



# 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](http://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

*March 20, 2022 Third Sunday of Lent*

## Faith Sharing

**COMMUNITY TESTIMONY SERVICE**  
**ALL ARE INVITED TO JOIN US**  
**SUNDAY, MARCH 20 AT 5:45 PM**  
**PONCHATOULA FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**  
**325 E. PINE ST.**  
**PONCHATOULA, LA**

### School News

Everyone is invited to view our St. Joseph Altar in the school gym after all Masses this weekend. We would like to thank all of our parents who helped to make our altar so amazing. A special thanks to Margaret Baglio coordinating this annual event.

**St. Joseph Altar**

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## Staff

Rev. Paul A. McDuffie, *Pastor*  
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 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  
 Website: www.sjscrusaders.org

## Mission Statement

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

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

## Parish Ministries and Contact Persons

**Altar Servers:** Michele & Glen Ernst, 985-386-6618. sj\_altar\_server@bellsouth.net  
**Bible Studies:** Stephanie Waguespack, 985-981-9859.  
**Children's Liturgy Ministry:** 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.  
**Keycee Auxiliary:** Carolyn Pugh : 985-320-5741  
**Knights of Columbus:** Alex Joiner, 940-222-0690  
 (Application for new members)  
**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, Lisa Kennedy, 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

## 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](http://myparishapp.com) or search your phone's app store for my parish.



## FORMED

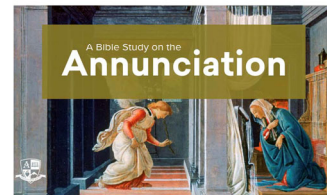
PICK OF THE WEEK

March 20, 2022

WATCH

### THE SANCTUARY COURSE FOR CATHOLICS

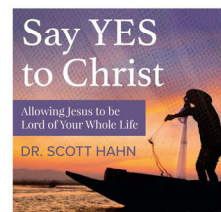
Misconceptions surrounding mental illness can prevent us from responding well to those suffering. This eight-session course explores the realities of mental illness, as well as the need for faith-based conversations about this topic. Featuring stories of Catholics living with mental health challenges, along with the insights of archbishops, theologians, and psychologists.



LISTEN

### SAY YES TO CHRIST: ALLOWING JESUS TO BE THE LORD OF YOUR WHOLE LIFE BY SCOTT HAHN

Mary conformed the entirety of her life to the Divine Will. In doing so, she became the model of perfect discipleship. In this talk, Dr. Scott Hahn discusses why we too should surrender our lives to the Lord.



LEARN

Our parish has a FORMED subscription. To set up your free account visit [formed.org/signup](http://formed.org/signup) and select our parish.



## Stewardship of Finance

We continue the Stewardship of Finance phase of our Total Stewardship program, building A Future Full of Hope. Please look for the introductory brochure with useful information regarding this important aspect of spiritual stewardship. As we set aside valuable time for this discussion, we encourage each parishioner -and every parish family- to reserve a portion of God's financial blessing for the ministries of our parish. No matter how great, no matter how modest, purposeful giving involves a measured portion of a person's regular income. Proportional giving is wise.

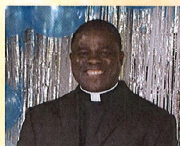
Because compassionate parishioners want to make wise financial decisions, they often ask, "How can I know that the amount of my financial gifts really aligns with my ability to give? Well, if you've never given a proportionate amount, you could always begin with an amount that everyone finds workable: 1% - 2% of regular income given to the Church. Others choose to contribute 5%. An established, biblical view encourages a regular tithe of 10%, the original meaning of the word. "Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse" (Malachi 3:10a). One thing is certain: Your commitment to make regular, proportionate gifts provides your parish with a valuable planning tool benefitting everyone and ensuring our planned ministries receive the budget allocations they deserve. Please plan to contribute a regular, proportionate share.

Join us for

## Mass and Healing Service

Lead by Father Anthony Odiong

Pastor of St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church in Luling, LA



**St. Joseph's Catholic Church**

**255 N. 8th St.**

**Ponchatoula, LA 70454**

Wednesday, March 30, 2022

Rosary and Confession begin at 6pm

Mass begins at 6:30pm

Following Mass, the St. Anthony Healing Team, lead by Fr. Anthony Odiong, will pray over those in need of physical, mental and spiritual healing. All are invited to join this Eucharistic celebration and healing service.

