



# 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

**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

**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 6:00 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

*August 1, 2021 Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

*School News*

On Saturday, July 24th St. Joseph School dedicated a prayer garden near the school gym in memory of Brittany Landaiche. Brittany was a SJS student who passed away in 2005 at the age of 11. She was a dedicated student and athlete. We were very excited to honor her memory with a plaque and have her family join us for the dedication and blessing lead by Fr. McDuffie. A special thank you to Mr. Buddy and Mrs. Marie Williams for creating this beautiful space on our campus.



St. Joseph School - 1st Day of School is **Thursday, August 5th.**

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## Staff

Rev. Paul A. McDuffie, *Pastor*  
Larry J. Melancon, *Deacon*  
Michael A. Agnello, *Deacon*  
Angela Perrin, *Business Manager*  
Fernando Morales, *Director of Ministries*  
Paige Bacile, *PSR Coordinator/Child Protection Site Coordinator*  
Kayla Fletcher, *Middle School Youth Minister*  
Nicole Richard, *High School & Young Adult Minister*

Rhonda Rossano, *Music Director*  
Ramona Folse, *Receptionist/Data Entry*  
Kathleen Phillips, *Bookkeeper/Receptionist*  
**St. Joseph School**  
Mrs. Danette Ragusa, *Principal*  
Phone Number, 985-386-6421  
Website: www.sjscrusaders.org

## 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:** 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  
**Parish School of Religion:** Grades K-12; Paige Bacile 985-386-3749  
**Special Education PSR:** 985-386-3749.  
**RCIA:** Ed or Julie Hanks, 985-351-3143.  
**St. Joseph Bereavement Food Ministry:** Cheryl Laiche, 985-386-2033 or Anne Phillips, 985-969-2700  
**Stephen Ministry:** Anita or Ronnie Perrin, 985-687-4458 or 985-386-3016.  
**Ushers:** Contact Barry Blackledge 985-510-5502.  
**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:**  
Middle School: Kayla Fletcher: 985-386-3749  
High School: Nicole Richard: 985-386-3749

## 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](http://myparishapp.com) or search your phone's app store for my parish.



## Organizations

**Ancient Order of Hibernians:** Ronnie Crimmins 985-773-8965.  
**Kaycee Auxiliary:** Carolyn Pugh : 985-320-5741  
**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, Gordon Cotton, Lisa Kennedy, Harry LeBlanc, Rachael Perrin, Angela Pevey, Stephanie Reggio, Rodney Schmaltz, Wayne Vedeckis, Stephanie Waguespack, Tom Waller, Bill Wheat.  
**Ad Hoc Council Members:** Fr. McDuffie, Deacon Larry Melancon, Fernando Morales, Danette Ragusa.

## FORMED®

PICK OF THE WEEK

August 1, 2021

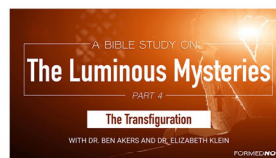
### WATCH COMPANIONS IN SHIPWRECK

Good relationships are a vital part of human well-being. In fact, studies show that those with the healthiest relationships live the longest! But where can we see these friendships lived out? Look no further than the life of famed author J.R.R. Tolkien. The relationships he exhibited are a wonderful example for all of us to follow, especially with those we may disagree with. As Tolkien described marriage, it's all about being "companions in shipwreck."



### LEARN

#### A BIBLE STUDY ON THE LUMINOUS MYSTERIES: THE TRANSFIGURATION

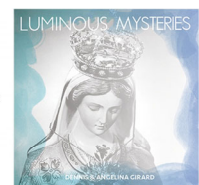


This week we celebrate the feast of the Transfiguration, the mountaintop manifestation of Christ's glory that we read about in the Gospel. As we recall this wondrous event, however, many questions might come to mind. Why did Moses and Elijah appear? Why did Jesus only bring Peter, James, and John? Hear the answers to these questions and more in this episode of

### LISTEN

#### LUMINOUS MYSTERIES

The Transfiguration is part of the Luminous Mysteries, which were introduced to the Church in 2002 by St. John Paul II. These mysteries recall events that demonstrate the light of Christ during his public ministry. On this feast day, let us ponder this miraculous episode of Jesus' life by praying along with this recording of the Rosary.



