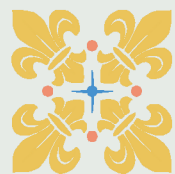


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THE NEWS-BULLETIN FOR THE TRIPARISHES OF ST. JOSEPH, IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY, ST. FRANCES XAVIER CABRINI

I came to bring fire
 to the earth,



and how I wish
 it were already kindled!

Luke 12.49

The Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time, August 18, 2019

St. JOSEPH
 76950 Gum Street
 Grosse Tete, LA 70740
HOLY MASS:
 Sunday: 9:00am

IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY
 11140 Highway 77
 Maringouin, LA 70757
HOLY MASS:
 Saturday: 4:00pm
 Tuesday — Friday: 8:30am

St. FRANCES XAVIER CABRINI
 3523 LA. Highway 78
 Livonia, LA 70755-0128
HOLY MASS:
 Sunday: 11:00am

St. CATHERINE OF SIENA MISSION
 4324 Railroad Avenue
 Fordoche, LA 70732

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 Located at Immaculate Heart of Mary
 225.625.2438 : phone
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THE MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 18, 2019

Monday: Jgs 2:11-19; Ps 106:34-37, 39-40, 43ab, 44; Mt 19:16-22
 Tuesday: Jgs 6:11-24a; Ps 85:9, 11-14; Mt 19:23-30
 Wednesday: Jgs 9:6-15; Ps 21:2-7; Mt 20:1-16
 Thursday: Jgs 11:29-39a; Ps 40:5, 7-10; Mt 22:1-14
 Friday: Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22; Ps 146:5-10; Mt 22:34-40
 Saturday: Rv 21:9b-14; Ps 145:10-13, 17-18; Jn 1:45-51
 Sunday: Is 66:18-21; Ps 117:1-2; Heb 12:5-7, 11-13; Lk 13:22-30

DEVOTIONAL LIFE IN THE TRIPARISHES

MON	Post-Mass	Prayer for the Gifts of The Holy Spirit	
TUE	Post-Mass	Devotion to Our Mother of Perpetual Help	
	9:00am	The Holy Rosary	Home of Ruby Hafford
	4:00pm	Charismatic Prayer Group	St. Joseph Parish Hall
WED	Post-Mass	Devotion to St. Joseph	
	6:00pm	The Holy Rosary	St. Catherine of Siena Mission
THU	Post-Mass	Litany of Jesus Christ, Priest and Victim / Vocations	
FRI	Post-Mass	Devotion to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus	

The Sanctuary Lamp Burns for These Intentions the Week of August 18, 2019

Immaculate Heart of Mary: in loving memory of Nathan "Butch" Carrier, Jr.
St. Joseph: in loving memory of Roger W. Stadler by Mary Frances Jarreau
St. Frances: in loving memory of Mark "Red" Andre
St. Catherine: in loving memory of Kathy Aucoin

A VOCATION VIEW

Following Jesus sometimes means being rejected by others. Speak an encouraging word this week to someone you know who is trying to follow Jesus. Say a prayer for those who are discerning a call to Priesthood or Religious life. If God is calling you, call or email Father Andrew Merrick at 225.336.8778, framerrick@gmail.com, or visit www.diobr.org/vocations.

YOUR STEWARDSHIP TO OUR PARISHES FOR AUGUST 11, 2019

Immaculate Heart of Mary

Offertory Collection \$800.00

St. Joseph

Offertory Collection \$1,410.51

St. Frances

Offertory Collection \$1,736.00

THOUGHTS ALONG THE WAY

FR. CHRISTOPHER DECKER

Greetings!

As the school year starts up, there's a kind of "new year's resolution" that sweeps over parents and students alike. Whether it's a student's resolve to buckle down on that new math class, achieve a new personal best in a sport, or a parent's promise to get more involved in some aspect of their son or daughters academic life, August brings about a new beginning. Indeed, our lives are marked with St. Benedict's wise words: "Always, we begin again."

This is certainly true in our spiritual lives as well. There is perhaps a temptation to think that we arrive at a kind of spiritual equilibrium simply by going to Mass, being a generally good person, and trying to live The Golden Rule – treating others as we ourselves would like to be treated. Of course, these are ways in which we open our souls to a greater capacity to love, but we do indeed need moments of renewal, of a new beginning, and this is where the concept of a spiritual retreat enters into our long Catholic tradition.

Hermits would retreat from the world into the desert or the wilderness to listen for God. The faithful would often go to a monastery, convent, or even to the hermit's dwelling to seek time away from the noise of life to listen for the Holy Spirit's whisper. And so it is today. There are many opportunities these days to follow in the footsteps of other Christians and seek a deeper relationship with Jesus who says to his disciples, "Come away by yourselves to a deserted place and rest a while" (Mark 6:31).