## Consecration to St. Joseph

I would like to invite you to join me on a 6-week journey about St. Joseph. We'll learn and discuss such things as:

- + How old was Joseph when he married Mary?
- + Was Joseph previously married?
- + Joseph's annunciation.
- + Were there any apparitions of St. Joseph?
- + Who is the savior of our Savior?+ And so much more

It's a great journey that will open your eyes to St. Joseph as you've never seen him before.

Are you ready to learn more about our Patron Saint/our Spiritual Father/the Foster Father of Jesus?

Using the book, "Consecration to St. Joseph" by Fr. Donald

Calloway, we will meet on Wednesday

evenings starting on **March 23<sup>rd</sup>** at

6:30 p.m. in the School Library (first meeting only).

For more information, or to register,

please contact: **Ron Huguet**

[ronhuguet@outlook.com](mailto:ronhuguet@outlook.com)

504-232-2484



## You're Invited: TAIZÉ Prayer Service

On the cross, Jesus assured one of the criminals at Calvary that "today you will be with me in Paradise." Pray the criminal's prayer "Jesus remember me, when you come into your kingdom" in a meditative service that can change your life. Open to people of all faiths, the Taizé candlelight service opens the hearts of believers to experience the true presence of Jesus Christ. Touch the cross of Jesus and ask for forgiveness, healing, strength, and power for every need. One hour may change your life! Experience this prayerful time in quiet prayer at St. Joseph's beginning at 7:00 p.m. Monday, **March 21.**



*St. Joseph's Church ProLife Ministry Lenten  
Mission: Restoration House Baby Bottles*

*Please turn baby bottles in by  
March 27th.*



### CONFIRMATION CORNER

March 20...Safe Haven Sunday with parents & teens 9:15 am in the Church  
 March 20...Confirmation Letter of Intent for 11-12th grade Candidates DUE  
 April 3...Last THIRST class. But it's not over just yet!)  
 April 9-10...STRAWBERRY FEST PARKING SERVICE PROJECT ..ALL THIRST STUDENTS AND A PARENT WILL BE REQUIRED TO TAKE A SHIFT—this is a money making project for THIRST...more to come



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

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# Join Us!

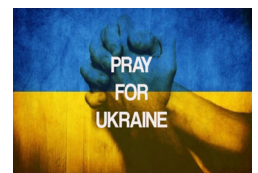
**SAFE HAVEN SUNDAY**  
 Sunday March 20, 2022 9:15-9:45 am MAIN CHURCH  
 Fernando Morales & Nicole Richard  
 PLEASE COME grades 7th-12th ( WITH A PARENT )  
 middle & high schoolers formerly or presently enrolled in T.O.B.  
 NOT INTENDED FOR YOUNGER AUDIENCE ...thank you  
**DEFEAT PORN TOGETHER.**  
**RESTORING THE DOMESTIC FAMILY**



I'M GIVING UP FACEBOOK FOR LENT



It only takes 2-3 minutes... grab your family and pray ONE OUR FATHER, ONE HAIL MARY AND ONE GLORY BE nightly for our brothers & sisters in Ukraine.



THE 50TH STRAWBERRY FEST IS APRIL 8-9-10th

**ALL THIRST TEENS AND A/BOTH PARENT (s) WILL BE HELPING " PAaahh-k THE CAAaah-rs "**

I'll be sending out an evite for you to claim your 2-3 hour slot. This is a HUGE \$ maker for us. Since we have not had opportunities the last couple years with Covid; we really need all hands on deck. Parents – it is very important that you are present with your teens. I'm going to need some serious chaperoning and monitoring of the grounds.



Stay tuned and thank you in advance.

**EVERY WEDNESDAY AT 6 pm AND SATURDAY AT 4 pm**

Last Sunday all THIRST highschoolers were given a sheet of paper to help them through their examination of conscience. 11th graders went as part of their final frontier on their Confirmation journey. 9th & 10th graders – I pray that you will make the opportunity to go "clean out your swamp".

Concealment makes the soul a swamp.  
**Confession** is how you drain it.