Our parish has a FORMED subscription. To set up your free account visit [formed.org/signup](http://formed.org/signup) and select our parish.



## Back-To-School Prayer Service

With much hope and excitement we invite all of our faith community to join the Marian Servants of the Visitation in a Back-To-School Prayer Service. Come help us call blessings upon all students, teachers, administrators and staff for a safe and prosperous new school year. As we pray the rosary, prayer teams will be offering individual prayer for personal intentions for students or their parents, grandparents or loved ones who stand in proxy for their needs.

Holy Ghost Daily Mass Chapel  
Sunday, Aug. 8th at 6:00 pm

**St. Joseph's Catholic Church**  
**Saturday, Aug. 14th at 6:00 pm**

Mater Dolorosa Catholic Church  
Saturday, Aug. 21st at 5:00 pm



## Religious Formation

We are busy planning our year with classes, activities, and events for our young disciples and their families. Please take time to register online for K-12 Religious Ed so that we may be in contact with you. We can't wait to spend time with you praying and playing as we welcome you back!

**Register for the 2021-22 Formation button at [www.stjosephsonline.com](http://www.stjosephsonline.com)**

### SAVE THE DATES:

- August 2**—9th & 10th grade parents & teens  
6:30-7:30 pm—St. Joseph Room
- August 4**—11th & 12th grade parents & teens  
6:30-7:30 pm—St. Joseph Room
- August 22**—6th grade parents  
9:30-10:30 am—St. Joseph Room
- August 29**—**9:30-10:30 am**  
K-1st, 3rd-5th grade parents—Gym  
2nd grade parents—Cafeteria  
7th-8th grade parents—St. Joseph Room
- Sept. 12**—Family Fun Day for our whole parish after 11 am Mass
- Sept. 19**—First Class K-12 Church Parish School of Religion

Call the church office at 985-386-3749 with questions.

Paige Bacile K-5, Kayla Fletcher 6-8,  
Nicole Richard 9-12

## You Are Not Alone!!!

Sometimes we fall into a trap where we think it's a sign of weakness to ask for help. So when we're stressed, discouraged, lonely, or sad, we try to keep our struggles hidden and are reluctant to ask for help. However, that's not God's plan. Galatians 6:2 says, "Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ." God wants us to care for others and allow others to care for us in our time of need.

If you're sad or struggling inside, don't suffer alone. Ask for help. We've got a team of Stephen Ministers who are ready to provide confidential one-on-one care encouragement, and support to help you through a tough time. Our Stephen Ministers are ready to bring God's love and care into your life. For more information contact Anita Perrin (985) 687-4458, Ronnie Perrin (985) 507-9765, Terri Huguet (504) 450-5459, or Ron Huguet (504) 232-2484.



# Faith Sharing

COMMUNITY TESTIMONY SERVICE

ALL ARE INVITED TO JOIN US

SUNDAY, **AUGUST 22** AT 5:45 PM

**ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
**255 N. 8TH ST.**  
**PONCHATOULA, LA 70454**

May they all be as one,  
as you, Father,  
are in me and I am in you."

John 17:21a, CSB





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9th & 10th grade parents & teens meet **Monday Aug. 2nd,**  
St. Joseph Room from 6:30 to 7:30 pm



11th grade parents & teens meet **Wednesday, Aug. 4th,**  
St. Joseph Room from 6:30 to 7:30 pm



Will take registration forms and fees that evening  
and have parent packets about the upcoming year.



A SPACE FOR THE CATECHIST TASTE...

