



SAINT JOSEPH

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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FEBRUARY 18, 2018 - FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

PARISH MINISTERS

- Rev. William Schambough*Pastor*
- Deacon Keith Duhon*Deacon*
- Chenell Privat*Secretary to the Pastor*
- Sandra Smith*Bookkeeper*
- Eva Green*Coordinator of 1st-11th Grade Religion*
- Celeste Fortier*Safe Environment Coordinator*
- John Buroker*Choir Director*

SACRAMENTS

RECONCILIATION: Saturday from 3:00–3:55 pm, 20 minutes before daily Mass and by appointment, (please call the office).

BAPTISM: Preparation for the sacrament is provided to parents held in the evenings. (See bulletin for time and place.) Parents are encouraged to attend during pregnancy, to avoid undue delays.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK: For Anointing, death, or in case of an emergency please call the parish office.

MARRIAGE: Couples planning marriage are asked to contact the pastor or deacon at least six months before.

CELEBRATING THE EUCHARIST

- Saturday:.....4:00 p.m.
- Sunday:8:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m., & 5:00 p.m.
- Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday:.... 6:30 a.m.
- Thursday:.....6:00 p.m.
- Holy Days:..... 6:30 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.

WELCOME, VISITORS.

We extend a warm welcome to the individuals and families who are celebrating with us today. We invite you to become registered with our Parish Family by completing our Parish Census Form, and returning it to the office on 208 E. Edith.

PASTORAL COUNCIL

- Pam Begnaud Trista Littell
- Bob Cole Nicole Hebert
- Dan Guidry
- Steve LeMaire

PARISH TRUSTEES

- Linda Desormeaux
- Robert Landry



First Sunday of Lent

A covenant is a formal agreement between two parties. Assuming both parties enter into the covenant of their own free will, it is a bond that cannot be broken. As time goes on, that covenant will be tested and its validity questioned by skeptics, but it will remain if it is real.

God's covenant with his people is real. It began with a promise made to Noah and was renewed in the person of Jesus Christ. It has been tested by man through sin and by evil through Jesus' trials in the desert. But here in 2018, it still remains as strong as ever.

This Lent, take time to rediscover and reflect on this covenant God has with us. Reclaim your baptism and make it a motivating factor in how you live your life. Take the opportunity this Lenten season provides to increase your devotion and spirituality. You will be tested and you will suffer trials, for life is not always easy. But God has always upheld his part of the agreement. Now is the time to take our part in this covenant more seriously.



Please Pray For The Sick

- Lisa Landry Cindy Stelly Brad Richard Joe Credeur
- Gracie Broussard Wilda Bares Meyer Moore
- Lucy Broussard Chase Conway Stoute Trisha Doucet
- Norval Knapp Brennen Albert Dina Broussard
- Margie Decou Beridon Susan Vincent Gunner Breaux
- Joyce Comeaux Evelyn Landry Emily Sonnier
- James Benoit Dolores Benoit Kathryn Trahan
- Diane Johnson Bobby Trahan Charlie Harrington
- Betty Thibodeaux Rudolph Fabre Kim Vincent
- Luby Landry Goldie Broussard Lilly Mae Romero
- Melinda Hebert Joe Daigle Mary Belle Broussard
- Enola G. Bernard Kathleen Blanco Raywood Decou
- Martha Broussard Bryan Gomez Wilmer Landry

Our Gift Back to God

Offertory	\$11,851.33
Weekly Goal	\$12,000.00
Plus/Minus Our Goal	\$ (148.67)

Thank You!

This Weeks Second Collection
Black & Indian Missions

Next Weeks Second Collection
Local Seminarian Support

The waters of Baptism make us part of the new covenant in Christ. But the bishops' pastoral letter on stewardship reminds us that "there is a fundamental obligation arising from the sacrament of baptism . . . that people place their gifts, their resources - their selves - at God's service in and through the Church."

After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God: "This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel." - Mk 1:14-15

Mass Intention

Weekend of February 17th & 18th, 2018
Sat. 4 p.m., Sun. 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. for the intentions listed,
Sun. 10:30 a.m. for our parish (Pro Populo)

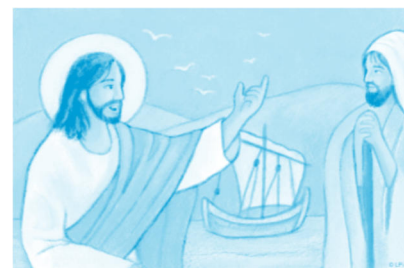
Marlene Buhler, Jacob Theriot, Preston Venable, Dr. Robert Pavy, Ryan Viator, Emery Don Gallet (8th Anniv.), Zachary Esters, Lewis & Maude Picard, Eugene Broussard, Ray Simon, Douglas & Lula Lantier Duhon, Sr. (His Birthday), Zachary Tucker, Clifford J. Viator & Family, Pam McDonald, Samuel & Lou Ella Blanchard

Weekday Masses

Monday 19	Romain K. Bourque (Anniversary)
Tuesday 20	First Responders & Those Serving in our Armed Forces
Wednesday 21	Vocations to the Priesthood
Thursday 22	Sick of the Parish
Friday 23	Kay Fortier (Anniversary)

Sanctuary Candle

Previous Priests



Lent

Way of the Cross

(Every Thursday during Lent)
6:30 p.m.

