

THIS WEEK IN BLACK HISTORY

Monroe Nathan Work - Sociologist



Monroe Nathan Work was one of the leading sociologists of his time. He was born August 15, 1866 in Iredell County, North Carolina. Work's parents were former slaves. When his mother died, Work moved to Cairo, Ill. to work with his father on a farm. After entering high school at 23, Work tried his hand at preaching and teaching school ahead of entering seminary school in Chicago. Work left the seminary to enroll into the University of Chicago to study sociology.

According to accounts, Work believed that the pursuit of education and presenting of facts could potentially eradicate racial prejudice. After earning his bachelor's and master's degrees from the university, Work began teaching at what is now Savannah State University, becoming a member of W.E.B. Du Bois' Niagara Movement.

In 1908, Work accepted a position with Booker T. Washington's Tuskegee Normal and Industrial Institute, now Tuskegee University, to continue his study of Black lives. Work believed that if he could use research and data to eliminate bigotry and racism spinning a false narrative about Black Americans.

While at the university, Work founded the Department of Records and Research, a massive historical resource that would go on to inform and inspire the publication of the first Negro Year Book in 1912.

In 1928, Work published the "Bibliography of the Negro in Africa and America," the first book of its kind to catalogue over 1,700 references to African-Americans. Scholars and readers who wanted to learn more about Black American lives used this book for research.

Work died of natural causes in Tuskegee, Alabama in 1945.

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

To Whom Do We Go

Adult Formation: Lovenia Watson.....	778-1977
Altar Servers: Bradley DeRouen	218-8292 / 284-597
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

Lord, you fulfilled this promise when you gave your Holy Spirit to live within those who dedicate their lives to you. Thank you for transforming my heart with your saving grace and for making me sensitive to your Word and your ways. You truly have brought my soul alive, as if from stone to living flesh. Amen.



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Father Thomas F. Clark, S. J.

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED ON LABOR DAY

The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, September 2 in observance of Labor Day. However, Mass will be celebrated as usual at 12:10 PM at the chapel at the MLK Catholic Student Center.



BIBLE STUDY

There will be no Bible Study on Monday, September 2, due to the Labor Day holiday. Bible Study resumes on Monday, September 9. Everyone is welcome.



**JUST A REMINDER
PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION**

Parish School of Religion for the 2019-20 school year begins on Sunday, **September 8, 2019**, from 9:15 AM to 10:00 AM in the Parish Activity Center. Applications are conveniently located at the entrance of the Activity Center and will be available after the Vigil Mass on Saturday and on Sunday after 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM Mass. Early registration is strongly encouraged and can be completed in person or online at immaculateconceptionbr.org under "Forms." Registration applications can also be picked up and completed at home and submitted as soon as possible. This will help facilitate our planning process. Registration fees for grades Pre-K/K through 11 are \$25 for one child or the first child of a family, \$15 for each additional child of the same family. An additional \$10 fee for each child receiving the Sacrament of First Holy Communion or Confirmation. **For more information, please contact Gloria DeRouen (225) 936-8162 or Lori Gregory (225) 614-4646. THANK YOU.**

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY
TO THE EL PASO COLLECTION**

We are grateful for your generous response to the collection for the ministry to immigrants in El Paso. We collected \$2,185.00. Upon the suggestion of Father Rafael Garcia, SJ at Sacred Heart Parish in El Paso, we will send the money to Annunciation House, a shelter that receives immigrant families after they have been processed by ICE. From the shelter they are connected with family and friends in the US. For more information about this ministry: <https://annunciationhouse.org>



Faith & Fellowship

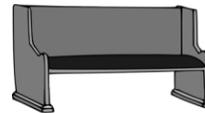
Announcements and Upcoming Events

**SCOTLANDVILLE CLEANUP
ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21**



CADAV (Community against Drugs and Violence) will sponsor its annual Scotlandville Clean Up along Scenic Highway on Saturday, September 21 from 7:30 AM to 12 noon. Father Clark is asking Immaculate Conception to turn out and do another clean-up of the KFC lot. This is an opportunity for us as a church to do community service. Please plan to help out on the 21st.

