



# SAINT JOSEPH

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## SEPTEMBER 11, 2016 • TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### PARISH MINISTERS

Rev. William Schambough .....*Pastor*  
 Chenell Privat .....*Secretary to the Pastor*  
 Sandra Smith .....*Bookkeeper*  
 Eva Green .....*Coordinator of 1st-5th Grade Religion*  
 Kayla Robles...*Coordinator of 6th-11th Grade Religion*  
 Anna McKeon .....*Receptionist & SVDP*  
 Martha Landreneau .....*Safe Environment Coordinator*  
 Jude Gaspard .....*Music Director*

### SACRAMENTS

**RECONCILIATION:** Saturday from 3:00–3:55 pm, 20 minutes before daily Mass and by appointment, (please call the office).

**BAPTISM:** Preparation for the sacrament is provided to parents held in the evenings. (See bulletin for time and place.) Parents are encouraged to attend during pregnancy, to avoid undue delays.

**ANOINTING OF THE SICK:** For Anointing, death, or in case of an emergency please call the parish office.

**MARRIAGE:** Couples planning marriage are asked to contact the pastor or deacon at least six months before your proposed date.

### WELCOME, VISITORS.

We extend a warm welcome to the individuals and families who are celebrating with us today. We invite you to become registered with our Parish Family by completing our Parish Census Form, and returning it to the office on 208 E. Edith.

### CELEBRATING THE EUCHARIST

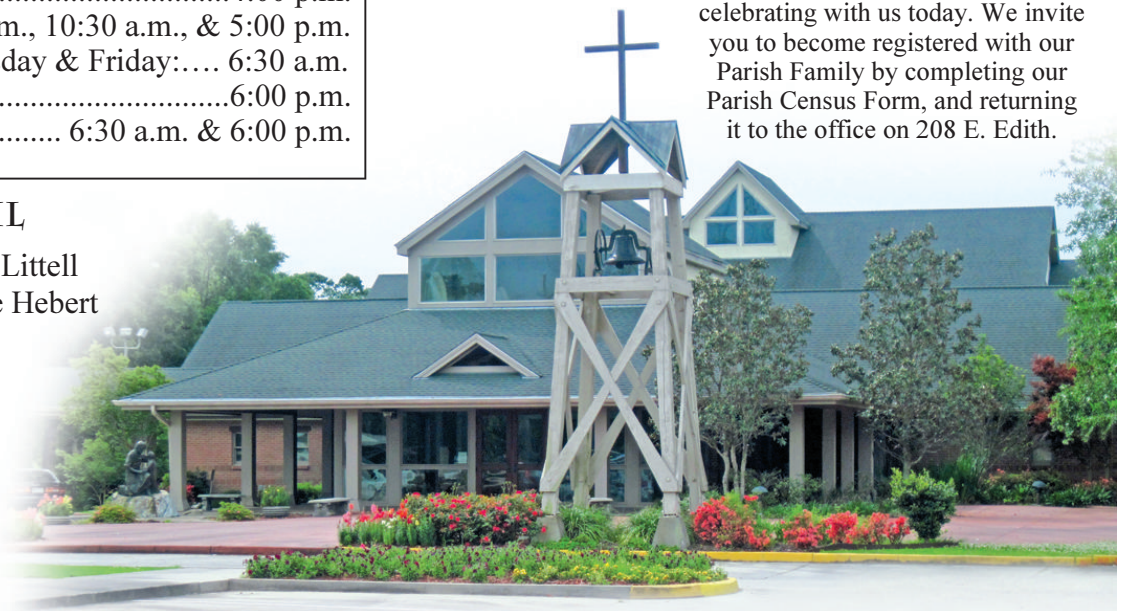
Saturday:.....4:00 p.m.  
 Sunday: .....8:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m., & 5:00 p.m.  
 Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday:.... 6:30 a.m.  
 Thursday:.....6:00 p.m.  
 Holy Days:..... 6:30 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.

