



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

September 29, 2019 Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

"PRAYING FOR FAMILIES"

There is so much brokenness in our world—families are suffering from the effects of divorce, addiction, and abuse, and many are turning away from God. If you are a spouse, parent, relative, or concerned friend of someone who has fallen away from the Church or is struggling with their faith, or you simply wish to offer prayers for those in need of conversion, please join the women of

Monica's Journey

for an evening of prayer, worship music, and Eucharistic Adoration.

Friday, October 18, 2019, from 6:00 p.m. until midnight



Participants should stay as long as possible, but it is not necessary that they remain for the entire event if they are unable to do so. Fasting is encouraged but not required, and light refreshments will be provided.



St. Monica is the patron saint of difficult marriages, disappointing children, victims of adultery, victims of abuse, and conversion of relatives. Her profound faith and constant prayer helped to bring about the conversion of her pagan husband, Patricius, and her wayward son, Augustine, who would become a great saint and Doctor of the Church. She is a perfect example of fortitude, patience, and trust in the Lord and the power of persistent prayer.



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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.

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, Angeliq Richardon, Larry Wilson
Finance Committee: Dennis James (Chairman) Michelle Ernst, Mike Fulmer, Larry Melancon, Brian Steib, Barbara Theriot.
Council of Ministries: Vance Balado, Bonnie Duhon, Melissa Henderson, 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.



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The Parish access code is **DPWW2F**



Join Us for October Pro-Life Awareness Month



Sunday October 6th, 2019

9:30am – 10:30am  **NEW TIME!**
(in front of Ministry Center)

Signs and water are provided, please bring your whole family and witness for life! Rain or shine!



Saturday, October 19th, 2019

7:00am – 7:00pm

Baton Rouge Delta Abortion Clinic

2 people needed per hour, carpooling and caravanning available.

For more information contact
Julie or Ed Hanks, (985) 351-3143.



Our Lady of Fatima

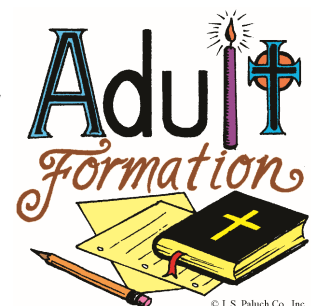
On Sunday, **October 13**, in honor of Our Lady of Fatima and the Miracle of the Sun, our PSR students K-5 will gather in the gym at 9:30 am to learn about this miracle and then process with the Fatima statue ending in the Narthex at 10:30 am

Families and parishioners are welcome to join us. The 11 am Mass will be served by our young people and the youth choir will sing.

New Adult Formation Class Starting Soon

Exploring Our Catholic Liturgy: Oct. 6th, 13th, 27th, Nov 3rd (9:30 am-10:30 am)
Chris O'Neill– School Library

Most of us have been going to Mass all our lives and we're familiar with the prayers and responses– when to sit, kneel, and stand. For many of us the Mass has become routine and maybe even boring. This class takes a closer look at the Mass. We'll learn about the theology of the liturgy, study the liturgical texts together and learn about other Catholic liturgical expressions like the Liturgies of the Easter Rites and the pre-Vatican II Tridentine Mass in Latin. Come explore our rich Catholic heritage of liturgical worship. Going to Mass every Sunday won't be the same!



STARTING NEXT SUNDAY



The following is excerpted from **Singing the Mass, Part Two** by Bishop Thomas J. Olmstead, Phoenix ([The Catholic Sun](#), 2011).

In the first part of this series on sacred music, I described the meaning of sacred music, the music of the Church's sacred liturgy, as distinct from "religious music." [Here] I shall explore, from a historical perspective, the Church's role in guiding and promoting authentic sacred music for more fruitful participation in the Sacred Mysteries by the clergy and lay faithful alike.

The Second Vatican Council proclaimed that "*the musical tradition of the universal Church is a treasure of inestimable value, greater even than that of any other art*" ([Sacrosanctum Concilium](#), 112). This led the Council fathers to decree that "the treasure of sacred music is to be preserved and fostered with great care" (*Ibid*, 114)... To understand what the Council is asking of us, we must not only know what sacred music is in general (as we explored in the previous installment in this series) but also how the Church has carried out this endeavor in history.

