



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 8, 2020 The Second Sunday of Lent

EQUIPPING THE FAMILY,
SAFEGUARDING THE CHILDREN

Safe Haven Sunday

"A clean heart create for me, God."
(Psalm 51:12) March 7 & 8, 2020



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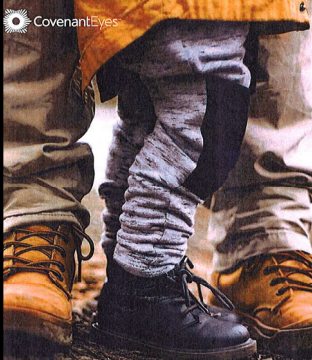
St. Joseph's is setting aside this weekend, as Safe Haven Sunday in order to give focused time and resources to address the harmfulness of pornography and other online threats to marriages, family life and culture.

Today's awareness day is celebrated through prayer and a reflection within the context of the Mass. After, Mass, each family with children will be given Covenant Eyes' book, *Equipped: Smart Catholic Parenting in a Sexualized Culture*. This book includes a unique seven-day text-to-opt-in program: *The Equipped 7-Day Challenge*. This Challenge provides practical tips any caring adult can take to create safer digital environments for themselves and our young people.

Thank you for celebrating with us! If you have any questions about this awareness weekend, please visit our church website for resources.

www.stjosephsonline.com

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EQUIPPED
Smart Catholic Parenting in a Sexualized Culture

Get our 7 day email challenge by texting SECURE to 66866

Families with children pick up a copy in the Narthex.

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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.

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.

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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Treasures From Our Tradition

In brushing up for “Catholic Jeopardy,” it might help to know that there is only one feast on the calendar for a thing, rather than a person or mystery. It’s for a chair: Saint Peter’s chair in fact!

After the Resurrection, there can be no doubt that the disciples reserved a special place for Simon Peter in the upper room. Later, Peter became the bishop of Antioch in today’s Syria, the place where we were first called “Christians.” From there, he went to Rome, the center of the Empire, where it is said that Peter sat in a chair in the house of Priscilla and Aquila to instruct his flock. Jesus, in entrusting the keys of the Kingdom to Peter and his successors, entrusted his compassion and mercy to them, and charged them with pointing to the Kingdom of God. Compassion and mercy are to resonate through their teaching.

Since the ancient sign of a teacher is the chair (“disciple” literally means one who sits at the feet of a teacher), Peter’s chair has long been treasured. Today there is a symbolic shrine of Peter’s chair above the main altar of St. Peter’s Basilica in Rome. This monument is the last work of Bernini, a huge bronze throne supported by four doctors of the Church: Augustine and Ambrose from the Western Church, and Chrysostom and Athanasius from the East. High above it is the alabaster window of the descent of the Holy Spirit.

—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 next 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!



Altar Server Training



Altar Server Training On Sunday, **March 8th, 2020**, at **1:15 pm**, there will be registration and initial training for new Altar Servers. Those interested in becoming Altar Servers must currently be enrolled in the 4th through 12th grade (born prior to September 30, 2010) and practicing their Catholic faith (Baptized and have received the Sacrament of First Communion). Registration will take place in the narthex of church. We ask that at least one parent accompany their child; there are registration forms to be completed and also information necessary for parents throughout this initial training. Subsequent training sessions will be coordinated prior to end of this session. We look forward to seeing you, Glen and Michele Ernst

St. Joseph's Men's Annual Procession

Calling **all** MEN

Calling all men of St. Joseph’s Parish...We are all called to protect and serve our families and our church! You are all invited to our annual procession and benediction service **March 19th** at 6:00 pm in our main church.

This procession is our prayer for protection of our families and our church. We pray to

St. Joseph our patron to lift our prayers to God our father as we together as the men of our parish walk together in faith. Then we will gather in the ministry building for food and refreshments.



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!



