

SAINT JOSEPH

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AUGUST 23, 2020 - TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

PARISH MINISTERS

Rev. William Schambough*Pastor*
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 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.

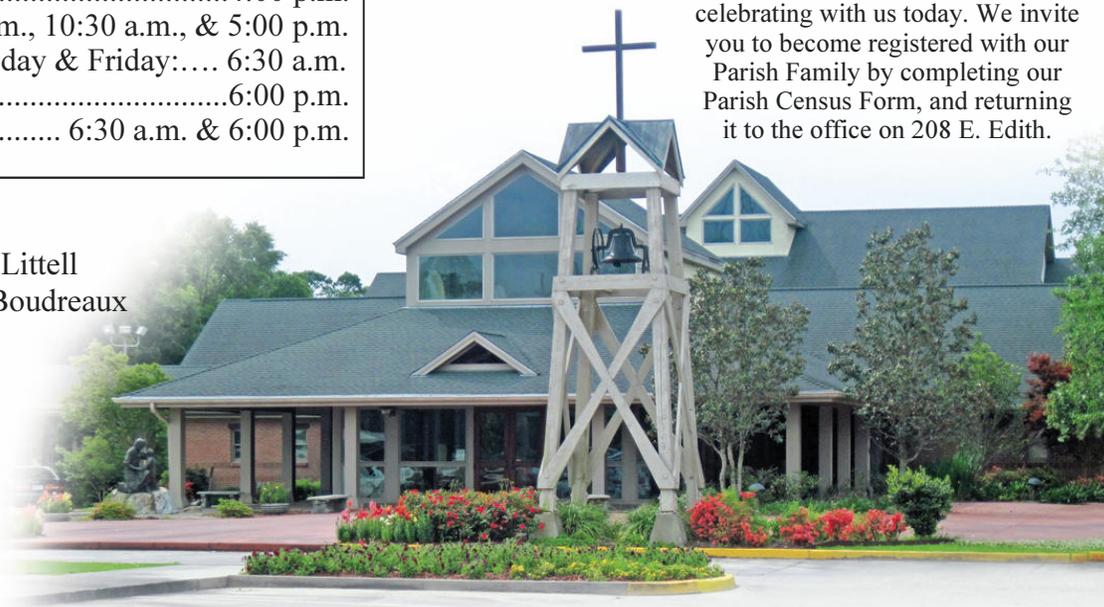
We extend a warm welcome to the individuals and families who are celebrating with us today. We invite you to become registered with our Parish Family by completing our Parish Census Form, and returning it to the office on 208 E. Edith.

PASTORAL COUNCIL

Pam Begnaud Trista Littell
 Bob Cole Troy Boudreaux
 Dan Guidry
 Steve LeMaire

PARISH TRUSTEES

Linda Desormeaux
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21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

The only way to know God is to love God. Our minds will never fully grasp the mystery of God, but our hearts and souls can learn to love the mystery. Years ago, when life had a more innocent quality to it, we believed what we were told or witnessed, unless there was direct evidence otherwise. This was especially true if the information came from someone in authority. In a sense, we were a bit more gullible on one hand but also more trusting on the other. The latter is an admirable quality that sadly can be eroded when we realize we have been duped. With education and technological advances, we find ourselves more skeptical and less likely to too quickly accept and believe what we see and hear.

For all of the good that social media can do, it can also easily distort reality and truth. Photoshop and a myriad other technological truths can add to, fabricate, and make even the non-existent seem real. It is amazing. How far do we allow this obviously justifiable skepticism to take us? Questioning and doubting are healthy elements of any good relationship as long as we don't allow them to turn us away from a deeper experience of love and encounter. If we cannot get our minds around something or empirically justify or prove it, we tend to declare it a hoax, untrue, or unauthentic and walk away. The very same trust that can quickly be eroded is exactly what is essential for all of our relationships, especially our relationship with God. With all things and people that make a profound claim on us, we have to trust in the absence of knowledge. Full self-investment involves plunging completely into the unknown!

Simon Peter said to Jesus, "You are the Christ, the Son of the Living God." Peter came to this knowledge, which is not "head knowledge" because of the relationship he shared with Jesus and what God was able to reveal in and through that relationship. Peter simply "knew" because of love that this is who Jesus really is. The silent exchange of love between friends, and not an intellectual exercise of the mind, brought Peter to this place. When we stop and think about it, there are many things in life that we simply know but do not completely understand. When someone sacrifices their own well-being for another, it may not make intellectual sense when examined. But it makes a world of sense when it is carried out. The vastness of reality and an encounter with incomprehensible mystery all lead us to profound silence where we simply know something to be true. Have you trusted enough to allow your relationship with God to bring you to this place or are you still too skeptical?



