



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

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 9:15-10:30 am
Ablaze-Gr. 6-8; Sun 9:15-10:30 am
High School Formation
Gr. 9-12; Sun. 9:15-10:30 am

August 7, 2022 The Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Angel Wings

*Infant loss, Stillborns & Miscarriages
Support Group*

2nd & 4th Tuesday of each month 6:30 pm-8:00 pm

St. Joseph's Catholic Church Ministry Building

400 W. Pine Street

Ponchatoula

Starting Aug. 9th, 2022

For information

Julie 225 610 6975

Lucy 985 320 4476



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Mrs. Danette Ragusa, *Principal*
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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: 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 985-974-1775
Eucharistic Ministers of Holy Communion: Angela Pevey (Call / text) 985-507-5757.
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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-5 985-386-3749
Special Education PSR: 985-386-3749.
RCIA: Brad Poche 985-969-1475
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.
Word & Worship Prayer Ministry: Fernando Morales: 985-662-2844.
Women's Ministry: Mary Vedeckis, 225-294-6631.
Youth Ministry:
Middle School 6th-8th: Nicole Richard: 985-386-3749
High School 9th-12th: Nicole Richard: 985-386-3749

Organizations

Ancient Order of Hibernians: Ronnie Crimmins 985-773-8965
Kaycee Auxiliary: Barbara Martino : 985-386-3622
Knights of Columbus: Alex Joiner, 940-222-0690
(Application for new members)
Rosary Altar Society: Melissa Hedrick 504-491-3130
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, Stacy Ball, Gordon Cotton, Melisa Hedrick, Ron Huguet, Lisa Kennedy, Rachael Perrin, Angela Pevey, Rodney Schmaltz, Monee Sheridan, Wayne Vedeckis, Tom Waller. Ad Hoc Council Members: Fr. McDuffie, Deacon Larry Melancon, Fernando Morales, Danette Ragusa.

Download Our Parish App!

Our 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.



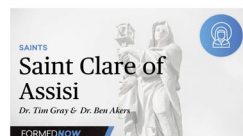
THIS WEEK ON FORMED

Week of August 07, 2022



Edith Stein: The Seventh Chamber

This film is a moving, artistic portrayal of the life of Jewish philosopher, Catholic convert, and Carmelite martyr, Edith Stein. It powerfully captures the interior struggles of this extraordinary woman and her journey toward the Lord.



FORMED Now! St. Clare of Assisi

In this FORMED Now episode, Dr. Tim Gray, joined by Dr. Ben Akers, discusses the life of St. Clare and the beauty and attractiveness of poverty.



What is Sin?

What is sin and is it even real? Or is it something the Church made up to take away our fun and make our life miserable? Chris Stefanick sits down with Dr. John Sehorn to discuss the Church's teaching on sin.

Our parish has a FORMED subscription.
Visit signup.formed.org and select our parish name.

An offering from the AUGUSTINE INSTITUTE and SYRACUSA PRESS

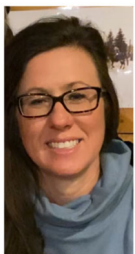


On Saturday, **August 13th**, at 10 AM is the Ordination for Ed Hanks to the Permanent Diaconate. The ordination Mass is at St Joseph Cathedral in Baton Rouge. Stop by the Church Office to pick up an invitation. Also join the reception at the Cathedral directly following the ordination Mass with Bishop Duca welcoming all the new deacons.

YOU ARE INVITED
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St Joseph's will also have a reception for Deacon Ed Hanks immediately following the 11 AM Mass on Sunday, **August 14th** in the St. Benedict Room.

I answered God's call to teach High School religion because:



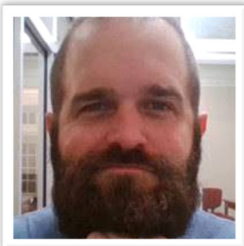
I say "Yes" to teaching catechism because my faith has been nurtured by other peoples "yes" and I hope to be a small part of that for others and our teens.

