



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 21, 2021 First Sunday of Lent

ALL LEADERS MEETING FEBRUARY 25, 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*

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. St. Vincent de Paul provides meaningful opportunities for volunteers to serve their neighbors in need with love and compassion. The Society is currently recruiting new members.

YOU ARE NEEDED



**Help your neighbors
in need.**

**Grow in service,
friendship and
spirituality.**

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Staff

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Mrs. Danette Ragusa, *Principal*
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Mission Statement

St. Joseph's Parish is a rapidly growing faith community that serves the spiritual and temporal needs of Southernmost Tangipahoa Parish through its various ministries.

St. Joseph's develops, supports, nurtures and educates Catholic Christians while offering to this entire expanding community a caring environment and a welcoming spirit of Christ present.

Parish Ministries and Contact Persons

Altar Servers: Michele & Glen Ernst, 985-386-6618. sj_altar_server@bellsouth.net
Bible Studies: Monday at 6 p.m. – 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: 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.



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PICK OF THE WEEK

February 21, 2021

WATCH

**THE WILD GOOSE: EPISODE 10
THE SPIRIT AND THE DESERT**
Sometimes we might feel like we're stuck in spiritual deserts. In this episode of The Wild Goose, Fr. Dave Pivonka shares how the Holy Spirit is present even in these times of desolation.



FORMED NOW! THE NEXT POPE
As we celebrate the Feast of the Chair of St. Peter this week, join Dr. Tim Gray and George Weigel as they discuss the past, present, and future of the papacy!

LEARN

LISTEN

**LOVE, SACRIFICE, TRUST:
HE SHOWED US THE WAY
BY FR. MIKE SCHMITZ**
In this talk, Fr. Mike Schmitz shares with us the need to pick up our crosses and embrace Christ in our own suffering. He reminds us that love often means sacrifice!



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



Such a great depiction of *The Terror of Demons*– St. Joseph.

Here he stands to protect his bride and child from demons – the same demons that we find in our world today. Who is this *Terror of Demons*? Why is he called The *Terror of Demons*?

St. Joseph was chosen by God to be the husband of Mary and the foster father of our Redeemer. What a great responsibility. Can you imagine yourself to be the caretaker of the Son of God? What pressure he must have felt!

Joseph was the protector of the Holy Family. One of the first things he was responsible for was the safety and well-being of Mary as she was about to bring her son into the world. Joseph traveled with Mary about 80 miles to

Bethlehem in order to keep his family safe. Later, Joseph guided his family from Nazareth to Egypt, once again as a means to protect them from evil.

You often see pictures and statues of St. Joseph holding a lily. This lily is a powerful spiritual weapon, a sword of purity. As Fr. Calloway puts it, “It has the power to pierce fire-breathing dragons (demons) and conquer every form of filth and darkness.” St. Joseph depicts what it means to be a father and a protector. He is the pathway to Jesus and Mary.

Fr. Calloway describes St. Joseph as “a quiet man, but he was not a timid man.” If you want to learn more about this great man, father and protector in an upcoming consecration to St. Joseph where we will examine more about the life of St. Joseph and how we can become more like him and how he earned the title Terror of Demons and other titles as well.

It’s a great journey one that will open your eyes to the life of St. Joseph as you’ve never seen before.



Why We Don't Sing Alleluia During Lent

So what on earth is going on? Why do we omit the Alleluia during Lent? While the practice reaches back in popular piety to probably the sixth century, we can thank Pope Alexander II (1061 – 1073) for the custom of dismissing the Alleluia for the period of Lent as a matter of law. This led to some very creative celebrations of putting the Alleluia away, including ceremonies of burial. Fernand Cabrol cites an antiphon for the First Sunday of Lent in the Ambrosian liturgy, which was celebrated in and around Milan. This antiphon might help us to understand why we are putting the Alleluia away:

Alleluia, enclose and seal up this word, alleluia;
let it remain in the secret of your heart, alleluia,
until the appointed time: you shall say it with great joy when that day comes,
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

The point is this – the Alleluia doesn’t die, rather it is saved up in our hearts so that it can explode with the greatest possible joy on Easter. One Easter in Rome, the Alleluia was being sung at Saint Mary Major – there were two choirs each in 4 parts singing the Easter alleluia. It was a powerful moment. So too is the moment when the Deacon comes to the Bishop before the Easter Gospel Acclamation, where he tells the bishop, “Most Reverend Father, I bring you a message of great joy, the message of Alleluia.” And so the acclamation, saved up all through Lent is now ready to break forth.

