



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:

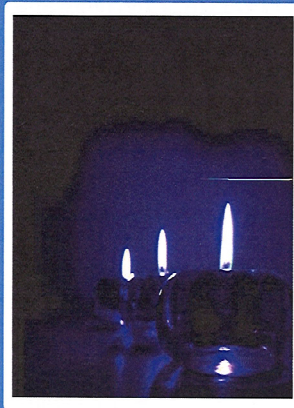
PSR-Gr. K-5; Sun 9:15-10:30 am
Ablaze-Gr. 6-8; Sun 9:15-10:30 am
High School Formation
Gr. 9-12; Sun. 9:15-10:30 am

December 11, 2022 The Third Sunday in Advent

BLUE CHRISTMAS

A Community Worship Service of Loss and Remembrance

Blue Christmas is a gentle, healing service for those who are mourning a loss during this season of celebration.



Wednesday, December 21, 2022, 6:00-7:00 p.m.
Followed by a light meal and fellowship

Knights of Columbus Hall
1701 Pecan Ct.
Ponchatoula, LA
Doors open at 5:45 p.m.

We invite you to join our 4th Annual Blue Christmas.

SEATING IS LIMITED.

For more information or to reserve your seat,
please call 985-687-4458.

Sponsored by Stephen Ministers and Ponchatoula Knights of Columbus

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Staff

Rev. Paul A. McDuffie, *Pastor*
Larry J. Melancon, *Deacon*
Michael A. Agnello, *Deacon*
Ed Hanks, *Deacon*
Angela Perrin, *Business Manager*
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Kaycee Widmer, *Youth Minister Assistant & Web Coordinator*

Rhonda Rossano, *Music Director*
Ramona Folse, *Receptionist/Child Protection Site Coordinator*
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: 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.
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-5 Nicole Richard - 985-386-3749
Special Education PSR: 985-386-3749.
RCIA: Brad Poche 985-969-1475
Rooted: Ian Waller 985-507-0111
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

Stephen Ministry

Do you have a friend, neighbor, co-worker, or relative who has been struggling with the loss of a loved one, loneliness, cancer, a layoff, relocation, divorce, a spiritual crisis, recuperation, single parenthood, or any of countless other life challenges? Our Stephen Ministers can provide them with the focused care, encouragement, and support they need to make it through the crisis. If you or someone you know is hurting, talk with one of our Stephen Leaders: Anita Perrin at 985-687-4458. She can talk with you about how we can connect the person you know with one of our Stephen Ministers.



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.

Organizations

Ancient Order of Hibernians: Ronnie Crimmins 985-773-8965
Kaycee Auxiliary: Barbara Martino : 985-386-3622
Knights of Columbus
(Application for new members) : Alex Joiner, 940-222-0690
(Hall Rentals): Wayne Melancon 985-377-3823
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 Huguette, 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.

St. Vincent de Paul Society



The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is dedicated to feeding, clothing, housing and healing individuals and families in our community who have no where else to turn for help.

If assistance is needed from the Society, please call (985) 370-5459. You will receive a recorded message. You will need to leave your name, phone number, and a brief message. A member of the SVDP will then get in touch with you to arrange for a home visit.

Angel Wings

Infant loss, Stillborn & Miscarriage Support Group meets on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month at 6:30 pm in the Ministry Building. For more information contact Julie 225-610-6975 or Lucy 985-320-4476.



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.

Children's Liturgy NEEDS help!!

Join the Children's Liturgists for fun and fellowship as we sing, pray, and learn more about Jesus! Children's Liturgy takes place on Sundays during the 8:00 a.m. & 11:00 am Masses and is open to all children who are potty-trained ages 3 to 6 (1st grade.)

We would like to see 2 adults in each time allotted. We offer this ministry at 8-10 masses each month. Even if you commit to 1 to 2 masses a month to help lead our little ones to Christ, that will be a huge help. Parents who encourage their children to attend - we ask that you discern this beautiful opportunity to serve as Children's Liturgist.

Adult Volunteers 18 & older ... For the required volunteer forms for the Protection of Youth & Young Adults go to <https://www.stjosephsonline.com/safe-environment-training> These forms must be completed as well as the other required paperwork and training prior to serving in this capacity.

Please dress appropriately out of respect for the Eucharist.

