



SAINT JOSEPH

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SEPTEMBER 27, 2020 - TWENTY-SIXTH 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.

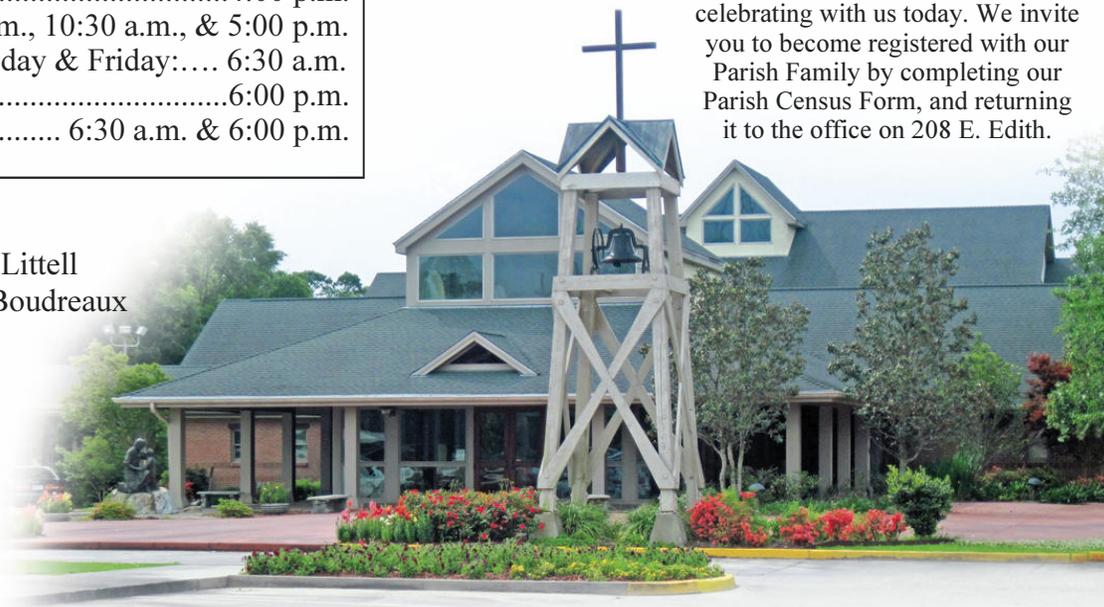
We extend a warm welcome to the individuals and families who are celebrating with us today. We invite you to become registered with our Parish Family by completing our Parish Census Form, and returning it to the office on 208 E. Edith.

PASTORAL COUNCIL

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

PARISH TRUSTEES

Linda Desormeaux
 Robert Landry



26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

What prompts you to make the decisions you make? When confronted with a decision, whether one that is more trivial and mundane or one that is more significant and profound, we rely on guidance. That guidance can be the result of impulse and passion or the fruit of the interior voice of conscience. Decisions made on impulse and passion can be misguided and erroneous. Decisions based on conscience, or the moral voice within, will reflect the depth and maturity of our soul work. A more contemplative soul will make more contemplative decisions. A less developed conscience will make decisions based on the individual's level of development.

Conversion and a change of heart are at the core of Jesus' message precisely because of this reality. We are works in progress. For the person on fire with the Holy Spirit and centered on God, life reflects an ever-deepening awareness and heightened sense of God's presence and a greater willingness to do God's will. What is happening internally is validated by what is witnessed externally. The hypocrite is the one who says yes when they really mean no. From the start, they had no desire to do the virtuous act but wanted to outwardly appear as if they did.

Where are you on the road of integrity? Honesty is all that is required. God is good with that. It is okay to struggle with our decisions and wrestle with ourselves. Consciences on the path to maturity and greater depth are not always going to know what action is immediately best. We may, at first, say no to what we know is right and, after prayerful reflection and thought, come around to doing it. Conversion happens when our no changes to yes, regardless of how sinful or out of sync we may be at the time. God is anxious to welcome us to Himself. But we cannot embrace Him unless we want to. Learning to orient our gift of free will to what is of divine origin, right, and best is a discipline we must always tweak and perfect.



Our Gift Back to God

Offertory	\$ 7,274.35
Mailed/Dropped in Office	<u>+2,630.00</u>
Total (September 20th)	\$9,904.35
Weekly Goal	\$12,000.00
Plus/Minus Our Goal	\$(2,095.65)

Thank You!

The first son in today's Gospel said he would do his father's bidding, but did not. The second son balked at first, but then repented and did as he was asked. What service is God calling me to do? Which son am I more like?

"Which of the two did his father's will?" They answered, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Amen, I say to you, tax collectors and prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God before you." - Mt 21:31

Mass Intention

Weekend of September 26th & 27th, 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)

Matt LeBlanc (Birthday), M/M Deussard Baudoin (Her Birthday), Jeffrey Neil Ray, Rudy Greenley, Tommy & Dot Collins (Her Birthday), David Luke, Jr., Jacob Theriot, M/M Wilmer Landry, Rodolphe Fabre, Jodie Crouch, Sophie Cramer (Birthday), Hazel Hebert LeBlanc, Dot Collins, Zachary Hebert, Ryan Viator, Margaret McCowen Parkhill, Preston Venable

Weekday Masses

Monday 28	St. Joseph Community
Tuesday 29	First Responders and Those Serving in Our Armed Forces
Wednesday 30	Ryan Viator (Baptism)
Thursday 1	Vocations to the Priesthood
Friday 2	Frank & Viola Martin, Edvard & Lydia Hebert & Family

Sanctuary Candle

Gayle James Stoute

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.**



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.