**Wednesday, March 23rd, April 6th, April 20th**



**6-7:30 PM IN THE MINISTRY BUILDING'S  
 ST. JOSEPH ROOM  
 6TH, 7TH, 8TH GRADE WELCOME  
 FOOD, FUN, AND FELLOWSHIP**

### PALM LEAF DOOR CHALLENGE IS ON

Please decorate as a family and email your creation to [nrichard@sjscrusaders.org](mailto:nrichard@sjscrusaders.org)

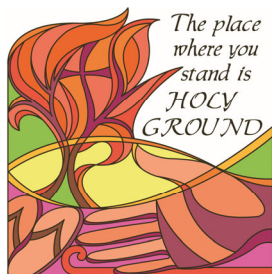




## Holy Ground

Moses met God in a most astounding way in the bush that was burning but not consumed by fire. Moses clearly had a powerful encounter with the Lord. He even felt bold enough to ask God's name, something unheard of among his people at the time—God's name was unspeakable. Moses stood on holy ground. Do we not also stand on holy ground? As people who are created in God's image and drawn to Christ through the waters of Baptism, we have been filled with God's grace and goodness. The ground of our lives is holy. Lent is a time when we are called to open our minds and hearts to Christ, rely on God's patient mercy, and to grow as God's holy people.

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## Today's Readings

**First Reading** — The LORD God appears to Moses and directs him to go and deliver the Israelites from Egypt (Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15) or Exodus 17:3-7.

**Psalms** — The Lord is kind and merciful (Psalm 103) or Psalm 95.

**Second Reading** — We are not to grumble like the people with Moses in the desert (1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12) or Romans 5:1-2, 5-8.

**Gospel** — If you do not repent, you will all perish (Luke 13:1-9) or John 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42].

## 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](http://www.palgroup.org).

## Please Pray for Sick and Shut-Ins

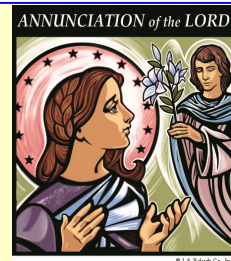
Jason Abernathy, Jack Addison, Stephanie Alexander, Laurie Allen, Oekie Baldassoro, Sr., Jay Barbier, Mark Bear, Farley Bennett, Gloria Bennett, Mildred Bittick, David Blake, Michelle Bossier, Ann Boudreaux, Hazel Boudreaux, Larry Boudreaux, Ranice Bourg, Barbara Bourgeois, Angel Braun, Amy Brennan, JoAnne Brisset, Sister Anna Louise Bumbera, R.S.M. , Christine Castjohn, Elaine Charbonnet, Rita Charbonnet, Julian Chiro, Eddie Cicardo, Gavin Cieutat, Steve Coates, Barbara Cravata, Ken Davidson, Lucille Davidson, Pat Davis, Melissa Balado Dean, Kitty Derveloy, Edward Diesler, Beverly Dominique, Carol Dominguez, Danette Crovetto Drell, Debra Drude, Kenneth Paul Drude, Juanita Dugar, Pam Durio, 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, Clifford Green, Brian Guichet, Myrthus "Twinkle" Guichet, Anne Guidry, Robert Hamberger, IV, Sadie Hebert, Tommy Hebert, Kalee Henderson, Cyndi Hoover, Darrell Hoover, Lois Hoover, Tammy Perrin Horn, Peggy Howes, Jimmy Hubert, Harold Hungerford, Ashley Ingolia, Betty Ingolia, Ray Ingolia, Jennifer Jernigan, Lawrence Joiner, Carol Kinchen, Beulah Kluka, David Kraft, Sis Kyzar, Cheryl Laiche, Baby Callie Lakes, Norma Larrieu, Wayne Laurent, Ruby Drude Lee, Liz LeSaicherre, Gary Lewing, Miceli Family, Brian Lousteau, Henry Lumino, Sr., Caitlyn Matherne, William Mathes, Melissa McCormick, John & Susan McKinney, Ginger McLin, Cole McMillion, Senit Miller, Barry Mince, Sr., Lisa Mince, Anna Mae Mixon, Patricia Monteleone, Andrew Morales, Scott Morton, Ed Murray, Fay Murray, Aliyah Naquin, Cindy Newton, Wanda Pandarvis, George Peltier, Wayne Pepitone, Marisa Perrin, Anne Phillips, Camilla Phillips, Larry Pittman, Fran Poche, Ann Prine, Lise Richard, Barbara Richter, MSC., Bryan Roddick, A. J. Roig, Jr., Brooklyne Sansone, Ernest Schenck, CJ Schiro, Bob Simoneaux, Kayla Smith, Ronald Springer, Sr., Rose Stahl, Jackie Stanga, Lynette Stanga, Maddox Steadman, Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Tartamella, Wylene Remy Taylor, Earl Theriot, Tracy Todd, Carlo Triolo, Jean Troxler, Travis Troxler, Sam Vilardo, Ronald Vining, Sam Viola, Stone Viola, Carla Van Vrancken, Charles Van Vrancken, June Villa, Mary Vuljoin, Glen Walker, Adelle Wall, Danny Wall, Danni Waugh, Rodney Wempren, Dorothy Whitaker, Regi White, 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:

