



SAINT JOSEPH

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DECEMBER 27, 2020 - THE HOLY FAMILY

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



The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Tragedy and disappointment are inevitable. What sees you through this? There will be challenges, changes, unexpected circumstances, interrupted plans, hurts, and injustices experienced by every human being at some point in their lives. We will be asked to adjust our plans, change course, and even encounter suffering and death. Where do we learn all of the lessons we need to live life well? Some of them we learn along the way but much of what we bring to life, positive and negative, comes from our early beginnings, our families. This is our early world and provides the blueprint for how we see the bigger, more inclusive world, which unfolds before us.

Our families of origin can be sources of grace, heartache or a combination of both. Families are intended to be pivotal in providing us with proper social structure and understanding, a support system, lessons about relationships and communication, and the unconditional acceptance and love we so desperately crave. They can also determine whether we have an accessible and healthy relationship with God. Many of life’s challenges can literally bring us to our knees and require that we possess a strength of character that resides well beyond the superficialities of our world. At some point we will all need three coping gifts that can be given to us only by God: faith, hope, and love. Our families help us learn that we are not the ones responsible for their creation, but God!

Our experience of early family life colors all of our relationships and what we expect to achieve from life in general. Resolving conflicts, dealing with difficulty and suffering, celebrating accomplishments, prioritizing our needs, listening to God’s call, understanding relationships, understanding disappointment, learning about the virtues and living a centered focused life are all lessons our families either succeed in teaching or do not. To succeed, as God has designed and ordered our world, is to discover his presence and then trust that Presence. The Holy Family can teach even the most dysfunctional family how to best use God’s gifts of faith, hope, and love to find him and do his will. Their simple humble example is always before us, showing us the way. Jesus, Mary and Joseph, pray for us!

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Our Gift Back to God

Offertory (*Due to early printing, not available*) . . \$
 Weekly Goal \$12,000.00
 Offering (December 13th) \$11,893.00
 Immaculate Conception \$ 1,369.35
 Retired Religious Fund \$ 1,939.00

Thank You!

In the first reading, God promises King David that his house and his kingdom will endure forever. It is through Mary’s “Yes” - “I am the handmaid of the Lord. Let it be done to me as you say.” - that the promise finds fulfillment.

“For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in the sight of all the peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel.”- Lk 2:30-32

Mass Intention

Weekend of December 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)

Jodie Crouch, Ken Miller, Jacob Theriot, M/M Wilmer Landry, Bryan Joseph Schambough, Zachary Hebert, Earless Romero (Birthday), Preston Venable, M/M Gabriel Denais (His Anniv.), Avery Broussard, Jeffrey Neil Ray, Diane Foret Stevens, Willis & Geri Morvant, Wilda & Louis Theo Bares, Ryan Viator, Derald “Hap” Long, M/M Roland Smith, Dallas Fabre, Mary Lou Fabre, Lester David, Billy Jo Peterson, Cullen LeBlanc

Weekday Masses

Monday 28	St. Joseph Community
Tuesday 29	First Responders and Those Serving in Our Armed Forces
Wednesday 30	Vocations to the Priesthood
Thursday 31	Erwin & Winnie Bixenman, Dudley & Amie Denais (His Anniversary)
Friday 1	Cameron Bailey, Ryan Viator, Ronald Joseph Romero, Bryan Joseph Schambough, Minus Romero, Beverly C. & Mildred B. Picard , Jean Bodet (1st Anniversary)

Sanctuary Candle

Gayle James Stoute
 M/M Ules Joseph Dubois
 M/M Joseph Percy Stoute

Please Pray For The Sick

Norval Knapp Brennen Albert
 Susan Vincent Gunner Breaux
 Joyce Comeaux James Benoit Marla Francois
 Dolores Benoit Kathryn Trahan Bobby Trahan
 Charlie Harrington Kim Vincent Hunter Henry
 Luby Landry Jeanette Gallet Guy McKeon
 Lilly Mae Romero Enola G. Bernard Gail Anslem
 Mary Belle Broussard Mary Trahan Sara LaCroix
 Jackie Albert Lynne Burroughs Bethany Touchet
 Phillip LaCour, Sr. Johnny Guidry

The Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord

Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

New Year's Eve

Thursday, December 31st
4:00 p.m.

New Year's Day (Holy Day of Obligation)

Friday, January 1st
8:00 & 10:30 a.m.



Parish Office Closed In observance of the New Year Holiday, the parish office will be closed on Thursday, **December 31st** and Friday, **January 1st**. The Office will reopen on Monday January 4th. Wishing all a Happy New Year!

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

The Next Baptism Seminar will be held on Thursday, **January 14th**, at 6:30 p.m. in Church. Parents are encouraged to attend during pregnancy in order to avoid any delays.



St. Thomas More Catholic High School is offering personal tours to 8th grade students and their parents who would like to visit our campus. To schedule your tour, contact Robyn Alfonso at robyn.alfonso@stmcougars.net or visit stmcougars.net/admissions.

