



St. Joseph's

CATHOLIC CHURCH

Founded 1875

255 North 8th St. (P. O. Box 368) Ponchatoula, LA 70454

Church Phone Number: (985) 386-3749

Church Web site: www.stjosephsonline.com

Church Office Hours: Monday through Friday from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm

Sunday Mass Schedule:

Sat. Vigil 5:00 pm
Sun. 8:00 am & 11:00 am

Week Day Mass Schedule:

M-Th 8:00 am

Confession:

Sat. 4:00 pm
T & Th after Mass or by appointment.

Baptism:

Couples who would like their child baptized need to contact Ramona at the office, 985-386-3749 to register for baptism preparation.

Marriage:

Contact a priest or deacon of the parish at least 6 months before the wedding at 985-386-3749.

Anointing of the Sick:

Please notify the office as soon as a Catholic is seriously ill or is having surgery.

Adoration:

Wed. 9:00 am to 10:00 pm
- Divine Mercy: 3:00 pm
- Vespers & Benediction: 6:00 pm

Catechetical Programs:

PSR-Gr. K-5; Sun 9:30-10:30 am
Ablaze-Gr. 6-8; Sun 9:30-10:30 am
High School Formation
Gr. 9-12; Sun. 5:00-7:00 pm

December 15, 2019 The Third Sunday of Advent

Stewardship of Prayer Weekend

We Can Rest, Knowing God Is Gracious and Merciful

We welcome everyone to this special Stewardship of Prayer Weekend, a celebration of our commitments to pray for the Lord's work in our parish, our parish ministries, each other, and the many people God directs us to serve. Thank you for your willingness to make intentional commitments—to pray with even greater purpose and more regularly in the year to come. Information is available for everyone to complete, or to take home for additional study and reflection. Please commit to complete your cards and keep them close at hand, *Wholly Committed* to pray as part of a parish directed by God's call.

God is gracious and merciful, and we rest as his Church, **knowing he hears us when we pray**, providing direction, hope and purpose. What's more, we draw strength just knowing that others are praying, with and for us. **"When we are linked by the power of prayer,"** St. Gregory the Great wrote, **"we hold each other's hand as we walk side by side along a slippery path. And, thus, by the bounteous disposition of charity, it comes about that the harder each one leans on the other, the more firmly we are riveted together in brotherly love."** When you commit to pray, and invest yourself in praying for your fellow travelers, you strengthen our fellowship of Catholic grace and mercy, *Wholly Committed* to all God is doing in and through us "in the name of the Lord Jesus."



"Rejoice in hope, endure in affliction, persevere in prayer."

ROMANS 12:12



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Mission Statement

St. Joseph's Parish is a rapidly growing faith community that serves the spiritual and temporal needs of Southernmost Tangipahoa Parish through its various ministries.

St. Joseph's develops, supports, nurtures and educates Catholic Christians while offering to this entire expanding community a caring environment and a welcoming spirit of Christ present.

Parish Ministries and Contact Persons

Altar Servers: Michele & Glen Ernst, 985-386-6618. sj_altar_server@bellsouth.net
Bible Studies: Monday at 6 p.m.—Stephanie Waguespack, 985-981-9859
Children's Liturgy Ministry: Paige Bacile 985-386-3749.
Cooking Ministry: Cook a plate of food for our Priest one day each month, call Linda Guagliardo 985-345-8409.
Eucharistic Ministers of Holy Communion: Angela Pevey (Call / text) 985-507-5757.
Readers: Larry Ernst, 985-386-5731. lernst1@bellsouth.net
Marriage Ministry: Ed & Julie Hanks, 985-351-3143.
Mass Greeters: Barbara Martino, 985-386-3622.
Music Ministry: Rhonda Rossano 985-386-3749 - Choir Practice-Wednesday's at 6:30 pm.
Parish School of Religion: Grades K-12; Paige Bacile 985-386-3749
Special Education PSR: B. J. Nepveux, 985-370-7548.
RCIA: Ed or Julie Hanks, 985-351-3143.
Small Christian Community: Clay Nepveux at 985-634-8805.
St. Joseph Bereavement Food Ministry: Cheryl Laiche, 985-386-2033 or Ann Phillips, 985-386-3863
Stephen Ministry: Anita or Ronnie Perrin, 985-687-4458 or 985-386-3016.
Ushers: Contact Joseph Jason, 985-386-8639.
Widowed Friends of St. Joseph: Barbara Guy at 985-507-9966.
Word & Worship Prayer Ministry: Fernando Morales: 985-662-2844.
Women's Ministry: Mary Vedeckis, 225-294-6631.
Youth Ministry: Sarah Stoehr, 504-270-3451.