**MEMORIALIZING A BENCH
FOR A DECEASED LOVED ONE**



Thank you to all who have responded to the invitation to donate toward a bench in memory of a loved one. The dedication of the benches with the names of loved ones will add a special dimension to the church. You may place two names on the plaque. Beyond two names, it must read "The Smith Family" "The Jones Family." Please have the names and the \$250 donation to the church by September 15.

WE WELCOME OUR JESUIT NOVICES



From September and October, two Jesuit novices, Reynaldo Belfort Pierrilus and Joe Nolla will be with us on Wednesdays and Fridays helping out in the parish and at MLK Catholic Student Center. They will also be with us occasionally for Sunday Mass. If you have the opportunity to meet them, I know that you will welcome them and encourage them on their journey to ministry.

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING



We invite our youth who have made their First Holy Communion and are in the fourth grade and up to be altar servers. Practice is held on Fridays at 5:30 PM in the Activity Center. The ministry of altar server is an important part of the Mass. We appreciate the dedication and conscientiousness that our youth show in serving Mass.

PRAYER FOR PEACE AMIDST THE STORM

Living God, our refuge and strength, even the wind and sea obey your voice. Put the wind back in its place, and say to the sea: Peace! Be still! Fill us with great faith, and save us from the surging water, so that we may tell the good news of your saving love; through Jesus Christ, our hope in the storm. Amen.

Happy Birthday



ELEANOR	BRUMFIELD	9/1
ANTHONY	MORGAN	9/1
ANDREA	TOLES	9/1
CHARLEEN	BAHAM	9/2
LAKEDRA	BAISE	9/2
CHANDLER	BIAS	9/2
MICHAEL	JACKSON	9/2
CONSUELA	KNIGHT	9/2
BERNICE	JAMES	9/3
MICHAEL	JAMES	9/3
SHEILA	SIMS	9/3
KIMBERLY	THOMAS	9/3
JUSTIN	ABADIE	9/4
PATRICK	GRIFFIN, II	9/5
RASHIDA	MCKNIGHT	9/5
JOSHUA	MORRISON	9/5
CATHERINE	STEVENSON	9/5
CODY	HULBERT	9/6
KAREN	JARRETT	9/6
THERESA	MIMS	9/6
DEWAYNE	PATIN	9/6
BARRY	RICARD	9/6
ANTHONY	AUGUSTINE	9/7
MELISSA	HODGE	9/7
HOLLY	JENKINS	9/7
RICHARD	OKOYE	9/7
ANDREA	HARLEAUX	9/7

Happy birthday! Happy birthday!

WALKING WARRIORS HEALTH AND WELLNESS MINISTRY

7 HEALTHY FUN FACTS 1. Saying "thank you" measurably improves your mood. 2. The scent of apples can prevent claustrophobia. 3. Stress heightens allergies. 4. Green tea improves your memory. 5. Men are more forgetful than women. 6. Big eyes tend to be more nearsighted. 7. More than half of your bones are in your hands and feet. www.bestlifeonline.com



Mass Readings

September 1st- September 8th

Sunday

Sirach 3:17-18, 20, 28-29; Psalm 68; Heb.12:18-19, 22-24a

Gospel: Luke 14:1, 7-14

Monday

1 Thes 4:13-18; Psalm 96

Gospel: Luke 4:16-30

Tuesday

1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11; Psalm 27

Gospel: Luke 4:31-37

Wednesday

Col 1:1-8; Psalm 52

Gospel: Luke 4:38-44

Thursday

Col 1:9-14; Psalm 98

Gospel: Luke 5:1-11

Friday

Col 1:15-20; Psalm 100

Gospel: Luke 5:33-39

Saturday

Col 1:21-23; Psalm 54

Gospel: Luke 6:1-5

Sunday

Wis 9:13-18b; Psalm 90; Philemon 9-10, 12-17

Gospel: Luke 14:25-33

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