Events This Week

- Mon. (28th):** No Events Scheduled
- Tues. (29th):** Mass 8:30 a.m.
- Wed. (30th):** Mass 8:30 a.m.
Adoration 5:30-7:00 p.m.
- Thurs. (31st): Anticipated Mass 4:00 p.m.**
Parish Office Closed
- Fri. (1st): Masses: 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.**
Parish Office Closed
- Sat. (2nd):** No Events Scheduled
- Sun. (3rd):** 2nd Grade CCD 9:00 a.m.
5th Grade CCD 3:30 p.m.
6th, 7th & 8th Grade CCD 6:00 p.m.

Christmas Flower Décor In Memory of:

*Clifford J. Viator
Emily Kay Benoit*

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.

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 of Life "Like our Blessed Mother welcomed Jesus, we are called to cherish and protect the gift of human life, at every stage and in every circumstance." *For all families: That as the domestic Church they may seek to pursue holiness, pass on the faith, and persevere in love.*

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: 1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8 [7]/Mt 2:13-18
- Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6 [11a]/Lk 2:22-35
- Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10 [11a]/Lk 2:36-40
- Thursday: 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13 [11a]/Jn 1:1-18
- Friday: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [2a]/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21
- Saturday: 1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [3cd]/Jn 1:19-28

Next Sunday's Readings

- Isaiah 60:1-6
- Psalms 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13
- Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6
- Matthew 2:2

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 **January 8th-10th**. For cost of weekends, other dates, and to learn more, visit our website at www.ceelafayette.org or contact Paul & Carolyn Trahan at 254-8947 or cee.trahan@gmail.com.

The Gift of Family

What a year it has been! How will we speak of these times a decade from now? As time goes by, our impressions of this past year will certainly change. How we feel today about dealing with a killer virus and all the chaos surrounding that is still fresh for all. I would assume that most of us right now are also holding those we love a little closer and hugging them a little harder. Hopefully, even if the fears and concerns of 2020 dissipate in the future, the way we feel toward our family should never leave us.

Stewardship is certainly about everything. God has given us so much, great and small, profound and common. One of the greatest gifts that all have received is family. Families take all shapes and sizes and some look very different than others. For some, family is a caretaker or temporary guardian. For others it is a friend when everyone else seems to have vanished. The bottom line is that, to quote a song from many years ago, "people need people."

When God gave the world His only Son, the Incarnation did not come on a cloud or with a flash of light. He was born into a family. Jesus understood the gift of family all his life. Do you think that if having a family wasn't important God would have still included this in the plan of salvation?

As this year draws to a close, remember your stewardship many days begins and ends with the people closest to you. Don't misuse or take for granted this precious gift. God gives us gifts on purpose, even to His only begotten Son.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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

Please Pray for Our Priest:

Rev. Msgr. H. A. Larroque
Rev. Korey LaVergne
Rev. Bernard Lebiez, OSB
Rev. Clyde LeBlanc, SJ
Rev. Steve LeBlanc
Pope Francis
Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI

South Deanery "March for Life" Friday, January 22nd at St. Peter's Catholic Church, New Iberia. Silent Eucharistic Procession from Grotto on Main Street to St. Peter's Church at 6:00 p.m. (weather permitting). Mass for Life, a love offering will be collected. For more information call 369-3816. The Celebrant for the Mass will be Fr. William Blanda.

Thought of the Week Listen and silent are spelled with the same letters. Think about it.



Rosaries as Decorations

Question: I've seen people hang rosaries over the rear-view mirrors in their cars and a few of them wear them around their necks. Is it OK to do that?

Answer: The practice of hanging a rosary or a religious medal off of the rearview mirror of one's car is a fairly popular custom across many cultures. While there is no particular rule approving or condemning this practice, we should also be mindful of the respect and reverence due to religious objects and devotional items (i.e. sacramentals).

An important point to consider would be the reason why one chooses to place a rosary or religious medal in our cars. Is it a reminder of the protection and intercession of Mary and the saints? Does it encourage us to be mindful of God's presence, even in such a mundane task as driving? Is it an outward expression of our more private devotions?

One advantage of having a rosary or religious medal in our cars is that it can also serve as a reminder to pray when we travel, asking for protection for ourselves and for other motorists or commuters. Certainly, invoking the protection and prayers of the saints is a wonderful practice for families, helping to reinforce our belief in the communion of saints and the care and concern we owe to one another.

Liturgical Ministers January 2nd & 3rd, 2021

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, January 2nd, 4:00 p.m.

Sacristan:

Lectors:

Eucharistic Ministers:

Altar Servers:

Sunday, January 3rd, 8:00 a.m.

Sacristan:

Lectors:

Eucharistic Ministers:

Altar Servers:

Sunday, January 3rd, 10:30 a.m.

Sacristan:

Lectors:

Eucharistic Ministers:

Altar Servers:

Sunday, January 3rd, 5:00 p.m.

Sacristan:

Lectors:

Eucharistic Ministers:

Altar Servers:

No Schedule at this time