- Tara Alston, 11th grade



It's truly been a rewarding experience for me to be apart of the education of our teens. Like most, I felt "not smart enough" for the role. But our Lord encourages and enlightens. I am glad I said yes to the calling.

- Bonnie Duhon, 11th grade



I have taught Catechism for ten years. It is a blessing to share the truth and God's love.

- Colin Clark, 9th grade

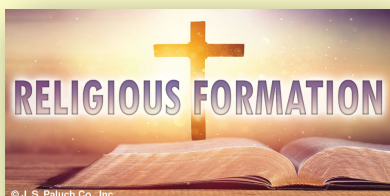


We all question "what is our true purpose in life." I was lucky enough to understand that I was chosen by God to teach, and when I picked my Saint name, it wasn't an accident. I chose St. Nicholas; therefore, I am humbled that St. Joseph's Catholic Church has asked me once to return to my true purpose in life teaching children. My wife and I look forward to sharing our gift with SJCC community. Thank you and may Jesus guide us. Amen

- Chad & Christy Troxclair, 10th grade

Registration for Parish School of Religion is Now OPEN!

You can now register for PSR, Ablaze, Thirst through our website: www.stjosephsonline.com or the following link:
<https://www.osvhub.com/st-joseph-church-10/forms/registration22-23>



PSR - K - 5th Grade
Ablaze - 6th-8th Grade
Thirst - 9th-12th Grade
(Confirmation prep is 9th - 11th Grade)

Volunteers needed for catechesis.
Call the office if God is calling you. (985) 386-3749.

BACK2SCHOOL



CONFIRMATION CORNER

REGISTRATION FOR 9-12 GRADE CATECHISM IS ONLINE.
PLEASE SEE BULLETIN FOR DETAILS. (page 3)

HIGH SCHOOL THIRST VERY IMPORTANT PARENT/TEEN
MEETING HIGHLY RECOMMENDED IN ATTENDANCE
FOR CATECHISM GRADES 9th-12th

INCOMING FRESHMAN AND SOPHOMORES:

Monday, August 15, 2022 - 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

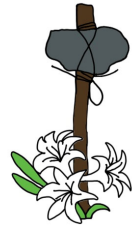
St. Joseph's Ministry Building

JUNIORS AND SENIORS MAKING
SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION:

Tuesday, August 16, 2022- 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

St. Joseph's Ministry Building

PLEASE MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO ATTEND

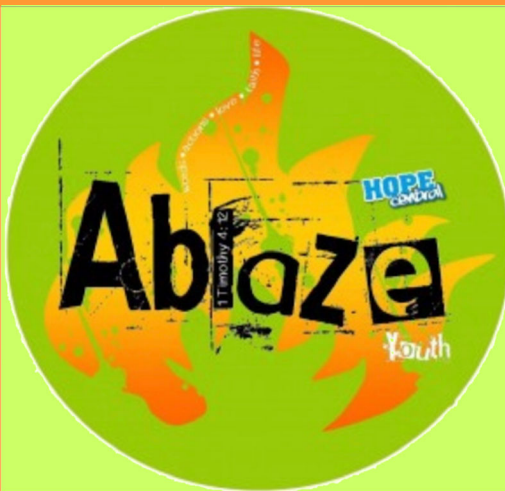


St. Joseph's Catholic Church

THIRST
Do Not Let
ANYONE
Look down on you
Because YOU
are young BUT
Set an Example
for
BELIEVERS

- Timothy 4:12

PSR ABLAZE & THIRST REGISTRATION IS UNDERWAY-
STOP BY THE TABLES IN THE NARTHEX AND VISIT NICOLE ABOUT ABLAZE AND THIRST.



