Vol. 49, No. 9 ***Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time*** ***March 3, 2019***

The third and final section of Luke's Sermon on the Plain begins: And he told them a parable. There are actually four parables, three of which we read today. They are all about how to be a good disciple. The blind cannot lead the blind. And a disciple cannot be a good disciple unless he or she has learned from the teacher. Everyone who is fully trained is like the teacher who knows how to cure the blind.

Before you can be a good disciple and teach others you must take care of yourself. Do not try to take a speck out of your brother's eye until you have taken the board out of your own.

Finally, only when you have purified yourself can you produce the good works that the teacher requires. Discipleship asks us to produce good deeds. But to produce them requires the integrity and purity of heart found in the teacher. When people see your good deeds they will know that this is because you have a good heart.

MASS INTENTION REQUESTS— If you would like a Mass offered in honor of or in memory of someone, please call the church office. The usual stipend is $5:00 per Mass. The sanctuary lamp can be burned one week for a loved one or an intention. Donation is $5.00.

CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED— Monday and Tuesday, March 4/5. Have a safe Mardi Gras!

APRIL WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES - Please call the church office if you are celebrating a wedding anniversary during the month of April. Your parish family would like to recognize you for your commitment.

ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL — Please prayerfully consider giving to the 2019 ADA. Jesus didn't do it alone—He called disciples to assist Him in His mission. Immaculate Heart of Mary's goal is ***$16, 366.00.***

Lent

ASH WEDNESDAY– is March 6th, and the beginning of Lent. Mass and distribution of Ashes will be at 8 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. Ash Wednesday is a day of fast and abstinence.

LENTEN REFLECTION BOOKLETS– are available on the table at the church entrance. Please pick up a copy, one per family.

ADORATION / BENEDICTION —each Friday during Lent, 5:00—6:00 p.m.

WAY OF THE CROSS —will immediately follow. It commemorates key events on the day of Christ's crucifixion—His final walk through Jerusalem, carrying the Cross.

LENTEN MEAL—will be served in Allen Hall, following the Way of the Cross.

LENTEN REGULATIONS—are on the back of the bulletin.

Mass Intentions

Vigil	(4 p.m.)	Shelby Clark
		Raymond Costantino Intention
Sun.	(9 a.m.)	Annie VanAsselberg
	(11 a.m.)	All People
Mon.		Tokie Snow
Tues.		No Mass
Ash Wed.		8:00 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.
Thurs.		Hal Rhae Intention
Fri.		Ruby Primeaux

Mass Intentions next weekend - Vigil (4:00 p.m.) - John Bordelon, Kelly & Mary Genova; Sunday (9:00 a.m) -John Mustrove, Kyle and Scott Myers; (11 a.m.) - All people.

SANCTUARY LAMP— will burn this week for a special intention, by Larry Foster. Please keep him in your prayers.

ANGUS BEEF RAFFLE—tickets will be available after each Mass this weekend. Please support our Ladies Altar Society in this fundraiser. A $5.00 donation could win you #100 pounds of cut and wrapped Angus Beef! Drawing will be held this Sunday, March 3rd, Allen Hall. Need not be present to win.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS—monthly meeting will be held Monday, March 3rd, beginning at 6:30 p.m., at their Hall on Birkland Drive.

OFFERTORY GIFTS :

Regular collection: $2,883.00
2nd collection: Improvement Fund
Baby Bottle Campaign: $$1,583.51 +

Thank you for your generosity!

SICK LIST – Nancy Affeltranger, Ariel Armstrong, Ernie Babineaux, Ben Baker, Dorothy Barrios, Wilton Barrios, Jeannie Basco, Ed & Rosemary Bonial, Donald Brouillette, Syble Brouillette, Steve Brown, Louis Brunett, Jennie Buckowski, Jonie Burch, Joyce Burge, Paul Burks, Jan Carlton, Lebo Clark, Charles Clover, Joy Cooley, Raymond Costantino, Susan Degeyter, Mary &John DeSlatte, James Etta Dixon, Catherine Dupray, Marie Finley, Ronnie Foster, Mary Ann Greiner, Carolyn Hernandez, Bishop Herzog, Pam Hogue, Chevy Howell, Heidi Howell, Jane Hulin, Ellis & Iva Isom, Danny and Jared Johnson, Judy Johnson, Audrey Kelley, Shelly Larrieu, Teresa LeBlanc, Ginger Foster Lemons, Arland McConathy, Melody McGee, Jaime Meredith, Caitlin Merrell, James and Mary Michiels, Kaden Michiels, Melissa Monk, Annette Moreau, Arnold Murrell, Josephine Norwood, Joy Nugent, Abel Pacheco, Mary Perschy, Frances Philpot, Gayle Porto, Steve Primeaux, Judy Rechs, Mark Reitzell, Alma Reitzell, Carmen Rozano, Joyce Santos, Paul Schmidt, Ann Sellers, Gene Snow, Dean Soileau, Debbie Strubble, Lou Sutton, Wren Noel Trahan, Nick Tullier, George Wetzel, Artis White, Nellie White, Bo Whittington, Megan Wilson, Residents at Tioga Manor Nursing Home.

