



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 25, 2022 The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)



*...and they shall name him Emmanuel,
which means*

“God is with us.”

*May your Christmas celebration be filled
with the joy and peace of Christ
present in your lives.*

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St. Joseph School
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: 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.

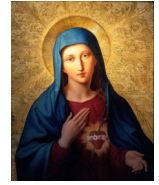
We meet every 2nd & 4th Thursday from 6-7:30 pm in the Ministry Building (St. Catherine Room).

For more information contact Mary Jo B. at 985-320-3010 or Paige B. 985-981-8010 . www.palgroup.org.

Mass Schedule for Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

Masses for Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God:

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



The Church Office will be closed from 12/26/2022 through 1/2/2023

*There will be **NO Weekday** Masses or Communion Services on 12/26 through 1/2.*

*There will be **NO** Adoration on 12/28.*



As we continue to celebrate Christmas, I would like to thank all the many hands, hearts, and voices which worked so

lovingly to create St. Joseph's beautiful Christmas Liturgies. I especially want to thank all the talented musicians who shared their gifts with St. Joseph's community and helped us glimpse heaven this Christmas:

4:00 PM Mass:

Cantor-Julia Rossano

Choir Directors-Kelly Curtis & Morgan Dugas

Members of the St. Joseph School Choir and Voices of the Holy Innocents (St. Joseph's Church Youth Choir)

7:00 PM Mass:

Bell Choir/Choral Conductors-Jason Lane & Emily Guagliardo

Cantor-Alyssa Hernandez

St. Joseph's Liturgical Choir & Guests

St. Dunstan's Ringers

Brass Trio -Braden Eymard, Mark Cunningham, Kevin Messer

Rhonda Sorg-Rossano

Music Director



St. Dunstan's Ringers spreading cheer at the Phoenix.

2023- 25th, 50th, 65th & Over Wedding Anniversary Celebration

Bishop Michael Duca will celebrate a liturgy honoring couples on their 25th, 50th and 65th or greater, wedding anniversary. The families of the honored couples are also invited to attend the liturgy and reception. The Mass will be celebrated on Sunday, February 19, 2023 at 2 pm at St. Aloysius Church, 2025 Stuart Ave. Baton Rouge, LA. Anniversary couples should contact the Church Office 985-386-3749 to register.

Cooking Ministry

Come join Fr McDuffie's Cooking Ministry. The yoke is easy, the burden is light. Call Linda Guagliardo 985-974-1775.



**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!!!

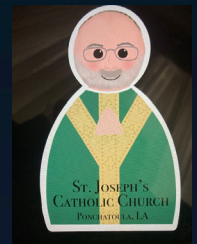
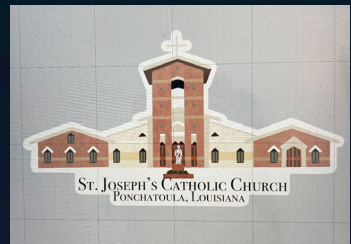
NOW WHAT TO DO WITH THEM? Treat it like a poster contest but get creative. The TOP 5 BEST EFFORTS IN THIS SHIRT CONTEST will go to the KNIGHTS of COLUMBUS FOR THEM TO JUDGE 1ST, 2ND & 3RD PLACE WINNERS!!!

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



2023
Happy new year

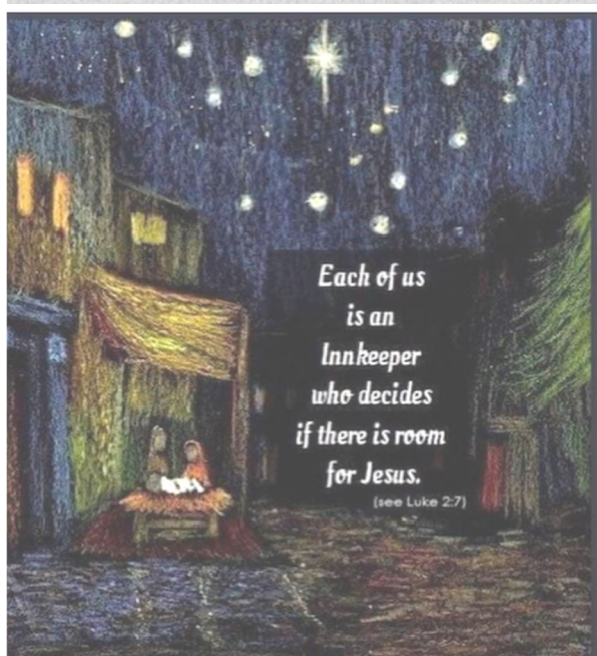
Wishing you and your family much joy, happiness, peace and laughter as we approach the new year!
PSR, ABLAZE & THIRST CLASSES RESUME JAN. 8



Hey, Thanks!

