



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

December 12, 2021 Third Sunday of Advent

Congratulations!!!

Congratulations to our new Stephen Ministers. On December 5, these five dedicated people: Harry LeBlanc, Elaine LeBlanc, Kathleen Jo Phillips, Renee Glass and Julie Hanks were commissioned as new Stephen Ministers. They answered God's calling, completed the required 50 hours of training and made a 2 year commitment. They are now ready to join our current 18 ministers to reach out and help anyone going through a crisis. We give thanks for our new Stephen Ministers as well as our current Ministers. We thank God that He is touching hearts at St. Joseph Catholic Church and people are answering his calling. As our ministry continues to grow, we can reach out to more people to bring God's love. We ask that the congregation continue to pray for all of our Ministers and also pray that we will continue to grow so that no one will have to face a crisis alone.



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

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Staff

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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
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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 985-345-8409.
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

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, Stacy Ball, Gordon Cotton, Melisa Hedrick, Lisa Kennedy, Harry LeBlanc, Rachael Perrin, Angela Pevey, Brad Poche, Stephanie Reggio, Rodney Schmaltz, Wayne Vedeckis, Tom Waller.
Ad Hoc Council Members: Fr. McDuffie, Deacon Larry Melancon, Fernando Morales, Danette Ragusa.

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.



Daily Advent Reflections

with Dr. Tim Gray

Grow closer to our Lord in the manger this Advent season with Dr. Gray as he leads you through the Mass readings every day during Advent and Christmas.

Sign up for free at DAILY.FORMED.ORG



What Is the True Meaning of Christmas?

with Dr. Michael Patrick Barber



Do you love Christmas traditions but don't know where they come from? Tune in for Dr. Michael Patrick Barber's Advent reflections called "The True Meaning of Christmas" and learn the meaning behind your favorite Christmas pastimes. To go deeper, be sure to get his accompanying book, *The True Meaning of Christmas*, available on CatholicMarket.

Featured on FORMED every day of Advent.

FORMED

Live Nativity at the 4 pm Christmas Vigil Mass

Children interested in participating in the live nativity for the 4pm Christmas Vigil Mass on December 24th should contact Erica Owens at 985-351-6079. Costumes will be provided. We are also seeking teens willing to read for the Mass.

A practice will be held on Sunday, **December 19th** after the 11am Mass in the Church.



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.



Tuesday, December 21, 2021, 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 3rd 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



Ushers Meeting

Thursday, **December 16th**
7 pm in the Church

Mass Schedule for Christmas

Masses for Christmas:

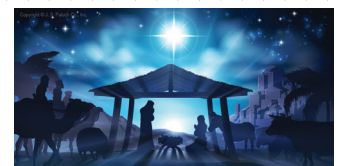
Friday, December 24th: 4 pm & 7 pm
Saturday, December 25th: 10 am

There will be NO 5 pm Vigil Mass on Christmas Day, Saturday, December 25th

Sunday, December 26th: 8 am & 11 am

Solemnity of Mary falls on a Saturday this year and is not a holy day of obligation.

The Church Office will be closed from 12/24/2021 through 1/3/2021





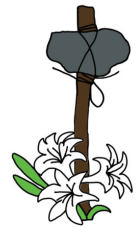
**OH,
WHAT
FUN!**

**CHRISTMAS COMES BUT
ONCE A YEAR, LET'S GET
TOGETHER FOR SOME
CAROLS IN UGLY SWEATERS
CHEER!**

**THIRST CHRISTMAS PARTY
DECEMBER 19, 2021 6-8:30 pm
ST JOSEPH MINISTRY BUILDING**

THERE WILL BE CAROLING, FOOD & GAMES

**WEAR YOUR CLEAN UGLY SWEATER/SHIRT OR
GOOFY NON-OFFENSIVE HOLIDAY ATTIRE
contact nrichard@sjscrusaders.org**




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



FUNDRAISER
THIRST HIGH SCHOOL 9-12 GRADE

**St. Joseph's Catholic Church
ALL MASSES DECEMBER 18-19**


ACCEPTING MONETARY LOVE DONATIONS FOR A CHANCE TO
WIN 1 OF 2 BEAUTIFUL HOLY FAMILY STATUES

With the cancellation of events the last two years ; we are thankful for your support to help replenish our youth group funds for High School spiritual opportunities .
GOD BLESS