Organizations

Ancient Order of Hibernians: Ronnie Crimmins 985-773-8965.
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Knights of Columbus: Buddy Williams, 504-252-2031 (Application for new members)
Rosary Altar Society: Evelyn Lavigne 985-386-6732
St. Vincent de Paul Society: For membership contact the church office, 985-386-3749. For assistance call 985-370-5459.
Core Group: Ronnie Perrin (Chairman), Lawton Hotard, Barbara Martino, Larry Melancon, Angelique Richardson, Larry Wilson
Finance Committee: Dennis James (Chairman) Michelle Ernst, Mike Fulmer, Larry Melancon, Brian Steib, Barbara Theriot .
Council of Ministries: Vance Balado, Melissa Henderson, Lisa Kennedy, Harry LeBlanc, Rachael Perrin, Stephanie Reggio, Rodney Schmaltz, Mary Threton, Wayne Vedeckis, Stephanie Waguespack, Tom Waller, Bill Wheat. Ad Hoc Council Members: Fr. McDuffie, Deacon Larry Melancon, Danette Ragusa. Stacy Randazzo.

Download Our New Parish App!

Our new St. Joseph's app is now available to download for iPhone and Android smart phones. Stay connected with our parish throughout the week with instant notifications, an easy-to-access event calendar, and the ability to quickly reply to or share messages via Facebook or Twitter. Also enjoy a bunch of additional features like prayers, daily readings, helpful reminders to silence your phone before Mass or Confession, and much more.

Help foster a stronger parish life at St. Joseph's and better engage the New Evangelization.

Download our app today at myparishapp.com or search your phone's app store for my parish.



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New Adult Formation Classes

TODAY!



Sundays at
9:30 A.M.—
10:30 A.M.

Getting familiar with the My Parish App and Formed: Dec. 15th Sarah Stoehr- *School Library*

Parishioners of all ages use smartphones and apps to connect everyday. The **My Parish App** can help you keep up to date with church events and notifications as well as have prayers, readings, and reflections in their pocket at all times. **FORMED** is a revolutionary online platform providing access to the best Catholic audio talks, movies, e-books, and video-based studies. Come join Sarah as she teaches us how to navigate and get the most out of these valuable resources that has been made available to each parishioner.

The Armchair Mystic-Being a Pray-er:

Jan 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th

Wayne Vedeckis—*School Library*

This course is based upon the book, *The Armchair Mystic*, written by Mark Thibodeaux, S.J. The style is light, engaging, and sometimes whimsical. The maturation of a person in levels of prayer is described as: 1) “talking at” God, 2) “talking with” God, 3) “listening to” God, and 4) “being with” God,. Included are discussions of formula prayers, spontaneous prayer, meditation, contemplation, Lectio Divina, and how to “pray without ceasing” (1 Thes 5:17). Also included are suggestions on how to improve one’s prayer life by eliminating obstacles and distractions that inhibit effective prayer.

Meet in The
Ministry Building
for refreshments!

Childcare and
age related
classes are
available for your
children if this
applies to you.

Adult Formation
aims “to acquire
an attitude of
conversion to the
Lord”

Let us be a part of
your Sunday!