OUR ABLAZE FUNDRAISER WAS A SUCCESS BECAUSE OF YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT.

IN CASE YOU MISSED YOUR CHANCE, WE STILL HAVE ITEMS AT THE PRICE OF A LOVE DONATION.
CONTACT KWIDMER@SJSCRUSADERS.ORG



6th-8th grade youth group

ALL ABOUT THE HOLY FAMILY

Wednesday, December 28 5-7 pm

Bring a Friend

Abilaze

IN the ST. JOSEPH'S MINISTRY Building

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.stjosephonline.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@sjscrusaders.org Office Number 985-386-3749*



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**

**WE ARE
HIRING**

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, Dennis Crocker, Ken Davidson, Lucille Davidson, Pat Davis, Melissa Balado Dean, Kitty Derveloy, William Desplas, Edward Dieser, Carol Dominguez, Kenneth Paul Drude, Pam Durio, Andrew Dzuryachko, Pam Guichet Elder, Nicholas Eirich, Jay Ernst, Marie 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 Larriou, 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, 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.*

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.*

Saints and Special Observations

Monday	Feast of St. Stephen, First Martyr
Tuesday	Feast of St. John, Apostle and Evangelist
Wednesday	Feast of Holy Innocents, Martyrs
Friday	Feast of The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph
Sunday	Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God

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 ceaselessly seek out new paths to international cooperation.

Vocation Awareness

By baptism, we are God's family today. Priest, sisters, and brothers are called by God to minister in a special way to His holy family. If you think God is calling you to a Church vocation, call or email Rev. Joshua Johnson at (225) 336-8778, jjohnson@diobr.org.

**SILENT NIGHT.
HOLY NIGHT.**

**NO CHILDCARE OR CHILDREN'S
LITURGY**

DECEMBER 25, 2022 & JANUARY 1, 2023
We sure hope that you are having a wonderful holiday season filled with faith, family and friends. **THANK YOU** for sharing your children with us. May the coming year be a blessed one!

Readings for the Week of

December 26, 2022

Monday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31:3CD-4, 6 & 8AB, 16BC & 17; Mt 10:17-22
 Tuesday: 1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a & 2-8;
 Wednesday: 1 Jn 1:5-2:2; Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7cd-8; Mt 2:13-18
 Thursday: 1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6; Lk 2:22-35
 Friday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Col 3:12-21 or Col 3:12-17; Ps 128: 1-2, 3, 4-5; Mt 2:13-15, 19-23
 Saturday: 1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13; Jn 1:1-18

Next Sunday Readings (January 1, 2023)

First Reading.....Numbers 6:22-27
 Second Reading.....Galatians 4:4-7
 Gospel.....Luke 2: 16-21
 Psalm.....67:2-3, 5, 6, 8

Mass Intentions

Monday, December 26, 2022

No Mass/No Communion Service

Tuesday, December 27, 2022

No Mass/No Communion Service

Saturday, December 31, 2022

5:00 PM L/D Members of Alonzo & Frances Raiford Family
 Ella Badon
 Sandra Bates
 Dudley & Geraldine Berthelot
 (L) Ann Boudreaux
 Delton Brooks
 Robert Mac Burriss
 Ann & Larry Deslatte
 Kevin Deslatte
 Glen Drude, Sr.
 Joy Gregersen
 (L) David Kraft
 DD Kraft
 Lily Kraft
 Louanna & Cotton Kraft
 Peewee Kraft
 Ben LeBoeuf, Sr.
 Joey Mantia
 Kelsey Martin
 Jennifer McKneely