HEY THIRST TEENS...If you didn't get your ziplock in - you still can drop them off at office or bring to class on Sunday morning



*"Be a Catholic:
When you kneel before an altar, do it in such a way that others may be able to recognize that you know before whom you kneel."*



- St. Maximilian Kolbe



Advent Prayer of Reconciliation

Merciful Father, You have given us your Son as your loving presence in this world. Create in our hearts the room for your love to grow. Forgive our shortcomings and prepare our hearts for your coming. We ask this in the name Jesus Chris, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, one God, forever and ever, Amen.

Rejoice

The prophetic writings we hear in today's scriptures call us to rejoice and celebrate the goodness of God. Zephaniah, Isaiah, Saint Paul, and John the Baptist in Luke's Gospel all follow the rich tradition of the Biblical prophets, a tradition that reaches full expression in Jesus. The prophets warn that human failings have truly disastrous consequences. All are summoned to repent, and to change their lives. Today we hear the Good News that God's gracious love exceeds and overcomes all human corruption. God has not given up on us. Indeed, God keeps pursuing us, and eagerly seeks to reconcile with us. God's initiative to set the world aright culminates with Jesus, whose coming John the Baptist announces. John's prophetic message summons us to join in God's reconciling work, by living generously and justly in our daily lives. As we rejoice in God's grace, we then extend the fruits of this grace to all.

REJOICE IN THE LORD ALWAYS



REJOICE IN THE LORD ALWAYS

Today's Readings

First Reading — Shout for joy! Sing joyfully! Be glad and exult! The LORD, your God, is in your midst, a mighty savior (Zephaniah 3:14-18a).

Psalm — Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel (Isaiah 12).

Second Reading — Rejoice! The Lord is near. Make your requests known to God (Philippians 4:4-7).

Gospel — John tells his hearers to share their possessions with the needy; be honest; do not threaten or accuse others falsely (Luke 3:10-18).