A New *Our Father* for Easter?

Since the Lenten Season is a time of penitence and renewal, we will once again be singing “Lord have Mercy” during the Penitential Right of the Mass. In addition, we will begin learning a new “Our Father.” Learning this familiar prayer to a new melody may help us enter more deeply into the meaning of this prayer taught to us by Jesus himself. Many congregations throughout the world sing this melody, and , as we sing it too, we will unite our voices even more closely with the world-wide Church.

Each week the cantor will practice part of the melody with us before Mass. The audio and/or video for this setting will be found on the parish website: stjosephsonline.com so all may practice during the week. When we celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord on Easter Sunday, we will be ready to sing His prayer with a renewed spirit.



ADO (Adoration) for
HIGH SCHOOL TEENS &
YOUNG ADULTS

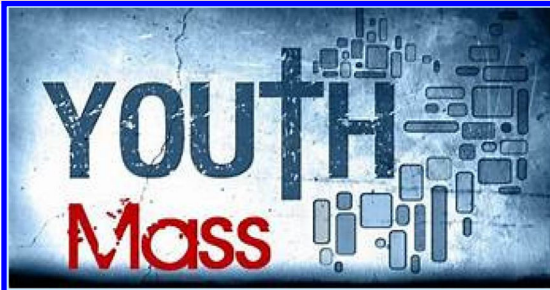
WEDNESDAYS 5-6 PM



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

PRAYED 46 TIMES TODAY



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**

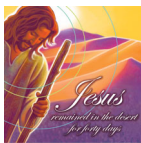
FYI...girls can choose male saints and guys can choose female saints

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

Repent and Believe in the Gospel

Lent is the time of year we devote to scrutinizing our lives in the light of our baptism into the death and resurrection of Jesus. Today's readings are a nice shorthand catechism of what our baptized lives mean. As Noah passed through the waters of the flood to a covenant with God, so did we enter into a covenant, a promised relationship with God through our baptism.

Peter's letter gives an explicit explanation of what our baptism means: it is an appeal we make to God for a clear conscience. How do we obtain this clear conscience? The words proclaimed by Jesus immediately following his temptation show us the way: "Repent, and believe in the gospel" (Mark 1:15). It might be a good spiritual exercise to keep these readings before us throughout the entire season of Lent, a means to help us return to a life lived by our baptismal promises. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.



Today's Readings

First Reading — I will set my bow in the clouds to serve as a sign of the covenant between me and the earth (Genesis 9:8-15).

Psalms — Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant (Psalm 25).

Second Reading — The water of the flood prefigured baptism, which saves you now (1 Peter 3:18-22).

Gospel — Jesus was tempted by Satan, and the angels ministered to him (Mark 1:12-15)

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 Monteone, 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: First Sunday of Lent; Rite of Election; Rite of Calling the Candidates to Continuing Conversion; Rite of Sending
 Tuesday: St. Polycarp
 Friday: Abstinence
 Saturday: St. Gregory of Narek



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 22, 2021

Monday: 1 Pt 5:1-4; Ps 23:1-3a, 4-6; Mt 16:13-19
 Tuesday: Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-7, 16-19; Mt 6:7-15
 Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19; Lk 11:29-32
 Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8; Mt 7:7-12
 Friday: Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-8; Mt 5:20-26
 Saturday: Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48

Next Sunday Readings (February 28, 2021)

