



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.

March 7, 2021 Third Sunday of Lent



Are you looking for something to do this Lent that you've never done before? Do you want to become a better version of yourself— as Matthew Kelly often asks? Perhaps you don't know what you're looking for, but you're searching. In this, the Year of St. Joseph, why not spend some time really getting to know him?

In a recent video, Matthew Kelly posed the question, "Are you ready to accept God's invitation to a better life?" So, we ask a similar question— 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, two groups will be offered:

Sunday morning sessions after 8:00 am mass, starting on **March 21st**
These are open to everyone

Wednesday evening sessions at 6:30 p.m., starting on **March 31st**
The evening meetings will be for the men of our parish.

For more information, or to register, please contact either Ron or Terri Huget. Ron- ronh1954@hotmail.com or 504-232-2484
Terri- terrih123@hotmail.com or 504-450-5459

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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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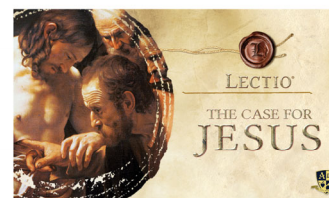
PICK OF THE WEEK

March 7, 2021

WATCH

EVERYDAY HEROES

Heroism isn't restricted to decorated soldiers or persecuted saints. It's something achievable for all of us even in our ordinary lives. In this documentary, see how the Knights of Columbus have embodied this everyday heroism!



LECTIO: THE CASE FOR JESUS

In nine sessions, Dr. Brant Pitre answers the key question of faith: Who is Jesus? Dr. Pitre presents evidence from early Christian and non-Christian writings that attest to the authenticity of the Gospels. Timed to lead up to the Triduum, Dr. Pitre looks in-depth at the accounts of Jesus's Crucifixion and Resurrection and his proclamation of divinity.

LISTEN

12 STORIES ABOUT AQUINAS WITH PETER KREEFT

St. Thomas Aquinas wrote the equivalent of 500 books, all with a quill pen! Join Dr. Peter Kreeft, an influential teacher of Catholic thought, as he shares some entertaining anecdotes from the life of this genius saint!

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LEARN

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



New Adult Formation Class

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.



A Big Thank You to Everyone Who Helped Make Safe Haven Sunday a Success!

Special thanks to everyone who helped make Safe Haven Sunday possible!

Thank you also to the parish community for your openness to the topic pornography awareness and internet safety.

Safe Haven Sunday provided us with the opportunity to give focused time and resources to address the harmfulness of pornography and other online threats to marriage and family life.

Even though Safe Haven Sunday is over for this year, our efforts to support you in making your homes safe havens will continue. We invite you to stay informed at www.stjosephsonline.com, and learn more about how to protect and guide your family in the internet age.

Our Daily Bread

Our Daily Bread is a food bank that has been serving families in Tangipahoa Parish since 1999. It is our mission to alleviate hunger and make an eternal impact. We provide food assistance to families in need in the form of monthly food boxes, emergency bags of food, and hot meals. We are using a drive-thru system to distribute food to whoever needs it. Since the pandemic, we have tripled in the number of clients we serve and are signing up new families every day. We are blessed to be able to help our neighbors in need!

We have several different ways to serve your community. You can sign up to volunteer at ourdailybreadhammond.org/volunteer or call our office at 985-542-4676. To donate, go to ourdailybreadhammond.org/take-action. Donations can also be mailed to PO Box 1476, Hammond, LA 70404. If you or someone you know is in need of food assistance, go to ourdailybreadhammond.org/foodhelp.

Our office hours are Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday from 8am-2pm. If you have any questions, email heather@ourdailybreadhammond.org

Center of Hope of Tangipahoa

Center of Hope of Tangipahoa is a 501c nonprofit organization that opened a thrift store in Hammond this past September. All profits above operating expenses are used to serve the poor and homeless of Tangipahoa. The store is located at 1111 W Morris Ave. in Hammond, and open Tues-Sat 10am-5pm. Pickup of large furniture items can be arranged by calling the store 985-402-3422. An associate will be present in the Narthex after each Mass next weekend, **March 13th-14th**. Please pick up a brochure and see if your family can help the Center of Hope serve the needy in our area.

