

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, AUGUST 19, 6:30 a.m.

Weekday

Jgs 2:11-19 / Mt 19:16-22

Julie Bradberry, Al Adams III fly. (L&D)

TUESDAY, AUGUST 20, 6:30 a.m.

St. Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the Church

Jgs 6:11-24a / Mt 19:23-30

Julie Bradberry, Calvin LeLeux, Luella Smith, Cathy Ballay

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 21, 6:30 a.m.

St. Pius X, Pope

Jgs 9:6-15 / Mt 20:1-16

Julie Bradberry, Calvin LeLeux

THURSDAY, AUGUST 22, 6:30 a.m.

The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Jgs 11:29-39a / Mt 22:1-14

Julie Bradberry

FRIDAY, AUGUST 23, 12:10 p.m.

Weekday

Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22 / Mt 22:34-40

Julie Bradberry, AML

SATURDAY, AUGUST 24

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 66:18-21 / Heb 12:5-7, 11-13 / Lk 13:22-30

4:00 p.m. Julie Bradberry, M/M Joseph P. Russo fly. (L&D), M/M Ivan Carline fly. (L&D), M/M George Fabre, Miles Liner fly. (L&D), Lee Nini, Sr. fly. (L&D), Dana G. Robin, Cody Cousins, Gary Melancon, Gayle Arnould fly. (L&D)

SUNDAY, AUGUST 25

7:00 a.m. John Menard, Calvin LeLeux, Michelle Denning

10:00 a.m. M/M E.J. Lemoine fly. (L&D), Dale Chaisson, Grant Hebert, Julie Bradberry

6:30 p.m. Rose Marie Beatty Fields, Jerwin P. Briggs

Offertory \$4799.00

Quelques paroles de Monsieur le Cure

If it is the will of God, this could mark a significant moment in the history of St. Stephen parish.

Since I first became a pastor some thirty years ago, I have always manifested a personal interest in the religious education of the children of the parish. There are many challenges in the effort to hand on the faith to the next generation of Catholics. For the most part, these challenges have rarely been acknowledged, much less addressed. I readily admit that I have not addressed these challenges to the depth I determine necessary.

When I was a young priest, I taught in Catholic schools. As a teacher, I assumed all of the responsibilities that the lay and religious teachers had: I taught every day, administered and corrected papers, pulled duty in the cafeteria and other assigned parts of the school. In those years, I felt guilty about the children from the parish who were not in the Catholic school and attended religion classes. My guilt led me to teach in the parish program.

There was such a difference between the two experiences. The externals were basically the same: an academic year, classification by classes, class periods, and even some duty. The big difference was accountability. The students in the Catholic school had to make a passing grade to graduate. I admit that I also did not enjoy returning to a classroom after having taught all day.

When I became the pastor in Erath, there was no Catholic school. We did have a religion program for over eight hundred children. Over the course of my pastorate, I became each year more convinced that the model of the parish program had to change. That is, using the school model- academic year, classes identified by grade, and such- was not effective in accomplishing the goal of handing on the faith. I had some ideas, but lacked the courage to put them into practice.

The decision may well have been prudent. Not only did I doubt that the parishioners would support something so radical, but I knew there would be much opposition. I also knew that if even a few parishioners complained to the then bishop, Harry Flynn, he would have sided with the parishioners and undermined me. That was Bishop Flynn's consistent response to complaints.

In my subsequent assignments, the religion program was held on Sundays for all ages. This was a significant improvement because it did remove the experience slightly from school.

I do believe that the Come Lord Jesus program will enable us to move in the direction of making the experience of the faith more personal and meaningful. I will know we are doing much better when the children start asking their parents to form groups in the home year round. Perhaps, for that to happen, parents may have to begin their own groups.