### PASTORAL COUNCIL

Pam Begnaud            Trista Littell  
 Bob Cole                Nicole Hebert  
 Dan Guidry  
 Steve LeMaire

### PARISH TRUSTEES

Linda Desormeaux  
 Robert Landry



**24th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

"The Pharisees and scribes began to complain, saying, 'This man welcomes sinners and eats with them.'" Jesus knew these self-righteous religious leaders were complaining. And he knew they needed to learn a lesson. So, in addition to giving a lived example of welcoming the company of "tax collectors and sinners," Jesus also directly taught the skeptics about the importance of welcoming those who have been lost. Today's Gospel gives a powerhouse lineup of three parables that all teach a similar message: rejoice over the lost sheep, rejoice over the lost coin, and rejoice over the return of the lost son.

The theme can be summarized in the simple directive: rejoice don't reject. When someone who isn't part of the "fold" appears in church, this is cause for rejoicing! It should not be cause for gossip, sideways glances, or nervous whispers about what to do or say. Rather a genuine smile and word of welcome would be in order at the very least, and a heartfelt invitation to join the community would be totally appropriate.

Too often we become complacent about our Christian company. We get used to seeing the same people every Sunday and forget about the "lost" men and women who are outside the bounds of our comfort zone. Jesus gives us the image of an active shepherd who goes "after the lost one until he finds it," and a diligent widow who will "sweep the house, searching carefully" until she finds her coin. He tells us of a father who "ran to his son, embraced and kissed him," in spite of the separation they had faced. We too are called to take initiative in seeking out those who are lost, and to rejoice heartily when they finally do come back home.

**Our Gift Back to God**

Offertory . . (Due to early printing, not available). . . \$  
Weekly Goal . . . . . \$12,000.00

**Thank You!**

**This Week's Second Collection**  
Catholic University

We can hear God speaking to us today in the words of the father to his elder son: "You are with me always, and everything I have is yours." What is my response to such remarkable generosity? Do I give joyfully and generously as God gives to me?

"I tell you, there will be rejoicing among the angels of God over one sinner who repents." - Lk 15:10

*Mass Intention*

**Weekend of September 10th & 11th, 2016**  
Sat. 4 p.m., Sun. 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. for the intentions listed,  
Sun. 10:30 a.m. for our parish (Pro Populo)

Thomas Privat, Sr., Nathan & Nathan Mayer, Sr., Lewis & Maude Picard, Ryan Viator, Glenn Hollier (4th Anniv.), Ronald Bourque (Wedding Anniv.), Preston Venable & Jacob Theriot, Mabry, Tina Simon & Children (Tina Anniv.), Geri Morvant & Family, Patricia Smith, Zachary Tucker (Birthday), Clifford J. Viator, Louis Theo Bares & Family, M/M Damas Viator & Family, Beulah Toups, Linda Kimball, Jerry Benoit

*Weekday Masses*

- Monday 12 Sick of the Community
- Tuesday 13 First Responders & Those Serving in our Armed Forces
- Wednesday 14 Vocations to the Priesthood
- Thursday 15 St. Joseph Community
- Friday 16 Previous Priests

*Sanctuary Candle*

Doug Hebert (Birthday)  
Zachary Tucker (Birthday)

*Please Pray For The Sick*

- Lisa Landry Cindy Stelly Brad Richard Joe Credeur
- Gracie Broussard Judith Gill Wilda Bares
- Meyer Moore Ellie Rose Prejean Gunner Breaux
- Lucy Broussard Chase Conway Stoute Trisha Doucet
- Janie Bordeaux Norval Knapp Ross Granger
- Margie Decou Beridon Susan Vincent Eunice Primeaux
- Joyce Comeaux Grace Credeur Evelyn Landry
- James Benoit Dolores Benoit Haley Santills
- Kathryn & Kat Trahan Diane Johnson
- Bobby Trahan Charlie Harrington





**American Cemetery Consultants, LLC** New Mausoleum in St. Joseph Cemetery update - Where Will Your Final Resting Place Be? Thinking about your own funeral leaves most people feeling a little uneasy, but more adults are finding that preplanning your final resting place offers great emotional and even financial security for them and their families. With preplanning, families find comfort in knowing that the funeral reflects what their love one wanted and the exact spot where they wanted to be buried. It also gives them peace of mind to not have to make important decisions at a stressful time. St. Joseph Cemetery will be **constructing a new mausoleum soon.** **Keith Boudreaux, Dwayne Positerry, and Ronnie Thibodeaux** from American Cemetery Consultants, have already begun contacting parishioners to answer questions. Please don't delay. Spaces are reserved on a first come basis and financing is available. **The number of crypts selected before construction will determine the size of the mausoleum.** Either mail in the postage reply card from the brochure that was mailed to your home or call 337-735-1616.



