

St. Joseph Catholic Church

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NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

First Reading.....Joshua 5:9a, 10-12
Second Reading 2 Corinthians 5:17-21
Gospel..... Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

Masses:

Saturday Vigil 5:00 p.m.
 Sunday 8:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m. & 5:00 p.m.
 Monday & Saturday 7:00 a.m.
 Tuesday & Thursday 5:30 p.m.
 Wednesday & Friday 8:30 a.m.

Adoration:

Wednesday 9:00 a.m. Ending with vespers at 5:00 p.m.
 XLT, 2nd Wednesday of every month from 7-8:30 PM

Teaching the Good News:

(Sept-May)
 Grades K-8; Wednesday 6:00 p.m. to 7:15 p.m.
 Grades 9-12; Sunday 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Baptisms:

1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th Sundays of the month at 1:00 PM. An interview with a priest or a deacon and a baptism class are a prerequisite.

Reconciliation:

Saturday 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. or by appointment with a priest.

Marriage:

Contact a priest or a deacon at least six 6 months before the date desired.

Anointing of the Sick:

Please notify the Parish office as soon as anyone is ill.

PARISH MINISTRIES AND CONTACT PERSONS

ADULT CHOIR: Malcolm Lanius, 225-294-9954. Practices -Thursdays, 6:30 PM in Church.
LIFETEEN BAND: Fernando Morales, 370-7006. Practices- Wednesdays, 7-9 PM in the Church.
RESURRECTION CHOIR: Gerline Melancon, 386-3834.
ALTAR SERVERS: Michele & Glen Ernst, 386-6618.
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS: Roberta Connelley, 386-9711 or Deacon Larry, 386-3749.
LECTORS: Larry Ernst, 386-5731.
MASS GREETERS: Barbara Martino, 386-3622.
USHERS: Frank Schilling, 225-294-3205.
BIBLE STUDIES: Monday at 7 PM – Deacon Larry, 386-3749 or; Monday at 7 PM – Stephanie Waguespack, 386-8919, or; Wednesday at 10 AM – Deacon Larry, 386-3749.
CHILDREN'S CHURCH MINISTRY: Denise Armondin, 386-4522 or 956-2678.
PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION: Daphne Griffin, 985-320-0992.
RCIA: Ed or Julie Hanks, (985)467-4402.
YOUTH MINISTRY: Becki Alford, 985-351-4126.
MARRIAGE MINISTRY: Jorge and Maureen Lavastida, 386-3137
ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY: Merle Ozment, 985-386-2786.
ST. JOSEPH BREAVEMENT FOOD MINISTRY: Cheryl Laiche, 386-2033 or Nancy Schliegmeyer, 225-294-3777.
ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY: For membership contact Deacon Larry, 386-3749. For assistance call 370-5459.
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: Jesse Bergeron, 225-294-3357.
KAYCEE AUXILIARY: Ginger McLin, 985-386-7995 or Beulah Kluka, 225-294-2071.
ANCIENT ORDER OF HIBERNIANS: Don Steadman, 985-386-2460
ST. JOSEPH PARISH PASTORAL ADVISORY COUNCIL MEMBERS: Kevlin Braun, Mike Fulmer, Laurie Perrin, Shirley Johnson, Fran Raiford Benson, Frank Schilling, Jr., Larry Wilson and Mike Dupont.

FINANCIAL NEWS
AS OF February 28, 2010

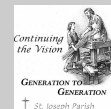
	Weekly Amount	July 1-June 30 Year-To-Date
Church Support Needed	\$18,000.00	\$648,000.00
Church Support Received	19,041.20	658,389.22
Surplus or (Shortage)	\$1,041.20	\$10,389.22

SECOND COLLECTION

Black & Indian Missions: \$918.75

UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS

Debt Reduction: March 7
 Catholic Relief Services: March 14
 St. Joseph School: March 21