(Msgr.) Courville

New Announcements

Come, Lord Jesus and Religious Education: The parish religion program begins on Wednesday, August 21. Grades 1 through 5 meet from 3:15 until 4:15 in the afternoon. The upper grades meet from 6:30 to 7:30 in the evening. If you have not yet registered your children, please do so by emailing Janea Giroir or calling the rectory. Only the names of the children are needed at this time. Volunteers are needed to open and close the building on Wednesdays, serve snacks for the lower grades, serve as facilitators, and prayer during the sessions. If you are able to help, please email Msgr. Courville, monsignor@bellsouth.net or just telephone him at the rectory.

Baptized Into Christ

Stevie Grace Marbury was baptized on August 11, 2019.

Married In Christ

Max Robert Ryker and Rebecca Annette Richard were married on August 3, 2019.

Rest in Peace

Della Topham died on August 11, 2019.

Repeat Announcements

Pilgrimage: Fr. Herb Bennerfield, pastor of St. Joseph Church in Patterson, will lead a pilgrimage to the passion play in Oberammergau, Germany, from September 30 to October 10, 2020. This pilgrimage will also include places associated with Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos, the devotion to the Infant Jesus of Prague, Our Lady of Czestochowa, the holocaust, St. Faustina, St. John Paul, II and other places of interest. Telephone Fr. Bennerfield for more information at 985 395-3616.

Pray for the following priest each day: Eternal Father, we lift up to You these and all the priests of the world. Sanctify them. Heal and guide them. Mold them into the likeness of Your Son, Jesus, the Eternal High Priest. May their lives be pleasing to You. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

- August 19, Rev. Michael Keith Landry
- August 20, Rev. Oneil Landry
- August 21, Rev. Charles Langlois
- August 22, Rev. Msgr. H.A. Larroque, JCD
- August 23, Rev. Korey LaVergne
- August 24, Rev. Bernard Lebiecz, OSB
- August 25, Rev. Clyde LeBlanc, SJ

Please pray for the sick of our parish: Diane Bergeron, Reggie Sapey, Floyd & Linda Robicheaux, Roxanne Colbert, Michael Keller, Wendell Chauvin, Paul Bower, Deborah Hernandez, Johnny Thomas, Braxton Burch, IJL, Brevon & Brinlee Colbert, John Czajka, Shawn McClelland, Jennifer Landry, Harold Adams, Jr., Karen Moore, David Berg, John Keenze, Sr., Thomas LeBlanc, Diane Bates, Travis Blanco, A. Doiron, Marcelle Campbell, Ana Rogers, BHL, Mable LaCoste, Gwen Tillman, Engelle Borden, Kevin Theriot, Bridget Thibodeaux, MIL, David Gilmore, Jane Webster, Ian Davis, Boyd Landry, Wyanette Monceaux, CJL, Marlene Cole, Mary Grace Rentrop, Brenda Dooley, Lee Nini, Jr., Marilyn Simmons, Michelle Billiot Landry, Ginger Berryhill, Jeana Francis, Jake Billiot, Steve Thorguson, Teresa Allbriton, Shirley Gilfour, BGL, Claudette Faulk, Archer Rogers, Laurie Hale, Susan Cantrell, Linda DeHart, Glenn Eues, Aedan Jones, Sawyer Allums, Dana Hart, Marie Dupre, Hunter Chaisson, Cohen Callas, Debbie Zorn, Eddie Hamlett, Richard Clark, Chris Rodrigue, Kristi Liner, Chad Arnaud, Mary Jack Geoffrey, Peter Scaramella, Janet Lee Slaughter, Jonathan Wainwright, Eddie Bradberry, Terence Donnelly, Nate Furlette, Ryan Bowman, Catherine Landry, Elijah Landry, Terri Moore, Joel Norton, David LaCoste, Brendan Kidder, Laura Magee Larive, Pearl Lyons, Erin & Simon, Oscar "Sonny" Landry, Jerry Barrilleaux, Lonnie Michel, Mary Etta Race, Michael Naquin

DATE / TIME	READERS	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION	ROSARY
August 24, 4:00 p.m.	Linda Thomas		3:30 p.m. Linda Thomas
August 25, 7:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 6:30 p.m.	Blake Orgeron Donna Gisclair Anne Theriot	Carolyn Chaisson Brian Theriot	