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, Victoria "Vickie" Alexander, Laurie Allen, Ockie Baldassoro, Sr., Patrick Bailey, Jay Barbier, Mark Bear, Farley Bennett, 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, Tarez Clark, Steve Coates, Barbara Cravata, Ken Davidson, Lucille Davidson, Pat Davis, Melissa Balado Dean, Kitty Derveloy, Edward Dieser, Beverly Dominique, Carol Dominguez, Danette Crovetto Drell, Kenneth Paul Drude, Juanita Dugar, Andrew Dzuryachko, Pam Guichet Elder, Nicholas Eirich, Jay Ernst, Jeanette Ernst, Veronica Fannaly, Sam & Alice Ferraro, Joey Fortenberry, Marge Frahm, Eva Francois, Clint Gagliano, Lenny George, Nittie Gilliland, Carolyn Gillingham, Molly Gladney, Malissa Gonzalez, Brian Guichet, Myrthus "Twinkle" Guichet, Anne Guidry, Pat Gullo, Bob Hackney, Katherine Harris, Baby Heaven, Sedia Hebert, Tommy Hebert, Kalee Henderson, Jane Hextall, Darrell Hoover, Lois Hoover, Tammy Perrin Horn, Peggy Howes, Jimmy Hubert, Harold Hungerford, Ashley Ingolia, Betty Ingolia, Ray Ingolia, Jennifer Jernigan, Lawrence Joiner, Victoria Keys and baby Natalie Keys, Nora Keys, Carol Kinchen, Alan Klein, Beulah Kluka, David Kraft, Pam Kraft, Scoffer Kraft, Sis Kyzar, Cheryl Laiche, Baby Callie Lakes, Norma Larrieu, Wayne Laurent, Ruby Drude Lee, Liz LeSaicherre, Miceli Family, Henry Lumino, Sr., Nora Lumino, Caitlyn Matherne, William Mathes, Melissa McCormick, John & Susan McKinney, Ginger McLin, Cole McMillion, Barry Mince, Sr., James Mince, Lisa Mince, Joseph Miranda, Anna Mae Mixon, Patricia Monte Leone, Dr. Joseph Mirrando, Andrew Morales, Ed Murray, Aliyah Naquin, Cindy Newton, Ruth Ourso, Wanda Pandarvis, Eric Peltier, George Peltier, Diane Pepitone, Wayne Pepitone, Bert Perilloux, Marisa Perrin, Anne Phillips, Camilla Phillips, Fran Poche, Ann Prine, Mary Prine, Lise Richard, Sr. Barbara Richter, MSC., Bryan Roddick, A. J. Roig, Jr., Brooklyne Sansone, Ernest Schenck, CJ Schiro, Patricia Charbonnet Schmit, Bob Simoneaux, Kayla Smith, Ronald Springer, Sr., Rose Stahl, Jackie Stanga, Lynette Stanga, Robin St. Cyr, Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Tartamelia, Wylene Remy Taylor, Earl Theriot, Tracy Todd, Mike Tournillon, Carlo Triolo, Jean Troxler, Travis Troxler, Sam Vilaro, Ronald Vining, Sam Viola, Stone Viola, Carla Van Vrancken, June Villa, Mary Vuljoin, Glen Walker, Adelle Wall, Danny Wall, Danni Waugh, Rodney Wempren, Regi White, Faith Rose Wiltz, Phiney Yenni, **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, Navy Petty Officer HM2 Kegan Keller, 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: Third Sunday of Advent
Monday: St. Lucy
Tuesday: St. John of the Cross

Intentions of the Holy Father- December 2021

Let us pray for the catechists, summoned to announce the Word of God: may they be its witnesses, with courage and creativity and in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Vocation Awareness

Could God be calling you to be a priest or religious to announce the Good News to His people as John the Baptist did? If God is calling you, call or email Fr. Joshua Johnson at (225) 336-8778, jjohnson@diobr.org or www.diobr.org/vocations.

Readings for the Week of

December 13, 2021

Monday: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6, 7bc-9; Mt 21:23-27
 Tuesday: Zep 3:1-2, 9-13; Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-19, 23; Mt 21:28-32
 Wednesday: Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21b-25; Ps 85:9-14; Lk 7:18b-23
 Thursday: Is 54:1-10; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-12a, 13b; Lk 7:24-30
 Friday: Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-4ab, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17
 Saturday: Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25

Next Sunday Readings (December 19, 2021)

First Reading.....Micah 5:1-4a
 Second Reading.....Hebrews 10:5-10
 Gospel..... Luke 1:39-45
 Psalm.....80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19

Mass Intentions

Monday, December 13, 2021

8:00 AM (L) Addison Foret

Tuesday, December 14, 2021

8:00 AM (L) Anna & Aaron Foret.

Wednesday, December 15, 2021

8:00 AM Frank Brescher, Jr.

Thursday, December 16, 2021

8:00 AM Ted Dupont

Saturday, December 18, 2021

5:00 PM Jimmy Bankston
 Earl Baudin
 Dudley & Geraldine Berthelot
 Delton Brooks
 (L) Christine Castjohn
 Phillip & Robert Connelley
 Charles Dominguez
 L/D Memb. Of the Ethridge & Ernst Family
 D/L Memb. Of the Jesse Hutchinson Family
 Henrietta & Buddy Joiner
 Wayne Kraemer
 Tony Landry
 D/L Memb. Of the Nick Latino Family
 Vincent Latino, Sr.
 (L) Andrew Morales
 Bertha Ourso
 Ernest Ourso
 Bill Perrin

Steve Pugh
 Rufus Poche
 Jan Ripberger
 Liz Sanderson
 Deborah Sirisophon
 Glenn Snyder
 Joy Steib
 Madeline Thibodeaux
 Russell Wood
 Patricia Pugh Yeagain
 Katherine Yeagain

