



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 9:30-10:30 am
Ablaze-Gr. 6-8; Sun 9:30-10:30 am
High School Formation
Gr. 9-12; Sun. 5:00-7:00 pm

SAFETY GUIDELINES

Parishioners are required to bring and wear a mask while in the worship space. The faithful are encouraged to bring small bottles of hand sanitizer for their personal use.

February 14, 2021 Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time



New Adult Formation Class

“How to Give Your Testimony”: Feb. 21st & 28th, 9:30am– 10:30 am - Sarah Fox—School Library

How to Give Your Testimony Part 1

1 Peter 3:15 says, “but in your hearts reverence Christ as Lord. *Always be prepared to make a defense to any one who calls you to account for the hope that is in you, yet do it with gentleness and reverence.*” If someone were to ask you why you’re a Christian while in a check out line, could you do it? Whether you have a book’s worth of how the Lord has worked in your life, or need help finding just one moment, I encourage you to come learn how to give your testimony in as little as 3 minutes. People can disagree with certain teachings you believe but can’t disagree with an experience you’ve had. Come learn how to evangelize and “*always be prepared to make a defense to anyone who calls you to account for the hope that is in you.*”

How to Give Your Testimony Part 2

Now that we’ve learned how to give our testimony, we’re going to workshop them to make sure you are confident in sharing your testimony for the glory of God.

Brothers and sisters,
whether you eat or drink,
or whatever you do,
do everything for the
GLORY OF GOD.

1 Corinthians 10:31



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Staff

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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: *Cancelled Until Further Notice.*
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: Maureen Felder 225-294-3092 or maureenfelder75@gmail.com
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, Melissa Henderson, Lisa Kennedy, Harry LeBlanc, Rachael Perrin, Stephanie Reggio, Rodney Schmaltz, Wayne Vedeckis, Stephanie Waguespack, Tom Waller, Bill Wheat. Ad Hoc Council Members: Fr. McDuffie, Deacon Larry Melancon, Fernando Morales, Danette Ragusa.

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.



FORMED®

PICK OF THE WEEK

February 14, 2021

WATCH

BELIVED—SESSION 1: DOES MARRIAGE MATTER?

Happy Feast of St. Valentine! This Valentine's Day, remind yourself of the beauty of the Sacrament of Marriage with the Beloved series, presented by the Augustine Institute.



LEARN

HOW TO STUDY THE BIBLE

With Dr. Tim Gray and Dr. Mark Giszczak

FORMED NOW!

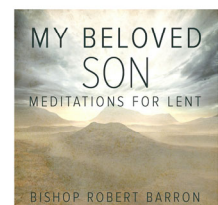
HOW TO STUDY THE BIBLE

Are you looking to take your spiritual life deeper this Lent? There's no better place to start than the Lord's Word. Join Dr. Gray and Dr. Giszczak as they explain how to study and devote yourself to Scripture!

LISTEN

MY BELOVED SON: MEDITATIONS FOR LENT BY BISHOP ROBERT BARRON

Lent is a season of discipline where we focus on prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. In five riveting homilies, join Bishop Barron as he describes the spiritual disciplines we undertake during Lent.



Our parish has a FORMED subscription. To set up your free account visit formed.org/signup and select our parish.

St. Joseph's Catholic Church is Here to Help With Pandemic Fatigue!

We all were hoping that 2021 would bring some relief to the COVID-19 pandemic, only to find out that it will be with us some for some time. As a result, we are faced with another crisis: pandemic fatigue. As a result, St. Joseph's Parish is trying to help.


Pandemic fatigue is the mental and emotional exhaustion stemming from the stress, challenges and isolation that is a result of COVID-19. As time goes on, more and more people are feeling the effects and are worn down by the crisis and could use the help of a friendly voice or a smiling face – just someone with which to talk.

St. Joseph's Catholic Church is stepping up with aid from its Stephen Ministry, a ministry that provides one-on-one, highly confidential, and compassionate care to those in need. Stephen Ministers are well trained individuals and are ready to provide a listening ear to anyone who needs it.

Job loss, divorce, loss of a loved one, chronic or life-threatening illness, & stress/anxiety are common reasons to receive care from a Stephen Minister. Sometimes, just having a safe person who isn't a friend or family member to talk with, offers a place for individuals to share the pain that they are carrying.