### TOB for Teens Training: New Orleans



Sept 15-17, 2021

#### WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

Principals, teachers, priests, catechists, youth/ campus ministers, parents, anyone who works with preteens (6th-8th grade) and teens (9th-12th grade), and those seeking personal enrichment.

**We are not yet accepting registrations for this event - be on the lookout for more info soon!**

**"Every human being on the planet is called to be a saint."**

FR. MIKE SCHMITZ

*How to Make Great Decisions*



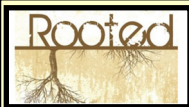
Please visit Facebook for details and videos of the last 6 years.  
**ROOTED OUTING!**  
Contact nrichard @ sjscrusaders.org



Should I buy dark chocolate or milk chocolate? Which college should I attend? Should I be married or single? We face thousands of decisions, big and small, every day. But have you ever felt like you are too busy "discerning" to actually decide? True decision-making is more than just thinking about something...decisions involve taking action.

YouTube star, Fr. Mike Schmitz, gives you the tools to decide what to do with your life today, tomorrow, and in the future with clarity and confidence in this little book you will learn to:

- Know when God is speaking
- How to recognized the "signs"
- Make wise decisions for your life



Anyone who has **COMPLETED HIGH SCHOOL, 18 - 30 in age and considers themselves a Young Adult. You do not have to be in college. There is not a hard and fast age limit; but if you are 30 and over; there's probably a better group in our church with whom you can meet. There are married couples, recent high school grads and single professionals. If you are a young adult looking to grow in our faith community; take a peep at ROOTED. We are in early stages of being formed. For more information contact [nrichard@sjscrusaders.org](mailto:nrichard@sjscrusaders.org).**

HIGH SCHOOL THIRST TEENS...  
IF INTERESTED IN THIS PLEASE CONTACT ASAP  
[nrichard@sjscrusaders.org](mailto:nrichard@sjscrusaders.org)

YOU'RE INVITED TO  
**Return to Love**  
RED STICK CATHOLIC FEST 2021  
**SATURDAY**  
**August 21, 2021**  
**\$30 per participant FROM 1-9 P.M.**  
**St. John the Evangelist**  
15208 LA-73, PRAIRIEVILLE, LA 70769

HIGH SCHOOLERS WILL ENJOY AN AFTERNOON PACKED WITH DYNAMIC SPEAKERS, PRAISE AND WORSHIP, SMALL-GROUP TIME, CONFESSION AND ADORATION.

REGISTRATION OPENS **JULY 12TH** FOR MORE INFORMATION, EMAIL YOUR PARISH YOUTH MINISTER OR CAMPUS MINISTER.

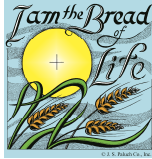
Come As You Are returns for the summer!  
6-7:30 pm @ St. Joseph's Room  
**August 11 & 25**  
**6th-8th**  
Contact Kayla Fletcher, The Middle School Youth Minister at: (985) 401-2530 for more information!



## The Bread of Life

Today's Gospel has the crowd asking Jesus three questions. First, "When did you get here," to which Jesus responds by rebuking them for their failure to grasp his miracle as a "sign," an occasion to put faith in him. Their second question about accomplishing the "works of God" has Jesus respond that faith is the "work" that God wishes. Many scholars believe this is John's answer to the faith-works dichotomy emerging in the early Christian community. Faith is the work of God in the believer, John would have us understand. The third question asked by the crowd is a request for a "sign" that would allow them to put faith in Jesus, as the manna in the desert allowed the Israelites to put faith in the Lord God. Jesus answers by revealing himself as the "bread of life" that "comes down from heaven and gives life to the world."

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## Today's Readings

**First Reading** — The people of Israel receive bread from heaven in response to their grumbling (Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15).