**The Next Baptism Seminar** will be held on Thursday, **September 8th**, at 6:30 p.m. in Church. Parents are encouraged to attend during pregnancy to avoid undue delays.

**The Next Rosary Making Class** will be held on Monday, **September 12th**, in the Life Center from 1:30-3:00 p.m. Classes are held every other week. Please call Pat at 856-4648 for more information.

**The Next Elderberries Social** will be held on Tuesday, **September 13th**, from 9:30 a.m. till 12:00 noon in the Life Center. Bring your favorite covered dish and a friend!

**Events This Week**

**Mon. (12th):** Rosary Making Class  
1:30-3:00 (Life Center)  
**4th & 5th Grade CCD Starts**

**Tues. (13th):** Elderberries Social  
9:30-12:00 Noon (Life Center)  
**2nd Grade CCD Starts**  
Choir Practice 6:30 p.m.

**Wed. (14th):** **1st & 3rd Grade CCD Starts**

**Thurs. (15th):** No Events Scheduled

**Fri. (16th):** No Events Scheduled  
Parish Office Closed

**Sat. (17th):** Voter Registration

**Sun. (18th):** Voter Registration  
**High School CCD Begins 6:00 p.m.**



**Voter Registration Weekend!**  
The St. Joseph Pro Life Ministry will have a Voter Registration table set up after all Masses the weekend of **September 17th-18th**. If you haven't already registered to vote, it is not too late to register for this year's presidential election. Simply stop by our table to register. Don't forget your ID.

**The Knights of Columbus** will have their next meeting on Thursday, **September 22nd**, at 6:30 p.m. in the Life Center.

**Religious Education** **Religious Ed** will begin this Sunday, **September 11th**, for **Middle School Students**, Monday, **September 12th**, **4th & 5th Grade**, Tuesday, **September 13th**, **2nd Grade**, Wednesday, **September 14th**, **1st & 3rd Grade**, and Sunday, **September 18th**, **High School Students**. If you have not registered your child, please do so as soon as possible.

**Remember Me Support Group** is a faith-based support group for caregivers, family, and friends of individuals who are coping with dementia/Alzheimer's. No cost or registration is necessary; those who are in need of support are simply invited to come and share ideas and resources with one another. It will be held on Monday, **September 19th**, at 6:30 p.m. at St. Elizabeth Seton. Call 234-1483 for more information.



**Christ in the City!** Join us for Christ in the City! An evening of adoration, confession, reflection, and fellowship for young adults, 20s and 30s. It is held at St. Mary Mother of God Church, Doucet Road on the first Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m.

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: 1 Cor 11:17-26, 33/Ps 40:7-10, 17/Lk 7:1-10  
 Tuesday: 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a/Ps 100:1-5/Lk 7:11-17  
 Wednesday: Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1-2, 34-38/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17  
 Thursday: 1 Cor 15:1-11/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 28/Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35  
 Friday: 1 Cor 15:12-20/Ps 17:1, 6-8, 15/Lk 8:1-3  
 Saturday: 1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49/Ps 56:10-14/Lk 8:4-15

**Next Sunday's Readings**

Amos 8:4-7  
 Psalm 113:1-2, 4-6, 7-8  
 1 Timothy 2:1-8  
 Luke 16:1-13 or 16:10-13

**Jesuit Spirituality Center at Grand Coteau** Do you feel a need to deepen your spiritual life? The Jesuit Spirituality Center at Grand Coteau announces these upcoming retreats: **September 6th or September 9th; September 19th or September 22nd; October 3rd or October 6th; October 17th or October 20th.** For an application, visit [jesuitspiritualitycenter.org](http://jesuitspiritualitycenter.org) or call 662-5251 for more information.