Stations of the Cross

SCHEDULE CHANGE

THERE WILL BE NO STATIONS OF THE CROSS ON MARCH 12TH AT 6 PM

On March 12th we will only have Stations of the Cross at 1:45 pm.





ADO

THE BEST TIME YOU WILL SPEND ON EARTH.

HIGH SCHOOL TEENS AND YOUNG ADULTS ADORATION HOUR EVERY WEDNESDAY 5-6 pm

LENT
He's still not giving you up

It's all about Him

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.

Tik-Tok

Purpose: Tik Tok is an app for creating and sharing short music videos of 3 to 15 seconds and short looping videos of 3 to 60 seconds. It encourages users to express themselves creatively through video. Special effects can be added to the videos.

Why Parents Should Be Worried: Thirteen is the minimum age, but there isn't a real way to validate age so anyone can download the app. Also, parents express concern that there is a lot of inappropriate language in the videos so it's not appropriate for young children. Lastly, by default, all accounts are set to public so strangers can contact your children.

ECHO Mini-Retreat
FOR YOUNG ADULTS
19-35 YEARS OLD

APRIL 9-11, 2021
COVECREST
TIGER, GA
COST: \$110

[HTTPS://GENERATIONATL.ORG/EVENT/ECHO-RETREAT/](https://generationatl.org/event/echo-retreat/)

Independent Registration Due March 15th

The Franciscan Experience is a 5-day, overnight retreat for high school students who want to "cast their net" and experience who God is calling you to be! This special opportunity will open yourselves to the amazing gift of life and how to flourish in it. Gather with your peers to pray, learn, serve discover, and have some fun while we are at it! Go to franu.edu/tfsummer to learn more and apply!

Confirmation Corner

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

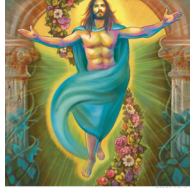
April 18th
Confirmation retreat (*my oops on the date at meeting. ACT test day*)
11:00 am—7:00 pm
Includes lunch time, Mass practice, small group, talks, music, confession and quality time with sponsor :)
Candidates AND Sponsors attend 11:00 am Mass to kick off the day
Details to come

MANDATORY ESSAYS DUE:
To be typed with teen name please. Can be mailed to office, dropped off or emailed to nrichard@sjscrusaders.org

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

Total Allegiance

In previous weeks we have seen how the theme of covenant—as a preparation for the baptismal covenant celebrated at Easter—occupies an important place in our cycle of Lenten readings. The notion of covenant as a relationship between two parties carries with it an expectation of mutual accountability and fidelity to the terms of the covenant. When God forged the covenant with the Jewish people on Mt. Sinai, it was a pledge of God’s protection, and it would forever permit them familiar access as the Chosen People. For their part, the Jewish people were to observe the dictates of the law, summarized most succinctly here in the form of the Ten Commandments. To be in a covenantal relationship with the Lord God requires an exclusive relationship, just as discipleship with Jesus—ritualized in baptism—demands a total allegiance to him and none other. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.



Today's Readings

First Reading — The law was given through Moses (Exodus 20:1-17 [1-3, 7-8, 12-17]) or *Exodus 17:3-7*.

Psalm — Lord, you have the words of everlasting life (Psalm 19) or *Psalm 95*.

Second Reading — We proclaim Christ crucified; the foolishness of God is greater than human wisdom (1 Corinthians 1:22-25) or *Romans 5:1-2, 5-8*.

Gospel — Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up (John 2:13-25) 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 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, Ann Boudreaux, Hazel Boudreaux, Larry Boudreaux, Ranice Bourg, Barbara Bourgeois, Angel Braun, Amy Brennan, JoAnne Brisset, Jeanette Brown, Sherri Brown, Baby David Burris, 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, Art Emery, 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, Harold Hungerford, Ashley Ingolia, Betty Ingolia, Grace Innerarity, Jennifer Jernigan, Lawrence Joiner, Mindy Kershenstine, Alan Klein, Beulah Kluka, 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, Cindy Newton, 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 Tournillon, Travis Troxler, Sam Vilaro, 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: Third Sunday of Lent; First Scrutiny
 Monday: St. John of God
 Tuesday: St. Frances of Rome
 Friday: Abstinence