**Psalms** — The Lord gave them bread from heaven (Psalm 78).

**Second Reading** — Put on the new self that has been created in God's way (Ephesians 4:17, 20-24).

**Gospel** — I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never hunger (John 6:24-35).

## Monica's Journey

Monica's Journey is a ministry of St. Joseph's Catholic Church for women who struggle from the brokenness of difficult relationships, abuse, 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. Please leave a voicemail or send a text message to (985) 467-9520 for further information. "Wait for the Lord; Be strong and let your heart take courage: Yes, wait for the Lord!" Psalm 27:14.

## 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

Jack Addison, Stephanie Alexander, Victoria "Vickie" Alexander, Laurie Allen, Ockie Baldassoro, Sr., Patrick Bailey, Mark Bear, Gloria Bennett, Mildred Bittick, David Blake, Michelle Bossier, Ann Boudreaux, Hazel Boudreaux, Larry Boudreaux, Ranice Bourg, Barbara Bourgeois, Angel Braun, Amy Brennan, JoAnne Brisset, Baby David Burris, Christine Castjohn, Rita Charbonnet, Julian Chiro, Eddie Cicardo, Gavin Cieutat, Gasper Corpora's Grandsons— Dominic & Osais, Barbara Cravata, Ken Davidson, Lucille Davidson, Pat Davis, Melissa Balado Dean, Joe de Cowain, Lisa Demonica & baby Benjamin, Kitty Derveloy, Stacey Dolan, Beverly Dominique, Carol Dominguez, Danette Crovetto Drell, Kenneth Paul Drude, Joan Duplessis, Andrew Dzuryachko, Pam Guichet Elder, Nicholas Eirich, Veronica Fannaly, Joey Fortenberry, Marge Frahm, Eva Francois, Clint Gagliano, Lenny George, Nittie Gilliland, Carolyn Gillingham, Malissa Gonzalez, Linda Guagliardo, Joan Gurganus, Brian Guichet, Myrthus "Twinkle" Guichet, Anne Guidry, Tim Guidry, Pat Gullo, Katherine Harris, Tommy Hebert, Kalee Henderson, Darrell Hoover, Lois Hoover, Tammy Perrin Horn, Peggy Howes, Jimmy Hubert, Harold Hungerford, Ashley Ingolia, Betty Ingolia, Ray Ingolia, Jennifer Jernigan, Lawrence Joiner, Mindy Kershenstine, Victoria Keys and baby Natalie Keys, Alan Klein, Beulah Kluka, Sr. Jolitta Konecny, R.S.M., David Kraft, Pam Kraft, Scoffer Kraft, Sis Kyzar, Cheryl Laiche, Baby Callie Lakes, Norma Larrieu, Diane Lavigne, Paul Laurent, Wayne Laurent, Ruby Drude Lee, Liz LeSaicherre, Hilton Lloyd, IV, Steve Lowery, Henry Lumino, Sr., Henry Lumino, Jr. Andie Mashburn, Arthur & Tate Mashburn, Caitlyn Matherne, William Mathes, Melissa McCormick, John & Susan McKinney, Ginger McLin, Cole McMillion, Anna Mae Mixon, Patricia Monteleone, Andrew Morales, Ed Murray, Amber Narro, PHD, Aliyah Naquin, Cindy Newton, Judy Nicholas, Ernest Ourso, Ruth Ourso, Wanda Pandarvis, George Peltier, Diane Pepitone, Wayne Pepitone, Bert Perilloux, Marisa Perrin, Anne Phillips, Camilla Phillips, Fran Poche, Beth Powell, Ann Prine, Mary Prine, Lise Richard, Sr. Barbara Richter, MSC., Bryan Roddick, A. J. Roig, Jr., Emile Sanchez & Family, Stacy Sanders, Brooklyne Sansone, Ernest Schenck, Bob Simoneaux, Bristol Rose Smith, Kayla Smith, Rose Stahl, Jackie Stanga, Lynette Stanga, Pamela Newburn Stuart, Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Tartamelia, Wylene Remy Taylor, Earl Theriot, Madeline Thibodeaux, Tracy Todd, Mike Tourmillon, Carlo Triolo, Sam Vilaro, Ronald Vining, Sam Viola, Stone Viola, Carla Van Vrancken, June Villa, Glen Walker, Adelle Wall, Danny Wall, Danni Waugh, Rodney Wempren, Faith Rose Wiltz., Gabby Young. **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:

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

## Saints and Special Observations

Sunday: Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
 Monday: St. Eusebius of Vercelli; St. Peter Julian Eymard  
 Wednesday: St. John Vianney  
 Thursday: Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major  
 Friday: The Transfiguration of the Lord; First Friday  
 Saturday: St. Sixtus II and Companions; St. Cajetan; First Saturday



## Intentions of the Holy Father- August 2021

Let us pray for the Church, that she may receive from the Holy Spirit the grace and strength to reform herself in the light of the Gospel.



PAL (Parents of Addicted Loved-ones) is a support group open to parents and other adult family members who have a loved one struggling with addiction.

We meet every 2nd & 4th Thursday from 6-7:30 pm in the Ministry Building (St. Catherine Room).

For more information contact Mary Jo B. at 985-320-3010 or Paige B. 985-981-8010 . [www.palgroup.org](http://www.palgroup.org).

## Readings for the Week of

August 2, 2021

Monday: Nm 11:4b-15; Ps 81:12-17; Mt 14:13-21  
 Tuesday: Nm 12:1-13; Ps 51:3-7, 12-13; Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14  
 Wednesday: Nm 13:1-2, 25 — 14:1, 26-29a, 34-35; Ps 106:6-7ab, 13-14, 21-23; Mt 15:21-28  
 Thursday: Nm 20:1-13; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Mt 16:13-23  
 Friday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9; 2 Pt 1:16-19; Mk 9:2-10  
 Saturday: Dt 6:4-13; Ps 18:2-4, 47, 51; Mt 17:14-20

### Next Sunday Readings (August 8, 2021)

First Reading.....1 Kings 19:4-8  
 Second Reading.....Ephesians 4:30-5:2  
 Gospel.....John 6:41-51  
 Psalm.....34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9

## Mass Intentions

### Monday, August 2, 2021

8:00 AM Lynn Lambert, Jr.

### Tuesday, August 3, 2021

8:00 AM Conchetta Yenni

### Wednesday, August 4, 2021

8:00 AM Robert Poche

### Thursday, August 5, 2021

8:00 AM Ronnie Braun

### Saturday, August 7, 2021

5:00 PM Patricia Albrecht

(L) Ella Badon  
 Earl Baudin  
 Dudley & Geraldine Berthelot  
 Delton Brooks  
 Dennis Charbonnet, Jr.  
 Phillip Connelley  
 Joseph Foret  
 Wayne Kraemer  
 Scoffer Kraft  
 Lynn Lambert, Jr.  
 Lanell "Tony" Landry

Angelicka Ory  
 Bill Perrin  
 Larry Pieno  
 Rufus Poche  
 Vincent Poche  
 Liz Sanderson  
 Glenn Snyder  
 Ron Steib  
 (L) President Donald J. Trump  
 Katherine Yeargain

### Sunday, August 8, 2021

8:00 AM Casey Authement

Joseph Clavier  
 Mary Sue Drude  
 Richard & Clotilde Drude  
 Marie & Paul Ferrara  
 Ann & Bill Hayles  
 Dorothy Hotard  
 (L) Valley & Andrea Kraft  
 Lynn Lambert, Jr.  
 Doris Drude Lavigne  
 Harold LeBoeuf  
 June Lecompt  
 Evelyn Mathes  
 Rita Mae Perrin

Shirley Peterson  
 (L) Stephanie Reggio  
 Dale Roberts  
 (L) Katie & Sammy Sabella  
 Audrey Scamardo  
 Glenn Snyder  
 Jerry Sullivan  
 Barbara Troxler  
 L/D Members of the Vuljoins & Reggio Families  
 (L) Donald Trump  
 Conchetta Yenni  
 Kathryn Zitzmann



We have a new addition to the Bereavement Ministry. The *Bereavement Quilting Ministry* led by Sheila Guillot. They will meet in the St. Benedict Room on the first Tuesday of every month. For more information contact Sheila Guillot at 985-320-4490.