CAMPAIGN TOTALS AS OF: 2/1/2010

PLEDGE TOTAL: \$2,628,693.95
TOTAL COLLECTED FROM PLEDGES: \$1,464,404.44
TOTAL TO COLLECT: \$1,164,289.51

**34 MONTHS REMAINING
 UNTILL THE END OF THE CAMPAIGN**



Monday, March 8

7:00 AM Robert Allen

Tuesday, March 9

5:30 PM Robert Uzdavinis

Wednesday, March 10

8:30 AM Rex Garon

Thursday, March 11

5:30 PM George Crow

Friday, March 12

8:30 AM (L) Gerline Melancon

Saturday, March 13

7:00 AM Mildred "Mimi" Guidry

5:00 PM Alton Gerald
Rita Brunett
Jimmie & Dee Ethridge
Josie Pepitone
Grace & Julius Guichet
Leroy Pinion
Dolores Watts & David Watts

Sunday, March 14

8:00 AM For Our People
10:30 AM Anne & Lloyd Richardson
John Kraft, Jr.
Ashley Perrin
Perry K. McMenamin, Sr.
Kenny Borne
Mary Ellen Treadway
Dominick DiCarlo
5:00 PM Dorothy Woodard & Max Becnel

PRAYERS FOR SICK & SHUT-INS

Sheila Kugler, Mindy Ebeier, Blake Haufield, Robert Boos, Hope Stevens, Ella Mae Melancon, Calvin Gros, John Wright, Audrey Faucheux, Gladys Simoneaux, Gary Frances Coleman, Sylvia Lorio, Frank Wilkinson, Penny Duverlay, Catherine Hughes, Ursula Fletcher, Charles R. Schliegelmeyer, Frances Culbreath, Jules Fuselier, Lucille Fuselier, Edward Stouling, Catherine Courrage, Tracy Anzalone, H.D. Johnson, Rusty Probst, John J. Constant, Stella Constant, Trina Bergen, Lisa Whittlesey, Richard Eleser, Hilda Berteau, Bob Simoneaux, Barbara Davis, Stanley Ragan, Bryce McKinney, Betty Poche, Crystal Barnes, Angie Teranova, Michael Darouse, Mary Corkern Chauvin, Colby Crawford, Katherine Bates.

Please pray for members of our parish family serving our country in the armed forces and remember also their families:

Sgt. Ian S. Traylor, Andrew Daigle, E.J. Daigle, Jr., Lee Schexnayder, LCDR Steven Fuselier, Master Chief Kathy Fuselier, Airman Clayton Fuselier, Philip Bougere, Jr., Private First Class Christopher Ernst, Major. Brian P. Duplessis, USMC, Capt. Thomas Waller, Jr., Airman Staff Sgt. Mason Joiner, Allen Laiche, Travis Laiche, Staff Sgt. Patrick Murray, Ben Bougere, Matthew McLendon LCpl USMC, Pvt. Benjamin Angle, Tech Sgt., Major David Lagenna, Army Ranger Coye Corkern, L.V. Moran, Chris Costanza, Austin Arteaga, Anthony Arteaga, Lance Corporal Andrew Garaudy, Major Nicholas Dittlinger, Special Forces Mac Erwin, Private Zacharias Erwin, Bradley Hill, SPC Russell D. Hoover, II, Senior Airman Robyn L. Stein, Douglas Comeaux, Major Brad Duplessis, Myles B. Gill, Alex W. Dantagnan, Brent M. Dantagnan, Sgt. E. Noel Louviere, III, Sgt. Huntington R. Louviere, Robert Grim, Specialists, James Wells, Michael Huckaby, Navy Lt. Eric Olsen, Sgt. D. Paul Perrer, Major Bryan E. Gardner, Major Michael Farrell, Pfc. Christopher Pittman, Lance Corp. Ben Ernest, Rick Fambro, Special Forces, MAJ Dan Barker, USAF, Storekeeper Seaman Johnny S. McGary, Jr., Airman First Class Reginald R. Eleser, Jr., Private First Class Byron P. Eleser, Private First Class Ryan James Leonard, Private 2nd Class Hugh Boggs, Sgt. Opal Hood, Merlin Marmillion, II, Robert Coursey – US Air Force, Cody Davis, Lt. Col. David Duplessis, MM2 Levi Kelly, CSM Ricky Griffin, Cpt. Peter Rummler, Cpl. Travis M. Gard, USMC.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS #4874

- Mar. 3 - 1st Degree exemplification, Hammond
- Mar. 3 - 1st monthly meeting, 7:30 P.M.
- Mar. 9 - Father Martin Assembly
- Mar. 11 - Ladies Auxiliary meeting, 7 P.M.
- Mar. 17 - 2nd monthly meeting, 7:30 P.M.
- Mar. 20 - "Respect for Life" poster banquet, 6:30 P.M.
- Mar. 26 - 2nd Fish Fry of the season, a lot of help needed!