The 177 Project

A big thank you again to the Knights of Columbus for sponsoring The 177 Project. It was a beautiful night of Adoration and prayer with “Adoration Artists” **Aly Aleigha**. See you again next year!

thank you

Mass Schedule for Christmas and Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

Masses for Christmas

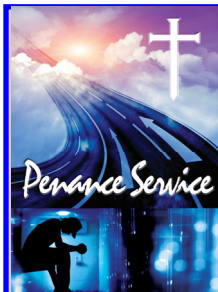
December 24th: 4 pm & 7 pm
December 25th: 8 am & 10 am

Masses for Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

December 31st: 6 pm
January 1st: 10 am



The Church Office will be closed from 12/24/2019 through 1/1/2020



St. Joseph's Advent Penance Service

Monday, December 16th at 6pm

Penance Services in our area.

Wednesday, Dec. 18th-6pm St. Helena, Amite
Thursday, Dec. 19th-6pm St. Margaret, Albany

Stewardship of Prayer

My name is Sarah Stoehr. I'm the Youth Minister and Director here at St. Joseph's. I am grateful to have the opportunity to talk to you a little bit about my prayer journey for our annual witness on Stewardship of Prayer.

To give you some background, when I was 7 months old, my mom was making beignets while I was in a walker. She had turned to put a hot plate on the table and in that time I pulled the fat fryer of hot grease off the counter resulting in third degree burns on 36% of my body. As you can imagine I was SURROUNDED with prayer as most people are during tragedy. During this time my parents were Sunday only Catholics. They fulfilled their Sunday obligation but never allowed their faith life to penetrate through to their day to day life. However, after this event, my parents were determined to learn more about this "Catholicism" and how to instill it in their kids. And we covered *everything*.

We read about the saints, prayed before meals, prayed before bed, learned what a novena was, learned what the Divine Mercy was - which, in my mom's 12 years of Catholic school, she had never heard of. However, in today's day and age of technology at our fingertips, we could search and bring up any prayer from any resource in our Catholic faith. So, I don't want this to be a list of resources, I'm talking about a personal prayer life.

For the longest time I thought I was "bad at praying" because I would zone out during the rosary or I would get bored during our family prayer time before bed. Then, I went to "Steubenville". I encountered Jesus personally for the first time and found out there is no ONE right way to pray. There is **your** right way to pray. For some people it's in the quiet of **Adoration**, where you sit in front of the Eucharist and talk to Jesus face to face. For others, they need to **praise charismatically** and be more physical in movement. Some need the repetition and reflection of the **Mysteries of the Rosary**. Others still, need prayer to be more fluid and do something different each time or a little bit of everything. Some **paint**, I can imagine that at SOME point Michelangelo at least said hello to God while painting the Sistine Chapel.

For me, I discovered a rich prayer life through **writing**, such as **keeping a journal**, and **imaginative prayer**. In fact, I love that Fr. McDuffie values **Lectio Divina** so much and I get to pray with our staff at every Monday staff meeting. **Lectio Divina** is when you read scripture over 2 or 3 times and ask the Lord about whatever word, thought, character is standing out to you and how the Lord is trying to speak to **your** personal life through the scripture.

Imaginative Prayer, for me is when I imagine sitting with Jesus under an oak tree and listening to what He has to tell me after **journaling** or **Lectio Divina**. I have so much more to say and not enough space here so feel free to grab me anytime to talk more about prayer.

We have so **many prayer ministries** in our parish where you can experiment with different types of prayer! **Lord Teach Me To Pray** (for men and for women), **Called & Gifted**, **Word & Worship**, **Unbound**, **Bible Study**, **Consecration to Jesus through Mary**, etc. Check out the **MINISTRY RESOURCE DIRECTORY** booklet in the Narthex or download it from our website: stjosephsonline.com.

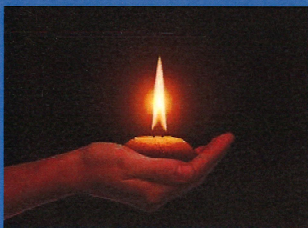
It is easy to recite prayers on "auto pilot", but ultimately we "need to FALL IN LOVE WITH OUR BELOVED". Fr. McDuffie I challenge you to find your personal prayer relationship with the Lord and find your way to fall in love.



BLUE CHRISTMAS

The holiday season is hard for those whose hearts are hurting.
You are not alone!