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

March 1, 2021

Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15b; 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: Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81:6-11ab, 14, 17; Mk 12:28-34
 Saturday: Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51:3-4, 18-21ab; Lk 18:9-14

Next Sunday Readings (March 14, 2021)

First Reading.....2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23
 Second Reading.....Ephesians 2:4-10
 Gospel.....John 3:14-21
 Psalm.....137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6

Mass Intentions

Monday, March 8, 2021

8:00 AM Ted & Nancy Dupont

Tuesday, March 9, 2021

8:00 AM Michael John Huszar

Wednesday, March 10, 2021

8:00 AM Virginia Pompeo Phillips

Thursday, March 11, 2021

8:00 AM (L) Brinley Smith

Saturday, March 13, 2021

5:00 PM Susan Barbe
 Earl Baudin
 Dudley & Geraldine Berthelot
 (L) Ann Boudreaux
 Delton Brooks
 Phillip Connelley
 (L) Roberta Connelley
 Anthony Costanza
 L/D Members of Ethridge & Ernst Family
 Henrietta & Buddy Joiner
 Wayne Kraemer
 Lloyd Krieger
 Raoul Laurent, Jr.

Martin Muller
 L/D Members of J.C. Peltier Family
 Bill Perrin
 Rufus Poche
 Vincent Poche
 Mike Raiford
 (L) Trudy Rathbrum
 Liz Sanderson
 Glenn Snyder
 (L) President Donald Trump
 Donnie Wilson
 Katherine Yeargain

Sunday, March 14, 2021

8:00 AM For the People of the Parish

11:00 AM (L) Diane Ayers
 Norman Ayers
 PJ Clause
 Mary Sue Drude
 Richard & Clotilde Drude
 Dorothy Hotard
 Anna Jaundot
 Virgil Krafft
 Helen & Stanley Laurent
 Moe Laurent
 Dori Drude Lavigne
 Ben LeBoeuf
 Kelsey Martin

Martin Muller
 (L) Brandi Newman
 (L) Bonnie Perrin
 Jan Ripberger
 Dale Roberts
 Audrey Scamardo
 Glenn Snyder
 (L) President Donald Trump
 Mary Vicknair
 George Maxey Waddell
 Donnie Wilson
 (L) Beverly Woods

(L) Indicates Living

Easter Lilies

Join in the decorating of the church by donating \$8.00 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.



Prayer Intentions of the Holy Father March 2021

Let us pray that we may experience the sacrament of reconciliation with renewed depth, to taste the infinite mercy of God.



Stewardship

“The Shame of Blatant Sin”

“I prayed to the Lord, my God, and confessed, “Ah, Lord, great and awesome God, you who keep your covenant and show mercy toward those who love you and keep your commandments and your precepts! We have sinned, been wicked and done evil; we have rebelled and turned from your commandments and your laws. We have not obeyed your servants the prophets, who spoke in your name to our kings, our princes, our ancestors, and all the people of the land. Justice, O Lord, is on your side; we are shamefaced even to this day: the men of Judah, the residents of Jerusalem, and all Israel, near and far, in all the lands to which you have scattered them because of their treachery toward you. O Lord, we are ashamed, like our kings, our princes, and our ancestors, for having sinned against you.” But to the Lord, our God, belong compassion and forgiveness, though we rebelled against him and did not hear the voice of the Lord, our God, by walking in his laws given through his servants the prophets.”

If you’ve stood in line at a local grocery store, you’ve likely viewed the fruit of the strong-willed child-clamoring for a last-second purchase of a toy or piece of candy, dancing in and out of the line, throwing a fit or simply throwing things in general. Were you ever viewed as strong-willed? Are you still? From the Almighty’s perspective, aren’t we all. Sure. To live based on our personal preferences can overshadow God’s will for us, what he knows is best. Thankfully, in his mercy, God forgives us and lovingly restores us after repeated mistakes, childish behavior and shallow promises to change.

