



# 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](http://www.stjosephsonline.com)

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

*February 9, 2020 The Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time*

## Lent: One Day at a Time for Catholic Teens

### 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:

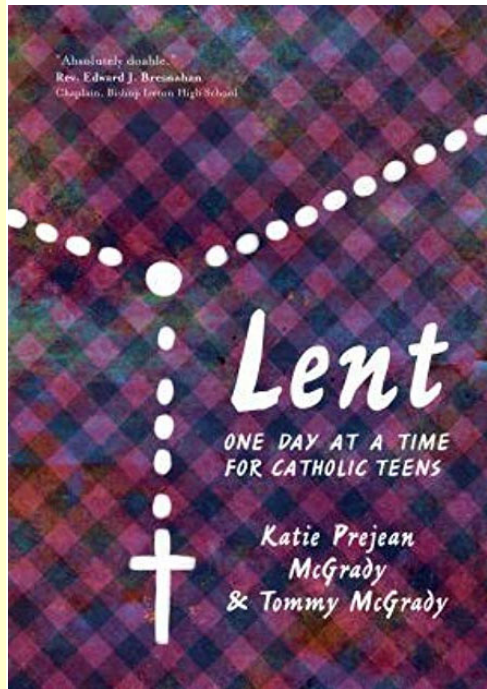
Please notify the office as soon as a Catholic is seriously ill or is having surgery.

### 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



“Walk through the Lenten desert with purpose, focus, and a real desire to meet Jesus and be changed by him.”

Meetings will be **February 16, March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, and April 5.**

April 19 we will celebrate Easter and Divine Mercy Sunday.

**Where:** St. Catherine Room

**When:** Sunday Mornings 9:30 – 10:30

Books will be provided at first meeting. Reflections, crafts, and games!

If you would like to participate please contact Mary Hanks (985) 507-4868 ASAP.

Give the Gift of LIFE!

## BLOOD DRIVE

St. Joseph's Parish  
Sunday, February 9th | 8am - 1pm

The blood drive will be in the gym.

YOU DO NOT HAVE TO BE A MEMBER OF ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH TO DONATE



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## Staff

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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.  
**Kaycee Auxiliary:** Maureen Felder 225-294-3092 or maureenfelder75@gmail.com  
**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.

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## *Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

The prophet Isaiah inspires us with these words: "Light shall rise for you in the darkness, and the gloom shall become for you like midday." All of us celebrating the liturgy today praise God for these words of encouragement. Surely each of us knows the gloomy side of life, but today's readings propose a brilliant antidote to misery: the light of service. Isaiah focuses on physical suffering, telling us to provide food, clothing, housing, and equal opportunity to those with limited resources. Moving beyond material needs, Saint Paul demonstrates how to proceed humbly when attending to people's spiritual needs. Saint Matthew's Gospel stirs us to bold action: whatever gifts we have, we must put them at the service of our communities. As Christians, we must engage with one another without holding back, letting our light shine before all.

*You are the*

### *light of the world*

*A city set on a mountain  
cannot be hidden.*

*Matthew 5:13-16*



### *All In*

Today's readings leave no room for half-heartedness. As beneficiaries of God's providence, we cannot hold back when serving others. When Isaiah instructs us to share our bread with the hungry, he offers no qualifications. He does not add, "if you think you can," or "after all of your own needs have been met." On the contrary, the prophet simply reports that God expects us to care for those in need. In a similar way, the Gospel call is unconditional. Like a city atop a mountain, the Christian life cannot be hidden. Followers of Jesus do not have the option to sit by and wish vaguely for someone else to take care of hunger, homelessness, oppression, and ignorance. God calls us into service. If we have heard the call, we must respond.

### *Proceed with Prayer*

We all agree that caring for others is important. Absolutely no one wants to see a child waste away from starvation. And yet, we often fear to donate time, talent, or money to charitable causes. What if recipients use the money poorly? What if donations promote helplessness and long-term dependence? What if my own situation isn't very stable? How can I help others when my daily life is so difficult and the future so uncertain? These are legitimate questions. And God wants us to use our intellect when discerning how best to perform good deeds. But uncertainty must not lead to inaction. If we don't know exactly how to proceed, we must spend a great deal of time in prayer. In prayer, we consider our options and ask the Lord to show us

how to be salt and light in the world. As today's psalm reminds us, God calls us to be gracious and merciful. Believing firmly that God will always care for us, we trust with steadfast hearts and share with others—not occasionally, guiltily, or provisionally, but "lavishly."

