednesday**  
Jer 15:10, 16-21; Psalm 59  
Gospel: John 11:19-27  
**Thursday**  
Jer 18:1-6; Psalm 146  
Gospel: Matt 13:47-53  
**Friday**  
Jer 26:1-9; Psalm 69  
Gospel: Matt 13:54-58  
**Saturday**  
Jer 26:11-16, 24; Psalm 69  
Gospel: Matt 14:1-12  
**Sunday**  
Is 55:1-3; Psalm 145; Rom 8:35, 37-39  
Gospel: Matt 14:13-21

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

**CHURCH STEWARDSHIP**



We thank the members of the parish who have been so generous and faithful in their support of the church. We are so grateful for the extra effort you make to drop off your offering at the rectory front door mail slot, or the office, or by mail or on line. There are two ways of contributing on line by We Share through the parish website ([immaculateconceptionbr.org](http://immaculateconceptionbr.org)) or Givelify ([givelify.com](http://givelify.com)). Your support of the church during the pandemic is essential to help us keep serving you. Every contribution no matter how large or how small is valuable to us.

**WEEKLY DEVOTIONS**

SUNDAY PRAYER MEETING: 5:00 pm VIA Zoom  
BIBLE STUDY: Monday at 7:00 PM via Zoom  
ROSARY: Wednesdays at 4:00 PM via conference call