**Men's Work Days** Saturday, **September 24th** at Our Lady of Sorrows Retreat Center, 103 Railroad Avenue, St. Martinville. Carpentry, plumbing, electrical, painting, concrete work, cleaning and "good ole" manual labor. Work begins at 8:00 a.m. with 12:00 noon Mass. Lunch is provided. Work normally ends at 4:00 p.m. Come when you can and stay as long as you can. Please call 394-6550 for more information.

**Rachel's Vineyard Retreat** is an extraordinary opportunity for any person who struggles with the emotional and spiritual pain of abortion. The weekend is a unique and effective process designed specifically to help you experience the mercy and compassion of God. This process is extremely helpful for those who have difficulty forgiving themselves or others. The weekend will help your soul find a voice and transform the pain of the past into hope! It will be held on **October 7th-9th**. For more information and to register call 261-5607 or email [tlittell@diolaf.org](mailto:tlittell@diolaf.org). All inquiries are kept strictly confidential.



*"A priest is not a priest for himself, he is a priest for you." - Cure of Ars*

**Please Pray for Our Priest:**

- Rev. Glenn Meaux
- Rev. Aaron Melancon
- Rev. Bill Melancon
- Msgr. Louis Melancon
- Rev. Mark Melancon
- Rev. Jerry Mesley
- Rev. Andre Metrejean

**Companions Along the Journey** is a bereavement support group for those 18 and older. They meet from 12:00-1:00 on the second and fourth Monday of each month in the Katherine Drexel Room of Immaculata Center (1408 Carmel Dr.). The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, **September 26th**. Please call 261-5607 for more information.



**Thought of the Week** *To listen to someone who has no one to listen to him is a very beautiful thing.*  
Mother Teresa

**St. Landry Catholic Church Cemetery Tours** "Our History, Our Passion" is the theme of the St. Landry Catholic Church Cemetery Tours held in Opelousas. The dates of the tours are **October 8th, 9th, 15th & 16th** with Saturday tours at 6, 7 & 8 p.m. and the Sunday tours at 2 & 3 p.m. Travel back in time to a place where the voices from our past will give you a reflection of times gone by. The one hour tour of St. Landry Catholic Church Cemetery gives one a perspective of how our past has shaped our present and reflects into the future generations of community. The St. Landry Catholic Church Parish and Opelousas Little Theatre are pleased to bring this reenactment for your enjoyment. Tours are \$10 per person, will be limited to groups of 15 (walking shoes), conducted hourly, are not handicapped accessible and young children under 10 years of age not suitable (safety). For more information, call 942-6552 or 308-3474. Proceeds used for historical grave restoration. This year we are planning handicapped accessible tours for Sunday, October 9th & 16th at 3:00 p.m.

**Liturgical Ministers September 17th & 18th, 2016**  
**Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, & Servers**

We ask all ministers to please be there **15 minutes before Mass**. Sacristans, please be there 30 to 45 minutes before Mass. Please call for a replacement if unable to make your scheduled time.

**Saturday, September 17th, 4:00 p.m.**

**Sacristan:** Cyndi Miller  
**Lectors:** Dana Carter, Cyndi Miller  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Eileen Massie, Deidre Toups, Eadie Slimbach  
**Altar Servers:** Sarah Styles, Tucker Styles, Morgan Massie

**Sunday, September 18th, 8:00 a.m.**

**Sacristan:** Morgan & Curliss Savoy  
**Lectors:** Joyce Broussard, Ali Picard  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Morgan Savoy, Curliss Savoy, Janice Bourque, Stacey Picard, Trista Littell, Dale Kelly, Ruthie Denais  
**Altar Servers:** Reed Broussard, Logan Broussard

**Sunday, September 18th, 10:30 a.m.**

**Sacristan:** Stephanie Broussard  
**Lectors:** Cindy Fontenot, Leslie Breaux  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Stephanie Broussard, Lisa McCowen, Lynne Gautreaux, Walter Bergeron, Susie Trappey, Danny McCowen, Paige Gary  
**Altar Servers:** Joseph Kreamer, Meghan Hartman

**Sunday, September 18th, 5:00 p.m.**

**Sacristan:** Steve & Sharon Moore  
**Lectors:** Steve Moore, Sharon Moore  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Darlene Russell, Victoria Fouquier, Ouida Roy  
**Altar Servers:** Juel Smith, Taylor St. Julien