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JANUARY 3, 2021 - THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

PARISH MINISTERS

Rev. William Schambough*Pastor*
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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.

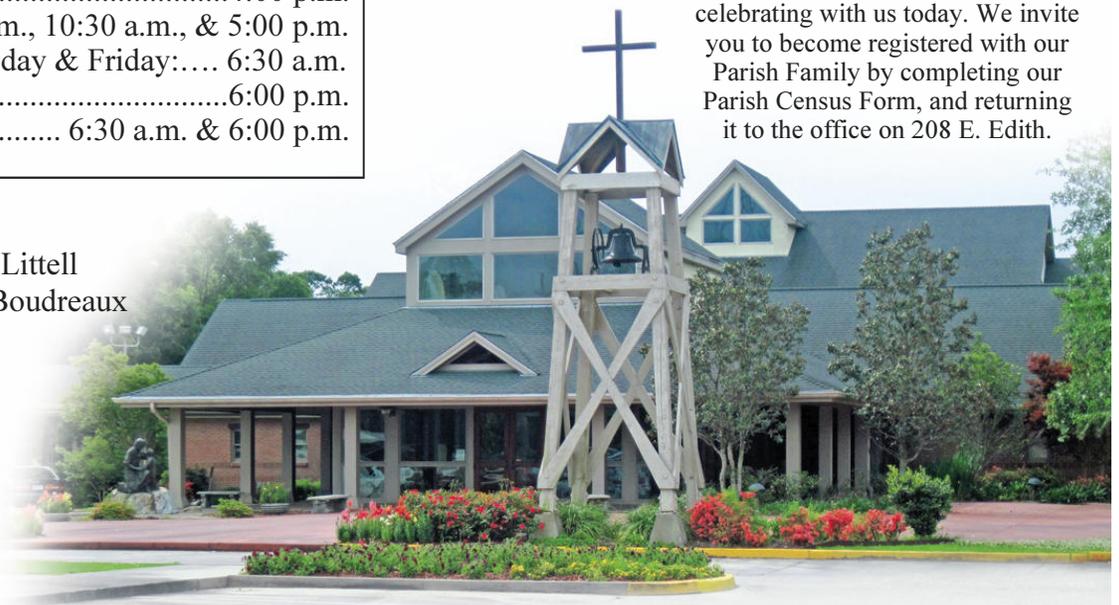
We extend a warm welcome to the individuals and families who are celebrating with us today. We invite you to become registered with our Parish Family by completing our Parish Census Form, and returning it to the office on 208 E. Edith.

PASTORAL COUNCIL

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

PARISH TRUSTEES

Linda Desormeaux
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The Epiphany of the Lord

“Where is that thing?” mumbled Bob as he searched frantically on his dimly lit desk for the current electric bill. “I know I put it right on top of these papers this morning!” Growing in frustration and bordering on anger, he flies stuff around, moves books and opines why simple tasks need to be so hard. Enter his wife, who calmly says, “Maybe it would help if you put the light on, dear.” The desk light goes on and lo and behold, there is the electric bill right where Bob left it earlier. All it took was a little light!

We stubbornly refuse to turn on the lights! Either we are distracted, determined, disinterested, preoccupied, stubborn, apprehensive, or all of the above. Or perhaps, we fail to do the obvious. We would rather live our lives with the dimmest of lights or even in total darkness. Why are we afraid to do something so that we can actually see? It might help us to find quicker and better answers to problems, the meaning of life, relationships, happiness, and what is ultimate truth. Yet, we stumble along, moving things from one side to the other, getting angry, feeling cheated, being unsettled, resigning ourselves to the agony of defeat once again.

“And behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was.” The light has come into the world in the person of Jesus Christ! We no longer have to fumble in the darkness. We have been gifted with the illumination we need to see our way through things and find what we really are looking for. All these years later, however, so many are still reluctant to accept him. Perhaps they are unconvinced, disinterested, preoccupied, stubborn, apprehensive, or all of the above. Everyone has their own reason for not wanting to turn on the switch.

But there are so many answers to so many of our problems in this humble Child of Nazareth. A simple birth teaches us about God’s tender wedded relationship with humanity. It speaks to the expanse of God’s salvation across the globe, and the incarnate Divine wonders and blessings that are a part of our life moment to moment. It calls us to understand the design of world order God intended as found in the Beatitudes, the sacredness of every human life and all of creation and the meaning of things we struggle with most, like suffering and death. We have a lot of Good News to share, not just with a privileged few but with all the world. All races and creeds can receive God’s healing word. God continues to manifest himself even now! Use the light to find what you are really looking for!

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Our Gift Back to God

Offertory (*Due to early printing, not available*) . . \$
 Weekly Goal \$12,000.00
 Plus/Minus Our Goal \$
 Offertory (December 20th) \$ 9,227.12
 Online Giving (Oct. 29th-Dec. 14th) . . . \$ 8,785.00
 Building & Maintenance (December) . . \$ 2,601.00

Thank You!

This Sunday’s Second Collection
 Building & Maintenance Fund

Today’s Gospel reading reveals the story of the magi who come from the east to pay homage to Jesus, the newborn king. The story of the magi teaches Christian stewards three Christmas truths: God, in the person of Jesus Christ, is present and active in the world, and good stewards strive daily to follow his star. Second, each of us, no matter our circumstances or station in life, has a gift to bring to the Lord. And finally, our life’s journey always leads to Christ, even when at times we do not know where the road is taking us.