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.



Events This Week

- Mon. (28th):** No Events Scheduled
- Tues. (29th):** No Events Scheduled
- Wed. (30th):** No Events Scheduled Adoration 5:30-7:00 p.m.
- Thurs. (1st):** No Events Scheduled
- Fri. (2nd):** Mass 6:30 a.m. Parish Office Closed
- Sat. (3rd):** No Events Scheduled
- Sun. (4th):** 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.

Our Lady of Lourdes Blood Drive St. Joseph's Knights of Columbus #12163 annual blood drive will not take place at church this year due to COVID-19. Instead we ask that you make time to go in person and donate. We thank you for your continued support and prayers during this time. Our Lady of Lourdes Blood Donor Center is taking blood donations from people who are healthy while respecting the need to socially distance. To donate, please call to schedule an appointment for blood or platelets donations at 470-GIVE (4483). We are taking every precaution to ensure the safety and wellbeing of our donors and our team members.

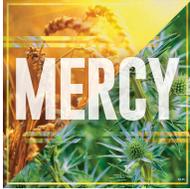
Word of Life “In a striking way, we see today a heightening of the tension between our nation’s founding principles and political reality. We see this in diminishing respect for the inalienable right to life and in the elimination of legal protections for those who are most vulnerable. There can be no genuine justice in our society until the truths on which our nation was founded are more perfectly realized in our culture and law.” *For our elected officials: That they may seek righteousness, and work to secure justice and protection for every human life.*

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Jb 1:6-22/Ps 17:1bcd, 2-3, 6-7 [6]/Lk 9:46-50
- Tuesday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 4-5 [1]/Jn 1:47-51
- Wednesday: Jb 9:1-12, 14-16/Ps 88:10bc-11, 12-13, 14-15 [3]/Lk 9:57-62
- Thursday: Jb 19:21-27/Ps 27:7-8a, 8b-9abc, 13-14 [13]/Lk 10:1-12
- Friday: Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5/Ps 91:1-2, 3-4ab, 4c-6, 10-11 [11]/Mt 18:1-5, 10
- Saturday: Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17/Ps 119:66, 71, 75, 91, 125, 130 [135]/Lk 10:17-24

Next Sunday's Readings

- Isaiah 5:1-7
- Psalm 80:9, 12, 13-14, 15-16, 19-20
- Philippians 4:6-9
- Matthew 21:33-43



Is It the Thought That Counts?

I can remember times when I received a gift that I would not have chosen for myself. At those times I certainly thought to myself that "it was the thought that counts." I was happy that the gift-giver thought of me at all. Then there have been times when my children have not given me a gift and then chose to tell me all about what they were going to give me. They would then follow it up by saying, "it was the thought that really counts." Really?! I don't think so. I could think of sending my wife on a cruise, but that is not in any way the same as going on the cruise. I think there are times when all of us think we are more generous than we are, simply because we were thinking about being generous.

This way of thinking can be dangerous. Jesus teaches us to say what we mean and mean what we say. The intentionality of our actions is important, but intentionality without action is meaningless. How we act and what we give serves as evidence of our intentions and indicates where our heart truly lies. If we fool ourselves into thinking we are someone we are not, it can become difficult to see the truth. We need to look for the fruit in our lives. We need to make sure our desires and thoughts are moving us to act. You know that other saying about intentions, don't you? Don't pave the road to a place no one wants to end up with your intentions. Instead, let your intentions and actions lead others to another place where Jesus can be found.
- Tracy Earl Welliver



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

Please Pray for Our Priest:

Rev. Floyd Calais
Rev. James Callahan, SJ
Rev. Christopher Cambre
Rev. Corey Campeaux
Pope Francis
Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI
Bishop J. Douglas Deshotel

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 **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.

Abide Women's Conference February 5th-7th, 2021!

Mark your calendars. With your participation, hundreds of Catholic Women will experience Christ's forgiveness in the Sacraments of Reconciliation, further enabling them to rest and renew. Additionally, we will be blessed to celebrate Mass with Bishop Deshotel once again! More information will follow in the coming months.

Thought of the Week
Compassion will cure more sins than condemnation.

Liturgical Ministers October 3rd & 4th, 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, October 3rd, 4:00 p.m.

Sacristan:
Lectors:
Eucharistic Ministers:
Altar Servers:

Sunday, October 4th, 8:00 a.m.

Sacristan:
Lectors:
Eucharistic Ministers:
Altar Servers:

Sunday, October 4th, 10:30 a.m.

Sacristan:
Lectors:
Eucharistic Ministers:
Altar Servers:

Sunday, October 4th, 5:00 p.m.

Sacristan:
Lectors:
Eucharistic Ministers:
Altar Servers:

No Schedule at this time