

2nd Sunday of Advent

Jesus the Good Shepherd Upcoming Events

The **annual JGS Christmas Angel Tree** ministry sponsored by the St. Vincent DePaul Society will continue this weekend, December 3 & 4. Parishioners will have the opportunity to draw from the tree the names of needy individuals who have provided us with their Christmas wish lists. The individual's name, age and clothing sizes will be included on the angels. Thereafter, please purchase your presents and turn them in to the gathering space by December 11. Please make sure the presents are labeled with your angels. These gifts will be distributed on Saturday, December 17.



Mark Your Calendars
Thursday, December 8th
11:30-1:00PM in Moore Hall

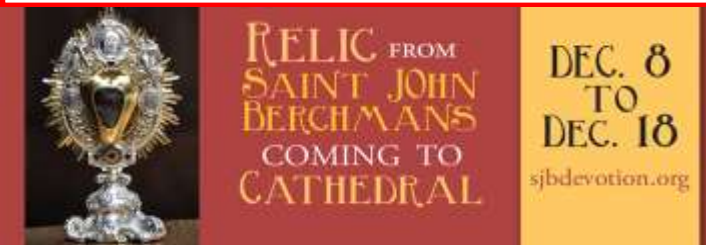
Join us for the Lunch Bunch Christmas Party.
Bring a \$5.00 ornament for a gift exchange.
Merry Christmas!

Vocations Awareness Committee
Will have its

Annual Christmas Card Signing after each Mass
This weekend. Please stop by the table in the gathering space to sign each card.



JGS Church has the honor of serving needy families in the Family Promise program during the last week of December beginning on Christmas night. We will serve a traditional Christmas dinner on December 25th and a New Year's Eve dinner on December 31st. Friday, December 30th will be handled by JGS youth and their parents as supervisors. We want to make this a week to remember, so whether you want to help[prepare the meals, help serve them or provide small gifts for the needy children and their parents, this is a great opportunity for you and your family to join in the spirit of the season. If you can help, please contact Randy Smith, Community Outreach Director at 387-9118 or 387-6496.



DeSiard Street Shelter Christmas Open House

When: December 17th from 2:00-4:00PM
807 DeSiard Street, Monroe, LA 71201
Light refreshments will be served



The shelter serves weekday breakfasts and lunches to the homeless in the Monroe area. It is continuing with its reorganization efforts and has begun making improvements to the facility. In addition, Bible study classes have begun.

Shelter officials have asked that those attending please bring the following to distribute to its clients: new or gently used winter caps/hats and gloves, new women's and men's underwear, blankets, small containers of peaches or mixed fruit, boxes of laundry detergent pods, & giant #10 cans of baked beans & green beans and \$50.00 donations to help fund a new program to house women and children in need of short term assistance.



We hope you all had a wonderful time making your Advent wreaths. If you were unable to come make a wreath, but just need candles, they can be purchased in the church office for \$3.00/set.

NO Family and Faith Enrichment on the following dates:
12/14/16, 12/21/16, & 12/28/16. Happy Holidays!

SAT	DEC 10	SUN	DEC 11	
				 <p>12/12-12/14: Advent Mission from 6:00-7:00PM (nursery available) Dinner immediately following Wednesday's Healing Mass in Moore Hall</p> <p>12/15: Treasures of the Church in MH</p> <p>12/16: Advent Reconciliation Service from 6:30-8:30PM and (at St. Matthew's from 12-2:00PM)</p>
7:30AM	MASS	<i>Third Sunday of Advent</i>		
3:00 PM—4:00 PM	CONFESSION	8:30AM	MASS (Nursery-MH)	
4:30 PM	MASS	9:30AM	McKown Study group (PH)	
		11:00 AM	MASS w/CLOW	
		5:00 PM	MASS (ACTS Band)	
		6:15 PM	10th Grade Confirmation (PH)	

Reconciliation Service for Advent

Hope · Love · Joy · Peace



Friday, Dec. 16th 6:30-8:30pm
at Jesus the Good Shepherd Church

Friday, Dec. 16th 12:00-2:00pm
at St. Matthew's Church

Weekly Scripture Readings and Small Faith Groups

Readings For the Week of Dec. 5-10, 2016

Monday: Dec. 5	Is 35:1-10 Ps 85:9-14 Lk 5:17-26
Tuesday: Dec. 6	Is 40:1-11 Ps 96: 1-3, 10-13 Mt 18:12-14
Wednesday: Dec. 7	Is 40:25-31 Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10 Mt 11:28-30
Thursday: Dec. 8	Gn 3:9-15, 20 Ps 98:1-4 Eph 1:3-6, 11-12
Friday: Dec. 9	Is 48:17-19 Ps 1:1-4, 6 Mt 11:16-19
Saturday: Dec. 10	Sir 48:1-4, 9-11 Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 Mt 17:9-13

PARISH SMALL FAITH COMMUNITIES

All groups are open, everyone is welcome!
Small Faith Communities: Please join us in one of the following:

Sunday Morning:	9:45am - 10:45am	Parish Hall
<i>(Study on Mercy)</i>		
1st Sunday of the Month.....	3:00pm	Joanne Worley's home
<i>(Direction for Our Times Lay Apostles)</i>		
Monday at Noon (Cause of Our Joy-Mom Gourp.....	Noon	Parish Hall
Tuesday Morning:	6:30 am	Parish Hall
<i>(Early Morning Men's Group)</i>		
Wednesday Lunch Hour:	11:30 am	Parish Hall
<i>(Men's Lunch Hour Group)</i>		
Wednesday Afternoon.....	12:00pm	Parishioner's home
<i>(Women's Scripture Study)</i>		
Wednesday Afternoon:	1:30pm	Parlor
<i>(Scripture study)</i>		
Wednesday Evening:	6:30pm	Parishioner's home
<i>(Cause of Our Joy—Mom Group)</i>		
Wednesday Evening:	7:00pm—8:30pm	Parishioner's home
Thursday Evening:	7:00pm	Parish Hall

If you would like more information, please call: 325-7549