



St. Joseph's

CATHOLIC CHURCH

Founded 1875

255 North 8th St. (P. O. Box 368) Ponchatoula, LA 70454

Church Phone Number: (985) 386-3749

Church Web site: www.stjosephsonline.com

Church Office Hours: Monday through Friday from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm

Sunday Mass Schedule:

Sat. Vigil 5:00 pm
Sun. 8:00 am & 11:00 am

Week Day Mass Schedule:

M-Th 8:00 am

Confession:

Sat. 4:00 pm
T & Th after Mass

Baptism:

Couples who would like their child baptized need to contact Ramona at the office, 985-386-3749 to register for baptism preparation.

Marriage:

Contact a priest or deacon of the parish at least 6 months before the wedding at 985-386-3749.

Anointing of the Sick:

Please notify the office as soon as a Catholic is seriously ill or is having surgery.

Adoration:

Wed. 9:00 am to 6:00 pm
- Divine Mercy: 3:00 pm
- Vespers & Benediction: 6:00 pm

Catechetical Programs:

PSR-Gr. K-5; Sun 9:15-10:30 am
Ablaze-Gr. 6-8; Sun 9:15-10:30 am

High School Formation

Gr. 9-12; Sun. 9:15-10:30 am

May 8, 2022 Fourth Sunday of Easter

Faith Sharing

COMMUNITY TESTIMONY SERVICE

ALL ARE INVITED TO JOIN US
SUNDAY, MAY 15 AT 5:45 PM

ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH
255 N. 8TH ST.
PONCHATOULA, LA 70454



Sealed with the Holy Spirit

Confirmation 2022

Be who God meant you to be and you will set the World on Fire!

-St. Catherine of Sienna



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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: 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

Download Our 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.



Organizations

Ancient Order of Hibernians: Ronnie Crimmins 985-773-8965.
Kaycee 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 Ragusa.

FORMED®

PICK OF THE WEEK

May 8, 2022

WATCH

FATIMA GEMS

Fatima Gems, hosted by Fr. Andrew Apostoli, focuses on the beauty of Our Lady's messages to three young children in 1917. This series demonstrates ways to apply the Fatima teachings to our everyday lives, showcasing that this apparition is just as relevant to our culture today as it was 100 years ago.



FORMED LIVE!

Feast of the Ascension

May 21st, 2020

FORMED LIVE: FEAST OF THE ASCENSION

Join Drs. Tim Gray and Ben Akers as they discuss the feast of the Ascension! In this video, these two scholars provide powerful insights about the significance of the number 40, Jesus' conquest as the new Joshua, and the Kingship of Christ!

LEARN

LISTEN

REAL WOMANHOOD BY LISA COTTER

What does it mean to be a real woman in today's culture? Join Lisa Cotter in her talk Real Womanhood, as she draws on modern-day saints, St. John Paul II to define what it means to be an authentic woman.

REAL WOMANHOOD LISA COTTER



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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL REGISTRATION EXTENDED

PLEASE REGISTER BY: MAY 10TH

WHAT: Vacation Bible School (Catholic Faith Camp)
THEME: Jerusalem Marketplace Holy Land Adventure

<https://www.group.com/childrens-ministry/vbs/jerusalem-marketplace/>

WHEN: June 6-10 8:30 am—11:30 am SJS Gym
WHO: Campers must be entering grades K-5 next Fall

HOW: Online registration see Church home page stjosephsonline.com—scroll down to see the VBS buttons for

VBS CAMPER REGISTRATION

and

VBS VOLUNTEER REGISTRATION

OVERVIEW: Your child will join one of the 12 tribes of Israel and go back to Jesus’s time while visiting the synagogue school, the marketplace shops and the village playground.

WHO ELSE? Volunteers grades 6-12 (service hour ops!) and adults are needed to make our program a success! Please sign up to help us plan and decorate beforehand or to be there that week!

