



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

March 15, 2020 The Third Sunday of Lent

St. Joseph's Men's Annual Procession

Calling  MEN

For the fourth year in a row, on the Feast of Saint Joseph, the men of the parish are invited to a Holy Hour and Eucharistic Procession around the property of our church and school. Why do we do this? In parts of Europe, this was a yearly tradition, to invoke the protection of the Lord Jesus Christ and the parish's patron saint over the forces of evil in their community.

Think of all the forces that threaten the family and the Church today. Check all the statistics available – the family and the Church are struggling in this battle and we will not win this battle alone. I hope all the men of the parish realize their indispensable role in the service to their family and the Church. You are invited to join other men of the parish as we pray for the protection of our church, school, and families. We could not have a better patron than Saint Joseph, the Terror of Demons!

And since it is a feast day, I hope you will also stay afterwards for food and refreshments. Enjoy the company of fellow parishioners and maybe make a few more friends. This will all take place in the church beginning at 6 pm on **March 19th**. I hope to see you there.

Pax et bonum.

F.P. McDuffie



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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, 985-969-2700
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.

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.



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, Rebecca Smith, 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.

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Treasures From Our Tradition

By the early 1950s some scholars were calling for the restoration of Communion of the faithful on Good Friday, since by then only a priest received, consuming the host from the Holy Thursday repository. In 1955 the new Good Friday liturgy was timed to begin at three o'clock everywhere, and included the option of Holy Communion, but without the Precious Blood that had originally been part of the liturgy. Today, there is increasing debate among theologians. Some feel that it would be better to fast from the Eucharist on Good Friday, focusing on the mystery of the cross and highlighting the Easter Communion. Others say that this Communion infuses the sadness of the day with awareness of Christ's victory. It is not a day of mourning, of course, and the Passion according to John grounds the liturgy in a sense of Christ's victory over death and the triumph of the cross. The tradition is rich and varied, and we are still in the early stages of recovering an ancient way of doing things.

Why do we call the day "good"? The English and Dutch languages share this name, and its origin stems from the name "God's Friday." The traditional name for the day in Latin is *Feria VI in Parasceve*, which translates as "The Sixth Day of the Week of Preparation." Other languages make do with "Holy Friday." In another part of England, as in Denmark, the people used to call it "Long Friday," a good description for a quiet day without work and no chance for play or a good meal!

—Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

Lenten Baby Bottle Campaign

Want an easy way to give this Lent? Take a baby bottle home this weekend after Mass and fill it with change. Please bring the bottles back the following weekend and you will be supporting our local crisis pregnancy center, Restoration House.

Here's some great news from 2019 how your money and donations helped families in our community through Restoration House:

256 Free Pregnancy Tests

145 Free Ultrasounds

5016 Free Diapers given

Tons of Free used clothes and baby items given

Priceless hours of Free counseling and support

Make Restoration House part of your Lenten sacrifice and help families choose the gift of life in our community!



Are you looking for a new way to be involved in the celebration of Mass? The choir is always looking for new members to enhance the beauty of the music of the Mass. **We now rehearse on Sundays from 9:30-10:30 am.** Singers and instrumentalists age 12 and up are welcomed. The ability to read music is not required—just bring a desire to share your voice or instrument. We especially invite you to try the choir for the remainder of the Lenten season. We are rehearsing for Holy Thursday, Good Friday, the Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday. Come, share your talents! For further information, contact Rhonda at 985-386-3749.



TEEN/YOUNG ADULT CHOIR

We will have rehearsal for Confirmation on Thursday **April 16** and on **April 19** from 6:30-7:30 pm. Attendance at both rehearsals is encouraged but not mandatory. The next Mass with the youth will be April 19, and we will rehearse from 9:30-10:30 am for that Mass. All rehearsals are held in the choir room. Please contact Rhonda at 985-386-3749 for more information and to confirm that you will be singing. Thank you!

PSR Catechists

Last Sunday, some of our catechists were able to enjoy fellowship and experience outdoor stations of the cross thanks to Mike Fulmer. He called upon Addelyn, Ellie, and Evie Wolfe to help lead the stations. RCIC and PSR students will be doing stations of



the cross next Sunday **March 22** during class from 9:30 to 10:30 am. in the Church. Feel free to join us!



