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Associate Fr. Michael Richard
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Deacons Tam M. Tran, William Vincent, Francis Cao
Director of Parish Renewal & Evangelization Mr. John Listi
Weddings & Christian Formation Director Ms. Renella Livers
Funerals & Cemetery Manager Mrs. Eileen Boudoin, C.C.C.E.
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Receptionist Marguerite Landry
Life Teen Youth Ministers Mr. John Listi, Drew & Rachael David, Mr. Dustin Bertrand, Ms. Andrea Delhommer

ST. MARY MAGDALEN PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

We, the Catholic Community of St. Mary Magdalen
• Embrace our baptismal commitment to Christ
• Live a life of faith, service, and worship
• Seek to transform the world through prayer & evangelization

Welcome newcomers, please complete a census form located in back of church
337-893-0244 stmarymagdalenparish.org
300 Pere Megret Street P. O. Box 1507 Abbeville, LA 70511-1507

CHRISTIAN SERVICE CENTER 337-893-9756
**Blaspheming against the Holy Spirit!**

In today's Gospel, Jesus warns against “blaspheming against the Holy Spirit.” To “blaspheme” against the Spirit of God is to be so caught up in cynicism and skepticism that we refuse to embrace the possibilities for realizing the all the hope that God's grace can accomplish.

We've all felt such hopelessness at times in our lives: the despair that God has abandoned us; the refusal to really see the gifts and tools we possess, so as to re-create our lives in God's love; the cynicism that concedes the world to evil and sin. Our initial skepticism – a kind of “blasphemy,” in the context of today's Gospel – can really be transformed into an experience of salvation and mercy. It can happen anytime we are willing to embrace the possibility of realizing something good in our situation or struggle through life. For Jesus, the sad pessimism which says that God's grace is inaccessible to us condemns us to lives of sadness and isolation, not the lives of meaning and joy God envisions for us.

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**Word for the Day**

“The creation of a thousand forests is in one acorn.” Ralph Waldo Emerson

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**Welcome Deacon Don Bernard**

Beginning this weekend, Deacon Donald Bernard will be with us here at St. Mary Magdalen until mid-October as part of his “Deacon Internship Program.” In the Fall, Deacon Don will begin his final year of priestly studies at Notre Dame Seminary in New Orleans, and then be ordained a priest next summer, God willing. **Please give him a warm St. Mary Magdalen welcome!**

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**YOUR STEWARDSHIP TO GOD**

**June 3, 2018**

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**Second Collection**

This Week: Maintenance Fund

Next Week: Christian Formation & Bishop Services Appeal

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**CATHOLIC IN RECOVERY**

Do you have a family member or friend struggling with an addiction or an unhealthy attachment? We can help one another through God's grace. Join us at 1318 S. Henry in Abbeville. We currently have two meetings: General Recovery Meeting and Friends and Family/Support Meeting. Contact Marcelo Davis 337-349-1869 for more information or email cscabbeville@gmail.com

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**CATHOLIC IN RECOVERY**

**MEETING HELD AT**

OUR LADY OF THE BAYOUS RETREAT HOUSE

**THURSDAY NIGHTS**

7:00–8:00 PM

**FATHERS DAY WEEKEND BAKE SALE**

The Catholic Daughters will be having a bake sale on Father's Day, June 16 and 17 after every mass to benefit community projects around the parish and community. Pick up something sweet for a good cause.

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Catholic Daughters will have their monthly meeting on **June 14th at 6:30pm** in the ministries building.
PRAYERS

BLESS MOTHER CANDLE
In memory of
M/M James L. Broussard

SANCTUARY CANDLE
In Thanksgiving to
St. Joseph for favors granted

PRAYERS AND SYMPATHY
FOR THE FAMILY OF
Melanie Ann Gaspard Cavalier
Marie Sabel Trahan

Eternal rest grant to them O Lord

PRAYERS FOR THE ILL
Gloria Abshire, Louise, Joyce & Carroll Baudoin,
Richard & Audrey Belaire, Paul & Audrey Bergeron, Effie Bernard, Kathleen Blanco, Jane Bohrer,

FAMILY SUNDAYS/CATECHESIS

St. Mary Magdalen begins: Monthly Family Sundays for Religious Education. There are no Summer Religious Education Sessions for St. Mary Magdalen parish children. Registration information is on our website, in church or in the office.