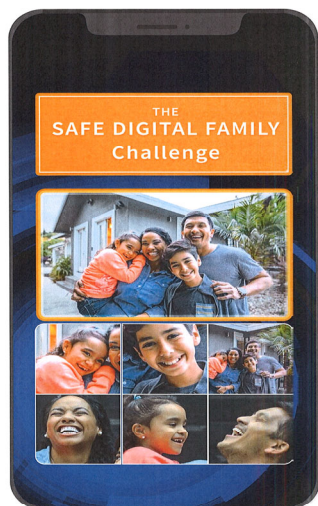
Stewardship

“The Way of Naivety”

“Israel (Jacob) loved Joseph best of all his sons, for he was the child of his old age; and he had made him a long, ornamented tunic. When his brothers saw that their father loved him best of all his brothers, they hated him so much that they could not say a kind word to him. Once Joseph had a dream, and when he told his brothers, they hated him even more. He said to them, ‘Listen to this dream I had. There we were, binding sheaves in the field, when suddenly my sheaf rose to an upright position, and your sheaves formed a ring around my sheaf and bowed down to it.’ His brothers said to him, ‘Are you really going to make yourself king over us? Will you rule over us?’ So they hated him all the more because of his dreams and his reports.”

“I like it. I’ll take it.” The playground bully reached out and grabbed the new electronic device from his young and defenseless neighbor, a child not only new to their school but more than a little naïve to the ways of adolescent interaction. As a lad, the Jewish patriarch Joseph was too trusting to understand his older brothers might misunderstand his persistent faithfulness—to both his earthly and his heavenly father. They interpreted his innocent stories as boasting. How often does our perspective lead us down equally troublesome paths?

Safe Haven Sunday *(Continued from page 1)*



Text
SECURE
to
66866
to get started

Receive one email a day for seven days to help you with the latest parental control ideas for your home.

- Emails Include:
- YouTube Restricted Mode
 - Understanding Apps
 - Setting iOS Screen Time and Content Restrictions
 - Google SafeSearch
 - The Importance of Accountability
 - Social Media and Teens
 - Critical Conversations

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Strugglers

“You are beloved sons and daughters of the Father, Be not afraid to approach the altar of mercy and ask for forgiveness. Many good people struggle with this sin. You are not alone; there is always hope! Knowing the truth of who you are in God and receiving spiritual help are critical, but those who use pornography often need further assistance. Freedom from pornography is a daily choice and calls for ongoing formation. The Church encourages you to seek ongoing support such as counseling, spiritual direction, coaching, accountability groups, couple to couple groups, conferences, and retreats for men and women. **Healing Ministries available in the privacy of confession at St. Joseph’s Church.** These are all means to employ as you seek freedom. Software is available for monitoring on-line activity and blocking pornographic material; these may be a necessary means of avoiding the near occasion of sin.” *-Create in Me a Clean Heart*

Lenten Fish Fry a Success

For the First Friday of Lent, the Father Vander Heyden Knights of Columbus Council 4874 in Ponchatoula completed a successful fundraiser, selling tickets for 750 fish dinners, prepared at the council’s meeting hall. Proceeds from this annual event help support the council’s ongoing community service projects. During 2019 alone, the council raised more than \$12,000 and devoted more than 6,000 man-hours to serving the community.



Members of the Kaycee Ladies Auxiliary assist KC members to prepare hundreds of fish dinners. KC Members (L-R) Ricky Howes and Ronnie Perrin deliver dinners during the recent Fish Fry.

“Our membership is actively committed to helping those less fortunate, while enjoying the fellowship of getting together and preparing good food.” committed Grand Knight Alex Joiner.” Throughout the year, our brother knights are busy helping St. Vincent de Paul provide school uniforms and food baskets, supporting seminarians from our parish and our youth group’s Right to Life program, and sponsoring a foster child in Guatemala, among many other projects,” he added.

The council will hold a second fish fry on Friday, March 27, (4:30pm-7pm) at the council’s hall located at 1701 Pecan Court. Dinners are available to dine-in or for carry-out. Tickets (\$8 donation) will be available at the door and before and after all Masses.



HELP SUPPORT
FILL A PRESCRIPTION
FOR THE NEEDY

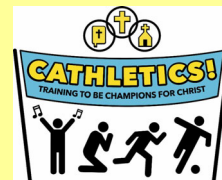
Parishioners please consider supporting the SVP Pharmacy once again. The Pharmacy filled \$1.3 million dollars in prescriptions for those in need last year. This is the only fundraiser of the year dedicated to the pharmacy. The cannister will be in the Narthex during this Lenten season.

St. Joseph’s VBS

June 1st-5th - 8am-Noon

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

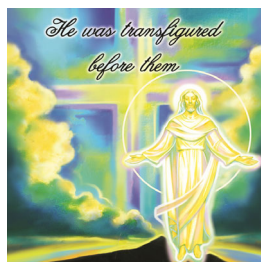
Volunteers Register online NOW. Please vote for a theme even if unavailable to volunteer. Camper Registration COMING SOON.