## Altar Flowers

The flowers on the altar are donated:

**In Honor of Ruth Ourso**

By: Linda & Tony Guagliardo



## Stewardship

*Ex 16:2-4, 12-15 / Eph 4:17, 20-24 / Jn 6:24-35*

In today's gospel, a crowd of Jesus' followers ask this question: "What can we do to accomplish the works of God?" This question plagues many people who want to participate in God's plan but have no idea where to start. Discipleship is filled with tasks that seem overwhelming and even impossible for man to accomplish. But Jesus makes it simple for us. His response to the question: "This is the work of God, that you believe in the one he sent." There is no need for us to overcomplicate things. God equips us for difficult tasks. Our job is to humble ourselves and place our faith in Christ alone, through whom all things can be done.



## Financial News

YTD	Actual	Budgeted	Difference
7/25/2021	\$ 71,423.40	\$76,000.00	\$ -4,576.60
Church Support	\$ 14,951.95		
Misc. Collections	\$ 214.00		
	\$ 15,165.95		

### Second Collections

St. Joseph School—August 8th

## Ministry Schedule

### Saturday, August 7th & Sunday August 8th

	<u>Eucharistic Ministers</u>	<u>Ushers</u>
5PM	Merle Ozment 7b Stephanie Willie 8b Angela Pevey 9b	Frank Glass John Laiche Chris Marmillion Francis Martino Durald Pinion John Yeargain
8AM	Harry LeBlanc 7b Jason Hotard 8b Stephanie Waguespack 9b	Jeremy Barado Gordon Cotton Rene' Folse Rodney Schmaltz Roland Terrebonne Francis Waguespack Barry Blackledge
11 AM	Bill Wheat 7b Andy Wheat 8b Deborah Vogel 9b	Marcial Gomez Christopher McNabb Robert McNabb Kelly Richard Jeff Ryan Bob Zimmerman
<u>Lectors</u>	Larry Ernst Sam Morse Tony Guagliardo, III	

## Altar Flowers

If you would like to donate the flowers placed before the altar in Loving Honor of a Special Parishioner deceased or living please call the Church Office (985-386-3749) to notify them of your wish. A check made out to Carolyn Gillingham for \$55 will secure your request. A dedication will be listed in that weekends bulletin. Thank you for your interest.



## KCs Present Youth Leadership Award

Grand Knight Durald Pinion (left), representing the Father Vander Heyden Council 4874, presents the Catholic Youth Leadership Award to Lathan Raiford, a recent graduate of Ponchatoula High School. The annual award is a scholarship to use toward college expenses. Lathan is getting ready to attend Belhaven University in Jackson, Mississippi, and plans to study sports medicine. An accomplished athlete, he has previously received a partial scholarship to Belhaven for his performance on the soccer field. "Our council is honored to recognize and help support this impressive young man as he begins his collegiate career," Durald said. "Lathan exhibits the superior qualities the Knights of Columbus admires in today's Catholic youth," he added.