First Reading.....Isaiah 40: 1- 5, 9-11
 Second Reading.....2 Peter 3: 8-14
 Gospel.....Mark 1:1-8
 Psalm.....85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14

Mass Intentions

Monday, February 22, 2021

8:00 AM Stephen Vujojin

Tuesday, February 23, 2021

8:00 AM (L) Brandi Newman

Wednesday, February 24, 2021

8:00 AM Donnie Wilson

Thursday, February 25, 2021

8:00 AM Patricia LaGroue

Saturday, February 27, 2021

5:00 PM (L) Shelby Bagby

Earl Baudin
 Dudley & Geraldine Berthelot
 Delton Brooks
 Phillip Connelley
 Lea Nora David
 Brandon Dufrene
 Rudolph & Cecile Ellenberger
 Henrietta & Buddy Joiner
 Wayne Kraemer
 (L) Valley & Andie Kraft
 Lloyd Krieger
 Warren J. Meyer, Sr.
 Liv. & Dec. Memb. of the Felix Peltier Family

Bill Perrin
 Rufus Poche
 Vincent Poche
 Mike Raiford
 (L) Trudy Rathburn
 Liz Sanderson
 Glenn Snyder
 (L) Madeline Thibodeaux
 Marie Toups
 (L) President Donald Trump
 Mary Ruffin Wellman
 Donnie Wilson
 Katherine Yeargain

Sunday, February 28, 2021

8:00 AM For the People of the Parish

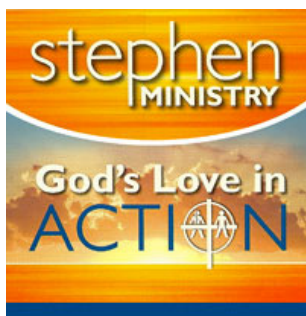
11:00 AM (L) Diane Ayers
 Norman Ayers
 Liv. & Dec. Memb of the Aymond Family
 Marguerite & Barry Bleakley, Sr.
 P.J. Clause
 Mary Sue Drude
 Richard & Clotilde Drude
 Cotton & Louanna Kraft
 Patricia LaGroue
 (L) Anthony Landry
 Merlin "Moe" Laurent
 Liv. & Dec. Memb. Of the Laurent Family
 Doris Drude Lavigne
 Ben LeBoeuf

Kelsey Martin
 George McWilliams
 Martin Muller
 (L) Rosmary Novack
 Mike Raiford
 Jan Ripberger
 Dale Roberts
 Virgil Roberts
 Audrey Scamaro
 Glenn Snyder
 (L) President Donald Trump
 George Maxey Waddell
 Lynda Walker
 Donnie Wilson

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Pull Yourself Together!!!

You've heard it a million times. Others may have said it to you, or you may have said it to yourself. But things just aren't coming together. You're still hurting. You still feel like it's all falling apart. Our Stephen Ministers are trained caregivers who will walk with you, listen to you, and provide confidential one to one care, as you search through the pieces and find what is truly in your heart. To learn more about what Stephen Ministry can do for you, talk to one or our Stephen leaders: Anita Perrin (985) 687-4458 or Ronnie Perrin (985) 507-9765. Our Stephen Ministers are ready to care for you!!!



Stewardship

"What's Best for One"

"You hypocrite, remove the wooden beam from your eye first; then you will see clearly to remove the splinter from your brother's eye. Do not give what is holy to dogs, or throw your pearls before swine, lest they trample them underfoot, and turn and tear you to pieces. Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks, receives; and the one who seeks, finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened. Which one of you would hand his or her son when he asks for a loaf of bread, or a snake when he asks for a fish? If you then, who are wicked, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give good things to those who ask him. Do to others whatever you would have them do to you. This is the law and the prophets."

A group of hard-working women from a local parish appeared at the door of a young mother to help clean her home after an extended stay in the hospital. "Things are a total mess," she told her church friends. That wasn't an understatement. The 'happy helpers' worked all day getting the house back in order: washing dishes; washing multiple loads of clothes; picking up toys, books, and shoes; dusting and vacuuming; even cooking a week's worth of meals and storing them in the family refrigerator and freezer. They loved their wounded friend and couldn't imagine doing anything but good for her. As they headed home, one said, "Now it's time to get down to business in my own home!"