We are looking for someone who can demonstrate a potters wheel, basket weaving, carpentry or wood carving, and for some Holy land items to display and discuss, especially how they relate to our Catholic faith today.

Note: If you are volunteering or have a need for discount code please call Paige at the office to obtain one. We NEVER want cost to keep our families from participating in Church activities.

School News

St. Joseph School would like to send a big **THANK YOU** to our community of supporters for our successful Spring Fair. God blessed us with beautiful weather during the fair, and we loved seeing so many people throughout the weekend. Thank you for your generosity and continued support of our school. A special shout out to our Knights of Columbus Council who shared their time and talents in the Food Booth all weekend long. St. Joseph School is truly blessed!

Congratulations to 2nd grader Lane Fagan and 8th grader Tyler Christian. They are our April Crusaders of the Month. They were recognized during morning assembly, given a certificate, and presented with a basket of goodies donated by Berrytown Produce. We are so proud of you!



Do You Hear a Whisper???????????

Did you feel an ache in your heart when you learned someone was suffering and had no one to trust? Did you feel at a loss on how to help? Did you have trouble finding the words to say? Did you hear the whisper? Is that whisper from God?

Our Stephen Ministry is blessed to have our current Stephen Ministers and look forward to starting a new class soon. As the need for help continues to grow, we need more ministers. If God is whispering to you to work for his kingdom, we ask that you listen to his calling. For more info contact Anita Perrin (985) 687-4458 or Ronnie Perrin (985) 507-9765. Terri Huguet (504) 450-5450 or Ron Huguet (504) 232-2484.

**COME AS YOU ARE
SUMMER**

MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST
	1ST		
4TH		13TH	10TH
	15TH		
18TH		27TH	24TH
	29TH		

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

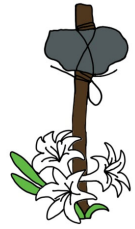
EACH WEEK'S THEME WILL BE REVEALED AT THE PREVIOUS CAYA

For more information or if interested, please text or call the Middle School Youth Minister, Kayla Fletcher, at 985-401-2530



Gathering in prayer and celebrating for a final time together as high school seniors, the 2022 graduates are mindful that this celebration of a Baccalaureate Mass would not be possible without the love, support and sacrifices of their families, friends, and faith community at St. Joseph's Catholic Church.

ALL GRADUATING SENIORS (public, Catholic, homebound or homeschool) please attend 11:00 am mass on **Sunday May 8, 2022** with family and friends to receive a special blessing from Father McDuffie. You are welcomed to dress in church attire or wear a NICE SHIRT from your high school that represents your school memories. (sports, music, club or organization) . \$



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

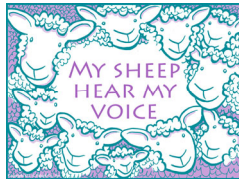
Thanks!!!

Huge thanks to ROOTED, DUMB OX AND SENIOR PEER LEADER, S & W hamburgers, Kayla as tech control, Mr. Kelly's grilling 'charism', sponsors & candidates, Vanda Lattie and her beautiful gift of rosary making, Deacon Larry for practice, Fr McDuffie and Bob for hearing confessions, and the beautiful sunshine that The Lord allowed to fall on us all day.



A Foretaste of Paradise

Throughout Easter Time, the Church rejoices with Jesus, risen from the dead. Our readings on this Fourth Sunday of Easter celebrate our instinct to come together in joy, worshiping in church. While private prayer nourishes our individual relationship with the Lord, community prayer is a foretaste of paradise. The book of Revelation depicts a "great multitude" worshiping God "day and night in his temple." Our churches on Easter Sunday often reflect this happy multitude, filling the pews to bursting. Four Sundays into the festive season, we are encouraged to keep praising God together. In the Acts of the Apostles, Paul and Barnabas demonstrate their instinct to worship with their faith community each Sabbath, dutifully taking their seats in the synagogue. In the Gospel, Jesus calls us his sheep and reminds us why coming together as a flock is so important: uniting in community, we imitate the unity of God.