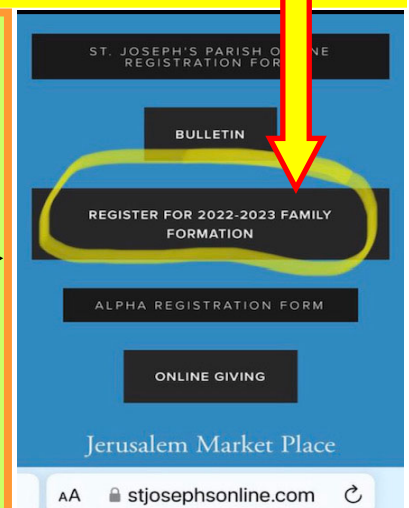
6th-8th grade has a NEW LOGO !

Parents SAVE THE DATE:

Ablaze catechism
meeting for parents
of 6th-8th graders

Sunday August 14th
9:15 am-10:15 am

St. Joseph Ministry
Building



INTERESTED: contact nrichard@sjscrusaders.org



ST. MICHAEL HIGH SCHOOL
6:30 - 10:00PM | \$10 AT THE DOOR
INFLATABLES | GAMES | FOOD
LIVE BAND | ADORATION
KEYNOTE BY DEACON ALBERT
SIGN UP AT WWW.SMHSBR.ORG

Prayer must be your
lifestyle, not just your
emergency contact.

Tangipahoa Parish Schools Presents

MY ASCENSION

A Documentary Film and Movement to Spread Hope and Fight Suicide

Monday, August 29th @ 5:30pm

University of Southeastern Louisiana - Student Union Ballroom
303 Union Ave, Hammond, LA 70402



A suicide attempt left 16-year-old varsity cheerleader Emma Benoit paralyzed, but propelled her on a mission to use her painful experience to help others find hope and stay alive.

90 Minute film screening followed by a discussion with Emma Benoit and other panelist

Free Event. Registration Required

<https://USLmyascension.eventbrite.com>

Faith

Our readings today explore how faith begins and how faith works. Faith begins with God's initiative of love, together with God's promise about the future. The passage from Hebrews urges readers to have an assured confidence in God, who promised and delivered a lasting legacy to Abraham. The book of Wisdom reminds readers of the God who promised and delivered freedom from slavery during the Exodus. In the Gospel passage from Luke, Jesus begins with the promise that "your Father is pleased to give you the Kingdom," before describing how to live faithfully during times when God seems absent. God's promises mean that God is fully invested in our future. Living in these promises, we can confidently let go of fear and insecurity. We can anticipate that when God intervenes in our lives, it will be for our benefit. And we can become God's partners in fulfilling these divine promises.

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Today's Readings

First Reading — Your ancestors waited in faith and courage for God's promised summons (Wisdom 18:6-9).

Psalm — Blessed the people the Lord has chosen to be his own (Psalm 33).

Second Reading — Because of his faithful obedience to God's call, Abraham's descendants number as the stars (Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19 [1-2, 8-12]).

Gospel — Keep watch and be prepared, for you do not know the day or the hour when the Son of Man will appear (Luke 12:32-48 [35-40]).

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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 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 ministry for this purpose. For more information please contact Angela Perrin at 985-318-4927.



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.