Sunday, January 1, 2023

8:00 AM For the People of the Parish
 11:00 AM (L) Jacob Belile
 (L) David & Lisa Bergeron Family
 (L) Ann Boudreaux
 (L) Maurice & Andree' Casadaban Family
 Connelley & Rolufs Family
 Ann & Larry Deslatte
 Mary Sue Drude
 Richard & Clotilde Drude
 Joyce Ernst
 L/D Memb of Florence Hoffstadt Family
 (L) Terri Huguet
 Frank & Michele Kot Family
 (L) David Kraft
 Lily Kraft
 Peewee Kraft
 Doris Drude Lavigne
 Joey Mantia
 (L) Robert & Jeanne Ory Family

Wednesday, December 28, 2022

No Mass/No Communion Service

Thursday, December 29, 2022

No Mass/No Communion Service

Ronnie & Ginger McLin
 Henry Novack
 Ernest Ourso
 Bill Perrin
 (L) Reggie Pevey
 Angelo Phillips
 Rufus Poche
 (L) Cynthia Pinion
 Lawrence Powell
 Joseph Radosti, Jr.
 Lindsay Richard
 Jan Ripberger
 Jerrilyn Salleen
 Liz Sanderson
 Belita Schilling
 L/D Members of Freddie & Marie Schilling
 Glenn Snyder
 Madeline Thibodeaux

(L) Reggie Pevey
 (L) Maddie Penton
 Nicholas James Phillips
 Ann Prine
 (L) Sarah Rose
 Sr. Barbara Richter, MSC
 (L) Myra Simoneaux
 Glenn Snyder
 (L) Mark & Shelly St. Amant Family
 L/D Memb of the Steib & Schanzbach Family
 (L) Norma Tucker
 (L) Caroline Waguespack
 (L) Dean & Patty Waguespack Family
 (L) Trey Waguespack
 Chip Russ Wood

Stewardship

The Stewardship way of life can be demanding. Finding the right balance for your time, talent and treasure can pose a challenge, especially in a family setting. St. Joseph and St. John the Baptist are good examples of different locations on the Stewardship spectrum. It is hard to imagine St Joseph too far from home. One of his greatest responsibilities as a steward was being present to his family. Contrast that with St John, his calling was extremely different. Both Saint Joseph and Saint John were 100% all in for service to Christ, but, while Joseph attended to life around the manger, John attended to life away from it. If you are a father or mother or caretaker, look to Ss Joseph and John to find the right balance on the Stewardship spectrum, and have a very joyful Christmas!

Financial News

12/11//2022	\$ 433,303.81	\$ 437,000.00	\$ -3,696.19
Church Support	\$ 18,126.25		
Religious Retirement	\$ 1,915.00		
Misc. Collections	\$ 762.00		
	\$ 20,803.25		

Collections Totals for 12/18/2022 will be listed in the 1/1/2023 bulletin.

Second Collections

St. Joseph School January 8th
 Church in Latin America January 22nd

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, December 31st & Sunday, January 1st

	<u>Eucharistic Ministers</u>	<u>Ushers</u>
4 PM	Merle Ozment (7b) Barbara Martino (8b) Stephanie Willie (9b) Ronald Perrin (2c)	John Howes Alex Joiner Chris Marmillion Durald Pinion John Yeagain Barry Blackledge Gordon Cotton Rene' Folse Peter Peterson Roland Terrebbonne Francis Waguespack Barry Blackledge Sergio Alvarado Marcial Gomez Christopher McNabb Robert McNabb Russ Wood
8 AM	Russ Wood (7b) Rose Harper (8b) Harold Thibodeaux (9b)	
11 AM	Nicole Richard 7b Mary Threeton 8b Peggy Hastings (9b) Andy Wheat (2c)	
5 PM	<u>Altar Servers</u> Khai Guillot Grant Burriss Braylee Summers	<u>Lectors</u> 5 PM Janice Radosti 8 AM Stephanie Waguespack 11 AM Deborah Vogel
8AM		
11 AM		

Sometimes we don't want to burden our family or friends, but we just need a good listener – someone we can speak with in complete confidence. Please know that Stephen Ministers are here to help you through whatever it is that is impacting your life.

If you would like more information or have any questions about St. Joseph's Stephen Ministry, please contact Anita Perrin at 985-687-4458.



