



Hurricane Season is June through November

Do you have a Family Emergency / Disaster Plan?

The family is the domestic church and is integral to the life of the parish. As such, families should prepare themselves for those potential disasters that sometimes affect our homes here in south Louisiana. Hurricanes top the list, it seems, so here are a few preparations a family can take during the season to “Be Prepared.”

- Discuss the types of hazards that could affect your family. Know your home’s vulnerability to storm surge, flooding, and wind.
- Locate a safe room or the safest areas in your home for each hurricane hazard. In certain circumstances the safest areas may not be your home, but within your community.
- Determine escape routes from your home and places to meet afterward. These should be measured in tens of miles rather than hundreds of miles.
- Have an out-of-state friend as a family contact so that all of your family members have a single point of contact through which to communicate if you become separated.
- Make a plan now for what to do with your pets if you need to evacuate.
- Post emergency telephone numbers in a handy place and make sure your children know how and when to use them, or to call 911.
- Check your insurance coverage – flood damage is not usually covered by homeowners insurance.
- Stock non-perishable emergency supplies and create a “Disaster Supply Kit.”
- Use a NOAA weather radio. Remember to replace its batteries every 6 months as you would with your smoke detectors.
- Take First Aid, CPR, and Disaster Preparedness classes.
- Consult the St. Peter Parish Website at <https://www.stpeterparish.com> and the St. Peter Parish app for more information including links to city, state, and federal websites for emergency preparedness.