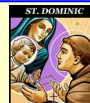
Please Pray for Sick and Shut-Ins

Jason Abernathy, Jack Addison, Stephanie Alexander, Laurie Allen, Ella Badon, Ockie Baldassoro, Sr., Jay Barbier, Mark Bear, Farley Bennett, Gloria Bennett, David Blake, Michelle Bossier, Ann Boudreaux, Hazel Boudreaux, Larry Boudreaux, Ranice Bourg, Barbara Bourgeois, Betty Branch, Angel Braun, Amy Brennan, JoAnne Brisset, Toni Bruno, Sister Anna Louise Bumbera, R.S.M. , Kristine Castillio, Christine Castjohn, Elaine Charbonnet, Rita Charbonnet, Chris Chiasson, Julian Chiro, Eddie Cicardo, Gavin Cieutat, Steve Coates, Tamika Coleman, Ken Davidson, Lucille Davidson, Pat Davis, Melissa Balado Dean, Kitty Derveley, William Desplas, Edward Dieser, Carol Dominguez, Danette Crovetto Drell, Kenneth Paul Drude, Pam Durio, Andrew Dzuryachko, Pam Guichet Elder, Nicholas Eirich, Jay Ernst, Jeanette Ernst, Michael Ernst, Veronica Fannaly, Sam & Alice Ferraro, Joey Fortenberry, Marge Frahm, Eva Francois, Clint Gagliano, Lenny George, Nittie Gilliland, Carolyn Gillingham, Molly Gladney, Malissa Gonzalez, John Guzzardo, Clifford Green, Brian Guichet, Myrthus "Twinkle" Guichet, Anne Guidry, Glenn Guillot, Robert Hamberger, IV, Nicole Hart, Sadie Hebert, Tommy Hebert, Kalee Henderson, Cyndi Hoover, Darrell Hoover, Lois Hoover, Tammy Perrin Horn, Brother John Holstream, SC, Peggy Howes, Jimmy Hubert, Harold Hungerford, Ashley Ingolia, Betty Ingolia, Ray Ingolia, Joycelyn James, Jennifer Jernigan, Lawrence Joiner, Rosie Kelly, Carol Kinchen, Patricia Kirsch, Beulah Kluka, David Kraft, Sis Kyzar, Elaine Landry, Norma Larriue, Wayne Laurent, Ruby Drude Lee, Liz LeSaicherre, Gary Lewing, Miceli Family, Brian Lousteau, Henry Lumino, Sr., Angelo Macaluso, Caitlyn Matherne, William Mathes, Melissa McCormick, John & Susan McKinney, Cole McMillion, Senit Miller, Barry Mince, Sr., Lisa Mince, Anna Mae Mixon, Patricia Monteleone, Andrew Morales, Dustin Morales, Charles A. Morse, Scott Morton, Ed Murray, Fay Murray, Cindy Newton, Wanda Pandarvis, George Peltier, Wayne Pepitone, Marisa Perrin, Anne Phillips, Camilla Phillips, Kyle Picou, Larry Pittman, Fran Poche, Ann Prime, Sr. Charlotte Reso, Barbara Richter, MSC., Vera Richoux, Bryan Roddick, A. J. Roig, Jr., Brooklyne Sansone, Ernest Schenck, CJ Schiro, Bob Simoneaux, Kayla Smith, Ronald Springer, Sr., Rose Stahl, Jackie Stanga, Lynette Stanga, Maddox Steadman, Ernest Stephens., Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Tartamelia, Wylene Remy Taylor, Earl Theriot, Tracy Todd, Carlo Triolo, Jean Troxler, Travis Troxler, Ronald Vining, Sam Viola, Stone Viola, Carla Van Vrancken, Charles Van Vrancken, June Villa, Mary Vuljoin, Glen Walker, Adelle Wall, Danny Wall, Danni Waugh, Rodney Wempren, Regi White, Jimmy Williamson Family, Faith Rose Wiltz, Harold Wright. **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, Cole Gunham, US Navy, Commander, Mason Joiner Sgt Major in Army, Jacob Milton, Commander Eric Olsen, US Navy. Elijah Whittington, Clyde Williamson, IV-Army, **Names submitted will be included for 4 weeks. Please call the Church office to renew.**

Saints and Special Observations



Sunday: Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Monday: St. Dominic
 Tuesday: St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross
 Wednesday: St. Lawrence
 Thursday: St. Clare
 Friday: St. Jane Frances de Chantal
 Saturday: Ss. Pontian and Hippolytus; Blessed Virgin Mary

Intentions of the Holy Father- August 2022

We pray for small and medium sized businesses; in the midst of economic and social crisis, may they find ways to continue operating, and serving their communities.