Sunday, December 19, 2021

8:00 AM For the People of the Parish

11:00 AM James "Jay" Culotta, II
 Heidi & Anthony Davis
 (L) Deacons, Wives & Families
 Charles Dominguez
 Mary Sue Drude
 Richard & Clotilde Drude
 Doris Drude Lavigne
 Ben LeBoeuf
 (L) Andrew Morales
 Henry Novack

Ernest Ourso
 Steve Pugh
 Alonzo Raiford
 Audrey Scamardo
 Glenn Snyder
 Herberth Stahl, Jr.
 Joy Steib
 Madeline Thibodeaux
 Sal Yenni

(L) Indicates Living

Christmas Poinsettias

Join in the festive decoration of our church by donating \$15.00 to purchase a Christmas Poinsettia. The donations can be in honor of a living or deceased individual or family. To donate, place Christmas Poinsettia envelope in the collection box by December 25th. Or, you can drop your envelope off at the Church Office. Make sure you list the names of the individual or family to be honored and how you want your name listed in the bulletin. Poinsettia's will NOT be available for pickup after Christmas. Any questions call Barbara Martino, 985-386-3622 or Roberta Connelley, 985-386-9711.



Stewardship

Giving Has No Season

Zep 3:14-18a / Phil 4:4-7 / Lk 3:10-18

In today's Gospel, John the Baptist reminds us to be good stewards of what we've been GIVEN, and to share the abundance of God's blessings! "Whoever has two cloaks should share with the person who has none." This time of year, we are bombarded with opportunities to give to those in need, but this timely reminder suggests that we should do so all the time, not just because it's the season for giving. Giving has no "season." John also points out that we are to be good stewards of our work. If you are a tax collector, be a good one! If you are a soldier, be a good one! Wherever God has placed you in this world, use that position to serve and glorify God! As we reflect on today's scripture, may we remember that we have been GIVEN much and should respond in gratitude! We are also to give of ourselves in prayer! Prayer is the source of our abiding with our beloved. Without it, even our generosity could be empty because it is God who has given first and desires us to thrive with Him in the truth of giving. !

Financial News

YTD	Actual	Budgeted	Difference
12/5/2021	\$ 418,537.92	\$437,00.00	\$ -18,462.08
Church Support	\$ 26,327.00		
Misc. Collections	\$ 1,240.00		
	\$ 27,567.00		

Second Collections

Retired Religious Fund December 12, 2021
 St. Joseph School December 19, 2021

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, December 11th & Sunday, December 12th

	<u>Eucharistic Ministers</u>	<u>Ushers</u>
5PM	Bill Spansel 7b Fay Murray 8b Barbara Martino 9b	John Howes Alex Joiner Chris Marmillion Durald Pinion John Yeagain Jeremy Barado Gordon Cotton Rene' Folse Pete Peterson Rodney Schmaltz Roland Terrebonne Francis Waguespack Barry Blackledge Marcial Gomez Christopher McNabb Robert McNabb Jeff Ryan Bob Zimmerman
8AM	Rose Harper 7b Danette Ragusa 8b Stephanie Waguespack 9b	
11 AM	Veronica Pierson 7b Donna Clause 8b Mary Threeton 9b	
5PM	<u>Altar Servers</u> Brayden Spears Brooke Spears Janae Feimster Anna Hanks	<u>Lectors</u> 5PM Tony Guagliardo, Jr.
8AM	Lanie Perrin Luke LaCroix	8AM Ed Hanks
11AM	Aubrey Alston Joshua Carter Alston	11 AM Peggy Hastings

Volunteers Needed

Christmas Decorations Going Up FRIDAY, DECEMBER 17TH AT 8AM Needed: Men and Women



Man-power needed to place trees EVERYTHING going up on this Friday. Our trees need extra attention. We are replacing all tree toppers, tree lights need attention, and all trees really need fluffing. Ladies please some and pitch in. The poinsettias will be added to the decorations on **Tuesday, December 21st** at noon.