This weekend, I am privileged to be the spiritual director for a group of around 80 men from North Louisiana who have heard this call to come away for a bit and listen for God's voice. The retreat is at Maryhill Renewal Center in Pineville and it follows a program called "A.C.T.S." which stands for "Adoration, Community, Theology, Service." It leads both men and women through a powerful and rejuvenating series of spiritual components steeped within our Catholic Tradition to give the opportunity for Jesus to speak to the heart. It's an honor to be a witness to The Lord working over the course of four days and its humbling to see the Spirit at work. God is always waiting just on the other side of our hearts for us to invite Him in. A retreat like this gives us the tools to extend the invitation once more.

The priests of Pointe Coupee (Fr. Lloyd, Fr. Maher, Fr. Broussard, and Fr. Healy) have entered into a coalition to bring ACTS to our area to offer this opportunity for you to be renewed by means of retreat. As the date draws nearer, more information will be forthcoming. You may have already seen an application for retreat for the Baton Rouge ACTS Women's retreat in our bulletin; Similar things will show up for our ACTS chapter in a few months. Please say a Hail Mary for me and for the men who willfully submit themselves to The Lord on retreat. Know that you'll also be remembered in my Masses as well.

Pax Christi,

Fr. Andrew

Made for Greatness!

ST. FRANCES TEACHER MEETING

PSR Teacher Meeting **Thursday, August 22nd**, starting at 6:00pm, in St. Frances Parish Hall.

TRI-PARISH PARENT/STUDENT MEETINGS

St. Frances Monday, August 19th, from 6:00pm –7:15pm for grades 6th–10th.

Immaculate Heart/St. Joseph Sunday, August 25th, after the 9:00am Mass for grades 9th–10th at St. Joseph Parish Hall.

Mandatory for both Students and at least one Parent

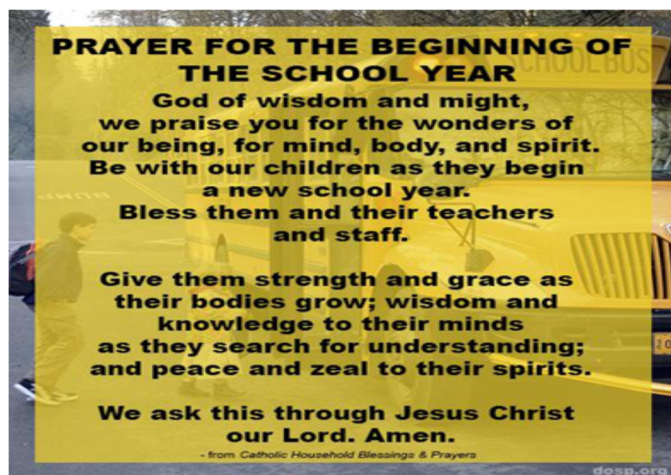
ST. FRANCES AUGUST PSR SCHEDULE

Jr/Sr High on **Monday, August 26th**, from 6:00pm –7:15pm in St. Frances Parish Hall.

Elementary on **Tuesday, August 27th**, from 5:00pm –6:30pm in St. Frances Parish Hall.



Interested in becoming a Catholic or completing your Sacraments of Initiation? We will have an informational meetings and registration for RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) Tuesday, August 20th, at 6:00pm at St. Frances Parish Hall. If you have any questions or interested but cannot make this meeting please call Peggy at the Parish Office, 625-2438.



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ST. JOSEPH



Annual Family Festival
Sunday, September 15th,
at St. Joseph Parish Hall
10:00am—2:00pm.
Serving Fried Chicken Dinners
as well as desserts and drinks.
Activities for children and adults,
raffles (money, children and quilt)
and Silent Auction.

Bring your family and friends to enjoy a fun filled day.

LADIES DAY OUTING TO ST. HELENA RESCHEDULED

The Ladies Retreat to St. Helena has been rescheduled for Saturday, **September 14th**. If you are interested please call Peggy Champagne at the Parish Office. You may also call or text her at 225-456-0595.

FORMED PICK

The Bible and the Virgin Mary

Episode 7: The Promised Mother

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This study is amazing!"

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RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION) is celebrated at Immaculate Heart of Mary on Saturday from 3:00—3:45pm. If you'd like to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation outside the scheduled time, please call the office to arrange a time with the priest.

MARRIAGE Couples are asked to contact the priest at least six months before the desired date.

BAPTISM Celebrated on the 3rd weekend of each month. A Baptismal Seminar is required before a baptism can be properly scheduled. Please contact the parish office during early months of pregnancy.

PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK Please call the parish office to arrange for Holy Communion or Anointing of the Sick.