St. Joseph's VBS

June 1st-5th - 8am-Noon

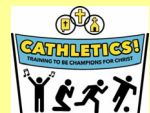
<https://www.stjosephsonline.com/vbs-2020>

Volunteers Register online NOW.

Please **vote** for a theme even if unavailable to volunteer.



Camper Registration COMING SOON.



Stewardship

"Success in Steadfast Faithfulness"

Students of the Scriptures refer to him as the Weeping Prophet. In the face of a naysaying headwind, Jeremiah stood faithful, preaching repentance and remaining steadfast. It was difficult, physically and spiritually. Not only did he suffer, he knew what was coming. He faced opposition, and God had told him it to expect it. "When you call, they will not answer you." Imagine the challenge. You may feel like a failure. Stay the course. Your success will be measured by your faithfulness.

"This is what I commanded them: Listen to my voice; then I will be your God and you shall be my people. Walk exactly in the way I command you, so that you may prosper. But they did not listen to me, nor did they pay attention. They walked in the stubbornness of their evil hearts and turned their backs, not their faces, to me. From the day that your ancestors left the land of Egypt even to this day, I kept on sending all my servants the prophets to you. Yet they have not listened to me nor have they paid attention; they have stiffened their necks and done worse than their ancestors. When you speak all these words to them, they will not listen to you either. When you call to them, they will not answer you. Say to them: This is the nation which does not listen to the voice of the Lord, its God, or take correction. Faithfulness has disappeared; the word itself is banished from their speech."

St. Joseph's Feast Day - March 19th

WHY ST. JOSEPH?

When Jesus had God as His Father and Mary as His Mother, He could have had any man be His Foster Father. Why St. Joseph? He wasn't rich, a prophet, or sinless like Mother Mary.

He also was not a random choice.

St. Joseph was chosen because he was a faithful Jew. He was devout in his prayer life and gave full and immediate *obedience* to God. **Think about it.** . . . Would a lukewarm Jew have believed that his fiancé's unborn child was the Son of God? Would a lukewarm Jew have taken the angel's warning in his dream as truth instead of dismissing it as "some weird dreams" he had? **No.** God chose a man, despite being an ordinary sinner like us, who could raise Jesus to be a man on fire for the Lord. He knew St. Joseph would be a good example for chastity, work ethic, honoring Mother Mary, patience, self-control, and love of the Lord.

Since Jesus was fully man and fully God, His fatherhood figure must have played a part in making Him the man He was on Earth. In the Garden of Gethsemane, His Divinity kept Him from running away from His death. After all, He loves us and came to die for us. But, His humanity still had Him acknowledge the fear of the pain and suffering to come. Who taught Jesus to stick to His commitments even in the face of fear? Who taught Jesus to sacrificially offer up His own wants for love of those around Him? Who taught Jesus to defend His bride, the Church or to be an example when all other men ran away to hide? **Good and holy St. Joseph did.**

WHO IS HE TO YOU?

So, who is St. Joseph to you? Is he a protector to you as The Terror of Demons? Is he a role model of fatherhood? Is he an intercessor for you when you defend The Church? Or is he a stranger? Regardless of where you are in your relationship with St. Joseph, take some time this March 19th and get to know him a little bit better.

See full article with resources on our Home Page at stjosephsonline.com



St. Joseph Altar

St. Joseph School will host a St. Joseph Altar to celebrate the feast of our patron saint. The altar will be displayed in the **school gym on Thursday, March 19th** immediately following 8:00 am Mass until 2pm. Everyone is invited to attend, but **please first check-in at the school office.** A meal will not be served from the altar. We hope to see many people as we share this annual tradition that our students have grown to love and enjoy!



School News

Everyone is invited as SJS Drama Club presents The Little Mermaid Jr. Showtimes are **Friday, March 27th** and **Saturday, March 28th** at 7:00 pm in the school gym. Doors open at 6 pm. Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$5 for kids. Please spread the word and help support our Drama Club. Out cast and crew have been working very hard on our play and are excited about sharing their talents with all of you.