Vocation Awareness

If you realized that God was knocking at your door would you answer? If God might be calling you to a life of service in the Church please call or email Fr. Joshua Johnson at (225) 336-8778, jjohnson@diobr.org, or visit www.diobr.org/vocations.

Readings for the Week of

August 8, 2022

Monday: Ez 1:2-5, 24-28c; Ps 148:1-2, 11-14; Mt 17:22-27
 Tuesday: Ez 2:8 — 3:4; Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131; Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14
 Wednesday: 2 Cor 9:6-10; Ps 112:1-2, 5-9; Jn 12:24-26
 Thursday: Ez 12:1-12; Ps 78:56-59, 61-62; Mt 18:21 — 19:1
 Friday: Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63 or 16:59-63; Is 12:2-3, 4bcd-6; Mt 19:3-12
 Saturday: Ez 18:1-10, 13b, 30-32; Ps 51:12-15, 18-19; Mt 19:13-15

Next Sunday Readings (August 14, 2022)

First ReadingJeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10
 Second Reading.....Hebrews 12:1-4
 GospelLuke 12:49-53
 Psalm40:2, 3, 4, 18

Mass Intentions

Monday, August 8, 2022

8:00 AM (L) Braylin Rose Monistere

Tuesday, August 9, 2022

8:00 AM Tommy Waguespack

Wednesday, August 10, 2022

8:00 AM Jack Cameron

Thursday, August 11, 2022

8:00 AM (L) Cora Derenbecker

Saturday, August 13, 2022

5:00 PM Patricia Albrecht
 Sandra Bates
 Dudley & Geraldine Berthelot
 Delton Brooks
 Barbara Crovetto
 (L) Cora Grace Derenbecker
 Doris S. Hoover
 Leonard N. Hoover
 Henrietta & Buddy Joiner
 L/D Memb. of Nick Latino Family
 Vincent Latino, Sr.
 (L) Elaine LeBlanc
 Ginger McLin
 (L) Sherri Monistere
 (L) Elnee Nagem

Ernest Ourso
 Bill Perrin
 Greg Perrin
 (L) Angela Pevey
 Robert & Virginia Phillips
 (L) Durald Pinion
 Lynn Reese
 Rufus Poche
 Lynn Reese
 Liz Sanderson
 Pat Schmit
 Glenn Snyder
 Madeline Thibodeaux

Sunday, August 14, 2022

8:00 AM For the People of the Parish

11:00 AM Mary, Sam & Ciro Agnello
 Frances Baughman
 Barbara Crovetto
 Mary Sue Drude
 Richard & Clotilde Drude
 L/D Members of the Ferrara Family
 Rudy Gagneaux
 Edward Kevlin
 (L) David Kraft
 (L) Kenneth Kraft
 (L) River Kraft
 (L) Valley & Andie Kraft
 Doris Drude Lavigne

Joe Liuzza
 Elsie & Levon Major
 Ernest Ourso
 (L) Reggie Pevey
 E J Raiford
 L/D Memb of the Sansone Family
 Glenn Snyder
 Dorothy Pearl Starkey
 Ella Thompson
 (L) Ridge Tucker
 (L) Wayne Vedeckis



The Feast of the Assumption of Mary, August 15th is **not** a holyday of obligation this year, since the Feast Day falls on a Monday.

Altar Flowers

The flowers on the altar are donated:



In Memory Godfrey & Ron Steib

By: Michael & Debbie Schanzbach

Stewardship

A Faith that Can!