## **Parish Survey**



- Go to [stjosephsonline.com](http://stjosephsonline.com)
- Click the button that says "PARISH SURVEY"
- Survey will be available on the website until *Feb. 26th, Ash Wednesday*

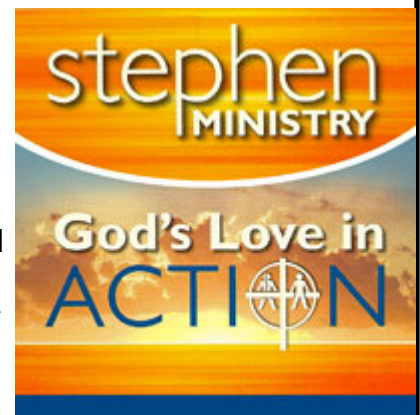
Parish Surveys will also be available in the Narthex and at the Church Office.



## ***Mark Your Calendar for February 15th & 16th!!!***

In **The Day Chapel**, **Following all Masses**, there will be a short video and overview of Stephen Ministry. A **question & answer session** about Stephen Ministry will also take place.

***If God is calling you to be involved in a ministry***, please plan to attend our gathering. Being a *Stephen Minister* is not only helping others during their time of need and healing, **it is a rewarding and fulfilling experience** for the Minister. We are **ble**ssed to have our current Ministers and look forward to commissioning new ministers for our 3rd Class.



## Stewardship

### “Such Good Advice”

“Just tell us what you think is most important. Something from your experience. That’s what the kids want to hear. It’s what they need to hear.” A faculty spokesman was delighted to have secured a noted and successful entrepreneur to speak to the graduating class. Not only was she available, but she’d just released a new self-help bestseller. An ideal choice, she would surely have great advice. The writer of Hebrews did, too: Love. Be hospitable. Care for the needy. Be faithful. Handle your money well, and learn the value of contentment. Depend on the Lord, and look to those who’ve lived well. Follow the example of those who’ve obviously trusted Christ. He is worthy. Good advice from a respected speaker. Good advice from a biblical writer.

“Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect hospitality, for through it some have unknowingly entertained angels. Be mindful of prisoners as if sharing their imprisonment, and of the ill-treated as of yourselves, for you also are in the body. Let marriage be honored among all and the marriage bed be kept undefiled, for God will judge the immoral and adulterers. Let your life be free from love of money but be content with what you have, for he has said, ‘I will never forsake you or abandon you.’ Thus we may say with confidence: ‘The Lord is my helper, and I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?’ Remember your leaders who spoke the word of God to you. Consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever.”



### Prayer for Married Couples

Almighty and eternal God, You blessed the union of married couples so that they might reflect the union of Christ with his Church: look with kindness on them. Renew their marriage covenant, increase your love in them, and strengthen their bond of peace so that, with their children, they may always rejoice in the gift of your blessing. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



### World Day of the Sick

February 11th is **World Day of the Sick**, an observation started by Pope John Paul II as a way for believers to offer **prayers** for those suffering from illnesses. The **day** coincides with the commemoration of Our Lady of Lourdes. *Please pray for our sick and shut-ins, names can be found on page 5 of the bulletin.*

St. Joseph's Catholic Church in  
Ponchatoula

## Old Testament • Jerusalem Temple • Tour

Do you find Mass boring? Do you know why we ring the bells at Mass? Are you willing to come out to have these and other questions about the Mass answered?

**Friday, Feb 28th  
6:30pm-8:30pm  
Beginning outside the church**

**Set Ablaze Retreat:**  
See website:  
[www.sjyouth.com](http://www.sjyouth.com)  
for details.

**February 29th**

Ablaze Lent Retreat  
**Set ABLAZE!**

## God's Call

The person who has been "saved," who has "heard the good news of salvation," still lives in an unsaved world, a world sadly oblivious to the presence of God. Today's readings outline how the disciple is present in the world.

The outline begins with Isaiah: "Share your bread . . . shelter the oppressed . . . clothe the naked" (Isaiah 58:7). Those who hear the word of salvation are not insensitive to the urgent needs of others. Then Paul reminds his flock that he brought Christ to them not in eloquence or wisdom, but by being with them in the "weakness and fear" of their daily lives (1 Corinthians 2:3). Finally, Jesus tells his disciples to go out into the gloom and darkness of the streets of the world and let God's light shine through their good deeds.

We disciples don't save the world. To the extent, however, that we have heard the word of God and been awakened to God's presence, we may spread that word and bring that presence to others.

