



# 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.

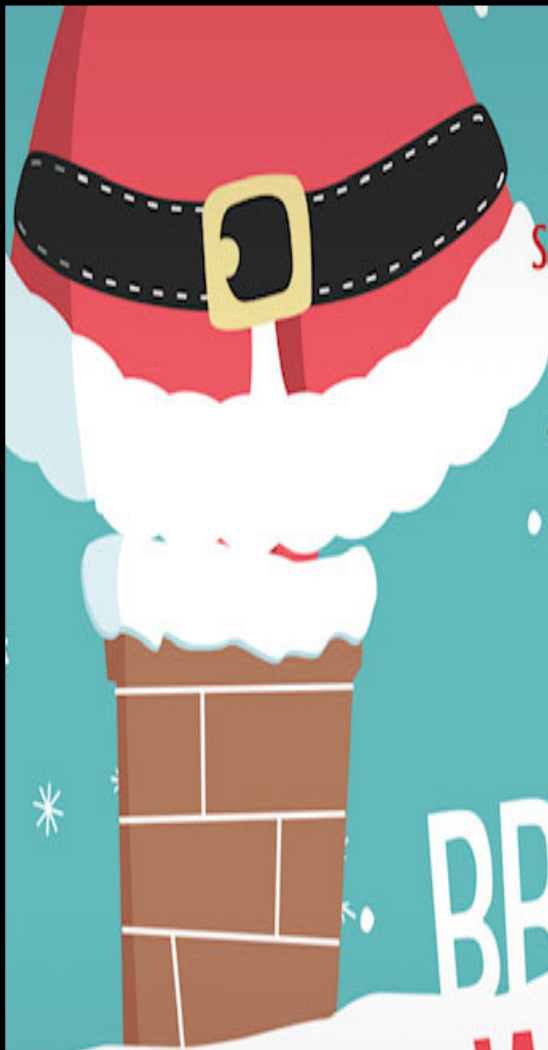
**Adoration:**

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

*November 27, 2022 The First Sunday in Advent*



IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO BE  
GOOD-  
SANTA IS COMING TO PONCHIE!

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10TH  
SJS GYM  
9 am- Breakfast sponsored by Knights of Columbus  
10 am- Santa & Mrs. Clause to arrive

PLEASE CONSIDER SUPPORTING  
THE TANGIPAHOA SHERIFF'S TOY CAMPAIGN  
BY DONATING A NEW UNWRAPPED TOY

BREAKFAST  
WITH SANTA

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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](mailto:sj_altar_server@bellsouth.net)  
**Bible Studies:** Stephanie Waguespack, 985-981-9859.  
**Children's Liturgy Ministry:** 985-386-3749.  
**Cooking Ministry:** Cook a plate of food for our Priest one day each month, call Linda Guagliardo 985-974-1775  
**Eucharistic Ministers of Holy Communion:** Angela Pevey (Call / text) 985-507-5757.  
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**Mass Greeters:** Barbara Martino, 985-386-3622.  
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**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.  
**Word & Worship Prayer Ministry:** Fernando Morales: 985-662-2844.  
**Women's Ministry:** Mary Vedeckis, 225-294-6631.  
**Youth Ministry:**  
Middle School 6th-8th: Nicole Richard: 985-386-3749  
High School 9th-12th: Nicole Richard: 985-386-3749

## Stephen Ministry

Do you have a friend, neighbor, co-worker, or relative who has been struggling with the loss of a loved one, loneliness, cancer, a layoff, relocation, divorce, a spiritual crisis, recuperation, single parenthood, or any of countless other life challenges? Our Stephen Ministers can provide them with the focused care, encouragement, and support they need to make it through the crisis. If you or someone you know is hurting, talk with one of our Stephen Leaders: Anita Perrin at 985-687-4458, She can talk with you about how we can connect the person you know with one of our Stephen Ministers.



## 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.

## Organizations

**Ancient Order of Hibernians:** Ronnie Crimmins 985-773-8965  
**Kaycee Auxiliary:** Barbara Martino : 985-386-3622  
**Knights of Columbus**  
(Application for new members) : Alex Joiner, 940-222-0690  
(Hall Rentals): Wayne Melancon 985-377-3823  
**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, Ron Huguette, Lisa Kennedy, Rachael Perrin, Angela Pevey, Rodney Schmaltz, Monee Sheridan, Wayne Vedeckis, Tom Waller. Ad Hoc Council Members: Fr. McDuffie, Deacon Larry Melancon, Fernando Morales, Danette Ragusa.