Sacred music in Judaism before Christ to the Early Church

The Church inherited the Psalms of the Old Testament as her basic prayer and hymn book for worship. With these sacred texts she also adopted the mode of singing that had been established during the development of the psalms: a way of articulated singing with a strong reference to a text, with or without instrumental accompaniment, ...called "sung-speech."

This choice in Israel's history signaled a concrete decision for a specific way of singing, which was a rejection of the frenzied and intoxicating music of the neighboring and threatening pagan cults. This way of singing the Psalms, traditionally viewed as established by King David ([cf. 2 Sam. 6:5](#)), disrupted only by the Babylonian exile, remained in use at the coming of Christ. **Sung with respect to and during sacrifice in the Temple in Jerusalem, the early Jewish Christians assumed this tradition into the sacrifice of the eucharistic liturgy.**

After Pentecost, the first centuries of the Church's life... [a] dramatic struggle ensued between, on one hand, openness to new cultural forms and, on the other, what was irrevocably part of Christian faith.

For the first time, the Church had to preserve her sacred music, and then foster it. Although early Greek-style songs quickly became part of the Church's life (e.g., the prologue of John and the [Philippians hymn, 2:5-11](#)), this new music was so tightly linked to dangerous gnostic beliefs that the Church decided to prohibit its use. This temporary pruning of the Church's sacred music to the traditional form of the Psalms led to previously unimaginable creativity: Gregorian chant — for the first millennium — and then, gradually, polyphony and hymns arose.

In preserving the forms which embodied her true identity, the Church made it possible for wonderful growth to be fostered, such that centuries after that original restriction, the Second Vatican Council boldly proclaimed that her treasury of sacred music is of more value than any other of her artistic contributions.

Music

Do You Hear What I Hear? Yes, that is the sound of voices rehearsing for Christmas Mass. This year, we are excited to have two choirs for Christmas. The St. Joseph's School Choir and Teen/Young Adult Choir will join to sing at the 4:00 pm Christmas Eve Mass. The Adult Liturgical Choir will sing at the 7:00 pm Christmas Eve Mass. Do you sing or play an instrument? Have you always wanted to be part of the choir and just haven't taken that leap? No experience is required. You are invited to share your talents. What a marvelous gift you have to give this Christmas! The Teen/Young Adult choir rehearses the 2nd and 4th Sunday each month from 9:30-10:30 am. The Adult Choir rehearses on Wednesdays from 6:30 – 7:30 pm. Both choirs meet in the Church Choir room. Call Rhonda at 386-3749 for additional details.

If you have celebrated Mass at St. Joseph's and heard Alyssa Hernandez cantor, you have been witness to the beauty of her voice and the sincerity with which she proclaims the word of God in music. Alyssa sings and performs in other venues locally and in surrounding communities. You have an opportunity to hear and see her perform with the New Orleans Opera Association's production of Bizet's *Carmen* October 4 & 6, 2019. You can support Alyssa and the arts while enjoying this cultural event. For tickets call (504) 529-3000 or visit <https://neworleansopera.org/>.

How God Intends us to Live

Today's readings are again directed to believers, communities of faith. As in last week's reading, Amos confronts us with a condemnation of those whose lives are focused on pleasure and self-absorption. The psalm contrasts that focus with the Lord's—justice for the oppressed; food the hungry; freedom for captives; sight to the blind; raising of those who are bowed down; loving the just; protecting strangers, orphans, and the widow; and by doing so, thwarting the way of the wicked. Timothy urges the pursuit of righteousness, devotion, faith, love, patience, and gentleness. Luke tells the familiar tale of the wealthy man and the poor beggar at his doorstep, who experience life very differently in this world and in the next. We are once again being given clear indications about how God intends for us to live our lives.

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Today's Readings

First Reading — Woe to the complacent, stretched comfortably on their couches! (Amos 6:1a, 4-7).

Psalm — Praise the Lord, my soul! (Psalm 146)

Second Reading — Pursue righteousness, devotion, faith, love, patience, and gentleness (1 Timothy 6:11-16).

Gospel — There was a rich man who dined sumptuously each day. Lying at his door was a poor man named Lazarus (Luke 16:19-31).