ATTENTION PARENTS Students who have completed kindergarten enroll in FAMILY CAT- ECHESIS program as 1st graders. Students who completed 1st grade, enroll in the First Commun-

YOUTH MINISTRY SUMMER 2018
JUNE 21-24 STUBENVILLE
JULY 18-21 HOME MISSION

Thanks to all who helped make the Clay Shoot a wonderful success. Special thanks to coordinator Andrea Delhommer.

FAITH CAMP 2018 is a Catholic summer camp for junior high students. Join up for an action packed week of making friends and growing in the Christian life. 7th to 10th graders - don't miss this awesome opportunity for fun, fellowship, & spiritual growth. Faith Camp is held at Camp Woodmen in Abbeville, Louisiana. Week One July 9th-13th, July 16th-20th.

For more information and registration www.bestweekofyourlife.com

ANNULMENT PROCESS WORKSHOPS
On July 24, 2018, Msgr. Robie Robichaux, Judicial Vicar for the Diocese will present two workshops on Declaration of Nullity and what is needed to begin the annulment process.

Attend either 10:00 AM – 12 Noon, or 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM, at Immaculata Center, 1408 Carmel Drive, Lafayette, LA. All are invited to attend. There is no charge for this workshop. Register: 261-5623 catrahan@diolaf.org
The Diocese Comes of Age:
Growth of the Church

As Jules Jeanmard was formally installed Bishop of the Diocese of Lafayette on December 12, 1918, the 39-year-old Bishop wasted no time in setting forth his vision for growth. The most notable expansion in the early years of the Diocese of Lafayette was in its number of parishes and priests. While the Diocese of Lafayette represented a sizable land area, the population west of the Atchafalaya River was only 25% of the population of the Archdiocese of New Orleans. Lafayette, its biggest city, had well under 10,000 residents. The new Diocese consisted of 48 church parishes and a total of 72 priests in the area, 27 of which were religious (Jesuits, Josephites, etc.). Forty years later, the Diocese of Lafayette more than tripled its number of priests, with 241 priests serving Southwest Louisiana in 1956. Bishop Jeanmard himself would establish around 60 new parishes in his time as Bishop, a rate of over 1.5 new parishes a year.

Many other significant moments marked the growth of a small rural area into a robust Diocese of Catholic activity. An early goal of Bishop Jeanmard was to bring a cloistered Carmelite community to the Diocese. His persistence paid off, and 18 years after his installation, the Discalced Carmelites established a home in the city of Lafayette in 1936. Bishop Jeanmard saw this powerhouse of prayer as a “lightning rod” for the Diocese. Still today, the Carmelites continue their support and prayer for the work of the Church in the Diocese of Lafayette.

Jeanmard’s pride and joy was St. Mary’s Home, an orphanage located only a few blocks from the Cathedral and the Bishop’s home. Jeanmard worked diligently to open this home in 1923, which would be run by the Sisters of Charity of the Incarnate Word. Bishop Jeanmard was a true father figure to the boys and girls who lived there. Every afternoon, he would walk over to the home for games of baseball and recreation with the children. In time, St. Mary’s Home would care for over 1,100 children. After 52 years of operation, the orphanage was closed in 1975.

Early in his episcopacy, Jeanmard desired to open a seminary in Lafayette. Jeanmard, a native of Breaux Bridge, was the first Louisiana priest to be made a bishop, and he was a strong advocate for developing a Diocese of native vocations rather than relying on priests from Europe or Canada. In fact, Jeanmard’s very first Pastoral Letter to the people of the Diocese of Lafayette was on the topic of native vocations. His work to establish a seminary was initially unsuccessful for financial reasons. But on December 8, 1948, the 30th
This Eucharistic Procession will be held Wed, August 15th on the Vermilion River.

The boat procession along with the Eucharist will begin at 8 AM with Mass in French at St. Mary Magdalen and end at the Cathedral of St. John at 5:30 PM.

Please mark your calendars and visit the Diocesan Centennial Webpage https://diolaf.org/centennial (337) 394-6550
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