Photo by Richard Wallace

## Mark Your Calendar

**Sunday, August 1st**  
*Summer Sundays Café*—9:30 am  
 St. Benedict Room



**Monday, August 2nd**  
*Youth Choir Practice*—4 pm in the Church Choir Room



**Monday, August 2nd**  
*Adult Choir Practice*—6:30 pm in the Church

**Monday, August 2nd**  
*9th & 10th Grade Parents & Teens Meeting*—6:30 pm in the St. Joseph Room

**Tuesday, August 3rd**  
*St. Joseph's Bereavement Quilting Ministry*—5:30 pm in the St. Benedict Room



**Tuesday, August 3rd**  
*Word & Worship*—7:00 pm in the Church

**Wednesday, August 4th**  
*Adoration*—8:30 am—6:00 pm  
*Divine Mercy-Church*—3:00 pm  
*Vespers*—6:00 pm

**Wednesday, August 4th**  
*11th & 12th Grade Parents & Teens Meeting*—6:30 pm in the St. Joseph Room

**Thursday, August 5th**  
*St. Joseph School*—Classes Begin



**Friday, August 6th**  
*Men's Bible Study*—6:30 am—  
 St. Benedict Room



**Saturday, August 7th**  
*Men's Morning Prayer Group*—6:30 am in the Church

**Tuesday, August 10th**  
*St. Vincent de Paul Meeting*—6:30 pm in the St. Joseph Room in the Ministry Building



**Wednesday, August 11th**  
*Come As You Are*—6pm in the St. Joseph Room

**Wednesday, August 11th**  
*Baptism Class for Parents & Godparents*—7pm in the St. Benedict Room

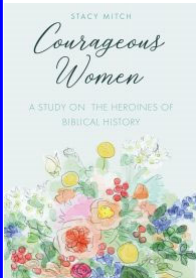
**Thursday, August 12th**  
*PAL*—6pm—7:30 pm in the St. Catherine Room in the Ministry Building

**Saturday, August 14th**  
*Back-to-School Prayer Service*—6 pm in the Church

**Sunday, August 22nd**  
*6th Grade Parents Meeting*—9:30 am in the St. Joseph Room

**Sunday, August 22nd**  
*Faith Sharing: Community Testimony Service*  
 5:45 pm at St. Joseph's Church.

**Sunday, August 29th - 9:30 am—10:30 am**  
**PSR Parents Meetings**  
*K, 1st, 3rd, 4th- 5th Grade*—Meeting in the Gym  
*2nd Grade*—Meeting in the Cafeteria  
*7th & 8th Grade*—Meeting in the St. Joseph Room



## Monday Night Bible Study Returns!

6pm – 7:30pm Beginning: August 30, 2021  
 Ministry Building – St Joseph Room  
 NOT for women only - EVERYONE is invited.

- 1) Email (me) Stephanie if you will be attending.
- 2) Include whether you are ordering your own book or if you would like to be in my group order.
- 3) Include your preferred email address.

Stephanie Waguespack at [fgwaguespack@bellsouth.net](mailto:fgwaguespack@bellsouth.net)

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## Ring for Jesus



A new choir is forming at St. Joseph's—a **handbell choir**, and anyone of at least high school age is invited to participate.

You do not need experience to join the choir, just a willingness to learn and to serve. The ability to read music is helpful but not required. Are you called to this ministry? Does music enhance your prayer life? Have you felt called to join a choir but are not comfortable singing? The bell choir may be a place to answer "yes" to the call. Please ask God's guidance in considering your participation in the bell choir. To join, or ask questions, call the Church Office at 386-3749. Ask for Rhonda.

**LOST & FOUND**

## Lost & Found

Have you left something in Church? (Glasses, keys, books, hats, teddy bears, prayer cards, jewelry, etc) Please call the Church Office 386-3749 to see if your items have been found.

## Summer Sundays Café

Enjoy a cup of coffee, cookies, and fellowship between the 8 and 11 AM Masses this summer and join into discussion about our Catholic faith.

If you are interested in becoming Catholic or have friends or family who would like to become Catholic, or are just interested in learning about our faith, come join the discussion.

**Where:** St. Benedict room in the church  
**When:** 9:30 to 10:30 AM  
**Dates:** August 1st, 8th, 15th, and 22nd



## Year of St Joseph



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Blessed Anne Catherine Emmerich




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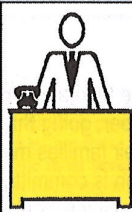
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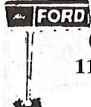
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