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, Stephanie Alexander, Patrick Bailey, Ockie Baldassoro, Mark Bear, Gloria Bennett, Mildred Bittick, Ray Boihem, Michelle Bossier, Hazel Boudreaux, Larry Boudreaux, Ranice Bourg, Angel Braun, Brewster Family, JoAnne Brisset, Baby David Burris, Morgan Carel, Carol Castle, Dennis Charbonnet, Rita Charbonnet, Julian Chiro, Shirley Chislom, Gavin Cieutat, PJ Clause, Phillip Connelley, Aurelie Costanza, Tilly Cutrer, Ken Davidson, Lucille Davidson, Kitty Derveloy, Larry Deslatte, Stacey Dolan, Lawrence Dominguez, Beverly Dominique, Carol Dominguez, John Dufreche, Marsha Dunnington, Noel & Andrew Dzuryachko, Pam Elder, Lisa Elstrot, Veronica Fannally, Joey Fortenberry, Marge Frahm, Eva Francois, Lenny George, Malissa Gonzalez, Brian Guichet, Myrthus Guichet, Anne Guidry, Jean Guitreau, Diane Gunther, Katherine Harris, Warren Heckmann, Sherry Hill, Elaine Hoover, Tammy Perrin Horn, Peggy Howes, Jimmy Hubert, Tara Huguet, Grace Innerarity, Jackie Jacobs, Jennifer Jernigan, Norma Kraemer, David Kraft, Charles Gregory Kraft, Sis Kyzar, Wayne Laurent, Doris Lavigne, Ruby Drude Lee, Margie Liuzza, Elsie Major, Mary Twickler Mann, Francis Martino, Patricia McKigney, Cole McMillion, Ella Mae Melancon, Willie Melancon, Morris Meyer, Toni Meyer, Barry Mince Sr., Victoria Miranda, Patricia Monteleone, Andrew Morales, Ed Murray, Betty Olsen, CJ Otillo, Carol Ott, Wanda Pandarvis, Bert Perilloux, Fran Poche, Ann Prine, Mary Prine, Mike Raiford, Dale Roberts, A. J. Roig, Jr., Tavin Sanchez, Liz Sanderson, Rosa Maria Santos, Bob Simoneaux, Kayla Smith, Millie Spansel, Wylene Remy Taylor, Madeline Thibodeaux, Tracy Todd, Mike Tournillon, Cheryl Twickler, Sam Vilardo, Sam Viola, Carla Van Vrancken, June Villa, Glen Walker, Danny Wall, Francis Waguespack, Rodney Wempren, Peggy West, Julie Wheelahan, Brock Wiggins, James Wittenberg, Sandra Wooten. *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

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time; Priesthood Sunday;
Monday: St. Jerome
Tuesday: St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus
Wednesday: The Holy Guardian Angels
Friday: St. Francis of Assisi; First Friday
Saturday: Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos; Blessed Virgin Mary, First Saturday



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

September 30, 2019

Monday: Zec 8:1-8; Ps 102:16-21, 29, 22-23; Lk 9:46-50
 Tuesday: Zec 8:20-23; Ps 87:1b-7; Lk 9:51-56
 Wednesday: Neh 2:1-8; Ps 137:1-6, 10-11; Mt 18:1-5, 10
 Thursday: Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12; Ps 19:8-11; Lk 10:1-12
 Friday: Bar 1:15-22; Ps 79:1b-5, 8-9; Lk 10:13-16
 Saturday: Bar 4:5-12, 27-29; Ps 69:33-37; Lk 10:17-24

Next Sunday's Readings (October 6, 2019)

First Reading.....Habakkuk 1:2-3, 2:2-4
 Second Reading.....2 Timothy 1: 6-8, 13-14
 Gospel.....Luke 17:5-10
 Psalm..... 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9

Mass Intentions

Monday, September 30, 2019

8:00 AM Bill Perrin

Tuesday, October 1, 2019

8:00 AM Robert Connelley

Wednesday, October 2, 2019

8:00 AM (L) Zachary Bagby

Thursday, October 3, 2019

8:00 AM Robert Connelley

Saturday, October 5, 2019

5:00 PM Patricia Albrecht

Dudley & Geraldine Berthelot

Living & Deceased Members of Louis Costanza Family

Dominick DiCarlo

Rev. John Durkin

Cecile Ellenberger

Living & Deceased Members of Ernst & Ethridge Family

Billy Giarrusso

(L) Tony Guagliardo, III

Huey Husser

Henrietta Joiner

Michael Anthony Landry

Stanley Laurent

(L) Kaley A. Ockman

Joseph D. Provenzano, Sr.

Bill Perrin

Deanna Piediscalzo

Darryl Pinion, Sr.