## 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.

If assistance is needed from the Society, please call (985) 370-5459. You will receive a recorded message. You will need to leave your name, phone number, and a brief message. A member of the SVDP will then get in touch with you to arrange for a home visit.

## Angel Wings

Infant loss, Stillborn & Miscarriage Support Group meets on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month at 6:30 pm in the Ministry Building. For more information contact Julie 225-610-6975 or Lucy 985-320-4476.



## 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).



# Faith Sharing

COMMUNITY TESTIMONY SERVICE

ALL ARE INVITED TO JOIN US

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4TH

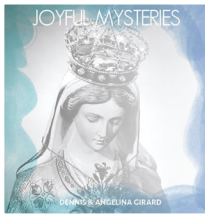
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PONCHATOULA, LA



## Stewardship of Prayer

Here are just a few of many avenues for our Stewardship of Prayer opportunities to pray, meditate and bring our families closer to the baby Jesus and His family. Please take a look at these by going to [www.watch.formed.org/](http://www.watch.formed.org/) browse and either search for them individually and/or browse the many opportunities for us to develop our prayer life during this special season of Stewardship.



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## BLUE CHRISTMAS

A Community Worship Service of Loss and Remembrance

Blue Christmas is a gentle, healing service for those who are mourning a loss during this season of celebration.



Wednesday, December 21, 2022, 6:00-7:00 p.m.

Followed by a light meal and fellowship

Knights of Columbus Hall

1701 Pecan Ct.

Ponchatoula, LA

Doors open at 5:45 p.m.

We invite you to join our 4th Annual Blue Christmas.

SEATING IS LIMITED.

For more information or to reserve your seat,

please call 985-687-4458.

Sponsored by Stephen Ministers and Ponchatoula Knights of Columbus

## Sheriff Edward Christmas Crusade For Children

Again this year we will be combining efforts with the Tangipahoa Parish Sheriff's Dept. to provide Christmas toys for children in need.

By combining our efforts, the Sheriff's Dept. can better check families and make sure that they are in legitimate need. Also, the Sheriff's Dept. will take care of deliveries.

Please bring toys **unwrapped** to church on **December 3rd & 4th**. Toys that indicate violence will not be accepted. Please **do not donate guns, bow & arrows, etc.** Make an Advent sacrifice by helping a child in need. Any questions call Fay Murray at 985-386-8151.





PSR K-5: What a wonderful scripture walk through Advent as a family.



**DAVIE SHORING**  
**5K AND FUN RUN**  
**CELEBRATING TEN YEARS REINDEER RUN**  
**DEC 3, 2022**  
**CATE SQUARE PARK**  
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Contact: [nrichard@sjscrusaders.org](mailto:nrichard@sjscrusaders.org)  
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Instead of Elf on a Shelf, move Mary and Joseph thru your house on their "journey to Bethlehem" and end up at the Nativity scene Christmas Eve.



1 "God Sent the angel Gabriel to a girl named Mary." Luke 1:26	2 "The angel said to her, "Don't be afraid, because God is very pleased with you." Luke 1:30	3 "Listen! You will become pregnant and have a baby boy. You will name him Jesus." Luke 1:31	4 "He will be great. People will call him the Son of the Most High God." Luke 1:32
5 "Mary Said, "I am the Lord's servant. Let this thing you have said happen to me!" Luke 1:38	6 "Caesar sent out an order... that everyone's name must be put on a list." Luke 2:1	7 "Everyone traveled to their hometowns to have their name put on the list." Luke 2:3	8 "So Joseph Went to the town of David because he was from the family of David. Joseph registered with Mary." Luke 2:4-5
9 "While Joseph and Mary were in Bethlehem, the time came for her to have the baby. She gave birth to her first son." Luke 2:6-7	10 "There were no rooms left in the inn. So she wrapped the baby with cloths and laid him in a box where animals are fed." Luke 2:7	11 "That night, Some shepherds were in the fields nearby watching their sheep." Luke 2:8	12 "An angel of the Lord stood before them. The glory of the Lord was shining around them." Luke 2:9
13 "The angel said to them, "Don't be afraid, because I am bringing you some GOOD News!" Luke 2:10	14 "Today your Savior was born in David's town. He is Christ, the Lord." Luke 2:11	15 "This is how you will know him: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a feeding box." Luke 2:12	16 "All the angels were praising God, saying, "Give glory to God in heaven, and on earth let there be peace to the people who please God." Luke 2:13-14
17 "So the Shepherds went quickly and found Mary, Joseph, and the baby." Luke 2:16-17	18 "Then the Shepherds went back to their sheep, praising God and thanking him for everything that they had seen & heard." Luke 2:20	19 "After Jesus was born, Some wise men came from the east." Matthew 2:1	20 "When the wise men saw the star, they were filled with joy." Matthew 2:10
21 "They went to the house... and they bowed down and worshiped the child." Matthew 2:11	22 "They gave him treasures of gold, frankincense, and myrrh." Matthew 2:11	23 "A child will be born to us. God will give a son to us. His name will be... Prince of Peace." Isaiah 9:6	24 "For God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son. God gave his Son so that whoever believes in him may not be lost, but have eternal life." John 3:16