Individuals can meet with a Stephen Minister in person when it is safe to do so. There's also the option of meeting over the phone or via Zoom, Facetime or some other platform – whatever is most comfortable for both individuals.

Here at St. Joseph's Parish our Stephen Ministers have a true gift for listening and praying, and they ask for nothing in return. For more information, call Ronnie or Anita Perrin at (985) 687-4458 or (985) 507-9765.




EXHAUSTED BY THE PANDEMIC?

YOU DON'T HAVE TO FACE IT ALONE.

A Stephen Minister can walk alongside you or a loved one to offer support and care—and it's free and confidential.

phone number.



Why Not "Give up" One Hour a Week for God During Lent?

A tradition in our Catholic faith is to "give up something for Lent". Usually this has a negative aspect (sweets, certain beverages, a TV show, etc.). Why not "give up" one hour per week to spend time with Jesus in Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament? This will have an incredibly powerful positive effect on your Lenten experience – and your life. Jesus, through His Church, asks us to do three things during Lent – pray, fast, and give alms. The hour that you spend with Jesus each week during Lent will allow you to be in intimate prayer with the One who sacrificed His life for you on the Cross. Remember, this will only be 7 hours over the entire 40 days Lent. What a small sacrifice to make for the suffering that Jesus endured for your sins!

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is offered at St. Joseph's every Wednesday from after the 8:00 am Mass until Vespers, Communal Evening Prayer at 6:00 pm. This is a peaceful setting in which to speak to Our Lord in prayer –to open our hearts to Him, to tell Him of our cares, and, most importantly, to listen to Him speak to us.

If you are wondering how you can grow spiritually in a deeper way this Lent, please consider spending some time at Eucharistic Adoration on Wednesdays. This special time with our Lord will be a precious Lenten treasure for you.



Wednesday, February 17th

Mass Schedule

8:00 am & 6 pm

Ashes will be distributed at all Masses.

Please remember that Ash Wednesday, February **17th** is a day of fast and abstinence throughout the universal Church. Fasting is required of all Catholics from the ages of 18-59, To fast means to consume only one full meal that day. One is permitted to eat at the other meal times but those two times should not add up to a full meal. Eating between meals is strictly prohibited! Catholics age 14 and up are to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday. Abstinence is to refrain from eating the flesh and organs of mammals and fowl. Also forbidden are soups or gravies made from them. Eggs, milk, butter and cheese are allowed.

ADORATION WILL END WITH 5PM VESPERS ON ASH WEDNESDAY.

Stations of the Cross

Friday's during Lent



**1:45 pm
& 6 pm**



The Church and Church Office will be Closed on **Monday, February 15th & Tuesday, February 16th**. There will be **NO** Masses, Communion Services, or Confession on these dates



ADO (Adoration) for
HIGH SCHOOL TEENS &
YOUNG ADULTS

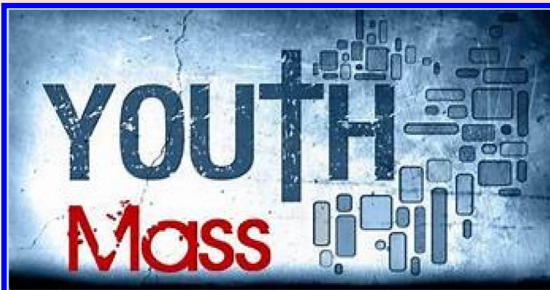
WEDNESDAYS 5-6 PM



DESERT-ED | High School Youth (9th-12th)
Mid Lent Check Point

SUNDAY MARCH 14 5-7 PM SJS GYM

The goal for the night is to help the teens understand how the season of Lent calls us out of the garden and into the desert with Christ for a time of preparation and purification.



SUNDAY FEBRUARY 28 11:00 AM

NEED A HIGH SCHOOL LECTOR

Who will read the announcements before Mass and the sacred readings.

NEED 3 HIGH SCHOOL SINGERS to
celebrate the gift of music at the Mass

PLEASE CONTACT ASAP
NRICHARD@SJSCRUSADERS.ORG



CHECK OUT ST. JOSEPH'S THIRST FACEBOOK GROUP FOR MRS. NIC'S SAINT PICK OF THE DAY

YOUNG ADULTS AGES 18-35
(OUT OF HIGH SCHOOL)
Check this Opportunity out...