SPIRITUAL DIRECTION

Why not try Spiritual Direction this Lent? Deepen your prayer life, learn new ways of praying. Set aside 15 minutes a day to pray and meet with a spiritual director once a week for the season of Lent. Contact Christine Ingrassia @985-687-2497.

ST. JOSEPH ALTAR

Items Needed: 8 Chocolate Easter Rabbits, (rabbits can be donated by several people) Cakes - decorated or plain example: Buttermilk (need 2 cakes alike), 2 liter drinks.

If you can help with any of these items call Fay at 386-8151 or the church office at 386-3749. Cash donations are also accepted.

We need men to help construct the St. Joseph Altar together on Monday, March 8 at 6:30 P.M. in the gym. Guys this is an excellent opportunity to earn service hours for Confirmation. If you have any questions call Mr. Byrd at 386-7806.

ST. JOSEPH ALTAR - SAINTS NEEDED

A high school boy to play St. Joseph at the altar. Also need some male saints.

To date we have a Mary and 4 female saints. Call Fay Murray at 386-8151 if you are able to participate as a saint.

METHODIST LENTEN SERIES

Each Wednesday at noon during Lent the Methodist Church sponsors a Lenten Series followed by a light lunch. On Wednesday, March 10 our Pastor, Fr. John Dominic Sims will be the guest speaker. Please join us.

MARRIED COUPLES

Your wedding was just one day in your life, by **your marriage is forever**. Learn how to live even more happily ever after at a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next WEME weekends are March 26-28 in Eunice, April 23-25 in Baton Rouge and June 11-13 in Covington. For information call 800-586-5469 or 225-752-5084 or go online at www.wwme.org.

THIRD WEEK OF LENT - THE BURNING BUSH AND THE CALL OF MOSES

Today we hear the call of Moses to lead his people from oppression to freedom. God promises to be with them as they journey to a new life. Our participation in Catholic Relief Services' Operation Rice Bowl unites us in prayer, fasting, and giving with the millions of people throughout the world who are oppressed by poverty, injustice, war, disease, and lack of education and other opportunities.

Mission News

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On Monday, March 15 through Wednesday, March 17 at 7:00 P.M. a Lenten Mission will be conducted by Fr. R.B. Williams, O.P. at St. Joseph. The Sacrament of Baptism will be the theme of the Monday night session, Reconciliation on Tuesday night, and healing and Anointing of the Sick on Wednesday night. Also, Fr. R.B. Williams will preach at all the Masses the weekend of Saturday, March 13 and Sunday, March 14.



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WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE CHANGE

5 P.M. ON SUNDAY, APRIL 4 AND APRIL 11

Please be aware that we will **not** have a 5:00 P.M. Mass on Easter Sunday, April 4. The Easter Mass schedule will be a Vigil at 8:00 P.M. Saturday, April 3 and the 8:00 and 10:30 A.M. on Easter Sunday, April 4.

Also, we will **not** have a 5:00 P.M. Mass on Sunday, April 11 due to the Strawberry Festival.



The following children were baptized at St. Joseph Church in February, 2010: **Gage Lee Ancley Spencer child of Shane Spencer & Rachelle Holmes * Elley Iris Schexnayder child of Gregory Schexnayder & Christie Ignowski * Hanna Lee Herkes child of Warren Herkes, III & Alicia Mayeux. Congratulations!**

ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL NEWS

St. Joseph School is now accepting applications for new students for the 2010-2011 school year. Registration is taking place in the school office on school days between 7:30 A.M. and 3:00 P.M. Parents need to fill out an application, pay the registration fee, and bring the following documents to be considered for acceptance into the school: birth certificate, baptismal certificate, current immunization record, social security card, copy of the latest report card, and copy of the latest standardized testing results.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

We ask that everyone who makes a visit to Eucharistic Adoration please sign in upon your arrival in the binder located on the podium in the Narthex. This will not commit you to that time, but will help us to see that Adoration is attended at all times. It will also help us observe the cycle of attendance in order to make schedule adjustments, as necessary. A printed schedule of committed attendees is available in the narthex. Please check it to confirm the hour for which you signed up. Thank you very much for your cooperation.