MASS HYMNS *-are in the missal,*
#311, "As we Gather at Your Table"
#383, "The Summons"
#193, "Holy God We Praise Thy Name."

LENTEN REGULATIONS

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence. This means that we do not eat meat and we have only one full meal.

The other Fridays of the season of Lent are days of abstinence from meat. The obligation to abstain from meat binds Catholics 14 years of age and older. The obligation to fast, limiting oneself to one full meal and two lighter meals in the course of the day, binds Catholics from the age of 18 to 59. Those who are younger or older may freely embrace these disciplines. But Lenten disciplines should never endanger your health.

It is obvious that abstaining from meat is meaningless for vegetarians, who must choose some other form of abstinence. It is equally obvious that replacing meat with a gourmet seafood meal is not in keeping with the spirit of Lent.

Regular Schedule

Office Hours

Monday – Thursday, 8:30 a.m. – 12 noon & 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon

Facebook at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church, Ball, LA

Weekend Masses: (ext. 1)
Saturday Vigil, 4:00 p.m.
Sunday, 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

Confessions:
20 minutes prior each weekend Mass or by appointment

Marriages:
Pre-marital preparation takes several months. Call Father 6 months before marriage

Religious Education Classes:
Kn – 5th: Wed. 5:30 – 6:30 p.m.
6th – 11th: Wed., 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Ladies Altar Society:
2nd Thursday, 9:00 a.m.
Allen Hall

Tioga Manor Nursing Home:
Communion Service, 10:00 a.m.
1st Thursday of each month

Weekday Masses: (ext. 1)
Mon., Wed., Thurs., Fri.,
8:00 a.m. (No Tues. Mass)

Baptisms:
By appointment
Please call office to schedule

New Parishioners:
Welcome to IHM Parish!
Please call the office to register.

R.C.I.A. (Adult Inquiry Classes):
Tuesday, 6:00—7:30 p.m.
Allen Hall

Knights of Columbus # 9753:
First Monday, 7:00 p.m.
KC Hall, Birkland Drive

Mass at Tioga Manor Nursing Home:
All are invited – 10:00 a.m.
4th Thursday of each month

(Subject to change)** (especially during flu season) **(Subject to change)

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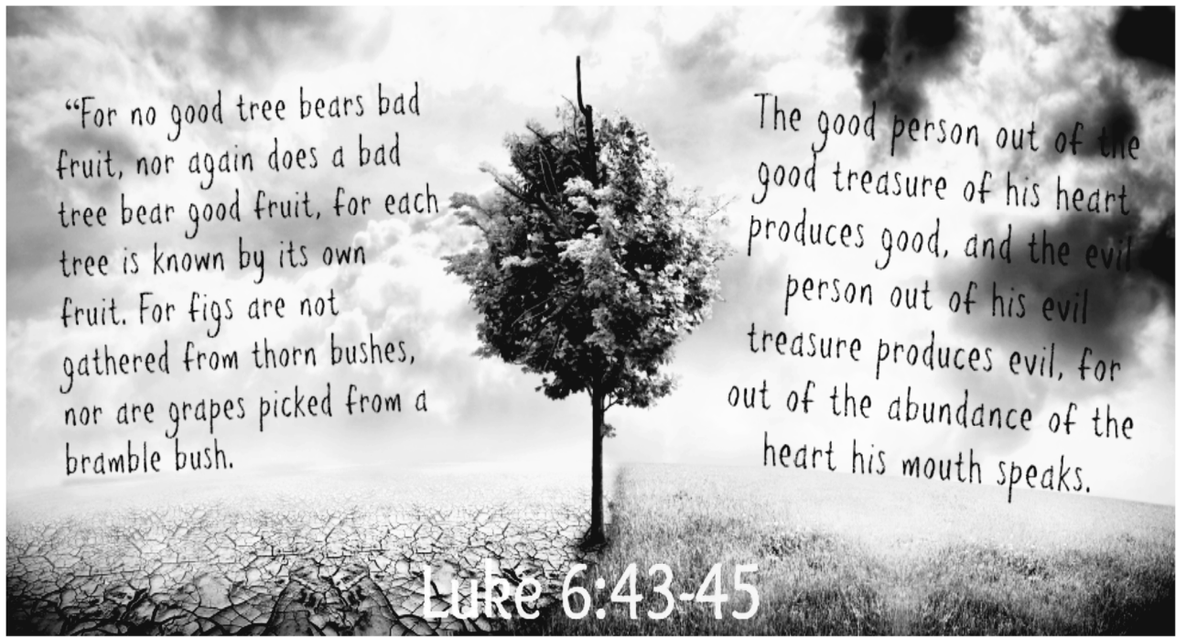

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