MARK YOUR CALENDARS PLEASE:

April 19th

Confirmation Mass with Bishop Duca

CANDIDATES ARRIVE dressed with respect by 5:45 PM

Sponsors arrive dressed with respect by 6:30 pm

April 18th

Confirmation retreat (my oops on the date at meeting. ACT test day)

11:00 am—7:00 pm

Includes lunch time, Mass practice, small group, talks, music, confession and quality time with sponsor :)

Candidates AND Sponsors attend 11:00 am Mass to kick off the day

Details to come

MANDATORY ESSAYS DUE:

To be typed with teen name please. Can be mailed to office, dropped off or emailed to

nrichard@sjscrusaders.org

1. SAINT PAPER—DUE **FEB 28**

FYI...girls can choose male saints and guys can choose female saints

2. WHY I WISH TO BE CONFIRMED— DUE **MARCH 31**

Jesus Way

Today's readings present a contrast between "Jesus' way" and the "old way." An example of the old way is the law given to Moses and Aaron about leprosy: the leper was unclean and cast out of the community. Jesus' way is the opposite: the leper is reached out to, touched, and finally cured.

Nor ought we think of the "old way" as restricted to the days of Moses and Aaron, or even to the "old" testament. The difference between the old way and Jesus' way arises in our own lives. We still choose, every day, to live in our old way or in Jesus' way.

Jesus dared to touch a leper, disregarding the old way. The leper then was changed forever. He felt a calling. He couldn't keep himself from proclaiming that he had been touched by Jesus (even though Jesus told him not to!). Once Jesus touches us, we are called to proclaim his way.

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Today's Readings

First Reading — The leper will dwell apart, making an abode outside the camp (Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46).

Psalm — I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation (Psalm 32).

Second Reading — Do everything for the glory of God; be imitators of Christ (1 Corinthians 10:31 — 11:1).

Gospel — The leprosy left him immediately, and he was made clean (Mark 1:40-45).

Monica's Journey

Monica's Journey is a ministry of St. Joseph's Catholic Church for women who struggle from the brokenness of difficult relationships, abuse, or traumatic experiences in their lives. This ministry gives them a welcoming and non-judgmental place to find the hope and healing they need. Meetings are held in the evening during the week for 90 minutes. Members of other denominations are welcome. **This is a strictly confidential group and a confidentiality statement must be signed by all members.** The place and time of meetings will be disclosed after initial contact is made with the group facilitator. Please leave a voicemail or send a text message to (985) 467-9520 for further information. "Wait for the Lord; Be strong and let your heart take courage: Yes, wait for the Lord!" Psalm 27:14.

Healing Hearts

Healing Hearts: A Catholic support group for WOMEN, whose relationships have been negatively impacted by the pornography addiction or sexual addiction of a loved one. This may include a spouse, boyfriend, family member or friend.

Strict confidentiality is observed by all members. Meetings are held on a weekly basis. Contact 985-401-2010 for more information and respond to the prompting.



Healing from Divorce Group

If you are separated or divorced, the Church cares about you. The loss of a relationship through separation or divorce poses one of the most difficult transitions a person can face. As people journey through a divorce, they face the stress of emotions, life changes, and developing a way to live a new life. As a Church, we are called to imitate Jesus Christ, who always sought to heal the brokenhearted. St. Joseph now has a new ministry for this purpose. For more information please contact Angela Perrin at 985-318-4927.