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## Today's Readings

**First Reading** — If you share your food with the hungry, provide housing for the homeless, then light shall break forth upon you (Isaiah 58:7-10).

**Psalm** — The just man is a light in the darkness to the upright (Psalm 112).

**Second Reading** — My message to you, says Paul, was the proclamation of Christ crucified (1 Corinthians 2:1-5).

**Gospel** — You are the salt of the earth, the light of the world. In your good deeds your light shines before others, leading them to glorify God (Matthew 5:13-16).

## 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, Ockie Baldassoro, Sr., Patrick Bailey, Gloria Bennett, Mildred Bittick, Ray Boihem, Michelle Bossier, Hazel Boudreaux, Larry Boudreaux, Ranice Bourg, Angel Braun, JoAnne Brisset, Janet Brown, Baby David Burris, Eric Campos, Christine Castjohn, Carol Castle, Dennis Charbonnet, Rita Charbonnet, Julian Chiro, Gavin Cieutat, PJ Clause, Phillip Connelley, Ken Davidson, Lucille Davidson, Stan & Joyce Dell, Kitty Dervely, 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, Geraldine Freeman, Lenny George, Nittie Gilliland, Malissa Gonzalez, Joan Gurganus, Brian Guichet, Myrthus "Twinkle" Guichet, Anne Guidry, Sue Quave Guildner, Jean Guitreau, Diane Gunther, Katherine Harris, Warren Heckmann, Kalee Henderson, Sherry Hill, Elaine Hoover, Tammy Perrin Horn, Peggy Howes, Jimmy Hubert, Tara Huguette, Grace Innerarity, Joseph Jason, Jennifer Jernigan, Sena Kilbert, Ronnie Klug, Norma Kraemer, David Kraft, Charles Gregory Kraft, Sis Kyzar, Wayne Laurent, Doris Lavigne, Ruby Drude Lee, Sally LeJeune, Hilton Lloyd, IV, Elsie Major, Mary Twickler Mann, Francis Martino, Patricia McKigney, Cole McMillion, Morris Meyer, Barry Mince Sr., Anna Mae Mixon, Rose Mitchell, Patricia Monteleone, Andrew Morales, Ed Murray, Betty Olsen, CJ Otilio, Carol Ott, Ruth Ourso, 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, Judy Schilling, Bob Simoneaux, Bristol Rose Smith, Dale Allen Smith, Kayla Smith, Wylene Remy Taylor, Madeline Thibodeaux, Tracy Todd, Mike Tournillon, Sam Vilardo, Sam Viola, Carla Van Vrancken, June Villa, Glen Walker, Danny Wall, Francis Waguespack, Rodney Wempren, Peggy West, Stanley Williams. **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: Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time; World Marriage Day  
Monday: St. Scholastica  
Tuesday: Our Lady of Lourdes; World Day of the Sick  
Friday: Ss. Cyril and Methodius; Valentine's Day  
Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary



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 8<sup>th</sup> and Pine St. every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.palgroup.org). All inquiries are held in strict confidence. **You are not alone There is HOPE.**

## Readings for the Week of

February 10, 2020

Monday: 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13; Ps 132:6-7, 8-10; Mk 6:53-56  
 Tuesday: 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30; Ps 84:3-5, 10-11; Mk 7:1-13  
 Wednesday: 1 Kgs 10:1-10; Ps 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40; Mk 7:14-23  
 Thursday: 1 Kgs 11:4-13; Ps 106:3-4, 35-37, 40; Mk 7:24-30  
 Friday: 1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19; Ps 81:10-11ab, 12-15; Mk 7:31-37  
 Saturday: 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34; Ps 106:6-7ab, 19-22; Mk 8:1-10

### Next Sunday Readings (February 16, 2020)

First Reading.....Sirach 15:15-20  
 Second Reading.....1 Corinthians 2:6-10  
 Gospel.....Matthew 5:17-37 or 5:20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37  
 Psalm.....119: 1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34

## Mass Intentions

### Monday, February 10, 2020

8:00 AM Deceased Members of L.A. Charbonnet Family

### Tuesday, February 11, 2020

8:00 AM Joe Liuzza

### Wednesday, February 12, 2020

8:00 AM (L) Anna Foret

### Thursday, February 13, 2020

8:00 AM George Capadona, Sr.