Blue Christmas is a gentle, healing service for those who are mourning the loss of a spouse, sibling, parent, child, grandparent, grandchild, best friend . . .



Monday, December 23, 2019, 6:00-7:00 p.m.

Followed by a light meal and fellowship

Ponchatoula KC Hall

1702 Pecan Court

Doors open at 5:45 p.m.

Seating is limited.

Please call 985-386-3016 and leave a message to reserve your spot.

This service is provided by St. Joseph Stephen Ministers and sponsored by Ponchatoula Knights of Columbus.

Christmas Poinsettias

Join the festive decoration of our church by donating \$15 to purchase a Christmas Poinsettia. The donations 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 "Christmas Poinsettia" any weekend between now and Christmas Day. Place envelope in the **collection basket**, or bring envelope to the Church Office. Make sure you list the names of the individual or family to be honored and how you want your name listed in the bulletin. Poinsettia's will NOT be available for pickup after Christmas. Any questions call Barbara Martino, 985-386-3622 or Roberta Connelley, 985-386-9711.



Reason to Rejoice

Dark violet is used throughout Advent to express its character as a season of spiritual preparation for Christmas and “the coming of the Lord.” But on the Third Sunday of Advent, formerly known as *Gaudete* (Latin for “rejoice”) Sunday, rose may be added to the liturgical environment. The entire liturgy is infused with a spirit of rejoicing.

Today’s first reading and Gospel proclaim the reality of God’s saving work in our midst. Isaiah exuberantly describes the idyllic transformation of all creation as a result of God’s presence in the midst of the people. In the Gospel, Jesus connects Isaiah’s prophecy with what is happening in his own ministry. In addition to the list of healings from Isaiah (the blind, the lame, lepers, and the deaf), Jesus’ presence brings two other reasons for rejoicing: “The dead are raised, and the poor have the good news proclaimed to them” (Matthew 11:5).

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Today's Readings

First Reading — The barren deserts will rejoice and flower (Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10).

Psalms — Lord, come and save us (Psalm 146).

Second Reading — Be patient, for the coming of the Lord is as sure as the rain (James 5:7-10).

Gospel — Tell of what you hear and see: The blind regain their vision, the crippled their movement, the deaf their hearing (Matthew 11:2-11).

Monica's Journey

“Monica’s Journey” is a ministry of St. Joseph Catholic Church for women who struggle to find answers in the midst of difficult relationships or traumatic experiences in their lives. This ministry gives them a welcoming and non-judgmental place to find the hope and healing they need. Meetings are held in the evening during the week for 90 minutes. Members of other denominations are welcome. **This is a strictly confidential group and a confidentiality statement must be signed by all members.** The place and time of meetings will be disclosed after initial contact is made with the group facilitator. Voicemail: *Please leave a message and your call will be returned as soon as possible.* (985) 467-9520.

Healing Hearts

Healing Hearts: A Catholic support group for WOMEN, whose relationships have been negatively impacted by the pornography addiction or sexual addiction of a loved one. This may include a spouse, boyfriend, family member or friend. Strict confidentiality is observed by all members. Meetings are held on a weekly basis. Contact 985-401-2010 for more information and respond to the prompting.



Healing from Divorce Group

If you are separated or divorced, the Church cares about you. The loss of a relationship through separation or divorce poses one of the most difficult transitions a person can face. As people journey through a divorce, they face the stress of emotions, life changes, and developing a way to live a new life. As a Church, we are called to imitate Jesus Christ, who always sought to heal the brokenhearted. St. Joseph now has a new ministry for this purpose. For more information please contact Angela Perrin at 985-318-4927.