Consider Daily Mass as part of your Lenten observance. Mass times are as follows:

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday:
6:30 a.m.

Thursday:
6:00 p.m.

Confessions: 20 minutes before daily Mass, Saturday from 3:00 -3:50 p.m. as well as by appointment.

The Wild Goose (Discovering a Deeper Relationship with the Holy Spirit)

A program for parishioners interested in learning more about their catholic faith this lent or for adults needing to make their Confirmation. Join Fr. Dave Pivonka, TOR in this incredible 14 part video series which is awakening God's love and transforming power in the hearts of all who participate. Discover the Holy Spirit who has been revealed to us by Jesus Christ and who leads us to our heavenly Father. The first session begins at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, **February 20th** at the Life Center. Please call the rectory at 856-5997 to sign up for this program or for more information.

The Ladies Altar Society Rosary Group will meet on Tuesday, **February 20th** at Pelican Pointe at 10:00 a.m. Sue Duhon will serve as hostess. Carpool from Church beginning between 9:30-9:40 a.m.

CRS Rice Bowl Encounter Majd In Iraq, we encounter Majd and his family, people forced to flee violence, searching for stability. How can you support those, worldwide, who are forced to flee their homes to find safety or better opportunities? Visit crsricebowl.org for more information.

Events This Week

- Mon. (19th):** 3rd, 4th & 5th CCD
RCIA 7:00 p.m.
- Tues. (20th):** Wild Goose 7:00 p.m.
(Life Center)
Choir Practice 6:30 p.m.
- Wed. (21st):** 1st & 2nd CCD
- Thurs. (22nd):** Way of the Cross
6:30 p.m.
Knights of Columbus
6:30 p.m. (Life Ctr.)
- Fri. (23rd):** Parish Office Closed
- Sat. (24th):** No Events Scheduled
- Sun. (25th):** 11th Grade CCD

The Knights of Columbus will have their next meeting on Thursday, **February 22nd** at 6:30 p.m. in the Life Center.

Baby Bottle Campaign The Desormeaux Foundation would like to thank the parishioners of St. Joseph Church for their donations to the Baby Bottle Campaign. The amount of \$7,483.00 was collected here. Thank you for your generosity!

Centennial News: Death of Bishop Jeanmard - On February 23, 1957, Bishop Jules B. Jeanmard died at the age of 77. He served as the first Bishop of the Diocese of Lafayette for over 37 years. In that time he oversaw incredible growth for the diocese. One of Bishop Jeanmard's lasting legacies was his service to African Americans in the Diocese. In his will, he requested that his body be laid after his death at St. Paul's before it was brought to the Cathedral for the funeral and burial. Jeanmard's death made national news as Time magazine ran a picture of black parishioners offering their respects to Bishop Jeanmard, with the caption: "Last Homage to Negroes' Friend."



Steubenville South Christian Conference Registration is now open for the Steubenville South Christian Conference on **June 22nd, 23rd, & 24th, 2018**. A down payment of \$35.00 will hold your spot. All youth who would like to attend should contact Eva Green at 856-0800.

St. Jo 5k Jog/Walk 2018 Our annual one mile run/walk and 5K jog will be held on Saturday, **March 10th**. Registration and Sponsor Forms can be found online at www.stjo-milton.org or you can pick one up in the gathering area of Church. Any business or persons interested in contributing items for door prizes can drop these off at the Rectory. If you would like to volunteer to help with this event call the rectory at 856-5997. Come and cheer on Milton's best. Walkers and strollers are welcome to participate. We will have a DJ, pancake and sausage breakfast (following the race), and door prizes. The one mile run/walk begins at 9:00 a.m. followed by the 5K at 9:30 a.m.

The Next Baptism Seminar will be held on Thursday, **March 8th**, at 6:30 p.m. in Church.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15 [Jn 6:63b]/Mt 25:31-46
- Tuesday: Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19 [18b]/Mt 6:7-15
- Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19 [19b]/Lk 11:29-32
- Thursday: 1 Pt 5:1-4/Ps 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6 [1]/Mt 16:13-19
- Friday: Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8 [3]/Mt 5:20-26
- Saturday: Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8 [1b]/Mt 5:43-48

Next Sunday's Readings

- Genesis 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18
- Psalm 116:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19
- Romans 8:31b-34
- Mark 9:2-10

St. Thomas More accepting 2018-2019 application online. Apply now at www.stmcougars.net. For more information, contact Robyn Alfonso at 988-3700 ext. 187.