Today's Readings

First Reading — The Jews angrily reject Paul and Barnabas' preaching. They then turn their energies to the Gentiles (Acts 13:14, 43-52).

Psalms — We are his people, the sheep of his flock (Psalm 100).

Second Reading — John envisions a great white-robed multitude standing before the throne and before the Lamb. (Revelation 7:9, 14b-17).

Gospel — My sheep hear my voice; they follow me. I give them eternal life (John 10:27-30).

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.

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, Tamika Coleman, Barbara Cravata, Ken Davidson, Lucille Davidson, Pat Davis, Melissa Balado Dean, Kitty Derveloy, Edward Dieser, 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, Thadd Fayard, Sam & Alice Ferraro, Joey Fortenberry, Marge Frahm, Eva Francois, Clint Gagliano, Lenny George, Nittie Gilliland, Carolyn Gillingham, Molly Gladney, Malissa Gonzalez, John Guzzardo, Clifford Green, Brian Guichet, Myrthus "Twinkle" Guichet, Anne Guidry, Glenn Guillot, 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, Joycelyn James, Jennifer Jernigan, Lawrence Joiner, Rosie Kelly, Carol Kinchen, Patricia Kirsch, Beulah Kluka, David Kraft, Sis Kyzar, Cheryl Laiche, Baby Callie Lakes, Norma Larriue, 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, Sr. Barbara Richter, MSC., Vera Richoux, 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 Tartamelia, 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: Fourth Sunday of Easter; Mother's Day; World Day of Prayer for Vocations
Tuesday: St. Damien de Veuster; St. John of Avila
Thursday: Ss. Nereus and Achilleus; St. Pancras
Friday: Our Lady of Fatima
Saturday: St. Matthias

Intentions of the Holy Father- May 2022

We pray for all young people, called to live life to the fullest; may they see in Mary's life the way to listen, the depth of discernment, the courage that faith generates, and the dedication to service.

Vocation Awareness

On this Good Shepherd Sunday, we celebrate the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and religious life, especially for our diocese, that God will raise good shepherds in our midst. If God is calling you, call or email Father Joshua Johnson at (225) 336-8778, jjohnson@diobr.org, or visit www.diobr.org/vocations.

Readings for the Week of

May 9, 2022

Monday: Acts 11:1-18; Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4; Jn 10:1-10
 Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26; Ps 87:1b-7; Jn 10:22-30
 Wednesday: Acts 12:24 — 13:5a; Ps 67:2-3, 5-6, 8; Jn 12:44-50
 Thursday: Acts 13:13-25; Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25, 27; Jn 13:16-20
 Friday: Acts 13:26-33; Ps 2:6-11ab; Jn 14:1-6
 Saturday: Acts 1:15-17; Ps 113:1-8; Jn 15:9-17

Next Sunday Readings (May 15, 2022)

First ReadingActs of the Apostles 14: 21-27
 Second Reading.....Revelation 21:1-5a
 GospelJohn 13:31-33a, 34-35
 Psalm145: 8-9, 10-11, 12-13

Mass Intentions

Monday, May 9, 2022

8:00 AM **Communion Service**

Tuesday, May 10, 2022

8:00 AM **Communion Service**

Saturday, May 14, 2022

5:00 PM Jimmy Barbier, Jr.
 Dudley & Geraldine Berthelot
 Delton Brooks
 (L) Rolly Bruce
 Phillip Connelley
 Ellis Ernest
 James Gibson
 Larry John Guillot, Sr.
 Ernest Ourso
 Bill Perrin

Sunday, May 15, 2022

8:00 AM Leon Boudreaux
 Lucy Braun
 Jonathan Burch
 (L) Deacons, Wives & Families
 Mary Sue Drude
 Richard & Clotilde Drude
 Lydia Ellenberge Dugas
 Joan Duplessis
 Living Members of the Ferrara Family
 Ingrid Graham
 (L) Ian Hoffman
 Larry Kemp
 Virgil Ozment McWilliams Krafft
 Doris Drude Lavigne
 Glenn Louque
 Anthony Massarini
 (L) Fr. Paul McDuffie