Please Pray for Sick and Shut-Ins

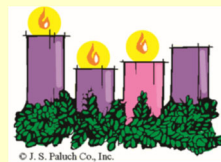
Jason Abernaghy, Joseph Agnello, Deacon Mike Agnello, Stephanie Alexander, Ray Aleman, Sr., Patrick Bailey, Oekie Baldassoro, Mark Bear, Gloria Bennett, Mildred Bittick, Ray Boihem, Michelle Bossier, Hazel Boudreaux, Larry Boudreaux, Ranice Bourg, Angel Braun, JoAnne Brisset, Baby David Burris, Eric Campos, Morgan Carel, Christine Castjohn, Carol Castle, Dennis Charbonnet, Rita Charbonnet, Julian Chiro, Gavin Cieutat, PJ Clause, Phillip Connelley, Aurelie Costanza, Tilly Cutrer, Ken Davidson, Lucille Davidson, Stan Dell, Kitty Derveloy, Larry Deslatte, Alexis Dionne, Stacey Dolan, Lawrence Dominguez, Beverly Dominique, Carol Dominguez, John Dufreche, Andrew Dzuryachko, Pam Guichet Elder, Veronica Fannally, Joey Fortenberry, Marge Frahm, Eva Francois, Lenny George, Malissa Gonzalez, Brian Guichet, Myrthus Guichet, Anne Guidry, Sue Quave Guildner, Jean Guitreau, John Gullo, Diane Gunther, Katherine Harris, Warren Heckmann, Sherry Hill, Elaine Hoover, Tammy Perrin Horn, Peggy Howes, Jimmy Hubert, Tara Huguet, Grace Innerarity, Jackie Jacobs, Joseph Jason, Jennifer Jernigan, Ronnie Klug, Norma Kraemer, David Kraft, Charles Gregory Kraft, Sis Kyzar, Wayne Laurent, Doris Lavigne, Ruby Drude Lee, Margie Liuzza, Hilton Lloyd, IV, Larry Macaluso, Sr., Elsie Major, Mary Twickler Mann, Francis Martino, Amelia McCulla, Patricia McKigney, Cole McMillion, Morris Meyer, Barry Mince Sr., Rose Mitchell, Patricia Monteleone, Andrew Morales, Ed Murray, Betty Olsen, Dayna Bennett O’Neill, CJ Otilio, Carol Ott, Wanda Pandarvis, George Peltier, Bert Perilloux, Fran Poche, Ann Prine, Mary Prine, Mike Raiford, Dale Roberts, A. J. Roig, Jr., Linda Ryan, Rosa Maria Santos, Beverly Schatzle, Bob Simoneaux, Bristol Rose Smith, Kayla Smith, Millie Spansel, Wylene Remy Taylor, Madeline Thibodeaux, Tracy Todd, Mike Tourmillon, Nathan Vicknair, Sam Vilardo, Sam Viola, Carla Van Vrancken, June Villa, Glen Walker, Danny Wall, Francis Waguespack, Rodney Wempren, Peggy West. **Names submitted will be included for 4 weeks. Please call the Church office to renew.**

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

CM Sgt Christopher Castle, Col. Brad Duplessis, Col. Brian Duplessis, Col. David, Duplessis- Commander, Mason Joiner Sgt Major in Army, Capt. Kathleen Keller, Jacob Milton, Commander Eric Olsen, US Navy. **Names submitted will be included for 4 weeks. Please call the Church office to renew.**

Saints and Special Observations

Sunday: Third Sunday of Advent
Saturday: St. Peter Canisius



PAL (Parents of Addicted Loved-ones) is a support group of parents helping parents. PAL is also open to spouses and other family members and friends (18 or older) who have a loved one struggling with addiction. .

A local PAL group meets in the St. Dominic room of St. Joseph’s Ministry Building on the corner of 8th and Pine St. every 2nd and 4th Thursday from 6-7:30 pm.

We look forward to sharing this program of hope and support with you. For questions or information contact Mary Jo B. at 985-320-3010 or Paige B. 985-981-8010 or review the website www.palgroup.org. All inquiries are held in strict confidence. **You are not alone There is HOPE.**

*Readings for the Week of
December 16, 2019*

Monday: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6, 7bc-9; Mt 21:23-27
 Tuesday: Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-4ab, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17
 Wednesday: Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25
 Thursday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25
 Friday: Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-4ab, 5-6; Lk 1:26-38
 Saturday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45

Next Sunday Readings (December 22, 2019)

First Reading.....Isaiah 7:10-14
 Second Reading.....Romans 1:1-7
 Gospel.....Matthew 1:18-24
 Psalm.....24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6