Col. Brian Duplessis, 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

Sunday: Third Sunday of Lent  
Wednesday: St. Turibius of Mogrovejo  
Friday: Annunciation of the Lord; Abstinence



## Intentions of the Holy Father- March 2022

We pray for Christians facing new bioethical challenges; may they continue to defend the dignity of all human life with prayer and action.

## Vocation Awareness

When called by the Lord, Moses' immediate response was "Here I am." If you feel that God is calling you to the priesthood or to religious life, call or email Fr. Joshua Johnson at (225) 336-8778, [jjohnson@diobr.org](mailto:jjohnson@diobr.org), or visit [www.diobr.org](http://www.diobr.org)/ vocations.



## Readings for the Week of

March 21, 2022

Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab; Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4; Lk 4:24-30  
 Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6, 7bc, 8-9; Mt 18:21-35  
 Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20; Mt 5:17-19  
 Thursday: Jer 7:23-28; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Lk 11:14-23  
 Friday: Is 7:10-14, 8:10; Ps 40:7-11; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38  
 Saturday: Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51:3-4, 18-21ab; Lk 18:9-14

### Next Sunday Readings (March 27, 2022)

First Reading .....Joshua 5:9a, 10-12  
 Second Reading.....2 Corinthians 5:17-21  
 Gospel .....Luke 15:1-3, 11-32  
 Psalm .....34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7

## Mass Intentions

### Monday, March 21, 2022

8:00 AM John Dufreche

### Tuesday, March 22, 2022

8:00 AM Lelia Pellichino

### Wednesday, March 23, 2022

8:00 AM Lawrence "Dude" Dominguez

### Thursday, March 24, 2022

8:00 AM Evelyn Mathes

### Saturday, March 26, 2022

5:00 PM Jim Abshire

Alvin J. Adam, Jr.  
 (L) Peggy & Richard Bailey  
 Jimmy Bankston  
 Dudley & Geraldine Berthelot  
 Delton Brooks  
 Ellis Ernest  
 Joseph N. Foret  
 Vincent Latino, Sr.  
 Ernst Ourso  
 John Ed Overman

Bill Perrin  
 Rufus Poche  
 Liz Sanderson  
 Theresa Sanderson  
 Patricia Schmit  
 Glenn Snyder  
 Leah Tatman  
 Madeline Thibodeaux  
 Sal Yenni

### Sunday, March 27, 2022

8:00 AM For the People of the Parish

11:00 AM Flo & Louis Aymond

Wayne Aymond, Sr.,  
 (L) Judy Boudreaux  
 Jonathan Burch  
 Ray & Cheryl Canzoneri  
 Mary Sue Drude  
 Richard & Clotilde Drude  
 Joan Duplessis  
 (L) Mike & Sandra Fulmer  
 Merlin Laurent  
 Stanley & Helen Laurent  
 Doris Drude Lavigne

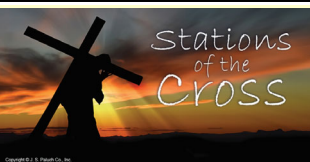
Joe Liuzza  
 Meredith Ohler  
 Ernest Ourso  
 Thomas Lester Ragan, Jr.  
 E.J. Raiford  
 Earl "Buster" Reid  
 Glenn Snyder  
 Madeline Thibodeaux  
 Tommy Waguespack, Sr.  
 (L) Sydney & Nathan Waller  
 Sal Yenni

(L) Indicates Living



## Easter Lilies

Join in the decorating of the church by donating \$10.00 to purchase an Easter Lily. The donation can be in honor of a living or deceased individual or family. To donate, place your donation and intention in the flower offering envelope, and place in the collection box. Make sure you list the name of the individual or family to be honored and how you want your name listed in the bulletin. The Easter Lilies will NOT be available for pickup after the Easter Season. Questions call Barbara Martino at 386-3622 or Roberta Connelley at 386-9711. Thank you for your generosity.