Wis 18:6-9 / Ps 33:1, 18-19, 20-22 / Heb 11:1-2, 8-19 / Lk 12:32-48

The art of food preservation is making a comeback. Folks have their reasons for doing so. Some might fear there will be a shortage of food. Some might enjoy the lifestyle associated with preservation. Others might just be curious. Regardless, instruction is a very important component in the process. Different foods require different methods of preservation. Take canning for instance. It is a lot easier having someone accompany you in the canning process. Temperature, altitude, acidity, equipment all play a role in the canning process. What if we had to preserve our faith by preserving it in cans or jars and then pass them on to the next generation simply by giving them a jar. Of course, someone would need to keep preserving the faith and teach others to preserve for the next generation. We are that next generation! Faith is a gift. As stewards of the faith, we need to keep canning and keep teaching others the art of preservation. There is a real famine of preservation in our culture. We need more canners! *We can do it!*



Financial News

7/31/2022	\$ 90,866.50	\$ 95,000.00	\$ - 4,133.50
Church Support	\$ 16,463.00		
St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 1,879.00		
Misc. Collections	\$ 207.00		
	\$ 18,549.00		

Second Collections

St. Joseph School: August 14th

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, August 13th & Sunday, August 14th

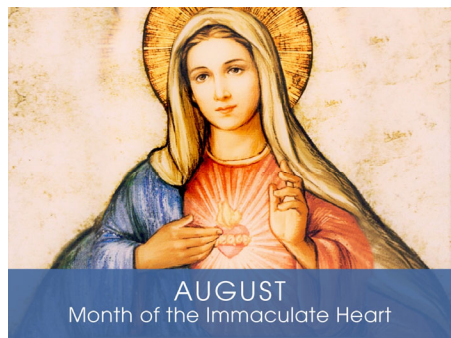
	<u>Eucharistic Ministers</u>	<u>Ushers</u>
5 PM	John Albrecht 7b Barbara Martino 9b	John Howes Alex Joiner Durald Pinion Frank Schilling John Yeagain
8 AM	Rose Harper 7b Mary Jo Balado 9b	Barry Blackledge Jeremy Barado Michael Chiasson Rene' Folse Matt Mayeux Rodney Schmaltz Roland Terrebbonne
11 AM	Andy Wheat 7b Nicole Richard 9b	Sergio Alvarado Barry Blackledge Marcial Gomez
5 PM	<u>Altar Servers</u> Chloe McKinney Mayson Scates Noelle Deshotel	Christopher McNabb Robert McNabb Bob Zimmerman
8 AM	Justin Hanks Katherine Hanks Walker Richardson	<u>Lectors</u> 5 PM Janice Radosti 8 AM Harold Thibodeaux
11 AM	Aubrey Alston Janae Feimster Lily Perrin	11 AM Deborah Vogel <u>Children's Liturgist</u> 8 AM Angelique Richardson 11 AM Veronica Pierson



Stephen Ministry offers a proven and effective way to organize, equip, and supervise a team of congregation members—called *Stephen Ministers*—to provide high-quality, one-to-one, Christ-centered care to people in the congregation and the community experiencing life difficulties.

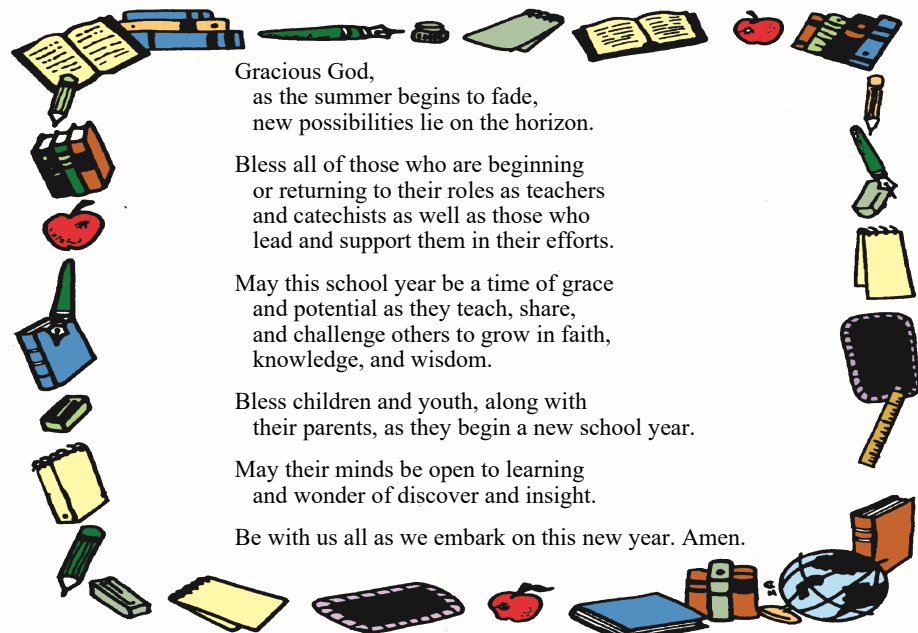
Stephen Ministers are congregation members trained by their Stephen Leaders to offer care to people who are hurting.