Thirst

Each time today's Gospel story is read, I can't help but think of the many television commercials I've seen depicting perspiring athletes lifting a beverage to their lips while the scorching sun beats down on them. Our culture has definite ideas about how to quench thirst. Today, those ideas are turned upside down. The Samaritan woman operates, initially, on the TV commercial level. She asks Jesus for the flowing water so that she will not have to keep coming to the well. Jesus then talks about what real thirst is, and how he, and he alone, can quench that thirst. Lent calls us to find those places deep within ourselves where we thirst. In our thirst, as did the Israelites, we cry out to God asking for springs of living water. Deep down we know that only the Lord can satisfy these thirsts.

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Today's Readings

First Reading — When the people grumbled to Moses for water in the desert, the Lord heard and brought forth water from the rock for all to drink (Exodus 17:3-7).

Psalm — If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts (Psalm 95).

Second Reading — God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit (Romans 5:1-2, 5-8).

Gospel — Ask, and you will be given living water so that you will never thirst again (John 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42]).

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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

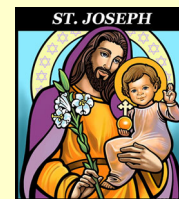
Jason Abernaghy, Deacon Mike Agnello, Stephanie Alexander, Ray Aleman, Ockie Baldassoro, Sr., Patrick Bailey, Gloria Bennett, Mildred Bittick, Ray Boihem, Michelle Bossier, Hazel Boudreaux, Larry Boudreaux, Ranice Bourg, Barbara Bourgeois, Angel Braun, JoAnne Brisset, Jeanette Brown, Baby David Burris, Eric Campos, Christine Castjohn, Carol Castle, Dennis Charbonnet, Rita Charbonnet, Julian Chiro, Gavin Cieutat, PJ Clause, Phillip Connelley, Ken Davidson, Lucille Davidson, Melissa Balado Dean, 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, Geraldine Freeman, Lenny George, Nittie Gilliland, Malissa Gonzalez, Joan Gurganus, Brian Guichet, Myrthus “Twinkle” Guichet, Anne Guidry, Sue Quave Guildner, Jean Guitreau, Katherine Harris, Warren Heckmann, Kalee Henderson, Sherry Hill, Elaine Hoover, Tammy Perrin Horn, Peggy Howes, Jimmy Hubert, Tara Huguet, Grace Innerarity, Joseph Jason, Jennifer Jernigan, Sena Kilbert, Ronnie Klug, Norma Kraemer, David Kraft, Charles Gregory Kraft, Sis Kyzar, Norma Larrieu, Wayne Laurent, Doris Lavigne, Ruby Drude Lee, Sally LeJeune, Hilton Lloyd, IV, Elsie Major, Mary Twickler Mann, Francis Martino, Caitlyn Matherne, Cole McMillion, Morris Meyer, Barry Mince Sr., Anna Mae Mixon, Patricia Monteleone, Andrew Morales, Ed Murray, Betty Olsen, CJ Otilio, Carol Ott, Ruth Ourso, Wanda Pandarvis, George Peltier, Bert Perilloux, Beverly Pinion, Fran Poche, Ann Prine, Mary Prine, Mike Raiford, Dale Roberts, Bryan Roddick, A. J. Roig, Jr., Linda Ryan, Rosa Maria Santos, Ernest Schenck, Judy Schilling, Sena Sicard, 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, Faith Rose Wiltz. **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 Lent
 Tuesday: St. Patrick
 Wednesday: St. Cyril of Jerusalem
 Thursday: St. Joseph
 Friday: Abstinence



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

March 16th 2020

Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15b; Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4; Lk 4:24-30
 Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43; Ps 25:4-5 1b, 6, 7bc, 8-9; Mt 18:21-35
 Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20; Mt 5:17-19
 Thursday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29;
 Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a
 Friday: Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81:6c-11ab, 14, 17; Mk 12:28-34
 Saturday: Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51:3-4, 18-21ab; Lk 18:9-14

Next Sunday Readings (March 22, 2020)

First Reading.....1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a
 Second Reading.....Ephesians 5:8-14
 Gospel.....John 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38
 Psalm.....23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6

Mass Intentions

Monday, March 16, 2020

8:00 AM Darryl Pinion, Sr.