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Happy Birthday **Jesus!**  
"Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift!"  
2 Corinthians 9:15

6th-8th Grade youth group  
**KICKOFF WITH KAYCEE**  
Wednesday,  
**December 14**  
5-7 pm  
Bring a Friend  
In the St. Joseph's Ministry Building

**ABLAZE YOUTH GROUP FUNDRAISER**  
**DECEMBER 17 & 18**  
BEFORE AND AFTER ALL MASSES  
THESE NEW ITEMS ARE HOT OFF THE PRESS AND WILL SELL FAST! WHAT A WONDERFUL WAY TO SUPPORT OUR YOUTH NEEDS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR AND TO SHOW OUR LOVE FOR OUR PRIEST AND CHURCH! ITEMS WILL BE POSTED SOON!  
LOVE DONATIONS ACCEPTED  
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CONTACT [NRICHARD@SJSCRUSADERS.ORG](mailto:nrichard@sjscrusaders.org)  
OR [KWIDMER@SJSCRUSADERS.ORG](mailto:kwidmer@sjscrusaders.org)



### Advent: The Joyful Anticipation

Just last week, we ended the Liturgical Year proclaiming "Jesus Christ is King of the Universe" now and forever. And now, this First Sunday of Advent, we begin the new year in great anticipation of the coming of our Lord, the King of the Universe, as an innocent child, God incarnate in human flesh.

The music for Mass last week reflected the grandeur of a king sitting on the throne of his kingdom. We were left with a sense of awe, majesty, and fulfillment. In contrast, the music of Advent fills us with anticipation; it causes us to hunger for the coming of the King and His kingdom in heaven. Let us be fully invested in this anticipation and appreciate the changes that our senses and intellects experience during the Mass this Advent.

The Advent antiphons and psalms sung during Mass are full of hope and longing. Through them we plead for comfort, salvation, and rescue. Hymns remind us of the promise of salvation made to Abraham and the Prophets that will soon be fulfilled in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus. The musical accompaniment for these psalms, antiphons, and hymns is subdued, emphasizing that something is missing from our lives now, but is coming and will break forth amid joyous song in full resonance on Christmas Day.

This is why we sing "Lord have mercy," but not "Gloria!" during Advent. The omission of the song of the angels heightens our anticipation and longing for the night of Christmas on which the song will ring out anew.

Certain music is distinctively associated with Advent, particularly, "O Come, O Come Emmanuel." This will permeate our Advent Mass here at St. Joseph's. We will sing its beautiful melody each week as our Gospel "Alleluia" and our Eucharistic "Amen."

So let the worldly skip from Thanksgiving straight to Christmas, but let us pause and prepare for His coming. Let our hearts revel in the sweetness of the longing for his arrival. How much greater shall then be our joy!