Mass Intentions

Monday, December 16, 2019

8:00 AM Ted Dupont

Tuesday, December 17, 2019

8:00 AM Joy Steib

Wednesday, December 18, 2019

8:00 AM Robert Connelley

Thursday, December 19, 2019

8:00 AM Henrietta Joiner

Saturday, December 21, 2019

5:00 PM Dudley & Geraldine Berthelot
 (L) Mike Boudreaux
 Geraldine Desplas
 Dominick DiCarlo
 (L) Taylor Gautreaux
 (L) Sandy Martin
 Ella Mae Melancon
 Bert & Flavia Morse
 Laura Morse
 Bill Perrin
 Rufus Poche
 Liz Sanderson
 Audrey Scamardo
 (L) Beth Soniat
 (L) Kevin Spansel
 Joy Steib
 Ronnie Steib
 Living & Deceased Members of Steib & Tucker Family

Sunday, December 22, 2019

8:00 AM For the People of the Parish
 11:00 AM Levon Major, Mary, Sam & Ciro Agnello
 Mary Sue Drude
 Richard & Clotilde Drude
 (L) Brent & Renee Faurie
 Stanley Laurent
 Kay & Bill Lundergan
 Ella Mae Melancon
 Joel & George McWilliams
 Albert Ott
 Michael Vincent Pugh
 (L) Family of Michael Vincent Pugh
 Joy Tucker Steib
 Ronnie Steib
 (L) Connie & Carlo Triolo
 Joseph Mike Zeringue

(L) Indicates Living

Intentions of the Holy Father

That every country take the measures necessary to prioritize the future of the very young, especially those who are suffering.



Volunteers Needed

Christmas Decorations Going Up

Saturday, December 21st at 8:30 am

Needed: Men and Women

Everything going up on this Saturday, trees, banners, nativity and poinsettias.

PLEASE COME HELP!

Thank You!



Ministry Schedules

Saturday, December 21st & Sunday December 22nd

	<u>Eucharistic Ministers</u>	<u>Ushers</u>
5PM	Veronica Pierson 7b John Albrecht 8b	Jesse Bergeron John Laiche Durald Pinion Chris Marmillion Elaine Schatzle John Yeargain Joseph Jason Michael Chiasson Roland Terrebbonne Jacob Schmaltz Ronnie Reggio Sidney Alexander
8AM	Melissa Henderson 7b Scott Henderson 8b	Barbara Guy Earl Hoover Joseph Ragan Jeff Ryan Buddy Williams
11AM	Barbara Wall 7b Tony Guagliardo, III 8b	<u>Greeters</u> 5 PM Elaine Schatzle 8AM Carolyn Pugh 11 AM DeShea Johnson
	<u>Altar Servers</u>	<u>Lectors</u>
5PM	Abby Foster Anna Foster Marianna Fulks	5PM Tony Guagliardo, Jr. 8AM Sam Morse 11 AM Wayne Vedeckis
8AM	Hannah Henderson Leigh Henderson Libby Rabalais	
11AM	Nicholas Guagliardo Savannah Johnson SUB REQUESTED	

Financial News

YTD	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Difference</u>
12/8/2019	\$448,765.86	\$437,000.00	\$ +11,765.86
Church Support	\$20,632.50		
Religious Retirement	\$2,310.00		
Mis. Collections	\$ 1,358.00		
	\$24,300.50		

Second Collections

December 15th St. Joseph School
 December 29th St. Vincent de Paul

Gardening Angels

Siblings Brinley & Brayden Thompson, Barrett Whittington and McKenna Thompson started weeding and then gladly traded their weeding tools for rakes! They must give lessons on raking in heaven! You should see these angels flying around with their rakes! Teen Angel Brayden also cut down tree stumps. We welcome former SJS students and any teen parishioner to join Teen Angels. Promise you will have fun.

Gardening Angels Landen Bourlet, Bradie Robinson, Kinsley Dailey and Allie Landry added compost and mulch around tree bases. They provided their own mulch by raking leaves. Their smiles tell the rest! I heard they are definitely coming back for more fun during their Christmas break! And I apologize to Blake Stephens for taking this picture a little late. Come back and I promise to take one before you leave! THANKS angels!