### Saturday, February 15, 2020

5:00 PM Dudley & Geraldine Berthelot  
 Mathilda "Tilly" Cutrer  
 Geraldine Desplas  
 Dominick DiCarlo  
 (L) Pam Guichet Elder  
 (L) Greg & Jennifer Fletcher  
 (L) Brian Guichet  
 John Jackson  
 Sysan Klar  
 Ella Mae Melancon  
 Bert & Flavia Morse  
 Laura Mae Morse  
 Bill Perrin  
 Leroy Pinion  
 Rufus Poche  
 (L) Brittany Robert  
 Liz Sanderson  
 Ronald Steib  
 Barbara Troxler  
 Nettie Tucker Watts & Fred Tucker

### Sunday, February 16, 2020

8:00 AM For the People of the Parish  
 11:00 AM Mary, Sam, & Ciro Agnello  
 Wayne Aymond  
 Phyllis Begault  
 Mary Sue Drude  
 Richard & Clotilde Drude  
 Ted Dupont  
 Noel Dzuryachko  
 Levon Major  
 Ella Mae Melancon  
 Anna Mae Miller  
 Joseph A. Pepitone  
 Mallory Grace Reggio  
 Raphael Vito Sabella

## Altar Flowers

The Flowers on the Altar are donated:

*In Loving Memory of*

**Edward Eichaker**

By: Wife—Kathy Eichaker



## Ministry Schedules

### Saturday, February 15th & Sunday February 16th

|      | <u>Eucharistic Ministers</u>                          | <u>Ushers</u>  |
|------|---|--|
| 5PM  | Gasper Corpora 7b<br>Merle Ozment 8b                  | Jesse Bergeron<br>John Laiche<br>Durald Pinion<br>Elaine Schatzle<br>Vincent Poche<br>John Yeargain<br>Michael Chiasson<br>Joseph Jason<br>William Mathes<br>Pete Peterson<br>Ronnie Reggio<br>Francis Waguespack<br>Sidney Alexander<br>Randy Bennett<br>Buddy Williams<br>Earl Hoover<br>Joseph Ragan<br>Jeff Ryan |
| 8AM  | Alice James 7b<br>Mary Jo Balado 8b                   | Joseph Jason<br>William Mathes<br>Pete Peterson<br>Ronnie Reggio<br>Francis Waguespack<br>Sidney Alexander<br>Randy Bennett<br>Buddy Williams<br>Earl Hoover<br>Joseph Ragan<br>Jeff Ryan  |
| 11AM | Barbara Wall 7b<br>Deborah Vogel 8b                   | Sidney Alexander<br>Randy Bennett<br>Buddy Williams<br>Earl Hoover<br>Joseph Ragan<br>Jeff Ryan  |
| <br> |   |  |
|      | <u>Altar Servers</u>                                  | <u>Greeters</u>  |
| 5PM  | Luke LaCroix<br>Sophie LaCroix<br>Landry Smith        | 5 PM Elaine Schatzle<br>8AM Jacquelyn Jacobs<br>11 AM Debbie Schanzbach  |
| 8AM  | Anna Hanks<br>Justin Hanks<br>Paul Hanks              | <u>Lectors</u><br>5PM Katherine Yeargain<br>8AM Harold Thibodeaux<br>11 AM Wayne Vedeckis  |
| 11AM | Ian Gremillion<br>Nicholas Guagliardo<br>Seth Swanner |  |

## Financial News

| YTD               | <u>Actual</u> | <u>Budgeted</u> | <u>Difference</u> |
|-------------------|---------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| 2/2/2020          | \$ 648,128.24 | \$589,000.00    | \$ +59,128.24     |
| Church Support    | \$ 23,521.56  |                 |                   |
| Misc. Collections | \$ 521.77     |                 |                   |
|                   | \$ 24,043.33  |                 |                   |

### Second Collections

|               |  |                          |
|---------------|--|--------------------------|
| February 9th  |  | St. Joseph School        |
| February 16th |  | Church in Eastern Europe |



### Society of St Vincent de Paul Report: January 2020

We made 27 home visits serving 71 people  
**Delivered 33 bags of food from our Parish Food Pantry**  
 Paid utility bills totaling \$3,875.54 and \$881.97 in other assistance including rent, fresh food, prescription medicines, 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 February 11th and 25<sup>th</sup>. We hope to see you there!!

## School News

Congratulations to 8th grade student Marley Richard and 5th grade student Evan Garcia for being chosen as Students of the Year for St. Joseph School. The Student of the Year Program is designed to recognize outstanding elementary, middle/junior high, and high school students who demonstrate excellent academic achievement, leadership ability, and citizenship. It is sponsored by the Louisiana State Superintendent with the State Department of Education and the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education. Both students were also finalists in the Diocesan Student of the Year Competition in Baton Rouge. We are so proud of you!