Change

Lent is all about change and change is usually not easy. In order to change we have to leave something behind. Today we hear about a very old man who decides to answer God's call. Abram experiences a tremendous amount of change when he leaves everything behind, risking it all for God's promise. Jesus changes, is transfigured, right before the eyes of his disciples. The Lenten scriptures issue the call for us to change, to be transfigured, so that we, too, will soon share in the glory of God. What is it that the Lord is asking us to leave behind? Are we willing to take the risk for the promise made by God? These questions are at the heart of the Lenten journey of conversion.

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Today's Readings

First Reading — The LORD said to Abram: All the families of the earth shall find blessing in you (Genesis 12:1-4a)

Psalm — Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you (Psalm 33).

Second Reading — God has called us to a holy life, not because of our works but according to grace (2 Timothy 1:8b-10).

Gospel — Atop a high mountain, Jesus was transfigured before Peter, James, and John (Matthew 17:1-9).

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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, 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, Barbara Bourgeois, Elna Ernest Bowman, 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, Stan & Joyce 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, 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, 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, Beverly Pinion, Fran Poche, Ann Prine, Mary Prine, Mike Raiford, Dale Roberts, Bryan Roddick, A. J. Roig, Jr., Linda Ryan, Rosa Maria Santos, Beverly Schatzle, Ernest Schenck, Judy Schilling, Bob Simoneaux, Bristol Rose Smith, Dale Allen Smith, Kayla Smith, Wylene Remy Taylor, Madeline Thibodeaux, Tracy Todd, Mike Tournillon, Sam Vilaro, 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: Second Sunday of Lent
Monday: St. Frances of Rome;
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 8th 2020

Monday: Dn 9:4b-10; Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13; Lk 6:36-38
 Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mt 23:1-12
 Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20; Ps 31:5-6, 14-16; Mt 20:17-28
 Thursday: Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 16:19-31
 Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a; 17b-28a; Ps 105:16-21; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
 Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Next Sunday Readings (March 15, 2020)

First Reading.....Exodus 17:3-7
 Second Reading.....Romans 5:1-2, 5-8
 Gospel.....John 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 40-42
 Psalm.....95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9

Mass Intentions

Monday, March 9, 2020

8:00 AM Ella Mae Melancon

Tuesday, March 10, 2020

8:00 AM Virginia Pompeo Phillips

Wednesday, March 11, 2020

8:00 AM (L) Brinley Smith

Thursday, March 12, 2020

8:00 AM Ella Mae Melancon

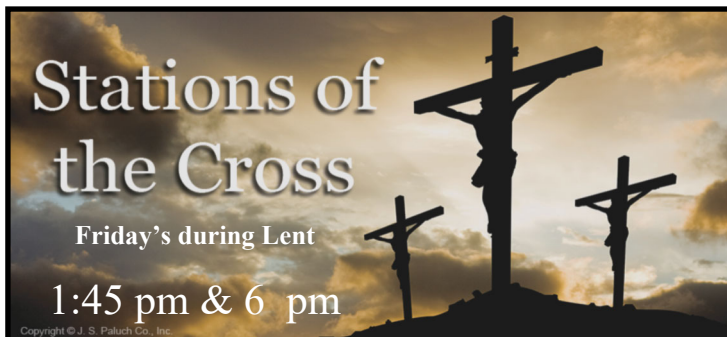
Saturday, March 14, 2020

5:00 PM Dudley & Geraldine Berthelot
 Mathilda "Tilly" Cutrer
 (L) Tony Guagliardo, Jr.
 Julius & Grace Guichet
 Ella Mae Melancon
 Bill Perrin
 Rufus Poche
 Jan Ripberger
 Liz Sanderson
 (L) Sarah Stoehr
 (L) Caroline Swanner
 Fred Tucker

Sunday, March 15, 2020

8:00 AM For the People of the Parish
 11:00 AM Mary, Sam & Ciro Agnello
 Earl Baudin, Sr.
 Phyllis Begault
 (L) Melissa Balado Dean
 Mary Sue Drude
 Richard & Clotilde Drude
 Noel Dzuraychko
 Dorothy Hotard
 Levon Major
 Ella Mae Melancon
 Rose Pompeo Mitchell
 Joseph A. Pepitone
 (L) Mary & Wayne Vedeckis