### 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, David Blake, Michelle Bossier, Ann Boudreaux, Hazel Boudreaux, Larry Boudreaux, Ranice Bourg, Rodney Bourg, Barbara Bourgeois, Johnny Bracy, Angel Braun, Amy Brennan, JoAnne Brisset, Nancy Brown, Shirley Bruno, Sister Anna Louise Bumbera, R.S.M., Kristine Castillio, Christine Castjohn, Elaine Charbonnet, Chris Chiasson, Julian Chiro, Eddie Cicardo, Gavin Cieutat, Steve Coates, Tamika Coleman, Ken Davidson, Lucille Davidson, Pat Davis, Melissa Balado Dean, Kitty Derveloy, William Desplas, Edward Dieser, Carol Dominguez, Kenneth Paul Drude, Pam Durio, Andrew Dzuryachko, Pam Guichet Elder, Nicholas Eirich, Jay Ernst, Jeanette Ernst, Michael Ernst, Veronica Fannally, Sam & Alice Ferraro, Brett Kelly Fitzgerald, Joey Fortenberry, Marge Frahm, Eva Francois, Clint Gagliano, Lenny George, Nittie Gilliland, Carolyn Gillingham, Molly Gladney, Malissa Gonzalez, Irvin Gros, John Guzzardo, Clifford Green, Cynthia Gregoire, Brian Guichet, Myrthus "Twinkle" Guichet, Anne Guidry, Glenn Guillot, Robert Hamberger, IV, Johnny B. Harris, Sadie Hebert, Thomas W. Hebert, Tommy Helg, Kalee Henderson, Cyndi Hoover, Darrell Hoover, Lois Hoover, Tammy Perrin Horn, Peggy Howes, Jimmy Hubert, Joycelyn James, Jennifer Jernigan, Lawrence Joiner, Rosie Sparacello Kelly, Beckham King, Patricia Kirsch, Beulah Kluka, David Kraft, Sis Kyzar, Donna Laciura, Elaine Landry, Norma Larrieu, Wayne Laurent, Ruby Drude Lee, Liz LeSaicherre, Gary Lewing, Brian Lousteau, Angelo Macaluso, Caitlyn Matherne, William Mathes, Melissa McCormick, John & Susan McKinney, Cole McMillion, Senit Miller, Barry Mince, Sr., Lisa Mince, Anna Mae Mixon, Patricia Monteleone, Andrew Morales, Dustin Morales, Charles A. Morse, Sal Mulle, Ed Murray, Fay Murray, Cindy Newton, Ruth Ourso, Wanda Pandarvis, George Peltier, Wayne Pepitone, Marisa Perrin, Anne Phillips, Camilla Phillips, Kyle Picou, Larry Pittman, Fran Poche, Rachel Pope, Charlotte Reso, Barbara Richter, MSC., Bryan Roddick, A. J. Roig, Jr., Brooklyn Sansone, Ernest Schenck, CJ Schiro, Bob Simoneaux, JoAnn Smith, Kayla Smith, Ronald Springer, Sr., Rose Stahl, Lynette Stanga, Phyllis McIntyre Stanga, Maddox Steadman, Ernest Stephens, Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Tartamelia, Wylene Remy Taylor, Earl Theriot, Tracy Todd, Cheryl Tribou, Carlo Triolo, Jean Troxler, Travis Troxler, Ronald Vining, Sam Viola, Stone Viola, Carla Van Vrancken, Charles Van Vrancken, June Villa, Mary Vuljoin, Glen Walker, Adelle Wall, Danny Wall, Martha Warden, Travis Warden, Danni Waugh, Mary Brooks Weiss, Rodney Wempren, Regi White, Jimmy Williamson Family, Harold Wright. *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:

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 First Sunday of Advent
- Wednesday Feast of Saint Andrew, Apostle
- Saturday Memorial of Saint Francis Xavier, Priest

### Intentions of the Holy Father- November 2022

We pray for children who are suffering, especially those who are homeless, orphans, and victims of war; may they be guaranteed access to education and the opportunity to experience family affection.

### Vocation Awareness

St. Paul tells us that the love we received from the Lord must increase and be shared with those around us and that we need to be holy before God. Are you willing to teach the Gospel to others and to help prepare them for the coming of the Lord? If yes, call or email Rev. Joshua Johnson at (225) 336-8778, [jjohnson@diobr.org](mailto:jjohnson@diobr.org)



Are you going through difficulties at work, perhaps you're not happy with your financial situation, find yourself wanting more out of life, or have any other life challenge, and you don't want to burden your spouse?

You just need someone to share what you're experiencing and for it to be in total confidence. Well, that's where a Stephen Minister comes in - for these reasons and a whole lot more.