Tuesday, March 17, 2020

8:00 AM Ella Mae Melancon

Wednesday, March 18, 2020

8:00 AM Lelia Pellichino

Thursday, March 19, 2020

8:00 AM Ella Mae Melancon

Saturday, March 21, 2020

5:00 PM Dudley & Geraldine Berthelot

Elna Ernest Bowman

Norman & Geraldine Desplas

Dominick DiCarlo

Ella Mae Melancon

Laura Mae Morse

(L) Dean A. Ockman

Bill Perrin

Rufus Poche

Liz Sanderson

Sunday, March 22, 2020

8:00 AM Frank Bova

Mathilda "Tilly" Cutrer

Mary Sue Drude

Richard & Clotilde Drude

Kathlyn Duplan

Cotton & Louana Kraft

D.D. Kraft

(L) David Kraft

Lily Kraft

Vincent Latino, Sr.

Ben LeBoeuf

(L) Elsie Major

Kelsey Martin

Ella Mae Melancon

(L) Rosemary Novack

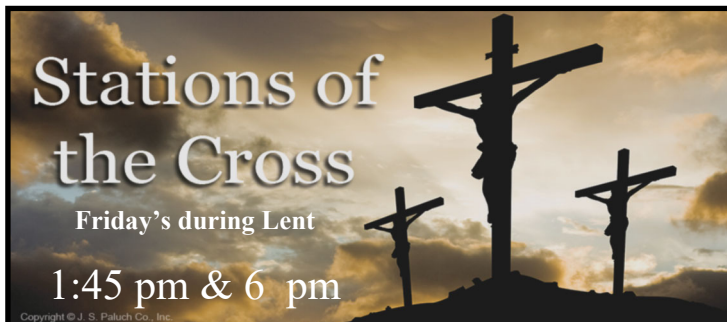
(L) George Peltier

Mrs. Renee Breaux Pulsinelli

Barbara Troxler

Bobby Wolfe

11:00 AM For the People of the Parish



Fr. McDuffie will be hearing Confessions every Wednesday evening during Lent at St. Joseph's from 6 pm to 7:30 pm

Ministry Schedules

Saturday, March 21st & Sunday March 22nd

	<u>Eucharistic Ministers</u>	<u>Ushers</u>
5PM	Stephanie Willie 7b Mary Ernst 8b	Jesse Bergeron Elaine Schatz.e Chris Marmillion Vincent Poche John Yeargain Michael Chiasson Joseph Jason Durald Pinion Jacob Schmaltz Roland Terrebonne Sidney Alexander Randy Bennett Earl Hoover Joseph Ragan Jeff Ryan
8AM	Karen Braun 7b Ian Waller 8b	<u>Greeters</u> 5 PM L. Guagliardo 8AM Anne Phillips 11 AM Mary Threeton
11AM	T. Guagliardo, III 7b Mike Fulmer 8b	<u>Lectors</u> 5PM T. Guagliardo, Jr. 8AM H. Thibodeaux 11 AM Barbara Guy
5PM	<u>Altar Servers</u> Aubrey Alston SUB REQUESTED Hunter Layrisson	
8AM	Anna Hanks Justin Hanks Paul Hanks	
11AM	Nicholas Guagliardo John-Michael Heroman Joshua Heroman	

Financial News

YTD	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Difference</u>
3/8/2020	\$ 749,068.60	\$684,000.00	\$ +65,068.60
Church Support	\$ 19,596.01		
Black & Indian Mission	\$ 1,392.00		
Misc. Collections	\$ 800.00		
	\$ 21,788.01		
	<u>Second Collections</u>		
	St. Joseph School	March 15th	
	Catholic Relief Services:	March 22nd	
	St. Vincent de Paul:	March 29th	

We Are Called

Join our faith community—and more than 14,000 Catholic communities across the United States—in a life-changing Lenten journey with CRS Rice Bowl. Pick up your family's CRS Rice Bowl from the Narthex. During the 40 days of Lent, we will reflect on the challenge of global hunger and how it affects our human family.

Meet Yvone

Meet Yvone from Kenya. She learned proper nutrition and hygiene practices to help keep her healthy and in school. Yvone now has a chance to dream and the strength to follow those dreams. How can you ensure that young people in your community receive proper nutrition? Visit crsricebowl.org for more.