Please contact Nicole Richard
nrichard@sjscruaders.org Office Number 985-386-3749



Live Nativity at the 4 pm Christmas Vigil Mass

All children interested in participating in the live nativity for 4 pm Christmas Vigil Mass on December 24 should contact Leslie Settoon @985-351-5355. Limited availability of "costume starters", so please begin preparing outfits for your shepherds, angels, 3 wise men, 1 bright star, 1 Angel Gabrielle and some animals. Contact Leslie to claim bible characters. Mary & Joseph has been selected.

A practice will be held on Sunday, December 18th at 1 pm in the Church. Grab lunch after 11 am Mass then to practice.



Can we help you through one of life's many struggles?

*Would you like to speak to someone in a totally safe, confidential,
& non-judgmental way?*

*Have you heard about Stephen Ministry but are uncertain about what we
do and how we can help?*

*If you would like to learn more about Stephen Ministry, please contact
Anita Perrin at 985-687-4458*

**WE ARE
HIRING**

**Childcare Workers Needed!
(18 years old & older)**

Workers needed Sundays 7:45 am-12:15 pm. If hired you can opt to work 2 or more Sundays a month. Must fill out employment application and complete online Safe Environment Certification. If interested please contact Nicole Richard at the Church Office 985-386-3749 nrichard@sjscrusaders.org

Mass Schedule for Christmas

Masses for Christmas:

Saturday, December 24th: 4 pm & 7 pm
Sunday, December 25th: 10 am

Masses for Solemnity of Mary:

Saturday, December 31st: 5 pm
Sunday, January 1st: 8 am & 11 am

*The Church Office will be closed from 12/26/2022
thru 1/2/2022*



Ushers Meeting on Monday, December 12th at 6:30 pm in the Church.

Huge thanks to THIRST, ABLAZE, SJS STUDENTS AND PARENTS who volunteered for the Restoration House 10th anniversary Reindeer Run! Rain or shine- God is good all the time!



THIRST
PRE-MIDTERM

UGLY SWEATER CHRISTMAS PARTY

12/11
5-7PM

- MOVIE
- HOT CHOCOLATE
- CANE'S
- SNACKS

FEEL FREE TO BRING A SNACK

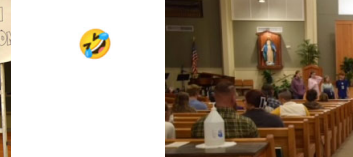


MARCH FOR LIFE CONTEST & FAMILY EVENT OPPORTUNITY

THIRST 9-12TH GRADE ... WE ARE USING OUR VINTAGE COMMUNION SHIRTS THAT ARE BROWN FOR A M4L CONTEST SPONSORED BY THE KC's . THIS YEAR you will need to get a shirt and spend some time over the break decorating ANYWHERE on this shirt to show that you are a supporter of ProLife!!



ABLAZE & THIRST HOLY HUSTLE XLT was such a blessing! We even got to prank Mrs. Kaycee as she begins her adventure with our youth and Mr. Kevin



NOW WHAT TO DO WITH THEM? Treat it like a poster contest but get creative. The **TOP 5 BEST EFFORTS IN THIS SHIRT CONTEST** will go to the **KNIGHTS of COLUMBUS** FOR THEM TO JUDGE 1ST, 2ND & 3RD PLACE WINNERS!!!

Shirts will be given out in class this weekend and at the Ugly Sweater Party.

Shirts are due by January 6th, can be dropped off at the Church Office. Please attach your name and grade.

nrichard@sjscrusaders.org

6th-8th Grade youth group
KICKOFF WITH KAYCEE
Wednesday,
December 14
5-7 pm
in the
St. Joseph's Ministry Building

Bring a Friend

ABLAZE YOUTH GROUP FUNDRAISER

DECEMBER 17 & 18

BEFORE AND AFTER ALL MASSES

THESE NEW ITEMS ARE HOT OFF THE PRESS AND WILL SELL FAST! WHAT A WONDERFUL WAY TO SUPPORT OUR YOUTH NEEDS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR AND TO SHOW OUR LOVE FOR OUR PRIEST AND CHURCH! ITEMS WILL BE POSTED SOON!
LOVE DONATIONS ACCEPTED

CASH OR CHECKS ACCEPTED

CONTACT [NRICHARD@SJSCRUSADERS.ORG](mailto:nrichard@sjscrusaders.org)
OR [KWIDMER@SJSCRUSADERS.ORG](mailto:kwidmer@sjscrusaders.org)

YOUNG ADULTS AGES 18-25 OUT OF HIGH SCHOOL

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC CHURCH YOUNG ADULTS

HOLY HAPPY HOUR

December 13th at 7 pm
Adoration at Immaculate Conception
Happy Hour to follow at Le Chien Denham Springs