11:00 AM For the People of the Parish

Thursday, May 11, 2022

8:00 AM **Communion Service**

Friday, May 12, 2022

8:00 AM **Communion Service**

Rufus Poche
 Steve Pugh
 EJ Raiford
 Dale Roberts
 Liz Sanderson
 Myrtle A. Sellier
 Glenn Snyder
 L/D Members of Madeline
 Thibodeaux Family
 Joey Verneuil
 (L) Marie Williams

Ernest Ourso
 Steve Pugh
 (L) Danette Ragusa
 E. J. Raiford
 L/D Members of the Reggio/
 Vuljoin Families
 Eddie Robinson
 Liv. Memb of Sansone Family
 Patricia Charbonnet Schmit
 Glenn Snyder
 Souls in Purgatory
 (L) Stephanie Waguespack
 (L) Terri Waguespack
 Tommy Waguespack, Sr.
 Sal Yenni

Stewardship

Good Shepherd Sunday

Lk 19:28-40 / Is 50:4-7 / Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 / Phil 2:6-11 / Lk 22:14-23:56

Sheep are funny creatures. They need to be sheared. Sheep need to be fed. Sheep need their hooves trimmed. Sheep love to eat. They don't like to exercise. They certainly don't like to be alone. Some sheep are friendly, others are timid and standoffish. Most all sheep need a shepherd. Shepherds need to shear their sheep. Shepherds need to feed their sheep. Pope Francis suggested shepherds need to smell like their sheep. Jesus, in today's Gospel, says "My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me." There are some good shepherds, and there is The Good Shepherd. There are so many voices we hear in our day-to-day living—are any of them the Lord's? It is very important that we pray throughout the day. It is also important to learn about the Lord through scripture and attend events that may lead us to understand the Lord who is in our life more clearly. It is also very important to surround ourselves with people who love the Lord as well. Giving of your time, talents and treasures leads us closer to our Lord more often. Volunteering at church also will help us surround ourselves with people giving in the name of the Lord. In doing so, we will also be supporting one another in hearing the Lord's voice.

Financial News

5/1/2022	\$ 841,010.26	\$ 836,000.00	\$ +5,010.26
Church Support	\$ 19,955.38		
Misc. Collections	\$ 1,619.57		
	\$ 21,574.95		


Second Collections

St. Joseph School	May 8
Catholic Communications	May 22
St. Vincent de Paul Society	May 29

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, May 14th & Sunday, May 15th

5 PM	<u>Eucharistic Ministers</u>	<u>Ushers</u>
	Mary Ernst 7b Barbara Martino 9b	John Howes Alex Joiner Chris Marmillion Durald Pinion Frank Schilling John Yeargain Michael Chiasson Gordon Cotton Rene' Folse Jonah Nepveux Rodney Schmalz Roland Terrebonne Francis Waguespack
8 AM	Dennis James 7b Alice James 9b	Barry Blackledge Marcial Gomez Christopher McNabb Robert McNabb Kelly Richard Bob Zimmerman
	<u>Altar Servers</u>	<u>Lectors</u>
5 PM	Chloe McKinney Brinley Smith	5 PM Larry Ernst 8 AM Ed Hanks 11 AM Wayne Vedeckis
8 AM	Janae Feimster Sarah Hanks Katherine Hanks	<u>Children's Liturgist</u>
	11 AM Lily Perrin Daphne Turner Travis Turner, II	8 AM Angelique Richardson 11 AM Amy Pereira