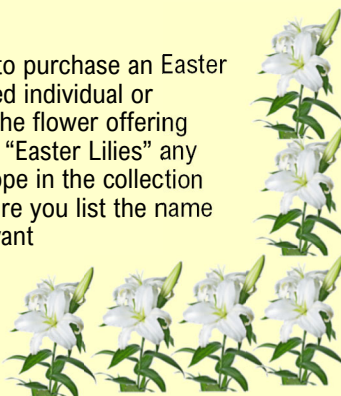
HELP SUPPORT

FOR THE NEEDY

Parishioners please consider supporting the SVDP Pharmacy once again. The Pharmacy filled \$1.3 million dollars in prescriptions for those in need last year. This is the only fundraiser of the year dedicated to the pharmacy. The cannister will be in the Narthex during this Lenten season.

Easter Lilies

Join in the decorating of our church by donating \$8.00 to purchase an Easter Lily. 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 Lilies" any weekend between now and Easter Sunday. Place envelope in the collection basket, or bring envelope to the Church Office. 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 lilies will NOT be available for pickup after the Easter Season. Questions call Barbara Martino at 386-3622 or Roberta Connelley at 386-9711. Thank you for your generosity.



Mark Your Calendar

Sunday, March 15th
Lent: One Day at a Time for Catholic Teens—
9:30 am in St. Catherine Room

Sunday, March 15th
PSR, Ablaze 9:30-10:30 am

Sunday, March 15th
8 Encounters with Jesus—School Library 9:30-10:30

Sunday, March 15th
RCIA-Ministry Building—9:30-10:30 am

Sunday, March 15th
Adult Choir Practice—9:30 am

Tuesday, March 17th
Widowed Friends—Salty Joe's at 11:30 am

Tuesday, March 17th
Word & Worship—Chapel—7:00 pm

Wednesday, March 18th
Ecumenical Lenten Lunch—Deacon Larry leading worship—1st Methodist Church—11:30 am

Wednesday, March 18th
Divine Mercy—Chapel—3:00 pm

Wednesday, March 18th
Reconciliation—6pm-7:30 pm

Wednesday, March 18th
Lord Teach Me To Pray—Ministry Building—6:30pm

Thursday, March 19th
SJS St. Joseph Altar—9am-2pm

Thursday, March 19th
St. Joseph's Men's Annual Procession—6pm

Friday, March 20th
Stations of the Cross—1:45 pm & 6 pm

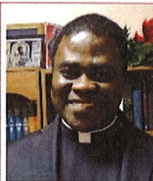
Saturday, March 22nd & Sunday, March 23rd 
KC's Selling Fish Fry Tickets—Before & After all Masses

Tuesday, March 24th
St. Vincent de Paul Society—Meeting—6:30 pm in Ministry Building

Thursday, March 26th
PAL Meeting—6pm in the St. Dominic Room

Friday, March 27th
KC Fish Fry—4:30pm-7 pm—KC Hall

Sunday, March 29th
Mass & Healing Service



Attention FAMILIES!

Join us, as we welcome

Rev. Anthony Odiong for

Mass and Healing Service St. Joseph's Church

Sunday, March 29, 2020

Confession: 2:00 p.m.

Mass: 3:00 p.m.

Adoration & Prayers of Healing
following Mass

Bring all your sorrows, pains, and desires for healing to the Altar of Our Lord and allow Fr. Anthony to intercede for you to Jesus. Please join us for an afternoon of prayer, praise, and worship, and healing of mind, body, and soul through Jesus Christ, Our Lord and Savior!

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Intentions of the Holy Father

We pray that the Church in China may persevere in its faithfulness to the Gospel and grow in unity.



Life is Not Always Perfect

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Widowed Friends

Our next outings are: **March 17th**, Salty Joe's - 43344 S. Range Rd. Hammond, **March 31st**, Murphy's, **April 14th**, Olive Garden, **April 21st** is Paulo's, **May 12th**, Rucker's All events begin at 11:30am.



Ecumenical Lenten Lunches

During the season of Lent, area churches will be coming together each Wednesday at 11:30 am, to offer a brief worship service, followed immediately by lunch. All are welcome, no need to RSVP. Suggested donation of \$5 for lunch.

March 18— Hosted by First United Methodist Church (Deacon Larry from St. Joseph's) leading worship.

March 25— Hosted by First Presbyterian Church, 197 S. 4th St.

April 1—Hosted by All Saints Episcopal Church, 250 W. Hickory St.



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