Our Gift Back to God

Offertory	\$ 8,130.32
Online/Mailed/Dropped in Office	+3,361.08
Total (August 16th)	\$11,491.40
Weekly Goal	\$12,000.00
Plus/Minus Our Goal	\$ (508.60)

Thank You!

In today's second reading, St. Paul tells the Romans, "God's gifts and his call are irrevocable." To what is God calling me today? What gifts are mine to share?

"I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." Then he strictly ordered his disciples to tell no one that he was the Christ. - Mt 16:19-20

Mass Intention

Weekend of August 22nd & 23rd, 2020
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)

Zachary Esters, Jacob Theriot, Jeffrey Neil Ray, Ryan Viator, Wilda & Louis Theo Bares, Zachary Hebert, Charles Louis Whitney, Jodie Crouch, Willis & Geri Morvant, M/M Leody Boudreaux, J. Trent Meche, David Luke, Jr., Preston Venable, Irvin Arceneaux, Edwin Simon (Birthday), Margaret McCowen Parkhill, Rodolphe Fabre, Marie LeMaire, (Anniv.), Evelyn B. Landry, Gerhard Cramer (Birthday)

Weekday Masses

Monday 24	Frank Richard (Anniversary)
Tuesday 25	First Responders and Those Serving in Our Armed Forces
Wednesday 26	St. Joseph Community
Thursday 27	Vocations to the Priesthood
Friday 28	Sick of the Parish

Sanctuary Candle

Mildred B. Picard (Anniversary)
 Emily Kay Benoit (Anniversary)

Please Pray For The Sick

- Norval Knapp Brennen Albert
 Susan Vincent Gunner Breaux Bernice Breaux
 Joyce Comeaux James Benoit Diane Johnson
 Dolores Benoit Kathryn Trahan Bobby Trahan
 Charlie Harrington Kim Vincent Hunter Henry
 Betty Thibodeaux Luby Landry Jeanette Gallet
 Lilly Mae Romero Enola G. Bernard Gail Anslem
 Mary Belle Broussard Mary Trahan Sara LaCroix
 Guy McKeon III Lynne Burroughs
 Jeremy Broussard Jamie Jennings
 Noelle McBride Otero Vickie Galligan



A Spiritual Communion - to be prayed daily O my divine Jesus, how great is my desire to receive your sacred body! Oh, come now into my soul, at least, by a spiritual communion! O Jesus, my divine Savior, save me.

O my God, hiding myself with a humble confidence in your dear wounds, I give up my soul into your divine hands, Oh, receive it into the bosom of your mercy. **Amen.**

Guardian Angel, go to St. Joseph Church for me O holy Angel at my side go to the Church for me. Kneel in my place at Holy Mass where I desire to be.

At Offertory in my stead take all I am and own And place it as a sacrifice upon the altar throne.

At holy Consecration's bell adore with Seraph's love, My Jesus hidden in the Host come down from heaven above. And when the Priest Communion takes,

O bring my Lord to me, That His sweet Heart may rest on mine And I His temple be. **Amen.**

Bishop's Services Appeal The mission of the Diocese of Lafayette is the total restoration of humanity and the salvation of the whole person. Our response to this mission is more important than ever to ensure our Catholic traditions and help for our neighbors. You support this mission when you support the BSA. 100% of your contribution benefits direct service ministries. Please prayerfully consider making a gift or pledge by texting DIOCESE to 41444 or going online to <https://diolaf.org/bsa>.

Word on Fire Digital We now have a subscription to Word on Fire digital media. This requires a user name and password that you can create by going to <https://stjosephmilton.flocknote.com> and follow instructions to connect. Word on Fire digital gives us instant access to catholic films and study programs. Published by Bishop Robert Barron. Experience the beauty, truth and goodness of the faith.

Events This Week

- Mon. (24th):** No Events Scheduled
- Tues. (25th):** No Events Scheduled
- Wed. (26th):** No Events Scheduled
Adoration
5:30-7:00 p.m.
- Thurs. (27th):** No Events Scheduled
- Fri. (28th):** No Events Scheduled
Parish Office Closed
- Sat. (29th):** No Events Scheduled
- Sun. (30th):** No Events Scheduled

Adoration Join us for Adoration every Wednesday at Church from 5:30 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.



Year of St. Joseph On Wednesday, **November 4th**, St. Joseph Church here in Milton will present *"The Grace of a Happy Death: Holy Hour and Teaching."* The Holy Hour begins at 5:30 p.m. with a teaching starting at 6:00 p.m. One hundred fifty years ago, Pope Pius IX declared St. Joseph as the Universal Patron of the Church. In light of this anniversary, Bishop Deshotel has established a year of St. Joseph in the Diocese. Be on the lookout for events celebrating this year in one of the 13 Church parishes named for St. Joseph, and across the entire diocese. Wednesday, November 4th is our scheduled event for the Year of St. Joseph.