School News

Some of our students had the honor of singing the National Anthem at the New Orleans Pelican's NBA game a few weeks ago. They did an amazing job!! We are so proud of them!

CONGRATULATIONS to our Jr. Beta Club!! They did an awesome job at District Day today!! Way to go Crusaders!!! Engineering-1st place, Living Literature- 1st place, Marketing - 1st place, Quiz bowl- 2nd place, Robotics-3rd place, Service learning-1st place, Speech-1st place, 3-D design-3rd place, 2-D design-2nd place, Group Talent- 2nd place, Songfest-3rd place.



PSR Advent Activities

PSR serves K-5th graders and their families in the classroom on Sunday morning. We began our Advent making wreaths which Deacon Mickey came by to bless. Next we worked with Mary Jo Balado of St Vincent DePaul to adopt a family thru their angel wings program. Thanks to our parents and catechists we were able to provide diapers, a few toys, handmade Christmas cards, and \$250 in gift cards for a single mom of 3 small children who was very appreciative. Children were encouraged to do good deeds to earn money for our adopted family. This 3rd Sunday of Advent we will have a joyful celebration with crafts and advent songs led by one of our talented moms Angelina Dupuy. May the rest of Your Advent and Christmas season be blessed and I hope to see you when we resume classes Jan 5.

Paige Bacile, PSR Coordinator



Society of St Vincent de Paul Report: November 2019

We made **32** home visits serving **74** people

Delivered 25 bags of food from our Parish Food Pantry

Paid utility bills totaling \$3,395.15 and \$1,368.30 in other assistance including rent, fresh food, furniture, clothing, and transportation needs.

As always, we are grateful for your generosity that makes our work with the poor possible.

We are in need of new members due to the fact that some of our members have moved, and others have health issues that are preventing them from going on home visits. If you feel called to this ministry please come to a meeting and see what we do.

We would love to have you join us! We meet bi-weekly on Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. in the new Ministry Building. Our next scheduled meetings are **December 17th** and **January 7th**. We hope to see you there!!

Thank You!

A big thank you to everyone who brought toys to church for Sheriff Edwards Toy Crusade. It was very successful. Because of your generosity a few more kids will have a Merry Christmas.



Widowed Friends

Our next outing is on **January 7th** at Applebee's in Hammond. All events begin at 11:30am. God bless to all!



Mark Your Calendar

Sunday, December 15th

New Adult Formation Class-Getting Familiar with the My Parish App & Formed- 9:30 am in the Library

Sunday, December 15th

PSR, Ablaze 9:30am -10:30 am

Sunday, December 15th

RCIA- 9:30 am in the Ministry Building

Sunday, December 15th

Teen/Young Adult Choir Practice- 9:30 am

Sunday, December 15th

Live Nativity Practice- after the 11 am Mass

Sunday, December 15th

Blue Knights Boys' Club- 3pm in the Ministry Building

Monday, December 16th

St. Joseph's Advent Penance Service-6pm

Tuesday, December 17th

St. Vincent de Paul Society Meeting-6pm in the Ministry Building

Tuesday, December 17th

Word & Worship 7pm in the Chapel

Wednesday, December 18th

Divine Mercy Chaplet-3pm in the Chapel

Wednesday, December 18th

Choir Practice- 6:30 pm in the Choir Room.

Saturday, December 21st

Setting Up Christmas Decorations in the Church 8am

Tuesday, December 24th

Christmas Eve -4pm & 7pm Masses

Wednesday, December 25th

Christmas Day- 8am & 10 am Masses

December 24th-January 1st

Church Office- CLOSED

Thursday, December 26th

PAL Meeting-6pm in the Ministry Building

Tuesday, December 31st

Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God Vigil Mass- 6pm

Wednesday, January 1st

Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God 10 am Mass



**BLUE KNIGHTS
Boys' Club**
Crusaders for Virtue

All boys welcome ages 5 & up!

Sunday, December 15th at 3:00 pm

St. Joseph's Room
in the Ministry Building