Contact Tori Swanner for questions:
tswanner@icc-msh.org

Contact: Ian Waller 985-507-0111
ian7waller@gmail.com

ROOTED
St. Joseph's Catholic Church

Please Pray for Sick and Shut-Ins

Jason Abernathy, Jack Addison, Stephanie Alexander, Laurie Allen, Ockie Baldassoro, Sr., Jay Barbier, Mark Bear, Farley Bennett, Gloria Bennett, David Blake, Michelle Bossier, Ann Boudreaux, Hazel Boudreaux, Larry Boudreaux, Ranice Bourg, Rodney Bourg, Barbara Bourgeois, Johnny Bracy, Angel Braun, Amy Brennan, JoAnne Brisset, Nancy Brown, Shirley Bruno, Sister Anna Louise Bumbera, R.S.M., Kristine Castillio, Christine Castjohn, Elaine 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, Kenneth Paul Drude, Pam Durio, Andrew Dzuryachko, Pam Guichet Elder, Nicholas Eirich, Jay Ernst, Michael Ernst, Veronica Fannaly, Sam & Alice Ferraro, Brett Kelly Fitzgerald, Joey Fortenberry, Marge Frahm, Eva Francois, Clint Gagliano, Lenny George, Nittie Gilliland, Carolyn Gillingham, Molly Gladney, Malissa Gonzalez, Irvin Gros, John Guzzardo, Clifford Green, Cynthia Gregoire, Brian Guichet, Myrthus "Twinkle" Guichet, Anne Guidry, Glenn Guillot, Robert Hamberger, IV, Johnny B. Harris, Sadie Hebert, Thomas W. Hebert, Tommy Helg, Kalee Henderson, Cyndi Hoover, Darrell Hoover, Lois Hoover, Tammy Perrin Horn, Peggy Howes, Jimmy Hubert, Joycelyn James, Jennifer Jernigan, Lawrence Joiner, Rosie Sparacello Kelly, Beckham King, Patricia Kirsch, Beulah Kluka, David Kraft, Sis Kyzar, Donna Laciura, Norma Larriue, Wayne Laurent, Ruby Drude Lee, Liz LeSaicherre, Gary Lewing, Brian Lousteau, Angelo Macaluso, Flo Marceaux, 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, Ed Murray, Fay Murray, Cindy Newton, Ruth Ourso, Wanda Pandarvis, George Peltier, Wayne Pepitone, Marisa Perrin, Anne Phillips, Camilla Phillips, Kyle Picou, Larry Pittman, Fran Poche, Rachel Pope, Charlotte Reso, Barbara Richter, MSC., Bryan Roddick, A. J. Roig, Jr., Brooklyn Sansone, Ernest Schenck, CJ Schiro, Bob Simoneaux, JoAnn Smith, Kayla Smith, Ronald Springer, Sr., Rose Stahl, Lynette Stanga, Phyllis McIntyre Stanga, Maddox Steadman, Ernest Stephens., Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Tartamelia, Wylene Remy Taylor, Earl Theriot, Tracy Todd, Cheryl Tribou, 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, Martha Warden, Travis Warden, Danni Waugh, Mary Brooks Weiss, Rodney Wempren, Regi White, Jimmy Williamson Family, Harold Wright. *Names submitted will be included for 4 weeks. Please call the Church office to renew.*

KC's Donate to Restoration House

Grand Knight Durald Pinion and Trustee Buddy Pugh, presented a check to representatives from Restoration House: Julie Hanks, Susie Plaisance, Annie Landry, Sandra Bowman.



Please pray for members of our parish family serving our country in the armed forces and remember also their families:

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.*

Volunteers Needed

ALL CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS GOING UP
Tuesday, December 20th at 10:30 am

Ladies and gentlemen, both are needed to lend a helping hand. Man-power needed to help with trees. Everything going up on Tuesday. Ladies also needed to help with sprucing up the trees and checking out the lights on trees. Poinsettias will also need to be added, to finish the decorations. Please come help us, with more people volunteering, it won't take us long to get the trees looking great.

May God continue to bless all of our great St. Joseph Parish volunteers. We want to thank all of you in advance for making St. Joseph's Church ready for the coming of OUR LORD. Questions call, Francis & Barbara Martino 985-386-3622.