Please Pray for Sick and Shut-Ins

Jack Addison, Stephanie Alexander, Victoria "Vickie" Alexander, Ray Aleman, Laurie Allen, Ockie Baldassoro, Sr., Patrick Bailey, Mark Bear, Gloria Bennett, Mildred Bittick, David Blake, Michelle Bossier, Hazel Boudreaux, Larry Boudreaux, Ranice Bourg, Barbara Bourgeois, Angel Braun, Amy Brennan, JoAnne Brisset, Jeanette Brown, Sherri Brown, Baby David Burris, Eric Campos, Christy "KK" Cartaginense, Christine Castjohn, Carol Castle, Dennis Charbonnet, Rita Charbonnet, Julian Chiro, Eddie Cicardo, Gavin Cieutat, Ken Davidson, Lucille Davidson, Pat Davis, Melissa Balado Dean, Kitty Derveloy, Larry Deslatte, Stacey Dolan, Beverly Dominique, Carol Dominguez, Danette Crovetto Drell, Joan Duplessis, Andrew Dzuryachko, Pam Guichet Elder, Nicholas Eirich, Veronica Fannally, Catherine Farlouis, Joey Fortenberry, Marge Frahm, Eva Francois, Geraldine Freeman, Timmy Gates, Lenny George, Nittie Gilliland, Carolyn Gillingham, Malissa Gonzalez, Linda Guagliardo, Joan Gurganus, Brian Guichet, Myrthus "Twinkle" Guichet, Anne Guidry, Sue Quave Guildner, Pat Gullo, Rami Falgout Harkcom, Katherine Harris, Tommy Hebert, Kalee Henderson, Sherry Hill, Tammy Perrin Horn, Peggy Howes, Jimmy Hubert, Tara Huguet, Harold Hungerford, Ashley Ingolia, Betty Ingolia, Grace Innerarity, Jennifer Jernigan, Lawrence Joiner, Mindy Kershenstine, Alan Klein, David Kraft, Charles Gregory Kraft, Greg Kraft, Sis Kyzar, Debra Lanius, Norma Larrieu, Dwayne Lato, Diane Lavigne, Wayne Laurent, Ruby Drude Lee, Sally LeJeune, Liz LeSaicherre, Hilton Lloyd, IV, Nathan deLord, Elsie Major, Fr. Cayet Mangiaracina, O.P., Heath Martin, Arthur & Tate Mashburn, Caitlyn Matherne, William Mathes, Melissa McCormick, Max McCray, Ginger McLin, Cole McMillion, Morris Meyer, Toni Meyer, Anna Mae Mixon, Patricia Monteleone, Andrew Morales, Ed Murray, Aliyah Naquin, Judy Nicholas, CJ Otilio, Ruth Ourso, Wanda Pandarvis, George Peltier, Wayne Pepitone, Bert Perilloux, Marisa Perrin, Camilla Phillips, Fran Poche, Ann Prine, Mary Prine, Krystal Raulerson, Baby Damon Reggio, Kayla Reggio, Lise Richard, Bryan Roddick, A. J. Roig, Jr., Emile Sanchez & Family, Stacy Sanders, Brooklyne Sansone, Ernest Schenck, Bob Simoneaux, Bristol Rose Smith, Kayla Smith, Scott Stanga, Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Tartamelia, Wylene Remy Taylor, Earl Theriot, Madeline Thibodeaux, Tracy Todd, Mike Tourmillon, Travis Troxler, Sam Vilarado, Sam Viola, Carla Van Vrancken, June Villa, Glen Walker, Adelle Wall, Danny Wall, Danni Waugh, Rodney Wempren, Peggy West, Faith Rose Wiltz. **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:

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

Saints and Special Observations

Sunday: Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time; World Marriage Day
Wednesday: Ash Wednesday; Fast and Abstinence; Almsgiving
Friday: Abstinence

Prayer, Fasting,
and Almsgiving



PAL (Parents of Addicted Loved-ones) is a support group of parents helping parents. PAL is also open to spouses and other family members and friends (18 or older) who have a loved one struggling with addiction.

A local PAL group meets at the St. Joseph's Church every 2nd & 4th Thursday from 6-7:30 pm. We meet every 2nd & 4th Thursday at a new location inside the St. Benedict Room at Church.

We look forward to sharing this program of hope and support with you. For more information contact Mary Jo B. at 985-320-3010 or Paige B. 985-981-8010 or review the website www.palgroup.org. All inquiries are held in strict confidence. **You are not alone There is HOPE.**

Readings for the Week of

February 15, 2021

Monday: Gn 4:1-15, 25; Ps 50:1, 8, 16bc-17, 20-21; Mk 8:11-13
 Tuesday: Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10; Ps 29:1a, 2, 3ac-4, 3b, 9c-10; Mk 8:14-21
 Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-6ab, 12-14, 17; 2 Cor 5:20 — 6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
 Thursday: Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 9:22-25
 Friday: Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-6ab, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15
 Saturday: Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-6; Lk 5:27-32

Next Sunday Readings (February 21, 2021)

First Reading.....Genesis 9:8-15
 Second Reading.....1 Peter 3:18-22
 Gospel.....Mark 1:12-15
 Psalm.....25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9