May God continue to bless all St. Joseph Parish great volunteers. We want to thank all of you in advance for making St. Joseph Church ready for the coming of Our Lord. Questions call, Francis & Barbara 386-3622.

Mark Your Calendar

December 11th & 12th
Christmas Crusade for Children—Toy Drive

Sunday, December 12th— 9:15-10:30 am
PSR—Ablaze—Thirst

Sunday, December 12th
RCIA—9:30 am—St. Benedict Room

Monday, December 13th
Youth Choir Practice—4:00 pm in the Church Choir Room

Monday, December 13th
Monday Night Bible Study—6:00 pm in the St. Joseph Room

Monday, December 13th
Adult Choir Practice—6:30 pm in the Choir Room

Tuesday, December 14th & 28th
St. Vincent de Paul Meeting—6:30 pm in the St. Joseph Room

Tuesday, December 14th
Word & Worship—7:00 pm in the Church

Wednesday, December 15th
Adoration—8:30 am—6:00 pm
Divine Mercy Chaplet—3:00 pm *Vespers—6:00 pm*

Wednesday, December 15th
Ablaze—Come As You Are—6pm in the St. Joseph Room

Wednesday, December 15th
Baptism Class for Parents & Godparents—7:00 pm in the St. Benedict Room

Thursday, December 16th
Ushers Meeting—7:00 pm in the Church

Friday, December 17th
Men's Bible Study—6:30 am—Benedict Room

Friday, December 17th
Christmas Decorations Going Up in the Church—Volunteers Needed at 8:00 am.

Saturday, December 18th
Men's Morning Prayer Group—6:30 am in the Church

Sunday, December 19th
Practice for Live Nativity—after the 11 am Mass

Tuesday, December 21st
Finish Christmas Decorations—Noon

Tuesday, December 21st
Blue Christmas 6pm—KC Hall

Friday, December 24th—January 3rd
Church Office Closed

Friday, December 24th
Christmas Eve Masses: 4 pm & 7 pm

Saturday, December 25th
Christmas Day Mass: 10 am
NO Saturday Vigil Mass on Christmas Day

School News



Congratulations to 2nd grader Bennett Messer and 7th grader Aubrey Alston. They are our November Crusaders of the Month. They were recognized during morning prayer and announcements, given a certificate, and presented with a basket of goodies donated by Berrytown Produce. Way to go Bennett & Aubrey!

St. Joseph School celebrated St. Nicholas Day on Monday. The students learned about St. Nicholas in their Religion classes and found candy cane treats in their shoes at the end of the day.



Volunteers and Participants Needed For Young Family Ministries !

In the past we have been fortunate to provide something for children of all ages on Sunday morning to help our parents and families come together for meaningful worship and participation in the Mass: *Childcare for ages 0-3 during Mass, Children's Liturgy for ages 4-7, Religion Classes for grades K-12.*

Now that Covid restrictions are lifting we are anxious to bring back Childcare and Children's liturgy as a service to our young families. If you are interested in helping with either of these ministries, or if you have children these ages who would like to participate in these Sunday morning events, please call the Church office at 985-386-3749 and ask for Paige.

Spaghetti Dinner a Big Success



Helping to serve spaghetti dinners are KC Ladies Barbara Martino, Peggy West, Shirley Adams,

In early November, the KC Ladies Auxiliary of Ponchatoula held their Annual Spaghetti Dinner. Assisting the ladies, Grand Knight Durald Pinion and members of the Father Vander Heyden Knights of Council 4874 provided supplies and helped with preparing some 350 delicious dinners. "Our spaghetti dinner was a huge success and we thank the community for annually supporting this fundraising event," said Cindy Perrerr, event chair. "The money raised will help the less-fortunate families in our community," she added.



Cooking and preparing some 350 dinners are Knights (L-R) Barry Blackledge, Bob Zimmerman, Francis Martino, John Howes, Alex Joiner, Dean Perrerr and Durald Pinion.

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
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