Congratulations to the following students who participated in SJS Quiz Bowl.



**5th and 6th Grade Team**  
Pictured Top L to R:  
Connor Eck,  
Hunter Layrisson,  
Aubrey Alston.  
Bottom L to R:  
Gracyn Willoughby,  
Evan Garcia  
and Carter Ellzey.



**7th and 8th Grade Team**  
Pictured Top L to R: Daniel Wittie,  
Grant Gill, and Gabriel Rivero.  
Bottom: Ian Gremillion and Sean Bankston.

## Mark Your Calendar

**Saturday, Feb. 8th & Sunday, Feb. 9th**  
*KC's Selling Fish Fry Tickets— Before & After all Masses*

**Sunday, February 9th**  
*Blood Drive-Gym-8:00 am-1:00 pm*

**Sunday, February 9th**  
*PSR, Ablaze 9:30-10:30 am*

**Sunday, February 9th**  
*8 Encounters with Jesus-School Library 9:30-10:30*

**Sunday, February 9th**  
*RCIA-Ministry Building-9:30-10:30 am*

**Sunday, February 9th**  
*Teen/Young Adult Choir Practice-9:30 am*

**Tuesday, February 11th & 25th**  
*St Vincent de Paul Society Meeting-  
Ministry Building-6:30 pm*

**Tuesday, February 11th**  
*Word & Worship-Chapel-7:00 pm*

**Wednesday, February 12th**  
*Divine Mercy-Chapel-3:00 pm*

**Wednesday, February 12th**  
*Lord Teach Me To Pray-Ministry Building-6:30pm*

**Wednesday, February 12th**  
*Choir Practice-Choir Room-6:30 pm*

**Wednesday, February 12th**  
*Baptism Class for Parents and Godparents-  
Ministry Building-7 pm*

**Wednesday, February 13th**  
*PAL-Ministry Building-6:00-7:30 pm*

**Saturday, Feb. 15th & Sunday Feb. 16th**  
*Stephen Ministry- Question & Answers—Chapel  
after all Masses*

**Sunday, February 16th**  
*Lent: One Day at a Time for Catholic Teens-  
9:30 am in St. Catherine Room.*

**Tuesday, February 18th**  
*Widowed Friends- 11:30 am at El Jimador*

**Monday, Feb. 24th & Tuesday, Feb 25th**  
*Church and Church Office Closed*

**Wednesday, February 26th**  
*Ash Wednesday- Masses: 8am & 6pm*

**Friday, February 28th**  
*Stations of the Cross- 1:45pm & 6 pm*

**Friday, February 28th**  
*Old Testament Jerusalem Temple Tour- 6:30pm in  
the Church.*

## New Adult Formation Class

### **The Turning Point-Eight Encounters with Jesus That Will Change Your**

**Life:** Feb 2nd, 9th, 16th, March 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, April 5th  
9:30 am- 10:30 am School Library—Monee Sheridan

Please join us as we go through Dr. Allen Hunt's study of the Gospel of John called "Turning Point". In this study, we will focus on eight people who encounter Jesus in John's Gospel. Your goal will be to personally meet Jesus yourself—to discover that He is your one true spiritual home and to develop a more significant relationship with Him in your everyday life. Please RSVP to Monee Sheridan at (985)351-2047 as the book sets are recommended and will be pre-ordered. **It is ok for attendees to participate, even if a book has not been purchased or if some classes need to be missed.**

## LORD TEACH ME TO PRAY

*PART 1, Praying Christian Virtues*  
**January 22 – April 8, 2020, Wednesdays 6:30 pm—8:30 pm**  
*St. Joseph Ministry Building*

"Praying Christian Virtues" teaches how to listen, how to further develop your prayer life, what to do for dryness and obstacles in prayer, as well as how to meditate and contemplate using the method of prayer devised by **St. Ignatius of Loyola**. This will be done in a group experience, meeting once a week.  
*(15 minutes daily prayer time is required)*

**Registration for Men: Ron Huguet (504)232-2484**

**Women: Terri Huguet (504)450-5459, Paula Jarrell (985)429-8977  
Connie Triolo (985)507-7164**

## Widowed Friends

The next outings: **February 18th-**  
El Jimador, 265 S Morrison Blvd  
**March 3rd-B& J Seafood, 2504 W**  
Church St, Hammond  
**All events start at 11:30 am**