(L) Indicates Living



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 14th & Sunday March 15th

	<u>Eucharistic Ministers</u>	<u>Ushers</u>
5PM	Merle Ozment 7b Bill Spansel 8b	Jesse Bergeron Durald Pinion Chris Marmillion James Wittenberg Vincent Poche John Yeargain Michael Chiasson Joseph Jason William Mathes Ronnie Reggio Peter Peterson Roland Terrebonne Sidney Alexander Randy Bennett Earl Hoover Joseph Ragan Buddy Williams Jeff Ryan
8AM	Mary Jo Balado 7b Scott Reggio 8b	
11AM	Stacy Randazzo 7b Donna Clause 8b	
	<u>Altar Servers</u>	<u>Greeters</u>
5PM	Marianna Fulks Ian Gremillion Rylan Mauterer Hannah Henderson Leigh Henderson Nathan Palisi	5 PM Belita Schilling 8AM Ellen Pusey 11 AM Marie Williams
8AM	Dax Dupuy Eli Kinchen Julie Wells	<u>Lectors</u> 5PM Sheena Candies 8AM Gabby Reggio 11 AM Wayne Vedeckis

Financial News

YTD	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Difference</u>
3/1/2020	\$ 729,472.59	\$665,000.00	\$ +64,472.59
Church Support	\$ 27,851.19		
Ash Wednesday	\$ 2,095.10		
St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 1,375.00		
Misc. Collections	\$ 843.00		
	\$ 32,164.29		
	<u>Second Collections</u>		
Black & Indian Mission:		March 8th	
St. Joseph School		March 15th	
Catholic Relief Services:		March 22nd	
St. Vincent de Paul:		March 29th	

Day of Reflection

The Rosary Altar Society of Holy Ghost Parish will sponsor it's annual Day of Reflection on Thursday, March 12, 2020 from 8:30 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. at Holy Ghost Catholic Church. Registration will begin at 8:00 a.m. in the church gathering area. Fr. Ryan Hallford, Parochial Vicar, of St. Aloysius Parish will conduct the Day of Reflection. The day will begin with Mass at 8:30 a.m. followed by Fr. Ryan's talk on "Lent-Growing in Holiness". Our Day will conclude with the rosary and lunch. The offering for the day is \$20.00 which includes lunch. Please call Bridget Fugarino at 985-320-8498 to RSVP no later than March 9th.

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 11- Hosted by First United Methodist Church, 201 E. Pine St.
 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.



As we get ready to start a new class for Stephen Ministry, we ask for the congregation to keep all of us in your prayers. As we grow, we will be able to help more people going through crisis.

Mark Your Calendar

Saturday, March 7th & Sunday, March 8th
KC's Selling Fish Fry Tickets— Before & After all Masses

Sunday, March 8th
Lent: One Day at a Time for Catholic Teens— 9:30 am in St. Catherine Room

Sunday, March 8th
PSR, Ablaze 9:30-10:30 am

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

Sunday, March 8th
RCIA—Ministry Building-9:30-10:30 am

Sunday, March 8th
Adult Choir Practice—9:30 am

Sunday, March 8th
Adult Server Training— 1:15 pm in the Church

Tuesday, March 10th
Word & Worship—Chapel-7:00 pm

Tuesday, March 10th
St. Vincent de Paul Society—Meeting— 6:30 pm in Church Conference Room

Wednesday, March 11th
Divine Mercy—Chapel-3:00 pm

Wednesday, March 11th
Reconciliation— 6pm-7:30 pm

Wednesday, March 11th
Lord Teach Me To Pray—Ministry Building-6:30pm

Thursday, March 12th
PAL Meeting—6pm in the St. Dominic Room

Friday, March 13th
Stations of the Cross— 1:45 pm & 6 pm



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

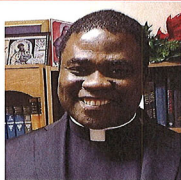


Thursday, March 19th
St. Joseph's Men's Annual Procession— 6pm

Sunday, March 29th
Mass & Healing Service

Intentions of the Holy Father

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



Attention FAMILIES!
Joins 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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Widowed Friends

Widowed Friends broke bread at B&J's Seafood. As always the food and company were very good. We missed those who couldn't make it and hope to see you soon. Our next outings are Salty Joe's Barbecue, [43344 S Range Rd.](#) March 10th and to Olive Garden, March 17th, 1981 Hammond Square Dr, Hammond. All events begin at 11:30am.



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