Financial News

YTD	Actual	Budgeted	Difference
2/28/2021	\$ 665,969.40	\$665,000.00	\$ + 969.40
Church Support	\$ 19,304.00		
Misc. Collections	\$ 589.00		
	\$19,893.00		

Second Collections

Catholic Relief Services—March 14, 2021
 St. Joseph School—March 21, 2021

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, March 13th & Sunday March 14th

	<u>Eucharistic Ministers</u>	<u>Ushers</u>
5PM	Millie Spansel 7b Bill Spansel 8b Tom Waller 9b	Durald Pinion Chris Marmillion John Howes John Yeargain Frank Schilling Earl Hoover Michael Chiasson Rene’ Folse Frank Glass Francis Waguespack Rodney Schmaltz Roland Terrebonne
8AM	Rose Harper 7b Kerry Balado 8b Katie Holmes 9b	Jeff Ryan Barry Blackledge Marcial Gomez Robert McNabb Christopher McNabb Kelly Richard
11 AM	Veronica Pierson 7b Barbara Wall 8b Mary Threeton 9b	
	<u>Lectors</u>	
5PM	Janice Radosti	
8AM	Stephanie Waguespack	
11 AM	Nicole Richard	

Vocation Awareness

Jesus cleaned out the temple of moneychangers. He was angry; He was zealous; He spoke with authority. He was doing what He had to do even though it involved risk, danger, insult and wonder. Such is a religious vocation in the Church. If you think God might be calling you to one, contact Fr. Josh Johnson at (225) 336-8778 of jjohnson@diobr.org.



September

October

November

School News

CONGRATULATIONS to our Crusaders of the Months so far this year! Each student is announced after morning prayer each month and presented with a certificate and basket of goodies donated by Berrytown Produce in Ponchatoula. So proud of these amazing Crusaders!

- September: Grant Burris and Fisher Alford
- October: Lillian Summers and Gabriella Cieutat
- November: Isabella Ventura and Brian Guidry
- December: Sophia Catalanatto and Alya Taylor
- January: Ellie Wolfe and Sabrina Quiroz
- February: Wyatt Barado and Kinsley Dailey

December

January

February



The Lenten Season St. Joseph School is partnering with Faith Sharing Ministries for a school-wide service project. Through this organization, we will connect with another St. Joseph School family in India. Our goal is to send a donation from our SJS family to their SJS family to help with their facility repairs and improvements. Students are making donations through "jeans/spirit dress" events a few days in March, and we would love for our SJS church community to join us in supporting our service project. You can either send a donation to the St. Joseph School office with "service project" in the memo section or go online to www.faithsharing.international and make a donation there. Again, we thank you for your continued support of our school!

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, and 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 nothing in return. For more information, call Ronnie or Anita Perrin at (985) 687-4458 or (985) 507-9765.



Mark Your Calendar

Sunday, March 7th
Parish School of Religion 9:30 am in the School

Sunday, March 7th
Ablaze—9:30 am

Sunday, March 7th
Called & Gifted—9:30am –School Classroom

Sunday, March 7th New Adult Formation Class-
"Veritatis Splendor" 9:30 am –School Library

Sunday, March 7th
Thirst—5pm

Monday, March 8th
Adult Choir Practice— 6:30 pm in the Church

Tuesday, March 9th
Word & Worship-Church-7:00 pm

Wednesday, March 10th
Adoration—Church 9:00 am to 5:00 pm

Wednesday, March 10th
Divine Mercy-Church-3:00 pm

Wednesday, March 10th
Come As You Are— Ablaze -5pm St. Joseph Room

Wednesday, March 10th
Vespers—Church - 6:00 pm

Wednesday, March 10th
Baptism Class for Parents & Godparents—7pm in the St. Benedict Room in the Church

Friday, March 12th
Stations of the Cross: 1:45 pm **(ONLY)**

Saturday, March 13th
Confession—4:00 pm

Sunday, March 14th
Youth Ministry— Desert-Ed— Mid Lent Check 5pm in the Gym

St. Joseph Gem:

"Go to Joseph! Have recourse with special confidence to St. Joseph, for his protection is most powerful, as he is the patron of the universal Church. "

Blessed Pope Pius IX





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