EASTER SEASON PLANTS

Join in the decorating of our church by donating \$15 to purchase an Easter plant. The donation can be in honor of a living or deceased individual or family. To donate, place your donation and intention in the flower offering envelope, located in the narthex or an envelope marked "Easter Flowers". Drop the envelope in the collection basket any weekend between now and April 14 or drop it off at the church office by April 14. Make sure you list the name of the individual or family to be honored and how you want your name listed in the bulletin. The Easter plants will NOT be available for pick up after the Easter Season. If you have any questions call Barbara Martino at 386-3622 or Roberta Connelley at 386-9711. Thank you for your generosity.

NEW PARISHIONERS

We welcome the following newly registered members and their families to our parish family:

Nathan & Lindy Bourlet, Charles & Gale Braud, Robert & Regina Burris, Neil & Courtney Delatte, Lance & Laura Derise, Cliff Gendron, Clint Hatfield, Brandon & Tina Martello, Tien Nguyen, Paul & Jessica Riggs, Alberta Rocker, James & Karen Starr, Tommy & Rebecca Waller, Patricia Walsh, Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Williams, III, Susan Wright.



Third Sunday of Lent

Moses heard God's call from a burning bush. What is your passion, your burning bush? Take time to know what God is sending you to do and be (Exodus: 3:18, 13-15) If you think God is calling you to be a Dominican priest or religious brother, visit our website at www.dominicanvocations.org or contact Fr. Charlie at frcharlie@dominicanvocations.org.

Saturday, March 13 & Sunday, March 14

Eucharistic Ministers

Ushers

5PM *	Deana Piediscalzo 1c	Sidney Wilde
*	Tom Waller 2c	Jaylon Wilde
	Catherine Allen 3c	Frank Schilling
**	Harry LeBlanc 4c	Lionel Landry
	Gasper Corpora 5c	John Yeargain
	Shirley Johnson 7b	Francis Martino
	Bob Killian 8b	
	Jo Ann Killian 9b	
8AM *	Shirley Peterson 1c	Charles Ciolino
*	Stephanie Reggio 2c	Beverly Drude
	Tim Messenger 3c	Len Drude
**	Ruth Ourso 4c	Larry Byers
	Alice James 5c	Larry Borgstede
	Dennis James 7b	William Mathes
	Deacon Melancon 8b	
	Carolyn Laurent 9b	
10:30 *	Tessie Tournillon 1c	Ray Trent
*	Barbara Allen 2c	Willie Blanchard
	Melvin Allen 3c	Larry Fos
**	Deacon Schanzbach 4c	Paul Pevey
	Peggy Hastings 5c	Glen Sorrels
	Erin Gill 7b	S. Alexander
	Rebecca Benson 8b	
	Pat Alexander 9b	
5PM *	Cindy Newton 1c	Youth
*	Barbara Guy 2c	
	Laurie Perrin 3c	
**	Marilyn Rauch 4c	
	Ronnie Perrin 5c	
	Mike Fulmer 7b	
	Mary Threeton 8b	
	Adam Waller 9b	
	<u>Altar Servers</u>	<u>Lectors</u>
5PM	Ian Waller	5PM Al Diamond
	Marc LeBlanc	8AM Kitty Derveloy
	Nathan Waller	10:30 C. Gillingham
8AM	Ally Sergine	5PM Life Teen
	Blair Atkins	
	Colleen Atkins	
10:30	Caroline Bordelon	<u>Greeters</u>
	James Danley	5PM Harry LeBlanc
	Stuart Tournillon	8AM Evelyn Mathes
5PM	Callie Fulmer	10:30 Frank & Michele
	Lyndsay Rauch	Saltformaggio
	Tommy DiMattia	5PM Life Teen

STATIONS OF THE CROSS ON CHARTER TV CHANNEL 17

The Stations of the Cross from St. Joseph Church will be presented again this year on Charter TV Channel 17 at the following times: Monday through Friday at 9:30 A.M. and 5:30 P.M., Tuesday and Thursday at 8:00 P.M., and Saturday and Sunday at 9:30 A.M. and 8:00 P.M. This will continue each week during Lent.