Rufus Poche

Jan Ripberger

(L) Landon Russell

(L) Liz Sanderson

Audrey Scamardo

Denise Schilling

Doris Schilling

Marie Schilling

Joy Steib

Fred Tucker

Steve Vuljoin

Patricia Pugh Yeagain

Joseph Louis Zeringue

Sunday, October 6, 2019

8:00 AM (L) Zachary Bagby

(L) Pamela W. Barnes

Geraldine Bordelon

Franklin Borgerson

Larry Borgstede

Ronnie Braun

(L) Tilly Cutrer

Annette Odle Downs

Mary Sue Drude

Richard & Clotilde Drude

(L) Noel Dzuryachko

Cecile Ellenberger

Dorothy Hotard

Cotton & Louanna Kraft

(L) David Kraft

Lily Kraft

Raoul Laurent, Jr.

Vincent Latino, Sr.

(L) Pat Monteleone

Durald Pinion, Sr.

Poor Souls in Purgatory

Joseph D. Provenzano, Sr.

(L) Ann & Ronnie Reggio

(L) Liz Sanderson

Audrey Paulette Scamardo

Mary Rose Sperier

Mrs. Margaret Stohl

Joy Steib

Donald Todd

Bobby Wolfe, Jr.

Joseph Mike Zeringue

11:00 AM For the People of the Parish

(L) Indicates Living

Ministry Schedules

Saturday, October 5th & Sunday October 6th

Eucharistic Ministers

5PM Cheryl Laiche 1c
 Barbara Martino 2c
 Larry Ernst 3c
 Deacon 4c
 Mary Ernst 5c
 John Albrecht 7b
 David Raiford 8b
 Dianne Raiford 9b
 8AM Bonnie Duhon 1c
 Harry LeBlanc 2c
 Karen Braun 3c
 Deacon 4c
 Stephanie Waguespack 5c
 Rose Harper 7b
 Katie Holmes 8b
 Benjamin Perrin 9b
 11AM Mary Threeton 1c
 Deborah Vogel 2c
 Carol Kinchen 3c
 Deacon 4c
 Mike Fulmer 5c
 Bill Wheat 7b
 Andy Wheat 8b
 Peggy Hastings 9b

Altar Servers

5PM SUB REQUESTED
 Luke LaCroix
 Sophie LaCroix
 8AM Cambre Boudreaux
 Lanie Perrin
 Addelyn Wolfe
 11AM Ian Gremillion
 Savannah Johnson
 Seth Swanner

Ushers

John Laiche
 Chris Marmillion
 Francis Martino
 Durald Pinion
 Elaine Schatzle
 Frank Schilling

Michael Chiasson
 Joseph Jason
 William Mathes
 George Peltier
 Peter Peterson
 Ronnie Reggio

Sidney Alexander
 Randy Bennett
 Earl Hoover
 Andrew Kirsch
 Jeff Ryan
 Buddy Williams

Greeters

5 PM Elaine Schatzle
 8AM Jacquelyn Jacobs
 11 AM Marie Elkins

Lectors

5PM T. Guagliardo, Jr.
 8AM Sam Morse
 11 AM Barbara Guy

Financial News

| YTD | Actual | Budgeted | Difference |
|------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| 9/22/2019 | \$233,505.46 | \$228,000.00 | \$ +5,505.46 |
| Church Support | \$22,677.25 | | |
| Mis. Collections | \$ 403.00 | | |
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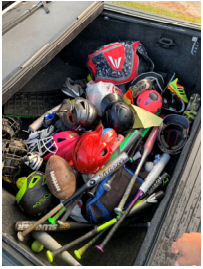
Second Collections

St. Joseph School: October 13th
 Propagation of Faith: October 20th

Gardening Angels

Gardening angles of the week are:
 Brennan Bishop and Savannah Johnson,
 Alex Roy, Allie Landry, (Connor Moses
 giving his archangel Paw Paw a hand)
 Landen & Nathan Bourlet. Thanks Angels
 for a job well done!





School News

St. Sebastian is the patron saint of sports. In his honor, some of our SJS students wanted to help kids have equipment to play sports, so they brought in a big box and called it The St. Sebastian Box. Students have already begun to bring in items to share. A full load was already collected and shared with local sports programs, and we will continue to collect throughout the year.