Confirmation Registration for 2020-21 has started. Please visit stjo-milton.org for registration forms. The deadline to register is **September 11th!** For questions call Eva Green at 856-0800.

Baptism Seminar Please call the office at 856-5997 to make an appointment for Baptism Prep. Parents are encouraged to attend during pregnancy in order to avoid any delays.

Word of Life "God's love—individual, real, unchanging—is the true source of our worth, identity, and dignity. It really is not a question of who we are, but rather whose we are. Because love will never change, nothing can reduce our God-given dignity, and nothing can diminish the immeasurable worth of our lives." *For the Church: That She may steadfastly proclaim and uphold the dignity of all human life, in all stages and circumstances.*



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Rv 21:9b-14/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18 [12]/Jn 1:45-51
- Tuesday: 2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17/Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13 [13b]/Mt 23:23-26
- Wednesday: 2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18/Ps 128:1-2, 4-5 [1]/Mt 23:27-32
- Thursday: 1 Cor 1:1-9/Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [1]/Mt 24:42-51
- Friday: 1 Cor 1:17-25/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 10-11 [5]/Mt 25:1-13
- Saturday: 1 Cor 1:26-31/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5-6ab, 15ab and 17 [cf. 15ab]/Mk 6:17-29

Next Sunday's Readings

- Jeremiah 20:7-9
- Psalms 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9
- Romans 12:1-2
- Matthew 16:21-27

Priestly Ordination of Men

Question: Why are only men allowed to be priests or deacons in the Church?

Answer: One of the most debated and — in some circles — contentious teachings of the Church is that only men can be ordained as priests and deacons. Critics see it as a way of strengthening a patriarchal system in which women have little or no voice. Those who support this teaching look to New Testament teaching (where we read of Jesus choosing only men to be apostles) and the long-standing practice of the Church. This was certainly the perspective of St. John Paul II who, in his 1994 apostolic letter, *Ordinatio Sacerdotalis*, closed the discussion on the possibility of ordaining women as priests.

In the letter, he reflected on the dignity of women and their call to share in the life and mission of the Church, but he concluded by solemnly declaring that “the Church has no authority whatsoever to confer priestly ordination on women and that this judgement is to be definitely held by all the Church’s faithful” (no. 4).

This position has been upheld by Pope Francis in interviews, most notably as he returned from his 2016 visit to Sweden.

The ordination of women to the diaconate is another question and one which is being studied. In 2016, Pope Francis created a 12-member commission to study the question from several perspectives (theological, liturgical, historical, etc.). The commission issued an initial report for Pope Francis who later said that the commission had not yet produced a “definite response” to the question because of a lack of agreement on the role of female deacons in the Early Church.

For now, however, regardless of what changes might come from ongoing study and debate, the Church continues to reserve ordination to the diaconate to men only, recognizing a vital link between the diaconate and the priesthood and the lack of certainty about the presence and function of female deacons throughout history.



“A priest is not a priest for himself, he is a priest for you.” - Cure’ of Ars

Please Pray for Our Priest:

- Rev. Emmanuel Awe, SSJ
- Rev. Matthew Barzare
- Rev. Herbert Bennerfield
- Rev. Lloyd Benoit
- Rev. Paul Bergeron
- Rev. Donald Bernard
- Rev. Conley Bertrand

Engaged Couples Spend a weekend away from the cares and distractions of everyday living. Attend a Catholic Engaged Encounter Weekend. The weekend is open to any engaged couple wanting to prepare for a deeper more meaningful life together in a marriage recognized by the Catholic Church according to its Church law. Upcoming weekend dates are **September 18-20, November 13-15, January 8-10**. For cost of weekends, other dates, and to learn more, visit www.ceelafayette.org or call Paul or Carolyn Trahan at 254-8947.



St. Joseph Church Website

Please visit our Parish Website at www.stjo-milton.org. Online Giving has also been set up through the Diocese for those who unable to attend Mass at this time but would like to continue to tithe. You can give to St. Joseph Church on-line by clicking on <https://diolaf.org/online-parish-giving> (this link is found on the front page of our website, just scroll down once you log-in). Offerings can also be mailed to P. O. Box 299, Milton 70558.

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Thought of the Week Prayer does so many things. It heals, comforts, strengthens, and brings you faith.

Liturgical Ministers August 29th & 30th, 2020
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, August 29th, 4:00 p.m.

- Sacristan:
- Lectors:
- Eucharistic Ministers:
- Altar Servers:

Sunday, August 30th, 8:00 a.m.

- Sacristan:
- Lectors:
- Eucharistic Ministers:
- Altar Servers:

Sunday, August 30th, 10:30 a.m.

- Sacristan:
- Lectors:
- Eucharistic Ministers:
- Altar Servers:

Sunday, August 30th, 5:00 p.m.

- Sacristan:
- Lectors:
- Eucharistic Ministers:
- Altar Servers:

No Schedule at this time