Friday's during Lent

**1:45 pm & 6 pm**  
**+ There will be NO Stations of the Cross on Friday, April 8th**

## Confessions

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Saturday—4 pm  
 Tuesday & Thursday—8:30 am  
 \*Confessions will be available on  
**Wednesday from 6pm-7pm during Lent at St. Joseph's Church from 6 pm—7 pm**

## Stewardship

### Fruitless Trees

*Ex 3:1-8A, 13-15/1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12 / Lk 13:1-9*

A seemingly minor player in today's Gospel is the fig tree that does not bear fruit. The owner of the orchard wants to cut it down because it is exhausting the soil. The gardener, however, asks for the opportunity to give the tree special attention, to cultivate the ground around it and fertilize it. This, brothers and sisters, is discipleship! We are surrounded by fruitless fig trees...some of us may even BE the fruitless tree! Discipleship does not mean we stand and stare and complain about a tree's lack of fruit. It doesn't mean grumbling about the way it is exhausting the soil. Discipleship means helping that fig tree thrive by caring for it. Like the gardener, we have to get our hands dirty as we nurture the tree and help it bear fruit. This means praying for and with one another, going to Mass together, and discovering the unique "fruits" God has placed within each of us. Just as the fig tree cannot fertilize itself, neither can we alone sustain ourselves. Discipleship means recognizing others as gifts and supporting one another. It means the kind of Stewardship that bears fruit. Let us pray that we may discern what we are called to give in our time, talents and treasure.

## Financial News

3/13/2022	\$ 718,233.53	\$703,000.00	\$ +15,233.53
Church Support	\$ 18,127.80		
Misc. Collections	\$ 678.00		
	<b>\$ 18,805.80</b>		

### Second Collections

Catholic Relief Services	April 2, 2022
St. Joseph School	April 10, 2022

## Ministry Schedule

**Saturday, March 26th Sunday, March 27th**

	<u>Eucharistic Ministers</u>	<u>Ushers</u>
5PM	Barbara Martino (7b) John Albrecht (8b) Merle Ozment (9b)	John Howes Alex Joiner Chris Marmillion Durald Pinion John Yeargaiu Jeremy Barado Michael Chiasson Gordon Cotton Jonah Nepveux Rodney Schmaltz Roland Terrebonne Barry Blackledge Marcial Gomez Christopher McNabb Kelly Richard Bob Zimmerman
8AM	Stephanie Waguespack 7b Dennis James 8b Alice James 9b	Barry Blackledge Rodney Schmaltz Roland Terrebonne Barry Blackledge Marcial Gomez Christopher McNabb Kelly Richard Bob Zimmerman
11 AM	Donna Clause 7b Mary Threeton 8b Ronald Perrin 9b	Barry Blackledge Rodney Schmaltz Roland Terrebonne Barry Blackledge Marcial Gomez Christopher McNabb Kelly Richard Bob Zimmerman
	<u>Altar Servers</u>	<u>Lectors</u>
5PM	Daphne Turner Travis Turner, II	5PM Larry Ernst 8AM Stephanie Waguespack 11AM Peggy Hastings
8AM	Addelyn Wolfe Ellie Wolfe	
11AM	Aiden Ryan John Patrick Ryan	<u>Children's Liturgist</u> 8AM Stacy Ball 11AM Mary Hoover

## We Can Help!!!

There comes a time when we all face a crisis in our life. In today's world there are crisis all around us and sometime, we have no one to talk to or to help us. Our Stephen Ministers can be the answer you are looking for. Our ministers will be there to listen to you, to let you know you are not by yourself, and they will walk your rocky road with you. You might need a Stephen Minister for several months or maybe a year. It does not matter how long it takes, your Stephen Minister will be with you as long as you need them. You can talk to your Stephen Minister about anything on your mind because everything is confidential. Our Stephen Ministers know the importance of listening, showing compassion, and being present sometimes men think it is a sign of weakness to ask for help, but men have crisis also. We have men Stephen Ministers that are ready to help. Don't try and handle your crisis alone. Call one of our Stephen Leaders so you can get a Stephen Minister to help walk your road with you. Anita Perrin (985) 687-4458, Ronnie Perrin (985) 507-9765, Terri Huguette (504)450-5459 or Ron Huguette (504) 232-2484.



