

INDEPENDENCE DAY



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
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

Heavenly Father, I know that when I am weak you are my strength. You understand that these are the times when I need to be carried by you. I pray that you would gently renew my strength, speak your words of encouragement into my mind, sing songs of hope over my soul and awaken my heart. I look to you. Amen.





Father Thomas F. Clark, S. J.

FATHER CHRIS KELLERMAN EXTENDS HIS GRATITUDE



Father Chris Kellerman wishes to thank everyone for their prayers, best wishes and gifts on the occasion of his ordination. He is deeply moved by all the expressions of support and love. He will be replying personally in a note as he is able. Father Chris will be back to celebrate with us on the weekend of July 24-25.

FATHER CLARK WILL BE AWAY JULY 5-8



Father Clark will be away for a few days this week. Therefore, there will be no daily Mass at 12:10 PM this week. There will be no Bible Study during the month of July. Bible Study will resume on August 9.

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED JULY 5



The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, July 5 in observance of Independence Day. There will be no 12:10 PM Mass and no Bible Study.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY TO THE BUILDING FUND



Thank you for your generosity to the Building Fund. Due to your generosity, we have been able to reduce our debt by \$100,000 this past fiscal year. We can be proud that for a project of \$1.4 million dollars we owe less than \$600,000. We will continue to reduce the principal as quickly as our resources allow.

WE MUST CONTINUE TO BE VIGILANT ABOUT COVID 19



Although we are experiencing greater freedom in our restrictions due to the pandemic, we must not let our guard down completely. With the presence of the Delta variant and the high number of unvaccinated people in our state, we should be cautious. Wearing masks in church is highly recommended. We may be well advised to refrain from hugs and handshakes and stay with fist bumps for the time being. Frequent hand sanitizing is also a good precaution. We will also continue to not have social gatherings in the Activity Center.

MEETING WITH POLICE CHIEF MURPHY PAUL



On June 30, Father Clark attended a meeting of faith leaders with Police Chief Murphy Paul. He recommended some ways in which everyone can help curb the tide of violence in the city and civil parish. Many homicides and shootings are a result of "beefs" and arguments that escalate. If you become aware of a situation that is brewing between two people or a potential domestic violence situation or something posted on social media, bring it to the attention of someone who can intervene before it escalates. Father Clark will be willing to provide assistance in identifying the proper helping person. Chief Paul also asks people to not leave firearms in their cars. One of the sources of firearms on the street is through car break-ins.



Love. Grow. Serve.

When Life Knock You On Your Knees, You're In The Perfect Position To Pray.

Happy Birthday



Happy birthday! Happy birthday! Happy birthday! Happy birthday! Happy birthday!	JUNE	DURIO	7/4	Happy birthday! Happy birthday! Happy birthday! Happy birthday! Happy birthday!
	KERMIT	PATTY	7/5	
	JUANITA	PAUL	7/5	
	JAECI	HARRIS	7/6	
	ALECIA	RIDEAU	7/6	
	JOSEPH	HIGGINBOTTHAM	7/7	
	VONETTA	MEYERS	7/7	
	BARBARA	ROBERTSON	7/7	
	SCOTT	CLARK	7/8	
	GERALDINE	DUVERNAY	7/8	
	MICHAEL	GREEN	7/8	
	MELANIE	GRIFFIN	7/8	
	AMBER	RANDALL	7/8	
	JANICE	COLEMAN	7/9	
	FELICIA	GATHE	7/9	
	BRITTANY	BROWN	7/10	
ZONTREA	CRUMP	7/10		
STEVEN	JOHNSON	7/10		
ANTHONY	NIXON	7/10		
DIAMONIQUE	RICHARD	7/10		
MARY	RUSSEL	7/10		

Happy birthday! Happy birthday!

RECEIVE, O LORD

Receive, O Lord, our fears and turn them into confidence.
 Receive our suffering and turn it into growth.
 Receive our silence and turn it into worship.
 Receive our crises and turn them into maturity.
 Receive our tears and turn them into prayer.
 Receive our anger and turn it into faith.
 Receive our discouragement and turn it into hope.
 Receive our loneliness and turn it into intimacy with you.
 Receive our bitterness and turn it into inner stillness.
 Receive our works and our quest for fulfillment and turn them into love.
 Receive our lives and deaths and turn them into resurrection.
 Amen.



Mass Readings

July 4th - July 11th Sunday

Ez 2:2-5; Psalm 123; 2 Cor 12:7-10
 Gospel: Mark 6:1-6

Monday

Gn 28:10-22a; Psalm 91
 Gospel: Matt 9:18-26

Tuesday

Gn 32:23-33; Psalm 17
 Gospel: Matt 9:32-38

Wednesday

Gn 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a; Psalm 33
 Gospel: Matt 10:1-7

Thursday

Gn 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5; Psalm 105
 Gospel: Matt 10:7-15

Friday

Gn 46:1-7, 28-30; Psalm 37
 Gospel: Matt 10:16-23

Saturday

Gn 49:29-32; 50:15-26a; Luke 105
 Gospel: Matt 10:24-33

Sunday

Amos 7:12-15; Psalm 85; Eph 1:3-14
 Gospel: Mark 6:7-13

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