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

Black & Indian Missions: February 21st
 Collection Totals for 2/14/2021 will be listed in the 2/28/2021 bulletin.

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, February 27th & Sunday February 28th

| | <u>Eucharistic Ministers</u> | <u>Ushers</u> |
|-------|---|--|
| 5PM | Fay Murray 7b Barbara Martino 8b James Wittenberg 9b | Frank Glass Chris Marmillion John Howes Durald Pinion |
| 8AM | Rachel Perrin 7b Harold Thibodeaux 8b Jason Hotard 9b | Jeremy Barado Rene' Folse Michael Chiasson Frank Glass Ronnie Reggio Roland Terrebbonne |
| 11 AM | Stacy Randazzo 7b Nicole Richard 8b Carol Kinchen 9b | Jeff Ryan Barry Blackledge Marcial Gomez Robert McNabb Christopher McNabb Kelly Richard |

Lectors

5PM Larry Ernst
 8AM Ed Hanks
 11 AM Youth Mass

Vocation Awareness

Lent: the springtime of the soul...is a time to make a new covenant with God, develop new signs of our relationship with our creator. Go into your own desert and discover what God is asking of you. If you think God is calling you to a Church vocation, call or, contact Fr. Josh Johnson at (225) 336-8778, jjohnson@diobr.org, or visit www.diobr.org/vocations

Safe Haven Sunday—Equipping the Family: Having Critical Conversations

The constant flood of influence that comes through the internet and social media in all of its various forms, along with social pressures from peers make it difficult for children to live virtuous and holy lives. In the digital age, it's not a matter of if your child will see something inappropriate online. It's only a matter of when. And regrettably, internet pornography is teaching our children how and what to think about sex and marriage.

Next weekend, February 27 & 28, St. Joseph's will be celebrating our second annual Safe Haven Sunday. This weekend of awareness will provide free resources to you to give you confidence for how to talk to your children about internet dangers, as well as their personal online and offline choices.

Please join us with your prayers and presence as we prepare for this unique event. To learn more, please contact Fernando Morales at the Church Office or visit St. Joseph's website: www.stjosephsonline.com



New Adult Formation Classes

Starts Today!

“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.

Veritatis Splendor: March 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th, 9:30 am—10:30 am—
Richard Coffey— School Library

Join us for four sessions as we take a closer look at The Splendor of Truth, This encyclical letter by Pope Saint John Paul II was six years in the making and was published in 1993 following the Catechism of the Catholic Church. The encyclical presents the moral life as something that is not external to us. It is something that satisfies our capacity for goodness and happiness. In other words, the truth is friendly to us. It fills us with joy. The Pope is answering the call of the Second Vatican Council for a more Christological approach to morality. The encyclical addresses important moral questions (What good must I do to inherit eternal life?) and helps us to understand the meaning of fundamental moral principles based on Scripture. Tradition, and the Pope's own training in philosophy. We will highlight the background and meaning of key passages and have a discussion.

Mark Your Calendar

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

Tuesday, February 23rd
Word & Worship-Church-7:00 pm

Wednesday, February 24th
Adoration—Church 9:00 am to 5:00 pm

Wednesday, February 24th
Divine Mercy-Church-3:00 pm

Wednesday, February 24th
Come As You Are— Ablaze -5pm St. Joseph Room

Wednesday, February 24th
Vespers—Church - 5:00 pm

Thursday, February 25th
All Leaders Meeting—Inspirational Teaching on Communal Prayer and Discernment as Leaders— 7 pm in the Church

Friday, February 26th
Stations of the Cross: 1:45 pm & 6 pm

Saturday, February 27th
Confession—4:00 pm

Stations of the Cross

Friday's during Lent



**1:45 pm
& 6 pm**

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