### Society of St Vincent de Paul Report: February 2022

We made **15** home visits serving **41** people

**Delivered 19 bags of food from our Parish Food Pantry**

Paid utility bills totaling \$2,533.46 and \$1,342.00 in other assistance including rent, fresh food, transportation needs, temporary lodging, 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 March 22, and April 5<sup>th</sup>.



### Pantry Items Needed

Our food pantry is in need of the following items: dried beans, rice, hot & cold cereal, Jiffy corn bread mix, macaroni & cheese, spaghetti, tomato sauce, canned meats, tuna fish, peanut butter, jelly. Thank you for your generosity.

## Rosary Altar Society Jambalaya Dinner

The Rosary Altar Society will have a Jambalaya Dinner on Sunday, May 15<sup>th</sup>. The ladies will be selling tickets for their Jambalaya Dinner after all Masses on **March 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>, April 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>, April 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>**. All proceeds go toward St. Joseph's Chapel.



## KC's Lenten Fish Fry Dinner

April 1

## Mark Your Calendar

**Saturday, March 19<sup>th</sup> & Sunday March 20<sup>th</sup>**  
Viewing of St. Joseph Altar- Gym- after all Masses

**Saturday, March 19<sup>th</sup> & Sunday March 20<sup>th</sup>**  
Rosary Altar Society—selling Jambalaya Dinner tickets

**Sunday, March 20<sup>th</sup>**  
Safe Haven Sunday—9:15 am in the Church

**Sunday, March 20<sup>th</sup>**  
PSR- Ablaze, Thirst—9:15-10:30 am

**Monday, March 21<sup>st</sup>**  
Youth Choir Practice—4:00 pm in the Church Choir Room

**Monday, March 21<sup>st</sup>**  
Adult Choir Practice—6:00 pm in the Choir Room

**Monday, March 21<sup>st</sup>**  
Bible Study—6pm in the St. Joseph Room

**Monday, March 21<sup>st</sup>**  
Taize Prayer Service—7:00 pm in the Church

**Tuesday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>**  
Lord, Teach Me to Pray—8:30 am in the Church Conference Room

**Tuesday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>**  
St. Vincent de Paul Meeting—6:30 pm in the St. Joseph Room



**Tuesday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>**  
Total Consecration through the Mysteries of the Rosary—6:30 pm in the Church Conference Room

**Tuesday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>**  
Word & Worship—7:00 pm in the Church

**Wednesday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>**  
Adoration— 8:30 am—6:00 pm  
Divine Mercy Chapel—3:00 pm Vespers—6:00 pm

**Wednesday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>**  
Confessions— 6:00 pm—7:00 pm

**Wednesday, April 6<sup>th</sup>**  
Come As You Are— Ablaze—6 pm St. Joseph Room

**Wednesday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>**  
Consecration to St. Joseph—6:30 pm in the School Library

**Wednesday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>**  
Bell Choir Practice—6:30 pm in the Choir Room

**Wednesday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>**  
Lord, Teach Me to Pray—7 pm in the Church Conference Room

**Friday, March 25<sup>th</sup>**  
Men's Morning Bible Study—6:30 am—Church

**Friday, March 25<sup>th</sup>**  
Stations of the Cross—1:45 pm & 6 pm



**Saturday, March 26<sup>th</sup>**  
Men's Morning Prayer Group—6:30 am—Church

**Saturday, March 26<sup>th</sup> & Sunday, March 27<sup>th</sup>**  
KC's Selling Fish Fry tickets after all Masses

**Sunday, March 27<sup>th</sup>**  
Vacation Bible School Planning Meeting—12pm in the St. Benedict Room

**Friday, April 1<sup>st</sup>**  
KC's Fish Fry



**Baptism Class Date Has Changed—New Date - Wednesday, April 6<sup>th</sup>**

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



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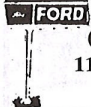
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