Saints and Special Observations

Sunday	Third Sunday of Advent
Monday	Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe
Tuesday	Memorial of Saint Lucy, Virgin and Martyr
Wednesday	Memorial of Saint John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church

Intentions of the Holy Father- December 2022

We pray that volunteer non-profit organizations committed to human development find people dedicated to the common good and

Vocation Awareness

As John was called by God to be a messenger of His Son, so Jesus still calls men and women today to be the messengers of His Good News. If you think God is calling you to a Church vocation, call or email Rev. Joshua Johnson at (225) 336-8778, jjohnson@diobr.org.

Readings for the Week of

December 12, 2022

Monday Zec 2:14-17; Judith 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:26-38
Tuesday Zep 3:1-2,9-13; Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19, 23; Mt 21:28-32
Wednesday Is 45:6c-8, 18, 21c-25; Ps 85:9ab & 10, 11-12, 13-14; Lk 7:18b-23
Thursday Is 54:1-10; Ps 30:2 & 4, 5-6, 11-12a & 13b; Lk 7:24-30
Friday Is 56:1-3a, 6-8; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8; Jn 5:33-36
Saturday Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17

Next Sunday Readings- December 18, 2022

First ReadingIsaiah7: 10-14
 Second Reading.....Romans 1: 1-7
 GospelMatthew 1:18-24
 Psalm24: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6

Mass Intentions

Monday, December 12, 2022

8:00 AM (L) Laura & Daniel Waller

Tuesday, December 13, 2022

8:00 AM (L) Addison Foret

Wednesday, December 14, 2022

8:00 AM (L) Anna & Aaron Foet

Thursday, December 15, 2022

8:00 AM Ted Dupont

Saturday, December 17, 2022

5:00 PM Ella Badon
 Sandra Bates
 Dudley & Geraldine Berthelot
 (L) Karen Braun
 Delton Brooks
 Phillip & Robert Connelley
 Timmy Deslatte
 Esther DiMarco
 Glenn Drude, Sr.
 L/D Memb of Ernst & Ethridge Family
 (L) Deacon Nat Garofalo
 Red Kraft
 Teddy Kraft
 Ben LeBoeuf
 Juanita Louque
 Kelsey Martin
 (L) Anna Mae Mixon & Florence Pelter
 Henry Novack
 Ernest Ourso

Bill Perrin
 (L) Angela Pevey
 Angelo Phillips
 Rufus Poche
 Lawrence Powell
 (L) Rich Price
 (L) Janice Radosti
 Jan Ripberger
 Liz Sanderson
 Belita Schilling
 Glenn Snyder
 (L) Kevin Spansel
 Joy Steib
 Madeline Thibodeaux
 (L) Sydney & Nathan
 Waller

Sunday, December 18, 2022

8:00 AM For the People of the Parish
 11:00 AM Billeaud Family
 (L) Mike Boudreaux
 (L) Deacon, Wives & Families
 Ann & Larry Deslatte
 Kevin Deslatte
 Mary Sue Drude
 Richard & Clotilde Drude
 Joyce Ernst
 Owen "Tiger" Falcon
 (L) Taylor Gautreaux
 Gerald "Sam" Guidry, Sr.
 (L) Terri Huguet
 Eddie Joseph Jouty, Jr.
 (L) David Kraft
 Louanna & Cotton Kraft
 Pam & Scoffer Kraft
 Peewee Kraft

(L) Isabella LaMarca
 Doris Drude Lavigne
 Anthony Massarini
 Jennifer McKneely
 Ronnie & Ginger McLin
 (L) Craig Novack
 Dustin Novack
 (L) Rosemary Novack
 Ernest Ourso
 Rita Perrin
 (L) Reggie Pevey
 Lindsay Richard
 Jerrilyn Sallee
 Glenn Snyder
 Joy Steib
 Joey Vassil
 Sam Vilardo, Sr.

Thank You!

A big thank you to everyone who brought toys to church for Sheriff Edwards Toy Crusade. It was very successful. Because of your generosity a few more kids will have a Merry Christmas.



Stewardship

St. John the Baptist raises a lot of curiosity in his role in salvation history. What he wore, what he ate, where he lived, how he preached and the company he kept, to say the least. Even Herod was intrigued with John's character. He sounds like one of those unkept preachers on a street corner warning people about the end of the world and the 2nd coming of Jesus. Would you turn your life around to follow someone like that? As we fulfill our role in salvation history, and more specifically, our stewardship roles, we need to be careful not to put our glory before God's. It could be very easy to get puffed up and start making your ministry about you, and not about God or neighbor. How do we avoid such danger? Eat lots of grasshoppers and wear hair shirts? Well, maybe, but more importantly, walk humbly with our Lord, because as St James reminds us, "the coming of the Lord is at hand!" Devotion to our Lord is a simple way to go about our ministry or our volunteerism. When we serve others, we are serving the Lord. When we act in mercy and generosity, we are doing it to the Lord as He said. What we give has to be for Jesus and Jesus alone. Always give praise to Jesus and do everything in His name and watch how everything grows and the blessings that come from it.