If you have any equipment (bats, old sports equipment of any kind, cleats, other sporting shoes, or balls of any sport) you can drop it off at the school or sent it with an SJS student and we will put it in the box in the gym. When the box is filled, it is delivered locally. Thank you for your support.

Never Outdated

"Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time, we will reap a harvest if we do not give up" (Galatians 6:9)

Christian care is never outdated. God's command that we love one another is the same now as it was thousands of years ago. How are you showing God's love to others? Stephen Ministry is one way you can do that. A new training class for Stephen Ministers is starting soon. Contact Anita Perrin (985) 687-4458 or Ronnie Perrin (985) 507-9765 to learn more about this important ministry and how you can get involved.



Marian Consecration for Teens

"Mary is the safest, easiest, shortest and most perfect way of approaching Jesus." —St. Louis Marie de Montfort

Starting November 8th and ending with consecration ceremony on December 12th, the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. We will meet every Sunday, 9:30am-10:30am, location to be announced. Consecration book and notebook will be provided if you sign up early. First gathering will be November 3rd. For more information or to sign up, contact Mary Hanks 985-602-6949.



Rosary Altar Society

Will meet on Monday, October 7th at 1:30 pm in the Ministry Building. All ladies of the parish are invited.

Friday, October 4th

Young Adult First Friday

St. Joseph's Ministry Building on N 8th & W Pine in Ponchatoula from 6:30-9:30pm
Rosary at 7pm followed by potluck
Bring something to share!



Men's Morning Prayer Group

Saturday, October 5th
6am in the Chapel



First Saturday Rosary

Saturday, October 5th
10 am in the Chapel

Widowed Friends

Tuesday afternoon the Widowed Friends of St. Joseph's enjoyed a home cook meal at Annette's Country Cooking & Seafood. So good! Especially since not many of us cook for ourselves anymore. Vic Lorena, Carolyn Laurent, Marge Frahm, Vicky Flannaly, Clyde Eschete, Kathleen Hayman, and Barbara Guy. **Mark your calendar for changes in destinations. October 8th**, Chookies, 45654 University Park Dr, Hammond and **October 22nd** at B&J's Seafood, 45654 University Park Dr, Hammond. **Bring a guest for our event at B&J's.** Looking forward to seeing you there and God bless.



Mark Your Calendar

Saturday, Sept. 28th, Sunday Sept. 29th KC's selling BBQ Chicken Dinner Tickets— All Masses

Sunday, September 29th
Called and Gifted Class—9:30 am in Ms. Notariano's Classroom

Sunday, September 29th
PSR, Ablaze 9:30am-10:30 am

Sunday, September 29th
RCIA Class—9:30 am in the Ministry Building

Tuesday, October 1st
Word & Worship 7pm in the Chapel

Wednesday, October 2nd
Divine Mercy Chaplet —3pm in the Chapel

Wednesday, October 2nd
Choir Practice— 6:30 pm in the Choir Room.

Wednesday, October 2nd
Lord, Teach Me to Pray—6:30 pm
For Women— St. Catherine Room
For Men— St. Dominic Room

Friday, October 4th
First Friday Young Adult Pot Luck-6:30 pm in St. Joseph's Room.

Saturday, October 5th
Men's Morning Prayer Group— 6am in the Chapel

Saturday, October 5th
First Saturday Rosary— 10am in the Chapel

Sunday, October 6th
Life Chain-9:30am— Ministry Building



Monday, October 7th
Rosary Altar Society— 1:30 pm in the St. Catherine Room.

Tuesday, October 8th
Widowed Friends— 11:30 am at Chookies

Tuesday, October 8th
St. Vincent de Paul Society—6:30 pm Meeting in the Ministry Building

Thursday, October 10th
PAL Meeting— 6pm in the St. Dominic Room.

Sunday, October 13th
Teen and Young Adult Choir— 9:30 am in Choir

Friday, October 18th
Praying for Families— 6pm in the Chapel

Saturday, October 19th
40 Days for Life— 7am-7pm Baton Rouge Delta Abortion Clinic

KC's Columbus Day BBQ

Tickets are available at all Masses for the Knights of Columbus Council 4874 Columbus Day BBQ. For a donation of \$8.00, BBQ chicken dinners will be ready for pick up Sunday, October 13, between 9 AM and 12:30 PM. This annual fundraiser supports the Knights' community service projects. The Council will no longer be holding this BBQ event during Memorial Day weekend in May.



Chicken Barbecue