For more information, please contact Anita Perrin: 985-687-4458



The Church dedicates the month of August to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. It is a dogma of the Catholic faith that Mary is the Immaculate Conception; that is, in preparation for the Incarnation of the Second Person of the Holy Trinity in her womb, she was conceived without the corruption of sin through the foreseen and infinite merits of her Son, Jesus Christ. Over the centuries, as saints and theologians reflected on how Mary pondered and treasured the sacred events from the life of Christ in her holy heart, as attested in Scripture, her pure heart was recognized as something to be imitated.

Devotion to Our Lady's purity of heart began to flower—so much so that in the 17th century, St. John Eudes promoted it alongside the Sacred Heart of Jesus. The devotion rose to a new level after the apparitions of Our Lady of Fatima, when Mary revealed an image of her Immaculate Heart to Lucia, Jacinta, and Francisco.



Gracious God,
as the summer begins to fade,
new possibilities lie on the horizon.

Bless all of those who are beginning
or returning to their roles as teachers
and catechists as well as those who
lead and support them in their efforts.

May this school year be a time of grace
and potential as they teach, share,
and challenge others to grow in faith,
knowledge, and wisdom.

Bless children and youth, along with
their parents, as they begin a new school year.

May their minds be open to learning
and wonder of discover and insight.

Be with us all as we embark on this new year. Amen.

Mark Your Calendar

Monday August 8th
Alpha - 6:30 pm in the St. Benedict Room

Tuesday, August 9th
Angel Wings - 6:30 pm in the Ministry Building

Tuesday, August 9th
St. Vincent de Paul Meeting—6:30 pm in the St. Joseph Room

Tuesday, August 9th
Word & Worship—7:00 pm in the Church

Wednesday, August 10th
SJS First Day of School



Wednesday, August 10th
Adoration - 8:30 am—6:00 pm
Divine Mercy Chaplet—3:00 pm
Vespers—6:00 pm

Wednesday, August 10th
Bell Choir Practice—6:30 pm in the Choir Room

Wednesday, August 10th
Consecration to St. Joseph - 6:30 pm in the St. Dominic Room in the Ministry Building.

Wednesday, August 10th
Baptism Class for Parents & Godparents - 7:00 pm in the St. Benedict Room in the Church

Thursday, August 11th
Stephen Ministry - New Class Starting- 5:30 pm in the Ministry Building

Friday, August 12th
Men's Morning Bible Study—6:30 am—Church

Saturday, August 13th
Men's Morning Prayer—6:30 am—Church

Saturday, August 13th
Ordination for Ed Hanks to the Permanent Diaconate - 10 am - St. Joseph Cathedral in Baton Rouge

Sunday, August 14th
Ablaze Parents Meeting - 9:15 am in the Ministry Building

Sunday, August 14th
Reception for Deacon Ed Hanks- following the 11 am Mass in the St. Benedict Room

Monday, August 15th
9th & 10th Grade Parent/Teen Meeting - 6:30 pm in the Ministry Building

Tuesday, August 16th
11th & 12 Grade Parent/Teen Meeting - 6:30 pm in the Ministry Building

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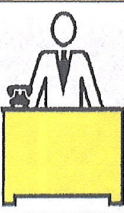


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