Financial News

12/4//2022	\$ 415,177.56	\$ 418,000.00	\$ -2,822.44
Church Support	\$ 41,029.00		
Misc. Collections	\$ 1,286.00		
	\$ 42,315.00		

Second Collections

Religious Retirement Fund December 11th
 St. Joseph School December 18th

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, December 17th, Sunday, December 18th

	<u>Eucharistic Ministers</u>	<u>Ushers</u>
5 PM	Larry Ernst 7b Barbara Martino 8b Mary Ernst 9b Merle Ozment 2c	John Howes Alex Joiner Chris Marmillion Durald Pinion John Yeagain Barry Blackledge Jeremy Barado Michael Chiasson Gordon Cotton Rene' Folse Jonah Nepveux Rodney Schmaltz Roland Terrebonne
8 AM	Ashley Hotard 7b Harold Thibodeaux 8b Jason Hotard 9b Donna Clause 2c	Barry Blackledge Marcial Gomez Christopher McNabb Robert McNabb Russ Wood Bob Zimmerman
11 AM	Tony Guagliardo, III 7b Danette Ragusa 8b Mary Threeton 9b Ronald Perrin 2c	Barry Blackledge Marcial Gomez Christopher McNabb Robert McNabb Russ Wood Bob Zimmerman
5 PM	<u>Altar Servers</u> Grant Burris Sophie LaCroix Brinley Smith	<u>Lectors</u> 5PM Janice Radosti 8AM Nicole Dillon 11 AM Peggy Hastings
8AM	Justin Hanks Paul Hanks Walker Richardson	<u>Children's Liturgist</u> 8 AM Angélique Richardson 11 AM Mary Hoover
11 AM	Johnathan Hoang Lily Perrin Mayson Seates	

Positions Available

St. Thomas Aquinas High School is looking for a Guidance Counselor and an Advancement Director. Please contact Shannon Jordan at sjordan@stafalcons.org



Stewardship of Prayer

Advent Novena

Catholics in many cultures have prayed the Christmas Novena (nine consecutive days of prayer) from December 16-24 as part of their Christmas preparation during the season of Advent. This Advent Novena prayer can be prayed individually, in a small group, or with your family

Day 1- December 16: Jesus, Wisdom of God

Bible Verse: "After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions; and all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers." (Lk 2:46-47)

Prayer: O Wisdom, who came from the mouth of the Most High, reaching from end to end and ordering all things mightily; Come and teach us the way of prudence. Glory be to the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning is now and shall be forever. Amen.

Day 2- December 17: Jesus, Lord and Ruler of All

Bible Verse: "I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. You shall have no other gods before me" (Ex 20:2-3)

Prayer: O Lord and ruler of the nations, who appeared to Moses in the burning bush and gave him the law on Mount Sinai; Come and redeem us with our outstretched arm. Glory be to the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning is now and shall be forever. Amen.

Day 3- December 18: Jesus, Root of Jesse

Bible Verse: "There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, a branch that shall grow from its roots. And the Spirit of the Lord shall be upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord." (Is 11:1-3)

Prayer: O Root of Jesse, the long awaited savior of the Chosen People, before whom kings shall kneel and all shall ask for mercy; Come, make haste and deliver your people. Glory be to the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning is now and shall be forever. Amen.

Day 4- December 19: Jesus, Key of David

Bible Verse: "And I will place on his shoulder the key of the House of David; he shall open and none shall shut; and he shall shut and none shall open. And he will become a throne of honor to his father's house." (Us 22:22)

Prayer: O Key of David whose life unlocks for us the promise of eternal life; Come and liberate us, free us from the darkness of sin and the shadow of death. Glory be to the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning is now and shall be forever. Amen.

Day 5-December 20: Jesus, Dawn of the East

Bible Verse: "In them he has set a tent for the sun, which comes forth like a bridegroom leaving his chamber, and like a strong man runs its course with joy. Its rising is from the east to the west and there is nothing hid from its heat." (Ps 19:5-7)

Prayer: O Dawn of the East, brightness of the light eternal and Sun of Justice; Come and awaken within us compassion for all who are in need. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning is now and shall be forever. Amen.