Mass Intentions

Monday, February 15, 2021

No Mass/ No Communion Service

Tuesday, February 16, 2021

No Mass/ No Communion Service

Wednesday, February 17, 2021— Ash Wednesday

8:00 AM (L) Greg & Jennifer Fletcher
 Ted Dupont

6:00 PM (L) Greg & Jennifer Fletcher

Thursday, February 18, 2021

8:00 AM Souls in Purgatory

Saturday, February 20, 2021

5:00 PM Clara Aucoin
 Earl Baudin
 Dudley & Geraldine Berthelot
 Delton Brooks
 John Champange, Sr.
 Phillip Connelley
 (L) Roberta Connelley
 Lea Nora David
 Mamie Heiring
 Wayne Kraemer
 (L) Jason & Lizzy LaMarca
 Henry George Landry
 Bill Perrin
 Leroy Pinion

Rufus Poche
 Vincent Poche
 Mike Raiford
 (L) Trudy Rathbrum
 Liz Sanderson
 Frank & Denise Schilling
 Glenn Snyder
 (L) SLU Police Dept. Employees
 Jeanette Taylor
 (L) President Donald Trump
 Mary Ruffin Wellman
 Donnie Wilson
 Katherine Yeargain

Sunday, February 21, 2021

8:00 AM Wayne Bourliea, Jr.
 Mary Sue Drude
 Richard & Clotilde Drude
 John Dufreche
 Brandon Dufrene
 Bradford Paul Ellenberger
 Dotsy Eleser
 Ann & Bill Hayles
 Dorothy Hotard
 Virgil McWilliams Krafft
 (L) David Krafft
 D.D. Kraft
 Lily Kraft
 Patricia LaGroue
 Vincent Latino, Sr.
 11:00 AM For the People of the Parish

Doris Drude Lavigne
 Michael Locicero
 Henry Novack
 (L) George Peltier
 Nancy & Kim Penton
 Raymond Quick
 Mallory Grace Reggio
 Dale Roberts
 Gianna Vito Sabella
 Raphael Vito Sabella
 Audrey Scamardo
 Glenn Snyder
 (L) President Donald Trump
 Lynda Walker
 Donnie Wilson
 (L) *Indicates Living*

Heavenly Credit Only

Even with no service time required the following angels have adopted a plot and committed to regular maintenance of the St. Joseph gardens:

Aubrey & Nora Alston with mom, Tara
 Jack McLain with mom, Robin
 Jonah, Josh & Juliana Heroman with MeMaw, Wanda Allen
 Libby Rabalais with MeMaw, Sandi Daniels
 Connor Prescia with mom, Shelly

Also, thanks to following archangels for regular maintenance of the gardens:
 Kelly Wolfe, Gary Johnson, Sheila Allen

Enjoy gardening and beautification projects? Still have plots waiting to be adopted for ongoing maintenance and we never run out of special beautification projects! All parishioners and all ages are welcome. Please contact me at marielordwill@gmail.com . Thanks



Gardening Angels



Stewardship

“After All, We Belong”

“A psalm of thanksgiving: Shout joyfully to the Lord, all you lands; serve the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful song. Know that the Lord is God; he made us, we belong to him we are his people, and the flock he shepherds.”

“We are his people.” It’s been said the we are Catholic because Momma was Catholic. Isn’t that often true. “We are his people, Catholic parishioners largely because God blessed us with parents, grandparents or others who directed us to the Church while we were too young to make such a decision on our own. Much like the celebrities profiled in “Finding Your Root,” we discover the reasons for establishing paths of faith when we take time to listen to all those who’ve gone before— an aunt who taught catechism classes, an uncle who served the church as a priest, a grandmother who prayed for family and friends every day, and a parent who added worship and ministry to home and work, making sure we knew the value of serving with gladness.

Financial News

YTD	Actual	Budgeted	Difference
2/7/2021	\$613,455.95	\$608,000.00	\$ +5,455.95
Church Support	\$ 20,572.95		
Eastern Europe	\$ 705.00		
Misc. Collections	\$ 1,112.00		
	\$ 22,389.95		

Second Collections

St. Joseph School: February 14th
 Black & Indian Missions: February 21st

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, February 20th & Sunday February 21st