*If you would like more information about St. Joseph's Stephen Ministry program please contact Anita Perrin at 985-687-4458*



## Readings for the Week of

November 28, 2022

**Monday** Is 4:2-6; Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9; Mt 8:5-11  
**Tuesday** Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lk 10:21-24  
**Wednesday** Rom 10:9-18; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11; Mt 4:18-22  
**Thursday** Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1 & 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27  
**Friday** Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31  
**Saturday** Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8

### Next Sunday Readings

First Reading .....Is 11:1-10  
 Second Reading.....Rom 15:4-9  
 Gospel .....Mt 3:1-12  
 Psalm .....Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17

## Mass Intentions

### Monday, November 28, 2022

8:00 AM (L) Dustin Fletcher

### Tuesday, November 29, 2022

8:00 AM (L) Christy Troxclair

### Wednesday, November 30, 2022

8:00 AM (L) Barry Hoover

### Thursday, December 1, 2022

8:00 AM (L) Ann Boudreaux

### Saturday, December 3, 2022

5:00 PM Ella Badon  
 Sandra Bates  
 Dudley & Geraldine Berthelot  
 Delton Brooks  
 Glenn Drude, Sr.  
 Dana Fayard  
 Frances & Dave Guillot  
 Pham Nhat Hong  
 (L) Cheryl Laiche  
 Raoul Laurent, Jr.  
 (L) Anna Mae Mixon & Florence Peltier

Ernest Ourso  
 Bill Perrin  
 Rufus Poche  
 Lawrence Powell  
 Ann Prine  
 Liz Sanderson  
 Belita Schilling  
 Glenn Snyder  
 Madeline Thibodeaux

### Sunday, December 4, 2022

8:00 AM For the People of the Parish

11:00 AM Adrienne Ayres  
 Mary Sue Drude  
 Richard & Clotilde Drude  
 Owen "Tiger" Falcon  
 L/D Memb of Ferrara Family  
 Gerald "Sam" Guidry, Sr.  
 (L) Patricia Hoffstadt and the L/D  
 Members of her family  
 (L) Paula Jarrell  
 Eddie Joseph Jouty, Jr.

Doris Drude Lavigne  
 Anthony Massarini  
 Ernest Ourso  
 (L) Reggie Pevey  
 L/D Memb of Sansone Family  
 Glenn Snyder  
 Madeline Thibodeaux  
 Floyd Troxler, Sr.

## Christmas Season

As we all know, the Christmas season is rapidly approaching. We have a lot of new ideas we would like to implement. We have had a lot of help from the KC men, and we could not accomplish our goals without them, but need more volunteers, men and women, for the new ideas. If you would be interested in helping out, or have ideas you want to share, please give me a call. Thanks for your help in making this Christmas season very special for the arrival of OUR LORD and SAVIOR. Will you help with a \$15 donation in purchasing poinsettias for decorating the church for Christmas. Questions call 985-386-3622. God bless you, Barbara Martino

## Christmas Poinsettias

Join in the festive decoration of our church by donating \$15.00 toward the purchase of Christmas Poinsettias. The donations can be in honor of a living or deceased individual or family. To donate, place Christmas Poinsettia envelope in the collection box by December 25th. Or you can drop your envelope off at the Church Office. Make sure you list the names of the individual or family to be honored.



## Stewardship

St. Paul challenged first century Christians to maintain a high stand of spiritual commitment. "Whatever you do, in word or in deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus" (Colossians 3:17). Perhaps no Catholic practice is more reflective of that commitment than a parishioner's determination to pray. We model the directives of Scripture and the teachings of the Church. "Pray without ceasing." In all circumstances, give thanks." Ask, and you will receive, seek and you will find. Knock, and the door will be opened to you." And, in a parable Jesus told his disciples, they were reminded (and by extension, we are too) "to pray always without becoming weary" (Luke 18:1)

Believing God's Spirit is always with us, we whisper requests and the desires of our hearts, knowing that God hears each one. We pray throughout the day, often with no one knowing. Called to the Mass, in worship with fellow parishioners, we also join in prayers together as a family of faith, and then we carry our Catholic practices with us-through silent meditation, contemplative prayer, the Rosary, Novenas or Lectio Divina to name a few. During this Stewardship of Prayer season, every member of our parish will have the opportunity to make a prayer commitment in any of the spiritually effective and personally meaningful ways open to all of us. Inviting a written commitment is key, so commitment cards will be distributed to give you this opportunity to choose and commit to a form of prayer or reflection. Please do not limit yourself to these resources. Feel free to add to it and "pray unceasingly." Each and every one of us are called to be Stewards in different forms. This Advent season, we will be focused on Stewardship of Prayer. Please be on the lookout for more resources to help us in our prayer journey. Hopefully, some of them will "stick" and you will continue them for the rest of your life. We have the time each and every day to commit to prayer. Please do not let "the world" or our common enemy convince you that you don't have the time. Satan does not want us to connect with our loving Trinity and definitely not Mary. Let's battle together and connect with our loving creator in different ways this season. GOD ALWAYS WINS!! Let's be on the winning side! God Bless us all!