The Church and Church Office will be **CLOSED 12/26/22 - 1/2/23**. There will be **NO** weekday Masses, **NO** Communion Services, **NO** Confessions on Tuesday or Thursday, **NO** Adoration on Wednesday.

LORD, TEACH ME TO PRAY



Ladies, would you like to deepen your prayer life and become closer to Jesus? Please join us in January as we discover this beautiful way of praying developed by St. Ignatius of Loyola. Ignatian prayer is imaginative, reflective, and personal, and it helps us to be aware of Jesus' presence in our everyday lives.

Our next sessions will be starting on *Tuesday, January 10 at 8:45 a.m.* Contact Terri Huguet at *504-450-5459* or terrisplace@ymail.com for more information, or to sign up.



Society of St Vincent de Paul Report: November 2022

We made **19** home visits serving **60** people
Delivered 23 bags of food from our Parish Food Pantry
Paid utility bills totaling \$2,922.17 and \$1,030.00 in other assistance including rent, temporary housing, transportation needs, fresh food, household items, clothing and gasoline.

As always we are grateful for your generosity that makes our work with those in need possible. We would like to thank you our wonderful parishioners especially for donating to our Thanksgiving Basket outreach!! We distributed 66 baskets along with \$20.00 in Bohnings gift cards to each family to purchase a turkey. A very special thanks to the Hibernians and one of our parishioners for the donation of the Bohnings cards, the Knights of Columbus for all of our fresh fruits and vegetables, Bobby Lee for donating loaves of bread, Ponchatoula High School for canned and boxed food, and of course St. Joseph School for food donations and help putting the boxes together. We truly appreciate all of you!!

We are in need of new members due to the fact that some of our members have moved, and others have health issues that are preventing them from going on home visits. If you feel called to this ministry please consider becoming a Vincentian. **As Jesus said to his disciples in John 1:35-42, "Come, and you will see."** Our next scheduled meetings are **January 10th and 24th.**

Mark Your Calendar

December 26th thru January 2nd
Church & Church Office Closed

Tuesday, December 27th
Angel Wings - 6:30 pm in the St. Joseph Room

Tuesday, December 27th
St. Vincent de Paul Society Meeting - 6:30 pm in the St. Dominic Room

Tuesday, December 27th
Word & Worship—7:00 pm in the Church

Tuesday, December 27th
Surviving Divorce - 6 pm

Wednesday, December 28th
Women's Ministry - 2:30 pm in the St. Dominic Room

Wednesday, December 28th
Ablaze - All About the Holy Family- 5 pm in the St. Joseph Room

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

Saturday, December 31st
Men's Morning Prayer—6:30 am—Church

Sunday, January 1st
RCIA - 9 am in the St. Benedict Room

Monday, January 3rd
Rosary Altar Society Meeting - 10:30 am in the St. Benedict Room

Wednesday, January 4th
Adoration— 9:00 am—5:00 pm
Divine Mercy Chaplet—3:00 pm Vespers—6:00 pm

Saturday, January 7th
First Saturday Rosary - 10 am in the Church

Sunday, January 8th
PSR, ABLAZE, THIRST- 9:15-10:30 am

Sunday, January 8th
Liturgical Choir Practice - 9:30 am in the Choir Room

Monday, January 9th *Voice of the Holy Innocents*
Youth Choir Practice - 4pm in the Choir Room

Monday, January 9th
St. Dunstan's Ringers (Bell Choir Practice) 6:30 pm in the Choir Room

Tuesday, January 10th
Lord, Teach Me to Pray - 8:45 am in the Church Conference Room

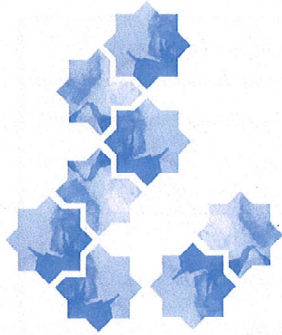
Wednesday, January 11th
Baptism Class for Parents & Godparents - 7pm in the St. Benedict Room

Monday, January 16th
Taize Prayer Service - 7 pm in the Church

School News

St. Joseph School would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a blessed New Year. We look forward to sharing many more memories with you in 2023! Thank you for your continued support of our school.





Diocesan is proud to now be printing

St. Joseph's Sunday Bulletin

You are invited to help support our Parish!
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