	<u>Eucharistic Ministers</u>	<u>Ushers</u>
5PM	Bill Spansel 7b Angela Pevey 8b Millie Spansel 9b	Frank Glass Chris Marmillion John Laiche
8AM	Stephanie Waguespack 7b Katie Holmes 8b Danette Ragusa 9b	Roland Terrebbonne Rene’ Folse Gordon Cotton Pete Peterson Francis Waguespack Rodney Schmatz
11 AM	Andy Wheat 7b Bill Wheat 8b Peggy Hastings 9b	Jeff Ryan Barry Blackledge Marcial Gomez Robert McNabb Christopher McNabb Kelly Richard

Lectors

5PM Tony Guagliardo, Jr.
8AM Dennis James
11 AM Janice Radosti

Altar Flowers

The flowers on the altar are donated:

In Loving Memory of Anna Mae Miller

By: Carol Ott

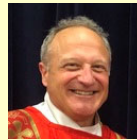


ALL LEADERS MEETING FEBRUARY 25th 2021
AT 7:00 PM IN THE MAIN CHURCH

“COME TO ME ALL WHO ARE
BURDENED AND I WILL
GIVE YOU REST”



An adoration service led by
Deacon Chris Schneider of the
Archdiocese of New Orleans



*Inspirational teaching on Communal Prayer
and Discernment as leaders*

Mark Your Calendar

Monday, Feb. 15th & Tuesday, Feb 16h

Church & Church Office Closed
NO MASS/ NO COMMUNION SERVICE/ NO
CONFESSION

Tuesday, February 16th

Word & Worship-Church-7:00 pm

Wednesday, February 17th—

Ash Wednesday—Masses at 8 am & 6 pm

Wednesday, February 17th

Adoration—Church 9:00 am to 5:00 pm

Wednesday, February 17th

Divine Mercy-Church-3:00 pm

Wednesday, February 17th

Come As You Are—Ablaze -5pm St. Joseph Room

Wednesday, February 17th

Vespers—Church - 5:00 pm

Friday, February 19th

Stations of the Cross: 1:45 pm & 6 pm

Saturday, February 20th

Confession—4:00 pm

Sunday, February 21st

Parish School of Religion 9:30 am in the School

Sunday, February 21st

Ablaze—9:30 am

Sunday, February 21st

Called & Gifted—9:30am—School Classroom

Sunday, February 21st

New Adult Formation Class-“How to Give Your
Testimony” 9:30 am—School Library

Sunday, February 21st

Thirst—5pm

Monday, February 22nd

Adult Choir Practice— 6:30 pm in the Church

Tuesday, February 23rd

St. Vincent de Paul Meeting—6:30 pm in the
Ministry Building

Thursday, February 25th

All Leaders Meeting— Inspirational Teaching on
Communal Prayer and Discernment as Leaders—
7 pm in the Church

Dear Lord,

Thank You for my marriage.
Thank You for giving me a man
who loves me and encourages
me throughout the day. We are not perfect, but we do
strive to love each other like You love. Thanks for the
awesome example! I pray over my marriage and ask
that You would continue to water our relationship. I
desire to see it grow and mature. I also desire more
time to talk to my husband. Lately we have been
rushing all over or working so much that our
conversations have been brief. I crave that connection
with my husband and need it to thrive. Help me to be
strong while our attention is divided and please bring us
back to connect in a good conversation soon and very
soon in Jesus’ name. AMEN!



**Society of St Vincent de Paul Report:
December 2020**

We made 17 home visits serving 37 people

Delivered 15 bags of food from our Parish Food Pantry

Paid utility bills totaling \$1,707.55 and \$1,479.02 in other assistance
including rent, shelter, clothing, fresh food, transportation needs, and
other necessary household needs.

As always we are grateful for your generosity that makes our work with those
in need possible.

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 February 23rd,
and March 9th.

School News

Congratulations to our St. Joseph School Students of the Year:

5th grade— Claire LeSaicherre

8th grade—Alex Landry

Other finalists in 5th grade were Fisher Alford and Reese Perrin and the other finalist in 8th
grade were Ian Gremillion and Daniel Wittie



St. Joseph Gem:

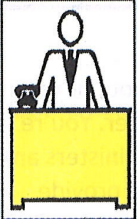
Knowing by experience St. Joseph’s astonishing
influence with God, I would wish to persuade
everyone to honor him with particular devotion. I
have always seen those who honored him in a
special manner make progress in
virtue, for this heavenly protector
favors in a striking manner the
spiritual advancement of souls who
commend themselves to him.

- St. Teresa of Avila





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