St. Anne's Knights of Columbus will sell fried fish dinners during Lent beginning on **February 16th** and ending the Friday before Good Friday. Dinners are \$8.00 each. Pick up at the K.C. Hall on Hwy. 92 on Fridays from 5-7 p.m.

2018 Diocesan Marriage Anniversary Mass will be held on Sunday, **February 25th** at Our Lady of Fatima Church in Lafayette. The 2:00 p.m. Mass will be celebrated by Bishop J. Douglas Deshotel. Pre-register no later than February 15th for any couple who wish to be honored as they celebrate 25, 40, 50 60 or more years of married life during 2018.

Lenten Day of Prayer for Ladies on Tuesday, **February 27th**, at Our Lady of the Oaks Retreat House in Grand Coteau. The theme will be "Finding an Attitude of Gratitude". It will begin at 9:00 a.m. and end with Mass at 2:15 p.m. The presenter will be Fr. Joe Tetlow, S.J. Total cost is \$25.00. Space is limited so please register early. For more information on this special Day of Prayer, please contact Our Lady of the Oaks at 662-5410.

Thought of the Week *How often I found where I should be going only by setting out for somewhere else.*

"A priest is not a priest for himself, he is a priest for you." - Cure' of Ars

Please Pray for Our Priest:
Rev. Anselm Ofodum
Rev. Paul Onuegbe
Rev. Paul Osterale, SJ
Rev. Anthony Ostini, SJ
Rev. Jose Padinjarepeedika, CMI
Rev. John Paul, SJ
Rev. Donald Pelous

Come and See (Palm Sunday Vocations Retreat) March 23rd-25th. Men, 16 years & older, this weekend is about how to discern God's call for your life. No cost to you. Transportation provided from Lafayette. To register, contact: Diocese of Lafayette, Office of Vocations, Fr. Patrick Broussard, Director, 1408 Carmel Drive, Lafayette. Call 261-5690 or visit vocations@diolaf.org.



Rachel's Vineyard Retreat This weekend healing retreat is for those suffering abortion aftermath. Rachel's Vineyard is a safe place to renew, rebuild and redeem hearts broken by abortion. The next retreat will be offered **March 23rd-25th**. Weekend retreats offer you a supportive, confidential and non-judgmental environment where women and men can express, release and reconcile painful post-abortive emotions to begin the process of restoration, renewal and healing. Pre-registration is required. For more information visit www.rachelsvineyard.org or call 261-5607.

Steps to Heaven is a non-profit organization which provides families with burial remembrances (burial gowns, pocket blankets, keepsake pillows, and stone angels) free of charge to those who have experienced the loss of an infant through miscarriage, still birth, or infant death. If interested you can donate your wedding dress which will be used to create the gowns. Please call Phyllis Berberich at 654-1781 for more information.

**Liturgical Ministers February 24th & 25th 2018
Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, & Servers**

We ask all ministers to please be there **15 minutes before Mass**. Sacristans, please be there 30 to 45 minutes before Mass. Please call for a replacement if unable to make your scheduled time.

Saturday, February 24th, 4:00 p.m.

Sacristan: Judy Touchet
Lectors: Tarrah Davis, Wally Broussard
Eucharistic Ministers: Sylvia Broussard, Angelique Latiolais, Anna Bernard
Altar Servers: Kennedy Davis, William Davis, Alyssa Lail

Sunday, February 25th, 8:00 a.m.

Sacristan: Kat Trahan
Lectors: Ali Picard, Joyce Broussard
Eucharistic Ministers: Ryan Ward, Kat Trahan, Henri Quereau, Stacey Picard, Gwen Miller, Mable Chaisson, Mary Adams
Altar Servers: Parker Broussard, Reed Broussard, Logan Broussard

Sunday, February 25th, 10:30 a.m.

Sacristan: Dan Guidry
Lectors: Nancy Cech, Pam Burley
Eucharistic Ministers: Deacon Keith Duhon, Dan Guidry, Suzie Trappey, Krissy Smith, Lisa McCowen, Leurline Norris, Jude Bares
Altar Servers: Holden Martin, Walker Bares, Graham Snodgrass

Sunday, February 25th, 5:00 p.m.

Sacristan: Mary Landry
Lectors: James Blanchard, Dennis Dumas
Eucharistic Ministers: Deacon Keith Duhon, Mary Landry, Angelle Blanchard, Debbie Dumas, Bubba LaFleur, Darlene Russell, Natalie Russell
Altar Servers: Randall Greene, Alyssa Blanchard