Day 6-December 21: Jesus, King of the Gentiles

Bible Verse: "So then you are no longer strangers and sojourners but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone." (Eph 2: 19-20)

Prayer: O King of Gentiles, the cornerstone that makes all believers one in the household of God; Come and deliver your sons and daughters, whom you have formed from the dust of the earth into the eternal image of God. Glory be to the Father and the Son and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning is now and shall be forever. Amen.

Day 7- December 22: Jesus, Emmanuel

Bible Verse: "Therefore the Lord will give you a sign, Behold, a maiden shall conceive and bear a son and shall call his name Emmanuel." (Isa 7:14)

Prayer: O Emmanuel, God with us, the long awaited savior; Come and save us, give us once more the joy of your compassion and mercy. Glory be to the Father and the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning is now and shall be forever. Amen.

Day 8- December 23: Jesus, Son of the Most High

Bible Verse: "He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High and the Lord God will give him the throne of his father David and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever and of his kingdom there will be no end." (Lk 1:32-33)

Prayer: Jesus, Son of the Most High your birth is the fulfillment of the promises made long ago; Come and empower us to be faithful to our baptismal promises. Glory be to the Father and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning is now and shall be forever. Amen.

Day 9-December 24: Jesus, Son of God

Bible Verse: "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy, the Son of God." (Lk 1:35)

Prayer: Jesus, Son of God, you bring healing to those who cry out to you in faith, Come and restore your people that we might shine once more in the glory of your name. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning is now and shall be forever. Amen.

Mark Your Calendar

Sunday, December 11th

PSR Classes K - 5th - 9:15 am -10:30 am
ALAZE - 6th-8th - 9:15 am - 10:30 am
THIRST - 9th-12th - 9:15 am - 10:30 am

Sunday, December 11th

RCLA - 9 am in the St. Benedict Room

Sunday, December 11th

Liturgical Choir Practice - 9:30 am in the Choir Room

Sunday, December 11th

THIRST- Ugly Sweater Party - 5:00 pm in the St. Joseph Room

Monday, December 12th

Voice of the Holy Innocents Youth Choir Practice - 4pm in the Choir Room

Monday, December 12th

St. Dustan's Ringers (Bell Choir Practice) 6:30 pm in the Choir Room

Monday, December 12th

Ushers Meeting - 6:30 pm in the Church

Tuesday, December 13th

Surviving Divorce - 6 pm

Tuesday, December 13th

Angel Wings - 6:30 pm in the St. Joseph Room

Tuesday, December 13th

St. Vincent de Paul Society Meeting - 6:30 pm in the St. Dominic Room

Tuesday, December 13th

Word & Worship—7:00 pm in the Church

Wednesday, December 14th

Adoration— 9:00 am—5:00 pm
Divine Mercy Chaplet—3:00 pm Vespers—6:00 pm

Wednesday, December 14th

Women's Ministry - 2:30 pm in the St. Dominic Room

Wednesday, December 14th

Ablaze - Kickoff with Kaycee - 5 pm in the St. Joseph Room

Wednesday, December 14th

Baptism Class for Parents and Godparents - 7 pm in the St. Benedict Room

Friday, December 16th

Men's Morning Bible Study—6:30 am—Church

Saturday, December 17th

Men's Morning Prayer—6:30 am—Church

Saturday Dec 17th & Sunday Dec. 18th

Ablaze Fundraise at all Masses

Sunday, December 18th

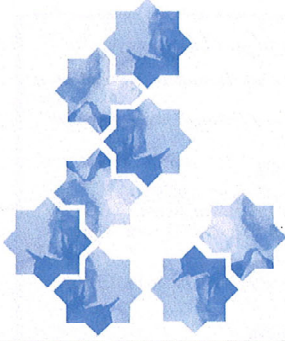
Practice for Live Nativity - 1 pm in the Church

Tuesday, December 20th

Christmas Decorations Going Up - Volunteers Needed - 10:30 am in the Church

Christmas Poinsettias

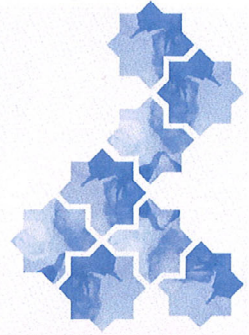
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