## Financial News

Collection Totals for 11/20/22 will be included in the 12/4/22 bulletin.

## Ministry Schedule

### Saturday, December 3rd, Sunday, December 4th

	<u>Eucharistic Ministers</u>	<u>Ushers</u>
5 PM	Harry LeBlanc 7b Barbara Martino 8b Stephanie Wille 9b Angela Pevey 2c	John Howes Alex Joiner John Laiche Chris Marmillion Francis Martino Durald Pinion John Yeagain Barry Blackledge Jeremy Barado Gordon Cotton Rene' Folse Jonah Nepveux Pete Peterson Rodney Schmaltz Roland Terrebonne Barry Blackledge Sergio Alvarado Macial Gomez Christopher McNabb Robert McNabb
8 AM	Alice James 7b Stephanie Waguespack 8b Dennis James 9b Mary Jo Balado 2c	Russ Wood Bob Zimmerman
11 AM	Donna Clause 7b Peggy Hastings 8b Carol Kinchen 9b Veronica Pierson 2c	<u>Lectors</u> 5vPM Larry Ernst 8vAM Harold Thibodeaux 11 AM T Guagliardo, III <u>Children's Liturgist</u> 8 AM Stacy Ball 11 AM Mary Hoover
5 PM	<u>Altar Servers</u> Khai Guillot Sophie LaCroix Chloe McKinney	
8AM	Anna Hanks Addelyn Wolfe Ellie Wolfe	
11 AM	Lily Perrin Daphne Turner Travis Turner, III	



JOIN US FOR  
#GIVINGTUESDAY

Thank you for being a part of St. Joseph School community! We are excited to announce that we are participating in #iGiveCatholic! The focus of our iGiveCatholic giving day will be to continue to upgrade the safety measures around our campus.

This year's giving day is **Tuesday, November 29**. There is an Advanced Giving Day phase for donations beginning at 12:00 AM on Monday, November 14.

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School News

8th graders and their K buddies celebrated "The First Thanksgiving" together!! Another wonderful tradition at SJS! We hope everyone had a blessed Thanksgiving!



Mark Your Calendar

**Sunday, November 20th & 27th**  
*THIRST- Backpacks for Belize Collection*

**Sunday, November 27th**  
*Liturgical Choir Practice - 9:30 am in the Choir Room*

**Monday, November 28th**  
*Voice of the Holy Innocents Youth Choir Practice - 4pm in the Choir Room*

**Monday, November 28th**  
*Bible Study - 6 pm in the St. Dominic Room*

**Monday, November 28th**  
*St. Dustan's Ringers (Bell Choir Practice) 6:30 pm in the Choir Room*

**Tuesday, November 29th**  
*Lord, Teach Me to Pray - 8:45 am in the Church Conference Room*

**Tuesday, November 29th**  
*Surviving Divorce - 6 pm*

**Tuesday, November 29th**  
*St. Vincent de Paul Society Meeting - 6 pm in the St. Dominic Room*

**Tuesday, November 29th**  
*Word & Worship—7:00 pm in the Church*

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

**Wednesday, November 30th**  
*Women's Ministry - 2:30 pm in the St. Dominic Room*

**Friday, December 2nd**  
*Men's Morning Bible Study—6:30 am—Church*

**Saturday, December 3rd**  
*Men's Morning Prayer—6:30 am—Church*

**Saturday, December 3rd**  
*First Saturday Rosary - 10 am*

**Saturday, December 3rd & Sunday December 4th Toy Drive - At all Masses**



**Sunday, December 4th**  
*PSR Classes K - 5th - 9:15 am - 10:30 am*  
*ALAZE - 6th-8th - 9:15 am - 10:30 am*  
*THIRST - 9th - 12th - 9:15 am - 10:30 am*

**Sunday, December 4th**  
*Faith Sharing - 5:45 pm -St. Joseph's Church*

**Tuesday, December 5th**  
*Rosary Altar Society Meeting- 10 am St. Benedict Room*

**Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary - Mass Schedule**  
*Wednesday, December 7th- 6 pm Vigil*  
*Thursday- December 8th - 8 am Mass*



**Saturday, December 10th**  
*Breakfast with Santa - 9 am SJS Gym*



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