WORLD DAY OF PRAYER for VOCATIONS

Celebrated on May 8

COMPASSIONATE HEART OF JESUS,
 GRACIOUSLY LISTEN TO OUR PRAYERS.
 GIVE US GENEROUS HEARTS TO
 RESPOND TO YOUR CALL IN OUR LIVES.
 LIFT UP THESE MEN AND WOMEN.
 WILLING TO FOLLOW AFTER YOUR HEART
 AS PRIESTS AND RELIGIOUS, HELP
 PARENTS AND TEACHERS TO SHARE THE
 FAITH AND TO ENCOURAGE YOUNG
 PEOPLE TO EXPLORE RELIGIOUS
 VOCATIONS. GUIDE ALL PEOPLE, LORD,
 IN YOUR WAYS OF COMPASSION, TRUTH
 AND PEACE, THAT WE MAY FIND
 HAPPINESS IN FULFILLING OUR
 VOCATIONS.
 AMEN

"Vocations are born in prayer and
 from prayer; and only in prayer can
 they persevere and bear fruit"
 -Pope Francis-

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Some of our Sunday PSR children and their siblings and friends participated in a procession honoring and crowning Mary last Sunday before 8am Mass. If you would like to see more of these events or have other ideas, share them by calling the church office. We are anxious to gather new ideas as we begin to reform and revitalize our Family Commission.



Mark Your Calendar

Sunday, May 8th
2022 Senior Class Invited to the 11 am Mass

Monday, May 9th
Bible Study—6 pm in the St. Joseph Room

Monday, May 9th
Adult Choir Practice - 6 pm in the Choir

Tuesday, May 9th
Word & Worship—7:00 pm in the Church

Wednesday, May 11th
Adoration— 8:30 am—6:00 pm
Divine Mercy Chaplet—3:00 pm Vespers—6:00 pm

Wednesday, May 11th
Bell Choir Practice—6:30 pm in the Choir Room

Friday, May 13th
Men's Morning Bible Study—6:30 am—Church

Saturday, May 14th
Men's Morning Prayer—6:30 am—Church

Sunday, May 15th
Rosary Altar Society - Jambalaya Dinners
Distribution - 9am - 12:30 pm- SJS Gym

Sunday, May 15th
Faith Sharing - 5:45 pm at St. Joseph's Church

Tuesday, May 17th
St. Vincent de Paul Meeting—6:30 pm in the St. Joseph Room

Wednesday, May 18th
Come As You Are—Ablaze—6 pm St. Joseph Room

Wednesday, June 8th
Baptism Class for Parents and Godparents- 7 pm in the St. Benedict Room in the Church

Youth Ministry - Continued from page 4

TEENS WE NEED YOU FOR VBS

Please visit the site to sign up. This commitment will go towards your service hours for next year in our Saint Joseph high school Thirst program.

<https://forms.gle/hsBNQFrPVYxfmdsh9>

St. Joseph's Church VBS Volunteer Sign Up 2022 June 6th-10th 8:30-11:30 am

Our Thirst teens (9th-12th grades) will be Group or Game Station Leaders* and our Ablaze teens (6th-8th) will be assistant leaders to the groups & stations. Our adults will be Station leaders or interspersed as needed. Please let us know which you would like to do!

* Group Leaders stay with the group of children that rotate from station to station

Continuing Ed with Ed

Catechists: Mark your calendars

- May 12 Reflection on Baptism and Confirmation from the Acts of the Apostles
- June 16 Reflection on the Trinity - central Mystery of our faith
- July 14 Reflection on the Trinity and the Sacrament of Marriage

Help Keep Our Church Clean!

Please take Kleenex, candy wrappers and papers out with you, so our sanctuary can be a holy, healthy environment for our next Mass—goers.



A Mother's Day Blessing

**Blessed is the Mother
Who lets the Lord
be her guiding hand,
Whose faith brings
her family courage,
Whose wisdom comes from God,
And whose children still
Stand and honor her.**

*May our Divine Lord
and His Blessed Mother
Reward you with the
love, joy and contentment
you so richly deserve.*

*Happy
Mother's
Day*



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