They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. - Mt 2:10-11

Mass Intention

Weekend of January 2 & 3, 2021
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)

Gerhard Cramer family living and deceased, Preston Joseph Hebert, Sr. (Anniv.), Derald “Hap” Long, Ryan Viator, Yenes & Elwood Baudoin, Ken Miller, Avery Broussard, Pierre Long Hebert, Bryan Joseph Schambough, Loyd Denais, Coye Woods, Sr., M/M Earl Sinitiere, Jodie Crouch, Gertrude Boudreaux

Weekday Masses

Monday 4	Sick of the Community
Tuesday 5	First Responders and Those Serving in Our Armed Forces
Wednesday 6	Vocations to the Priesthood
Thursday 7	St. Joseph Parish
Friday 8	Ernest Segura, Sr. (Anniversary)

Sanctuary Candle

Previous Priests

Please Pray For The Sick

Susan Vincent Gunner Breaux Brennen Albert
 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. Norval Knapp Heather Herrick

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.**

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. Joseph Website Please visit our Parish Website at www.stjo-milton.org. You will find lots of great information from calendars of current and upcoming events, religious ed registration forms, census forms, bulletins, and much more. This is a great way to stay informed!



We welcome into the family of St. Joseph's the newly Baptized. Welcome:

*Keith McHenry Borne
Amelia Rose Doucet
Joseph Michael Guillot*

Events This Week

- Mon. (4th):** 1st Grade CCD
- Tues. (5th):** Mass 8:30 a.m.
3rd Grade CCD
- Wed. (6th):** Mass 8:30 a.m.
4th Grade CCD
Adoration 5:30-7:00 p.m.
- Thurs. (7th):** Mass 8:30 a.m.
- Fri. (8th):** Mass 6:30 a.m.
Parish Office Closed
- Sat. (9th):** No Events Scheduled
- Sun. (10th):** Religious Ed for 9th & 10th Grade

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.

Welcome New Parishioners! We would like to extend a warm welcome to the following Parishioners who registered with St. Joseph during the month of December: M/M Chris Dardar, Annette Hatsfelt, Marc Doucet, M/M Darrin Touchet & M/M Kevin Trahan. We would also like to remind parishioners who have not registered with us, to consider this also. Registration forms can be found in the gathering area of church or online at stjo-milton.org.



Word of Life “Through the Incarnation and birth of Christ, God reveals to us the dignity of all human life. Human life, as a gift of God, is sacred and inviolable. The Son of God has united himself with every human being and desires for us to share external life with him...Each of us is made in the image and likeness of God, and we reflect his glory in the world.” *On this Feast of the Epiphany, may we be given the grace to always see in others the face of Christ our Savior.*



STM High School 2021-2022 Application is available online **January 15th-22nd**, for priority status. Required documents are accepted January 19th-22nd from 8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m., & January 20th from 5:00p.m. -6:30 p.m. For more information contact Robyn Alfonso at 988-7779 or robyn.alfonso@stmcougars.net. For a virtual tour of our campus, visit stmcougars.net/admissions.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: 1 Jn 3:22—4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a [8ab]/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
- Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8 [cf. 11]/Mk 6:34-44
- Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13 [cf. 11]/Mk 6:45-52
- Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17 [cf. 11]/Lk 4:14-22a
- Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20 [12a]/Lk 5:12-16
- Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/Jn 3:22-30

Next Sunday's Readings

- Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7
- Psalms 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10
- Acts 10:34-38
- Mark 1:7-11

Wise Men See God in the Simple Things

If you're on social media, you have probably seen a meme going around that features this quote: "God has a plan for your life. The enemy has a plan for your life. Be ready for both. Just be wise enough to know which one to battle and which one to embrace."

There were certainly two competing plans for the Magi: God's and Herod's. And, wise as they supposedly were, it wasn't entirely easy for the Magi to discern which was which.

After all, Herod posed as a friend. He offered the Magi hospitality and kindness. Though the Gospel doesn't say so, he probably flattered them and appealed to every moral weakness he could observe in them. In his palace, they must have felt great physical comfort — rest and tables of plenty on what was an otherwise long and treacherous journey.

But if the Magi were honest with themselves, I'll bet they would have admitted that, regardless of Herod's charm, they felt a gnawing sense of doubt while in his presence. When they looked upon the Christ Child, born in a stable without any of the comforts of the world or protections of wealth, they probably felt the opposite. They probably felt safe.

The Magi were lucky enough to have the right plan spelled out for them in a dream, but for the rest of us, it's enough to remember this: God's plan is often the one that leads us to places of great simplicity, great humility and great love. Let's have the wisdom to view power with suspicion, and innocence with admiration.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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

Please Pray for Our Priest:

- Bishop J. Douglas Deshotel
- Bishop Emeritus Michael Jarrell
- Rev. Chaplain Col. Louis V. Ledoux
- Rev. Mark LeDoux
- Rev. Austin Leger
- Rev. Lambertus Lein, SVD
- Abbot James Liprie, OSB

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.

Thought of the Week There is nothing more attractive than Holiness.



"Red Mass" to Honor the Legal Profession

Bishop Douglas Deshotel of the Diocese of Lafayette will celebrate a special "Red Mass" in honor of the members of the legal profession, civil courts, as well as the Church courts. The Red Mass will take place Friday, **January 8th**, at 12:05 p.m. at the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist in Lafayette. Father Michael Champagne will serve as the guest homilist. The Red Mass is celebrated annually to request guidance from the Holy Spirit for all who seek justice and it offers the opportunity to reflect on the responsibility of all in the legal profession. You can watch by visiting: youtube.com/c/CatholicDioceseofLafayetteLA.

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 will be Fr. William Blanda.

Liturgical Ministers January 9th & 10th, 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 9th, 4:00 p.m.

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

Sunday, January 10th, 8:00 a.m.

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

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

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

Sunday, January 10th, 5:00 p.m.

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

No Schedule at this time